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West Holmes Knights Wrestling Newsletter

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MIDDLE SCHOOL

Varnes and Young Earn Ohio Athletic Committee State Tournament Berths

West Holmes Middle School eighth-grade wrestlers Conner Varnes (114) and Matt Young (138) both earned qualifying spots for the '20th Annual Ohio Athletic Committee Junior High State Championship Tournament' after posting top 6 placements at the OAC District Qualifier Tournament held Sunday, February 18 at Nelsonville-York High School in Nelsonville, Ohio.

Varnes (3 – 2, 1 Fall) placed fifth after scoring a 6 – 2 decision win over Devyn Boyd (Newark Licking Valley) to nail a state tournament berth. Varnes stated the day with an opening round bye before reaching the championship semifinals after a fall win and tech fall win to sew up a state berth. Varnes lost the semifinal match up by decision then suffered another decision loss in the consolation semifinals dropping him to the fifth-place match and a spot



in the state tournament.

The road to the state tournament was a little tougher for the 6th-place Young as he had to work his way back through the consolation rounds to earn a state tournament berth. Young opened with a bye and a fall win then was up ended in the quarterfinals by fall sending him into the wrestle back rounds. Young answered the challenge with a fall win in the consolation fourth round and then won the 'go to' match with a fall win at 3:00 over Malachi Son (Unattached) and a trip to the state tournament. Young dropped his consolation semifinal match by major decision and then lost to Michael Lyons (Unattached) in the fifth-place match.

The state berths were redemption for Varnes and Young who both failed to qualify for the state tournament the previous Sunday (2/11) at the Olentangy District Qualifier Tournament. Varnes placed 8th (2nd state alternate) while Young failed to place.

Zach Snow (8th Grade, 1 – 2, 1 Fall) competed at Nelsonville-York but failed to qualify in the 108 class. Noah Tish (8th Grade, 2 – 2, 1 Fall) wrestled at 96 in Sunday's Brecksville District Qualifier and also failed to qualify.

The Knights Middle School team will now have 7 wrestlers at the March 17 & 18 OAC Junior High State Tournament. Varnes and Young will join Olentangy state qualifiers Mason Taylor (7th Grade, 78), Blake Norman (7th Grade, 90), Dylan Strouse (8th Grade, 96), Tucker Kaufman (8th Grade, 114), and Dillon Miller (8th Grade, 154).

MIDDLE SCHOOL TOURNAMENT BOX SCORE

'Ohio Athletic Committee Junior High State Tournament District Qualifier' – Sun., Feb. 18, 2018 – Nelsonville-York High School – Nelsonville, OH

108 lbs. – Zach Snow (8th Grade, 1 – 2, 1 Fall)

Championship Round of 32: **Zach Snow (West Holmes Wrestling Club)** defeats Ayden Neville (Warsaw River View) by Fall @ 1:05

Championship Round of 16: Brody Chase (Lancaster) defeats **Zach Snow (West Holmes Wrestling Club)** by Fall @ :41

Consolation Second Round: Lincoln Witt (Marysville Wrestling) defeats **Zach Snow (West Holmes Wrestling Club)** by 10 – 0 Major Decision

114 lbs. – Conner Varnes (8th Grade, 5th Place, State Qualifier, 3 – 2, 1 Fall)

Championship Round of 32: **BYE**

Championship Round of 16: **Conner Varnes (West Holmes Wrestling Club)** defeats Reece Spencer (Wintersville Indian Creek) by Fall @ 2:38

Championship Quarterfinals: **Conner Varnes (West Holmes Wrestling Club)** defeats Tray Christy (TRWR) by 17 – 2 Tech Fall

Championship Semifinals: Johnathen Segura (Team Miron) defeats **Conner Varnes (West Holmes Wrestling Club)** by 7 – 0 Decision

Consolation Semifinals: Remington Eagle (Ashland Crestview Wrestling) defeats **Conner Varnes (West Holmes Wrestling Club)** by 7 – 3 Decision

Fifth-Place Match: **Conner Varnes (West Holmes Wrestling Club)** defeats Devyn Boyd (Newark Licking Valley Wrestling Club) by 6 – 2 Decision



138 lbs. – Matt Young (8th Grade, 6th Place, State Qualifier, 3 – 3, 3 Falls)
Championship Round of 32: **BYE**
Championship Round of 16: **Matt Young (West Holmes Wrestling Club)** defeats Gavin Stewart (Galion) by Fall @ :26
Championship Quarterfinals: Justin Reid (Granville) defeats **Matt Young (West Holmes Wrestling Club)** by Fall @ 3:50
Consolation Fourth Round: **Matt Young (West Holmes Wrestling Club)** defeats Gavin Dondzila (Wintersville Indian Creek) by Fall @ :44
Consolation Quarterfinals: **Matt Young (West Holmes Wrestling Club)** defeats Malachi Son (Unattached) by Fall @ 3:00
Consolation Semifinals: Devin Huber (Unattached) defeats **Matt Young (West Holmes Wrestling Club)** by 9 – 0 Major Decision
Fifth-Place Match: Michael Lyons (Unattached) defeats **Matt Young (West Holmes Wrestling Club)** by Fall @ :45

‘Ohio Athletic Committee Junior High State Tournament District Qualifier’ – Sun., Feb. 18, 2018 – Brecksville-Broadview Heights High School – Brecksville, OH

