



Here is a look at the Butler Wrestling Team in 2011-12!

2011-2012 Team Highlights

- 2011-12 Dual Record: 19W-6L. The combined record the last five seasons is 109W-25L.
- Section 3A Champion, Section 3 Runner-up, WPIAL Team Tournament qualifier 5 years in a row.
- Final WPIAL AAA ranking of #7, wrestled duals against 7 teams in top 20 in WPIAL.
- WPIAL Team Tournament top 8, 1st round win over Franklin Regional 34-32.
- Eliminated from WPIAL Tournament by Connellsville WPIAL 4th Place, 39-23
- Chartiers-Houston Tournament Runner-up to Peters Township 183, Butler 182.5.
- Ft. LeBouef Tour. Runner-up behind LeBouef, State Qualifier & returning State AA Champions.
- Placed 2nd above State AAA Qualifier Greensburg Salem at Ft. LeBouef Tournament.
- 3rd at Wheeling Park Duals out of 40 Teams, lost 34-27 to Steubenville, Ohio (2nd).
- Went 7W and 1L at Wheeling Park Duals, outscored opponents 400-175.
- Defeated undefeated Hampton 32-31 with last bout victory by Zach Reges to win Section 3A Title.
- Wrestled 7 top 20 WPIAL AAA Teams.
- Four of six losses came to two teams, Connellsville (#4) twice, and Hampton (#6) twice.
- Defeated #11 Frankling Regional 34-32 in first round of WPIAL lost to Franklin Regional 1 week later 34-33..
- Will return 9 of 14 starters from the Section Tournament in the 2011-2012 season.
- Team holds 4 of 15 all-time team records
 - Most individual wins in a season 376 wins, previous record (372) 2010-11 team.
 - Most team points scored in tournaments and duals 1909 points, (1849) 2010-11 team.
 - Most pins in a season 195 pins, previous record (184) 2010-11 team.
 - Most reversals in a season 184 reversals, previous record (165) 2004-05 team.
- Coach Stoner recorded his 250th career victory against #9 ranked Latrobe 45-25 (251W – 129L).

2011-12 Individual Highlights

- Qualified 12 individuals for AAA WPIAL Individual Tournament, 2nd highest in WPIAL behind State Champion Canon McMillan –13.
- Conor Foust 106 (3rd), Blake Caudill 113 (1st), Nick Sutton 120 (2nd), Korey Caudill 126 (5th), Zach Reges 132 (1st), Jesse Spohn 138 (2nd), Dakota Collins 152 (1st), Will Bortmas 160 (4th), Ryan Hannon 170 (2nd), Zach Weaver 182 (3rd), Nick Gibson 195 (3rd), & Ben McKnight 220 (4th) all qualified.
- 7 of 12 WPIAL Qualifiers return in the 2012-13 season.
- Blake Caudill 113, Zach Reges 132, Dakota Collins 152, won AAA Section 3 Championships.
- Blake Caudill and Zach Reges won their 2nd consecutive Section 3 titles.
- Nick Sutton 120, Jesse Spohn 138, and Ryan Hannon also reached the finals for a total of 6 finalists.
- Nick Sutton, and Zach Reges became 4X WPIAL qualifiers, the 4th and 5th in Butler history to do so.
- Seniors Nick Sutton and Zach Reges were picked to represent the MAC Conference in an All-Star meet against the Ohio Valley All-Star Team in Wheeling West Virginia.
- Five seniors competed on this year's team and all five qualified for the WPIAL Individual Tournament. Their combined record was 149W-64L, and accounted for 15 tournament places.
- Finished with 10 wrestlers having 25 or more wins.
- Finished with 6 wrestlers having 33 or more wins.

- Senior Dakoda Collins reached 117 wins and is 3rd in all time wins in Butler history and placed in all three tournaments. Dakoda is also second all-time on the career pins list with 65 falls.
- Senior Zach Reges reached 105 wins and is 5th in all time wins in Butler history. Zach also placed in all three tournaments.
- Senior Nick Sutton started wrestling on the varsity team as a freshman. Nick was a 4-year letterwinner, qualified for the WPIAL Tournament 4 times, and recorded 69 career victories.
- 8 of the 10 losses on Nick Sutton's record were to state qualifiers, or state placewinners. The other two losses were two Hampton's Peter Craig, a section champion and career 100+ match winner.
- Senior Jesse Spohn placed in all three tournaments and finished his senior year with 53 career victories.
- Senior Ben McKnight was a first year starter with 2 years experience and made tremendous progress winning 18 matches and recording a win by fall at the WPIAL Tournament.
- Junior Blake Caudill placed third at the WPIAL Tournament and made his first trip to Hershey as a State qualifier.
- In addition to the Section 3 Championship Junior Blake Caudill won Chartiers-Houston and the Fort LeBouef Tournamnent championships.
- Conor Foust was one of two freshmen to compete on the team, recording 25 victories and placed in all three tournaments the team competed in.
- Junior Korey Caudill went 35 and 10 to raise his two-season win total to 57 victories
- Sophmore 160 pounder Will Bortmas recorded a 27-17 record and placed in all three tournaments.
- Sophomore 170-pounder Ryan Hannon recorded a 26-11 record and placed in both tournaments he competed in.
- Junior Zach Weaver made his first appearance as a starter in 11-12 and won 34 matches. 26 of his 34 wins were by fall, tying Cole Baxter's single season pin record. Zach also placed 3rd in all three tournaments the team competed in.
- Junior Nick Gibson made great progress as a first year starter. Nick placed 2nd at the Ft.LeBouef Tournament and qualified for the WPIAL Tournament by placing 3rd at sections.
- At the time of this publication two of the five seniors on this team have indicated they will continue their wrestling career next season. Nick Sutton will attend Thiel, Zach Reges is still undecided on what 4-year institution he will attend.
- In 2011-12 seven Butler wrestling alumni wrestled at the collegiate level. Reges and Sutton will join Cole Baxter (Kent State), Mike Crawford (Kent State), Eric Tuck (Waynesburg), Chris White (Lock Haven in the collegiate ranks in 2012-13. Alex Evanoff (Waynesburg), Jon Sanko (Waynesburg) and Josh Pascazi (Pitt) will all complete their collegiate eligibility this season.
- There were 35 wrestlers on the roster. Five seniors, ten juniors, eighteen sophomores, & two freshmen.