

# 2024 NCHSAA Dual Team Wrestling Championships

## Uwharrie Charter three-peats as 1A Champion

GREENSBORO – The Uwharrie Charter Eagles picked up their fourth NCHSAA 1A Dual Team Wrestling Championship – and third in three years – as they defeated Mount Airy 48-15 on Saturday at the Novant Health Fieldhouse.

The Eagles won the first five bouts and the last five bouts as they controlled the match. Aiden Foster (157 pounds), Caleb Saldana (126), Brennan Worrell (132) and Rick Riccardella (138) all recorded pins for the Eagles. In the 175-pound bout, Caden Bond earned an 11-5 decision over Mount Airy’s John Martin and was named the Most Valuable Player for his performance.

Mount Airy’s Andrew Meadows (190) earned a crucial pin to put the Granite Bears on the board and keep their title hopes alive. Aaron Ruiz-Angel earned a disqualification win at 285 pounds and Angel Olalde won a 7-3 decision at 106 to make the score 24-15. But the Eagles closed out the match with five straight wins, including three pins.

The Eagles are now 4-2 all time in the Championship match, having won in 2019, 2023, 2024 and 2025. Their two runner up finishes came in 2020 and 2022, making Saturday their sixth consecutive appearance in the Championship Match.

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WT	Wrestlers (School)	Bout	MAHS	UCA
144	Brandon Jordan (UCA) d. Jack Martin (MAHS)	0-0	0	3
150	Caden Thorne (UCA) d. Joseph Jones (MAHS)	6-4	0	3
157	Aiden Foster (UCA) p. Brody Caudle (MAHS)	1:59	0	6
165	Lorenzo Alston (UCA) d. Unknown (Unattached)	FF	0	6
175	Caden Bond (UCA) d. John Martin (MAHS)	11-5	0	3
190	Andrew Meadows (MAHS) p. Rylan Alvarez (UCA)	0:00	6	0
215	Michael Shropshire (UCA) d. Bryson Caudle (MAHS)	0-0	0	3
285	Aaron Ruiz-Angel (MAHS) d. Jesse Bowles (UCA)	DQ	6	0
106	Angel Olalde (MAHS) d. Ayven Virasone Chitavong (UCA)	7-3	3	0
113	Paxton Kearns (UCA) d. Justice Collins (MAHS)	3-1	0	3
120	Andrew White (UCA) d. Charlie Smith (MAHS)	8-2	0	3
126	Caleb Saldana (UCA) p. Braylen George (MAHS)	4:26	0	6
132	Brennan Worrell (UCA) p. Jeremiah Brooks (MAHS)	0:38	0	6
138	Rick Riccardella (UCA) p. Alex Spainhour (MAHS)	2:37	0	6
	Dual Meet Score		15	48

## R-S Central wins thriller in 2A Championship

Greensboro – The Rutherfordton – Spindale Central Hilltoppers edged past the Seaforth Hawks 34-32 on Saturday at the Novant Health Fieldhouse to win the program’s first ever NCHSAA Dual Team Wrestling Championship.

The match came down to the final bout as Seaforth held a 32-31 lead going into the 138-pound matchup. R-S Central’s Cayden Laws earned a takedown with just over a minute to go in the third period to take the 8-7 lead and he maintained control to seal the State Championship. Laws was named the Most Valuable Player for his efforts.

The Hilltoppers jumped out to an early lead in the match, winning the first four bouts and taking a 19-0 lead but the Hawks battled back, winning five of the next six to tighten up the score. Judge Lloyd (175 pounds), Gabe Rogers (120) and Layne Armstrong (132) all earned pins for the Eastern Regional Champions.

Cameron Crawford (144), Caleb Cox (165), Connor Olivares (285) and Sam Gosnell (126) all picked up pinfall wins for the Hilltoppers.

The Hilltoppers were making their Championship Match debut on Saturday while the Hawks were making their second appearance after their debut last season.

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WT	Wrestlers (School)	Bout	RSC	SHS	
144	Cameron Crawford (RSC) p. Benjamin Johnson (SHS)	5:11	6	0	
150	Hunter Feagan (RSC) d. Caden Brewer (SHS)	21-9	4	0	
157	Elijah Guzman (RSC) d. Carter Kearney (SHS)	6-3	3	0	
165	Caleb Cox (RSC) p. Alex Hinchman (SHS)	1:30	6	0	
175	Judge Lloyd (SHS) p. Henry Hamrick (RSC)	0:27	0	6	
190	Harrison Compton (SHS) d. Jacob Hudgins (RSC)	16-7	0	4	
215	Ethan Kuball (SHS) d. Conrad Sherburne (RSC)	7-1	0	3	
285	Connor Olivares (RSC) p. Palmer Moad (SHS)	3:15	6	0	
106	Luke Ayers (SHS) d. Aiden Dalton (RSC)	15-4	0	4	
113	Jordan Miller (SHS) d. Bryson Davis (RSC)	13-3	0	4	
120	Gabe Rogers (SHS) p. Aiden Gallegos (RSC)	1:02	0	6	
126	Sam Gosnell (RSC) p. Ian Winger (SHS)	4:00	6	0	
132	Layne Armstrong (SHS) p. Alex Lopez (RSC)	4:54	0	6	
138	Cayden Laws (RSC) d. Maddock Cody (SHS)	8-7	3	0	
Unsportsmanlike Conduct					-1
Dual Meet Score			34	32	

## Union Pines breaks through for first title

GREENSBORO – The fourth time was the charm for the Union Pines Vikings at the NCHSAA Dual Team Wrestling State Championship Match on Saturday at the Novant Health Fieldhouse.

