

**2017 Virginia 6A State  
Wrestling Championships**

**Oscar Smith High School  
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**FACTS AND STATS**

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### TEAM SCORES

<u>SCHOOL (Region/Conference)</u>	<u>POINTS</u>
1. Colonial Forge (S-4)	159.5
2. Robinson (N-5)	112
3. Battlefield (N-8)	107.5
4. Grassfield (S-2)	104.5
5. Woodbridge (S-4)	86.5
6. Hayfield (N-6)	67
7. Osbourn Park (N-8)	65
8. Landstown (S-1)	62.5
9. Chantilly (N-5)	51
10. Oscar Smith (S-2)	49
11. First Colonial (S-1)	47
12. McLean (N-6)	46
13. Kellam (S-1)	42
13. Ocean Lakes (S-1)	42
15. Cox (S-1)	38.5
16. Tallwood (S-1)	32
16. Westfield (N-5)	32
18. Cosby (S-3)	28
18. Lake Braddock (N-7)	28
20. W.T. Woodson (N-7)	26.5
21. Riverbend (S-4)	24
22. Forest Park (S-4)	23
23. Patriot (N-8)	21
24. South County (N-7)	20
25. Hylton (S-4)	19
25. West Potomac (N-7)	19
25. West Springfield (N-7)	19
28. Langley (N-6)	17
29. James River-Midlothian (S-3)	12.5
30. Washington-Lee (N-6)	11
31. Oakton (N-5)	8.5
32. Osbourn (N-8)	8
33. Yorktown (N-6)	7
34. Stonewall Jackson (N-8)	6
35. Clover Hill (S-3)	5
36. Granby (S-2)	4
36. Thomas Dale (S-3)	4
38. Madison (N-6)	3
39. Annandale (N-7)	2
39. Herndon (N-5)	2
39. Western Branch (S-2)	2

(Did not score: Centreville (N-5), Colgan (N-8), Gar-Field (S-4), South Lakes (N-6))

**(45 of Virginia's 52 Class 6A schools were represented at the 2017 tournament)**

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**PLACE TOTALS – Region/Conference**

<b>South Region</b>	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	TOTAL
Conference 1	2	2	2	2	5	4	17
Conference 4	1	4	5	2	4	1	17
Conference 2	4	1	1	1	0	0	7
Conference 3	0	0	0	1	1	1	3
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>44</b>

<b>North Region</b>	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	TOTAL
Conference 8	3	2	0	2	2	3	12
Conference 5	2	2	4	1	0	2	11
Conference 6	1	2	1	2	2	2	10
Conference 7	1	1	1	3	0	1	7
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>40</b>

**PLACE TOTALS - BY TEAM**

**SOUTH REGION**

<b>SCHOOL (Conference)</b>	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	TOTAL
Colonial Forge (4)	1	1	4	1	2	0	9
Grassfield (2)	2	1	1	1	0	0	5
Woodbridge (4)	0	2	1	1	0	1	5
Landstown (1)	1	1	0	0	1	1	4
Cox (1)	0	0	0	1	2	0	3
First Colonial (1)	0	0	1	0	1	1	3
Kellam (1)	0	0	0	1	1	1	3
Cosby (3)	0	0	0	1	0	1	2
Ocean Lakes (1)	1	0	1	0	0	0	2
Oscar Smith (2)	2	0	0	0	0	0	2
Tallwood (1)	0	1	0	0	0	1	2
Forest Park (4)	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Hylton (4)	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
James River-Mid (3)	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Riverbend (4)	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>44</b>

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### NORTH REGION

SCHOOL (Conference)	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	TOTAL
Battlefield (8)	3	1	0	1	0	0	5
Hayfield (6)	0	1	1	1	1	1	5
Robinson (5)	2	2	1	0	0	0	5
Osborn Park (8)	0	1	0	1	2	0	4
Chantilly (5)	0	0	2	1	0	0	3
McLean (6)	1	1	0	0	0	0	2
Westfield (5)	0	0	1	0	0	1	2
West Springfield (7)	0	0	0	1	0	1	2
WT Woodson (7)	0	0	0	2	0	0	2
Lake Braddock (7)	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Langley (6)	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Oakton (5)	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Osborn (8)	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Patriot (8)	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
South County (7)	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Stonewall Jackson (8)	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Washington-Lee (6)	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
West Potomac (7)	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Yorktown (6)	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>40</b>

