

## 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Virginia Duals by Skip Parker

The 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Virginia Duals brought a few surprises and a lot of parity in each of the 3 high school tournaments and 2 college/university tournaments. This year's champions in each tournament were:

National College Division: Kent State (Ohio)  
American College Division: Brockport (NY)  
National H.S. Division: Canon-McMillan (PA)  
American H.S. Division: Ocean Lakes (VA)  
Black & Blue H.S. Division: Brookville (VA)

This article will provide the results of each of the 5 tournaments and will provide as many actual scores of matches as possible without making the article tedious.

**National College Division.** Kent State took the title in this very competitive division. Missouri was the top seed, but theirs was not an easy path to the championship match, nor was Kent State's (#3 seed). This is the way it went. In the opening round, both Missouri and Rutgers (the #2 seed) drew byes because 2 schools gave last-minute notice that they could not come to the Duals. Outside of Buffalo upsetting #6 Bucknell, all of the seeded teams came through the first round. In the quarterfinals, Missouri defeated North Dakota State 24-9, #4 Edinboro bested #5 North Carolina 22-14, Kent State defeated Buffalo 22-12 and #7 Old Dominion wrestled possessed as they upended Rutgers 29-9. In the semifinals, both upper and lower bracket matches were settled at heavyweight. Missouri's Devin Mellon escaped in overtime to score a 3-2 decision that put Missouri on top 19-16. Kent State and Old Dominion had a shootout on the other end of the bracket. Old Dominion had gotten behind early, but rallied in the middle weights behind John Nicholson, Tristen Warner, Te Edwards and Joe Budi to pull within one point (17-16). Brendan Barlow, however, would not let this victory slip away as he won a 9-1 major decision at heavyweight to seal the win for Kent State and advance his team to the finals. The title match had great match-ups up and down the order. Stevie Mitcheff's 4-3 decision for Kent State at 133 turned out to be more pivotal than anyone could have guessed at the time. Missouri hammered away, but Kent State standouts Tyler Small (141), Ian Miller (149) and Casey Newburg (184), all of which were undefeated in this tournament, scored key victories. With the match at 15-14 (Kent State), it really did come down to the heavyweights, a position Brendan Barlow had been in before and he came through with a tight 3-2 victory over Devin Mellon, who was shooting at the end, but could not come up with the takedown. Kent State took the title with an 18-14 victory. The Outstanding Wrestler was A.J. Schopp (Edinboro, 133 lbs), who scored a major decision, a tech fall and 2 falls in this tournament.

Championship Match: **Kent State University defeated Missouri 18-14**

**125** - Alan Waters (Missouri) over Nic Bedelyon (Kent State University) Dec 7-5

**133** - Stevie Mitcheff (Kent State University) over Eric Wilson (Missouri) Dec 4-3

**141** - Tyler Small (Kent State University) over Nicholas Hucke (Missouri) Dec 5-0

**149** - Ian Miller (Kent State University) over Kyle Bradley (Missouri) Dec 7-3  
**157** - Drake Houdashelt (Missouri) over Mallie Shuster (Kent State University) Maj 13-4  
**165** - Zach Toal (Missouri) over Ross Tice (Kent State University) Dec 5-4  
**174** - Brandon Johnson (Kent State University) over Patrick Wright (Missouri) Dec 4-1  
**184** - Casey Newburg (Kent State University) over Dorian Henderson (Missouri) Dec 6-1  
**197** - Brent Haynes (Missouri) over Ryan Buckner (Kent State University) Maj 8-0  
**HWT** - Brendan Barlow (Kent State University) over Devin Mellon (Missouri) Dec 3-2

In the 3<sup>rd</sup> place match Edinboro had worked itself into the exact same position Kent State had in its semifinals match with ODU, 17-16 going into the heavyweight match. Earnest James is a big heavyweight. Matt Tourdot (ODU) is not. Once James was able to score a first period takedown, he worked quickly to turn Tourdot for the fall in 1:04 and nail down 3<sup>rd</sup> place for his team.

After losing in the quarterfinals, Rutgers scored successive victories over Campbell (24-21), Buffalo (22-16) and won a nail-biter in the 5<sup>th</sup> place match with North Dakota State (20-19).

In the battle for 7<sup>th</sup> place, it was Buffalo who prevailed over a game Citadel team, 24-15.