96 lbs. – Noah Tish (8th Grade, 2 – 2, 1 Fall)
Championship Round of 32: **Noah Tish (West Holmes Wrestling Club)** defeats Isaac DiVincenzo (7th Grade) by 11 – 6 Decision
Championship Round of 16: **Noah Tish (West Holmes Wrestling Club)** defeats Frank Gallo (8th Grade) by Fall @ :32
Championship Quarterfinals: Lacy Harvey (8th Grade) defeats **Noah Tish (West Holmes Wrestling Club)** by Fall @ 1:01
Consolation Fourth Round: Branden Boggs (7th Grade, Magnolia Sandy Valley) defeats **Noah Tish (West Holmes Wrestling Club)** by 9 – 1 Major Decision

ELEMENTARY

Peyton Martin and Cam McCluggage Take Titles At Loudonville Tournament, 3 Others Place Top 3

Five members of the Holmes Area Wrestling Club elementary Attack Team had banner showings at the ‘2018 Garrick Tuttle Memorial Open Tournament’ held Saturday, February 17 at Loudonville High School in Loudonville, Ohio.

Peyton Martin and Cam McCluggage, both fourth-graders, came away with championships while fifth-graders Hunter McCluggage finished runner-up and Justice Hendrix and Cole Porter earned third-place finishes.

This Weekend’s Competition Schedule

HIGH SCHOOL

What: 2018 Ohio High School Athletic Association DII East Sectional Championship Tournament’ – Sat., Feb. 24,



2018 – Claymont High School – Uhrichsville, OH

When: Sat., Feb. 24 at 9:00 a.m.

Where: Claymont High School –Uhrichsville, OH

Format: Double-Elimination Bracket Style (Top 4 in each weight class advance to district tournament)

Teams Participating (10): Cambridge, Carrollton, Duncan Falls Philo, Gnadenhutten Indian Valley, McConnelsville Morgan, New Concord John Glenn, St. Clairsville, Uhrichsville Claymont, West Holmes, Zanesville Maysville

2017 Knights Team Sectional Finish: 2nd of 13 Teams

2018 Knights Returning Sectional Placers (7): Thane Kaufman (1st, District Qualifier), Cael Woods (1st, District Qualifier), Tyler Masters (2nd, District Qualifier), Josh Baldridge (2nd, District Qualifier), Skylar Cline (4th, District Qualifier), Walker Uhl (5th, District Alternate), Cruz Alexander (5th, District Alternate)

MIDDLE SCHOOL

What: 2018 Ohio Athletic Committee Junior High DII State Team Duals Championship Tournament

When: Sun., Feb. 25 at 9:30 a.m.

Where: Thomas Worthington High School – Worthington, OH

Format: Olympic Pool-Style Duals

2018 Participating Pool Teams (8): Bellevue, Bexley, Carroll Bloom-Carroll, Copley, Fassett-Oregon Clay, Medina Highland, Tallmadge, West Holmes

2017 Knights Team Placement: Did Not Participate

Wrestling Calendar

Mon. – Fri. – 2/19 – 2/23- HIGH SCHOOL – Practice – High School Wrestling Room – 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Mon. & Tues. – 2/19 & 2/20 – MIDDLE SCHOOL – Practice – Middle School Wrestling Room – 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Mon. – 2/19 – ELEMENTARY – Bidy Practice – Middle School Wrestling Room – 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Thurs. – 2/22 – MIDDLE SCHOOL – Practice – Middle School Wrestling Room – 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Thurs. – 2/22 – ELEMENTARY – Bidy Practice – Middle School Wrestling Room – 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Sat. – 2/24 – HIGH SCHOOL VARSITY – OHSAA DII East Sectional Tournament – Claymont High School – Uhrichsville, OH – 9:00 a.m.

Sun. – 2/25 – MIDDLE SCHOOL – OAC State Team Duals Tournament – Thomas Worthington High School – Worthington, OH – 9:30 a.m.

Mon. – Thurs. – 2/26 – 3/1 – HIGH SCHOOL – Practice – High School Wrestling Room – 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Mon. & Tues. – 2/26 & 2/27 –MIDDLE SCHOOL – Practice – Middle School Wrestling Room – 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Mon. – 2/26 – ELEMENTARY – Bidy Practice – Middle School Wrestling Room - 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Thurs. – 3/1 – MIDDLE SCHOOL – Practice – Middle School Wrestling Room – 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Fri. & Sat. – 3/2 & 3/3 – HIGH SCHOOL OHSAA East/Central District Tournament – Claymont High School – Uhrichsville, OH – 4:30 p.m./9:00 a.m.

Mon. – Wed. – 3/5 – 3/7 – HIGH SCHOOL – Practice – High School Wrestling Room – 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Mon. & Tues. – 3/5 & 3/6 – MIDDLE SCHOOL – Practice – Middle School Wrestling Room – 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Mon. – 3/5 – ELEMENTARY – Bidy Practice – Middle School Wrestling Room – 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Thurs. – Sat. – 3/8 – 3/10 – HIGH SCHOOL – OHSAA State Tournament – Schottenstein Center – Columbus, OH – 10:00 a.m./10:00 a.m./10:00 a.m.



