



## The West Holmes Knight Wrestling Newsletter

By Bret E. Curren

### Colt Sponseller Finishes 1 – 2 At Olympic Team Trials

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#### NATIONAL/INTERNATIONAL WRESTLING

#### *Sponseller Has Tough Go At Olympic Team Trials, Gains Experience*

For former West Holmes High School wrestler Colt Sponseller his weekend at the '2012 Team USA Wrestling Men's Freestyle Olympic Team Trials' may not have gone the best on the mats. But, the experience gained from competing on a national stage Saturday (April 21) at Carver-Hawkeye Arena on the campus of the University of Iowa in Iowa City, Iowa was certainly a victory.

After a day of wrestling for an Olympic team berth, the former three-time Ohio state high school champion Knight and The Ohio State University wrestling 'All-American' finished 1 – 2 in the 74 kg (163 lbs.) weight class.

Seeded 11th in the 14-man 'Challenge Tournament' – the winner to face defending World Champion Jordan Burroughs (2011 World Champion) for the Olympic team spot - Sponseller dropped his opening round match by a 2 – 0 periods won decision to Kyle Dake. With his hopes of making the Olympic team gone with the loss, Sponseller's goal now was to make the team as an alternate for the London Summer Games.

Sponseller received a consolation first round bye then faced Matt Brown and kept his goals alive with a 2 – 1 periods won decision win over Brown. Squaring off with David Taylor in the consolation quarterfinals Sponseller's Olympic Team Trials experience came to an end after losing a 2 – 0 periods won decision to the defending NCAA National Champion.

Knowing he faced a huge challenge at the Olympic Team Trials, Sponseller's main goals were wrestle the best he could and win an Olympic team berth but more importantly gain the experience of wrestling for the most coveted spot in amateur wrestling.

In an interview published April 21, 2012 in the Wooster, Ohio newspaper *The Daily Record*, Sponseller talked about his goals stating, "My goals now that I'm out of college are to represent my country on a national team, whether it be an Olympic team in 2012 or 2016 or a World team between those years."

When asked how he felt being at the Olympic trials Sponseller related, "It feels kind of weird to be in the Olympic Trials. I'm moving into another stage of my life. I never thought I would have been competing at this level when I was wrestling under coach (Jeff) Woods at West Holmes, but here I am and I'm excited."

Though the past few years have found Sponseller living and training in Columbus, Ohio he hasn't forgotten his roots.

"I want to prove our area can produce athletes that can compete on a world level", said Sponseller. "And, inspire



others to dream big dreams. It's what keeps us motivated.”

NOTE: Attached is a photo of Colt (red singlet, bottom wrestler) scoring points with a fantastic suplex throw of Matt Brown in the second round of consolations at the 4/21/2012 'Team USA Wrestling Olympic Team Trials' at Carver-Hawkeye Arena/University of Iowa/Iowa City, Iowa. Photo provided by Randy Sponseller.

Sponseller was joined at the Olympic Team Trials by former and current Buckeye wrestlers Nikko Triggas (2010, 55 kg – 121.25 lbs.) who finished 4th (Challenge Tournament) in Greco-Roman with a 2 – 2 mark and freestyle grapplers Logan Stieber (present, 60 kg – 132.25 lbs., 2nd Place-Championship Match, 2 – 1), J.D. Bergman (96 kg – 211.5 lbs., 3rd Place-Challenge Tournament, 3 – 1) and Tommy Rowlands (2004, 96 kg – 211.5 lbs., 2nd Place-Championship, 4 – 1).

Reece Humphrey (2010, 60 kg – 132.25 lbs.) pulled out of the Olympic Trials due to a complicated qualifying procedure. The U.S.A. had not earned an official spot at 60 kg (Freestyle) for the Summer Games so it was decided to pull Humphrey from the tournament. Humphrey will try to qualify the U.S.A. and himself into the Summer Games this coming weekend (April 27 –29) at the World Olympic Qualifying Tournament in Taiyuan, China. Only athletes whose nation has not qualified for the London Games will be able to enter this event at each weight class. The top three placemen in this event at each weight class will qualify their nation to compete at the Olympic Games.

If the United States does not qualify at 60 kg Freestyle or at 96 kg Greco-Roman at the event in China, then the United States will enter an athlete in the final Olympic qualifying event, the World Olympic Qualifying Tournament in Helsinki, Finland, May 4 – 6. The top two placemen at this event qualify their nation for the Olympic Games.

So, this means that the 60 kg winner at the Olympic Trials, Coleman Scott, doesn't have the spot locked up yet.

The Olympic Trials regulations for men's freestyle allow a Secondary Olympic Team Trials for weight classes which were not qualified for the Olympic Games prior to the 2012 U.S. Olympic Team Trials. In the case of 60 kg freestyle, if the U.S.A. qualifies for the Olympics, a Secondary Olympic Team Trials will be held. The individual (either Humphrey or Shawn Bunch, Leavenworth, KS - Edinboro University) which qualifies the U.S. for the Olympic Games will be the number one seed at the Secondary Olympic Team Trials. The remaining wrestlers, which could include the other individual held out (Humphrey or Bunch) and the winner of the Olympic Team Trials (Scott) and if necessary, a wrestler receiving a medical petition, will wrestle in a single match format. The winner will compete in a best of three series against the individual who qualified the weight division, and the winner will be Team USA Wrestling's designee to the Olympic Team.

## **SPONSELLER BOX SCORE**

'2012 Team USA Wrestling Men's Freestyle Olympic Team Trials Challenge Tournament' – April 21, 2012 – Carver-Hawkeye Arena/University of Iowa – Iowa City, IA

74 kg (163 lbs.) – Colt Sponseller (Glenmont, OH - New York Athletic Club, 1 – 2)

Championship Round of 16: Kyle Dake (Ithaca, NY – New York Athletic Club) defeats **Colt Sponseller (Glenmont, OH – New York Athletic Club)** by 2 – 0, 1 – 0

Consolation First Round: **BYE**

Consolation Second Round: **Colt Sponseller (Glenmont, OH – New York Athletic Club)** defeats Matt Brown



(West Valley City, UT – Nittany Lion Wrestling Club) by 2 – 0, 6 – 1  
 Consolation Quarterfinals: David Taylor (St. Paris, OH – Nittany Lion Wrestling Club) defeats **Colt Sponseller**  
**(Glenmont, OH – New York Athletic Club)** by 2 – 0, 1 – 1, 4 – 2

### TEAM TRIALS BOX SCORE

'2012 Team USA Wrestling Men's Freestyle Olympic Team Trials' – Apr. 21 & 22, 2012 – Carver-Hawkeye  
 Arena/University of Iowa – Iowa City, IA

Championship Matches (best 2 of 3 matches)

55 kg (121.25 lbs.) – Sam Hazewinkel (Pensacola, FL - Sunkist Kids Wrestling Club) defeats Nick Simmons  
 (Williamston, MI - Sunkist Kids Wrestling Club) by 3 – 0, 0 – 5, 5 – 4; 0 – 1, 1 – 0, 2 – 0 and 0 – 1, 4 – 0, 3 – 0  
 60 kg (132.25 lbs.) – Coleman Scott (Waynesburg, PA – Gator Wrestling Club) defeats Logan Stieber  
 (Monroeville, OH – New York Athletic Club) by 3 – 0, 1 – 0 and 2 – 0, 0 – 1, 2 – 0  
 66 kg (145.5 lbs.) – Jared Frayer (Clearwater, FL - Gator Wrestling Club) defeats Brent Metcalf (Davison, MI -  
 New York Athletic Club) by 5 – 1, 1 – 4, 6 – 0 and 2 – 1, 0 – 2, 2 – 2  
 74 kg (163 lbs.) - Jordan Burroughs (Winslow Township, NJ – Sunkist Kids Wrestling Club) defeats Andrew Howe  
 (Cedar Lake, IN – New York Athletic Club) by 4 – 2, 1 – 2, 1 – 0 and Injury Default  
 84 kg (185 lbs.) – Jake Herbert (Pittsburgh, PA - New York Athletic Club) defeats Travis Paulson (Council Bluffs,  
 IA – Sunkist Kids Wrestling Club) by 0 – 1, 2 – 1, 1 – 1; 4 – 2, 3 – 2 and 3 – 0, 2 - 1  
 96 kg (211.5 lbs.) – Jake Varner (Bakersfield, CA – Nittany Lion Wrestling Club) defeats Tommy Rowlands  
 (Hilliard, OH – Sunkist Kids Wrestling Club) by 0 – 1, 2 – 0, 1 – 0 and 2 – 0, 1 – 0  
 120 kg (264.5 lbs.) – Tervel Dlagnev (Arlington, TX - Sunkist Kids Wrestling Club) defeats Les Sigman (Sturgis,  
 SD - Nittany Lion Wrestling Club) by 3 – 0, 4 – 0 and 1 – 0, 2 - 0

'2012 Team USA Wrestling Men's Greco-Roman Olympic Team Trials' – Apr. 21 & 22, 2012 – Carver-Hawkeye  
 Arena/University of Iowa – Iowa City, IA

Championship Matches (best 2 of 3 matches)

55 kg (121.25 lbs.) – Spenser Mango (Flourissant, MO – U.S. Army) defeats Max Nowry (Wheeling, IL – New  
 York Athletic Club) by Fall @ 1:53 and 1 – 0, 3 – 0  
 60 kg (132.25 lbs.) – Ellis Coleman (Oak Park, IL - New York Athletic Club) defeats Joe Betterman (Chicago, IL -  
 Sunkist Kids Wrestling Club) by 1 – 0, 2 – 0 and 0 – 2, 5 – 0, 1 - 0  
 66 kg (145.5 lbs.) – Justin 'Harry' Lester (Akron, OH – U.S. Army) defeats C.P. Schlatter (Westerville, OH –  
 Minnesota Storm Wrestling Club) by 1 – 0, 2 – 0 and 2 – 0, 1 – 2, 1 – 0  
 74 kg (163 lbs.) – Ben Provisor (Stevens Point, WI - Sunkist Kids Wrestling Club) defeats Aaron Sieracki  
 (Richland Center, WI - U.S. Army) by 1 – 0, 0 – 1, 2 – 0; 2 – 0, 1 – 0 and 1 – 0, 0 – 1, 1 - 0  
 84 kg (185 lbs.) – Chas Betts (St. Michael, MN – Minnesota Storm Wrestling Club) defeats Jordan Holm  
 (Northfield, MN – Minnesota Storm Wrestling Club) by 1 – 0, 0 – 3, 2 – 0 and 2 – 0, 2 – 0  
 96 kg (211.5 lbs.) – R.C. Johnson (Plymouth, MN - Sunkist Kids Wrestling Club) defeats Pete Gounaridis  
 (Leominster, MA - Sunkist Kids Wrestling Club) by 1 – 0, 0 – 1, 1 – 0 and 0 – 1, 1 – 0, 1 - 0  
 120 kg (264.5 lbs.) – Dremiel Byers (Kings Mountain, NC – U.S. Army) defeats Steve Andrus (Manhattan, KS –  
 Michigan Wrestling Club) by 1 – 0, 1 – 0 and 2 – 0, 2 – 0

'2012 Team USA Wrestling Women's Freestyle Olympic Team Trials' – Apr. 21 & 22, 2012 – Carver-Hawkeye



Arena/University of Iowa – Iowa City, IA

Championship Matches (best 2 of 3 matches)

48 kg (105.5 lbs.) – Clarissa Chun (Honolulu, HI - Sunkist Kids Wrestling Club) defeats Alyssa Lampe (Tomahawk, WI – Sunkist Kids Wrestling Club) by 0 – 2, 1 – 0, 3 – 1; 0 – 7, 2 – 2, 5 – 2 and 2 – 0, 2 – 2, 4 - 1  
55 kg (121.25 lbs.) – Kelsey Campbell (Milwaukie, OR – Sunkist Kids Wrestling Club) defeats Helen Maroulis (Rockville, MD – New York Athletic Club) by 0 – 2, 1 – 0, 2 – 1 and 2 – 0, 0 – 1, 1 – 0  
63 kg (138.75 lbs.) – Elena Pirozhkova (Greenfield, MA - Gator Wrestling Club) defeats Adeline Gray (Littleton, CO - New York Athletic Club) by 1 – 0, 4 – 0 and 1 – 0, 3 - 1  
72 kg (158.5 lbs.) – Stephany Lee (Moanalua, HI – Sunkist Kids Wrestling Club) defeats Ali Bernard ( New Ulm, MN – Gator Wrestling Club) by 3 – 1, 5 – 2 and 3 – 1, 6 – 0

'2012 Team USA Wrestling Men's Freestyle Olympic Team Trials Challenge Tournament' – Apr. 21 & 22, 2012 – Carver-Hawkeye Arena/University of Iowa – Iowa City, IA

55 kg (121.25 lbs.)

Championship Match: No Match – Nick Simmons and Sam Hazewinkel qualify for Overall Championship Match  
Third-Place Match: Obe Blanc (Naples, FL - Gator Wrestling Club) defeats Ben Kjar (Centerville, UT - Kingdom Wrestling Club) by 0 –3, 1 – 0, 1 – 0

60 kg (132.25 lbs.)

Championship Match: No Match – Coleman Scott and Logan Stieber qualify for Overall Championship Match  
Third-Place Match: Tyler Graff (Loveland, CO - New York Athletic Club) defeats Andrew Hochstrasser (Tooele, UT - Bronco Wrestling Club) by 2 – 0, 1 – 0

66 kg (145.5 lbs.)

Championship Match: No Match – Jared Frayer and Brent Metcalf qualify for Overall Championship Match  
Third-Place Match: Josh Churella (Ann Arbor, MI - New York Athletic Club) defeats Chase Pami (Las Vegas, NV - Sunkist Kids Wrestling Club) by 3 – 0, 1 – 5, 2 – 0

74 kg (163 lbs.)

Championship Match: Andrew Howe (Cedar Lake, IN – New York Athletic Club) defeats Trent Paulson (Council Bluffs, IA – Sunkist Kids Wrestling Club) by 1 – 0, 1 – 0  
Third-Place Match: David Taylor (St. Paris, OH – Nittany Lion Wrestling Club) defeats Kyle Dake (Ithaca, NY – New York Athletic Club) by 3 – 0, 1 – 1

84 kg (185 lbs.)

Championship Match: Jake Herbert and Travis Paulson qualify for Overall Championship Match  
Third-Place Match: Keith Gavin (Factoryville, PA - Lehigh Valley Athletic Club) defeats Raymond Jordan (New Bern, NC - Sunkist Kids Wrestling Club) by 1 – 0, 1 - 0

96 kg (211.5 lbs.)

Championship Match: Tommy Rowlands (Hilliard, OH – Sunkist Kids Wrestling Club) defeats Chris Pendleton (Lemoore, CA - Gator Wrestling Club) by 3 – 1, 4 – 0  
Third-Place Match: J.D. Bergman (Oak Harbor, OH - New York Athletic Club) defeats Dustin Kilgore (Berea, OH - Sunkist Kids Wrestling Club) by 3 – 0, 3 – 1



120 kg (264.5 lbs.)

Championship Match: Tervel Dlagnev and Les Sigman qualify for Overall Championship Match

Third-Place Match: Steve Mocco (North Bergen, NJ - Lehigh Valley Athletic Club) defeats Jarod Trice (Highland Park, MI - Gator Wrestling Club) by 1 – 0, 3 - 0

'2012 Team USA Wrestling Men's Greco-Roman Olympic Team Trials Challenge Tournament' – Apr. 21 & 22, 2012 – Carver-Hawkeye Arena/University of Iowa – Iowa City, IA

55 kg (121.25 lbs.)

Championship Match: No Match - Spenser Mango and Max Nowry qualify for Overall Championship Match

Third-Place Match: Paul Tellgren (Anoka, MN - Minnesota Storm) defeats Nikko Triggas (Moraga, CA - New York Athletic Club) by 1 – 0, 2 – 1 Decision

60 kg (132.25 lbs.)

Championship Match: No Match - Joe Betterman and Ellis Coleman qualify for Overall Championship Match

Third-Place Match: Jeremiah Davis (Spring Valley, CA - U.S. Army) defeats Jesse Thielke (Germantown, WI - Sunkist Kids Wrestling Club) by 1 – 0, 2 - 0

66 kg (145.5 lbs.)

Championship Match: No Match - Justin 'Harry' Lester and C.P. Schlatter qualify for Overall Championship Match

Third Place Match: Kendrick Sanders (Homestead, FL - New York Athletic Club) defeats Glenn Garrison (Beaverton, OR - U.S. Army) by 1 – 0, 1 – 0 Decision

74 kg (163 lbs.)

Championship Match: No Match – Aaron Sieracki and Ben Provisor qualify for Overall Championship Match

Third-Place Match: John Anderson (Virginia Beach, VA - U.S. Army) defeats Jake Fisher (Boise, ID – New York Athletic Club) by Fall @ 1:54

84 kg (185 lbs.)

Championship Match: No Match - Chas Betts and Jordan Holm qualify for Overall Championship Match

Third-Place Match: Peter Hicks (Columbus, GA - U.S. Army) defeats Mark Stenburg (Lockport, IL - New York Athletic Club) by 1 – 0, 1 – 0 Decision

96 kg (211.5 lbs.)

Championship Match: No Match – R.C. Johnson and Pete Gounaridis qualify for Overall Championship Match

Third-Place Match: Rob Smith (Danville, CA - New York Athletic Club) defeats Moises Hernandez (Vineland, NJ - U.S. Marine Corp) by 0 – 1, 1 – 0, 1 - 0

120 kg (264.5 lbs.)

Championship Match: Steve Andrus (Manhattan, KS – Michigan Wrestling Club) defeats Timothy Taylor (Lake City, SC - U.S. Army) by 1 – 1, 1 – 0

Third-Place Match: Toby Erickson (East Helena, MT - New York Athletic Club) defeats Nick Severson (Island, MN - Minnesota Storm Wrestling Club) by Fall @ 1:59

'2012 Team USA Wrestling Women's Freestyle Olympic Team Trials Challenge Tournament' – Apr. 21 & 22, 2012 – Carver-Hawkeye Arena/University of Iowa – Iowa City, IA



48 kg (105.5 lbs.)

Championship Match: Alyssa Lampe (Tomahawk, WI - Sunkist Kids Wrestling Club) defeats Victoria Anthony (Huntington Beach, CA - New York Athletic Club) by 0 – 3, 1 – 1, 5 – 2

Third-Place Match: Whitney Condor (Puyallup, WA - Gator Wrestling Club) defeats Jessica Medina (Pomona, CA - Sunkist Kids Wrestling Club) by 3 – 0, 3 – 0

TRUE Third-Place Match: Anthony defeats Condor (Gator Wrestling Club) by 1 – 0, 4 - 1

55 kg (121.25 lbs.)

Championship Match: Kelsey Campbell (Milwaukie, OR – Sunkist Kids Wrestling Club) defeats Kathrine Fulp-Allen (El Granada, CA - New York Athletic Club) by 1 – 0, 1 – 0

Third-Place Match: Shauna Isbell (Flagstaff, AZ - Lindenwood University) defeats Sharon Jacobson (El Cajon, CA - U.S. Army) by 3 – 4, 2 – 1, 2 – 0

TRUE Third-Place Match: Fulp-Allen defeats Isbell by 1 – 0, 3 - 1

63 kg (138.75 lbs.)

Championship Match: Adeline Gray (Littleton, CO - New York Athletic Club) defeats Jennifer Page (Bella Vista, CA - Gator Wrestling Club) by 1 – 0, 2 – 0

Third-Place Match: Erin Clodgo (Marquette, MI - Sunkist Kids Wrestling Club) defeats Leigh Jaynes (Rancocas Valley, NJ - New York Athletic Club) by 6 – 2, 2 – 0

TRUE Third-Place Match: Page defeats Clodgo by 0 – 1, 1 – 1, 2 - 0

72 kg (158.5 lbs.)

Championship Match: Stephany Lee (Moanalua, HI – Sunkist Wrestling Club) defeats Iris Smith (Albany, GA - U.S. Army) by 4 – 2, 2 – 0

Third Place Match: Kristie Davis (Yukon, OK - Gator Wrestling Club) defeats Julia Salata (Canton, MI - King College) by 6 – 0, 5 – 0

TRUE Third Place Match: Iris Smith (Albany, GA – U.S. Army) defeats Kristie Davis (Yukon, OK – Gator Wrestling Club) by 1 – 0, 0 – 4, 1 - 0

## **2012 Team USA Wrestling Olympic Team**

### **MEN'S FREESTYLE**

55 kg (121.25 lbs.): Sam Hazewinkel (Pensacola, FL)

60 kg (132.25 lbs.): Undecided

66 kg (145.5 lbs.): Jared Frayer (Clearwater, FL)

74 kg (163 lbs.): Jordan Burroughs (Winslow Township, NJ)

84 kg (185 lbs.): Jake Herbert (Pittsburgh, PA )

96 kg (211.5 lbs.): Jake Varner (Bakersfield, CA)

120 kg (264.5 lbs.): Tervel Dlagnev (Arlington, TX)

### **MEN'S GRECO-ROMAN**

55 kg (121.25 lbs.): Spenser Mango (Flourissant, MO)

60 kg (132.25 lbs.): Ellis Coleman (Oak Park, IL)

66 kg. (145.5 lbs.): Justin 'Harry' Lester (Akron, OH)



74 kg (163 lbs.): Ben Provisor (Stevens Point, WI)  
 84 kg (185 lbs.): Chas Betts (St. Michael, MN)  
 96 kg (211.5 lbs.): Undecided  
 120 kg (264.5 lbs.): Dremiel Byers (Kings Mountain, NC)

**WOMEN'S FREESTYLE**

48 kg (105.5 lbs.): Clarissa Chun (Honolulu, HI)  
 55 kg (121.25 lbs.): Kelsey Campbell (Milwaukie, OR)  
 60 kg (138.75 lbs.): Elena Pirozhkova (Greenfield, MA)  
 72 kg (158.5 lbs.): Stephany Lee (Moanalua, HI)



**ON THE CALENDER**

***High School/Middle School/Elementary***

Mon., Apr. 23 and Every Monday Thru Summer – HIGH SCHOOL/MIDDLE SCHOOL/ELEMENTARY –  
 Roughouse Wrestling Club Practice – Ashland University Wrestling Room – Ashland, OH – 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.  
 Tues., Apr. 24 and Ever Tuesday To End of School Year – HIGH SCHOOL/MIDDLE SCHOOL/ELEMENTARY –  
 Open Mats – West Holmes High School Wrestling Room – Millersburg, OH – 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.  
 Wed., Apr. 25 and Every Wednesday Thru Summer – HIGH SCHOOL/MIDDLE SCHOOL/ELEMENTARY –  
 Roughouse Wrestling Club Practice – Ashland University Wrestling Room – Ashland, OH – 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.  
 Sun., Apr. 29 and Every Sunday To End Of School Year – HIGH SCHOOL/MIDDLE SCHOOL/ELEMENTARY –  
 Open Mats – West Holmes High School Wrestling Room – Millersburg, OH – 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

**April 16, 2012– Millersburg, OH**

Inside this edition of the 2011 - 2012 *West Holmes Knights Wrestling Newsletter*

**Better Late Than Never – Baker’s Girls State Title**

**Oops!, Add Another Varsity ‘WHHS’ Letterwinner**

**Colt Sponseller Eyes Olympic Team Berth This Saturday**

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**WEST HOLMES WRESTLING**

***Baker Secures Girls Wrestling State Title In Early March***

March 10, 2012 will be a day that West Holmes High School sophomore wrestler Tessa Baker will never forget. That Saturday the second-year wrestler accomplished a feat done only one other time in Knights wrestling history – win the Ohio



girls wrestling state championship.

Wrestling in a round-robin format at the '2012 United States Girls Wrestling Association (U.S.G.W.A.) – Ohio State Championship Tournament' held at Chippewa High School in Doylestown, Ohio, Baker went undefeated in the 133 lbs. class finishing 3 – 0 and with the state champions gold medal.

Baker scored a one-point decision victory in her opening round match then followed that up with a fall in her second match giving her a 2 – 0 record entering her final match. A win would mean the state championship.

Baker wasn't too be denied schooling and frustrating her opponent until the match was stopped at the 4:15 mark and Baker awarded the victory by technical disqualification (4 penalty's).

The state championship for Baker gave her two consecutive U.S.G.W.A. – Ohio State Championship podium finishes (3rd at 125 lbs. in 2011) and placed her alongside late 1990's W.H.H.S. graduate 'Sam' (Samantha) Collett, current Lady Knights softball varsity assistant coach, as the only wrestlers in school history to win girls wrestling state championships.

'2012 United States Girls Wrestling Association (U.S.G.W.A.) Ohio State Championship Tournament' – March 10, 2012 – Chippewa High School – Doylestown, OH

### **BAKER'S BOX SCORE**

133 lbs. – Tessa Baker (Lakeville, OH, Champion, 3 – 0)

Round Robin Match 1: **Tessa Baker (Lakeville, OH/West Holmes)** defeats Ali Massinople (Columbus, OH) by 5 – 4 Decision

Round Robin Match 2: **Tessa Baker (Lakeville, OH/West Holmes)** defeats Kimberly Jacobs (St. Paris, OH) by Fall @ 1:35

Round Robin Match 3: **Tessa Baker (Lakeville, OH/West Holmes)** defeats Georgiana Rivers (South Euclid, OH) by Disqualification (4 penalties) @ 4:15

'2012 United States Girls Wrestling Association (U.S.G.W.A.) Ohio State Championship Tournament' – March 10, 2012 – Chippewa High School – Doylestown, OH

### **TOURNAMENT BOX SCORE**

86 lbs.

Champion: Haley Shore (St. Paris, OH, 0 - 0) – Unopposed

103 lbs. – Round Robin

Champion: Shirley Flynn (Hubbard, OH, 3 – 0)

Round Robin Match 1: Flynn defeats Christina Cullison (South Charleston, OH) by Fall @ 5:03

Round Robin Match 2: Flynn defeats Kylee Stroud (Greenfield, OH) by Fall @ 3:27

Round Robin Match 3: Flynn defeats Sarah Hoffman (Streetsboro, OH) by 5 – 0 Decision

Runner-Up: Sarah Hoffman (Streetsboro, OH, 2 – 1)

Round Robin Match 1: Hoffman defeats Kylee Stroud (Greenfield, OH) by Fall @ 1:15

Round Robin Match 2: Hoffman defeats Christina Cullison (South Charleston, OH) by Forfeit

Round Robin Match 3: Shirley Flynn (Hubbard, OH) defeats Hoffman by 5 – 0 Decision



3rd Place: Kylee Stroud (Greenfield, OH, 1 – 2)

Round Robin Match 1: Sarah Hoffman (Streetsboro, OH) defeats Stroud by Fall @ 1:15

Round Robin Match 2: Shirley Flynn (Hubbard, OH) defeats Stroud by Fall @ 3:27

Round Robin Match 3: Stroud defeats Christina Cullison (South Charleston, OH) by Forfeit

Fourth Place: Christina Cullison (South Charleston, OH, 0 – 3)

Round Robin Match 1: Shirley Flynn (Hubbard, OH) defeats Cullison by Fall @ 5:03

Round Robin Match 2: Sarah Hoffman (Streetsboro, OH) defeats Cullison by Forfeit

Round Robin Match 3: Kylee Stroud (South Charleston, OH) defeats Cullison by Forfeit

119 lbs. – Round Robin

Champion: Taylor Rose (Middletown, OH, 3 – 0)

Round Robin Match 1: Rose defeats Kara Drew (St. Paris, OH) by 20 – 4 Tech Fall @ 4:00

Round Robin Match 2: Rose defeats Kat Altier (New Lexington, OH) by 21 – 6 Tech Fall @ 3:50

Round Robin Match 3: Rose defeats Amanda Kosik (Hinckley, OH) by Fall @ 1:50

Runner-Up: Amanda Kosik (Hinckley, OH, 2 – 1)

Round Robin Match 1: Kosik defeats Kat Altier (New Lexington, OH) by 15 – 3 Major Decision

Round Robin Match 2: Kosik defeats Kara Drew (St. Paris, OH) by Fall @ 5:51

Round Robin Match 3: Taylor Rose (Middletown, OH) defeats Kosik by Fall @ 1:50

3rd Place: Kat Altier (New Lexington, OH, 1 – 2)

Round Robin Match 1: Amanda Kosik (Hinckley, OH) defeats Altier by 15 – 3 Major Decision

Round Robin Match 2: Taylor Rose (Middletown, OH) defeats Altier by 21 – 6 Tech Fall @ 3:50

Round Robin Match 3: Altier defeats Kara Drew (St. Paris, OH) by Fall @ :57

4th Place: Kara Drew (St. Paris, OH, 0 – 3)

Round Robin Match 1: Taylor Rose (Middletown, OH) defeats Drew by 20 – 4 Tech Fall @ 4:00

Round Robin Match 2: Amanda Kosik (Hinckley, OH) defeats Drew by Fall @ 5:51

Round Robin Match 3: Kat Altier (New Lexington, OH) defeats Drew by Fall @ :57

125 lbs. – Round Robin

Champion: Shelby Hall (Doylestown, OH, 2 – 0)

Round Robin Match 1: Hall defeats Rachel Young (Columbus, OH) by 5 – 2 Decision

Round Robin Match 2: Hall defeats Sierra Vulgamore (Williamsport, OH) by Fall @ 1:42

Runner-Up: Sierra Vulgamore (Williamsport, OH, 1 – 1)

Round Robin Match 1: Vulgamore defeats Rachel Young (Columbus, OH) by 6 – 5 Decision

Round Robin Match 2: Shelby Hall (Doylestown, OH) defeats Vulgamore by Fall @ 1:42

3rd Place: Rachel Young (Columbus, OH, 0 – 2)

Round Robin Match 1: Shelby Hall (Doylestown, OH) defeats Young by 5 – 2 Decision

Round Robin Match 2: Sierra Vulgamore (Williamsport, OH) defeats Young by 6 – 5 Decision

133 lbs. – Round Robin

**Champion: Tessa Baker (Lakeville, OH, 3 – 0)**



Round Robin Match 1: **Baker** defeats Ali Massinople (Columbus, OH) by 5 – 4 Decision  
Round Robin Match 2: **Baker** defeats Kimberly Jacobs (St. Paris, OH) by Fall @ 1:35  
Round Robin Match 3: **Baker** defeats Georgiana Rivers (South Euclid, OH) by Disqualification (4 penalty's) @ 4:15

Runner-Up: Georgiana Rivers (South Euclid, OH, 2 – 1)  
Round Robin Match 1: Rivers defeats Kimberly Jacobs (St. Paris, OH) by Fall @ :11  
Round Robin Match 2: Rivers defeats Ali Massinople (Columbus, OH) by 5 – 4 Decision  
Round Robin Match 3: Tessa Baker (Lakeville, OH) defeats Rivers by Technical Disqualification (4 penalty's) @ 4:15

3rd Place: Ali Massinople (Columbus, OH, 1 – 2)  
Round Robin Match 1: Tessa Baker (Lakeville, OH) defeats Massinople by 5 – 4 Decision  
Round Robin Match 2: Georgiana Rivers (South Euclid, OH) defeats Massinople by 5 – 4 Decision  
Round Robin Match 3: Massinople defeats Kimberly Jacobs (St. Paris, OH) by Fall @ :26

4th Place: Kimberly Jacobs (St. Paris, OH, 0 – 3)  
Round Robin Match 1: Georgiana Rivers (South Euclid, OH) defeats Jacobs by Fall @ :11  
Round Robin Match 2: Tessa Baker (Lakeville, OH) defeats Jacobs by Fall @ 1:35  
Round Robin Match 3: Ali Massinople (Columbus, OH) defeats Jacobs by Fall @ :26

145 lbs. – Round Robin  
Champion: Hanna Hall (Doylestown, OH, 2 – 0)  
Round Robin Match 1: **Hall** defeats Maddy Burns (Fostoria, OH) by Fall @ :50  
Round Robin Match 2: **Hall** defeats Brandi Dale (Dayton, OH) by Fall @ :30

Runner-Up: Brandi Dale (Dayton, OH, 1 – 1)  
Round Robin Match 1: Dale defeats Maddy Burns (Fostoria, OH) by 16 – 0 Tech Fall @ 1:50  
Round Robin Match 2: Hanna Hall (Doylestown, OH) defeats Dale by Fall @ :30

3rd Place: Maddy Burns (Fostoria, OH, 0 – 2)  
Round Robin Match 1: Hanna Hall (Doylestown, OH) defeats Burns by Fall @ :50  
Round Robin Match 2: Brandi Dale (Dayton, OH) defeats Burns by 16 – 0 Tech Fall @ 1:50

165 lbs. – Round Robin  
Champion: Corri Sayre (Warren, OH, 2 – 0)  
Round Robin Match 1: Sayre defeats Lindsey Amlin (St. Paris, OH) by Fall @ :11  
Round Robin Match 2: Sayre defeats Savannah Thomas (St. Paris, OH) by Fall @ :59

Runner-Up: Savannah Thomas (St. Paris, OH, 1 – 1)  
Round Robin Match 1: Thomas defeats Lindsey Amlin (St. Paris, OH) by Fall @ :17  
Round Robin Match 2: Corri Sayre (Warren, OH) defeats Thomas by Fall @ :59

3rd Place: Lindsey Amlin (St. Paris, OH, 0 – 2)  
Round Robin Match 1: Corri Sayre (Warren, OH) defeats Amlin by Fall @ :11  
Round Robin Match 2: Savannah Thomas (St. Paris, OH) defeats Amlin by Fall @ :17



EXHIBITION MATCHES

Savannah Thomas (St. Paris, OH) defeats Miranda Enck (Conover, OH) by Fall @ 3:18  
Lindsey Amlin (St. Paris, OH) defeats Tiffany Kimbley (Urbana, OH) by Fall @ :25  
Enck defeats Amlin by Fall @ :59  
Kimbley defeats Thomas by Fall @ 1:37

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**Baldrige Earns First Letter**

In the April 9, 2012 edition of the West Holmes Knights Wrestling Newsletter a wrestler who earned their first 'WHHS' varsity wrestling letter was mistakenly omitted from the 'Year In Review'.

Sophomore grappler Conway Baldrige split his time on the mats this season between the varsity and junior varsity but competed in enough varsity level matches to earn the letter.

The correct on the mat bio for Baldrige should have been as follows:

Baldrige, Conway – *Career*: 36 – 25 overall record, 6 – 11 varsity record, 30 – 14 junior varsity record, 1 fall win (varsity), 1-year 'WHHS' letterwinner. *Sophomore Season (170/182/195 lbs.)*: 4 – 8 varsity record, 10 – 3 junior varsity record, 1 fall win (varsity), 6th at Wayne Invitational, 1st at Warrior Junior Varsity Invitational, 3rd at Black Bear Junior Varsity Invitational and Meat and Potatoes Junior Varsity Invitational. *Freshman Season (160/171 lbs.)*: 2 – 3 varsity record, 20 – 11 junior varsity record, 6th at W.H.-Marine Corp Classic, 2nd at Generals Junior Varsity Invitational, 3rd at West Holmes Junior Varsity Invitational and Wayne County Athletic League Junior Varsity Tournament, 4th at Panthers Junior Varsity Invitational and Meat and Potatoes Junior Varsity Invitational.

Apologies for the oversight.



**NATIONAL/INTERNATIONAL WRESTLING**

**Sponseller Faces Stiff Challenge Saturday At Olympic Team Trials**

Colt Sponseller loves a challenge. Saturday (Apr. 21) may be the toughest challenge the former West Holmes wrestling legend will have faced in his storied amateur wrestling career. But anyone who knows Sponseller can take it to the bank he's looking forward to the challenge.

The challenge is the '2012 TEAM USA Freestyle Olympic Team Trials' taking place Saturday and Sunday at Carver-Hawkeye Arena on the campus of the University of Iowa in Iowa City, Iowa.

Win the 15-man 74 kg (163 lbs.) weight class and then you'll be wrestling for the ultimate in amateur wrestling – an Olympic gold medal.

But, it will be a challenge. No, make that HUGE challenge!

When one looks at the qualifiers list for the team trials tournament you can only shake your head in amazement



when you realize the talent at this level and then it settles in that only one of that talented field will represent the United States of America at this year's Olympic Summer Games in London, England.

Brackets for the team trials will not be released until after weigh-ins are completed Friday (Apr. 20) evening. Look at the qualifiers list for 74 kg and any wrestling fan can only dream of the possible match-ups.

'2012 TEAM USA Freestyle Olympic Team Trials' – Apr. 21 & 22, 2012 – Carver-Hawkeye Arena/University of Iowa – Iowa City, IA

#### 74 kg (163 lbs.) Qualifiers List

Jordan Burroughs (Lincoln, NE – Sunkist Kids Wrestling Club): 2011 World Medalist In Trials Finals  
Andrew Howe (Cedar Lake, IN – New York Athletic Club): 2011 World Team Trials Runner-Up  
Nick Marable (Columbia, MO – Sunkist Kids Wrestling Club): 2011 World Team Trials True 3rd Place  
Lloyd Rogers (Iowa City, IA – Hawkeye Wrestling Club): Sunkist International highest non-qualified in U.S. top-four  
Ryan Morningstar (Iowa City, IA – New York Athletic Club): New York Athletic Club International highest non-qualified in U.S. top-four  
**Colt Sponseller (Glenmont, OH – New York Athletic Club): 2011 Olympic Team Trials Runner-Up**  
Tyler Caldwell (Wichita, KS – Sunkist Kids Wrestling Club): 2011 Olympic Team Trials 3rd Place  
Moza Fay (Colorado Springs, CO – Gator Wrestling Club): 2011 Olympic Team Trials 4th Place  
Mike Poeta (Ann Arbor, MI – New York Athletic Club): 2012 Last Chance Olympic Team Trials Qualifier  
Champion  
Matt Brown (West Valley City, UT – Nittany Lion Wrestling Club): 2012 Last Chance Olympic Team Trials  
Qualifier Runner-Up  
Trent Paulson (Ames, IA – Sunkist Kids Wrestling Club): Past U.S. World Team Member  
Dustin Schlatter (Minneapolis, MN – Minnesota Storm Wrestling Club): Past U.S. World Team Member  
Travis Paulson (Ames, IA – Sunkist Kids Wrestling Club): Past U.S. World Team Member  
David Taylor (St. Paris, OH – Nittany Lion Wrestling Club): Wild Card Selection  
Kyle Dake (Ithaca, NY – New York Athletic Club): Wild Card Selection

That's the challenge Sponseller faces. Without a doubt the biggest he's ever faced on the mats.

Facing all the challenges high school could offer Sponseller left West Holmes as the schools only three-time state champion (2007, 2006, 2005) – including a 49 – 0 mark in 2007, the school record holder for career record and career win percentage (156 – 13, .923), career wins (156), most falls in a season (36 – 2007), most takedowns in a season (219 - 2007) and with two National High School Coaches Association national high school champion titles (2007 & 2006).

Taking his talents to Columbus, Ohio following his Knights career, Sponseller broke into the starting line-up his freshman season for The Ohio State University wrestling Buckeyes. By the time he had finished his Buckeye career Sponseller was a three-time NCAA National Tournament qualifier (2011, 2010 and 2009) earning All-America honors in 2011 with a 4th-place finish at 165 lbs. Sponseller garnered Big Ten Conference runner-up honors in 2011 and 2010 (165 lbs.) and also chalked up two USA Wrestling University Mens Freestyle National Championships (2011, 2010). During his four seasons at OSU, Sponseller amassed a 105 – 24 career mark which ranks him in the Top 10 in the Ohio State record books for career win percentage (.760). Sponseller also finished his sophomore and senior seasons as the team leader in wins with 25 and 34, respectively.



It's been Sponseller's dream since he started wrestling as a grade-schooler to have the chance at an Olympic medal and come Saturday he has a chance to fulfill that dream. It will be tough and it will be a challenge. But, Colt Sponseller would have it no other way.

Sponseller will have plenty of company and familiar faces surrounding him at the Olympic Team trials. A large contingent of former Buckeye grapplers will also be shooting for Olympic team berths. Competing in freestyle competition will be Tommy Rowlands (2004, 120 kg – 264.5 lbs.), J.D. Bergman (2008, 96 kg – 211.5 lbs.), Reece Humphery (2010, 60 kg – 132.25 lbs.) and Logan Stieber (present – 60 kg. – 132.25 lbs.). Nikko Triggas (2010, 55 kg – 121.25 lbs.) will compete in Greco-Roman competition. Coaching the Buckeye contingent will be OSU assistant head coach Lou Rosselli and assistant coaches J. Jagers and Ross Thatcher. Buckeyes head coach Tom Ryan will be on hand to lend support to his former and current wrestlers.



**ON THE CALENDER**

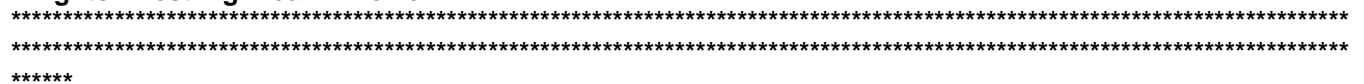
***High School/Middle School/Elementary***

- Tues., Apr. 17 and Ever Tuesday To End of School Year – HIGH SCHOOL/MIDDLE SCHOOL/ELEMENTARY – Open Mats – West Holmes High School Wrestling Room – Millersburg, OH – 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.
- Wed., Apr. 18 and Every Wednesday Thru Summer – HIGH SCHOOL/MIDDLE SCHOOL/ELEMENTARY – Roughouse Wrestling Club Practice – Ashland University Wrestling Room – Ashland, OH – 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- Sun., Apr. 22 and Every Sunday To End Of School Year – HIGH SCHOOL/MIDDLE SCHOOL/ELEMENTARY – Open Mats – West Holmes High School Wrestling Room – Millersburg, OH – 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
- Mon., Apr. 23 and Every Monday Thru Summer – HIGH SCHOOL/MIDDLE SCHOOL/ELEMENTARY – Roughouse Wrestling Club Practice – Ashland University Wrestling Room – Ashland, OH – 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

**April 9, 2012– Millersburg, OH**

Inside this edition of the 2011 - 2012 *West Holmes Knights Wrestling Newsletter*

**Knights Wrestling 'Year In Review'**



**WEST HOLMES WRESTLING**

***Past Season Successful For Knights Wrestling Program***

When one looks back at the West Holmes Local School District's 2011 – 2012 wrestling season a simple conclusion can be drawn. The Knights wrestling program enjoyed a very successful campaign from the high school level to the elementary level.

