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Retherford Named Most Dominant**

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Photo by Tony Rotundo



Penn State Takes Fifth Title in Six Years

By J. Carl Guymon

NEW YORK CITY – There were the obvious distractions – the city itself, the historic arena, St. Patrick's Day, and not to mention everything else happening near the Empire State Building, in and around Times Square, the Theater District, etc.

But when all those sideshows were out of sight and mind, Penn State completed a weekend of focus on Saturday, March 19, with its fifth NCAA wrestling title in six years by sending five men into the finals and mathematically clinching the championship before fans left Madison Square Garden to hit the theaters and pubs after the morning session.

Toss in a great finals session with seven

matches decided by two points or less and capped by a highly anticipated heavyweight bout, and it was a great wrestling weekend in the self-proclaimed World's Greatest City, witnessed by 110,194 fans for the six sessions (including 19,270 for the finals).

Penn State won only two of its final matches – by four-time all-American Nico Megaludis (125 pounds) and sophomore Zain Retherford (149), the weekend's and finals' best performer.

The final session was a night of twos: four teams won two titles apiece and two men from other schools won two titles apiece. Joining Penn State with two champs were Ohio State, Oklahoma State and Cornell. Ohio State's come-from-behind duo was the most salient pair

– an 11th-seeded freshman and the heavyweight winning the much ballyhooed nightcap.

Myles Martin was the rookie 174-pounder whose potential and early season development caused Buckeyes' coach Tom Ryan to remove Martin's redshirt, insert him into the lineup and drop all-American Bo Jordan back to his 2015 weight, 165 pounds.

Nice move, to say the least.

Martin got tossed then nearly got tossed then did some tossing of his own to rally past No. 1 seed Bo Nickal of Penn State. Snyder trailed two-time champion Nick Gwiazdowski by two with 20 seconds left but executed a beautiful leg shot to tie, then another in sudden victory to win.

The other schools with two champs were Oklahoma State and Cornell. The Cowboys' Alex Dieringer (33-0) not only went down as the best at 165 pounds for the season, but might have been the best in the nation regardless of weight (see the Pound for Pound feature on page 9). He won his final 82 matches, captured three NCAA titles and finished with the highest modern era winning percentage in O-State history (96.5 percent) of those who wrestled four seasons.

His only NCAA tournament loss was as a one-point overtime loss in 2013 to the defending champion. Cowboy Sophomore Dean Heil also struck gold in New York at 141 pounds.

Cornell's four-time all-American Nahshon Garrett prevailed at 133, and 184-pound teammate Gabe Dean won his second title.

Martin's title was against another freshman. But Nickal (33-2) was ranked No. 1 for a good part of the season, was seeded No. 1 and looked like No. 1 for most of the weekend. He had beaten Martin in all three previous meetings, including a pin at the Big Ten meet.

And he threw Martin in the second period – but just not far enough.

"When he tossed me on my back, I was a little worried," Martin said. But you can't stop wrestling. So I wrestled through it...."

Martin (33-6) made a six-point move by rolling through to go from a 4-3 deficit to a 9-4 lead, which would hold up: "He (Nickal) was over top of me, and I felt his weight move more to my left side, and I thought I was able to get out and back on top of him."

NCAA runner-up at 197 last year and in the midst of an Olympic redshirt year, Snyder (11-0) decided to finish the collegiate season, moving to heavyweight. Weighing 225 pounds, he knew he would have a battle with two-time champ Nick Gwiazdowski (33-1), a quick 260-pounder with an 88-match winning streak.

"We've worked out together, and he's really a great competitor," Snyder said. "He's quick on his feet, great leg shots. I knew it was gonna be a battle."

Indeed, Gwiazdowski's two takedowns



NCAA DIVISION I 133-LB. FINALS--Four-time All-American Nahshon Garrett, Cornell, beat Iowa's Cory Clark, 7-6. Photo by John Johnson



2016 Division I Individual Champions: (front left) Nico Megaludis (Penn State), 125; Nahshon Garrett (Cornell), 133; Dean Heil (Oklahoma State) 141; Zain Retherford (Penn State), 149; Isaiah Martinez (Illinois), 157. (back left) Alex Dieringer (Oklahoma State), 165; Myles Martin (Ohio State), 174; Gabe Dean (Cornell), 184; J'den Cox (Missouri), 197; Kyle Snyder (Ohio St.), Hwt. Photo by John Johnson.

gave him a 5-3 edge into the final 20 seconds. But instead of staying away from Snyder, he tied up, and the Ohio State sophomore scored with a nifty leg attack and sent the match to overtime.

