

The 17th Annual AAU Spring Youth Nationals

Another Huge Success for the Southeastern District and Tennessee

By Mike Newbern

Natalie Lippstreu of Marietta Georgia won a title at the Girls 91lb. class, she added a bronze medal in the Boys 90 lb. division while also picking up the Most Falls in the Least Time in the Girls Middle School Division with 3 falls in 2:23. The Level Up Wrestling Center juggernaut also won the prestigious AAU Music City Nationals in January.

Nearly 400 wrestlers competed in the one day event in Kingsport Tennessee. 167 teams from ten states were represented with wrestlers from Tennessee, Georgia, Alabama, North Carolina, Florida, Kentucky, Pennsylvania, and Massachusetts.

SYN Top Pinners

Gold pins and certificates were awarded to the top ten pinners overall. The winners were: 1. Addison Jenkins, 2. Kyson Leaver, 3. Eli Sollicito, 4. Natalie Lippstreu, 5. Ethan Halstead, 6. Lilyana Wilson, 7. Cole Jewell, 8. Jordan King, 9. Una Faye Furguson, 10. Carson Blevins.

7 National AAU Folkstyle Belt Award Winners

The winners of the belt must win two national tournaments and a state championship. This year's belt winners were Elizabella Laurin, Kalix Kilpatrick, Jacob Adamson, Beau Atwell, Gavin Horne, Kai Burns, and Kallie Miller.



AAU Wrestling Joins the Wounded Warrior Project

AAU Wrestling National Chairman Darrel Lauderdale proudly announced that AAU Wrestling has become a corporate sponsor of the Wounded Warrior Project. Chairman Lauderdale kicked off the partnership with a \$500 donation followed by a \$250 donation from the Southeastern District Wrestling. 100% of all donations through AAU Wrestling will go to the foundation. Every dollar raised helps connect injured veterans to life-changing programs.



Mike Shibley, an American Hero and representative for the Wounded Warrior Project.

“ Double Dippers”

Lilyana Wilson and Jordan King both finished 1st and 3rd in in their respective weight classes. However, Lilyana edged Jordan for the most falls position in the (Boys) Midget Division with 3 Falls in 1:57 to Jordans 3 Falls in 3:38. Lilyana finished 3rd at 70 lbs. while Jordan won the 103-112 lb. weight class in the Midget Division.

They followed their performances with Lilyana winning the Girls 3-5 Division at the 73 lb. class while Jordan moved up and placed third in the Junior 105 lb. weight class. Jordan also picked up the Fastest Fall in the Midget Division with a 0:17 pin.

The Top Three Place winners in each weight class are recognized as “AAU All-Americans”.

Tots 35- 40 lb. class

1st Place Match Whitt Swaggerty (Vikings Wrestling Club) won by tech fall over Cameron Arnott (Seymour Wrestling Club) (TF 18-3) **3rd Place Match** Abram Arnold (Vikings Wrestling Club) won by fall over Maclyn Harrison (Big Bear Wrestling Club) (Fall 4:13)

Tots 45 lb. class

1st Place Match Henry Wilbert (Cookeville Youth Wrestling) won by decision over Hayden Horne (TNWA) (Dec 4-2), **3rd Place Match** Thomas Price (JET Wrestling Club) won by fall over Carter Earhart (Vikings Wrestling Club) (Fall 1:00)

Tots 50-57 lb. class

1st Place Match Henry Wilbert (Cookeville Youth Wrestling) won by decision over Hayden Horne (TNWA) (Dec 4-2), **3rd Place Match** Thomas Price (JET Wrestling Club) won by fall over Carter Earhart (Vikings Wrestling Club) (Fall 1:00)

Tots Most Falls Least Time; Sebastian Cooper 2 Falls in 0:37.

Fastest Fall: Thomas Price; 0:13.