Thurs. – 3/8 – MIDDLE SCHOOL – Practice – Middle School Wrestling Room – 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
 Thurs. – 3/8 – ELEMENTARY – Bidy Practice – Middle School Wrestling Room – 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
 Mon. & Tues. – 3/12 & 3/13 – MIDDLE SCHOOL – Practice – Middle School Wrestling Room – 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
 Mon.- 3/12 – ELEMENTARY – Bidy Practice – Middle School Wrestling Room – 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
 Thurs – 3/15 – MIDDLE SCHOOL – Practice – Middle School Wrestling Room – 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
 Thurs. – 3/15 – ELEMENTARY – Bidy Practice – Middle School Wrestling Room – 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
 Sat. & Sun. – 3/17 & 3/18 – MIDDLE SCHOOL – OAC Junior High State Tournament – Covelli Centre – Youngstown, OH – 9:00 a.m./8:00 a.m.
 Wed. – 3/21 – HIGH SCHOOL/MIDDLESCHOOL/ELEMENTARY – Dinner/Awards Ceremony – Commons/High School – 6:00 p.m.
 Sat. & Sun. – 3/24 & 3/25 – ELEMENTARY – OAC Youth State Tournament – Covelli Centre – Youngstown, OH – 8:00 a.m./8:00 a.m.

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Varsity Completes Dual Meet Season With Pair Of Wins To Tie School Record

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HIGH SCHOOL VARSITY

Knights Top River View and New Philadelphia, Tie School Record For Most Dual Meet Season Wins

The West Holmes High School varsity wrestling team capped off their dual meet season with a pair of victories downing Warsaw River View 47 – 29 before dismantling host New Philadelphia 53 – 21 Wednesday, February 14 at New Philadelphia High School in New Philadelphia, Ohio.

The wins push the Knights final dual meet mark to 14 – 5 this season, giving the squad a tie with the 2006 – 2007 team for most dual meet season wins in school history.

“We had a discussion about winning matches that maybe you shouldn’t win before tonight”, Scott Vaughn, the Knights first year head wrestling coach said of his team’s performance against River View and New Philadelphia. “Along with that, getting bonus points against someone maybe you ‘shouldn’t’. I think the kids took that to heart and wrestled really well tonight. Tying the dual meet wins record for a season really shows the hard work that this young team has put in this year. As I said at the beginning of the season, even though we were primarily a young team they came in with quite a bit of experience. It is a great accomplishment for the team.”

The Knights and Black Bears dual wasn’t decided until Stephen Baldrige (Fr., 195) scored a fall win over Max



Nelson at :47 to sew up the meet. Up until that point the Knights held a 6 – 4 advantage in wins. Tyler Masters (Soph., 113), Kaufman (Sr., 126), Hunter Bowling (Soph., 138), Will Rowe (Sr., 145), Cruz Alexander (Soph., 160) and Josh Baldrige (Jr., 182) got those wins and all were bonus point wins – 5 falls, 1 tech fall – giving West Holmes a 35 – 17 edge with 4 bouts remaining. Stephen Baldrige’s win was the decider despite the Knights forfeiting both 220 and 285. Cael Woods (Soph., 106) capped off the meet for the Knights with a fall win to make the final score 47 – 29.

“I was nervous about River View”, said Knights wrestling head coach Scott Vaughn. “They have a full team that was really peaking at the right time. We won the matches we needed to and then some.”

It really was no contest for the Knights in the match up with New Philadelphia.

West Holmes won the first three matches getting a forfeit win for Kaufman, a decision win for Kendel Weber (Soph., 126), and a fall win from Jarek Snow (Soph., 132) to pull out in front 15 – 0. The Quakers captured the 138 and 145 bouts before the Knights came right back with a five match winning streak. Tre Anderson (Jr., 152) started off with a major decision win followed by an Alexander pin, a Hayden Baker (Soph., 170) major decision, J. Baldrige’s second fall win of the night, and a forfeit win for S. Baldrige. With the Knights forfeiting 220 and heavyweight to the Quakers, Woods and Masters closed things out with a fall win and forfeit win respectively giving the Knights a tie for the school record with the 53 – 21 victory.

“New Philly is always a tough team to wrestle because they are strong kids that can throw”, Coach Vaughn said of the match up with the Quakers. “We were without Skylar Cline and Walker Uhl, who are both typically good point scorers for us. Kendel stepped up really well in Walker’s absence. Will Rowe did a really nice job for us as a first year senior and got a big win against River View. Tre Anderson got a win for us and made it nice because we got to bump Cruz up in Skylar’s place. Overall, that ‘next man up’ mentality really was in effect tonight.”

Coach Vaughn handed out two Knights Varsity Wrestling ‘Hammer of the Week Award’ honors lauding Hunter Bowling (Soph., 138) and Kendel Weber (Soph., 126).

Bowling picked up the award for his fall win against River View. “Hunter got a big pin against a kid he’d typically decision or major decision”, Coach Vaughn said of Bowling’s work. “That’s something we’ve been focusing on is getting bonus point wins.”

Coach Vaughn said of Weber, “Kendel stepped in to the line-up against New Philly with Walker out and took care of business. That next man up mentality.”

And with the team tying a school record, an individual highlight also was achieved with another school record in sight.

Senior Thane Kaufman scored his 150th career win after earning a fall victory over Ross Gunn (River View) at the 1:43 mark in his first match of the night. Kaufman would win his second bout by forfeit against the Quakers putting him at 151 career victories leaving him 5 wins shy of joining West Holmes wrestling legend Colt Sponseller as the school record holder for most career wins at 156.

“Thane getting his 150th win is awesome”, Coach Vaughn said of his senior co-captain’s achievement. “It really speaks to his dedication and work he’s put in to the sport throughout his career. The kid deserves every accomplishment that he earns. I am sure he is proud of the accomplishment but will still have bigger goals for the



end of the season in Columbus. I know that is his overall goal. Thane having a chance to surpass Colt's record is also very exciting for him."