### REGION STATS (Ranked by team points)

REGION	Team Points	Wres. Ent.	Matches	W	L	MD	TF	Pins	Win %
<b>SOUTH</b>	<b>785</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>304</b>	<b>159</b>	<b>145</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>.523</b>
<b>NORTH</b>	<b>678.5</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>282</b>	<b>133</b>	<b>149</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>.472</b>

### STATS – By Conference (Ranked by team points)

#### South Region

Conference	Team Points	Wres. Ent.	Matches	W	L	MD	TF	Pins	Win %
<b>Conference 4</b>	<b>312</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>.508</b>
<b>Conference 1</b>	<b>264</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>.517</b>
<b>Conference 2</b>	<b>159.5</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>.647</b>
<b>Conference 3</b>	<b>49.5</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>.469</b>

#### North Region

Conference	Team Points	Wres. Ent.	Matches	W	L	MD	TF	Pins	Win %
<b>Conference 8</b>	<b>207.5</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>.456</b>
<b>Conference 5</b>	<b>205.5</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>.534</b>
<b>Conference 6</b>	<b>151</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>.492</b>
<b>Conference 7</b>	<b>114.5</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>.389</b>

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<b>SCHOOL (Reg./Conf.)</b>	<b>Wres.</b>	<b>Matches</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>MD</b>	<b>TF</b>	<b>Pins</b>
Annandale (N-7)	1	3	1	2	0	0	0
Battlefield (N-8)	6	20	15	5	2	1	4
Centreville (N-5)	1	2	0	2	0	0	0
Chantilly (N-5)	3	16	12	4	2	0	4
Clover Hill (S-3)	1	4	2	2	0	0	1
Colgan (S-4)	1	2	0	2	0	0	0
Colonial Forge (S-4)	11	43	28	15	6	1	14
Cosby (S-3)	4	16	7	9	0	0	2
Cox (S-1)	3	15	9	6	1	1	3
First Colonial (S-1)	8	29	13	16	2	0	3
Forest Park (S-4)	2	7	4	3	0	0	2
Gar-Field (S-4)	1	2	0	2	0	0	0
Granby (S-2)	1	3	1	2	0	0	1
Grassfield (S-2)	6	20	14	6	3	1	6
Hayfield (N-6)	8	32	17	15	1	0	3
Herndon (N-5)	2	5	1	4	1	0	0
Hylton (S-4)	4	14	6	8	0	0	4
James River-M (S-3)	2	8	4	4	0	1	1
Kellam (S-1)	6	24	11	13	2	0	4
Lake Braddock (N-7)	3	8	4	4	1	0	2
Landstown (S-1)	6	24	14	10	2	1	1
Langley (N-6)	2	8	4	4	1	0	2
Madison (N-6)	1	3	1	2	0	0	1
McLean (N-6)	4	11	6	5	1	0	1
Oakton (N-5)	1	6	3	3	0	1	0
Ocean Lakes (S-1)	3	10	7	3	0	0	3
Osborn (N-8)	3	10	3	7	1	0	0
Osborn Park (N-8)	6	25	14	11	2	0	6
Oscar Smith (S-2)	3	8	6	2	1	0	1
Patriot (N-8)	7	21	6	15	1	0	4
Riverbend (S-4)	7	21	7	14	0	0	5
Robinson (N-5)	10	28	15	13	1	0	7
South County (N-7)	2	5	2	3	0	0	1
South Lakes (N-6)	1	2	0	2	0	0	0
Stonewall Jackson (N-8)	4	12	3	9	0	0	0
Thomas Dale (S-3)	1	4	2	2	1	0	0
Tallwood (S-1)	4	14	6	8	1	0	2
Washington-Lee (N-6)	1	4	2	2	0	0	1
West Potomac (N-7)	3	10	5	5	0	0	1
West Springfield (N-7)	3	11	4	7	0	0	1
Western Branch (S-2)	1	3	1	2	0	0	0
Westfield (N-5)	4	16	8	8	3	0	3
Woodbridge (S-4)	9	33	17	16	2	1	4
WT Woodson (N-7)	6	17	5	12	0	1	0
Yorktown (N-6)	1	5	2	3	0	0	0