Bantam 40 lb. class

1st Place Match Clark Ballay (McMinn Tribe Wrestling Club) won by fall over Cameron Arnott (Seymour Club) (Fall 2:51) Wrestling, **3rd Place Match** Jocelyn Hensley of Flex Wrestling Club

Bantam 45 lb. class

1st Place Match Beau Atwell (TNWA) won by major decision over Stephen Strickland (Compound Wrestling) (Maj 8-0) **3rd Place Match** Logan Nordquest (Guerrilla Wrestling Academy) won by fall over Roselynn Nowlin (VA Elite) (Fall 1:35)

Bantam 50 lb. class

1st Place Match Dax Bell (Woodland Wrestling) won by decision over Sebastian Cooper (Rabbit Wrestling Club) (Dec 4-2) **3rd Place Match** Lukas Mays (Martin county cardinals) won by decision over Samuel Fleetwood (Guerrilla Wrestling Academy) (Dec 1-0)

Bantam 55 lb. class
1st Place Match Lawson Murdock (Minion Training Center) won by decision over Rowdy Haney (Unaffiliated) (Dec 2-1) **3rd Place Match** Lucas Dobbs (Highlands Wrestling Club) won by fall over Benton Utsman (Vikings Wrestling Club) (Fall 1:11)

Bantam 60 lb. class

1st Place Match Kyson Leaver (Blackman wrestling club) won by fall over Boone Meek (Halls Wrestling) (Fall 0:13), **3rd Place Match** Baylor Davis (Knights Wrestling Club) won by decision over Lawson Fields (Mountaineer Wrecking Crew) (Dec 6-2)

Bantam 65 lb. class

1st Place Match Boone Howard (Grindhouse) won by fall over Madden Oconnell (KLAW) (Fall 2:57), **3rd Place Match** Carter Prescott (Woodland Wrestling) won by tech fall over Kasen Joseph (TNWA) (TF 17-2)

Bantam 70 lb. class

1st Place Match Jameson Grant (Seymour Wrestling Club) won by major decision over Cain Curtiss (Eastside Youth Wrestling) (Maj 11-2), **3rd Place Match** Moxon Canter (Battle Cat Wrestling) won by decision over Edward Evans (Rockmart Takedown Club) (Dec 6-0)

Bantam 80-90 lb. class

1st Place Match Isaiah Partridge (Higher Calling Wrestling Club) won by decision over Chevii Anderson (Highlands Wrestling Club) (Dec 12-7), **3rd Place** Wayde Brown of Big Bear Wrestling Club

Bantam Most Falls Least Time: Kyson Leaver 3 Falls in 1:24

Fastest Fall: Boone Meek 0:12

Midget 50-55 lb. class

1st Place Match Kai Burns (Minion Training Center) won by major decision over Owen Tannery (Roundtree Wrestling Academy) (Maj 10-2), **3rd Place Match** Dallas Williams (Minion Training Center) won by decision over Logan Robinson (Florida Elite) (Dec 7-4)

Midget 60 lb. class

1st Place Match Blaze Murray (Unaffiliated) won by decision over Tibby Norman (TNWA) (Dec 4-0), **3rd Place Match** Waylon Worley (Florida Elite) won by fall over Jackson Bolen (Chelsea Swarm Wrestling) (Fall 0:43)

Midget 65 lb. class

1st Place Match Champion Cooper (Rabbit Wrestling Club) won by decision over Braiton Leaver (Blackman wrestling club) (Dec 3-1), **3rd Place Match** Grayson Blevins (Johnson County) won by decision over Elijah Rubio (TNWA) (Dec 4-2)

Midget 70 lb. class

1st Place Match Brody Moore (Highlands Wrestling Club) won by fall over Jackson Harman (Richlands wrestling club) (Fall 0:42), **3rd Place Match** Lilyana WILSON (Bison takedown) won by fall over Karter Brandt (Wildcat Wrestling) (Fall 1:23)

Midget 75 lb. class

1st Place Match Colton Pearson (Lionheart Youth Wrestling Club) won by decision over Liam French (Cookeville Youth Wrestling) (Dec 4-0), **3rd Place Match** Dylan Erwin (Chelsea Swarm Wrestling) won by fall over Niko Rhinehart (Haywood Elite) (Fall 2:00)

Midget 80 lb. class

1st Place Match Maddox Westenbarger (Blackman wrestling club) won by decision over Mason Mabe (Techfall Wrestling Club) (Dec 3-2), **3rd Place Match** Braxton Sullivan of North Ga Spartans

