

The Express-Times individual wrestling rankings for Jan. 14, 2014



Phillipsburg's Brandon Paetzell, right, is the top-ranked wrestler at 106 pounds. *(Express-Times File Photo)*



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Jacob Lizak

106 pounds

1. So. Brandon Paetzell (15-1) Phillipsburg
2. So. Jacob Lizak (19-4) Parkland
3. Fr. Danny Moran (12-4) Northampton
4. So. Dylan Brown (17-2) Freedom
5. Fr. Jake Riegel (11-1) Bethlehem Catholic

Honorable mention (in alphabetical order): Fr. Jared Corriere (11-2) Wilson; So. Jack Hill (16-4) Saucon Valley; Fr. Hayden Keleher (10-5) Easton; Jr. Paul Robinson (11-4) North Hunterdon; Jr. Harley Sacks (8-4) Voorhees; So. Robbie Shoemaker (11-5) Pius X; So. Garrett Snyder (14-9) Nazareth; Fr. Luke Werner (20-5) Liberty.

Comments: Paetzell stormed to Hunterdon/Warren/Sussex championship and Outstanding Wrestler award, and it will take quite a charge by somebody else to oust him from No. 1. Moran defeated Brown 3-1 in a dual meet to keep the order correct. Robinson had to wrestle Paetzell twice in three days, a difficult task, and lost via by tech fall and pin. Werner pushing for a spot, but it's a tough group to crack.



Michael Scheetz

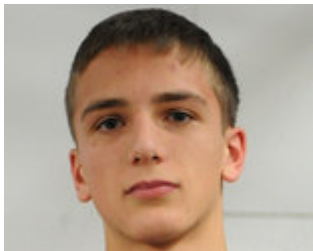
113 pounds

1. So. Luke Karam (16-2) Bethlehem Catholic
2. Jr. Michael Scheetz (6-0) Northampton

3. So. Jacob Wasser (17-1) Palisades
4. So. Tyson Klump (11-9) Nazareth
5. Fr. KJ Fenstermacher (23-2) Liberty

Honorable mention: Fr. Nick Antunez (14-4) Wilson; So. Gavin DeBoer (12-5) Bangor; Fr. Ryan Dengler (10-4) Northwestern; So. Kyle DiNapoli (11-3) Voorhees; Fr. Ryan Greene (12-4) Catasauqua; Fr. Matt Kolonia (12-3) Delaware Valley; So. Richard Otero (10-3) Dieruff; Jr. Anthony Roche (3-1) Easton; Sr. Travis Shoemaker (9-3) Allen; Jr. James Smith (10-5) Belvidere; Fr. Matt Valli (9-4) Warren Hills.

Comments: Shoemaker, No. 5 at 120, drops here but no room in the top 5 for him. One-2-3 are set here (Karam majored Klump in dual), for a while, but Klump's slump should lift Fenstermacher up to No. 4 ... except that Klump beat the Hurricane frosh at the Bethlehem Holiday Wrestling Classic. That head-to-head is too recent to make a change. DiNapoli lost to Kolonia on Friday in dual and then beat him en route to extremely impressive win at H/W/S; he's No. 6.



Joey Gould

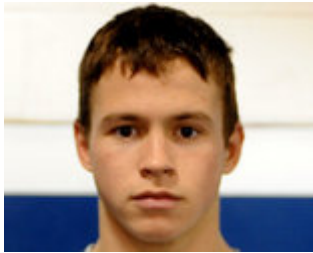
120 pounds

1. Sr. Ethan Lizak (15-2) Parkland
2. So. Joey Gould (12-6) Bethlehem Catholic
3. So. Joe Curzi (17-6) Liberty
4. So. Joe Renne (9-4) Hackettstown

5. Sr. Cody Ihling (10-3) Voorhees

Honorable mention: So. Quentin Bernard (13-7) Northwestern; Jr. John Fluck (7-5) Warren Hills; Jr. Gino Fluri (10-5) North Warren; Fr. Mario Gordon (13-6) Notre Dame; Sr. Nicholas Kauffman (12-1) Whitehall; Fr. Blake McNew (14-3) Bangor; So. Lucas Schaf (8-2) Emmaus; Jr. Travis Smith (12-10) Nazareth; So. DJ Wissing (11-7) Phillipsburg; So. Jonah Zych (14-7) Freedom.

