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# Nationally-Ranked Austin Matthews

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Photo by Courtney Shaffer

# The Reynolds Wrestling Reality Show

I bet you've seen at least one of those reality shows on TV. Whether the show is about building motorcycles, running a pawn shop or managing a pumpkin farm in Oregon, all those shows – in reality – share a common theme of family.

It's only taken me about five decades to figure it out (not bad for a man), but I think I've finally been able to single out that it's the families that make Reynolds Wrestling so special.

Families don't come and go in this program, they linger. That's why I hug Mrs. Stoyer every time I see her, and shake Neal Lineman's hand and enjoy so much getting to know the parents of today's wrestlers like the McCollums, the Engstroms, the Rickerts and the Millers – all great people. The light bulb is finally on for me, Reynolds Wrestling is all about the family.

I know there are exceptions, and if you looked long enough and hard enough you might find some people who disagree with me. But if you've ever been to a Reynolds wrestling match and have taken the time to look through the crowd you can't help but notice that every generation is represented. Building those long-lasting, family-type relationships are what the Rey-

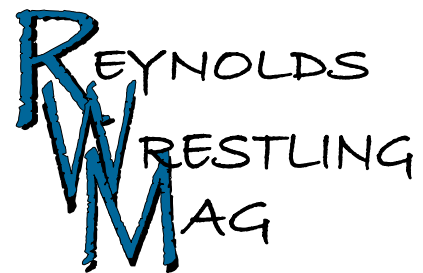
nolds wrestling program excels at.

I've driven more than 2,000 miles following the Raiders this season and during those travels, I've had some good times watching the wrestling and doing the radio broadcasts with Dan Albaugh and Rob Coleman. But nothing, and I repeat nothing, comes close to the fun I had hanging with the Reynolds wrestling parents and the wrestlers in Hershey.

There are times in life where you laugh and chuckle and enjoy each other's company. Then there are times when you laugh so hard that it feels like your head is going to pop off. This was one of those kind of nights.

For me, it was a great reminder of what it really means to be part of the greatest wrestling community in Pennsylvania.

Family. I'm telling you, it's the families.



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Griffin just might be on the Reynolds team that wins its 1,000th match

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Photo by Connie Sorg

Freshman Mike Bartolo scores six against Greenville

## Raiders Top Trojans for 700th Win

By DON SHAFFER  
RWM Editor

EDINBORO, Pa. —The Reynolds High School Wrestling program reached the 700-win milestone in the semifinal round of the District 10 Class AA Team Championships, claiming a 51-16 win over Greenville.

At the time, the win moved the Raiders' all-time, won-loss mark to 700-78-2.

With the match starting at 106 pounds, Reynolds dominated from the outset, jumping out to a 38-0 lead and had the match mathematically buttoned up before Greenville put its first points on the board.

Keyed by Mike Bartolo (106), Alex DiGregorio (113), Neal Engstrom (120), Mason McCollum (126) and Austin Matthews (138) the Raiders scored falls in five of

the first six weight classes.

Dylan D'Urso (132), Justin Rhodes (145) and Tyler Miller (152) all added major decisions as the Raiders rolled to wins in the first eight bouts.

Reynolds' other wins were claimed by Jamar Henry (182) and senior Blake Heim, who closed the match with a fall at 285.

At 160 pounds, Raider senior Matt Tofani was edged by Randy Perkins, 2-0; and at 220 pounds, Logan Rickert lost in overtime to Tyler Gentile.

Freshman Mike Millero appeared in the first varsity match of his career and was pinned by Greenville standout Cody Copeland.

The win advanced the Raiders to the championship finals of the D-10 duals for the 14th straight year.

Raiders Close Season at 701-81-2

# Steve Popovitch's ALUMNI NEWS

## Brown Focused on D-III National Tourney

By STEVE POPOVITCH  
RWM Alumni Editor

Corey Brown has had success at every level of his wrestling career. He got started in the sport in fifth grade (which some would consider late in the wrestling rich village of Transfer) and finished fourth in the PJW State Tournament in just his third year competing.

He also had a stellar high school career, winning 112 matches for the Raiders. His 176 takedowns in the 2008 season still rank him third on school's all-time list; and he earned a state medal in Hershey to cap his senior season.