HIGH SCHOOL VARSITY DUAL MEET BOX SCORE

'West Holmes 47 – Warsaw River View 29' – Wed., Feb. 14, 2018 – New Philadelphia High School – New Philadelphia, OH

(meet started at 113 lbs.)

113 lbs.: **Tyler Masters (Soph., West Holmes)** defeats Austin Philabaum (River View) by 20 – 3 Tech Fall @ 5:04 – Team Score: **West Holmes 5** – River View 0
 120 lbs.: Hayden Martin (River View) defeats **Kendel Weber (Soph., West Holmes)** by 11 – 7 Decision – Team Score: **West Holmes 5** – River View 3
 126 lbs.: **Thane Kaufman (Sr., West Holmes)** defeats Ross Gunn (River View) by Fall @ 1:43 – Team Score: **West Holmes 11** – River View 3
 132 lbs.: Braiden Davis (River View) defeats **Jarek Snow (Soph., West Holmes)** by 15 – 0 Tech Fall @ 5:43 – Team Score: **West Holmes 11** – River View 8
 138 lbs.: **Hunter Bowling (Soph., West Holmes)** defeats Austin Horn (River View) by Fall @ 4:48 – Team Score: **West Holmes 17** – River View 8
 145 lbs.: **Will Rowe (Sr., West Holmes)** defeats Jacob Patterson (River View) by Fall @ 1:39 – Team Score: **West Holmes 23** – River View 8
 152 lbs.: John Crider (River View) defeats **Tre Anderson (Jr., West Holmes)** by 7 – 2 Decision – Team Score: **West Holmes 23** – River View 11
 160 lbs.: **Cruz Alexander (Soph., West Holmes)** defeats Logan Slade (River View) by Fall @ 2:00 – Team Score: **West Holmes 29** – River View 11
 170 lbs.: Jared Hall (River View) defeats **Hayden Baker (Soph., West Holmes)** by Fall @ 5:37 – Team Score: **West Holmes 29** – River View 17
 182 lbs.: **Josh Baldrige (Jr., West Holmes)** defeats Dalton Cunningham (River View) by Fall @ 1:19 – Team Score: **West Holmes 35** – River View 17
 195 lbs.: **Stephen Baldrige (Fr., West Holmes)** defeats Max Nelson (River View) by Fall @ :47 – Team Score: **West Holmes 41** – River View 17
 220 lbs.: Joey Hunley (River View) wins by Forfeit – Team Score: **West Holmes 41** – River View 23
 285 lbs.: Owen Kempf (River View) wins by Forfeit – Team Score: **West Holmes 41** – River View 29
 106 lbs.: **Cael Woods (Soph., West Holmes)** defeats Rann Zimmer (River View) by Fall @ 3:34 – Team Score: **West Holmes 47** – River View 29

'West Holmes 53 – New Philadelphia 21' – Wed., Feb. 14, 2018 – New Philadelphia High School – New Philadelphia, OH

(meet started at 120 lbs.)

120 lbs.: **Thane Kaufman (West Holmes)** wins by Forfeit – Team Score: **West Holmes 6** – New Philadelphia 0
 126 lbs.: **Kendel Weber (West Holmes)** defeats Lukas Stevens (New Philadelphia) by 11 – 8 Decision – Team Score: **West Holmes 9** – New Philadelphia 0
 132 lbs.: **Jarek Snow (West Holmes)** defeats Drew Zadra (New Philadelphia) by Fall @ 2:32 – Team Score: **West Holmes 15** – New Philadelphia 0
 138 lbs.: Caleb Robbins (New Philadelphia) defeats **Hunter Bowling (West Holmes)** by 4 – 1 Decision – Team



Score: **West Holmes 15** – New Philadelphia 3
 145 lbs.: Jonny Sandy (New Philadelphia) defeats **Will Rowe (West Holmes)** by Fall @ 5:00 – Team Score: **West Holmes 15** – New Philadelphia 9
 152 lbs.: **Tre Anderson (West Holmes)** defeats Andrew Lautzenheiser (New Philadelphia) by 12 – 4 Major Decision – Team Score: **West Holmes 19** – New Philadelphia 9
 160 lbs.: **Cruz Alexander (West Holmes)** defeats Nick Martin (New Philadelphia) by Fall @ 2:25 – Team Score: **West Holmes 25** – New Philadelphia 9
 170 lbs.: **Hayden Baker (West Holmes)** defeats Nolan Porter (New Philadelphia) by 17 – 8 Major Decision – Team Score: **West Holmes 29** – New Philadelphia 9
 182 lbs.: **Josh Baldrige (West Holmes)** defeats Mercurio Williams (New Philadelphia) by Fall @ 3:16 – Team Score: **West Holmes 35** – New Philadelphia 9
 195 lbs.: **Stephen Baldrige (West Holmes)** wins by Forfeit – Team Score: **West Holmes 41** – New Philadelphia 9
 220 lbs.: David Croto (New Philadelphia) wins by Forfeit – Team Score: **West Holmes 41** – New Philadelphia 15
 285 lbs.: Jacob Demuth (New Philadelphia) wins by Forfeit – Team Score: **West Holmes 41** – New Philadelphia 21
 106 lbs.: **Cael Woods (West Holmes)** defeats Ben White (New Philadelphia) by Fall @ :54 - Team Score: **West Holmes 47** – New Philadelphia 21
 113 lbs.: **Tyler Masters (West Holmes)** wins by Forfeit – Team Score: **West Holmes 53** – New Philadelphia 21

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Middle School Wrestlers Advance Five To O.A.C. State Tournament

Attack Team Grapplers Got Through Ultra Tough Day At Districts

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WEST HOLMES WRESTLING

MIDDLE SCHOOL

No Champs, But Five Middle School Wrestlers Qualify For State Tournament

Five West Holmes Middle School wrestlers earned top 6 finishes at the ‘2018 Ohio Athletic Committee Junior High State Tournament District Qualifier’ held Sunday, February 11 at Olentangy High School in Lewis Center, Ohio and are now qualified to compete at the ‘O.A.C. Junior High State Championship Tournament’.