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**TOP SIX PLACERS**

<b>WT. PL. NAME</b>	<b>CLASS</b>	<b>SCHOOL</b>	<b>REGION- SEED</b>	<b>RECORDS SEASON</b>	<b>CAREER</b>
<b><u>106</u></b>					
1. Aaron Howell	11	Robinson	N-1	51-6	109-34
2. Bryce Sanderlin	9	Landstown	S-5	39-5	39-5
3. Riley Starcher	10	Grassfield	S-1	38-4	78-18
4. Sergio Morales	12	Woodbridge	S-3	51-8	
5. Riley Parker	10	First Colonial	S-2		
6. John McGarry	10	Kellam	S-4		
<b><u>113</u></b>					
1. Brandon Wittenberg	10	Battlefield	N-1	34-5	68-11
2. Thomas Island	12	Tallwood	S-1	25-4	102-28
3. Will Lisenby	11	Westfield	N-3	49-4	110-
4. Anthony Martin	9	WT Woodson	N-5	32-6	32-6
5. Joseph Vastano	10	Colonial Forge	S-2	28-11	55-25
6. Nathaniel Ditmars	9	Stonewall Jackson	N-5	36-12	36-12
<b><u>120</u></b>					
1. Gavin Corbe	11	Landstown	S-1	37-2	113-9
2. Nik Gerard	11	Robinson	N-1	46-9	100-23
3. Alexander Smith	9	Colonial Forge	S-3	26-11	26-11
4. Beau Curtis	10	Battlefield	N-3		
5. Nicholas Sansone	10	Kellam	S-2		
6. Anthony Bruno	12	West Springfield	N-2		
<b><u>126</u></b>					
1. Trevon Majette	12	Oscar Smith	S-2	38-4	121-38
2. Nate Gaines	12	Woodbridge	S-3	47-5	131-47
3. Sam Book	12	Robinson	N-1	45-8	135-42
4. Levi Englman	11	Colonial Forge	S-1	27-8	102-19
5. Tony Blackman	11	Landstown	S-5		
6. Hunter Tibbetts	9	Westfield	N-3	38-18	38-18

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### **132**

1. River Curtis	11	Battlefield	N-1	37-5	111-17
2. Marc Garofalo	12	Colonial Forge	S-1	28-5	147-30
3. Grant Saunders	12	Hayfield	N-2	38-3	143-48
4. Zachary Gillette	12	Grassfield	S-2	33-9	144-37
5. Joshua Garber	12	James River-M	S-3		
6. Steven Rossero	11	Tallwood	S-4		

### **138**

1. Aidan Murphy	12	Ocean Lakes	S-1	39-3	130-34
2. Daniel Goodwin	12	Grassfield	S-2	36-10	107-41
3. Clay Smith	12	Colonial Forge	S-3	39-8	138-48
4. Austin Cole	12	Kellam	S-4		
5. Matthew Guillory	12	Hayfield	N-1	42-17	108-61
6. Shane McCoy	11	Patriot	N-3	32-9	81-33

### **145**

1. Zach Feight	11	Battlefield	N-1	33-5	104-23
2. Tyler Hazard	12	Robinson	N-2	25-10	77-30
3. Hadley Horner	12	Chantilly	N-3	48-5	145-31
4. Jahquez Holmes	11	Cosby	S-4		
5. Jacob Martinez	12	Colonial Forge	S-1	26-15	76-55
6. Samir Bawezir	12	Woodbridge	S-5	43-20	

