

## Teams in the coverage area

### DELTONA

**Coach:** Keith Wallace, 17th year.

**2021-22:** 10-8 in duals. T-10th at Clash of the Titans, 14th at Bradenton Battle, 14th at Keystone Memorial, 11th at Milton-Winter-Cousins Memorial, 23rd at 36th Annual Flagler Rotary, 5th at 5 Star Conference.

**Post-season stats (last 3 years):** 2022 — Duals: 1A-District 6 champ, 1A-Region 2 quarterfinalist; Traditional: 1A-District 6 4th, 1A-Region 2 12th, T-27th at 1A states. 2021 — Duals: District 4 7th; Traditional: District 4 6th, Region 1 19th, T-55th at states. 2020 — Duals: 2A-District 4 T-7th; Traditional: 2A-District 4 4th, 2A-Region 1 19th, T-62nd at 2A states. 2019 — Duals: 1-3 at 2A-District 6; Traditional: 8th at 2A-District 6, T-26th at 2A-Region 2.

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

Austin Riis (sophomore, 21-15 at 113, 1A-District 6 5th); Kyle Kerns (sophomore, 6-10 at 120, did not compete in post-season traditional); Kyle Yasses (junior, 32-19 at 126, 1A-District 6 3rd, 2-2 at 1A-Region 2); Kevin Kerns (senior, 48-11 at 132, 1A-District 6 champ, 1A-Region 2 3rd, 1A state 5th); Matt McCaw (sophomore, 8-9 at 145, 1A-District 6 3rd, 1-2 at 1A-Region 2); Ruben Garcia (senior, 2-14 at 170, did not compete in post-season traditional); Nate Tsang (senior, 13-19 at 195, 1A-District 6 3rd, 2-2 at 1A-Region 2); Wyatt Keckler (sophomore, 6-20 at 220, 1A-District 6 3rd, 0-2 at 1A-Region 2); Nathan Hatch (senior, 42-14 at 285, 1A-District 6 champ, 1A-Region 2 4th, 0-2 at 1A states).

**Key losses (graduation):** Nicholas Conboy (12-18 at 120, 1A-District 6 5th); Jeffrey Root (13-27 at 138, 0-2 at 1A-District 6); Zane Hair (12-17 at 152, 1A-District 6 3rd, 1-2 at 1A-Region 2); Noah Hancock (10-29 at 160, 1A-District 6 3rd, 1-2 at 1A-Region 2).

**Matmen's take:** It'll be tougher sledding for the Wolves, but at least the opponents won't be unfamiliar, as Deltona returns to 2A after a year's absence and is slotted into a district in which it faces its new competition regularly in December and January. Younger returners will have to mature quickly.

### LYMAN (Longwood)

**Coach:** Chris Canale.

**2021-22:** 2-3 in duals. 17th at Battle for the Blacktop, 33rd at 40th Annual Kiwanis Invitational, T-11th at 48th Annual Bill Scott Memorial, 6th at 32nd Ron Peters Tournament of Champions, 6th at Viper Classic, 28th at 36th Annual Flagler Rotary, 6th at SAC Conference.

**Post-season stats (last 3 years):** 2022 — Duals: 3A-District 3 6th; Traditional: 3A-District 3 6th, 3A-Region 1 17th. 2021 — Duals: 3A-District 4 6th; Traditional: 3A-District 4 7th, 23rd at 3A-Region 1. 2020 — Duals: 3A-District 4 8th; Traditional: 3A-District 4 8th, 30th at 3A-Region 1. 2019 — Duals: Did not advance to region round; Traditional: District 10th.

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

Luke Nilles (sophomore, 14-12 at 113, District 3 5th); Jackson Fredrickson (junior, 16-10 at 120, District 3 3rd, 2-2 at Region 1); Allyn Rosario (senior, 19-18 at 126, District 3 3rd, 1-2 at Region 1); Cameron Popeck (sophomore, 19-18 at 132, District 3 5th); Cameron Warner (senior, 23-16 at 138, District 3 3rd, 1-2 at Region 1); Angel Ortiz-Corral (sophomore, 5-11 at 152, did not compete in post-season traditional); Vincent Savelli (senior, 22-16 at 160, District 3 5th); Danny Izquierdo (senior, 5-4 at 195, District 3 4th, 2-2 at Region 1).

**Key losses (graduation):** Jacob Zifferblatt (7-8 at 170, District 3 4th, 0-2 at Region 1); Haiden Williams-Marchetti (24-14 at 182, District 3 runnerup, 1 match from states).

