

# 2022/2023 All-Area Boys Wrestling Team



**Elijah Ehlers**  
Raymond Central  
Soph., 106 pounds, Class C  
2022/2023 Record: 27-7  
Lightweight for the Mustangs finished one match away from getting a medal at 106 pounds in Class C at State meet.

Finished the year as the best lightweight wrestler in the area and came within one match of reaching the podium at the Class C State Tournament in Omaha. Highlights from the season included going 4-0 at the State Dual Tournament which helped the Mustangs get fifth place in Class C. On the year, the sophomore had big wins over Owen Krafka of Shelby-Rising City, who took third place at 106 pounds in Class D and Kaleb Keiper, who got fifth place at 106 in Class B. He will be one of the strongest returning wrestlers for Raymond Central heading into the 2023-24 season.



**Grady Meyer**  
Wahoo  
Fr., 126 pounds, Class B  
2022/2023 Record: 37-15  
Became only the second wrestler in the Wahoo Wrestling Program history to medal at the State Tournament as a freshman.

As only a freshmen, Grady Meyer found himself just one match away from wrestling for a state championship in Class B at 126 pounds. He also became the first freshman to medal at state for Wahoo since 1996 and the second one in the program's history. After losing both his semifinal and consolation semifinal matches, he battled back to get fifth place by defeating Emmitt Dirks of York with a 6-2 decision. On top of getting a medal at state, Meyer also took second place at 126 pounds at the Trailblazer Conference Meet. His only loss at the conference meet was a 6-5 decision against Tristan Reinke of Beatrice, who go fourth in Class B at 126 pounds.



**Trev Arlt**  
Yutan  
Sr., 126 pounds, Class C  
2022/2023 Record: 52-7  
Finished in fourth place at 126 pounds in Class C at the State Wrestling Tournament. The senior finished this year with three school records broken.

Coming into this year, Trev Arlt was no stranger to the state championships after qualifying a year ago, but coming up short of a medal. This year, Arlt would not be denied as he battled his way to a fourth place finish in Class C at 126 pounds. The medal didn't come easy for the senior, who had to survive a 3-2 decision against Zane Zoucha of Malcolm and a 4-1 decision over Jaxson Hassler of Battle Creek to make it to Saturday of the state meet. This year, Arlt set the school record for wins in a season with 52, wins in a career at 172 and career pins with 112.

## Aaron Ohnoutka

Bishop Neumann  
Sr., 126 pounds, Class C  
2022/2023 Record: 53-1  
Honorary Captain  
Became the second state champion in Bishop Neumann Wrestling program history. Ends his career with most wins in school history.



Nobody was as dominant on the mat this season in the area than Aaron Ohnoutka of Bishop Neumann. The senior compiled 53 wins and cruised to an individual state title at 126 pounds in his second trip to the finals. To put into perspective how good Ohnoutka was, his closest match at state was his title bout where he defeated Will Sprenger of Valentine by a 5-0 decision. It was redemption for Ohnoutka, who suffered an injury at districts a year ago that kept him from qualifying for state. He became the first individual state champion for Neumann since 2009 and has a program-record 171 career victories.

## Cade Lierman

Bishop Neumann  
Sr., 138 pounds, Class C  
2022/2023 Record: 43-4  
Lierman earned his second state medal for the Cavaliers by with a second place finish at 138 pounds in Class C. Recorded over 100 career wins.



Lierman is another one of the terrific group of Neumann senior wrestlers who helped the Cavaliers take second at state in Class C as a team in 2023. Similar to Aaron Ohnoutka, Lierman experienced disappointment a year ago when he didn't qualify for state. He came back this season better than ever and picked up a career-best 43 wins on his way to making his third trip to state. While at the state meet, Lierman earned a major decision, a decision and then a pin to reach the finals for the first time in his career. He finishes his career with a second place medal at state in 2023 to go along with a third place finish in 2021 at 113 in Class C.

## Max Lautenschlager

Bishop Neumann  
Sr., 145 pounds, Class C  
2022/2023 Record: 49-10  
Became a two-time state medalist for the Cavaliers after getting fourth place at 145 pounds in Class C at the state meet.



