

Seniors Go Out With a Bang at Competitive All-Star Match

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Beteta, Hoffman, Leadbeter, and Wright Earn Status as True Public School Champs, Lineberger defeats Patrick.

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The Haswell Franklin 2013 MSWA Senior All-Star Classic at McDaniel College in Westminster, MD pits some of the state's top seniors against one another. The goal is for the highest state placing senior from the 1A/2A, 3A/4A and Private School divisions to mix it up, and determine a true state champion if possible.

The Private Schools squad won both dual meets, and the 3A/4A team defeated the 1A/2A contingent. But this event is more about the individual matches than the team results.

There were a few grapplers who pulled out for undisclosed reasons that would have added to the flair. That did not keep the event from being a great success that featured some excellent matches.

Four true public school state champions were crowned, and another public school champion defeated a private school champion.

Northern Calvert's Eric Hoffman and Brant Leadbeter, Pikesville's Travon Wright, and Luis Beteta (Northwest-Montgomery County) defeated the opposite division's state champions to earn the title of *The Public School State Champion* (not just 1A/2A or 3A/4A state champion).

Brant Leadbeter (#1 in the latest rankings by the Maryland State Wrestling Association) beat Catoclin's Tim Nordan (#4 by the MSWA) 6-4.

Leadbeter, a two-time 3A/4A state champion, was undefeated this season finishing 39-0. Nordan's (42-1) only loss was to 1A/2A 120lb state champion Anthony Savage (Oakdale) at the Catoclin Duals.

Leadbeter's teammate Eric Hoffman (#4) won a hard fought battle over Rising Sun's two-time 1A/2A state champion Anthony Cimososi (#3), 8-5.

Hoffman, who is headed to Wyoming, capped off his undefeated senior season (38-0) by winning his first career state title. Hoffman was previously third twice, and a onetime runner-up.

Cimososi dropped to 152 for the Mount Mat Madness tournament for the challenge of facing then #1 Logan Breitenbach (Spalding). Cimososi dropped a close match (4-3) for the only blemish on his 35-1 record.

#4 Wright squared off against #3 Charlie Banaszak (Bethesda-Chevy Chase) in the evening's last bout. Wright was smooth on his feet, showing why he is a takedown machine in defeating Banaszak 11-8.

The score makes it sound closer than it was as Wright was in control the whole match, but gave up a late takedown to narrow the gap.

Wright and Banaszak (44-2) both earned their first state titles this year. Banaszak was third as a junior, but Wright had never reached the state podium prior to this season.

Wright ended the season 42-1. He picked up his only loss in the season's first tournament at Parkville. Wrestling at 145, Wright lost to Owings Mills' state runner-up Demetrius Johnson 1-0.

Wright lost a barn burner in overtime, 9-7, to #2 Xavi Ramos (McDonogh) in the first round of the meet. Ramos, who beat Banaszak 10-8 in a close one, was a three time state runner-up and four time National Prep All-American. He will take his talents to Duke University in the fall.

At 220 #3 Beteta faced Oakdales' #5 Ryan Simonica and came away with the fall at the 3:39 mark of the second period. Beteta finished off his perfect season (40-0) with his first state title after being 6th as a junior. For Simonica, this was not only his first title but also his first trip to the state tournament.

Beteta defeated Gilman's #2 Shane Cockerille 10-6 in the evening's first round. Cockerille has never won a state championship, but is a three time National Prep All-American. Cockerille was on the mat for perhaps the last time. He will be playing football next season at the University of Maryland.

One of the night's marquee bouts featured two-time 3A/4A state champion #1 Garrett Lineberger (Thomas Stone) taking on Private School state champion #2 Tyler Patrick of McDonogh. Lineberger won 10-6 in what was one of the most exciting matches of the night.

Lineberger hasn't lost since his sophomore season in the state finals (a 7-3 loss to Josh Llopez). He is currently ranked #20 in the nation by Intermat.

Patrick was a National Prep Runner-up this season. The four time state placer is joining Ramos at Duke.

Good Counsel's Jhared Simmons (#3) authored an impressive win over DuVal's state champion #2 Tierno Diallo. Simmons put on a clinic on his feet earning multiple takedowns against Diallo to come away with a 10-5 victory.

Diallo (35-0) earned his first state title this season after previously placing 3rd as a junior and 2nd as a sophomore. Diallo will be plying his trade at Binghamton next year.

Simmons is, perhaps the most improved wrestler in the state this season. According to my sheets his only losses to a Maryland wrestler were to St. Paul's #1 Jack Mutchnik four times. The last two matches with Mutchnik ended as 1-0, and 3-1 losses. Simmons finished off his stellar campaign by placing 4th at the National Prep Tournament.

Private School state runner-up Wolfie Bradley (Spalding, #7) beat Northeast-AA's Jeremy Morrow (#17) 6-3. Morrow was 6th in the 3A/4A state tournament.

#1 Scott Strappelli won his second state title this year and became a three time National Prep All-American. Strappelli beat Liberty's Casey Shea 6-1, and Bethesda-Chevy Chase's Will Witkop 15-0.