And, the future looks quite bright with several younger grapplers making their marks this season. For those grapplers, who return to the mats in early November, 'off-season training is underway. For three departing Knights seniors a stellar career is over.



The following is a year in review of West Holmes Knights wrestling.

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-----**HIGH SCHOOL VARSITY**-----

Two returning two-time state qualifiers, one a returning state placer, and only three seniors meant the 2011 – 2012 edition of Knights varsity wrestling squad would be young.

Mat boss Jeff Woods knew he could count on his seniors Tyler Brown, Marshall Overholt and Justin Stitzlein (returning two-time state qualifier) plus returning state placer and two-time state qualifier junior Max Rohskopf for wins during the season. But, the rest of the young squad would have to grow up quickly in order for the Knights to pick up dual meet wins and more importantly tournament team championships.

Once the dust had settled on the season coach Woods, who will tell you he doesn't like losing, had more reasons to smile than not.

Led by the seniors and Rohskopf the young Knights squad racked up an impressive 5 – 2 dual meet mark, notched two tournament team titles and tallied their best Ohio Cardinal Conference tournament placing (2nd) since winning the O.C.C. wrestling title during the 2006 – 2007 season.

But most importantly, when the tournament grind to the Ohio High School Athletic Association state tournament began the Knights responded with Overholt, Stitzlein and Rohskopf qualifying for the 'big dance'. The three culminated the season placing themselves on the medalist podium – Rohskopf 3rd at 138 lbs., Stitzlein 6th at 152 lbs. and Overholt 6th at 160 lbs.

The three placings at the state tournament matched the school high of three placers in the same year. Clif Hummel (3rd), Alex Baker (5th) and Chris Hart (5th) all placed during the 2000 state tournament.

***West Holmes High School Varsity 2011 - 2012 Team Stats***

DUAL MEET RECORD: 5 – 2

DUAL MEET SCHEDULE

Dec. 7, 2011 – 'Backyard Brawl'-Northwestern, Triway, Waynedale, **West Holmes** at West Holmes High School, Millersburg, OH: West Salem Northwestern 45 – **West Holmes 30**, **West Holmes 35** – Apple Creek Waynedale 30

Dec. 15, 2011 – **West Holmes** –vs- Dover at Dover High School, Dover, OH: **West Holmes 37** – Dover 36

Jan. 18, 2012 – **West Holmes** –vs- Indian Valley at Indian Valley High School, Gnadenuhuten, OH: Gnadenuhuten Indian Valley 37 – **West Holmes 33**

Jan. 25, 2012 – Cambridge –vs- **West Holmes** at West Holmes High School, Millersburg, OH: **West Holmes 44** – Cambridge 31

Feb. 7, 2012 – **West Holmes** –vs- New Philadelphia & River View at River View High School, Warsaw, OH: **West Holmes 46** – New Philadelphia 31, **West Holmes 52** – Warsaw River View 27

TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE



Dec. 3, 2011 – ‘3rd Annual Southeastern Ohio Regional Medical Center Bobcat Invitational Tournament’ at Cambridge High School, Cambridge, OH: **West Holmes – 1st of 10 Teams, 190 pts., 3 champs, 8 placers**  
 Dec. 9 & 10, 2011 – ‘41st Annual Wayne Invitational Tournament’ at Berkey Fieldhouse-Smithville High School, Smithville, OH: **West Holmes – 2nd of 18 Teams, 186 pts., 2 champs, 8 placers**  
 Dec. 28 & 29, 2011 – ‘37th Annual Medina Invitational Tournament’ at Medina High School, Medina, OH: **West Holmes – 21st of 41 Teams, 65 pts., 2 placers**  
 Jan. 13 & 14, 2012 – ‘26th Annual ASICS Top Gun Invitational Tournament’ at Alliance High School, Alliance, OH: **West Holmes – tie 14th of 43 teams, 81.5 pts., 2 placers**  
 Jan. 28, 2012 – ‘6th Annual West Holmes-Marine Corp Classic Invitational Tournament’ at West Holmes High School, Millersburg, OH: **West Holmes – 1st of 10 Teams, 235 pts., 4 champs, 7 placers**  
 Feb. 4, 2012 – ‘2012 Ohio Cardinal Conference Wrestling Championship Tournament’ at Wooster High School, Wooster, OH: **West Holmes – 2nd of 8 Teams, 162.5 pts., 2 champs, 8 placers**  
 Feb. 17 & 18, 2012 – ‘2012 Ohio High School Athletic Association East/Southeast Sectional Championship Tournament’ at Claymont High School, Uhrichsville, OH: **West Holmes – 7th of 11 Teams, 110 pts., 2 champs, 4 placers**  
 Feb. 24 & 25, 2012 – ‘2012 Ohio High School Athletic Association East/Southeast/Central District Championship Tournament’ at Claymont High School, Uhrichsville, OH: **West Holmes – 4th of 49 Teams, 78 pts., 2 champs, 1 placer**  
 Mar. 1 – 3, 2012 – ‘75th Ohio High School Athletic Association State Championship Tournament’ at Value City Arena/Schottenstein Center/The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH: **West Holmes – 14th of 105 teams, 34 pts., 3 placers**

## HIGH SCHOOL JUNIOR VARSITY

A very young group of grapplers continued to improve as the season wore on giving West Holmes High School wrestling assistant coach Andy Toye a reason to be pleased at campaigns end.

The Knights junior varsity team ended the season with a 4 – 3 dual meet mark and fared very well in tournaments with champions and placers in every tournament entered. Highlights were a 4th-place team finish in the varsity level ‘Falcon Invitational Tournament’ and a 4th-place team finish at the ‘Bulldog Team Duals Tournament’.

Once the season had ended one junior varsity wrestler continued to train and it paid off in big way. Knights sophomore Tessa Baker captured the United States Girls Wrestling Association – Ohio State Championship title bettering her previous seasons third-place performance at the girls state tournament.

### *West Holmes High School Junior Varsity 2011 – 2012 Team Stats*

DUAL MEET RECORD: 4 – 3

### DUAL MEET SCHEDULE

Dec. 10, 2011 – ‘Bulldog Junior Varsity Team Duals Tournament’ at Olmsted Falls High School, Olmsted Falls, OH: **West Holmes – 4th of 8 Teams, West Holmes 39** – Middleburg Heights Midpark 12, Lorain 42 – **West Holmes 36, West Holmes 33** – Olmsted Falls ‘Blue’ 32, North Royalton 48 – **West Holmes 30**  
 Dec. 15, 2011 – **West Holmes** –vs– Dover at Dover High School, Dover, OH: **West Holmes 15** – Dover 12  
 Jan. 18, 2012 – **West Holmes** –vs- Indian Valley at Indian Valley High School, Gnadenhutten, OH: **West Holmes 12** –



Gnadenhutzen Indian Valley 9

Jan. 25, 2012 – Cambridge –vs- **West Holmes** at West Holmes High School, Millersburg, OH: Cambridge 22 – **West Holmes 6**

#### TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

Dec. 3, 2011 – ‘Meat and Potatoes Junior Varsity Invitational Tournament’ at Northmor High School, Galion, OH: **West Holmes** - no team scores, **7 placers**

Dec. 28, 2011 – ‘Warrior Junior Varsity Invitational Tournament’ at Ontario High School, Ontario, OH: **West Holmes** - no team scores: **2 champs, 2 placers**

Jan. 7, 2012 – ‘Falcon Varsity Invitational Tournament’ at Fairless High School, Navarre, OH: **West Holmes – 4th of 8 Teams, 2 champs, 10 placers**

Jan. 14, 2012 – ‘Knights Junior Varsity Invitational Tournament’ at West Holmes High School, Millersburg, OH: **West Holmes** – no team scores, **3 placers**

Jan. 27, 2012 – ‘Black Bear Junior Varsity Invitational Tournament’ at River View High School, Warsaw, OH: **West Holmes** – no team scores, **2 champs, 6 placers**

#### **West Holmes High School Varsity/Junior Varsity 2011 – 2012 Individual Stats**

##### SENIORS

Brown, Tyler – *Career*: 70 – 46 overall record, 57 – 39 varsity record, 13 – 7 junior varsity record, 24 falls wins (varsity), 4-year ‘WHHS’ letterwinner. *Senior Season (113 lbs.)*: 28 – 9 varsity record, 15 fall wins (varsity), Most Improved Award Winner, 4th at sectionals/district qualifier, 2nd at Ohio Cardinal Conference, 1st at W.H.-Marine Corp Classic, Falcon Invitational and Bobcat Invitational, 4th at Wayne Invitational. *Junior Season (119 lbs.)*: 14 – 18 varsity record, 7 – 1 junior varsity record, 7 fall wins (varsity), 4th at sectionals/district qualifier, 4th at Ohio Cardinal Conference, 4th at Falcon Invitational and Bobcat Invitational, 1st at West Holmes Junior Varsity Invitational and Warrior Junior Varsity Invitational. *Sophomore Season (112 lbs.)*: 12 – 14 varsity record, 3 – 1 junior varsity record, 2 fall wins (varsity), 5th at sectionals/district alternate, 2nd at Ohio Cardinal Conference, 5th at W.H.-Marine Corp Classic and Bobcat Invitational, 3rd at West Holmes Junior Varsity Invitational. *Freshman Season (103/112 lbs.)*: 3 – 8 varsity record, 3 – 5 junior varsity record, 5th at sectionals/district alternate, 6th at W.H.-Marine Corp Classic, 2nd at Arrows Junior Varsity Invitational and 3rd at Generals Junior Varsity Invitational.

Overholt, Marshall – *Career*: 99 – 51 overall record, 93 – 49 varsity record, 6 – 2 junior varsity record, 43 fall wins (varsity), 4-year ‘WHHS’ letterwinner. *Senior Season (160 lbs.)*: Team Co-Captain, 30 – 10 varsity record, 14 fall wins (varsity), Most Takedowns Award Winner (78), 6th at state, 2nd at districts/state qualifier, 2nd at sectionals/district qualifier, 2nd at Ohio Cardinal Conference, 1st at W.H.-Marine Corp Classic and Wayne Invitational, 3rd at Bobcat Invitational. *Junior Season (152 lbs.)*: 22 – 11 varsity record, 10 fall wins (varsity), 5th at sectionals/district alternate, 1st at Bobcat Invitational, 2nd at Wayne Invitational, 3rd at W.H.-Marine Corp Classic. *Sophomore Season (130/135 lbs.)*: 23 – 14 varsity record, 13 fall wins (varsity), 3rd at sectionals/district qualifier, 3rd at Ohio Cardinal Conference, 2nd at W.H.-Marine Corp Classic, 5th at Bobcat Invitational, 6th at Wayne Invitational. *Freshman Season (112/119 lbs.)*: 15 – 14 varsity record, 6 – 2 junior varsity record, 6 fall wins (varsity), 3rd at sectionals/district qualifier, 3rd at Ohio Cardinal Conference, 3rd at Hornets Invitational, 6th at W.H.-Marine Corp Classic and Wayne Invitational, 2nd at West Holmes Junior Varsity Invitational and 3rd at Warrior Junior Varsity Invitational.

Stitzlein, Justin – *Career*: 135 – 36 overall record, 127 – 36 varsity record, 8 – 0 junior varsity record, 67 fall wins



(varsity), 4-year 'WHHS' letterwinner. *Senior Season (152 lbs.):* 42 – 7 varsity record, 20 fall wins (varsity), Most Near Fall Points Award Winner (170), 6th at state, 1st at districts/state qualifier, 1st at sectionals/district qualifier, 1st at Ohio Cardinal Conference, W.H.-Marine Corp Classic and Bobcat Invitational (most valuable wrestler award winner), 2nd at Wayne Invitational, 3rd at Top Gun Invitational, 7th at Medina Invitational. *Junior Season (145 lbs.):* 41 – 5 varsity record, 26 fall wins (varsity), Most Near Fall Points Award Winner (191 pts. – new school record), Most Fall Wins Award (26), 1st at districts/state qualifier, 2nd at sectionals/district qualifier, 1st at Ohio Cardinal Conference, W.H.-Marine Corp Classic, Wayne Invitational and Bobcat Invitational (most valuable wrestler award winner), 2nd at Medina Invitational, 3rd at Top Gun Invitational. *Sophomore Season (135/140 lbs.):* 27 – 12 varsity record, 15 fall wins (varsity), Most Near Fall Points Award Winner (128), Most Fall Wins (15), 4th at districts/state qualifier, 2nd at sectionals/district qualifier, 3rd at Ohio Cardinal Conference, 1st at Wayne Invitational and Bobcat Invitational, 8th at Top Gun Invitational and Medina Invitational. *Freshman Season (135/140/145 lbs.):* 17 – 12 varsity record, 8 – 0 junior varsity record, 6 fall wins (varsity), 5th at districts/state alternate, 4th at sectionals/district qualifier, 4th at Wayne Invitational, 5th at W.H.-Marine Corp Classic, 1st at Warrior Junior Varsity Invitational and Meat and Potatoes Junior Varsity Invitational.

## JUNIORS

Darr, Lane – *Career:* 53 – 34 overall record, 25 – 29 varsity record, 28 – 5 junior varsity record, 10 fall wins (varsity), 2-year 'WHHS' letterwinner. *Junior Season (126 lbs.):* 14 – 19 varsity record, 6 fall wins (varsity), 3rd at Wayne Invitational, 6th at W.H.-Marine Corp Classic. *Sophomore Season (119/125 lbs.):* 10 – 7 varsity record, 10 – 2 junior varsity record, 4 fall wins (varsity), 3rd at Bobcat Invitational, 5th at W.H.-Marine Corp Classic, 1st at Wayne County Athletic League Junior Varsity Tournament, 2nd at Generals Junior Varsity Invitational. *Freshman Season (112 lbs.):* 1 – 3 varsity record, 18 – 3 junior varsity record, 5th at W.H.-Marine Corp Classic, 1st at Generals Junior Varsity Invitational, Panthers Junior Varsity Invitational, Arrows Junior Varsity Invitational and Meat and Potatoes Junior Varsity Invitational, 2nd at Warrior Junior Varsity Invitational, 4th at West Holmes Junior Varsity Invitational.

Fry, Zed – *Career:* 8 – 40 overall record, 6 – 30 varsity record, 2 – 10 junior varsity record, 4 fall wins (varsity), 1-year 'WHHS' letterwinner. *Junior Season (120 lbs.):* 5 – 22 varsity record, 4 fall wins (varsity), 6th at Bobcat Invitational. *Sophomore Season (103/112 lbs.):* 1 – 8 varsity record, 2 – 10 junior varsity record, 3rd at Wayne County Athletic League Junior Varsity Tournament.

Phillips, Chris – *Career:* 52 – 30 overall record, 16 – 16 varsity record, 36 – 14 junior varsity record, 9 fall wins (varsity), 1-year 'WHHS' letterwinner. *Junior Season (160/170 lbs.):* 13 – 8 varsity record, 17 – 2 junior varsity record, 8 fall wins (varsity), 6th at sectionals/district second alternate, 4th at Ohio Cardinal Conference, 1st at Falcon Invitational, 4th at W.H.-Marine Corp Classic, 1st at Warrior Junior Varsity Invitational, 2nd at West Holmes Junior Varsity Invitational and Meat and Potatoes Junior Varsity Invitational. *Sophomore Season (152 lbs.):* 2 – 2 varsity record, 14 – 3 junior varsity record, 4th at Falcon Invitational, 2nd at Warrior Junior Varsity Invitational and Meat and Potatoes Junior Varsity Invitational, 3rd at West Holmes Junior Varsity Invitational, Most Valuable Wrestler Award Winner at Bulldogs Junior Varsity Duals Tournament. *Freshman Season (140/145/152 lbs.):* 1 – 6 varsity record, 5 – 9 junior varsity record, 1 fall win (varsity), 6th at Panthers Junior Varsity Invitational Tournament.

Rohskopf, Max – *Career:* 105 – 20 overall and varsity record, 57 fall wins (varsity), 3-year 'WHHS' letterwinner. *Junior Season (138/145 lbs.):* Team Co-Captain, 44 – 3 varsity record, 30 fall wins (varsity), Most Fall Wins Award Winner (30), 3rd at state, 1st at districts/state qualifier, 1st at sectionals/district qualifier, 1st at Ohio Cardinal Conference, W.H.-Marine Corp Classic, Wayne Invitational and Bobcat Invitational, 2nd at Top Gun Invitational and Medina Invitational. *Sophomore Season (130 lbs.):* 31 – 5 varsity record, 15 fall wins (varsity),



Most Takedowns Award Winner (77), 7th at state, 2nd at districts/state qualifier, 1st at sectionals/district qualifier, 1st at Ohio Cardinal Conference, W.H.-Marine Corp Classic and Wayne Invitational. *Freshman Season (119/125 lbs.):* 30 – 12 varsity record, 12 fall wins (varsity), Most Improved Wrestler Award Winner, 4th at districts/state qualifier, 1st at sectionals/district qualifier, 2nd at Ohio Cardinal Conference, 1st at Wayne Invitational, 3rd at W.H.-Marine Corp Classic and Bobcat Invitational.

Scherer, Jack – *Career:* 44 – 26 overall record, 22 – 16 varsity record, 22 – 10 junior varsity record, 6 fall wins (varsity), 1-year 'WHHS' letterwinner. *Junior Season (145/152/160 lbs.):* 11 – 8 varsity record, 6 – 1 junior varsity record, 5 fall wins (varsity), 3rd at Ohio Cardinal Conference, 2nd at Falcon Invitational, 3rd at W.H.-Marine Corp Classic. *Sophomore Season (145/152 lbs.):* 9 – 3 junior varsity record, 1st at Warrior Junior Varsity Invitational, 2nd at West Holmes Junior Varsity Invitational. *Freshman Season (125/130 lbs.):* 2 – 5 varsity record, 16 – 9 junior varsity record, 1 fall win (varsity), 2nd at Warrior Junior Varsity Invitational and Arrows Junior Varsity Invitational, 3rd at Meat and Potatoes Junior Varsity Invitational, 4th at Panthers Junior Varsity Invitational and 6th at West Holmes Junior Varsity Invitational.

Schlegel, Matt – *Career:* 37 – 50 overall record, 14 – 35 varsity record, 23 – 15 junior varsity record, 10 fall wins (varsity), 2-year 'WHHS' letterwinner. *Junior Season (182 lbs.):* 12 – 18 varsity record, 9 fall wins (varsity), 3rd at Ohio Cardinal Conference, 4th at W.H.-Marine Corp Classic, 5th at Bobcat Invitational. *Sophomore Season (160 lbs.):* 1 – 2 varsity record, 15 – 10 junior varsity record, 2nd at West Holmes Junior Varsity Invitational and Warrior Junior Varsity Invitational, 4th at Generals Junior Varsity Invitational. *Freshman Season (140/145/152 lbs.):* 1 – 15 varsity record, 8 – 5 junior varsity record, 1 fall win (varsity), 3rd at Arrows Junior Varsity Invitational.

Singleton, Tyler – *Career:* 44 – 46 overall record, 15 – 35 varsity record, 29 – 11 junior varsity record, 9 fall wins (varsity), 2-year 'WHHS' letterwinner. *Junior Season (285 lbs.):* 12 – 18 varsity record, 3 – 1 junior varsity record, 9 fall wins (varsity), 3rd at Bobcat Invitational, 4th at W.H.-Marine Corp Classic, 6th at Wayne Invitational, 2nd at West Holmes Junior Varsity Invitational. *Sophomore Season (285 lbs.):* 3 – 11 varsity record, 14 – 2 junior varsity record, 1st at Generals Junior Varsity Invitational, 3rd at Wayne County Athletic League Junior Varsity Tournament and Warri or Junior Varsity Invitational. *Freshman Season (285 lbs.):* 0 – 6 varsity record, 12 – 8 junior varsity record, 3rd at Arrows Junior Varsity Invitational, 4th at Generals Junior Varsity Invitational.

Smith, Benton – *Career:* 23 – 27 overall record, 2 – 2 varsity record, 21 – 25 junior varsity record, 2 fall wins (varsity). *Junior Season (285 lbs.):* 2 – 2 varsity record, 13 – 10 junior varsity record, 2 fall wins (varsity), 4th at Falcon Invitational, 1st at Black Bears Junior Varsity Invitational, 2nd at Meat and Potatoes Junior Varsity Invitational, 3rd at West Holmes Junior Varsity Invitational. *Sophomore Season (285 lbs.):* 4 – 6 junior varsity record, 2nd at Generals Junior Varsity Invitational, 4th at Panthers Junior Varsity Invitational. *Freshman Season (285 lbs.):* 4 – 9 junior varsity record.

## SOPHOMORES

Baker, Tessa – *Career:* 13 – 33 overall record, 0 – 4 varsity record, 13 – 29 junior varsity record. *Sophomore Season (120 lbs.):* 0 – 4 varsity record, 9 – 14 junior varsity record, 6th at Falcon Invitational, 2nd at Black Bear Junior Varsity Invitational, Warrior Junior Varsity Invitational and Meat and Potatoes Junior Varsity Invitational, Post Season - 1st at United States Girls Wrestling Association – Ohio State Tournament. *Freshman Season (119 lbs.):* 4 – 15 junior varsity record, 1st at Wayne County Athletic League Junior Varsity Tournament, 5th at Panthers Junior Varsity Invitational, Post Season – 3rd at United States Girls Wrestling Association – Ohio State Tournament.

Baldrige, Conway – *Career:* 36 – 25 overall record, 6 – 11 varsity record, 30 – 14 junior varsity record.



*Sophomore Season (170/182/195 lbs.):* 4 – 8 varsity record, 10 – 3 junior varsity record, 1 fall win (varsity), 6th at Wayne Invitational, 1st at Warrior Junior Varsity Invitational, 3rd at Black Bear Junior Varsity Invitational and Meat and Potatoes Junior Varsity Invitational. *Freshman Season (160/171 lbs.):* 2 – 3 varsity record, 20 – 11 junior varsity record, 6th at W.H.-Marine Corp Classic, 2nd at Generals Junior Varsity Invitational, 3rd at West Holmes Junior Varsity Invitational and Wayne County Athletic League Junior Varsity Tournament, 4th at Panthers Junior Varsity Invitational and Meat and Potatoes Junior Varsity Invitational.

Cox, Caleb – *Career:* 17 – 23 overall record, 0 – 2 varsity record, 17 – 21 junior varsity record. *Sophomore Season (160/170 lbs.):* 0 – 2 varsity record, 12 – 10 junior varsity record, 5th at Falcon Invitational, 2nd at Black Bear Junior Varsity Invitational. *Freshman Season (171/189 lbs.):* 5 – 11 junior varsity record, 4th at Wayne County Athletic League Junior Varsity Tournament.

Evans, Charlie – *Career:* 12 – 29 overall record, 2 – 14 varsity record, 10 – 15 junior varsity record, 1 fall win (varsity), 1-year 'WHHS' letterwinner. *Sophomore Season (126/132 lbs.):* 2 – 12 varsity record, 8 – 5 junior varsity record, 1 fall win (varsity), 4th at Falcon Invitational, 3rd at Warrior Junior Varsity Invitational Tournament. *Freshman Season (112 lbs.):* 0 – 2 varsity record, 2 – 10 junior varsity record, 1st at Wayne County Athletic League Junior Varsity Tournament, 2nd at West Holmes Junior Varsity Invitational and Warrior Junior Varsity Invitational.

Kick, Christian – *Career:* 3 – 6 overall record, 0 – 4 varsity record, 3 – 2 junior varsity record. *Sophomore Season (138/145 lbs.):* 0 – 4 varsity record, 3 – 2 junior varsity record, early season ending injury. *Freshman Season:* Did not wrestle.

Markley, Justin – *Career:* 10 – 27 overall record, 1 – 1 varsity record, 9 – 26 junior varsity record. *Sophomore Season (220/285 lbs.):* 1 – 1 varsity record, 5 – 12 junior varsity record, 1 fall win (varsity), 3rd at Falcon Invitational, 2nd at Meat and Potatoes Junior Varsity Invitational, 3rd at Black Bear Junior Varsity Invitational. *Freshman Season (189/215 lbs.):* 4 – 14 junior varsity record, 4th at Wayne County Athletic League Junior Varsity Tournament, 5th at Panthers Junior Varsity Invitational.

McElroy, Tyler – *Career:* 32 – 26 overall record, 2 – 8 varsity record, 30 – 18 junior varsity record. *Sophomore Season (145/152 lbs.):* 2 – 5 varsity record, 17 – 5 junior varsity record, 2 fall wins (varsity), 4th at Falcon Invitational, 1st at Black Bear Junior Varsity Invitational, 3rd at Meat and Potatoes Junior Varsity Invitational. *Freshman Season (135/140/145 lbs.):* 0 – 3 varsity record, 13 – 13 junior varsity record, 4th at West Holmes Junior Varsity Invitational, Wayne County Athletic League Junior Varsity Tournament and Meat and Potatoes Junior Varsity Invitational.

Miller, Grayson – *Career:* 40 – 27 overall record, 22 – 20 varsity record, 18 – 7 junior varsity record, 1-year 'WHHS' letterwinner, *Sophomore Season (170/195 lbs.):* 18 – 16 varsity record, 11 fall wins (varsity), Coaches Award Winner, 5th at sectionals/district alternate, 2nd at Ohio Cardinal Conference, 3rd at Bobcat Invitational, 4th at Wayne Invitational. *Freshman Season (160/171 lbs.):* 4 – 4 varsity record, 18 – 7 junior varsity record, 2nd at Falcon Invitational, 2nd at West Holmes Junior Varsity Invitational, Generals Junior Varsity Invitational and Meat and Potatoes Junior Varsity Invitational, 3rd at Wayne County Athletic League Junior Varsity Tournament and Warrior Junior Varsity Invitational.

Mullet, Zach – *Career:* 15 – 39 overall record, 7 – 23 varsity record, 8 – 16 junior varsity record, 1-year 'WHHS' letterwinner. *Sophomore Season (132/138/145 lbs.):* 6 – 18 varsity record, 4 – 4 junior varsity record, 3 fall wins (varsity), 4th at Ohio Cardinal Conference, 4th at Falcon Invitational, 2nd at Meat and Potatoes Junior Varsity Invitational. *Freshman Season (125/130 lbs.):* 1 – 5 varsity record, 4 – 12 junior varsity record, 2nd at Wayne



County Athletic League Junior Varsity Tournament, 4th at Generals Junior Varsity Invitational.

Nichols, Tyler – *Career:* 14 – 17 overall record, 14 – 17 varsity record, 1-year 'WHHS' letterwinner. *Sophomore Season (106 lbs.):* 14 – 17 varsity record, 10 fall wins (varsity), 4th at Ohio Cardinal Conference, 4th at Wayne Invitational and Bobcat Invitational, 5th at W.H.-Marine Corp Classic. *Freshman Season:* Unknown – wrestled at Berea (OH) High School.

O'Donnell, Ray – *Career:* 32 – 36 overall record, 27 – 32 varsity record, 5 – 4 junior varsity record, 2-year 'WHHS' letterwinner. *Sophomore Season (220 lbs.):* 15 – 17 varsity record, 7 fall wins (varsity), 3rd at W.H.-Marine Corp Classic, 4th at Bobcat Invitational, 6th at Wayne Invitational. *Freshman Season (189/215 lbs.):* 12 – 15 varsity record, 5 – 4 junior varsity record, 1st at Falcon Invitational, 6th at W.H.-Marine Corp Classic and Wayne Invitational, 3rd at Generals Junior Varsity Invitational.

Ross, Stephen – *Career:* 3 – 21 overall and junior varsity record. *Sophomore Season (160 lbs.):* 2 – 7 junior varsity record, 4th at Black Bear Junior Varsity Invitational. *Freshman Season (152 lbs.):* 1 – 14 junior varsity record, 5th at Panthers Junior Varsity Invitational.

Yoder, J.R. – *Career:* 8 – 11 overall record, 1 – 2 varsity record, 7 – 9 junior varsity record. *Sophomore Season (152 lbs.):* 1 – 2 varsity record, 7 – 9 junior varsity record, 1 fall win (varsity), 5th at Falcon Invitational, 2nd at Black Bear Junior Varsity Invitational. *Freshman Season:* Did not wrestle.

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Geisleman, Chase – *Career:* 3 – 10 overall record, 0 – 3 varsity record, 3 – 7 junior varsity record. *Freshman Season (145/152 lbs.):* 0 – 3 varsity record, 3 – 7 junior varsity record, 6th at Falcon Invitational, late season ending injury.

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#### MIDDLE SCHOOL

Two words best describe the 2011 – 2012 West Holmes Middle School wrestling season – HISTORY MAKING.

Under the direction of rookie wrestling head coach and former head coach Will O'Donnell and long time volunteer assistant coach Nate Morehouse the Knights middle school squad rewrote the record books.

The eighth-grade dominated squad along with a talented seventh-grade class ended the season with an undefeated regular season dual meet mark of 5 – 0 followed up by a 7 – 1 post season record giving the W.H.M.S. team a 12 – 1 overall dual meet mark.

On the tournament trail the Knights captured the Ohio Cardinal Conference crown placing 14 wrestlers on the podium, scored their first ever 'WABC Kaderly Classic' championship and kept the momentum going in the post season.

The team captured the Ohio Athletic Committee State Team Duals District Qualifier and then backed that up with the schools first-ever state championship in any sport scoring the O.A.C. State Team Duals title.



Individually, the Knights had five grapplers qualify for the O.A.C. Junior High School State Championship Tournament – district champions Tristan Anderson and Michael Workman, 3rd-place Cody Woods, 5th-place Cole Woods and 6th-place Damon Harris.

### **West Holmes Middle School 2011 – 2012 Team Stats**

DUAL MEET RECORD: 12 – 1 overall (5 – 0 regular season, 7 – 1 post season)

### DUAL MEET SCHEDULE

Dec. 6, 2011 – **West Holmes** –vs- River View and John R. Lea at John R. Lea/Waynedale Middle School, Apple Creek, OH: **West Holmes 91** – Warsaw River View 0, **West Holmes 63** – John R. Lea/Apple Creek Waynedale 35  
 Dec. 15, 2011 – **West Holmes** –vs- Dover at Dover High School, Dover, OH: **West Holmes 66** – Dover 20  
 Jan. 18, 2012 – **West Holmes** –vs- Indian Valley at Indian Valley High School, Gnadenhutten, OH: **West Holmes 69** – Gnadenhutten 18  
 Jan. 25, 2012 – Cambridge –vs- **West Holmes** at West Holmes High School, Millersburg, OH: **West Holmes 71** – Cambridge 10  
 Feb. 4, 2012 – ‘2012 Ohio Athletic Committee State Team Duals District Qualifier’ at Western Reserve High School, Collins, OH: **West Holmes – 1st of 4 Teams, West Holmes 93** – Collins Western Reserve ‘White’ 0, **West Holmes 63** – Collins Western Reserve ‘Blue’ 22, **West Holmes 57** – Mentor Lake Catholic 24  
 Feb. 26, 2012 – ‘2012 Ohio Athletic Committee State Team Duals Championship Tournament’ at Kilbourne High School, Worthington, OH: **West Holmes – 1st of 6 Teams, West Holmes 56** – West Salem Northwestern 30, **West Holmes 79** – Team Ray 20, **West Holmes 46** – Mentor Lake Catholic 38, Newark Licking Valley 42 – **West Holmes 40, West Holmes 69** – Marlinton 27

### TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

Dec. 27, 2011 – ‘Bobcat Middle School Invitational Tournament’ at Cambridge High School, Cambridge, OH: **West Holmes – 4th of 51 Teams, 9 placers**  
 Jan. 6 & 7, 2012 – ‘38th Annual Waynedale Athletic Booster Club Kaderly Classic Tournament’ at Waynedale High School, Apple Creek, OH: **West Holmes – 1st of 15 Teams, 2 champs, 9 placers**  
 Jan. 14, 2012 – ‘Electric Junior High School Invitational Tournament’ at Tri-Valley High School, Dresden, OH: **West Holmes – 20th of 58 Teams, 7 placers**  
 Jan. 21, 2012 – ‘Knights Middle School Invitational Tournament’ at West Holmes High School, Millersburg, OH: CANCELED – SNOW  
 Jan. 28, 2012 – ‘2012 Ohio Cardinal Conference Middle School Championship Tournament’ at Ashland High School, Ashland, OH: **West Holmes – 1st of 8 Teams, 7 champs, 7 placers**

### **West Holmes Middle School 2011 – 2012 Individual Stats**

#### EIGHTH GRADERS

Allison, Josiah – *Career*: 38 – 14 overall record, 25 fall wins. *Eighth Grade Season (98/104 lbs.)*: 21 – 6 record, 11 fall wins, 1st at Ohio Cardinal Conference, 3rd at Kaderly Classic. *Seventh Grade Season (86/92 lbs.)*: 17 – 8 record, 14 fall wins, 1st at Ohio Cardinal Conference, 3rd at West Holmes Invitational, 8th at Bobcat Invitational.



Anderson, Tristan – *Career:* 45 – 13 overall record, 23 fall wins. *Eighth Grade Season (160 lbs.):* 33 – 4 record, 15 fall wins, 1st at Ohio Athletic Committee districts/state qualifier, 1st at Ohio Cardinal Conference, 1st at Kaderly Classic, 3rd at Bobcat Invitational, 5th at Electric Invitational. *Seventh Grade Season (134 lbs.):* 12 – 9 record, 8 fall wins, 2nd at Mustang Invitational, 4th at West Holmes Invitational.

Bickel, Trevor – *Career:* 14 – 17 overall record, 6 fall wins. *Eighth Grade Season (128 lbs.):* 5 – 4 record, 3 fall wins, 12th at Bobcat Invitational. *Seventh Grade Season (92/98 lbs.):* 9 – 13 record, 3 fall wins, 3rd at Ohio Cardinal Conference.

Cottrell, Cory – *Career:* 1 – 4 overall record. *Eighth Grade Season (116 lbs.):* 1 – 4 record. *Seventh Grade Season:* Did not wrestle.

Croup, Adam – *Career:* 25 – 22 overall record, 9 fall wins. *Eighth Grade Season (150 lbs.):* 13 – 9 record, 3 fall wins, 3rd at Ohio Cardinal Conference. *Seventh Grade Season (142/150 lbs.):* 12 – 13 record, 6 fall wins, 5th at West Holmes Invitational.

Dutter, Ricky – *Career:* 27 – 23 overall record, 10 fall wins. *Eighth Grade Season (134/142 lbs.):* 19 – 10 record, 4 fall wins, 3rd at Ohio Cardinal Conference, 9th at Electric Invitational, 11th at Bobcat Invitational. *Seventh Grade Season (116/122 lbs.):* 8 – 13 record, 6 fall wins.

Eastep, Matt – *Career:* 36 – 16 overall record, 27 fall wins. *Eighth Grade Season (205 lbs.):* 19 – 6 record, 12 fall wins, 3rd at Ohio Cardinal Conference, 2nd at Kaderly Classic and Bobcat Invitational, 6th at Electric Invitational. *Seventh Grade Season (172/205 lbs.):* 17 – 10 record, 15 fall wins, 3rd at Ohio Cardinal Conference, 2nd at West Holmes Invitational, 3rd at Kaderly Classic, 8th at Electric Invitational.

Harris, Damon – *Career:* 36 – 18 overall record, 20 fall wins. *Eighth Grade Season (245 lbs.):* 20 – 12 record, 8 fall wins, 6th at Ohio Athletic Committee districts/state qualifier, 3rd at Ohio Cardinal Conference, 1st Kaderly Classic, 4th at Bobcat Invitational. *Seventh Grade Season (205/245 lbs.):* 16 – 6 record, 12 fall wins, 2nd at Kaderly Classic and Mustang Invitational, 3rd at West Holmes Invitational, 5th at Bobcat Invitational.

Hendershott, Jed – *Career:* 42 – 19 overall record, 21 fall wins. *Eighth Grade Season (122 lbs.):* 22 – 9 record, 9 fall wins, 1st at Ohio Cardinal Conference, 2nd at Kaderly Classic, 10th at Electric Invitational, 11th at Bobcat Invitational. *Seventh Grade Season (104/110 lbs.):* 20 – 10, 12 fall wins, 3rd at Ohio Cardinal Conference, 3rd at West Holmes Invitational, 4th at Mustang Invitational.

Ivers, Andrew – *Career:* 6 – 17 overall record, 3 fall wins. *Eighth Grade Season (128 lbs.):* 5 – 7 record, 2 fall wins. *Seventh Grade Season (110/116 lbs.):* 1 – 10 record, 1 fall win.

Jolley, Dylan – *Career:* 33 – 19 overall record, 14 fall wins. *Eighth Grade Season (80 lbs.):* 19 – 10 record, 8 fall wins, 3rd at Ohio Cardinal Conference, 3rd at Electric Invitational, 5th at Kaderly Classic. *Seventh Grade Season (74/80/86 lbs.):* 14 – 9 record, 6 fall wins, 2nd at West Holmes Invitational.

Kashuba, Michael – *Career:* 10 – 24 overall record, 2 fall wins. *Eighth Grade Season (142 lbs.):* 8 – 14 record, 1 fall win, 3rd at Ohio Cardinal Conference. *Seventh Grade Season (116/128 lbs.):* 2 – 12 record, 1 fall win.

Tyson, Mitch – *Career:* 40 – 23 overall record, 21 fall wins. *Eighth Grade Season (104 lbs.):* 20 – 11 record, 7 fall wins, 1st at Ohio Cardinal Conference, 2nd at Kaderly Classic. *Seventh Grade Season (98/104 lbs.):* 20 – 13 record, 14 fall wins, 2nd



at Ohio Cardinal Conference, 4th at Bobcat Invitational and Mustang Invitational, 5th at West Holmes Invitational.

Woods, Cole – *Career:* 50 – 18 overall record, 22 fall wins. *Eighth Grade Season (92 lbs.):* 18 – 8 record, 5 fall wins, 3rd at Ohio United Regional Wrestling Association for Youth state tournament, 5th at Ohio Athletic Committee districts/state qualifier, 1st at Ohio Cardinal Conference, injured early through late season. *Seventh Grade Season (80 lbs.):* 32 – 10 record, 17 fall wins, 8th at Ohio Athletic Committee state tournament, 5th at Ohio Athletic Committee districts/state qualifier, 1st at Ohio Cardinal Conference, 1st at West Holmes Invitational, 2nd at Mustang Invitational, 4th at Kaderly Classic, 10th at Electric Invitational.

Workman, Michael – *Career:* 31 – 13 overall record, 14 fall wins. *Eighth Grade Season (172 lbs.):* 26 – 7 record, 10 fall wins, 1st at Ohio Athletic Committee districts/state qualifier, 1st at Ohio Cardinal Conference, 2nd at Bobcat Invitational, 4th at Kaderly Classic, 8th at Electric Invitational. *Seventh Grade Season (172/205 lbs.):* 5 – 6 record, 4 fall wins.

#### SEVENTH GRADERS

Barnhart, Grayson – *Career:* 4 – 5 overall record, 3 fall wins. *Seventh Grade Season (116 lbs.):* 4 – 5 record, 3 fall wins.

Campbell, Drew – *Career:* 20 – 17 overall record, 6 fall wins. *Seventh Grade Season (110 lbs.):* 17 – 15 record, 6 fall wins, 4th at Ohio Cardinal Conference, 2nd at Electric Invitational, 5th at Kaderly Classic. *Sixth Grade Season (96 lbs.):* 3 – 2 record, 7th at Ohio Athletic Committee districts/state alternate.

Eastep, Luke – *Career:* 4 – 6 overall record, 1 fall win. *Seventh Grade Season (128/142 lbs.):* 4 – 6 record, 1 fall win.

Kick, Kyle – *Career:* 3 – 4 overall record, 2 fall wins. *Seventh Grade Season (104/110 lbs.):* 3 – 4 record, 2 fall wins.

Miller, Ritchie – *Career:* 0 – 2 overall record. *Seventh Grade Season (172 lbs.):* 0 – 2 record.

Mullet, Jake – *Career:* 0 – 4 overall record. *Seventh Grade Season (110 lbs.):* 0 – 2 record, mid season ending injury. *Sixth Grade Season (96 lbs.):* 0 – 2 record.

Reining, Austin – *Career:* 0 – 4 overall record. *Seventh Grade Season (116/122 lbs.):* 0 – 4 record.

Seldon, Dominyc – *Career:* 1 – 6 overall record. *Seventh Grade Season (92/98 lbs.):* 1 – 6 record.

Walker, Alex – *Career:* 15 – 8 overall record, 10 fall wins. *Seventh Grade Season (116 lbs.):* 15 – 8 record, 10 fall wins, 3rd at Kaderly Classic, 12th at Bobcat Invitational.

