

EVANS (Orlando)

Coach: Brent Bourgeois, 1st year.

2021-22: 2-6 in duals reported. 14th at Ben Richards Invitational, 8th at Harmony Longhorn Classic, 14th at Wolfpack Invitational, 16th at Metro Conference, 16th at Ocoee Mat Classic.

Post-season stats (last 3 years): 2022 — Duals: District T-5th; Traditional: District 7th, 25th at region. 2021 — Duals: Did not advance to region round; Traditional: District 3 5th, 24th at region. 2020 — Duals: Did not advance to region round; Traditional: District 3 5th, 22nd at region.

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

Jaylen Clayton (junior, 14-12 at 132, District 4 3rd, 0-2 at Region 1); Jadon Neston (senior, 6-13 at 138, did not compete in post-season traditional); Jean-Paul Cassamajor (senior, 2-6 at 152, District 4 5th); Clark Jeantinord (senior, 0-6 at 195, 0-2 at District 4); Kevin Gustave (senior, 19-12 at 220, District 4 3rd, 2-2 at Region 1-did not compete 2nd day); Jermael Paul (junior, 17-13 at 285, District 4 T-5th).

Key losses (graduation): Jacob Olnick (4-15 at 160, District 4 T-5th); Edwin Guzman (9-10 at 170, did not compete in post-season traditional); Edward Clayton (18-13 at 182, District 4 champ, 1-2 at Region 1).

Matmen's take: Trojans haven't been to the state tournament for at least the past four years, but there might be a wrestler or two who could put a charge into breaking that streak in late February. Getting a more-complete portion of the varsity lineup some significant mat time could really help with that.

HAGERTY (Oviedo)

Coach: Scotty Diaz, 8th year.

2021-22: 28-8 in duals. 3rd at Clash of the Titans, T-42nd at Knockout Christmas Classic, 6th at 36th Annual Flagler Rotary, 2nd at SAC Conference.

Post-season stats (last 3 years): 2022 — Duals: District champ, region runnerup; Traditional: District champ, region runnerup, state 10th. 2021 — Duals: District 4 champ, region semifinalist; Traditional: District 4 runnerup, region runnerup, state 8th. 2020 — Duals: District 4 champ, region runnerup; Traditional: District 4 runnerup, region runnerup, state 6th.

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

Aiden Vick (sophomore, 5-6 at 106, District 3 3rd, Region 1 4th, 0-2 at states); Carson Greenier (junior, 21-20 at 120, District 3 4th, 0-2 at Region 1); Logan Acey-Kriegshauser (junior, 9-11 at 126, did not compete in post-season traditional); Gavin Nelson (sophomore, 29-21 at 138, District 3 6th); Clayton Childers (senior, 20-20 at 145, District 3 6th); Kamdon Harrison (senior, 53-9 at 160, District 3 champ, Region 1 champ, state runnerup); Connor Gilliam (junior, 32-12 at 182, District 3 champ, 2-2 at Region 1); Hunter Tate (junior, 45-10 at 195, District 3 champ, Region 1 3rd, 1 match from state medal); Landon Revis (senior, 36-19 at 220, District 3 runnerup, 1-2 at Region 1); Thad Elam (senior, 22-25 at 285, District 3 4th, 0-2 at Region 1).

Key losses (graduation): Lochlann Higgins (36-8 at 113, District 3 runnerup, Region 1 runnerup, 1 match from state medal); Jacob Genao (14-17 at 126, District 3 runnerup, 0-2 at Region 1); David Mejia (44-9 at 132, District 3 3rd, 2-2 at Region 1); Blake Watts (53-10 at 152, District 3 champ, Region 1 champ, state 8th); Ethan Gomez (56-12 at 170, District 3 champ, Region 1 champ, state 5th).

Matmen's take: Huskies lost two 2021 state runners-up a year ago and still managed a state top-10 finish in March. Team will enter the season as the favorite in 3A-Region 1 behind a locked-in set of upper weights that is loaded with multiple multi-year starters. Depth will have to add a couple of lower-weight starters this year.

LAKE BRANTLEY (Altamonte Springs)

Coach: Jake Jessee, 1st year at school.