Comments: We said last week this was a wide-open class and so it is, with Allen's Shoemaker now at 113 and Renne edging Ihling in H/W/S semi, all causing a large reshuffle. Gould's clutch win over Smith in a dual moves him to No. 2, and Renne, with two of his four losses to Kittatinny's impressive Nick Klinger, enters at No. 4. These won't be the last changes here.



Tyrone Klump

126 pounds

1. Sr. Zeke Moisey (20-0) Bethlehem Catholic

2. Sr. Tyrone Klump (16-3) Nazareth

3. Sr. Zach Valley (14-2) Northampton

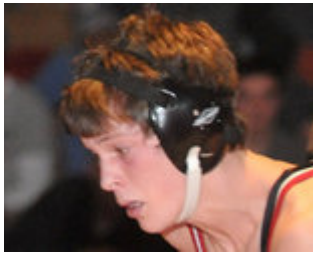
4. Jr. Ryan Pomrinca (16-0) North Hunterdon

5. Jr. John Ritter (17-8) Liberty

Honorable mention: Sr. Dante Albanese (17-4) Pius X; So. Evan Fidelibus (12-5) Easton; Fr. Kyle Gorant (14-0) Southern Lehigh; So. Tyler Marsh (13-1) Palisades; Jr. Austin Pidoto (8-5) Warren Hills; Sr. Matty Ritchie (10-3) North Warren; Fr. Jesse

Rocco (12-4) Bangor; So. Matt Schmall (12-5) Northern Lehigh; So. Jarret White (12-9) Northwestern.

Comments: We didn't get to see Moisey v. Klump in the dual -- boooo!! -- but there was a big result in this class a few Bethlehem blocks away as Ritter thumped Fidelibus 6-0 and sails into the top 5. Valley's drop here makes this far and away the toughest weight class in the region and makes rankings almost impossible; behind Moisey there's not much difference at 2-3-4. Klump defeated Don Bosco Prep's Kyle Bierdumpf, a 2013 NJSIAA runner-up at 106, 4-2 in overtime in Virginia. Ritchie acquitted himself well against Pomrinca in H/W/S final but drops out of top 5 anyway; one extremely tough weight. Gorant's worth a look.



Dylan Nace

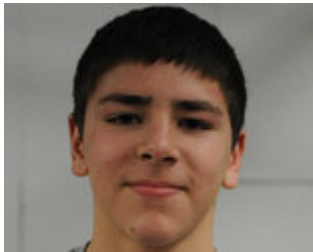
132 pounds

1. Sr. Dylan Nace (10-0) Hunterdon Central
2. Jr. Todd Hetrick (14-3) Northampton
3. Sr. Andrew Sutton (16-5) Pen Argyl
4. So. Jacob Montes (15-3) Easton
5. So. Stephen Maloney (14-6) Bethlehem Catholic

Honorable mention: Sr. Tom Beishke (6-2) Voorhees; Sr. Ryan Carty (12-6) Central Catholic; Jr. Ryan Erwin (10-4) Delaware Valley; Fr. Ryan Farber (12-6) Northern Lehigh; Jr. Stephen Friedman (8-6), Phillipsburg; Sr. Robert Lindsey (15-2) Bangor; Sr. Eric Martin (12-5) North Hunterdon; So. Ronald Nguyen (12-5) Dieruff; So. David Reif

(8-5) Notre Dame; Sr. Jacob Rusnock (16-3) Catasauqua; Fr. Travis Stefanik (17-7) Nazareth; Sr. Adam Ziegler (12-4) Southern Lehigh.

