

ARNOLD (Panama City Beach)

Coach: Michael Lapadat, 2nd year.

2021-22: 3-14 in reported duals. 19th at Border Wars IX, 14th at Ryan Blackwell Invitational, 16th at Gator Brawl, 15th at 3rd Annual George Mulligan Memorial, 6th at Spearfish Tournament.

Post-season stats (last 3 years): 2022 — Duals: 2A-District 1 T-9th; Traditional: 2A-District 1 9th, T-27th at region. 2021 — Duals: Did not compete; Traditional: 1A-District 1 8th, T-28th at 1A-Region 1. 2020 — Duals: 1A-District 1 champ, 1A-Region 1 quarterfinalist; Traditional: 1A-District 1 champ, 12th at 1A-Region 1, T-56th at 1A states.

Projected key returners (15+ matches or post-season experience last year, with 2021-22 weights):

Anthony Bradbury (sophomore, 24-27 at 106, District 1 5th#, 0-2 at Region 1); Zachary Wootton (sophomore, 8-16* at 120/126, did not compete in post-season traditional); Alexander Neisler (sophomore, 16-26 at 132, 1-2 at District 1); Braxton Cook (junior, 4-4 at 138, 0-2 at District 1); Ian Samarripa (senior, 6-12* at 160, did not compete in post-season traditional); Christian McDonald (sophomore, 14-20 at 170, 1-2 at District 1); Bryan Beard (sophomore, 7-23 at 195, 0-2 at District 1); Alister Lollie (junior, 6-12* at 195/220, did not compete in post-season traditional).

Key losses (graduation): Eimantas Skirius (27-7 at 220, District 1 runnerup, 2-2 at Region 1).

* -- records incomplete due to missing results

-- additional region qualifier per FHSAA schematic

Matmen's take: We said last year that the Marlins needed new blood immediately, with at most just two returners back. That two wound up being none. And the new blood came in -- and took its collective lumps. Returners are now a year older, still need a bit more in terms of numbers, but should move about a bit easier.

CHILES (Tallahassee)

Coach: James Marschka, 18th year.

2021-22: 10-5 in duals. 6th at Border Wars IX, 4th at Capital City Classic, 6th at Keystone Memorial, 3rd at Gator Brawl, 3rd at Big Bend Invitational, 1st at Timberwolf XIII.

Post-season stats (last 3 years): 2022 — Duals: District runnerup, region quarterfinalist; Traditional: District 3rd, region 11th, T-45th at states. 2021 — Duals: District runnerup, region quarterfinalist; Traditional: District 5th, region runnerup, state 13th. 2020 — Duals: District runnerup, region quarterfinalist; Traditional: District 5th, region 6th, T-23rd at states.

Projected key returners (15+ matches or post-season experience last year, with 2021-22 weights): Sam Tolomeo (senior, 39-17 at 120, District 2 4th, 1 match from states); Everett Stewart (sophomore, 17-14 at 120, did not compete in post-season traditional); Garrett Marschka (senior, 49-8 at 126, District 2 champ, Region 1 3rd, 0-2 at states); Ethan Jackson (junior, 25-15 at 132, did not compete in post-season traditional); Jacob Johnston (sophomore, 36-19 at 138, District 2 3rd, 2-2 at Region 1); Cooper Hill (sophomore, 18-14 at 145, District 2 3rd, 1-2 at Region 1); Scott Greenwald (senior, 11-5 at 145, did not compete in post-season traditional); Luke Pickels (junior, 17-18 at 160, District 2 6th); Langston Tillman (junior, 19-15 at 170, District 2 5th); Cody Elliott (senior, 18-10 at 182, did not compete in post-season traditional); Destin Guest (sophomore, 4-11 at 182, did not compete in post-season traditional); Dillon Elliott (senior, 37-18 at 195, District 2 4th, 1 match from states); Nick Groves (junior, 7-15 at 220, did not compete in post-season traditional).

Key losses (graduation): Hunter Brown (32-11 at 132, District 2 runnerup, Region 1 runnerup, state 8th); Preston Scoggins (12-3 at 138, did not compete in post-season traditional); Juan Plenge (5-17 at 138/145, did not compete in post-season traditional); Andrew Mullins (49-13 at 152, District 2 3rd, 2-2 at Region 1); Kadis Nafal (31-12 at 182, District 2 3rd, did not compete at regions).

Matmen's take: Timberwolves' first-year starters were somewhat uneven in the IBT, but this year's district isn't last year's, and Chiles has a sizable group back with a proven track record of consistency, so expect that to occur again. Team could use new blood for the bookends on both sides of the lineup.