2021-22: 6-3 in duals reported. 9th at Clash of the Titans, 6th at 48th Annual Bill Scott Memorial, 5th at 32nd Annual Ron Peters Tournament of Champions, 4th at Wolfpack Invitational, 5th at SAC Conference.

Post-season stats (last 3 years): 2022 — Duals: District 4th; Traditional: District 5th, region 18th. 2021 — Duals: Did not advance to region round; Traditional: District runnerup, T-21st at region. 2020 — Duals: District runnerup, region quarterfinalist; Traditional: District 7th, region 20th, T-56th at states.

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

Rainier Zayas (sophomore, 6-14* at 106, did not compete in post-season traditional); Andres Camposano (sophomore, 9-11 at 113, District 3 4th, 1-2 at Region 1); Tyler Walter (senior, 11-15 at 126, District 3 4th, 0-2 at Region 1); Dario Duany (sophomore, 31-12 at 132, District 3 runnerup, 1 match from states); Troy Vazquez (junior, 12-17 at 152, District 3 4th, 0-2 at Region 1); Giovanni Duany (junior, 29-8 at 160, District 3 runnerup, 1 match from states); Christopher Swanson (junior, 15-7* at 182/195, did not compete in post-season traditional); Julian Aponte-Rodriguez (sophomore, 3-9* at 195, District 3 6th); Jackson Jumpp (sophomore, 11-16 at 220, District 3 4th, 0-2 at Region 1); Timothy Ceboute (sophomore, 3-9 at 285, 0-2 at District 3); Jason Roman (sophomore, 7-11* at 285, did not compete in post-season traditional).

Key losses (graduation): Kai Higgins (35-9 at 138, District 3 champ, 1 match from states); Elijah Huyck (19-18 at 145, District 3 3rd, 1-2 at Region 1); Sebastian Rodriguez (11-6* at 152/160, did not compete in post-season traditional); Kyle Schehr (19-17 at 170, District 3 5th); Jonathan Stagaard (14-18 at 182, District 3 4th, 0-2 at Region 1).

* -- records incomplete due to missing matches

Matmen's take: Patriots are slowly climbing the ladder in the region, have done so each of the past four seasons, and that's a good thing. Team seemed to enjoy good community as well. If they engaged in sufficient offseason work, they could be one of the hidden gems to make a move in the district as well as the region.

LAKE HOWELL (Winter Park)

Coach: Kyle Harrison, 1st year.

2021-22: 2-10 in duals reported. 8th at Battle for the Blacktop, 17th at 48th Annual Bill Scott Memorial, 11th at 32nd Annual Ron Peters Tournament of Champions, 32nd at 36th Annual Flagler Rotary, 7th at SAC Conference.

Post-season stats (last 3 years): 2022 — Duals: District 7th; Traditional: District 7th, T-27th at region. 2021 — Duals: District 4 7th; Traditional: District 4 5th, region T-18th. 2020 — Duals: District 4 7th; Traditional: District 4 6th, T-23rd at regions.

Projected key returners (15+ matches or post-season experience last year, with 2021-22 weights): Cole Herring (sophomore, 0-5 at 132, District 3 6th); Aiden Wood (sophomore, 7-12 at 138, 0-2 at District 3); Xavier McMichael (senior, 8-13 at 145, District 3 5th); Richard Szczepaniak (sophomore, 2-8 at 152, District 3 6th); Christopher Campbell (junior, 3-6 at 160, District 3 6th); Luke Gonzalez (senior, 9-17 at 170, 0-2 at District 3); Jayden Velazquez (junior, 21-16 at 195, District 3 runnerup, 1-2 at Region 1).

Key losses (graduation or as noted): Joshua Maldonado (15-8 at 285, District 3 runnerup, 1-2 at Region 1; transferred to Winter Springs).

Matmen's take: Silver Hawks haven't been to state since 2019, and last year's lone returning region qualifier transferred. Team needs lowers and uppers, and returns just one win at regions last year. But the upside is that the team can all learn together under a new coach, and recent history in the region says it can be done.

OVIEDO

Coach: Zach Waters.