Comments: Nace became the first four-time H/W/S finalist and won his 100th career match Saturday, and takes No. 1 here with Valley's drop. Hetrick's rise leaves him at No. 2. Beishke lost 3-0 to Nace in H/W/S semi and beat Erwin and Martin in consolations; he's pushing for a spot. Maloney lost 5-1 to Tyrone Klump in a dual.



Mike Labriola

138 pounds

1. Sr. Chase Zemenak (18-3) Nazareth
2. Fr. Mike Labriola (15-4) Bethlehem Catholic
3. So. Jimmy Saylor (16-3) Easton
4. Sr. Josh Evans (17-1) Palmerton
5. Jr. Max Nauta (10-2) Warren Hills

Honorable mention: Sr. Anthony Calantoni (14-4) Wilson; So. Derek Ciavarro (13-5) North Hunterdon; Sr. Dale Hull (6-3) Voorhees; Sr. Kenneth Nguyen (10-3) Dieruff; Jr. Nick Schneider (9-4) Saucon Valley; Jr. Corey Zinsmeister (10-3) Phillipsburg.

Comments: Nauta's very impressive march (including a pin of Zinsmeister) to the H/W/S title -- some thought he had a shot at Outstanding Wrestler -- should in theory have him moving up but ahead of whom? Very solid top five here, will take a lot to make a change. No Zemenak-Labriola bout, sadly.



Kyle Baker

145 pounds

1. Sr. Kyle Baker (16-3) Easton
2. Jr. Michael Comunale (18-2) Pius X
3. Jr. Jimmy Schuitema (10-2) Phillipsburg
4. Sr. Colin Boylan (11-1) Hunterdon Central
5. Jr. Zack Christman (16-3) Palmerton

On the sideline: Sr. Sage Karam (13-2) Nazareth.

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Honorable mention: Sr. Jeremy Allen (14-3) Dieruff; Sr. Mason Angstadt (12-7) Bethlehem Catholic; So. Anthony Carida (9-5) Hackettstown; Jr. Reese Cornish (13-5) Notre Dame; Jr. Cole Franklin (8-3) Emmaus; Jr. Dallas LaBar (17-1) Bangor; Sr. Ryan Lobb (14-6) Pen Argyl; Fr. Cade Moisey (7-5) Northampton; Sr. Christian Okulicz (11-4) Voorhees; So. Ryan Smolinsky (10-3) North Hunterdon; Jr. Robert Tully (13-5) Whitehall.

Comments: Karam's absence from the scene opens the door for Baker to claim the No. 1 spot. Schuitema went up to 152 to beat the No. 2-ranked wrestler there in overtime and then beat Boylan 1-0 in H/W/S final; they switch spots. Christman, runner-up at BHWC, takes the open spot with two of his losses to Karam and Comunale, though LaBar and Franklin are in the running.



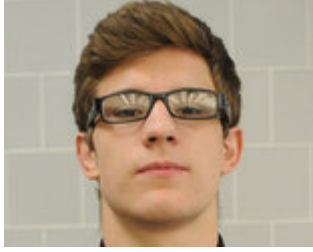
Mike Ciavarro

152 pounds

1. Sr. Gary Dinmore (14-0) Hunterdon Central
2. Sr. Mike Ciavarro (13-3) North Hunterdon
3. Sr. Elijah Brown (14-3) Easton
4. Jr. Charlie Sell (18-0) Bangor
5. Sr. Tyler Tarsi (17-4) Nazareth

Honorable mention: Sr. Quincy Boulware (15-3) Whitehall; Sr. Cole DiGuiseppe (13-7) Freedom; Sr. Nathan Doria (12-7) Catasauqua; Jr. Max Elling (14-4) Phillipsburg; Sr. William Gonsiewski (8-4) Voorhees; Sr. Johnny Hayes (10-2) North Warren; Jr. Kenny Kane (8-3) Belvidere; Jr. Cory Lightner (11-2) Delaware Valley; Sr. Josh Ortman (12-5) Parkland; So. Michael Reif (12-6) Notre Dame; So. Adam Soldridge (13-6) Bethlehem Catholic; Sr. Vinny Vonelli (20-2) Pius X.

