

Jaguar Grapplers Secure Title at 17th Annual Grapple at the Brook

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Northwest's Ngonga Voted Outstanding Wrestler

Montgomery County's Northwest High School captured the team title at the 17th Battle of the Brook hosted by Springbrook on Saturday outpointing runner-up Reservoir by 10.5 points (192.5 to 182). The Jaguars had four wrestlers reach the finals, crowning three champions.

Bringing home titles were Dell Ngonga (113), Hassan Garrison (138), and TJ Patterson (220). Ngonga didn't spend much time on the mat this weekend. His longest match came in the quarter-finals when he flattened Springbrook's Billy Madden in one minute and 40 seconds.

Neither of Ngonga's final two opponents lasted a minute. Reservoir's Dalton Kleinheim saw his semi-final meeting end at the 43 second mark of the first period. In the finals Ngonga pinned Clarksburg's Nick Gonzalez in 45 seconds. The impressive performance earned Ngonga the Outstanding Wrestler Award.

"It feels pretty good," said Ngonga. "This was my first time ever getting it at this tournament, and ever at any tournament. I just tried to stay aggressive and do what I know best."

Ngonga, currently ranked No.6 at 113lbs by the Maryland State Wrestling Association, is looking to improve upon his state runner-up performance at last year's 3A/4A State Tournament.

"(I'm) keeping my mind focused," Ngonga added. "I'm just looking forward to the state tournament trying to envision it (a state title) in my head and work hard every day in practice leading up to it."

Heavyweight Max Hughes had to settle for the silver medal after dropping an 8-4 decision in the finals to Charlie Siarkas (Sherwood, No.16 by the MSWA). Bringing home bronze for Northwest were Kyle Fein (106) and No.13 Mauro Beteta (152).

Matt Gent (126) and Khalil Owens (170) took fifth place for the Jaguars. Finishing in sixth place were Nick Giannascoli (160) and Joey Davis (182).

"We needed that (the team title)," Northwest Head Coach Joe Vukovich said. "We've had an up and down season. We've had some injuries, some kids in and out of the lineup here and there, but we're starting to bring it together."

"We finished third at Magruder (Mad Mats Tournament), finished second at the QO Duals (Quince Orchard's Cougar Claus Duals), so this is nice to get a win in a tournament. I think we're more of a stronger tournament team than a dual meet team so this was a nice win for us. We had a strong showing in the finals with three wins. I'm happy with that."

Reservoir's second place performance was powered by four finalists and two champions. The Kilcarr brothers, Troy (126) and Trent (132), earned gold medals while Stephen Sims (170) and Shawn Hamilton (195) came up short in their title quests.

Troy Kilcarr (No.15) put on an impressive display in the finals earning a 9-0 major decision over No.19 Andrew Shiman (Walt Whitman). Bother Trent (No.10) was even more impressive in the finals and throughout the tournament. He stopped McLean's Eric Johnston at the 4:55 mark of the third period after earning an 11-0 major decision and a first period fall en route to the finals.

Also earning awards for the Gators were No.18 Dalton Kelinheim (3rd at 113), Tyler Ecker (220, 3rd), and Todd Del Tufo (145, 4th). Jeremiah Branch (152) and Andrew Maleta (285) came in fifth place.

Delaware's Cape Henlopen (3rd, 173 points) had a tournament high five finalists, but the Vikings were only able to crown two champions. Grabbing gold were Emerson Fajardo (106) and JJ Currie (160, No.4 in the DE state rankings).

Fajardo, honorable mention in the DE rankings, was a participant in what was one of the more exciting bouts of the final round. He overcame an early deficit to beat No.2 Andrew Frumkin (Sherwood) in overtime 7-5.

Finishing second for Cape Henlopen were Max Norquest (120), Nick Diego (145), and Tray Bailey (220).

Walt Whitman finished in fourth place with 140 points. No.11 Mitch Fenton (145) made quick work of Diego in the finals, securing the fall with a cradle just 1:15 into the bout.

In addition to Shiman (126, 2nd), six other Vikings made their way to the placement rounds. Ezra Alexander took third at 170lbs and Hamoon Shokoohinia was fourth at 152lbs. Placing fifth for Walt Whitman were Marcos Solloso (160), Connor Barrett (182), and Zach Salem-Mackall (195). Heavyweight John Vipulis finished in the sixth spot.

Rounding out the top five was host Springbrook with 139.5 points. The Blue Devils had two grapplers reach the finals and came away with one champion.

No.9 Loussouba Toufdy (182) earned his first Battle at the Brook title with a 5-0 decision over Great Mill's Zack Teston.

"Well it's not an easy tournament, I can say that," Toufdy said. "I'm proud. I'm real proud and real honored to win it because a lot of my teammates have been with me through the summer, through four years of training just to get here and try to win it."

In the 152lb final Aaron Roberston (No. 18) lost by technical-fall 17-1 to McClean's Connor Grammes. Grammes is currently ranked No.2 in Virginia's 6A division.

Other placewinners for Springbrook were Nick Kilby (3rd, 126), Adib Afnan (4th, 132), Jordy Baltodano (4th, 160), Patrick O'Hearn (5th, 120), Odir Guevera (5th, 138), Christian Balmoris (6th, 106), and Ricardo Banos-Flores (6th, 220).

McLean captured two other gold medals in addition to Connor Grammes', Brendan Grammes (120) and Mack McCune (170) made it to the top of the podium. The Highlanders' three champions tied Northwest for the most of any teams at the event.