Woods, Cody – *Career:* 37 – 14 overall record, 13 fall wins. *Seventh Grade Season (86 lbs.):* 31 – 9 record, 13 fall wins, 7th at Ohio United Regional Wrestling Association for Youth state tournament, 5th at Ohio Athletic Committee districts/state qualifier, 1st at Ohio Cardinal Conference, 3rd at Kaderly Classic, 11th at Bobcat Invitational. *Sixth Grade Season (84 lbs.):* 6 – 5 record, 6th at Ohio Athletic Committee districts/state qualifier.

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#### ELEMENTARY



When 16th-year West Holmes elementary wrestling volunteer head coach Randy Sponseller began the 2011 – 2012 season he could only scratch his head wondering what fortunes his team would have. With a roster of mainly first, second and a few third-year wrestlers Sponseller had visions of his teams past dominance not being there. Sponseller needn't have worried.

The young team flourished going undefeated in dual meets at 8 – 0 in the Mid-Ohio Division of the Ohio Youth Wrestling Association and finished 9 – 1 overall in dual meets.

Once the post season rolled around the 'All-Star' squad started things off crowning 4 champions and 8 placers at the 'O.Y.W.A. Mid-Ohio Division All-Star Tournament'. The 'Attack Team' then dominated the O.Y.W.A. sectional tournament with 7 champions and 8 placers. With 3 champions and 3 placers at the O.Y.W.A. district championship tournament the 'Attack Team' placed 4th of 39 teams sending five wrestlers to the O.Y.W.A. state championship tournament. Cael Woods placed 5th at the state championships, the lone 'Attack Team' placer.

In post season action Woods (1st) and Tucker Kaufman (2nd) both qualified for the '2012 Ohio Athletic Committee Youth State Tournament' through the district qualifiers with Woods placing 6th at the state championship. Five elementary wrestlers were Ohio United Regional Wrestling Association for Youth State Championship Tournament Regional Qualifier placers earning berths in the state tournament. Keagan Uhl, Tucker Kaufman and Ashton Eyler all placed runner-up at regionals while Cael Woods (3rd) and Walker Uhl (5th) made the cut. Woods and W. Uhl then placed 6th at the OURWAY state championship.

#### ***West Holmes Elementary 'Attack Team' 2011 – 2012 Team Stats***

OHIO YOUTH WRESTLING ASSOCIATION MID-OHIO DIVISION DUAL MEET RECORD: 8 – 0

OVERALL DUAL MEET RECORD: 9 – 1

OHIO YOUTH WRESTLING ASSOCIATION MID-OHIO DIVISION REGULAR SEASON CHAMPION

OHIO YOUTH WRESTLING ASSOCIATION MID-OHIO DIVISION SECTIONAL CHAMPION

#### **DUAL MEET SCHEDULE**

Dec. 4, 2011 – **West Holmes** –vs- Mansfield SWAT & Ashland at Ashland High School, Ashland, OH: **West Holmes 84** – Mansfield SWAT 49, **West Holmes 83** – Ashland 35

Dec. 11, 2011 – **West Holmes** –vs- Wooster & Ashland Mapleton at Waynedale High School, Apple Creek, OH: **West Holmes 125** – Wooster 30, **West Holmes 69** – Ashland Mapleton 17

Dec. 18, 2011 – **West Holmes** –vs- Creston Norwayne & Triway at Triway High School, Wooster, OH: **West Holmes 108** – Creston Norwayne 21, **West Holmes 57** – Wooster Triway 12

Jan. 15, 2012 – **West Holmes** –vs- Apple Creek Waynedale & Orrville at Wooster High School, Wooster, OH: **West Holmes 87** – Apple Creek Waynedale 39, **West Holmes 64** – Orrville 30

Jan. 18, 2012 – **West Holmes** –vs- Indian Valley at Indian Valley High School, Gnadenhutten, OH: Gnadenhutten Indian Valley 76 – **West Holmes 67**

Jan. 25, 2012 – Cambridge –vs- **West Holmes** at West Holmes High School, Millersburg, OH: **West Holmes 160** – Cambridge 40

#### **TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE**

Jan. 22, 2012 – '2012 Ohio Youth Wrestling Association Mid-Ohio Division All-Star Tournament' at Northwestern High School, West Salem, OH: **West Holmes – no team scores, 4 champs, 8 placers**

Jan. 29, 2012 – '2012 Ohio Youth Wrestling Association Mid-Ohio Division Sectional Tournament' at West Holmes High



School, Millersburg, OH: **West Holmes – no team scores, 7 champs, 8 placers**

Feb. 5, 2012 – ‘2012 Ohio Youth Wrestling Association District Championship Tournament’ at GlenOak High School, Canton, OH: **West Holmes – 4th of 39 Teams, 3 champs, 3 placers**

Feb. 12, 2012 – ‘2012 Ohio Youth Wrestling Association State Championship Tournament’ at Firestone High School, Akron, OH: **West Holmes – tie for 51st of 92 Teams, 1 placer**

Feb. 26, 2012 – ‘2012 Ohio Athletic Committee Youth State Tournament District Qualifier’ at Midpark High School/Steubenville High School, Middleburg Heights, OH/Steubenville, OH: **West Holmes – no team scores, 1 placer**

Mar. 4, 2012 – ‘2012 Ohio United Regional Wrestling Association for Youth State Tournament Regional Qualifier’ at Wadsworth High School, Wadsworth, OH: **West Holmes – no team scores, 5 placers**

Mar. 17 & 18, 2012 – ‘2012 Ohio Athletic Committee Youth State Championship Tournament’ at Covelli Center/Youngstown State University, Youngstown, OH: **West Holmes – no teams scores, 1 placer**

Mar. 24, 2012 – ‘2012 Ohio United Regional Wrestling Association for Youth State Championship Tournament’ at Nutter Center/Wright State University, Fairborn, OH: **West Holmes – no team scores, 2 placers**

***West Holmes Elementary ‘Attack Team’ and ‘All-Star’ 2011 – 2012 Individual (selected) Stats***

Ohio Youth Wrestling Association Mid-Ohio Division Undefeated Dual Meet Record (8 – 0): Jack Welsh, Tucker Kaufman, Cael Woods, Walker Uhl, Tyler Masters, Stephen Baldrige, Ashton Eyler

Ohio Youth Wrestling Association Mid-Ohio Division Sectional Tournament Champions: Jack Welsh, Cael Woods, Tyler Masters, Walker Uhl, Ryan O’Donnell, Ashton Eyler, Preston Burkey

Ohio Youth Wrestling Association Mid-Ohio Division Sectional Tournament Placers: Kendel Weber (2nd), Josh Baldrige (2nd), Dylan Strouse (3rd), Thane Kaufman (3rd), Kenny Eyster (3rd), Conner Varnes (4th), Tyler Zupancic (5th), Stephen Baldrige (6th)

Ohio Youth Wrestling Association Louisville District Tournament Qualifiers: Cael Woods, Tyler Masters, Walker Uhl, Ryan O’Donnell, Ashton Eyler, Preston Burkey, Kendel Weber, Josh Baldrige, Dylan Strouse, Thane Kaufman, Kenny Eyster, Conner Varnes

Ohio Youth Wrestling Association Louisville District Tournament Champions: Cael Woods, Tyler Masters, Walker Uhl

Ohio Youth Wrestling Association Louisville District Tournament Placers: Ryan O’Donnell (2nd), Ashton Eyler (3rd), Preston Burkey (6th)

Ohio Youth Wrestling Association State Tournament Qualifiers: Cael Woods, Tyler Masters, Walker Uhl, Ryan O’Donnell, Ashton Eyler

Ohio Youth Wrestling Association State Tournament Placers: Cael Woods (5th)

Ohio Athletic Committee Youth State Tournament District Qualifier Placers: Cael Woods (1st), Tucker Kaufman (2nd)

Ohio Athletic Committee Youth State Tournament Qualifiers: Cael Woods, Tucker Kaufman

Ohio Athletic Committee Youth State Tournament Placers: Cael Woods (6th)

Ohio United Regional Wrestling Association for Youth State Tournament Regional Qualifier Placers: Keagan Uhl (2nd), Tucker Kaufman (2nd), Ashton Eyler (2nd), Cael Woods (3rd), Walker Uhl (5th)

Ohio United Regional Wrestling Association for Youth State Tournament Qualifiers: Keagan Uhl, Tucker Kaufman, Ashton Eyler, Cael Woods, Walker Uhl

Ohio United Regional Wrestling Association for Youth State Tournament Placers: Cael Woods (6th), Walker Uhl (6th)

Ohio Youth Wrestling Association ‘All-Star’ Tournament Champions: Trevor Graham, Tucker Kaufman, Elisha Baldrige, Mason Wolfe

Ohio Youth Wrestling Association ‘All-Star’ Tournament Placers: Garret Hunt (2nd), Sydnie Baker (2nd), Logan Tullis (3rd), Gabriel Neukam (3rd), Keagan Uhl (3rd), Sean Over (4th), Gavin Greer (4th), Xavier Neukam (4th)

***West Holmes Elementary ‘Attack Team’ Stats (1998 – 1999 to 2011 – 2012)***

Overall Dual Meet Record: 115 – 10



Ohio Youth Wrestling Association Sectional/District Champions: 56  
Ohio Youth Wrestling Association State Tournament Qualifiers: 68  
Ohio Youth Wrestling Association State Tournament Placers: 27  
Ohio Youth Wrestling Association State Champions: 1

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**Knights Place Four At OURWAY State Tournament**

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**MIDDLE SCHOOL/ELEMENTARY**

*Cole Woods Takes Bronze, Cousin Cael and Walker Uhl 6th, Cody Woods 7th At OURWAY State Championships*

West Holmes Middle School wrestler Cole Woods led a group of four podium finishers Saturday (Mar. 24) for the Knights bringing home a third-place finish from '2012 Ohio United Regional Wrestling Association for Youth (OURWAY) State Championship Tournament' at the Nutter Center on the campus of Wright State University in Dayton, Ohio. Woods' younger brother Cody was the only other middle school grappler to place finishing 7th while W.H. elementary 'Attack Team' grapplers Cael Woods and Walker Uhl both placed sixth.

Cole Woods (8th Grade, Division V, 13 & 14 year olds, 95 lbs.) opened his tournament with a fall win followed by a decision win to reach the championship semifinals. Woods lost that match by fall to eventual state champion Tanner Smith (St. Paris Graham Local) but rebounded in the consolation bracket with a major decision victory to reach the 3rd-place match. Woods kept the momentum going scoring a fall win to earn the bronze medal and finishing his tournament with a 4 – 1 mark.

Cael Woods (4th Grade, Division III, 9 & 10 year olds, 56 lbs.) scored two wins, decision and fall, to reach the championship semifinals where he was upended 2 – 0 by Jayden Morr (Wadsworth), who went on to take runner-up honors. A decision loss in the consolation semifinals dropped Woods to the fifth-place bout where lost a hard fought 2 – 1 decision to end his tournament at 2 – 3.

Without a doubt the wrestler putting in the longest day was Uhl who wrestled seven matches total to earn his 6th-place finish. The fourth-grader (Division III, 9 & 10 year olds, 74 lbs.) won a rattail match just to make the opening championship round then lost that match to eventual state champ Conor Becker (Clayton Northmont). Having to work the long road back through the consolation bracket, Uhl received a first round bye then rattled off three straight wins, tech fall and two major decisions, to reach the consolation semifinals. Uhl couldn't keep the string going dropping that bout 2 – 0 before losing the fifth-place match by decision ending his long day at 4 – 3.

Cody Woods finished his tournament 3 – 2 which was good for seventh-place for the seventh-grader. Wrestling in a shortened bracket (Division IV, 11 & 12 year olds, 86 lbs.), Woods won his opening round match by fall before losing by decision in the championship quarterfinals to Forest Belli (Johnstown Northridge), who placed fourth. With an :18 fall in his first consolation match Woods faced David Johnson (North Akron – finished 3rd) in the quarterfinals but dropped that match by decision. Wrestling for seventh, Woods finished his tournament with a decision victory.



Also competing in the tournament for the Knights were 'Attack Team' members Keagan Uhl, Tucker Kaufman and Ashton Eyer. All three wrestlers finished 1 – 2 on the day.

### Knights Box Score

'2012 Ohio United Regional Wrestling Association for Youth (OURWAY) State Championship Tournament – Mar. 24, 2012 – Nutter Center/Wright State University – Dayton, OH

DI (6 year olds and under) – 49 lbs.: Keagan Uhl (1st Grade, 1 – 2)

Championship Round of 16: Ashton Hendricks (Jamestown Greeneview) defeats **Keagan Uhl (West Holmes)** by Fall @ 3:01

Consolation First Round: **Keagan Uhl (West Holmes)** defeats Walker Howell (Millbury Lake) by 4 – 3 Decision

Consolation Second Round: Ayden Shank (Napolean) defeats **Keagan Uhl (West Holmes)** by 6 – 2 Decision

DII (7 and 8 year olds) – 54 lbs.: Tucker Kaufman (2nd Grade, 1 – 2)

Championship Round of 16: **Tucker Kaufman (West Holmes)** defeats Logan Moore (Columbus Bishop Ready) by Fall @ :56

Championship Quarterfinals: Dominic DiTullio (Mason) defeats **Tucker Kaufman (West Holmes)** by Fall @ :45

Consolation Second Round: Liam Conway (Dayton Carroll) defeats **Tucker Kaufman (West Holmes)** by 4 – 2 Overtime Decision

DIII (9 and 10 year olds) – 56 lbs.: Cael Woods (4th Grade, 2 – 3, 6th Place)

Championship Round of 16: **Cael Woods (West Holmes)** defeats Jayden Dobbins (Springfield Shawnee) by 4 – 0 Decision

Championship Quarterfinals: **Cael Woods (West Holmes)** defeats Jake Manley (Otsego) by Fall @ 3:47

Championship Semifinals: Jayden Morr (Wadsworth) defeats **Cael Woods (West Holmes)** by 2 – 0 Decision

Consolation Semifinals: Jason Mayes (Bellevue) defeats **Cael Woods (West Holmes)** by 3 – 0 Decision

Fifth-Place Match: Mitch Herron (Upper Arlington) defeats **Cael Woods (West Holmes)** by 2 – 1 Decision

DIII (9 and 10 year olds) – 74 lbs.: Walker Uhl (4th Grade, 4 – 3, 6th Place)

Rat-Tail Match: **Walker Uhl (West Holmes)** defeats Tommy Thamann (Cincinnati Elder) by Fall @ 2:14

Championship Round of 16: Conor Becker (Clayton Northmont) defeats **Walker Uhl (West Holmes)** by 12 – 4 Major Decision

Consolation First Round: BYE

Consolation Second Round: **Walker Uhl (West Holmes)** defeats Quintan Ridenbaugh (Hillsboro) by 13 – 1 Tech Fall

Consolation Third Round: **Walker Uhl (West Holmes)** defeats Wyatt Riddle (Wilmington) by 13 – 2 Major Decision

Consolation Quarterfinals: **Walker Uhl (West Holmes)** defeats Zeke Brown (Washington Court House) by 8 – 0 Major Decision

Consolation Semifinals: Zain Tittle (Wadsworth) defeats **Walker Uhl (West Holmes)** by 2 – 0 Decision

Fifth-Place Match: Brady Oberdier (Vincent Warren) defeats **Walker Uhl (West Holmes)** by 7 – 0 Decision

DIV (11 and 12 year olds) – 86 lbs.: Cody Woods (7th Grade, 3 – 2, 7th Place)

Championship First Round: **Cody Woods (West Holmes)** defeats Joey Bradberry (West Chester Lakota West) by Fall @ 1:20

Championship Quarterfinals: Forest Belli (Johnstown Northridge) defeats **Cody Woods (West Holmes)** by 11 – 4 Decision

Consolation Second Round: **Cody Woods (West Holmes)** defeats Imani Bell-Lyons (Columbus Mifflin) by Fall @ :18

Consolation Quarterfinals: David Johnson (North Akron) defeats **Cody Woods (West Holmes)** by 4 – 2 Decision

Seventh-Place Match: **Cody Woods (West Holmes)** defeats Robert Daniels (Hamilton) by 6 – 3 Decision



DIV (11 and 12 year olds) – 105 lbs.: Ashton Eyler (6th Grade, 1 – 2)  
 Championship Round of 16: **Ashton Eyler (West Holmes)** defeats Taylor Hites (Bellefontaine Benjamin Logan) by Fall @ 3:25  
 Championship Quarterfinals: TiRic Evans (Cincinnati Elder) defeats **Ashton Eyler (West Holmes)** by Fall @ 4:29  
 Consolation Second Round: Michael Reed (Granville) defeats **Ashton Eyler (West Holmes)** by 4 – 3 Decision

DV (13 and 14 year olds) – 95 lbs.: Cole Woods (8th Grade, 4 – 1, 3rd Place)  
 Championship Round of 16: **Cole Woods (West Holmes)** defeats Marcus Najdusak (Arcanum Butler) by Fall @ 2:16  
 Championship Quarterfinals: **Cole Woods (West Holmes)** defeats Aaron Kelly (Rocky River) by 10 – 5 Decision  
 Championship Semifinals: Tanner Smith (St. Paris Graham Local) defeats **Cole Woods (West Holmes)** by Fall @ 3:40  
 Consolation Semifinals: **Cole Woods (West Holmes)** defeats C.J. Campbell (Hilliard) by 10 – 2 Major Decision  
 Consolation Finals: **Cole Woods (West Holmes)** defeats Aaron Kelly (Rocky River) by Fall @ 1:59



**ON THE CALENDER**

***High School/Middle School/Elementary***

Mon., Mar. 26 and Every Monday Thru Summer – HIGH SCHOOL/MIDDLE SCHOOL/ELEMENTARY –  
 Roughouse Wrestling Club Practice – Ashland University Wrestling Room – Ashland, OH – 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.  
 Tues., Mar. 27 and Ever Tuesday To End of School Year – HIGH SCHOOL/MIDDLE SCHOOL/ELEMENTARY –  
 Open Mats – West Holmes High School Wrestling Room – Millersburg, OH – 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.  
 Wed., Mar. 28 and Every Wednesday Thru Summer – HIGH SCHOOL/MIDDLE SCHOOL/ELEMENTARY –  
 Roughouse Wrestling Club Practice – Ashland University Wrestling Room – Ashland, OH – 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.  
 Sun., Mar. 29 and Every Sunday To End Of School Year – HIGH SCHOOL/MIDDLE SCHOOL/ELEMENTARY –  
 Open Mats – West Holmes High School Wrestling Room – Millersburg, OH – 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

**March 19, 2012– Millersburg, OH**

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**Woods Takes 6th At O.A.C. Grade School State Tournament**

**Seven Knights Grapplers Off To OURWAY State Tournament**

**NCAA Division I National Tournament Summary**

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**ELEMENTARY**

***Podium For Woods, Kaufman 0 - 2 At Grade School State Championships***

West Holmes Elementary ‘Attack Team’ wrestler Cael Woods (4th Grade) brought home a sixth-place finish Sunday (Mar.



18) from the two-day '9th Annual Ohio Athletic Committee Grade School State Championship Tournament' held at the Covelli Center on the campus of Youngstown State University in Youngstown, OH.

Wrestling in the Division III (9 and 10 years-old) 55 lb. weight class Woods won his championship opening round match-up with a tech fall win then dropped into the consolation bracket after losing by decision in his next match. Woods roared back through consolation bracket to reach the wrestle-back where he dropped a heartbreaking 3 – 2 decision to fall into the fifth-place match. Woods couldn't rebound from the tough loss losing by a 3 – 0 decision to finish sixth finishing with a 5 – 3 mark.

Teammate Tucker Kaufman (2nd Grade) had a quick tournament going 0 – 2 in the Division II (7 and 8 years-old) 55 lb. weight class.

**'Attack Team' Box Score**

'9th Annual Ohio Athletic Committee Grade School State Championship Tournament – Mar. 17 & 18, 2012 – Covelli Center/Youngstown State University – Youngstown, OH

DII (7 and 8 years-old) 55 lbs. – Tucker Kaufman (2nd Grade, 0 – 2)

Championship Round of 32: Ashton Wolfe (2nd Grade, Amelia) defeats **Tucker Kaufman (2nd Grade, West Holmes)** by 13 – 4 Major Decision

Consolation First Round: Quentin Whitehill (2nd Grade, Medina) defeats **Tucker Kaufman (2nd Grade, West Holmes)** by 6 – 5 Decision

DIII (9 and 10 years-old) 55 lbs. – Cael Woods (4th Grade, 5 – 3, 6th Place)

Championship Round of 32: **Cael Woods (4th Grade, West Holmes)** defeats Kaleb Bailey (3rd Grade, East Liverpool) by 13 – 0 Tech Fall

Championship Round of 16: Zack Mattin (3rd Grade, Delta Wrestling Club) defeats **Cael Woods (4th Grade, West Holmes)** by 4 – 0 Decision

Consolation Second Round: **Cael Woods (4th Grade, West Holmes)** defeats Brandon Gibson (4th Grade, Garrettsville) by Fall @ :56

Consolation Third Round: **Cael Woods (4th Grade, West Holmes)** defeats Bryce Wilkovich (5th Grade, Burnett Trained Wrestling Club) by 4 – 0 Decision

Consolation Fourth Round: **Cael Woods (4th Grade, West Holmes)** defeats Trace Braun (3rd Grade, St. Paris Graham) by 4 – 2 Decision

Consolation Quarterfinals: **Cael Woods (4th Grade, West Holmes)** defeats Nolan Moore (3rd Grade, Lakeside Wrestling Club) by 4 – 2 Decision

Consolation Semifinals: Zack Mattin (3rd Grade, Delta Wrestling Club) defeats **Cael Woods (4th Grade, West Holmes)** by 3 – 2 Decision

Fifth-Place Match: Lincoln Healy (4th Grade, Napoleon) defeats **Cael Woods (4th Grade, West Holmes)** by 3 – 0 Decision

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**MIDDLE SCHOOL/ELEMENTARY**

***OURWAY State Championships On Tap For This Weekend For Group Of Knights***

A group of West Holmes Middle School and Elementary wrestlers will be shooting for a state championship this



Saturday (Mar. 24) in the '2012 Ohio United Regional Wrestling Association for Youth (OURWAY) State Championship Tournament' at the Nutter Center on the campus of Wright State University in Dayton, Ohio.

Middle school grapplers and brothers Cole Woods and Cody Woods along with Keagan Uhl, Tucker Kaufman, Cael, Woods, Walker Uhl and Ashton Eyler from the elementary 'Attack Team' will represent the Knights.

Eighth-grader Cole (95 lbs.) finished third in the OURWAY Wadsworth Regional Qualifier (DV, 13 and 14 year-olds) two weeks ago while younger brother Cody (7th Grade) finished runner-up at 86 lbs. (DIV, 11 and 12 year-olds) to qualify for the state tournament.

In the elementary ranks, K. Uhl (1st Grade) placed second (46 lbs., DI, 6 year-olds and under) at the regional qualifier as did Kaufman (2nd Grade, 54 lbs., DII, 7 and 8 year-olds) and Eyler (6th Grade, 105 lbs., DIV, 11 and 12 year-olds).

Also qualifying for the state tournament with a third-place regional finish was Woods (4th Grade, 56 lbs., DIII 9 and 10 year-olds) while W. Uhl placed fifth (4th Grade, 74 lbs., DIII, 9 and 10 year-olds) to earn his second straight trip to the OURWAY state tourney. Last season, W. Uhl finished 5th (67 lbs., DIII, 9 and 10 year-olds) with a 4 – 2 mark.

The tournament begins at 9:00 a.m.

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**NCAA DIVISION I NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS**

***Buckeyes Earn 'All-American' Status As Do From Kent State***

Ohio wrestling fans were happy this weekend (Mar. 15 – 17) following the '2012 NCAA Division I Wrestling National Championship Tournament' held at the Scottrade Center in St. Louis, Missouri. The reason for the smiles? Several 'All-American' honors (top-eight finish) for collegiate grapplers either wrestling for Ohio teams or hailing from Ohio.

Here is a breakdown of how those wrestlers fared:

125 lbs.

Nic Bedelyon (Redshirt Sr., Kent State University/Lewistown, PA - No. 5 Seed, Placement: 6th, Tournament Record: 3 - 3, Final Season Record: 35 - 7)

Johnni DiJulius (Fr., The Ohio State University/Aurora, OH/Cuyahoga Falls Walsh Jesuit - Unseeded, Placement: Did Not Place, Tournament Record: 0 – 2, Final Season Record: 19 – 15)

133 lbs.

Logan Stieber (Redshirt Fr., The Ohio State University/Monroeville, OH/Monroeville - No. 2 Seed, Placement: Champion, Tournament Record: 5 – 0, Final Season Record; 33 – 2)

141 lbs.

Hunter Stieber (Fr., The Ohio State University/Monroeville, OH/Monroeville - No. 5 Seed, Placement: 6th, Tournament Record: 3 – 3, Final Season Record: 28 – 7)



Zach Neibert (Redshirt Soph., Virginia Tech University/Dayton, OH/St. Paris Graham Local - Unseeded, Placement: Did Not Place, Tournament Record: 2 – 2, Finals Season Record: 24 – 13)  
Tyler Small (Soph., Kent State University/Littlestown, PA - No. 12 Seed, Placement: Did Not Place, Tournament Record: 2 - 2, Final Season Record: 34 - 13)

149 lbs.

Cam Tessari (Fr., The Ohio State University/Monroeville, OH/Monroeville - No. 10 Seed, Placement: 4th, Tournament Record: 6 – 2, Final Season Record: 31 – 12)  
David Habat (Redshirt Fr., Edinboro University/Cleveland, OH/Cleveland St. Ignatius - No. 9 Seed, Placement: Did Not Place, Tournament Record: 1 - 2, Final Season Record: 37 - 10)  
Nick Brascetta (Fr., Virginia Tech University/St. Paris, OH/St. Paris Graham Local - Unseeded, Placement: Did Not Place, Tournament Record: 1 – 2, Final Season Record: 23 - 8)  
Ian Miller (Fr., Kent State University/Oak Harbor, OH/Oak Harbor - No. 5 Seed, Placement: Did Not Place, Tournament Record: 1 – 2, Final Season Record: 30 – 7)

157 lbs.

Josh Demas (Redshirt Fr., The Ohio State University/Columbus, OH/Westerville North - Unseeded, Placement: Did Not Place, Tournament Record: 2 – 2, Final Season Record: 24 – 17)  
Daniel Kolodzik (Sr., Princeton University/Bellbrook, OH/Miami Valley - Unseeded, Placement: Did Not Place, Tournament Record: 2 – 2, Final Season Record: 35 – 12)  
Aaron Sulzer (Redshirt Jr., Eastern Michigan University/Cleveland, OH/Parma Heights Holy Name - Unseeded, Placement: Did Not Place, Tournament Record: 1 – 2, Final Season Record: 21 – 13)  
Mallie Shuster (Redshirt Jr., Kent State University/Newville, PA - Unseeded, Placement: Did Not Place, Tournament Record: 0 – 2, Final Season Record: 26 – 19)

165 lbs.

David Taylor (Soph., Penn State University/St. Paris, OH/St. Paris Graham Local - No. 1 Seed, Placement: Champion, Tournament Record: 5 – 0, Final Season Record: 35 – 0)  
Ben Jordan (Sr., University of Wisconsin/St. Paris, OH/St. Paris Graham Local - Unseeded, Placement: 7th, Tournament Record: 5 – 2, Final Season Record: 31 – 12)  
Zach Toal (Redshirt Soph., University of Missouri/Sidney, OH/Troy Christian - Unseeded, Placement: Did Not Place, Tournament Record: 0 – 2, Final Season Record: 20 – 12)  
Nick Sulzer (Redshirt Fr., University of Virginia/Cleveland, OH/Lakewood St. Edward - Unseeded, Placement: Did Not Place, Tournament Record: 3 – 2, Final Season Record: 30 – 11)

174 lbs.

Nick Heflin (Redshirt Soph., The Ohio State University/Massillon, OH/Massillon Perry - No. 9 Seed, Placement: 5th, Tournament Record: 5 – 2, Final Season Record: 30 – 11)  
Nick Purdue (Redshirt Sr., Ohio University/Genoa, OH/Genoa - Unseeded, Placement: Did Not Place, Tournament Record: 0 – 2, Final Season Record: 19 – 12)

184 lbs.

Ryan Garringer (Redshirt Soph., Ohio University/Downers Grove, IL - Unseeded, Placement: Did Not Place, Tournament Record: 1 – 2, Final Season Record: 19 – 17)  
Casey Newburg (Redshirt Jr., Kent State University/Union, OH/Northmont - Unseeded, Placement: Did Not Place, Tournament Record: 1 – 2, Final Season Record: 31 – 15)

197 lbs.



Andrew Campolattano (Fr., The Ohio State University/Bound Brook, NJ/Bound Brook - Unseeded, Placement: Did Not Place, Tournament Record: 3 – 2, Final Season Record: 26 – 15)  
 Chris Honeycutt (Redshirt Sr., Edinboro University/North Ridgeville, OH/Lakewood St. Edward - No. 2 Seed, Placement: 2nd, Tournament Record: 4 – 1, Final Season Record: 43 – 2)  
 John Weakley (Redshirt Sr., Campbell University/Cleveland, OH/Cuyahoga Valley Christian Academy - Unseeded, Placement: Did Not Place, Tournament Record: 2 – 2, Final Season Record: 33 – 15)  
 Keith Witt (Redshirt Jr., Kent State University/Oak Harbor, OH/Oak Harbor - Unseeded, Placement: Did Not Place, Tournament Record: 0 – 2, Final Season Record: 26 – 17)

285 lbs.

Peter Capone (Redshirt Soph., The Ohio State University/Johnson City, NY/Johnson City - Unseeded, Placement: Did Not Place, Tournament Record: 1 – 2, Final Season Record: 16 – 19)  
 Jeremy Johnson (Redshirt Soph., Ohio University/Brecksville, OH/Brecksville-Broadview Heights - No. 7 Seed, Placement: 7th, Tournament Record: 5 – 2, Final Season Record: 38 – 8)  
 Cam Wade (Redshirt Sr., Penn State University/Twinsburg, OH/Bedford St. Peter Chanel - No. 6 Seed, Placement: Did Not Place, Tournament Record: 2 – 2, Final Season Record: 29 – 7)  
 Brendan Barlow (Redshirt Sr., Kent State University/Westerville, OH/Westerville Central - Unseeded, Placement: Did Not Place, Tournament Record: 0 – 2, Final Season Record: 27 – 15)

## TOURNAMENT BOX SCORE

'2012 NCAA Division I Wrestling National Championship Tournament' – Mar. 15 – 17, 2012 – Scottrade Center – St. Louis. MO

**(Ohio wrestler or school in bold)**

125 lbs.

Championship Match: Matt McDonough (Jr., University of Iowa, No. 1 Seed, 41– 1) defeats Nico Megaludis (Fr., Penn State University, No. 10 Seed, 32 – 9 by 4 – 1 Decision  
 Third-Place Match: Zach Sanders (Redshirt Sr., University of Minnesota, No. 2 Seed, 38– 5) defeats Frank Perrelli (Sr., Cornell University, No. 6 Seed, 38 – 10 by 6 – 4 Overtime Decision  
 Fifth-Place Match: Ryan Mango (Jr., Stanford University, No. 8 Seed, 36– 9) defeats **Nic Bedelyon (Redshirt Sr., Kent State University, No. 5 Seed, 35 – 7)** by 6 – 4 Overtime Decision  
 Seventh-Place Match: Jesse Delgado (Fr., University of Illinois, No. 4 Seed, 38 – 10) defeats Steve Bonanno (Redshirt Jr., Hofstra University, No. 12 Seed, 36 – 12) by 3 – 1 Decision

133 lbs.

Championship Match: **Logan Stieber (Redshirt Fr., The Ohio State University, No. 2 Seed, 33– 2)** defeats Jordan Oliver (Jr., Oklahoma State University, No. 1 Seed, 32 – 3) by 4 – 3 Decision  
 Third-Place Match: Tony Ramos (Redshirt Soph., University of Iowa, No. 3 Seed, 39– 5) defeats Chris Dardanes (Redshirt Fr., University of Minnesota, No. 10 Seed, 33 – 15) by Fall @ 6:50  
 Fifth-Place Match: Devin Carter (Soph., Virginia Tech University, No. 6 Seed, 43– 7) defeats B.J. Futrell (Redshirt Jr., University of Illinois, No. 4 Seed, 33 – 13) by Fall @ 1:45  
 Seventh-Place Match: Zac Stevens (Sr., University of Michigan, No. 8 Seed, 32– 13) defeats Steven Keith (Jr., Harvard University, No. 11 Seed, 38 – 15) by 13 – 11 Decision

141 lbs.

Championship Match: Kellen Russell (Redshirt Sr., University of Michigan, No. 1 Seed, 38 – 1) defeats Montell



Marion (Sr., University of Iowa, No. 3 Seed, 35 – 5) by 6 – 4 Overtime Decision  
Third-Place Match: Boris Novachkov (Sr., California Polytechnic Institute, No. 6 Seed, 38 – 5) defeats Kendric Maple (Redshirt Soph., University of Oklahoma, No. 2 Seed, 36 – 5) by 4 – 3 Double Overtime Decision  
Fifth-Place Match: Mike Mangrum (Jr., Oregon State University, No. 4 Seed, 43 – 7) defeats **Hunter Stieber (Fr., The Ohio State University, No. 5 Seed, 28 – 7)** by Fall @ 4:14  
Seventh-Place Match: Mike Nevinger (Soph., Cornell University, Unseeded, 38 – 14) defeats Darrius Little (Redshirt Sr., North Carolina State University, No. 8 Seed, 41 – 16) by 10 – 3 Decision

149 lbs.

Championship Match: Frank Molinaro (Sr., Penn State University, No. 1 Seed, 38 – 0) defeats Dylan Ness (Redshirt Fr., University of Minnesota, No. 7 Seed, 28 – 10) by 4 – 1 Decision  
Third-Place Match: Donald Vinson (Redshirt Jr., Binghamton University, No. 4 Seed, 47 – 6) defeats **Cam Tessari (Fr., The Ohio State University, No. 10 Seed, 31 – 12)** by 12 – 10 Decision  
Fifth-Place Match: Tyler Nauman (Redshirt Sr., University of Pittsburgh, No. 6 Seed, 35 – 9) defeats Justin Accordino (Redshirt Jr., Hofstra University, Unseeded, 29 – 17) by 4 – 3 Decision  
Seventh-Place Match: Scott Sakaguchi (Redshirt Soph., Oregon State University, Unseeded, 43 – 9) defeats Nick Lester (Redshirt Soph., University of Oklahoma, Unseeded, 26 – 19) by 1 – 0 Decision

157 lbs.

Championship Match: Kyle Dake (Jr., Cornell University, No. 1 Seed, 40 – 0) defeats Derek St. John (Redshirt Soph., University of Iowa, No. 2 Seed, 25 – 4) by 4 – 1 Decision  
Third-Place Match: Dylan Alton (Fr., Penn State University, No. 7 Seed, 35 – 7) defeats Jason Welch (Redshirt Jr., Northwestern University, No. 3 Seed, 31 – 5) by 6 – 2 Decision  
Fifth-Place Match: James Fleming (Jr., Clarion University, No. 6 Seed, 39 – 6) defeats Ganbayar Sanjaa (Redshirt Sr., American University, No. 5 Seed, 28 – 9) by 7 – 5 Decision  
Seventh-Place Match: James Green (Fr., University of Nebraska, No. 11 Seed, 38 – 11) defeats Walter Peppelman (Jr., Harvard University, No. 4 Seed, 34 – 10) by 9 – 1 Major Decision

165 lbs.

Championship Match: **David Taylor (Soph., Penn State University, No. 1 Seed, 35 – 0)** defeats Brandon Hatchett (Sr., Lehigh University, No. 11 Seed, 26 – 5) by 22 – 7 Tech Fall  
Third-Place Match: Bekzod Abdurakhmonov (Sr., Clarion University, No. 4 Seed, 41 – 6) defeats Kyle Blevins (Sr., Appalachian State University, Unseeded, 46 – 10) by 6 – 2 Decision  
Fifth-Place Match: Peter Yates (Redshirt Jr., Virginia Tech University, No. 6 Seed, 34 – 9) defeats Josh Asper (Jr., University of Maryland, No. 7 Seed, 31 – 7) by 13 – 7 Decision  
Seventh-Place Match: **Ben Jordan (Sr., University of Wisconsin, Unseeded, 31 – 12)** defeats Conrad Polz (Redshirt Jr., University of Illinois, No. 9 Seed) by 5 – 2 Decision

174 lbs.

Championship Match: Ed Ruth (Soph., Penn State University, No. 1 Seed, 36 – 0) defeats Nick Amuchastegui (Sr., Stanford University, No. 3 Seed, 28 – 2) by 13 – 2 Major Decision  
Third-Place Match: Chris Perry (Soph., Oklahoma State University, No. 3 Seed, 36 – 2) defeats Jordan Blanton (Redshirt Jr., University of Illinois, No. 7 Seed, 35 – 11) by 4 – 1 Decision  
Fifth-Place Match: **Nick Heflin (Redshirt Soph., The Ohio State University, No. 9 Seed, 30 – 11)** defeats Logan Storley (Fr., University of Minnesota, No. 4 Seed, 29 – 12) by 3 – 2 Decision  
Seventh-Place Match: Ethen Lofthouse (Redshirt Soph., University of Iowa, No. 11 Seed, 34 – 11) defeats Ryan DesRoches (Sr., California Polytechnic Institute, No. 6 Seed, 30 – 9) by 3 – 1 Decision



184 lbs.

Championship Match: Steve Bosak (Sr., Cornell University, No. 4 Seed, 38 – 4) defeats Quentin Wright (Jr., Penn State University, No. 6 Seed, 34 – 5) by 4 – 2 Overtime Decision  
 Third-Place Match: Austin Trotman (Sr., Appalachian State University, No. 9 Seed, 43 – 6) defeats Robert Hamlin (Redshirt Jr., Lehigh University, No. 2 Seed, 37 – 5) by 3 – 1 Overtime Decision  
 Fifth-Place Match: Kevin Steinhaus (Redshirt Soph., University of Minnesota, No. 5 Seed, 16 – 14) defeats Ben Bennett (Jr., Central Michigan University, No. 3 Seed, 38 – 9) by 3 – 1 Decision  
 Seventh-Place Match: Joe LeBlanc (Sr., University of Wyoming, No. 1 Seed, 38 – 5) defeats Josh Ihnen (University of Nebraska, No. 7 Seed, 29 – 11) by Medical Forfeit

197 lbs.

Championship Match: Cam Simaz (Sr., Cornell University, No. 1 Seed, 36 – 1) defeats **Chris Honeycutt (Redshirt Sr., Edinboro University, No. 2 Seed, 43 – 2)** by 7 – 5 Decision  
 Third-Place Match: Cayle Byers (Sr., Oklahoma State University, No. 5 Seed, 33 – 5) defeats Matt Wilps (Redshirt Jr., University of Pittsburgh, No. 3 Seed, 38 – 7) by 3 – 2 Decision  
 Fifth-Place Match: Sonny Yohn (Redshirt Sr., University of Minnesota, No. 10 Seed, 36 – 9) defeats Alfonso Hernandez (Redshirt Jr., University of Wyoming, No. 9 Seed, 44 – 11) by 4 – 1 Decision  
 Seventh-Place Match: Micah Burak (Jr., University of Pennsylvania, No. 11 Seed, 29 – 8) defeats Joe Kennedy (Sr., Lehigh University, No. 12 Seed, 29 – 11) by 2 – 1 Overtime Decision

285 lbs.

Championship Match: Tony Nelson (Redshirt Soph., University of Minnesota, No. 2 Seed, 37 – 2) defeats Zach Rey (Sr., Lehigh University, No. 4 Seed, 30 – 4) by 4 – 1 Decision  
 Third-Place Match: Michael McMullan (Redshirt Fr., Northwestern University, No. 10 Seed, 35 – 12) defeats Clayton Jack (Sr., Oregon State University, No. 3 Seed, 43 – 5) by 10 – 5 Decision  
 Fifth-Place Match: Bobby Telford (Redshirt Fr., University of Iowa, No. 5 Seed, 35 – 11) defeats Ryan Flores (Redshirt Sr., American University, No. 1 Seed, 25 – 6) by Medical Forfeit  
 Seventh-Place Match: **Jeremy Johnson (Redshirt Soph., Ohio University, No. 7 Seed, 38 – 8)** defeats Nick Gwiazdowski (Fr., Binghamton University, Unseeded, 34 – 12) by 11 – 5 Decision

**FINAL TEAM SCORES**

- 1. Penn State University – 143
- 2. University of Minnesota - 117.5
- 3. University of Iowa – 107.5
- 4. Cornell University – 102.5
- 5. The Ohio State University – 68.5**
- 6. Oklahoma State University – 66
- 7. University of Illinois – 62
- 8. Lehigh University – 61
- 9. Northwestern University – 42.5
- 10. Oregon State University – 40.5
- 27. Kent State University – 19.5**
- 33. Ohio University – 13.5**

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**(Home Dates In Bold)**

Sat. – 3/24/12 – ‘OURWAY State Championship Tournament’ – Nutter Center/Dayton University – Dayton, OH – 9:00 a.m.

**March 14, 2012– Millersburg, OH**

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**Wrestlers Lauded At Awards Banquet**

**Knights Baker Wins Ohio Girls Wrestling State Championship**

**Elementary Wrestlers Woods and Kaufman Ready For State Tournament**

**Off-Season Program Announced**

**NCAA National Tournament TV Schedule Announced**

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**HIGH SCHOOL, MIDDLE SCHOOL AND ELEMENTARY**

*Knights Wrestling Caps Season With Awards Banquet*

The West Holmes wrestling program capped off the 2011 – 2012 season Monday night (Mar. 12) with the annual banquet and awards ceremony at West Holmes High School near Millersburg, Ohio. The large crowd on hand enjoyed a potluck meal followed by the awards ceremony for the varsity through elementary levels of Knights wrestling.

