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State Individual Wrestling Tournament

BROOKLYN CENTER, Minn. --- The individual competition of the State Wrestling Tournament is scheduled for March 1-2 at the Xcel Energy Center in downtown St. Here is a look at the tournament:

FAST FACTS

The schedule:

Friday, March 1, Session 3

9 a.m. – All First Rounds

Friday, March 1, Session 4

4 p.m. – All Championship Quarterfinals and Wrestlebacks

Saturday, March 2, Session 5

9:30 a.m. – All Consolation Quarterfinals; All Championship Semifinals; and All Consolation Semifinals

Saturday, March 2, Session 6

4 p.m. – All Individual 3rd- and 5th-place Matches; All Individual Championships; Awards following matches

Webcast: School Space Media will livestream every match and there is no charge for viewing. Find the stream at www.prepspotlight.tv.

Tickets: \$16 adults, \$10 students per single session. \$30 adults, \$18 students per daily pass. \$90 adults, \$54 students per season book (includes the team tournament).

Ticket Box Offices open: 8 a.m. each day.

Results: Posted on www.mshsl.org. Members of the media should also note that paper copies of brackets will not be distributed this year.

Social media: Follow the tournament on the League's Facebook page and on Twitter at @MSHSL and @MSHSLJohn.

INDIVIDUAL PREVIEW

Class A:

106 pounds — Michael Majerus (37-9) of Zumbrota-Mazeppa, who placed sixth last year, is the only returning medal-winner. There were no perfect records in this class.

113 pounds — Charley Elwood (31-2) of Medford is the highest returning medalist; he earned runner-up honors at 106 pounds in 2018. Carter Meiners (40-5) of Long Prairie-Grey Eagle/Browerville, who placed fifth at 106 pounds, also returns. No one in this class is undefeated.

120 pounds — Two medalists at 113 pounds move up to wrestle in this class: Trevor Janssen (31-4) of Blackduck/Cass Lake-Bena, runner-up; and Blaine Fischer (35-9) of Belgrade-Brooten-Elrosa, sixth. No one has a perfect record.

126 pounds — Four medal-winners return in this class: Canon Swanson (42-0) of Belgrade-Brooten-Elrosa, runner-up at 120 pounds; Seth Goetzing (27-7) of Chatfield, third at 106 pounds; Brett Willaby (31-3) of Windom/Mountain Lake, third at 113 pounds; and Jorge Hernandez (29-4) of LeSueur-Henderson, fifth at 120 pounds. Swanson boasts the only unblemished record.

132 pounds — Dereck Ellingson (37-4) of Tracy-Milroy-Balaton/Westbrook-Walnut Grove, who placed third at 126 pounds last year, is the highest returning medalist in this class. He will be joined by four additional medal-winners: Jackson Hale (37-3) of GMLOS, fourth at 120 pounds; Teddy Pesch (29-5) of Minneota, fifth in this class; Joash Lord (31-10) of Norwood-Young America, sixth in this class; and Mason Gode (44-0) of Long Prairie-Grey Eagle/Browerville, sixth at 126 pounds. Gode has the only perfect record.

138 pounds — Three medalists return: Blake Legred (38-4) of United South Central of Wells, runner-up at 126 pounds; Mark Buringa (18-1) of St. Charles, runner-up at 132 pounds; and Tyler Bents (41-1) of Belgrade-Brooten-Elrosa, third at 132 pounds. No one in this class is undefeated.

145 pounds — Kyle Cavanaugh (36-0) of Caledonia/Houston, who won at 138 pounds last year, is the highest returning qualifier. Two additional medal-winners return: Willie Von Ruden (29-1) of Medford, third at 138 pounds; and Owen Novacek (39-3) of Badger/Greenbush-Middle River, fourth at 138 pounds. Cavanaugh has the only perfect record.

152 pounds — Four medalists return in this weight class: Chandler Mooney (43-0) of Roseau, third at 145 pounds; Zack Holtz (12-0) of Kimball Area, fourth at 145 pounds; Alex Borsgard (34-2) of Windom/Mountain Lake, fifth at 138 pounds; and Lukas Meier (19-6) of Crookston, fifth at 145 pounds. Mooney, Holtz, and Seth Bossard (41-0) of Kenyon-Wanamingo all boast unblemished records.

160 pounds — Cole Vanoverbeke (34-6) of Minneota is the highest returning medal-winner. He placed third at 152 pounds last year. Vanoverbeke is joined by three additional medalists: Jackson Held (38-3) of Royalton/Upsala, fourth in this class; Kelby O'Reilly (42-3) of Goodhue, fifth in this class; and Owen Bjerga (44-1) of Staples-Motley, sixth at 138 pounds. No one in this class is undefeated.

170 pounds — Three medalists return in this weight class: Colton Krell (34-3) of Westfield, runner-up at 160 pounds; Kaleb O'Reilly (40-4) of Goodue, fifth in this class; and Ian Frenzel (45-2) of Blackduck/Cass Lake-Bena, sixth 160 pounds. Tyson Meyer (35-0) of Minnewaska Area of Glenwood has the only perfect record in this field.

