

## **McDonogh Beats Curley in an Exciting Dual Meet**

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### ***Eagles' Middle Weights Create Insurmountable Lead***

The 106lb match set the tone for Wednesday night's dual meet at Curley High School. On paper the match was considered a swing match. If Curley (No.20 in the Maryland State Wrestling Association Dual Meet rankings) was able to pull off the win, it could set them up for a potential upset of No.1 McDonogh.

The back and forth, exciting match between McDonogh's Karl Lindsey and Curley's Brandon Hollingsworth was a doozy. In the end Lindsey emerged victorious, 7-5.

The next two matches were won by the Friars to put them on top 9-3. Mike King (113) won by disqualification over the Eagles' John Parks. Parks was hit with stalling early and never got going, eventually getting the fifth stall call to end the match. Chae Neale (120) put forth a solid effort to defeat Alexander Kline 3-0.

McDonogh's Quinn Devaney (No.12 at 120lbs) overwhelmed Curley freshman Mike Miller in the 126lb match, coming away with the fall at the 2:30 mark of the second period. Devaney's win tied the match 9-9.

No.3 Tyshawn Williams stormed out of the gate for Curley with a slew of takedowns to start the match against Riley Bakewell. Williams worked his opponent to his back to earn the fall with three seconds left in the first period to put Curley back in the lead, 15-6.

McDonogh's strength started to show at this point as they swept the next three bouts to claim a lead they would never relinquish.

No.8 Sam Martino picked up a quick 40 second fall over Sam O'Donnell at 138lbs. Cameron Harrell (No.2) took a little longer to defeat his opponent, but he was equally impressive, pinning Brooks Eibner in 1:23 of the 145lb bout. No.1 Toby Hague showed why he is the state's top ranked 152lber with a workman like performance that saw him gain the fall over Kai Lee at the 5:40 mark of the third period.

After that onslaught the Eagles were up 27-15.

The Friars refused to cave in though. Fred Johnson (No.13) picked up four team points for Curley at 160lbs with a 14-4 major decision over Ryan Walsh to pull within eight points, 27-19.

The Friars chose to forfeit to McDonogh's Myles Martin. Martin is currently ranked No.3 in the nation by Intermat at 170lbs.

Morgan McColgan (No.13 at 170) bumped up to 182 for Curley to face Chris Barranco. The move paid off for the Friars as McColgan picked up a third period fall in 3:32. After trading six point wins the score now stood at 33-25.

The back and forth, trading of wins continued at 195 and 220.

Mike Smith, who recently dropped to 195lbs, was up next for McDonogh. Smith is ranked No.2 at 220lbs by the MSWA. He wasted little time in his bout, gaining the fall over Brock Bushyager in 1:15 to seal the win for the Eagles. McDonogh was now up by 14 (39-25) with only two matches remaining.

Curley's James Geer pinned Josh Richardson in 42 seconds to draw the Friars back within eight, 39-31.

No.2 Wyatt Cook won the final bout of the night 5-1 over Curley's Kevin Sigwart (No.17) to add three points to the lead and make the final score 42-31.

"They've got some good guys," McDonogh Head Coach Pete Welch said. "They have Huntley still out and we have a couple guys sick. All the league matches have the potential to be close from here on out. Everybody's good. It was exciting. We knew it could be this close, and it was, but we got it done."

### **McDonogh 42 - Curley 31**

*Match started at 106*

- 106-Karl Lindsey (McD) dec Brandon Hollingsworth, 7-5
- 113-Mike King (Cur) won by disqualification over John Parks
- 120-Chae Neale (Cur) dec Alexander Kline, 3-0
- 126-Quinn Devaney (McD) pinned Mike Miller, 2:30
- 132-Tyshawn Williams (Cur) pinned Riley Bakewell, 1:57
- 138-Sam Martino (McD) pinned Sam O'Donnell, :40
- 145-Cameron Harrell (McD) pinned Brooks Eibner, 1:23
- 152-Toby Hague (McD) pinned Kai Lee, 5:40
- 160-Fred Johnson (Cur) maj dec Ryan Walsh, 14-4
- 170-Myles Martin (McD) won by forfeit
- 182-Morgan McColgan (Cur) pinned Chris Barranco, 3:32
- 195-Mike Smith (McD) pinned Brock Bushyager, 1:15
- 220-James Geer (Cur) pinned Jason Richardson, :42
- 285-Wyatt Cook (McD) dec Kevin Sigwart, 5-1