

Hawks Fly Away with 3A/4A State Wrestling Tournament Crown

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Urbana Places a Tournament High Six Grapplers, Including Two State Runner-Ups

Urbana High School won the 2013 3A/4A Maryland State Wrestling Tournament at The University Of Maryland's Cole Field House capping off an outstanding season. The Hawks won the first State Team Title for a Frederick County wrestling squad after a furious rally by last year's Champion, River Hill, fell short. Urbana won 97.50-89. Head Coach Ben Arneson was especially proud of his squad after a third place finish at last year's tournament.

"(It's) awesome, unbelievably awesome," said the Hawks Coach. "When we started this season we put it in front of the kids. That was the goal we set. We told them, the goal was to come down here and win the state title."

"What happened from that day to here, none of it mattered except for what happens here. The entire team bought into it and everybody pushed to achieve it and we worked our butts off to get here. Every kid that we brought contributed. All nine of them scored points to get us this win."

The team concept certainly paid off for the Hawks as they had six wrestlers capture medals by placing in the top six of their respective weight classes, (the most by any team). Even though their two finalists failed to bring home a state title, the team mindset prevailed and they brought the coveted team trophy home in historic fashion.

The evening's finals started off at 106 with Mikey Macklin (Damascus) facing off against Jeff Hayden (Mt. Hebron).

Neither wrestler was able to secure a takedown in the first period and Hayden chose the bottom position to start the second period with the score 0-0.

Hayden was able to earn an escape but was later taken down by Macklin, and the second period ended with the Damascus Sophomore up 2-1.

Macklin increased his lead to 5-1 with his own escape and another takedown in the third period and held off a late charge by Hayden to win 5-4.

Macklin also beat Hayden at last year's State Tournament in the first round of wrestle-backs en route to a sixth place finish at 106.



Damascus' Mikey Macklin controls Mt. Hebron's Jeff Hayden in the 106lb final

For the second year in a row, Brant Leadbeter (Northern- Calvert) won the title at 113. In his last high school match before entering the Naval Preparatory School next year, the Patriot senior capped off an undefeated season (39-0) with a finals win over Anthony Genco (Hereford).

The match went into the third period tied 2-2 with Leadbeter choosing the bottom position. Genco, who finished fifth at 106 last year as a Sophomore, decided to give Leadbeter the uncontested escape and it proved costly as Brant took Anthony down to go up 5-2 with a minute and a half remaining in the bout.

A penalty point against Leadbeter for stalling and a late escape by Genco with eight seconds left weren't enough. Leadbeter celebrated his victory by jumping into his father's arm's while the other coach in his corner, brother Collin, patted him on his back. Collin was also a two time State Champion for Northern.

"My brother can't hold it over me anymore," said Leadbeter. "I just thought I'd never make it to two. It's an awesome feeling."



Northern Calvert's Brant Leadbeter vs. Anthony Genco from Hereford in the 113lb state final

The Final at 120 featured two wrestlers who squared off last year in the consolation-final at 106. Morgan Way (Urbana) won that match against Marty Margolis (La Plata) by the score of 3-2.

Margolis turned the tables on Way this year and made a second period reversal stand for a 2-1 victory by the Warrior Sophomore. He rode the Urbana Sophomore the entire two minutes in the third period to claim his title.

The 126 pound weight class was one of the toughest in the tournament but when it was all said and done, Thierno Diallo (Duval) stood alone at the top of the podium.

The Tiger Senior completed an undefeated year (35-0) with a convincing 7-1 win over Tanner Saluter (Thomas Stone). It was the first state champion for longtime Prince George's County Coach, Cortez Hayes.



DuVal's Thierno Diallo brings Thomas Stone's Tanner Saluter to the mat

The 132 final was decided quickly. Defending State Champion Cameron Harrell (Broadneck) took Mason Kilcarr (Reservoir) down to his back in the first period, and recorded the fall in 54 seconds. He also jumped into the welcome arms of his father and coach, Scott Harrell.

"That's what I work for, what I try for all the time and it feels great to actually do it," said the Broadneck Sophomore. "I hit a high crotch to a half nelson, two of my favorite moves!"



