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### **No. 1 vs. No. 2 to take place Saturday**

The first great weekend of dual matches – and mega-dual events – includes the much-anticipated meeting between the state's top two 3A teams, Montini and Chicago Mount Carmel, Saturday at Mount Carmel. The Broncos won last year's early-season matchup, a 33-25 classic. It would turn out to be the only head-to-head meeting between the two teams, after Marmion Academy upset the Caravan in the sectional. Marmion Academy, Providence, Marist and Wheaton North also will be in the event.

Downstate, the Washington Duals offers up a great field of its own, with DeKalb, Lockport, Oak Park-River Forest, Lincoln-Way West, Granite City and Dakota among the teams in the Panthers' house.

Good luck to all...and let us know what happened!

### **Plenty of individual riches in 2020-21**

There are 24 returning state champions in the 2019-20 season, the same number as last year. The breakdown by classification: five in Class 3A, nine in Class 2A and 10 in Class 1A – 20 of whom won last year.

No possible four-time champions this year, but three juniors could accomplish the feat in 2021: D.J. Hamiti of Joliet Catholic Academy and Dylan Connell of Woodstock Marian Central Catholic in 2A and Brandon Hoselton of Fairbury Prairie Central in 1A. Four will try to repeat in different classifications. Joel Mylin, Cameron Johnson and Noah Villarreal of Aurora Christian, who have combined for five 1A titles, will be up in 2A, and Daniel Jezik of Coal City, a 2A champion last season, will be down in 1A.

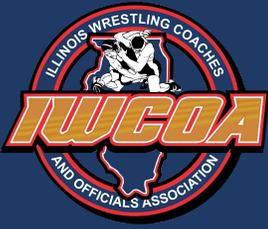
The breakdown, by classification:

#### **Class 3A**

113 – Diego Sotelo, junior, Marmion Academy (106 in 2019)  
120 – Colton Droucias, senior, Chicago Mount Carmel (113 in 2019)  
126 – Jacob Rundell, senior, Oak Park-River Forest (106 in 2018)  
126 – Dylan Ragusin, senior, Montini (126 in 2019)  
170 – David Ferrante, senior, Huntley (170 in 2019)

#### **Class 2A**

113 – Chad Bellis, junior, Bloomington (106 in 2019)  
113 – Christian Olsen, junior, Crystal Lake South (113 in 2019)  
120 – Joel Mylin, junior, Aurora Christian (106 in 1A in 2019)  
126 – Joey Cape, junior, Washington (120 in 2019)  
138 – Cameron Johnson, senior, Aurora Christian (106 in 1A in 2017, 120 in 1A in 2018)  
145 – Noah Villarreal, senior, Aurora Christian (126 in 1A in 2018, 132 in 1A in 2019)  
152 – D.J. Hamiti, junior, Joliet Catholic Academy (106 in 2018, 126 in 2019)  
160 – Bilal Bailey, senior, TF North (152 in 2019)  
170 – Dylan Connell, junior, Marian Central Catholic (152 in 2018, 160 in 2019)



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### **Class 1A**

120 – Levi Neuleib, senior, Heyworth (113 in 2019)  
126 – Pauley Keane, senior, Peotone (113 in 2018)  
132 – Ethen Doty, junior, West Carroll (126 in 2019)  
138 – Gabe Spencer, senior, Heyworth (120 in 2019)  
160 or 170 – Logan Deacetis, junior, Prairie Central (160 in 2019)  
170 – Andrew Wenzel, junior, Dakota (170 in 2019)  
182 – Daniel Jezik, senior, Coal City (182 in 2A in 2019)  
182 – Micah Downs, senior, Tolono Unity (182 in 2019 at Clinton)  
195 – Brandon Hoselton, junior, Prairie Central (195 in 2018 and 2019)

### **Beyond Tales From the Mat just a click away**

The 2019-20 season is just starting, but the definitive review of the 2018-19 season is there for the reading.

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