Snyder struck again, countering Gwiazdowski's double attempt 25 seconds into the sudden victory period, and that was that.

It's too bad Retherford's given name isn't Robert. That would make it easy to nickname him "Bonus Bob." Because after he finished fifth at 141 pounds in 2014, he took a redshirt year

then came out firing at 149 pounds this season with a non-stop assault in almost every match.

It didn't stop in New York. He had three pins and a technical fall to reach the finals then major decisioned No. 2 seed Brandon Sorensen (29-2) of Iowa 10-1 in the finals. That completed

a dominant 34-0 season and earned him the "Most Dominant" award for the season.

A new award, and nice, based on season

finals victory: "It's just starting to set in right now...It's awesome. That's all I can say about it. It was awesome."

Dieringer simply never gave Wisconsin's previously unbeaten Isaac Jordan (29-1) any chance to score. The O-State senior scored two takedowns in the first and rode for more than a minute. He criticized himself for "being a little conservative after that." But decided it was prudent "because of the situation (seeking a third title)."

He was content to ride for 2:51 in a 6-2 victory to go with his 6-1 and 14-7 finals routs the two previous years.

Martinez (32-1) and Penn State freshman

Championship Finals

(#indicates tournament seed)

- 125—#3 Nico Megaludis (Penn State) d. #4 Thomas Gilman (Iowa), 6-3
- 133-- #1 Nahshon Garrett (Cornell) d. #2 Cory Clark (Iowa), 7-6
- 141--#1 Dean Heil (Oklahoma State) d. #14 Bryce Meredith (Wyoming), 3-2
- 149--#1 Zain Retherford (Penn State) d. #2 Brandon Sorensen (Iowa), 10-1
- 157--#1 Isaiah Martinez (Illinois) d. #3 Jason Nolf (Penn State), 6-5
- 165--#1 Alex Dieringer (Oklahoma State) d. #2 Isaac Jordan (Wisconsin), 6-2
- 174--#11 Myles Martin (Ohio State) d. #1 Bo Nickal (Penn State), 11-9
- 184--#1 Gabe Dean (Cornell) d. #7 TJ Dudley (Nebraska), 5-3
- 197--#2 J'den Cox (Missouri) d. #1 Morgan McIntosh (Penn State), 4-2
- Hwt--#2 Kyle Snyder (Ohio St.) d. #1 Nick Gwiazdowski (N. Carolina State), 7-5

long statistics. But he should also have been named Most Outstanding Wrestler, which went to Snyder. All praise to Snyder, but Retherford was the most outstanding for the entire weekend.

He was almost at a loss for words after his

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Penn State Takes Fifth Title in Six Years



NCAA DIVISION I HEAVYWEIGHT FINALS--In a battle of unbeatens two-time NCAA champion Nick Gwiazdowski, North Carolina State, (front) was beaten 7-5 in Sudden Victory by Ohio State sophomore Kyle Snyder. Photo by John Johnson

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Jason Nolf (33-2) breezed through their seasons – except when meeting each other. They split their two matches. The rubber match was a dandy.

They traded blows like two champion prize fighters,

“Wow,” said an elated Martinez. “I’m extremely pleased just with the win, especially a competitor like that. He’s definitely special. And he gave me a hell of a fight. I just knew if it came down to the end that I was going to get it done.”

He did it with just 13 seconds left in a 4-4 tie, surging in with a combination duck-under-throw-by for a 6-5 verdict.

A sophomore, Martinez stayed on track toward winning four titles by claiming his second at 157, and Missouri’s J’Den Cox earned a second crown at 197.

Cox (33-1) knew he would be in a battle with No. 1 seed and previously unbeaten Morgan McIntosh (32-1). “He is such a smart wrestler,” Cox said. “He wrestles through all positions. I’ve never been able to get his ankles together before tonight.”

But the Missouri junior finally accomplished that feat with a takedown to beat the clock by 10 seconds to erase a 2-2 tie and edge the Penn State senior 4-2.

