



2025 Tournament Preview

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The New Year is upon us, which means our longest running tournament dating all the way back to 2002 is here.... Tyrant Duals, the 24th annual! 46 teams, 23 mats in the Franklin & Marshall College Schnader Field House. Wrestlers are ready to attack 2025, get out to a hot start, and build momentum heading into the next stretch of the season. Teams & wrestlers from at least 19 states are represented. Top clubs and teams with wrestlers from all over the east coast and beyond. Approximately 700 wrestlers from at least 19 different states will step on the mat! **PA, NJ, MD, VA, DE, NY, CT, MA, ME, MI, NH, NC, OH, TX, WV, MO, FL, RI, CA.**

Familiar teams will square off. Some teams are the hunters seeking redemption or to avenge their losses in Tyrant tournament finals or placement matches. Adjustments must be made. The other teams are the hunted, the top dogs, but they won't blink as they try and shut down any hopes the hunters have. Tension is building as back and forth battles have taken place, but that is a great atmosphere for the wrestlers to live in. To learn to thrive in the chaos and to be ready for the pressure of the moment in not only your individual match but a close dual coming down to the wire. This is how you level up. Be comfortable in the fire. Make adjustments, learn, and get better one day at a time. This weekend should be an awesome display of skilled youth wrestling and we can't wait to see what chaos ensues. Here's a preview of some of the top teams and wrestlers to watch out for.



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Competing in all 3 divisions are the following squads:

- U2 Uprising (6 total teams)
- Mat Assassins (5 total teams)
- Doughboy
- CTWHALE
- Headhunters

Several clubs are entered into 2 divisions, some wrestlers challenging themselves to wrestle in both becoming warriors of the weekend racking up a bunch of matches pushing themselves to the limit.

A few new additions to the field from 2024 including:

- FLOW
 - Capital City WC
 - Full Circle
 - Ragin Raisins
 - Vipers Wrestling
 - Anne Arundel County Allstars
 - BTWC
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Follow us on social media as we highlight top performances throughout the weekend.

MS Pool A:

Mat Assassins Black
U2 Uprising Black
CTWHALE
NOVA WC
Anne Arundel County Allstars
Buxton
MDManiacs
Virginia Patriots

MS Pool B:

Team Shutt
Kraken
U2 Uprising Blue
Headhunters WC
Doughboy
Mat Assassins Red
Junior Terps
BTWC

ES6 Pool A:

Buxton
Headhunters WC
Capital City WC
CTWHALE
Xtreme Team

ES6 Pool B:

Mat Assassins Black
U2 Uprising Blue
Ragin Raisins WC Concord
Brawler Elite
Full Circle

ES6 Pool C:

**U2 Uprising Black
Ragin Raisins WC Catawba
Rangers WC
Yale Street
Junior Terps**

ES6 Pool D:

**Doughboy
Mat Assassins Red
SEPA
Vipers Wrestling
Buxton Squeeze**

ES4:

**Brawler Elite
CTWHALE
Doughboy
FLOW
Headhunters WC
Mat Assassins
NOVA WC
U2 Uprising Black
U2 Uprising Blue
Undisputed Wrestling**

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Mat Assassins 2024 Tyrant Duals Champions! (MS Division) A top club in the country that trains and competes together. Wins and loses together, but they don't do much losing! They arrive as the #1 seed in the MS division and #2 in the ES6 division. The ES6 team is the one facing a potential 3rd finals match against Buxton. The MS squad is stacked as usual with several wrestlers with national level accomplishments... big hitters all over this lineup. Bleich, Nicosia, Schuman, Villafane, Sandy and more. The Assassins are going for 3 titles in 3 divisions this weekend with 5 teams overall!

Team Shutt is looking to bounce back after falling short at Bison Winter Duals to the Mat Assassins as well as at Tyrant Duals last year in a wild finals. Team Shutt can make fireworks happen at any second and their wrestlers capitalize on mistakes quick. Their lineup contains State Champs from PA, MI, VA, OH, TX. More than a few of these guys also have national rankings on the junior high scene including non-PA wrestlers such as Oliver Pulliam and Cohen Olsen, both from TX, and Carter Smith from MI. We'll be sure to highlight them over the weekend. Team Shutt is the #2 overall seed in the MS division.

Kraken comes in at #3 in MS after some strong showings recently and when they have their lineup in full force, they can be trouble. State placers and State Champs up and down this lineup. Majority PA guys with some NJ and DE mixed in. In addition an Indiana state runner-up joins the squad. Tulsa Nationals runner-up Evan Cies and Super 32 Champ Grayson Hostetter will lead the Kraken. Can the Kraken drag their opponents into deep waters?

U2 Uprising with 6 teams in the tournament! (2 each division) These squads are always dangerous and feed off each other's energy. U2 Uprising wrestlers have great coaches in their corners and the wrestlers elevate each other. U2's middle school squads are stacked this weekend. Both teams seeded in the top 6. U2 Uprising Black is loaded with PA hammers, multiple state champs/placers. They'll be lead by Dane Malone a Tulsa & PA State Champ, as well as, Kalleb Pollock a NY State Champ and Tulsa placer. U2 Uprising Blue in Pool B is also loaded but with more out of state beasts from MI, NJ, MD, MO, and CT! Braydn Tompkins and Jacob Holley both being Michigan State Champs.

U2 Uprising ES6 squads are just as loaded! On the Uprising Black squad there are too many names to mention! Watch out for

Brock Bateman (Super 32 Champ), Colvin Smith (2024 Powerade Champ), Ryder Ascherl (Super 32 Champ/ PA state champ), Bronsyn Baxter (5x PA State Champ), and Tanner Ingle (Super 32 & PA State Champ). On U2 Uprising Blue in ES6 a few names to look out for are Toby Bernash (PA State Champ, 2024 Powerade Champ) and Harper Eschleman (NY State Champ).

How much hardware can U2 grab this weekend? Very likely at least 3 of their teams walk away with awards.

Buxton has been wrestling at the top of their game consistently for months now and only getting better. They'll be in the ES6 division. Claiming multiple Tyrant tournament championships and top 4 finishes. It looks like they are on another collision course with Mat Assassins in the ES6 finals which has played out in Buxton's favor last 2 meetups. But it can be hard to beat a squad in any sport 3 times in a row. Buxton stands their ground and does their job. Each wrestler puts the team on their back and that's hard to beat when you have a cohesive force like that. Buxton also has a MS team competing so we are eager to see how they do.

Ragin Raisins with 2 teams in the ES6 division. The “Catawba” team is littered with numerous time PA State placers and has a few beasts mixed in from other areas such as Mazin Hmidan (2x OH State Champ), TJ Markijohn (3x NC State Champ), and Landon Mersdorf (3x NY State Champ)

Headhunters is always dangerous. Well coached and learning from their tough matches. Expect them to give teams fits and give themselves a shot. They have a team in every division.

Doughboy from Massachusetts loves bringing the New England toughness to the mix and challenging themselves against top competition. They know what to expect this weekend and we are betting that their 3 teams, one in each division, are well prepared. Their ES6 team is the top seed in Pool D.

A few more teams to look out for include:

- CTWHALE
- Brawler Elite
- Junior Terps
- SEPA

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