



**Here are some of the highlights from the Butler Wrestling Team in 2008-09.**

### **2008-2009 Team Highlights**

- 2008-09 Dual Record: 23W-6L
- Commodore Perry Dual Meet Tournament Runner-up to AA PIAA State Champion Reynolds.
- Brockway “Big Dog” Tournament Champion (14 teams).
- Sharon Dual Meet Tournament - Pool A Champion (5W-0L).
- Fox Chapel Dual Meet Tournament Runner up Criteria #2 (5W-0L).
- 16 duals versus Top 20 WPIAL teams, a District 10 AAA Runner-up and State AA Champion Reynolds.
- Qualified for the WPIAL AAA Team Championships.
- Won the preliminary dual in the WPIAL AAA Team Championships 69-4 over South Allegheny.
- Went 13 and 2 in 15 duals the last week of January and the first week of February.
- Defeated three teams in a row that were ranked above Butler in the AAA WPIAL in the last two weeks of the season: Hopewell, Franklin Regional, & Waynesburg.
- Won the final 5 individual matches to come from behind against Waynesburg on senior night.
- Entered the season ranked #22 in WPIAL AAA by wpialwrestling.net and finished ranked #12.
- Dropped a 31-30 in the finals seconds to Fox Chapel in front of a standing room only crowd.  
(I know these are supposed to be highlights, but what an exciting match that should not be forgotten!)

### **2008-09 Individual Highlights**

- Qualified a program record 12 individuals for the AAA WPIAL Individual Tournament.
- The 12 individual AAA WPIAL Qualifiers was a tie for the highest qualifiers in the WPIAL.
- 10 of the 12 AAA WPIAL Qualifiers in 08-09 return next year and only one will be a senior.
- Finished with 7 wrestlers having 20 or more wins.
- Finished with 3 wrestlers with 30 or more wins.
- Twelve starters finished with a winning record.
- Sophomore Cole Baxter was a WPIAL champion and finished undefeated at 42-0 prior to the state tournament. Only two other wrestlers in the WPIAL went to the state meet undefeated.
- 1 PIAA state place winner, 5<sup>th</sup> at 145 weight class which hosted two undefeated returning state champs.
- Lost 3 seniors to graduation.