

MPSSAA State Wrestling Tournament Preview - Lightweights

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106

3A/4A

The top half of the bracket only has four state ranked wrestlers compared to six for the bottom half of the bracket, but two of the top three 3A/4A wrestlers are in the top half.

#1 Michael Beck (River Hill, #3 overall) and #3 Mikey Macklin (Damascus, #9 o) could meet in the semi-finals.

Beck and Macklin have not met this year. Beck has wins over McDonogh's National Prep All-American TK Megonigal (#3 o) and John Carroll's CJ Skokowski (#7 o) at the McDonogh Duals.

Macklin's biggest win this year was over Catoclin's Garrett Buckley (#13 o). Buckley was 3rd in the 1A/2A state tournament as a freshman last season.

#6 Denis Robles-Gomez (High Point, #20 o) is the next highest ranked wrestler in the top followed by Brendan Coughlin (Northern Calvert, #23 o).

The bottom of the bracket has three of the top five 3A/4A wrestlers, highlighted by #2 Jake Makosy (Urbana, #8 o). Makosy has put together an impressive freshman campaign. He has wins in two of three meetings vs. Buckley, winning the latest for the Frederick County title. Makosy also has wins over Severn's Michael Doetsch (#18 o) at Mount Mat Madness, and Macklin at the state duals.

#5 Jarret Arnold (Chopticon, #19 o) is the other regional champion in the bracket. Arnold beat Robles-Gomez in the regional finals. Arnold also has two wins over Coughlin, and one against Bowie's Javan White (#24 o).

Makosy will meet White in the first round. #7 Kevin Cristobal (Springbrook, #21 o) dropped from 113 for the postseason. Cristobal lost to Macklin in the Montgomery County and West Regional finals.

#4 Jeff Hayden (Mt. Hebron, #10 o) is another grappler that dropped from 113. Hayden lost two close matches to Beck in the Howard County and East Regional finals. His first round opponent is #8 Isaiah Brooks (South Hagerstown, #22 o). Brooks has two wins over Coughlin, both at the Damascus Tournament.

1A/2A

There are three state ranked wrestlers in the top half of the bracket, and two of those are the #1 and #2 grapplers. Williamsport's Nick Miller is the #1 106lber in the MSWA Rankings. Miller, who is from West Virginia, owns a win over Macklin at the Damascus Tournament. He defeated #3 Owen Rill (North Carroll, #5 o) in a dual meet and the West Regional Finals.

Miller has two wins over #6 Garrett Buckley, the first in the Hub Cup Finals and the second at the regional tournament. Miller defeated South Hagerstown's Brooks in the Washington County Finals and at the Damascus Tournament. He also beat #5 Cody Matthews (Mountain Ridge, #12 o) at the region tournament.

Rising Sun's #2 Joe Juergens (#4 o) was a state placer as a freshman, but missed last season. Juergens has wins over Elkton's Timmy Taylor (113 #9 o) in a dual meet, and beat Camden Fischer (Snow Hill) in the regional finals. Juergens will face Buckley in the first round.

Six state ranked grapplers comprise the second half of the bracket. Rill and #4 Jake Rendelman (Owings Mills, #11 o) appear headed for a quarter final meeting. Rill will face Kent Island's Justin Thomas (#25 o) in the first round.

Rill beat Winters Mill's Flavio Valdez-Cortez (#16 o) four times this year. Valdez-Cortez is a two time state placer who failed to make it out of the tough West Region. Rill also has a win over CJ Skokowski at the Iron Horse Duals.

Rendelman has a win over Buckley at the Bauerlein Duals, and a win over #8 Tim Null (Glenelg, #17 o) at the state duals.

Matthews, 6th at 106 last year, meets #7 (14 o) Camden Fischer in the first round. Fischer's biggest win this year was over Valdez-Cortez at St. Michael's Battle by the Bay.

113

3A/4A

Five top ranked grapplers are placed in the top half of the 113lb bracket. #8 Nick Davis (Northwest-Mont., #23 o) is likely to meet #3 Francios Scarboro (CH Flowers, #16 o) in the quarter finals. Davis is a Montgomery County and West Regional Champion. Scarboro pinned North Point's #4 Dominick Summers (#17 o) in the regionals after winning the Prince George's County title.

#6 Nate Rosenblatt (Stephen Decatur, #21 o) faces Summers in the first round. Summers beat #5 Taariq Mohammed (River Hill, #18 o) at the Warrior Duals. Mohammed was 6th in the state at this weight last season.