Comments: Losing three times in one week would normally cause a No. 2 wrestler to drop, but Ciavarro fell by one point to Phillipsburg's Schuitema and twice to Dinmore (5-0 and 5-2) so he pays no penalty. Not having Brown in top 5 last week was an oversight. Soldridge impressed against Nazareth.



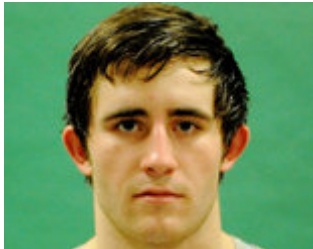
Matthew Mirth

160 pounds

1. Jr. Matthew Mirth (16-0) Southern Lehigh
2. Jr. Zach Graver (12-0) Palmerton
3. Fr. Frank Guida (13-5) Parkland
4. Sr. Broderick Bupivi (12-7) Phillipsburg
5. Fr. Devin Fontanez (17-5) Saucon Valley

Honorable mention: Jr. Chad Abel (7-6) Easton; Sr. Zack Bradley (15-3) Catasauqua; Jr. Nate Farber (11-5) Northern Lehigh; So. Ricky Fornaciari (11-8) Nazareth; So. Brandon Gallagher (10-7) Bethlehem Catholic; Jr. David Harris (11-4) Belvidere; Sr. Kevin Knox (18-9) Liberty; Jr. Thomas Riley (10-5) Voorhees; Jr. Michael Sicola (10-4) North Hunterdon; Sr. Luke Zehnbauer (7-3) Delaware Valley.

Comments: Bupivi's 5-1 decision over Sicola and his H/W/S crown move him to No. 4 here. Zehnbauer arrives all the way down here from 182 and displaces teammate Kyle Schlittler (9-3, sophomore) who still deserves a general honorable mention.



Jake Kocsis

170 pounds

1. Sr. Jake Kocsis (16-2) Phillipsburg
2. Sr. Bobby Fehr (11-3) Northampton
3. Sr. Nick Cortopassi (11-2) Bethlehem Catholic
4. Jr. Jake Young (15-5) Freedom
5. Sr. Noah Klingborg (19-6) Liberty

Honorable mention: Sr. James Donnelly (11-3) Palisades; Sr. Joe Guzzo (16-2) North Hunterdon; Sr. Jordan Juliano (11-3) Voorhees; Jr. Jason Lynch (17-4) Saucon Valley; Sr. Nour Mays (11-4) Delaware Valley; Jr. Kevin Merle (11-5) Belvidere; So. Jayden Reyes (13-3) Dieruff; Jr. Joe Scerbo (10-3) Hunterdon Central; Jr. Brad Schuler (13-3) Whitehall; Jr. Connor Williams (11-6) Nazareth.

Comments: Kocsis' outstanding 5-3 defeat of Kittatinny's Top-5 state ranked Kieran Gerrity plus an outstanding body of work boost him to No. 1. Fehr didn't do anything wrong, but right now Kocsis deserves the No. 1 spot. Fehr and Young didn't meet in dual, would have been fascinating if they had. Guzzo is No. 5A.



Jose Ortiz

182 pounds

1. Sr. Nic Sevi (19-3) Nazareth
2. Sr. Jose Ortiz (15-4) Bethlehem Catholic

3. Sr. Kody Eichlin (7-0) Delaware Valley

4. Jr. John Callahan (16-4) Freedom

5. So. Brandon Blobe (15-1) Saucon Valley

Taking injury time: Sr. Stephen Cleaver (7-1) Warren Hills.

Honorable mention: Sr. Tyler Bridgwood (14-3) Whitehall; Jr. Nestor Crespo (10-5) Hunterdon Central; Sr. Tyler Derby (8-2) Southern Lehigh; Jr. Stephen Merle (7-3) Belvidere; Sr. Dennis Rivas (12-5) Dieruff; Jr. Matthew Wolfe (10-5) Palmerton.

