

# **LASSITER WRESTLING**



**41st Season  
2022-2023**

# AWARDS FORMAT

- **Intro/Season Recap**
- **Junior Varsity**
- **Varsity**
- **Special Awards**
  - **Scholar Athlete Excellence Award**
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  - **Underclassmen Impact Award**
  - **Most Improved**
  - **Lassiter Trojan Warrior Award**
  - **The Kevin Metzger Courage Award**
- **Manager Recognition**
- **Senior Recognition**

# **2022-2023 Special Recognition**

- The LHS Wrestling Team would like to thank Nicole Snapp, Amanda Prado, Kathy Fiorenza, Jenni Panone, Kelly Brickley, and all the volunteers that helped during the season. Your time and commitment to the program is greatly appreciated!
- LHS Wrestling would also like to thank the Fiorenza family for the time spent taking photos and creating videos for the team!
- Lastly, we'd like to thank the LHS Administration and teachers for all their support during the season.

# Coach Matt Brickley

Matt Brickley completed his 27th year of coaching this season, 21st as a head coach. He is a 1995 graduate of Ursuline High School in Youngstown, Ohio where he wrestled 103-119 throughout his career. While attending Youngstown State University and majoring in Education and Social Studies, Matt coached at Canfield Middle School for 5 years, winning 2 league titles and having back-to-back undefeated seasons.

After graduation, Coach Brickley moved to Georgia where he taught Social Studies and coached wrestling at Central Gwinnett High School for 8 years and Wheeler High School for 4 years. Matt Brickley was named Head Coach at Lassiter High School in May of 2013.

244-106 Dual Record

36 state place winners

Cobb County Head Coach of the Year 2017, 2021

Cobb County Assistant Coach of the Year 2010, 2011

2012, 2017, 2022, 2023 Traditional Region Champions

2011, 2013, 2020, 2021 Traditional Region Runners Up

2017, 2018, 2023 Region Duals Champions

2013, 2020, 2021, 2022 Region Duals Runners Up

Top 8 finish at State Duals 2013, 2023

Top 12 finish at State Duals 2017

Top 6 finish at State Duals 2022

2017, 2018, 2022, 2023 Region Coach of the Year

2020 Cobb County Invitational Champions

2021 GHSA Traditional State Runners Up

Coach Brickley holds a Master's degree in Sports Management from The United States Sports Academy and a 6-year degree from Walden University. Matt has been married to his wife Kelly since 2004 and they have 2 boys,



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# Lassiter Coaching Staff

- **James Sanchez- Assistant Coach-** Social studies teacher entering his 25th year teaching. Has taught and coached at various metro Atlanta schools. Has also spent 8 years officiating wrestling with GWOA
- **Tony Brown - Community Coach-** Married to Karen Brown and has three children, Maya, Bear, and Wolf. Tony wrestled at CD East High school in Pennsylvania and went undefeated for 2 years as a heavyweight wrestler. He played football at Virginia Tech from 1977-1982 and now lives in Marietta, GA. Tony is a Freshmen Football Coach for Lassiter and assists with the varsity defensive line for games. He is in his 12th year as an assistant wrestling coach.
- **Myles Williams- Community Coach-**Myles Williams is a Lassiter High School alumni and was apart of the football and wrestling team. His Senior season, Myles finished 6<sup>th</sup> in the State. He graduated from Emmanuel College last May where he was a four-year starter on the wrestling team and obtained a degree in sports and fitness with a minor in health and physical education

- **John Stulak – Community Coach / Head Junior Coach** – Coach Stu wrestled for Brecksville High School in Ohio in the 98 and 105 pound weight classes. He is a 1989 graduate of Miami University where he earned a BS in Finance and Accounting. In 2002, he moved from California to Georgia with his wife, Jodi and daughter, Sage to start a software company. Stu is in his 13th year of coaching and running youth wrestling tournaments in Georgia. He is passionate about health, fitness, and nutrition and is a competitive Powerlifter. Stu currently holds one (1) National Record and nine (9) Georgia State Records for squat, bench, deadlift and total weight. When he is not sharing his wisdom on the mat, he applies his "together is better" perspective as he co-hosts a global reach podcast called The WizeGuys. Stu is committed to helping others cultivate wisdom and do life "just a little bit better".
- **Rommell Neu- Community Coach-Coach** Neu started wrestling at the early age of six years old in Port Charlotte, Florida. He was coached by his father who learned to wrestle and coach in central Minnesota. Through his adolescent years, Coach Neu competed nationally and twice in Mexico from the mid-1970's to the mid-1980's. He is a Georgia High School State Champion, runner-up, and 3rd place finisher in the mid to late 1980's. Coach Neu was offered chances to wrestle in college but decided to join the United States military instead.
- Coach Neu was a community coach for Coach Ramos' feeder program at Collins Hill High School in the late 1990's. Additionally, he assisted the Campbell High School wrestling team during 2012 and 2013 seasons. He has also coached youth baseball and volunteered to coach high school baseball and raider teams.

