

2021 Ranger Report

Kentucky High School State Wrestling Championship Preview

Not enough hours in the day these days. I wanted to get the projections out before the semi-state events (seems stupid after you already have the placers). But maybe I will follow up early next week with more of a write-up with some commentary on how things played out.

For information, these projections as always are based on the most current rankings (no subjective input). I didn't try to overthink the "state" reseeding next week as I assumed the rankings pretty accurately reflect head-to-heads and most common opponents. I'm sure we will see some headscratching pairings that change things up a bit, but it is what it is.

106 lbs.

Favorite: Colin Tucker (11, Wayne Co)

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| 2. Jordyn Raney (7, Union Co) | 14. Jeremiah Wilbers (10, Campbell Co) |
| 3. Breydan Whorton (9, Larue Co) | 15. Troy Gardner (10, Ashland Blazer) |
| 4. Brandon Bruner (12, Bryan Station) | 16. Malik Porter (10, Central) |
| 5. Miller Brown (8, Oldham Co) | 17. JaRi Campbell (10, Christian Co) |
| 6. TJ Meyer (8, Walton Verona) | 18. Sebastian Vega (9, Conner) |
| 7. Morgan Frederick (9, Trinity (Louisville)) | 19. Moses Navaro (10, McCreary Central) |
| 8. Jack Willard (8, Bullitt East) | 20. Nicholas Hiland (10, St. Xavier) |
| 9. Amari Hardin (10, John Hardin) | 21. Jacob McDonald (9, Taylor Co) |
| 10. Johnny Nance (9, Ryle) | 22. Ethan Davis (8, Grant Co) |
| 11. James Morris (8, Johnson Central) | 23. Aydn Funkhouser (11, Harrison Co) |
| 12. Alexander Green (12, Valley) | 24. Anayah Rivas (12, North Bullitt) |
| 13. Trushawn Matt (10, Hopkinsville) | 25. Anthony Condi (8, Frederick Douglas) |

Returning placers: Colin Tucker 5th @ 106, Amari Hardin 7th @ 106

Week 1 matches to watch: SS1: chaos could start in round 1;
SS3: #6 Brown v. #8 Nance for a spot on the podium

Kid who might out wrestle their ranking:

Team title race implications: #11 Morris with a big SS4 match against #5 Bruner to make week 2

113 lbs.

Favorite: Matthew Meyer (12, St. Xavier)

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| 2. Adam Williams (12, Johnson Central) | 14. Cole Harrod (10, Anderson Co) |
| 3. Mason Orth (10, Campbell Co) | 15. Steven Smith (11, Frederick Douglas) |
| 4. Hunter Jenkins (8, Union Co) | 16. Kai Delacruz (10, Pleasure Ridge Park) |
| 5. Rider Trumble (8, Ryle) | 17. Maximus Beltran (12, Central Hardin) |
| 6. Leland Reeves (9, Taylor Co) | 18. TJ Sulfsted (9, Walton Verona) |
| 7. Jeremiah Baird (11, McCreary Central) | 19. Leydon Nelson (10, Harrison Co) |
| 8. Hunter Luttrell (9, Fairdale) | 20. Tristan Bryant (10, Fern Creek) |
| 9. Collin Teutsch (10, Caldwell Co) | 21. Aiden Marquis (10, Conner) |
| 10. Kelton Bailey (9, Western Hills) | 22. Holden Schneider (9, Hopkinsville) |
| 11. Aidan Cook (8, Lafayette) | 23. Jaxon Staggs (9, Great Crossing) |
| 12. Nico Plumeri (10, Trinity (Louisville)) | 24. Davin Skinner (9, West Carter) |
| 13. David Griffith (12, Meade Co) | 25. Clayton Bradley (8, Montgomery Co) |

Returning placers: Matthew Meyer 3rd @ 113, Adam Williams 2nd @ 106, Leland Reeves 3rd @ 106, Collin Teutsch 6th @ 106

Week 1 matches to watch: SS1: #4 Jenkins v #5 Teutsch for a spot on the podium

Kid who might out wrestle their ranking:

Team title race implications: #6 Sander needs to get past #3 Benner in the semis week 1 to score placement points for Ryle

120 lbs.

