

PIAA WRESTLING

STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS
AAA NOTEBOOK



Pennsylvania state wrestling history buffs, **Bob Hower**, left and **David Ackley**.

REGIONAL SUCCESS DOESN'T ALWAYS EQUAL STATE SUCCESS – Of the 70 Regional champions in the AAA field, 11 came out of the first round with losses. Leading the way was the Northwest Region with four losses, three from the Northeast fell and two each from the Southeast and Southwest wre vanquished. All 14 South Central Region champions advanced to Friday afternoon's quarterfinal round. ... Kyle McWreath of Trinity was the only unbeaten wrestler to lose his preliminary match. McWreath was downed 3-1 by Brandon Clark of Methacton in the 215-pound weight class.

HARD TIMES – Districts 9 and 10 of the Northwest Region fell upon hard times as did District 4 from the Northeast. Six of nine District 9 wrestlers fell in the prelims including all four Clearfield entries. ... Not only did the Bison go 0-for-4 in the preliminary round, but Jeff Aneni's crew also went 0-for-4 in the consolations. District 4 went 0-for-4. The losses were by Cody Zechman of Selinsgrove, Tim Maeshack of

Williamsport and the Shikellamy pair of Dominick Wolfe and Nick Bennick. All but Maeshack remained alive with consy wins. ... Eleven of 13 District 10 wrestlers also lost, including all four from Corry. ... Clearfield is the state's all-time leader with 40 state champions since 1938. ... District 7 also had a subpar day – by its standards – a 25-17 preliminary round record. ... Pittsburgh Central Catholic went 6-for-6 saving the day for the district, but up and coming Franklin Regional was 1-for-5 with its only win coming from two-time defending state championj Nico Megaludis. ... Hempfield Area went 0-for-3.

NAMING RIGHTS – Hempfield (District 3) won its only prelim, Austin Miller downed Hempfield Area senior Paul Bewak in a battle of returning state medalsist, 6-4 in sudden victory.

HISTORY LESSONS – In the past four weeks, I've received volumes of District IV materials from the beginning of the tournament, THANK YOU TO ALL who have submitted materials.

CENTURY CLUB -- Westmont-Hilltop junior Josh Duplin joined the 100 victory club with his consolation round victory.