

Match #2

Team Bio's

#13 2017 Wrestling Team (11-10)

- Record 11-10 (Qualified for state sectional, losing in quarterfinals)
- Mt Olive Tournament - No team scores due to computer issue (McCarthy earns individual title)
- 5th @ John Goles Tournament (Borgognoni 1st, Jake and Joey DeLuca 2nd)
- 11th @ HWS Tournament (McCarthy 2nd, Borgognoni 3rd, Joey Deluca and Giordano 4th)
- 3rd District 1 Tournament (1st year of new district alignment)
 - 6 district finalists (McCarthy and Borgognoni earn district titles)
 - 7 regional qualifiers
- Region 1 Tournament (McCarthy 3rd to earn his first trip to AC!)
- All- League Selections
 - 1st Team
 - Michael Freda (132), Wyatt McCarthy (152), Jonathon Borgognoni (160), Nick Brigante (170), Joey DeLuca (182)
 - 2nd Team
 - Aidan Bartsch (106), Nick Giordano (145), Luke Fischer (220)
 - Honorable Mention
 - Jake DeLuca (138)

#20 2012 Wrestling Team (6-21)

- Record 6-21
 - 1st year with the new weight classes (current weight classes we have today)
 - Team struggled to fill out a full line-up throughout most of the season
 - Injury to Josh Sibblies at midpoint of the season left a void in the lineup
- 3rd @ Mt. Olive Tournament (Churchill and Connelly win individual titles)
- 7th @ John Goles Tournament (Churchill and Connelly win individual titles)
- 14th @ HWS Tournament (Connelly earns NHS 1st ever HWS Title!!!)
- 5th @ District 3 Tournament
 - Churchill (OW) and Connelly win individual titles
 - Grello and Grant qualify for regions
- Region 1 Tournament (Connelly 1st, Churchill 7th/8th)
- NJSIAA State Tournament (Connelly falls 1 win shy of a state medal)
- All-League Selections
 - 1st Team
 - Steven Churchill (132), Jake Connelly (195)
 - 2nd Team
 - Michael Larsen (126), Logan Morales (145), Niko Grello (152), Josh Sibblies (152), Brandon Grant (285)
 - Honorable Mention
 - Ashley Iliff (106)

2017 Wrestling Team (#13)

vs.

2012 Wrestling Team (#20)**106 - Aidan Bartsch (6-15)**

vs.

Ashley Iliff (13-9)

- Freshman vs. Senior! Male vs. Female! Bartsch is a big, scrappy 106lber, Iliff is a multiple time girls state champion who would go on to become a 4x Collegiate All-American!! It's 5-3 entering the 3rd and Iliff takes top. After she takes a quick injury time out (for a selfie), Iliff turns Bartsch 2x and wins 10-3.

- **2012 3, 2017 0**

113 - Julian Sibblies (10-17)

vs.

Anthony Brown (7-22)

- Battle of sophomores in a key bout for the dual. Brown has shown signs all year of improvement but Sibblies has the pedigree (father state runner-up, brother state 5th). Sibblies down to start the 3rd of a 2-2 bout...Coach Sibblies signaling something to his son...he keeps pulling his arm across his body? Are his pants too tight? Whatever the signal was, Sibblies hits a peterson to break open a tight bout and gets the 7-2 decision for 2017!

- **2017 3, 2012 3**

120 - Matt Rosa (7-8)

vs.

Jason VanDerGroef (6-11)

- Yet another toss up to start the dual. Rosa, a sophomore, and VanDerGroef, a junior, both missed time due to injury during the season. Rosa appears to be too much for VanDerGroef on his feet. He has yet to develop the "Rosa Roll" so VanDergroef is able to ride him tough in the 2nd period. Rosa wisely takes neutral in the 3rd and wins 12-5 to put 2017 ahead on the scoreboard!

- **2017 6, 2012, 3**

126 - Michael Freda (18-13) D4

vs.

Steven Churchill (35-2) D1, R7/8

- This is the first bout we have with a clear-cut favorite as Churchill is a District OW and former state qualifier. Freda has had a good season to date but is no match for the veteran Churchill (5th on the all-time wins list with 111 wins). After scoring 2 td's and a set of backpoints in period 1, Churchill hits a gator roll for the fall halfway through period 2 to put 2012 back in front!!!

- **2012 9, 2017 6**

132 - Erion Mahmudi (0-15)

vs.

Michael Larsen (10-11)

- Larsen is a clear favorite in this one!!! Mahmudi is a 1st year wrestler who came out to fill the void at 132lbs. Despite a scrappy effort, Mahmudi can't survive the 1st period as Larsen hits his 2nd cross-face cradle in as many nights for the fall!!!

