



## **Here is a look at the Butler Wrestling Team in 2012-13!**

### **2012-2013 Team Highlights**

- 2012-13 Dual Record: 19W-4L. The combined record the last five seasons is 104W-25L.
- Section 3A - Runner-up, Section 3 - 3<sup>rd</sup> place, WPIAL Team Tournament qualifier 6 years in a row.
- Final WPIAL AAA ranking of #13, wrestled duals against 7 teams in top 20 in WPIAL.
- Top two team in Section 3 were North Allegheny #3, state team qualifier, and Hampton #8.
- Eliminated from WPIAL Tournament by Greensburg Salem 36-30.
- Four dual losses were: North Allegheny #3, Connellsville #5, Greensburg Salem #6, & Hampton #8.
- Chartiers-Houston Tournament Team Champion - Butler 185 1/2, South Fayette 185 (25 teams).
- Southmoreland Holiday Classic Team Champions - Butler 193, Mt. Pleasant 148 (34 teams).
- South Side Duals Team Champion – Butler 5W-0L, Won 39-25 over Greenville in the final.
- Chartiers Valley Duals Team Champion – Butler 5W-0L, Won 34-29 over Norwin in the final.
- This is the first time in history the team has won all four tournaments it has competed in.
- Wrestled 7 top 20 WPIAL AAA Teams.
- Will return 8 of 14 starters from the Section Tournament in the 2012-2013 season.
- Coach Stoner has 270 wins and 135 losses, and is 4<sup>th</sup> in wins among active coaches in the WPIAL.

### **2012-13 Individual Highlights**

- Qualified 10 individuals for AAA WPIAL Individual Tournament.
- Connor Foust 113 (2<sup>nd</sup>), Blake Caudill 120 (3<sup>rd</sup>), Korey Caudill 126 (2<sup>nd</sup>), Cody Houston 132 (2<sup>nd</sup>), Xavier Bennett 138 (5<sup>th</sup>), Will Bortmas 160 (5<sup>th</sup>), Ryan Hannon 170 (1<sup>st</sup>), Zach Weaver 182 (3<sup>rd</sup>), Nick Gibson 195 (3<sup>rd</sup>), & Damian Wheeler 285 (5<sup>th</sup>) all qualified for the WPIAL AAA Championships at Norwin.
- 4 of 10 WPIAL Qualifiers will return in the 2013-14 season.
- Ryan Hannon 170 was Butlers only Section 3 Champion, it was his 1<sup>st</sup> title after placing 2<sup>nd</sup> in 11-12.
- Blake Caudill placed 3<sup>rd</sup> and became only the 6<sup>th</sup> individual in Butler history to qualify for the WPIAL Tournament all four years.
- Blake Caudill 120, Korey Caudill 126, and Ryan Hannon 170, all advanced to the round of 6 at the WPIAL Tournament before being eliminated from the post season.
- At 120 and 126 pounds the top three WPIAL place winners finished 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> in the state.
- Six of Blake Caudill's 7 losses came at the hands of 2012-13 state place winners.
- Three of Blake's losses were to AAA state champion Krivus of Hempfield, AAA state runner-up Macri of Canon Mac, and AA state runner-up Carr of South Fayette.
- Blake signed his college intention early with Division 1 Eastern Michigan University, Korey will also wrestle in college but was undecided as of this publication.
- Soph. Connor Foust won the Chartiers Houston Tournament, while junior Ryan Hannon won the Chartiers Houston Tournament, the Southmoreland Tournament and the Section 3 Tournament.
- Junior Cody Houston posted a 32-10 record with 25 pins on the season, one short of the single season record. Cody placed in both tournaments in addition to his section runner-up finish.
- Connor Foust, Blake Caudill, Korey Caudill, Cody Houston, and Zach Weaver all placed in all three of the individual tournaments the team competed in.
- Korey Caudill qualified for the WPIAL Tournament for the third time.
- Connor Foust, Cody Houston, Will Bortmas, Zach Weaver, and Nick Gibson all qualified for the WPIAL Tournament for the second time.

- Six of seven seniors that competed on this year's team qualified for the WPIAL Individual Tournament. Their combined record was 161W-71L.
- Finished with 8 wrestlers having 20 or more wins.
- Finished with 5 wrestlers having 33 or more wins.
- Senior Blake Caudill finished with 128 wins and is 2nd in all-time wins in Butler history (Baxter 160).
- Blake is second on the all-time career pins list with 75 (Baxter's 86).
- Senior Korey Caudill finished with 92 career victories and is first in career victories among three-year starters, and is 10<sup>th</sup> all-time.
- Senior Zach Weaver recorded 32 wins this season & 34 wins last year to go 66-21 in two years. Zach also piled up 52 pins in his career & is 6<sup>th</sup> on the all-time pin list in two years as a starter.
- Senior Damian Wheeler was a first year starter with 1 year of experience. Damian won 20 matches, won the Doc Phillips JV Tournament, placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Chartiers Houston Tournament & placed 5<sup>th</sup> at the Section Tournament qualifying himself for the WPIAL Tournament.
- Senior Grant Ferrari missed most of the season with a shoulder injury he received during the first wrestle-off of the season. Grant returned for his first match in the final at Chartiers Valley to record a pin an ultimately lift Butler over Norwin 35-29 to claim the title.
- Junior Alex White gave up approximately 30 pounds to fill the spot at 220 for the GT and turned in a 14-12 record at that weight.
- Max Stalnaker was the only freshman to compete on this year's team and turned in a 15-16 record.
- There were 29 wrestlers on the roster in 2012-13, there were seven seniors, thirteen juniors, eight sophomores, & one freshmen.
- In 2012-13 six Butler wrestling alumni wrestled at the collegiate level. They are as follows: Zach Reges (Gannon), Marino Quercio (Gannon), Nick Sutton (Thiel), Cole Baxter (Kent State), Mike Crawford (Kent State), Eric Tuck (Waynesburg).