

## **River Hill Wins the Title at Franklin Invitational**

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*Hawks have tournament high 7 finalists, crown 5 champions*

The Franklin Invitational hosted by Franklin High School saw the River Hill Hawks make their first ever appearance at the annual event.

The Hawks made it a memorable debut winning the team title, placing seven wrestlers in the finals, and crowning five champions. River Hill outpointed runner-up Owings Mills by 14.5 points (220.5-206).

Winning titles for River Hill were Michael Beck (106), Lee Carter (132), Brian Kirby (170, No.21 by the Maryland State Wrestling Association), Cory Daniel (195, No.5), and Logan Kirby (220). Falling short in their title quests were Taariq Mohammed (113) and Casey Guthier (160).

Owings Mills had three finalists, and came away with two titles. Returning 3A/4A state runner-up Antwan Reddick (145) and former 1A/2A state champion Demetrius Johnson (152). Finishing second for the Golden Eagles was Jake Rendelman (106).

Hereford (193 points) came in third with four finalists, and two champions. Winning gold for the Bulls were Anthony Genco (113) and Mike Swiger (285, No. 10 at 220). Grabbing silver were Kevin Wheeler (132) and Brock Turnbaugh (195).

Mount Hebron (123) finished in fourth. The Vikings had three wrestlers in the finals, but came up short with no titles. Connor Strunk (145), Joe Kendrick (152), and Ryan Hassan (220) claimed silver medals.

Rounding out the top five was Milford Mill with 118.5 points. The Millers had two runner-ups, Evan Laryea (126) and Steven Gbale (285).

North County had two grapplers grab titles, Noel Rodriguez (120) and Malik Smith (182, No.25 at 195). Rodriguez pulled off a big upset in the finals. He came into the match unranked, but picked off Ben Montayne (No.13 at 120) by major decision 16-8.

The host school crowned one champion, Nick Montayne (126).

The other champions were Centennial's Austin Kraisser (138, No.10) and North Harford's Logan Smith (160, No.23 at 152).

Highlight matches in the finals were at 106, 113, 145, 152, 220 and 285. All of these matches featured state ranked wrestlers squaring off.

At 106 No.4 Michael Beck (River Hill) faced No.8 Jake Rendelman (Owings Mills). Beck won by fall at the 4:48 mark of the third period.

The 113lb final featured two returning public school state placers, Hereford's Anthony Genco (No.7 at 120lbs) vs. River Hill's Taariq Mohammed (No. 17 at 113lbs). Genco secured the fall for the win at the 5:40 mark of the third period.

145 pounds featured Owings Mills' Anwtwan Reddick (No. 7 at 152) against Mount Hebron's Connor Strunk (No.24 at 132). Reddick won by decision, 7-1.

One of the marquee bouts of the night was at 152. Demetrius Johnson (Owings Mills, No.4 at 145) faced Joe Kendrick (Mount Hebron, No. 13 at 152). Johnson came out on top 9-5.

River Hill's Logan Kirby (No.4) squared off against Mount Hebron's Ryan Hassan (No.24) in the 220lb final. Kirby won by decision 6-2.

At 285 Hereford's Mike Swiger (No.10 at 220) pinned Milford Mill's Steven Gbale (No.12) in the first period.

#### Championship Finals

106-Michael Beck (River Hill) pinned Jake Rendelman (Owings Mills), 4:48  
113-Anthony Genco (Hereford) pinned Tarrig Mohammed (River Hill), 5:40  
120-Noel Rodriguez (North County) Maj. Dec. Ben Montayne (Franklin), 16-8  
126-Nick Montayne (Franklin) def. Evan Laryea (Milford Mill), 10-8  
132-Lee Carter (River Hill) def. Kevin Wheeler (Hereford), 4-0  
138-Austin Kraisser (Centennial) Tech-fall Liam St. John (Towson), 16-0  
145-Antwan Reddick (Owings Mills) def. Connor Strunk (Mt. Hebron), 7-1  
152-Demetrius Johnson (Owings Mills) def. Joe Kendrick (Mt. Hebron), 9-5  
160-Logan Smith (North Harford) pinned Casey Guthier (River Hill), 1:55  
170-Brian Kirby (River Hill) def. Brandon Pitts (Northwestern), 6-1  
182-Malik Smith (North County) def. Nathan Nenortas (Towson), 10-6  
195-Cory Daniel (River Hill) pinned Brock Turnbaugh (Hereford), 3:30  
220-Logan Kirby (River Hill) def. Ryan Hassan (Mt. Hebron), 6-2  
285-Mike Swiger (Hereford) pinned Steven Gbale (Milford Mill), 1:19

#### Third Place Matches

106-Doug Ramirez (Eastern Tech) def. Josh Kendrick (Mt. Hebron), 8-4  
113-Jeff Hayden (Mt. Hebron) def. Brendan Bekar (Owings Mills), 9-7 OT  
120-Austin Council (Chesapeake-BC) def. Trevor Smith (North Harford), 7-4  
126-Tyree Gibson (Joppatowne) def. Jamil Garrett (Towson), 7-3  
132-Alfred Martinez (Dundalk) pinned Holden Taylor (Franklin), 3:12  
138-Stanley Proctor (Annapolis) pinned Darrell Miner (Chesapeake-BC), 2:20  
145-Scott Dengler (Eastern Tech) def. Phoenix Velasco (Annapolis), 8-3  
152-Sameh Boulos (Centennial) pinned Jordan Campbell (Towson), :38  
160-Josue Moreno (Annapolis) pinned Zach Jones (North County), 1:25  
170-Abdul El-Omari (Owings Mills) def. Billy Hess (Hereford), 13-6  
182-Joe Miller (Hereford) pinned Nathaniel Dunchie (Milford Mill), 1:51  
195-Komil Juareav (Owings Mills) Maj. Dec. Devin Fehsenfeld (Milford Mill), 11-2  
220-Tyquez Shade (Owings Mills) def. Patrick Anderson (Hereford), 12-6  
285-Justin Nestor (River Hill) def. Wayne Maddox (Dundalk), 3-2

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106-Kevin Reyes (North County) pinned Nick Vila (Chesapeake-BC), :56  
113-Quail El-Ghazouni (Franklin) pinned Sam Caravello (Eastern Tech), 1:55  
120-Darren Cockerille (Towson) def. Isaiah Mack (Owings Mills), 3-1

126-Dan Grossman (Owings Mills) won by default over Patrick Linden (River Hill)  
132-Donald Broome (Carver Vo-Tech) pinned Nick Costagliola (Chesapeake-BC), 4:52  
138-Montrease Tinson (Milford Mill) won by Forfeit over Kevin Isenock (Eastern Tech)  
145-Brian Wensel (Hereford) def. Derrick Lee (Carver Vo-Tech), 7-4  
152-Robbie Klebe (Chesapeake-BC) def. Donovan DeLore (River Hill), 2-1  
160-Dylan Gray (Hereford) Maj. Dec. Nick Lucchessi (Mt. Hebron)  
170-Kingsley Benard (Milford Mill) Maj. Dec. Malcolm Johnson (North County), 15-7  
182-Alex Solomon (Owings Mills) pinned Monteze Durant (Carver Vo-Tech), 2:36  
195-Brendan Schniedwind (Annapolis) pinned Dimitrius Smith (Northwestern), 2:57  
220-Dustin Beall (North Harford) pinned Neeko Regalbuto (Towson), 2:49  
285-Eric Issenock (Eastern Tech) pinned Patrick Allen (Franklin), :48