

## Champs Again: Richmond Returns to the Top

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said Coach Day.

Senior Adam Boyd got the hopes of his teammates and fans souring with a win at 285.

"I got my head straight and went out there and wrestled," said Boyd. "That's all you can do at a moment like that."

Sophomore Roy Costello set the Richmond fans up on their feet with a 31 second pin at 103.

Richmond was coming back with the score being 25-21.

Senior Connor Behem was the last to wrestle for Richmond at 112.

Behem knew he needed a pin to win it for the Blue Devils.

"I was nervous; everyone was," said Skatzka. "I had a ton of confidence in Connor and I knew he would be able to get it done."

As the official slapped the mat

signaling that Behem pinned his

opponent, the Kellogg Arena pandemonium erupted from students, wrestlers, parents and fans of the Richmond Blue Devils.

Richmond had won 27-25.

"It was sheer excitement," said senior Derek Wyatt. "It's an unreal feeling that we accomplished what we worked for all season."

The excitement from the Richmond side was insane.

"Words cannot describe the feeling after getting that pin," said Behem. "We worked all season to get that title."

The hard work the wrestlers put in surely did pay off.

"The commitment that they have for one another and the sacrifices that this team was willing to make together is what made this all possible," said Coach Day. "It's truly

outstanding."

The senior class of 2015 will be leaving with two Division 3 state runner up titles and two state titles.

"The bond that they have developed as a result of the training and sacrifices that they all have made together throughout the years makes this group special," said Coach Day. There is no doubt the seniors were a huge part of this team.

"It's truly amazing what we have accomplished together. I wouldn't trade this group of guys for anything," said Boyd.

Next year will be a challenge knowing there will be a lot of holes to be filled to replace the seniors. However, don't count next year's team out.

"They are a really talented group of underclassmen, and if they put in the work and get it done they can do

it again," said Wyatt.

Coach Day said they are going to train extremely hard to defend their title in the off season.

"They need to prepare like this is their last chance," said Boyd. "If they invest the time and effort they will get it done again."

There will always be challenges every team goes through, and losing the seniors will be one of the hardest challenges the wrestlers will face next year, but they will not go unmissed.

"This team is a family," said Coach Day. "I care a great deal about all the kids in our program. I am going to miss joking with the seniors before practices and watching them accomplish their goals as a team. The relationship and bond that we have will last a lifetime."

## Madness

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seeds, a six seed losing to an eleven seed, and a favored VCU team losing to Ohio State. Remember all those brackets we talked about earlier?

Well those were all down the toilet, now. While the brackets may be busted, this was turning out to be an exciting tournament to watch.

Dan Fistler, senior, said, "I am pretty heated because my brackets are messed up."

This did not stop him, or anyone for that matter, from watching the rest of the tournament.

"I am excited to watch the rest of the games. I cannot wait to see someone beat Kentucky," said Fistler.

The second day was not as exciting. The higher seed won in every game that day.

For viewers this is not as exciting but a day without any upsets surely helped save some brackets after an arousing first day.

The Round of 32 also served up to the hype.

**Round of 32:**

With a trip to the Sweet 16 on the line, some teams will continue to dance while others have to clean out their lockers.

Many of the games came down to the final seconds.

NC State knocked off 1 seed Villanova in a nail biting thriller with a final score of 71-68

Notre Dame was able to fend off Butler in a 67-64 overtime thriller.

Michigan State was able to fend off a late run from 2 seed Virginia to complete the 60-54 upset.

Farmney's team, the Wisconsin Badgers, survived a scare from Oregon and won 72-65.

It came to no surprise when Kentucky blew past Cincinnati with a 64-51 win and Duke put a beat down on San Diego State 69-48.

With the Sweet 16 set, and the

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## Boys Strike Their Way to Second; Fall Short to Armada

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Crash! Boom! Smash! The pins plunge as RHS bowlers rose to being State Runners-Up.

The varsity boys bowling team played their hardest at States and brought home a second place title.

Nate Scheuer, a freshman, has been bowling for 10 years and was still amazed by States. "It was really cool to see all the different teams," Scheuer said. "The best experience was when we made our comeback in the semi-finals."

In the semi-finals, the boys left their opponents in the gutter. Being more of a family than a team, the bowlers work smashingly well with one another.

The bowlers put up a good fight and landed themselves in the final game against their biggest rival: Armada. Unfortunately, the Tigers were on a roll and Richmond took second.

CJ Wagner, a freshman, said, "I feel like we have accomplished something major. Losing to Armada has only motivated us to work even

harder and take that state title next year."

With the guidance of older teammates, the underclassmen bowlers are ready to take upperclassmen advice and improve themselves to make this State title goal become real.

Wagner said, "I have a couple of older role models on the team, Michael Tyll and Marc Lagrois.

They're our captains."

Michael Tyll, a senior, has been on the bowling team since he began high school and has bowled since he was 5-years-old. As captain, he's a role model to all of the underclassmen on his team.

Tyll said, "I thoroughly enjoy all the responsibility the position of captain entails, I like being a role model."

States was bittersweet for everyone involved.

"I feel that our performance was the best I have seen in my four years of high school bowling. It was sweet because it was the first time going to States and winning a trophy for Richmond but bitter be-

cause it was the last time going to States for me."

Tyll is glad he can end his last bowling season on a good note.

The boys bowled their hearts out and hope to bring back a fight next year at States. One major goal for these athletes in the future is to bring home that State title.

**Girl Got Game**

The pins don't stop dropping there. Kacie Conner, a sophomore, represented the girl bowlers at individual states, as well.

Being captain as a sophomore, it's evident she knows her way around a bowling alley. She has been bowling since the first grade.

Conner placed 6th at regionals where she competed against 66 other female bowlers. Landing herself a spot at that state competition, she was ecstatic.

"The best thing I ever experienced in my bowling career is making it to States. I couldn't stop shaking when I found out I had made it. I was so happy," Conner said.

Conner did not do as well as she

best teams in the nation ready to face off, the end of this tournament is shaping up to be one for the ages.

**Final Four—Saturday, April 4**

Michigan State vs Duke 6:09pm

Kentucky vs Wisconsin 8:49 pm

**Championship—Monday, April 6**

Winner of game 1 vs Winner of game 2 9:10pm

hoped to at States but she doesn't let that get her down. She has a feeling of accomplishment for making it there, as she should.

"I tried really hard at States," Conner said. "To prepare I just kept telling myself I could do it. I was sure to be confident going in."

This was a learning experience for Conner and she plans on sharing the lessons learned with her teammates to help them succeed in the future. Conner said, "I learned that if you don't do as good as you anticipated not to get down on yourself. It's so important to stay positive." Confidence is key for this bowler.

Conner and the boys went in with positivity and confidence and came out with significant accomplishments. Richmond brought their all and left their opponents begging. "Spare me!!!"

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