Leading the quintet of Knights as a state qualifier was Tucker Kaufman (8th Grade, 114 lbs.) who came away with a runner-up finish in the district qualifier. Kaufman went 3 – 0 with 1 fall win to reach the championship match where he was upended by Branton Dawes (Washington Court House) by fall at 1:49.



Seventh-graders Mason Taylor (78 lbs.) and Blake Norman (90 lbs.) as well as eighth-graders Dylan Strouse (96 lbs.) and Dillon Miller (154 lbs.) also qualified for the state tournament.

Taylor (2 – 2, 1 Fall) placed fourth dropping the bronze medal match to Aydan Reyes by a 12 – 0 major decision loss. Earning fifth was Strouse (4 – 2, 1 Fall) who avenged a championship quarterfinals loss when he scored an injury default win over Luke Tucholski (Burnett Trained Wrestling) in the fifth-place bout.

Garnering the final podium spots in sixth were Norman (3 – 3) and Miller (3 – 3, 2 Falls). Norman dropped a 12 – 0 major decision loss to Owen Eagan and Miller lost an 8 – 6 sudden victory decision to Lucas Richards (Lodi Cloverleaf).

Connor Varnes (8th Grade, 114 lbs., 3 – 3, 2 Falls) placed eighth and will be a state second alternate.

Also competing for the Knights were Zach Snow (8th Grade, 108 lbs.) and Matt Young (8th Grade, 138 lbs.), who both finished 1 – 2.

Posting 0 – 2 marks were Zeke Galbraith (7th Grade, 74 lbs.), Brayden Miller (7th Grade, 108 lbs.), Dakota Patterson (7th Grade, 114 lbs.), Curtis Sampsel (8th Grade, 120 lbs.), and Elisha Baldrige (7th Grade, 138 lbs.).

Kaufman, Taylor, Strouse, Norman and Miller will compete March 17 and 18 at the '20th Annual Ohio Athletic Committee Junior High State Championship Tournament' at the Covelli Centre in Youngstown, Ohio.

Noah Tish (8th Grade, 96 lbs.) competed at the O.A.C. State Tournament Norwalk District Qualifier and posted a 1 – 2 mark.

MIDDLE SCHOOL TOURNAMENT BOX SCORE

'2018 Ohio Athletic Committee Junior High State Tournament District Qualifier' – Sun., Feb. 11, 2018 – Olentangy High School – Lewis Center, OH

74 lbs.: Zeke Galbraith (7th Grade, 0 - 2)

Championship Round of 16: BYE

Championship Quarterfinals: Tristan Frazier (LCWC) defeats **Zeke Galbraith (West Holmes Wrestling Club)** by 7 – 3 Decision

Consolation Second Round: John Bell (Mount Vernon) defeats **Zeke Galbraith (West Holmes Wrestling Club)** by 5 – 2 Decision

78 lbs.: Mason Taylor (7th Grade, 4th-Place, State Qualifier, 2 – 2, 1 Fall)

Championship Quarterfinals: **Mason Taylor (West Holmes Wrestling Club)** defeats Stone Sauber (KWW) by Fall @ :47

Championship Semifinals: Ashtan Hendricks (PRO) defeats **Mason Taylor (West Holmes Wrestling Club)** by Fall @ :59

Consolation Semifinals: **Mason Taylor (West Holmes Wrestling Club)** defeats Jacob Hill (Marion) by 11 – 0 Major Decision

Third-Place Match: Aydan Reyes (PW) defeats **Mason Taylor (West Holmes Wrestling Club)** by 12- 0 Major Decision



90 lbs.: Blake Norman (7th Grade, 6th-Place, State Qualifier, 3 - 3)
Championship Round of 16: **Blake Norman (West Holmes Wrestling Club)** defeats Cody Jackson (Bellville) by 7 – 4 Decision
Championship Quarterfinals: Anwar Alli (PW) defeats **Blake Norman (West Holmes Wrestling Club)** by Fall @ :35
Consolation Second Round: **Blake Norman (West Holmes Wrestling Club)** defeats Christian Hunt (Westerville) by 6 – 3 Decision
Consolation Quarterfinals: **Blake Norman (West Holmes Wrestling Club)** defeats Sean Barker (Lodi Cloverleaf) by 6 – 2 Decision
Consolation Semifinals: Colton Spurgeon (Mount Vernon) defeats **Blake Norman (West Holmes Wrestling Club)** by Fall @ :25
Fifth-Place Match: Owen Eagan (PW) defeats **Blake Norman (West Holmes Wrestling Club)** by 12 – 0 Major Decision

