

## **Cape Henlopen Finishes Atop the Mountain at the Hub Cup**

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### ***Delaware Squad Edges North Hagerstown in the Final Round***

The Mountains of Washington County saw one heck of a battle unfold on Saturday night at North Hagerstown High School. The 27<sup>th</sup> annual Hub Cup came down to the wire, and the Vikings from Cape Henlopen Delaware secured the crown in the next to the last match of the night.

North Hagerstown (No.6 in the latest rankings by the Maryland State Wrestling Association) started the finals up by eight, 184-176. The Hubs had two finalists, while the Vikings had three.

“Colbert won at 45 so that put us down by 12,” said Cape Henlopen Head Coach Chris Mattioni. “We had three seniors 170, 195, 220. They’re battle tested. We travel, we get out of the state. We’ve been to Pennsylvania a couple of times, those guys wrestled at the Beast of the East.”

“If all three win it’s a tie. (If) one of them picks up bonus points, that puts us in the lead. We were fortunate that two of them got bonus points and we won by four points.”

Justin Lopez (170, No.1 in DE) and Aaron Mattioni (195, No.2) were the grapplers that picked up bonus points for the Vikings. Lopez’s dominating performance in the finals came to an end when South Carroll’s Wade Slatniske (No.16 by the MSWA) aggravated a prior knee injury and had to default. Lopez had built a 14-5 lead, which included six takedowns. Mattioni pinned Boonsboro’s Dakota Pfeiffer at the :48 mark of the first period.

At this point the team race was tied at 188. Thomas Ott (No.1 in DE) came in as the third seed, but had to be considered the favorite since he placed eighth at the Beast of the East this season. Ott pulled out a tough 3-2 win over DeMatha’s Richard “Mac” Meehan (No.3 by the MSWA) to secure the title for the Vikings.

“I knew it was close and if I won we had a good chance of winning. I wasn’t exactly sure of the team score,” Ott said. “Being an upper weight I’ve had a lot of pressure situations for the team. It’s something I’m used to. It feels good to come through for the team.”

In addition to the three champions Cape Henlopen had eight other award winners. The 11 placewinners was the most of any team in the tough field comprised of squads from Delaware, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and West Virginia.

Placing third for the Vikings was Austin Smith (160). JJ Currie (152) came in fourth, Andre Flowers (182) was fifth, and Nick Diego (145) finished sixth. Emerson Fajardo (106), Vinnie Diego (132), and Elliot Young (138) took seventh, while heavyweight Nick Carroll placed eighth.

North Hagerstown had two wrestlers reach the finals and eight others gain spots on the podium. Brendon Colbert came into the 145lb finals match ranked third in the state at 152. He dropped to the lower weight for this tournament and faced defending 1A/2A state champion Charlie Perella (No. 3 at 145). Colbert wrestled a solid, methodical match and was in control most of the bout. He now is 3-1 vs. Perella in high school.

“It was tough competition. We’ve had some matches before. He beat me last year in the semis so I wanted to get revenge,” said Colbert, who is a two-time state runner-up. “I knew if I went out and attacked, the match would go my way so I went out and set my pace.”

“It’s a very tough tournament. I’m happy with our team. A lot of guys were looking up to me. When I came out, the big roar for the introduction and everything, it kind of got to me a little bit.”

The Hubs put on an impressive performance despite coming up short in their title quest. Hunter Faith (132) was their other finalist, but he couldn't complete the title run falling in the finals to Boonsboro's Dalton Hawkins 9-2.

Taking third for North Hagerstown was No.9 JD McKoy (182). Isaiah Brooks (126) and Coleman McHose (160) finished in fourth place.

Gene Balcita (138, No.11 at 145) and Dylan Brown (152) took fifth for the Hubs. Ray Montes (195) was sixth. Tom Milner (220) and Aaron Dopson (285) were seventh place finishers.

West Virginia's Musselman came in third on the strength of two champions and four finalists. Winning crowns for the Applemen were Bradley DeRito (120, No.4 in WV) and No.1 Kody Kernan (138). Bringing home silver were No.4 Danny Arndt (160) and No.1 David Stas (182).