**Matmen's take:** Greyhounds lost just two post-season starters to graduation, but one of them was their top performer a year ago. Returning group needs more consistent mat time, because the tournament

schedule appears to be in place to prepare it for the post-season run. Team does need more upper weights this season.

### **Teams outside the coverage area\*\*\***

#### **EAST RIVER (Orlando)**

**In-season:** 2nd at Barbara Pill Memorial, 5th at Milton-Winter-Cousins Memorial, 5th at Wolfpack Invitational, 7th at Metro Conference.

**Post-season:** District 2nd, region 5th, 36th at states.

**Returning post-season starters:** Pedro Sifuentes (junior, 38-10 at 113, district champ, region runnerup, state 6th); Jovan Vukajlovic (sophomore, unknown at 132, district 5th); Michael Dupuy (senior, 28-6 at 138, district 3rd, 1-2 at regions); Kale Encarnacion (sophomore, unknown at 145, district 4th, 0-2 at regions); Raul Rodriguez-Irizarry (senior, unknown at 160, district runnerup, 1-2 at regions); Adrian Covington (senior, unknown at 170, district 3rd, 1-2 at regions); Dayshaun Albertorio-Medina (senior, unknown at 195, district 4th, 1-2 at regions); Chase Eckman (junior, 30-9 at 220, district 3rd, 2-2 at regions); Jayden Direus (junior, unknown at 285, district runnerup, 2-2 at regions).

**Key losses:** Chantz Ankney (unknown at 126, district 3rd, 0-2 at regions); William Belcher (41-12 at 152, district champ, 1 match from states); Chris Matos (41-12 at 182, district runnerup, region 4th, state 7th).

**Quick take:** Falcons were the district runners-up last year, and though they lost three post-season starters to graduation, including a state medalist, appear to be the most likely runnerup candidate after Winter Springs.

#### **EDGEWATER (Orlando)**

**In-season:** 14th at Battle for the Blacktop, T-16th at Milton-Winter-Cousins Memorial, 6th at War Eagle Classic, 18th at Metro Conference.

**Post-season:** District T-7th, T-23rd at regions, T-66th at states.

**Returning post-season starters:** Lucas Smith (senior, 29-11 at 132, district 4th, did not compete at regions); Rafael Rodriguez (senior, 5-9 at 152, district 6th); Marcus Harris (sophomore, 7-9 at 160, district 5th).

**Key losses:** Jeremiah Todd (29-14 at 138, district 4th, 1-2 at regions); Lucas Sapp (11-9 at 170, district 5th); Cooper Wallace (42-7 at 182, district 3rd, region runnerup, 1 match from state medal).

**Quick take:** Eagles sustained substantial graduation losses, in leadership if nothing else. Returning group of post-season starters did not compete at last year's region tournament, so they'll need some more help.

#### **HORIZON (Winter Garden)**

**In-season:** 13th at 48th Annual Bill Scott Memorial, 9th at 32nd Annual Ron Peters Tournament of Champions, T-16th at Milton-Winter-Cousins Memorial, 17th at Wolfpack Invitational, 20th at Metro Conference, 15th at Ocoee Mat Classic.

**Post-season:** 1A-District 7 5th, T-27th at 1A-Region 2.

**Returning post-season starters:** Jayden Penate (sophomore, 11-17 at 120, 1A-District 7 3rd, 1-2 at 1A-Region 2); Brandon Gatward (senior, 7-19 at 132, 1A-District 7 4th, 0-2 at 1A-Region 2); Raul de Dona Vieira (junior, 2-7 at 138, 1A-District 7 4th, did not compete at 1A-Region 2); Joey Torres (sophomore, 4-17 at 145, 1A-District 7 5th); Valikhan Kurbanov (senior, 12-16 at 152, 1A-District 7 3rd, did not compete at 1A-Region 2); Joao Nascimento (senior, 27-11 at 170, 1A-District 7 runnerup, 1-2 at 1A-Region 2); Lorenzo Hernandez (senior, 9-10 at 182, 0-2 at 1A-District 7); Eduardo Gaia (sophomore, 3-10 at 195, 1A-District 7 4th, 0-2 at 1A-Region 2).

**Key losses:** None.

**Quick take:** The Hawks are still a fledgling program, but has enough back in the mix that they'll be a threat to Lyman for a third-place position in this district. Team could use a bit more up top.

