

STATE

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“We tend to have big graduating classes each year, and we’re always kind of relying on being able to reload,” Riordan said. “We’re reliant on guys that were in backup roles this year stepping up next year. We have a really strong incoming freshman class, but we’ll get back in the weight room next week. We’ll be back in the weight room Wednesday morning, so they have a couple days off here, and we’ll start building. We’ll start getting ready and just keep improving.”

Riordan views wrestling as a metaphor for life. He hopes the seniors can see that and learn that you may not always get what you want, you have to put a lot of hard work into life and there is a lot of dedication and sacrifice that is made in life as there is in sports.

“It’s a lot of doing what you don’t want to do when you don’t want to do it sometimes,” Riordan said. “I think with sports in general, I feel like there’s got to be something more valuable in all of it than just the winner. Our kids, I think, understand that. They’ve all experienced highs and lows in the sport of wrestling, and no matter where they go, what they do next in life, they’re

going to take something away from their time and our program that’s going to benefit them somewhere down the road somehow. That’s a pretty important piece to high school sports in general. I feel like they’re getting that at Oldham County High School.”

Hillebrandt wants to remember the friends he’s made along the way and lessons he’ll be able to take with him.

“[I’ll take] the friends I’ve made, and all the life lessons I learned about nothing comes easy. You always have to work for what you want. There’s no shortcuts. You have to take the path that’s in front of you,” Hillebrandt said.

Springer is thankful and appreciative of the culture of Oldham County Wrestling for being a family to him.

“I can’t thank my coaches and the family I’ve made through wrestling enough,” Springer said. “They’ve been there with me even when I didn’t want to be here. There’s so many important life lessons I’ve learned through this sport that I don’t think you can learn anywhere else, and they’ve just been my family ever since I’ve been a little kid. It’s kind of crazy that it’s all ending now, but I’m thankful for it.”

NORTH OLDHAM

The Mustangs had three wrestlers compete at state with

one earning a podium finish. North head coach Jon Wells was proud of his kids’ fight during the season with all the injuries and illnesses that piled up for them throughout the year. He’s proud of the way his wrestlers wrestled at the tournament.

“Andrew [Crace] toughed out through an injury, making it to state, which was difficult, and to make it to day two, even more difficult against the competition that’s there,” Wells said. “He showed a lot of grit, a lot of perseverance in getting there. You have Lincoln [Maynard], who has been wrestling for two and a half years, an incredible athlete, and somebody who just picks up stuff like a sponge. I’m super proud of him for the hard work that he’s put in. I couldn’t be prouder to see him get on the podium, and I’m happy to hang the medal around him.”

Senior Lincoln Maynard finished sixth at 106 pounds. He won his first matches of the tournament with a fall and technical fall win. He lost his quarterfinals match on a 5-2 decision but was able to bounce back.

“The wins [Thursday] just helped me build my confidence in my offense, because a lot of that was just offensive scoring,” Maynard said. “Losing my quarters kind of set me back a little bit, but I knew I could

still come back and place.”

Maynard fought hard in his next match to secure a podium finish with a tiebreaker win before earning a hard-fought, 16-12 decision win. He knew those matches were against some hard opponents and knew they were going to have to be gritty wins. Maynard fell in his next matches to place sixth at state.

“It’s really exciting to do this in such a short time period, in three years,” Maynard said. “At first, I was just looking to get to the top of the podium. After that didn’t happen, I was just happy to have fun for the rest of it.”

Junior Andrew Crace and sophomore Brody Culver competed at state as well at 215 and 138 pounds, respectively. Crace lost the first match of the tournament but responded with two wins back-to-back to help him finish 2-2 on the day. Wells feels like the experience is invaluable for Crace and Culver coming back next year.

“Andrew last year made it, went 0-2, and this year got wins,” Wells said. “This year, Brody made it. I would expect for him to come in next year and get some wins, maybe, get on that podium, depending on how much offseason work and how much improvement he makes. He was in a shorten season too, Brody was, and he really

made big strides and improvements. From him last year being one match out from qualifying for state to this year making it to state, I think we’re progressing in the right direction. I think next year, he’ll be one of the guys that we’re looking at getting their hand raised here several times.”

Wells was encouraged to see how Crace did with an abbreviated season while also wrestling through an injury the last month of the season as well.

“Wrestling through that, through the end of the year, is just one of those things that really says a lot about him and his toughness,” Wells said. “I couldn’t be happier that he won some matches this year... Even though he didn’t have a full season, it shows that he actually has made big improvements from last year to this year and looks to be putting in the offseason stuff. He’s getting excited about wrestling again. I’m super happy to have him back on the team.”

For the wrestlers coming back next year, Wells loves to see the dedication, whether it’s watching film of their favorite wrestler to learn or getting on the mat to work on their skills.

“Those things are all hugely important in your wrestling career,” Wells said. “If they can do that in their offseason, they’ll see big strides once we start the season come next October.

I always tell the guys, ‘it’s way easier to get better between March and October than it is between October and March.’ We have a whole lot more time in there to make those big jumps and improvements.”

