

2008 KING OF THE MOUNTAIN WRESTLING TOURNAMENT: *"THE SEASON'S FIRST REAL TEST OF ENDURANCE"*

If you are a schoolboy wrestler looking measure yourself against some of the nation's top wrestling talent, you need look no further than Mill Hall, Pennsylvania on Friday and Saturday, December 19-20, 2008. The ultimate endurance test will see 37 teams from New Jersey, New York, Ohio and Pennsylvania descend on this Clinton County community to participate in the highly competitive King of the Mountain Wrestling Tournament.

The 10th annual KOM Wrestling Tournament will be held at Central Mountain High School and will feature 508 wrestler, 70+ coaches and thousands of wrestling fans eager to witness one of the top scholastic wrestling events anywhere. Never before has the King of the Mountain Wrestling Tournament been as large in competitors and featured as much outstanding talent as the 2008 tournament can boast. Last year, 6 schools were invited to compete, but three were forced to withdraw for various reasons bringing the total of teams to 33. This year's total represents a fraction of the high schools requesting permission to participate.

Ten "new" teams have been invited to participate in this year's tournament including Bedford (District 5), Benton (District 4), Biglerville (District 3), DuBois (District 9), Fordham Prep (New York), High Point (New Jersey), Pittston (District 2), Shikellamy (District 4), Stroudsburg (District 11) and West Allegheny (District 7).

This year's King of the Mountain Tournament will showcase a quartet of state champions competing for Tournament honors. Senior Shane Young, a two-time PIAA champion from Penn Trafford has captured titles at 103 and 112 pounds respectively in 2006 and 2007. Central Mountain junior Dylan Alton became the Wildcats' first state champion by capturing the 135-pound title in Hershey this past March. Fordham Prep junior Andrew Lenzi captured a 130-pound state title in New York's Division I (large class) while Perry High School senior Seth Horner claimed the 130-pound state title in Ohio's Division I as well. Horner's teammate and King of the Mountain defending champion Sam White finished second in the 2008 state championships after he captured the Ohio Division I (large class) 103-pound state title in 2007.

Six wrestlers who earned state silver medals last year return to this year's King of the Mountain tournament field as well. Reynolds' sophomore Mason Beckman (AA-103), junior Joe Spisak (AA-112) from Boiling Springs, seniors Sam White (112) and Nick Heflin (152) from Perry (OH), Benton junior Eric Hess (AA-130) and Abington Heights junior Evan Craig (AAA-285) finished second at their respective weights in 2007.

Fifty-three wrestlers who competed in the 2007 Pennsylvania, New Jersey or Ohio state wrestling championships are eligible to compete in this year's King of the Mountain Tournament.

Last year, 77 wrestlers who competed in the 2007 King of the Mountain Wrestling Tournament qualified for the state championships in Pennsylvania, Ohio and New Jersey. Of those 77 wrestlers, 42 collected state medals including 11 PIAA state finalists and five state champions.

The tournament will be conducted on eight mats during the first day of competition. The second day of competition will be conducted on 5 mats until the championship finals. This tournament is a full, double-elimination tournament wrestling back to six places. Awards will be presented back to all eight places.

Welcome to the 2007 King of the Mountain Wrestling Tournament where an impressive array of talent and skill is enhanced by hours of preparation and organization. Good luck to all our contestants, coaches and fans traveling to Clinton County, Pennsylvania.

**2008 STATE QUALIFIERS/PLACEWINNERS
ELIGIBLE TO COMPETE IN THE
2008 KING OF THE MOUNTAIN TOURNAMENT**

State Tourn. Weight	Wrestling's Name ('08-'09 Grade in School)	High School (District)	State Placement	KOM Placement
103	Mason Beckman (10)	Reynolds (10)	AA-2 nd	4 th (112)
103	Cameron Throckmorton (10)	South Western (3)	AAA-4 th	1 st (103)
103	Ryan Bohince (11)	Penn Trafford (7)	AAA-8 th	-----
103	Nick Hannan (11)	Perry (OH)	Div. I-8 th	DNP (103)
103	Ean Starner (11)	Boiling Springs (3)	AA-QF	7 th (103)
103	Shelton Mack (11)	Meadville (10)	AAA-QF	8 th (112)
103	Forrest Bechdel (12)	Central Mountain (6)	AAA-QF	DNP (103)
103	Trey Easter (11)	Bedford (5)	AA-QF	-----
103	Coltin Fought (10)	Benton (4)	AA-QF	-----
103	T.J. Stanton (11)	DuBois (9)	AAA-QF	-----
112	Shane Young (12)	Penn Trafford (7)	AAA-1 st	-----
112	Sam White (12)	Perry (OH)	Div. I-2 nd	1 st (119)
112	Joe Spisak (11)	Boiling Springs (3)	AA-2 nd	6 th (119)
112	Jordan Rich (11)	Central Mountain (6)	AAA-4 th	5 th (112)
112	Erik Galloway (11)	State College (6)	AAA-6 th	DNP (112)
112	Zane Yocco (11)	Brandywine Hts. (3)	AA-7 th	DNP (112)
112	Mike Rhone (11)	Benton (4)	AA-8 th	-----
112	Mitchell Port (11)	Bellefonte (6)	AAA-QF	2 nd (112)
112	Adam Matthews (10)	Reynolds (10)	AA-QF	DNP-119
119	Devin Cook (12)	Bedford (5)	AA-6 th	-----
119	Nthan Pennesi (12)	Greater Latrobe (7)	AAA-QF	4 th (119)
125	Cody Kelly (12)	Reynolds (10)	AA-3 rd	2 nd (125)
130	Andrew Lenzi (11)	Fordham Prep (NY)	Div. 1 – 1 st	-----
130	Eric Hess (11)	Benton (4)	AA-2 nd	-----
130	Seth Horner (12)	Perry (OH)	Div. I-1 st	4 th (135)
130	Joey Walters (12)	Greater Latrobe (7)	AAA-QF	DNP(130)
135	Dylan Alton (11)	Central Mountain (6)	AAA-1 st	1 st (135)
135	Jake O'Hara (12)	Crestwood (2)	AAA-4 th	2 nd (135)
140	Andrew Alton (11)	Central Mountain (6)	AAA-3 rd	1 st (140)
140	Dakota Kuhn (12)	Boiling Springs (3)	AA-QF	3 rd (145)
145	Jim Vollrath (12)	Council Rock South (1)	AAA-QF	2 nd (152)
145	Shane Alterio (12)	Bellefonte (6)	AAA-QF	5 th (145)
152	Nick Heflin (12)	Perry (OH)	Div. 1-2 nd	1 st (152)
152	Cory Lear (12)	Benton (4)	AA-3 rd	-----
152	Billy Morrison (12)	DuBois (9)	AAA-QF	-----
152	Troy Reaghard (11)	West Allegheny (7)	AAA-QF	-----
171	Jon Fausey (12)	Line Mountain (4)	AA-3 rd	1 st (171)
171	Keith Dahlheimer (12)	Red Lion (3)	AAA-8 th	7 th (171)
215	Glenn Barnes (12)	Central Mountain (6)	AAA-QF	8 th (215)
285	Evan Craig (11)	Abington Heights (2)	AAA-2 nd	1 st (285)
285	Josh Krupa (12)	Bedford (5)	AA-QF	-----