Favorite: Spencer Moore (12, Walton Verona)

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| 2. Trayce Eckman (11, Union Co) | 14. Brayden Wells (10, Campbell Co) |
| 3. Rowdy Benner (9, Great Crossing) | 15. Brock Messer (9, Martin County) |
| 4. Timmy Nichols (9, Caldwell Co) | 16. Alex Sauss (9, Bullitt East) |
| 5. Max Speaker (9, St. Xavier) | 17. Tyler Lattin (9, Meade Co) |
| 6. Elijah Baird (10, McCreary Central) | 18. Noah Stanley (12, Holmes) |
| 7. Patrick Meek (11, Johnson Central) | 19. Braedon Kelley (8, Madison Southern) |
| 8. Joe Lampe (8, Male) | 20. Isaac Ogle (11, Bullitt Central) |
| 9. Parker McKee (12, McCracken County) | 21. Daemeion Leavell (7, Christian Co) |
| 10. Joey Sander (11, Ryle) | 22. Noah Toomey (11, Grant Co) |
| 11. Bryce Zumwalt (12, Harrison Co) | 23. Keaton Shott (11, Paul Dunbar) |
| 12. Mason Davis (11, Valley) | 24. Tony Tricase (9, Trinity (Louisville)) |
| 13. Ryan Portwood (12, North Hardin) | 25. Connor Metcalf (9, Larue Co) |

Returning placers: Spencer Moore 1st @ 106, Trayce Eckman 1st @ 113, Joey Sander 8th @ 113

Week 1 matches to watch: SS1: #4 Nichols v #5 McKee for a state medal

Kid who might out wrestle their ranking:

Team title race implications: #6 Sander will face #3 Benner to score big placement points for Ryle

126 lbs.

Favorite: Cole Thomas (11, Ryle)

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| 2. Braedon Herron (10, North Hardin) | 14. Caleb Barnes (9, Johnson Central) |
| 3. Gage Fowler (12, Christian Co) | 15. Ethan Caldwell (9, Anderson Co) |
| 4. George Feree (10, Trinity (Louisville)) | 16. Korrey Mattingly (10, Male) |
| 5. Jason Holden (11, Campbell Co) | 17. Lucas Ricketts (7, Union Co) |
| 6. Evan Browning (10, Boyle Co) | 18. Frank Armstrong (9, Simon Kenton) |
| 7. Keelan Dick (12, Wayne Co) | 19. Chase Bowlin (11, McCreary Central) |
| 8. Bryant Faucett (9, Bullitt East) | 20. Eli Mattingly-Neal (12, St. Xavier) |
| 9. Jayden Frazier (11, Paducah Tilghman) | 21. Cofy Walls (10, Caldwell Co) |
| 10. Landon Crafton (12, Madison Central) | 22. Caleb Lovin (11, Ashland Blazer) |
| 11. Nick Armentano (10, Great Crossing) | 23. Kyle Wojcicki (9, North Oldham) |
| 12. Aiden Roe (11, Central) | 24. Berechiah Hatchett (10, Fern Creek) |
| 13. Charlie Tucker (11, John Hardin) | 25. David Gerkin (12, Apollo) |

Returning placers: Cole Thomas 1st @ 120, Braedon Herron 4th @ 120, Gage Fowler 2nd @ 113, George Feree 4th @ 113

Week 1 matches to watch: SS1: Another weight where this bracket will be a mess with 7 of the top 11 in the entire state

Kid who might out wrestle their ranking:

Team title race implications:

132 lbs.

