

Fayette County Wrestlers take competition to the mat

Wrestlers from Fayette County's high schools finished strong during the Region 7 Wrestling Tournament held this past weekend. The team from Henry Clay High School took second in the region and will advance to the state championships with eight state qualifiers. Blue Devils Matt Zarth, Jack Podgorski and Cody Guiler all earned first place ratings in their weight classes. Zarth, a senior and the defending state champion, was named Outstanding Wrestler at the regional meet.

Henry Clay coach Andy Critchfield was named the region coach of the year. "The guys did a fantastic job. Second in the region, that was our goal," Critchfield told the Herald-Leader. "Next week? We've got several individuals who ought to (do well) at the State Tournament. If we can do that, I think we can still shock several people like we shocked a few teams today."

Other first place finishers were:

- From Bryan Station High School: Jessie Childrey.
- From Paul Laurence Dunbar High School: Pat Milford.
- From Lafayette High School: Will Bryant and Shamon Brown.
- From Tates Creek High School: Andrew Wright and Daniel Griggs.

The team from Tates Creek High School finished fourth in the region.

Here are other notable results from the 7th Region wrestling championships. The top four in each class advance to state.

- 103 pounds: Tates Creek's Brandon Abney, third place
- 112 pounds: Dunbar's Brad Milford, third place; Tates Creek's Ibrahim Elgumati , fourth place
- 119 pounds: Lafayette's Jimmy Lacy, third place
- 125 pounds: Tates Creek's Kasey Hedges, second place
- 130 pounds: Henry Clay's Joe Whalen, fourth place
- 135 pounds: Tates Creek's Brandon Stockwell, third place
- 140: Tates Creek's Stephen Kimbrell, fourth place
- 145 pounds: Henry Clay's John Walton, second place
- 152: Dunbar's Logan Murrell, second place; Henry Clay's Ryan Duzk, third place
- 160: Bryan Station's Najee Calderon, third place; Dunbar's Chad Ott, fourth place
- 171: Dunbar's Nick Leddy, second place
- 189: Henry Clay's Tyler Hooker, third place
- 215: Dunbar's Keaton Hub, fourth place
- 285: Henry Clay's Jake Cooper, second place