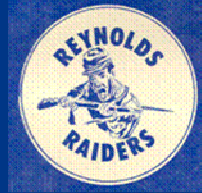


# Reynolds Wrestling Mag



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# Cody Kelly

*Manheim Champion*

*Ironman Runner-up*

*KOM Runner-up*

Tech-Fall.com photo by Tony Rotundo

# Bonus Points the Key as Raiders Top Bald Eagle Area in Opener

Six Reynolds wrestlers scored bonus team points as the Raiders broke open a tight match with five straight wins through the middle-weights en route to a 42-24 win over host Bald Eagle Area in the season-opening match for both squads.

It was the Raiders' 60th consecutive victory in the regular season, dating back to Jan. 2005. Reynolds has won 38 straight, overall.

Adam Matthews

(103), Mason Beckman (112), Cody Kelly (125) and Luke Taylor (140) all scored falls while Corey Brown (130) added a tech fall and Tony D'Urso (135) added a major decision.

Also scoring wins for the winning Raiders were Kaine Kulka (145), Mike Miller (189) and Will Ringer (215).

"I think both teams knew kind of where each other's studs were today, but the guys in the middle. ... We didn't know their guys and (Bald Eagle)

didn't know our guys. In the long run, we wrestled those toss-ups pretty well and I was pleased with that," said Reynolds coach Brian Hills, who picked up career coaching victory No. 293.

BEA's Quentin Wright (171) pinned Jeremy Fowler at 1:15. Wright is the defending PIAA champ at 160 pounds and the top-ranked wres-



Center Daily Times photo

Sophomore Luke Taylor gets six in the season opener.

**"It's not that we were wrestling a low-level team. They're the best there is in (Class) AA,"**

- BEA coach Skip Pighetti

but the utmost respect for their program," said Raider Coach Brian Hills. "It is a good way to open the season. At 160 pounds, Greg did a great job against Hoffman even though he lost."

This is the second straight year that Reynolds has opened the season against Bald Eagle. At home last season, the Raiders won 39-23.

"We'll go on from this, it's not the end of the world. It's Reynolds. They've won like 60 dual meets in a row. It's not that we were wrestling a low-level team. They're the best there is in (Class) AA," said BEA coach Skip Pighetti.

tlar in the nation at 160.

The very next day, Wright won the 165-pound title at the Penn State Open.

Another one of Bald Eagle's stars, District 6 champion Caleb Hoffman, scored a 10-3 win over Raider sophomore Greg Baptiste.

"We have nothing



Center Daily Times photo

Junior Tony D'Urso is in full control.

Reynolds has not lost a regular season dual match since falling to Juniata in Jan. 2003. The Raiders have not lost to a District 10 team in the regular season since Commodore Perry in 1997.

# Are You Thinking What I'm Thinking?

**B**ack-to-back? Been there. Three-peat? Done that. Last season, the Raiders became the first AA team in Pennsylvania history to win back-to-back dual match championships and the team's five straight state titles are the stuff legends are made of.

Now, just a few short weeks into the 2007-08 season

the whispers are starting to become more and more audible ... can the Raiders do the unthinkable?

The answer, not surprisingly, is yes. The Raiders' existing talent pool puts them on par with any Class AA team in the state. They "can" win another state championship. What remains to be seen, however, is "will" they do it again.

The key? Without a doubt, the fate of this year's team lies squarely on the shoulders of its senior class. They simply must perform.

This team is not good enough to win it all just by showing up, they are going to have to work for it. But, really, isn't that the way its supposed to be?

Isn't that one of the greatest things about wrestling in the first place - the work ethic that you need to attain success.

Clearly, the strength of this year's team lies in its overall balance and lack of any real weaknesses.

That will be good enough to make for another very interesting post season.

**SCHOOL RECORD WIN STREAK?**— Like Santa Claus the

week before Christmas, I've been making my lists and checking them twice.

These win streak numbers have me nervous. Did I count right? Should I check again?

As the Raiders closed in on the school record of 63 straight dual match victories, I just wanted to make sure I had done my math correctly.

Turns out my match math was correct and the official school record of 63 wins has been equaled.