Hereford's #2 Anthony Genco (#8 o) will likely meet the winner of Rosenblatt/Summers in the quarter finals. Genco, who was 5th in the state at 106 last year, won the Franklin Tournament beating Owings Mills' Brandon Bekar (6th in last year's 1A/2A state tournament) and Mohammed en route to the crown.

Genco beat Bekar again to win the Baltimore County Championship. In the North Region finals Genco beat Tyler Makosy (Urbana) for the third time this season, the first being at the Bauerlein Duals and the second at the regional duals.

#7 Makosy (#22 o) has a tough first round draw in Wootton's Austin Tritto. Mohammed is in the bottom bracket too.

The state's top ranked wrestler, Brant Leadbeter (Northern Calvert) is in the bottom half. Leadbeter is the defending 113lb state champion, in addition to being a state runner-up as a freshman. Leadbeter was injured as a sophomore, and didn't finish the season.

1A/2A

The #1 and the #4 wrestlers are at the top, the #2 and #3 in the bottom. It is likely all four will meet in the semi-finals.

#1 Tim Nordan (Catoclin, #5 o) is coming off an impressive 6-2 win over returning 106lb state champion #2 Austin Shaffer (Southern Garrett, #6 o). Nordan was a Virginia state placer as a sophomore.

Nordan will probably face #6 Stevan Smith (Kent Island, #11) in the quarter finals. Smith beat Snow Hill's Naiheem Knight in the Bayside Conference semi-finals. Knight was 5th in the state at this weight last season. Knight avenged the loss to Smith in the regional semi-finals.

#4 Timmy Taylor (Elkton, #9 o) was 3rd in last year's state tournament beating #3 Taylor Logue (Winters Mill) in the consolation final match.

#7 Quron Carter (W.E.B. Dubois, #19 o) will meet Manchester Valley's Chris McAleer (#25 o) in his first match. Carter upset Owings Mills' #8 Bekar (#20 o) in the North regional final.

Shaffer should reach the semi-finals and will likely face Winters Mills' Logue (#7 o) or #5 Knight (#10 o). Shaffer beat Logue 7-6 in a dual meet earlier this season. Logue has to get past Bekar in first round, and Knight in the quarter-finals. If he does, he will have a decent shot at revenge over Shaffer.

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3A/4A

There are 12 state ranked wrestlers among the 16 grapplers in the bracket with six on each side.

#2 Marty Margolis (La Plata, #5 o) has one loss on the season to West Virginia's Bradley Derito (Musselman) in the War on the Shore Finals. Along the way Margolis has picked up wins over Oakland Mills' Zach Hensley (#6 o) in a dual meet and Zach Dwyer (John Carroll, #9 o) at the Iron Horse Duals.

Margolis could face #4 Jeremy Morrow (Northeast-AA, #12 o) in the quarter finals, but Morrow has a tough first round opponent in Franklin's Ben Montayne (#19 o). Morrow was 4th in the state as a sophomore, and is looking to get back on the podium as a senior.

Montayne is a two time regional runner-up who owns two wins over Mervo's Tony Arrington (#22 o), one at last year's regional and the second at this year's tournament.

#5 Michael Wilkerson (Damascus, #14 o) will likely meet the winner of #8 Noel Rodriguez (North County, #18 o) and Dylan Ruiz (Dulaney, #21 o) in the quarter finals. Rodriguez figures to win the matchup, but the two are so close that either could come out the victor.

Wilkerson is a Montgomery County and West Region Champion. Rodriguez beat Montayne by major decision 16-8 in the finals of the Franklin Tournament.

The favorite to win the state crown resides in the bottom of the bracket. #1 Morgan Way (Urbana, #4 o) was 3rd at 106 in last year's state tournament. He has split with Oakdale's Anthony Savage, winning in a dual meet but losing in the Frederick County Finals.

Way won the prestigious Mount Mat Madness title beating Virginia's Hunter Manley (South County) 7-0 in the finals, and Spalding's Wolfie Bradley (#7 o) 4-2 in the semi-finals.

#6 Dane Lemmon (Leonardtown, #15 o) will probably face Way in the quarter finals. Lemmon lost to Margolis in the regional finals, but avenged a loss from the SMAC Tournament to Kevin Gascon (North Point). Lemmon was 6th at Mount Mat Madness.