*Elementary*

West Holmes elementary wrestling ‘Attack Team’ volunteer head coach Randy Sponseller began the awards ceremony thanking all who helped with another great year for the youth wrestlers.

Before handing out the elementary awards Sponseller told the gathering, “The last couple years we have sent on some pretty amazing wrestlers on to the middle school squad and pretty much cleaned out our ranks. This year we had a lot of new faces and some relatively young and inexperienced guys on our varsity team. We began the year with two sixth-graders total. The first couple of practices when I looked at these guys I got the feeling we would be taking our lumps this year, that this would be a rebuilding year. These guys had other plans.”

That they did.

Entering they’re ninth-season in the Mid-Ohio Division of the Ohio Youth Wrestling Association the ‘Attack Team’ finished the league dual meet season undefeated and split a pair of non-league duals to finish the season 9 – 1. That pushed the



'Attack Team' overall dual meet record to a sparkling 115 – 10 since it's inception 14 years ago.

"It was an amazing season," Sponseller continued. "This squad dominated our division, taking home a sectional team title, and then turned in the best district tournament performance of any previous team we have fielded. They finished 4th as a team (39-teams) in the Louisville District Championships. In one dual meet these guys scored 160 team points. So much for a rebuilding year."

Sponseller not only lauded the 'Attack Team' wrestlers but also gave credit to the 'All-Star' wrestlers that make up the W.H. elementary team.

"There's been a lot of talk about these guys ('Attack Team') here tonight but none of it would be possible without the rest of the team," Sponseller said. "A lot of those dual meet points were scored by our All Star wrestlers who we regularly put in the lineup for the varsity matches. The rest of these guys contributed greatly to those lopsided scores."

Sponseller also thanked volunteer coaches Dean Weber and Trent White as well as W.H. varsity assistant Greg Woods for all of their help. Sponseller also gave kudos to Dr. Brad Welsh and and Knights sophomore wrestler Grayson Miller for their help at practices.

"As always, this is a team effort which includes support from a great group of parents," Sponseller stated. "Thank you. It all adds up to make for a great season."

### **2011 - 2012 West Holmes Elementary Wrestling 'Attack Team' Roster**

Koen Baker, Sydnie Baker, Elisha Baldrige, Joshua Baldrige, Stephen Baldrige, David Beckett, Preston Burkey, Alec Cool, Timmy Cool, Beau Dunn, Payton Eads, Ashton Eyler, Kenneth Eyster, Kevin Gingerich, Trevor Graham, Gavin Greer, Zachary Hershberger, Bryce Hunt, Garrett Hunt, Thane Kaufman, Tucker Kaufman, Mason Larimore, Kyle Maltarich, Tyler Masters, Grant Miller, Emmett Myers, Gabe Neukam, Xavier Neukam, Ryan O'Donnell, Sean Over, Randy Parsons, Dylan Strouse, Logan Tullis, Walker Uhl, Conner Varnes, Kendel Weber, Jack Welsh, Mason Wolfe, Cael Woods, Tyler Zupancic

### **2011 – 2012 West Holmes Elementary 'Attack Team' Team Stats**

Mid-Ohio Division (Ohio Youth Wrestling Association) Dual Meet Record: 8 – 0

Overall Dual Meet Record: 9 – 1

Mid-Ohio Division Dual Meets:

West Holmes 84 – Mansfield Swat 49

West Holmes 83 – Ashland 35

West Holmes 125 – Wooster 30

West Holmes 69 – Ashland Mapleton 17

West Holmes 57 – Wooster Triway 12

West Holmes 108 – Creston Norwayne 21

West Holmes 87 – Apple Creek Waynedale 39

West Holmes 64 – Orrville 30

Non-League Dual Meets:

Gnadenhutten Indian Valley 76 – West Holmes 67



West Holmes 160 – Cambridge 40

Mid-Ohio Division (O.Y.W.A.) Regular Season Champions  
Mid-Ohio Division (O.Y.W.A.) Sectional Champions  
O.Y.W.A. Louisville District Tournament 5th Place Team Finish

**2011 – 2012 West Holmes Elementary ‘Attack Team’ Individual Stats**

Mid-Ohio Division (Ohio Youth Wrestling Association) Undefeated Dual Meet Record (8 – 0): Jack Welsh, Tucker Kaufman, Cael Woods, Walker Uhl, Tyler Masters, Stephen Baldrige, Ashton Eyler

Mid-Ohio Division ‘All Star’ Tournament Champions: Trevor Graham, Tucker Kaufman, Elisha Baldrige, Mason Wolfe

Mid-Ohio Division ‘All Star’ Tournament Placers: Garret Hunt (2nd), Sydnie Baker (2nd), Logan Tullis (3rd), Gabriel Neukam (3rd), Keagan Uhl (3rd), Sean Over (4th), Gavin Greer (4th), Xavier Neukam (4th)

Mid-Ohio Division (O.Y.W.A.) Sectional Tournament Champions: Jack Welsh, Cael Woods, Tyler Masters, Walker Uhl, Ryan O’Donnell, Ashton Eyler, Preston Burkey

Mid-Ohio Division (O.Y.W.A.) Sectional Tournament Placers: Kendel Weber (2nd), Josh Baldrige (2nd), Dylan Strouse (3rd), Thane Kaufman (3rd), Kenny Eyster (3rd), Conner Varnes (4th), Tyler Zupancic (5th), Stephen Baldrige (6th)

O.Y.W.A. Louisville District Tournament Qualifiers: Cael Woods, Tyler Masters, Walker Uhl, Ryan O’Donnell, Ashton Eyler, Preston Burkey, Kendal Weber, Josh Baldrige, Dylan Strouse, Thane Kaufman, Kenny Eyster, Conner Varnes

O.Y.W.A. Louisville District Tournament Champions: Cael Woods, Tyler Masters, Walker Uhl

O.Y.W.A. Louisville District Tournament Placers: Ryan O’Donnell (2nd), Ashton Eyler (3rd), Preston Burkey (6th)

O.Y.W.A. State Tournament Qualifiers: Cael Woods, Tyler Masters, Walker Uhl, Ryan O’Donnell, Ashton Eyler

O.Y.W.A. State Tournament Placers: Cael Woods (5th)

O.A.C. (Ohio Athletic Committee) State Tournament District Qualifier Placers: Tucker Kaufman (2nd), Cael Woods (4th)

O.A.C. State Tournament Qualifiers: Tucker Kaufman, Cael Woods

OURWAY State Tournament Regional Qualifier Placers: Keagan Uhl (2nd), Tucker Kaufman (2nd), Ashton Eyler (2nd), Cael Woods (3rd), Walker Uhl (5th)

OURWAY State Tournament Qualifiers: Keagan Uhl, Tucker Kaufman, Ashton Eyler, Cael Woods, Walker Uhl

**West Holmes Elementary ‘Attack Team’ Stats (1998-1999 thru 2011-2012)**

Dual Meet Record: 115 – 10





West Holmes 66 – Dover 20  
West Holmes 69 – Gnadenhutten Indian Valley 18  
West Holmes 71 – Cambridge 10

Ohio Athletic Committee (O.A.C.) State Team Duals Meet Record: 7 – 1

O.A.C. State Team Duals District Qualifier: 3 – 0

West Holmes 93 – Collins Western Reserve 'White' 0  
West Holmes 63 – Collins Western Reserve 'Blue' 22  
West Holmes 57 – Mentor Lake Catholic 24

O.A.C. State Team Duals Championship: 4 – 1\*

West Holmes 56 – West Salem Northwestern 30  
West Holmes 79 – Team Ray 20  
West Holmes 46 – Mentor Lake Catholic 38  
Newark Licking Valley 42 – West Holmes 40  
West Holmes 69 – Marlinton 27

\* = West Holmes, Newark Licking Valley and Mentor Lake Catholic all finish 4 – 1. West Holmes wins by tiebreaker of least total points allowed.

#### Tournament Records:

Cambridge - 'Bobcat Junior High Invitational Tournament': 4th of 40 teams (top public school finisher)  
John R. Lea/Apple Creek Waynedale - '38th Annual W.A.B.C. Kaderly Classic': 1st of 16 teams (first West Holmes team championship of the 'Kaderly')  
Dresden Tri-Valley – 'Electric Junior High School Invitational Tournament': 20th of 68 teams (considered one of the toughest tournaments in Ohio, 7 out of state teams)  
Ashland - '2012 Ohio Cardinal Conference Middle School Championship Tournament': 1st of 8 teams (only 2nd O.C.C. team championship in school history, won 13 of 14 matches in placement round)  
Collins – '2012 Ohio Athletic Committee Junior High State Team Duals District Qualifier Tournament': 1st of 4 teams (first ever state team duals qualification in school history)  
Worthington – '2012 Ohio Athletic Committee Junior High State Team Duals Championship Tournament': 1st of 6 teams (first ever West Holmes wrestling state team title at any level)

#### **2011 – 2012 West Holmes Middle School Tournament Placers**

Cambridge – 'Bobcat Junior High Invitational Tournament': Michael Workman (2nd), Matt Eastep (2nd), Tristan Anderson (3rd), Damon Harris (4th), Cody Woods (11th), Jed Hendershott (11th), Ricky Dutter (11th), Alex Walker (12th), Trevor Bickel (12th)

John R. Lea/Apple Creek Waynedale – '38th Annual W.A.B.C. Kaderly Classic': Tristan Anderson (1st), Damon Harris (1st), Mitch Tyson (2nd), Jed Hendershott (2nd), Matt Eastep (2nd), Cody Woods (3rd), Josiah Allison (3rd), Alex Walker (3rd), Michael Workman (4th), Dylan Jolley (5th), Drew Campbell (5th)



Dresden Tri-Valley – ‘Electric Junior High School Invitational Tournament’: Tristan Anderson (5th), Matt Eastep (6th), Michael Workman (8th), Ricky Dutter (9th), Jed Hendershott (10th), exhibition portion of tournament: Drew Campbell (2nd), Dylan Jolley (3rd)

Ashland – ‘2012 Ohio Cardinal Conference Middle School Championship Tournament’: Cody Woods (1st), Cole Woods (1st), Josiah Allison (1st), Mitch Tyson (1st), Jed Hendershott (1st), Tristan Anderson (1st), Michael Workman (1st), Dylan Jolley (3rd), Ricky Dutter (3rd), Michael Kashuba (3rd), Adam Croup (3rd), Matt Eastep (3rd), Damon Harris (3rd), Drew Campbell (4th)

Norwalk – ‘2012 Ohio Athletic Committee Junior High State Tournament District Qualifier’: Tristan Anderson (1st), Michael Workman (1st), Cody Woods (3rd), Cole Woods (5th), Damon Harris (6th)  
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**Junior Varsity**

West Holmes High School wrestling assistant/junior varsity coach Andy Toye along with volunteer assistant coach Bill Miller handed out the awards for the junior varsity wrestlers with Toye addressing the crowd.

“First let me start off by saying this was a young and promising junior varsity team,” Toye said. “I hope they enjoyed competing and the success they reached. Our jobs as junior varsity coaches is to prepare the wrestlers for the varsity level. Not only that but teach them ethics and guide them to the best of life’s experiences.”

Toye then gave a summary of the junior varsity’s team success which included a 4 – 3 dual meet record, two top-five tournament team finishes and several individual tournament placements.

“I want to thank the parents and the wrestlers for a really good season,” Toye concluded. “I also need to thank Paige Miller and Elizabeth Overholt for helping with the stat book and Bret Curren who helps with everything.”

**2011 - 2012 West Holmes High School Wrestling Junior Varsity Award Recipients**

Benton Smith (Jr.), Tessa Baker (Soph.), Conway Baldrige (Soph.), Caleb Cox (Soph.), Charlie Evans (Soph.), Christian Kick (Soph.), Justin Markley (Soph.), Tyler McElroy (Soph.), Stephen Ross (Soph.), J.R. Yoder (Soph.), Chase Geiselman (Fr.)

**2011 – 2012 West Holmes High School Junior Varsity Team Stats**

Dual Meet Record: 4 – 3

- West Holmes 39 – Midpark 12
- Lorain 42 – West Holmes 36
- West Holmes 33 – Olmsted Falls ‘Blue’ 32
- North Royalton 48 – West Holmes 30
- West Holmes 15 – Dover 12
- West Holmes 12 – Gnadenhutzen Indian Valley 9
- Cambridge 22 – West Holmes 6



Tournament Records (those with team scoring):

Olmsted Falls – ‘Bulldogs Junior Varsity Team Duals Tournament’: 4th of 8 teams (2 – 2 record)

Navarre Fairless – ‘Falcon Varsity Invitational Tournament’: 4th of 8 teams

**2011 – 2012 West Holmes High School Junior Varsity Tournament Placers**

Galion Northmor – ‘Meat and Potatoes Junior Varsity Invitational Tournament’: Tessa Baker (2nd), Zach Mullet (2nd), Chris Phillips (2nd), Justin Markley (2nd), Benton Smith (2nd), Tyler McElroy (3rd), Conway Baldrige (3rd)

Ontario – ‘Warrior Junior Varsity Invitational Tournament’: Chris Phillips (1st), Conway Baldrige (1st), Tessa Baker (2nd), Charlie Evans (3rd)

Navarre Fairless – ‘Falcon Varsity Invitational Tournament’: Tyler Brown (1st), Chris Phillips (1st), Jack Scherer (2nd), Justin Markley (3rd), Charlie Evans (4th), Zach Mullet (4th), Tyler McElroy (4th), Benton Smith (4th), J.R. Yoder (5th), Caleb Cox (5th), Tessa Baker (6th), Chase Geiselman (6th)

Millersburg – ‘West Holmes Junior Varsity Invitational Tournament’: Tyler McElroy (2nd), Chris Phillips (2nd), Benton Smith (3rd)

Warsaw River View – ‘Black Bear Junior Varsity Invitational Tournament’: Tyler McElroy (1st), Benton Smith (1st), Tessa Baker (2nd), J.R. Yoder (2nd), Caleb Cox (2nd), Conway Baldrige (3rd), Justin Markley (3rd), Stephen Ross (4th)



**Varsity**

West Holmes High School wrestling head coach Jeff Woods along with assistant coach Greg Woods closed the awards ceremony by handing out praises, thank you’s and a cache of certificates and hardware to the varsity wrestling team.

Woods opened saying, “First my thanks to the parents for everything. This is a trying sport not only on the wrestlers but their parents and families as well. And, it’s tough on us coaches and our families too. So thank you to everyone. I also want to recognize a person very close to our wrestling program who was presented a state award last Friday night on the floor at the state tournament. Bret Curren was voted this years service award winner by the Ohio High School Wrestling Coaches Association. Bret, congratulations and thank you for everything you’ve done for West Holmes wrestling and wrestling in general.”

Woods then gave a year in review of the season which included a 5 – 2 dual meet record, two tournament team championships and two runner-up finishes as well as a 4th-place finish at the ‘2012 O.H.S.A.A. Division II East/Central District Championship Tournament’ in which three Knights wrestlers qualified for the state tournament. All three state qualifiers then went on to place – junior Max Rohskopf (3rd @ 138 lbs.) and seniors Justin Stitzlein (6th @ 152 lbs.) and Marshall Overholt (6th @ 160 lbs.).

“We had a 5 and 2 dual meet mark losing only to Northwestern and Indian Valley,” said Woods. “Tournaments we did well in. Championships at Cambridge and our own tournament – we should always win our own tournament. Runner-ups at Smithville and at conference. But placing fourth at districts and getting three out was a highlight. Then to have all three place was just icing on the cake.



“Sure we maybe didn’t get the press coverage with three state placers like we would’ve if the school up north (Apple Creek Waynedale) wasn’t in the hunt for a state team title. Hey, and I was pulling for them to get that team title believe it or not! Any other year West Holmes wrestling with three state placers would’ve been headlines. But, we can all take satisfaction in knowing who won the dual meet between us this year.”

Woods then handed out individual awards before closing.

“I wish our seniors the best of luck in their future,” Woods said. “Brownie (Tyler), Justin, Marshall...thank you. Know that you’re always welcome back in the room anytime.

“I’d also like to thank all of our volunteers who help with our January run of tournaments. Without all of you we wouldn’t have be able to put on those tournaments. The word is out in the wrestling community of how well our tournaments operate. We actually have a waiting list of schools who want in our tournaments – be it middle school, junior varsity or varsity. That’s a testament to the volunteers. Thank you.”

Woods then thanked his wife and family and saved his last thanks for his coaching staff.

“From top to bottom, from elementary to varsity I’ve got the best staff in the business. Guy’s, thank you. Great job and let’s do it again.”

#### **2011 – 2012 West Holmes High School Varsity Letter Award Winners**

4-Year: Tyler Brown (Sr.), Justin Stitzlein (Sr.), Marshall Overholt (Sr.)

3-Year: Max Rohskopf (Jr.)

2-Year: Lane Darr (Jr.), Matt Schlegel (Jr.), Ray O’Donnell (Soph.), Tyler Singleton (Jr.)

1-Year: Tyler Nichols (Soph.), Zed Fry (Jr.), Charlie Evans (Soph.), Zach Mullet (Soph.), Jack Scherer (Jr.), Chris Phillips (Jr.), Grayson Miller (Soph.)

#### **2011 – 2012 West Holmes High School Varsity Special Award Winners**

Most Takedowns: Marshall Overholt (78)

Most Near Fall Points: Justin Stitzlein (170)

Most Falls: Max Rohskopf (30)

Most Improved: Tyler Brown

Coaches Award: Grayson Miller

#### **2011 – 2012 West Holmes High School Varsity Team Stats**



Dual Meet Record: 5 – 2

West Salem Northwestern 45 – West Holmes 30  
West Holmes 35 – Apple Creek Waynedale 30  
West Holmes 37 – Dover 36  
Gnadenhutzen Indian Valley 37 – West Holmes 33  
West Holmes 44 – Cambridge 31  
West Holmes 46 – New Philadelphia 31  
West Holmes 52 – Warsaw River View 27

Tournament Records:

Cambridge – ‘3rd Annual Southeast Ohio Regional Medical Center Bobcat Invitational Tournament’: 1st of 10 teams  
Smithville – ‘41st Annual Wayne Invitational Tournament’: 2nd of 18 teams  
Medina - ‘37th Annual Medina Invitational Tournament’: 21st of 41 teams  
Alliance – ‘26th Annual ASICS Top Gun Invitational Tournament’: 14th of 43 teams  
Millersburg – ‘6th Annual West Holmes/Marine Corp Varsity Invitational Tournament’: 1st of 10 teams  
Wooster – ‘2012 Ohio Cardinal Conference Championship Tournament’: 2nd of 8 teams  
Uhrichsville – ‘2012 O.H.S.A.A. Division II East Sectional Championship Tournament’: 7th of 11 teams  
Uhrichsville – ‘2012 O.H.S.A.A. Division II East/Central District Championship Tournament’: 4th of 49 teams  
Columbus – ‘75th O.H.S.A.A. Division II State Championship Tournament’: 14th of 105 teams

#### **2011 – 2012 West Holmes High School Varsity Tournament Placers**

Cambridge – ‘3rd Annual Southeast Ohio Regional Medical Center Bobcat Invitational Tournament’: Tyler Brown (1st), Max Rohskopf (1st), Justin Stitzlein (1st – Outstanding Wrestler Award), Marshall Overholt (3rd), Grayson Miller (3rd), Tyler Singleton (3rd), Tyler Nichols (4th), Ray O’Donnell (4th), Matt Schlegel (5th), Zed Fry (6th)

Smithville – ‘41st Annual Wayne Invitational Tournament’: Max Rohskopf (1st), Marshall Overholt (1st), Justin Stitzlein (2nd), Lane Darr (3rd), Tyler Nichols (4th), Tyler Brown (4th), Grayson Miller (4th), Conway Baldrige (6th), Ray O’Donnell (6th), Tyler Singleton (6th)

Medina – ‘37th Annual Medina Invitational Tournament’: Max Rohskopf (2nd), Justin Stitzlein (7th)

Alliance – ‘26th Annual ASICS Top Gun Invitational Tournament’: Max Rohskopf (2nd), Justin Stitzlein (3rd)

Millersburg – ‘6th Annual West Holmes/Marine Corp Classic Varsity Invitational Tournament’: Tyler Brown (1st), Max Rohskopf (1st), Justin Stitzlein (1st), Marshall Overholt (1st), Jack Scherer (3rd), Ray O’Donnell (3rd), Chris Phillips (4th), Matt Schlegel (4th), Tyler Singelton (4th), Tyler Nichols (5th), Lane Darr (6th)

Wooster – ‘2012 Ohio Cardinal Conference Championship Tournament’: Max Rohskopf (1st), Justin Stitzlein (1st), Tyler Brown (2nd), Marshall Overholt (2nd), Grayson Miller (2nd), Jack Scherer (3rd), Matt Schlegel (3rd), Tyler Nichols (4th), Zach Mullet (4th), Chris Phillips (4th)

Uhrichsville – ‘2012 O.H.S.A.A. Division II East Sectional Championship Tournament’: Max Rohskopf (1st), Justin Stitzlein



(1st), Marshall Overholt (2nd), Tyler Brown (4th), Grayson Miller (5th), Chris Phillips (6th)

Uhrichsville – “2012 O.H.S.A.A. Division II East/Central District Championship Tournament’: Max Rohskopf (1st), Justin Stitzlein (1st), Marshall Overholt (2nd)

Columbus – ‘75th O.H.S.A.A. Division II State Championship Tournament’: Max Rohskopf (3rd), Justin Stitzlein (6th), Marshall Overholt (6th)

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### **STATE CHAMPION FOR KNIGHTS WRESTLER**

#### ***Baker Crowned Ohio U.S.G.W.A. State Titleist***

Heeding her head coaches mantra, “Those that go farthest are those that work hardest”, West Holmes sophomore grappler Tessa Baker saw the hard work pay off Saturday (Mar. 10) with a state championship.

Baker (133 lbs.) finished 3 – 0 to earn the gold medal and state title in the ‘2012 Ohio United States Girls Wrestling Association State Championship Tournament’ at Chippewa High School in Doylestown, Ohio.

“Without a doubt Tessa is one of the hardest workers in the room,” Knights wrestling head coach Jeff Woods said Monday (Mar. 12) at the annual awards ceremony. “While the majority of us were watching our middle school wrestlers at their state tournament this weekend, Tessa went out and brought back a state championship to West Holmes.”

In only her second-year of wrestling, Baker has made great strides finishing her sophomore campaign (junior varsity 120 lbs.) 9 – 14 with 5 fall wins – all against male competition. Even when the Knights junior varsity season was over, the quiet but spunky Baker was in the wrestling room at every opportunity continuing to train, learn and improve. That dedication paid off big time with a state championship.

“Tessa is living proof as what I’ve preached for years,” Woods said. “You put in the work and good things will happen. In two years, she hasn’t missed a practice, open mats, any camps we’ve gone to and trains on her own. Tessa’s gone from knowing nothing about the sport to state champion. I got a feeling she’ll be in our varsity line-up next year.”

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### **TWO ‘ATTACK TEAM’ GRAPPLERS EYE STATE CHAMPIONSHIP**

#### ***Woods and Kaufman Set For O.A.C. Grade School State Tournament***

West Holmes Elementary wrestling ‘Attack Team’ members Cael Woods and Tucker Kaufman have their sights set on a state championship as they compete Saturday and Sunday (Mar. 17 & 18) in the ‘9th Annual Ohio Athletic Committee Grade School Wrestling State Championship Tournament’ at the Covelli Center on the campus of Youngstown State University in Youngstown, Ohio.

In a quirk of fate, both Woods and Kaufman will be wrestling at 55 lbs. but the potential to meet each other won’t



happen as the wrestlers are entered in different age divisions.

Woods (4th Grade), who qualified for the state tournament with a championship effort at the O.A.C. Midpark District Qualifier, will wrestle in Division III (born 2001 and 2002). Kaufman (2nd Grade) will wrestle in Division II (born 2003 and 2004) after clinching runner-up honors at the O.A.C. Steubenville District Qualifier.

Wrestling begins at 9:00 a.m. Saturday and begins Sunday at 8:00 a.m.

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**OFF-SEASON PROGRAM ANNOUNCED**

***Open Mats, Freestyle/Greco-Roman Club On Tap For Wrestlers***

Though the official wrestling season is over West Holmes wrestling head coach Jeff Woods told the wrestlers gathered at the annual banquet and awards ceremony the past season was over. However, the 2012 – 2013 season would begin at 8:00 p.m. that night (Mar. 12) followed the next night by the first off-season activity.

Knights wrestlers from all levels will have the chance to keep training and improving their skills with an off-season program coach Woods highly encourages wrestlers to take advantage of.

Open mats began Tuesday (Mar. 13) and will be held every Tuesday evening from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. in the wrestling room at West Holmes High School. Additionally, a Sunday evening open mat session from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. is also being offered.

Knights wrestlers will also be able to participate in the Roughhouse Wrestling Club based in Ashland, Ohio. The R.W.C. offers spring and summer freestyle and Greco-Roman training Monday and Wednesday evenings from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Ashland University wrestling room in Ashland, Ohio. As well, the club takes a team to several freestyle and Greco-Roman tournaments throughout the state. The club is chartered through USA Wrestling-Ohio and will be coached by Matt Tyrrell, Jim Speelman, Clell Cox, Gavin Speelman and Marcus Gordon.

Focusing on learning freestyle and Greco-Roman techniques (most of which are applicable to folk-style wrestling) the coaches will schedule time for drilling and live wrestling as well. The club is geared towards all ages of serious wrestlers who want to compete at a high level.

Cost to join the R.W.C. is \$50 and wrestlers must purchase a USA Wrestling membership card (if not holding a valid card) at \$30. Registration begins Monday (Mar. 19) at 5:30 p.m. at the Ashland University wrestling room.

“A lot of our wrestlers, including our three state placers this year, all took advantage of the freestyle and greco club,” Woods told the wrestlers and parents. “I highly encourage you whether you’re an elementary wrestler, middle school wrestler or high school wrestler to follow the same path as Max, Justin and Marshall. They will all tell you what they learned joining the freestyle and greco club and then wrestling those techniques paid off for them.”

Woods also announced that a decision on a summer camp trip hasn’t been finalized



"We're looking at going to camp," Woods said. "But the cost just keeps going up. We're trying to find something that makes sense. Once, we do find something an announcement will be made."

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**MIDDLE SCHOOL**

*Middle School Wrestlers O.A.C. State Championship*

Five West Holmes Middle School wrestlers ran into a buzzsaw Saturday and Sunday (Mar. 10 and 11) failing to put anyone on the podium at the '14th Annual Ohio Athletic Committee Junior High Wrestling State Championship Tournament' at the Covelli Center in Youngstown, Ohio.

Eighth-grader Tristan Anderson (154 lbs.) came the closest to making the top-eight but lost by a major decision in the 'go to placement' match finishing the tournament with a mark of 2 - 2. Anderson (27 - 4) received a first round bye then reeled of two wins to reach the championship quarterfinals where he was upended by fall and dropped into the consolation bracket.

Cody Woods (7th Grade, 90 lbs.) actually bettered Anderson in the win department with a 3 - 2 mark but like his team mate didn't crack the top-eight finishers. Opening with a decision Woods dropped his next championship round match by fall moving him to the consolation bracket. Two decision wins kept Woods alive but the third time wasn't the charm as Woods (23 - 7) dropped his consolation fourth round bout by decision.

The only other Knights grappler to win at least one match was Cole Woods (8th Grade, 96 lbs.) who dropped a heartbreaking 1 - 0 decision in his first championship round match to immediately drop into the consolation rounds. After a bye Woods (12 - 5) fought back with a one-point decision win then was blanked in his next bout exiting the tournament 1 - 2.

Fellow eighth-graders Michael Workman (176 lbs.) and Damon Harris (209 lbs.) both had quick exits from the tournament ending their appearances 0 - 2. Workman (23 - 7) received a championship first round bye then lost by fall in the championship round of 32 before forfeiting his consolation second round bout. Harris (24 - 10) lost his first round championship bracket match by tech fall to fall into the consolation round where he received a first round bye then lost by fall in the consolation second round.

**KNIGHTS BOX SCORE**

'14th Annual Ohio Athletic Committee Junior High State Championship Tournament' - Mar. 10 & 11 - Covelli Center -



Youngstown, OH

90 lbs. – Cody Woods (7th Grade, 3 - 2)

Championship Round of 64: **Cody Woods (7th Grade, West Holmes, 20 – 5)** defeats Preston Smith (7th Grade, Unattached, 23 – 9) by 7 – 0 Decision

Championship Round of 32: Tyler Warner (8th Grade, Uhrichsville Claymont, 20 – 1) defeats **Cody Woods (7th Grade, West Holmes, 21 – 5)** by Fall @ 2:37

Consolation Second Round: **Cody Woods (7th Grade, West Holmes, 21 – 6)** defeats Peyton Charlton (7th Grade, Springboro, 3 – 3) by 6 – 0 Decision

Consolation Third Round: **Cody Woods (7th Grade, West Holmes, 22 – 6)** defeats Alec Kirby (8th Grade, Westshore Wrestling Club, 21 – 11) by 4 – 2 Decision

Consolation Fourth Round: Tristan McGrath (7th Grade, Cincinnati Moeller, 34 – 5) defeats **Cody Woods (7th Grade, West Holmes, 23 - 6)** by 5 – 3 Decision

96 lbs. – Cole Woods (8th Grade, 1 - 2)

Championship Round of 64: Brandon Baughman (8th Grade, Wadsworth 'Red', 34 – 5) defeats **Cole Woods (8th Grade, West Holmes, 11 – 3)** by 1 – 0 Decision

Consolation First Round: BYE

Consolation Second Round: **Cole Woods (8th Grade, West Holmes, 11 – 4)** defeats Nicholas Lawhorn (8th Grade, Nelsonville-York, 18 – 4) by 3 – 2 Decision

Consolation Third Round: Noah McCumbers (8th Grade, Steubenville, 34 – 2) defeats **Cole Woods (8th Grade, West Holmes, 12 – 4)** by 5 – 0 Decision

154 lbs. – Tristan Anderson (8th Grade, 2 - 2)

Championship Round of 64: BYE

Championship Round of 32: **Tristan Anderson (8th Grade, West Holmes, 25 – 2)** defeats Nick Keaton (8th Grade, Circleville, 45 – 4) by Fall @ 2:02

Championship Round of 16: **Tristan Anderson (8th Grade, West Holmes, 26 – 2)** defeats Jaret Bunch (8th Grade, CB Wrestling Club, 29 – 8) by 15 – 10 Decision

Championship Quarterfinals: Nick Svarda (8th Grade, Cincinnati Moeller, 42 – 1) defeats **Tristan Anderson (8th Grade, West Holmes, 27 – 2)** by Fall @ 2:32

Consolation Sixth Round: Christopher Wall (8th Grade, Unattached, 37 – 2) defeats **Tristan Anderson (8th Grade, West Holmes, 27 – 3)** by 12 – 4 Major Decision

176 lbs. – Michael Workman (8th Grade, 0 - 2)

Championship Round of 64: BYE

Championship Round of 32: Floyd Rogers (8th Grade, Akron Green, 23 – 12) defeats **Michael Workman (8th Grade, West Holmes, 23 – 5)** by Fall @ 1:55

Consolation Second Round: Derek Marcum (8th Grade, Gahanna Youth Wrestling Club, 27 – 7) defeats **Michael Workman (8th Grade, West Holmes, 23 – 6)** by Forfeit

209 lbs. – Damon Harris (8th Grade, 0 - 2)

Championship Round of 64: Tyler Coopshaw (8th Grade, Evergreen Vikings Wrestling Club, 25 – 5) defeats **Damon Harris (8th Grade, West Holmes, 24 – 8)** by 15 – 0 Tech Fall

Consolation First Round: BYE

Consolation Second Round: Quintin Mincy (7th Grade, Cincinnati Walnut Hills, 35 – 3) defeats **Damon Harris (8th Grade, West Holmes, 24 – 9)** by Fall @ 1:38



## TOURNAMENT BOX SCORE

'14th Annual Ohio Athletic Committee Junior High Wrestling State Championship Tournament' – Mar. 10 & 11 – Covelli Center, Youngstown, OH

74 lbs.

Championship Match: Dylan D'Emilio (6th Grade, Genoa Wrestling Club) defeats Jordan Crace (6th Grade, Team Jordan Wrestling Club) by 3 – 1 Decision

Third-Place Match: Nick Henneman (7th Grade, Foxfire Wrestling Club) defeats Zack Donathan (8th Grade, Team Mixer Wrestling Club) by 3 – 0 Decision

Fifth-Place Match: Jashon Hubbard (6th Grade, NL Wrestling) defeats Josh Breeding (6th Grade, Burnett Trained Wrestling Club) by 3 – 2 Decision

Seventh-Place Match: Mason Brainard (8th Grade, Griz Wrestling Club) defeats Nate Keaton (6th Grade, Circleville) by 6 – 5 Decision

78 lbs.

Championship Match: Jaden Mattox (6th Grade, Team Miron Wrestling Club) defeats Drew Mattin (7th Grade, Delta Wrestling Club) by 11 – 3 Major Decision

Third-Place Match: Alex Rhine (7th Grade, Team Miron Wrestling Club) defeats Mathew Cardello (6th Grade, Team Miron Wrestling Club) by 6 – 0 Decision

Fifth-Place Match: Jared Donahue (7th Grade, Park Wrestling) defeats Brandon Lucas (7th Grade, Team Mixer Wrestling Club) by Fall

Seventh-Place Match: Jarrod Brezovec (7th Grade, Brecksville) defeats Mitch Moore (6th Grade, Team Jordan Wrestling Club) by 3 – 0 Decision

84 lbs.

Championship Match: Bruce Hrynciw (7th Grade, Burnett Trained Wrestling Club) defeats Seth Hogue (8th Grade, NA Wrestling Club) by 8 – 0 Major Decision

Third-Place Match: Josh Venia (8th Grade, Foxfire Wrestling Club) defeats Justin Portillo (8th Grade, Bowling Green) by 2 – 0 Decision

Fifth-Place Match: Joey Bowen (8th Grade, Massillon Perry) defeats Otha Jones (6th Grade, Soul City Wrestling Club) by Forfeit

Seventh-Place Match: Traveon Jones (8th Grade, Sandusky Biddy Wrestling) defeats Eric Beck (7th Grade, Fairfield) by 4 – 0 Decision

90 lbs.

Championship Match: Hunter Lucas (8th Grade, Team Miron Wrestling Club) defeats Tony Decesare (8th Grade, Steubenville) by 3 – 2 Decision

Third-Place Match: Tyler Warner (8th Grade, Uhrichsville Claymont) defeats Hunter Bray (8th Grade, BT Wrestling Club) by 4 – 0 Decision

Fifth-Place Match: Jacob Martinez (8th Grade, Burnett Trained Wrestling Club) defeats Moises Guillen (7th Grade, Perrysburg Wrestling Club) by 2 – 0 Decision

Seventh-Place Match: Greg Briggs (8th Grade, Lodi Cloverleaf) defeats Conner Burns (8th Grade, Nelsonville-York) by 4 – 2 Decision

96 lbs.

Championship Match: Jacob Speiss (8th Grade, Burnett Trained Wrestling Club) defeats Mario Guillen (8th Grade, Perrysburg Wrestling Club) by 3 – 0 Decision



Third-Place Match: Andrew Sams (7th Grade, Fairfield) defeats Tariq Wilson (8th Grade, NL Wrestling Club) by 5 – 1 Decision

Fifth-Place Match: Gregory Quinn (7th Grade, Steubenville) defeats Garrett Lambert (8th Grade, Wreck Wrestling Club) by 5 – 0 Decision

Seventh-Place Match: Adam Shaw (7th Grade, Carton Wrestling Club) defeats Joshua McCraw (7th Grade, PATS Wrestling Club) by Fall

102 lbs.

Championship Match: Jake Donahue (8th Grade, Steubenville) defeats Seth Beard (8th Grade, Burnett Trained Wrestling Club) by 2 – 0 Decision

Third-Place Match: Joshua Heil (8th Grade, BK Wrestling Club) defeats Ryan Thomas (6th Grade, Team Miron Wrestling Club) by 2 – 1 Decision

Fifth-Place Match: Corey Shie (7th Grade, Golden Cross Wrestling Club) defeats Zach Sanborn (8th Grade, LC Wrestling Club) by 2 – 0 Decision

Seventh-Place Match: Nico O'dor (8th Grade, Burnett Trained Wrestling Club) defeats Kyle Jenkins (8th Grade, Stow Wrestling Club) by 1 – 0 Decision

108 lbs.

Championship Match: Alexander Mackall (8th Grade, NA Wrestling Club) defeats Mario Katl (8th Grade, Team Jordan Wrestling Club) by 4 – 2 Decision

Third-Place Match: Ben Darmstadt (8th Grade, Burnett Trained Wrestling Club) defeats Cameron Lathem (8th Grade, Nelsonville-York) by 6 – 1 Decision

Fifth-Place Match: Brendan Fitzgerald (8th Grade, Grandview Heights) defeats J. Chandler J. Golec (7th Grade, Uhrichsville Claymont) by Fall

Seventh-Place Match: Rosendo Beltran (8th Grade, Foxfire Wrestling Club) defeats Michael Sergent (7th Grade, Troy Christian) by 3 – 0 Decision

114 lbs.

Championship Match: Brent Moore (8th Grade, Team Jordan Wrestling Club) defeats Derel Gross (7th Grade, Burnett Trained Wrestling Club) by 5 – 2 Decision

Third-Place Match: Luke Strnad (7th Grade, Brecksville) defeats Mario Graziani (8th Grade, Youngstown Boardman) by 6 – 3 Decision

Fifth-Place Match: Noah Mattin (7th Grade, Delta Wrestling Club) defeats Chance Haynes (8th Grade, Delaware Buckeye Valley) by 5 – 1 Decision

Seventh-Place Match: Kyle Blanton (8th Grade, Thomas Worthington) defeats Ryan Ford (8th Grade, Team Dehart Elite Wrestling Club) by Forfeit

120 lbs.

Championship Match: Kaleb Romero (7th Grade, Team Miron Wrestling Club) defeats Austin Hiles (8th Grade, BK Wrestling Club) by Fall @ 3:46

Third-Place Match: Trevor Anderson (8th Grade, Lewistown Indian Lake) defeats Mikah Price (8th Grade, Burnett Trained Wrestling Club) by 7 – 3 Decision

Fifth-Place Match: Jesse Beverly (7th Grade, Delta Wrestling Club) defeats Logan Lacure (8th Grade, MO Wrestling Club) by 7 – 2 Decision

Seventh-Place Match: Matthew Steer (7th Grade, WB Wrestling Club) defeats Hunter Smith (8th Grade, BT Wrestling Club) by Fall

126 lbs.



Championship Match: Kyle Lawson (7th Grade, Team Jordan Wrestling Club) defeats Jordan Paul (8th Grade, Loveland) by Fall @ :56

Third-Place Match: James Handwerk (7th Grade, LUTH Wrestling Club) defeats Justin Demicco (8th Grade, Brecksville) by 3 – 0 Decision

Fifth-Place Match: Dustin Marteney (8th Grade, Delta Wrestling Club) defeats C.J. Frost (8th Grade, Steubenville) by 2 – 0 Decision

Seventh-Place Match: Mason Kauffeld (8th Grade, TEV Wrestling Club) defeats Colt Cross (8th Grade, Crestview Wrestling Club) by Forfeit

132 lbs.

Championship Match: Reid Stanley (8th Grade, Apple Creek Waynedale) defeats Lane Hinkle (8th Grade, Westside Wrestling Club) by Fall @ 2:32

Third-Place Match: Richard Jackson (8th Grade, Foxfire Wrestling Club) defeats Kaden Russell (7th Grade, NA Wrestling Club) by Fall @ 1:46

Fifth-Place Match: Zach Defraigne (8th Grade, Norwalk) defeats Paul Molke (8th Grade, BK Wrestling Club) by 11 – 5 Decision

Seventh-Place Match: Brett Bailey (8th Grade, OYWA Wrestling Club) defeats Dresden Kornis (8th Grade, Steubenville) by 8 – 1 Decision

138 lbs.

Championship Match: Andrew McNalley (8th Grade, Uniontown Lake) defeats John Szep (8th Grade, LC Wrestling Club) by Fall @ 3:22

Third-Place Match: Dominick Demas (8th Grade, TW Wrestling Club) defeats Jimmy Thompson (7th Grade, Lancaster) by 4 – 1 Decision

Fifth-Place Match: Kyle Ice (7th Grade, Apple Creek Waynedale) defeats Anthony Audi (8th Grade, Poland) by 3 – 2 Decision

Seventh-Place Match: Alex Gainer (8th Grade, Troy Christian) defeats Brady Porter (8th Grade, Eastside Cincinnati Wrestling Club) by 4 – 0 Decision

146 lbs.

Championship Match: Jack Staggs (8th Grade, Burnett Trained Wrestling Club) defeats Drake Barnett (8th Grade, Galion) by Fall @ :30

Third-Place Match: Brett Bryant (8th Grade, Cincinnati Glen Este) defeats Ben Kidwell (8th Grade, Delaware Buckeye Valley) by 6 – 0 Decision

Fifth-Place Match: David Labra (8th Grade, CB Wrestling Club) defeats Joe Castiner (8th Grade, Ford Wrestling Club) by 5 – 1 Decision

Seventh-Place Match: Hunter Bryant (8th Grade, BT Wrestling Club) defeats J.T. Brown (7th Grade, Burnett Trained Wrestling Club) by 2 – 1 Decision

154 lbs.