96 lbs.: Dylan Strouse (8th Grade, 5th-Place, State Qualifier, 4 – 2, 1 Fall)
Championship Round of 32: BYE
Championship Round of 16: **Dylan Strouse (West Holmes Wrestling Club)** defeats Matthew McCanna (Lewis Center) by Fall @ 3:00
Championship Quarterfinals: Luke Tucholski (Burnett Trained Wrestling) defeats **Dylan Strouse (West Holmes Wrestling Club)** 6 – 4 Decision
Consolation Fourth Round: **Dylan Strouse (West Holmes Wrestling Club)** defeats Braxton Sheets (Grove City) by 7 – 2 Decision
Consolation Quarterfinals: **Dylan Strouse (West Holmes Wrestling Club)** defeats Rylan Firebaugh (Mount Vernon) by 2 – 0 Decision
Consolation Semifinals: Jesse Stroud (Mechanicsburg) defeats **Dylan Strouse (West Holmes Wrestling Club)** by 4 – 0 Decision
Fifth-Place Match: **Dylan Strouse (West Holmes Wrestling Club)** defeats Luke Tucholski (Burnett Trained Wrestling) by Injury Default

108 lbs.: Zach Snow (8th Grade, 1 - 2)
Championship Round of 32: BYE
Championship Round of 16: Gunner Cramblett (Team Miron) defeats **Zach Snow (West Holmes Wrestling Club)** by 15 – 3 Major Decision
Consolation Second Round: BYE
Consolation Third Round: **Zach Snow (West Holmes Wrestling Club)** defeats Zachry Schoolcraft (IWC) by 13 – 0 Major Decision
Consolation Fourth Round: Dustin Simon (PRO) defeats **Zach Snow (West Holmes Wrestling Club)** by Fall @ 1:49

108 lbs.: Brayden Miller (7th Grade, 0 - 2)
Championship Round of 32: BYE
Championship Round of 16: Lincoln Witt (MARW) defeats **Brayden Miller (West Holmes Wrestling Club)** by 11 – 3 Major Decision
Consolation Second Round: BYE
Consolation Third Round: Gage Summit (CAR) defeats **Brayden Miller (West Holmes Wrestling Club)** by 4 – 2 Decision



114 lbs.: Tucker Kaufman (8th Grade, Runner-Up, State Qualifier, 3 – 1, 1 Fall)

Championship Round of 32: BYE

Championship Round of 16: **Tucker Kaufman (West Holmes Wrestling Club)** defeats Logan Butler (Lewis Center) by Fall @ :44

Championship Quarterfinals: **Tucker Kaufman (West Holmes Wrestling Club)** defeats Jake Shaw (MCD) by 13 – 1 Major Decision

Championship Semifinals: **Tucker Kaufman (West Holmes Wrestling Club)** defeats Arlie Benson Jr. (GWC) by 9 – 5 Decision

Championship Match: Branton Dawes (Washington Court House) defeats **Tucker Kaufman (West Holmes Wrestling Club)** by Fall @ 1:19

114 lbs.: Conner Varnes (8th Grade, 8th Place, Second State Alternate, 3 – 3, 2 Falls)

Championship Round of 32: BYE

Championship Round of 16: Draven Hubley (CGTN) defeats **Conner Varnes (West Holmes Wrestling Club)** by 13 – 5 Major Decision

Consolation Second Round: **Conner Varnes (West Holmes Wrestling Club)** defeats Tyler Grubaugh (Fredericktown) by Fall @ 2:44

Consolation Third Round: **Conner Varnes (West Holmes Wrestling Club)** defeats Blake Whitmyer (Shreve) by Fall @ 1:36

Consolation Fourth Round: **Conner Varnes (West Holmes Wrestling Club)** defeats Frank Sullivant (THW) by 2 – 1 Decision

Consolation Quarterfinals: Landon Campbell (PW) defeats **Conner Varnes (West Holmes Wrestling Club)** by 6 – 5 Decision

Seventh-Place Match: Jake Shaw (MCD) defeats **Conner Varnes (West Holmes Wrestling Club)** by 7 – 4 Decision

114 lbs.: Dakota Patterson (7th Grade, 0 - 2)

Championship Round of 32: Clint Finnen (ECWC) defeats **Dakota Patterson (West Holmes Wrestling Club)** by Fall @ :40

Consolation First Round: Braydon Kettles (Washington Court House) defeats **Dakota Patterson (West Holmes Wrestling Club)** by Fall @ :26

120 lbs.: Curtis Sampsel (8th Grade, 0 - 2)

Championship Round of 32: BYE

Championship Round of 16: Kyle Striker (Dublin) defeats **Curtis Sampsel (West Holmes Wrestling Club)** by 12 – 0 Major Decision

Consolation Second Round: Dalton Brock (CO) defeats **Curtis Sampsel (West Holmes Wrestling Club)** by 10 – 0 Major Decision

138 lbs.: Matt Young (8th Grade, 1 - 2)

Championship Round of 32: BYE

Championship Round of 16: Zachary Hart (KWW) defeats **Matt Young (West Holmes Wrestling Club)** by Fall @ 2:09

Consolation Second Round: BYE

Consolation Third Round: **Matt Young (West Holmes Wrestling Club)** defeats Riley Miller (Marysville) by 9 – 6 Decision

Consolation Fourth Round: Maddox Edwards (Delaware) defeats **Matt Young (West Holmes Wrestling Club)** by 4 – 1 Decision



138 lbs.: Elisha Baldrige (7th Grade, 0 - 2)

Championship Round of 32: BYE

Championship Round of 16: Caiden Hooks (DW) defeats **Elisha Baldrige (West Holmes Wrestling Club)** by Fall @ 4:11

Consolation Second Round: BYE

Consolation Third Round: Connor Svantner (OOP) defeats **Elisha Baldrige (West Holmes Wrestling Club)** by 2 – 0 Decision

154 lbs.: Dillon Miller (8th Grade, 6th Place, State Qualifier, 3 – 3, 2 Falls)

