



Here is a look at the Butler Wrestling Team in 2016-17!

2016-2017 Team Highlights

- 2016-17 Dual Record: 16W-7L. The combined record the last four seasons is 65W-27L.
- Section 3A – 1st place, Section 3 – 4th place, WPIAL Team Tournament qualifier 10 years in a row.
- Hosted Section 3 Team Championships - lost to Shaler (#9) 42-36, & Seneca Valley (#13) 37-31
- Defeated Moon 55-18 to advance to 1st round of the WPIAL Team Tournament versus #4 Waynesburg.
- Eliminated from WPIAL Tournament by WPIAL #4 Waynesburg, 41-29.
- Final WPIAL AAA ranking of #11, wrestled duals against 8 teams ranked in top 20 in WPIAL.
- Chartiers-Houston Tournament 3rd place, 28 teams - North Hills 201.5, Freedom 165, Butler 156. Butler placed 6 individual wrestlers.
- Southmoreland Holiday Classic Tournament 5th place, 32 teams - Greenville 191.5, Greensburg Salem 149, Norwin 144.5, Somerset 133, Butler 131. Butler placed 6 individual wrestlers.
- Clearfield Duals 5th place, 16 teams – Butler 4W-1L.
- Penn Trafford Duals 4th place, 6 Teams - Butler 2W-3L, Lost to Belle Vernon (#8) 46-31, Penn Trafford 46-26, Albert Gallatin 45-36, defeated Gateway 66-15 and Plum 54-19.
- The team will return 10 of 14 starters in the 2017-2018 season.
- Coach Stoner has 335 wins and 160 losses, and is 3rd in wins among active coaches, and 10th on the WPIAL all-time list.

2016-17 Individual Highlights

- 2016-17 Team qualified 7 individuals for AAA WPIAL Individual Tournament, 3 of the 7 WPIAL Qualifiers will return in the 2017-18 season.
- Butler had 3 individual finalists at the Section 3 Championships. Caleb Baxter 160 pounds, Christian Sequete 182 pounds, and Saavon Mosby 220 pounds, all returned to the finals to defend their section titles from a year ago. All three finished as runner-up in their respective weight classes.
- Also qualifying for the WPIAL Tournament was Jack Codispot placing 3rd at 126 pounds, Scotty Dietrich placing 4th at 138 pounds, Tom Greaves placing 3rd at 195 pounds, and Seth McCrea finished 5th at HWT
- Caleb Baxter 160, reached the finals in the Southmoreland and Section 3 Tournament placing 2nd in each. He also placed 3rd at both the Chartiers Houston and WPIAL Tournament. By placing 3rd at the WPIAL Tournament, Baxter qualified for the PIAA State Tournament where he went 2 and 2. Five of his six losses this season were to state qualifiers, 4 of those wrestlers placed in the state tournament. Baxter finished the season with a 32 and 6 record, led the team in pins with 18, and finished his career with a 89-25 career mark. Baxter won the team's "Outstanding Wrestler Award" for the second straight year.
- Senior Scotty Dietrich 138, reached his 100th career win in the playoff match against Shaler. Dietrich finished the season with 113 career victories. Dietrich is only the 8th Butler Wrestler to reach the 100 win mark, his 113 career wins ranks him 5th among all-time wins leaders. He also qualified for the WPIAL tournament for the 4th time, only 6 other Butler wrestlers have qualified four times. Dietrich finished the season with a 33-9 record and his career with 113 and 42 record. Dietrich won the team's "Darkhorse Award" for the second straight year.