**3rd Place Match:** Edinboro University defeated Old Dominion University 23-16

**125** - Jerome Robinson (ODU) over Kory Mines (Edinboro University) Dec 4-3  
**133** - Aaron Schopp (Edinboro University) over Eric Dunnet (ODU) TF 16-0  
**141** - Mitchell Port (Edinboro University) over Justin LaValle (ODU) Dec 7-4  
**149** - David Habat (Edinboro University) over Brennan Brumley (ODU) Dec 4-2  
**157** - John Nicholson (ODU) over Casey Fuller (Edinboro University) Maj 11-2  
**165** - Tristan Warner (ODU) over Jesse Swink (Edinboro University) Pin 3:26  
**174** - Te Edwards (ODU) over Chris Hrunka (Edinboro University) Dec 11-5  
**184** - Vic Avery (Edinboro University) over Billy Curling (ODU) Dec 4-2  
**197** - Chris Honeycutt (Edinboro University) over Joe Budi (ODU) Dec 12-8  
**HWT** - Ernest James (Edinboro University) over Matt Tourdot (ODU) Pin 1:04

**American College Division.** State University of New York, Brockport is a perennial participant in the Virginia Duals and every year they add excellent quality to the competition. This year they were the top seed and eventual champions. The path to the finals was relatively easy. Winning the title was not. We'll review the results in each round before covering the finals. SUNY Brockport won their opening round against St Andrews (NC), 31-6. Central Florida defeated Johns Hopkins (MD), 35-11. Liberty (VA) won a narrow 21-19 victory over Anderson and Nassau Community College scored a lopsided 49-6 victory over Newport News Apprentice. In the semifinals, SUNY Brockport defeated Central Florida, 34-9 and Nassau Community College (NY) advanced to the finals with a 25-15 victory over Liberty. In the finals, Nassau Community actually won more individual bouts than Brockport, but with Eliah Golding (141), Tom Rispoli (157) and, Paul Glover (197) all winning by fall, Brockport was able to take a 21-17 lead going into the final bout. Yasheen Mudassar, the Nassau heavyweight, did win the final bout, but not

by a large enough margin to take the team victory. Brockport won a very tight 21-20 victory for the title. Brockport's Golding and Glover were undefeated in this tournament. The Outstanding wrestler award went to Sterling Briscoe (Apprentice School, 141 pounds) who had a fall and decisions over very difficult opponents.

**Championship Match: SUNY Brockport defeated Nassau Community College 21-20**

**125** - Joseph DeAngelo (Nassau Community College) over Asher Kramer (Brockport) Dec 6-1

**133** - Anthony Abidin (Nassau Community College) over James McCabe (Brockport) Maj 9-0

**141** - Eliah Golding (Brockport) over Jayson Kim (Nassau Community College) Pin 3:58

**149** - Mac Malderelli (Nassau Community College) over Lewis Cucchiara (Brockport) Maj 11-3

**157** - Tom Rispoli (Brockport) over Luke Speno (Nassau Community College) Pin 6:18

**165** - Ryan Fox (Nassau Community College) over Justin James (Brockport) Dec 6-2

**174** - Frank Merente (Nassau Community College) over Clay Neivert (Brockport) Dec 8-3

**184** - Wheeler Brunschmid (Brockport) over Danny Sutherland (Nassau Community College)  
Dec 8-3

**197** - Paul Glover (Brockport) over Kyle Folk-Freund (Nassau Community College) Pin 2:13

**HWT** - Yasheen Mudassar (Nassau Community College) over John Wilkinson (Brockport) Dec 2-1

In the consolation semifinals, Liberty defeated St Andrews, 32-11, while Apprentice got big wins from Justin Martz, Stuart Roes, and Ian Jones in a frantic come-from-behind victory over Central Florida. In the finals, Liberty got out to an early lead and never relinquished the advantage. Eventually, Liberty won it, 30-15. Andrew Wilson, Liberty's heavyweight, was 4-0 in this tournament.