### **152**

1. Brendan Grammes	12	McLean	N-1	53-2	186-16
2. Ronald Miller	11	Battlefield	N-2	30-10	106-19
3. Samuel Tenaglia	12	Chantilly	N-3	50-6	168-37
4. Bradlee Lamontagne	11	Cox	S-2		
5. Daniel Lynch	12	Osbourn Park	N-4	40-12	120-38
6. Cal Kopstein	11	Oakton	N-6		

### **160**

1. Jared Lough	11	Colonial Forge	S-1	36-6	78-18
2. Michael Baldinger	12	Hayfield	N-1	39-7	121-73
3. Sahm Abdulrazzaq	11	Woodbridge	S-2	45-12	
4. James Peterson	12	WT Woodson	N-2	28-4	100+
5. Billy Carvey	12	Cox	S-3		
6. Gerdi Mouvi	11	Osbourn	N-3		

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### **170**

1. Barry Carpenter	12	Oscar Smith	S-1	22-0	58-17
2. Gavin Legg	12	McLean	N-1	24-3	114-29
3. Jacob Sinsel	12	Ocean Lakes	S-3	33-9	109-32
4. Salam (AJ) Algaraghuly	12	Hayfield	N-2	32-9	76-61
5. Shane Curtis	11	Osborn Park	N-3	19-4	52-19
6. Simeone Holmes	9	Cosby	S-2		

### **182**

1. Tyler Matheny	11	Lake Braddock	N-1	50-2	120-13
2. Zyon Betts	12	Woodbridge	S-1	44-3	123-51
3. Eze Chukwuezi	11	Colonial Forge	S-2	35-13	64-37
4. Niko Woltman	12	Langley	N-3		
5. Gage Backstrom	12	Washington-Lee	N-2		
6. Chris Altman	11	Landstown	S-3		

### **195**

1. Stephen Burrell	12	Grassfield	S-1	43-3	122-23
2. Damion McRae	11	Forest Park	S-4	35-6	87-49
3. Alek Schuyler	12	First Colonial	S-3		
4. Jack Parsons	11	Osborn Park	N-3	39-6	60-26
5. Mason Fair	11	Riverbend	S-6		
6. Matthew Liechty	11	Hayfield	N-4	28-16	61-60

### **220**

1. Thomas Mukai	10	Robinson	N-1	42-8	78-14
2. James Momon	11	South County	N-2	47-5	92-27
3. Alex Watson	11	Colonial Forge	S-3	17-3	36-12
4. Sean Pogorelc	12	Chantilly	N-3	39-8	93-36
5. Chase Clark	11	Cox	S-2		
6. Reese Dean	12	First Colonial	S-1		

### **285**

1. Trevor Burns	11	Grassfield	S-1	41-3	93-27
2. Phillip Pullen	12	Osborn Park	N-1	38-4	92-29
3. John Holzworth	11	West Potomac	N-2		
4. Robert Perry	11	West Springfield	N-5		
5. Austin Snyder	12	Hylton	S-4		
6. Clay Chadwick	11	Yorktown	N-3		



## STAT NOTES

**Colonial Forge** won the Team Championship by a margin of 47.5 points ahead of 2<sup>nd</sup> place **Robinson**, with Battlefield and Grassfield close behind. The team race was decided in the consolation rounds, well before the finals, as the Forge placed nine grapplers in the top six – four more than any other school. A large portion of CF's points total were bonus points – 35.5 (6 md, 1 tf, 14 pins). One CF grappler, **Alex Watson/220**, set a State finals record with five pins.

**Colonial Forge's** 7<sup>th</sup> team title places them in 3<sup>rd</sup> place for team championships. Only 16 schools have been crowned team champions since high school wrestling began 69 years ago (in the largest schools classification): 1949 to present - which includes the "Open Period" from 1949 to 1970; the "AAA Period" from 1971 to 2013; and 2014 to present, which now includes 5A and 6A.