Favorite: Thomas Hoppes (12, Larue Co)

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| 2. Isaac Thornton (11, Walton Verona) | 14. Chris Begley (10, Madison Southern) |
| 3. Eli Peyton (12, Paducah Tilghman) | 15. Glenn Mayes (10, Union Co) |
| 4. Jacob Cain (11, Johnson Central) | 16. Jaiden Haskins (10, Dupont Manual) |
| 5. Jonah Bowers (11, Campbell Co) | 17. Gus Roberts (10, Great Crossing) |
| 6. Robert Nardelli (10, Madison Central) | 18. Justin Kubiwimanan (10, Lafayette) |
| 7. Ayden Lehman (9, Trinity (Louisville)) | 19. Jacob Fulkerson (10, Central Hardin) |
| 8. Caleb Jarvis (10, Fairdale) | 20. Eli Williams (9, Male) |
| 9. Colin Ross (10, Ryle) | 21. Jeremiah Thomas (11, Conner) |
| 10. Elijah Fields (12, Belfry) | 22. Hunter Hawthorne (9, McCracken County) |
| 11. Riley Johnson (11, Caldwell Co) | 23. Xavier Tello (10, Wayne Co) |
| 12. Dylan Walls (9, Bullitt Central) | 24. Kyle Muoy (11, Bullitt East) |
| 13. Nolan Banfield (10, Woodford Co) | 25. John McDowell (12, South Oldham) |

Returning placers: Thomas Hoppes 2nd @ 126, Isaac Thornton 2nd @ 120, Jacob Cain 4th @ 132, Riley Johnson 7th @ 113, Nolan Banfield 6th @ 120

Week 1 matches to watch: SS3: #5 Bowers v #6 Ross for huge placement points

Kid who might out wrestle their ranking:

Team title race implications:

138 lbs.

Favorite: Devon Herron (11, North Hardin)

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| 2. Austin Grant-Hall (12, Christian Co) | 14. Luke Oliveros (10, South Oldham) |
| 3. Jamison Smith (11, Ryle) | 15. Lucas Hutchison (9, Madison Central) |
| 4. Bryant Beane (10, Trinity (Louisville)) | 16. Logan Wells (10, Bullitt East) |
| 5. Gavin Andreoni (11, Woodford Co) | 17. Mason Schweitzer (10, Walton Verona) |
| 6. Lee Florexille (12, Central) | 18. Mason Polston (11, Central Hardin) |
| 7. Seth Davis (8, Johnson Central) | 19. Xavier Rogers (12, Pike Co Central) |
| 8. Jackson Gonzales (12, Frederick Douglas) | 20. Jaylus Green (10, Fairdale) |
| 9. Keaton Elliot (12, Calloway Co) | 21. Hunter Sproles (11, Cooper) |
| 10. Eric Johnson (12, Simon Kenton) | 22. Gavin Ricketts (10, Union Co) |
| 11. Scotty Villums (12, Male) | 23. Dakota Karr (10, Wayne Co) |
| 12. Cainon Akemon (12, Bourbon Co) | 24. Ayden Puckett (10, Doss) |
| 13. Levi Stull (11, Meade Co) | 25. Jack James (9, Paducah Tilghman) |

Returning placers: Devon Herron 1st @ 126, Austin Grant-Hall 4th @ 138, Keaton Elliot 5th @ 132, Jamison Smith 7th @ 126, Jack James 6th @ 113, Clayton Shaddix 8th @ 106

Week 1 matches to watch: SS1: #2 Grant-Hall v #3 Elliot in week 1 semi to place

Kid who might out wrestle their ranking:

Team title race implications:

145 lbs.

