

Maryland Independent School State Tournament Unfolds at McDonogh This Weekend

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Returning Champion Good Counsel Hopes to Hold off McDonogh, Win Second Straight Title

The team race at the Maryland Independent Schools State Tournament (MIS) features four of the state's top five teams in the latest rankings by the Maryland State Wrestling Association, No.1 McDonogh, No.2 Good Counsel, No.3 Mt. St. Joe, and No.5 John Carroll. No.7 Georgetown Prep, No.11 Loyola and No.14 Spalding look to make things interesting.

The toughest weight class in the tournament is 132. The state's top four grapplers will be in attendance, No.1 Jack Mutchnik (St. Paul's), No.2 Kevin Budock (Good Counsel), No.3 Tyshawn Williams (Curley), and Georgetown Prep's Colin Kowalski (No.4).

Mutchnik is a two-time state champion and runner-up as a freshman. The senior, who will be at American University next season, became a four-time MIAA Champion this past weekend. Mutchnik is a defending National Prep Champion (three-time placer, 4th and 5th) and a three-time PowerAde place-winner (8th, 8th, and 4th). He has two wins over Williams this year, the first in a dual meet (3-1 ot) and the MIAA final (2-1).

Budock won a state title last year as a freshman and was a National Prep runner-up. He is a two-time Ray Oliver champion, and was 6th at this year's Beast of the East. Budock placed at 7th the PowerAde as a freshman. Budock owns a 5-1win over defending 1A/2A state champion Jaiveion Turner (No.6, Cambridge-South Dorchester) in the St. Michael's Battle by the Bay final.

Williams, a junior, won a Nebraska State title as a freshman. He was 5th in the state and 6th at the National Preps last year. Williams won the War on the Shore crown with a 14-6 major-decision of Mt. St. Joe's Zeke Salvo. He beat Old Mill's Tanner Chaplain (126, No.6) 17-4 in the finals of Magruder's Mad Mats tournament.

Kowalski is a two-time state placer and runner-up last year at 113 to St. Paul's Ryan Friedman. He placed 7th at last year's National Preps. The junior was 3rd at St. Alban's last weekend in one of the toughest brackets of the tournament. He avenged a loss to Wyoming Seminary's Will Crisco from the Ironman with a 5-2 decision.

DeMatha's Shane Wilson (No.12) dropped to 132 from 138 and comes in as the 5th seed. He moved down for last weekend's St. Alban's Tournament and finished 6th. Wilson is a three-time state placer, and was 8th at the National Preps as a sophomore. Mt. St. Joe's Shawn Orem (No.20) is the 6th seed and looks to add a state placing to his successful freshman campaign. He was 3rd at the MIAAs with two wins over Loyola's Pat Smist, 6-2 and 7-4.

The 160lb weight class houses the top three grapplers in the state with No.1 Logan Breitenbach (Spalding), No.2 Sam Rowell (Mt. St. Joe), and No.3 Chris Almony (John Carroll).

Breitenbach, who will be attending Iowa State next year, is ranked 16th in the nation by Intermat. The returning state champion, and three-time state placer, won his second MIAA crown last weekend with a 13-3 major-decision of Rowell. Breitenbach is a two-time National Prep placer and was 3rd at the Beast of the East this year. He has claimed three Ray Oliver titles in his career, including this year.

Rowell beat Almony 7-2 in the MIAA semi-finals. The win avenged a 2-0 loss to Almony at the Beast of the East. Rowell, a two-time 3A/4A state placer at Reservoir, is looking for his first private school showing. He won the War on the Shore and placed 4th at Mount Mat Madness.

Almony is a two-time state placer. The Fargo All-American won a title at the Solanco Mule Classic in Pennsylvania. The Keystone State also hosts the ultra-tough Escape the Rock tournament where Almony placed 5th. He was the Mount Mat Madness (MMM) runner-up to Breitenbach.

No.10 Bobby Twigg received the 4th seed. Twigg is a two-time state placer. The senior, who missed last season, was 2nd at the Ray Oliver tournament.

Landon's Jarett Witzal (No. 22) recently dropped from 170 and was given the 5th seed. Witzal was 8th in the state at 152 last year. 6th seeded Justin Pank (St James, No.13) has had a solid season that includes a win over Williamsport's Kobe Baker (No.14) at the Hub Cup hosted by North Hagerstown.