Midget 85 lb. class

1st Place Match Mark Garren (Tift Wrestling Academy) won by fall over Liam Woodson (Next Level Wrestling Club) (Fall 0:40), **3rd Place Match** William Cothran (Iron Knights) won by decision over Aidan Harrison (Big Bear Wrestling Club) (Dec 10-6)

Midget 90 lb. class

1st Place Match John Ruppenner (Big Red Wrestling Club) won by fall over Gavin Horne (TNWA) (Fall 0:34), **3rd Place Match** Sailor Stanley (Big Bear Wrestling Club) won by fall over Braden Johns (Sonoraville Youth Wrestling) (Fall 0:35)

Midget 95 lb. class

1st Place Gavin Horne (TNWA)

Midget 103-112 lb. class

1st Place Jordan King (Warhawks) won by decision over Knox Lewis (TNWA) (Dec 3-2), **3rd Place Match** Wesley James (Alexander City Youth Wrestling) won by decision over Dylan Wyatt Epley (Warfare Wrestling) (Dec 12-6)

Midget HWT

1st Place Easton Fields

Midget Most Fall Least Time: Lilyana Wilson (Bison Takedown) 3 Falls in 2:31

Fastest Fall: Jordan King (Warhawks) 0:17

Junior 60 lb. class

1st Place Match Blaze Murray (Unaffiliated) won by decision over Doran Withrow (Darkhorse Wrestling) (Dec 5-0), **3rd Place Match** Knox Ogle (Big Bear Wrestling Club) won by fall over Preston Deel (Vikings Wrestling Club) (Fall 1:05)

Junior 65 lb. class

1st Place Match Landon Walker (Glasgow Wrestling) won by decision over Slade Bell (Woodland Wrestling) (Dec 6-0) **3rd Place Match** Campion Cooper (Rabbit Wrestling Club) won by fall over Brody Utsman (Vikings Wrestling Club) (Fall 2:37)

Junior 70 lb. class

1st Place Match Kalix Kilpatrick (Unaffiliated) won by tech fall over Jett Wilson (Vikings Wrestling Club) (TF 20-5) **3rd Place Match** Wyatt Ballay (McMinn Tribe Wrestling Club) won by fall over Lucas Shaffield (Stronghold Wrestling Club) (Fall 0:54)

Junior 75 lb. class

1st Place Match Chase Downing (The Storm Wrestling Center) won by tech fall over John Cline (Richlands wrestling club) (TF 15-0), **3rd Place Match** Samuel Wiseman (Seymour Wrestling Club) won by major decision over Aksyl Hooper (McMinn Tribe Wrestling Club) (Maj 11-2)

Junior 80 lb. class

1st Place Match Aubree Mannon (TNWA) won by fall over Brentlee Johnson (Lebanon youth wrestling) (Fall 0:46), **3rd Place** Ethan Parks (Glasgow Wrestling)

Junior 85 lb. class

1st Place Match Emmett Williams (Darkhorse Wrestling) won by decision over Brentley Mabe (Techfall Wrestling Club) (Dec 7-2), **3rd Place Match** James Strain (Unaffiliated) won by decision over Hudson Comstock (TNWA) (Dec 4-2)

Junior 90 lb. class

1st Place Match John Ruppenner (Big Red Wrestling Club) won by decision over Brooks Reid (Anderson Co Youth Wrestling) (Dec 8-3), **3rd Place Match** Kieran Burnside (Ashland) won by fall over John O'Neal (Sonoraville Youth Wrestling) (Fall 0:45)

Junior 95 lb. class

1st Place Match Ethan Halstead (Darkhorse Wrestling) won by fall over Noah Stough (Norton Wrestling Group) (Fall 1:03), **3rd Place Match** Tanner Hensen (North Ga Spartans) won by fall over Andersen Stamper (Knights Wrestling Club) (Fall 1:30)

Junior 100 lb. class

1st Place Match Grayson Cannon (Unaffiliated) won by decision over Mugabi Makorogo (Techfall Wrestling Club) (Dec 5-0), **3rd Place Match** Carter Stewart (Ashland) won by decision over Kyndal Mannon (TNWA) (Dec 7-0)

Junior 105 lb. class

1st Place Match Alexander Sanchez (Diablos) won in sudden victory - 1 over Colton Bennett (Guerrilla Wrestling Academy) (SV-1 5-3), **3rd Place Match** Jordan King (Warhawks) won by fall over Camila Malave (Seymour Wrestling Club) (Fall 2:59)