### **JONES (Orlando)**

**In-season:** 15th at Milton-Winter-Cousins Memorial, 9th at Metro Conference.

**Post-season:** District 5th, region 15th, T-28th at states.

**Returning post-season starters:** Kymontae Wright (junior, 18-11 at 113, district 3rd, 1-2 at regions); Jovanny Meone (senior, 27-14 at 120, district 5th#, did not compete at regions); Lavoctris Patterson (sophomore, 11-12 at 145, district 3rd, 1-2 at regions); Dante Castro (senior, 8-13 at 152, district 5th); Deshawn Romeo (junior, 23-12 at 170, district 6th); Ruberson Jacquet (junior, 1-5 at 182, district 5th#, did not compete at regions); Tyler Fair (senior, 15-13 at 220, district 6th); Jamarias Williams (senior, 7-10 at 285, district 4th, 0-2 at regions).

**Key addition:** DJ McCray (senior, 25-13 at 195, 3A-District 4 champ, 1 match from 3A states; transferred from Olympia).

**Key losses:** Darius Freeman (13-15 at 126, district 6th); Ahmad Collier-Williams (24-11 at 132, district runnerup, 1 match from states); Nigel Williams (27-2 at 195, district champ, region champ, state 4th); .  
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**Quick take:** Tigers took some big losses with the graduation of Williams and other multiple-year starters. Sizable returning group, but only three competed at regions & none got to second day; transfer will help.

### **LAKE BUENA VISTA (Orlando)**

**In-season:** 7th at War Eagle Classic, 21st at Metro Conference.

**Post-season:** 1A-District 7 6th, 26th at 1A-Region 2.

**Returning post-season starters:** Othneil Neston (sophomore, unknown at 126, 1A-District 7 4th, 0-2 at 1A-Region 2); Chris Guadalupe (junior, unknown at 145, 1A-District 7 4th, 0-2 at 1A-Region 2); Alexander Bustamante-Rios (senior, unknown at 152, 1A-District 7 5th); Michael Youssef (junior, unknown at 160, 1A-District 7 3rd, 2-2 at 1A-Region 2); Matthew Youssef (junior, unknown at 170, 1A-District 7 5th); Lucas Restrepo (sophomore, unknown at 182, 1A-District 7 5th); Jobson Alexandre (junior, unknown at 195, 1A-District 7 3rd, 0-2 at 1A-Region 2); Alan Mubarak (junior, unknown at 220, 1A-District 7 6th); Usain Mitchell (junior, unknown at 285, 1A-District 7 runnerup, 1-2 at 1A-Region 2).

**Key losses:** None.

**Quick take:** Like Jones, Vipers have a big group back this year, but even with nine projected key returners back, only one reached the second day at regions and none got to states.

### **WINTER SPRINGS**

**In-season:** 1st at Clash of the Titans, 2nd at 40th Annual Kiwanis Invitational, T-35th at Knockout Christmas Classic, 3rd at Milton-Winter-Cousins Memorial, 1st at 36th Annual Flagler Rotary, 1st at SAC Conference.

**Post-season:** District champ, region 3rd, state 6th.

**Returning post-season starters:** Ryan Phillips (junior, 42-6 at 120, district champ, region 3rd, state runnerup); Josh Alter (junior, 20-17 at 132, district 3rd, 1-2 at regions); Elijah Penton (junior, 42-4 at 160, district champ, region runnerup, state 3rd); Aiden Gatton (senior, 31-16 at 220, district runnerup, 1 match from states).

**Key additions (transfer):** Ransom Randolph (senior, 36-7 at 160, 3A-District 4 champ, 3A-Region 1 runnerup, 1 match from 3A state medal; transferred from Apopka); Joshua Maldonado (senior, 15-8 at 285, 3A-District 3 runnerup, 1-2 at 3A-Region 1; transferred from Lake Howell).

**Key losses:** Silas Mantero (36-9 at 126, district champ, region 3rd, state 8th); Aiden Reichert (46-9 at 138, district champ, region 4th, 1 match from state medal); Riley Chapdelaine (44-10 at 145, district champ, region champ, state 3rd); Luis Alvarado (34-11 at 152, district 3rd, region 3rd, 1 match from state medal); Davis Deal (44-12 at 170, district champ, region 3rd, state 5th); Dylan Deal (32-2 at 182, district champ, region champ, state 3rd); Luis Valdes (34-11 at 195, district runnerup, region runnerup, state 5th); Anthony Rivera (17-17 at 285, district 6th).

**Quick take:** Bears lost eight post-season starters from last year's elite statewide team, and although they've only got four post-season returners back, there are some big guns among those returners and transfers coming in, and the room will probably provide the rest.

**\*\*\*EDITOR'S NOTE: Teams listed as outside the Matmen coverage area, for 2A-District 8 only, are welcome to join us. Head coaches for those 2A-D8 teams can email us at [nfloridamatmen@gmail.com](mailto:nfloridamatmen@gmail.com) or send a message to publisher Shannon Heaton via Facebook Messenger.**

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