Favorite: Zac Cowan (12, Madison Central)

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| 2. Malachi Rider (9, Paducah Tilghman) | 14. Hunter Creech (11, Simon Kenton) |
| 3. Reece Goss (11, Johnson Central) | 15. Trayton Stargill (10, Taylor Co) |
| 4. Sam Grandstaff (12, Conner) | 16. Nate Jackson (12, Trinity (Louisville)) |
| 5. Rusty Craddock (12, Ryle) | 17. Ethan Montgomery (9, Boyle Co) |
| 6. Justin Krebs (10, St. Xavier) | 18. Trey Cranfill (10, Oldham Co) |
| 7. Johnathan Bennem (11, Atherton) | 19. JT King (12, Bardstown) |
| 8. Gabe Fortier (10, Larue Co) | 20. Jayden Grays (11, Fern Creek) |
| 9. Micah Bowers (11, Campbell Co) | 21. Caden Rodriguez (10, Meade Co) |
| 10. Julian Cruz (12, McCreary Central) | 22. Michael Watts (10, Harrison Co) |
| 11. Mason Kellett (10, Christian Co) | 23. Payton Votaw (12, Fairdale) |
| 12. Elijah Phan (12, Male) | 24. Alex Hall (11, South Oldham) |
| 13. Luke Chapman (11, Lafayette) | 25. Ronald McGee (12, Hopkinsville) |

Returning placers: Zac Cowan 3rd @ 138, Charlie McKune 2nd @ 132, Malachi Rider 6th @ 138, Reece Goss 7th @ 145, Luke Chapman 7th @ 132, Trevor Villums 8th @ 132

Week 1 matches to watch: SS3: #5 Craddock v #6 Bowers in semis for placement points

Kid who might out wrestle their ranking:

Team title race implications:

152 lbs.

Favorite: Ty Lehman (12, Trinity (Louisville))

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| 2. Payne Carr (12, Union Co) | 14. Colton Smallwood (12, McCracken County) |
| 3. Jeffrey Kinley (11, Madison Central) | 15. Blake Botts (10, McCreary Central) |
| 4. Jeffery Parker (12, Western Hills) | 16. Tae'sean Wilson (11, Western) |
| 5. Carter Messerly (11, Ryle) | 17. Andrew Kartner (11, Woodford Co) |
| 6. David Conner (12, Paducah Tilghman) | 18. Caleb Baumgardner (11, Central Hardin) |
| 7. Jude Powell (10, Fairdale) | 19. Jackson Burger (9, Boyle Co) |
| 8. Logan Castle (9, Johnson Central) | 20. Blade Sotelo (12, Fern Creek) |
| 9. Jacob Grandstaff (12, Conner) | 21. Grant Holland (12, Pikeville) |
| 10. Ethan Futrell (12, Calloway Co) | 22. Nick Avery (12, Owensboro) |
| 11. Kolby Sparks (11, Martin County) | 23. Christian Sanders (11, Campbell Co) |
| 12. Kevin Reyes (10, Southern) | 24. Jacob Ragsdale (9, Dupont Manual) |
| 13. Brennon Conrad (12, Simon Kenton) | 25. Joshua Strayer (9, Great Crossing) |

Returning placers: Ty Lehman 1st @ 145, Payne Carr 2nd @ 152, Jeffrey Kinley 3rd @ 126, Jeffrey Parker 4th @ 152, Jacob Grandstaff 4th @ 145, Brennon Conrad 6th @ 145, David Conner 5th @ 152

Week 1 matches to watch: SS3: Can #5 Messerly beat #6 Grandstaff for a 3rd time in a row?

Kid who might out wrestle their ranking:

Team title race implications:

160 lbs.

Favorite: Tom Ketchen-Carter (12, Campbell Co)