It should be noted, however, had the team not incurred a pair of losses due to a teachers' strike in 1976, that the school record win streak would read 86 straight.

It's amazing to look back and see that during the decade of the 1970s, Reynolds lost just four times, posting an incredible 132-4-1 record.

No wonder Coach Hills, a 1975 RHS grad, always says that this is Coach Lineman's program and that he's just trying to carry on the tradition.

**WHO NEEDS A T-SHIRT?** - It's getting a little tougher for Cheryl Hills to come up with catchy slogans year after year for the team's annual T-shirt.

Though nobody really asked me, I've sent Cheryl a list of 10 what I feel are pretty good slogans. Oddly enough I haven't heard back from her yet. Maybe she lost my e-mail address?

Anyway, here's the list I sent her:

10. One for the pinky finger of the other hand!

9. Six-peat!

8. Got state championships? We do!

7. It's okay, I'm with the Road Crew.

6. DyN@s-T-Shirt

5. Amateur Hershey Travel Agent

4. Who's next?

3. My kid is a awesum Reynolds reslter, knowbuddy kares abot yur kids grads!

2. If you can't read this T-shirt it's probably because I just decked your ....

1. We obey all the rules!

**IDENTITY CRISIS**— As one of the most anticipated freshmen in the history of the program, Mason Beckman has a lot of things to look forward to over the next four years — the first of which is seeing his name listed correctly in local newspapers and web sites.

Beckman was incorrectly listed as "Nathan Beckman" on local sports pages and on several web-sites following the team's season-opening win over BEA.

Something tells me over the next four years the media is going to have plenty of opportunity to make up for it.

**UPDATING SOME NUMBERS**— Brian Hills continues to inch closer to his 300th coaching victory.

His overall mark currently stands at 295-32-1. His teams have won 63 consecutive regular season matches, 41 straight overall.

Cody Kelly (97), Mike Miller (86) and Corey Brown (81) all continue to move toward 100 career wins.

## A View from Matside

By Don Shaffer

# Tool City Tournament

JAN. 4-5, 2008  
MEADVILLE AREA  
SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

# Raiders Top 33-Team Field To Capture First Place at King of Mountain Tourney

Being a first-year participant at the King of the Mountain wrestling tournament seemed to have little effect on the Reynolds Raiders as they battled their way past an impressive 33-team field to capture first place at the annual event hosted by Central Mountain High School.

Reynolds won the event with 165 points followed closely by Central Mountain (162). Perry (149), Philipsburg, N.J. (147) and Council Rock-South (164.5) rounded out the top five.

"This was a great effort, overall," said Coach Brian Hills. "It was a very solid, competitive tournament, and this is a good championship to win. It's one of the better Pennsylvania tournaments."

Two of the teams that the Raiders finished ahead of—host

Central Mountain and Massillon, Ohio's Perry HS—are nationally ranked.

Juniors Cody Kelly (125) and Will Ringer (215)

both earned silver medals to pace seven Reynolds wrestlers who placed at the event.

Along with Kelly and Ringer, also placing were freshman Mason Beckman (4th at 112), senior Corey Shields (285), junior Tony D'Urso (6th at 135), senior Corey Brown (7th at 130), and sophomore Luke Taylor (8th at 140).

"Everybody scored points for us," Hills added. "We lost some matches against some strong competition, but I'm pleased with our



team balance and the team effort."

Shields was credited with providing Reynolds with its winning margin in team points, when he scored a second period fall in his consolation bout for fifth place.

Even though they did not place, Rodney Harnett (103), Kaine Kulka (145), Brandon Maun (152), Greg Baptiste (160), Tyler Rhodes (171) and Mike Miller (189) all won three tourney matches, and Adam Matthews (119) won a pair.

## Kelly, Beckman, Ringer Lead The Way

Junior Cody Kelly became just the fourth Reynolds wrestler to ever appear in the championship finals of the Ironman Tournament which was held Dec. 7-8 at Walsh Jesuit High School in Cuyahoga Falls, OH.

Kelly, who finished second, was one of three Raiders to earn spots in the top eight of their respective weight classes.

