

## **McDonogh Uses Run in the Upper Weights to Outlast Mt. St. Joe**

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### ***Eagles win Five Straight Bouts in the Middle of the Dual Meet, Gain Lead They Would Not Relinquish***

McDonogh (No. 1 in the latest rankings by the Maryland State Wrestling Association) came into the Smith Center on the Campus of Mt. St. Joe on Friday night knowing there was a slim margin for error. The Eagles' strength is in their upper weights, while No.6 Mt. St. Joe is strong in the lower weights. But a few of the weights were toss-ups. McDonogh was able to win two of those "swing" matches which propelled them to a 31-23 victory.

At 170lbs Andrew Hurdle wrestled a solid match en route to a 5-2 win over the Gaels' Joey Lucas. The other swing match the Eagles grabbed was at 182. McDonogh's Brandon Shure was so evenly matched with Jimmy Lucas the match went into overtime. In fact, it almost went through the first set of overtime periods, but Shure was able to escape for the 2-1 win after he took the down position in the third overtime frame.

"We worked it out probably seven different ways, and it was very close to every one of those but not quite what we thought," McDonogh Coach Pete Welch said. "It coulda gone either way at any point. Some of our younger guys stepping up and winning OT matches was huge for our team. It kinda gave us momentum going into the lower weights where we knew they were strong."

"It was a good match. They're a good team. There's some really good competition in our league so it's gonna be fun coming down the stretch."

The match played out with no real surprises. It was clear from the get go the referee had no intentions of putting himself in position to possibly dictate the outcome of the match. Stall calls were virtually non-existent throughout the entire meet even though there were many cases of blatant stalling, and a defensive fall was missed in the opening bout.

The dual meet kicked off at 132 with No.2 Quinn Devaney squaring off against Mt. St. Joe's Shawn Orem (No.9). Orem caught Devaney on his back attempting to execute a tilt, but was not awarded the defensive fall (see video below). Devaney would go on to secure a 9-6 victory.

Freshman Jahki Hilton got the Gaels on the board with a 10-4 decision over Alexander Kline at 138lbs. No.3 Sam Martino swung the match back in the Eagles' favor with a 5-1 win over No.14 Neil Schuster.

Mt. St. Joe chose to forfeit to No.1 Cameron Harrell at 152 pushing McDonogh's lead to 12-3. Harrell, a senior who is headed to Virginia, is ranked No.6 in the country by FloWrestling. He was fourth at the Ironman and third at the Beast of the East this season.

Mt. St. Joe's Sam Rowell (No.3) secured a fall over Michael Shinsky at the 1:20 mark of the first period to pull the Gaels within three, 12-9.

At this point the Eagles reeled off five consecutive victories to take a lead the Gaels would not surpass. After securing wins at 170 and 182, No.1 Myles Martin stepped on the mat for McDonogh. The future Ohio State grappler made quick work of Tyler Woodward gaining the fall 1:24 into the match. Martin, ranked 2<sup>nd</sup> in the nation by Flo, was a runner-up at the Ironman for the second year in a row and won his second consecutive Beast of the East title in December.

Mt. St. Joe bumped Logan Rill (No.5 at 195) up to 220 to face No.1 Mike Smith. The move almost paid off as Rill took the Ironman and Beast of the East placer into overtime. Smith, who is headed to Navy in the fall, was able to escape after he chose the bottom position for a 2-1 win.

Heavyweight Wyatt Cook (No.1) returned to the mat for McDonogh at last week's Gilman Duals. The senior is not yet in top form as he slowed the pace of the match down considerably as time ticked off the clock. Still though, he was able to get a 13-0 major-decision over Alex Barnabae to put the Eagles up 31-9.

The scoring was over for McDonogh at this point, and the win was still there for the Gaels to grab if they could get all pins to close the dual meet.

No.13 Pat Langeluttig came out on fire in the 106lb bout scoring a takedown and quickly putting McDonogh's Aidan Welsh on his back. There was some confusion next as the referee inexplicably stopped the match. Even the Eagle grappler seemed puzzled by the stoppage. Langeluttig was working a double arm bar, and was inches from securing the fall. The referee awarded him four back points as the scream rule dictates, but no one in the gym heard a scream.

Mt. St. Joe had to settle for an 8-0 major-decision to put the score at 31-13. The outright win was no longer on the table, but a tie was still possible.

No.9 Cody Trybus tried everything he possibly could to get the fall the Gaels needed to keep their hopes alive, but Karl Lindsey was allowed to stall throughout the match. The McDonogh grappler was issued a stall warning in the second period, but nothing after. Trybus had to settle for a 14-3 major-decision. The score was now 31-17 in favor of McDonogh, and the win was secured.

Mt. St. Joe's Kyle Trybus (No.1) faced No.14 Caden Mareno in the 120lb match. Trybus registered a 7-3 win. No.4 Malik Woody was next up for the Gaels at 126. He faced freshman Grant Gorvett who gave the senior a good fight before falling 8-3. The win brought Mt. St. Joe within eight of McDonogh, 31-23.

"The match lived up to the expectations of both coaches," said Mt. St. Joe Coach Harry Barnabae. "We knew it was going to be close, knew it was going to be tight. Every match was a battle and I don't think we disappointed anybody."

“I was proud of our kids. I was proud of their effort, proud of the work they put in. Our seniors stepped it up, our freshman stepped it up. My son Alex went out there and wrestled great. Not many people make it through the first period with Wyatt Cook, let alone three periods.”

### **McDonogh 31, Mt. St. Joe 23**

*(Match started at 132)*

132-Quinn Devaney (McD) dec Shawn Orem (MSJ), 9-6  
138-Jahki Hilton (MSJ) dec Alexander Kline (McD), 10-4  
145-Sam Martino (McD) dec Neil Schuster (MSJ), 5-1  
152-Cameron Harrell (McD) won by Forfeit  
160-Sam Rowell (MSJ) pinned Michael Shinsky (McD), 1:20  
170-Andrew Hurdle (McD) dec Joey Lucas (MSJ), 5-2  
182-Brandon Shure (McD) dec Jimmy Lucas (MSJ), 2-1 OT  
195-Myles Martin (McD) pinned Tyler Woodard (MSJ), 1:24  
220-Mike Smith (McD) dec Logan Rill (MSJ), 2-1 OT  
285-Wyatt Cook (McD) maj-dec Alex Barnabae (MSJ), 13-0  
106-Pat Langeluttig (MSJ) maj-dec Aidan Welsh (McD), 8-0  
113-Cody Trybus (MSJ) maj-dec Karl Lindsey (McD), 13-3  
120-Kyle Trybus (MSJ) dec Caden Mareno (McD), 7-3  
126-Malik Woody (MSJ) dec Grant Gorvett (McD), 8-3

### **Videos (not all matches were recorded)**

132-Quinn Devaney vs Shawn Orem

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5j1uzNuwcKo>

145-Sam Martino vs Neil Schuster

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u86j1geDnsQ>

220-Mike Smith vs Logan Rill

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

120-Kyle Trybus vs Caden Mareno

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6ggjC-Evdk>