

## Here is a look at the Butler Wrestling Team in 2013-14!

## 2013-2014 Team Highlights

- 2013-14 Dual Record: 19W-5L. The combined record the last six seasons is 123W-30L.
- Section  $3A 2^{nd}$  place, Section  $3 2^{nd}$  place, WPIAL Team Tournament qualifier 7 years in a row.
- Final WPIAL AAA ranking of #8, wrestled duals against 10 teams ranked in top 20 in WPIAL.
- Top team in Section 3 was North Allegheny #3 WPIAL, state team qualifier.
- Defeated Section 3B Champion and undefeated Plum (10-0), 33-20 in Section 3 Semi-Final
- Defeated #8 Seed Mt. Lebanon 32-31 in first round of WPIAL Team Tournament.
- Eliminated from WPIAL Tournament by WPIAL & State Champion, Franklin Regional, quarterfinals.
- 4 of the team's 5 dual losses were to state qualifiers. #1 Franklin Regional (state champions), #3 North Allegheny (2X), #2 AA South Fayette, the final loss was to #7 Peters Township.
- Chartiers-Houston Tournament Team Runner-up Peters Township 217, Butler 215 (27 teams).
- Southmoreland Holiday Classic Team Co-Champions Butler 166, Greenville 166 (33 teams).
- South Side Duals Team Runner-up Butler 4W-1L, Lost 40-26 to South Fayette in the final.
- PSU Fayette William Jenkins Duals Team Champion Butler 5W-0L, Won 38-32 over Hempfield in the final.
- In the last three years the team has won 6 tournaments and finished as team runner-up five times out of 12 tournaments.
- The team will return 8 of 14 starters in the 2014-2015 season.
- Coach Stoner has 289 wins and 139 losses, and is 4<sup>th</sup> in wins among active coaches in the WPIAL.

## 2013-14 Individual Highlights

- The team qualified 8 individuals for AAA WPIAL Individual Tournament.
- Will Bortmas 220, was Butler's only Section 3 Champion; it was his 1<sup>st</sup> title and 3<sup>rd</sup> time qualifying for the WPIAL individual tournament.
- Ryan Hannon 182, and Will Bortmas 220, each placed 4<sup>th</sup> at the WPIAL Individual Tournament at Canon McMillan, one place out of a trip to the state meet at Hershey.
- Scotty Dietrich 120 (5th), Mason Kauffman 132 (5<sup>th</sup>), Cody Houston 138 (3rd), Jeremiah Bortmas 152 (2nd), Ryan Hannon 182 (2nd), Alex White 195 (4th), Willy Bortmas 220 (1st), JD Bojanac 285 (2nd) all placed among the top 5 in the Section 3 Tournament, and qualified for the WPIAL AAA Championships at Cannon McMillan.
- 3 of 8 WPIAL Qualifiers will return in the 2014-15 season.
- Ryan Hannon reached the finals of the Section tournament all three years in his career. Ryan placed second as a sophomore and senior and won the tournament as a junior.
- Senior Ryan Hannon won the Chartiers Houston Tournament for the second year in a row at 182. Junior Connor Foust 126, and Senior Will Bortmas each reached the finals but came up short placing second. It was Connor Foust's second appearance in the finals in two years. Six other GT wrestlers placed in their respective weight classes. They were Jeremiah Bortmas 3<sup>rd</sup>, Mason Kauffman, Cody Houston, Alex White and JD Bojanac 4<sup>th</sup>, and Scott Dietrich 6<sup>th</sup>.
- Senior Will Bortmas won the Southmoreland Tournament at 220 pounds with a pin in the finals elevating the GT to a 166 to 166 point tie with Co-Champions Greenville. Ryan Hannon and Cody Houston also reached the finals, but came up short placing 2<sup>nd</sup>. Other GT matmen placing in the tournament included Jeremiah Bortmas 3<sup>rd</sup>, Scott Dietrich 5<sup>th</sup>, Connor Foust 6<sup>th</sup>, Alex White 7<sup>th</sup> and Justin Johnson 8<sup>th</sup>.
- The combined record for 5 of the 6 senior starters compiling a winning record was 146W-57L, a

Win/Loss% of 71.921% (Kauffman, Houston, Hannon, White and Bortmas). Those 5 seniors all qualified for the WPIAL Individual Tournament.

- 8 wrestlers had 20 or more wins, of those 8 wrestlers 5 had 30 or more victories.
- Senior Ryan Hannon finished with 93 wins and is 10th in all-time wins in Butler history. Ryan ranks as number one in career wins for three-year starters.
- Senior Cody Houston finished with 91 wins and is 12th in all-time wins in Butler history.
- Senior Will Bortmas finished with 73 wins and is 20th in all-time wins in Butler history.
- Junior Connor Foust has 71 career victories and is on pace to become Butler's 8<sup>th</sup> wrestler to record 100+ victories in his career.
- Seniors Ryan Hannon and Will Bortmas each tied for the team lead in season victories with 34. In addition to the two seniors other accomplishments they were awarded the team's "Co-Outstanding Wrestler Award".
- Senior Will Bortmas lead the team with pins with 20. Hannon, Bojanac and J. Bortmas each had 17.
- Senior Cody Houston moved to 7<sup>th</sup> in all time pins in Butler history with 51. Cody pinned opponents in over half of his career wins.
- Senior Mason Kauffman recorded the fastest fall on the year with a :13 second pin versus Perry.
- Junior Jeremiah Bortmas recorded a 32W-11L season and reached the Section 3 final finishing 2<sup>nd</sup> and qualifying for the WPIAL Tournament for the first time. Jeremiah also placed 3<sup>rd</sup> at Chartiers Houston and 4<sup>th</sup> at Southmoreland. Jeremiah also had 17 wins by fall and led the team with takedowns with 54. Jeremiah was awarded the Team's "Darkhorse Award" for his outstanding progress and achievement.
- Junior Heavyweight JD Bojanac went 0-2 in varsity appearances in 2012-13. In 2013-14 JD went 26W and 11L was a Section 3 Runner-up & WPIAL Qualifier. JD placed 4<sup>th</sup> at the Chartiers Houston Tournament, and had 17 wins by fall. JD was awarded the team's "Most Improved" Wrestler".
- Junior Alex White qualified for the WPIAL Tournament by placing 4<sup>th</sup> in Section 3. Alex finished with a 26-16 record and had 15 of those wins by fall. Alex also placed 4<sup>th</sup> at Chartiers Houston and 7<sup>th</sup> at Southmoreland.
- Freshman Scotty Dietrich was the only freshman in the line-up recording a 31W-13L record and qualified for the WPIAL tournament by placing 5<sup>th</sup> in Section 3. Scotty also placed 6<sup>th</sup> at Chartiers Houston and 5<sup>th</sup> at Southmoreland. Scotty was awarded the team's "Outstanding Newcomer Award".
- There were 31 wrestlers on the roster in 2013-14, there were 11 seniors, 6 juniors, 11 sophomores, & 3 freshmen.
- In 2013-14 six Butler wrestling alumni wrestled at the collegiate level. They are as follows: Zach Reges (Gannon), Nick Sutton (Thiel), Cole Baxter (Kent State), Mike Crawford (Kent State), Eric Tuck (Waynesburg), Blake Caudill (Eastern Michigan) and Korey Caudill (Gannon).