DeRito defeated two-time Maryland State placer Cody Matthews (Mountain Ridge, No.11 at 126 by the MSHA) 3-2 in a hard fought finals match. To reach the finals DeRito faced former 1A/2A state champion Austin Shaffer (Southern Garrett, No.2). DeRito won the match 5-3. It was the second time DeRito defeated Shaffer this year (the first was in a dual meet, 9-7).

Kernan came out on top of the toughest bracket in the tournament to earn the outstanding wrestler award. 138lbs featured returning and former Hub Cup champions and runners-up, among the eight state ranked wrestlers. In the finals Kernan faced No.2 Morgan Way (Urbana) and won a bloody 7-2 decision. The match was stopped numerous times due to a nosebleed suffered by Way.

"I came here two years ago, my sophomore year, and got second so it's good to come this year and win," Kernan said. "It was good competition, and it will prepare me for the state tournament."

Williamsport finished in fourth place crowning one champion among its ten placewinners. No.16 Justin Beckley (113) won the most exciting bout of the finals. Beckley picked off top-seeded and undefeated Tim Null (South Carroll, No.4) with a takedown in overtime to seal the 6-4 win.

The match started out in Null's favor as he secured a first period takedown and a reversal in the second period for a 4-0 lead. Beckley didn't cave in, he escaped and got a takedown to pull within one. In the third period Null was called for a technical violation (figure four of the body) to tie the match and force overtime. Beckley wasted little time in the extra period securing the takedown almost immediately after the whistle.

"I was ready to wrestle and I showed up," said Beckley. "I never wrestled him before. I watched him in the matches in this tournament. I just went out and wrestled."

No. 15 Austin Keadle placed fourth for the Wildcats. Austin Golden (195) and Brandon Iseminger (285) took fifth. Tanner Canfield (126), Jerry Moshel (132), No.15 Bryan Davis (138), No.9 Kobe Bryant (160), and Lasher Urciolo (220) finished in sixth place for Williamsport. Sinjin Shoop (145) placed seventh.

South Carroll rounded out the top five. The Cavaliers had a tournament high five finalists, but came away with just one champion: No.4 Jake Pooton (182). Pooton (a two-time MD state placer) defeated West Virginia's top ranked 182lber, Stas 9-6 in the finals.

Bringing home silver for South Carroll were No.13 Joey Thomas (106), Null, Shane Conners (126), and Slatniske. The Cavaliers had one more placewinner, Tom Boldosser (120, 6<sup>th</sup>).

Urbana's Tyler Makosy won his title over South Carroll's Conners. Makosy was fifth in the 3A/4A state tournament last year at 113lbs. This year he has gotten off to a tough start dealing with the move up in weight and other issues. He put forth a strong effort in the finals to come away with a 5-2 win.

"I feel great. I'm just finally having fun again. I don't feel any pressure," Makosy said. "I wrestled him last year and won. I knew he was better this year, especially after watching him in the semis."

The Hawks' heavyweight Nick Keller (No.6) faced a fellow defending Hub Cup Champion in his finals match, No.5 Connor Tilton (Quince Orchard). Tilton won the 220lb title last year, and Keller the 285lb crown. Tilton came out on top of this battle, registering a fall at the 1:53 mark of the first period.

Southern Garrett's Devan Hamrick (No.6) won the 106lb title. No.4 Adam Martz (Mountain Ridge) secured his first Hub Cup crown after being a runner-up as a freshman and sophomore. The junior is looking to win his second 1A/2A state title this March after finishing second last year. Martz won the 126lb championship as a freshman.

The other event champion hails from Buckhannon-Upshur, WV. Seth Cutright (No.1 in WV) put on a takedown clinic en route to his 11-4 defeat of Musselman's Arndt.

