

2022 Dual Team Wrestling Championship Recaps

2022 1A Dual Team Wrestling Championship | Avery County escapes Uwharrie Charter 39-30

GREENSBORO, NC – Avery County slipped past Uwharrie Charter 39-30 in the 1A Dual Team State Championship match, storming from behind 24-15 to win the next five matches and claim a 39-30 victory over the Eagles. Levi Andrews started the run of five straight for the Vikings in the heavyweight bout, stapling Jake Morin to the mat just 50 seconds into their match.

Kenneth Pritz all but sealed the victory with a win by fall at 120 pounds. With his Vikings up 30-24 in the dual, Pritz took down Aiden Allred and tacked him to the mat at 1:33 to make it a 12-point deficit with just two matches to go. Pritz's performance in the 120-pound bout earned him the Most Outstanding Wrestler award for the 1A Match. Grant Price's 7-1 decision over Jack McArthur put the match out of reach and guaranteed the Vikings their second straight dual team championship and the second in program history.

Uwharrie made things very interesting after falling behind 15-0, the Eagles ripped off 24 straight points, collecting wins in five straight weight classes. Grayson Roberts got the Eagles on the board with a 6-4 decision over Bradley Parker at 160 pounds before Doug Bowles pinned Seth Blackledge late in their 170-pound bout. Jayden Maness and Aiden Carter followed those two performances up with wins by fall of their own to firmly swing the momentum to Uwharrie Charter's side, and stretch out a 24-15 lead.

After Zach Vance fell by decision to Jaden Marion at 220 pounds, Levi Anderson stemmed the tide for Avery by pinning Jake Morin in just 50 seconds in the heavyweight bout to cut the Eagles' lead to three.

2022 1A Dual Team Match

Avery County def. Uwharrie Charter 39-30

Most Outstanding Wrestler – Kenneth Pritz (Avery County – 120 lb.)

- 138 lb. – Ethan Shell (Avery County) over Byan Lackey (Uwharrie Charter) by fall (1:28) (Avery 6-0)
- 145 lb. – Johnathan Cable (Avery County) over Jair Ulloa (Uwharrie Charter) by decision (dec. 5-2) (Avery 9-0)
- 152 lb. – Tristan Adams (Avery County) over Carson Robinson (Uwharrie Charter) by fall (3:45) (Avery 15-0)
- 160 lb. – Grayson Roberts (Uwharrie Charter) over Bradley Parker (Avery Co) by decision (dec. 6-4) (Avery 15-3)
- 170 lb. – Doug Bowles (Uwharrie Charter) over Seth Blackledge (Avery County) by fall (5:14) (Avery 15-9)
- 182 lb. – Jayden Maness (Uwharrie Charter) over Lane Hoilman (Avery County) by fall (3:34) (Tied 15-15)
- 195 lb. – Aiden Carter (Uwharrie Charter) over Brandon Cabrera (Avery County) by fall (2:52) (Uwharrie 21-15)
- 220 lb. – Jaden Marion (Uwharrie Charter) over Zach Vance (Avery Co) by decision (dec. 4-0) (Uwharrie 24-15)
- 285 lb. – Levi Andrews (Avery County) over Jake Morin (Uwharrie Charter) by fall (0:50) (Uwharrie 24-21)
- 106 lb. - Cooper Foster (Avery County) over Ethan Hines (Uwharrie Charter) by decision (dec. 4-3) (Tied 24-24)
- 113 lb. – Benjamin Jordan (Avery County) over Brandon Jordan (Uwharrie Charter) by fall (0:44) (Avery 30-24)
- 120 lb. -Kenneth Pritz (Avery County) over Aiden Allred (Uwharrie Charter) by fall (1:33) (Avery 36-24)
- 126 lb. – Grant Reece (Avery County) over Jack McArthur (Uwharrie Charter) by decision (dec. 7-1) (Avery County 39-24)
- 132 lb. – Aldo Hernandez (Uwharrie Charter) wins by forfeit (Avery 39-30).

2022 3A Dual Team Wrestling Championship

Fred T. Foard repeats with a dominant 58-12 win over Union Pines

GREENSBORO, NC – After a one-year hiatus from Dual Team Wrestling, Fred T. Foard picked up right where they left off in 2020, blitzing Union Pines 58-12 to win their second straight dual team championship and fourth in program history. The Tigers were impressive winning seven matches by fall and collecting another full six points in two weight classes thanks to Viking forfeits.

Dawson Cody rolled to a victory in the opening match at 138 pounds. Cody stuck Joseph Vrabcak just 1:24 into the bout, giving the Tigers a 6-0 lead early. Perhaps the most impressive bout came in 145 pounds as Brock Carey needed some injury time to nurse a leg injury in the first period. He struggled to stay on his feet the rest of the match but battled, essentially on one leg, to an 8-5 decision over Gaige Lloyd. Carey's effort bolstered the Foard grapplers confidence and earned him 3A Most Outstanding Wrestler honors for the Duals.

