

ED WHITE (Jacksonville)

Coach: Avery Wilds, 3rd year.

2021-22: 7-12 in duals. 3rd at Westside Roundrobin, 5th at Gateway Conference.

Post-season stats (last 3 years): 2022 — Duals: District 3rd; Traditional: District 6th, T-21st at region.

2021 — Duals: Did not compete; Traditional: 1A-District 3 7th, T-26th at 1A-Region 1. 2020 — Duals: Did not compete; Traditional: 1A-District 3 7th, 22nd at 1A-Region 1.

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

Joseph Henderson (sophomore, 15-14 at 145, District 3 5th); Rico Johnson (sophomore, 3-13 at 152, did not compete in post-season traditional); Benny Lewis (junior, 26-8 at 160, District 3 runnerup, 1 match from states); Malakhi Lewis (sophomore, 22-10 at 170, District 3 runnerup, 0-2 at Region 1); Xavier Wimmer (sophomore, 8-7 at 182, did not compete in post-season traditional); Jordan Jackson (senior, 7-6 at 220, District 3 runnerup, 2-2 at Region 1).

Key losses (graduation): Jaeden Scott (5-6 at 182, District 3 4th, 0-2 at Region 1); Josiah Shoemo (8-10 at 195, District 3 3rd, 1-2 at Region 1); Demarkus Raysor (25-8 at 285, District 3 4th, 1-2 at Region 1).

Matmen's take: Commanders had a pretty substantial lineup at the time of district duals, but had a pretty hard time keeping that lineup intact for other events in the regular season. Team's experience will be in the upper weights; they'll need a substantial infusion of new blood, particularly in the lowers, to compete well.

ENGLEWOOD (Jacksonville)

Coach: Zach Harbison, 2nd year.

2021-22: 2-3 in duals. 6th at Hammer Invitational, 5th at Marine Corps Challenge, 9th at Paxon Invitational, 8th at Gateway Conference

Post-season stats (last 3 years): 2022 — Duals: District 4th; Traditional: District T-3rd, 23rd at region, T-63rd at states. 2021 — Duals: District T-3rd; Traditional: District 3rd, region 20th. 2020 — Duals: District semifinalist; Traditional: 6th at district, 25th at region.

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

Christopher Moore (senior, 3-8 at 120, District 3 3rd, did not compete at regions); Ke'Eric Merrell (senior, 12-10 at 152, District 3 3rd, 0-2 at Region 1); Billie Maynard (senior, 12-10 at 220, District 3 3rd, 0-2 at Region 1); Keith Forbes (sophomore, 13-8 at 285, District 3 runnerup, 0-2 at Region 1).

Key losses (graduation): DiSean Hires (22-6 at 145, District 3 champ, Region 1 4th, 1 match from state medal); Melvin Wiggins (16-6 at 195, District 3 champ, 0-2 at Region 1).

Matmen's take: Rams lost their three top wrestlers to graduation last year, weren't sure if they'd have a coach as the season began, and still largely duplicated their efforts from the previous year. Team is still pretty short-handed after losing top two to graduation, but a little adversity won't stop them.

MIDDLEBURG

Coach: Coll Robertson, 2nd year.

2021-22: 15-12 in duals. T-5th at Capital City Classic, 10th at Keystone Memorial, 2nd at Paxon Invitational, T-7th at Big Bend Invitational, 3rd at Clay Rotary.

Post-season stats (last 3 years): 2022 — Duals: District 2 4th; Traditional: District 2 5th, region 6th, T-55th at states. 2021 — Duals: Did not compete; Traditional: District 2 3rd, region 12th, T-55th at states. 2020 — Duals: Did not compete; Traditional: District 2 6th, 22nd at region.

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

Jackson Hornback (sophomore, 44-14 at 106, District 2 runnerup, Region 1 3rd, 1 match from state medal); Adam McGarvey (sophomore, 10-6 at 106/113, did not compete in post-season traditional); Grady Woodard (junior, 41-14 at 113, District 2 3rd, Region 1 3rd, 0-2 at states); Wyatt Leduc (sophomore, 35-9 at 120, District 2 runnerup, Region 1 runnerup, 0-2 at states); Caleb Eastwood

(sophomore, 10-8 at 120/126, did not compete in post-season traditional); Thomas Stokes (senior, 10-11 at 126/132, did not compete in post-season traditional); Dylan Johns (junior, 22-21 at 132, District 2 6th); Logan Moore (senior, 35-18 at 138, District 2 runnerup, 1 match from states); Christian Hutchens (sophomore, 8-13 at 145, District 2 6th); Levi Smith (sophomore, 5-16 at 145/152, did not compete in post-season traditional); Aden Thornton (senior, 21-16 at 152, District 2 4th, 1-2 at Region 1); Logan Miller (sophomore, 4-12 at 170, did not compete in post-season traditional); Austin Cruce (junior, 28-12 at 182, did not compete in post-season traditional); River Barlow (sophomore, 8-18 at 182/195, did not compete in post-season traditional); Tucker Cody (junior, 30-13 at 220, District 2 3rd, 1-2 at Region 1); Bryce Meldrum (senior, 5-11 at 285, District 2 4th, did not compete at regions).