No.23 Nick Moreno (Loyola, 7th seed) beat Curley's Fred Johnson in the finals of the Winters Mill tournament. Johnson is a two-time state placer. Boy's Latin's Rocco Bruno beat Johnson at the MIAA tournament to earn the 8th seed.

The 170lb final could be called the "Super-Star" bout, assuming it happens.

McDonogh's Myles Martin is ranked 5th in the country by InterMat. He will be seeking his second state title after finishing as a runner-up as a freshman. Martin is a two-time National Prep finalist, and one-time champion. The junior finished 2nd at this year's Ironman, losing to the InterMat's No.3 Anthony Valencia (St. John Bosco, CA). Martin was 3rd at the Ironman as a sophomore. This year he avenged his Beast of the East finals loss from last year to Central Dauphin's Garrett Peppelman (No.3 at 160 by InterMat) with a 3-2 victory over Peppelman to win his first Beast crown.

Josh Llopez (St. Mary's-Ryken) is the country's No.9 170lber according to InterMat. Llopez was a two-time 3A/4A State champion at La Plata, before transferring to Ryken last year. He is a two-time Ironman and Beast of the East placer. Llopez, who is headed to Maryland, defaulted to Martin in last year's National Prep final. Martin beat Llopez 12-5 at the Ironman in their only meeting this year. Lopez beat Martin in last year's Ray Oliver finals.

St. Paul's Connor Wagh (No.3) comes in as the 3rd seed. Wagh is a two-time MIAA runner-up and two-time state placer. The Bucknell recruit placed 6th as a junior and 4th this year at the PowerAde Tournament. Wagh pinned Boy's Latin's Evan Dohler (No.16) at the MIAA tournament last weekend.

No.14 Christian Scott (John Carroll), who was 5th at last year's state tournament, was 4th at the MIAAs at 182lbs. He beat Curley's two-time state placer Morgan McColgan (No.15) 3-0 in the consolation semi-finals at the MIAA tournament. Both guys dropped down to 170 and occupy the 4th and 5th seeds respectively. McColgan beat Dohler in a dual meet.

The 7th seeded Dohler was 6th in the state last year and 3rd at the MIAAs this year at 170. The senior beat No.17 Donovan McAfee (Good Counsel) 12-9 in a dual meet. McAfee (8th seed) had a big performance at this year's PowerAde, placing 8th. He finished 6th at 160 in the state last year.

138 is a grinder of a weight with three top five grapplers, and five in the top ten of the MSWA Rankings. No.1 Michael Sprague (Georgetown Prep) is looking for his first state title after being 5th, 4th, and 2nd the last three years. Sprague was 4th at the Beast of the East, and 2nd at the Ray Oliver Tournament. At Ray Oliver he beat

McDonogh's Sam Martino (No.8) 3-1, and lost to No.3 Matt Kelly (Good Counsel) 3-2 in the finals. Sprague defeated Kelly 2-1 in overtime at the Beast of the East, and 2-0 at St. Alban's where he was 2nd losing to Wyoming Seminary's Tyler Ponte 8-1.

Kelly, the 2nd seed, will be wrestling at Army next year. The two-time state placer was 7th at the PowerAde. Kelly has a 5-1 win over Martino from the Beast of the East. He is 2-1 vs. Matt Pente (Spalding, No.4) this season. Kelly won at Ray Oliver and in a dual meet; Pente beat Kelly at the Beast of the East.

Pente is headed to Maryland to ply his trade in the fall. Along with him he takes three state placements. Pente was 6th at the National Preps last season. He has beaten Martino three times this year (Ray Oliver, dual, MIAA). The four-time MIAA placer won his 1st MIAA title last weekend. This weekend Pente's eyes are set on the prize; winning his 1st state title.

Martino was 4th in the state last season at 126. He is a two-time MIAA and Ray Oliver award winner. The highly competitive Martino pulled off an upset of Curley's Corey Huntley (No.9) in the MIAA semi-finals with a fall at the 4:23 mark of the second period.

Huntley (5th seed) had a season for the ages as a sophomore, winning the MIAA, MIS, and National Prep titles. He had injury issues last year, and for a short stretch this year. When on the mat Huntley is one of the best wrestlers in the state, one that is capable of turning heads at the state tournament this weekend.