Granby	22
Great Bridge	18
Colonial Forge	7
Cox	6
Robinson	6
Matoaca	3
Kempsville	2

One each : Bethel, Brooke Point, Deep Creek, Maury, Menchville, Norview, Washington-Lee, Western Branch and WT Woodson.

As usual, seniors dominated the 2017 6A State Tournament, 38 placed in the top six. Of the 46 underclassmen who placed (32 juniors, 8 sophomores and 6 freshmen), 9 won State Champions and will return next season to defend their titles.

Six returning State Champions were at this tournament. Three of them defended their titles: **Brandon Wittenberg (his 2<sup>nd</sup>)**, **River Curtis (his 3<sup>rd</sup>)** and **Brendan Grammes (his 2<sup>nd</sup>)**.

Average record of the State Champions: 40-4.

State placers by seed: (1<sup>st</sup>) 27, (2<sup>nd</sup>) 19, (3<sup>rd</sup>) 22, (4<sup>th</sup>) 8, (5<sup>th</sup>) 6, (6<sup>th</sup>) 2

## **THE CHAMPIONS**

**106 – Aaron Howell**, Junior, Robinson. Aaron is the 26<sup>th</sup> State Champion in his school's history (35 Championships), and **Coach Bryan Hazard's** 16<sup>th</sup> Champion (20 Championships). Coach Hazard was a 3X Virginia State Placer for the Rams. Aaron started his high school career at Hylton HS and transferred to Robinson the following year. He placed 4<sup>th</sup> at last year's States. He has had an outstanding season: winning the Manheim (PA) Christmas tourney, placing at The Beast of the East and Escape the Rock, and winning all Virginia tournaments he entered. Aaron maintains a 3.9 GPA, would like to study/wrestle at one of the military academies, and major in the medial field.

**113 – Brandon Wittenberg**, Sophomore, Battlefield. Brandon was his school's 2<sup>nd</sup> State Champion last year and repeated this year (7<sup>th</sup> individual Championship). He was **Coach Brian Shaffer's** 2<sup>nd</sup> Champion. Coach Shaffer has an impressive wrestling resume: VA State Champion at Woodbridge (1986/132), D-1 Head Coach at American University (three years) and George Mason University (ten years). Brandon has wrestles since the age of six and wrestled for youth clubs Haymarket Hurricanes, Virginia Patriots, Manassas Marauders and Team Virginia. He has played on baseball travel teams and also enjoys skiing. Wrestling is in his genes as his dad wrestled in high school. Last year he was the VA Freestyle & Greco State Champ. This season he placed 5<sup>th</sup> at the prestigious Powerade tourney in PA. Academically, he is maintaining a 3.7 GPA

**120 – Gavin Corbe**, Junior, Landstown. Gavin became the first State Champion in his school's history. Last season he was the State runner-up at 106.

**126 – Trevon Majette**, Senior, Oscar Smith. Trevon became his school's 12<sup>th</sup> Champion (16 Championships) and **Coach Donald Motley's** second Champion. His first was **Seldon Wright** (2015/160), who is currently wrestling at Old Dominion. Coach Motley wrestled at Deep Creek HS and in college at ODU under legendary **Coach Gray Simons**. He has also coached at Deep Creek and Hickory HS's and is in his 4<sup>th</sup> season at Oscar Smith. Trevon finished in 3<sup>rd</sup> place at 113 last year at States and placed 3<sup>rd</sup> at Escape the Rock in PA this season. Trevon placed 3<sup>rd</sup>/113 at the 2016 NHSCA Soph Nationals. He plans to enter ODU in the fall to wrestle for **Coach Steve Martin**.