Key losses (graduation): Riley Girgis (31-6 at 126, District 2 runnerup, Region 2 runnerup, 1 match from state medal).

Matmen's take: Big group of returners coming back. Big group, and it's started doing some things like getting to states. The next step is a podium finish. And, if that's not enough, most of the returners have two years left. This is a team that is still on the move up, and it's not settling for mid-pack goals.

OAKLEAF (Orange Park)

Coach: Mark Detoro, 1st year as HC.

2021-22: 17-4 in reported duals. 2nd at Hammer Invitational, 11th at Keystone Memorial, 7th at 36th Annual Flagler Rotary, 4th at Clay Rotary.

Post-season stats (last 3 years): 2022 — Duals: 3A-District 1 runnerup, 3A-Region 1 quarterfinalist; Traditional: 3A-District 1 champ, 3A-Region 1 7th, 24th at 3A states. 2021 — Duals: 3A-District 1 3rd; Traditional: 3A-District 1 3rd, 3A-Region 1 9th, 51st at 3A states. 2020 — Duals: 3A-District 1 runnerup, 3A-Region 1 quarterfinalist; Traditional: 3A-District 1 runnerup, 3A-Region 1 9th, T-41st at 3A states.

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

Angel Rodriguez (sophomore, 32-10 at 106, District 1 champ, 1 match from states); Ion Hortinela (sophomore, 24-15 at 113, District 1 champ, 2-2 at Region 1); Lincoln Morales (sophomore, 18-12 at 120, District 1 3rd, 1-2 at Region 1); Keon Barrientos (junior, 33-15 at 126, District 1 champ, Region 1 4th, 0-2 at states); Markos Barfield (junior, 10-9 at 126/132, did not compete in post-season traditional); Anthony Dees (junior, 5-12 at 132/138, did not compete in post-season traditional); Jackson Hemphill (junior, 7-6 at 138, District 1 5th); Preston Lewis (sophomore, 8-11 at 145, did not compete in post-season traditional); Elijah Shevchook (junior, 16-11 at 152, District 1 5th); Jacob McClintic (sophomore, 10-14 at 152, did not compete in post-season traditional); Roman Polinsky (senior, 27-11 at 160, District 1 runnerup, 2-2 at Region 1); Bryant Taylor (sophomore, 12-13 at 170, did not compete in post-season traditional); Tyler Jackson (junior, 16-16 at 195, 0-2 at District 1); Isaiah Shevchook (senior, 16-0 at 195, did not compete in post-season traditional); Ben Gaddis (senior, 27-12 at 220, District 1 runnerup, 2-2 at Region 1); Jordan Mitchell (senior, 31-5 at 285, District 1 champ, Region 1 3rd, state 4th).

Key losses (graduation): Marcus McGee (39-10 at 132, District 1 champ, Region 1 3rd, 1 match from state medal); Mason Ganion (28-13 at 170, District 1 3rd, 1-2 at Region 1); Onjel Caraballo (26-8 at 182, District 1 runnerup, 1 match from states).

Matmen's take: Like Middleburg just above, Clay County Knights also have a big group of returners, although this group did have a little bit larger loss from graduation. With IBT win last year in 3A, this group has experienced winning, and that's a big hurdle to overcome. Detoro has been an experienced hand for years.

ORANGE PARK

Coach: Justin Daniels, 8th year.

2021-22: 8-17 in duals. 8th at Hammer Invitational, T-24th at Clay Rotary.

Post-season stats (last 3 years): 2022 — Duals: District 2 T-5th; Traditional: District 2 7th, T-21st at region, T-70th at states. 2021 — Duals: Did not compete; Traditional: District 2 6th, region T-13th, T-37th at states. 2020 — Duals: District 2 4th; Traditional: District 2 4th, region 7th, T-18th at states.

Projected key returners (15+ matches or post-season experience last year, with 2021-22 weights): Braden Owenby (senior, 15-17 at 132, 0-2 at District 2); Dionne Hall (sophomore, 12-21 at 138, 0-2 at District 2); Trevion Sermons (senior, 30-11 at 160, District 2 runnerup, Region 1 4th, 0-2 at states); Tyson Cruz (junior, 17-16 at 182, District 2 6th).

Key losses (graduation): Cevan Broughton (8-20 at 152, District 2 6th); Geoffrey Jules-Delice (26-14 at 195, District 2 3rd, 1-2 at Region 1).

