

Oakland Mills Edges Urbana to Clinch the 28th Annual SnOverlea Invitational

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Late Push by the Scorpions Seals the Title 257.5-248

At the beginning of the final round of the SnOverlea Invitational at Overlea High School on Saturday night Oakland Mills (No.10 in the latest rankings by the Maryland State Wrestling Association) sat atop the standings holding a 7.5 point lead over No.11 Urbana (227.5-220). The two teams were set to square off in three of the championship finals matches (106, 126, and 145).

The Scorpions won two of those, Dakota Thompson (126, No.23) defeated Ryan Collins 10-6 and No.25 Matt Claxton (145) edged Andrew Diaz 5-3. At the end of the 145lb match both wrestlers were hit with unsportsmanlike conduct penalties which led to one point deductions for both teams.

At this point things tightened up as Urbana pulled within 1.5 points after Morgan Way (No.3 by the MSWA) registered a technical fall in his 152lb title bout. That would be as close as the Hawks would get though. They both added four team points to their tally after the 160lb matches were contested, but senior Jaron Smith (No.2), a defending 1A/2A state champion, defeated Boys Latin's Rocco Bruno (No.11) 5-0 to give the Scorpions a bit of breathing room (251.5-246). Oakland Mills never looked back and added to their lead with wins by No.12 Zach Vincent (3rd, 220) and No.13 Antonio Rozier (5th, 285) in their consolation bouts (all placement matches were wrestled at the same time).

"Our whole focus here was to improve and get better," said Oakland Mills Head Coach Brad Howell. "We talked about that from the get go. I told the guys that we're in no team race, we weren't focused on it. I mean honestly, I didn't know where we were even at the very end there. At one point I went over to check when we were getting close (to the end), to see if we were in it or not. You turn around and you got Jaron Smith warming up and you're a couple points out front, you start feeling pretty good. We knew he had a tough kid in Bruno coming up, but we felt pretty good that Jaron was going to pull it out."

"The whole thing is trying to raise our boys' wrestling IQs, get a lil' better, we're doing a lot of teaching. I felt my guys improved as the tournament went on so I was pretty happy with the overall performance, a lot of good character from them. They wrestled through a lot of tough matches. We get tested here every year. This is an awesome tournament."

No.18 John Rynn (113) and Sidique Furet (160, No.21) also captured gold medals for Oakland Mills. The Scorpions had a tournament high seven finalists and tied Urbana with the most place-winners (11).

Freshman Kyle Farace (No.7, 106) and Julian Capino (132) finished as runner-ups. Alex Asifo took fourth at 152 and DaQuan Anderson was fifth at 120.

Urbana crowned two other champions in addition to Way, No.6 Jarrett Jacobs (106) and No.5 Tyler Makosy (138).

Makosy had an impressive run through the bracket registering a fall in 1:30 during his first match. He won by technical fall 17-1 in the semi-finals and followed that with a 16-0 shutout of Fallston's Logan Ziervogel in the finals.

Way authored a run comparable to Makosy's and was awarded the Outstanding Heavyweight Award for his efforts. He pinned his first opponent in 59 seconds then picked up an 18-3 technical fall in the semis before downing No.17 Nate Malinowski (Boys Latin) 25-10 in the finals.

"(I feel) great," Way said of the first Outstanding Wrestler award of his high school career. "There are little things I think I could've done differently to be a little more aggressive. Overall I'd say it was a good tournament."

Cody Swigart (113), Logan Arneson (120, No.15), Brian Dailey (No.23, 160), and heavyweight Andreas Silva grabbed bronze for the Hawks. Shane Acton (4th, 132) and Wyatt Anderson (6th, 182) were Urbana's other grapplers to take home awards.

"We learned a lot, that was the biggest key to coming down here and wrestling, and having the opportunity," Hawk's Head Coach Ben Arneson added. "MMM (Mount Mat Madness) was such a high level event to figure out where our good kids were, and where our younger kids were. Then to bring them here and to watch them all, every match just get a little bit better as the day went on is kinda what we wanted to see. And I think we greatly improved from one match to the other as the younger kids got more mat time and got more physical, and became more aggressive as the day went on. That's why we put 11 on the podium."