Championship Match: Matt Stencel (8th Grade, Foxfire Wrestling Club) defeats Matt McFarland (8th Grade, Belmont Union Local) by Fall @ 2:54

Third-Place Match: Nick Svarda (8th Grade, Cincinnati Moeller) defeats Hunter McPeak (8th Grade, Nelsonville-York) by 4 – 0 Decision

Fifth-Place Match: Brandon Hand (8th Grade, Foxfire Wrestling Club) defeats Tony Banister (7th Grade, Tomahawk Wrestling Club) by 2 – 1 Decision

Seventh-Place Match: Christopher Wall (8th Grade, TW Wrestling Club) defeats Justin Reynolds (8th Grade, Gallipolis) by 10 – 2 Major Decision



164 lbs.

Championship Match: Alex Marinelli (8th Grade, BT Wrestling Club) defeats Dylan Hefner (8th Grade, Lima Shawnee Wrestling Club) by 16 – 2 Major Decision  
Third-Place Match: Noel Caraballo (8th Grade, Olmsted Falls) defeats Justin Sanders (8th Grade, LC Wrestling Club) by 3 – 1 Decision  
Fifth-Place Match: Roman Moreno (8th Grade, Team Kratos Wrestling Club) defeats Clayton McCune (8th Grade, Cincinnati Glen Este) by 5 – 2 Decision  
Seventh-Place Match: Christopher Martinez (8th Grade, Delaware Dempsey) defeats Caleb Johnson (8th Grade, TW Wrestling Club) by 6 – 2 Decision

176 lbs

Championship Match: Jack Harris (8th Grade, BT Wrestling Club) defeats Jack Meyer (8th Grade, Cincinnati Moeller) by 9 – 1 Major Decision  
Third-Place Match: Edward Sternad (8th Grade, BK Wrestling Club) defeats Marshall Messer (8th Grade, Clyde) by 1 – 0 Decision  
Fifth-Place Match: Aaron Greer (8th Grade, Washington Court House) defeats Luke Vance (8th Grade, Barberton) by Fall  
Seventh-Place Match: Reece Human (7th Grade, BT Wrestling Club) defeats Tim Albertson (8th Grade, ED Wrestling Club) by 4 – 3 Decision

209 lbs.

Championship Match: Andrew Fenton (8th Grade, MO Wrestling Club) defeats Kordell Chaney (8th Grade, SBW Wrestling Club) by 5 – 3 Decision  
Third-Place Match: Chris Crumb (8th Grade, Delaware Team Cobras Wrestling Club) defeats Jerek Cropper (8th Grade, AG Wrestling Club) by 4 – 2 Decision  
Fifth-Place Match: Cody Howard (8th Grade, Bloom Carroll Youth Wrestling Club) defeats Michael O'Malley (8th Grade, St. Bernadette Wrestling) by 1 – 0 Decision  
Seventh-Place Match: Kyle Lhamon (8th Grade, TW Wrestling Club) defeats Cody Smith (8th Grade, BT Wrestling Club) by 8 – 5 Decision

249 lbs.

Championship Match: Joe Hensley (8th Grade, Cincinnati Moeller) defeats Seth Crissman (8th Grade, Cincinnati Glen Este) by 8 – 6 Decision  
Third-Place Match: Brandon Bennett (8th Grade, Hamler Patrick Henry Wrestling) defeats Kevin Vough (7th Grade, Burnett Trained Wrestling Club) by Fall @ 1:31  
Fifth-Place Match: Josh Burger (8th Grade, Aurora) defeats Chance Veller (8th Grade, Swanton Wrestling Club) by 2 – 1 Decision  
Seventh-Place Match: Nikolas Urban (8th Grade, BK Wrestling Club) defeats Steven Major (8th Grade, Lewistown Indian Lake) by 8 – 2 Decision

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**KNIGHTS NOTES**

***Season Awards Night Tonight***

The annual West Holmes Wrestling season end banquet and awards ceremony is set for tonight (Mon., Mar. 12)



at West Holmes High School near Millersburg, Ohio beginning at 6:00 p.m.

The pot-luck fete is for all levels of Knights wrestling – high school, middle school and elementary. Following the meal, awards will be handed out to the wrestlers.

Those attending should bring a covered dish or dessert and their own table service. Limited beverages will be provided.

### ***Forgotten State Tournament Notes***

Some forgotten notes from the Mar. 1 – Mar. 3 '75th O.H.S.A.A. State Championship Tournament':

W.H.H.S. 2004 graduate Scott Vaughn, a two-time state placer for the Knights (2nd in '04, 6th in '03), had a successful rookie year as a high school head wrestling coach leading three Akron Manchester grapplers to the Division III portion of the state tournament. Vaughn's wrestlers fared well with two of his wrestlers placing – seniors Kyle Ferguson (7th – 120 lbs.) and Lucas Dies (4th – 195 lbs.). Sophomore Bobby Bowen (106 lbs.) finished 1 – 2.

Todd Day, West Holmes Athletic Director and former Knights wrestling coach, was on hand all three days of the tournament to lend support to W.H.H.S. state tournament placers junior Max Rohskopf (3rd – 138 lbs.) and seniors Justin Stitzlein (6th – 152 lbs.) and Marshall Overholt (6th – 160 lbs.). The West Holmes Wrestling Wall of Fame member also had his eyes on a family member competing in the Division II tournament. Day's attention was on undefeated 220 lb. senior Bryan Day (Germantown Valley View), the son of T. Day's first cousin, who entered the tournament 40 - 0. Both Day's were smiling at the conclusion of the tournament as B. Day finished 5th for his first state placement ending his senior year with a sparkling 44 – 2 record.

Give the O.H.S.A.A. an 'A' for effort but probably a 'D-' for effect. Rather than having the house lights 'up' for the championship matches the powers that be decided to go retro and use spotlights for Saturday evenings title bouts. Turning the house lights 'down', two spot lights each were utilized for the three championship mats (DI, DII and DIII). The effect was not welcomed by the 14,000 plus on hand as chants of 'lights, lights, lights....' resonated after the second period of action in the 106 lb. championship bouts. Again the legion of fans chanted for 'lights, lights, lights....' near the end of the first title bouts. The O.H.S.A.A. listened as the house lights were brought back 'up' prior to the 113 lb. title bouts. That decision brought the loudest cheer and applause of the night.

However, kudos should be given to the O.H.S.A.A. for a new twist to the championship bout introductions. Rather than the wrestlers waiting to take the mat from the floor and be introduced once on the mat, this year the wrestlers were introduced and ran from the 'tunnel' (the walkway from the auxiliary gym used as a warm-up area to the main floor of Value City Arena) across the floor and up the steps to the raised mats. Nice touch. Maybe use the spot lights for introductions and then turn the house lights back 'up' for wrestling. Just a thought.

There's always a 'feel good' story at the state wrestling tournament and this year was no exception. Wrestling is an extremely tough sport that demands the utmost in physical conditioning and mental toughness. Any wrestler that is blessed and has no handicaps still finds the sport a huge challenge. Now imagine doing it with what some would call a 'handicap'. And doing it at the biggest stage in Ohio high school wrestling. Some would say 'can't be done'. Don't tell that to Jesse Gunter. The senior 120 lb. wrestler from Akron Coventry entered the tournament with an impressive 43 – 5 record after placing fourth at the ultra-tough DII Alliance District to qualify for the state tournament. Gunter won his first two matches by decision to reach the semifinals where he was up-ended 2 – 1



by eventual runner-up and three-time state placer Cory Stainbrook (Cuyahoga Falls Walsh Jesuit). Gunter then won his consolation semifinal match by major decision to reach the bronze medal match. Facing two-time state placer and returning state champion Mike Rix (Akron St. Vincent St, Mary) in the third-place match Gunter pulled through with a 5 – 0 decision victory. For the physically blessed wrestler that performance is a great tournament that took a ton of work. For a wrestler with a physical ‘handicap’ – like Jesse Gunter – that performance is a gold medal performance. Why? Gunter is legally blind. The young man is totally blind in his left eye and has less than 20% vision in his right eye. The result of a deteriorating eye condition Gunter has dealt with since birth. What he can see is basically a shadowy outline. Imagine the day to day struggles that Gunter has faced and dealt with. The discipline needed to overcome those struggles taught the young man to persevere. Not only on the mats but in life as well. One could say that the sport of wrestling has helped Gunter in his young life. One could also argue that Gunter has helped wrestling. Jesse Gunter – 2012 DII 120 lbs. state 3rd-place. Jesse Gunter – life champion.

Humbly, we report this writer was blessed and honored at the state tournament (Fri., Mar. 2) when presented with the Ohio High School Wrestling Coaches Association ‘2012 Service Award’ during the pre-meet awards ceremony. Thanks to Knights head coach Jeff Woods for the nomination and when he started as head coach 21-years ago allowing me to be a part of the program. Thanks also to former W.H.H.S. athletic directors Brooks Harris (he let me do P.A. announcing for sports back in high school), Chuck Cargill (invited me to do the Knights football and wrestling P.A. announcing in 1988), Bob Maltarich (‘no reason to worry now’ – thanks Bob), Aaron Kaufman (‘you know what to do.’ – Ha!) and current A.D. Todd Day (thanks for the trust in running ‘air traffic control’ for the home tournaments). Also to former head coach Lindy Rogers (thanks for welcoming me into the Knights wrestling family back in 1988). And, to Knights varsity assistant coach Greg Woods and all the other high school assistants, middle school and elementary school coaches for your help throughout the years. The West Holmes wrestlers and parents for your support and kind words. Finally, thanks to Colt Sponseller. Colt was integral in my getting the Buckeyes wrestling P.A. announcing job. Appreciate your help, Colt! It’s been and continues to be an honor to be associated with the West Holmes wrestling program, The Ohio State University wrestling program and helping promote the sport of wrestling.

## **HIGH SCHOOL VARSITY**

### ***Rohskopf 3rd, Stitzlein and Overholt 6th In State Tournament, Knights 14th In Team Race***

West Holmes High School varsity wrestling head coach Jeff Woods doesn’t like to lose. But even the Knights veteran coach was smiling Saturday (Mar. 3) following the ‘75th Ohio High School Athletic Association Division II State Championship Tournament’ at Value City Arena inside the Schottenstein Center located on the campus of The Ohio State University in Columbus, Ohio.

Woods had reason to smile as all three W.H.H.S. grapplers who qualified for the state tournament, junior Max Rohskopf and seniors Justin Stitzlein and Marshall Overholt, fought their way to podium finishes placing the Knights 14th in the final team standings of the 105 DII schools represented at the tournament.

“It was a great weekend for us,” Woods quoted to the Wooster, Ohio newspaper *The Daily Record*. “To bring three wrestlers down here and have all three place that’s outstanding. Any time you can place one guy you’re happy, so to get three we’re really happy.”

Rohskopf (138 lbs., 4 - 1) led the way for the Knights earning a bronze medal for his third-place effort giving the junior his second straight All-Ohio honor (Rohskopf placed 7th at 130 lbs. in 2011). Rohskopf scored a fall win (2:40 over Kyle Harris – Canal Fulton Northwest) and a decision win (10 – 7 over Shelden Struble – Bryan) to reach the championship semifinals where he was up-ended 18 – 5 by nationally ranked and returning state champion and three-time state placer Nate Skonieczny



(Cuyahoga Falls Walsh Jesuit).

Dropping into the consolation bracket semifinals, Rohskopf (No. 2 *Brakeman Report* ranking) stormed back with a 6 – 2 decision win over Gabe Stark (Warren Howland) to reach the bronze medal match. Rohskopf showed no mercy in the third-place bout flattening Luke Cramer (Oak Harbor) in 2:16. Rohskopf ended his season with a sparkling 44 – 3 record.

After making his third-straight trip to the state tournament Stitzlein's (No. 6 *Brakeman Report* ranking) hopes of a state championship bout were derailed Thursday (Mar. 1) when the senior lost a controversial 2 – 1 sudden victory decision to Alex Bergman (Oak Harbor) in his opening match. Both wrestlers were docked twice in regulation for stalling and ended the 6 minutes of wrestling deadlocked 1 – 1. After going out of bounds in the extra session both wrestlers went back to the center of the mat for the restart. Both wrestlers were called for a caution as they jumped the whistle but the caution was Stitzlein's third of the match giving Bergman a penalty point and the match win.

With his goals now to place in the state tournament, Stitzlein roared back rattling off three straight wins – an 11 – 2 major decision over Brandon Rang (Akron Coventry), 6 – 4 decision over Jon Edwards (Greenville) and a fall win at 2:19 over Brandon James (Ravenna Southeast) – to sew up at least a sixth-place finish. Stitzlein had a chance to redeem himself in the consolation semifinals as he again faced Bergman. Working for a takedown Stitzlein tried to pull Bergman over but got his head trapped underneath Bergman and saw his chances for a shot at third-place go out the window when a defensive pin was called at :30. Dropping into the fifth-place match Stitzlein could not rebound losing 7 – 0 to rival Kyle Warner (Uhrichsville Claymont) ending his tournament 3 - 3. Stitzlein finished his season at 42 – 7 and his Knights career with a 127 – 36 varsity mark.

For the unranked Overholt his first state appearance was almost like a Hollywood movie script. Grinding out two gritty wins – a 5 – 3 decision over Jared Chambers (Oak Harbor) and a 9 – 3 decision of Ricky Kochert (Chagrin Falls) – the unheralded senior had opened some eyes. Facing nemesis and Ohio Cardinal Conference foe Brad Metz (Lexington) in the championship semifinals Overholt gave it everything he had but fell to Metz by a 9 – 2 decision.

In the consolation semifinal match Overholt faced Kordell Ford (Hillsboro) and was in the match turning the *Brakeman Report* No. 2 ranked wrestler to his back in a wild scramble but didn't score any points. Overholt fought Ford throughout the match but came up short by a 6 – 2 count. Wrestling for fifth-place Overholt again gave it all he had but dropped a 14 – 5 major decision to Lucas Poyser (Louisville) finishing his tournament 3 – 3 and in with the sixth-place medal. Overholt ends his senior year 30 – 10 and his W.H.H.S. varsity career at 93 – 49.

## KNIGHTS BOX SCORE

'75th O.H.S.A.A. Division II State Championship Tournament' – Mar. 1 - 3 – Value City Arena/Schottenstein Center/The Ohio State University – Columbus, OH

138 lbs. – Max Rohskopf (Jr., 4 – 1, 3rd Place)

Championship Round of 16: **Max Rohskopf (Jr., West Holmes, 40 – 2)** defeats Kyle Harris (Jr., Canal Fulton Northwest, 39 – 9) by Fall @ 2:40

Championship Quarterfinals: **Max Rohskopf (Jr., West Holmes, 41 – 2)** defeats Sheldon Struble (Jr., Bryan, 50 – 10) by 10 – 7 Decision

Championship Semifinals: Nate Skonieczny (Sr., Cuyahoga Falls Walsh Jesuit, 40 – 1) defeats **Max Rohskopf (Jr., West Holmes, 42 – 2)** by 18 – 5 Major Decision

Consolation Semifinals: **Max Rohskopf (Jr., West Holmes, 42 – 3)** defeats Gabe Stark (Jr., Warren Howland, 38 – 7) by 6 – 2 Decision



Consolation Finals: **Max Rohskopf (Jr., West Holmes, 43 – 3)** defeats Luke Cramer (Jr., Oak Harbor, 38 – 10) by Fall @ 2:16

152 lbs. – Justin Stitzlein (Sr., 3 – 3, 6th Place)

Championship Round of 16: Alex Bergman (Sr., Oak Harbor, 37 – 9) defeats **Justin Stitzlein (Sr., West Holmes, 39 – 4)** by 2 – 1 Sudden Victory Decision

Consolation First Round: **Justin Stitzlein (Sr., West Holmes, 39 – 5)** defeats Brandon Rang (Sr., Akron Coventry, 41 – 9) by 11 – 2 Major Decision

Consolation Second Round: **Justin Stitzlein (Sr., West Holmes, 40 – 5)** defeats Jon Edwards (Sr., Greenville, 44 – 2) by 6 – 4 Decision

Consolation Quarterfinals: **Justin Stitzlein (Sr., West Holmes, 41 – 5)** defeats Brandon James (Jr., Ravenna Southeast, 43 – 6) by Fall @ 2:19

Consolation Semifinals: Alex Bergman (Sr., Oak Harbor, 40 – 10) defeats **Justin Stitzlein (Sr., West Holmes, 42 – 5)** by Fall @ :30

Fifth-Place Match: Kyle Warner (Sr., Uhrichsville Claymont, 35 – 7) defeats **Justin Stitzlein (Sr., West Holmes, 42 – 6)** by 7 – 0 Decision

160 lbs. – Marshall Overholt (Sr., 2 – 3, 6th Place)

Championship Round of 16: **Marshall Overholt (Sr., West Holmes, 28 – 7)** defeats Jared Chambers (Jr., Oak Harbor, 30 – 11) by 5 – 3 Decision

Championship Quarterfinals: **Marshall Overholt (Sr., West Holmes, 29 – 7)** defeats Ricky Kochert (Sr., Chagrin Falls, 31 – 8) by 9 – 3 Decision

Championship Semifinals: Brad Metz (Sr., Lexington, 50 – 3) defeats **Marshall Overholt (Sr., West Holmes, 30 – 7)** by 9 – 2 Decision

Consolation Semifinals: Kordell Ford (Soph., Hillsboro, 43 – 4) defeats **Marshall Overholt (Sr., West Holmes, 30 – 8)** by 6 – 2 Decision

Fifth-Place Match: Lucas Poyser (Sr., Louisville, 31 – 3) defeats **Marshall Overholt (Sr., West Holmes, 30 – 9)** by 14 – 5 Major Decision

## TOURNAMENT BOX SCORE

'75TH O.H.S.A.A. Division II State Championship Tournament' – Mar. 1 – 3 – Value City Arena/Schottenstein Center/The Ohio State University – Columbus, OH

106 lbs.

Championship Match: Cameron Kelly (Fr., Bellbrook, 44 – 1) defeats Cody Burcher (Soph., Uhrichsville Claymont, 38 – 5) by 7 – 2 Decision

Third-Place Match: Devin Brown (Fr., Steubenville, 41 – 9) defeats Ryan Bennett (Fr., Cuyahoga Falls Cuyahoga Valley Christian Academy, 38 – 8) by 8 – 5 Decision

Fifth-Place Match: Eli Stickley (Fr., St. Paris Graham Local, 34 – 12) defeats Michael May (Fr., Eaton, 33 – 13) by 10 – 0 Major Decision

Seventh-Place Match: Jake Zemaitis (Soph. Mantua Crestwood, 37 – 4) defeats Brad Taton (Soph., Mentor Lake Catholic, 24 – 8) by 4 – 3 Decision

113 lbs.

Championship Match: Nathan Tomasello (Jr., Cuyahoga Falls Cuyahoga Valley Christian Academy, 46 – 0) defeats Anthony Tutolo (Soph., Mentor Lake Catholic, 37 – 4) by 8 – 5 Decision

Third-Place Match: Luke Langdon (Sr., Uhrichsville Claymont, 38 – 3) defeats Eli Seipel (Fr., St. Paris Graham Local, 37 –



11) by Fall @ :21

Fifth-Place Match: Brody Hooks (Sr., New Richmond, 43 – 5) defeats Trent Duffy (Soph., Washington Court House Miami Trace, 38 – 10) by 11 – 3 Major Decision

Seventh-Place Match: Wade Hodges (Fr., Wauseon, 38 – 7) defeats D.J. Schoepner (Jr., Canton South, 44 – 4) by 5 – 3 Decision

120 lbs.

Championship Match: Ryan Taylor (Sr., St. Paris Graham Local, 40 – 1) defeats Cory Stainbrook (Sr., Cuyahoga Falls Walsh Jesuit, 35 – 7) by 7 – 5 Decision

Third-Place Match: Jesse Gunter (Sr., Akron Coventry, 46 – 6) defeats Mike Rix (Jr., Akron St. Vincent-St. Mary, 29 – 11) by 5 – 0 Decision

Fifth-Place Match: Calvin Campbell (Sr., Lexington, 44 – 7) defeats Aaran Gessic (Soph., Perry, 40 – 5) by 3 – 0 Decision

Seventh-Place Match: Nate Hagan (Fr., Toledo Central Catholic, 39 – 10) defeats Jose Parsons (Sr., Newark Licking Valley, 45 – 4) by 3 – 2 Decision

126 lbs.

Championship Match: Micah Jordan (Soph., St. Paris Graham Local, 42 – 4) defeats Bobby Mason (Sr., Parma Padua Franciscan, 49 – 4) by 24 – 8 Tech Fall

Third-Place Match: Mikey Kostandaras (Soph., Cuyahoga Falls Walsh Jesuit, 35 – 8) defeats Darran Warner (Sr., Gnadenhutzen Indian Valley, 48 – 4) by 3 – 0 Decision

Fifth-Place Match: Preston Bowshier (Soph., Springfield Kenton Ridge, 48 – 7) defeats Sean Fee (Sr., Mentor Lake Catholic, 17 – 7) by 5 – 2 Decision

Seventh-Place Match: Ricky Simonelli (Soph., Cuyahoga Falls Cuyahoga Valley Christian Academy, 28 – 18) defeats Tyler Knul (Soph., Circleville, 46 – 7) by 7 – 6 Decision

132 lbs.

Championship Match: Brent Fickel (Sr., Parma Padua Franciscan, 54 – 4) defeats Colin McDermitt (Sr., Lima Shawnee, 42 – 3) by 7 – 0 Decision

Third-Place Match: Alex Mossing (Soph., Toldeo Central Catholic, 46 – 11) defeats Arron Thompson (Sr., London, 29 – 1) by 8 – 2 Decision

Fifth-Place Match: Nic Skonieczny (Sr., Cuyahoga Falls Walsh Jesuit, 9 – 4) defeats Dylan Kagar (Jr., Mantua Crestwood, 43 – 3) by 3 – 2 Decision

Seventh-Place Match: Ryan Skonieczny (Soph., Akron St. Vincent-St. Mary, 38 – 10) defeats Josh Decatur (Jr., Cuyahoga Falls Cuyahoga Valley Christian Academy, 37 – 11) by 6 – 4 Decision

138 lbs.:

Championship Match: Nate Skonieczny (Sr., Cuyahoga Falls Walsh Jesuit, 41 – 1) defeats Dalton Nicely (Sr., Wauseon, 46 – 6) by 13 – 5 Major Decision

Third-Place Match: **Max Rohskopf (Jr., West Holmes, 43 – 3)** defeats Luke Cramer (Jr., Oak Harbor, 38 – 10) by Fall @ 2:16

Fifth-Place Match: Gabe Stark (Jr., Warren Howland, 38 – 8) defeats Cameron Campbell (Sr., Sandusky Perkins, 41 – 9) by 7 – 2 Decision

Seventh-Place Match: Sheldon Struble (Jr., Bryan, 51 – 12) defeats Kyle Harris (Jr., Canal Fulton Northwest, 41 – 11) by 4 – 0 Decision

145 lbs.

Championship Match: Jake Faust (Sr., Lexington, 50 – 4) defeats Blake Kastl (Sr., St. Paris Graham Local, 44 – 2) by 7 – 3 Decision



Third-Place Match: T.J. Fox (Sr., Mogadore Field, 45 – 3) defeats Shawn McGhee (Sr., Steubenville, 41 – 4) by 4 – 3 Decision

Fifth-Place Match: Sawyer Leppla (Jr., Cambridge, 47 – 9) defeats Nathan Bowers (Sr., Washington Court House Miami Trace, 39 – 8) by 1 – 0 Ultimate Tiebreaker Decision

Seventh-Place Match: Jimmy Klosz (Sr., Parma Heights Holy Name, 41 – 6) defeats Jeff Hojnacki (Soph., Cuyahoga Falls Cuyahoga Valley Christian Academy, 20 – 11) by 6 – 5 Decision

152 lbs.

Championship Match: Bo Jordan (Jr., St. Paris Graham Local, 47 – 0) defeats Kyle Burns (Sr., Milan Edison, 53 – 1) by Fall @ 3:51

Third-Place Match: Seth Williams (Soph., Tiffin Columbian, 48 – 4) defeats Alex Bergman (Sr., Oak Harbor, 40 – 10) by 5 – 2 Decision

Fifth-Place Match: Kyle Warner (Sr., Uhrichsville Claymont, 35 – 7) defeats **Justin Stitzlein (Sr., West Holmes, 42 – 6)** by 7 – 0 Decision

Seventh-Place Match: Bradley Ponchak (Sr., McConnelsville Morgan, 47 – 8) defeats Brandon James (Jr., Ravenna Southeast, 43 – 7) by Fall @ 3:57

160 lbs.

Championship Match: Isaac Jordan (Sr., St. Paris Graham Local, 45 – 0) defeats Brad Metz (Sr., Lexington, 51 – 3) by 5 – 3 Decision

Third-Place Match: Scott Boyce (Sr., Minerva, 44 – 6) defeats Kordell Ford (Soph., Hillsboro, 44 – 4) by 3 – 2 Decision

Fifth-Place Match: Lucas Poyser (Sr., Louisville, 31 – 3) defeats **Marshall Overholt (Sr., West Holmes, 30 – 9)** by 14 – 5 Major Decision

Seventh-Place Match: Chris Wilson (Jr., Monroe, 37 – 15) defeats Jake Lagace (Sr., Newark Licking Valley, 48 – 8) by 7 – 2 Decision

170 lbs.

Championship Match: Chris Moore (Jr., Clyde, 48 – 4) defeats Brandon O'Neill (Sr., Bellville Clear Fork, 42 – 1) by 4 – 2 Decision

Third-Place Match: Brandon Taylor (Sr., Gallipolis Gallia Academy, 48 – 2) defeats Jacob Kasper (Jr., Lexington, 48 – 9) by Fall @ 4:26

Fifth-Place Match: Brogan Endres (Sr., Dover, 36 – 7) defeats Wyatt Running (Jr., Clarksville Clinton-Massie, 34 – 4) by 16 – 13 Decision

Seventh-Place Match: David Gray (Sr., Cuyahoga Falls Cuyahoga Valley Christian Academy, 39 – 10) defeats Jake Howarth (Sr., Steubenville, 39 – 8) by 7 – 5 Decision

182 lbs.

Championship Match: Chaz Gresham (Sr., Goshen, 31 – 0) defeats Huston Evans (Sr., St. Paris Graham Local, 45 – 1) by 3 – 2 Sudden Victory Decision

Third-Place Match: Brad Smith (Jr., Clyde, 47 – 3) defeats Jordan Cole (Sr., Milan Edison, 47 – 10) by 3 – 2 Decision

Fifth-Place Match: Clay Rollison (Sr., Caledonia River Valley, 46 – 9) defeats Zack Tackett (Sr., Gallipolis Gallia Academy, 45 – 8) by 4 – 1 Decision

Seventh-Place Match: Sean Rutherford (Fr., Norton, 29 – 13) defeats Kyle Patterson (Jr., Pemberville Eastwood, 49 – 11) by Fall @ 2:37

195 lbs.

Championship Match: Josh Lehner (Jr., Lexington, 43 – 3) defeats Charlie Keenan (Jr., Steubenville, 40 – 5) by 17 – 1 Tech Fall



Third-Place Match: Jimmy Szep (Jr., Mentor Lake Catholic, 30 – 8) defeats Sam Harris (Jr., Urbana, 47 – 6) by 4 – 2 Decision

Fifth-Place Match: R.J. Waugh (Jr., Thornville Sheridan, 42 – 9) defeats Alex Poole (Sr., Carrollton, 33 – 13) by 3 – 1 Decision

Seventh-Place Match: Cameron Shaw (Jr., Washington Court House Washington, 42 – 5) defeats Gabe King (Sr., Kenton, 41 – 6) by 9 – 3 Decision

220 lbs.

Championship Match: Matt Meadows (Sr., Cuyahoga Falls Cuyahoga Valley Christian Academy, 45 – 1) defeats Zane Krall (Jr., Wauseon, 47 – 3) by 6 – 1 Decision

Third-Place Match: Ray Stone (Sr., Akron St. Vincent-St. Mary, 17 – 2) defeats Greg Moray (Jr., Steubenville, 45 – 2) by Medical Default

Fifth-Place Match: Bryan Day (Sr., Germantown Valley View, 43 – 2) defeats Lucas Sparks (Sr., Springfield Shawnee, 33 – 6) by 4 – 2 Decision

Seventh-Place Match: Anthony Miller (Sr., Perry, 39 – 7) defeats Trent Johnson (Sr., Uhrichsville Claymont, 26 – 10) by 6 – 2 Decision

285 lbs.

Championship Match: Riley Shaw (Sr., Washington Court House Washington, 41 – 0) defeats Travis Gusan (Jr., Columbus Walnut Ridge, 42 – 0) by Fall @ 4:35

Third-Place Match: Connor Sharp (Jr., Beloit West Branch, 33 – 3) defeats Billy Miller (Soph., Perry, 39 – 5) by 2 – 1 Decision

Fifth-Place Match: Joe Nawalaniec (Sr., Cleveland Benedictine, 43 – 7) defeats Levi Pickerel (Sr., Toledo Central Catholic, 36 – 9) by Disqualification

Seventh-Place Match: J.R. Forsee (Jr., New Richmond, 43 – 6) defeats Beau Harmon (Jr., Bellfontaine Benjamin Logan, 38 – 6) by 5 – 3 Decision

## FINAL TEAM SCORES

1. St. Paris Graham Local – 183.5
2. Lexington – 97.5
3. Cuyahoga Falls Cuyahoga Valley Christian Academy – 84.5
4. Cuyahoga Falls Walsh Jesuit – 74.5
5. Steubenville – 67
6. Uhrichsville Claymont – 59
7. Wauseon – 50
8. Mentor Lake Catholic – 45
9. Clyde – 44
10. Parma Padua Franciscan – 43
11. Akron St. Vincent-St. Mary – 40
12. Milan Edison – 38
13. Washington Court House Washington – 37
- 14. West Holmes – 34**
15. Toledo Central Catholic – 31
16. Perry – 29
17. Gallipolis Gallia Academy – 27
18. Goshen – 26.5
19. Oak Harbor – 26



- 20. Columbus Walnut Ridge – 24
- 21. Bellbrook – 23
- 22. Bellville Clear Fork – 20
- 23. Beloit West Branch – 18
- tie 23. Lima Shawnee – 18
- 25. New Richmond – 17
- 26. Mogadore Field – 16.5
- 27. Akron Coventry – 15
- tie 27. Minerva – 15
- tie 27. Washington Court House Miami Trace – 15
- 30. Eaton – 14
- tie 30. Gnadenhutzen Indian Valley – 14
- tie 30. Mantua Crestwood – 14
- tie 30. Tiffin Columbian – 14
- tie 30. Warren Howland – 14
- 35. Urbana – 13
- 36. Louisville – 12.5
- 37. Dover – 12
- tie 37. Hillsboro – 12
- tie 37. London – 12
- tie 37. Newark Licking Valley – 12
- tie 37. Springfield Kenton Ridge – 12
- 42. Carrollton – 11
- tie 42. Thornville Sheridan – 11
- 44. Caledonia River Valley – 10
- tie 44. Cleveland Benedictine – 10
- tie 44. Norton – 10
- 47. Cambridge – 9
- tie 47. Germantown Valley View – 9
- 49. Clarksville Clinton-Massie – 8
- tie 49. Sandusky Perkins – 8
- 51. McConnelsville Morgan – 7.5
- 52. Bellefontaine Benjamin Logan – 7
- tie 52. Circleville – 7
- tie 52. Kenton – 7
- tie 52. Ravenna Southeast – 7
- tie 52. Springfield Shawnee - 7
- 57. Canton South – 6
- tie 57. Monroe – 6
- tie 57. Pemberville Eastwood – 6
- 60. Bryan – 5
- tie 60. Hamilton Ross – 5
- tie 60. Parma Heights Holy Name – 5
- 63. Chagrin Falls – 4
- tie 63. Columbus Hamilton Township – 4
- tie 63. New Philadelphia – 4
- tie 63. Pepper Pike Orange – 4
- 67. Peninsula Woodridge – 3.5
- 68. Athens – 3



- tie 68. Canal Fulton Northwest – 3
- tie 68. New Lexington – 3
- tie 68. Pataskala Licking Heights – 3
- tie 68. Richfield Revere – 3
- 73. Akron Archbishop Hoban – 2
- tie 73. Aurora – 2
- tie 73. Columbus Centennial – 2
- tie 73. Dayton Chaminade-Julienne – 2
- tie 73. Dresden Tri-Valley – 2
- tie 73. Greenville – 2
- tie 73. Hebron Lakewood – 2
- tie 73. Marietta – 2
- tie 73. Norwalk – 2
- tie 73. Plain City Jonathan Alder – 2
- tie 73. Sandusky – 2
- 84. Cadiz Harrison Central – 1
- tie 84. Circleville Logan Elm – 1
- tie 84. Granville – 1
- tie 84. Wapakoneta – 1
- 88. Batavia – 0
- tie 88. Bellefontaine – 0
- tie 88. Canfield – 0
- tie 88. Cincinnati Wyoming – 0
- tie 88. Columbus Whitehall-Yearling - 0
- tie 88. Delaware Buckeye Valley – 0
- tie 88. Franklin – 0
- tie 88. Jefferson Area – 0
- tie 88. Lancaster Fairfield Union – 0
- tie 88. Lewistown Indian Lake – 0
- tie 88. Lisbon Beaver Local – 0
- tie 88. Medina Buckeye – 0
- tie 88. Painesville Harvey – 0
- tie 88. Shelby – 0
- tie 88. Van Wert – 0
- tie 88. Vincent Warren – 0
- tie 88. Warsaw River View – 0
- tie 88. Wilmington – 0

**Division II ‘Outstanding Wrestler Award’**

Bo Jordan (152 lb, Jr., St. Paris Graham Local) – 2012, 2011, 2010 State Champion

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**ELEMENTARY**

**Placings From 2nd To 5th For 8 Elementary/Middle School Grapplers**



With most of the Ohio wrestling world's attention this past weekend on the state high school championships, rest assured that after the final whistle Saturday (Mar. 3) in Columbus there was more wrestling on tap.

Eight grapplers from the West Holmes Middle School and Elementary teams took advantage of the extended season competing Sunday (Mar. 4) in the '2012 OURWAY Northeast Regional State Qualifying Tournament' at Wadsworth High School in Wadsworth, Ohio. And, all eight placed in the top five giving them a strong chance at qualifying for the March 24 'OURWAY State Championship Tournament'. State berths will be announced after the OURWAY selection committee reviews the number of participants in each weight class from the other three regional qualifying tournaments, and then select the state field based on an equitable number of qualifiers from each regional.

Taking runner-up honors were elementary grapplers Keagan Uhl (DI/6 years old and under, 46 lbs., 0 – 2), Tucker Kaufman (DII/7 and 8 years old, 54 lbs., 3 – 1) and Ashton Eyler (DIV/11 and 12 years old, 105 lbs., 1 – 1) and middle school wrestler Cody Woods also took the silver medal (DIV/11 and 12 years old, 86 lbs., 2 – 1).

Cael Woods (DIII/ 9 and 10 years old, 56 lbs., 1 – 2) finished third as did his older cousin Cole (DV/13 and 14 years old, 95 lbs., 3 – 1).

Placing fifth were Walker Uhl (DIII/9 and 10 years old, 74 lbs., 2 – 3) and Kaden Kidd (DIII/ 9 and 10 years old, 85 lbs., 1 – 4).

## KNIGHTS BOX SCORE

'2012 OURWAY Elementary/Middle School Northeast Regional State Qualifying Tournament' – Mar. 4 – Wadsworth High School – Wadsworth, OH

Division I (6 years old and under)

46 lbs. – Keagan Uhl (0 – 2, 2nd Place)

2-person Round-Robin

Match 1: Cameron Brooks (Mansfield) defeats **Keagan Uhl (West Holmes)** by 12 – 0 Major Decision

Match 2: Cameron Brooks (Mansfield) defeats **Keagan Uhl (West Holmes)** by Fall @ 1:20

Division II (7 and 8 years old)

54 lbs. – Tucker Kaufman (3 – 1, 2nd Place)

5-person Round-Robin

Match 1: Quentin Whitehill (Medina) defeats **Tucker Kaufman (West Holmes)** by 9 – 7 Decision

Match 2: **Tucker Kaufman (West Holmes)** defeats Spencer Frederick (Akron Green) by Fall @ 1:15

Match 3: **Tucker Kaufman (West Holmes)** defeats Austin Ogle (Brecksville) by Fall @ :35

Match 4: **Tucker Kaufman (West Holmes)** defeats Jared Count (Elyria) by Fall @ :21

Division III (9 and 10 years old)

56 lbs. – Cael Woods (1 – 2, 3rd Place)

4-person Round Robin

Match 1: Jayden Morr (Wadsworth) defeats **Cael Woods (West Holmes)** by 3 – 1 Decision

Match 2: Julian Tagg (The Wrestling Factory Club) defeats **Cael Woods (West Holmes)** by 2 – 1 Decision

Match 3: **Cael Woods (West Holmes)** defeats Mike Tusick (TWC Wrestling Club) by 7 – 1 Decision



74 lbs. – Walker Uhl (2 – 3, 5th Place)

6-person Round Robin

Match 1: Zain Tittle (Wadsworth) defeats **Walker Uhl (West Holmes)** by Fall @ :56

Match 2: **Walker Uhl (West Holmes)** defeats Zac Gill (BTW Wrestling Club) by 2 – 1 Decision

Match 3: Austin McNamara (Uniontown Lake Youth Wrestling) defeats **Walker Uhl (West Holmes)** by Fall @ 2:17

Match 4: **Walker Uhl (West Holmes)** defeats Jacob Fohl (Marion Elite Wrestling Club) by 13 – 1 Major Decision

Match 5: Jack Brocco (Brecksville) defeats **Walker Uhl (West Holmes)** by 10 – 8 Decision

85 lbs. – Kaden Kidd (1 – 4, 5th Place)

6-person Round Robin

Match 1: **Kaden Kidd (West Holmes)** defeats Chandler Keener (Smithville) by 5 – 0 Decision

Match 2: Jacob Truxall (Elyria) defeats **Kaden Kidd (West Holmes)** by Fall @ 1:20

Match 3: Skyler Lasure (Wellsville) defeats **Kaden Kidd (West Holmes)** by Fall @ 3:22

Match 4: Hudson Hightower (BTW Wrestling Club) defeats **Kaden Kidd (West Holmes)** by 9 – 2 Decision

Match 5: Jacob Lagoa (Ashtabula) defeats **Kaden Kidd (West Holmes)** by Fall @ 1:46

Division IV (11 and 12 years old)

86 lbs. – Cody Woods (2 – 1, 2nd Place)

Championship Round of 16: BYE

Championship Quarterfinals: **Cody Woods (West Holmes)** defeats Douglas Huff (TWC Wrestling Club) by Fall @ :45

Championship Semifinals: **Cody Woods (West Holmes)** defeats Gavin Stika (Creston Norwayne) by 6 – 1 Decision

Championship Finals: LeConte Merrell (Richland) defeats **Cody Woods (West Holmes)** by 14 – 3 Major Decision

105 lbs. – Ashton Eyler (1 – 1, 2nd Place)

3-person Round Robin

Match 1: **Ashton Eyler (West Holmes)** defeats Sylas Murray (Akron Kenmore) by 18 – 2 Tech Fall

Match 2: Al Kozma (Lodi Cloverleaf) defeats **Ashton Eyler (West Holmes)** by Fall @ 3:44

Division V (13 and 14 years old)

95 lbs. – Cole Woods (3 – 1, 3rd Place)

Championship Round of 16: BYE

Championship Quarterfinals: **Cole Woods (West Holmes)** defeats Dustin Robinson (Mansfield SWAT) by Fall @ 2:30

Championship Semifinals: Brandon Kirk (Akron Knights Wrestling Club) defeats **Cole Woods (West Holmes)** by 9 – 2 Decision

Consolation Semifinals: **Cole Woods (West Holmes)** defeats Aaron Kelly (Rocky River) by 3 – 2 Decision

Consolation Finals: **Cole Woods (West Holmes)** defeats Tia Balknight (Akron Elite Wrestling Club) by Fall @ 1:24

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## MIDDLE SCHOOL

*Five Middle School Team Wrestlers Prepare For O.A.C. State Championship*



A group of West Holmes Middle School wrestlers will compete this Saturday and Sunday (Mar. 10 and 11) in the '14th Annual Ohio Athletic Committee Junior High State Championship Tournament' to be held at Covelli Center in Youngstown, Ohio.

Cody Woods (90 lbs., 20 - 5), the lone seventh-grader in the group, will make his second straight state tournament appearance opening against Preston Smith (7th Grade, Unattached, 23 - 9).

Woods' brother Cole (96 lbs., 11 - 3, 8th in 2011) drew Brandon Baughman (8th Grade, Wadsworth 'Red', 34 - 5) as his first round opponent.

Making their first O.A.C. state tournament will be Tristan Anderson (154 lbs., 25 - 2), Michael Workman (176 lbs., 23 - 5) and Damon Harris (209 lbs., 24 - 8).

Anderson received a first round bye and will await the winner of the match-up between Nick Keaton (8th Grade, Circleville, 45 - 4) and Michael Carpenter (7th Grade, Bowling Green, 32 - 5).