Also placing for the Raiders were junior Will Ringer (6th at 215) and freshman phenom Mason Beckman (5th at 112). All three of the Raiders' place-winners were underclassmen.

Seeded eighth, Kelly knocked off the number four and number five seeds on his way to the finals where he fell to No. 2 seed Chris Villalonga of Blair Academy. Kelly won four matches and lost one.

Beckman posted a 5-2 overall mark with one of his biggest wins



coming over Sean Boyle of Blair Academy, who posted a perfect 54-0 record last season.

Ringer won three straight bouts to advance in the championship round before settling for sixth place.

Overall, the Raiders placed 15th out of the 60 schools that entered the event.

St. Paris Graham (Ohio) won the gala with 247.5 points followed by Blair Academy (207.5) and St. Edwards (Ohio) with 157.5. There were 13 nationally ranked teams

that took part.

"I'm real pleased. Mason did a great job," said Hills. "The 112 and 135 weight classes were the toughest in the tourney. I'm real pleased with the effort from everyone. We are not yet full strength

(and) we superseded what I thought we would do. Even the kids that lost did a great job competing."

Corey Brown (130), Tony D'Urso (135) and Luke Taylor (140) all won three matches for the Raiders and Brandon Maun (152) and Mike Miller (189) each won a pair.

Reynolds placed 11th at the Ironman last season. Matt Dunn remains the only Reynolds wrestler to have won an Ironman title while Dunn, Mike Edwards and now Kelly, have finished second.

# Raiders Place 12 at Manheim

**C**ody Kelly (125) and Mike Miller (189) battled their way to individual championships as the Reynolds Raiders turned in an outstanding performance at the 37th annual Manheim Lions Club tournament.

In all, 12 of 14 Reynolds wrestlers entered in the tournament placed in their respective weight classes. The Raiders finished second in the team point standings, just 6.5 points behind nationally ranked Easton.

"It's nice to have two champions and have 12 of our 14 kids place, that's the most of any team," said head coach Brian Hills. "This group of kids is really surprising me. It's a real good team atmosphere right now."

Along with Kelly and Miller, Will Ringer (215) also had a strong tournament, placing second while Mason Beckman (112) and Tony D'Urso (135) finished third.

Corey Brown (130) was fourth and Luke Taylor (140), Kaine Kulka (145), Brandon Maun (152) and Cory

Shields (285) were all fifth. Rodney Harnett (103) and Greg Baptiste (160) placed sixth.

By winning as a junior, Cody Kelly has set himself up to try and join former Raider Jonathan Hazi (1992-93) as the school's only two-time Manheim champion.

Kelly, with a career record of 97-19 through the end of December, has been on a roll. He has reached the championship finals of each of the Raiders' three tournaments this season.

Miller, meanwhile, picked the perfect time to step up with a championship performance. It was the first time since 1992 that Reynolds scored multiple Manheim champions.

"Our kids are really starting to jell," Hills said of his starting lineup. "I think they are ready to go into the (January) dual matches now."

## MOST WINS OF 2007-08

|               |    |
|---------------|----|
| Mason Beckman | 18 |
| Luke Taylor   | 15 |
| Tony D'Urso   | 15 |
| Cody Kelly    | 14 |
| Corey Brown   | 14 |
| Will Ringer   | 13 |
| Mike Miller   | 12 |
| Cory Shields  | 11 |
| Brandon Maun  | 11 |
| Kaine Kulka   | 11 |

## Regular Season Win Streak Swells To 63 Straight

### FASTEST DUAL MATCH PINS OF 2007-08

|                |      |
|----------------|------|
| Cory Shields   | 0:17 |
| Cory Shields   | 0:21 |
| Luke Taylor    | 0:25 |
| Brandon Maun   | 0:37 |
| Adam Matthews  | 0:38 |
| Paul Kulka     | 0:47 |
| Luke Taylor    | 0:56 |
| Rodney Harnett | 0:57 |
| Adam Matthews  | 0:58 |

**T**he Reynolds Raiders' regular season win streak has grown to 63 straight as the team posted lopsided wins in December dual matches.

