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“2guys4a” bring you the “2008 AAAA Bracketology Report”
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A few notes: This is our best guess at how the brackets will shake down come this weekend. We have most of the results from the season and sometimes choose to ignore them due to many factors. We try to be unbiased and fair but when the day is done we are just going to go with who we like the best.

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103

1. Barnhill
2. Kahn
3. Pullen
4. Khair
5. Belete
6. Washington

Does he bench 230? Will he get 300? Who cares, Pullen only weighs 103! This one is won in the quarters, and this one goes to Barnhill. Kahn gets the good draw here and wins a close high scoring affair over Durden. Then Durden gets knocked out by Belete in the consos.

112

1. Miller
2. White
3. Carnow
4. Blue
5. Chamblee
6. McGraw

A weight loaded with vets. Griggs COULD sneak into the finals but we see weight as an issue and White winning a close one in the second round and then blue knocking him out in the wrestle backs. McGraw is no stranger to battling through the wrestle backs, his experience puts him back on the podium as he avenges an earlier season loss to Paige.

119

1. Warner
2. Bolton
3. Stafford
4. Hunt
5. Permenter
6. Torres

My high school coach always said “It takes a different animal to win a state title”. Well Dequan Warner is a different animal! Now that he has a grasp of Stafford quickness, he will do what he does best and that’s wining under pressure! Bedingfield and Starnes could easily sneak into 5th and 6th here.

125

1. Ulmer
2. Lesniak
3. Ponce
4. Temple
5. Bell
6. Green

Ulmer vs. Lesniak will be the first true finals match of the tournament with the previous 3 weights being won prior to the finals. Green upsets Harris in the wrestle backs to get on the podium. Lesniak walks to the finals but cant handle Ulmer in a much anticipated battle. Green will get hot in the wrestle backs beating Allen and Harris to reach the podium.

130

1. Sary
2. Allen
3. Hughes
4. Lewis
5. Hererra
6. Pollard

130 provides another heavyweight match up in the finals, but both finalist will have to bring their A-game to get there. Lewis will beat up Allen in the top semi and the super technical Hughes will give Sary all he wants in the bottom semi. No upsets here as Allen and Sary are battle tested. Hererra wins the rematch with Pollard to take 5th.

135

1. Hopkins
2. Bailey
3. McCollum
4. Gainey
5. Olsen
6. Best

Hopkins vs. Bailey will look more like a UFC fight between Forrest Griffin and Stephan Bonar with both fighters slugging it out until the final buzzer and leaving the arena bloody. We see Gainey beating McCollum in the quarters then McCollum wining the rematch to get 3rd.

140

1. Bridges
2. Blue
3. Taylor
4. Collins
5. Loper
6. Sibley

Yes, we saw the Area 5 AAAA results. However, we also saw Blue get picked apart Medved in the finals of the Whitewater tournament. Bridges has proved himself to be rock solid under pressure, not giving up a point on his way to a state title last year, and Blue seems to lose his composure when he gets frustrated..... We take Bridges. Taylor losses a tough one to Bridges in the second round but tears through the wrestle backs and finishes 3rd for the second year in a row. Some tough draws shake this bracket up, look for Peagues, Huddleston and West to crash the party here.

145

1. Yates
2. Kellerman
3. Parris
4. Michael
5. Oskey
6. McKibben

Yates will go unscored on to his 3rd title wining 15-0 in each match leaving his shoes in the middle of the mat as he receives a standing ovation from the crowd. Kellerman receives the good draw here but he will be tested in the quarters by Browning and by Michael in the semi-finals.

152

1. Carney
2. O'Brien
3. Blackwell
4. Young
5. Bender
6. Butler

A Woodward coach wrote "Carney is like a big locomotive, once he gets going you can't stop him!" We agree. Carney is the best wrestler in AAAA other than Peter Yates. He gets his 2nd state title in dominating fashion by not giving up an offensive point all tournament. We see him pinning his way through this bracket, he can't lose at 152!!!! The loser of O'brien vs. Blackwell will mess up the wrestle backs knocking Montford and/or Law/Valentine.

160

1. Collins
2. Jones
3. Penland
4. Outlaw
5. Wiggington
6. Hestor

Every time you turn around Ben Jones is in a full out war! We have seen him battle it out with Vogt, Blackstock x 2, Pendland, Carney, etc... He can win the 1 point match and that's what it will take to get to the finals but Collins is just to big and strong. However, Collins will need to be at his best to get by Penland and Jones. Look for an upset here.

171

1. Graham
- 2 Blackstock
3. Williamson
4. Wright
5. Walkey
6. Morris

With Blackstock bumping up this weight is now a 3 horse race. My partner and I can't agree on a champ here I say Williamson he says Graham. Either way the winner of this semi will go on to beat Blackstock in the finals. We take Graham... with prejudice.

189

1. Blankenbeker
2. Laney
3. Byars
4. Carter
5. Howe
6. Tau

No surprise here as the seasoned vet Blackenbecker finally gets his crown. We see him backstroking through this bracket. Willanzheimer will give Tau a handful and could easily be the 6 here but we'll take Tau for now.

215

1. Carroll
2. Gregory
3. Paz
4. Williams
5. Lester
6. Hatcher

When it comes to AAAA 215 Carroll has been the man all year with multiple wins over defending champ Paz. Gregory will spoil a Paz vs. Carroll rematch as he sends Paz to the wrestle backs. Williams looks to be the best of the rest here.

275

1. Carillo
2. Haynes
3. Salmon
4. Woods
5. Tutu
6. Chumley

We don't really know what's going on here. Everyone who is supposed to win loses and everyone just beats everyone. So and so has beaten him 10 times, yada, yada, yada! Carillo gets the draw of a lifetime and takes advantage. If this bracket proves to be as unpredictable as the Area tournaments were, the order could be reversed. But this is our best guess.

The team race:

It appears to be a two horse race between Stockbridge and Eastside with North West Whitfield, Woodward, Fayette co, Jackson co, Cherokee, and Ringgold battling it out for 3rd. Head to head match-ups will decide who comes out on top. Stockbridge will need their non-placers to go deep, such as Deloach, Pierce, Browning and Dawson. Eastside will need the same out of Durden, Griggs, Cole, and Palmer.

We will only predict the top two.

1. Stockbridge (6 placers, 2 finalist)
2. Eastside (6 placers 1 finalist)

This could be a TIGHT race if Griggs beats White and makes the finals at 112, probably giving Eastside the edge. We look for the most prepared team to win this on upsets, both Stockbridge and Eastside are capable of capturing the title. This should be the tightest team race in recent AAAA history. Good luck to all the wrestlers this weekend, we will see you there!