Junior 120 lb. class

1st Place Match Benjamin Copley (Anderson Co Youth Wrestling) won by fall over Samuel Shepherd (Norton Wrestling Group) (Fall 3:20), **3rd Place** Aaron XXWebster of Techfall Wrestling Club

Junior 130-140 lb. class

1st Place Match Carson Blevins (Johnson County) won by fall over Miles Darling (Techfall Wrestling Club) (Fall 1:17), **3rd Place Match** Easton Fields (Unattached) won by fall over Jackson Neal (Highlands Wrestling Club) (Fall 0:19)

Junior 205 lb. class

1st Place Match Jacob Adamson (Blackman wrestling club) won by fall over Brycen Murphy (Lebanon youth wrestling) (Fall 3:25)

Junior Most Falls Least Time: Ethan Halstead (Darkhorse Wrestling) 3 Falls in 2:24

Fastest Fall: Easton Fields 0:19

Middle School 70-75 lb. class

1st Place Match Slade Bell (Woodland Wrestling) won by fall over Wyatt Ballay (McMinn Tribe Wrestling Club) (Fall 2:05) **3rd Place Match** Aksyl Hooper (McMinn Tribe Wrestling Club) won by decision over Mason Horton (Battle Cat Wrestling) (Dec 5-0)

MS 80 lb. class

1st Place Match Jaxon Lewis (Stronghold Wrestling Club) won by decision over Cayden Bagley (Woodland Wrestling) (Dec 8-3), **3rd Place Match** Gabriel Stephens (Arlington Wrestling Club) won by decision over Mac Jamison (TNWA) (Dec 7-2)

MS 85 lb. class

1st Place Match Jackson Bowman (Woodland Wrestling) won by fall over Emmett Williams (Darkhorse Wrestling) (Fall 1:46), **3rd Place** Hunter Dalton (North Ga Spartans)

MS 90 lb. class**1st Place Match** Andrew Whitted (Cookeville Youth Wrestling) won by fall over Jayden Duruji (TNWA) (Fall 1:27), **3rd Place Match** Natalie Lippstreu (Level Up Wrestling Center) won by decision over Christian Hill (Elevate Wrestling Club) (Dec 3-0)

MS 95 lb. class

1st Place Match Alexander Whitted (Cookeville Youth Wrestling) won by decision over Ethan Halstead (Darkhorse Wrestling) (Dec 2-1), **3rd Place Match** Cade Riddle (TNWA) won by decision over Hudson McFate (Guerrilla Wrestling Academy) (Dec 7-0)

MS 100 lb. class

1st Place Match Samuel Jones (TNWA) won by tech fall over Brylan Rhodes (Diablos) (TF 15-0), **3rd Place Match** Luke Mealer (Guerrilla Wrestling Academy) won by fall over Tripp Petit III (Nolensville Wrestling Club) (Fall 1:48)

MS 105 lb. class

1st Place Match Maddox McDaniel (Stronghold Wrestling Club) won by fall over Nick Carroll (Vikings Wrestling Club) (Fall 1:29), **3rd Place Match** Brady Walsh (Stronghold Wrestling Club) won by decision over Carter Dye (Unaffiliated) (Dec 9-2)

MS 110 lb. class

1st Place Match Mason Crane (Halls Wrestling) won by decision over Luke Weaver (Guerrilla Wrestling Academy) (Dec 7-4), **3rd Place Match** Gavin Walker (Guerrilla Wrestling Academy) won by decision over Tyler McChesney (K C Elite Training Center) (Dec 5-0)

MS 115 lb. class

1st Place Match Mason Crane (Halls Wrestling) won by decision over Luke Weaver (Guerrilla Wrestling Academy) (Dec 7-4), **3rd Place Match** Gavin Walker (Guerrilla Wrestling Academy) won by decision over Tyler McChesney (K C Elite Training Center) (Dec 5-0)

MS 120 lb. class

1st Place Match Kendall Lewis (TNWA) won by tech fall over Deaven Montanez (Youth Impact Center) (TF 15-0), **3rd Place Match** Noah Hess (Vikings Wrestling Club) won by decision over Damairus Arroyo (Dalton Cats) (Dec 5-2)