The old adage “third time’s the charm” certainly proved true for Megaludis (32-3). It was the Penn State senior’s third trip to the finals.

As expected, he and Iowa’s Thomas Gilman (28-2) waged an active battle, but Megaludis’s two takedowns led to a 6-3 win.

Megaludis was uncharacteristically jubilant after the victory and attributed it to being “a relief. Just a relief. I’m a child of God. I’m very faithful. God has a plan for everything. If didn’t win this, obviously it would have stung, but I’m a child of God and there’s a bigger purpose.”

Garrett (37-0) showed he was serious about the whole weekend in Friday night’s semifinals with a stunning 21-second pin of Oklahoma defending champ Cody Brewer.

In the finals, Garrett was in a tight skirmish with Iowa’s Cory Clark (26-2) until Garrett’s third takedown on a textbook blast double leg with 49 seconds gave him a 7-4 cushion. He was able to yield and escape and late stalling call to ease home, 7-6.

“It’s a shot I have in my arsenal. It’s a shot that I felt like was there the whole time. It was just a matter of pulling the trigger and getting after it. And I really just didn’t do that as well as I wanted to do that. And so there’s a little bit of – it’s hard to say disappointment – but it’s a little bit of you just don’t want to wrestle with

Tournament Notes

By J. Carl Guymon

Noting the NCAA Championships....

Okay, what was it like holding the tournament in MSG/WMFA/WGC? That's Madison Square Garden, World's Most Famous Arena in the World's Greatest City for you un-initiated.

Interestingly, fans from around the nation seemed polarized about the site selection: loved it or hated it. Understandable, eastern fans liked the proximity. Midwesterners mostly didn't like the travel, hotel and restaurant expense, etc., except for some who planned to take at least a week for vacation and also watch wrestling.

Overall, I think most were pleased once they got to the city and saw how well the event was managed. Only two glitches from this corner:

1) you do NOT interview athletes over the public address system while matches are in progress – placing matches no less. Totally disrespectful to the athletes competing for all-America honors.'

Was told it was not ESPN's call. Someone from the NCAA and MSG reportedly decided it. Frankly, no one from the host arena should be involved in announcing protocol.

2) Mat placement Friday night was disappointing. Close to appalling. Semifinals were shoved to the end mats. If you bought a center court ticket, you couldn't have been pleased with that, or if you were on the other end. Supposedly was done so the boom-attached camera, or "jib" camera could be used. Not needed. Plenty of cameras to show excellent views .

Semifinal bouts have been on center mats for all time (since the picture tube was invented) and should stay there....

Good Job, Good Crowd

Arena personnel (security, check-in agents, custodians, etc.) all were courteous and hard-working. And Hofstra University was an excellent host. The 110,194 all sessions total and the 19,270 finals session attendance both ranked third in tournament history....

Good News-Bad News

For Michigan 149-pounder Alec Panteleo. Good News: wins three straight, makes the semis. Bad News: then gets pinned three straight times. Hey, on a Good News ending, he still earned all-America honors, finishing sixth....

Checking Weight

Wanted to jump on the old scale displayed in the warmup area, which was in MSG's theater. Why? It was the scale used to weigh in

Muhammad Ali and Joe Frazier for their March 8, 1971 "bout of the century...."

Four-Time Champs in Future?

Right now, only two are eligible: Ohio State freshman Myles Martin (174) and Illinois sophomore two-time 157 champ Isaiah Martinez....

How Times Have Changed

Back when we first attended the tournament in 1966 in Iowa State's venerable armory, no media folks even had electric typewriters. No internet, no faxes – you get the picture. Barely had phones. Okay, that's stretching it. But we noticed Saturday in the media work room how times have changed. By rough count, 154 electrical outlets graced the room. Shocking, isn't it?....

How the Mighty Have Fallen

Previous top programs such as Iowa State, Oklahoma, Minnesota, Wisconsin, etc. still struggling to at least regain Top Ten status. Rising Virginia Tech finished fourth and had as many all-Americans (six) as the Sooners, Cyclones and Badgers combined! Would like to see those teams jump back into the mix, along with Northwestern, Arizona State, Michigan State, to name a few....

Future Sites?