Comments: Eichlin drops here and moves in at No. 3; he could crack top 2 but it would take some doing. No Sevi-Ortiz match; one suspects there would have been had Nazareth won the flip and called the tune, and it would have been a treat; oh well.



Orlando Miller

195 pounds

1. Sr. Jovon Reyes (15-0) Dieruff

2. Sr. Nezar Haddad (15-2) Parkland

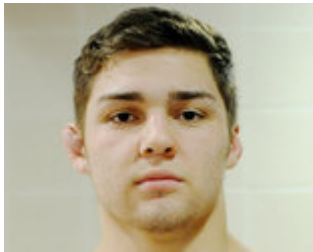
3. Sr. Orlando Miller (23-3) Liberty

4. Sr. Justin Blobe (17-4) Saucon Valley

5. Sr. Rhaine Sziy (17-1) Catasauqua

Honorable mention: So. Nathan Black (12-5) Pen Argyl; Jr. Nick Bord (11-2) Palisades; Sr. Thomas Dex (13-2) Southern Lehigh; So. Joseph Gladish (13-4) Whitehall; Jr. Joe Maso (8-4) Phillipsburg; Sr. Michael O'Dell (15-2) Bangor; Jr. Nick Suk (9-3) Hunterdon Central.

Comments: Quiet week here. Maso was third at H/W/S, losing 3-2 decision in the semis to eventual champ Kyle Stoll of High Point. He's getting near a top-5 spot, but fall-master Sziy (12 pins) takes the vacant No. 5 spot for now.



Jake Gunning

220 pounds

1. Jr. Andrew Dunn (19-3) Bethlehem Catholic
2. Jr. Omar Haddad (18-1) Parkland
3. Sr. Jake Gunning (19-4) Liberty
4. Sr. Fouad Haddad (17-1) Whitehall
5. Jr. Thomas Alcaro (16-3) Emmaus

Honorable mention: Sr. Brian Baehr (7-4) Delaware Valley; Sr. Emilio Cordero (12-3) Dieruff; Sr. Matt Ehritz (11-0) Saucon Valley; Fr. Andrew Horun (7-6) Phillipsburg; Sr. Matthew Hughes (13-5) Palisades; Sr. Jared Nosal (13-4) Catasauqua; Sr. Ryan Witner (9-3) Warren Hills.

Comments: Haddad topped Alcaro 6-3 in overtime, and also the improving Cordero 4-2 and is rewarded by moving up a notch. Dunn bumped up to 285 and defeated No. 2

Brandon Lance in a rideout despite surrendering 64 pounds, a performance that may well cement No. 1 here for the Golden Hawk.



Brandon Lance

285 pounds

1. Sr. Brady Mutton (18-0) Pen Argyl
2. Jr. Brandon Lance (14-4) Nazareth
3. Sr. Marek Tomanek (14-1) Delaware Valley
4. Jr. Andrew Pacheco (10-2) Warren Hills
5. Sr. Paulie Aaroe (11-5) Bethlehem Catholic

Taking injury time: Sr. Brandon Vigo, Allen; Jr. Alex Fischetti, Voorhees (out for season).

Honorable mention: So. Andrew Gunning (18-5) Liberty; So. Shai Hines (12-5) Dieruff; Jr. Joshua Newhart (11-7) Freedom; Sr. Logan Matthews (15-3) Bangor; Jr. Walter O'Connell (11-4) North Warren; Jr. Edgardo Rivera (14-3) Whitehall; Jr. Sam Scheetz (14-3) Saucon Valley.

Comments: Tomanek finished third at H/W/S and Pacheco was second, but they didn't wrestle each other and both lost to eventual champion Noa Merritt of Pope John in roughly similar bouts so no change there. Lance vs. Gunning might be a goodie in the dual Wednesday. Mutton keeps rolling along. Lance lost to Becahi's Dunn, No. 1 at 220, in a rideout; no penalty there.