6th seeded Matt Wagner (Calvert Hall, No.13) finished 7th at last year's MIS tournament. He is a two-time MIAA place-winner. This year Wagner won titles at the John Carroll Early Bird, Parkville, and Damascus. At the Damascus tournament he beat No.17 Cory Obendorfer (Damascus) 3-2 in the finals. The senior has a 4-1 win over Georgetown Prep's Kowlaski.

195 is a weight with tons of intrigue as some of the top guys have lost to each other, and beaten others. Confusing? Yes! It was a hard weight class to seed. Based on the results, it wouldn't be a surprise to see any of the top four guys walk away with the title.

No.2 Dan Hawkins (Mt. St. Joe) beat Good Counsel's Kevin Snyder (No.3) at the Sharknado Duals. He lost to No.5 Garrett Pfeifer (Gilman) at MMM. Hawkins pinned No.6 Jake Nordhausen (Loyola) at the Spalding Duals. Snyder has beaten Pfeiffer two-times this year. Pfeiffer beat Nordhausen in overtime of an early season dual, last year Nordhausen beat Pfeiffer.

Future Navy Wrestler Hawkins is considered the favorite with the No.1 seed. His accomplishments far outweigh the rest in the field. Hawkins has placed at the Beast of the East two times, and was 3rd at National Preps last season. The two-time state placer, and three-time MIAA finisher, is a two-time War on the Shore champion and two-time award winner at Mount Mat Madness.

Snyder is the 2nd seed. He was third at PowerAde and won titles at Ray Oliver and the Battle of Manassas. Snyder placed 6th in the 1A/2A state tournament last year as a freshman for Century High. The third seed is Pfeiffer. The two-time state placer was runner-up at 182 at last week's MIAA Tournament (his third placing at MIAAs). He was a runner-up at Ray Oliver and finished 3rd at MMM.

Nordhausen was 2nd at MMM where he beat Centreville, Virginia's Tyler Love. Love beat Hawkins in the MMM quarter-finals. Nordhausen won the 220lb MIAA title last weekend to secure his 100th win. He upset McDonogh's Mike Smith in the ultimate tie-breaker of overtime in the finals.

The fifth seed is Georgetown Prep's No.11 Paul Triandafilou. Triandafilou was 5th at last year's MIS tournament. The Ray Oliver runner-up is a two-time IAC Conference champion. He was 2nd at last weekend's St. Alban's tournament losing to Snyder in the finals, 7-4. Hawkins beat Triandafilou at MMM 8-2.

120 is another one of those weights where guys have taken turns beating each other to muddy the picture.

Top Seeded Steven Simpson (St. Mary's-Ryken, No.1 by the MSWA) has won titles this year at War on the Shore, Lackey, Battle of Manassas, WCAC Conference, and St. Alban's. He has placed 6th and 4th at the last two Beast of the East tournaments. On the path to a 4th place finish this year he beat Mike Russo (St. Peter's Prep, NJ) 6-2, Russo beat Ryan Friedman 3-1. Simpson won a state title as a freshman with a win over Friedman in the finals. He was 3rd in the state last year, and has placed at the National Prep tournament two-times.

St. Paul's Friedman is ranked 2nd in the state and received the No.2 seed. The returning state champion has three trophies from the PowerAde Tournament (4th, 8th, and 8th). Friedman was a National Prep runner-up last year after finishing 3rd as a freshman. He is a one-time Beast of the East placer. He has two wins over Simpson, the first at National Preps to avenge the state final loss his freshman year and in last year's Battle of Manassas finals.

Georgetown Prep's Eric Hong (No.4) is a super freshman fresh off a double All-American performance at Fargo. He won the MMM crown, and IAC Conference title. Hong (3rd seed) was 3rd at Ray Oliver and 5th at the Beast of the East. He had an overtime win over Mt. St. Joe's Malik Woody at the Sharknado Duals.

The 4th seed, John Carroll's No.11 Austin Smith, is one of the more confounding wrestlers in the state. He has shown the ability to be a multiple time state champion, but also frustrated with sub-par showings. Smith beat Friedman at the Beast of the East. He lost to Loyola's Dominick Reyes in a dual meet. He was 8th at National Preps last year as a freshman. He is a state placer and two-time MIAA finisher. Smith has two wins over Woody this year (dual and MIAAs).