#7 Gascon (#16 o) draws Quince Orchard's county and region runner-up Kyle Bollinger. #3 Tanner Chaplain (Arundel, #8 o) faces Mervo's Arrington in his first round match. Chaplain is an Anne Arundel County and East Region Champion with three wins over Morrow, and two over Rodriguez.

1A/2A

Returning 3A/4A state runner-up #2 Anthony Savage (Oakdale, #3 o) as noted above has split matches with Urbana's Way. Savage's other loss was to Good Counsel's Kevin Budock (#2 o) in a dual meet. The junior was 5th in the state as a freshman for Tuscarora. He transferred to Oakdale this season.

Savage has two wins over Damascus' Wilkerson. One for the title at the Oakdale Bear Cave Brawl, the other in the finals of the Damascus Tournament. At the Catoctin Duals Savage picked up wins over Tim Nordan (Catoctin, #5 at 113) and Liberty's Joe Kuegler (#13 at 126).

Savage's quarter final opponent will probably be Parkside's #4 Lamont Brickous (#13 o). Brickous was the Bayside Conference Champion and East Region runner-up, losing to Perryville's Chris Brown 4-3 in the finals.

#7 Noel Spencer (Edgewood, #23 o) faces Pikesville's Khai Atkinson in the first round. Spencer beat Fallston's #8 Joey Medicus (#24 o) in the East Region consolation finals. At the UCBAC Tournament Spencer split matches with C. Milton Wright's Nick DiMattia (#25 o).

Oakland Mills' #3 Hensley was also a state runner-up last year. Hensley, who was 3rd in the state as a sophomore, has a win over Hereford's Anthony Genco (#8 at 113). A Savage/Hensley semi-final match would be a treat for fans.

#1 Chris Brown is another state runner-up in the bracket. The junior is undefeated this year with wins over Northeast-AA's Morrow in the finals of the Meade Tournament, Brickous and Medicus two times.

Brown may meet #6 Logan Garland (Manchester Valley, #20 o) in the quarter finals. Medicus faces off against #5 Randy Watson (Sparrows Point, #17 o) in the first round.

126

3A/4A

The top half of the bracket is loaded at 126 with seven of the eight wrestlers ranked in the state.

Freshman Mitch Fenton (Walt Whitman, #20 o) sits atop the bracket as the West Region Champion. He came out on top of a region that had vastly different results than the Montgomery County Tournament. The loss of county champion Sean Cohen (Bethesda-Chevy Chase) due to injury, and Damasus' Cory Obendorfer wrestling injured opened the door for chaos. Fenton was only 5th in the Montgomery County Tournament.

#7 Travis Hubler (Aberdeen, #15 o) and #2 Tanner Saluter (Thomas Stone, #9) will battle in a tough first round meeting. Hubler was the UCBAC Champion, and took 3rd in the East Region beating Broadneck's Connor Joyce in the consolation final.

Saluter has a win over Spalding's Wolfie Bradley (Spalding, #7 o at 120) at the War on the Shore. He beat Dane Lemmon (Leonardtown) and Malachi Edmond (North Point) in dual meets. Saluter was only 3rd in the SMAC losing to Edmond in overtime in the semi-finals. The senior came in 2nd at the South Region Tournament losing to DuVal's Thierno Diallo 8-1, but beat La Plata's #3 John Papanicolas (#10 o) in the semi-finals.

Papanicolas, a state champion as a sophomore, faces Wilde Lake's #6 Jordan Trinh (#14 o) in his first match. Papanicolas suffered a season ending injury last year and didn't compete at the state tournament. The senior won the SMAC Tournament, and finished 3rd in the South Region. Trinh was a Howard County Champion and East Region runner-up.

#21 overall Obendorfer and Urbana's Jimmy Allen (#17 o) face off in a first round match. If Obendorfer's injury is healed he could be a force to reckon with. Allen is no slouch though. He captured a title at the Hub Cup as well as winning the Frederick County and North Region crowns.

#1 Diallo (#7 o) drew #8 Joyce (#16 o) in his first round meeting. Diallo is a Fargo All-American, and Flo Nationals All-American. The senior was 2nd in the state as a sophomore and 3rd last year. He is looking for that elusive state title this year.

Joyce was 4th at Mount Mat Madness and 2nd in Anne Arundel County before taking 4th at the East Region Tournament.

Tuscarora's Mark Guglielmini (#24 o) was a county and region runner-up losing both times to Urbana's Allen. He'll square off against Wootton's Stavi Tzamaras in the first round.

