



## Here is a look at the Butler Wrestling Team in 2020-21

### 2020-2021 Team Highlights

- Due to Covid-19 the 2020-21 Wrestling Season was affected dramatically in statistics on a team and individual level only 17 scheduling points of the normal 22-point schedule were used. The team also withdrew from the WPIAL Team Championships due to contracting Covid 19.
- 2020-21 Dual Record: 14W-2L. Section 3A - 2nd place, Section 3 – Did not participate due to Covid.
- Prior to the Section 3 Tournament Butler was ranked as the #7 team in the WPIAL AAA.
- Southmoreland Holiday Classic Dual Tournament – 1<sup>st</sup> place, 12 teams – 1. Butler, 2. Greensburg Salem, 3. Beth Center 4. Pine Richland. Butler outscored their opponents 232 to 102 and defeated Greensburgh Salem in the finals 51-18
- The team will return 17 of 21 team members, and 8 of 12 starters. Butler forfeited the 215-pound weight class for the majority of the season.
- Coach Stoner moved to 393 wins and 181 losses, and is 1st in wins among active WPIAL coaches, and 4th on the WPIAL all-time list. Coach Stoner ranks 5th among active coaches in the PIAA and 31st all-time in Pennsylvania history.

### 2020-21 Individual Highlights

- The 2020-21 team qualified 10 of 11 wrestlers for the Section 3 Tournament from the Section 3A Subsection Tournament.
- Four of the 10 wrestlers competing in the section tournament placed in the top two and qualified for the 8-man WPIAL Tournament at Canon McMillon. Those 4 wrestlers were 189-pound Junior, Cooper Baxter 1<sup>st</sup>, heavyweight, Junior Jake Pomykata, 126-pound Senior, Nick Schaukowitsch 2<sup>nd</sup> place, and 152-pound Senior, Nate McMaster 2<sup>nd</sup> place.
- Senior Steven Green, 160-172 pounds, finished his career with 104 wins and 41 losses and a win percentage of 71.724% . He was a 4-year starter and letter winner. In his abbreviated senior season he compiled a 17 and 4 record. He also was a 2-time WPIAL Qualifier and placed in 6 individual tournaments in his four seasons on the varsity team. Steven is 9<sup>th</sup> on the all-time Butler wins list with 104 wins, he also is 3<sup>rd</sup> on the all-time list for takedowns with 226, and 4<sup>th</sup> on the all-time list for pins with 62. Steven received the team's Outstanding Newcomer award his freshman year, and won the team's Darkhorse Award in his sophomore, and junior seasons.
- Senior Nate McMaster, 145-152 pounds, finished his career with 95 wins and 50 losses and a career win percentage of 65.517%. He was a 4-year starter and letter winner. He is only one of 11 wrestlers in Butler history to qualify for the WPIAL Tournament 4-times finishing as a runner-up in the section in 2020-21. He placed in all six additional individual tournaments. He also is tied for 7<sup>th</sup> all-time in career pins with 57.
- Senior Clayton Dressler 138-145 pounds, was a 4-year starter and letter winner. Clayton finished his career with a 76-52 career record with 39 of those wins coming by fall. Clayton finished his senior season with a 10-4 record and 8 falls. Clayton was a 4-time WPIAL Qualifier. He is 3<sup>rd</sup> on Butler's all-time reversals list with 62. Clayton also placed in 3 of the 6 individual tournaments he wrestled in.
- Senior Nick Schaukowitsch 126 pounds was a 3-year starter and letterwinner. Nick compiled a 68-29 Record while only starting wrestling in 8<sup>th</sup> grade. He finished with a 18-5 record in 20-21, and was a Section 3 runner-up at 126 pounds. Nick placed in all four of the four individual tournaments he competed in as a varsity wrestler, including a runner-up finish at the Chartiers Houston Tournament his sophomore year.