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| 2. Cole Nance (12, Anderson Co) | 14. Connor Geise (11, Meade Co) |
| 3. Brayden Giannone (11, Lafayette) | 15. Brandon Burchett (9, Fairdale) |
| 4. Quinten Cox (12, Union Co) | 16. Jerome Johnson (10, Danville) |
| 5. Zack McCourt (9, Johnson Central) | 17. Elijah Baysinger (12, Scott Co) |
| 6. Jonathan Phillips (11, Trinity (Louisville)) | 18. Marcus Hutchison (12, Madison Central) |
| 7. Matthew Hendricks (12, Bullitt East) | 19. Jacob Newby (11, Christian Co) |
| 8. Seth Slayton (12, Paducah Tilghman) | 20. Andre Jackson (10, Central) |
| 9. Dylan Preston (12, Woodford Co) | 21. Vincent Stefani (11, Cooper) |
| 10. Javine Crowley (12, Perry Co Central) | 22. Jaris Bloom-Doyle (11, Paul Dunbar) |
| 11. Austin Shaeffer (12, Larue Co) | 23. Jybari Springs (12, John Hardin) |
| 12. Herve Blode (12, Fern Creek) | 24. Shaedyn Kennedy (11, DeSales) |
| 13. Donovan Taylor (11, Conner) | 25. Jacob Wolfe (9, Frederick Douglas) |

Returning placers: Tom Ketchen-Carter 8th @ 160, Cole Nance 4th @ 160, Dylan Preston 3rd @ 152, Brayden Giannone 1st @ 152

Week 1 matches to watch: SS3: #1 Ketchen-Carter v #3 Preston for a shot to just place

Kid who might out wrestle their ranking:

Team title race implications:

170 lbs.

Favorite: Noah Duke (11, Ryle)

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| 2. Dalton Russelburg (12, Union Co) | 14. Kyle Richmond (10, Campbell Co) |
| 3. Dylan Walls (11, Caldwell Co) | 15. Benicio Mariscal Carter (11, John Hardin) |
| 4. Anthony Kopp (12, Dixie Heights) | 16. Jaystin Johnson (12, Male) |
| 5. Lane Kiser (9, Trinity (Louisville)) | 17. Melvin Call (12, East Jessamine) |
| 6. Randy Kinser (12, Martin County) | 18. Wesley Rios-Lara (11, Oldham Co) |
| 7. Azariah Saunier (12, Lafayette) | 19. Tanner Coyle (12, Pleasure Ridge Park) |
| 8. Wesley Walls (12, Bullitt Central) | 20. Christopher Mooney (10, Paducah Tilghman) |
| 9. Cameron Baker (12, Apollo) | 21. Joey McCarthy (12, Woodford Co) |
| 10. Nick Stapleton (12, Johnson Central) | 22. Caileb Hills (12, Meade Co) |
| 11. Jack McCubbin (10, South Oldham) | 23. Matthew Wyatt (11, Montgomery Co) |
| 12. Kashiku Hutcheson (12, St. Xavier) | 24. Isaiah Murphy (10, Fern Creek) |
| 13. Kurtis Karr (12, Wayne Co) | 25. Zane Drury (12, Anderson Co) |

Returning placers: Noah Duke 3rd @ 182, Dylan Walls 8th @ 126, Dalton Russelburg 1st @ 160, Bryce Spickler 6th @ 152

Week 1 matches to watch: SS4: no clue how this bracket will play out

Kid who might out wrestle their ranking:

Team title race implications: Stapleton is the #1 seed, but can he pull the upset to advance?

182 lbs.

Favorite: Stephen Little (11, Union Co)

2. Everett Marret (12, St. Xavier)
3. Jackson Geilear (11, Woodford Co)
4. Ben Rush (12, Boyle Co)
5. Chase Price (10, Johnson Central)
6. Colin Walls (11, Caldwell Co)
7. Willie Rodriguez (9, Covington Catholic)
8. Hayden Hartlage (12, DeSales)
9. Thomas Haggan (12, Lafayette)
10. DJ Riggins (10, Taylor Co)
11. Trey Fleek (11, Ryle)
12. Jacob Mann (11, Dupont Manual)
13. Conor Tolson (11, Daviess Co)
14. Jack Latherow (12, Ashland Blazer)
15. Devon Rahrig (11, Spencer County)
16. Kyle Ruffra (11, Trinity (Louisville))
17. Gabriel Ramirez (12, Central Hardin)
18. Stephen Whitehead (10, Madison Southern)
19. Jack Hamburg (12, Conner)
20. Deandrell Mattison (10, Central)
21. John Bronson (11, Frederick Douglas)
22. Spencer Redwine (11, Paducah Tilghman)
23. Ryan Woosley (12, Simon Kenton)
24. Elijah Robertson (10, Fern Creek)
25. Nick Watters (12, Calloway Co)

Returning placers: Steven Little 1st @170, Everett Marret 6th @ 170, Ben Rush 6th @ 182

Week 1 matches to watch: ???

