

2021 OHSAA Wrestling State Tournament Recap

Division I

Hilliard, Ohio – The Lakewood St. Edward Eagles captured another individual wrestling state championship, the 34th individual wrestling state title in school history at the 2021 OHSAA Division Wrestling State Tournament Sunday afternoon at Hilliard Darby High School. St. Edward's victory comes a year after the 2020 Division I Wrestling State Tournament was cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Eagles had a sizable margin of victory finishing with 184.5 points compared to state runner-up Brecksville-Broadview Heights who finished with 112.5 points.

St. Edward finished with 10 total state placers out of the 14 weight classes. The Eagles had four state champions, two state runners-up and four other top-eight finishes in the tournament. The Eagles started off the championship round strong with freshman Ryan Bennett narrowly winning the 106-pound crown, 6-5 against Wadsworth freshman Jaxon Joy. Later in the afternoon, St. Edward senior Sean Seefeldt went into overtime to defeat Findlay sophomore Hudson Goebel, 2-1 for the 120-pound state championship medal. Seefeldt's performance was followed by Eagles' senior Richard Delsanter beating Cincinnati La Salle senior Casey Wiles, 7-4 in the 132-pound state championship match. St. Edward's fourth state championship medal was awarded to 160-pound senior Padraic Gallagher who defeated Elyria senior Enrique Muguia, 11-3.

The other St. Edward championship round contenders were state runners-up junior Evan Bennett and junior Luke Geog in their respective 152-pound and 170-pound weight classes. Meanwhile, the Eagles had senior Hudson Hightower place third in the 182-pound class, junior Wyatt Richter take fourth in the 113-pound class, freshman Jonny Slaper finish sixth in the 220-pound class and senior Aris Dashiell capture eighth in the 195-pound class.

The final Division I state wrestling championship pairing concluded with hometown Hilliard Darby senior Bradley Weaver meet Massillon Perry freshman Aidan Fockler. Weaver defeated Fockler, 7-1 to capture his first and the school's first individual wrestling state championship medal, causing the crowd to make its loudest cheer of the afternoon.

Division II

Marengo, Ohio - Graham High School (St. Paris, Ohio) captured its 20th consecutive Division II individual state team championship on the strength of three individual titles and five finalists. Copley High School will also see multiple individual crowns coming back home while Louisville High School finished as the team runner-up.

INDIVIDUAL STATE CHAMPIONS

106 lbs - Jordan Beric, Graham Local
113 lbs - Marlon Yarbrough, Copley
120 lbs - Clayton Dierre, Akron St. Vincent-St. Mary
126 lbs - Nolan Gessler, Graham Local
132 lbs - Kyren Butler, Copley
138 lbs - Davin Rhoads, Louisville
145 lbs - Alek Martin, Graham Local
152 lbs - Peyton Kellar, Warren
160 lbs - Dylan Dodson, Licking Valley
170 lbs - Brody Conley, Columbian
182 lbs - Zayne Lehman, Revere
195 lbs - Dylan Fishback, Aurora
220 lbs - Kyle Snider, Cuyahoga Valley Christian Academy
285 lbs - Todd Allen, Buckeye

Eight seniors capped off their careers at the top of the podium. That group includes Yarbrough, Clayton, Butler, Rhoads, Martin, Kellar, Dodson and Lehman. Three juniors (Gessler, Conley and Fishback) and three

underclassmen, including a freshman (Beric), also snagged gold medals. The upper weights were owned by the sophomores as Snider and Allen seized the 220- and 285-pound titles, respectively.

A half dozen grapplers completed unblemished seasons: Yarbrough (39-0), Martin (33-0), Kellar (36-0), Conley (48-0), Fishback (27-0) and Snider (44-0).

Division III

Marion, Ohio - Led by three individual state champions and six total placers, Legacy Christian Academy captured its first OHSAA Division III state wrestling team championship Sunday night at Harding High School.

Legacy Christian freshman Dillon Campbell (113 pounds), junior Camron Lacure (132), and junior Gavin Brown (145) claimed individual titles as the Knights posted 128 team points. Milan Edison, led by a pair of individual champions, finished runner-up with 117.5. Rounding out the top five were Delta (73.5), Miami East (65), and Mechanicsburg (51).

Six of Legacy Christian's seven qualifiers earned a spot on the podium. Joining the Knights' three individual champions were freshman Eli Campbell (runner-up, 106 pounds), junior Logan Attisano (fourth, 120), and junior Nick Alvarez (fourth, 170).

Milan Edison sent a tournament-best 11 qualifiers to the state meet, and sophomore Max Hermes (106) and senior Casey Barnett (138) earned individual titles. Five other Chargers made the podium, including 160-pound runner-up Shadrick Slone.

Barnett's was his second career title after winning the 138-pound class in 2018; this year, the state's all-time pins leader needed just 1:44 to pin previously undefeated Logan Hursey (Newcomerstown) in the championship match.

Barnett and Legacy Christian's Brown are both now two-time state champions. Brown claimed the 126-pound championship in 2019.

Five individual champions capped undefeated seasons on Sunday: Legacy Christian's Dillon Campbell (44-0), Miami East's Max Shore (17-0, 120 pounds), Indian Lake's Hayden Pummell (40-0, 160 pounds), Rittman's Sevi Garza (41-0, 170 pounds), Oak Harbor's Wyatt Miller (48-0, 195 pounds), and Delta's Austin Kohlhofer (52-0, 220 pounds).