

Introduction

Thank you for taking the time to read the *State Tournament Predictions Report*. This is my ninth year (at least) doing this in some way, shape, or form. Rankings will go 16-deep this year, which is the same as the last couple of years. In addition a listing of the top five wrestlers per district will be provided below the rankings, as one of the primary goals of post-season wrestling is making it to the state tournament. The team standing is based on a state scoring formula that projects points for where each wrestler is ranked (the number to the right of the team/district is the number of ranked wrestlers).

Accuracy in terms of predicting champs:

2004- DI 8/14, DII 10/14, DIII 10/14 (TOTAL = 28)
2005- DI 9/14, DII 9/14, DIII 3(or4)/14 (TOTAL = 21 or 22)
2006- DI 10/14, DII 9/14, DIII 7(or8)/14 (TOTAL = 26 or 27)
2007- DI 10/14, DII 8/14, DIII 9/14 (TOTAL = 27)
2008- DI 9/14, DII 8/14, DIII 9/14 (TOTAL = 26)
2009- DI 12/14, DII 9/14, DIII 9/14 (TOTAL = 30)
2010- DI 9/14, DII 10/14, DIII 10(or11)/14 (TOTAL = 29 or 30)
2011- DI 8(or9)/14, DII 8/14, DIII 11/14 (TOTAL = 27 or 28)

Where were the other champs ranked? (note this may not be perfect):

2nd- 57, 3rd- 28, 4th- 11, 5th- 8, 6th- 2, 7th- 3, 8th- 2, 9th- 1, >10- 3

Please note that this report is a reflection of the information acquired based on wrestling through the weekend ending January 21st with some updating done after the weekend of wrestling ending January 28th. There are two more weekends of wrestling left in this regular season. Also, remember that come the state series, it is a new season. The rankings and summaries carry the value of understanding where one person sees things at this point in time, and also an entertainment factor. However, as the writer of this report, I feel it is important to state: (1) there are matches to be wrestled for a reason (2) it is the upsets, the unexpected, and the thrillers that define state series wrestling (3) if I was somewhat perfect, there would be a different line of employment for me (i.e. psychic or bookie).

These are two predictions that I guarantee to be correct:

*The state tournament will be staged at Value City Arena on the campus of Ohio State University March 1st through 3rd.

*42 wrestlers will be crowned as champions, 14 weight classes across 3 divisions.

All others ... there are no guarantees. As the TMQ column on Page2 of ESPN.com states, "All predictions guaranteed to be wrong or your money back!" (just kidding)

Best of luck on the remainder of the season, hope you all achieve the levels of success you wish for, and enjoy the reading!