182 pounds — Jaden Kindopp (32-2) of Canby, who won at 170 pounds last year, is the highest returning medal-winner. He will be joined by Jacob Bennett (35-3) of Zumbrota-Mazeppa, who placed second at 195 pounds. There are no unblemished records in this class.

195 pounds — Michael Nelson (41-3) of Dover-Eyota is the only returning medalist; he placed third at 182 pounds in 2018. There are no undefeated records in this class.

220 pounds — Two medal-winners from this weight class return: Luke Tweeton (32-7) of Frazee, fourth; and Dominik Vacura (40-3) of Badger/Greenbush-Middle River, sixth. No one in this class has a perfect record.

285 pounds — Defending champion Craig Orlando (40-1) of Bertha-Hewitt/Verndale/Parkers Prairie is the only returning medalist. There are no perfect records in the class.

Atwater-Cosmos-Grove City and Kenyon-Wanamingo lead the Class A field with 12 and nine qualifiers, respectively.

Class AA:

106 pounds — Owen Werner (36-6) of Perham is the only returning medal-winner; he placed third in 2018. Mason Gehloff (27-0) of Waseca has this year's only perfect record.

113 pounds — Maxwell Petersen (29-0) of Byron, who struck gold at 106 pounds last year, moves up one weight class. He will be joined by two additional medalists: Logan Vaughan (35-6) of Kasson-Mantorville, fourth at 106 pounds; and Austin Gabbert (32-1) of Watertown-Mayer/Mayer Lutheran, fifth at 106 pounds. Petersen has the only unblemished record.

120 pounds — Jaxson Rohman (44-3) of Fairmont/Martin County West, defending champion at 113 pounds, leads a field of five returning medal-winners. The others are: Landen Parent (19-3) of Princeton, runner-up at 106 pounds; Ashton Clark (19-0) of Park Rapids Area, runner-up at 113 pounds; Robby Horsman (32-9) of Kasson-Mantorville, third in this weight class; and Reier Sjomeling (22-6) of Delano, fifth at 113 pounds. Clark has the only perfect record.

126 pounds — Mitchel Petersen (26-3) of Byron, defending champion at 120 pounds, is the highest returning medalist. He will be joined by Jake Svihel (50-0) of Totino-Grace of Fridley, runner-up at 120 pounds, and Justin Stauffacher (41-5) of Scott West, fifth at 120 pounds. Svihel boasts the only unblemished record.

132 pounds — Four medal-winners return in this weight class: Charlie Pickell (44-1) of Mankato West, runner-up at 126 pounds; Jake Fitzpatrick (43-2) of Mahtomedi, fourth at 120 pounds; Cade Lundeen (44-1) of Thief River Falls, fourth at 126 pounds; and Jerry Simes (27-7) of Litchfield, sixth at 120 pounds. Ryan Sokol (44-0) Simley of Inver Grove Heights has this year's only perfect record.

138 pounds — Three 2018 medalists return to compete in this weight class: Fabyon Greer (30-4) of Detroit Lakes, third in this class; Tyler Shackle (40-6) of Scott West, third at 132 pounds; and Cael Berg (30-2) of Simley, fifth at 126 pounds. No one has a perfect record.

145 pounds — Tanner Kroells (31-2) of Delano is the highest returning medal-winner; he placed fourth at 138 pounds last year. He will be joined by Prestin Bradley (42-6) of Dassel-Cokato, who placed fifth at 138 pounds in 2018. Kellen Schauer (51-0) of Grand Rapids has the only unblemished record.

152 pounds — Three medalists return in this weight class: Tim Stapleton (37-1) of Waconia, runner-up at 145 pounds; Carter Marx (42-7) of Plainview-Elgin-Millville, fifth in this class; and Miles Fitzgerald (25-13) of Fairmont/Martin County West, sixth at 145 pounds. No one has a perfect record.

160 pounds — Two defending champions will square off at this weight: Cade Mueller (44-1) of Waconia, champion in this class; and Bennett Berge (38-4) of Kasson-Mantorville, champion at 138 pounds. They will be joined by Jacob Hageman (31-8) of Simley, who placed sixth in this weight class last year. There are no unblemished records.

170 pounds — Defending champion Isaiah Thompson (41-3) of Detroit Lakes is the only returning medalist. There are no perfect records.

182 pounds — Patrick Kennedy (42-0) of Kasson-Mantorville, who struck gold at this weight last year, leads a field of four returning medal-winners. The others are: Quayin Short (29-3) of Simley, runner-up at 152 pounds; Zachary Peterson (44-1) of Perham, third in this weight class; and Kole Platt (14-1) of GNK, fifth at 160 pounds. Kennedy boasts the only unblemished record.

195 pounds — Two medalists return in this weight class: Ty Moser (39-0) of Perham, third in this weight class; and Gabe Zierden (41-4) of Albany, fourth at 182 pounds. Moser has the only perfect record.

220 pounds — Kaleb Haase (32-3) of Redwood/River Valley is the only returning medal-winner. He placed fifth at this weight in 2018. No one has an unblemished record.