Like his teammate Anderson, Workman also receives a first round bye. 'Moose' will tangle with either Floyd Rogers (8th Grade, Akron Green, 22 - 12) or Jonathan Racheter (7th Grade, Unattached, 24 - 6).

Harris wrestles Tyler Coopshaw (8th Grade, Evergreen Vikings Wrestling Club, 25 - 5) in his opening round match.

Wrestling begins at 10:00 a.m. Saturday (Mar. 10) and continues Sunday (Mar. 11) at 8:00 a.m.

## **KNIGHTS STATE TOURNAMENT BRACKETS**

'14th Annual Ohio Athletic Committee Junior High State Championship Tournament' - Mar. 10 & 11 - Covelli Center - Youngstown, OH

90 lbs. - Championship Round of 64

Jacob Martinez (8th Grade, Burnett Trained Wrestling Club, 37 - 5) -vs- BYE

Kyle Minor (7th Grade, Steubenville, 50 - 6) -vs- Dalton Blanton (8th Grade, Unattached, 31 - 4)

Gage Graham (6th Grade, PBWC Wrestling Club, 14 - 1) -vs- Lance Hansen (7th Grade, Unattached, 21 - 5)

Tristan McGrath (7th Grade, Cincinnati Moeller, 33 - 4) -vs- BYE

Hunter Bray (8th Grade, Unattached, 36 - 4) -vs- BYE

Jacob Bush (8th Grade, Cincinnati Moeller, 26 - 7) -vs- Jacob Huston (7th Grade, Oak Harbor, 24 - 8)

Curtis Rhoden (8th Grade, Akron Wrestling Club, 4 - 2) -vs- Nicholas Hall (7th Grade, Steubenville, 30 - 9)

Conner Burns (8th Grade, Nelsonville-York, 30 - 3) -vs- BYE

Greg Briggs (8th Grade, Lodi Cloverleaf, 43 - 4) -vs- BYE

Robert Kaplinsky (8th Grade, DJS Wrestling Club, 29 - 6) -vs- Brady Toth (8th Grade, Unattached, 28 - 4)

Jarod Bronstrup (8th Grade, Brecksville, 30 - 11) -vs- Peyton Charlton (7th Grade, Springboro, 3 - 2)

Moises Guillen (7th Grade, Perrysburg Wrestling Club, 22 - 2) -vs- BYE

Stan Bleich (7th Grade, Unattached, 3 - 1) -vs- BYE

George Clemens (8th Grade, Wayne Trace Wrestling Club, 35 - 3) -vs- Matt Hall (6th Grade, Bethel, 0 - 3)

Collin Golden (7th Grade, DJS Wrestling Club, 31 - 5) -vs- Dean Marek (8th Grade, WAT Wrestling Club, 31 - 5)

Tony Decesare (8th Grade, Steubenville, 43 - 6) -vs- BYE

Josh Portillo (8th Grade, Foxfire Wrestling Club, 42 - 5) -vs- BYE

Austin Victor (8th Grade, Mentor, 27 - 6) -vs- Jack Stein (7th Grade, Mason, 14 - 11)



Lane Peters (8th Grade, Uhrichsville Claymont, 28 – 2) vs- Jake Gutierrez (8th Grade, Nelsonville-York, 31 – 4)  
 Charlie Nash (8th Grade, Unattached, 34 – 6) –vs- BYE  
 Tyler Warner (8th Grade, Uhrichsville Claymont, 20 – 1) –vs- BYE  
**Cody Woods (7th Grade, West Holmes, 20 – 5) –vs- Preston Smith (7th Grade, Unattached, 23 – 9)**  
 Alec Kirby (8th Grade, Westshore Wrestling Club, 20 – 10) –vs- Caleb Black (7th Grade, Milton Union Wrestling Club, 21 – 15)  
 Noah Baughman (8th Grade, Wadsworth ‘Red’, 46 – 3) –vs- BYE  
 Austin Murphy (7th Grade, Cincinnati Reading, 33 – 1) –vs- BYE  
 Matthew Jones (7th Grade, Olmsted Falls, 36 – 3) –vs- Damian D’Emilio (8th Grade, Genoa Wrestling Club, 3 – 2)  
 Joey Marysiak (8th Grade, PAC Wrestling Club, 31 – 4) –vs- Chayse Creager (7th Grade, Marlinton, 28 – 5)  
 Max Wright (7th Grade, Delaware Demspey, 35 – 4) –vs- BYE  
 Caleb Brooks (6th Grade, Southeast Ohio Youth Wrestling League, 3 – 1) –vs- BYE  
 Jackson Lakso (8th Grade, Grove City Central Crossing, 35 – 2) –vs- Dominic Rosin (7th Grade, PAW Wrestling Club, 30 – 7)  
 Fernando Chavez (7th Grade, Defiance, 26 – 4) –vs- Collin Langer (7th Grade, Mentor Lake Catholic, 37 – 10)  
 Hunter Lucas (8th Grade, Team Miron Wrestling Club, 35 – 3) –vs- BYE

96 lbs. – Championship Round of 64

Vincent Zitello (7th Grade, Wreck Wrestling Club, 28 – 5) –vs- BYE  
 Cole Collins (8th Grade, Dresden Tri-Valley, 28 – 8) –vs- Jimmy Murphy (7th Grade, Milford, 32 – 13)  
 Alex Defraime (7th Grade, Unattached, 23 – 7) –vs- Lee Dues (8th Grade, Allen East, 29 – 5)  
 Garrett Hall (8th Grade, Doylestown Chippewa, 37 – 3) –vs- BYE  
 Brendan Price (7th Grade, Burnett Trained Wrestling Club, 3 – 1) –vs- BYE  
 Garrett Lambert (8th Grade, Wreck Wrestling Club, 4 – 1) –vs- Kyle West (8th Grade, CBWC Wrestling Club, 26 – 11)  
 Charles Johnson (8th Grade, MO Wrestling Club, 20 – 4) –vs- Colton Bethel (7th Grade, West Lafayette Ridgewood, 24 – 9)  
 Brendan Williams (8th Grade, Lakota East, 34 – 7) –vs- BYE  
 Andrew Sams (7th Grade, Fairfield, 36 – 3) –vs- BYE  
 Avery Martin (8th Grade, Unattached, 3 – 2) –vs- Nicholas Lawhorn (8th Grade, Nelsonville-York, 18 – 3)  
 Timothy Grunden (6th Grade, Relentless Wrestling Club, 4 – 1) –vs- Cameron Lawson (7th Grade, Sandusky, 17 – 10)  
 Noah McCumbers (8th Grade, Steubenville, 33 – 1) –vs- BYE  
 Mario Guillen (8th Grade, Perrysburg Wrestling Club, 26 – 1) –vs- BYE  
 Adam Shaw (7th Grade, Carton Wrestling Club, 42 – 1) –vs- Joshua McCraw (7th Grade, PATS Wrestling Club, 29 – 13)  
 Steele Strout (7th Grade, NCWC Wrestling Club, 35 – 6) –vs- Isaac Hendershott (8th Grade, Unattached, 34 – 3)  
 Benjamin Tate (7th Grade, Team Miron Wrestling Club, 40 – 4) –vs- BYE  
 Tariq Wilson (8th Grade, Steubenville, 41 – 2) –vs- BYE  
 Tanner Nash (7th Grade, Sandusky Perkins, 31 – 8) –vs- Logan Kissell (6th Grade, Garfield, 5 – 1)  
 Gunnar Carpenter (7th Grade, Team Miron Wrestling Club, 32 – 6) –vs- Kole Monebrake (8th Grade, Unattached, 27 – 12)  
 Harrison Gallagher (8th Grade, MO Wrestling Club, 22 – 4) –vs- BYE  
 Kristofer Volpe (8th Grade, Unattached, 31 – 8) –vs- BYE  
 Jake Thompson (6th Grade, Cincinnati Moeller, 3 – 1) –vs- Gavin Stalnaker (8th Grade, BYW Wrestling Club, 18 – 8)  
 Brandon Baughman (8th Grade, Wadsworth ‘Red’, 34 – 5) –vs- **Cole Woods (8th Grade, West Holmes, 11 – 3)**  
 Jacob Spiess (8th Grade, Burnett Trained Wrestling Club, 34 – 1) –vs- BYE  
 Antwon Pugh (7th Grade, AG Wrestling Club, 50 – 6) –vs- BYE  
 Tyler Bowlick (7th Grade, Oak Harbor, 33 – 6) –vs- Anthony Heavlin (8th Grade, Cadiz Harrison Central, 30 – 5)  
 Jacob Boldman (8th Grade, Wilmington, 34 – 3) –vs- Thomas Stang (8th Grade, Unattached, 21 – 11)  
 Wyatt Garren (8th Grade, Logan, 37 – 5) –vs- BYE  
 Kamron Paulus (7th Grade, Milton-Union Wrestling Club, 30 – 4) –vs- BYE  
 Greg Brewer (7th Grade, Circleville, 40 – 8) –vs- Ashten Lynch (8th Grade, Eastside Cincinnati Catholic, 18 – 15)  
 Gregory Quinn (7th Grade, Steubenville, 3 – 1) –vs- Blaine Hunter (8th Grade, Elida, 31 – 6)



Spencer Cole (8th Grade, Ohio Dawgz Wrestling Club, 29 – 4) –vs- BYE

154 lbs. – Championship Round of 64

Levi Sims (8th Grade, Dehart Wrestling Club, 27 – 7) –vs- BYE

Tristan Jones (8th Grade, Steubenville, 35 – 4) –vs- Ronald Stanberry (8th Grade, Newark Licking Valley, 30 – 5)

Mason McCane (8th Grade, Washington Court House, 4 – 1) –vs- Jeremy Heglin (8th Grade, MO Wrestling Club, 28 – 5)

Tony Banister (8th Grade, Tomahawk Wrestling Club, 3 – 1) –vs- BYE

Justin Reynolds (8th Grade, Galliopolis, 3 – 1) –vs- BYE

Brandon Hand (8th Grade, Foxfire Wrestling Club, 35 – 7) –vs- Jarod Hoy (8th Grade, Team Ray Wrestling Club, 32 – 4)

Rashawn King (8th Grade, Hebron Lakewood, 2 – 2) –vs- Trey Ellis (8th Grade, Steubenville, 34 – 6)

Alexander Anderson (8th Grade, Unattached, 25 – 5) –vs- BYE

Christopher Wall (8th Grade, Unattached, 34 – 1) –vs- BYE

Christopher Cook (8th Grade, Unattached, 27 – 8) –vs- Jacob Angles (8th Grade, Unattached, 28 – 6)

Blake Hale (8th Grade, MO Wrestling Club, 26 – 2) –vs- Matthew Ickes (8th Grade, WG Wrestling Club, 34 – 7)

Nolan Crnic (8th Grade, Massillon Jackson, 31 – 1) –vs- BYE

Cole Maness (7th Grade, Lakota East, 28 – 5) –vs- BYE

Ethan Murphy (7th Grade, Kent, 34 – 10) –vs- Karlos Ortiz (8th Grade, Ford Wrestling Club, 28 – 3)

Austin Hoke (8th Grade, Unattached, 14 – 7) –vs- Spencer Boggs (8th Grade, Painesville Riverside, 21 – 4)

Matthew McFarland (8th Grade, Belmont Union Local, 36 – 4) –vs- BYE

**Tristan Anderson (8th Grade, West Holmes, 25 – 2) –vs- BYE**

Nick Keaton (8th Grade, Circleville, 45 – 4) –vs- Michael Carpenter (7th Grade, Ford Wrestling Club, 32 – 5)

Jaret Bunch (8th Grade, CB Wrestling Club, 27 – 8) –vs- Madison Prokop (8th Grade, Copley, 21 – 8)

Jeremy Bresciani (8th Grade, Coshocton, 28 – 8) –vs- BYE

Zach Lewis (8th Grade, Steubenville, 39 – 2) –vs- BYE

Jacob Harms (8th Grade, Unattached, 3 – 1) –vs- K.J. Melling (7th Grade, The Room Wrestling Club, 30 – 10)

Skyler Arnett (8th Grade, Unattached, 24 – 5) –vs- Matthew Colvin (8th Grade, Nelsonville-York, 21 – 9)

Nick Svarda (8th Grade, Cincinnati Moeller, 40 – 1) –vs- BYE

Matt Stencel (8th Grade, Foxfire Wrestling Club, 32 – 0) –vs- BYE

DeAngelo Simmons (8th Grade, Mason, 3 – 2) –vs- Alexander Tokarsky (8th Grade, Unattached, 29 – 10)

Kyle Myers (8th Grade, Unattached, 33 – 5) –vs- David Mobley (8th Grade, Steubenville, 12 – 4)

Dylan Shearer (7th Grade, Franklin, 29 – 4) –vs- BYE

Zachary Collins (8th Grade, JA Wrestling Club, 35 – 4) –vs- BYE

William Nibert (8th Grade, Unattached, 28 – 6) –vs- Carter Davidson (7th Grade, Delaware Dempsey, 21 – 15)

Trevor Workman (6th Grade, Burnett Trained Wrestling Club, 25 – 18) –vs- Christopher Albert (8th Grade, MO Wrestling Club, 27 – 8)

Hunter McPeak (8th Grade, Unattached, 48 – 1) –vs- BYE

176 lbs. – Championship Round of 64

Marshall Messer (8th Grade, Clyde, 29 – 0) –vs- BYE

Daniel Hysell (8th Grade, MGS Wrestling Club, 3 – 2) –vs- Kiyal Izaldine (7th Grade, Unattached, 16 – 15)

Logan Ford (8th Grade, Copley, 17 – 2) –vs- David Hofsess (8th Grade, CB Wrestling Club, 19 – 9)

A.J. Jones (8th Grade, Team Miron Wrestling Club, 23 – 5) –vs- BYE

Edward Sternad (8th Grade, Unattached, 35 – 7) –vs- BYE

Hayden Meek (8th Grade, Dresden Tri-Valley, 27 – 9) –vs- Matthew Todd (8th Grade, Unattached, 2 – 3)

John Kelbly (7th Grade, Smithville, 23 – 4) –vs- Cole Hutchinson (8th Grade, UNI Wrestling Club, 33 – 7)

Jack Meyer (8th Grade, Cincinnati Moeller, 45 – 0) –vs- BYE

**Michael Workman (8th Grade, West Holmes, 23 – 5) –vs- BYE**

Floyd Rogers (8th Grade, Akron Green, 22 – 12) –vs- Jonathan Racheter (7th Grade, Unattached, 24 – 6)

Xavier Barrow (8th Grade, Steubenville, 27 – 2) –vs- Brandon Hall (8th Grade, Unattached, 2 – 3)



Reece Human (7th Grade, Unattached, 35 – 2) –vs- BYE  
Zack Hackett (8th Grade, Steubenville, 3 – 1) –vs- BYE  
Jonathan Floyd (8th Grade, Unattached, 27 – 3) –vs- Cole Wright (6th Grade, Worthington, 18 – 6)  
Payten Whitticar (8th Grade, Unattached, 30 – 6) –vs- Alec Ianeli (8th Grade, Cincinnati Glen Este, 22 – 18)  
Aaron Greer (8th Grade, Washington Court House, 37 – 1) –vs- BYE  
Jack Harris (8th Grade, Unattached, 32 – 1) –vs- BYE  
Ronnie Jeffers (7th Grade, Unattached, 4 – 2) –vs- Alexander Beran (8th Grade, Loudonville-Perrysville Wrestling, 31 – 9)  
Tanner Oller (8th Grade, Nelsonville-York, 31 – 3) –vs- Davionne Laney (8th Grade, Cincinnati Summit Country Day, 26 – 8)  
Jalen Gowdy (8th Grade, Sandusky, 16 – 2) –vs- BYE  
Joshua Rardain (8th Grade, Nelsonville-York, 3 – 1) –vs- BYE  
Simeon Lawrence (8th Grade, Unattached, 23 – 5) –vs- B.J. Bassett (8th Grade, Apache Wrestling Club, 27 – 4)  
Derek Marcum (8th Grade, Gahanna Youth Wrestling Club, 27 – 6) –vs- Michael Iler (8th Grade, Unattached, 27 – 8)  
Tim Alberston (8th Grade, Steubenville, 29 – 2) –vs- BYE  
Hunter Polk (8th Grade, Unattached, 19 – 8) –vs- BYE  
Ryan Bednarik (8th Grade, Steubenville, 15 – 4) –vs- Tyler Haworth (8th Grade, Wayne Wrestling Club, 22 – 4)  
Keegen Kretzer (8th Grade, Mason, 3 – 1) –vs- Terrance Williams (8th Grade, Dragon Wrestling Club, 30 – 7)  
Colin Poling (8th Grade, Elida, 15 – 5) –vs- BYE  
Cole Sutton (8th Grade, Sycamore, 30 – 4) –vs- BYE  
Mason Hammond (8th Grade, Mohawk Wrestling Club, 15 – 2) –vs- William Gorby (8th Grade, Massillon Tuslaw, 4 – 8)  
Tahj Dominick (8th Grade, Trotwood, 4 – 2) –vs- Cody Howson (8th Grade, Steubenville, 19 – 5)  
Luke Vance (8th Grade, Barberton, 25 – 1) –vs- BYE

#### 209 lbs. – Championship Round of 64

Andrew Fenton (8th Grade, MO Wrestling Club, 49 – 6) –vs- BYE  
Kyle Larison (8th Grade, Madison Wrestling Club, 17 – 3) –vs- Jarrod Fair (8th Grade, Nelsonville-York, 24 – 13)  
Tyler Coopshaw (8th Grade, Evergreen Vikings Wrestling Club, 25 – 5) –vs- **Damon Harris (8th Grade, West Holmes, 24 – 8)**  
Benjamin Higgins (8th Grade, Marlinton, 27 – 3) –vs- BYE  
Joey Hatchett (8th Grade, Apache Wrestling Club, 23 – 4) –vs- BYE  
Quante Thomas (8th Grade, Steubenville, 18 – 2) –vs- Ty Vanilew (8th Grade, Grizzlies Wrestling Club, 17 – 10)  
Trevor Lemaster (8th Grade, CB Wrestling Club, 21 – 9) –vs- Cody Newland (8th Grade, Unattached, 28 – 5)  
Chris Crumb (8th Grade, Delaware Team Cobras Wrestling Club, 35 – 0) –vs- BYE  
Caleb Browne (8th Grade, Nelsonville-York, 32 – 0) –vs- BYE  
Zachariah Wachalec (8th Grade, Unattached, 30 – 4) –vs- Andy Kline (8th Grade, Mt. Healthy, 25 – 9)  
Michael O'Malley (8th Grade, Unattached, 38 – 4) –vs- Kent Peterson (7th Grade, Hamler Patrick Henry, 25 – 7)  
Mitchell Bischoff (8th Grade, NTT Wrestling Club, 39 – 3) –vs- BYE  
Cameron Conaway (8th Grade, SC Wrestling Club, 36 – 1) –vs- BYE  
Spencer Linville (7th Grade, Unattached, 26 – 4) –vs- Daichi Castles (8th Grade, Steubenville, 25 – 2)  
Nate Morgan (8th Grade, East Clinton, 2 – 2) –vs- Jared Crosswell (8th Grade, Columbus Bishop Hartley Youth Hawks Wrestling Club, 37 – 7)  
Jacob Garrison (8th Grade, Unattached, 33 – 1) –vs- BYE  
Jerek Cropper (8th Grade, AG Wrestling Club, 50 – 2) –vs- BYE  
Elijah Bustillos (8th Grade, Unattached, 26 – 5) –vs- Michael Furbee (8th Grade, Steubenville, 32 – 4)  
Benjamin Sullivan (7th Grade, Unattached, 2 – 1) –vs- Albert Van Fossen (8th Grade, Unattached, 26 – 10)  
Colin Hutchison (8th Grade, UNI Wrestling Club, 39 – 3) –vs- BYE  
Cody Smith (8th Grade, Unattached, 32 – 5) –vs- BYE



Hunter Whiteside (8th Grade, CWC Wrestling Club, 3 – 1) –vs- Zachary Bambic (8th Grade, MO Wrestling Club, 25 – 7)  
 Tanner Potts (8th Grade, Steubenville, 25 – 2) –vs- Austin Allison (8th Grade, Lima Shawnee, 25 – 7)  
 Kordell Chaney (8th Grade, SBW Wrestling Club, 29 – 1) –vs- BYE  
 Jacob Esarco (8th Grade, Steubenville, 32 – 0) –vs- BYE  
 Keith Griffin (8th Grade, Unattached, 32 – 3) –vs- Chris Hole (8th Grade, Unattached, 17 – 1)  
 Cody Howard (8th Grade, Bloom Carroll Youth Wrestling Club, 37 – 1) –vs- Austin Rowe (8th Grade, Barberton, 10 – 6)  
 Christian Nikulus (8th Grade, MO Wrestling Club, 36 – 5) –vs- BYE  
 Kyle Lhamon (8th Grade, Unattached, 20 – 1) –vs- BYE  
 Quintin Mincy (7th Grade, Cincinnati Walnut Hills, 35 – 2) –vs- Isaac Sheets (8th Grade, Nelsonville-York, 1 – 3)  
 Arman Samouk Jr. (8th Grade, Copley, 4 – 2) –vs- Todd L. Hastings (8th Grade, Unattached, 34 – 4)  
 Zechariah Thompson (8th Grade, Unattached, 34 – 0) –vs- BYE

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**KNIGHTS NOTES**

***Knights State Placers Talk About The Experience***

Any wrestler who qualify's or better yet places at the Ohio high school state wrestling tournament goes through a gamut of emotions as the tournament plays out. There can be the adrenaline pumping exhilaration of a win, the gut-wrenching pain of a loss and every emotion in between.

The following quotes from Knights state-placers Max Rohskopf, Justin Stitzlein and Marshall Overholt and head coach Jeff Woods to the Wooster, Ohio newspaper *The Daily Record* reflect those emotions through the wrestler's and coach's words.

**Thursday, Mar. 1**

*Rohskopf, after pinning his first round opponent - a first-time state qualifier – and being a three-time state qualifier* : "That made me feel a lot more comfortable. I like wrestling kids who haven't been down here. They're scared and I'm used to it."

*Rohskopf on the potential championship semifinal match-up with nationally-ranked and returning state champion Nate Skonieczny* : "I've got to win the next one (championship quarterfinal match) first."

*Overholt after scoring an opening round win in his first state tournament* : "I didn't know what to expect. I've been down here watching Max and Justin. So that helped me relax."

*Stitzlein on the long road ahead to place after losing his opening round match but staying alive with a consolation win and needing one more win to guarantee a podium finish in his third and final try* : "I've got to go out there and knock them off one at a time."

**Friday, Mar. 2**

*Rohskopf after losing to Skonieczny in the championship semifinals* : "I figured all the big schools have watched



him. I want to wrestle in college and I wanted to look tough against him. Hopefully I did.”

*Roshkopf knowing a state championship or runner-up could not be attained :* “I want come back and get third. That’s my new state title. My goal up until this point was to win a state title and now it’s to get third.”

*Overholt after dropping his championship semifinal match and the bittersweet feeling knowing he opened some eyes but still fell short of his goal :* “I was right there. I could’ve put myself in a category with the best in the state and wrestle a kid (Isaac Jordan) who is going for his fourth (third) state title. It would’ve been a dream come true, to wrestle him and possibly knock him off. I don’t get my chance, but I just have to come back tomorrow and try to get next to him on the podium.”

*Stitzlein after scoring two wins to guarantee at least a sixth-place finish :* “I went out with the mindset that I’m too good of a wrestler not to place.”

### **Saturday, Mar. 3**

*West Holmes wrestling head coach Jeff Woods on his wrestlers three for three podium finishes :* “It was a great weekend for us. To bring three wrestlers down here and have all three place, that’s outstanding. We’re pretty happy with what our kids did. Any time you can place one guy you’re happy. so to get three we’re really happy.”

### **Season Awards Night March 12**

The annual West Holmes Wrestling season end banquet and awards ceremony is set for Monday, March 12 at West Holmes High School near Millersburg, Ohio beginning at 6:00 p.m.

The pot-luck fete is for all levels of Knights wrestling – high school, middle school and elementary. Following the meal, awards will be handed out to the wrestlers.

Those attending should bring a covered dish or dessert and their own table service. Limited beverages will be provided.

### **WEST HOLMES WRESTLING STATE TOURNAMENT PLACERS (17)**

Mike Chapman (4th - 1987)\*; Bill Miller (4th - 1990); Jimmy Dixon (4th - 1997); Trent White (3rd - 1999); Alex Baker (5th - 2000); Chris Hart (5th - 2000); Clif Hummel (3rd - 2000); Clint Carmony (2nd - 2001); Clint Sponseller (6th - 2003, 3rd - 2004)\*\*; Scott Vaughn (6th - 2003, 2nd - 2004)\*\*; George Kerr (5th - 2004); Colt Sponseller (1st - 2005, 2006, 2007)sc/sc2/sc3/\*\*\*, Colton Collett (4th - 2006, 3rd - 2007); Tyler Hawkins (8th - 2007, 1st - 2008); Max Rohskopf (7th – 2011, 3rd - 2012), Justin Stitzlein (6th – 2012), Marshall Overholt (6th – 2012)

\* = First state placer

\*\* = First two-time state placer

\*\*\* = First three-time state placer

sc = First state champion

sc2 = First two-time state champion

sc3 = First three-time state champion

### **WEST HOLMES WRESTLING STATE TOURNAMENT QUALIFIERS (52)**



Blair Smith (1971); Ted Morris (1974); Eric Strouse (1974); Louis Pahoundis (1974, 1975, 1976)\*/\*\*; Jim Dixon ((1975, 1976); Dan Mathie (1976); Aaron Strouse (1978); Todd Kamer (1979); Lonnie Mackey (1980); Tom Uhl (1980, 1981); Tom Eastep (1981); Forrest Messner (1982, 1983, 1984); Gary Lehr (1984); Jeff Alexander (1984, 1985, 1986); Jason Weigand (1986); Brad Welsh (1986); Mike Chapman (1986, 1987); Wayne Heller (1986, 1987); Bill Miller (1989, 1990); Joe Alexander (1991); Jason Franks (1992); Wayne Johnson (1993, 1994); Jimmy Dixon (1994, 1997); Zack Baker (1997); Don Sours (1997); Trent White (1997, 1998, 1999); Chris Hart (1998, 2000); Alex Baker (1999, 2000); Clif Hummel (1999, 2000); Nate Manges (2000); Clint Carmony (2001); Zach Kerr (2001); Clint Sponseller (2001, 2002, 2003, 2004)\*\*\*; Delbert Dixon (2002); Steve Goans (2002); Scott Vaughn (2002, 2003, 2004); George Kerr (2004); Colt Sponseller (2004, 2005, 2006, 2007); Tim McClintock (2005); Marc Akam (2006, 2007); Colton Collett (2006, 2007); Tyler Hoover (2006, 2007); Derek McCluggage (2006, 2007); Tyler Hawkins (2007, 2008); Trey Jacobs (2007, 2009); Robert VanSickle (2008); Martin Overholt (2009); Max Rohskopf (2010, 2011, 2012); Justin Stitzlein (2010, 2011, 2012); Zach Hendershott (2011); Drew Jolley (2011); Marshall Overholt (2012)

\*/\*\* = First two-time and First three-time state qualifier

\*\*\* = First four-time state qualifier

### **WEST HOLMES WRESTLING 'Wall of Fame' INDUCTEES (19)**

Jeff Alexander - Class of 1986 (W); Mike Chapman - Class of 1987 (W); Bret Curren - Class of 1976 (VC); Todd Day - Assistant Coach 1979-2008 (C); Jim Dixon - Class of 1976 (W); Jimmy Dixon - Class of 1997 (W); Wayne Heller - Class of 1987 (W); Wayne Johnson - Class of 1994 (W); Forrest Messner - Class of 1984 (W); Bill Miller - Class of 1990 (W); Louis Pahoundis - Class of 1976 (W); Lindy Rogers - Head Coach 1980-1991 (C); Blair Smith - Class of 1971 (W); Clint Sponseller - Class of 2004 (W); Randy Sponseller - Class of 1973 (C/W); Tom Uhl - Class of 1981 (W); Scott Vaughn - Class of 2004 (W); Jason Weigand - Class of 1986 (W); Trent White - Class of 1999 (W)

(W) = Wrestler

(VC) = Volunteer Contributor

(C) = Coach

(C/W) = Coach/Wrestler

### **WEST HOLMES WRESTLING TEAM RECORDS**

OHSAA State Tournament Top 10 Finishes: 7th - 2004, 8th - 2000, 10th - 2006

OHSAA Sectional Tournament Championships: 1976 (Coach Bill Rentz); 1999, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2007, 2009 (Coach Jeff Woods)

OHSAA Sectional Tournament Runner-ups: 1983, 1984, 1990, 1991 (Coach Lindy Rogers); 1996, 1997, 1998, 2000, 2006, 2011 (Coach Jeff Woods)

OHSAA District Tournament Runner-ups: 1986 (Coach Lindy Rogers); 1999, 2000, 2004 (Coach Jeff Woods)

Ohio High School State Duals Tournament Appearances: 1998, 2007 (Coach Jeff Woods)

Ohio Cardinal Conference Championships: 2004, 2007 (Coach Jeff Woods)

Mohican Area Conference Championships: 1990, 1991 (Coach Lindy Rogers); 1996, 1997, 1999, 2000, 2003



(Coach Jeff Woods)

West Holmes/Marine Corp Classic Invitational Tournament Champions: 2002, 2004, 2006, 2008, 2011, 2012  
(Coach Jeff Woods)

Tri-West Invitational Tournament Champions: 1983, 1990, 1991 (Coach Lindy Rogers); 1996, 1997, 1998 (Coach Jeff Woods)

Most Team Tournament Championships In A Season: 4 - 1999 (Coach Jeff Woods)

Most Individual Tournament Championships In A Season: 24 - 1997 (Coach Jeff Woods)

Most Team Points Scored In A Tournament: 265.5 pts. - 2011 West Holmes/Marine Corp Classic Invitational Tournament (Coach Jeff Woods)

Best Team Dual Meet Record: 11 and 0 - 2006 (Coach Jeff Woods)

Most Team Takedowns In A Season: 920 - 2006 (Coach Jeff Woods)

Most Team Escapes In A Season: 416 - 1999 (Coach Jeff Woods)

Most Team Pins In A Season: 171 - 2000 (Coach Jeff Woods)

Most Team Wins In A Season: 341 - 2006 (Coach Jeff Woods)

#### **WEST HOLMES WRESTLING INDIVIDUAL RECORDS**

Highest Finish In State Tournament: Colt Sponseller (1st - 2005, 2006, 2007); Tyler Hawkins (1st - 2008)

First Four-Time State Tournament Qualifier: Clint Sponseller (2001, 2002, 2003, 2004)

National Recognition: Blair Smith (1971 - ranked 38th in the nation by Amateur Wrestling News); Colt Sponseller (2006 - ranked 6th in the nation by Amateur Wrestling News)

National High School Champion: Colt Sponseller (2006 -160 lbs., 2007 - 160 lbs.)

College National Tournament Qualifiers: Will O'Donnell (1988 - Defiance College, NCAA DIII); Wayne Heller (1991 - Muskingum College, NCAA DIII); Jason Weigand (1994 'All - American' 4th at NCAA DIII 275 lbs., 1995 'All - American' 5th at NCAA DIII 275 lbs., 1996 'All - American' 8th at NCAA DIII 275 lbs. - Mount Union College); Clint Carmony (2005 'All-American' 3rd at NCAA DII 184 lbs - Ashland University); Scott Vaughn (2005 'All American' 7th at NAIA 165 lbs. - Campbellsville College); Colt Sponseller (2009 NCAA DI at 165 lbs., 2010 NCAA DI at 165 lbs., 2011 'All-American' 4th at NCAA DI 165 lbs. - The Ohio State University)

Best Win-Loss Record In A Season: Colt Sponseller, 49 - 0 (1.000%, 2007)

Best Overall Career Record: Colt Sponseller, 156 - 13 (92.3%, 2004 - 2007)

Most Career Wins: Colt Sponseller - 156 (2004 - 2007)



Most Pins In A Season: Colt Sponseller - 36 (2007)

Quickest Pin: Kyle Curren - 5 seconds (1978)

Most Dual Meet Points Scored In A Season: Jim Dixon - 154 (1976)

Most Takedowns In A Season: Colt Sponseller - 219 (2007)

Most Reversals In A Season: Mike Chapman - 33 (1986)

Most Technical Falls In A Season: Jeff Alexander - 16 (1986)

Most Near Fall Points In A Season: Justin Stitzlein - 191 (2011)

Most Escapes In A Season: Jac Neville - 57 (1999)

Most Points Scored In A Single Match: Alex Baker - 33 (2000)

## **February 28, 2012– Millersburg, OH**

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### **Awards Night Pushed Back To March 12**

#### **Knights Notes: Rohskopf Now In 100 Win Club, Overholt's Trip To State Long Time Coming**

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### **HIGH SCHOOL/JUNIOR VARSITY/MIDDLE SCHOOL/ELEMENTARY**

#### ***Season Awards Night Now March 12***

Due to a scheduling conflict the annual West Holmes Wrestling season end banquet and awards ceremony is now set for Monday, March 12 at West Holmes High School near Millersburg, Ohio beginning at 6:00 p.m.

“We usually have the banquet and awards the Wednesday following the state tournament,” West Holmes wrestling head coach Jeff Woods said. “That’s what we planned to do this year but we ran into a scheduling conflict for that date (Mar. 7).”

The pot-luck fete is for all levels of Knights wrestling – high school, middle school and elementary. Following the meal, awards will be handed out to the wrestlers. Those attending should bring a covered dish or dessert and their own table service. Limited beverages will be provided.



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## KNIGHTS NOTES

### *Rohskopf Hits No. 100 With Win At Districts*

One goal for a high school wrestler is to reach the coveted 100 career win mark. Obviously, another goal is to place at the state tournament or better yet, win the state championship.

For West Holmes High School junior Max Rohskopf one goal was accomplished last season with his Division II 7th-place finish (130 lbs.) at the state tournament. Another goal was reached for Rohskopf when he scored career win No. 100 in the championship semifinals of Saturday's (Feb. 25) '2012 O.H.S.A.A. Division II East/Central District Championship Tournament'.

Rohskopf (40 – 2), *Brakeman Report* No. 2 ranked, rolled through the district tournament racking up an unheard of four fall wins on his way to the district title. Heading into this weekend's (Mar. 1 – 3) state tournament, Rohskopf now sports a career mark of 101 – 19.

Breaking into the Knights varsity line-up as freshman 119 lb./125 lb. wrestler, Rohskopf racked up an impressive 30 – 12 record including his first trip to the state tournament. Bumping his record to 31 – 5 his sophomore season Rohskopf ended the season with state tournament placing.

Now with a 40 – 2 mark, a lofty ranking, a third straight trip to Columbus and momentum on his side the Knights junior has one more goal to reach – State Champion.

### *Overholt Has Had A Long Career*

When West Holmes High School wrestler Marshall Overholt (160 lbs.) steps onto the mat Thursday afternoon (Mar. 1) at the '75th O.H.S.A.A. Division II State Championship Tournament' it will be something the senior can look back on and say, 'Boy, it took it a long time to get here'.

Overholt (28 – 7) qualified Saturday (Feb. 25) for his first trip to the state tournament after finishing runner-up at the district tournament. It was something the long-time grappler had set for himself immediately after not getting out of the sectional tournament last year.

There had been too much time, sweat and tears invested not to make it to the state tournament in his final year.

How much time? 14 years.



The first time the current Knights co-captain donned the singlet, headgear and boots of a wrestler was 1998 when he was only 4-years old.

Starting off as the youngest member of that seasons ‘Attack Team’, Overholt stayed at it throughout his elementary years. Wrestling continued for the farm kid from Glenmont through the middle school years and that drive, passion and work ethic progressed from his freshman season to finally reaching a life-long goal. A berth in the state tournament.

14 years is a long time to stay at anything. Wrestling demands are sometimes too much for even the physically strongest of young athletes. The mental aspects of the sport can be even more of a drain.

For Marshall Overholt, those physical and mental demands he’s fought through for the past 14 years have paid off.

**February 27, 2012– Millersburg, OH**

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**Three Knights Make It To State, Two Are District Champs**

**Middle School Team Champions At O.A.C. State Team Duals**

**Knights Notes: State Brackets Released, Regional Qualifier Sign-Up For Middle School and Elementary Grapplers**

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**HIGH SCHOOL VARSITY**

***Rohskopf, Stitzlein and Overholt Qualify For State Tournament***

The age old adage, ‘Hard work pay’s off’, proved to be true for three West Holmes High School varsity grapplers Saturday (Feb. 25) at the ‘2012 Ohio High School Athletic Association East/Central District Division II Championship Tournament’ at Claymont High School in Uhrichsville, Ohio.

Senior wrestlers Justin Stitzlein (152 lbs.) and Marshall Overholt (160 lbs.) along with junior Max Rohskopf (138 lbs.) saw their year-long commitment rewarded with a berth in this coming weekends (March 1 – 3) ‘75th Ohio High School Athletic Association Division II State Championship Tournament’.



Rohskopf and Stitzlein both went 4 – 0 on the weekend to secure district championships while Overholt (3 – 1) earned district runner-up honors. The top-four placing's by the Knights trio gave Rohskopf and Stitzlein their third state tournament appearance with Overholt earning his first trip to 'the big dance'.

In the team race, the Knights finished a very pleasing 4th in the 49-team district field.

Senior Tyler Brown (113 lbs.) had an extremely physically demanding district in his first two matches Friday (Feb. 24). Those bouts took their toll on Brown who couldn't make the call for Saturday's action bowing from the tournament with a 1 – 2 mark.

Though he may have not won the district championship, Overholt's runner-up performance was not lost on W.H.H.S. mat boss Jeff Woods.

"I'm ecstatic for Marshall," Woods told the Wooster, Ohio newspaper *The Daily Record*. "That shows you that guys that work that hardest go the farthest. A lot of guys aren't as physically talented, but if they put the work into it, they come out farthest. Marshall's will to go, it mimics what his brother (Martin, 2009 state qualifier) did."

Overholt scored a fall win and a decision win to reach the championship semifinal bout where he faced off with nemesis Taylor Peters (Sr., Uhrichsville Claymont), who Overholt had beaten the previous week in the sectionals championship semifinal. Overholt notched a 6 – 4 decision win over Peters to advance to the championship final against *Brakeman Report* No. 4 ranked Scott Boyce (Sr., Minerva). In a rematch of the sectional championship bout, Overholt trailed Boyce 5- 0 early in the match before rallying but fell short by a 6 – 4 decision loss.

Beating Peters in the semifinal match was a special moment for the Knights co-captain.

"We wrestled each other last weekend and he knew how I wrestled," Overholt said. "But I knew coming into the match it was going to be different. There were a lot more people here and he understands what I did in our first match. He slowed me down. That takedown really wasn't what I wanted to do. He defended my shot but I got the takedown, which helped me at the end."

Knowing his final chance to reach his goal of a state tournament berth was at hand, Overholt explained that it was simply hard work.

"Last week when I lost to Boyce, I knew I was still going to districts," Overholt said. "It just made me want to work harder this week. And it was probably the best week of practice I ever had. After I saw the draw, I figured if I did what I can do, and do my best, I could get in there."



And I did. I knocked off a No. 1 from sectionals. I got one more week left of my season.

“I have to stay focused. I only have five or six matches in my whole career. I figure I’m going to let it go. Last year I got beat at sectionals and it lit a fire in my belly. I told my coaches last year I want to be a state qualifier and a state placer. I still got one more goal left.”

Overholt continued, “At the end of the day, whoever gets their hand raised, wins. That’s all that matters to me. I’m moving on. I just need to get the job done. If I don’t get it done, I know I gave it my all.”

When asked his emotions after beating Peters and knowing he had wrapped up a state qualifying berth Overholt said it was elation.

“When my brother went to state his senior year...seeing his face... It’s unbelievable. All those youth wrestlers. I can’t believe that was me six years ago.(writers note: actually nine years ago. Overholt started wrestling as a 3rd-grader). If you are willing to put in the work, anything can happen.”

For his efforts of reaching one of his goals, coach Woods gave Overholt (28 – 7) the ‘Knights Varsity Wrestling Hammer of the Week’ award.

“Marshall just willed himself,” Woods said following the tournament. “He may not be as talented as some of the other kids, but he has by far out-worked them. That’s what pushed him through that last match. Beating a Claymont kid in Claymont with the last name of Peters, that’s doing something special.”

Rohskopf’s championship showing was a dominating performance as the Knights co-captain pinned his way to the title and his third-straight trip to Columbus. The junior (7th-place in ‘11) ranked No. 2 in the *Brakeman Report* pushed his season mark to 40 – 2 and felt not looking ahead was key to his performance.

“I pinned my way to a district championship,” Rohskopf said. “I knew I couldn’t overlook anyone. I just had to wrestle smart and take it to them.”

Stitzlein also used his head to claim his district championship. Opening with two fall wins to reach the semifinals the now three-time state qualifier wrestled a smart match against Jeremy Eppley (Soph., Warsaw River View) to earn a 7 – 4 decision victory and another rematch with rival Kyle Warner (Sr., Uhrichsville Claymont).

Trailing 2 – 0 in the third period, Stitzlein used a ‘Merkel’ to score 3 near-fall points and then rode out Warner the remainder of the match to earn the 3 – 2 win and district title.



“He was a good competitor,” Stitzlein said of Eppley. “He went out there to win the match. I just stayed careful and didn’t want to get any big upsets or throws to my back that I couldn’t come back from.”

Though trailing in the title match Stitzlein (39 – 4) didn’t get rattled against Warner.