PARTICIPATING TEAMS IN THE 2008 KING OF THE MOUNTAIN WRESTLING TOURNAMENT

<u>Teams</u>	<u>District</u>	<u>Nickname</u>	<u>Head Coach</u>
1. Abington Heights	2	Comets	Keith Youtz
2. *Bedford	5	Bisons	Brian Creps
3. Bellefonte	6	Raiders	Mike Maney
4. *Benton	4	Tigers	Russ Hughes
5. *Biglerville	3	Canners	Bob Gano
6. Boiling Springs	3	Bubblers	Rodney Wright
7. Brandywine Heights	3	Fighting Bullets	Sam Lovello
8. Central Mountain	6	Wildcats	Doug Buckwalter
9. Council Rock South	1	Golden Hawks	Brad Silimperi
10. Crestwood	2	Comets	Darren Testa
11. *DuBois	9	Beavers	Luke Bundy
12. *Fordham Prep	NY	Rams	Chris Lenzi
13. Governor Mifflin	3	Mustangs	Ralph Voit
14. Greater Latrobe	7	Wildcat	Marc Billet
15. Hatboro-Horsham	1	Hatters	Glenn Kaiser
16. Hazleton	2	Cougars	Dave Shafer
17. *High Point	NJ	Wildcat	John Gardner
18. Hollidaysburg	6	Golden Tigers	Mike Moore
19. Jersey Shore	4	Bulldogs	Shawn Weaver
20. Lewisburg	4	Green Dragons	Jim Snyder
21. Line Mountain	4	Eagles	Mike Martz
22. Manheim Central	3	Barons	Shane Mack
23. Meadville	10	Bulldogs	Jon Frye
24. Mifflinburg	4	Wildcat	Dave Murray
25. Parkland	11	Trojans	Ryan Nunamaker
26. Penns Valley	6	Rams	Joel Brinker
27. Penn Trafford	7	Warriors	Larry Hohman
28. Perry	OH	Panthers	Brent McBurney
29. Philipsburg-Osceola	6	Mounties	Tim McCamley
30. *Pittston	2	Patriots	Matt Giampietro
31. Red Lion	3	Lions	Biff Walizer
32. #Reynolds	10	Raiders	Brian Hills
33. *Shikellamy	4	Braves	Brett Michaels
34. South Western	3	Mustangs	Greg Sprenkle
35. State College	6	Little Lion	Jeff Stover
36. *Stroudsburg	11	Mountaineers	Matt Kleinle
37. *West Allegheny	7	Indians	Mike Johnson

Defending King of the Mountain Team Champions

* New teams to the 2008 tournament

2008 KING OF MOUNTAIN TOURNAMENT TIMETABLE

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19th

Weigh-Ins	10:00 AM – 11:00 PM	CMHS Wrestling Rm.
Coaches Meeting	11:40 AM	
Preliminary Round I Consolation Round I	12:00 PM – 3:15 PM	8 Mats
Preliminary Round II Consolation Round II	3:30 PM – 6:45 PM	8 Mats
Quarter-Final Round III Consolation Round III	7:00 PM – 9:30 PM	8 Mats

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20th

Weigh-Ins	9:30 AM – 10:00 AM	CMHS Wrestling Rm
Coaches Meeting	10:45 AM	
Consolation Round IV	11:00 AM – 12:15 PM	5 Mats
Semi-Final Round IV Consolation Round V	12:30 PM – 2:00 PM	5 Mats
Consolation Round VI	2:15 PM – 3:30 PM	5 Mats
Parade of Champions	4:30 PM - 4:45 PM	
Championship Consolation Finals (1 st - 8 th Places)	4:45 PM – 6:45 PM	4 Mats

