

3A/4A Regional Tournament Round-Ups

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3A/4A North

North Hagerstown ran away with the title out-pointing runner-up Urbana by 90.5 (236-145.5). Perry Hall came in third with 113 points.

The Hubs sent eight guys to the finals and crowned four champions. Freshmen Brian Stuart (113) and Aaron Brooks (126) grabbed their first region championships, as did 220lber Alex Darr. Senior Hunter Faith (132) won his second title.

Darr, who is un-ranked by the Maryland State Wrestling Association, picked off No.17 Neeko Regalbuto (Towson) in the semi-finals.

Hoyt Chaney (106), Isaiah Brooks (145), Conor Almoney (152) and Dylan Brown (170) placed second.

Also earning trips to the state tournament for North Hagerstown were Alimzhan Yakhuzov (120, 3rd), Coleman McHose (160, 3rd), Ray Montes (182, 3rd), and Aaron Dopson (285, 3rd). Not making the trip, but earning team points was Dustin Ahkmdeov (195, 6th).

Urbana crowned four champions; Jarrett Jacobs (106), Tyler Makosy (138), Morgan Way (145) and Brian Dailey (160). Way became a four-time champion.

Brent Newcomer (120) and Ka'Ron Pinson (182) brought home titles for Perry Hall. Newcomer beat Franklin's LJ Bell to gain a bit of revenge from earlier losses. Bell beat Necomer in a dual meet and the Baltimore County Finals.

Freshman standout David Schultz (Linganore, 170) continues to impress. After taking second in a tough field at the Frederick County Tournament he followed that up with a 6-5 win over North Hagerstown's Brown in the regional final. Brown is ranked 8th by the MSWA, Schultz is No.16.

Mervo's Dion Thomas put his name on the map claiming the 195lb region title with a 6-3 win over Catonsville's Kojo Danquah. Danquah beat No.22 Dan Ertel (Perry Hall), the Baltimore County Champ, in the semi-finals. It was Danquah's second win over Ertel this year.

3A/4A South

Huntingtown won the South Region title by 69 points over runner-up La Plata (202-133). Leonardtown finished in third place with 121 points.

The Hurricanes will be taking 11 grapplers to Cole Field House next weekend. Earning titles were Gino Sita (120), Nick Morgal (132), and Tristan Ramberg (182). Sita and Ramberg are returning state-placers.

Jacob Wood (126) and Tristan Breen (160) came up short in their title quests. Dominic Sita (145), Kaleb Davis (170), and David LaVoie (220) took third for Huntingtown. Aidan Dobbins (106), Ryan Lumsden (152), and DeJuan Marble (285) were fourth. Brian McCourt (195) placed sixth.

La Plata had two grapplers take home championships, Marty Margolis (138) and David Pipes (160). The title was Margolis' fourth, and the senior is looking to win his third straight state crown this weekend.

Andrew Lee (Leonardtown, 152) grabbed his first region crown after being a runner-up last year.

Bowie's Javan White is a force to be reckoned with since dropping to 106 and a state title run is not out of the question for the senior.

Breandan Coughlin (113) and Jackson Drum (170) grabbed their second consecutive titles for Northern. Coughlin is favored to repeat as a 3A/4A State Champion. Drum is favored to win his first state title.

Stephen Decatur's Andy McKahan (126) grabbed his second crown in two tries. Jahi Jones (Oxon Hill) earned his first championship. Jones is one to watch at the state tournament as he owns a win over returning state placer Mitch Fenton (Walt Whitman). Fenton won the West Region.

Ryan Sharp (Thomas Stone) and Ky'Rahn Perez (North Point) took home their first region crowns, as did Sharp's teammate David Henderson (285).

Henderson (No.22) upset No.3 Scott Cross (Northern) in overtime, 2-1. Cross was third in the state last year so this was a huge win for Henderson.

3A/4A East

River Hill came away with the East crown winning by 21 points (141-120) over Old Mill in what was the closest team race of all the 3A/4A regions. Arundel placed third with 105 points.

Four Hawks brought home titles; Matt Shealy (106), Brady Daniel (182), Bebe Kum (195), and Brian Kirby (River Hill).

Kirby (No.7) beat Glenelg's Austin Twigg (No.9) in the finals. Twigg pulled off a mild upset in the semi-finals picking off Arundel's Iasiah Olugbemi (No.6). Olugbemi wrestled most of the year at 285, but dropped to 220 for the post season. Olugbemi's only loss on the year was to Spalding's two-time National Prep All-American Jacob Parker 6-4 in overtime at the Spalding Duals. Ironically, Kirby's only loss was also to Parker, 11-3 at the Iron Horse Duals.

Sean Guthier (160) was third and Ryan Erskine (145) was fourth. Also earning points for River Hill were Alex Potts (5th, 120), Tyler Bond (5th, 138), and Brett Schwab (6th, 285).

Old Mill's lone champion was freshman Robbie Fleming (120). Arundel had one champion as well, Tyler Rendina (145). Rendina (No.6) defeated Glenelg's No.13 Michael Budock 1-0.

Centennial's Austin Kraisser won his third region crown and is on pace to win his second straight state title after finishing second as a freshman. Kraisser's outstanding junior campaign includes a sixth place finish at the Ironman in December.

Travis Chidebe (Meade, 160) won his second straight region crown and is also looking for his second consecutive state championship.

Jeff Hayden (Mt. Hebron, 126) won what is hard to believe, his first region crown. The senior is a two-time state runner-up, but is currently projected to capture the state title this year.

Bel Air's David Reagan came away with his second region crown. Winning titles for the first time were; Trent Kilcarr (Reservoir, 132), Cody Edwards (Meade, 138), Severna Park's Paul Kalafos (170), and Annapolis' Drecon Hudson (285).

3A/4A West

Damascus' ride to the region championship was the easiest of all eight regions. The Swarmin' Hornets won by whopping 145.5 points (226-80.5) over Walter Johnson. Northwest was third with 75 points.

Damascus had eight wrestlers reach the finals, and six of them came away with titles. Mike Wilkerson (132) secured his third region crown. Scott Obendorfer (120), Cory Obendorfer (138), Colin McLaughlin (152), Johnny Fischer (160), and Owen Brooks (170) were all first time titlists.

The brothers Macklin, TJ (106) and Mikey (113), settled for silver. David Creegan (126) and Brendan Parent (145) were third. Ari Cacopardo (182) placed fourth.

Logan Wilson (126), a mid-season transfer from DeMatha, won his first regional crown for Walter Johnson. Wilson is a two-time private school state placer.

Northwest had two grapplers reach the top of the podium, TJ Patterson (220) and Dell Ngonga (113). Ngonga secured his second region title with a 5-3 overtime win over two-time state champion Mikey Macklin. Ngonga also beat Macklin last week to grab his first Montgomery County Championship.

Sherwood's two champions were Andrew Frumkin (106) and Charlie Siarkas (285). Giulian Groce (Winston Churchill, 182) was another first time champion.

Bethesda-Chevy Chase's Robert Bridenhagen (un-ranked by the MSWA) won his first region championship in grand fashion. He reversed a loss to Winston Churchill's James Kalavrtinos (#8) from the county finals, winning 6-2 this time after dropping a 6-4 decision last week.

No.15 Mitch Fenton (Walt Whitman) made an impressive return from injury to win his third region crown. Fenton pinned his way through the tournament capping it off by dropping No.12 Kyle Bollinger (Quince Orchard) at the 1:46 mark of the first period. Bollinger earned a trip to the finals by avenging a loss from a week ago in the county finals to Parent. Parent won that match 5-4. In the region semi-finals Bollinger defeated Parent 9-5.