No.12 Woody has put together an impressive junior campaign and earned the 5th seed. He has placed at the MIS and MIAA tournaments two times. This year Woody was 2nd at the War on the Shore, 4th at Lackey, 3rd at MMM, and 3rd at MIAAs. Woody has two wins over both Reyes and Braeden Alvezizatos (Gilman), and a win over Good Counsel's Dale Tiongson (No.25) at the Sharknado Duals.

Reyes (No.17) is seeded 6th. He won a title at the Parkville Tournament and was runner-up at Winters Mills to Hunter Shelton (Leonardtown, No.16). Reyes also lost to Shelton this year at MMM. He beat Alvezizatos in a dual meet and at the MIAA tournament.

No.18 Alvezizatos comes in seeded 7th. He was 5th at MMM where he beat 1A/2A state placer Tyear Castle (Bohemia Manor, No.15). Castle beat Shelton in the MMM consolation quarter-finals. Alvezizatos was 5th at the MIAA tournament and beat fellow freshman Tiongson (8th seed) in the 3rd place match at the Battle of Manassas.

Top seeded Hunter Ritter (John Carroll, No.2) dropped to 182 for the MIS and National Prep Tournaments. Ritter is having a monster season with titles at the Solanco Mule Classic and MMM. He was third at the Beast of the East beating Mt. St. Joe's Hawkins in the 3rd place bout. Ritter was runner-up at the Escape the Rock tournament in Pennsylvania. Escape the Rock is one of the top 10 in-season high school tournaments in the country. The two-time National Prep All-American is looking for his second straight state title following a 5th place finish as a sophomore. Ritter won his second MIAA title last weekend with a 9-3 win over Hawkins.

Second seeded Bryce Pappas No.1 (St. Mary's) has two wins over Ritter from two years ago. As a sophomore he pinned Ritter in the states and won 5-0 at the National Preps. Pappas is a three-time state placer and won his first MIAA crown last week. He placed at the National Preps as a freshman and sophomore.

No.5 Nick Miller (Good Counsel) was a runner-up at Ray Oliver and the Battle of Manassas. He finished in 7th place at the PowerAde. Miller was 4th at the MIS tournament last year. This year he has two wins over No.8 Jacob Parker (Spalding), including an 11-3 major-decision.

Parker, the 4th seed, was 3rd at the MIAAs the last two years. He was third in the state last year and went on to place 8th at National Preps. Parker has placed at Mount Mat Madness two times. He is 5-1 vs. Mt. St. Joe's Logan Rill (No.11) this season. Parker won the championship at Lackey and placed 4th at Ray Oliver.

Rill has vastly improved since his freshman season and has had strong showings at quite a few tournaments this year. He was 3rd at War on the Shore and Lackey, 5th at the MIAA tournament, and 6th at MMM. At MMM he picked up his lone win of the season over Parker in the quarter-finals.

The 113lb weight class features five of the state's top ten wrestlers. No.2 Adam Whitesell (Good Counsel), No.3 TK Megonigal (McDonogh), Georgetown Prep's No.7 Ethan Krause, Mt. St. Joe's Owen Rill (No.8), and No.10 CJ Skokowski (John Carroll) occupy the top five seeds in that order.

Whitesell has placed in the state three times, and National Preps last year as a junior. He will be wrestling for the Terrapins of Maryland next year. His 6-1 win over Megonigal in the Ray Oliver finals earlier this season avenged two losses from last year. Whitesell, a two-time WCAC Conference and St. Alban's champion, placed 7th at the Beast of the East and 5th at the PowerAde this year.

Megonigal is a defending state champion and came in 3rd at the National Preps as a freshman. He won his second MIAA crown last weekend. The two-time Ray Oliver runner-up was 5th at the Beast of the East in December. This year Megonigal beat Krause 10-0 at the Beast and has two wins over both Rill and Skokowski. In addition to beating Whitesell at the National Preps last year, Megonigal beat him at the Ray Oliver tournament too.