Cameron Harrell from Broadneck gets the fall in the 132lb final

Charlie Banaszak (Bethesda- Chevy Chase) won a close 7-5 decision over Freshman Austin Kraisser (Centennial) in the final at 138. The Baron Senior built up a 6-2 lead going into the final period but had to hold off a late surge by Kraisser to secure the win.

Kraisser was hoping to join his brother Nathan as a four time State Champion for Centennial but it was just not meant to be. There is little doubt that he will eventually join his brother and father, Cliff, as a state champion for Centennial.



Bethesda-Chevy Chase's Charlie Banaszak works for a takedown against Centennial's Austin Kraisser

Larry Cannon (Chopticon) dominated Ben Swanson in the 145 pound final and won by the score of 6-1. In a memorable moment, he ran and jumped into the waiting arms of his brother, and coach, Michael after his victory.

Michael was also a state Champion for Chopticon his Senior year and went on to earn All-American Honors three years in a row at the Division I level for American University.

Sam Ziff (Severna Park) completed a highly successful senior year by knocking off a very game Joe Kendrick (Mt. Hebron) in the final at 152. The Falcon wrestler built up a 5-0 lead going into the third period and cruised to a 7-2 victory.

For the third week in a row, Eric Hoffman (Northern- Calvert) and Anthony Cable (La Plata) squared off at 160 in the finals of a post season tournament. Hoffman prevailed again. In the state final, the Wyoming University bound senior made a second period escape stand and won by the score of 1-0.

It was the first title for the four time state placing Patriot senior.

"Finally getting this W, my hard work's paid off. It's a great feeling right now. It was my goal to stay focused and not worry about the past years, just stay focused on this year and get the win."

In the final at 170, William Holder-Moore (Bel Air) avenged his loss to Akintola Morakinyo (Wilde Lake) in the 3A/4A East Regional Final last weekend. Holder-Moore won 7-5. That loss was the only blemish in a stellar senior year, he finished 46-1. The loss was the first of Morakinyo's senior season (39-1).

"I had nothing to lose really," said Holder-Moore. "He already beat me so I definitely felt like I was the underdog in the match. He had all the pressure on him. I'm kinda glad I lost last week cause it really taught me a lot."

The only surprise in the final at 182 was the means to the end. Garret Lineberger (Thomas Stone) was a returning state champion and was expected to beat 3A/4A North Regional Champion Mike Virnelson (Urbana) in the final.

What transpired left even the most tenured wrestling fans in awe.

The Cougar senior took Virnelson down and proceeded to use a tight waist tilt to score back points six times in a row. Lineberger won by technical fall over his opponent in a minute and thirty five seconds by the score of 16-0.

"(It's) the best feeling in the world, knowing all your hard work pays off. I just wanna thank my dad. He's taken me everywhere. Blue Claw, Bullseye, just got me with the best partners. He has me lift after every practice. I can't really explain it man, he's just the best guy ever. I just love him so much."

Lineberger added, "I didn't train to win states. I trained to win Senior Nationals. I just wanna be number one in the nation."

In a battle of undefeated wrestlers, the final at 195 went all the way to overtime.

Cory Daniel (River Hill) who was 41-0 going into the final scored a thrilling takedown in the sudden victory period to defeat Ralph Bernardo (Thomas s. Wooten), who was also 41-0, by the score of 3-1.

The final at 220 also featured two undefeated wrestlers.

Logan Kirby (River Hill), who was a State Finalist last year at 195 and was 36-0 going into the final, went toe to toe with Luis Beteta (Northwest-Montgomery, 39-0).

After six grueling minutes, Beteta's second period reversal was the difference as the senior won the state title by the score of 2-1.

Matt Green (Perry Hall), who won the title at 220 last year, was the prohibitive favorite at 285 and he lived up to all expectations by pinning Dalonte Holland (Huntingtown) in the final in 3:49.