Matmen's take: While losses to the Raider lineup were not as substantial in May as they were prior, and that is a plus, there are also fewer key contributors coming back as well. Team need to reboot continues from a year ago, with new talent needed at both the lower and upper-weight bookends.

PONTE VEDRA

Coaches: Josean Gonzalez, 5th year.

2021-22: 4-19 in duals. 15th at Clash of the Titans, 33rd at 36th Annual Flagler Rotary, T-34th at Clay Rotary.

Post-season stats (last 3 years): 2022 — Duals: District 6th; Traditional: District 5th, T-29th at region. 2021 — Duals: District runnerup, region quarterfinalist; Traditional: District runnerup, region 18th, T-60th at states. 2020 — Duals: District 3rd; Traditional: District 3rd, region T-13th, T-59th at states.

Projected key returners (15+ matches or post-season experience last year, with 2021-22 weights): Poulo Milea (sophomore, 17-11 at 106/113, did not compete in post-season traditional); Aiden Taylor (senior, 19-17 at 120, District 3 runnerup, 1-2 at Region 1); Ryan Finniss (sophomore, 9-19 at 126, District 3 5th); Grady Dolan (senior, 21-15 at 132, District 3 champ, 1-2 at Region 1); Andrew Hissam (senior, 11-18 at 138, District 3 runnerup, 0-2 at Region 1); Bryson Hubbard (junior, 4-8 at 145, District 3 3rd, 0-2 at Region 1); Alex Valencia (junior, 8-22 at 152, District 3 5th); Nathaniel Heun (junior, 6-20 at 285, District 3 6th).

Key losses (graduation): Julian Villegas (3-11 at 113, District 3 4th, 0-2 at Region 1).

Matmen's take: Most of the Sharks' lineup returns from last year, and the graduation losses in May were not as hard as the previous year's had been. But team's successes at bringing in wrestlers on the girls side have not fully translated to boys, and the group needs many more bigs to compete more fully in team events.

RIDGEVIEW (Orange Park)

Coach: Steve Inman, 2nd year.

2021-22: 8-10 in reported duals. 10th at Capital City Classic, 15th at Keystone Memorial, 10th at Wolfpack Invitational, 2nd at Timberwolf XIII.

Post-season stats (last 3 years): 2022 — Duals: District 2 T-5th; Traditional: District 4th, region 15th, 23rd at states. 2021 — Duals: Did not compete; Traditional: 1A-District 4 3rd, 1A-Region 1 13th, 1A state 13th. 2020 — Duals: Did not compete; Traditional: 1A-District 4 3rd, 1A-Region 1 11th, 24th at 1A states.

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

Conner Carroll (sophomore, 15-18 at 106, District 2 4th, 1 match from states); Jason Barrett (sophomore, 13-23 at 113, District 2 4th, 1-2 at Region 1); Daniel Nguyen (sophomore, 4-10 at 120, District 2 5th); Garrett Shreve (sophomore, 4-22 at 126, District 2 6th); Kaiden Tibbetts (senior, 30-11 at 132, District 2 4th, 1-2 at Region 1); Blake Pu (senior, 21-13 at 138, District 2 4th, 1-2 at Region 1);

Coleman Matheny (junior, 9-9 at 145, District 2 5th); Shane Burnette (sophomore, 9-11 at 145, did not compete in post-season traditional); Ryan Murphy (junior, 8-15 at 145/152, did not compete in post-season traditional); Aodhan Brown (junior, 12-13 at 152, District 2 5th); Mykel Gaddis (sophomore, 18-9 at 160, did not compete in post-season traditional); James Laycock (junior, 18-18 at 170, District 2 4th, 1-2 at Region 1); Raymond Goforth (junior, 21-16 at 182, District 2 5th); Ray Delong (junior, 9-22 at 195, District 2 6th); Trenton Manis (senior, 12-21 at 285, District 2 3rd, 0-2 at Region 1).

Key losses (graduation): Logan Keester (21-7 at 160, District 2 3rd, 2-2 at Region 1); Derrick Mosley (42-4 at 220, District 2 champ, Region 1 runnerup, state runnerup).

Matmen's take: Clay County Panthers have had a couple of giant presences move on in each of the past two years, and team identity began to take shape by season's end. Was a very young team, for the most part, last year, and now will have an additional year's experience. Team had a couple of wrestlers come back after leaving earlier.

RIVERSIDE (Jacksonville)

Coach: Ricky Hicks, 9th year.

2021-22: 0-7 in reported duals. 10th at Hammer Invitational, 9th at Marine Corps Challenge, 11th at Wolfpack Challenge, 10th at Paxon Invitational, 11th at Gateway Conference.

Post-season stats (last 3 years): 2022 — Duals: District T-7th; Traditional: District 8th, 24th at region. 2021 — Duals: District T-3rd; Traditional: District 4th, region 16th, T-26th at states. 2020 — Duals: District runnerup, region quarterfinalist; Traditional: District runnerup, 10th at region, T-16th at states.