Krause, a freshman, won the IAC Conference title and finished 4th at St. Alban's. He was 4th at Mount Mat Madness where he beat Skokowski 6-3. He beat Rill 4-3 at the Sharknado Duals. Krause also has wins over No.13 Gino Sita (Huntingtown) and No.14 Logan Wilson (DeMatha).

Rill transferred to Mt. St. Joe this year after spending the first two years of his high school career at North Carroll. He finished 2nd at the MIAA tournament and was 5th at MMM. Rill beat Skokowski twice this season.

Skokowski was a state runner-up as a freshman as well as the MIAA runner-up. He was 3rd at the MIAA tournament last week. Skokowski finished 2nd at the Solanco Mule Classic, 6th at MMM, and 8th at Escape the Rock. He has wins over Sita, No.16 Nick Malinowski (Boys Latin), and No.25 Kyle Trybus (Bohemia Manor) on the season.

The 6th seed is Wilson, a two-time WCAC runner-up, and one-time state placer. He placed 2nd at Damascus, 3rd at the War on the Shore, 5th at Meade, 5th at St. Alban's, and 6th at the Hub Cup. At the Damascus tournament he beat No.4 Justin Beckley (Williamsport). Wilson lost to Beckley in a rematch at the Hub Cup.

Malinowski, the 7th seed, placed 5th in the state at 106 last year. He is a two-time placer at the MIAA tournament. He brought home crowns from Parkville and Overlea. At Overlea he beat No.21 Brent Newcomer (Perry Hall) 7-1 in the finals. Malinowski pinned Kent Island's No.20 Justin Thomas in 45 seconds at MMM.

No.2 Zeke Salvo (Perry Hall), Bailey Thomas No.4 (Good Counsel), McDonogh's Quinn Devaney (No.8), No.9 Zach Dwyer (John Carroll), and No.10 Justin Chenault are among the state's top ten 126lbbers. They were given the top five seeds.

Salvo is looking to win his second state title. His first came as a sophomore at Perry Hall where he was also 3rd as a freshman in the 3A/4A state tournament. The future Brown University wrestler won his first MIAA title after finishing as a runner-up as a junior. Salvo won the MMM crown with a pin of Chenault in the finals, he was 3rd at MMM last season. Salvo has a 13-2 major-decision over Thomas and two wins over Devaney.

Thomas has excelled as a freshman picking up titles at Ray Oliver, St. Michael's Battle by the Bay, WCAC, and St. Alban's. At St. Michael's he beat No.7 Camden Fischer (Snow Hill) 7-6. Thomas beat Dwyer 13-1 in a dual meet. At St. Alban's he beat St. Christopher's tough William Kelly (VA) 5-1 in the finals.

Devaney is another freshman that is making his mark early on in his career. He pushed Salvo to the brink in their first meeting, losing 6-5 on a last second takedown. Devaney was 5th at Ray Oliver and 2nd at the MIAA Tournament. He beat Dwyer 2-1 in a dual meet and defeated Chenault 8-0 in the MIAA semi-finals.

Dwyer was 7th and 3rd in his first two state tournament trips. He has placed 3rd at the MIAA tournament all three years of his career. Dwyer was 8th at the National Preps his freshman year. This season he was 2nd at John Carroll's Early Bird, 4th at Solanco Mule Classic, and 4th at Mount Mat Madness. Dwyer lost to Chenault 2-0 in overtime in the MMM semi-finals. He avenged that loss in the MIAA 3rd place bout, beating Chenault 4-2 in overtime.

Chenault is a three-time MIAA placer, including two runner-up finishes as a freshman and sophomore. He placed 5th in the state both years. Chenault was 2nd at MMM, 3rd at St. Michael's, and 4th at the Lackey tournament.

145 has two of the state's pound-for-pound best wrestlers in the bracket, Bishop McNamara's Alfred Bannister and McDonogh's Cameron Harrell. The two met in the finals of the Ray Oliver tournament to kick the season off. Bannister won that bout 3-2. A rematch would be a huge treat for the spectators.

Bannister, who is ranked 7th in the nation by Intermat, became Maryland's all-time leader for high school wins earlier this season. He is looking for his 4th state title this weekend. Bannister is a four-time WCAC Conference and St. Alban's tournament champion. His junior campaign was one of extreme excellence. Bannister won his first Beast of the East and National Prep titles (he was 2nd at both as a sophomore) to cap an undefeated campaign. As a freshman Baby J, as he is known to most, was 8th at the Beast and 7th at National Preps. The University of Maryland recruit won his second Beast title and first MMM championship this year. Bannister also made his first trip to the nation's toughest in-season tournament, the Ironman. He lost 2-1 to the country's No.1 145lber, Micah Jordan (St. Paris Graham, OH).