The road to a state medal in 2023 was not easy for Max Lautenschlager. His determination and fight earned him a selection on the All-Area Team this year. In the opening round of the state meet, Lautenschlager got an unfavorable matchup with Phillip Carstens of Boys Town who went on to win at the weight class. The senior battled back from that loss to win three straight matches to reach the medal rounds. Lautenschlager then won a 5-2 decision in the consolation semifinals to reach the third/fourth place match. For his career, Lautenschlager finishes with over 100 victories and as a two-time state medalist.



**Blaine Christo**  
Ashland-Greenwood  
Sr., 145 pounds, Class B  
2022/2023 Record: 27-3  
Christo battled to a second place finish at 145 pounds in Class B. He is now a three-time state medalist, four-time state qualifier and three-time member of the All-Area Wrestling Team.

For the first time since 2016, the Ashland-Greenwood wrestling team had a state finalist in Blaine Christo. It was an amazing feat considering Christo didn't start wrestling till January due to a knee sprain suffered in practice before the start of the year. After placing third at the B-1 District Meet, the senior picked up two pins and then avenged a loss from districts with a 6-4 decision win in sudden victory over Ashton Munsell of Wayne in the semifinals at state. In the finals, Christo came up short by a 10-4 decision. He ends his career with a second, third and sixth place finish in Class B.



**Adam Ohnoutka**  
Bishop Neumann  
Sr., 152 pound, Class C  
2022/2023 Record: 50-8  
In his second trip to the State Wrestling Tournament, Ohnoutka picked up a fourth place finish in Class C. He also earned over 100 wins in his high school career.

In his final high school season, Adam Ohnoutka experienced a tremendous amount of success, eclipsing the 100 career win mark and taking fourth place at 152 pounds in Class C. He won a 6-4 decision over Dakota Baum in his opening round at state and got a 9-0 major decision against Brice Wilkie of Malcolm. After losing in the semifinals, he upset Caleb Davis of West Holt by a 4-2 decision to reach the third/fourth place match. That win, along with so many others for the Cavaliers helped them to earn second place as a team in Class C by one point over Fillmore Central. On top of a fourth place finish at state, he won at 152 pounds at the Centennial Conference Meet.



**Tie Hollandsworth**  
Raymond Central  
Sr., 160 pounds, Class C  
2022/2023 Record: 40-8  
Hollandsworth was one of two Mustangs to earn a medal at the state meet in 2023 by placing sixth at 160. It was the senior's second straight trip to state.

For most of the year, Tie Hollandsworth was a leader for the Raymond Central boys wrestling team who experienced tremendous amounts of success in both regular and dual tournaments. He played a major part in the Mustangs getting fifth place in Class C at the State Dual Tournament by going undefeated in three matches with two pins and an 8-4 decision over Lane Vesely of Wilber-Clatonia. At the Class C State Championships Treven Stassines of Fillmore Central stood between Hollandsworth getting a medal, but he was able to outlast the Panther wrestler and win a 5-4 decision in a tie-breaker.

## Cameron Shultz

Raymond Central  
Sr., 170 pounds, Class C  
2022/2023 Record: 28-9  
Most improved wrestler of the 2023 season in the area. In his first trip to the state tournament he reached the finals at 170 pounds.



One of the most improved wrestlers in the area this year was Cameron Shultz of Raymond Central. After not making the state tournament in his first three years, the senior not only qualified for the state meet, but reach the finals at 170 pounds in Class C. He accomplished this feat by getting a pin and a major decision in his first two matches and then won a 7-5 decision over then 40-1 Blake Bolling of Pierce in the semifinals. Things started to click according to Head Coach Harold Pester for Shultz at districts where he upset some kids he lost to in the regular season to get first place. His 21 points at the state meet helped Raymond Central get 14th place.

## Derek Wacker

Yutan  
Jr., 182 pounds, Class C  
2022/2023 Record: 37-3  
Became the first state finalist in the Yutan boys wrestling program history at 182 pounds. Came up just short of becoming a gold medalist for the Chieftains.



Derek Wacker made history this past season as the first state finalist for the Yutan boys wrestling program. The junior dominated throughout the 2022-23 season and only finished with three losses overall. At the state meet, Wacker won easily on his way to reaching the title bout with a pin in 1:54, an 8-2 decision and then a pin in 1:18 against Roman Kolbet of Gibbon. In the finals, Wacker fought hard but ended up losing a 3-2 decision against Conner Wells of Broken Bow. On top of placing second at the state meet, he was a district champion as well. He looks to be a dominant wrestler for Yutan next season.