#18 Witkop beat #10 Shea 7-6 in overtime on a ride-out. Shea was 3rd in the 1A/2A state tournament the last two years. Witkop was 5th in the 3A/4A tournament after finishing 6th as a junior.

#4 Cole Graves (Spalding) closed out his career in impressive fashion picking up two falls, including one over Patterson Mill's 4th place 1A/2A state placer Jason Noss (#14). Graves is a four time private school state placer, and two time National Prep All-American.

Curley's #13 Erik Meyer, a four time state placer, defeated both of his opponents at 152. Meyer beat Huntingtown's 3rd place finisher Colton Rowe (#12) 3-1, and won a close bout over Catoctin's 160lb state runner-up Coillin Schildt (#6 at 160) 5-3.

Schildt pinned Rowe in the first period at the 1:52 mark. Rowe and Schildt are both two time state placers. Until Schildt lost to Cimososi in the state finals, he was undefeated against Maryland competition. His only loss was to Pennsylvania's Nick Mort (Fairfield) at the Catoctin Duals.

Patuxent's Matt Gancayco (#8) beat #6 Philip Robilotto (Good Counsel) 7-3. The win by Gancayco was unexpected as Robilotto beat Winters Mills' #7 Chase Cullison in the finals of the Battle by the Bay Tournament. Cullison beat Gancayco in the state semi-finals.

Gancayco, who is headed to Princeton, finishes his career as a three time state placer and one time state champion. Gancayco also beat Hammond's two time state placer Bryan Overton (#5 at 170). Robilotto, who is a two time state placer, also beat Overton.

Spencer Neff (Good Counsel) showed why he is the #1 wrestler in the state at 195. Neff is a two time state champion and four time placer. He pinned Fallston's state runner-up #7 Ridge Myers and won by technical fall over South River's 4th place finisher Anthony Rossi (#10).

In addition to the state titles, Neff is also a two time National Prep All-American. He will take the mat at Duke next season. Neff had an impressive senior season placing in three of the top five toughest high school tournaments in the country.

Neff was 6th at the Ironman in Ohio (considered the toughest in-season tournament in the nation), 5th at the Beast of the East (2nd toughest tournament), and 3rd at the PowerAde in Pennsylvania (top 5 in the nation).

Rossi beat Myers 4-2. Myers was 4th at 220 as a junior. This was Rossi's first state tournament appearance.

Glenelg's two time state champion Sean Twigg (#2) won both of his matches. He pinned Pallotti's #19 Antonio Santoro in the third period. Twigg then defeated North Calvert's Cliff Armentrout (#11) 1-0.

Twigg's only loss this season was in the first tournament of the year. He lost a 1-0 decision to Stephen Decatur's #12 Ryan Kail. Both are attending the University of Maryland in the fall.

Santoro, a junior state runner-up, was chosen to fill a spot for the private schools to avoid forfeiting. The private school wrestlers are allowed to compete in all-star events as underclassmen, public school kids are not.

Armentrout did not place at the state tournament, coming up short by one win (he lost to River Hill's #7 Justin Nestor in overtime in the consolation round). However, Armentrout did beat state runner-up Dalonte Holland (Huntingtown, #6) in the SMAC finals and 5th place finisher Bola Adeboyu (DuVal, #9) in the regional finals. Armentrout defeated Santoro 3-1.

There were three ranked grapplers at 106, yet none of them placed in the state tournament this year.

High Point's #19 Denis Robles-Gomez defeated #18 Michael Doetsch (Severn), and Winters Mills' #25 Flavio-Valdez Cortez. Robles-Gomez had previously lost to Doetsch at the Meade Tourney. He was 1-2 at the state tournament.

Doetsch, a freshman, filled the spot for the Private Schools. He missed the end of the season following surgery. Doetsch beat Valdez-Cortez 6-5 in overtime. Valdez is a two time state placer who failed to get out of the ultra tough West Region.

Link to the FINAL MSWA Rankings:

<http://marylandwrestling.org/forum/viewtopic.php?f=2&t=31113&sid=84ac8151a0467a070f4df11be9cdd6f3>

VIDEO LINKS

113-Brant Leadbeter vs. Tim Nordan

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZkV6EW0cgBM&list=UULalcyZJW3z_j-o17F4DE6Q&index=6

126-Thierno Diallo vs. Jhared Simmons

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pP71NDNWdxI&list=UULalcyZJW3z_j-o17F4DE6Q&index=4

132-Casey Shea vs. Will Witkop

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oHjOJJ3pHEc&list=UULalcyZJW3z_j-o17F4DE6Q&index=7

138-Charlie Banaszak vs. Xavi Ramos

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uZhTlgXfSjY&list=UULalcyZJW3z_j-o17F4DE6Q&index=3

138-Charlie Banaszak vs. Travon Wright

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XMS3-yeU5tg&list=UULalcyZJW3z_j-o17F4DE6Q&index=1