2021-22: 13-15 in duals. 11th at Wolfpack Invitational, 3rd at SAC Conference.

Post-season stats (last 3 years): 2022 — Duals: District 5th; Traditional: District 3rd, region 16th. 2021 — Duals: District 4 4th; Traditional: District 4 6th, region 15th, T-29th at states. 2020 — Duals: District 4 3rd; Traditional: District 4 4th, region 12th, T-29th at states. 2019 — Duals: Did not advance to region round; Traditional: District 3 7th, region 15th, 31st at states.

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

Conner Rodriguez (junior, 18-6 at 106, District 3 runnerup, 1 match from states); Josh Sabbia (sophomore, 23-14 at 113, District 3 3rd, 2-2 at Region 1); Andres Millan (senior, 6-4 at 120, District 3 runnerup, 1-2 at Region 1); Caden Martz (sophomore, 11-12 at 126, District 3 5th); Johnathan Dishman (junior, 12-20 at 132, District 3 4th, 1-2 at Region 1); Clayton Mitchell (junior, 17-16 at 138, District 3 4th, 0-2 at Region 1); Lukas Crawley (junior, 19-12 at 145, District 3 runnerup, 0-2 at Region 1); James Chiaradio (junior, 20-10 at 160, District 3 3rd, 1 match from states); John Miceli (senior, 6-14 at 170, District 3 6th); Mathew Buhl (junior, 1-15 at 170, did not compete in post-season traditional); Joey Gioa (sophomore, 16-18 at 182, District 3 3rd, 1-2 at Region 1); Nick Rynearson (junior, 15-18 at 195, District 3 5th); Yosef Mohaisem (sophomore, 8-18 at 220, District 3 6th).

Key losses (graduation): Jordan Jones (6-20 at 152, District 3 5th); Malachi Williams (16-12 at 285, District 3 3rd, 1-2 at Region 1).

Matmen's take: Lions did miss the state tournament after making appearances in each of the previous three years, but from a team standpoint, could almost be the stronger for it, with starters or key components in place at 13 of last year's weights back again. Enthusiastic staff and community will make things easier for the group.

TIMBER CREEK (Orlando)

Coach: Jonathan Cone.

2021-22: 3-4 in duals. 2nd at 5th Annual St John Memorial Holiday, 3rd at 16th Annual Ed Kilpatrick Classic, 3rd at Wolfpack Invitational, 3rd at Metro Conference.

Post-season stats (last 3 years): 2022 — Duals: District runnerup, region semifinalist; Traditional: District runnerup, region 6th, 34th at state. 2021 — Duals: District 4 runnerup, region runnerup; Traditional: District 4 champ, region 5th, state T-15th. 2020 — Duals: District 4 runnerup, region semifinalist; Traditional: District 4 champ, region 3rd, state 20th.

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

Marlo Clark (sophomore, 19-15 at 113/120, did not compete in post-season traditional); Keegan Clark (junior, 9-14 at 120, District 3 champ, 2-2 at Region 1); Aiden Benson (junior, 24-20 at 126, District 3 champ, 1-2 at Region 1); Josue Batista (sophomore, 26-16 at 138, District 3 runnerup, Region 1 3rd, 0-2 at states); Barak Matviak (junior, 12-25 at 145, District 3 4th, 0-2 at Region 1); Daniel Pacheco (junior, 22-24 at 152, District 3 3rd, 0-2 at Region 1); Andres Velez (senior, 6-12 at 220, did not compete in post-season traditional); Peter Nesheiwat (senior, 43-12 at 285, District 3 champ, Region 1 runnerup, 1 match from state medal).

Key losses (graduation): Jean Vazquez (35-9 at 106, District 3 champ, Region 1 3rd, 1-2 at states); Trenton Dominguez (46-7 at 113, District 3 champ, Region 1 champ, state 6th); Jovan Santana (15-24 at 160, 0-2 at District 3); Dennis Proulx (33-12 at 170, District 3 3rd, 2-2 at Region 1); Carlos Arciniega (10-5 at 182, did not compete in post-season traditional); Nico Perez (25-21 at 195, District 3 3rd, 2-2 at Region 1); Chris Pacheco (23-26 at 220, District 3 3rd, 0-2 at Region 1).