MS 125 lb. class

1st Place Match Peyton Pickens (Blackman wrestling club) won by fall over Houston Davis (E3) (Fall 2:00), **3rd Place Match** David Cope (W3B5EF) won by decision over Brayden Thompkins (K C Elite Training Center) (Dec 4-0)

MS 130 lb. class

1st Place Match Luke Salyer (TNWA) won by decision over Shayne Ross (K C Elite Training Center) (Dec 9-7), **3rd Place Match** Javin Taylor (Youth Impact Center) won by decision over Andrew Ramirez (North Ga Spartans) (Dec 6-1)

MS 135 lb. class

1st Place Match Noah Spradlin (Arlington Wrestling Club) won by decision over Alex Salyer (TNWA) (Dec 10-5), **3rd Place Match** Collin Armona (Guerrilla Wrestling Academy) won by fall over Jaxon Grant (Unaffiliated) (Fall 3:58)

MS 140 lb. class

1st Place Match GUNNER TAYLOR (THELMA) won by fall over Keegan Tidwell (East Ridge Wrestling Club) (Fall 0:19), **3rd Place Match** Elijah Danet (Hoke Co.) won by fall over Beckett Bovenizer (Teknique Wrestling) (Fall 2:47)

MS 145 lb. class

1st Place Match Trey Gregory (Teknique Wrestling) won by decision over Skylar Pizzutiello-Carr (Woodland Wrestling) (Dec 6-2), **3rd Place Match** Anthony Young (North Ga Spartans) won by decision over Jack Litten (Title Town Wrestling Academy) (Dec 7-6)

MS 152 lb. class

1st Place Match Donovan Sanchez (Diablos) won by decision over RUBEN GOMEZ (Techfall Wrestling Club) (Dec 6-3), **3rd Place Match** Kizer Meek (Halls Wrestling) won by fall over Dalton Pattee (Nolensville Wrestling Club) (Fall 1:27)

MS 160 lb. class

1st Place Match Noah Singleton (JR Cyclone Wrestling) won by decision over Jakob Mason (Stronghold Wrestling Club) (Dec 6-3), **3rd Place Match** Michael Washburn (Title Town Wrestling Academy) won by decision over FRANK CHINOSKI (Stronghold Wrestling Club) (Dec 4-1)

MS 171 lb. class

1st Place Match Kylin Murphree (Heritage Youth Club) won by decision over Cole Jewell (Martin county cardinals) (Dec 7-1), **3rd Place Match** MATTHEW HEHN (JR Cyclone Wrestling) won by fall over Aden Taylor (Vikings Wrestling Club) (Fall 1:07)

MS 189 lb. class

1st Place Match Hudson Ascough (E3) won by decision over Isaac Rollins (North Ga Spartans) (Dec 7-2), **3rd Place Match** William Shepherd (Norton Wrestling Group) won by fall over Devlin Bailey (KLaw) (Fall 1:55)

MS 220-250 lb. class

1st Place Match Charlie Wilson (TNWA) won by decision over Codey Dean (Guerrilla Wrestling Academy) (Dec 3-1), **3rd Place Match** William Thomas (Woodland Wrestling) won by tech fall over Bobby Joe Adamson (Buccaneer Wrestling Club) (TF 18-2)

MS Most Falls Least Time: Cole Jewell 3 Falls in 2:58

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Fastest Fall: Gunner Taylor 0:19

Girls K-2 42 lb. class

1st Place Match Addison Jenkins (everett renegade wrestling) won by fall over Jocelyn Hensley (Flex Wrestling Club) (Fall 0:22), **3rd Place Match** Zaylee Deel (Vikings Wrestling Club) won by fall over Kourtney Brandt (Wildcat Wrestling) (Fall 0:31)

Girls K-2 50 lb. class

1st Place Match Una Faye Furgeson (Tiger Wrestling club) won by fall over Roselynn Nowlin (VA Elite) (Fall 1:55), **3rd Place Match** Rylee Bonnell (Tiger Wrestling club) won by fall over Genesis Collins (Tiger Wrestling club) (Fall 0:50)

Girls K-2 58-68 lb. class

1st Place Match Sylvia Brillhart (VA Elite) won by fall over Claudia Furgeson (Tiger Wrestling club) (Fall 1:54), **3rd Place Match** Charlotte Robbins (Bison Takedown Club) won by fall over Freya Bruce (Tiger Wrestling club) (Fall 2:23)

Girls K-2 Most Falls Least Time: Addison Jenkins 3 Falls in 1:02

Girls K-2 Fastest Fall: Freya Bruce & Claudia Furgeson in 0:10.