Projected key returners (15+ matches or post-season experience last year, with 2021-22 weights): King Taylor (junior, 5-10 at 126, did not compete in post-season traditional); Cedric Livingston (sophomore, 5-20 at 152, District 3 6th); Anthony Kearney (junior, 6-10 at 170, District 3 3rd, 0-2 at Region 1); Donald Reed (junior, 3-10 at 182, District 3 3rd, 0-2 at Region 1); Thomas Jones (senior, 30-9 at 220, District 3 champ, 1 match from states); Kamari Perkins (junior, 24-7 at 285, District 3 3rd, 1-2 at Region 1).

Key losses (graduation): None.

Matmen's take: Generals took no graduation losses this past year, which is always a good thing, but it's very hard to win duals and compete well in IBTs with at most six wrestlers in the lineup. Team should return to states in March, but the biggest need for the group is some fresh faces, particularly in the lower weights.

TERRY PARKER (Jacksonville)

Coach: Andrew McCrary, 3rd year.

2021-22: 7-18 in duals. 13th at Capital City Classic, 24th at Keystone Memorial, 9th at Gateway Conference, T-24th at Clay Rotary.

Post-season stats (last 3 years): 2022 — Duals: District 5th; Traditional: District T-3rd, 25th at region. 2021 — Duals: District T-5th; Traditional: District 7th, 28th at region. 2020 — Duals: District quarterfinalist; Traditional: 8th at district, 28th at region.

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

Shamar Jones (sophomore, 21-18 at 113, District 3 runnerup, 2-2 at Region 1); Anthony Laney (sophomore, 9-22 at 120, District 3 4th, 0-2 at Region 1); Chris Wright (senior, 24-16 at 126, District 3 3rd, 0-2 at Region 1); Curnard Juluke (senior, 3-10 at 132, District 3 4th, did not compete at Region 1); Daniel Mays (junior, 15-21 at 138, District 3 4th, 0-2 at Region 1); Jeff Brown (junior, 36-12 at 152, District 3 runnerup, 1-2 at Region 1); Justin Rangeloff (senior, 8-15 at 160, District 3 3rd, 0-2 at Region 1); Joel Hernandez (junior, 11-10 at 170, District 3 5th); Jamelle Brown (senior, 17-20 at 220, District 3 4th, 1-2 at Region 1); Kimore Gilchrist (senior, 7-8 at 285, did not compete in post-season traditional).

Key losses (graduation): Jordan Larson (8-8 at 132, did not compete in post-season traditional).

Matmen's take: For the second straight year, Braves did not take a big graduation hit, and have a reasonably-sized group of kids back, potentially, for the 2022-23 season. If the recruitment effort continues, and solidifies things at a couple more weights, team could make a big move in the region in late February.

WESTSIDE (Jacksonville)

Coach: Christopher McNealy, 10th year.

2021-22: 5-5 in duals. 2nd at Westside Roundrobin, 3rd at Gateway Conference.

Post-season stats (last 3 years): 2022 — Duals: District runnerup, region quarterfinalist; Traditional: District runnerup, region 17th, T-70th at states. 2021 — Duals: District T-3rd; Traditional: District 6th, region 17th, T-26th at states. 2020 — Duals: District quarterfinalist; Traditional: 5th at district, 11th at region, T-28th at states.

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

Jacob Jackson (sophomore, 10-15 at 106, District 3 runnerup, 0-2 at Region 1); Dylan Doll (sophomore, 2-22 at 132, District 3 5th); Olleon Hickmon (senior, 28-9 at 138, District 3 champ, Region 1 4th, 0-2 at states); Nathan Williams (senior, 21-8 at 145, District 3 runnerup, 2-2 at Region 1); Jamell Robinson (sophomore, 6-17 at 152, District 3 4th, 0-2 at Region 1); Preston Davis (sophomore, 9-12 at 160, District 3 4th, 0-2 at Region 1); Krosby Porter (senior, 8-7 at 160, did not compete in post-season traditional); Ponchelo Cadet (junior, 12-21 at 170, District 3 4th, 0-2 at Region 1); Ja'Cory Martin (junior, 20-10 at 182, District 3 champ, 1-2 at Region 1); Rory Childs (sophomore, 5-7 at 220, District 3 5th); Terrance Goodman (senior, 6-10 at 285, District 3 5th).

Key losses (graduation): Jacare Johnson (19-10 at 126, District 3 runnerup, 1-2 at Region 1); Caleb Baltazar (14-12 at 195, District 3 runnerup, 1-2 at Region 1).

Matmen's take: Wolverines have steadily been building back a bigger set of returners over the past couple of seasons, and while the individual highlights have not always matched what happened previously, the team highlights have been better. Team does still need some lowers as the season begins.