Team Results

- 1- Urbana 97.50
- 2- River Hill 89
- 3- Northern 76
- 4- La Plata 54.50
- 4- Thomas Stone 54.50
- 6- Thomas Wooten 54
- 7- Mt. Hebron 51
- 7- Damascus 51
- 9- Huntingtown 50
- 10- Bethesda- Chevy Chase 47
- 11- North Point 43.50
- 12- Northwest 43
- 13- Reservoir 42
- 14- Broadneck 40
- 15- Hereford 39
- 16- South River 38
- 17- Wilde lake 37
- 17- Chopticon 37
- 19- Duval 35
- 20- Bel Air 29
- 20- Perry Hall 29
- 22- Westminster 28

23- Sverna Park 26.50
24- Walter Johnson 26
25- C. Milton Wright 25
26- Aberdeen 22
26- Quince Orchard 22
26- Parkdale 22
29- Centennial 21
30- Arundel 20
30- Charles H. Flowers 20
32- Franklin 19
33- Annapolis 18
33- Hammond 18
33- Sherwood 18
33- Linganore 18
37- North County 17
37- Eleanor Roosevelt 17
37- Tuscarora 17
40- Meade 16.50
41- Dulaney 15
42- Paint Branch 14
43- North Harford 12
44- Winston Churchill 11
45- North Hagerstown 10
46- Northeast-AA 9
46- Leonardtown 9
46- Towson 9
49- Springbrook 8
50- Stephen Decatur 7
50- South Hagerstown 7
50- Oxon Hill 7
53- Seneca Valley 6
53- Walt Whitman 6
53- High Point 6
53- Catonsville 6
57- Magruder 4
57- Kenwood 4
57- Milford Mill Academy 4
57- Digital Harbor 4
61- Richard Montgomery 3
61- Suitland 3
63- Howard 2
63- Bowie 2
65- Old Mill 1
66- Gaithersburg 0
66- Hubie Blake 0
66- Montgomery Blair 0
66- Watkins mill 0
66- Henry A. Wise 0
66- Eastern Technical 0
66- Parkville 0
66- Woodlawn 0
66- Mergenthaler 0
66- Crossland 0
66- Baltimore Polytechnic Institute 0

Finals

106- Mikey Macklin (DAM) dec. Jeff Hayden (MTH) 5-4
113- Brant Leadbeter (NOC) dec. Anthony Genco (HER) 5-4
120- Marty Margolis (LAP) dec. Morgan Way (URB) 2-1
126- Thierno Diallo (DUV) dec. Tanner Saluter (THS) 7-1
132- Cameron Harrell (BDN) pin Mason Kilcarr (RES) :54
138- Charlie Banazak (BCC) dec, Austin Kraisser (CTN) 7-5
145- Larry Cannon (CHO) dec. Ben Swanson (CMW) 6-1
152- Sam Ziff (SEP) dec. Joe Kendrick (MTH) 7-2
160- Eric Hoffman (NOC) dec. Anthony Cable (LAP) 1-0
170- William Holder-Moore (BAR) dec. Akintola Morakinyo (WLD) 7-5
182- Garret Lineberger (THS) tfall Mike Virnelson (URB) 16-0 (1:35)
195- Corey Daniel (RVH) dec. Ralph Bernardo (TSW) 3-1 SV
220- Luis Beteta (NWM) dec' Lagan Kirby (RVH) 2-1
285- Matt Green (PEH) pin Dalonte Holland (HNT) 3:49

3rd Place

106- Michael Beck (RVH) pin Ryker Eckenbarger (WES) 2:06
113- Nick Davis (NWM) dec. Dominick Summers (NPT) 3-0
120- Tanner Chaplain (ARU) pin Dylan Ruiz (DUL) 2:55
126- Austin Alley (SRI) dec. Connor Joyce (BDN) 9-2
132- Tyler Morgan (NPT) dec. Daniel Velez (ABE) 7-1
138- Stanley Proctor (ANN) pin Owen Brooks (DAM) 4:13
145- Travis Chidebe (MEA) dec. Malik Jackson (WLD) 2-1
152- Colton Rowe (HNT) mdec. James FitzPatrick (WAJ) 12-3
160- Bryan Overton (HAM) mdec. Clyde McBride (CHF) 11-1
170- Stephen Potemken (TSW) dec. Luke Britton (LIN) 7-4
182- Chen Han (TSW) dec. Malik Smith (NCT) 4-1
195- Casey Wokocho (ELR) dec. Anthony Rossi (SRI) 5-0
220- Connor Tilton (QOR) dec. Ryan Hassan (MTH) 2-1
285- Justin Nestor (RVH) dec. Nick Keller (URB) 11-5

