

# **Private School Grapplers Dominate All-Star Match**

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## ***Sprague Wins Battle of Three State Champions***

The Maryland State Wrestling Association's Haswell M. Franklin Senior All-Star Classic provides a final showcase for the state's top senior wrestlers. Fans gathered in the Gill Center Gymnasium at McDaniel College were once again treated to some great wrestling.

The event is more about the individual matchups than team scores, nonetheless the private school squad won both dual meets in convincing fashion; 40-25 over the 3A/4A squad and 54-12 over the 1A/2A squad. The 3A/4A team outpointed the 1A/2A crew 42-22.

The 138lb weight class featured all three state champions, the only class to do so. Georgetown Prep's Michael Sprague (No.1 in the latest rankings by the Maryland State Wrestling Association) showed why he has been the state's top ranked 138lber all year.

Sprague, a National Prep Champion, met Catoclin's State Champion Wayne Wivell (No.7) in his first match of the night. Sprague put on a strong performance that lacked flash, but was clinical in its approach. He was always in great position and controlled all facets of the match walking away with a 7-2 decision.

Next up for Sprague was the 3A/4A State Champion No.2 Stanley Proctor (Annapolis). Sprague put on an almost identical performance by again controlling all positions of the match. He went on to blank Proctor 5-0. The performance earned Sprague the Outstanding Lightweight award.

There were some great scrambles in Proctor's match with Wivell. The first period ended with Proctor up 2-0. Wivell chose down to start the second period and proceeded to escape. He would go on to throw Proctor to his back and pick up the fall at the 3:38 mark of the second period.

Mt. St. Joe's No.2 Zeke Salvo, who is headed to Brown in the fall, gained a bit of revenge as he was able to turn the tables on Oakdale's two-time state champion No.1 Anthony Savage and pick up a 7-4 win. Savage beat Salvo 4-3 at the Spalding Duals in January. Salvo, also a two-time state champion, started the match out big, hitting a lateral drop just seconds into the match for a 5-0 lead. The National Prep All-American wrestled a solid, smart match from that point on to secure the victory.

No.3 Adam Whitesell (Good Counsel) made a big splash with an 18-3 technical-fall over state runner-up Jarrett Arnold (Chopticon, No.10). Whitesell, a four-time state placer and two-time National Prep All-American, was impressive from the get go, never giving Arnold a chance to get anything going. The future Maryland Terrapin completed the tech-fall just 29 seconds into the third period.

Two-time National Prep Champion Jack Mutchnik (St. Paul's, No.1) tweaked his hamstring during warm-ups but was still able to come out of the event unscathed. His match with the always tough Mason Kilcarr (Reservoir, No.5) was one of the better bouts of the meet. Mutchnik, a two-time state champion who is going to American University, had a couple of nice takedowns to power his 7-5 win over the 3A/4A State Champion.

In his first match of the night Mutchnik made quick work of Liberty's state runner-up Joe Kuegler (No.7), picking up the fall just 1:15 into the first period.

Kilcarr also dropped Kuegler with a fall at the 1:17 mark of the first period.

Maryland recruit Alfred Bannister, the career wins record holder in Maryland with 272, was challenged a bit by three-time state runner-up Brendon Colbert (North Hagerstown, No.4). While the bout was never in doubt, Colbert kept coming at Bannister and put up quite a fight versus the two-time National Prep and Beast of the East Champion. The four-time state champion from Bishop McNamara defeated Colbert 11-6.

McDonogh's No.1 Toby Hague, a four-time National Prep All-American, won his first state title this year after twice being a runner-up. He beat Wilde Lake's Malik Jackson (No.4), a state runner-up and three-time placer, 8-5. Hague, who will be attending Maryland, pinned Catocin's Pat Guilday (No.11) just 45 seconds into their match.

Guilday pulled off a surprising upset when he took out Jackson with an 8-1 decision.

At 160 No.1 Logan Breitenbach (Spalding) dominated the competition earning two technical-falls and the Outstanding Heavyweight award. Breitenbach, who will be attending Iowa State next year, is a two-time state champion and a three-time National Prep placer. He earned the tech-fall over No.7 Ray Jones (Parkdale) mid-way through the match in 3:27. Breitenbach defeated Century's state-runner-up Wes Dantzler (No.9) 19-4.

Dantzler pinned Jones at the 2:25 mark of the second period in their meeting.

Perryville's Chris Brown (No.4) won his first state title this year after being a two-time runner-up. He faced No.11 Nick Davis a two-time state placer for Northwest of Montgomery County. It was a hard fought match that saw Brown edge Davis by the narrowest of margins, 3-2.

La Plata's Anthony Cable (No.5) was another first time champion this year. He was a runner-up as a junior. Cable defeated Boys Latin's No.18 Evan Dohler 5-3 and Kent's two-time state placer Justin Peacock (No.6) 3-2.