Wells hopes all his seniors had a fun time this year and all their years wrestling at North Oldham. He enjoys teaching wrestling, but he believes wrestling can teach us a lot of things about life.

“I hope that they got life lessons of working hard, doing the right thing and being humble, and those sort of things that you can gain from wrestling that just speak volumes in the sport,” Wells said. “I think that those seniors who’ve been involved with it for a longer period of time maybe have a little bit more grasp of that, but I think even the ones who are just in it the last year or two, they definitely have gained a lot of things from wrestling from the short period of time that they’ve been there.”

Maynard wants to be able to look back on the everyday stuff with the team and the fun he had with his teammates.

“The memories would be just the practices. Those were all just so much fun at the time,” Maynard said. “The work ethic for wrestling, I hope to bring that and implement that into college.”

MILLET

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podium for the second time.”

Proudfoot lost her first match of the day but bounced back to earn a fall victory in her second match. She fell in her third match of the day to close out her season.

“I think when Lexi just focuses on the process and scoring early and working on top, I think things always go well,” Alford said. “Whenever we get wrapped up in worrying about who we’re wrestling or is this a blood round that has state placement implications, I think that’s where we kind of get off in the weeds a little bit. She puts too much pressure on herself. Overall, I would just like her to try to have a little more fun with it and just focus on the process, and just remember, it’s just one step at a time.”

With all of his girls wrestlers set to return next

season, Alford would just love to see them continue to stay with wrestling and do some training in the offseason.

“In the offseason, I would love to see these girls continue to wrestle and strength train, not just going to the Y and lifting without any kind of forethought but lifting to get more athletic, lifting to be better at wrestling,” Alford said. “If they do that, I think we’ll have a really successful season next year with the girls.”

NORTH OLDHAM

The Mustangs had one wrestler, senior Iris Wells, wrestle at the state tournament on Saturday. North head coach Jon Wells was proud of the way his daughter has pushed through things all season and has fought through a lot of adversity to get back to state this year.

“To qualify for state every year in high school, it’s tough to do, and the fact that she gritted it out this year through our region when she wasn’t

feeling 100% was pretty impressive,” Wells said. “I felt like that was kind of like the Michael Jordan flu game. She persevered through all of it and had a tough matchup at the state tournament, but we made adjustments. Their coaches came over and complimented what she had done compared to when we wrestled last and had lots of positive input. Those things are something we work on to make adjustments. She’s so coachable and usually does a really good job of working that into her wrestling.”

Iris wrestled at 107 pounds. She lost two close matches on the day to close out her season this year. In the second match, Wells thought she did a good job of putting herself in a position to win and move on in the tournament.

“She had the girl on her back,” Wells said. “I thought there was definitely potential that they were going to call the pin, but she did what she did. Wrestling happens to

be just a tough sport, and sometimes things don’t go your way, just like in life. Those things happen, but you just have to get up and dust yourself off and go on to the next. It’s not how we wanted it to end, but the career shouldn’t be judged on a single day tournament. An entire high school career shouldn’t be decided, as far as if it was successful or not in a single tournament.”

With Iris being the only girl wrestler left on the team, Wells hopes to see more girls willing to try out wrestling and would love to see more participation on the girls side of the sport.

“Our area doesn’t seem to have a ton of females that

are willing to come out, but [Iris] is a great example of what hard work and dedication can do,” Wells said. “I’d love it if we could get more girls out on the mat, wrestling against the girls, and it would be fantastic. I think our area definitely shows promise as far as coaching goes, where they’re getting these people out on the mats and winning a lot of matches, and those things are easily accomplished if we just get them to come out.”

Wells hopes Iris had a fun experience with the team and with wrestling.

“I hope she feels like I coached her and taught her a decent amount of technique

before going off into wrestling on the next level,” Wells said. “I think she’s an exceptional person that has done exceptional things, and she’ll continue to do so well beyond her high school years. All in all, I just really wanted it to be a positive experience, and the fact that she was the only girl on the guys team for basically five years shows a lot, not only to her willingness to stick around and stick it out through what she wanted to do but also speaks volumes to the teammates that she had around her through the years that were welcoming and willing to work with her and everything of that nature. She learned how to work through diversity.”

BERTH

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and very talented group. I think the future is extremely bright for us.”

With Batts being the only senior on the team, Hook hopes she is able to remember what she has accomplished with the team but also the small things as well.

“Aubrey got to be someone who got to see us go back to the region for the first time since COVID,” Hook said. “I hope Aubrey just enjoyed all the little moments. All the times she made us stop for food on the way home from a long road game. She really enjoyed doing that, but I hope Aubrey’s fun memories are just the little things every day, and I really enjoyed watching her shoot the ball. She was just a bucket. She was just a great teammate and a wonderful young woman.”

LEGAL NOTICE

PROBATE NOTICE

ADMINISTRATION has been granted to the following:

Lindsey P Howell 1007 Harmony Lane Goshen KY 40026 having been appointed Executrix on February 3, 2026, in the estate of Judy Ann Howell 1007 Harmony Lane Goshen KY 40026. Deceased. Attorney Nathan L Mitchell 9200 Shelbyville Road Suite 600 Louisville KY 40222.

