



Here is a look at the Butler Wrestling Team in 2021-22

2021-2022 Team Highlights

- 2021-22 Dual Record: 19W-4L. Section record 6W-1L. Section 3A 1st Place - Section 3 - 2nd place.
- Section 3 semi-final defeated Pine Richland 42-29, Section 3 final lost to North Allegheny 33-30.
- Butler entered the WPIAL Team Tournament seeded #7 and defeated #11 seed Armstrong 49-18. Butler then advanced to wrestle Greater Latrobe, the #2 seed and #4 ranked AAA team in the state. Butler was eliminated by Latrobe in a 39-26 loss.
- Butler received a final WPIAL AAA ranking of #6 and a PA Power State Ranking of #20.
- Chartiers Houston Tournament – 1st place, 28 teams – 1. Butler 190, 2. Burgettstown 171, 3. Pine Richland 142.5, 4. Armstrong 136.5, 5. Montour 114. Donnel was the only champion and 7 others placed.
- Southmoreland Holiday Classic Tournament – 1st place, 29 teams – 1. Butler 181.5, 2. Plum 176.5, 3. Bethlehem Center 170, 4. Bethel Park 157, 5. Somerset 126.5 Donnel and Kreinbucher both won titles and Malovich and Schaukowitz placed 2nd five others placed in the top 8.
- Virginia Duals – American Division – 3rd (5W-1L), 14 teams – 1. Great Bridge VA, 2. Hempfield PA (Dist 3), 3. Butler PA (6W-1L), 4. Westfield, VA. At the duals Butler dropped a 36-32 match to 11 time VA State Champions Grundy. Butler defeated Skyline VA (#2) ranked team in VA 43-30.
- Clearfield Duals – 5th (4W-1L) 16 teams – 1. Clearfield (5W-0L), 2. Benton (4W-1L) 3. Montoursville (3W-2L), 4. Forest Hills (3W-2L), 5. Butler (4W-1L) 6. Canton (3W-2L). Butler defeated District 10 Team Champion and state qualifier General McLane 35-31, AA State team qualifier Canton 41-24, and lost to AA State Qualifier (#6) Benton 37-27. Including Butler, 8 of the 16 teams at the Clearfield Duals were ranked in the top 25 in the state by Rofkin.
- Coach Stoner moved to 412 wins and 185 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 25th all-time in Pennsylvania history. Coach Stoner (29 seasons) was voted Section 3 WPIAL AAA Coach of the Year, and was also voted WPIAL AAA Coach of the Year.
- Butler will return 20 of 25 team members, 10 of 13 starters, and 8 wrestlers with over 20 victories.
- Butler hosted the following events this season: Two Fall Brawl Tournaments, A First Year Novice Tournament, The Butler JV Tournament, The Butler Junior High Duals, Two Elementary League Matches, The Butler Spring Open, in addition to the annual Spaghetti Dinner, the Players and Pinner's Purse-A-Palooza in cooperation with football, and the year-end banquet.

2021-22 Individual Highlights

- The 2021-22 team placed 12 of 12 wrestlers in the Section 3 Tournament and qualified all 12 for the WPIAL tournament. A total of 5 wrestlers made the Section 3 finals Domenic Vivirito Claimed the only title at 138 pounds. Three of those wrestlers, Donnel, Kreinbucher, and Christie will all return for 2022-23 Vivirito and Pomykata will graduate.
- At the WPIAL Tournament, Mickey Kreinbucher placed 6th at 172, Levi Donnel placed 5th at 145, and Jake Pomykata placed 4th at 285, qualifying him for the PIAA State Tournament.
- Senior Jake Pomykata, 285 pounds, finished with a 81W-42L career record (65.9%), and his senior season 30W-9L (76.9%). Fifty-seven of Jakes 81 wins came by fall. Jake was a 4x WPIAL Qualifier. Jake placed 2nd at Chartiers Houston and in the Section 3 Tournament. He placed 4th in the WPIAL and was a PIAA State Qualifier. He led the team in pins in 21-22 with 24, and received the teams Outstanding Wrestler Award.
- Senior Dom Vivirito, 138 pounds, finished with a 74W-36L career record (67.3%), with 51 of those victories occurring by fall. He was a Section 3 Champion in 2022 and a 4x WPIAL Qualifier. His

senior season he finished with a 27W-11L record (71.1%). He also placed 3rd at the Chartiers Houston Tournament and 8th at the Southmoreland Tournament. Domenic went 5W-0L at the Virginia Duals. He was a 4x Letterwinner and a 2x WPIAL Qualifier