**3rd Place Match: Liberty defeated Apprentice School 30-15**

**125** - Jeremy Beale (Liberty) Forfeit

**133** - Marcus Chevres (Apprentice School) over Ryan Miller (Liberty) Dec 10-6

**141** - Scott Clymer (Liberty) Forfeit

**149** - Sterling Briscoe (Apprentice School) over Peter Crawford (Liberty) Dec 6-3

**157** - Will Sexton (Apprentice School) over Chase Boontjer (Liberty) Dec 2-0

**165** - Mark Busse (Liberty) over BJ Compton (Apprentice School) Dec 8-5

**174** - Keyshawn Ward (Liberty) over Montrell Barbine (Apprentice School) Dec 5-2

**184** - Royal Brettrager (Liberty) over Justin Martz (Apprentice School) Pin 0:26

**197** - Stuart Roes (Apprentice School) over Marcus Nielson (Liberty) Pin 2:54

**HWT** - Andrew Wilson (Liberty) over Ian Jones (Apprentice School) Pin 3:15

**National High School Division.** This is the premier duals event at the Virginia Duals for high school teams. There were a lot of excellent teams from all over the east coast including Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Maryland, Delaware, Virginia and West Virginia. The top 4 teams (all finished in the order in which they were seeded) in this tournament have impressive talent, as do

some of the teams that didn't finish in that realm of distinguished teams. This tournament was won by the top seed, Canon McMillan, who showed beyond a doubt that they were the top team here. The wrestlers on this team have been wrestling together for a long time and have gotten each other in terrific shape. They were ready for this event. This is the way it went for teams competing in this tournament. The opening round of 16 saw 2 of the top 8 seeds sustain a loss, New Kent (VA) defeated #6 Nazareth (PA) 37-23, and Wheeling Park (WVA) won a close 36-35 victory over #7 Camden Catholic (NJ). In the quarterfinals Canon McMillan defeated Caesar Rodney 64-9; McDonough (MD) beat Timber Creek (NJ) 35-20; South Plainfield (NJ) hammered New Kent 70-3; and Christiansburg defeated Wheeling Park 55-19. Both the upper and lower brackets had terrific matches in the semifinals. Canon McMillan took a 44-22 victory over McDonough while the heavy end of Christiansburg's line-up kicked it into high gear to defeat South Plainfield 37-29. In the finals, Christiansburg jumped out to an early lead, but it evaporated. Christiansburg's best wrestlers, Ozias, Wert, Dance and Epperly all won (collectively were 15-1 in this tournament), but they were the only ones that did win. Canon McMillan shut the rest of the team out and took a 47-18 victory for the title. The wrestlers who were 4-0 in this tournament for the Big Macs were Dalton Macri, Colt Shorts, Sammy Minor, Soloman Chishko, Cody Weircioch, Alex Campbell, and Cody Klempay. This team is tough from top to bottom with no discernable weak spots. It was a well deserved title. The Outstanding Wrestler Award went to Myles Martin (McDonough, 152 pounds), who was 5-0 in this tournament and had impressive victories over exceptionally strong opponents.

**Championship Match: Canon McMillan HS defeated Christiansburg HS 47-18**

**106** - Coy Ozias (Christiansburg HS) over Brendon Price (Canon McMillan HS) Dec 11-6

**113** - J. R. Wert (Christiansburg HS) Forfeit

**120** - Dalton Macri (Canon McMillan HS) over Kyle Dulaney (Christiansburg HS) Maj 11-3

**126** - Colt Shorts (Canon McMillan HS) over Gabe Lumpf (Christiansburg HS) Pin 1:30

**132** - Joey Dance (Christiansburg HS) over Malachi Krenzela (Canon McMillan HS) Maj 13-4

**138** - Sammy Minor (Canon McMillan HS) over Dallas Smith (Christiansburg HS) Dec 6-4

**145** - Solomon Chishko (Canon McMillan HS) over David Giantonio (Christiansburg HS) Pin 3:03

**152** - Dario Dobbin (Canon McMillan HS) over Calvin Graham (Christiansburg HS) Pin 1:17

**160** - Zack Epperly (Christiansburg HS) over Will Pihou (Canon McMillan HS) TF 16-1

**170** - Cody Wiercioch (Canon McMillan HS) over Tyler Miles (Christiansburg HS) Maj 12-4

**182** - Zach Thomas (Canon McMillan HS) over Ryan Wade (Christiansburg HS) Dec 3-1

**195** - Ian Binotto (Canon McMillan HS) over Austin Eva (Christiansburg HS) Pin 1:56

**220** - Alex Campbell (Canon McMillan HS) over Brandon Taylor (Christiansburg HS) Dec 3-0

**285** - Cody Klempay (Canon McMillan HS) Forfeit

In the battle for third place, South Plainfield took out Timber Creek 52-10 in the consolation semifinals. Timber Creek (#5 seed) defeated Nazareth (#6 seed) and Camden Catholic (#7 seed) to reach the consolation semifinals. On the other side, McDonough defeated Franklin County (VA) for the 2<sup>nd</sup> time, 43-30 to reach the consolation semifinals. Franklin County was unseeded, but defeated St.Marks (DE), New Kent, and Cox (VA) to reach the consolation semifinals.