Girls 3-5 58 lb. class

1st Place Match Melissavette Alba (SARfit) won by fall over Evangeline Ballay (McMinn Tribe Wrestling Club) (Fall 0:40), **3rd Place Match** Kassidy Smith (Tiger Wrestling club)

Girls 3-5 65 lb. class

1st Place Match Ava Westenbarger (Blackman wrestling club) won by fall over Mckenzie Harshman (Metro West United Wrestling cl) (Fall 2:16), **3rd Place Match** Ella Robbins (Bison Takedown Club) won by decision over Raelynn Nowlin (VA Elite) (Dec 4-0)

Girls 3-5 73 lb. class

1st Place Match Lilyana WILSON (Bison takedown) won by decision over Esther Wernersbach (Central Kentucky Wrestling Clu) (Dec 4-0), **3rd Place Match** Raylynn Robinson (Florida Elite) won by fall over Andalyn Allen (Smoky Mountain Youth Wrestling) (Fall 2:52)

Girls 3-5 82-91 lb. class

1st Place Match Aubree Mannon (TNWA) won by fall over Austin Haney (Unaffiliated) (Fall 0:40)
3rd Place Match Casson Badillo (Youth Impact Center) won by decision over Sofia Ledford (Big Bear Wrestling Club) (Dec 4-2)

Girls 3-5 100 lb. class

1st Place Match Kyndal Mannon (TNWA) won by decision over Kaylee Grooms (Big Bear Wrestling Club) (Dec 6-4), **3rd Place** - Paisley Rogers of North Ga Spartans

Girls 3-5 Most Falls Least Time: Aubree Manning (TNWA) 2 Falls in 1:17

Girls 3-5 Fastest Fall: Ava Westenbarger (Blackman WC) 0:20

Girls Middle School 82-91 lb. class

1st Place Match Natalie Lippstreu (Level Up Wrestling Center) won by fall over Rylie O'Neal (Sonoraville Youth Wrestling) (Fall 0:31), **3rd Place Match** Kyleigh Amick (Sonoraville Youth Wrestling) won by fall over Helen Halfacre (Chattanooga Valley) (Fall 0:51)

Girls MS 100-112 lb. class

1st Place Match Rylee Cline (Unaffiliated) won by fall over Madelyn Ross (K C Elite Training Center) (Fall 2:20), **3rd Place Match** Madelyn Tyree (Central Kentucky Wrestling Clu) won by fall over Kennedy Maynard (Martin county cardinals) (Fall 1:24)

Girls MS 125 lb. class

1st Place Match Kailee Miller (Seymour Wrestling Club) won by decision over Ava Stough (Norton Wrestling Group) (Dec 4-1), **3rd Place Match** Rylie Bruce (Tiger Wrestling club) won by fall over Kaylee Matchette (Anderson Co Youth Wrestling) (Fall 1:32)

Girls MS 140 lb. class

1st Place Match Keylee Harvey (Compound Wrestling) won by fall over Elizabeth Lane (TNWA) (Fall 0:38), **3rd Place Match** Lily Junkins (Guerrilla Wrestling Academy) won by fall over Lucy Dempsey (TNWA) (Fall 1:56)

Girls MS 160 lb. class

1st Place Match Elizabella Laurin (Iron Knights) won by decision over Aurora Edwards (Brantley County Middle School) (Dec 9-4), **3rd Place** - Brittany Hart (Techfall Wrestling Club)

Girls MS HWT class

1st Place Match Alaina Barger (Big Bear Wrestling Club) won by fall over Avariella Herrera (TNWA) (Fall 1:35)

Girls MS Most Falls Least Time: Natalie Lippstreu (Level Up WC) 3 Falls in 2:23

Girls MS Fastest Fall: Keylee Harvey 0:14



AAU Official Harry McDonald from Ohio referees a bout between Girls 3-5 competitors.