- Junior Cooper Baxter 189 pounds, finished the season with a 22-5 record and an 81.481 win% to lead the team in both wins and win percentage. Cooper moved to 85-23 on his career and has a 78.704 win/loss %. Cooper won a Section 3 title this season and placed 3<sup>rd</sup> at the WPIAL Tournament which qualified him for the Western Super Region, which is basically the first round of the state tournament. Cooper was voted by the coaches at the Southmoreland Duals as the Tournament Outstanding Wrestler winner. He is now a 3x WPIAL qualifier, and has placed in all four of the individual tournaments he has wrestled in, including winning the Southmoreland Tournament twice. Cooper also led the team in takedowns with 43. Cooper was the Outstanding Wrestler last year and was also the Outstanding Wrestler this season.
- Junior Heavyweight Jake Pomykata, sustained a season ending ACL tear last year just before the section tournament. Incredibly, Jake recovered and played the entire football season and returned to the mats with an added 40 pounds to wrestle heavyweight. Jake won a Section 3 title and finished with a 17 and 6 record, missing the Western Super Region Tournament by one match. Jake is now 51-33 on his career, is a two-year varsity letter winner and 2-time WPIAL Qualifier. Jake was awarded the team's Outstanding Character Award in 2019-20, and this season he earned both the Team's Most Improved and the Team's Darkhorse Awards.
- Junior Domenic Vivirito 138 pounds, is a three-year letter winner who finished with a 17-6 win/loss record. More impressively, he led the team with 14 of those wins coming by fall. Domenic placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Section 3 Tournament. Domenic won the Most Improved Wrestler Award and the Outstanding Character Award this season.
- Junior Cade Savochka was a two-year letter winner and went 7-5 with two falls at 152 pounds.
- Sophomore Levi Donnel 132 pounds, returned from a 35-5 record as a freshman, but due to injury missed several matches in an already abbreviated season. Levi was still able to return and turn in a 12-3 record and recorded 6 falls. Levi is a 2-year letterwinner and has an impressive 47-8 career record.
- Sophomore Mickey Kreinbucher 160-172 pounds, secured a regular spot in the line-up this year after getting limited time as a freshman last year. Mickey went 9-10 on the season and earned his second varsity letter. Mickey placed 4<sup>th</sup> in the Section 3 Tournament
- Freshman Kelley Schaukowitsch, moved up from the junior high level to earn his first varsity letter, and turn in a 12 and 6 record at 106 and 113. Kelley placed 4<sup>th</sup> at the Section 3 Tournament.
- Freshman Ana Malovich, moved up from the junior high level and earned a varsity letter while sharing time at 106 and 113 pounds. Ana was the first female in Butler Wrestling history to compete at the varsity level and place in the Section 3 Tournament, placing 4<sup>th</sup> at 113 pounds.
- There were 21 wrestlers on the roster in 2020-21, 4 seniors, 7 juniors, 8 sophomores, & 2 freshmen.
- Helana Graham (Sr) & Emily Makepeace (So) were this year's managers & stat girls.
- Butler Coaches were Scott Stoner (28), Fred Powell (11), Trevor Gallo (4), Alex Evanoff (3), Blake Caudill (2), & Josh Forbes (1). Miss Holly Bachman was the Athletic Trainer.

\*\* The 2020-21 season was dramatically different in dealing with the Covid-19 epidemic. Schedules were released by the PIAA and adopted by the WPIAL to limit the number of teams in competition to 8 maximum. Individual Tournaments were dropped from the schedule and team dual meets were limited. The team moved to the high school gym for two tri-meets to allow for more space and to allow parents to attend. The team competed in only 14 of the 22 scheduling points permitted by the PIAA. There was a two week shutdown period for the entire state over Christmas and New Year's. Butler also had several cases of Covid-19 just before the WPIAL Team Championships and were forced to withdraw. The state individual championship series starting at the section level was also dramatically modified. Each of the subsections sent the top two placers at each weight to a section final in which the top two qualified for the 8 individual spots in the WPIAL Championships. The top 3 from this tournament the qualified for the Western Super Region. The Western Super Region top 4 then advanced to the State Championships.