McDonough, who had defeated them 55-18 in the opening round had a tougher time, but still won in the rematch. The consolation finals match was one of the strangest developments I've ever seen in high school wrestling. South Plainfield won their first seven bouts and got out to a 37-0 lead. This was not an indication of McDonough's weakness. The truth is, South Plainfield has a juggernaut in their line-up from 126 to 152 (Ashnault, DelVecchio, Hunt, Stasenko, and Martin). Collectively, they were 20-0 in this tournament. McDonough won the final seven bouts, but came up short of a 37-32 end result. Both teams gave up 2 forfeits.

**3rd Place Match: South Plainfield HS defeated McDonough HS 37-32**

**106** - Ryan Walsh (South Plainfield HS) over Alexander Kline (McDonogh HS) Pin 1:25

**113** - Ray Jazikoff (South Plainfield HS) Forfeit

**120** - Troy Heilmann (South Plainfield HS) Forfeit

**126** - Anthony Ashnault (South Plainfield HS) over Logan Meister (McDonogh HS) Pin 0:21

**132** - Scott DelVecchio (South Plainfield HS) over Xavi Ramos (McDonogh HS) Maj 12-4

**138** - Tyler Hunt (South Plainfield HS) over Bobby Twigg (McDonogh HS) Pin 2:38

**145** - Corey Stasenko (South Plainfield HS) over Jack Clark (McDonogh HS) Dec 4-2

**152** - Myles Martin (McDonogh HS) over Dylan Painton (South Plainfield HS) Dec 5-0

**160** - Toby Hague (McDonogh HS) over Inan Sikel (South Plainfield HS) Dec 8-2

**170** - Tyler Patrick (McDonogh HS) over Alex Lundy (South Plainfield HS) TF 15-0

**182** - Mike Smith (McDonogh HS) Forfeit

**195** - Dan Maltsev (McDonogh HS) Forfeit

**220** - Kevin Marvel (McDonogh HS) over Tory Russell (South Plainfield HS) Dec 6-1

**285** - Roman Braglio (McDonogh HS) over Luigi Gerardi (South Plainfield HS) Pin 3:03

**American High School Division.** So far the folks who had done the seeding had done well in the National high school and college and the American college divisions. However, that was not the case with the American High School Division. It was won by #7 seed, Ocean Lakes (Virginia Beach VA). This win was historical in that Ocean Lakes is the only team to have won the Black & Blue Division and come back the next year to win the American High School Division. Outside of Dalton Henderson and Eddie Bracy, Ocean Lakes was a bit equivalent to the 1970's Miami Dolphins "no-name defense". When I mentioned that to Antavian Leary, the Ocean Lakes' 170 pounder, he said, "well, maybe they'll know who we are now." I thought, "they ought to know. You guys made a great account of yourselves these past two days." This is how this division unfolded. All but 2 of the top seeds won in the opening round. Millbrook upset #8 Smithfield, 48-21 and Great Bridge upset #6 East Regional (NJ) 45-23. In the quarterfinals, Millbrook upset top seed Fauquier (VA) 36-34 with a fall at heavyweight; #5 Liberty (PA) defeated #4 Haddonfield (NJ) 44-15; unseeded Great Bridge (VA) upset #3 Kellam (VA) 49-26 and #7 Ocean Lakes defeated #2 Lexington (SC) 38-22. That would be Ocean Lakes' closest match. In the semifinals Liberty stopped Millbrook, 43-28 while Ocean Lakes defeated Great Bridge, 51-14. That setup a finals match that turned out to be a bit more lopsided than anyone would have guessed. The Ocean Lakes' no-name wrestlers from 145-285 all scored victories to seal the win, 50-15. Dalton Henderson, Eddie Bracey, and Paul Dadaian were all 4-0 in this

tournament for Ocean Lakes. The Outstanding Wrestler Award went to Robert Schlitt (Haddonfield). He wrestled both 160 and 170 pounds in this tournament. He had a fall and decisions over very strong opponents.