Pasqual Turello 75 Doherty Avenue Elmont NY 11003 having been appointed Administrator on February 3, 2026, in the estate of Anita J Turello 3811 Wiano Drive Crestwood KY 40014. Deceased. Attorney Ray H Stoess Jr 600 West Main Street Suite 100 Louisville KY 40202.

Sharon Edwards 14679 Worth Cole Road Vevay IN 47043 and Susan Conrad 5653 South Ridge Road West Ashtabula OH 44004 having been appointed Co-Executrices on February 3, 2026, in the estate of Janet K Craig 2502 Holly Lane LaGrange KY 40031. Deceased. Attorney Virginia L Harrod PO Box 128 New Castle KY 40050.

James Searcy 1814 Huckleberry Lane Prospect KY 40059 having been appointed Guardian on February 3, 2026, in the estate of Jaiden Simpson 1814 Huckleberry Lane Prospect KY 40059, a minor.

Rachael Alexandra Roland f/k/a Eric Roland 2510 S Lowell Blvd Denver CO 80219 having been appointed Executor on February 3, 2026, in the estate of Judy Corbett Roland 10801 Taylor Lake Road Goshen KY 40026. Deceased. Attorney John H Ruby 2950 Breckenridge Lane Suite 13 Louisville KY 40220.

Sharlene Ellifrits 4104 Bent Creek Drive LaGrange KY 40031 having been appointed Administratrix on February 10, 2026, in the estate of William Chester Ellifrits Jr 1309 Cedar Springs Parkway LaGrange KY 40031. Deceased. Attorney Dino R Camomot 6009 Brownsboro Park Blvd Suite G Louisville KY 40207.

Nickolas Leonhardt 7311 Side Oats Drive Crestwood KY 40014 having been appointed Executor on February 10, 2026, in the estate of Sharon Leonhardt Roberts 6822 Abbott Lane Crestwood KY 40014. Deceased. Attorney Laura Ellis Stoess PO Box 310 Crestwood KY 40014.

Blake Joseph Rollins 1006 Rollingwood Lane Goshen KY 40026 having been appointed Administrator on February 10, 2026, in the estate of Joseph John Rollins 1006 Rollingwood Lane Goshen KY 40026. Deceased.

Garnett Carl Parrish 7701 Old Zaring Road Crestwood KY 40014 having been appointed Executor on February 10, 2026, in the estate of Barbara Lou Parrish 7611 KY HWY 329 Crestwood KY 40014. Deceased. Attorney Travis Combs Jr 19 River Hill Road Louisville KY 40207.

Sherman Hockenbury 3501 Illinois Avenue Unit B 10 Louisville KY 40213 having been appointed Executor on February 17, 2026, in the estate of Cathy Miller Alexander 6012 Francis Avenue Crestwood KY 40014. Deceased. Attorney Jerry McGraw 2411 Galloway Court Louisville KY 40245.

Catherine Frazier Joy 12200 West Highway 42 Goshen KY 40026 having been appointed Executrix on February 17, 2026, in the estate of James S Joy 12200 West Highway 42 Goshen KY 40026. Deceased. Attorney Kelly S Henry 400 West Market Street Suite 2000 Louisville KY 40202.

Kimberly E Ammerman-Aeh 222 Pond Ct Pendleton KY 40055 having been appointed Executrix on February 17, 2026, in the estate of Larry Wayne Aeh 1815 Crystal Dr LaGrange KY 40031. Deceased. Attorney Matt Hudson 100 W Jefferson St Suite 5 LaGrange KY 40031.

Grant Edward Shackelford 4531 Northridge Circle Crestwood KY 40014 having been appointed Executor on February 17, 2026, in the estate of Sharon Ann Jones 2000 East Peak Road LaGrange KY 40031. Deceased. Attorney Chelsey S Brammell 401 W Jefferson Street LaGrange KY 40031.

Toni Coleman 13302 Stone Point Court Goshen KY 40026 having been appointed Executrix on February 17, 2026, in the estate of Michael Edward Staples 13302 Stone Point Court Goshen KY 40026. Deceased.

CLAIMS AGAINST ESTATES MUST BE FILED BY CREDITORS WITHIN SIX (6) MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF APPOINTMENT OF FIDUCIARY.

Settlements in the following matters having been filed and approved are scheduled for hearing on March 19, 2026, Oldham District Court. Exception to the following settlements must be filed with Oldham District Court, 100 W Main Street LaGrange KY 40031.

- Estate of: Erin Leigh Neylon
- Estate of: Ralph A Henderson
- Estate of: Mary Evelyn Barrickman
- Estate of: Ferdinand Andrew Oehler Jr

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DISTRICTS 1, 2, 3, 5, 6 & 7

★ OC JUDGE EXECUTIVES ★

This moderated forum provides Oldham County voters the opportunity to hear directly from candidates and learn more about the issues in this election. Questions from the community were collected and will be used for this FREE event open to all!

Schedule for the evening:
6 to 7:45 p.m. - Magistrate Candidates
7:45 p.m. to 8 p.m. - Break
8 to 9 p.m. - Oldham County Judge Executive Candidates