- Senior Tommy Greaves 195, paced the team at the Chartiers Houston Tournament by reaching the finals and coming away with a 2nd place finish. Greaves also placed 5th at the Southmoreland Tournament. Greaves placed 3rd at the Section 3 Tournament to earn his first trip to the WPIAL Individual Tournament. Greaves finished the season with a 30 and 10 win loss record, markedly better than last year's 12 and 12 record. He received the team's "Most Improved Wrestler Award" because of his improvement, and finished his career with a 47 and 27 record.
- Senior Seth McCrea 220-285, placed 5th in the Section 3 Tournament qualifying him for the WPIAL Tournament for the 3rd time in three years. Seth lost over thirty pounds this season and at times had trouble weighing enough to qualify for Heavyweight. McCrea finished the season 24 and 11 and his career with a 50 and 14 record. Seth's dedication to the program over the last three years earned him this year's Team's "Outstanding Character Award".
- The combined record for the five graduating seniors was 119W-38L. The most significant losses to next season's line-up were Scotty Dietrich (33-9), Caleb Baxter (32-6), Tom Greaves (30-10), and Seth McCrea (24-11).
- Junior Christian Sequete 182, missed the first part of the season due to a knee injury which greatly affected the team's placing at the Chartiers Houston and Southmoreland Tournaments. Christian returned to go 18-5 on the year returning to the Section 3 finals and placing second. Christian came up just short of qualifying for the state tournament by losing in the "medal round" to the same opponent he lost to in the Section 3 final. Christian currently holds a 67-23 career win/loss mark heading in to his senior year.
- Junior Sammy Dietrich 145, earned his third varsity letter as a three-year starter. Juniors Justin Stewart 152, and Jake White 171/182, each earned their second varsity letters, while 1st year wrestler Robert Hays 160/171 earned his first.
- Sophomore Saavon Mosby (220-HWT), paced the team at the Southmoreland Holiday Classic with an overtime victory against South Side Beaver's McCoy. McCoy went on to win the WPIAL AA Title and place 5th in the state at 220 pounds. Mosby placed 4th at the Chartiers Houston Tournament and returned to the section finals in an attempt to win a second Section 3 Championship. Mosby came up short and placed second. He finished with a 28 and 12 record and is 49 and 27 on his career.
- Sophomore Jack Codispot 126, has placed in every individual tournament he has wrestled in during both his freshman and sophomore seasons. Jack placed 4th at Chartiers Houston, 4th at Southmoreland, and 3rd in the Section 3 Tournament. Codispot qualified for the WPIAL Tournament for the second straight year with a 30-12 record on the season and a 48-25 record on his career. Jack won the team's "Pride, Attitude, & Guts Award" for the second straight year. Codispot won a minimum of three matches with a throw or takedown as the clock expired, including in the 3rd and 4th place match against his Shaler opponent for 3rd place in the section
- Freshman Coton Spohn 120, and Nate McDoanald 132, both showed improvement as the season went on both earning their first varsity letters.
- Four wrestlers reached 30 wins this season and a total of only six wrestlers reached 20 or more wins, Codispot (30), Dietrich (33), Baxter (32), Greaves (30), McCrea (24), and Mosby (28).
- Both the injuries to Christian Sequete that kept him out of the line-up for the first part of the season and the Penn Trafford Duals, and a two week period without Caleb Baxter due to a virus, adversely effected the team's performance in the Southmoreland and Chartiers Houston Tournaments, the Penn Trafford Duals, and the WPIAL playoff loss at the hands of #4 Waynesburg.
- There were 23 wrestlers on the roster in 2016-17, there were 5 seniors, 7 juniors, 9 sophomores, & 2 freshmen.
- Coach Cole Baxter started and retired from his career as a barber after cutting Jack Codispot and Sammy Dietrich's hair at the Knoch match.
- Butler was coached by Scott Stoner (24), Fred Powell (7), and Cole Baxter (1)



WPIAL AAA RANKINGS

- 1 Kiski
- 2 Canon McMillan
- 3 North Allegheny
- 4 Franklin Regional
- 5 Waynesburg
- 6 Greensburg Salem
- 7 Penn Trafford
- 8 Belle Vernon
- 9 Shaler
- 10 Connellsville
- 11 Butler
- 12 Seneca Valley
- 13 North Hills
- 14 Peters Township
- 15 Trinity
- 16 West Allegheny