"These are the little things that we as a coaching staff have been talking about. Trying to get the kids to focus on what the goal is at the end. It's not about today, it's not about the Overlea tournament and how you finish here today. It's about once we get to the counties. How we do then, and it's a baby step to regions, and regions is a baby step to Cole Field House and being able to put it all together."

The Gators of Perry Hall came in third on the strength of three champions. Camryn Grindle (No.24) captured the 132lb crown, his second straight SnOverlea Championship.

Mufasar Butt pulled off the upset of the finals when he picked off No.9 Desmond Kelly (Overlea) 8-7 in one of the most exciting bouts of the evening. There was a lot of action in this bout which is uncommon in the 285lb weight class. Each wrestler took turns holding the lead, but when the clock ran out it was Butt who came out on top.

No.9 Brent Newcomer (120) was named the Outstanding Lightweight of the event. Newcomer reached the finals with a 55 second fall and win by injury default. He met Boys Latin's Nick Malinowski (No.16) in the finals. Last year in the SnOverlea finals Malinowski beat Newcomer 7-1. This year would see a different outcome as the Gator grappler turned the tables on Malinowski earning a 7-2 victory. This was the second time Newcomer defeated Malinowski this year, he captured the Nightmare Invitational title in December with a 1-0 decision.

"I feel good," Newcomer said. "It's the first time I ever won outstanding wrestler. I wrestled him earlier in the year. I knew I had to beat him in neutral. I just needed to be more aggressive on top, and keep him flat, prevent his switches."

Dan Ertel was second at 195 for Perry Hall. Nikolas Georgopolis (145) and James Hairston (170) placed third. Finishing fourth were Ronnie Hernandez (113) and Ka'Ron Pinson (182). Marquise Smith (106) and Tyler Klein (126) were sixth place finishers.

Fallston was fourth with 131 points. In addition to Ziervogel, Devin Hyman (106, 3rd), Donavyn Hohman (120, 4th), Zack Kauffman (145, 4th), Luke Reuter (4th, 160), No.20 Gabe Wagner (195, 4th), Josh Ford (113, 5th), and Eric Baranoski (126, 5th) brought home hardware for the Cougars.

The top five was flushed out by the Boys Latin School. Nate and Nick Malinowski, plus Bruno grabbed silver for the Lakers. No. 14 Kahlan Lee-Lermer (126) and Mac Alban (170) took home bronze, while Anthony Wyler (160) came in fifth place.

Western Tech's Angelo Payne captured the crown at 170lbs. No.23 CJ Allen (Aberdeen, 195) and Neeko Regalbuto (Towson, 220) were the other champions.

Team Scores

- 1-Oakland Mills 257.5
- 2-Urbana 248
- 3-Perry Hall 206
- 4-Fallston 131
- 5-Boys Latin 126
- 6-Aberdeen 114.5
- 7-Western Tech 83
- 8-Randallstown 74
- 9-Mervo 70
- 10-Lansdowne 66
- 11-Towson 59
- 12-Overlea 57
- 13-Milford Mill 55
- 14-New Town 51.5
- 15-Kenwood 41
- 16-Chesapeake-BC 32.5
- 17-Northwestern-BC 27
- 18-City College 24.5
- 19-Woodlawn 21

Championship Finals

- 106 Jarrett Jacobs, Urbana Dec Kyle Farace, Oakland Mills, 7-5
- 113 John Rynn, Oakland Mills Fall Dominic Percell, Kenwood, 3:03
- 120 Brent Newcomer, Perry Hall Dec Nick Malinowski, Boys' Latin, 7-2
- 126 Dakota Thompson, Oakland Mills Dec Ryan Collins, Urbana, 10-6
- 132 Camryn Grindle, Perry Hall Dec Julian Capino, Oakland Mills, 3-2
- 138 Tyler Makosy, Urbana T-Fall Logan Ziervogel, Fallston, 16-0
- 145 Matt Claxton, Oakland Mills Dec Andrew Diaz, Urbana, 5-3
- 152 Morgan Way, Urbana T-Fall Nate Malinowski, Boys' Latin, 25-10
- 160 Sidque Furet, Oakland Mills Dec Aadam Abullahi, Millford Mill, 3-2
- 170 Angelo Payne, Western Tech Dec Collin Murphy, Lansdowne, 9-3
- 182 Jaron Smith, Oakland Mills Dec Rocco Bruno, Boys' Latin, 5-0
- 195 C.J. Allen, Aberdeen Dec Dan Ertel, Perry Hall, 7-5 OT
- 220 Neeko Regalbuto, Towson Fall Nicholas Pearce, Randallstown, 5:39
- 285 Mufasar Butt, Perry Hall Dec Desmond Kelly, Overlea, 8-7

