

Good Counsel Asserts its Power at Sharknado Duals

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Falcons Claim Victories over Georgetown Prep and Mt. St. Joe

The Good Counsel wrestling team (No.2 in the latest Maryland State Wrestling Association Rankings) capped off a great weekend of wrestling by winning the Sharknado Duals at Georgetown Prep on Saturday. The Falcons defeated No.3 Mt. St. Joe (32-29) and No.7 Georgetown Prep (45-22) to claim the title. This came on the heels of Friday's victory over No.4 John Carroll.

"We knew today was going to be tough wrestling two well coached teams in Mt. St. Joe and Georgetown Prep," said Falcons Head Coach Skylar Saar. "Our kids showed their character and fight tonight and I was very proud of the way they wrestled. It's not easy wrestling three very tough teams in two days and our kids rose to the occasion."

The match with Mt. St. Joe was a classic. Good Counsel jumped out to an early lead, and threatened to put the Gaels away but Mt. St. Joe battled back.

The meet started at 132 and the Falcons rolled off four straight wins to go up 20-0. Sam Rowell (No.4) got the Gaels on the board at 160 with a 12-1 major decision against Peter Steffanelli.

Good Counsel won the next two matches, including a 3-1 win by No.4 Nick Miller over No.11 Logan Rill. The score was now 29-4 in favor of Good Counsel.

The Gaels caught fire at this point winning six of the last seven matches. Dan Hawkins (No.5) got it started for Mt. St. Joe with a mild upset of No.3 Kevin Snyder 5-2. The Gaels pulled to within seven (29-22) after four straight wins.

Adam Whitesell (No.2) beat No.8 Owen Rill to halt the Gaels win streak. With the score now 32-22 and two matches left, the remaining two Mt. St. Joe grapplers had to be headhunters.

No.11 Malik Woody handily beat Dale Tionson 8-2. Tionson gave John Carroll's No.9 Austin Smith quite a battle on Friday losing 9-8, so Woody's win was pretty impressive.

At this point the match was in the bag for Good Counsel, 32-25. A pin could only draw the Gaels with one of the Falcons. Zeke Salvo (No.2) registered a major-decision of Good Counsel's Bailey Thomas (No.5) to end the match on a high note and make the final score 32-29.

Good Counsel faced Georgetown Prep next.

The match started at 138. The Hoyas made some lineup shifts that didn't pay-off as they were not able to get some of the wins or bonus points they were looking for in the 45-22 loss.

The Hoyas sent Colin Kowalski (No.4 at 132) out to face No.3 Matt Kelly at 138lbs. Kelly won the bout 5-1.

Michael Sprague, the top ranked 138lber in the state, moved up to 145 in search of bonus points against the Falcons' Paul Hutton (No.17). Sprague was only able to register an 8-3 decision, gaining just three team points for the Hoyas.

Good Counsel won the next five matches to take a 21-3 lead. Georgetown Prep took the next three bouts to pull within eight, 27-19.

Whitesell then picked up a fall in the 113lb match against No.7 Ethan Krause. The Hoyas forfeited to Tionson at 120 to push Good Counsel's lead to 39-19.

No.3 Eric Hong got the Hoyas back in the win column with a 5-2 victory over Thomas at 126lbs. No.2 Kevin Budock then pinned Patrick Kirilin making the final score 45-22.

In the first match of the final round Georgetown Prep pulled off a surprising upset victory over Mt. St. Joe. The win was marred by some questionable calls by the official. There were some missed calls that hurt the Gaels. Georgetown Prep wrestled incredibly well so they certainly earned the win.

The match started at 126 with Salvo registering a fall over Pat Caskin. The Hoyas got consecutive falls from Kowalski (over No.17 Shawn Orem) and Sprague to go up 12-6.

After alternating wins over the next four bouts the score was 21-14 in favor of the Hoyas. Rill and Hawkins pinned their opponents to give the Gaels the lead 26-21.

