

**LANDLORD BOB'S 2006-2007**  
**DISTRICT III CLASS AA PRESEASON RANKINGS**

Back again for another great year of wrestling in the District III area. The front pack of six teams look very strong with a fall off in power somewhere around number seven. There will also be a big crop of underclassmen arrivals this year which will stabilize a lot of the contenders who were close to being in either the front pack or the next pack back.

With football season starting to come to a close and with the Thanksgiving holiday week upon us, the staff at RTH felt that this would be the best time to release my team rankings. I'm hoping this year's preseason rankings brings lots of cheer and discussion with friends and relatives during the break. With that said here's the beginning of the show this year...

**1. Bermudian Springs** -A fairly easy pick from my standpoint. The Eagles return 10 starters, all 10 had over 20 wins during the 2005-2006 season. There has been a push for changing of the guard in the York however I don't think this is the year.

**2. Boiling Springs** - The Bubblers return 9 starters and will have at least 2 impact freshman this season. They stand out as the #1 team in the MPC and should be a definite final 4 caliber team. We won't have to wait too long to find out how solid they are - they host Bermudian Springs for the first match.

**3. Brandywine Heights** - 10 returning starters and they add another Yocco to the mix down low. The Bullets are the clear cut favorite in the Berks.

**4. Juniata** - The tribe returns 12 starters from last years team that was developing. The Tri-Valley has several schools that are starting to develop better teams however I think the Tri will be the same old two horse race this season as it has in the past.

**5. Hanover** - The Hawks are pretty similar to Bermudian in the fact that they have 9 starters returning and all 9 had winning records last year. If the Hawks can get anything impact this year in the way of underclassmen they could challenge for the Top spot in the York.

**6. Upper Dauphin Area** - Maybe a surprise pick but they do have 11 returning

starters, 8 of whom have winning records. The Trojans should challenge Juniata for the top spot in the Tri-Valley race.

**7. Donegal** - The Indians will have their hands full this year maintaining the top spot out of the Lancaster-Lebanon league but should be able this year to hold off it's contenders.

**8. ELCO** - The Raiders are on the rise and ready to take back claim of the L-L small school wrestling ranks. This should be a tight battle that could go either way. Mark December 21<sup>st</sup> on the schedule as ELCO travels to Donegal for the biggie in the L-L race.

**9. Milton Hershey** - The Spartans return 11 of their starters from last season, there's only one problem, they have to go through a very tough Boiling Springs group to gain the top spot in the MPC and LLB just doesn't think that's possible this season.

**10. Biglerville** - The Cannons have a ton of talent returning but haven't been consistent the past few years. If the consistency returns then they should be in contention for the York. They will have to hold off scrappy Littlestown and Delone for one of the three automatics for the postseason.

**11. Littlestown** - The T-Bolts have been one of the most improved teams over the past few seasons. They return a nice crew from last season and will definitely be in the mix to qualify for the post season through the York.

**12. Camp Hill**- Another team who has made incredible strides through the past few years. The Lions get a majority of their group back from last year. They will be able to run with the Spartans however as I've said before I think the Bubblers are a little out of touch.

**13. Hamburg** - The Hawks have 9 starters returning and will have some young impact guys in the line up to aid their losses. I'm holding out on giving them the keys to the city until we see them in action.

**14. Halifax** - The "Faxcats" are one of the developing teams in the Tri Valley I discussed earlier. I think it's safe to say that UDA and Juniata are the front runners while we wait on the others such as Halifax to make some noise.

**15. Delone Catholic**- A few things affect the Squires current positioning - 1. Their

coaching situation 2. A few losses in the lineup. Other than that I expect this team to challenge for a post season bid.

**16. Pequea Valley** - The L-L will be wild as usual and I expect the Braves to be in the mix.

**17. East Pennsboro** - The Panthers may go down as the most improved team in all of the land after this season. This is another program seeing a “rebirth” via a great youth and junior high program.

**18. Oley Valley** - The Lynx have some nice returnees but will be pressed to contend with the likes of Hamburg and Brandywine.

**19. North Eastern** - Has eleven guys back but will get a taste of the big time early when they open at Hanover.

**20. Schuylkill Valley** -Has a good number of returnees back it just depends on what they can add.

**21. Susquenita** -Should contend for a spot out of the MPC.

**22. Lancaster Catholic** - Good numbers back and should push Pequea for the last open slot I the L-L.

**23. Eastern York**- Great numbers return, however this isn't one of the “Eastern” type squads that they've had in the past.

**24. Palmyra**- Trying to change the shape of the program is difficult sometimes, I think Palmyra is making significant moves in that direction. They will need some breaks this year to get into contention.

**25. Northern Lebanon**- A consistent member in our Top 25 year in and year out. This year they will take a step back.

Enjoy,

LLB