Matmen's take: After two years with state top-20 finishes, Wolfpack were due a bit of a comeback to the rest of the field, but team still had a solid group, reaching Sweet 16 for duals. This year, team will have to call upon its depth much more often, with a substantial graduation loss to overcome.

WEKIVA (Apopka)

Coach: Nathan Hauser.

2021-22: 0-5 in reported duals. 13th at Metro Conference, 9th at Ocoee Mat Classic.

Post-season stats (last 3 years): 2021 — Duals: District 4 7th; Traditional: District 4 T-5th, region T-11th, T-49th at states. 2020 — Duals: Did not advance to region round; Traditional: District 3 8th, T-28th at region. 2019 — Duals: Did not advance to region round; Traditional: District 3 6th, region 16th, T-36th at states. 2018 — Duals: Did not advance to region round; Traditional: District 2 7th, 29th at region.

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

Thomas Tindall (sophomore, 4-16 at 126, District 4 5th); Seth Galvin (senior, 34-13 at 145, District 4 runnerup, Region 1 4th, 1 match from state medal); Kyren Elie (junior, 2-9 at 195, District 4 4th, 0-2 at Region 1); Charles Hall (senior, 7-13 at 220, District 4 T-5th*); Holley Saintmelus (senior, 34-8 at 285, District 4 champ, Region 1 champ, 0-2 at states).

Key losses (graduation): Joshua Raphael (28-6 at 132, District 4 champ, 2-1 at Region 1, did not compete in second day).

* -- *District 4 did not post (not known if contested) 5th-place matches*

Matmen's take: We still don't know much about the Mustangs, as most of their regular-season events went missing, but this year's group has both of its top seniors returning, so there will be individual highlights down the homestretch. Team does need new blood to compete as a full team, however.

WINTER PARK

Coach: Craig Russell.

2021-22: 7-3 in duals reported. 12th at Battle for the Blacktop, 4th at Milton-Winter-Cousins Memorial, 6th at Metro Conference, 12th at Ocoee Mat Classic.

Post-season stats (last 3 years): 2022 — Duals: District 3rd; Traditional: District 4th, region 10th, T-36th at states. 2021 — Duals: District 4 5th; Traditional: District 4 4th, 10th at region, T-15th at states. 2020 — Duals: District 4 6th; Traditional: District 4 5th, region 14th, T-41st at states. 2019 — Duals: District 4 5th; Traditional: District 4 4th, 27th at region.

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

Brendon Powers (sophomore, 17-14 at 106, District 3 4th, 1-2 at Region 1); Jorge Gonzalez (junior, 28-4 at 132, District 3 champ, Region 1 champ, state 6th); Noel Marrero (senior, 22-15 at 138, District 3 5th); Joseph Parker (senior, 26-6 at 145, District 3 champ, Region 1 3rd, 1 match from state medal); Atzin Bazan (sophomore, 9-7 at 145, did not compete in post-season traditional); Teddy Barry (junior, 21-15 at 152, District 3 runnerup, 1-2 at Region 1); Charles Stewart (senior, 8-9* at 170/182, did not compete in post-season traditional); Dequannte Samuels (senior, 3-12* at 195, 0-2 at District 3); Liam Glassmeyer (junior, 41-6 at 220, District 3 champ, Region 1 3rd, 1 match from state medal); Aden Smith (junior, 3-8* at 285, District 3 5th).

Key losses (graduation): Jayden King (10-8 at 120, did not compete in post-season traditional); Ashton Hughes (21-10 at 160, District 3 4th, 1-2 at Region 1); Tristen Carbonell (28-8 at 170, District 3 runnerup, 1 match from states); Lawens Joachim (5-9* at 182, District 3 5th).

* -- *asterisked record indicates likelihood of incomplete results*

Matmen's take: Wildcats are team probably best-poised to break through, if anyone does, to the region duals round besides Hagerty & Timber Creek. There's a lot of juniors in this group, so this team could be quite solid next year as well. Group could use a couple more upperweights to step forward, but the program has done that before.