Fallston's No.22 Gabe Wagner (195) picked up a fall at the 2:35 mark of the second period to round out the tournament champions.

Team Scores

1. Northwest 192.5
2. Reservoir 182
3. Cape Henlopen (DE) 173
4. Whitman 140
5. Springbrook 139.5
6. McLean 137.5
7. Fallston 121.5
8. Clarksburg 109
9. Roosevelt 98
10. Sherwood 96
11. Great Mills 69
12. Long Reach 52
13. Atholton 48.5
14. Gaithersburg 31.5

Finals

- 106-Emerson Fajardo (Cape Henlopen) dec Andrew Frumkin (Sherwood), 7-5 OT
113-Dell Ngonga (Northwest) pinned Nick Gonzalez (Clarksburg), :45
120-Brendan Grammes (McLean) pinned Max Norquest (Cape Henlopen), 3:02
126-Troy Kilcarr (Reservoir) maj dec Andrew Shiman (Walt Whitman), 9-0
132-Trent Kilcarr (Reservoir) pinned Eric Johnston (McLean), 4:55
138-Hassan Garrison (Northwest) dec Logan Ziervogel (Fallston), 11-9 OT
145-Mitch Fenton (Walt Whitman) pinned Nick Diego (Cape Henlopen), 1:15
152-Connor Grammes (McLean) T-fall Aaron Robertson (Springbrook), 17-1
160-JJ Currie (Cape Henlopen) dec Matt Gilbert (Long Reach), 4-2
170-Mack McCune (McLean) dec Stephen Sims (Reservoir), 7-0
182-Loussouba Toufdy (Springbrook) dec Zack Teston (Great Mills), 5-0
195-Gabe Wagner (Fallston) pinned Shawn Hamilton (Reservoir), 2:35
220-TJ Patterson (Northwest) pin Tray Bailey (Cape), 1:47
285-Charlie Siarkas (Sherwood) dec Max Hughes (Northwest), 8-4

Third Place

- 106-Kyle Fein (Northwest) dec Devin Hyman (Fallston), 5-3
113-Dalton Kleinhenn (Reservoir) Maj dec Josh Ford (Fallston), 15-2
120-Nick Epstein (Long Reach) pinned Donavyn Hohman (Fallston), 2:11
126-Nick Kilby (Springbrook) dec Danny Rayes (McLean), 3-1
132-Ricky Bryant (Eleanor Roosevelt) dec Adib Afnan (Springbrook), 8-1
138-Ethan Press (Clarksburg) pinned Alec Lewin (Atholton), 2:43
145-Lucas Kraft (Clarksburg) dec Todd Del Tufo (Reservoir), 3-1
152-Mauro Beteta (Northwest) Maj dec Hamoon Shokoohinia (Walt Whitman), 8-0
160-Gavin Legg (McLean) dec Jordy Baltodano (Springbrook), 7-3
170-Ezra Alexander (Walt Whitman) Maj dec Cory Lawson (Cape Henlopen), 17-5
182-Joel Torres (Cape Henlopen) dec Juwan Rodriguez (Eleanor Roosevelt), 10-5
195-Chibueze Onuwaka (Eleanor Roosevelt) dec Chris Moorman (Gaithersburg)
220-Tyler Ecker (Reservoir) Maj dec Daniel Oh (Clarksburg), 16-6
285-Zack Fiscus (Clarksburg) dec Emerson Schaeffer (Great Mills), 5-4

Fifth Place

- 106-Stephen Frazier (Atholton) pinned Christian Balmoris (Springbrook)
113-Kanan Mehta (Eleanor Roosevelt) FFT Willie Hampton (Atholton)
120-Patrick O'Hearn (Springbrook) dec Chase Wilson (Sherwood), 11-4
126-Matt Gent (Northwest) dec Samir Salih (Eleanor Roosevelt), 8-5
132-Logan Ring (Clarksburg) dec Matt Piner (Cape Henlopen), 5-3
138-Odir Guevara (Springbrook) pinned Josh Lancaster (Long Reach), 4:56
145-Zack Kauffman (Fallston) pin Ryan Hale (Sherwood), 2:29
152-Jeremiah Branch (Reservoir) FFT Kaden Greenlee (Cape Henlopen)
160-Marcos Solloso (Walt Whitman) dec Nick Giannascoli (NW), 7-0
170-Khalil Owens (Northwest) FFT Tamakloe (Gaithersburg)
182-Connor Barrett (Walt Whitman) dec Joey Davis (Northwest), 3-2
195-Zach Salem-Mackall (Walt Whitman) pinned Delante Briscoe (Great Mills), 4:02
220-Sean Levey (Sherwood) pinned Ricardo Banos-Flores (Springbrook), :42
285-Andrew Maleta (Reservoir) dec John Vipulis (Walt Whitman), 3-0

FINALS VIDEOS (Not All Matches Were Recorded)

113-Dell Ngonga vs Nick Gonzalez

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nXa6HKUjJso>

126-Troy Kilcarr vs Andrew Shiman

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mu_iYIEFKyU

132-Trent Kilcarr vs Eric Johnston

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N_9Oil1ExdQ

145-Mitch Fenton vs Nick Diego

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LF-vpynVy3Q>

195-Gabe Wagner vs Shawn Hamilton

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mKlKksmuKM>