As impressive as his success wearing the Blue & Gray was, he has really blossomed as a member of the Thiel College wrestling team. Corey has been named Thiel's athlete of the week an astonishing nine times throughout his wrestling career. He just recently won his fourth-straight Presidents' Athletic Conference title, helping lead Thiel to the team crown.

**"It's all I think about,  
it's all I dream about."**

*- Thiel's Corey Brown*

The next time Brown steps on the mat to compete, he will likely become a rare 100 match-winner at the collegiate level (his current career record stands at 99-24).

Perhaps even more impressive than Corey's achievements on that mat, is that he's been able to do it while excelling in the classroom, being a leader



**Corey Brown is ranked No. 2 in the country at 133 lbs.**

and role model for his peers. Corey has made the Dean's List in all seven semesters that he's attended Thiel. He has also been named a Scholar All-American, by the National Wrestling Coaches Association, in each of the past two seasons.

Thiel assistant coach, Jeff Linn put it this way: "Corey is an extremely rare form of a student-athlete. He is someone who not only excels in the classroom and on the mat, but is a great person. He exemplifies dedication and heart when he wakes up each morning. He never complains and has a contagious attitude that makes others believe they can also succeed."

As Corey's four-year wrestling career winds to a close, he still has one goal that he hopes to accomplish. Corey became Thiel's first three-time All-American last season when he finished 8<sup>th</sup> at the NCAA tournament, but this year he plans on becoming Thiel's first

national champion.

"It would mean the world to me to bring a national title back. It's all I think about, it's all I dream about," Brown said, adding that he "would have never gotten this far without all the love and support from the great Raider Nation."

Corey enters the post season with a 29-1 season record, ranked second in the country at 133 pounds.

Thiel head coach Craig Thurber echoed coach Linn saying: "Corey has been a super person and tremendous leader for our team. We're looking forward to Corey putting and exclamation point on his already outstanding career."

Corey will compete at the Midwest Regional on February 25<sup>th</sup> at Case Western Reserve in Cleveland, OH. The National Championships will be held on March 9-10 in La Crosse, WI.



Photo by Connie Sorg

Austin Matthews wraps up LeBoeuf's Riley Smith

# Raiders Make 14th Straight D-10 Final

By DON SHAFFER  
RWM Editor

EDINBORO, Pa. —The Reynolds Raiders rolled their way into the District 10 Team Championship finals match for a 14th consecutive season, but came up just short, dropping a 31-28 decision to defending PIAA runner-up Fort LeBoeuf.

The match started at 113 pounds and LeBoeuf jumped out to a 10-0 lead with three straight wins before Dylan D'Urso's major decision at 132 and Austin Matthews' fall at 138 lbs. tied it up.

Two Bison decisions upped their lead to 16-10 before an injury to senior captain Tyler Miller cut short his season and career. Miller suffered a dislocated elbow and was forced to default out of his match.

That default put the Raiders in a big hole (22-10) but they weren't ready to roll over. Matt Tofani (160) worked his way to a decision and sophomore Austin Moffett (195) stepped up with a huge fall to keep the Raiders' hopes alive; but a fall by state-ranked Bison Evan Dailey at 220 sealed the Raiders' fate.

Blake Heim (285) scored a decision and Mike Bartolo (106) added a fall to set the final score. The loss snapped the Raiders' streak of 7 straight D-10 titles.



An injury to RHS senior captain Tyler Miller at the District 10 Team Tournament has brought an unfortunate and early end to his high school career.

# Nottingham, Leise, Millero Win Corry JV Tourney Titles

CORRY, Pa.—The Reynolds junior varsity wrestling team had four wrestlers go undefeated and five others suffer just one loss as the squad turned in a strong performance at the recent Corry tournament.

Freshman Nick Nottingham turned in a perfect 3-0 mark, placing first at 113 lbs. Nottingham gutted out an overtime victory in the finals.

At 132 pounds, junior Matthew Leise followed a similar path, going 3-0, placing first and winning his championship bout in overtime over a seasoned wrestler from McDowell.

Freshman Mike Millero (152) also took top honors, placing first while looking impressive against some strong upperclassmen.

At 145 pounds Levi Stoyer wrestled very well, winning a pair of bouts, including one over Brad Malinowski of Fort LeBoeuf. Unfortunately, Stoyer was pulled out of the event for “precautionary measures,” according to JV Coach Joe Reichard.