#4 Edmond (#11 o) will see the very tough #5 Austin Alley (South River, # 12 o) in his first round match. Edmond came in fourth in a difficult South Region. He lost a close 2-1 match to Papanicolas in the consolation final, after falling to Diallo 13-7 in the semi-finals. Edmond was a SMAC runner-up to Papanicolas, but beat Saluter in the semi-finals. Among Edmond's wins this year is an overtime decision against Alley at the Warrior Duals.

Alley can count two wins over Urbana's Morgan Way amongst his tallies this season. The first was in an early season dual meet, the second was at the state duals. Alley was the Anne Arundel County Champion and East Region Champion. He defeated Wilde Lake's Trinh in the regional finals 8-4.

1A/2A

The top half of the bracket is deeper than the bottom at 126. There are five state ranked wrestlers up top, only three on the bottom.

#2 Colby Janowitz (Manchester Valley, #8 o) is a returning state runner-up at this weight. Janowitz won the Carroll County Crown as well as the West Regional Title. This weight is not loaded with top guys as there are only two top ten grapplers in the field; Janowitz and Zach Smith (Kent Island). Those two will likely meet in the state finals match.

#8 Tyree Gibson (Joppatowne, #25 o) will probably advance to face Janowitz in the quarter finals.

#5 Jaiveion Turner (Cambridge-South Dorchester, # 19 o) figures to reach the next quarter final. Turner was a Bayside and East Region runner-up losing both times to Kent Island's Smith.

The winner of #7 Bryan Davis (Williamsport, #23 o) and Dundalk's #4 Alfred Martinez (#18 o) will likely face Turner. This match is tough to call as Martinez has been lights out since dropping to 126, winning the Baltimore County Title and the North Region crown.

Davis has been inconsistent throughout his career. After having an average regular season last year Davis came on at the state tournament and placed 6th.

This year he was on a roll winning titles at the Damascus Tournament, The Hub Cup, and Washington County. At the Hub Cup he beat Urbana's Morgan Way in the finals. At the West Regional though, the bad Davis popped back up. He had a surprising loss to Winters Mill's Chris Rose in the consolation final after pinning Rose in the quarter finals.

#3 Joe Kuegler (Liberty, #13 o) figures to reach the semi-finals in the bottom half. Kuegler was a county and region runner-up this year.

#6 Rose (#22 o) faces Pikesville's Joe Jaen in the first round. Rose's biggest win, and only win of note, was the victory over Davis so this match could be considered a toss-up with Rose being the favorite.

Whoever wins that bout gets the honor of facing the #2 wrestler in the state Kent Island's Smith. Smith is considered the favorite to win the state title, but he too has battled inconsistency this year.

Smith burst onto the scene with a monster performance at Mount Mat Madness. He took home the title beating Mt. St. Joe's Zeke Salvo (#5 o) and Pennsylvania's Rodney Sunday (Dallastown). At the South River Duals the inconsistency reared its ugly head. Smith lost to Wilde Lake's Trinh and South River's Jordan Orme.

At the Meade tournament the stud wrestler in Smith reappeared as he lost a close 3-2 match to the state's #1 wrestler, National Prep-Champion Jack Mutchnik (St. Pauls'). Smith has been rolling since winning titles at the Bayside Conference and the East Region.

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3A/4A

#3 Chris Minor (Sherwood, #13 o) should advance to the quarter finals to face Parkdale's #8 Michael Perdomo (#23, o). Minor bounced back from a 5th place performance in the counties to win the West Regional by fall over Bethesda Chevy-Chase's Will Witkop.

Perdomo was 3rd in Prince George's County and 3rd in the South Region. Perdomo has a win over South Region runner-up De'Andre Norman (Suitland) in the finals of the Winter Blitz Tournament.

#7 Norman (#22 o) should advance to the quarter finals to face Broadneck's defending state champion #1 Cameron Harrell (#3 o). Norman was the Prince George's County Champion and South Region runner-up.

Harrell was 3rd at the War on the Shore tournament where he suffered his only loss of the season 4-3 to Spalding's Matt Pente (#4 o). Harrell avenged that loss in impressive fashion, 10-3, en route to the Mount Mat Madness title. Harrell is now a two time county and regional champ, and looks to stay on pace to become one of the state's next four time state champions.

