

2008 HIGH SCHOOL WRESTLING FORECAST

(37th ANNUAL EDITION)

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Introduction

The object of these annual reports encompasses two basic goals. First is to acquaint everyone with the basic character of each weight class and identify the participants who are likely to play a major role in its resolution. In addition, each individual district is examined as to whom its representatives might be. Second is to stimulate interest in the whole State tournament process throughout Ohio. Naturally, accuracy is also of primary concern, so care is taken to develop the most comprehensive list possible of outstanding wrestlers, though of necessity, the evaluation of their final place is, in part, subjective. This report was written during a twelve-day period ending January 26, based on the information available at that time. Because this material was written by that time (and in most cases somewhat earlier) and in the hands of the typists after that I have not included any information that may become available after that time. It's kind of a snapshot in time, with a picture that will surely change in many ways by tournament time. Certainly many of those listed at weight classes where they are currently ranked will move up or down for competitive reasons facilitated by the new rules which make it so much easier to do so. In fact, some of those moves may well be precipitated by information contained within this document.

As I said last year, the production of this report from my handwritten copy is no easy job. Not only do the typists have to read my writing, fill in words I forgot to include, and correct my punctuation and sentence structure, but they have to do it in rapid-fire fashion. This year my long suffering first cousin, Nancy Dimitris, typed two of the sections (each about 70 handwritten pages) going well beyond family duty or responsibility. Vicki Billow, who typed Division I, got off a sickbed to complete the task in her usual rapid and efficient manner. Next time you see them congratulate each for surviving this ordeal and thank them for all the work they do.

There are several ways you can help make this report more accurate. First by sending me bracket sheets for tournaments you enter either by fax or mail – I'm especially interested in sectional and district bracket sheets this year and any tournaments for next year. Also, phone calls, or better yet, e-mail messages dealing with results, weight class selection, or whatever, are gratefully received. I especially appreciate coaches who provide an honest overview of their squad and superior wrestlers they've seen in competition. Already I get messages and information from too many people to name individually, but I appreciate it all.

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**And remember, my usual fee is a wrestling T-shirt – XL.
(and that includes all you Internet readers)**

BRAKEMAN REPORT AUDIT

(How first choices fared)

2007

Won Title	27
Finished Second	9
Third	2
Fourth	3
Lower than Fourth	1 *
Total	42

*Finished 7th

BRAKEMAN REPORT AUDIT

(Won State Title)

Ranked First	27
Ranked Second	8
Ranked Third	4
Ranked Fourth	1
Ranked Lower Than 4 th	2**

** #6 Sulzer won at 130# in D-2 and #10 Stiltner won at 145# in D-3

NUMBER OF FALLS

	<u>DIVISION I</u>		<u>DIVISION II</u>		<u>DIVISION III</u>	
	<u>Championship</u>	<u>Consolation</u>	<u>Championship</u>	<u>Consolation</u>	<u>Championship</u>	<u>Consolation</u>
Total	43	31	39	46	53	31
%	74		85		84	
	17.6%		20.2%		20.0%	

FIRST ROUND MATCHUPS

	<u>Division I</u>	<u>Division II</u>	<u>Division III</u>	<u>Overall</u>	<u>%</u>
District Champ vs. 4's	51-5	53-3	50-6	154-15	92.7
2's vs. 3's	31-25	30-26	37-19	98-70	58.3

2007 DISTRICT RESULTS

(Only Inter-District Bouts)

	<u>Perry</u>	<u>Mentor</u>	<u>Darby</u>	<u>Fairfield</u>
Championship Rounds	61.5%	45.8%	43.9%	46.5%
Consolation Rounds	55.1%	55.9%	44.2%	43.4%
Total	59.0%	51.2%	44.0%	45.1%
	<u>Firestone</u>	<u>Ontario</u>	<u>Steubenville</u>	<u>Goshen</u>
Championship Rounds	53.2%	52.8%	45.9%	47.5%
Consolation Rounds	58.8%	46.2%	46.3%	47.5%
Total	55.8%	50.0%	46.1%	47.5%
	<u>Maple Hts.</u>	<u>Owens</u>	<u>Heath</u>	<u>Fairmont</u>
Championship Rounds	54.1%	46.3%	49.1%	50.0%
Consolation Rounds	47.6%	51.6%	52.1%	48.3%
Total	51.3%	48.9%	50.5%	49.2%