- **2012 15, 2017 6**

138 - Jake DeLuca (17-13) D3

vs.

Niko Grello (20-19) D3

- This battle of region qualifiers is one of the premier bouts of the night and could go a long way in deciding who wins the meet!!! The 2012 team opts to send out Grello over Morales in the hopes of increasing their lead. After a scoreless 1st period, it's Grello's

choice...he chooses bottom and quickly escapes. A td by Grello just before the buzzer gives him a 3-0 lead heading into period 3. DeLuca goes down and escapes with 1 minute to go. DeLuca can't seem to break through Grello's defense and can only pick up a stall point as Grello hangs on for the 3-2 win.

- **2012 18, 2017 6**

145 - Nick Giordano (28-11) D2, R5 vs. Logan Morales (17-14) D4

- The 2017 team opts to use Giordano vs. Morales instead of McCarthy!!! Morales is in on a deep shot and appears poised for the TD but Giordano hits a flying gator roll for the fall (reminiscent of his cement job in Regions his senior year)!.
 - **2012 18, 2017 12**

152 - Wyatt McCarthy (36-6) D1, R3 vs. Josh Sibblies (12-5)

- McCarthy moves up to 152 and gives us our first match-up between future state medalists! Both wrestlers are a year away from earning a spot on the podium in AC but this bout gets the fans excited!!! Sibblies appears to be fully recovered from his knee injury from earlier in the season and scores the 1st TD! McCarthy earns an escape and a TD for a 3-2 after one. McCarthy earns another escape and TD in period #2 to go up 6-2 heading into the 3rd. Sibblies has to go down and can't get much going as McCarthy shows off his newly found offense on top, earning 2 back points to win 8-2!
 - **2012 18, 2017 15**

160 - Jonathon Borgognoni (31-6) D1, R5 vs. Julio Maidana (4-13)

- This may be the beginning of the end for the 2012 team as the 2017 team holds clear advantages in all but 2 of the remaining bouts!. Borg gets the early takedown and tilts up Maidana 2x before earning the fall to put the 2017 team ahead, possibly for good!
 - **2017 21, 2012 18**

170 - Nick Brigante (12-17) vs. Stephen Frangieh (2-9)

- Brigante, a future state qualifier, seems to be struggling early on with Frangieh's strength. Although the more experienced wrestler, Brigante can't seem to find his offense, yet seems to be taunting Frangieh...Coach Bollette is not happy!!! It's 0-0 after 1. Brigante gets a quick reversal but still can't seem to get anything going and, although he rides Frangieh for the rest of the period, is hit for stalling. Frangieh trails 2-0 heading into the 3rd and chooses neutral. Frangieh tries as best he can but can only muster a stall point and loses 2-1.
 - **2017 24, 2012 18**

182 - Joey DeLuca (26-12) D2, R6 vs. Gus Protogeropoulos (6-17)

- DeLuca is the clear favorite in this one as the 2x region 6th place-finisher takes full advantage of Proto's inexperience! It's hard to believe that Proto, who finished with 6 wins, would go on to win 100 matches over the next 3 seasons to finish with 106 wins,

7th on the all-time list. Proto has shown tremendous improvement in his first year on the mat but is no match for DeLuca, who dominates from every position enroute to a 17-6 major decision.

- **2017 28, 2012 18**

195 - Devin Mager (12-10) D2 vs. Jake Connelly (41-2) D1, R1

- Mager has had a nice season but Connelly dominates early and often. Connelly, the 1st ever HWS Champ for Newton and 2nd wrestler to ever win 40 matches for the Braves, uses his underhook series to notch 2 quick TD's before earning the fall in the late 1st period.

- **2017 28, 2012 24**

220 - Luke Fischer (22-11) D2 vs. Jacob Lazar (4-8)

- A win here clinches the match for the 2017 team. Fischer wastes no time taking care of business as he earns the quick TD and forces the inexperienced Lazar into a mousetrap and the fall, clinching the match for the 2017 team.

- **2017 34, 2012 24**

285 - Luis Arrazola (6-7) vs. Brandon Grant (21-12) D2

- Arrazola makes his return to the mat after a gruesome elbow dislocation at the HWS Tournament ended his season/career! Unfortunately he draws District runner-up Grant. This one is never close as Grant seems to enjoy his last time on the mat and wins by major decision 12-3. Afterwards he seems excited to speak to Coach Bollette. I wonder what was said!!!

FINAL SCORE

2017 34, 2012 28