Championship Round of 16: **Dillon Miller (West Holmes Wrestling Club)** defeats Brandon Hatfield (Hebron) by 6 – 0 Decision

Championship Quarterfinals: Tanner Hott (PW) defeats **Dillon Miller (West Holmes Wrestling Club)** by 10 – 0 Major Decision

Consolation Second Round: **Dillon Miller (West Holmes Wrestling Club)** defeats Peyton Frazier (Westerville) by Fall @ 2:38

Consolation Quarterfinals: **Dillon Miller (West Holmes Wrestling Club)** defeats Cannon Cavazos (Delaware) by Fall @ :55

Consolation Semifinals: Bryson Getz (Akron) defeats **Dillon Miller (West Holmes Wrestling Club)** by 14 – 2 Major Decision

Fifth-Place Match: Lucas Richards (Lodi Cloverleaf) defeats **Dillon Miller (West Holmes Wrestling Club)** by 8 – 6 Sudden Victory Decision

'2018 Ohio Athletic Committee Junior High State Tournament District Qualifier' – Sun., Feb. 11, 2018 – Norwalk High School – Norwalk, OH

96 lbs.: Noah Tish (8th Grade, 1 - 2)

Championship Round of 32: Charles Klein (Unattached) defeats **Noah Tish (West Holmes Wrestling Club)** by 6 – 0 Decision

Consolation First Round: **Noah Tish (West Holmes Wrestling Club)** defeats Cory Ransom (SAFF) by 17 – 2 Tech Fall

Consolation Second Round: Luke Faircloth (Unattached) defeats **Noah Tish (West Holmes Wrestling Club)** by 10 – 2 Major Decision

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Attack Team Has 14 At OYWA District Tournament, Gets 0 To State Tournament

The Holmes Area Wrestling Club elementary Attack Team had a day to forget as they were shut out in advancing a wrestler from the 'Ohio Youth Wrestling Association District Tournament' held Sunday, February 11 at Glen Oak High School in Canton, Ohio to next week's O.Y.W.A state tournament.

"It was a tough day for us, but we knew it would be going", Attack team head coach Jarret Mathie said. "I think every year we go up to the gauntlet that is Glen Oak, the competition gets better and better. The level of competition inside that gym never ceases to amaze me."



The meat-grinder that is the OYWA Glen Oak district proved to be just that for the Attack Team as none of the 14 grapplers could advance to the top-four and state berth. Coming the closest was Loudon Dixon (4th Grade, 76 lbs.) who lost in the consolation semifinals and settled for a state alternate designation.

“Loudon came the closest of advancing but he dropped a heart breaker in the ‘go to’ match 4 – 2,” said Coach Mathie. “If we had 10 more seconds, I think we tie the match and win in OT with another takedown.”

Also competing for the Attack team were Hunter McCluggage (5th Grade, 79 lbs., 2 – 2), Blake Strouse (6th Grade, 86 lbs., 2 – 2), Easton Edwards (6th Grade, 90 lbs., 2 – 20), Peyton Martin (4th Grade, 64 lbs., 1 – 2, 1 Fall), Logan Vansickle (6th Grade, 82 lbs., 1 – 2, 1 Fall), Briar Rising (4th Grade, 60 lbs., 0 – 2), AAJ Roberts (5th Grade, 67 lbs., 0 – 2), Justice Hendrix (5th Grade, 70 lbs., 0 – 2), Chris Williams (3rd Grade, 73 lbs., 0 – 2), Josh Gregory (6th Grade, 105 lbs., 0 – 2), Jack Marmet (6th Grade, 120 lbs., 0 – 2), Gabe Averbukh (6th Grade, 150lbs., 0 – 2), and Keith Hawkins (5th Grade, 175 lbs., 0 – 2).

“I know it was not the outcome a lot of the boys were hoping for, but myself and the rest of the coaching staff couldn’t be more proud of our troops this season”, Coach Mathie said. “Our biggest message to them was remember this feeling when we compete again next year. Use this experience as a learning and motivational tool to work harder next year. What is really exciting though is that we will be bringing back 8 district qualifiers next season, so the experience of being there before is HUGE. Some of the boys will continue their season a little bit longer as they try to qualify for the Ohio Athletic Committee youth state tournament, so best of luck to them.”

‘2018 Ohio Youth Wrestling Association District Championship Tournament’ – Sun., Feb. 11, 2018 – Glen Oak High School – Canton, OH

60 lbs.: Briar Rising (4th Grade, 0 - 2)

Championship Round of 16: Brody McKinney (Massillon Jackson) defeats **Briar Rising (Attack Team)** by Fall @ 1:15

Consolation First Round: Jacob Dailey (Minerva) defeats **Briar Rising (Attack Team)** by 14 – 2 Tech Fall

64 lbs.: Peyton Martin (4th Grade, 1 – 2, 1 Fall)

Championship Round of 16: **Peyton Martin (Attack Team)** defeats Brady Shearn (Uhrichsville Claymont) by Fall @ 1:34

Championship Quarterfinals: Yadin Sharp (Akron Manchester) defeats **Peyton Martin (Attack Team)** by Fall @ 2:55

Consolation Second Round: Joe Slatzer (Navarre Fairless) defeats **Peyton Martin (Attack Team)** by 7 – 2 Decision

67 lbs.: AAJ Roberts (5th Grade, 0 - 2)

Championship Round of 16: Kail Snair (Carrollton) defeats **AAJ Roberts (Attack Team)** by Fall @ :38