- **Philip Murray- Community Coach-** Coach Murray is a local from Marietta, GA and graduated from Georgia Tech this past year with an Industrial Engineering degree. He is excited to be supporting the coaching staff this year after spending his wrestling career through the Lassiter High School program (2011-2015). Philip is a former GHSA State Medalist finishing 6th overall in the 7A Tournament. Coach Murray is looking forward to growing this program to new heights with some very talented wrestlers.
- **Matt Brantley- Community Coach-** Matt Brantley is a Georgia native and Lassiter High School graduate (1999). He began wrestling in the Lassiter Junior program in 8th grade and continued for all 4 years in high school. Matt coached in the LHS youth program for 5 years and joined the high school staff in 2020 as a community coach.
- Coach Brantley participated in Track and Field at Life University on an athletic scholarship before graduating from Kennesaw State University with a BS in Exercise and Health Science. Matt and his wife Rachel have 4 children, Brooke, Brody, Brenden, and Brevin.

## Wrestlers

Russell Beers	May Prado
Brody Brantley	Alex Johnson
Carter Brickley	Isaac Hoshide
JaCobee Connell	Grant Rhue
Will Cochran	Riley McElligott
Evan Diaz	Casey McElligott
Dom Fiorenza	Josh Everden
Samuel Gadsden	Tex Hanners
Magus Hanners	Jensen Pates
AJ Thomas	Evan Buchanan
Rohaam Khaja	Mark Keith
Victor Esclusa	Joseph Grice
Jayden Sylvain	Jackson Whitley

## Managers

Diana Valle	Jocelyn Serog
Alexa McCombs	Alex Dolph
Camryn Flisser	

High School Roster



# **2022-23**

# **Accomplishments**

- ◦ Cobb County Runners Up
- ◦ 4 County Champions
- ◦ Region Duals Champions
- ◦ State Quad 1st Place
- ◦ State Duals Top 8
- ◦ Traditional Region Champs
- ◦ 4 Region Champions/ 1 Girls Area Champion
- ◦ 13 Sectional Qualifiers
- ◦ 6 State Qualifiers
- ◦ 6 State Medalists
- ◦ 2 State Champions
- ◦ 6th Place Traditional Finish
- ◦ Cobb County Team of the Year- 3rd Year in a Row
- ◦ 4 All-County 1st Team
- ◦ 1 All-County 2nd Team
- ◦ 1 All-County Honorable Mention
- ◦ Female Wrestler of the Year
- Individual Stat Leaders
- *Top 5 Wins: McElligott, Riley 48, Brickley, Carter 47, Gadsden, Samuel 47, Hoshide, Isaac 46, Connell, Jacobee 41*
- *Top 5 Falls: Gadsden, Samuel 35, McElligott, Riley 33, Connell, Jacobee 32, Hoshide, Isaac 30, Brickley, Carter 20, Rhue, Grant 20*
- *Top 5 Takedowns: Gadsden, Samuel 123, Brickley, Carter 121, McElligott, Riley 113, Connell, Jacobee 96, Hoshide, Isaac 84*



# REGION DUALS AND TRADITIONAL REGION CHAMPIONS





# 2022-23 GHSA State Medalists

- Isaac Hoshide 5<sup>th</sup> Place 106 lbs.



# 2022-23 GHSA State Medalists

- Riley McElligott STATE CHAMPION 113 lbs.





# 2022-23 GHSA State Medalists

- Carter Brickley State Runner Up 120 lbs.





# 2021-22 GHSA State Medalists

- May Prado STATE CHAMPION 135 lbs.



# 2022-23 GHSA State Medalists

- Samuel Gadsden 5<sup>th</sup> Place 144 lbs.





# 2022-23 GHSA State Medalists

- JaCobee Connell 5<sup>th</sup> Place 150 lbs.