Union Pines made its fourth consecutive appearance in the Dual Team Championship match and earned its first championship with a 47-17 win against the Pisgah Bears.

The Vikings won the first seven bouts of the Championship Match, taking a commanding 31-0 lead but the Western Regional Champions took three of the next four matches, including two pins from Christian Gibson at 113 pounds and Kane Bryson at 120 pounds.

Union Pines closed out the victory as Keaton Crawford and Joseph Lloyd earned tech fall wins and Jose Salinas earned a 7-1 decision in the final three bouts.

Union Pines' Brock Sullivan, at 215 pounds, earned a hard-fought 4-2 decision against Landon Pope and was named the Most Valuable Player for the Championship.

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WT	Wrestlers (School)	Bout	PHS	UPHS
144	Evan Thompson (UPHS) d. Turner Robb (PHS)	8-5	0	3
150	Jacob De La Torre (UPHS) d. Johnathon Chapman (PHS)	7-6	0	3
157	Finnius McCafferty (UPHS) p. Camden Yawn (PHS)	3:10	0	6
165	Tripp Sullivan (UPHS) d. Levi Early (PHS)	16-1	0	5
175	Dominic Blue (UPHS) d. Iker Ramirez (PHS)	22-6	0	5
190	Dantrell Williams (UPHS) p. Jaxon Bautista (PHS)	3:03	0	6
215	Brock Sullivan (UPHS) d. Landon Pope (PHS)	4-2	0	3
285	Elijah Frizzell (PHS) d. Max Latyshenko (UPHS)	17-1	5	0
106	Liam Myles (UPHS) d. Levi Curtis (PHS)	14-10	0	3
113	Christian Gibson (PHS) p. Caiden McDermott (UPHS)	0:49	6	0
120	Kane Bryson (PHS) p. Chris Schroth (UPHS)	2:48	6	0
126	Keaton Crawford (UPHS) d. Kail Burnette (PHS)	15-0	0	5
132	Joseph Lloyd (UPHS) d. Jacob Cruz-Reyes (PHS)	16-0	0	5
138	Jose Salinas (UPHS) d. Tyson Silver (PHS)	7-1	0	3
<b>Dual Meet Score</b>			<b>17</b>	<b>47</b>

## Cardinal Gibbons wins first Dual Team Wrestling Title

Greensboro – The Cardinal Gibbons Crusaders earned the program’s first NCHSAA Dual Team Wrestling Championship with a 41-22 win against Hickory Ridge on Saturday at the Novant Health Fieldhouse.

The Crusaders’ Liam Hickey, in the 144-pound weight class, set the tone in the first match with a pin and Cardinal Gibbons never looked back. Hickey was named the Most Valuable Player for his efforts on the day.

Beckham Enoch followed Hickey with a technical fall in the next bout. Ryan Thompson picked up a tech fall win as well. Luke Richards (106 pounds) and Alexander Rodriguez (138) added pins for the Crusaders.

For the Ragin’ Bulls, Colton Campbell (190) and Damien Couture (285) earned pins.

Cardinal Gibbons is now 1-1 in Championship Matches, having made their first appearance in 2020. Hickory Ridge made its Championship Match debut on Saturday.

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WT	Wrestler (School)	Bout	HR	CG
144	Liam Hickey (CGHS) p. Carter Bowman (HRHS)	0:51	0	6
150	Beckham Enoch (CGHS) d. Asher Watson (HRHS)	23-7	0	5
157	Craig Rito (HRHS) d. Lincoln Petee (CGHS)	10-9	3	0
165	Ryan Thompson (CGHS) d. Noah Sapp (HRHS)	19-4	0	5
175	Braylon Peebles (CGHS) d. Jacob Hall (HRHS)	13-8	0	3
190	Colton Campbell (HRHS) p. William Ditillo (CGHS)	1:19	6	0
215	Jeremiah Glass (CGHS) d. Matthew Gonzalez-Varela (HRHS)	12-3	0	4
285	Damien Couture (HRHS) p. Wyatt Johnson (CGHS)	2:24	6	0
106	Luke Richards (CGHS) p. Jay English (HRHS)	0:54	0	6
113	Spencer Sterling (CGHS) d. Brady Donovan (HRHS)	9-4	0	3
120	Jacob Dusche (HRHS) d. Jonathan Binanay (CGHS)	20-10	4	0
126	Aaron Lumpkin (HRHS) d. John Henry Ehrenberger (CGHS)	7-3	3	0
132	Derek Mason (CGHS) d. Connor Susa (HRHS)	6-2	0	3
138	Alexander Rodriguez (CGHS) p. Andrew Alexander (HRHS)	0:56	0	6
	Dual Meet Score		22	41