Early predictions by the Numbers 2A-1A SC Wrestling 2020-2021 SCMAT Guest Columnist "M. Murray"

\*\*\*Apologies in advance if I miscalculated points at the state tournament or missed a move of classification. Just want to provide some content as the season gets closer\*\*\*

## Bamberg-Ehrhardt lined up to win another State Championship?

The Red Raiders of BEHS are poised to make another run at a state title as they return 121 team points from the state tournament. The 1A/2A division will see the departure of North Charleston to 3A but that will have little effect on Coach Moody's crew. Moody returns 3 state champs in Jackson Stembridge, Ty'Quez Stuckey and Christian Draper. Couple that with five places and qualifiers and you have the makings of another title run. It has become the norm down at the 1A/2A division as they have won the last three titles and with another one this year Moody would pass Cody Slaughter and Jake Stewart for most state titles in program history.

## Contenders

I believe this is a short list. High Point Academy returns two state champs, Lukas Crosby and Zane Van Vleet, four more placers/qualifiers and 75.5 points. It is nice to have two state champs in you pocket but Coach McDaniel will have find some big points to close the gap. Timberland High School finished third and brings back 63 points from the state tournament including returning state champ Roman Wadford. Five more placers/qualifiers help to make a push but again Coach Rhodes will need to find some big points to close the gap.

## Sleepers

Watch out for Coach Lovier and the Columbia Capitols! They finished 9<sup>th</sup> at the 2020 individual state championships. They bring back 46 points but don't let that fool you. The Capitols bring back eight placers/qualifiers from 2020. That is more than any other 1A-2A school. Four of the returners scored zero points in 2020, so the upside is huge for this group. If Coach Lovier can get this group rolling, they will be tough to beat.

School	Returning Individual State Points	Returning State Champions
Bamberg-Ehrhardt	121	3-4-0
High Point Academy	75.5	2-2-1
Timberland	63	1-2-3
Columbia	46	0-3-5
Abbeville	45	1-1-3

New Schools in 1A/2A-Crescent, Liberty, Pelion

Andrew Jackson	41	0-3-0
Buford	31	1-0-2
Whitmire	31	0-2-0
Pelion	24	1-0-0
Christ Church	22	0-2-2
North Central	22	1-0-1