“I kept my head in it,” Stitzlein said. “I held out throughout the whole match. I got my lead and then kept it. I never felt out of control.”

For Brown (28 – 8) his medical default from the tournament and hopes for a state berth were heartbreaking for the senior and for coach Woods.

“It got the point last night (Friday) he couldn’t go any farther,” coach Woods said. “He had a great year. It’s heartbreaking for him, kind of a rough way to end for him. He’s been wrestling since his freshman year.”

The 4th-place finish by the Knights in the team race was very pleasing for coach Woods.

“We knew coming in, we only had four guys here, but we had an idea that they could all do well,” coach Woods said. “Max and Justin, everybody expected them to go. But they all wrestled real tight. That was probably my fault because I was a nervous wreck the last few hours (before the finals).”

## **KNIGHTS BOX SCORE**

‘2012 O.H.S.A.A. East/Central District Championship Tournament’ – Feb. 24 & 25 – Claymont High School – Uhrichsville, OH

113 lbs. – Tyler Brown (Sr., 1 – 2)

Championship Round of 16: **Tyler Brown (West Holmes, 27 – 6)** defeats Dillon Fletcher (Jr., Utica, 38 – 2) by 12 – 8 Decision

Championship Quarterfinals: Raymond Raimo (Soph., Caledonia River Valley, 31 – 10) defeats **Tyler Brown (West Holmes, 28 – 6)** by Fall

Consolation Second Round: Nick Young (Fr., Philo, 29 – 10) defeats **Tyler Brown (West Holmes, 28 – 7)** by Forfeit

138 lbs. – Max Rohskopf (Jr., 4 – 0, 1st Place)

Championship Round of 16: **Max Rohskopf (West Holmes, 36 – 2)** defeats Michael Lasure (Sr., Cadiz Harrison Central, 13 – 14) by Fall

Championship Quarterfinals: **Max Rohskopf (West Holmes, 37 – 2)** defeats Alec Mills (Jr.,



Columbus Mifflin, 40 – 7) by Fall

Championship Semifinals: **Max Rohkopf (West Holmes, 38 – 2)** defeats Chastin Hobleby (Sr., Steubenville, 33 – 9) by Fall

Championship Finals: **Max Rohkopf (West Holmes, 39 – 2)** defeats John Gershom (Jr., Hebron Lakewood, 46 – 3) by Fall

152 lbs. – Justin Stitzlein (Sr., 4 – 0, 1st Place)

Championship Round of 16: **Justin Stitzlein (West Holmes, 35 – 4)** defeats William Strumm (Soph, Utica, 36 – 10) by Fall

Championship Quarterfinals: **Justin Stitzlein (West Holmes, 36 – 4)** defeats Derek Cain (Sr., Bexley, 28 – 9) by Fall

Championship Semifinals: **Justin Stitzlein (West Holmes, 37 – 4)** defeats Jeremy Eppley (Soph., Warsaw River View, 29 – 7) by 7 – 4 Decision

Championship Finals: **Justin Stitzlein (West Holmes, 38 – 4)** defeats Kyle Warner (Sr., Uhrichsville Claymont, 32 – 4) by 3 – 2 Decision

160 lbs. – Marshall Overholt (Sr., 3 – 1, 2nd Place)

Championship Round of 16: **Marshall Overholt (West Holmes, 25 – 6)** defeats William Navin (Soph., Granville, 25 – 13) by Fall

Championship Quarterfinals: **Marshall Overholt (West Holmes, 26 – 6)** defeats Mark Cole (Jr., Steubenville, 29 – 11) by 9 – 4 Decision

Championship Semifinals: **Marshall Overholt (West Holmes, 27 – 6)** defeats Taylor Peters (Sr., Uhrichsville Claymont, 23 – 11) by 6 – 4 Decision

Championship Finals: Scott Boyce (Sr., Minerva, 40 – 5) defeats **Marshall Overholt (West Holmes, 28 – 6)** by 6 – 4 Decision

## TOURNAMENT BOX SCORE

'2012 O.H.S.A.A. East/Central District Championship Tournament' – Feb. 24 & 25 – Claymont High School – Uhrichsville, OH

106 lbs.

Championship Match: Cody Burcher (Soph., Uhrichsville Claymont, 34 – 5) defeats Josh Henderson (Jr., Lisbon Beaver Local, 35 – 2) by Fall

Third Place Match: Devin Brown (Fr., Steubenville, 36 – 8) defeats Noah Jay (Soph., Columbus Whitehall-Yearling, 34 – 6) by 16 – 4 Major Decision

Fifth Place Match: Josiah Hrusch (Soph., Minerva, 22 – 15) defeats Samuel Grashel (Soph., Warsaw River View, 31 - 13) by Default

113 lbs.

Championship Match: Luke Langdon (Sr., Uhrichsville Claymont, 34 – 2) defeats Joey Miller



(Jr., Carrollton, 27 – 4) by 13 – 2 Major Decision

Third Place Match: Nate Smith (Jr., Minerva, 35 – 11) defeats Anthony Craig (Jr., Steubenville, 28 – 10) by 6 – 3 Decision

Fifth Place Match: Tyler Price (Sr., Pataskala Licking Heights, 42 – 3) defeats Raymond Raimo (Soph., Caledonia River Valley, 32 – 12) by Default

120 lbs.

Championship Match: Jose Parsons (Sr., Newark Licking Valley, 42 – 2) defeats Anthony Parada (Jr., Steubenville, 35 – 7) by 7 – 2 Decision

Third Place Match: Isaac Hammonds (Jr., Dover, 32 – 12) defeats Dustin Warner (Soph., Uhrichsville Claymont, 31 – 4) by Fall

Fifth Place Match: Jonathan Edwards (Sr., Caledonia River Valley, 46 – 5) defeats Nathan Kirk (Jr., Rayland Buckeye Local, 39 – 8) by 8 – 2 Decision

126 lbs.

Championship Match: Darran Warner (Sr., Gnadenhutten Indian Valley, 43 – 3) defeats Kade Kowalski (Fr., Dresden Tri-Valley, 42 – 4) by 3 – 1 Decision

Third Place Match: Conner Blacka (Plain City Jonathan Alder, 25 – 4) defeats Dashawn Haynes (Soph., Delaware Buckeye Valley, 27 – 8) by Fall

Fifth Place Match: Drew Dillon (Jr., Uhrichsville Claymont, 27 – 13) defeats Maverick Meeks (Soph., New Philadelphia, 31 – 15) by 8 – 4 Decision

132 lbs.

Championship Match: Arron Thompson (Sr., London, 25 – 0) defeats Stanley Hendricks (Sr., Columbus Centennial, 32 – 1) by 14 – 8 Decision

Third Place Match: Brodie Scherer (Sr., Warsaw River View, 45 – 4) defeats Ashden Gibson (Soph., Columbus Centennial, 44 – 5) by Fall

Fifth Place Match: Drew Avery (Jr., Uhrichsville Claymont, 22 – 15) defeats Jake McKitrick (Jr., Steubenville, 31 – 12) by 4 – 1 Decision

138 lbs.

Championship Match: **Max Rohskopf (West Holmes, 39 – 2)** defeats John Gershom (Jr., Hebron Lakewood, 46 – 3) by Fall

Third Place Match: Joey Patterson (Sr., Dresden Tri-Valley, 41 – 10) defeats Caden Herron (Soph., Uhrichsville Claymont, 20 – 7) by Fall

Fifth Place Match: Chastin Hobley (Sr., Steubenville, 33 – 11) defeats Alec Mills (Jr., Columbus Mifflin, 42 – 9) by 4 – 2 Decision

145 lbs.

Championship Match: Shawn McGhee (Sr., Steubenville, 37 – 3) defeats Nick Weininger (Jr., Dover, 35 – 5) by 12 – 2 Major Decision



Third Place Match: Sawyer Leppla (Jr., Cambridge, 44 – 7) defeats Dain Steffeny (Soph., Granville, 11 – 1) by 9 – 0 Major Decision

Fifth Place Match: Tyler Schenz (Sr., Sunbury Big Walnut, 33 – 12) defeats Seth Brock (Jr., Dresden Tri-Valley, 39 – 10) by 4 – 2 Decision

152 lbs.

Championship Match: **Justin Stitzlein (West Holmes, 38 – 4)** defeats Kyle Warner (Sr., Uhrichsville Claymont, 32 – 4) by 3 – 2 Decision

Third Place Match: Bradley Ponchak (Sr., McConnelsville Morgan, 44 – 6) defeats Trent Mays (Fr., Steubenville, 34 – 6) by 3 – 1 Decision

Fifth Place Match: Aaron Gase (Sr., Sunbury Big Walnut, 33 – 9) defeats Jeremy Eppley (Soph., Warsaw River View, 29 – 9) by 7 – 0 Decision

160 lbs.

Championship Match: Scott Boyce (Sr., Minerva, 40 – 5) defeats **Marshall Overholt (West Holmes, 28 – 6)** by 6 – 4 Decision

Third Place Match: Jake Lagace (Sr., Newark Licking Valley, 45 – 6) defeats Taylor Peters (Sr., Uhrichsville Claymont, 24 – 12) by 6 – 3 Decision

Fifth Place Match: Jason Allen (Sr., Columbus St. Francis DeSales, 38 – 8) defeats Doug Eddy (Sr., Cadiz Harrison Central, 46 – 7) by 9 – 5 Decision

170 lbs.

Championship Match: Brogan Endres (Sr., Dover, 32 – 5) defeats Jake Howarth (Sr., Steubenville, 37 – 5) by 8 – 6 Decision

Third Place Match: Kevin Yeager (Sr., Pataskala Licking Heights, 33 – 6) defeats Mark Barrow (Soph., New Philadelphia, 35 – 11) by 6 – 2 Decision

Fifth Place Match: Junior King (Jr., Hebron Lakewood, 18 – 5) defeats Ian Ferguson (Jr., Columbus St. Francis DeSales, 33 – 10) by 3 – 2 Decision

182 lbs.

Championship Match: Tyler Harble (Sr., Newark Licking Valley, 40 – 5) defeats Clay Rollison (Sr., Caledonia River Valley, 44 – 6) by 8 – 5 Decision

Third Place Match: Patrick Sheets (Sr., McConnelsville Morgan, 37 – 6) defeats Austin Miller (Jr., Carrollton, 16 – 6) by 3 – 1 Decision

Fifth Place Match: Dominic Bell (Sr., Gnadenhutten Indian Valley, 27 – 9) defeats Davon Wicker (Sr., Steubenville, 28 – 15) by Fall

195 lbs.

Championship Match: Charlie Keenan (Jr., Steubenville, 36 – 5) defeats Nate McCown (Jr., Newark Licking Valley, 39 – 5) by 7 – 5 Decision

Third Place Match: Mickey Crum (Soph., Columbus Hamilton Township, 37 – 5) defeats Alex



Poole (Sr., Carrollton, 31 – 10) by 7 – 4 Decision

Fifth Place Match: Alexander Presley (Jr., Maysville, 38 – 5) defeats Dustin Baker (Fr., Sparta Highland, 23 – 10) by 7 – 2 Decision

220 lbs.

Championship Match: Greg Moray (Jr., Steubenville, 41 – 1) defeats Trent Johnson (Sr., Uhrichsville Claymont, 24 – 7) by 15 – 6 Major Decision

Third Place Match: Matt Shurina (Sr., Cadis Harrison Central, 46 – 7) defeats Alex Farrow (Jr., Columbus Whitehall-Yearling, 37 – 4) by 8 – 4 Decision

Fifth Place Match: Shawn Walters (Sr., Warsaw River View, 34 – 5) defeats Blake Owens (Soph., Newark Licking Valley, 26 – 12) by Fall

285 lbs.

Championship Match: Travis Gusan (Jr., Columbus Walnut Ridge, 38 – 0) defeats Mark Castillo (Jr., New Philadelphia, 31 – 2) by Fall

Third Place Match: William Corso (Sr., Uhrichsville Claymont, 16 – 8) defeats Dustin Kuhlwein (Plain City Jonathan Alder, 41 – 3) by 7 – 2 Decision

Fifth Place Match: Zach Felton (Sr., Minerva, 7 – 4) defeats Caleb Sims (Jr., Granville, 29 – 11) by 8 – 0 Major Decision

## **FINAL TEAM SCORES**

1. Steubenville – 202.5
2. Uhrichsville Claymont – 196
3. Newark Licking Valley – 104.5
- 4. West Holmes – 78**
5. Minerva – 77
6. Dover – 62
7. Caledonia River Valley – 59.5
8. Dresden Tri-Valley – 58
9. Carrollton – 56
10. Warsaw River – 51
11. New Philadelphia – 50
12. Columbus Whitehall-Yearling – 47
13. Gnadenhutten Indian Valley – 44
14. Plain City Jonathan Alder – 39.5
15. Columbus Hamilton Township – 37
16. Granville – 36.5
17. Hebron Lakewood – 34
18. Columbus Walnut Ridge – 33
19. Lisbon Beaver Local – 32.5



- 20. London – 32
  - tie 20. Pataskala Licking Heights – 32
  - 22. Columbus Centennial – 31
  - tie 22. McConellsville Morgan – 31
  - 24. Cadis Harrison Central – 27
  - tie 24. Sparta Highland – 27
  - 26. Sunbury Big Walnut – 20.5
  - 27. Columbus St. Francis DeSales – 17
  - 28. Cambridge – 18
  - 29. Maysville – 16
  - 30. Delaware Buckeye Valley – 15.5
  - 31. East Liverpool – 12.5
  - 32. Rayland Buckeye Local – 11.5
  - 33. Columbus Mifflin – 11
  - tie 33. Utica – 11
  - 35. Columbus Marion-Franklin – 10
  - 36. Philo – 9
  - 37. Columbus Brookhaven – 8
  - 38. Bexley – 7
  - 39. New Concord John Glenn – 5
  - 40. Columbus South – 4
  - 41. Byesville Meadowbrook – 3
  - 42. Columbus East – 2
  - 43. Columbus Bishop Watterson – 1
  - tie 43. Columbus Eastmoor Academy – 1
  - 45. Columbus Beechcroft – 0
  - tie 45. Columbus Independence – 0
  - tie 45. Columbus Linden McKinley – 0
  - tie 45. Richmond Edison – 0
  - tie 45. Wintersville Indian Creek - 0
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## **MIDDLE SCHOOL**

*Knights Middle School Team State Champions In O.A.C. Team Duals*

In any sporting contest the most points wins. Whoever it was that came up with that concept – Thank You!

That was the determining factor Sunday (Feb. 26) for the West Holmes Middle School wrestling team to



claim the '2012 Ohio Athletic Committee Junior High Green Division State Team Duals' championship at Kilbourne High School in Worthington, Ohio.

Finishing with a 4 – 1 mark at the end of the day the Knights found themselves tied with Mentor Lake Catholic and Newark Licking Valley who also finished their dual meets with a 4 – 1 record. With criteria being applied to break the tie and determine the state team dual champion, the W.H.M.S. squad earned the title by having the least total team points allowed among the the three schools.

West Holmes scored 290 total team points while giving up 157 total team points. Mentor Lake Catholic (239 – 162) earned runner-up honors over Newark Licking Valley (263 – 168).

“That was a great performance by the boys,” W.H. wrestling head coach Jeff Woods said. “Everyone contributed throughout the day against really good competition. It’s pretty rare you see a state team championship decided by criteria.”

The round-robin tournament was a three-team race with the Knights only loss coming to Newark Licking Valley 42 – 40. The middle squad did beat Mentor Lake Catholic 46 – 38 for their only loss with Newark Licking Valley losing 46 – 36 to Mentor Lake Catholic for their only loss.

West Holmes opened their tournament with a 56 – 30 victory over West Salem Northwestern then scored team wins over Team Ray (79 – 20) and Mentor Lake Catholic before dropping their meet against Newark Licking Valley. The Knights rebounded in the fifth-round with a 69 – 27 victory over Marlinton.

“There isn’t a better way for the middle school team to end their season,” coach Woods said. “Credit the kids and coaches Sean Teter, Will O’Donnell and Nate Morehouse. At the beginning of the year, they (coaches) had a feeling this team could be pretty good. They were.”

The middle-school team went undefeated in regular season dual meets (5 – 0) while taking team championships at the ‘Kaderly Classic’, ‘Ohio Cardinal Conference Tournament’, ‘Ohio Athletic Committee State Team Duals District Qualifier’ and now the ‘Ohio Athletic Committee State Team Duals Tournament’.

The O.A.C. allows teams to fill weight classes (maximum of 4) with middle school wrestlers from other school districts which the Knights middle school team did. Joining the Knights squad were Reid Stanley (John R. Lea/Waynedale) and John Kimbly (Greene/Smithville). West Holmes elementary ‘Attack Team’ grappler Thane Kaufman also was a member of the state team duals champions.

Competing for the middle school team were Knights wrestlers Kaufman, Dylan Jolley, Cody Woods, Cole Woods, Josiah Allison, Drew Campbell, Alex Walker, Mitch Tyson, Jed Hendershott, Ricky Dutter, Adam Croup, Michael Workman, Tristan Anderson, Matt Eastep and Damon Harris. ‘Knights



For a Day' were Stanley and Kimbly.

## TOURNAMENT BOX SCORE

'2012 Ohio Athletic Committee Junior High Green Division State Team Duals Championship' – Feb. 26, 2012 – Kilbourne High School – Worthington, OH

### Round 1

**West Holmes 56** – West Salem Northwestern 30  
Mentor Lake Catholic 45 – Marlinton 34  
Newark Licking Valley 71 – Team Ray 30

### Round 2

**West Holmes 79** – Team Ray 20  
West Salem Northwestern 57 – Marlinton 33  
Mentor Lake Catholic 46 – Newark Licking Valley 36

### Round 3

**West Holmes 46** – Mentor Lake Catholic 38  
West Salem Northwestern 68 – Team Ray 16  
Newark Licking Valley 59 – Marlinton 25

### Round 4

Newark Licking Valley 42 – **West Holmes 40**  
Team Ray 45 – Marlinton 42  
Mentor Lake Catholic 42 – West Salem Northwestern 34

### Round 5

**West Holmes 69** – Marlinton 27  
Newark Licking Valley 55 – West Salem Northwestern 27  
Mentor Lake Catholic 68 – Team Ray 12

## FINAL TEAM STANDINGS

- 1. West Holmes\*, 4 – 1, 290 pts. scored, 157 pts. allowed**
2. Mentor Lake Catholic, 4 – 1, 239 pts, scored, 162 pts. allowed



3. Newark Licking Valley, 4 – 1, 263 pts. scored, 168 pts, allowed
4. West Salem Northwestern, 2 – 3, 216 pts. scored, 202 pts. allowed
5. Team Ray, 1 – 4, 123 pts. scored, 328 pts. allowed
6. Marlinton, 0 – 5, 161 pts. scored, 275 pts. allowed

\* denotes championship decided by least points allowed criteria

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## KNIGHTS NOTES

### ***State Bracket Draws Are Tough***

When a wrestler qualifies for the state tournament he knows no matter what it will be a tough chore to get through your bracket hopefully to the top step of the podium. But it isn't easy. Far from it.

That will be the case for West Holmes High School varsity grapplers Max Rohskopf (Jr., 138 lbs.), Justin Stitzlein (Sr., 152 lbs.) and Marshall Overholt (Sr., 160 lbs.) when they open their state tournament experience Thursday (March 1) in the '75th Ohio High School Athletic Association Division II State Championship Tournament' at Value City Arena at the Schottenstein Center on the campus of The Ohio State University in Columbus, Ohio.

"We've had better draws," West Holmes head wrestling coach Jeff Woods said. "The draws for Max and Justin are gonna' be tough. Max has Nate Skonieczny (Sr., Cuyahoga Falls Walsh Jesuit, *Brakeman Report* No. 1) in his half bracket."

Rohskopf (40 – 2), *Brakeman Report* No. 2 ranked, faced the nationally-ranked Skonieczny in the finals of the 2012 'ASICS Top Gun Tournament' dropping a 19 – 4 tech fall loss. With two wins by both top ranked wrestlers a potential championship semifinal match-up exists between Rohskopf and Skonieczny.

For Stitzlein (*Brakeman Report* No. 6 ranked) the draw wasn't much better as the 39 – 4 Knights senior finds two-time state champion Bo Jordan (Jr., St. Paris Graham Local, *Brakeman Report* No. 1 ranked) in his half bracket. Again, like Rohskopf, setting up a potential championship semifinal match-up between two projected state placers.

"You never know how the draws are going to come out for the state tournament," coach Woods said. "For Max and Justin they weren't real friendly. But, both of them have been state qualifiers the past two seasons, so they know what the state tournament's all about. There's always upsets."



As tough as the draws were for Rohskopf and Stitzlein, the draw was rather friendly for first time state qualifier Overholt (28 – 7).

Overholt will open against Jared Chambers (Jr., Oak Harbor, 30 – 11) and with a win would face either Ricky Kochert (Sr., Chagrin Falls, 30 – 8) or Kordell Ford (Soph., Hillsboro, 40 –3).

“Marshall’s draw came out pretty good for him,” coach Woods said. “I think he’s got a good shot at getting to the semifinals (championship round). The wrestlers he’s had tough matches with recently (Scott Boyce, Sr. Minerva and Taylor Peters, Sr., Uhrichsville Claymont) are in the opposite half of Marshall. The draw was good for him in that sense.”

Stitzlein and Rohskopf will be making their third consecutive state tournament appearance. Rohskopf fought back through the consolation rounds in last years state tournament to notch his first podium finish (7th - 130 lbs.). For Stitzlein his state appearances haven’t been what he envisioned.

“I’ve been down there the past two years,” Stitzlein told the Wooster, Ohio newspaper *The Daily Record* following his district championship. “I lost a double-overtime match my sophomore season and last year I had an off day and didn’t wrestle good, so this I’m going down there to show what I can actually do. I’m definitely leaving it all on the mat, giving everything I’ve got. Winning is the only option.”

Stitzlein was also glad to see teammates Rohskopf and Overholt make it to the state tournament.

“We didn’t have as many as I’d like to to get out (qualify from districts to the state tournament),” Stitzlein stated. “But we got good draws coming into the state tournament. We’ll get a three or four (placer from a different district in the first round) which definitely gives us a better chance of getting that first win.”

The state tournament begins Thursday (March 1) with championship first round action at 3:00 p.m. for Division III wrestling followed at 4:15 p.m with Division II and Division I at 5:45 p.m. Consolation first rounds follow with Division III at 7:25 p.m., Division II at 8:00 p.m. and Division I at 8:45 p.m.

Division III championship quarterfinals start things off at 10:00 a.m. Friday (March 2) with Division II at 10:40 a.m. and Division I at 11:20 a.m. The second round of consolations follows with Division III at 12:15 p.m., Division II at 1:00 p.m. and Division I at 1:45 p.m.

After a break, Friday wrestling continues at 6:30 p.m. with championship semifinals and consolation



quarterfinals for all three divisions and continues with the consolation quarterfinals to end the session.  
semifinals

Saturday (March 3) kicks off with consolation semifinals at 10:00 a.m, for all three divisions followed by the placement matches for third, fifth and seventh place at 11:00 a.m.

The championship matches for all three divisions start at 5:45 p.m.

### **West Holmes Wrestlers State Brackets**

'75th Ohio High School Athletic Association Division II State Championship Tournament' - Mar. 1 - 3, 2012 – Value City Arena/Schottenstein Center/The Ohio State University – Columbus, OH

Division II District Designation: CL (Claymont), AL (Alliance), MH (Marion Harding), GO (Goshen)

138 lbs. - Championship Round of 16

**Max Rohskopf (Jr., West Holmes, 40 – 2, CL No. 1) –vs-** Kyle Harris (Jr., Canal Fulton Northwest, AL No. 4)

Sheldon Struble (Jr., Bryan, 49 – 10, MH No. 3) –vs- Benjamin Schram (Fr., Bellbrook, 37 – 9, GO No. 2)

Cameron Campbell (Sr., Sandusky Perkins, 38 – 7, MH No. 2) –vs- Dallas Lazear (Soph., Athens, 39 – 8, GO No. 3)

Caden Herron (Soph., Uhrichsville Claymont, 20 – 8, CL No. 4) –vs- Nate Skonieczny (Sr., Cuyahoga Falls Walsh Jesuit, 38 – 1, AL No. 1)

Joseph Jones (Jr., Hamilton Ross, 43 – 3, GO No. 1) –vs- Luke Cramer (Jr., Oak Harbor, 35 – 9, MH No. 4)

Joey Patterson (Jr., Dresden Tri-Valley, 42 – 10, CL No. 3) –vs- Gabe Stark (Jr., Warren Howland, 35 – 6, AL No. 2)

John Gershom (Jr., Hebron Lakewood, 46 – 4, CL No. 2) –vs- Michael Belknap (Jr., Akron Archbishop Hoban, 33 – 10, AL No. 3)

Dillon Hunick (Soph., Hillsboro, 35 – 14, GO No. 4) –vs- Dalton Nicely (Sr., Wauseon, 43 – 6, MH No. 1)

152 lbs. - Championship Round of 16

Brandon James (Jr., Ravenna Southeast, 41 – 5, AL No. 1) –vs- Chris Burnett (Sr., Germantown Valley View, 28 – 17, GO No. 4)

Bradley Ponchak (Sr., McConnelsville Morgan, 45 – 6, CL No. 3) –vs- Seth Williams (Soph., Tiffin Columbian, 45 – 3, MH No. 2)

Kyle Warner (Sr., Uhrichsville Claymont, 32 – 5, CL No. 2) –vs- Kyle Burns (Sr., Milan Edison, 50 – 1, MH No. 3)



Alex Cash (Sr., Jefferson Area, 32 – 6, AL No. 4) –vs- John Edwards (Sr., Greenville, 43 – 1, GO No. 1)

**Justin Stitzlein (Sr., West Holmes, 39 – 4, CL No. 1)** –vs- Alex Bergman (Sr., Oak Harbor, 37 – 9, MH No. 4)

Brandon Rang (Sr., Akron Coventry, 41 – 8, AL No. 3) –vs- Jerald Spohn (Jr., New Lexington, 47 – 5, GO No. 2)

Brian Downs (Sr., Peninsula Woodridge, 37 – 9, AL No. 2) –vs- Jimmy VanDyke (Jr., Washington Court House Washington, 31 – 7, GO No. 3)

Trent Mays (Fr., Steubenville, 34 – 7, CL NO. 4) –vs- Bo Jordan (Jr., St. Paris Graham Local, 44 – 0, MH No. 1)

160 lbs. - Championship Round of 16

Isaac Jordan (Sr., St. Paris Graham Local, 42 – 0, MH No. 1) –vs- Taylor Peters (Sr., Uhrichsville Claymont, 24 – 13, CL No. 4)

Chris Wilson (Jr., Monroe, 35 – 13, GO No. 3) –vs- Dominic Scarberry (Sr., Cuyahoga Falls Walsh Jesuit, 25 – 10, AL No. 2)

Justin Hasley (Sr., Marietta, 29 – 4, GO No. 2) –vs- Tyler Brokaw (Sr., Ravenna Southeast, 34 – 11, AL No. 3)

Dixon Johnson (Sr., Shelby, 32 – 6, MH No. 4) –vs- Scott Boyce (Sr., Minerva, 41 – 5, CL No. 1)

Lucas Poyser (Sr., Louisville, 28 – 1, AL No. 1) –vs- Michael Burge (Sr., Wilmington, 32 – 5, GO No. 4)

Jake Lagace (Sr., Newark Licking Valley, 46 – 6, CL No. 3) –vs- Brad Metz (Sr., Lexington, 48 – 3, MH No. 2)

**Marshall Overholt (Sr., West Holmes, 28 – 7, CL No. 2)** –vs- Jared Chambers (Jr., Oak Harbor, 30 – 11, MH No. 3)

Ricky Kochert (Sr., Chagrin Falls, 30 – 8, AL No. 4) –vs- Kordell Ford (Soph., Hillsboro, 40 – 3, GO No. 1)

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### **Registration Available For OURWAY Elementary And Middle School State Tournament Regional Qualifier**

Elementary and middle school wrestlers have a chance to qualify for the '2012 OURWAY State Championship Tournament' and a possible berth in the '2012 NUWAY National Championship Tournament' by placing in the 'OURWAY Northeast Regional Qualifying Tournament' to be held Sunday, March 4 at Wadsworth High School in Wadsworth, Ohio.

Wrestlers earning a placement in the regional qualifier earn a berth in the March 24 state tournament where a state placement qualifies a wrestler for the national tournament.



Registration fee for the regional tournament is \$50 and covers the state tournament as well. Wrestlers must be a OURWAY member at a cost of \$15.

For more information contact West Holmes head wrestling coach Jeff Woods or assistant head coach Greg Woods. Information on the regional tournament and registration and membership is available by visiting the OURWAY website located at [www.ourwaywrestling.com](http://www.ourwaywrestling.com).

**February 22, 2012– Millersburg, OH**

Inside this edition of the 2011 - 2012 *West Holmes Knights Wrestling Newsletter*

**Oops!, Forgot One At O.A.C. Junior High State Qualifier**

**Knights Notes - Brackets Released For Varsity District Tournament, O.A.C. State Duals Championships On Tap For Middle School Squad**

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**MIDDLE SCHOOL**

***Walker Part Of Contingent At Junior High State Qualifier***

One West Holmes Middle School grappler was inadvertently omitted by this writer from the February 20 *Knights Wrestling Newsletter* and we wish to give that wrestler credit for his effort.

Alex Walker (7th Grade, 120 lbs.), along with 8 other Knights middle school grapplers, competed February 19 in the '2012 Ohio Athletic Committee Junior High State Tournament District Qualifier' at Norwalk High School in Norwalk, Ohio. Walker had a rough day finishing 0 - 2.

Walker opened with a 14 - 4 major decision loss in the championship round of 32 to Tate Surrarer (Lodi Cloverleaf) then dropped a 7 - 4 decision to Jaret Yohman (Medina Buckeye) in the consolation first round.

Five W.H.M.S. wrestlers qualified for the 'O.A.C. Junior High State Tournament'. Making the cut were champions Tristan Anderson (8th Grade, 154 lbs.) and Michael Workman (8th Grade, 176 lbs.). Also qualifying were Cody Woods (7th Grade, 90 lbs.), Cole Woods (8th Grade, 96



lbs.) and Damon Harris (8th Grade, 209 lbs.).

Those five wrestlers will battle March 10 and 11 in the '2012 Ohio Athletic Committee Junior High State Wrestling Championships' at the Covelli Center in Youngstown, Ohio.

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## **KNIGHTS NOTES**

### ***District Brackets Released***

Four West Holmes High School varsity wrestlers will try to take the next step to Columbus and the '2012 O.H.S.A.A. State Championship Tournament' Friday and Saturday (Feb. 24 & 25) looking for a top-four finish in the '2012 O.H.S.A.A. Division II East/Central District Championship Tournament'.

Seniors Tyler Brown (113 lbs.), Justin Stitzlein (152 lbs.) and Marshall Overholt (160 lbs.) along with junior Max Rohskopf (138 lbs.) will represent the Knights at the district tournament to be held at Claymont High School in Uhrichsville, Ohio.

Both Stitzlein and Rohskopf captured sectional tournament championships this past weekend (Feb. 17 & 18) and will be seeking their third state tournament berths while Overholt, sectional runner-up and Brown, fourth at sectionals, are after their first state tournament appearance.

Brackets for the district tournament have been released and the road to Columbus will not be easy for the Knights grapplers.

Brown (27 - 6) will face junior Dillon Fletcher of Utica (38 - 2) in his first round match. Rohskopf (36 - 2) squares off in his opening round match against Cadiz Harrison Central's Michael Lasure (Sr., 13 - 14).

Stitzlein (35 - 4) drew sophomore William Strum (36 - 10) from Utica while Overholt (25 - 6) gets Granville sophomore William Navin (25 -13) as their first round opponents.

Last season the Knights placed third of 41-teams in the district tournament.

49 teams will comprise this years East/Central district including Bexley, Byesville Meadowbrook, Cadiz Harrison Central, Caledonia River Valley, Cambridge, Carrollton, Columbus Beechcroft, Columbus Brookhaven, Columbus Centennial, Columbus East, Columbus Eastmoor Academy, Columbus Hamilton Township, Columbus Independence, Columbus Linden McKinley, Columbus Marion-Franklin, Columbus Mifflin, Columbus South, Columbus St. Francis DeSales, Columbus Walnut Ridge, Columbus Watterson, Columbus



Whitehall-Yearling, Delaware Buckeye Valley, Dover, Dresden Tri-Valley, East Liverpool, Gnadenhutten Indian Valley, Granville, Hebron Lakewood, Lisbon Beaver Local, London, Maysville, McConnelsville Morgan, Minerva, New Concord John Glenn, New Philadelphia, Newark Licking Valley, Pataskala Licking Heights, Philo, Plain City Jonathan Alder, Rayland Buckeye Local, Richmond Edison Local, Sparta Highland, Steubenville, Sunbury Big Walnut, Uhrichsville Claymont, Utica, Warsaw River View, West Holmes and Wintersville Indian Creek.

Two rounds of championship wrestling begin at 4:00 p.m. Friday (Feb. 24). The tournament continues Saturday (Feb. 25) at 9:00 a.m. with finals slated to begin at 5:00 p.m.

### **West Holmes Wrestlers District Brackets**

'2012 O.H.S.A.A. Division II East/Central District Championship Tournament' - Feb. 24 & 25, 2012 - Claymont High School - Uhrichsville, OH

113 lbs. - Championship Round of 16:

Tyler Price (Sr., Pataskala Licking Heights, 40 - 1) -vs- Nick Young (Fr., Philo, 28 - 9)

Dakota Smith (Sr., Gnadenhutten Indian Valley, 30 - 8) -vs- Luke Clemens (Sr., Sparta Highland, 29 - 13)

Nate Smith (Jr., Minerva, 31 - 10) -vs- Rachel Young (Sr., Columbus Whitehall-Yearling, 19 - 12)

Steven Nethers (Jr., Newark Licking Valley, 18 - 16) -vs- Joey Miller (Jr., Carrollton, 24 - 4)

Luke Langdon (Sr., Uhrichsville Claymont, 31 - 2) -vs- Eli Ayoub (Plain City Jonathan Alder, 17 - 22)

Garrett Blackburn (Soph., London, 23 - 14) -vs- Anthony Craig (Jr., Steubenville, 24 - 9)

Raymond Raimo (Soph., Caledonia River Valley, 30 - 10) -vs- Cody Oiler (Fr., East Liverpool, 31 - 10)

**Tyler Brown (Sr., West Holmes, 27 - 6) -vs- Dillon Fletcher (Jr., Utica, 38 - 2)**

138 lbs. - Championship Round of 16

John Gershom (Jr., Hebron Lakewood, 43 - 3) -vs- Dylan Napier (Soph., Columbus Hamilton Township, 23 - 16)

Cody Stragon (Jr., Carrollton, 11 - 7) -vs- Caden Herron (Soph., Uhrichsville Claymont, 16 - 6)

Steven Frazier (Soph., Philo, 30 - 12) -vs- Joey Patterson (Sr., Dresden Tri-Valley, 38 - 9)

Trevor Meade (Soph., Sparta Highland, 16 - 24) -vs- Steven Workman (Jr., Caledonia River Valley, 35 - 9)

Chastin Hoble (Sr., Steubenville, 31 - 9) -vs- Brendan Scherer (Fr., Warsaw River View, 27 - 11)

Aaron Bachlor (Sr., Newark Licking Valley, 26 - 13) -vs- Charles Parkham (Jr., Columbus Marion-Franklin, 31 - 9)

Alec Mills (Jr., Columbus Mifflin, 39 - 7) -vs- Nicky DiCarlo (Jr., Columbus Watterson, 24 - 13)



Michael Lasure (Sr., Cadiz Harrison Central, 13 - 14) -vs- **Max Rohskopf (Jr., West Holmes, 36 - 2)**

152 lbs. - Championship Round of 16

Alex Marcum (Jr., Granville, 30 - 5) -vs- Carl Weincek (Sr., New Concord John Glenn, 19 - 28)

Michael Jamison (Sr., Columbus Centennial, 26 - 6) -vs- Kyle Warner (Sr., Uhrichsville Claymont, 29 - 4)

Aaron Gase (Sr. Sunbury Big Walnut, 30 - 7) -vs- Bradley Ponchak (Sr., McConnelsville Morgan, 41 - 5)

Caleb Nethers (Jr., Newark Licking Valley, 23 - 21) -vs- Trent Mays (Fr., Steubenville, 30 - 5)

Ifa Abduljelil (Jr., Columbus Whitehall-Yearling, 41 - 3) -vs- Jeremy Eppley (Soph., Warsaw River View, 27 - 7)

Trace Koehl (Jr., Columbus Hamilton Township, 28 - 10) -vs- Tristan Stallard (Soph., Carrollton, 23 - 10)

Derek Cain (Sr., Bexley, 27 - 9) -vs- David Johnston (Sr., Wintersville Indian Creek, 19 - 12)

William Strum (Soph., Utica, 36 - 10) -vs- **Justin Stitzlein (Sr., West Holmes, 35 - 4)**

160 lbs. - Championship Round of 16

Scott Boyce (Sr., Minerva, 37 - 5) -vs- Amos Gweh (Sr., Columbus Beechcroft, 18 - 7)

Doug Eddy (Sr., Cadiz Harrison Central, 43 - 5) -vs- Cody Kucera (Sr., Sparta Highland, 27 - 7)

Daniel Lattanzio (Jr., Lisbon Beaver Local, 18 - 14) -vs- Devin Williams (Sr., Columbus Brookhaven, 43 - 6)

Dillon Sunnafrank (Jr., Cambridge, 18 - 12) -vs- Jake Lagace (Sr., Newark Licking Valley, 42 - 5)

Jason Allen (Sr., Columbus St. Francis Desales, 35 - 6) -vs- Ian Gambill (Jr., Wintersville Indian Creek, 9 - 12)

Taylor Peters (Sr., Uhrichsville Claymont, 21 - 11) -vs- Alex Perez (Soph., Columbus Hamilton Township, 21 - 15)

**Marshall Overholt (Sr., West Holmes, 25 - 6)** -vs- William Navin (Soph., Granville, 25 - 13)

Noah Young (Jr., Columbus Whitehall-Yearling, 17 - 10) -vs- Mark Cole (Jr., Steubenville, 28 - 11)

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### **Knights Middle School Team Set For State Team Duals Championship**

The West Holmes Middle School wrestling team will be in action Sunday (Feb. 26) as they compete in the '2012 Ohio Athletic Committee Junior High State Team Duals Championship Tournament' at Kilbourne High School in Worthington, Ohio.

Three weeks ago the Knights middle school squad captured the 'O.A.C. State Team Duals



District Qualifier' qualifying them for their first ever appearance in the state team duals championship.

Wrestling action begins at 10:00 a.m.

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**2011 - 2012 West Holmes High School Varsity Wrestling Schedule**

**(Home Dates In Bold)**

Fri. & Sat. - **2/24/12 & 2/25/12** – 'O.H.S.A.A. East/Central District Championship Tournament' – Claymont High School – Uhrichsville, OH – 4:00 p.m./9:00 a.m.  
 Thurs., Fri. & Sat. - **3/1/12 - 3/3/12** – 'O.H.S.A.A. State Championship Tournament' - The Ohio State University - Columbus, OH - 3:00 p.m./10:00 a.m./10:00 a.m.

**2011 - 2012 West Holmes High School Wrestling Roster**

SENIORS: Tyler Brown, Marshall Overholt, Justin Stitzlein

JUNIORS: Lane Darr, Zed Fry, Chris Phillips, Max Rohskopf, Jack Scherer, Matt Schlegel, Tyler Singleton, Benton Smith,

SOPHOMORES: Tessa Baker, Conway Baldrige, Caleb Cox, Charlie Evans, Christian Kick, Justin Markley, Tyler McElroy, Grayson Miller, Zach Mullet, Tyler Nichols, Ray O'Donnell, Stephen Ross, J.R. Yoder

FRESHMAN: Chase Geiselman

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**2011 - 2012 West Holmes Middle School Wrestling Schedule**

**(Home Dates In Bold)**

Sun. - **2/26/12** 'Ohio Athletic Committee Junior High State Team Duals Championship Tournament' - Worthington Kilbourne High School - Columbus, OH – 10:00 a.m.  
 Sat. & Sun. - **3/10/12 & 3/11/12** - 'Ohio Athletic Committee Junior High State Championship Tournament' - Covelli Center - Youngstown, OH – 10:00 a.m./8:00 a.m.