# 2023 Lassiter Senior Wrestlers

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# Diana Valle

Diana Valle has been a wrestling manager for all four years of her high school career, two of them acting as Head Manager. Diana enjoyed every moment she had with the team and is so grateful she got to meet all the people she has met throughout the years. She plans to further her education career with a degree in Kinesiology and hopes to attend Physician's Assistant school. Diana has valued being a leader on the team, and this responsibility has taught her so much she will carry with her through life. Little V out :)





Alexa McCombs is a senior and has managed wrestling for 3 seasons. She enjoys nannying, and hanging out with friends and family in her free time. After high school, Alexa plans to attend Georgia Southern University to pursue exercise science and pre-occupational therapy. Alexa enjoyed how the wrestling team felt like family and all of the after tournament hangouts.

SADIE GILL  
PHOTOGRAPHY

**Alexa  
McCombs**







**Alexandria Dolph**



## Grant Rhue

Grant stepped on a wrestling mat for the first time his freshman year and quickly came to love the sport. He wrestled JV 160 during freshman and sophomore year, Varsity/JV 138 during his junior year, and Varsity 138 his senior year. He also wrestled freestyle the summer between junior and senior year and discovered that was his favorite style of wrestling. Grant took pride in his hard work during both practice and meets, always appreciated the sparring partners that pushed him to improve, and enjoyed hanging out with his teammates off the mat. While he will miss the camaraderie of the team, he will most definitely not miss cutting weight! When not wrestling, Grant can usually be found at the gym or fishing random ponds around the area. He is still trying to decide if will attend Georgia Southwestern State University or Georgia State Perimeter in the fall.



# Jackson Whitley







## **Samuel Gadsden**

Samuel is the youngest son of Daniel and Tamara Gadsden from 6 children. He has played sports throughout his life. To start, he has participated in the Wrestling Program since first grade, football starting in fourth grade and then went on to participate in track at ninth grade. As you can see, he is very athletic and has a passion for sports. He strives to excel at whatever he does. He also has a brother, Isaiah who wrestled and a sister, Kenedi who was a wrestling manager.

Samuel is very competitive and strived to surpass Isaiah in wrestling; he was able to place in state and reached the 100 wins milestone this year which is a great accomplishment.

Throughout his Wrestling career, Samuel has gotten better with each year. We are very proud of him!

Besides the fact that Samuel is a good athlete and student, he still finds time to work a part time job and hang out with friends. Plus, he has learned what it means to be a good role model to his peers.

After graduation, Samuel plans to join the military.

# JaCobee Connell

JaCobee Connell is the oldest son of James and Mande Connell. JaCobee started wrestling for the Lassiter program his 8th grade year and was starting in the varsity lineup by his sophomore year. JaCobee was a county champ, region champ, and two-time state placer. He claims wrestling to be his favorite part of high school as he has met and made many of his best friends through the sport. He enjoyed his time on the mat and says it has taught him so much about himself. JaCobee plans to start at Chat Tech after this year, and then transfer somewhere out west.....yet to be determined.





## **2023-24 Lassiter Varsity Wrestling**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Time</b>
November 11	Trojan Inv	Lassiter HS	9:00 AM
November 15	Pope/ Walton Tri	Lassiter HS	6:00 PM
November 18	Buford Invitational	Buford HS	9:00 AM
November 21	West Forsyth Duals	W. Forsyth HS	9:00 AM
November 29	Alpharetta/ Cherokee Tri	Alpharetta HS	6:00 PM
December 2	Mountain View Duals	Mnt View HS	9:00 AM
December 8/9	McCallie Invitational	McCallie HS, TN	TBA
December 15/16	Cobb County Invitational	TBA	TBA
December 21	Reindeer Games Duals	Marist HS	9:00 AM
December 29/30	Jefferson Keen Invitational	Jefferson HS	TBA
January 6	Region Duals	John's Creek HS	9:00 AM
January 13	State Quad	TBA	TBA
January 17	Sequoyah/ North Cobb Tri	Lassiter HS	6:00 PM
January 20	State Duals or Home Quad	Lassiter HS	10:00 AM
	Dunwoody/ Newnan/ Denmark		
January 27	North Metro Invitational	Brookwood HS	9:00 AM
February 3	Region (Senior Day)	Lassiter HS	9:00 AM
February 10	Sectionals	TBA	TBA
February 15/16/17	State	Macon	TBA