285 pounds — Daniel Kerkvliet (17-0) of Simley, who won at 220 pounds last year, returns in search of more gold. He will be challenged by Chase Liestman (39-0) of Litchfield, who placed fourth in this weight class in 2018. Kerkvliet, Liestman, and Brandon Swanson (32-0) of North Branch all have perfect records.

Perham and Simley have 10 individual qualifiers apiece.

Class AAA:

106 pounds — There are no returning medal-winners or perfect records in this weight class.

113 pounds — Three medalists return in this weight class: Paxton Creese (46-1) of Shakopee, runner-up at 106 pounds; Ryan Hemingson (42-1) of Winona/Cotter, third at 106 pounds; and Brandon Psyk (33-4) of St. Michael-Albertville, fifth in this weight class. No one has a perfect record.

120 pounds — Patrick Cardinal (40-3) of Forest Lake, the defending champions at 113 pounds, moves up one class. He is joined by four other returning medalists: Ben Lunn (37-3) of Shakopee, runner-up at 113 pounds; Cael Swensen (45-3) of Wayzata, fourth at 106 pounds; Nick Novak (44-2) of New Prague, sixth at 106 pounds; and Cole West (35-3) of Woodbury, sixth at 113 pounds. There are no undefeated competitors.

126 pounds — The defending champion at 120 pounds, Reid Ballantyne (25-2) of Stillwater Area, is the only returning medalist. There are no perfect records at this weight.

132 pounds — Three medal-winners return in this weight class: Ryder Rogotzke (29-2) of East Ridge of Woodbury, third at 113 pounds; Trayton Anderson (47-1) of Northfield, third at 126 pounds; and Adam Mickelson (33-7) of Apple Valley, sixth at 120 pounds. There are no undefeated competitors.

138 pounds — Four medalists return: Drew Woodley (44-2) of Northfield, runner-up at 120 pounds; Sebas Swiggum (49-2) of Apple Valley, runner-up at 132 pounds; Trey Kruse (38-4) of Stillwater Area, fourth at 132 pounds; and Hunter Lyden (46-3) of East Ridge, fifth at 120 pounds. No one has a perfect record.

145 pounds — Cael Carlson (38-0) of Willmar, the defending champion at 138 pounds, returns in search of more gold. He is joined by Brady Gross (45-4) of Apple Valley, who claimed runner-up honors at 138 pounds in 2018. Carlson and Jahsa Rankins (18-0) of Eden Prairie have the only unblemished records.

152 pounds — Willie Bastyr (37-3) of Lakeville South is the only returning medal-winner; he placed fourth in this weight class last year.

160 pounds — Three medalists return at this weight: Brock Rinehart (44-3) of Woodbury, fourth at 145 pounds; T.J. Turinske (33-3) of White Bear Lake Area, sixth at 145 pounds; and Devin Roberts (40-6) of Apple Valley, sixth in this weight class. Gabe Nagel (42-0) of Little Falls is the only undefeated qualifier.

170 pounds — Riley Habisch (35-0) of Buffalo, who placed third at 160 pounds in 2018, leads the field in this class. Jimmy Brown (32-8) of Cambridge-Isanti, last year's fifth-place finisher at 152 pounds, also returns. Habisch had the only perfect record.

182 pounds — Two returning champions will compete for top honors at this weight: Cade King (40-4) of Owatonna, champion in this weight class; and Zach Glazier (43-0) of Albert Lea Area, champion at 170 pounds. Glazier has the only undefeated record

195 pounds — Calvin Sund (35-0) of Prior Lake and Rowan Morgan (32-3) of Mounds View return at this weight. Sund earned runner-up honors at 182 pounds last year and Morgan was fifth at 182 pounds. Sund has the only unblemished record.

220 pounds — Two medalists return from this weight class: Ezayah Oropeza (38-0) of Rosemount was second in 2018 and Cole Fibranz (39-1) of Sartell-St. Stephen placed third. Oropeza has the only undefeated record.

285 pounds — Bryce Benhart (30-0) of Lakeville North is the only returning medal-winner and has the only perfect record. He placed fourth in this weight class last year.

Mounds View and Stillwater Area qualified 10 wrestlers apiece.

2018 STATE TOURNAMENT RECAP

Class A: Two seniors from Pipestone Area claimed their third championships. Michael Suda won at 126 pounds and Hunter Burnett won at 132 pounds.

Class AA: Two wrestlers from Simley joined the list of three-time individual champions; senior Jake Gliva won at 132 pounds and junior Daniel Kerkvliet won at 220 pounds.

Class AAA: Apple Valley junior Gable Steveson punctuated a tournament of dominance by winning the heavyweight championship with a pin of Anoka junior Brandon Frankfurth in just 17 seconds in the final. It was the second consecutive year that Steveson pinned Frankfurth in the title match. The victory also gave Steveson a coveted fourth individual championship.

Three wrestlers earned their third individual crowns in Class AAA: senior Patrick McKee of St. Michael-Albertville (126), senior Alex Lloyd of Shakopee (152), and senior Peyton Robb of Owatonna (160).