Dohler, a two-time state placer, pulled off an upset when he edged Peacock, the 1A/2A state runner-up, 5-4.

No.4 Jake Pooton (South Carroll) captured his first state crown this year. The three-time state placer beat St. Mary's Bryce Pappas (No.2) in overtime, 4-2. Pooton beat 3A/4A State Champion Jared Rodriguez (No.7) of Howard 13-3.

Pappas, a four-time state placer and three-time National Prep placer, pinned No.8 JD McKoy (North Hagerstown) in the first period, 1:18. McKoy lost to Rodriguez 5-4 in the 3A/4A state finals.

National Prep and State Champion Dan Hawkins (Mt. St. Joe, No.1) is headed to Navy next fall. He pinned River Hill's state champion Logan Kirby (No.3) in 58 seconds. Hawkins also dropped Marriotts Ridge's 1A/2A state placer Chris Park (No.15) in the first period in just 21 seconds.

Harvard recruit Kirby, also a two-time state runner-up, beat Park 9-1 in a rematch of the Howard County final, also won by Kirby.

Two-time state champion Cory Daniel (River Hill, No.1) collected two major-decisions on the night. The future North Carolina grappler defeated Georgetown Prep's National Prep All-American Patrick Stewart (No.4) 13-5 and 1A/2A state runner-up Eric Eckstein (Patterson Mill, No.10) 20-9.

Stewart picked up his own major-decision over Eckstein, 12-3.

No.2 Dalonte Holland (Huntingtown) came out on top of a battle between public school state champions when he beat North Caroline's Brion Blades (No.3) 6-2. Holland also defeated Pallotti's two-time state runner-up by fall at the 3:42 mark of the second period.

No.8 Santoro upset Blades, pinning him with seven seconds left in the first period.

No.12 Quy Tran (Springbrook) placed fourth in the 3A/4A state tournament. Mt. St. Joe's Vinnie Oneto was eighth at the private school state tournament. 106lbs doesn't feature many seniors so the 1A/2A slot was filled by a wrestler who did not place at the state tournament, Ben Carrier (Southern-AA).

Tran pinned Oneto and beat Carrier 11-3. Carrier defeated Oneto 8-3.

Some of the spots were filled with guys wrestling out of their weight classes. These matches were treated as forfeits towards the team scores, and then wrestled as exhibition matches.

Whitesell won by major-decision, 10-1, over Elkton's two-time state placer Timmy Taylor (No.13 at 120). Taylor, headed to SUNY Oneonta, picked up a major-decision of his own beating Arnold 10-2.

Boys Latin's Hunter Cotsoradis (no.20 at 126) is a two-time state placer. He dropped matches to Davis (fall in 1:02) and Brown (15-0).

Perry Hall's No.13 DJ Grindle made it to the podium at the state tournament for the first time in his career this year (4<sup>th</sup> at 132). He beat Stephen Decatur's Nate Rosenblatt 14-2 and lost to Salvo by fall.

No.13 Jake Trybus a three-time state placer for Bohemia Manor moved up to 145 and took on Bannister and Colbert. Unfortunately he came up short in both matches.

**\*\*\*Editor's Note\*\*\***

I would like to thank the MSWA and the wrestling community for honoring me with the Gregory Kane Journalist Award. It was a very nice and greatly appreciated surprise.

**Private Schools 40 - 3A/4A 25**

106-Quy Tran (Springbrook) pinned Vinnie Oneto (Mt. St. Joe), 4:39  
113-Adam Whitesell (Good Counsel) tech-fall Jarrett Arnold (Chopticon), 18-3 (4:29)  
120-Nick Davis (Northwest-Montgomery) won by forfeit  
126-Zeke Salvo (Mt. St. Joe) pinned Nate Rosenblatt (Stephen Decatur), 3:43  
132-Jack Mutchnik (St. Paul's) dec Mason Kilcarr (Reservoir), 7-5  
138-Michael Sprague (Georgetown Prep) dec Stanley Proctor (Annapolis), 5-0  
145-Alfred Bannister (Bishop McNamara) dec Brendon Colbert (North Hagerstown), 11-5  
152-Toby Hague (McDonogh) dec Malik Jackson (Wilde Lake), 8-5  
160-Logan Breitenbach (Spalding) tech-fall Ray Jones (Parkdale), 20-5 (3:27)  
170-Anthony Cable (La Plata) dec Evan Dohler (Boys Latin), 5-3  
182-Bryce Pappas (St. Mary's) pinned JD McKoy (North Hagerstown), 1:59  
195-Dan Hawkins (Mt. St. Joe) pinned Logan Kirby (River Hill), :58  
220-Cory Daniel (River Hill) maj-dec Patrick Stewart (Georgetown Prep), 13-5  
285-Dalonte Holland (Huntingtown) pinned Antonio Santoro (Pallotti), 3:42

