

What a super weekend of high school wrestling. The PIAA State Wrestling Championships never disappoint. Mother Nature could have cooperated a little more, but the wrestling more than made up for the gloomy weather. The four Council Rock North competitors that qualified for States all won at least one match which is saying something with the quality of the competition they faced. Unfortunately only **Jamie Callender** medaled, but that medal was Gold.

Earlier in the year, freshman **Johnny Dutrow** vowed that he would make it to States. Make it he did becoming the first freshman in Council Rock history to ever do so. He earned his way there with a second place finish at Regions. At States, **Johnny's** first match was against the Northeast Region's third place finisher, CJ Palmer, a sophomore from Delaware Valley High School with a record of 41-8. A good match but **Johnny** came out on the short end of the 4-1 decision. In his first round consolation match **Johnny** wrestled Mackenzie McGuire a 31-1 sophomore from Upper St. Clair High School. McGuire had placed third in Southwest Region. Things went better here with **Johnny** taking that match by a 7-5 decision. Next up was Bellfonte's Thomas Traxler the 19-1 Northwest Regional Champion. **Johnny** wrestled a great match losing by just two points in the final 3-1 outcome. To demonstrate the quality of the people **Johnny** lost to, Palmer ended up taking the Bronze medal and Traxler finished fifth in the 112 pound weight class. There is no doubt that **Johnny** will be back at Hershey next year as a sophomore and with the experience he gained this year there is surely a State Medal in his future.

In his 119 pound opener **Shane Longstreth** lost to Meadville High School's Shelton Mack the 37-1 Northwest Regional Champion. A good match, but Mack took that one by a 10-4 decision. **Shane** came back to win his first round consi match against Kyle Coblentz from Garden Spot High School. Coblentz came into the match with a 34-5 record and had placed second in the South Central Regional Tournament. It was all Shane in this one beating Coblentz 10-4. In the second round, **Shane** went up against Brandon Choate from Blue Mountain High School. Choate was the eventual third place finisher taking home the Bronze Medal. This was a tough one for **Shane**, losing by a 13-6 decision. Like **Johnny Dutrow**, **Shane** will be back in 2011 and with what he learned this weekend he'll be bringing home a piece of Hershey hardware.

This was **Greg Lanctot's** second trip to Hershey. In 2008 as a sophomore **Greg** qualified in the 140 pound weight class by taking a fourth place in the Southeast Regional Tournament. Last year **Greg** missed a trip to Hershey when he failed to qualify in the 2009 Regional Tournament. This year he

qualified in the 152 pound weight class by placing forth in the Region. In **Greg's** opening match at Hershey he went up against Zack Shannon from Kiski Area. **Greg** had wrestled and lost to Shannon earlier in the year at the PIAA State Team Duals. This match was much closer but in the end it went to Shannon by a 4-3 decision. A second loss to Zach Thomson from Mechanicsburg spelled the end of **Greg's** day and his high school wrestling career. A four year varsity career that saw him progress from a 6-11 freshman to eventually achieve that coveted 100th win as a senior tri-captain. **Greg** would go on to compile an outstanding career record of 105 wins against 56 losses. **Greg** was an anchor in the middle weight for the Indians and he will certainly be missed leaving a great big pair of shoes to fill. Whatever **Greg** chooses, we wish him all the best and know he has a bright future ahead of him.

Jamie Callender's match in the finals was Déjà vu all over again. He had stormed his way to the finals with three decisive wins, a pair of pins and a decision. Christopher Pintado from Liberty was the first to fall 3:27. Dallastown's Phil Sprenkle was next and managed to allude the fall but gave up a 10-4 decision. In the semi finals **Jamie** pinned McWreath from Trinity in 4:29 to advance to the finals. **Jamie's** arch rival, Andre Petroski, was doing basically the same in the top half of the bracket. Here's where the Déjà vu part kicked in. These two had faced off last week in the Regional finals. In that one, Petroski started the scoring with a takedown. Same thing this week and **Jamie** had to scramble to even the score at 5-5 late in the third period. Petroski helped out with a stalling point and he also gave up a caution point just as last week. **Jamie** took Petroski down right at the edge of the mat to score in the first overtime period and take the match. In the finals last year **Jamie** was pinned in the first period. After the hand shake at mat center, **Jamie** had just turned to his coaches and with a little shrug he smiled that **Jamie** smile. That smile that said, *the gold eluded me this time but tomorrow is another day*. Well, that day is here. This time, instead of a shrug, from his knees he raised his hands in a salute to the family and fans in the stands and claimed not only the gold but the distinction of being Council Rock North's very first State Champion.

Five days later **Jamie** was invited to wrestle in the twenty first annual Delaware Valley Wrestling Official's All-Star Challenge Match. This is an annual event that pits a senior all-star team from Pennsylvania's Southeastern Region against an all-star team from Central New Jersey. **Jamie** continued his winning ways with a 9-3 decision win over Brian Stapleton from Franklin High School. A quick trip to Pittsburgh to participate in the Dapper Dan Wrestling Classic on Saturday saw **Jamie** matched up once again with Mike

Evans from Blair Academy. Jamie and Evans had wrestled in the Beast of the East Tournament back in December. Evans won that one 5-2. This time the same three point difference with Evans out scoring Jamie 8-5. **Jamie's** wrestling days are over at North but he will continue at Drexel where he will join his brother Jack next fall. That should make one dynamic duo for the Dragons. Good luck **Jamie** and thanks for all of the fun and excitement.