**132 – River Curtis**, Junior, Battlefield. River won his 3<sup>rd</sup> straight State Championship (2015/120, 2016/126) and his school's 8<sup>th</sup> individual title. He was **Coach Brian Shaffer's** 1<sup>st</sup> State Champion two years ago. River's accomplishments on the mat are almost too numerous to detail: 3X Conference & Regional Champ; multiple State Freestyle and Greco-Roman titles; All-American at Fargo (2016/7<sup>th</sup>/132 Greco); and placements at prestigious national level tournaments. River's DNA destined him to become a successful wrestler. His father **Johnny** was a 2X All-American at GMU (1992/8<sup>th</sup>/190, 1993/7<sup>th</sup>/190), and was a highly accomplished professional MMA fighter. River's younger brother **Beau** placed at this tournament (120/4<sup>th</sup>), as did cousin **Shane** (170/5<sup>th</sup>) for Osbourn Park. In the off-season he works out and competes for his father's Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) club.

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**138 – Aidan Murphy**, Senior, Ocean Lakes. Aidan became his school's 4<sup>th</sup> State Champion (4 Championships), and **Coach Chris Barnhart's** second Champion (last **Dalton Henderson/2012/113**). Coach Barnhart is in his 7<sup>th</sup> season as head coach at Ocean Lakes. Aidan has placed twice previously at States (2015/4<sup>th</sup>/126, 2016/3<sup>rd</sup>/132). He is a 3X Conference 1 Champ and 3X Region Finalist and Champ. Wrestling runs in the family. His father is a former wrestler and a younger brother in the 7<sup>th</sup> grade is a city champion. Aidan is an avid ping pong player and enjoys helping with the youth wrestling club. He is a member of the Math and Science Academy and maintains a 3.7 GPA. Aidan wants to wrestle in college and plans to major in marine engineering, though he has no finalized college plans.

**145 – Zach Feight**, Junior, Battlefield. Zach became his school's 5<sup>th</sup> individual State Champion (8 Championships) and **Coach Brian Shaffer's** 4<sup>th</sup> Champion (6 Championships). Last year at States Zach placed 4<sup>th</sup> at 138. Zach's older brother **Nick** is an accomplished baseball player for UNC Wilmington (catcher) and was the 2016 CAA Player of the Year, in addition to being named a First Team All-American. Zach carries a 3.0 GPA and hopes to wrestle in college. In the off-season he wrestles for the Curtis family FCA club.

**152 – Brendan Grammes**, Senior, McLean. Last year Brendan became his school's 6<sup>th</sup> State Champion. By repeating this year, he won their 10<sup>th</sup> individual title, and won **Coach Ken Jackson's** 4<sup>th</sup> individual Championship. Coach Jackson has been coaching McLean for nine years. Brendan's brother **Conon**, who graduated last year, was also a 2X State Champion and is currently a member of Division I Xavier's baseball team. Brendan is a 4X Conference 6 and 2X Northern Region Champ. In addition to wrestling, Brendan is on the baseball and golf teams. He is an Honor Roll student with a 3.8 GPA. His father **Jeff** wrestled in high school in Pennsylvania.

**160 – Jared Lough**, Junior, Colonial Forge. Jared became the 17<sup>th</sup> Individual Champ for his school (22 Championships), and new **Coach Ian Squires'** first. Ian took over after the retirement of **Coach Bill Swink**, who led the wrestling program since the school opened in 1999. Coach Squires himself was a State Champion for the Forge in 2009 at 130, and finished 3<sup>rd</sup>/125 in 2008. Prior to CF, Ian attended Christiansburg HS where he was a state runner-up in 2006. Jared is a 3X Conference 4 Champ, 2X 6A South Region Champ and has placed at several prestigious national level tournaments, including 6<sup>th</sup> at the Beast of the East, and 6<sup>th</sup> at Powerade. He is a 3X State placer (2016/2<sup>nd</sup>/160, 2015/3<sup>rd</sup>/145). In the off-season, Jared wrestles for Powerhouse Wrestling Academy and was a NHSCA freshman runner-up in 2015.