#5 Tyler Morgan (North Point, #17 o) will probably meet #2 Mason Kilcarr from Reservoir in a quarter final match on the bottom half of the bracket. Morgan won titles at the SMAC Tournament and the South Regional Tournament.

Kilcarr (#12 o) was 5th at Mount Mat Madness beating Kent Island's Colton Smith in the 5th place match. The junior won championships at the Oakdale Bear Cave Brawl and Springbrook's Battle at the Brook. At Springbrook he defeated Sherwood's Minor 8-4. Kilcarr won the Howard County crown and was an East Region runner-up, losing to Harrell 5-2.

#4 Witkop (#14 o) faces #6 Jordan Orme (South River, #21) in a first round match. Witkop, who was 6th in the state at 126lbs last year, was 3rd in the county and 2nd in the region. Minor pinned him in the regional finals.

Orme has battled consistency all year. He has started to settle in at 132 a bit taking 2nd in Anne Arundel County and finishing 3rd in the East Region. He counts wins over Kent Island's Zach Smith and Severna Park's Matt Linehan among his highlights, but losses to Arundel's Allen Johnson and Urbana's Brian Dailey mar his record. Depending on which Jordan Orme shows up, we could see a state placing performance or one that sees him go 0-2 and done.

La Plata's Nick Higgs (#24 o) and Tuscarora's Chase DeMaille (#25 o) are set to square off in the first round. DeMaille is a freshman who was 3rd in Frederick County, but won the North Region so it's hard to tell what to expect from him.

1A/2A

#1 Charlie Perella (#5 o) is the favorite to take home a state title at this weight, but not an overwhelming favorite as there are two defending state champions in the bottom half of the bracket.

Perella has mixed it up with one of those champions three times this year. He beat Mountain Ridge's Adam Martz in the Hub Cup finals, and then lost to Martz at the Catoctin Duals. Last week Perella beat Martz in the West Regional Finals. Perella also beat North Hagerstown's two time state runner-up Brendan Colbert in the Hub Cup semi-finals.

#5 Hayden Roberts (Middletown, #15 o) will square off with Kent Island's #6 Colton Smith (#16 o) in the first round. The winner of that match likely reaches the semi-finals and faces Perella. Roberts was a Frederick County runner-up, losing to Perella 11-3. He took 4th at the regional tournament losing to Casey Shea in the consolation final, and Martz in the semi-finals.

Smith was 6th at Mount Mat Madness this year, and 2nd at the Meade tournament. At MMM Smith lost to Kilcarr and Harrell. At Meade he lost to St. Paul's Billy Krop (#11 o) in the finals. Smith won the Bayside Championship and the East Region title beating Snow Hill's Chris Gonzalez in both finals.

#8 Mike Budock won the South Region but does not appear in the MSWA's overall rankings. Budock could face the winner of Liberty's #4 Shea (#10 o) and #7 Gonzalez (another grappler not in the overall rankings).

Shea was 3rd in the state at this weight a year ago. This year he won the Carroll County Championship and finished 3rd in the West Region beating Roberts, and losing to Perella 3-1 in the semi-finals.

The MPSSAA typically places returning state champions on opposite sides of the bracket, but that only occurs if they are both regional champions. Since Martz finished 2nd in his region he was not granted a move to the opposite side of the bracket from Western Tech's #3 Tejon Anthony (#9 o). Martz is a sophomore and a state title would keep him on track to become a four time state champion.

Anthony faced Good Counsel's Matt Kelly (#7 o) and Spalding's Pente in dual meets this season. Anthony lost both matches, but the tough schedule has him primed to make another year end run.

He won his second consecutive Baltimore County and North Region crowns this year, and is shooting for a second straight state title but has his work cut out for him. No task is too daunting for Anthony though, last year he picked off three time state champion Tony Farace from Oakland Mills in the state semi-finals.

SCHEDULE

Friday, March 1st

2:30 p.m. - 6:15 p.m. Preliminary Round (8 mats)
6:15 p.m. - 8:15 p.m. Quarterfinal Round (8 mats)
8:15 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. Consolation Preliminary Round (8 mats)

Saturday, March 2nd

9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Consolation First Round (8 mats)
11:00 a.m. - 1:15 p.m. Championship Semifinals (4 mats)
1:15 p.m. - 2:15 p.m. Consolation Quarterfinals (8 mats)
2:15 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. Consolation Semifinals (8 mats)
4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Consolation Finals (4 mats)
3rd & 4th place / 5th & 6th place
6:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Championship Finals (2 mats)