2022 3A Dual Team Match

Fred T. Foard def. Union Pines 58-12

Most Outstanding Wrestler – Brock Carey (Fred T. Foard – 145 lb.)

- 138 lb. – Dawson Cody (Fred T. Foard) over Joseph Vrabcak (Union Pines) by fall (1:24) (Foard 6-0)
- 145 lb. – Brock Carey (Fred T. Foard) over Gaige Lloyd (Union Pines) by decision (dec. 5-3) (Foard 9-0)
- 152 lb. – Landon Slager (Fred T. Foard) over Houston Leeah (Union Pines) by fall (1:03) (Foard 15-0)
- 160 lb. – Conner Weaver (Fred T. Foard) over Brock Sullivan (Union Pines) by decision (dec. 4-1) (Foard 18-0)
- 170 lb. – Aiden McCafferty (Union Pines) over Zane Birtchet (Fred T. Foard) by fall (2:27) (Foard 18-6)
- 182 lb. – Evan Steiger (Fred T. Foard) over Nicholas Mascolino (Union Pines) by decision (dec. 8-5) (Foard 21-6)
- 195 lb. – Colby Mace (Fred T. Foard) over Dantrell Williams (Union Pines) by fall (0:56) (Foard 27-6)
- 220 lb. – Dylan Smith (Fred T. Foard) over Colton Collins (Union Pines) by major decision (MD 11-3) (Foard 31-6)
- 285 lb. – Andrew Jackson (Fred T. Foard) over Kellen DeVries (Union Pines) by fall (0:57) (Foard 37-6)
- 106 lb. – George Coleman (Fred T. Foard) over Keaton Crawford (Union Pines) by decision (dec. 14-10) (Foard 40-6)
- 113 lb. – Karter Floyd (Fred T. Foard) over Jayden Crawford (Union Pines) by fall (3:03) (Foard 46-6)
- 120 lb. – Brayden Mejia (Fred T. Foard) wins by forfeit (Foard 52-6)
- 126 lb. – Johann Diaz (Union Pines) over Parker Johns (Fred T. Foard) by fall (1:19) (Foard 52-12)
- 132 lb. – Hunter Clark (Fred T. Foard) wins by forfeit (Foard 58-12)

2022 2A Dual Team Wrestling Championship
Bandys overwhelms Bunn 58-18 for 2A Crown

GREENSBORO, NC – The Bandys Trojans came out firing on all cylinders and dominated the opening eight weight classes to claim the program's third Dual Team State Championship and first since going back-to-back in 2005 and 2006.

Bandys grapplers notched the first eight matches with pins to seal the team title, led off by Bryson Burkett at 138 pounds. Burkett stapled Miguel Catalan-Escamilla from Bunn to the mat at the 1:14 mark of the opening bout. Caleb Moore had the highlight of the eight pins for the Trojans, pinning Anthony Garcia in just 22 seconds, the fastest pin of the match, on his way to being selected as the 2A Dual Team Wrestling Most Outstanding Wrestler.

Austin Cline from Bandys sealed the title with a pin victory at 220 pounds over Gabriel Soto just 28 seconds into the second period. The Trojans collected 10 wins by fall in all.

2022 2A Dual Team Match
Bandys def. Bunn 58-18

Most Outstanding Wrestler – Caleb Moore (Bandys – 160 lb.)

- 138 lb. – Bryson Burkett (Bandys) over Miguel Catalan-Escamilla by fall (1:14) (Bandys 6-0)
- 145 lb. – Will Nix (Bandys) over Calvin Jones (Bunn) by fall (1:39) (Bandys 12-0)
- 152 lb. – Trey Ballew (bandys over Garrett Cribb (Bunn) by fall (3:52) (Bandys 18-0)
- 160 lb. – Caleb Moore (Bandys) over Anthony Garcia (Bunn) by fall (0:22) (Bandys 24-0)
- 170 lb. – Ian Moore (Bandys) over Damarion Watkins (Bunn) by fall (4:49) (Bandys 30-0)
- 182 lb. – Raydyn Brooks (Bandys) over Garrett Cribb (Bunn) by fall (1:55) (Bandys 36-0)
- 195 lb. – Zackory Evans (Bandys) over Howard Evans (Bunn) by fall (4:46) (Bandys 42-0)
- 220 lb. – Austin Cline (Bandys) over Gabriel Soto (Bunn) by fall (2:28) (Bandys 48-0)
- 285 lb. – Ariel Soto (Bunn) over Brock Mosley (Bandys) by fall (7:55) (Bandys 48-6)
- 106 lb. – Alex Monks (Bunn) over Bryce Kirkland (Bandys) by decision (dec. 16-13) (Bandys 48-9)
- 113 lb. – Justin Krenson (Bandys) over Brandon Davidson (Bunn) by fall (1:13) (Bandys 54-9)
- 120 lb. – Austin Chastain (Bunn) over Kage Hefner (Bandys) by decision (dec. 9-3) (Bandys 54-12)
- 126 lb. – Scottie Spencer (Bunn) over Joey Levix (Bandys) by fall (1:54) (Bandys 52-18)
- 132 lb. – Trey Story (Bandys) over George Hanna (Bunn) by fall (0:48) (Bandys 58-18)