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**170 – Barry Carpenter**, Senior, Oscar Smith. Barry became Oscar Smith's 13<sup>th</sup> State Champion (17 Championships) and **Coach Donald Motley's** third Champion. Barry attended Oscar Smith as a freshman and sophomore, then moved to another school district. When he returned to OS in his junior year, he had to sit out sports due the transfer rule. His senior year resulted in an undefeated season and State Championship. In addition to wrestling, Barry is also a very good baseball player and is fielding offers from several Division I colleges in both sports.

**182 – Tyler Matheny**, Junior, Lake Braddock. Tyler became the 7<sup>th</sup> State Champ for his school (10 Championships). **Coach Scott Matheny** had the privilege of coaching his son to his first State title. Coach Matheny has coached three previous champs in his 13 seasons at Lake Braddock (last **Darius Wiles/2014/113**). Tyler has wrestled since age 5. He plays golf and enjoys hiking in the mountains. In addition to his prowess on the mat, Tyler is a standout on the football field having been selected All-Conference and All-Regional Honorable Mention. He has twin brothers, aged 10, who also wrestle and we may be seeing them in a few years on the mats. An older step-brother (Sean Gamarra) also wrestled for Lake Braddock at the state tournament.

**195 – Stephen Burrell**, Senior, Grassfield. Stephen became his school and **Coach Jesse Pearce's** 5<sup>th</sup> State Champion. Coach Pearce has been at Grassfield since it opened in 2007, first as assistant coach, and the last seven years as head coach. Coach Pearce wrestled at Lake Taylor HS, where he was 3X District Champ, Eastern Region Champ, and took 5<sup>th</sup> place at States at 145 in 1999. He went on to college at ODU, where he was a CAA Conference runner-up. Stephen placed 4<sup>th</sup> at States at 182 last year. This season, he only lost one match to another VA wrestler. His other two loses came at the Beast of the East at 182, to highly ranked opponents. Stephen moved up to 195 after that and went undefeated the rest of the season. He holds a 4.6 GPA and has received an appointment to the Naval Academy, where he plans to major in Systems Engineering, and to wrestle. His father was a high school wrestler in Wisconsin and brother Joseph also wrestled for Grassfield.

**220 – Thomas Mukai**, Sophomore, Robinson. Thomas became the 27<sup>th</sup> State Champion for the Rams (36 Championships) and **Coach Bryan Hazard's** 17<sup>th</sup> Champion (21 Championships). Thomas was having an excellent freshman campaign last season, but broke a leg just before post-season tournaments. He has more than made up for it this season. Thomas is a 2X Manheim (PA) Christmas Tourney Champ, 2X Millbrook Champ, and place winner at Escape the Rock (PA). Thomas also plays varsity football. His father Michael is the Principal at West Springfield HS, wrestled at Thomas Jefferson HS and Virginia Tech. He also was a head wrestling coach at Chantilly HS.

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**285 – Trevor Burns**, Junior, Grassfield. Trevor became his school and **Coach Jesse Pearce's** 6<sup>th</sup> State Champion. Grassfield's last State Champ, prior to this season, was **Taylor Misuna**, 2013/152. Trevor's only loss to another VA wrestler came early in this season, and he later avenged that loss. His other two losses came at the very tough Beast of the East. Other than the Beast, Trevor won every tournament he entered this season. Trevor started wrestling in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade. He was a NHSCA Sophomore All-American last year (7<sup>th</sup>/285). He also plays varsity football.

### **NEXT SEASON**

Place winners returning next season

<b>SOUTH</b>	<b>Returners</b>		<b>NORTH</b>	<b>Returners</b>
Conference 1	10		Conference 8	10
Conference 4	9		Conference 5	6
Conference 2	2		Conference 7	5
Conference 3	2		Conference 6	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>23</b>		<b>Total</b>	<b>23</b>

The following schools have three or more placers back next year (with team points from this tournament):

**6 Each** – Colonial Forge (106.5 points)

**5 Each** – Battlefield (99.5 points)

**4 Each** – Landstown (59.5 points)

**3 Each** – Robinson (65 points)