Kid who might out wrestle their ranking:

Team title race implications:

195 lbs.

Favorite: Levid Rodriguez (11, Johnson Central)

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| 2. Jerry Simpson (12, Fairdale) | 14. Darryl Dowell (12, Valley) |
| 3. Kolby Coburn (12, Ashland Blazer) | 15. Jimmy Mooney (9, Paducah Tilghman) |
| 4. Oscar JT Adams (10, Christian Co) | 16. Colin Obrien (11, Western Hills) |
| 5. Paxton Ervin (11, Union Co) | 17. Caleb Duke (9, Ryle) |
| 6. Dyllan Davis (12, Anderson Co) | 18. Timarian Bledsoe (11, Calloway Co) |
| 7. Joel Hatchett (11, Fern Creek) | 19. Jack Feree (12, Trinity (Louisville)) |
| 8. Conner Jones (12, Simon Kenton) | 20. Kylon Williams (10, McCreary Central) |
| 9. Conner Lambert (10, Larue Co) | 21. Austin Ellis (10, Meade Co) |
| 10. Bryce Russell (12, St. Xavier) | 22. Brandon Richmond (12, Campbell Co) |
| 11. Rocky Whitehead (11, Madison Southern) | 23. Jahvon Frazier (9, Bryan Station) |
| 12. James Arnold (12, Scott Co) | 24. Neil Wright (7, Bullitt Central) |
| 13. Sam Rayburn (11, West Carter) | 25. Seth Serra (10, Central Hardin) |

Returning placers: Levid Rodriguez 3rd @ 195, Brandon Gibson 4th @ 182, Oscar JT Adams 7th @ 170, Rocky Whitehead 8th @ 195

Week 1 matches to watch: SS1: for some reason I feel like this could have some interesting results;

SS3: lack of alternates and rollup make this bracket a disaster

Kid who might out wrestle their ranking:

Team title race implications:

220 lbs.

Favorite: Darius Moore (12, Union Co)

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| 2. Uriah Virzi (9, Paducah Tilghman) | 14. AJ Harvey (11, Christian Co) |
| 3. Tony Ornelas (12, Woodford Co) | 15. Brad Lowe (12, Belfry) |
| 4. Cooper Elliston (11, Conner) | 16. LeTrell Karnickey (11, Iroquois) |
| 5. Zaine Christian (11, Ashland Blazer) | 17. Michael Leicht (12, Campbell Co) |
| 6. Ryan Martin (12, Trinity (Louisville)) | 18. Austin Silva (10, John Hardin) |
| 7. Jordan Diaz (12, Montgomery Co) | 19. Kodi Reeder (12, East Jessamine) |
| 8. Carter Guillaume (9, St. Xavier) | 20. Tyler Votaw (10, Fairdale) |
| 9. Dakota Brooksbank (12, Simon Kenton) | 21. Rance Hawkins (12, Henderson Co) |
| 10. Thomas Boone (12, Larue Co) | 22. Tanner Morris (12, Knox Central) |
| 11. Devin Sanders (12, Wayne Co) | 23. Joaquin Solis (9, Great Crossing) |
| 12. Nathan Millburn (11, Valley) | 24. Brett Sizemore (11, North Bullitt) |
| 13. Gabe Savage (11, Ryle) | 25. Christian Griffin (10, Letcher Co Central) |

Returning placers: Uriah Virzi 5th @ 195, Darius Moore 2nd @ 220, Gabe Savage 4th @ 220, Cooper Elliston 2nd @ 195, Zaine Christian 5th @ 220, Dakota Brooksbank 6th @ 220, AJ Harvey 6th @ 195

Week 1 matches to watch: SS1: and one more with a ton of good wrestlers and good matches from the opening round; not sure exactly where Boone fits in this weight since he missed most of the season, but he hits Moore in the semis (this could be interesting)

Kid who might out wrestle their ranking:

Team title race implications:

285 lbs.