Paul Triandafilou (No.12 at 195) moved up to 220 to face Alex Barnabae in a move that paid off for the Hoyas with a 5-0 win. Patrick Stewart (No.5 at 220) bounced up to 285 to face No.7 Shane Lowman in another move that paid dividends for Georgetown Prep. Stewart came through with a 3-1 victory that put the Hoyas back on top 27-26.

Vince Oneto beat Joe McCord 4-2 at 106 to regain the lead for Mt. St. Joe, 29-27. Krause won a hard fought 4-3 match over Owen Rill to take the lead back for Georgetown Prep, 30-29.

The final match of the meet would decide the winner and it was a doozy. Hong and Woody battled throughout regulation with no one able to gain an edge. The bout was scoreless going into overtime when Woody hit what appeared to be a takedown for the victory. The action was allowed to continue even after Woody had Hong on his hip. Hong quickly reversed Woody and was rewarded two points for the takedown, and the win for he and the team.

Georgetown Prep 33 – Mt. St. Joe 29

**Match started at 126*

126-Zeke Salvo (MSJ) pinned Pat Caskin (GP)

132-Colin Kowalski (GP) pinned Shawn Orem (MSJ)

138-Michael Sprague (GP) pinned Dean Rill (MSJ)

145-Neil Schuster (MSJ) dec Alec Boyle (GP), 5-3

152-Caleb Wilson (GP) dec Justin Langeluttig (MSJ), 4-0

160-Sam Rowell (MSJ) tech-fall Dean Spellman (GP), 15-0

170-Austin Muss (GP) pinned David Hendricks (MSJ)

182-Logan Rill (MSJ) pinned Bryant Boswell (GP)

195-Dan Hawkins (MSJ) pinned Thomas Gates (GP)

220-Paul Triandafilou (GP) dec Alex Barnabae (MSJ), 5-0

285-Paul Stewart (GP) dec Shane Lowman (MSJ), 3-1

106-Vince Oneto (MSJ) pinned Joe McCord (GP)

113-Ethan Krause (GP) dec Owen Rill (MSJ), 4-3

120-Eric Hong (GP) dec Malik Woody (MSJ), 2-0 OT

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**Match started at 132*

132-Kevin Budock (GC) tech-fall Shawn Orem (MSJ), 16-1
138-Paul Hutton (GC) maj dec Neil Schuster (MSJ), 11-2
145-Matt Kelly (GC) won by forfeit
152-Garrett Neff (GC) pinned Justin Langeluttig (MSJ)
160-Sam Rowell (MSJ) maj dec Peter Stefanelli (GC), 12-1
170-Donovan McAfee (GC) pinned David Hendricks (MSJ)
182-Nick Miller (GC) dec Logan Rill (MSJ), 3-1
195-Dan Hawkins (MSJ) dec Kevin Snyder (GC), 5-2
220-Alex Barnabae (MSJ) dec Jalen Lea (GC), 3-1
285-Shane Lowman (MSJ) pinned Kojo Dingle (GC)
106-Vince Oneto (MSJ) pinned Connor Dolan (GC)
113-Adam Whitesell (GC) dec Owen Rill (MSJ), 10-4
120-Malik Woody (MSJ) dec Dale Tiongson (GC), 8-2
126-Zeke Salvo (MSJ) maj dec Bailey Thomas (GC), 13-2

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**Match started at 138*

138-Matt Kelly (GC) dec Colin Kowalski (GP), 5-1
145-Michael Sprague (GP) dec Paul Hutton (GP), 8-3
152-Garrett Neff (GC) dec Alec Boyle (GP), 2-1 OT
160-Peter Stefanelli (GC) dec Austin Muss (GP), 7-3
170-Donovan McAfee (GC) pinned Thomas Cirrito (GP)
182-Nick Miller (GC) pinned Bryant Boswell (GP)
195-Kevin Snyder (GC) pinned Thomas Gates (GP)
220-Peter Triandafilou (GP) maj dec Jalen Lea (GC), 12-2
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