After a season opening 42-24 win over Bald Eagle Area, the Raiders followed with District 10 Region I wins over Lakeview (76-3), Mercer (72-3) and Slippery Rock (78-3). In its four wins, the team is averaging 67 points per outing.

Sophomore Luke Taylor (140) has been especially impressive in dual outings having scored four falls, including one in just 25 seconds versus Lakeview.

Through four dual matches, the Raiders own a 28-3 advantage over their opponents in falls.

Taylor's fall, however, is not the fastest of the season, that honor belongs to senior Cory Shields who had a 17 second pin, also in the Lakeview match.

In all, the Raiders have posted 28 falls in four dual matches, 17 of which have come in the first period.

The Raiders will return to dual match action on Jan. 2, 2008, hosting Grove City in a Region I contest.

# Dominating Performance



The Raiders had little trouble in scoring a 76-3 region win over the Lakeview Sailors in recent action. Tony D'Urso, Cody Kelly and Mike Miller (l-r) all scored wins for Reynolds. The victory was the 61st straight for the Raiders in the regular season.

## Dual Match Results

### REYNOLDS 78, SLIPPERY ROCK 3 (Dec. 19, 2007)

- 140: Luke Taylor (R) pinned Josh Leonard , 1:16.
- 145: Kaine Kulka (R) pinned Joe Zulick, 0:47.
- 152: Brandon Maun (R) pinned Adam Kummer, 0:37.
- 160: Greg Baptiste (R) pinned Michael Winters, 1:50.
- 171: Michael Ramirez (SR) dec. Ryan Dawes, 8-7.
- 189: Mike Miller (R) won by forfeit.
- 215: Will Ringer (R) pinned John Power, 1:50.
- 285: Corey Shields (R) won by forfeit.
- 103: Rodney Harnett (R) pinned Tony Cousins, 2:39.
- 112: Mason Beckman (R) pinned Ashley Fuller, 1:34.
- 119: Adam Matthews (R) won by forfeit.
- 125: Cody Kelly (R) won by forfeit.
- 130: Corey Brown (R) pinned Adam McDowell, 1:37.
- 135: Tony D'Urso (R) won by forfeit.

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### REYNOLDS 72, MERCER 3 (Dec. 12, 2007)

- 103: Tim Hile (M) dec. Rodney Harnett, 8-2.
- 112: Adam Matthews (R) pinned Creighton Grandy, 0:38.
- 119: Mason Beckman (R) pinned Tyler Angermeier, 1:34.
- 125: Cody Kelly (R) pinned Scott Spragale, 2:24.

- 130: Corey Brown (R) won by forfeit.
- 135: Tony D'Urso (R) pinned Joseph Manozzi, 3:06.
- 140: Luke Taylor (R) pinned Brian Burk, 0:56.
- 145: Kaine Kulka (R) dec. Tyler Hile, 7-1.
- 152: Brandon Maun (R) pinned Herbie Hennegan, 3:19.
- 160: Greg Baptiste (R) pinned Mike Peters, 1:59.
- 171: Tyler Rhodes (R) pinned Brian Bloom, 2:50.
- 189: Mike Miller (R) dec. Jacob Priester, 10-5.
- 215: Will Ringer (R) pinned Nick Nan, 2:49.
- 285: Corey Shields (R) pinned Nick Ream , 0:21.

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### REYNOLDS 76, LAKEVIEW 3 (Dec. 5, 2007)

- 112: Mason Beckman (R) won by forfeit.
- 119: Shane Schleifer (L) dec. Eddie Nottingham (R) 6-2.
- 125: Cody Kelly (R) maj. dec. Nate Harah, 14-5.
- 130: Corey Brown (R) pinned Andrew O'Polka, 2:27.
- 135: Tony D'Urso (R) pinned Cody Lewis, 3:29.
- 140: Luke Taylor (R) pinned Kawika Hasson, 0:25.
- 145: Kaine Kulka (R) won by forfeit.
- 152: Brandon Maun (R) won by forfeit.
- 160: Greg Baptiste (R) won by forfeit.
- 171: Jeremy Fowler (R) won by forfeit.
- 189: Mike Miller (R) pinned Tyler Lewis,

- 4:28.
- 215: Will Ringer (R) won by forfeit.
- 285: Cory Shields (R) pinned Lawrence Baker, 0:17.
- 103: Rodney Harnett (R) pinned Trevor Bortz, 0:57.