Placing second for the Raiders were James Slater (152), Clay Stoyer (170) and Chris Nottingham (285).

Slater’s only loss was to his teammate Millero; Stoyer dropped a 4-3 decision to LeBoeuf’s Vince Pastine; and Nottingham is starting to really

come around after recent knee surgery.

“Clay looks better each time he steps on the mat, and Slater had a real nice come from behind win in the semifinals,” Reichard said.

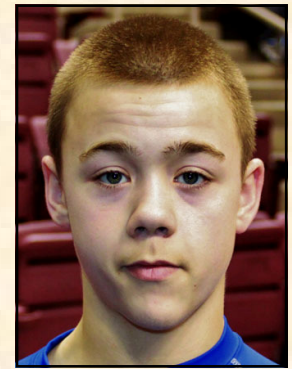
Also for Reynolds, Kegan Miller (145) and Robert Foulkrod (220) were third, Jake Stoyer (182) was fourth, Ryan Zeronas (285) was fifth and Dustin McCurdy (160) ended sixth.

“Miller lost a decision to LeBoeuf’s part-time starter Middleton and battled back for third,” Reichard said, adding, “Foulkrod’s only loss was to the eventual tourney champ from DuBois. He is quietly having a very nice season for us.”

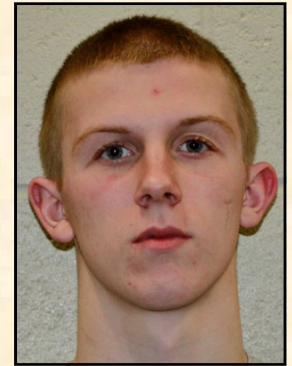
“Zeronas picked up some experience and won some hard fought matches,” said Reichard, adding that both of Jake Stoyer’s wins were by fall and McCurdy also had a pin.

“Overall, as a team, we wrestled very well. It was great to get the kids some matches,” Reichard said.

Other teams competing included: Fort LeBoeuf DuBois, McDowell, Saegertown, Cathedral Prep, Greenville, Corry, Cambridge Springs, Northwestern, General McLane, Youngsville, Oil City, Cochranon, Strong Vincent and Maplewood.



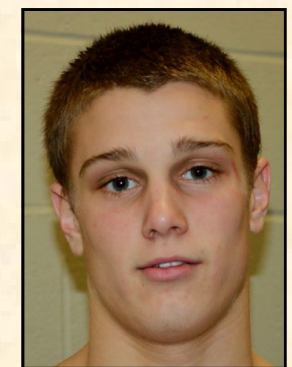
**Nick Nottingham**



**Matthew Leise**



**Mike Millero**



**Levi Stoyer**

*The Road to Hershey Begins*

**Section 2-AA Tournament**

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Sharon High School

# Raiders Win One, Drop a Pair in Hershey

By DON SHAFFER  
RWM Editor

HERSHEY, Pa.— The Reynolds Raiders made their 8th consecutive appearance at the PIAA Class AA Team Championship tournament and their 11th appearance overall in the 14-year history of the event.

In the opening round, the Raiders squared off with undefeated Boiling Springs, the same team that had bounced them from the tournament a year earlier. It was an epic slugfest that came down to the closing seconds of the last bout but when the final score was hung, the Raiders were on the short end of a 31-30 decision.

Boiling Springs went on to advance to the finals before falling to powerful Bethlehem Catholic while the Raiders dropped to the consolation bracket.

Day Two of the three-day event started well for RHS, and they had little trouble with Mt. Union, disposing of them 48-9. Jamar Henry set the tone early with a fall at 170 pounds and Blake Heim (285) and Mike Bartolo (106) followed suit as the Raiders romped by winning 11 of the 14 matches contested.



Photo by Connie Sorg



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The win over Mt. Union set up another match with a familiar opponent Fort LeBoeuf, which had gotten bumped out of the winners bracket by eventual Class AA champion BeCaHi.

It was the third meeting between Reynolds and the Bison this season in the third different location, but unfortunately the results were similar.



Photo by Connie Sorg

Reynolds wrestled well in the match and picked up key wins from Austin Moffett (who had a fall at 195 pounds), Mike Bartolo (106) and Justin Rhodes (138). Coach Taylor made some calculated risks with his line-up but even that reshuffling could not change the outcome as LeBoeuf won the match by a score of 33-28. The loss set Reynolds' final dual match record at 19-4.

