

Wide Open Competition is Expected at This Weekend's Frederick County Tournament

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State Duals Finalist Urbana Faces a Tough Challenge from County Squads

This weekend's Frederick County Championship at Thomas Johnson High School figures to be a hotly contested event. Urbana, the #8 team in the Maryland State Wrestling Association rankings, would figure to be the favorite, but is no sure thing.

Oakdale (#20 dual meet team) defeated Urbana in a dual meet this season. Middletown (#25 dual meet), and Catoctin (honorable mention dual meet team) both gave Urbana close matches this season.

The toughest weight is 138. There are four wrestlers ranked in the state by the MSHA, including three time 3A/4A state placer Nick Frank (Urbana, #4) and Middletown's 1A/2A state runner-up Matt Capobianco (#7). They are the top two seeds respectively. Brunswick's Jensen Foster (#21) is seeded 3rd, and Oakdale's Nic Przybocki (#19) is seeded 4th.

145 is the deepest weight in the tournament. Two returning state placers make up the top two seeds. Top seeded Pat Guilday (Catoctin, #13) was 4th in the 1A/2A states at 138 last year. Second seeded Chad Ellis (Linganore, #14) was 4th at 145 in the 3A/4A class. Guilday beat Ellis 4-3 in a dual meet this year.

Third seed Josh Loveless (Oakdale, #21) dropped from 152 for the postseason. Middletown's Andrew Clearwood is seeded 4th. Urbana's JT Freeze who was 6th in the 3A/4A states at 138 last year comes in as the 5th seed. Freeze was a surprise state placer last year after a mediocre regular season. Freeze has struggled to live up to the expectations last year's finish created.

106 is another tough weight class at the top. The #1 seed is freshman Jake Makosy (Urbana, #10). Josh Grossnickle (Middletown, #22) was seeded 2nd. Returning 1A/2A state placer Garrett Buckley (Catoctin, #9) is the 3rd seed. Makosy has split matches with Buckley this year. Makosy won 11-1 at the Bauerlein Duals, but lost to Buckley at the Hub Cup 9-6.

Catoctin's Tim Nordan (#5) is the #1 seed at 113. Nordan is a former Virginia state placer who was injured at the end of last season and didn't have a good state tournament. The senior is looking to get on the Maryland podium this year. #22 Tyler Makosy is seeded 2nd.

A marquee battle will probably be the final match at 120. #2 Morgan Way (Urbana, 3rd in the 3A/4A states last year) and #4 Anthony Savage (Oakdale) could square off for the second time this season. Way won the first meeting 14-5 in a dual meet. Savage, a two time 3A/4A state placer and runner-up last year at Tuscarora, transferred to Oakdale this year.

Jimmy Allen (Urbana, #22) is the top seed at 126, followed by Tuscarora's #24 Mark Guglielmini. Greg Cox (Middletown) is the 3rd seed.

Sophomore Charlie Perella (Catoctin, #8) was 4th in the 1A/2A states last season. Perella has split matches this year with State Champion Adam Martz (Mountain Ridge, #6) and two time state runner-up Brendan Colbert (North Hagerstown, #7).

Walkersville's Tim Holste is seeded 2nd. Middletown's Hayden Roberts (#18) is the 3rd seed.

Middletown's Tucker Ziegler (#17) is the top seed at 152, and prohibitive favorite to win.

The 1A/2A state tournament 4th place finisher at 152 last year was Colin Schildt (Catoctin). Schildt is at 160 this year and is currently ranked #7 by the MSWA. #25 Jonah Loveless (Oakdale) is the 2nd seed.

The 170lb final will probably be a rematch between the #1 seeded Luke Britton (Linganore, #25) and 2nd seed Billy Mills (Tuscarora, #26). Britton defeated Mills in a late season dual meet. Walkersville's Brendan O'Connell is seeded 3rd. MSWA honorable mention TJ Barnes (Oakdale) is the 4th seed. Catoctin's Parker Rohrbaugh is a wrestler to watch as the 5th seed.

Adam Fitzwater (Brunswick, #7) was 6th at this weight in the 1A/2A state tournament last year. Mike Virnelson (Urbana, #15) dropped from 195, and occupies the #2 seed.

195 is the only weight without a state ranked grappler in the bracket. Oakdale's Bobby Miller owns the top seed. The 2nd-4th seeds are Matt Jones (Brunswick), Brennan Stup (Tuscarora), and Jesse Gladhill (Middletown).

At 220 Oakdale's Ryan Simonica (#23) leads the pack followed by 2nd seeded Jacob Fazio (Tuscarora), 3rd seeded Blake Lincoln (Middletown), and Jonathan Kefauver (Thomas Johnson) is the 4th seed.

Urbana's Nick Keller (#5) is the #1 seed at heavyweight. Thomas Johnson's Marc Esteban is seeded 2nd, Nolan Johnson (Brunswick) is the 3rd seed, and Zadok Miller (Tuscarora) received the 4th seed.

Results can be followed here:

<http://www.frederickcountywrestling.com/>

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<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Frederick-County-Wrestling/338400052866668?fref=ts>

County Tournament Schedule

Friday Night - Wrestling starts at 5pm with the pigtails and quarterfinals and immediately following that round will be consolation 1st round

Saturday the semifinals will start at 10am and the finals will start no sooner than 5pm.