## Trent Moudry

Bishop Neumann  
Jr., 195 pounds, Class C  
2022/2023 Record: 39-2  
Moudry became a two-time state medalist and first-time state finalist this past year. The junior battled the defending state champ to the very end at 195 pounds.



Trent Moudry of Bishop Neumann keeps climbing the ladder of success in the high school wrestling realm. The junior went from a fourth place finish last year to reaching the state finals this season at 195 pounds. Moudry made it to the title match by getting two pins to start the tournament and then won a 8-2 decision against Max Denson of Broken Bow in the semifinals. In a high-scoring finals match, Moudry pushed defending state champ Ryan Gabriel of Ord to the very end in a 10-8 decision loss. He looks to be a force on the mat next year as a senior.



**Dominek Rohleder**  
Wahoo  
Sr., 220 pounds, Class B  
2022/2023 Record: 35-15  
In his second trip to the Class B State Tournament, Rohleder came in fifth place at 220 pounds. One of the top wrestlers for Wahoo all year.

Capping off his high school career with a fifth place finish at 220 pounds in Class B at the state meet was Dominek Rohleder of Wahoo. After losing to John Balch of Mount Michael Benedictine earlier at state, Rohleder bounced back to pin him in 4:56 in his final match. Rohleder came up big when the Warriors needed him the most all season. One of the more memorable moments from his senior year came in a dual with David City on senior night at home. Trailing the Scouts 33-29 going into the final match, he wrestled up at 285 pounds and pinned Chase Krafka in 4:18 to secure a two-point victory for the Warriors.

## Record setting year for area on wrestling mat

This season was a record setting year for Saunders County when it came to wrestling. In total, there six boys that wrestled for a state title from the area. This isn't mentioning the four area girls who were in the finals. Looking back at previous years, that's the most finalists in one year that there has ever been from the area. It is not a surprise, however, with the loads of senior talent distributed between the six schools in Saunders County. You could also see this talent in team races where Bishop Neumann earned second place in Class C at the state championships and Raymond Central took fifth place at the state dual meet. For me, it was so much fun to follow these athletes around at meets and report on their success back to the communities. You could definitely see all the hard work these kids put in throughout the year pay off. - Alex Eller, Sports Editor



**Luke Lambert**  
Ashland-Greenwood  
Sr., 285 pounds, Class B  
2022/2023 Record: 13-2  
Starting wrestling in late January and entered the Class B State Tournament with an undefeated record. The senior ended up picking his second state medal.

Despite still recovering from an ACL tear suffered during football season, Luke Lambert of Ashland-Greenwood hit the mat in late January for the Bluejays. When he did, the senior was dominant on his way to qualifying for state at 285 pounds with a first place finish at the B-1 District Meet. At state, he ended up getting fourth place and picked up his second state medal with three wins. Lambert did not wrestle his third/fourth place match due to injury. He caps off his career as a three-time state qualifier. To say what he accomplished this year is amazing is an understatement. Lambert is definitely one tough competitor.

## Second Team Members:

- Caden Smart, Soph., Wahoo
- Noah Bordovsky, Soph., Wahoo
- Trevor Beaver, Jr., Wahoo
- Mason Kreikemeier, Sr., Raymond Central
- Tyson Malousek, Sr., Raymond Central
- Jace Lickliter, Sr., Raymond Central
- Wyatt Jelinek, Fr., Raymond Central
- Kyle Peterson, Jr., Raymond Central
- Landon Sund, Fr., Bishop Neumann
- Thomas Vrana, Sr., Bishop Neumann
- David Hart, Soph., Bishop Neumann
- Ty Beetison, Sr., Ashland-Greenwood
- Treyton Tweton, Jr., Ashland-Greenwood
- Janson Pilkington, Sr., Yutan
- Bryce Kolc, Jr., Yutan
- Jesse Kult, Jr., Yutan
- Jett Arensberg, Sr., Yutan
- Dale Shaner, Jr., Cedar Bluffs

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