Championship Match: **Ocean Lakes HS defeated Liberty HS 50-15**

- 106** - John Ritter (Liberty HS) over Jeffrey Gray (Ocean Lakes HS) Dec 9-5
- 113** - Dalton Henderson (Ocean Lakes HS) over Mike Connelly (Liberty HS) Pin 1:25
- 120** - Eddie Bracey (Ocean Lakes HS) over Grimaldi Gonzalez (Liberty HS) Dec 5-4
- 126** - Cody Douglas (Ocean Lakes HS) over Matt Fowler (Liberty HS) Maj 10-0
- 132** - Devin Lotito (Liberty HS) over Chas Blais (Ocean Lakes HS) Pin 1:27
- 138** - Adam Kolman (Liberty HS) over Connor Sparling (Ocean Lakes HS) Pin 1:28
- 145** - Tony Maiorano (Ocean Lakes HS) over Ardis Smith (Liberty HS) Maj 8-0
- 152** - Paul Dadaian (Ocean Lakes HS) over Malik Lovell (Liberty HS) Dec 7-2
- 160** - Treavonn Brandon (Ocean Lakes HS) over Rich Ruis (Liberty HS) Dec 10-8
- 170** - Antavian Leary (Ocean Lakes HS) over Noah Klingborg (Liberty HS) Pin 5:32
- 182** - Jack Ogburn (Ocean Lakes HS) over Tyler Scriven (Liberty HS) Pin 2:45
- 195** - Marc Behnke (Ocean Lakes HS) over Nate Ensley (Liberty HS) Pin 5:37
- 220** - Jamel Curry (Ocean Lakes HS) over Jake Gunning (Liberty HS) OT 5-3
- 285** - Alex Skidmore (Ocean Lakes HS) over Louie Csazar (Liberty HS) Pin 1:40

In the consolation round, unseeded Great Bridge defeated Haddonfield (NJ) 62-15 to advance to the finals round. In Haddonfield's defense, a number of their starting wrestlers were not allowed to compete because of the limitation the state of New Jersey has on the number of out of state matches individual wrestlers are allowed to have. It weakened their chances to win considerably. On the other side of the bracket, Kellam (VA) defeated Gloucester (VA) 46-18, Lexington (SC) 33-30, and Millbrook (VA) 41-33 to reach the consolation finals for a rematch with Great Bridge. One got the sense that after Eric Merriam, Clay Basnight, and Duncan Jones won their bouts by fall, the Great Bridge Wildcats had a good chance of having a close score at the end of the 145 bout and it was (21-16 lead for Great Bridge). For the Wildcats, this is a benchmark in their order. For Kellam, it was a real problem. Peter Ulm, Kellam's excellent 220 pounder, was his team's best wrestler of those remaining to wrestle and he was the only one to score a victory. Great Bridge won 6 of the last 7 weight classes to take a 48-19 victory. For the Great Bridge 138 pounder, Case Supchak, 170 pounder Matt Reynolds, and heavyweight, Tony Williams, this was a great tournament. Each was 5-0. For Kellam, Sean Buttons, Christian Olanowski, Timmy Antonelli and Peter Ulm were all undefeated at 6-0.

3rd Place Match: **Great Bridge HS defeated Kellam HS 48-19**

- 106** - Sean Buttons (Kellam HS) Forfeit
- 113** - Eric Merriam (Great Bridge HS) over Marshall Loche (Kellam HS) Pin 1:58
- 120** - Clay Basnight (Great Bridge HS) over Conner Ferris (Kellam HS) Pin 3:01
- 126** - Duncan Jones (Great Bridge HS) over Jay Young (Kellam HS) Pin 1:50
- 132** - Christian Olanowski (Kellam HS) Forfeit

