

1A/2A Regional Tournament Round-Ups

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1A/2A North

A young upstart Sparrows Point squad pulled off the double feat of winning both the dual and individual region titles. Their line-up is filled with underclassmen giving them the look of the “team to beat” in the North Region for years to come. The Pointers out-distanced runner-up Dunbar by 38 (187.5-149.5). The Poets are also a team on the rise with a bright future. Pikesville finished third with 141 points.

The Pointers are taking ten of their grapplers to the state tournament. They had five guys reach the finals, but only one walked away with a championship. Eric Marvin (160) was their lone titlist. Skyler Munutelli (106), Brandyn Stencil (113), Randy Watson (132), and Taylor Randolph (138) all finished second for Sparrows Point.

Shane Williams (120), Brody Underwood (145), and Nick Borsa (195) were third for the Pointers. Brent Kline (152) and Sage Jones (220) took fourth. Ethan Hoenig (126) and Nate Scott (285) placed fifth.

Dunbar pushed two champions on to the state tournament, Quran Carter (120) and Deshawn Jefferson (132). For Cater it was his second region title after winning as a freshman and being a runner-up last year. Jefferson had his coming out party in the finals pulling off a 5-4 upset of former state placer Randy Watson.

Pikesville crowned one champion, Amari Latimer (285).

Despite having five champions Owings Mills was fourth with 138 points. Jake Rendelman became a four-time champ. Brandon Bekar (113), David Hollingsworth (138), and TyQuez Shade (220) grabbed their second titles. Islom Juraev (170) won his first.

Garard White (Chesapeake-BC) made it to the top for the second straight year. Jimmy Cavin (Hereford, 106), Dallas Prater (Eastern Tech, 145), and Dimitrius Smith (Randallstown, 182) won their first region titles.

Overlea’s Nick Anderson pulled off a huge upset in the 195lb Final. Anderson (No.24) beat Dunbar’s No.7 Plevon Pryor 3-2 in overtime. Pryor was third in the state at 182 last year.

1A/2A South

Oakland Mills won the South Region in convincing fashion over Kent Island (211-140). Easton was third with 126.5. Kent Island placed behind Easton at the Bayside Conference Tournament.

The Scorpions placed eight grapplers in the finals, including the first four of their line-up, but only saw three of them win their final match.

Defending State Champion Jaron Smith won the regions for the third time in his career. Dakota Thompson (120) grabbed his second title and Sidique Furet (170) claimed his first. Furet, ranked 15th by the MSWA, brought down Easton’s Nolan Muganada (No.6) 3-1 in overtime. Muganada was sixth in the state last year, and just beat No.7 Montana Walton (North Carolina, 5th in the state) to claim the Bayside championship.

Falling short in their title hopes were Kyle Farace (106), John Rynn (113), Julian Capino (126), Matt Claxton (145), and Zach Vincent (220). Justin Gatewood (132) was third for Oakland Mills.

Kent Island has four wrestlers take home gold. Defending State Champion Stevan Smith (145) won his third crown. Two-time state placer, one-time runner-up, Zach Smith secured his second title. Justin Messersmith (138) joined Zach as a two-time region champion. Ryan Domogauer (126) won his first title.

Drew Wade (220) from Easton, a returning state placer, grabbed his first region gold.

Calvert's Justin Couto, a state runner-up last year, won his second straight title. He transferred from DeMatha before last season. Chris Spano (Marriott's Ridge, 106) also won his second championship.

Kyle Hicks (Calvert, 113), Trevor Jewell (Southern-AA, 132), John Smith-Holmes (Patuxent, 195), and Poolesville's Kyle Wilkins (285) were first time champions.

Wilkins (No.11) beat No.2 Jesse Stuart (Calvert) 3-2 to pull off a nice upset.

1A/2A East

North Carolina had little trouble securing the East Region title beating Fallston by 81 points (184-103). Patterson Mill was the third place finisher with 84 points.

The Bulldogs sent seven wrestlers to the finals, but only three of them were able to secure top spots on the podium. Montana Walton (170) won his second straight crown while Alex Easton (160) and Zach Schall (182) won their first.

Grabbing silver for North Carolina were Luke Masten (120), Mike Jantz (138), Brandon Eaton (145) and Tristan Merson (220). Connor McCormick (126) and Tyler Bauer (132) brought home bronze.

Fallston crowned three champions, all first-timers; Devin Hyman (106), Logan Ziervogel (138), and Gabe Wagner (195).

Patterson Mill had three first time champions as well; Collin McDonald (120), Jake Nikkila (126), and Joe King (220).

Harford Tech had two grapplers win titles, Andrey Kalwa (145) and Caleb Warner (285).

The other East champions were Nasir Tucker (Mardela, 113), Jason Fox (Parkside, 132), and Collin Beck (Northeast-CC, 152).

Beck beat Eugene Zacerous (Perryville) 5-2 in the finals to avenge two earlier losses from a dual meet and the UCBAC semi-finals.

1A/2A West

South Carroll barely edged Middletown in the West coming out on top 151-149.5. Williamsport was third (110), Catocin (4th) was right on their heels with 109 points.

Tim Null (113) captured his second region crown (the first came as a sophomore at Glenelg). Joey Thomas (106) and Wade Slatnsike (170) weren't challenged on their way to easily capturing their titles. Both had pins all the way to the finals, Slatnsike registered another in the final while Thomas won by an 18-7 major-decision.

Jamar Williams (138) and Shane Conners (145) were second. Tom Boldosser (120) took fourth.

Earning valuable team points for the Cavaliers, but not making the trip to the state tournament were; Jake Mackenzie (132, 6th), Jaxxon Montgomery (152, 6th), Talmadge Eller (182, 5th), and Joe Cooper (195, 6th).

Middletown's returning state champion Danny Bertoni is now two-for-two in regional title attempts. No.5 Tucker Ziegler (195) picked up his first crown with a mild upset over Smithsburg's Bryce Scott (No.3). Ziegler pinned Scott, who was a state runner-up last year, in the second period.

Kobe Baker (182) was Williamsport's only champ.

Two-time state champion Charlie Perella (152) secured his third straight regional crown. Also for Catoclin, Garrett Buckley (145) made his way to the top of the podium.

Buckley (No.17) was a two-time state placer at 106lbs, but moved up to 132 last year and failed to place. He seems to have adjusted to the upper weights as he authored an impressive run to the title. In the semi-finals he beat #8 Logan Garland (Manchester Valley) 5-3. In the finals he took out No.9 Conners (South Carroll) 3-1. Garland beat Conners in the Carroll County Finals last week.

State runner-up Devan Hamrick (Southern Garrett) showed why he is the favorite to win the 120lb state title this year with a 5-4 win over Middletown's Josh Grossnickle. Grossnickle had beaten Hamrick in their only two meetings two years ago. Hamrick beat Null (now at 113) at the Hub Cup earlier this season to emerge as the favorite in this class.

Another state runner-up from a year ago, No.4 Justin Opel (Northern Garrett), had an easy path to the finals. He picked up two first period falls before winning a 3-0 decision over North Carroll's Owen Rill (No.7) in the finals.

No.4 Logan McKoy (Oakdale) won a battle between super sophomores when he downed No.6 Williams (South Carroll) 7-5 in the 138lb final.

Adam Martz (Mountain Ridge), a two-time state champion, won his third region title. Nick Savin (Brunswick, 220) and Kirk Robinette (Allegany, 285) were the other West Region Champions.