### **Teams Scores**

- 1-Cape Henlopen (DE) 192
- 2-North Hagerstown 188
- 3-Musselman (WV) 172
- 4-Williamsport 157
- 5-South Carroll 151
- 6-Mountain Ridge 147.5
- 7-Waynesboro (PA) 142
- 8- Buckhannon-Upshur (WV) 141.5
- 9- Woodgrove (VA) 135
- 10-Catoctin 126
- 11-Urbana 125
- 12-DeMatha 109.5
- 13-Paint Branch 105
- 14-Southern Garrett 98
- 15-Quince Orchard 69
- 16-Magruder 58
- 17-Boonsboro 55
- 18-Berkley Springs (WV) 38.5
- 19-St. James 37
- 20-Greencastle (PA) 33
- 21-Frederick 18.5
- 22-Silver Oak Academy 18
- 23-South Hagerstown 15

### **Championship Finals**

- 106-Devan Hamrick (Southern Garrett) dec Joey Thomas (South Carroll), 4-1
- 113-Justin Beckley (Williamsport) dec Tim Null (South Carroll), 6-4 OT
- 120-Bradley DeRito (Musselman) dec Cody Matthews (Mountain Ridge), 3-2
- 126-Tyler Makosy (Urbana) dec Shane Connors (South Carroll), 5-2
- 132-Dalton Hawkins (Boonsboro) dec Hunter Faith (North Hagerstown), 9-2
- 138-Kody Kernan (Musselman) dec Morgan Way (Urbana), 7-2
- 145-Brendon Colbert (North Hagerstown) dec Charlie Perella (Catoctin), 5-2
- 152-Adam Martz (Mountain Ridge) dec Jake David (Woodgrove), 4-0
- 160-Seth Cutright (Buckhannon-Upshur) dec Danny Arndt (Musselman), 11-4
- 170-Justin Lopez (Cape Henlopen) won by default by Wade Slatniske (South Carroll)
- 182-Jake Pooton (South Carroll) dec David Stas (Musselman), 9-6
- 195-Aaron Mattioni (Cape Henlopen) pinned Dakota Pfeiffer (Boonsboro), :48
- 220-Thomas Ott (Cape Henlopen) dec Mac Meehan (DeMatha), 3-2
- 285-Connor Tilton (Quince Orchard) pinned Nick Keller (Urbana), 1:53

### **Third Place Matches**

106-Alex Ngo (Urbana) dec Elliott Swank (Waynesboro), 6-5  
113-Austin Wise (Waynesboro) dec PJ Dolan (Musselman), 2-1  
120-Austin Shaffer (Southern Garrett) dec Chris Walker (Woodgrove), 8-6  
126-Andrew Barnes (Magruder) dec Isaiah Brooks (North Hagerstown), 10-3  
132-Garrett Buckley (Catoctin) pinned Aaron Layman (Waynesboro), 2:21  
138-Dakota Linger (Buckhannon-Upshur) dec Wayne Wivell (Catoctin), 6-0  
145-Mitchell Zio (Paint Branch) won by default by Kenyon Cuka (Waynesboro)  
152-Pat Guilday (Catoctin) maj dec JJ Currie (Cape Henlopen), 12-2  
160-Austin Smith (Cape Henlopen) dec Coleman McHose (North Hagerstown), 9-3  
170-Tyler Maynard (Mountain Ridge) pinned Aiden Smith (Waynesboro), 4:47  
182-JD McKoy (North Hagerstown) dec Austin Keadle (Williamsport), 5-3  
195-Austin Clark (Mountain Ridge) maj dec Jamie Hunter (DeMatha), 11-3  
220-Derek Estep (Musselman) dec Jarrett Bramhall (Woodgrove), 9-4  
285-Daniel Nolte (Buckhannon-Upshur) pinned Chris Young (Paint Branch), 2:40