2022 4A Dual Team Wrestling Championship

Laney stymies late comeback from NW Guilford 32-31

GREENSBORO, NC – The Laney Buccaneers won their first Dual Team State Championship in thrilling fashion, 32-31, holding off a late charge from the Northwest Guilford Vikings. Laney entered the final three bouts with a 16-point lead, but Northwest chipped away with a victory by fall from Eli Pendergrass at 120 pounds and an injury default win for Dylan Pepin at 126 pounds.

Those two six-point wins for the Vikings drew them within four and put all the pressure on Jayden Harrison from Laney at 132 pounds. Harrison wrestled carefully, never finding himself in a dangerous position, as Northwest's Will Gibson found himself having to force the issue needing a major decision or better to take the match. Gibson wound up winning the match 2-0 but could never threaten Harrison with more than an escape and stalling point late. That victory for Gibson landed three points for the Vikings, but it left them a point shy of a tie and gave the Buccaneers the 4A title. Harrison was selected as the 4A Most Outstanding Wrestler for his performance under pressure and delivering the hardware to Laney.

The Buccaneers needed every point and received a tech fall victory from Alex Hopper at 170 pounds, as he dominated Cole Vermilyea 25-8, using exceptional speed on shots and getting to Vermilyea's legs with regularity. Charles Bishop followed that Hopper victory up with a win by fall at 182, sticking Dylan Attridge just 54 seconds into their bout. Devon Bell made it a second straight win by fall for the Bucs when he pinned Derik Mirts 28 seconds into the second period.

The surprise for Laney came in the heavyweight bout when Corey Pollock turned the match around in the third period and suddenly managed to tack Nick Byrd at 4:45 after trailing for a good portion of the bout.

4A Dual Team Match

Laney def. Northwest Guilford 32-31

Most Outstanding Wrestler – Jayden Harrison (Laney – 132 lb.)

- 138 lb. – Avery Buonocore (Laney) over Andrew Harger (Northwest Guilford) by decision (dec. 9-3) (Laney 3-0)
- 145 lb. – Colin Queen (Northwest Guilford) over Noah Thomas (Laney) by decision (dec. 5-3) (Tied 3-3)
- 152 lb. – Drew Pepin (Northwest Guilford) over Tristan Cotto (Laney) by major decision (MD 12-1) (NW Guilford 7-3)
- 160 lb. – Owen Harshbarger (Laney) over Isaiah Woodlief (Northwest Guilford) by decision (dec. 9-3) (NW Guilford 7-6)
- 170 lb. – Alex Hopper (Laney) over Cole Vermilyea (Northwest Guilford) by tech. fall (5:48 – TF 25-8) (Laney 11-7)
- 182 lb. – Charles Bishop (Laney) over Dylan Attridge (Northwest Guilford) by fall (0:54) (Laney 17-7)
- 195 lb. – Devon Bell (Laney) over Derik Mirts (Northwest Guilford) by fall (2:28) (Laney 23-7)
- 220 lb. – Denorris Abbew (Northwest Guilford) over Trystan Richardson (Laney) by decision (dec. 5-3) (Laney 23-10)
- 285 lb. – Corey Pollock (Laney) over Nick Byrd (Northwest Guilford) by fall (4:45) (Laney 29-10)
- 106 lb. – Kyle Pruden (Northwest Guilford) over Ayden Arrington (Laney) (0:32) (Laney 29-16)
- 113 lb. – Lucas Cotto, Jr. (Laney) over Cole Price (Northwest Guilford) by decision (dec. 5-0) (Laney 32-16)
- 120 lb. – Eli Pendergrass (Northwest Guilford) over Santiago Pacheco (Laney) by fall (1:42) (Laney 32-22)
- 126 lb. – Dylan Pepin (Northwest Guilford) over Mark Samuel (Laney) by injury default (2:22) (Laney 32-28)
- 132 lb. – Will Gibson (Northwest Guilford) over Jayden Harrison (Laney) by decision (dec. 2-0) (Laney 32-31)