**2011 - 2012 West Holmes Middle School Wrestling Roster**

EIGHTH GRADERS: Josiah Allison, Tristan Anderson, Trevor Bickel, Cory Cottrell, Adam Croup, Ricky Dutter, Matt Eastep, Damon Harris, Jed Hendershott, Andrew Ivers, Dylan Jolley, Michael Kashuba, Jeared Miller, Mitch Tyson, Cole Woods, Michael Workman

SEVENTH GRADERS: Grayson Barnhart, Drew Campbell, Luke Eastep, Kyle Kick, Ritchie Miller, Jake Mullet, Austin Reining, Dominyc Seldon, Alex Walker, Cody Woods

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**2011 - 2012 West Holmes Elementary Wrestling 'Attack Team' Roster**

Koen Baker, Sydnie Baker, Elisha Baldrige, Joshua Baldrige, Stephen Baldrige, David Beckett, Preston Burkey, Alec Cool, Timmy Cool, Beau Dunn, Payton Eads, Ashton Eyler, Kenneth Eyster, Kevin Gingerich, Trevor Graham, Gavin Greer, Zachary Hershberger, Bryce Hunt, Garrett Hunt, Thane Kaufman, Tucker Kaufman, Mason Larimore, Kyle Maltarich, Tyler Masters, Grant Miller, Emmett Myers, Gabe Neukam, Xavier Neukam, Ryan O'Donnell, Sean Over, Randy Parsons, Dylan Strouse, Logan Tullis, Walker Uhl, Conner Varnes, Kendel Weber, Jack Welsh, Mason Wolfe, Cael Woods, Tyler Zupancic



**ON THE CALENDER**

***Varsity/Junior Varsity/Middle School/Elementary***

Thurs., Feb. 23 – VARSITY/JUNIOR VARSITY/MIDDLE SCHOOL – Practice – West Holmes High School Wrestling Room – Millersburg, OH – 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
 Thurs., Feb. 23 – ELEMENTARY – Practice – West Holmes Middle School Wrestling Room – Millersburg, OH - 'Biddy' 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.  
 Fri., Feb. 24 & Sat., Feb. 25 – VARSITY – O.H.S.A.A. East District Championship Tournament – Claymont High School – Uhrichsville, OH – 4:00 p.m./9:00 a.m.  
 Fri., Feb. 24 – MIDDLE SCHOOL – Practice – To Be Announced  
 Sun., Feb. 26 – MIDDLE SCHOOL – O.A.C. Junior High Team Duals State Championship Tournament – Kilbourne High School – Worthington, OH – 10:00 a.m.  
 Sun., Feb. 26 – VARSITY/JV/MIDDLE SCHOOL/ELEMENTARY – Open Mats – West Holmes High School Wrestling Room – Millersburg, OH – 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.  
 Mon., Feb. 27 to Wed., Feb. 29 – VARSITY/JUNIOR VARSITY/MIDDLE SCHOOL – Practice – West Holmes High School Wrestling Room – Millersburg, OH – 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
 Mon., Feb. 27 – ELEMENTARY – Practice – West Holmes Middle School Wrestling Room – Millersburg, OH – 'Biddy' 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.  
 Thurs., Mar. 1 to Sat., Mar. 3 – VARSITY – O.H.S.A.A. State Championship Tournament – Value City Arena/Schottenstein Center – Columbus, OH – 3:00 p.m./10:00 a.m./10:00 a.m.  
 Thurs., Mar. 1 to Fri., Mar. 2 – MIDDLE SCHOOL – Practice – To Be Announced  
 Mon., Mar. 5 to Fri., Mar. 9 – MIDDLE SCHOOL – Practice – To Be Announced  
 Wed., Mar. 7 – VARSITY/JV/MIDDLE SCHOOL/ELEMENTARY – Season-End Banquet and Awards Ceremony – West Holmes High School – Millersburg, OH – 6:00 p.m.  
 Sat., Mar. 10 & Sun., Mar. 11 – MIDDLE SCHOOL – O.A.C. Junior High State Championship Tournament – Covelli Center – Youngstown, OH – 10:00 a.m./8:00 a.m.

**February 20, 2012– Millersburg, OH**

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**HIGH SCHOOL VARSITY**

***Knights Crown Two Champs In Sectionals***

The West Holmes High School varsity wrestling team had a frustrating weekend of wrestling advancing only four grapplers into district competition from the Friday and Saturday (Feb. 17 & 18) '2012 O.H.S.A.A. East Sectional Championship Tournament' at Claymont High School in Uhrichsville, Ohio.

The Knights saw junior Max Rohskopf (138 lbs.) and senior Justin Stitzlein (152 lbs.) claim championships while seniors Marshall Overholt (160 lbs.) and Tyler Brown (113 lbs.) placed second and fourth respectively earning spots in this coming weekends (Feb. 24 & 25) district competition.

Just missing out on a trip to districts was Grayson Miller (Soph., 195 lbs.) who placed fifth and will be a district alternate. Also placing was junior Chris Phillips (170 lbs.) with a sixth-place finish.

As a team, the Knights placed seventh in the 11-team tournament.

"This is a tough sectional," West Holmes wrestling head coach Jeff Woods told the Wooster, Ohio newspaper The Daily Record. "The teams that are here, this is definitely the toughest sectional in our district. From top down, this it's one of the toughest sectionals I've seen since I've been coaching."

Rohskopf (35 - 2) racked up three fall wins to reach the championship match where he faced off with Caden Herron (Soph., Uhrichsville Claymont). Rohskopf, the number one seed at 138 lbs., downed Herron 7 - 0 to claim the championship and move to within three victory's of reaching 100 career wins.

The W.H.H.S. junior, ranked number 2 in the state at his weight class for Division II schools, was not pleased with his championship effort stating, "I got frustrated. I didn't wrestle as well as I can. I was able to keep my cool and wrestle smart. I wrestled him (Herron) twice before, so he knows me."

Stitzlein, the number two seed, scored two falls and a decision win in the preliminary's then



squared off with nemesis Kyle Warner (Sr., Uhrichsville Claymont) for the crown. Stitzlein trailed Warner 2 - 0 after one period then received two tech violation points after Warner jumped the whistle twice to knot the score at 2 - 2 entering the third period. Stitzlein worked a reversal to go ahead 4 - 2 then got nailed with a penalty point with 20 seconds left in the match. The Knights senior then rode out Warner to capture the 4 - 3 win and improve to 35 - 4 on the season.

"That was awesome," said coach Woods following Stitzlein's match. "He (Warner) tech-falled Justin up at the M.I.T. (Medina Invitational Tournament). We talked all week about beating Warner. The last time he wrestled him, Justin wasn't 100 percent. I'm not sure he gave it his all last time. This time Justin had something to prove. Both being seniors, the cards will fall where they may. I think we'll see him again in the district finals. And we're going to have to come up with a way to score another point or two."

Stitzlein admitted nerves were a huge part of his match against the fourth-ranked Warner.

"Over the years he and I have had several matches and he's gotten the best of me," said Stitzlein, ranked number 6 in the state. "But it was a high-pressure match out there and he jumped the whistle a couple of times. There were a lot of nerves and stuff, especially this being his home court. I just tried to go out there and wrestle smart and not make any mistakes.

"As far as the season goes, that was definitely one of the most tense moments for me. I jumped the whistle there with 20 seconds remaining, which gives you an idea of how nerve-wracking it is out there. I was just trying to do everything I could to not give it up and he was trying like to heck to get off the bottom."

The number 2 seed Overholt (25 - 6), ranked 18th, opened some eyes scoring a fall and two major decision wins to reach the finals were faced third-ranked senior Scott Boyce (36 - 5) of Minerva. Leading 3 - 2, Overholt gave up a third-period takedown hadning Boyce a 4 - 3 decision win.

"Marshall's match, that kid (Boyce) is ranked third or fourth in the state, and we're right there," said coach Woods.

Overholt was disappointed but also glad to be moving on to district competition.

"I didn't want to fold under pressure," stated Overholt. "I'm right there with him. It's disappointing, I guess. This proves how much work I put in and how much closer I am. We're moving on. It could be one more week or two more weeks. I'm happy to get out. Last year I didn't get out."



Brown (27 - 6) opened his tournament with a decision win after receiving a first round bye then lost his championship semifinal match by fall to drop into the consolation round. 'Brownie' rallied with a fall win to guarantee a trip to districts then dropped the third-place match by fall.

Miller (18 -15) received a first round bye then scored a decision win to reach the championship semifinals where he fell 8 - 7 to move to the consi bracket. Needing a win to guarantee a district berth the Knights sophomore lost 6 - 4 but came back in the fifth-place match to score a decision win and become a district alternate.

"That (Miller's championship semifinal loss) was lack of mat experience," said Woods. "He'll learn from that. He's shown us a lot of good things. From where he was at the beginning of the year to now, there's 100 percent improvement. There are some little things that need worked out. You don't want to put yourself in harm's way in a match when your ahead. It's tough for even seniors to figure out sometimes."

Woods was frustrated with his teams performance but was realistic stating, "The guys that did well today did very well. There were a few bright spots. But the younger guys...we've got some work to do. It's kind of a bummer, because this is what we work for all season, this tournament (run to the state tournament). And, this wasn't one of our better efforts team-wise. A lot of our kids are young and don't have a lot of mat experience."

## **KNIGHTS VARSITY BOX SCORE**

'2012 O.H.S.A.A. East Sectional Championship Tournament' - Feb. 18 & 19, 2012 - Claymont High School - Uhrichsville, OH

106 lbs.: Tyler Nichols (Soph., 0 - 2)

Championship Round of 16: Jerad Patterson (Jr., Byesville Meadowbrook, 35 - 5) defeats **Tyler Nichols (Soph., West Holmes, 14 - 15)** by Fall

Consolation First Round: BYE

Consolation Second Round: Jordan Ball (Fr., Cambridge, 22 - 11) defeats **Tyler Nichols (Soph., West Holmes, 14 - 16)** by 15 - 0 Tech Fall

113 lbs.: Tyler Brown (Sr., 2 - 2, 4th Place)

Championship Round of 16: BYE

Championship Quarterfinals: **Tyler Brown (Sr., West Holmes, 25 - 4)** defeats Tyler Jenkins (Fr., Byesville Meadowbrook, 27 - 11) by 9 - 3 Decision

Championship Semifinals: Nate Smith (Jr., Minerva, 30 - 9) defeats **Tyler Brown (Sr., West Holmes, 26 - 4)** by 16 - 4 Major Decision

Consolation Semifinals: **Tyler Brown (Sr., West Holmes, 26 - 5)** defeats Nick Conrad (Jr., Warsaw River View, 20 - 19) by Fall



Consolation Finals: Dakota Smith (Sr., Gnadenhutten Indian Valley, 29 - 8) defeats **Tyler Brown (Sr., West Holmes, 27 - 5)** by Fall

120 lbs.: Zed Fry (Jr., 0 - 2)

Championship Round of 16: Isaac Hammonds (Jr., Dover, 26 - 10) defeats **Zed Fry (Jr., West Holmes, 5 - 20)** by Fall

Consolation First Round: BYE

Consolation Second Round: Pete Novak (Soph., Byesville Meadowbrook, 15 - 19) defeats **Zed Fry (Jr., West Holmes, 5 - 21)** by 12 - 1 Major Decision

126 lbs.: Lane Darr (Jr., 1 - 2)

Championship Round of 16: Darran Warner (Sr., Gnadenhutten Indian Valley, 37 - 2) defeats **Lane Darr (Jr., West Holmes, 13 - 17)** by Fall

Consolation First Round: BYE

Consolation Second Round: **Lane Darr (Jr., West Holmes, 13 - 18)** defeats James Darner (Fr., Warsaw River View, 8 - 7) by Fall

Consolation Quarterfinals: Quintin Fettes (Jr., Cambridge, 14 - 9) defeats **Lane Darr (Jr., West Holmes, 14 - 18)** by 4 - 2 Decision

132 lbs.: Zach Mullet (Soph., 0 - 2)

Championship Round of 16: Dalton Hartshorn (Fr., Minerva, 26 - 11) defeats **Zach Mullet (Soph., West Holmes, 6 - 16)** by Fall

Consolation First Round: BYE

Consolation Second Round: Alex Arbogast (Soph., Dover, 10 - 16) defeats **Zach Mullet (Soph., West Holmes, 6 - 17)** by 13 - 0 Major Decision

138 lbs.: Max Rohskopf (Jr., 4 - 0, 1st Place)

Championship Round of 16: **Max Rohskopf (Jr., West Holmes, 32 - 2)** defeats Blake Burrell (Fr., New Philadelphia, 3 - 11) by Fall

Championship Quarterfinals: **Max Rohskopf (Jr., West Holmes, 33 - 2)** defeats Wyatt Fishel (Sr., Dover, 17 - 16) by Fall

Championship Semifinals: **Max Rohskopf (Jr., West Holmes, 34 - 2)** defeats Logan Ryan (Soph., Gnadenhutten Indian Valley, 26 - 14) by Fall

Championship Finals: **Max Rohskopf (Jr., West Holmes, 35 - 2)** defeats Caden Herron (Soph., Uhrichsville Claymont, 16 - 5) by 7 - 0 Decision

145 lbs.: Jack Scherer (Jr., 0 - 2)

Championship Round of 16: BYE

Championship Quarterfinals: Seth Brock (Jr., Dresden Tri-Valley, 33 - 7) defeats **Jack Scherer (Jr., West Holmes, 11 - 6)** by 10 - 4 Decision

Consolation Second Round: BYE



Consolation Quarterfinals: Brandon Long (Soph., New Philadelphia, 5 - 23) defeats **Jack Scherer (Jr., West Holmes, 11 - 7)** by Fall

152 lbs.: Justin Stitzlein (Sr., 4 - 0, 1st Place)

Championship Round of 16: **Justin Stitzlein (Sr., West Holmes, 31 - 4)** defeats Richard Ramage (Fr., Byesville Meadowbrook, 8 - 23) by Fall

Championship Quarterfinals: **Justin Stitzlein (Sr., West Holmes, 32 - 4)** defeats Trevor Kohl (Fr., Dresden Tri-Valley, 4 - 18) by Fall

Championship Semifinals: **Justin Stitzlein (Sr., West Holmes, 33 - 4)** defeats Bradley Ponchak (Sr., McConnelsville Morgan, 39 - 4) by 4 - 2 Decision

Championship Finals: **Justin Stitzlein (Sr., West Holmes, 34 - 4)** defeats Kyle Warner (Sr., Uhrichsville Claymont, 29 - 3) by 4 - 3 Decision

160 lbs.: Marshall Overholt (Sr., 3 - 1, 2nd Place)

Championship Round of 16: **Marshall Overholt (Sr., West Holmes, 22 - 5)** defeats Brock Metzger (Jr., Gnadenuhnten Indian Valley, 12 - 20) by Fall

Championship Quarterfinals: **Marshall Overholt (Sr., West Holmes, 23 - 5)** defeats Troy Arbogast (Jr., Dover, 17 - 13) by 16 - 4 Major Decision

Championship Semifinals: **Marshall Overholt (Sr., West Holmes, 24 - 5)** defeats Taylor Peters (Sr., Uhrichsville Claymont, 19 - 10) by 9 - 1 Major Decision

Championship Finals: Scott Boyce (Sr., Minerva, 36 - 5) defeats **Marshall Overholt (Sr., West Holmes, 25 - 5)** by 4 - 3 Decision

170 lbs.: Chris Phillips (Jr., 2 - 3, 6th Place)

Championship Round of 16: BYE

Championship Quarterfinals: Matt Dennis (Soph., Uhrichsville Claymont, 17 - 13) defeats **Chris Phillips (Jr., West Holmes, 11 - 5)** by 8 - 0 Major Decision

Consolation Second Round: **Chris Phillips (Jr., West Holmes, 11 - 6)** defeats John Lutes (Jr., Minerva, 20 - 12) by 6 - 5 Decision

Consolation Quarterfinals: **Chris Phillips (Jr., West Holmes, 12 - 6)** defeats Eric Fox (Soph., Cambridge, 22 - 16) by Fall

Consolation Semifinals: Mark Barrow (Soph., New Philadelphia, 29 - 10) defeats **Chris Phillips (Jr., West Holmes, 13 - 6)** by 10 - 2 Major Decision

Fifth-Place Match: Matt Dennis (Soph., Uhrichsville Claymont, 18 - 15) defeats **Chris Phillips (Jr., West Holmes, 13 - 7)** by 8 - 1 Major Decision

182 lbs.: Matt Schlegel (Jr., 0 - 2)

Championship Round of 16: BYE

Championship Quarterfinals: Dakota Hill (Jr., New Philadelphia, 28 - 5) defeats **Matt Schlegel (Jr., West Holmes, 12 - 16)** by 17 - 1 Tech Fall

Consolation Second Round: BYE



Consolation Quarterfinals: Andrew Little (Sr., Dover, 13 - 12) defeats **Matt Schlegel (Jr., West Holmes, 12 - 17)** by 5 - 1 Decision

195 lbs.: Grayson Miller (Soph., 2 - 2, 5th Place)

Championship Round of 16: BYE

Championship Quarterfinals: **Grayson Miller (Soph., West Holmes, 16 - 13)** defeats Brian Lefever (Sr., Dresden Tri-Valley, 9 - 9) by 12 - 5 Decision

Championship Semifinals: James Lutes (Jr., Minerva, 20 - 8) defeats **Grayson Miller (Soph., West Holmes, 17 - 13)** by 8 - 7 Decision

Consolation Semifinals: Justin Ward (Jr., New Philadelphia, 10 - 15) defeats **Grayson Miller (Soph., West Holmes, 17 - 14)** by 6 - 4 Decision

Fifth-Place Match: **Grayson Miller (Soph., West Holmes, 17 - 15)** defeats Brian Lefever (Sr., Dresden Tri-Valley, 10 - 11) by 11 - 4 Decision

220 lbs.: Ray O'Donnell (Soph., 0 - 2)

Championship Round of 16: BYE

Championship Quarterfinals: Jacob Smith (Soph., Minerva, 9 - 8) defeats **Ray O'Donnell (Soph., West Holmes, 15 - 15)** by Fall

Consolation Second Round: BYE

Consolation Quarterfinals: Jeff Virden (Fr., New Philadelphia, 13 - 15) defeats **Ray O'Donnell (Soph., West Holmes, 15 - 16)** by 5 - 1 Decision

285 lbs.: Tyler Singleton (Jr., 0 - 2)

Championship Round of 16: BYE

Championship Quarterfinals: Mark Castillo (Jr., New Philadelphia, 25 - 2) defeats **Tyler Singleton (Jr., West Holmes, 12 - 17)** by Fall

Consolation Second Round: BYE

Consolation Quarterfinals: Jason Clinker (Jr., Dover, 11 - 16) defeats **Tyler Singleton (Jr., West Holmes, 12 - 18)** by 4 - 0 Decision

## TOURNAMENT BOX SCORE

106 lbs.

Championship Match: Cody Burcher (Soph., Uhrichsville Claymont, 30 - 5) defeats Samuel Grashel (Soph., Warsaw River View, 29 - 10) by Fall

Third-Place Match: Jerad Patterson (Jr., Byesville Meadowbrook, 38 - 6) defeats Josiah Hrusch (Soph., Minerva, 19 - 12) by Fall

Fifth-Place Match: Cory Marshall (Soph., Dover, 26 - 12) defeats Jordan Ball (Fr., Cambridge, 24 - 12) by Fall

113 lbs.



Championship Match: Luke Langdon (Sr., Uhrichsville Claymont, 30 - 2) defeats Nate Smith (Jr., Minerva, 32 - 9) by Fall

Third Place Match: Dakota Smith (Sr., Gnadenhutten Indian Valley, 29 - 8) defeats **Tyler Brown (Sr., West Holmes, 27 - 5)** by 10 - 2 Major Decision

Fifth Place Match: Tyler Jenkins (Fr., Byesville Meadowbrook, 28 - 13) defeats Nick Conrad (Jr., Warsaw River View, 20 - 20) by Fall

120 lbs.

Championship Match: Dustin Warner (Soph., Uhrichsville Claymont, 26 - 4) defeats Isaac Hammonds (Jr., Dover, 29 - 10) by 4 - 3 Decision

Third-Place Match: Hayden Matheney (Soph., McConnelsville Morgan, 31 - 9) defeats Justin Campbell (Soph., Minerva, 16 - 15) by 7 - 3 Decision

Fifth-Place Match: J.T. Good (Sr., Cambridge, 26 - 14) defeats Slade Tyson (Soph., Dresden Tri-Valley, 29 - 14) by 9 - 2 Decision

126 lbs.

Championship Match: Kade Kowalski (Fr., Dresden Tri-Valley, 38 - 4) defeats Darran Warner (Sr., Gnadenhutten Indian Valley, 40 - 2) by 8 - 4 Decision

Third-Place Match: Drew Dillon (Jr., Uhrichsville Claymont, 24 - 11) defeats Maverick Meeks (Soph., New Philadelphia, 28 - 12) by 12 - 2 Major Decision

Fifth-Place Match: Quintin Fettes (Jr., Cambridge, 15 - 10) defeats Richard Clark (Fr., Byesville Meadowbrook, 15 - 18) by 4 - 0 Decision

132 lbs.

Championship Match: Brodie Scherer (Sr., Warsaw River View, 41 - 3) defeats Drew Avery (Jr., Uhrichsville Claymont, 19 - 12) by Fall

Third-Place Match: Dalton Hartshorn (Fr., Minerva, 29 - 12) defeats Austin Western (Jr., Gnadenhutten Indian Valley, 29 - 6) by Fall

Fifth-Place Match: Kevin Scrudders (Soph., Cambridge, 25 - 16) defeats Kody Driggs (Soph., McConnelsville Morgan, 25 - 17) by 4 - 3 Decision

138 lbs.

Championship Match: **Max Rohkopf (Jr., West Holmes, 35 - 2)** defeats Caden Herron (Soph., Uhrichsville Claymont, 16 - 5) by 7 - 0 Decision

Third-Place Match: Joey Patterson (Sr., Dresden Tri-Valley, 37 - 9) defeats Brendan Scherer (Fr., Warsaw River View, 27 - 10) by Fall

Fifth-Place Match: Logan Hickenbottom (Fr., Cambridge, 23 - 18) defeats Logan Ryan (Soph., Gnadenhutten Indian Valley, 26 - 16) by 5 - 1 Decision

145 lbs.

Championship Match: Sawyer Leppla (Jr., Cambridge, 40 - 6) defeats Nick Weininger (Jr.,



Dover, 32 - 4) by 4 - 0 Decision

Third-Place Match: Seth Brock (Jr., Dresden Tri-Valley, 35 - 8) defeats John Gray (Soph., Uhrichsville Claymont, 13 - 9) by Fall

Fifth-Place Match: Brandon Long (Soph., New Philadelphia, 6 - 24) defeats Aaron King (Sr., Warsaw River View, 17 - 17) by Fall

152 lbs.

Championship Match: **Justin Stitzlein (Sr., West Holmes, 34 - 4)** defeats Kyle Warner (Sr., Uhrichsville Claymont, 29 - 3) by 4 - 3 Decision

Third-Place Match: Bradley Ponchak (Sr., McConnelsville Morgan, 40 - 5) defeats Jeremy Eppley (Soph., Warsaw River View, 27 - 6) by 3 - 1 Decision

Fifth-Place Match: John Mercer (Fr., Cambridge, 21 - 18) defeats Cameron Moran (Soph., Dresden Tri-Valley, 12 - 11) by Fall

160 lbs.

Championship Match: Scott Boyce (Sr., Minerva, 36 - 5) defeats **Marshall Overholt (Sr., West Holmes, 25 - 5)** by 4 - 3 Decision

Third-Place Match: Taylor Peters (Sr., Uhrichsville Claymont, 20 - 11) defeats Dillon Sunnafrank (Jr., Cambridge, 18 - 11) by 4 - 2 Decision

Fifth-Place Match: Kaleb Driggs (Jr., McConnelsville Morgan, 21 - 15) defeats Casey Swinderman (Fr., New Philadelphia, 26 - 15) by 6 - 5 Decision

170 lbs.

Championship Match: Austin Jones (Jr., Dresden Tri-Valley, 31 - 1) defeats Brogan Endres (Sr., Dover, 29 - 4) by 7 - 5 Decision

Third-Place Match: Mark Barrow (Soph., New Philadelphia, 30 - 10) defeats Gabe Mitchell (Sr., Warsaw River View, 16 - 16) by 11 - 3 Major Decision

Fifth-Place Match: Matt Dennis (Soph., Uhrichsville Claymont, 18 - 15) defeats **Chris Phillips (Jr., West Holmes, 13 - 7)** by 8 - 1 Decision

182 lbs.

Championship Match: Patrick Sheets (Sr., McConnelsville Morgan, 34 - 5) defeats Dominic Bell (Sr., Gnadenuhnten Indian Valley, 25 - 6) by 9 - 7 Decision

Third-Place Match: Harrison Hoppel (Soph., Minerva, 21 - 10) defeats Jacob White (Sr., Dresden Tri-Valley, 16 - 4) by 8 - 6 Decision

Fifth-Place Match: Dakota Hill (Jr., New Philadelphia, 29 - 7) defeats Andrew Little (Sr., Dover, 14 - 13) by 3 - 2 Decision

195 lbs.

Championship Match: Garrett Harding (Soph., Uhrichsville Claymont, 24 - 9) defeats James Lutes (Jr., Minerva, 22 - 8) by 15 - 6 Major Decision



Third-Place Match: Dalton Farrow (Jr., Gnadenhutten Indian Valley, 29 - 12) defeats Justin Ward (Jr., New Philadelphia, 12 - 14) by Fall

Fifth-Place Match: **Grayson Miller (Soph., West Holmes, 17 - 15)** defeats Brian Lefever (Sr., Dresden Tri-Valley, 10 - 11) by 11 - 4 Decision

220 lbs.

Championship Match: Shawn Walters (Sr., Warsaw River View, 31 - 3) defeats Trent Johnson (Sr., Uhrichsville Claymont, 22 - 6) by 5 - 3 Decision

Third-Place Match: Jacob Smith (Soph., Minerva, 11 - 9) defeats Ben Aponik (Jr., Gnadenhutten Indian Valley, 18 - 9) by 3 - 1 Decision

Fifth-Place Match: Jeff Virden (Fr., New Philadelphia, 15 - 15) defeats Brandon Bravo (Fr., Dover, 5 - 13) by Fall

285 lbs.

Championship Match: Mark Castillo (Jr., New Philadelphia, 28 - 2) defeats William Corso (Sr., Uhrichsville Claymont, 14 - 6) by Fall

Third-Place Match: Zach Felton (Sr., Minerva, 3 - 2) defeats Josh Kempf (Soph., Warsaw River View, 25 - 9) by Decision

Fifth-Place Match: Jason Clinker (Jr., Dover, 12 - 7) defeats Logan Ridgway (Jr., Gnadenhutten Indian Valley, 8 - 5) by Fall

## FINAL TEAM SCORES

1. Uhrichsville Claymont - 283
2. Minerva - 162
3. Warsaw River View - 134.5
4. Dresden Tri-Valley - 132
5. New Philadelphia - 118.5
6. Gnadenhutten Indian Valley - 118
- 7. West Holmes - 110**
8. Dover - 98
9. Cambridge - 96
10. McConnelsville Morgan - 77.5
11. Byesville Meadowbrook - 39

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## MIDDLE SCHOOL

### ***Two Champs Lead W.H.M.S. Grapplers At O.A.C. State Qualifier***

The West Holmes Middle School wrestling team sent eight wrestlers Sunday (Feb. 19) to the



'2012 Ohio Athletic Committee Junior High State Tournament District Qualifier' at Norwalk High School in Norwalk, Ohio and after a long day of wrestling five grapplers qualified for the 'O.A.C. Junior High State Tournament'.

Leading the way for the Knights were eighth-graders Tristan Anderson (154 lbs.) and Michael Workman (176 lbs.) who both captured championships. Anderson finished his day at 4 - 0 with three falls and a major decision while Workman scored three decision wins to finish his day at 3 - 0.

Also advancing to the state tournament were the Woods brothers, Cody and Cole, as well as Damon Harris.

Cody (7th Grade, 90 lbs.) claimed third with a 4 - 1 record while Cole (8th Grade, 96 lbs.) went 4 - 2 good for fifth-place. Harris (8th Grade, 209 lbs.) placed sixth with a 3 - 3 mark.

The five Knights middle school grapplers will battle March 10 & 11 in the '2012 O.A.C. Junior High State Championship Tournament' at the Covelli Center in Youngstown, Ohio.

Also competing but not qualifying were Mitch Tyson (8th Grade, 102 lbs., 2 - 2), Drew Campbell (7th Grade, 108 lbs., 0 - 2) and Jed Hendershott (8th Grade, 1 - 2).

## **KNIGHTS MIDDLE SCHOOL BOX SCORE**

'2012 Ohio Athletic Conference Junior High State Tournament District Qualifier' - Feb. 19 - Norwalk High School - Norwalk, OH

90 lbs.: Cody Woods (7th Grade, 4 - 1, 3rd Place)

Championship Round of 32: BYE

Championship Round of 16: **Cody Woods (West Holmes)** defeats Josh Newman (PAC Wrestling Club) by 11 - 4 Decision

Championship Quarterfinals: **Cody Woods (West Holmes)** defeats Zak Fowler (Medina Buckeye) by Fall @ :24

Championship Semifinals: Charlie Nash (Unattached) defeats **Cody Woods (West Holmes)** by Fall @ 1:59

Consolation Semifinals: **Cody Woods (West Holmes)** defeats Dalton Blanton (Unattached) by 6 - 5 Decision

Consolation Finals: **Cody Woods (West Holmes)** defeats Curtis Rhoden (Akron Wrestling Club) by Fall @ :37

96 lbs.: Cole Woods (8th Grade, 4 - 2, 5th Place)

Championship Round of 32: BYE



Championship Round of 16: **Cole Woods (West Holmes)** defeats Jacob Near (PAW Wrestling Club) by 12 - 1 Major Decision  
Championship Quarterfinals: Brendan Price (Burnett Wrestling Club) defeats **Cole Woods (West Holmes)** 3 - 1 Decision  
Consolation Fourth Round: **Cole Woods (West Holmes)** defeats Devin Flagg (Massillon Jackson) by 7 - 2 Decision  
Consolation Quarterfinals: **Cole Woods (West Holmes)** defeats Griffin Jenkins (Unattached) by Fall @ 2:27  
Consolation Semifinals: Alex Defraigne (Unattached) defeats **Cole Woods (West Holmes)** by 12 - 4 Major Decision  
Fifth-Place Match: **Cole Woods (West Holmes)** defeats Cameron Lawson (Sandusky) by 7 - 4 Decision

102 lbs.: Mitch Tyson (8th Grade, 2 - 2)  
Championship Round of 32: **Mitch Tyson (West Holmes)** defeats Quinton Kelley (Team Miron Wrestling Club) by 9 - 0 Major Decision  
Championship Round of 16: **Mitch Tyson (West Holmes)** defeats Zachary Klima (Avon Shoreman Wrestling Club) by 6 - 2 Decision  
Championship Quarterfinals: Nico O'dor (Burnett Wrestling Club) defeats **Mitch Tyson (West Holmes)** by Fall @ 2:45  
Consolation Fourth Round: Seth Whitehead (Unattached) defeats **Mitch Tyson (West Holmes)** by 7 - 0 Decision

108 lbs.: Drew Campbell (7th Grade, 0 - 2)  
Championship Round of 32: BYE  
Championship Round of 16: Daniel Stoll (Huron) defeats **Drew Campbell (West Holmes)** by Fall @ 3:36  
Consolation Second Round: Joey Bernosky (Avon Lake) defeats **Drew Campbell (West Holmes)** by Fall @ 1:46

120 lbs.: Jed Hendershott (8th Grade, 1 - 2)  
Championship Round of 32: **Jed Hendershott (West Holmes)** defeats Nate Bodiford (Hamilton) by Forfeit  
Championship Round of 16: Adam Kirresh (Avon) defeats **Jed Hendershott (West Holmes)** by 9 - 3 Decision  
Consolation Second Round: Matthew Leister (Stow Wrestling Club) defeats **Jed Hendershott (West Holmes)** by 3 - 2 Decision

154 lbs.: Tristan Anderson (8th Grade, 4 - 0, 1st Place)  
Championship Round of 32: BYE  
Championship Round of 16: **Tristan Anderson (West Holmes)** defeats Aron



McDowell (Lorain Titans Wrestling Club) by Fall @ 2:45  
Championship Quarterfinals: **Tristan Anderson (West Holmes)** defeats Ethan Murphy (Kent) by Fall @ 2:33  
Championship Semifinals: **Tristan Anderson (West Holmes)** defeats Jared Hoy (Team Ray Wrestling Club) by Fall @ :30  
Championship Finals: **Tristan Anderson (West Holmes)** defeats Nolan Cnic (Massillon Jackson) by 11 - 3 Major Decision

176 lbs.: Michael Workman (8th Grade, 3 - 0, 1st Place)  
Championship Round of 32: BYE  
Championship Round of 16: BYE  
Championship Quarterfinals: **Michael Workman (West Holmes)** defeats John Kelbly (Smithville) by 8 - 7 Decision  
Championship Semifinals: **Michael Workman (West Holmes)** defeats Simeon Lawrence (Unattached) by 12 - 6 Decision  
Championship Finals: **Michael Workman (West Holmes)** defeats Jalen Gowdy (Sandusky) by 5 - 2 Decision

209 lbs.: Damon Harris (8th Grade, 3 - 3, 6th Place)  
Championship Round of 32: BYE  
Championship Round of 16: **Damon Harris (West Holmes)** defeats Jacob Crawford (Unattached) by Fall @ :52  
Championship Quarterfinals: Todd L. Hastings (Amherst Wrestling Club) defeats **Damon Harris (West Holmes)** by Fall @ 2:10  
Consolation Fourth Round: **Damon Harris (West Holmes)** defeats Ian Fullerton (Stow Wrestling Club) by 3 - 1 Decision  
Consolation Quarterfinals: **Damon Harris (West Holmes)** defeats Lucas Scherf (Unattached) by 7 - 1 Decision  
Consolation Semifinals: Keith Griffin (Unattached) defeats **Damon Harris (West Holmes)** by Fall  
Fifth-Place Match: Todd L. Hastings (Amherst Wrestling Club) defeats **Damon Harris (West Holmes)** by Fall @ 1:19

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## KNIGHTS NOTES

### *District Brackets Released*

Four West Holmes High School varsity wrestlers will try this Friday and Saturday (Feb. 24 & 25) to take the next step to Columbus and the 2012 Ohio state high school wrestling tournament looking for a top-four finish in the '2012 O.H.S.A.A. Division II East/Central District



Championship Tournament'.

Seniors Tyler Brown (113 lbs.), Justin Stitzlein (152 lbs.) and Marshall Overholt (160 lbs.) along with junior Max Rohskopf (138 lbs.) will represent the Knights at the district tournament to be held at Claymont High School in Uhrichsville, Ohio.

Both Stitzlein and Rohskopf captured sectional tournament championships this past weekend (Feb. 17 & 18) and will be seeking their third state tournament berths while Overholt, sectional runner-up and Brown, fourth at sectionals, are after their first state tournament appearance.

Brackets for the district tournament have been released and the road to Columbus will not be easy for the Knights grapplers.

Brown (27 - 6) will face junior Dillon Fletcher of Utica (38 - 2) in his first round match. Rohskopf (36 - 2) squares off in his opening round match against Cadiz Harrison Central's Michael Lasure (Sr., 13 - 14).

Stitzlein (35 - 4) drew sophomore William Strum (36 - 10) from Utica while Overholt (25 - 6) gets Granville sophomore William Navin (25 -13) as their first round opponents.

Last season the Knights placed third of 41-teams in the district tournament.

49 teams will comprise this years East/Central district including Bexley, Byesville Meadowbrook, Cadiz Harrison Central, Caledonia River Valley, Cambridge, Carrollton, Columbus Beechcroft, Columbus Brookhaven, Columbus Centennial, Columbus East, Columbus Eastmoor Academy, Columbus Hamilton Township, Columbus Independence, Columbus Linden McKinley, Columbus Marion-Franklin, Columbus Mifflin, Columbus South, Columbus St. Francis DeSales, Columbus Walnut Ridge, Columbus Watterson, Columbus Whitehall-Yearling, Delaware Buckeye Valley, Dover, Dresden Tri-Valley, East Liverpool, Gnadenhutten Indian Valley, Granville, Hebron Lakewood, Lisbon Beaver Local, London, Maysville, McConnelsville Morgan, Minerva, New Concord John Glenn, New Philadelphia, Newark Licking Valley, Pataskala Licking Heights, Philo, Plain City Jonathan Alder, Rayland Buckeye Local, Richmond Edison Local, Sparta Highland, Steubenville, Sunbury Big Walnut, Uhrichsville Claymont, Utica, Warsaw River View, West Holmes and Wintersville Indian Creek.

Two rounds of championship wrestling begin at 4:00 p.m. Friday (Feb. 24). The tournament continues Saturday (Feb. 25) at 9:00 a.m. with finals slated to begin at 5:00 p.m.

### **West Holmes Wrestlers District Brackets**

'2012 O.H.S.A.A. Division II East/Central District Championship Tournament' - Feb. 24 & 25,



2012 - Claymont High School - Uhrichsville, OH

113 lbs. - Championship Round of 16:

Tyler Price (Sr., Pataskala Licking Heights, 40 - 1) -vs- Nick Young (Fr., Philo, 28 - 9)

Dakota Smith (Sr., Gnadenhutten Indian Valley, 30 - 8) -vs- Luke Clemens (Sr., Sparta Highland, 29 - 13)

Nate Smith (Jr., Minerva, 31 - 10) -vs- Rachel Young (Sr., Columbus Whitehall-Yearling, 19 - 12)

Steven Nethers (Jr., Newark Licking Valley, 18 - 16) -vs- Joey Miller (Jr., Carrollton, 24 - 4)

Luke Langdon (Sr., Uhrichsville Claymont, 31 - 2) -vs- Eli Ayoub (Plain City Jonathan Alder, 17 - 22)

Garrett Blackburn (Soph., London, 23 - 14) -vs- Anthony Craig (Jr., Steubenville, 24 - 9)

Raymond Raimo (Soph., Caledonia River Valley, 30 - 10) -vs- Cody Oiler (Fr., East Liverpool, 31 - 10)

**Tyler Brown (Sr., West Holmes, 27 - 6) -vs- Dillon Fletcher (Jr., Utica, 38 - 2)**

138 lbs. - Championship Round of 16

John Gershom (Jr., Hebron Lakewood, 43 - 3) -vs- Dylan Napier (Soph., Columbus Hamilton Township, 23 - 16)

Cody Stragon (Jr., Carrollton, 11 - 7) -vs- Caden Herron (Soph., Uhrichsville Claymont, 16 - 6)

Steven Frazier (Soph., Philo, 30 - 12) -vs- Joey Patterson (Sr., Dresden Tri-Valley, 38 - 9)

Trevor Meade (Soph., Sparta Highland, 16 - 24) -vs- Steven Workman (Jr., Caledonia River Valley, 35 - 9)

Chastin Hoblely (Sr., Steubenville, 31 - 9) -vs- Brendan Scherer (Fr., Warsaw River View, 27 - 11)

Aaron Bachlor (Sr., Newark Licking Valley, 26 - 13) -vs- Charles Parkham (Jr., Columbus Marion-Franklin, 31 - 9)

Alec Mills (Jr., Columbus Mifflin, 39 - 7) -vs- Nicky DiCarlo (Jr., Columbus Watterson, 24 - 13)

Michael Lasure (Sr., Cadiz Harrison Central, 13 - 14) -vs- **Max Rohskopf (Jr., West Holmes, 36 - 2)**

152 lbs. - Championship Round of 16

Alex Marcum (Jr., Granville, 30 - 5) -vs- Carl Weincek (Sr., New Concord John Glenn, 19 - 28)

Michael Jamison (Sr., Columbus Centennial, 26 - 6) -vs- Kyle Warner (Sr., Uhrichsville Claymont, 29 - 4)

Aaron Gase (Sr. Sunbury Big Walnut, 30 - 7) -vs- Bradley Ponchak (Sr., McConnelsville Morgan, 41 - 5)

Caleb Nethers (Jr., Newark Licking Valley, 23 - 21) -vs- Trent Mays (Fr., Steubenville, 30 - 5)

Ifa Abduljelil (Jr., Columbus Whitehall-Yearling, 41 - 3) -vs- Jeremy Eppley (Soph., Warsaw River View, 27 - 7)

Trace Koehl (Jr., Columbus Hamilton Township, 28 - 10) -vs- Tristan Stallard (Soph.,



Carrollton, 23 - 10)

Derek Cain (Sr., Bexley, 27 - 9) -vs- David Johnston (Sr., Wintersville Indian Creek, 19 - 12)

William Strum (Soph., Utica, 36 - 10) -vs- **Justin Stitzlein (Sr., West Holmes, 35 - 4)**

160 lbs. - Championship Round of 16

Scott Boyce (Sr., Minerva, 37 - 5) -vs- Amos Gweh (Sr., Columbus Beechcroft, 18 - 7)

Doug Eddy (Sr., Cadiz Harrison Central, 43 - 5) -vs- Cody Kucera (Sr., Sparta Highland, 27 - 7)

Daniel Lattanzio (Jr., Lisbon Beaver Local, 18 - 14) -vs- Devin Williams (Sr., Columbus Brookhaven, 43 - 6)

Dillon Sunnafrank (Jr., Cambridge, 18 - 12) -vs- Jake Lagace (Sr., Newark Licking Valley, 42 - 5)

Jason Allen (Sr., Columbus St. Francis Desales, 35 - 6) -vs- Ian Gambill (Jr., Wintersville Indian Creek, 9 - 12)

Taylor Peters (Sr., Uhrichsville Claymont, 21 - 11) -vs- Alex Perez (Soph., Columbus Hamilton Township, 21 - 15)

**Marshall Overholt (Sr., West Holmes, 25 - 6)** -vs- William Navin (Soph., Granville, 25 - 13)

Noah Young (Jr., Columbus Whitehall-Yearling, 17 - 10) -vs- Mark Cole (Jr., Steubenville, 28 - 11)

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### **Knights Middle School Team Set For State Team Duals Championship**

The West Holmes Middle School wrestling team will be in action Sunday (Feb. 26) as they compete in the '2012 Ohio Athletic Committee Junior High State Team Duals Championship Tournament' at Kilbourne High School in Worthington, Ohio.

Three weeks ago the Knights middle school squad captured the 'O.A.C. State Team Duals District Qualifier' qualifying them for their first ever appearance in the state team duals championship.

Wrestling action begins at 10:00 a.m.