COLUMBIA (Lake City)

Coach: Peter Whittington, 7th year.

2021-22: 4-6 in reported duals. 10th at Coastal Clash, 12th at Keystone Memorial, 16th at 36th Annual Flagler Rotary, 19th at Braves Invitational, 7th at John Raich Memorial.

Post-season stats (last 3 years): 2022 — Duals: District T-7th; Traditional: District 6th, region 16th, T-40th at states. 2021 — Duals: District 3rd; Traditional: District runnerup, region 4th, T-31st at states. 2020 — Duals: District 3rd; Traditional: District champ, region 4th, T-32nd at states.

Projected key returners (15+ matches or post-season experience last year, with 2021-22 weights):

Kevin Fink (sophomore, 11-14 at 113/120, did not compete in post-season traditional); Arthur Vanderpool (sophomore, 11-19 at 126, District 2 4th, 1-2 at Region 1); Jayden Thomas (senior, 25-15 at 132, District 2 3rd, did not compete at regions); Alexander Ulloa (senior, 10-17 at 138, District 2 5th); Caleb James (sophomore, 9-17 at 160, 0-2 at District 2).

Key losses (graduation): Joseph Rice (42-8 at 170, District 2 champ, Region 1 runnerup, state 7th); Jayden Drew (24-21 at 182, District 2 4th, 1-2 at Region 1); Shawn Raggins (26-10 at 195, District 2 runnerup, 1-2 at Region 1); Jaycob Jones (14-1 at 285, did not compete in post-season traditional-injured).

Matmen's take: With the senior talent, work ethic and leadership that moved on in May, this year will be a rebuilding effort. Tigers have proven themselves of rebuilding their program. Getting new blood into the lineup will be a priority; with two middle schools offering the sport, there will be fresh faces in lineup.

GAINESVILLE

Coach: Unknown at press time. According to sources, a search is nearly complete.

2021-22: 0-5 in duals. 13th at Amanda St John Memorial, 7th at Westside Roundrobin, 18th at Big Bend Invitational.

Post-season stats (last 3 years): 2022 — Duals: District T-5th; Traditional: District 7th, T-27th at region. 2021 — Duals: District 6th; Traditional: District 8th, 27th at region. 2020 — Duals: Did not compete; Traditional: District 2 8th, 31st at region.

Projected key returners (15+ matches or post-season experience last year, with 2021-22 weights):

Aiden Kittelson (senior, 13-10 at 195, District 4 runnerup, 2-2 at Region 1).

Key losses (graduation): None.

Matmen's take: After a one-year hiatus to the Atlantic portion of the region, Hurricanes return to District 2 with an uncertain future. With one projected key returner back, and a senior at that, getting new blood to work with must be the first priority of the new coaching leadership.

LEON (Tallahassee)

Coach: Charles Ringel, 20th year.

2021-22: 0-6 in reported duals. 10th at Cam Brown Seminole Classic, 16th at Capital City Classic, 22nd at Keystone Invitational, 16th at Big Bend Invitational, T-5th at Timberwolf XIII.

Post-season stats (last 3 years): 2022 — Duals: District T-7th; Traditional: District 8th, region 19th, T-52nd at states. 2021 — Duals: District 5th; Traditional: District 7th, 24th at region, T-44th at states. 2020 — Duals: District 5th; Traditional: District 7th, T-26th at region, T-62nd at states.

Projected key returners (15+ matches or post-season experience last year, with 2021-22 weights):

Riley Rajotte (senior, 4-9* at 220, District 2 5th).

Key losses (graduation): Nolan Zirgibel (32-6 at 145, District 2 champ, Region 1 runnerup, 1 match from state medal); Jacob Taylor (6-14* at 160, District 2 5th); Max Clinger (3-7* at 195, did not compete in post-season traditional).

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Matmen's take: Lions have been running short-handed for some while now, but this year, in terms of numbers back, are among the smallest Leon's seen at least in the past decade. Getting fresh faces into the lineup will be the first challenge to the season; then the schedule will have to develop the new kids for a little while.

LINCOLN (Tallahassee)

Coach: Mike Crowder, 28th year.

2021-22: 8-3 in duals. 1st at Cam Brown Seminole Classic, 3rd at Capital City Classic, 6th at Allstate Wildcat Invitational, 45th at Knockout Christmas Classic, 4th at Keystone Memorial, 9th at Braves Invitational.

Post-season stats (last 3 years): 2022 — Duals: District 3rd; Traditional: District runnerup, region runnerup, state 13th. 2021 — Duals: District champ, region semifinalist; Traditional: District champ, region 6th, state T-15th. 2020 — Duals: District champ, region champ, state semifinalist; Traditional: District runnerup, region champ, T-32nd at states.

