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# Lady Huskies win **MVAC Championships**

Thanks to a great run to finish the regular season last week, the Ashe County Lady Huskies will share the Mountain Valley Athletic Conference Championship.

Ashe blew out Elkin 62-20 on February 4 and then went to Wilkes Central and picked up a big 54-44 win over the rival Eagles. The ladies closed the regular season with a 52-47 win at home over West Wilkes.

Ashe ended the regular season on a six-game winning streak and with a record of 17-5 overall and 11-3 in the MVAC.

The Lady Huskies shared the conference crown with Alleghany and Wilkes Central who all finished at 11-3. West Wilkes was fourth with a 10-4 record followed by North Wilkes in fifth at 6-8, Starmount in sixth at 4-10, East Wilkes in seventh with a 2-12 record and Elkin in eighth with a 1-13 conference mark.

#### Josh Hardin wins 300-meter indoor track state championship



Lady Huskies MVAC Champions

Ashe County's Josh Hardin brought home the gold in the 300-meter dash at last Saturday's NCHSAA 1A/2A State Championships. The senior won the race with a finishing time of 35.35 seconds. Cameron Attucks of Atkins High School was second in 35.56 seconds. This was Hardin's second straight year winning the 300.

In other events, Ashe senior Grady Rector took fourth in the men's high jump, clearing six feet, two inches. Melena Howell took eighth in the women's pole fault, clearing eight feet, ix inches. Mahaley Cronk was 16th in the women's 3200-meter run finishing in 12:33.

Ashe also had a pair of relay teams that qualified for the state championship. The women's 4x800 relay team of Zoe Schell, Abby McClure, Malorie Eller and Mahaley Cronk finished 14th with a time of 10:59. The men's 4x400 relay team was 7th overall in 3:42.

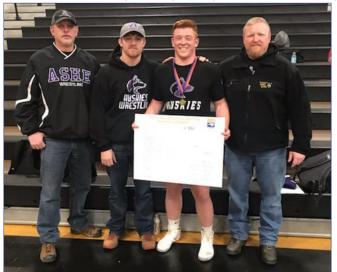
### Huskies have 12 wrestlers compete in the NCHSAA 2A West Regional

Ashe County had 12 different weight classes represented in the 2A West Regional with 26 other schools.

Jaron Greer had the best night of all the Husky grapplers, taking home the regional championship at 220 pounds and qualifying for the 2A State Championaship this weekend in Greensboro.

#### Ashe County Regional Results

- 113 first round: Nate Brown (Ashe) defeated Ross Watts (Hibriten) by a 10-0 majority decision.
- 113 quarterfinals: Zachary Morrow (Madison) pinned Brown (Ashe) in 16 seconds. 113 consolation second round: Zeke Grabowski (Owen) pinned Brown (Ashe) in
- 55 seconds. 120 first round: Luke Sheets (Ashe) defeated Seth King (Pisgah) by a 10-7 decision.
- 120 quarterfinals: Dilan Patton (Patton) pinned Sheets (Ashe) in 4:52.
- 120 consolation second round: Dawson Cody (Fred T. Foard) defeated Sheets (Ashe) by a 9-0 majority decision.
- 126 first round: Caleb Johnson-White (East Burke) defeated Trent Baker (Ashe) by a 14-7 decision.
- 126 consolation first round: Baker (Ashe) defeated Branson Miller (West Wilkes) by a 1-0 decision.
- 126 consolation second round: Jamie Richard (Fred T. Foard) defeated Baker (Ashe) by a 7-4 decision.
- 132 first round: Zachary Beard (Maiden) pinned Drew Roland (Ashe) in 4:51.



132 consolation first round: Rowland (Ashe) pinned **Timothy Thomas** (Burns) in 4:05. 132 consolation second round: Jason Brawley (Newton-Conover) pinned Rowland (Ashe) in 2:20. 138 first round: Joseph Scoggins (East Rutherford) pinned Drake Elliot (Ashe) in 5:39.

Jaron Greer

Congrats to all these great





Left, Josh Hardin, above, Mahaley Cronk.

- 138 consolation second round: Jonathan Alwran (Lincolnton) defeated Elliott (Ashe) by a 7-6 decision.
- 145 first round: Ricky Reynolds (West Lincoln) pinned Andrew Peterson (Ashe) in 3:15. 145 consolation first round: Peterson (Ashe) defeated Isaac Gosnell (Madison) by
- a 14-7 decision.
- 145 consolation second round: Daniel Woods (Owen) defeated Peterson (Ashe) by a 9-8 decision.
- 152 first round: Daniel Loredo (Madison) pinned Matthew Peterson (Ashe) in 3:15.
- 152 consolation second round: Peterson (Ashe) pinned Michael Johnson (RS Central) in 1:51.
- 152 consolation third round: Peterson (Ashe) defeated Ki French (Smoky Mountain) by an 11-2 majority decision.
- 152 consolation semifinals: Robert Heater (West Wilkes) pinned Peterson (Ashe) in 4:57.
- 160 first round: Gabe Bare (Ashe) defeated Trevor Szabo (Madison) by a 12-6 decision. 160 guarterfinals: David Weaver (Fred T. Foard) defeated Bare (Ashe) by a 12-5
- decision.
- 160 consolation second round: Bare (Ashe) pinned Eliseo Ramirez (Patton) in 1:44. 160 consolation third round: Dustin Stephens (Smoky Mountain) pinned Bare (Ashe) in 2:36.
- 182 first round: Landon Foor (Fred T. Foard) pinned Kabel Dillard (Ashe) in 2:54.
- 182 consolation first round: Luke Scronce (West Lincoln) pinned Dillard (Ashe) in 4:32.
- 195 first round: Timothy Peterson (Ashe) pinned Alan Penland (Mountain Heritage) in 1:49.
- 195 quarterfinals: John Pickford (Brevard) pinned Peterson (Ashe) in 1:32.
- 195 consolation second round: Peterson (Ashe) defeated Alex Hall (West Lincoln) by a 6-4 decision.
- 195 consolation third round: Jacob Belton (Fred T. Foard) pinned Peterson (Ashe) in 1:00. 220 first round: Jaron Greer (Ashe) pinned Sam Hopkins (East Rutherford) in 17 seconds. 220 guarterfinals: Greer (Ashe) pinned Oliver Hughes (Mountain Heritage) in 2:41. 220 semifinals: Greer (Ashe) pinned David Hunt (RS Central) in 1:41.
- 220 championship: Greer (Ashe) defeated Harley Scronce (West Lincoln) by an 8-3 decision.

285 first round: Connor Foley (Madison) pinned Keagan Church (Ashe) in 1:42. 285 consolation first round: Daniel Baker (Hibriten) pinned Church (Ashe) in 2:24.

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