



Here is a look at the Butler Wrestling Team in 2017-18

2017-2018 Team Highlights

- 2017-18 Dual Record: 8W-8L. Section 3A – 3rd place, Section 3 -6th place
- Section 3 5/6 place match lost to Shaler 43-32, missed qualifying for the WPIAL Team Tournament for the first time in 11 years.
- Chartiers-Houston Tournament 7th, 27 teams – 1. South Fayette 158, 2. USC 155, 7. Butler 118.5. Butler placed 5 individual wrestlers at Char Houston.
- Southmoreland Holiday Classic Tournament 4th, 26 teams – 1. Greensburg Salem 214, Freedom 165.5 West Allegheny 144.5, Butler 130. Butler placed 6 individual wrestlers at Southmoreland.
- William Jenkins Duals 2nd, 1st Greater Latrobe 10 teams – Butler 4W-1L.
- Penn Trafford Tournament 2nd place, 11 teams – 1. Bell Vernon, 2. Butler, 3. Mt Pleasant, 4. PT
- The team will return 9 of 14 starters in the 2018-2019 season.
- Five members of this year's team had two or less year's experience, the most inexperienced team I have ever coached in 25 years.
- Coach Stoner moved to 343 wins and 168 losses, and is 3rd in wins among active coaches, and 10th on the WPIAL all-time list.

2017-18 Individual Highlights

- The 2017-18 Team qualified 5 individuals for AAA WPIAL Individual Tournament, 3 of the 5 WPIAL Qualifiers will return in the 2018-19 season. Place winners were Christian Sequete 1st at 182, it was Christian's second section title, and 4th time qualifying for the WPIAL Tournament. Jack Codispot placed 3rd for his third trip to the WPIAL Tournament. Freshman Nate McMaster was 4th at 120, Freshmen Clayton Dressler was 5th at 106, and Senior Robert Hays was 5th at 160.
- Sequete went on to the WPIAL Tournament where he defeated two-time WPIAL Champion Tim Wallace of Albert Gallatin 9-2 in the finals. Sequete had lost to Wallace two times previously during the season.
- Sequete went on to the PIAA State Tournament and lost his first round match. He then won his next five matches before losing and placing 4th. In the process he avenged his first round loss against his Shikellamy opponent. He also defeated two other regional champions.
- Sequete also placed 2nd at Chartiers Houston, 1st at Southmoreland, and 2nd at Penn Trafford. He compiled a 39-5 record, had 23 falls, finished with 107 career victories, and was selected the "Team Most Valuable Wrestler".
- Christian was also selected to represent the MAC Conference against the OVAC All-Stars where he recorded a fall.
- Junior Jack Codispot 145-152 pounds, placed 3rd at Chartiers Houston, 3rd at Southmoreland and 2nd at Penn Trafford. Jack finished with a 31-7 record, had 20 pins, and has a 79 and 32 career record. For the third time Jack won the team's "Pride, Attitude, and Guts Award".
- Senior Robert Hays finished the season with a 19-14 record in his second year. Robert won only one match his first year and earned the team's "Most Improved Wrestler Award" and the team's "Outstanding Character Award".
- Senior Justin Stewart went 20-7 and was one of 6 wrestlers that recorded 20 or more wins. Justin also Placed 5th at Southmoreland.
- Sophomores Colton Spohn 120-126, and Nate McDonald 138, each fell upon poor fortune sustaining injuries that sidelined each of them for the post season. Colton Paced 5th at Southmoreland and Nate placed 6th at Chartiers Houston.

- Butler started three freshmen who all recorded 20 or more wins. Clayton Dressler 106, went 20-16 and qualified for the WPIAL Tournament. Clayton placed 8th at Southmoreland. Nate McMaster 120-126, went 24-15 recording 17 pins, and qualified for the WPIAL Tournament, going 2-2 at WPIALs. Nate also placed 6th at Southmoreland and was awarded the team's "Darkhorse Award". Steven Green 132, went 28-12 with 15 pins and led the team in takedowns with 62. Steven placed 3rd at Chartiers Houston, and 6th at Southmoreland. Steven won the team's "Outstanding Newcomer Award".
- Butler forfeited several weight classes each match and additionally had five wrestlers with less than 2 year's experience in the line-up.
- The combined record for the three graduating seniors was 78W-26L.
- There were 16 wrestlers on the roster in 2017-18, the lowest number of participants since 1993. There were 3 seniors, 4 juniors, 6 sophomores, & 3 freshmen on this year's team.
- Butler was coached by Scott Stoner (25), Fred Powell (8), and Trevor Gallo (1)