### **Fifth Place Matches**

106-Ryan Perpal (DeMatha) pinned Jimmy Hasemann (Magruder), :48  
113-Brandon Tenney (Buckhannon-Upshur) dec Logan Wilson (DeMatha), 10-2  
120-Joey Shreves (Buckhannon-Upshur) dec Tom Boldosser (South Carroll), 5-3  
126-Dylan Shockey (Woodgrove) dec Tanner Canfield (Williamsport), 8-2  
132-Todd Williams (Musselman) dec Jerry Moshel (Williamsport), 5-1  
138-Gene Balcita (North Hagerstown) pinned Bryan Davis (Williamsport), 5:58  
145-Matt Fair (Buckhannon-Upshur) dec Nick Diego (Cape Henlopen), 6-2  
152-Dylan Brown (North Hagerstown) won by default by Parker Mellott (Urbana)  
160-Justin Pank (St. James) dec Kobe Baker (Williamsport), 7-2  
170-Billoh Waritay (Paint Branch) pinned Seth Kisner (Southern Garrett), 3:23  
182-Andre Flowers (Cape Henlopen) dec Gibbs Tinne (Paint Branch), 13-6  
195-Austin Golden (Williamsport) dec Ray Montes (North Hagerstown), 3-1  
220-Cornell Wilson (Paint Branch) dec Lasher Urciolo (Williamsport), 5-3  
285-Brandon Iseminger (Williamsport) dec Kenny Baker (Waynesboro), 3-1

### **Seventh Place Matches**

106-Emerson Fajardo (Cape Henlopen) pinned Devin Femi (Mountain Ridge), 4:15  
113-Colten White (Mountain Ridge) maj dec Steven Clarke (Catoctin), 11-0  
120-Ryan Neff (Waynesboro) dec Joe Sanchez (Magruder), 7-3  
126-Leith Kusmider (Frederick) dec Ryan Van Meers (Paint Branch), 6-5  
132-Vinnie Diego (Cape Henlopen) dec Tyler Demastes (Buckhannon-Upshur)  
138-Elliot Young (Cape Henlopen) dec Colton Sites (Mountain Ridge), 9-5  
145-Sinjin Shoop (Williamsport) maj dec Justin Bryant (Mountain Ridge)  
152-Larry Lopez (DeMatha) maj dec C.J. Capps (Berkley Springs), 9-1  
160-Joey LaRock (Woodgrove) dec Brent Martin (Magruder), 2-0  
170-Kyle Branch (Woodgrove) pinned Logan Cutright (Buckhannon-Upshur), 4:16  
182-Brian Rinker (Southern Garrett) dec Ethan Shriner (Catoctin), 4-0  
195-Gunner Hilling (Woodgrove) pinned Alex Wagner (St. James), :57  
220-Tom Milner (North Hagerstown) dec Keith Chapman (Southern Garrett), 2-0  
285-Aaron Dopson (North Hagerstown) pinned Nick Carroll (Cape Henlopen), 1:40

**Brackets can be found at:**

<http://thewrestlingtourney.com/reports/1681-brkall.pdf>

## **Championship Finals Video**

106-Devan Hamrick vs. Joey Thomas

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sJvaRMf1YZ4>

113-Justin Beckley vs. Tim Null

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3Xtxm07G0vQ>

120-Bradley DeRito vs. Cody Matthews

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uCOZHrBOIOo>

126-Tyler Makosy vs. Shane Conners

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GVT7IjgBMtM>

132-Dalton Hawkins vs. Hunter Faith

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DaC5LG4C7-4>

138-Kody Kernan vs. Morgan Way

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Nlj6jZHMNFo>

145-Brendon Colbert vs. Charlie Perella

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V25\\_70EQcGE](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V25_70EQcGE)

152-Adam Martz vs. Jake David

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Gkzw55IS50s>

160-Seth Cutright vs. Danny Arndt

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5MoxbCMS3Uw>

170-Justin Lopez vs. Wade Slatniske

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wOhNbzdxfpc>

182-Jake Pooton vs. David Stas

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dZkagKT3pdY>

195-Aaron Mattioni vs. Dakota Pfeiffer

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HVWDMW-ZBKU>

220-Thomas Ott vs. Mac Meehan

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7ImicN2T9W4>

285-Connor Tilton vs. Nick Keller

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=x-LwKkUwiCo>

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