**Private Schools 54 - 1A/2A 12**

106-Ben Carrier (Southern-AA) dec Vinnie Oneto (Mt. St. Joe), 8-3  
113-Adam Whitesell (Good Counsel) won by forfeit  
120-Chris Brown (Perryville) won by forfeit  
126-Zeke Salvo (Mt. St. Joe) dec Anthoney Savage (Oakdale), 7-4  
132-Jack Mutchnik (St. Paul's) pinned Joe Kuegler (Liberty), 1:15  
138-Michael Sprague (Georgetown Prep) dec Wayne Wivell (Catocin), 7-2  
145-Alfred Bannister (Bishop McNamara) won by forfeit  
152-Toby Hague (McDonogh) pinned Pat Guilday (Catocin), :45  
160-Logan Breitenbach (Spalding) tech-fall Wes Dantzler (Century), 19-4  
170-Evan Dohler (Boys Latin) dec Justin Peacock (Kent), 5-4  
182-Jake Pooton (South Carroll) dec Bryce Pappas (St. Mary's), 4-2 OT  
195-Dan Hawkins (Mt. St. Joe) pinned Chris Park (Marriotts Ridge), :21  
220-Patrick Stewart (Georgetown Prep) maj-dec Eric Eckstein (Patterson Mill), 12-3  
285-Antonio Santoro (Pallotti) pinned Brion Blades (North Caroline), 1:53

### **3A/4A 42 - 1A/2A 22**

106-Quy Tran (Springbrook) maj-dec Ben Carrier (Southern-AA), 11-3  
113-Jarrett Arnold (Chopticon) won by forfeit  
120-Chris Brown (Perryville) dec Nick Davis (Northwest-Montgomery), 3-0  
126-Nate Rosenblatt (Stephen Decatur) won by forfeit  
132-Mason Kilcarr (Reservoir) pinned Joe Kuegler (Liberty), 1:17  
138-WayneWivell (Catoctin) pinned Stanley Proctor (Annapolis), 3:38  
145-Brendon Colbert (North Hagerstown) won by forfeit  
152-Pat Guilday (Catoctin) dec Malik Jackson (Wilde Lake), 8-1  
160-Wes Dantzler (Century) pinned Ray Jones (Parkdale), 2:25  
170-Anthony Cable (La Plata) dec Justin Peacock (Kent), 3-2  
182-Jake Pooton (South Carroll) maj-dec Jared Rodriguez (Howard), 13-3  
195-Logan Kirby (River Hill) maj-dec Chris Park (Marriotts Ridge), 9-1  
220-Cory Daniel (River Hill) maj-dec Eric Eckstein (Patterson Mill), 20-9  
285-Dalonte Holland (Huntingtown) dec Brion Blades (North Caroline), 6-2

### **Exhibition Matches**

113-Adam Whitesell (Good Counsel) maj-dec Timmy Taylor (Elkton), 10-1  
113-Timmy Taylor (Elkton) maj-dec Jarrett Arnold (Chopticon), 10-2  
120-Nick Davis (Northwest-Montgomery) pinned Hunter Cotsoradis (Boys Latin), 1:02  
120-Chris Brown (Perryville) tech-fall Hunter Cotsoradis (Boys Latin), 15-0 (4:24)  
126-Zeke Salvo (Mt. St. Joe) pinned DJ Grindle (Perry Hall), 3:43  
126-DJ Grindle (Perry Hall) maj-dec Nate Rosenblatt (Stephen Decatur), 14-2  
145-Alfred Bannister (Bishop McNamara) pinned Jake Trybus (Bohemia Manor), 1:47  
145-Brendon Colbert (North Hagerstown) maj-dec Jake Trybus (Bohemia Manor), 15-6

### **Video Links:**

113-Adam Whitesell (Good Counsel) vs Jarrett Arnold  
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VcNbmE96mrc>

126-Zeke Salvo vs Anthoney Savage  
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wsTasl7cYq0>

126-Zeke Salvo vs DJ Grindle  
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w1K94SBYWUA>

126/132-DJ Grindle vs Nate Rosenblatt  
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dLXRrglpLPs>

132-Jack Mutchnik vs Mason Kilcarr  
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=95UGBLW7WGO>

138-Michael Sprague vs Wayne Wivell  
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=817NaOezJQs>

138-Michael Sprague vs Stanley Proctor  
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7zS0RbBIOpM>

138-Wayne Wivell vs Stanley Proctor  
[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cMN1cm\\_tdUk](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cMN1cm_tdUk)

145-Alfred Bannister vs Brendon Colbert  
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mAeJurHJ8z4>

152-Toby Hague vs Malik Jackson  
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AMeXQaFY-P8>

160-Logan Breitenbach vs Wes Dantzler  
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=29b33TVT-IA>

182-Jake Pooton vs Bryce Pappas  
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BSKocvtiE8Y>

285-Dalonte Holland vs Brion Blades  
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2MQWSovdjWQ>