No.2 Harrell won two 3A/4A state titles for Broadneck High before heading to McDonogh this year. The junior won his first MIAA crown with a 9-2 win over No.12 Austin Seivold (Calvert Hall). He was 5th at the Beast of the East. While at Broadneck Harrell was a two-time county and regional champ. He also won a title at last year's Mount Mat Madness tournament.

DeMatha's Lewis Riggs (No.15) is the 3rd seed at 145. Riggs beat Seivold in the 5th place match of the state tournament two years ago. He is a three-time WCAC Conference placer, and one-time champion. Riggs was the runner-up at St. Alban's to Bannister. The junior won the Damascus tournament, placed 3rd at Berkley Springs (WV) and Meade. Riggs did not place at the Hub Cup, losing to Williamsport's No.14 Sinjin Shoop who was unranked at the time.

Seivold is seeded 4th and has wins over No.18 Anthony Wyler (Boys Latin) and No.20 Mike Pearson. He beat Carver A&T's Malachi Burden (No.24) 10-8 in overtime to win the Parkville tournament. Seivold was 2nd at the MIAA tournament this year, his first ever placing at the tournament.

Sophomore Paul Hutton (Good Counsel, No.16) comes in as the 5th seed. Hutton was 6th in the state last year at 113 and has handled the jump in weight well. The two-time WCAC and St. Alban's placer beat Pearson at Ray Oliver where he finished 5th. Hutton won the Battle by the Bay tournament and finished 2nd at the Battle of Manassas.

The 6th seed is Wyler. He has placed 7th and 8th at the state tournament. Strangely enough, this year was the first time Wyler placed at the MIAA tournament (3rd). At the MIAA tournament he beat Pearson and No.21 Steve Jernigan (John Carroll). Wyler won the Overlea tournament this year.

Pearson, the 7th seed, picked up a win over 8th seeded Jernigan at the MIAA tournament.

No.1 Toby Hague (McDonogh) is highly favored to win the first state title of his career. Hague is a two-time state runner-up, and was 3rd as a freshman. The future Terrapin has placed at the National Prep tournament in all three of his trips, bringing home silver as a sophomore. Hague is also a three-time Ray Oliver champ and two-time MIAA champion. He placed 8th at the Ironman his sophomore year, and added a second Beast of the East placing to his resume in December.

Loyola's Walter Johnson (No.5) missed weight at last week's MIAA tournament, missing out on the chance to become a four-time MIAA place-winner. Johnson was 5th in the state last year, and 8th as a freshman. He won a title at the Parkville tournament and beat Glenelg's Mike Budock (No.15) in the Mount Mat Madness finals to become a two-time MMM placer.

Austin Ross (John Carroll, No.19) is looking to place at the state tournament for the first time. He was the MIAA runner-up last week to Hague. Ross took 6th at the Solanco Mule Classic and 4th at the William Penn (DE) tournament. He beat No.22 Brooks Lucier (St. Paul's) 13-4 in a dual meet, and bumped up to 160 at the McDonogh dual and pinned Bobby Twigg. Ross beat former 3A/4A state placer John Cross (Bel Air, No.20) at the Iron Horse Duals.

Lucier was 7th in the state last year at this weight. The 4th seed was 2nd at the Germantown Academy tournament and 6th at Christiansburg. Lucier beat state placer Daniel Medcalf (Severn), Calvert Hall's Noah Koski, and Curley's Kai Lee at the MIAA tournament.

There are four guys from the MSWA's top ten in the field at 220, No.2 Mike Smith (McDonogh), No.3 Mac Meehan (DeMatha), No.6 Patrick Stewart (Georgetown Prep), and Pallotti's Mansur Abdul-Malik (No.7).

Smith, a junior, has finished 4th in the state the last two years. He is a three-time Ray Oliver placer and two-time MIAA place-winner. He won the Ray Oliver crown this year pinning Georgetown Prep's Triandafilou in the finals. Smith beat Abdul-Malik 6-4 in the MIAA semi-finals.