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### REYNOLDS 42, BALD EAGLE AREA 24 (Dec. 1, 2007)

- 285: Tim Watson (BEA) pinned Cory Shields, 2:33.
- 103: Adam Matthews (R) pinned Justin Giedroc, 0:58.
- 112: Mason Beckman (R) pinned Kyle Granite, 3:23.
- 119: Cory Gates (BEA) pinned Eddie Nottingham, 2:36.
- 125: Cody Kelly (R) pinned Alex Klinger, 1:26.
- 130: Corey Brown (R) tech. fall Brad Meyer, 20-5.
- 135: Tony D'Urso (R) maj. dec. Jon Decker, 14-4.
- 140: Luke Taylor (R) pinned Jeff Shawley, 3:46.
- 145: Kaine Kulka (R) dec. Rusty Setzer, 4-0.
- 152: Randy Breon (BEA) dec. Brandon Maun, 6-4.
- 160: Caleb Hoffman (BEA) dec. Greg Baptiste, 10-3.
- 171: Quentin Wright (BEA) pinned Jeremy Fowler, 1:14.
- 189: Mike Miller (R) dec. A.J. Robinson, 5-2.
- 215: Will Ringer (R) dec. Jon Gingrich, 5-3.



# Photo Gallery



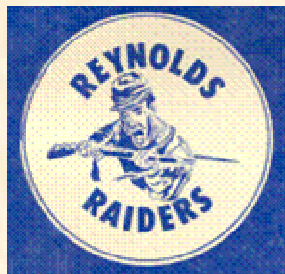
# Six Raiders Finish First at JV Tournament

## Nottingham, Babcock, Murray, Fowler, Rhodes and Augustine All Earn Titles

The Reynolds VFW sponsored a junior varsity wrestling tournament at RHS on Dec. 29.

The host Raiders put seven wrestlers into the championship finals six of whom won titles to walk away with top team honors with 157 points. DuBois finished in second place and General McLane was third.

Winning titles for the Raider jayvees were Eddie Nottingham (112), Dylan Babcock (125), Charlie Murray (145), Jeremy Fowler (160), Tyler Rhodes (171) and



Corey Augustine (215). Zeke Ohl (152) placed second for the hosts and Robbie McCollum (189) was fourth.

Also taking part in the tournament for Reynolds were Avery Allen (135) and Tom Gilson (189).

In all, 13 teams took part in the inaugural event which was directed by Raider assistant coach Joe Reichard.

"We entered 10 kids in the tournament," Reichard said of the Raider contingent. "Nine of them scored points and eight of them placed. We had seven wrestlers in the finals.

"Overall, I think things went very well," Reichard said. "This was a good way to get these kids some much deserved matches."

### FIRST SESSION

8 a.m.

Mat 1 - Brookville vs. Redbank Valley

Mat 2 - Greenville vs. Line Mountain

9:30 a.m.

Mat 1 - **Brookville vs. Reynolds**

Mat 2 - Northern Lehigh vs. Line Mountain

11 a.m.

Mat 1 - **Reynolds vs. Redbank Valley**

Mat 2 - Northern Lehigh vs. Greenville

12:30 p.m.

Mat 1 - Redbank Valley vs. Line Mountain

Mat 2 - Greenville vs. Brookville

### SECOND SESSION

3:15 p.m.

Mat 1 - **Line Mountain vs. Reynolds**

Mat 2 - Northern Lehigh vs. Brookville

4:45 p.m.

Mat 1 - **Reynolds vs. Greenville**

Mat 2 - Redbank Valley vs. Northern Lehigh

6:15 p.m.

Mat 1 - Brookville vs. Line Mountain

Mat 2 - Open

7:45 p.m.

Mat 1 - **Reynolds vs. Northern Lehigh**

Mat 2 - Greenville vs. Redbank Valley

## BROOKVILLE ULTIMATE DUALS



Saturday  
Jan. 19, 2008