- 138 - Case Supchak (Great Bridge HS) over Ross Benzel (Kellam HS) Dec 10-8 OT
- 145 - Timmy Antonelli (Kellam HS) over Stephen Jackson (Great Bridge HS) Maj 12-4
- 152 - Jesse Monde (Great Bridge HS) over Jake Csenar (Kellam HS) Dec 7-3
- 160 - Amir Horton (Great Bridge HS) over Jalen Willingham (Kellam HS) Dec 3-0
- 170 - Matthew Reynolds (Great Bridge HS) over Michael Meier (Kellam HS) Pin 1:29
- 182 - Harold Barrow (Great Bridge HS) over Logan Cannon (Kellam HS) Pin 0:25
- 195 - Jordon Jones (Great Bridge HS) over Jesse Cole (Kellam HS) Dec 5-2
- 220 - Peter Ulm (Kellam HS) over Aaron Whitehurst (Great Bridge HS) Dec 5-2
- 285 - Tony Williams (Great Bridge HS) over Cody Vandelinde (Kellam HS) Pin 0:34

**Black & Blue Division.** This division this year was made up exclusively of Virginia teams, most of which are on the peninsula on which the Virginia Duals is held (Hampton-Newport News area). The top 3 seeds (Brookville, Western Branch and Chancellor) finished 1, 2, 3 in order in this division. Unseeded, Salem, finished 4<sup>th</sup>. In the opening round all of the top seeds (#1-8) won, except #6 seed Phoebus. Salem defeated them 46-25. This was true to form. In all 3 high school divisions, being seeded 6<sup>th</sup> was the kiss of doom. Not one team in that spot won in the opening round. In the quarterfinals Brookville defeated Hampton 55-18, Cape Henry (#4) beat Nansemond River 42-23, Salem defeated Chancellor 36-35 on criteria; and Western Branch downed Currituck 72-12 (yes, every win was a 6-point victory). In the semifinals Brookville defeated Cape Henry 54-21 while Western Branch beat Salem 46-30. That set up the finals between the top 2 seeds. Western Branch got off to a good start when Josh O'Neal pinned his opponent. He was clearly pumped up after that win. However, Brookville regained their composure, took the lead after the 120 pound bout and never relinquished it. Brookville had a great tournament. Luke Stewart (132) was dominating with 3 falls and a technical fall in this tournament. Landon Curry (113) was undefeated in this tournament. Brookville's upper weights (170 – 285) were 19-1 in the tournament and were responsible for a number of the lopsided victories Brookville scored on their way to the title. The Outstanding Wrestler Award went to Logan Harvich (Cape Henry, 106 pounds), who pinned every opponent.

Championship Match: **Brookville HS defeated Western Branch HS 57-18**

- 106 - Josh O'Neal (Western Branch HS) over Ashton Brown (Brookville HS) Pin 3:47
- 113 - Landon Curry (Brookville HS) over Jimmy Wagner (Western Branch HS) Pin 3:30
- 120 - Sean Perogoy (Brookville HS) over Mike Richardson (Western Branch HS) Dec 6-3
- 126 - Troung Doung (Brookville HS) over Nick Lundy (Western Branch HS) Pin 5:40
- 132 - Luke Stewart (Brookville HS) over Wesley Wynn (Western Branch HS) TF 17-1
- 138 - Jackson Clark (Brookville HS) over Keith McKiver (Western Branch HS) Dec 3-1
- 145 - Afsheen Hashemy (Western Branch HS) over Chance Dawson (Brookville HS) Pin 0:50
- 152 - Josh Lancaster (Brookville HS) over Kentrell Copeland (Western Branch HS) Pin 1:33
- 160 - Brandon Swindell (Western Branch HS) over Tyler Campbell (Brookville HS) Pin 2:32
- 170 - Trevor Bruffy (Brookville HS) over Rayshad Scott (Western Branch HS) Pin 2:51
- 182 - Derek Thurman (Brookville HS) over Kevin Johnson (Western Branch HS) Maj 11-3
- 195 - Jeff Harris (Brookville HS) over David Kelly (Western Branch HS) Pin 3:37

**220** - Victor Montalbano (Brookville HS) over Cornelius Bailey (Western Branch HS) Pin 4:44  
**285** - Tevin Tardy (Brookville HS) Forfeit

The success this tournament has is no accident. Tournament Director, Jim Casey, gets superb assistance from the Peninsula Wrestling Association and its dozens of members who come out to assist on the tables, in the hospitality room, getting sponsors, and setting the tournament up so that it is enjoyable for fans and competitors alike. Ken Berger handled the announcing duties with the skill of an accomplished professional. He did the announcing for the wrestling competition in the Beijing Olympics. When the 33<sup>rd</sup> Virginia Duals comes to the Hampton Coliseum on January 13<sup>th</sup> 2013, I hope you'll join me. It will be well worth the wait.

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