Meehan was 3rd at 220 in the state last season. He won his first WCAC Conference and St. Alban's titles this year. Meehan captured the crown at the Damascus tournament with a 5-2 win over No.10 Kyle Lamond (Northern Calvert). He brought home gold from the Meade tournament and was 2nd at the War on the Shore.

Stewart was 5th in the state at 220 last year. He lost to Meehan 6-5 in the St. Alban's finals this year. Stewart has won the IAC conference crown twice, was third at Ray Oliver, and placed at MMM for the second time. He beat Abdul-Malik 6-5 this season.

Abdul-Malik spent some time at 195 this season before settling in at 220. He won the St. Michael's tournament where he beat Bel Air's Cyler Crawford (No.15) and picked up his second win of the year over Winters Mills' Jake Utz (No.8). Utz was 2nd in the 1A/2A state tournament at heavyweight last year. Abdul-Malik beat No.14 Andy Reininger (John Carroll) 3-2 for 3rd place at the MIAA tournament.

Reininger, a two-time MIAA award winner, comes in as the 5th seed. He won titles at North Carolina and the William Penn (DE) tournament, placed 5th at the Solanco Mule Classic, and was 6th at MMM. Reininger beat Crawford 8-5 at the Iron Horse Duals.

No.18 Jules DesRoches (Landon) is seeded 6th. He was 2nd at the IAC tournament (losing to Triandafilou 8-3), 3rd at Magruder, and 4th at St. Alban's. DesRoches beat No.25 TJ Patterson (Northwest-Montgomery Co.) 6-5 in the 3rd place bout at Magruder.

No.1 Wyatt Cook (McDonogh) received the top seed at 285. Cook, who missed his entire sophomore year due to injury, was 2nd in the state and 7th at the National Preps at 220 his freshman season. This year he won the Ray Oliver and MIAA titles (2nd at MIAAs as a freshman). Cook also placed at the two toughest high school tournaments in the country, the Ironman (5th) and Beast of the East (6th). He has three pins against Mt. St. Joe's Shane Lowman, and two wins over Kevin Sigwart (Curley).

Lowman (No.8) comes in as the 2nd seed. The two-time MIAA runner-up was 3rd in the state last season. Lowman won crowns at the War on the Shore and Lackey tournaments this year. He was 2nd at MMM (5th last year). He has two wins over Pallotti's Antonio Santoro, last year Santoro was 3-0 against Lowman.

No.9 Santoro has placed in the state tournament two times (8th as a soph. and 2nd as a junior). He won a MIAA title last year, this year he was 3rd at MIAAs (he beat Sigwart 9-0 in the consolation finals). Santoro brought home the championship from St. Michael's this year. The senior was 3rd at Mount Mat Madness and 4th at Lackey.

No.22 Sigwart, a junior, placed at every tournament he entered this season including winning the championship at Winters Mill. He was 3rd at Magruder, 4th at the War on the Shore, and 4th at A.I. DuPont in Delaware. Sigwart was 4th at the MIAA tournament the last two seasons, and placed 5th at the state tournament as a sophomore.

The top two 106lb's in the state reside in the bracket and occupy the top two seeds. Freshman Daniel Planta (St. Paul's, No.1) and No.2 Michael Doetsch (Severn) had an epic battle in the finals of the MIAA tournament. Planta won the bout 3-2 in overtime.

Planta also won the Germantown Academy tournament where he beat Blair's Zach Sherman (NJ) 5-1 in the finals. He was 2nd at Christiansburg and 6th at the PowerAde.

Doetsch won titles at Ray Oliver and Meade this year. He was a MMM runner-up after finishing 5th as a freshman. Doetsch has two wins over Boys Latin's Kahlan Lee-Lermer on the year (MMM and MIAAs).

No.13 Lee-Lermer, the 3rd seed, won crowns at Parkville and Overlea this year. He was 4th at MMM (where he split matches with Bohemia Manor's No.12 Cody Trybus) and 3rd at the MIAA tournament. Lee-Lermer has wins over Spalding's Nick Goray (4th seed) and 5th seeded Mike McCabe (John Carroll). Goray and McCabe have beaten 6th seeded Vince Oneto (Mt. St. Joe).