152-Colton Rowe vs. Collin Schildt

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H4mG7ybeEmc&list=UULalcyZJW3z_j-o17F4DE6Q&index=9

160-Anthony Cimososi vs. Eric Hoffman

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nrAR1P4P3q0&list=UULalcyZJW3z_j-o17F4DE6Q&index=5

170-Matt Gancayco VS. Philip Robilotto

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DCajEFuJ4e8&list=UULalcyZJW3z_j-o17F4DE6Q&index=2

220-Luis Beteta vs. Ryan Simonica

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k8oh8I9W7J4&list=UULalcyZJW3z_j-o17F4DE6Q&index=8

Private Schools 45 1A/2A 12

106-Michael Doetsch (Severn) dec. Flavio Valdez-Cortez (Winters Mill), 6-5 2OT

113-Tim Nordan (Catocotin) dec. Jack King (Gilman), 7-5

120-Wolfie Bradley (Spalding) pinned Ronald Hindman (Long Reach), 4:35

126-Jhared Simmons (Good Counsel) pinned Alfred Martinez (Dundalk), 4:18

132-Scott Strappelli (John Carroll) dec. Casey Shea (Liberty), 6-1

138-Xavi Ramos (McDonogh) dec. Travon Wright (Pikesville), 9-7 OT

145-Cole Graves (Spalding) pinned Jason Noss (Patterson Mill), 4:54

152-Erik Meyer (Curley) dec. Collin Schildt (Catocotin), 5-3

160-No match

170-Matt Gancayco (Patuxent) dec. Philip Robilotto (Good Counsel), 7-3

182-Tyler Patrick (McDonogh) pinned Dominick Clarke (Oakland Mills), 3:30

195-Spencer Neff (Good Counsel) pinned Ridge Myers (Fallston), 5:02

220-Shane Cockerille (Gilman) dec. Ryan Simonica (Oakdale), 8-2

285-Sean Twigg (Glenelg) pinned Antonio Santoro (Pallotti), 4:49

3A/4A 38 1A/2A 19

106-Denis Robles-Gomez (High Point) dec. Flavio Valdez-Cortez (Winters Mill), 12-7

113-Brant Leadbeter (Northern Calvert) dec. Tim Nordan (Catocotin), 6-4

120-Jeremy Morrow (Northeast-AA) dec. Ronald Hindman (Long Reach), 7-0

126-Tanner Saluter (Thomas Stone) pinned Alfred Martinez (Dundalk), 4:14

132-Will Witkop (Bethesda-Chevy Chase) dec. Casey Shea (Liberty), 7-6 OT RO

138-Travon Wright (Pikesville) dec. Charlie Banaszak (Bethesda-Chevy Chase), 11-8

145-Jason Noss (Patterson Mill) dec. Andrew Loher (North Point), 5-0

152-Collin Schildt (Catocotin) pinned Colton Rowe (Huntingtown), 1:52

160-Eric Hoffman (Northern Calvert) dec. Anthony Cimososi (Rising Sun), 8-5

170-Matt Gancayco (Patuxent) maj. dec. Bryan Overton (Hammond), 11-2

182-Garrett Lineberger (Thomas Stone) tech-fall Dominick Clarke (Oakland Mills), 16-0

195-Anthony Rossi (South River) dec. Ridge Myers (Fallston), 4-2

220-Luis Beteta (Northwest-Mont.) pinned Ryan Simonica (Oakdale), 3:39

285-Sean Twigg (Glenelg) dec. Cliff Armentrout (Northern Calvert), 1-0

Private Schools 31 3A/4A 23

106-Denis Robles-Gomez (High Point) pinned Michael Doetsch (Severn)
113-Brant Leadbeter (Northern Calvert) maj. dec. Jack King (Gilman), 10-1
120-Wolfie Bradley (Spalding) dec. Jeremy Morrow (Northeast-AA), 6-3
126-Jhared Simmons (Good Counsel) dec. Thierno Diallo (DuVal), 10-5
132-Scott Strappelli (John Carroll) tech-fall Will Witkop (Bethesda-Chevy Chase), 15-0
138-Xavi Ramos (McDonogh) dec. Charlie Banaszak (Bethesda-Chevy Chase), 10-8
145-Cole Graves (Spalding) pinned Andrew Lohr (North Point)
152-Erik Meyer (Curley) dec. Colton Rowe (Huntingtown), 3-1
160-Eric Hoffman (Northern Calvert) maj. dec. Brendan Coyne (Georgetown Prep), 15-5
170-Philip Robilotto (Good Counsel) dec. Bryan Overton (Hammond), 8-2
182-Garrett Lineberger (Thomas Stone) dec. Tyler Patrick (McDonogh), 10-6
195-Spencer Neff (Good Counsel) tech-fall Anthony Rossi (South River), 19-2
220-Luis Beteta (Northwest-Mont.) dec. Shane Cockerille (Gilman), 10-6
285-Cliff Armentrout (Northern Calvert) dec. Antonio Santoro (Pallotti), 3-1