Favorite: TyDarius Kelly (12, Christian Co)

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| 2. Branson Smith (12, Martin County) | 14. Davis Pike (12, Union Co) |
| 3. Ian Hughes (12, Simon Kenton) | 15. Blake Fox (12, Oldham Co) |
| 4. Andrew Pottle (12, Ohio Co) | 16. Josh Slayton (12, North Bullitt) |
| 5. Hunter Arthur (12, Campbell Co) | 17. Che Smith (11, Meade Co) |
| 6. LaQuann Williams (12, Trinity (Louisville)) | 18. Luke Hill (11, Woodford Co) |
| 7. Brandon Key (12, Central) | 19. Zac Stray (12, Lafayette) |
| 8. Jesse McCoy (11, Johnson Central) | 20. Brandon Dobbs (11, Male) |
| 9. Bill Bradley (11, Sayre) | 21. Say Moe (12, Daviess Co) |
| 10. Matt Mooney (12, Paducah Tilghman) | 22. Colton Kessinger (12, Spencer County) |
| 11. Tayshaun Marshall (11, Ryle) | 23. Shawn May (11, Pike Co Central) |
| 12. Alex Martin (12, Fern Creek) | 24. Honor Honshell (11, Western) |
| 13. Israel Tshiunza (12, Frederick Douglas) | 25. Amarius Beaudoin (12, South Oldham) |

Returning placers: Ty Kelly 4th @ 285, Branson Smith 7th @ 220, Zac Stray 5th @ 285, Tyshaun Marshall 8th @ 285

Week 1 matches to watch: SS4: the seeding here is very strange so I will be curious to see how it plays out

Kid who might out wrestle their ranking:

Team title race implications:

Team Champions

Favorite: 1. Union Co (6 finalists, 2 champs, 9 total placers)

2. Johnson Central	(2 finalists, 1 champ, 10 placers)	14. Fairdale	(4 placers)
3. Ryle	(2 finalists, 2 champs, 6 placers)	15. North Hardin	(2 finalists, 1 champ, 2 placers)
4. Trinity (Louisville)	(1 finalist, 1 champ, 9 placers)	16. Simon Kenton	(2 placers)
5. Campbell Co	(1 finalist, 1 champ, 6 placers)	17. Lafayette	(2 placers)
6. Paducah Tilghman	(2 finalists, 0 champs, 5 placers)	18. Wayne Co	(1 finalist, 1 champ, 2 placers)
7. St. Xavier	(2 finalists, 1 champ, 5 placers)	19. Conner	(2 placers)
8. Christian Co	(2 finalists, 1 champ, 4 placers)	20. Martin County	(1 finalist, 0 champs, 2 placers)
9. Larue Co	(1 finalist, 1 champ, 3 placers)	21. Anderson Co	(1 finalist, 0 champs, 2 placers)
10. Madison Central	(1 finalist, 1 champ, 3 placers)	22. Ashland Blazer	(2 placers)
11. Woodford Co	(3 placers)	23. McCreary Central	(2 placers)
12. Walton Verona	(2 finalists, 1 champ, 3 placers)	24. Central	(2 placers)
13. Caldwell Co	(2 placers)	25. Bullitt East	(3 placers)

Another year, another Union County team title. Yes, the weird semi-state format doesn't do them any favors and does tend to aid Johnson Central and Trinity, but not enough. Union just has too many horses and high placing horses. I do think Johnson and Trinity can catch Ryle to take home the team trophies. I think Paducah Tilghman is in solid position to take the small school state runner-up trophy.