- Senior Cade Savochka, 152 pounds, was a 3-year starter and letter winner. Cade finished his senior season with a 22W-18L record, and was a WPIAL qualifier placing 3rd in Section 3.
- Senior Cooper Baxter, 189 pounds, was injured for the 2021-22. Cooper defaulted due to an injury in the finals of the Chartiers Houston Tournament. He finished the season with a 5W-1L record and a career record of 90-24. He was a 4X Letterwinner a section Champion, 3 time WPIAL Qualifier, and a PIAA Super Region State Qualifier.
- Junior Levi Donnel, 145 pounds, finished the 21-22 season with a 33-5 record and is currently 80-13 in his career, with 42 of those wins coming by fall. Levi was a Chartiers Houston and Southmoreland Tournament Champion and placed 2nd in Section 3 at 145 pounds, and was undefeated at the Virginia Duals. Levi won three matches at WPIALs but fell one match short of the PIAA State Tournament and placed 5th.
- Junior Matt Zinkhann, 160 pounds, finished with a 27W-14L season after going 0W-0L in 2020-21. Matt was a placed 4th in Section 3 and was a WPIAL Qualifier. Matt went undefeated at the Clearfield duals. Matt won the teams, Most Improved Award.
- Junior Mickey Kreinbucher, 172 pounds, finished the 2021-22 season with a 32-11 record after only a 9W-10L season in 2020-21. Mickey was a Section 3 runner-up and place 6th at the WPIAL AAA Tournament. Mickey pinned 20 opponents and was a 3rd placer at Chartiers Houston and was a Southmoreland Holiday Classic Champion. Mickey's finals win at Southmoreland iced the team victory over Plum. Mickey is a 3X letterwinner and a 2X WPIAL qualifier. Mickey won the team's Darkhorse Award.
- Junior Landon Christie, 189 pounds, finished the season with a 22W-11L season after only a 3W-0L record in 2020-21. Landon finished 5th at Southmoreland, was a Section 3 runner-up and WPIAL Qualifier. Landon recorded 18 of his 22 victories on the season by fall.
- Sophomore Ana Malovich, 106 pounds, finished her season with a 23W-12-L record, and is now 38-17 in her career. Ana Placed 3rd at the Chartiers Houston Tournament, was a runner-up at Southmoreland and was undefeated at the Virginia Duals. Ana placed 4th at the Section 3 Tournament and was the first woman to qualify for the WPIAL AAA Tournament. Ana is a 2x letterwinner.
- Sophomore Kelley Schaukowitzsch, 113 pounds, finished the season with a 22-14 season and is now 34W-20L on his career. Kelly placed 3rd at the Chartiers Houston Tournament, and was a runner-up at Southmoreland. Kelley placed 4th in the Section 3 Tournament and was a WPIAL Qualifier. Kelley recorded 18 pins and is a 2X letterwinner.
- Freshman Gavin Rush, 120 pounds, finished the season with a 26W-16L record and placed 6th at Southmoreland and 3rd at the Section 3 Tournament qualifying for the AAA WPIAL Tournament. Gavin was a letterwinner and shared the Team's Outstanding Newcomer Award. Gavin recorded 13 pins on the season.
- Freshman Kase Chopp, 126 pounds, finished the season with a 24W-13L record and was 3rd in Section 3 Qualifying him for the WPIAL AAA Tournament. Kase was a letterwinner and shared the team's Outstanding Newcomer Award. Kase recorded 14 pins on the season.
- There were 25 wrestlers on the roster in 2021-22, 5 seniors, 6 juniors, 12 sophomores, & 2 freshmen.
- Bailee Kauffman (Jr) & Skyler Rhodes (So) were this year's managers & stat girls.
- Butler Coaches were Scott Stoner (29), Fred Powell (12), Alex Evanoff (4), Blake Caudill, & Mrs. Holly Forbes was the Athletic Trainer.