

# 2011 Times-Dispatch All-Metro wrestling team

## **BRAXTON WALKER**

**Weight:** 103 **School:** J.R. Tucker **Year:** Sophomore **Record:** 35-12

**The skinny:** Colonial District and Central Region champion. Wrestled up to 119 against Deep Run and recorded a pin. Won the Tiger Invitational.

**What you should know:** "Maintaining your weight is tough but it is all worth it when you are on the mat. I'm getting ready for my junior year of wrestling now."

## **CAM TIMOK**

**Weight:** 112 **School:** Hermitage **Year:** Freshman **Record:** 43-9

**The skinny:** Colonial District and Central Region champion. Finished fifth at the state tournament and Hopewell Classic. Timok earned third at both the Cumberland, Pa., invitational and Big Blue, and placed second at the freshman national tournament.

**What you should know:** "I sing chorus and look to continue with it for a little while."

## **KYLE GORDON**

**Weight:** 119 **School:** Matoaca **Year:** Freshman **Record:** 39-11

**The skinny:** Took first at the Central District and Central Region tournaments. Finished eighth at the state tournament, where he suffered a concussion in the consolation bracket. Earned third-place finishes at the St. Christopher's Invitational and Big Blue. Was named outstanding wrestler at the New Kent duals.

**What you should know:** "I will wrestle with Virginia Team Predator, and I love wrestling freestyle and Greco-Roman."

## **TREY GREGORY**

**Weight:** 125 **School:** New Kent **Year:** Junior **Record:** 50-6

**The skinny:** Finished first in his district and region. Placed third at the AA state tournament. Won the USMC Challenge and was named Bay Rivers District wrestler of the year.

**What you should know:** "I'm junior class president and have a 4.0 GPA."

## **JORDAN O'DONNELL**

**Weight:** 130 **School:** James River **Year:** Senior **Record:** 39-4

**The skinny:** District and region champion. Won Mad Mat in Maryland and was named the tournament's outstanding wrestler. Central Region's most outstanding wrestler finished fifth at the state tournament. He will wrestle at Virginia Tech in the fall.

**What you should know:** "I don't like peanut butter."

## **GABE LAVEY**

**Weight:** 135 **School:** Hanover **Year:** Senior **Record:** 56-6

**The skinny:** Captured district and region crowns. Claimed third at the state tournament. Placed sixth at the Ironman. Finished 5-0 at two weights (135, 140) at Virginia Duals and won his weight at the USMC Challenge, where he was named outstanding wrestler.

**What you should know:** "I'll wrestle at either West Virginia or N.C. State."

## **WILL HAYS**

**Weight:** 140 **School:** Atlee **Year:** Senior **Record:** 47-3

**The skinny:** Finished first in the Capital District and Central Region. Was fourth at the state tournament. Won the Titan Invitational and Tiger Invitational, where he was named outstanding middleweight. Recorded an Atlee single-season-record 34 pins and 47 wins this season.

**What you should know:** "I work at Kings Dominion as a lifeguard."

## **ALEX TURLEY**

**Weight:** 145 **School:** Thomas Dale **Year:** Junior **Record:** 41-3

**The skinny:** Tied a school single-season record with 33 pins. Took first at the Freelance Star Super 32. Won his district and region, and finished fourth at the state tournament.

**What you should know:** "I'm a four-sport athlete with a 4.0 GPA." The sports: football, wrestling, soccer and swimming. Played on the 2009 Knights state champion football team.

## **DAVID WESLEY**

**Weight:** 152 **School:** St. Christopher's **Year:** Senior **Record:** 55-6

**The skinny:** Finished first at the VISAA state tournament and followed with a third-place performance at the National Prep tournament. Notched third-place finishes at the Beast of the East and Big Blue. Was selected by

the Virginia Wrestling Hall of Fame as wrestler of the year.

**What you should know:** "I'm going to U.Va. next year."

## **CODY ALLALA**

**Weight:** 160 **School:** Hopewell **Year:** Junior **Record:** 44-3

**The skinny:** Earned district, region and state titles. He is the region's first three-time region champion and the region's first three-time state champion. Won Big Blue and finished fourth at Ironman, where he scored a victory over Zach Skates of Oklahoma, who was then ranked 15th nationally.

**What you should know:** "I love music, the beach and chilling with friends. I'm picking up basketball."

## **AUSTIN AKINS**

**Weight:** 189 **School:** Matoaca **Year:** Senior **Record:** 48-5

**The skinny:** Won district and region titles. Finished fourth at the state tournament. Won the Hopewell tournament and Big Blue. He took second place at the St. Christopher's Invitational.

**What you should know:** "I plan to wrestle 197 at Columbia next year."

## **ZAC BLACKWELL**

**Weight:** 215 **School:** James River **Year:** Senior **Record:** 28-6

**The skinny:** Placed second at the USMC Challenge and Mad Mat. Won district tournament and claimed a region title.

**What you should know:** "I'm an Eagle Scout. I'm going to Virginia State in the computer engineering program."

## **EVAN CANADY**

**Weight:** 285 **School:** New Kent **Year:** Senior **Record:** 42-5

**The skinny:** Won district and region titles. Wrestled to a fifth-place finish at the AA state tournament.

**What you should know:** "I'll wrestle at Messiah College next year. I'm involved in missions work at church."

## **MEET THE SECOND TEAM**

**Wrestler School Weight Year**

Dylan Shuster Matoaca 103 fr.  
Michael Peters Matoaca 112 sr.  
Jerrid Whaling Colonial Heights 119 so.  
Connor Harrison Hanover 125 sr.  
Robert Janis St. Christopher's 130 so.  
Austin Fuller New Kent 135 jr.  
M.J. Roberson Hermitage 140 jr.  
Zakeel Muhammad Henrico 145 so.  
Tanner Tinsley Hanover 152 jr.  
Brandon Diamond Thomas Dale 160 sr.  
Corbin Ramos Matoaca 171 so.  
Jamaal Worsham Meadowbrook 189 jr.  
Marcus Beckwith Meadowbrook 215 jr.  
Denny Vaughan Dinwiddie 285 sr.