

# High School Championships: Track, Wrestling Previews



The Bristol Eastern wrestling team celebrates last year after winning the Class L title by a point. (Stephen Dunn / Special To The Courant)



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CIAC championships continue on Saturday with the State Open indoor track and field in New Haven and the four class wrestling finals, which began on Friday and will resume at 9 a.m. on Saturday.

## Track And Field

**Where:** Floyd Little Athletic Center, New Haven, noon

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**Defending champions:** Danbury (boys), Bloomfield (girls)

**Area girls teams to watch:** Bloomfield, Simsbury, Glastonbury and Southington

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**Area boys teams to watch:** Windsor, Glastonbury, Hartford Public and Windham

**Area girls athletes to watch:** Dinedye Denis (Simsbury) and Andraya Yearwood (Cromwell) in the 55; Denis in the 300; Elizabeth Stockman (Rocky Hill) in the 1,600; Stockman and Kate Hedlund (Manchester) in the 3,200; Kalli'Ana Bothelo (Griswold) and Katherine Jacobs (Northwest Catholic) in the 55 hurdles; Windsor and Conard in the 4x200; Glastonbury in the 4x800; Northwest Catholic, Tolland and Glastonbury in the 1,600 sprint medley; Patricia Mroczkowski (Berlin) and Botelho in the high jump; Megan Biscoglio, (Southington) and Tyra Finkelday (Old Saybrook) in the pole vault; Botelho and Jahleah Harris (Bloomfield) in the long jump; Amanda Howe (Southington) in the shot put.

**Area boys athletes to watch:** Joel Stewart (Enfield), Garrett Dandridge (Middletown) and Leon Campbell (Hartford Public) in the 55; Marcus Manson (Windsor) in the 300; Manson in the 600; Alex Korczynski (Windham) and Joe Pearl (Manchester) in the 1,000; Korczynski in the 1,600; Brendan Murray (Cheshire) in the 3,200; East Hartford and Hartford Public in the 4x200; Xavier and Glastonbury in the 4x800; Tylor Seamans (Lyman Hall), George Stoughton (Wethersfield) and Patrick Bell (South Windsor) in the pole vault; Keon Lawrence (Granby) in the long jump; Michael Browning (RHAM) in the shot put.

**- John Altavilla**

## Wrestling

**Class LL at Trumbull High:** Danbury is the defending champion and the defending State Open champion. The Hatters are the favorite to win their 20<sup>th</sup> Class LL title. Southington, the CCC champion which finished fourth last year is also wrestling in Class LL, will also be one of the top teams. Simsbury's Ty Finn (106), Southington's Tagan Walsh (152) and Paul Calo (170) and East Hartford's Isaiah Jiminian (220) are top seeds.

**Class L at Bristol Central High:** Bristol Eastern is the defending champion, after beating New Milford by a point last year in a meet that went down to the last bout, and is one of the favorites to win again this year. Michael Barrett, who won the Class L 160 pound title last year, is the top seed again at 160, while Trinidad Gonzalez, who won the 170 championship last year, is the top seed at 195. Diego Fernandez is top-seeded at 145 for Eastern. Xavier has moved down from Class LL and last year's Class LL 160 pound champ Ryan Devivo is now the top seed in 170. Hand heavyweight Michael Burchell, who won the

class title last year, is also back and top-seeded and Maloney's 132-pounder Demetre Carnot will also defend his title.

**Class M at Guilford High:** Killingly, which finished fifth last year, is the favorite to win the title this year in Class M. Foran, last year's runner-up and Platt, which finished fourth, are some of the top teams in Class M. Berlin's Dan Veleas, who won the title at 120 last year, is top-seeded at 132. Tolland's Ryan Angers is top-seeded at 138 and Mike Angers is the No. 1 seed at 160.

**Class S at Windham High:** Montville, which finished third last year, should be in contention to win the Class S title. Windham was the runner-up last year and Ledyard is the defending champion. Alejandro Garcia, the top seed at 113, was the champion last year for Windham and the Whippets' Sebastien Stultz is the top seed at 126. Lyman Memorial/Windham Tech has two No. 1 seeds in Jared Swett (138) and Mason LaFlam (170). Granby's Benjamin Kibby, last year's 170 pound champion, is the top seed at 182. Other area top seeds are 160-pounder Jeffrey Suschana of Somers, who won the 152 title last year; Hunter Adams of Suffield (145), Braydon Fluckiger of Canton (195) and Austin Daley of Morgan (heavyweight).

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