



## Here is a look at the Butler Wrestling Team in 2014-15!

### 2014-2015 Team Highlights

- 2014-15 Dual Record: 15W-7L. The combined record the last six seasons is 128W-31L.
- Section 3A – 3rd place, Section 3 – 5th place, WPIAL Team Tournament qualifier 8 years in a row.
- Final WPIAL AAA ranking of #15, wrestled duals against 11 teams ranked in top 20 in WPIAL.
- Top team in Section 3 was North Allegheny, #3 WPIAL, state team qualifier, 4<sup>th</sup> in state AAA.
- Defeated Section 3B Hampton on a play-in match 33-21 to make the WPIAL Tournament.
- Defeated Trinity at home to advance to defending and repeat state champion Franklin Regional.
- Eliminated from WPIAL Tournament by WPIAL & State Champion, Franklin Regional, 1<sup>st</sup> round.
- 3 of the team's 7 dual losses were to state qualifiers. #1 AAA Franklin Regional (PIAA State Champions), #3 AAA North Allegheny (4<sup>th</sup> state), and #2 AA McGuffey.
- Chartiers-Houston Tournament 3rd place, 25 teams
- Southmoreland Holiday Classic Tournament 4<sup>th</sup> place, 29 teams
- Chartiers Valley Duals 3<sup>rd</sup> place, 11 teams – Butler 4W-1L..
- PSU Fayette Jenkins Duals Runner-up Butler 4W-1L, Lost to WPIAL #4 ranked Greater Latrobe 41-21, and defeated WPIAL #7 ranked Connellsville for the first time in program history.
- The team will return 10 of 14 starters in the 2015-2016 season.
- Coach Stoner recorded his 300<sup>th</sup> career victory versus Kittanning in the last match to ever be wrestled in Kittanning history.
- Coach Stoner has 304 wins and 145 losses, and is 5<sup>th</sup> in wins among active coaches, and 15<sup>th</sup> in the WPIAL all-time.

### 2014-15 Individual Highlights

- Team qualified 9 individuals for AAA WPIAL Individual Tournament, most of any team in Section 3.
- JD Bojanac 220 pounds, was Butler's only Section 3 Champion; it was his 1<sup>st</sup> title, 2<sup>nd</sup> time in the finals, and 2<sup>nd</sup> time qualifying for the WPIAL tournament. J.D. started wrestling in 9<sup>th</sup> grade.
- J.D. Bojanac won by fall in the finals of both the Southmoreland Tournament and the Section 3 tournament.
- Scotty Dietrich 126 (2nd), Caleb Baxter 138 (5th), Donovan Malovich 145 (4th), Jeremiah Bortmas 160 (3rd), Christian Sequete 170 (4th), Nick Roth 182 (5th), Justin Johnson 195 (5th), and Seth McCrea 285 (5<sup>th</sup>) all placed among the top 5 in the Section 3 tournament, and joined Bojanac for the WPIAL AAA Championships at Penn Hills.
- 6 of 9 WPIAL Qualifiers will return in the 2015-16 season.
- Senior Jeremiah Bortmas led the team by reaching the finals of the Chartiers Houston Tournament at 160. Six other wrestlers placed in their respective weight classes; Scotty Dietrich 3<sup>rd</sup> at 126, Donovan Malovich 4<sup>th</sup> at 145, Hank Finan 4<sup>th</sup> at 152, Sammy Dietrich 5<sup>th</sup> at 120, Caleb Baxter 5<sup>th</sup> at 138, and Connor Foust 6<sup>th</sup> at 126.
- Senior J.D. Bojanac won the Southmoreland Tournament at 220 pounds with a pin in the finals.
- Other Butler wrestlers placing at Southmoreland were Jeremiah Bortmas 3<sup>rd</sup> at 160, Scotty Dietrich 4<sup>th</sup> at 132, Caleb Baxter 4<sup>th</sup> at 138, Connor Foust 7<sup>th</sup> at 126, and Nick Roth 7<sup>th</sup> at 182.
- The combined record for the 4 senior starters was 93 Wins-53 Losses. Three of the 4 seniors qualified for the WPIAL Tournament (Roth, Bortmas and Bojanac)
- 6 wrestlers had 20 or more wins, of those 6 wrestlers only Jeremiah Bortmas had above 30 wins (31).
- Seniors Connor Foust and Jeremiah Bortmas finished tied with 88 career wins and are tied for #15 in all-time wins in Butler wrestling history.

- Senior Jeremiah Bortmas led the team in season victories with 31. Bortmas was also awarded the team's "Outstanding Wrestler Award".
- Senior Nick Roth returned after taking his junior year off, and led the team in pins with 18. Jeremiah Bortmas had 15 pins on the year and pinned in over half of his career wins (47).
- Sophomore Scotty Dietrich went 25 Wins -10 Losses on the season and reached the Section 3 final finishing 2<sup>nd</sup> and qualifying for the WPIAL Tournament for the first time.
- J.D. Bojanac was awarded the Team's "Darkhorse Award" for his outstanding progress and achievement.
- Hank Finan was awarded the team's "Most Improved" Wrestler". Hank came on strong toward the end of the season and was impressive at the Penn State Jenkins Duals particularly in the Woodbridge match. Unfortunately a knee injury kept Hank off the mat for post-season.
- Sophomore Caleb Baxter finished with a 27-11 record and finished 5<sup>th</sup> in the section under the weight of a heavy heart and the loss of his grandfather. Caleb returned this year from a broken arm and nerve damage. Caleb also placed 4<sup>th</sup> at Southmoreland and 5<sup>th</sup> at Chartiers Houston. Caleb was awarded the team's "Pride, Attitude, and Guts Award".
- Sophomore Donovan Malovich went 21 wins and 15 losses on the season and placed 4<sup>th</sup> at Chartiers Houston and 4<sup>th</sup> at the Section 3 tournament, qualifying him for the WPIAL Tournament. Donovan Was awarded the team's "Outstanding Newcomer Award".
- Freshmen Sammy Dietrich and Christian Sequete both earned valuable starting time and both finished over 500 in wins and losses on the season.
- There were 24 wrestlers on the roster in 2014-15, there were 4 seniors, 9 juniors, 7 sophomores, & 4 freshmen.
- In 2014-15 six Butler wrestling alumni wrestled at the collegiate level. They are as follows: Zach Reges (Gannon), Nick Sutton (Thiel), Cole Baxter (Kent State), Eric Tuck (Waynesburg), Blake Caudill (Eastern Michigan) and Korey Caudill (Gannon).