3rd Place

- 106 Devin Hyman, Fallston Dec Gorsha Reiterer, Lansdowne, 10-8
- 113 Cody Swigart, Urbana Fall Ronnie Hernandez, Perry Hall, 2:27
- 120 Logan Arneson, Urbana Fall Donavyn Hohman, Fallston, 1:49
- 126 Kahlan Lee-Lermer, Boys' Latin Dec Dylan Morris, Aberdeen, 6-0
- 132 Shane Chavis, Kenwood Dec Shane Acton, Urbana, 6-5
- 138 Thomas Anderson, Western Tech Fall Daryl Watson, New Town, 3:35
- 145 Nikolas Georgopolis, Perry Hall Fall Zack Kauffman, Fallston, 4:07
- 152 Garard White, Chesapeake Dec Alex Asifo, Oakland Mills, 8-4
- 160 Brian Dailey, Urbana Fall Luke Reuter, Fallston, 2:58
- 170 James Hairston, Perry Hall M-Dec Mac Alban, Boys' Latin, 15-4
- 182 Dimitrius Smith, Randallstown Fall Ka'ron Pinson, Perry Hall, 3:00
- 195 Nick Anderson, Overlea Dec Gabe Wagner, Fallston, 9-7 OT
- 220 Zach Vincent, Oakland Mills Dec Devon Anderson, Overlea, 3-0
- 285 Andres Silva, Urbana Dec Destin Asokuaran, Randallstown, 6-2

5th Place

106 Rondell Stewart, Woodlawn Dec Marquise Smith, Perry Hall, 7-6
113 Josh Ford, Fallston Dec Antonio Ward, Randallstown, 11-7
120 Daquan Anderson, Oakland Mills M-Dec Ben Hogan, Western Tech, 16-7
126 Eric Baranoski, Fallston Dfht Tyler Klein, Perry Hall, INJ
132 Kobie Wooden, Millford Mill Dec Evan Smith, Aberdeen, 10-5
138 Jerome Wallace, MERVO Dec Luis Martinez, Lansdowne, 9-5
145 Chris Green, Millford Mill Frft Chazz Holbrook, New Town
152 Trustin Harris, New Town Fall Bernard Thomas, Baltimore City College, 4:31
160 Anthony Wylar, Boys' Latin M-Dec Malachi Gatewood, Western Tech, 13-1
170 Tremanine Bishop, Northwestern Dec Jordan Rowlett, MERVO, 3-2
182 Sean Davis, Aberdeen M-Dec Wyatt Anderson, Urbana, 18-8
195 Dion Thomas, MERVO Fall Bestman Eze, Western Tech, 0:56
220 Ryan Hopkins, MERVO Fall Kawon Goodwin, Chesapeake, 2:21
285 Antonio Rozier, Oakland Mills Fall Johoe Vontey, Kenwood, 1:19

Championship Finals Video (not all matches were recorded)

106-Jarret Jacobs vs Kyle Farace

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8JQCswL_tIA

113-John Rynn vs Dominic Percell

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

120-Brent Newcomer vs Nick Malinowski

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J4v6pVbozo0>

126-Dakota Thompson vs Ryan Collins

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KmqllsZQb-E>

132-Camryn Grindle vs Julian Capino

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5VyjiH4wbOY>

138-Tyler Makosy vs Logan Ziervogel

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dSt8cDuKppQ>

145-Matt Claxton vs Andrew Diaz

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3WBS9-Crh2I>

152-Morgan Way vs Nate Malinowski

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u-tUO5f3Yz4>

182-Jaron Smith vs Rocco Bruno

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=79Q1DrTJyI0>

285-Mufasar Butt vs Desmond Kelly

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r7ti-MyAbkk>