# Intermat 138-pound National Rankings

Rank	Name	High School	State	Class	College
1	John Meeks	Des Moines Roosevelt	IA	Senior	Iowa State
2	Nate Skonieczny	Walsh Jesuit	OH	Senior	Iowa
3	Quinton Murphy	Holley Central	NY	Senior	Indiana
4	Todd Preston	Blair Academy	NJ	Senior	Harvard
<b>5</b>	<b>Austin Matthews</b>	<b>Reynolds</b>	<b>PA</b>	<b>Junior</b>	
6	Tyler Liberatore	Wharton	FL	Senior	Arizona State
7	Solomon Chishko	Canon-McMillan	PA	Sophomore	
8	Devon Jackson	Yorktown	IN	Senior	Purdue
9	Chase Ferman	Broken Arrow	OK	Senior	
10	Tony Deangelo	Southern Alamance	NC	Senior	Missouri
11	Natrelle Deminson	Bakersfield	CA	Senior	
12	Bryant Clagon	Toms River South	NJ	Junior	
13	Nikko Villarreal	Gilroy	CA	Sophomore	
14	Jack Bass	Allen	TX	Sophomore	
15	Luke Zeiger	Glasgow	MT	Senior	
16	Jake Marlin	Creston	IA	Junior	
17	Steve Spearman	Erie McDowell	PA	Senior	
18	Shayne Tucker	Bella Vista	CA	Junior	
19	Grant Lamont	Maple Mountain	UT	Junior	
20	Alfred Bannister	Bishop McNamara	MD	Sophomore	

## Raiders Shine at Junior High Event

MEADVILLE, Pa.—The Reynolds Junior High team competed in the Northwest Pennsylvania Jr. Hi tourney at Meadville recently. About half of all District 10 schools attended (both AA & AAA). Team points were not kept.

“Overall, not a bad day,” said Reynolds junior high assistant coach Chris Osborne. “We still have some things to work on. We are very young. Most of our seventh graders will still be eligible for 11-12 at JO’s this year.”

The following is a breakdown of how all the Raider entries fared.

### NWPA Junior High Tournament

Wgt.	Name	Grade	Record	Place
80	Gage Bayless	7	2-0	1st
85	Chaise Hauck	7	3-0	1st
90	Dan Gurley	8	0-2	dnp
95	Drew Osborne	7	2-2	dnp
100	Joel Leise	7	4-0	1st
105	Jack Moroco	7	1-2	dnp
110	Damion Gearhart	7	0-2	dnp
115	AJ Osborne	8	5-1	3rd
122	Ben Wilcox	7	1-2	dnp
138	Jared Uhrin	7	5-1	3rd
155	Cole Rickert	7	2-1	2nd
250	Gene Ringer	8	1-1	2nd



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## Amateur Wrestling News High School Individual Rankings

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### 138 Pounds

1. John Meeks-Sr, Roosevelt, IA
2. Nate Skonieczny-Sr, Walsh Jesuit, OH
3. Quinton Murphy-Sr, Holley, NY
4. Todd Preston-Sr, Blair Academy, NJ
5. Tyler Liberatore-Sr, Wharton, FL
6. Solomon Chisko-Soph, Canon-McMillan, PA
- 7. Austin Matthews-Jr, Reynolds, PA**
8. Chase Ferman-Sr, Broken Arrow, OK
9. Brandon Sorenson-Jr, Denver/Tripoli, IA
10. Bryant Clagon-Sr, Toms River South, NJ
11. Devon Jackson-Sr, Yorktown, IN
12. Matt Cimato-Sr, LaSalle, PA



Clearfield Tournament champions from December 1978 were (l-r) Keith Dawes, Brick Stewart and Kevin Klasic



The 700-Win T-shirt

## REYNOLDS WRESTLING TRIVIA

**New Question:** Can you name the Reynolds freshmen who have appeared in the state finals?

**Previous Question:** What is the worst dual-match loss (in terms of points) in school history?

**Answer:** The worst dual-match loss in school history came to Wilson at the 2002 PIAA Team Championships. The score was 44-6, a loss by 38 points. The worst regular-season dual match loss came in the 1982-83 season vs. Liberty, OH, 44-9, a 35-point loss.