5th Place

106- Jarrett Arnold (CHO) dec. Jake Makosy (URB) 5-2
113- Tyler Makosy (URB) dec. Cole Wetzel (WES) 4-2
120- Ben Montanye (FRA) pin Jeremy Morrow (NEA) 1:34
126- Malichi Edmond (NPT) mdec. Travis Hubler (ABE) 10-2
132- Will Witkop (BCC) dec. Chris Minor (SHE) 7-2
138- Nick Frank (URB) pin Liam St. John (TOW) 2:18
145- Collin Alley (SRI) dec. Colt Constantino (HNT) 4-3
152- Sam Rowell (RES) dec. Ryan Sharp (THS) 7-2
160- Logan Smith (NHF) dec. Malik Kelly (PBR) 8-3
170- Billy Mills (TUS) pin Darriian Hollings (OXH) 2:18
182- Jesse McNeill (BCC) dec. Dakota Wilhelm (LAP) 8-3
195- Matt Schleckser (WCH) dec. Terry Nance (PKD) 4-2
220- Michael Sullivan (RES) dec. Mike Swiger (HER) 5-4
285- Bola Adeboyku (DUV) mdec. Adrian Arevalo (SHE) 11-3

Semi-Finals

106

Mikey Macklin (DAM) pin Ryker Eckenbarger (WES) 4:33
Jeff Hayden (MTH) dec. Jake Makosy (URB) 4-2

113

Anthony Genco (HER) dec. Nick Davis (NWM) 3-1
Brant Leadbeter (NOC) mdec. Tyler Makosy (URB) 8-0

120

Marty Margolis (LAP) dec. Dylan Ruiz (DUL) 1-0
Morgan Way (URB) dec. Tanner Chaplain (ARU) 10-5

126

Tanner Saluter (THS) dec. Travis Hubler (ABE) 10-5
Thierno Diallo (DUV) dec. Malachi Edmund (NPT) 6-0

132

Cameron Harrell (BDN) mdec. Chris Minor (SHE) 12-4
Mason Kilcarr (RES) dec. Will Witkop (BCC) 6-2

138

Charlie Banazak (BCC) mdec. Liam St. John (TOW) 13-2
Austin Kraisser (CTN) dec. Nick Frank (URB) 7-2

145

Larry Cannon (CHO) mdec. Malik Jackson (WLD) 9-1
Ben Swanson (CMW) dec. Collin Alley (SRI) 3-2

152

Sam Ziff (SEP) mdec. Sam Rowell (RES) 12-2

Joe Kendrick (MTH) dec. Colton Rowe (HNT) 8-6 SV

160

Anthony Cable (LAP) dec. Clyde McBride (CHF) 4-0

Eric Hoffman (NOC) dec. Bryan Overton (HAM) 7-2

170

William Holder-Moore (BAR) pin Billy Mills (TUS) 2:54

Akintola Morakinyo (WLD)dec. Darrian HHollings (OXH) 5-1

182

Mike Virnelson (URB) dec. Jesse McNeill (BCC) 10-5

Garret Lineberger (THS) tfall Malik Smith (NCT) 15-0

195

Ralph Bernardo (TSW) dec. Casey Wokocha (ELR) 2-1

Cory Daniel (RVH) dec. Matt Schleckser (WCH) 8-3

220

Luis Beteta (NWM) pin Ryan Hassan (MTH) :53

Logan kirby (RVH) pin Connor Tilton (QOR) 2:42

285

Dalonte Holland (HNT) dec. Bola Adeboyku (DUV) 8-6 2OT

Matt Green (PEH) pin Adrian Arevalo (SHE) 1:35