Consolation First Round: Trace Johnson (New Philadelphia) defeats **AAJ Roberts (Attack Team)** by 14 – 0 Tech Fall

70 lbs.: Justice Hendrix (5th Grade, 0 - 2)

Championship Round of 16: Brennan Warrick (Massillon Perry Gold) defeats **Justice Hendrix (Attack Team)** by Fall @ :25

Consolation First Round: Kamden Stout (Uhrichsville Claymont) defeats **Justice Hendrix (Attack Team)** by Fall @ 2:39



73 lbs.: Chris Williams (3rd Grade, 0 - 2)

Championship Round of 16: Holden Clemens (Uniontown Lake) defeats **Chris Williams (Attack Team)** by Fall @ 1:48

Consolation First Round: Gage Steel (Magnolia Sandy Valley) defeats **Chris Williams (Attack Team)** by 13 – 2 Major Decision

76 lbs.: Loudon Dixon (4th Grade, 5th Place, State Alternate, 2 - 2)

Championship Round of 16: **Loudon Dixon (Attack Team)** defeats Aidan Braun (Newcomerstown) by 11 – 0 Major Decision

Championship Quarterfinals: **Loudon Dixon (Attack Team)** defeats Cooper McKinney (Massillon Jackson) by 7 – 2 Decision

Championship Semifinals: Josh Carman (Carrollton) defeats **Loudon Dixon (Attack Team)** by 11 – 0 Major Decision

Consolation Semifinals: Nate Dulcie (Massillon Perry Gold) defeats **Loudon Dixon (Attack Team)** by 4 – 2 Decision

79 lbs.: Hunter McCluggage (5th Grade, 2 - 2)

Championship Round of 16: Nate Deyling (Doylestown Chippewa) defeats **Hunter McCluggage (Attack Team)** by 4 – 2 Decision

Consolation First Round: **Hunter McCluggage (Attack Team)** defeats Ransom Els (Massillon) by 12 – 0 Tech Fall

Consolation Second Round: **Hunter McCluggage (Attack Team)** defeats Gage Shank (Ashland Crestview) by 4 – 0 Decision

Consolation Quarterfinals: Marshall Geckler (Massillon Perry Gold) defeats **Hunter McCluggage (Attack Team)** by Fall @ 1:29

82 lbs.: Logan Vansickle (6th Grade, 1 – 2, 1 Fall)

Championship Round of 16: Isaac Meese (New Philadelphia) defeats **Logan Vansickle (Attack Team)** by 4 – 0 Decision

Consolation First Round: **Logan Vansickle (Attack Team)** defeats Noah Stutler (Massillon Perry Gold) by Fall @ 2:35

Consolation Second Round: Peyton Weigand (Uniontown Lake) defeats **Logan Vansickle (Attack Team)** by Fall @ :54

86 lbs.: Blake Strouse (6th Grade, 2 – 2, 1 Fall)

Championship Round of 16: Connor Norris (Minerva) defeats **Blake Strouse (Attack Team)** by Fall @ :57

Consolation First Round: **Blake Strouse (Attack Team)** defeats Kaden Rohr (Canal Fulton Northwest) by Fall @ 1:44

Consolation Second Round: **Blake Strouse (Attack Team)** defeats C. J. Furlong (Wooster) by 5 – 3 Sudden Victory Decision

Consolation Quarterfinals: Mason Castro (Canton City) defeats **Blake Strouse (Attack Team)** by Fall @ 1:32

90 lbs.: Easton Edwards (6th Grade, 2 - 2)

Championship Round of 16: **Easton Edwards (Attack Team)** defeats Owen Adkins (Massillon Jackson) by 1 – 0 Decision

Championship Quarterfinals: Cooper Westfall (North Canton) defeats **Easton Edwards (Attack Team)** by 10 – 4 Decision



Consolation Second Round: **Easton Edwards (Attack Team)** defeats Daniel Rouse (Wooster) by 7 – 0 Decision
Consolation Quarterfinals: Dawson Quillin (New Philadelphia) defeats **Easton Edwards (Attack Team)** by Fall @ 2:20

105 lbs.: Josh Gregory (6th Grade, 0 - 2)

Championship Round of 16: Kyle Allen (Massillon Tuslaw) defeats **Josh Gregory (Attack Team)** by 4 – 2 Decision

Consolation First Round: Dillon King (Sugarcreek Garaway) defeats **Josh Gregory (Attack Team)** by 8 – 5 Decision

120 lbs.: Jack Marmet (6th Grade, 0 - 2)

Championship Round of 16: Etan Baluch (Uniontown Lake) defeats **Jack Marmet (Attack Team)** by Fall @ 1:47

Consolation First Round: Brock Lipscomb (Dalton) defeats **Jack Marmet (Attack Team)** by 10 – 2 Major Decision

150 lbs.: Gabe Averbukh (6th Grade, 0 - 2)

Championship Round of 16: Alex Groff (Navarre Fairless) defeats **Gabe Averbukh (Attack Team)** by 2 – 0 Decision

Consolation First Round: **BYE**

Consolation Second Round: Robert McCork (Apple Creek Waynedale) defeats **Gabe Averbukh (Attack Team)** by 6 – 0 Decision

175 lbs.: Keith Hawkins (5th Grade, 0 - 2)

Championship Round of 16: Will Carmichael (Dalton) defeats **Keith Hawkins (Attack Team)** by Fall @ 1:20

Consolation First Round: **BYE**

Consolation Second Round: Jack Horn (Louisville) defeats **Keith Hawkins (Attack Team)** by 3 – 0 Decision