Projected key returners (15+ matches or post-season experience last year, with 2021-22 weights): Joe Tucker (sophomore, 20-16 at 106, District 2 3rd, 1-2 at Region 1); Vaniel Caceres (junior, 26-16 at 113, District 2 runnerup, Region 1 runnerup, 1 match from state medal); Jashawn Washington (junior, 31-14 at 120, District 2 3rd, Region 1 3rd, 1 match from state medal); Ayden Graff (sophomore, 5-11 at 120, did not compete in post-season traditional); Zakary Jurado (sophomore, 7-7 at 126, District 2 5th); Jermaine Yarborough (junior, 11-14 at 132, District 2 5th); Max Leishman (junior, 7-8 at 132/138, did not compete in post-season traditional); Zaire Fernanders-Jackson (senior, 18-13 at 138, District 2 6th); Vincent Crump (sophomore, 15-18 at 145, District 2 4th, 0-2 at Region 1); Connor Edwards (senior, 34-12 at 152, District 2 runnerup, Region 1 4th, 1 match from state medal); Keller Shea (junior, 18-24 at 160, District 2 4th, 1-2 at Region 1); Jerry Bowman (senior, 16-14 at 170, District 2 3rd, 0-2 at Region 1); Jacob Nowak (senior, 18-18 at 182, District 2 runnerup, 1 match from states).

Key losses (graduation): Cayden Bevis (46-2 at 195, District 2 champ, Region 1 champ, state runnerup); Omarion LaRoach (31-9 at 220, District 2 runnerup, Region 1 3rd, state 6th); Nic Weaver (29-19 at 285, District 2 runnerup, Region 1 4th, 0-2 at states).

Matmen's take: Trojans should return to the top of the heap in the district and could very well be making a trip back to Osceola and the region duals final. Team did lose two state medalists via graduation, and while that shouldn't slow them down in-district, another top-15 state finish will be harder to build.

MOSLEY (Lynn Haven)

Coach: Jeff Skipper, 9th year at school.

2021-22: 13-3 in duals. 13th at Border Wars IX, 11th at Capital City Classic, 2nd at Gator Brawl, 4th at 3rd Annual George Mulligan Memorial, 17th at 36th Annual Flagler Rotary, 11th at Clay Rotary.

Post-season stats (last 3 years): 2022 — Duals: District 1 T-5th; Traditional: District 1 T-5th, region 12th, state 19th. 2021 — Duals: District 4th; Traditional: District 4th, region 10th, T-21st at states. 2020 — Duals: Did not compete; Traditional: District 3rd, region 8th, T-41st at states.

Projected key returners (15+ matches or post-season experience last year, with 2021-22 weights): Elijah Nolan (sophomore, 10-17 at 106/113, did not compete in post-season traditional); Kyle Mahler (sophomore, 5-15 at 113, 0-2 at District 1); Cade Creamer (sophomore, 8-11 at 120, did not compete in post-season traditional); Isaac Biddle (sophomore, 12-18 at 126, District 1 5th); Eric Sapp (junior, 9-11 at

126, did not compete in post-season traditional); Sebastian Schultz (junior, 21-30 at 132, District 1 runnerup, 2-2 at Region 1); Landon Jacobs (junior, 11-25 at 145, District 1 6th); Andrew Yeats (junior, 14-20 at 145/160, did not compete in post-season traditional); John Mengel (sophomore, 19-22 at 170, District 1 6th); Ronald McKaye (senior, 12-17 at 170, did not compete in post-season traditional); Andre Trice (senior, 15-17 at 182, 0-2 at District 1); Marshall Dixon (senior, 18-14 at 195, District 1 3rd, 2-2 at Region 1); Kaymen Hart (junior, 7-13 at 220, 0-2 at District 1); Nicolas Bacot (sophomore, 4-15 at 285, District 1 6th).

Key losses (graduation or as noted): Derrick Williams (54-6 at 106, District 1 champ, Region 1 runnerup, state 5th; transferred to Bay); Calvin Williams (42-6 at 120, District 1 champ, did not compete at regions); Nick Hejke (48-5 at 152, District 1 champ, Region 1 champ, state 3rd); Peyton LaFountain (19-11 at 160, District 1 4th, 1-2 at Region 1); Robert Wills (27-4 at 285, did not compete in post-season traditional).

Matmen's take: Dolphins had a lot of really strong individual pieces last year, but it never fully translated into team success during the course of the year. That has the chance to change this year, as a lot of new kids will have second seasons at the varsity level and should improve significantly as a result.