St. Louis and Cleveland for the next two years, then what? Several interested cities sent representatives to New York to learn about the tournament. Don't know how many will submit bids. But Dallas, Atlanta and Louisville at least showed interest....

More Good News-Bad News

The Citadel, Michigan State and VMI had qualifiers but failed to score a single team point. That's the Bad News. The Good News? They beat Northern Colorado, which tallied 1 point. Uh, that's actually a negative point, as in minus-1....

Parity

Yes, the Big Ten foes still combine to be the bullies on the block. BUT, it's good to see that 35 schools each produced at least one all-American....

Consolations Road Warrior of the Year

Every year somebody takes the tough, tough road through the consolation bracket. This year, Virginia Tech 174-pounder Zach Epperly is CRW of the Year. As No. 8 seed, he lost in the first round then reeled off seven, count 'em SEVEN, straight bottom bracket victories to finish third. That's a guy we would want in our foxhole anytime.

fear. But obviously, it's good, because I won it and everything that comes with the winning."

No. 1 seed Dean must have felt lonely going into his match with surprise finalist T. J. Dudley of Nebraska, the seventh seed. Nos. 2 through 6 at 184 didn't show up to face him.

But Dean (34-1) had faced Dudley (34-7) before and knew the Husker would be a handful.

"Athletic, big, strong kid. Some history there...he fought hard there, and no question he's a great athlete." Two takedowns did it for the Cornell junior, who has a chance to be a three-time champion next year.

Oklahoma State's Heil (32-1) had been ranked No. 1 all year but said he never felt he had been respected as a wrestler, going back to middle school: "You know, kind of one of the main driving forces is that nobody likes me. Nobody ever likes me, nobody ever gives me the respect I feel I deserve."

Talk about no respect, Heil's finals opponent was only seeded 14th by the committee. Wyoming's Bryce Meredith (29-5), was a surprise Saturday night performer to probably everyone in MSG – except to Heil, who had a tough one-point match with the Wyoming matman earlier this season.

"I was looking down the line during weighins Thursday and saw him and thought, 'he's probably gonna make it through. He's tough. He's a goer.'"

Meredith came ever so close to pulling off a one-up on 2015 champ Brewer, who won as a 13th seed. But Heil's lone takedown gave him the edge. Two other attempts almost ended in disaster. The two scrambles lasted a combined 1:28, with Meredith close to scoring. But Heil's Houdini-ism gave him the 3-2 margin.

Penn State's final victory margin was 123-97.5 over Oklahoma State, with Ohio State finishing third at 86, rapidly improving Virginia

Tech four at 82 (and six all-Americans), and Iowa fifth with 81. Missouri 74.5, Cornell 67, Nebraska 58, Illinois and Michigan, both 50.5, rounded out the Top Ten.

The Big Ten Conference again dominated, with 13 finalists, five champs and 31 all-Americans.

Five seniors became four-time all-Americans: Megaludis (2-2-3-1), Brewer (7-8-1-3), Garrett (3-2-5-1), Dieringer (3-1-1-1) and Gwiazdowski (8-1-1-2).

The tournament always produces first-day upsets, but maybe more than ever in 2016. Seven wrestlers seeded fifth or higher fell on Thursday. Only one placed, and that was a No. 2 finishing eighth. Two other No. 2s failed to place. Four of the seven upset losers didn't even make it to Friday.

But that kind of action is what will bring fans flocking back to St. Louis next March.

2016 NCAA Division I Wrestling All-Americans

NCAA Scoreboard

1. Penn State 123
2. Oklahoma State 97.5
3. Ohio State 86
4. Virginia Tech 82
5. Iowa 81
6. Missouri 74.5
7. Cornell 67
8. Nebraska 58
9. Illinois 50.5
10. Michigan 50.5
11. North Carolina State 49
12. Iowa State 35
13. Oklahoma 33.5
14. Lehigh 31
15. Rutgers 30
16. Kent State 28.5
17. Minnesota 26
18. Wyoming 24.5
19. Stanford 24
20. Pennsylvania 23.5
21. Oregon State 22
22. Navy 21
23. Wisconsin 20
24. Rider 19
25. Northern Iowa 17.5
26. Old Dominion 17.5
27. American 16
28. Indiana 13
29. Princeton 12.5
30. Duke 11
31. Bucknell 10
32. Central Michigan 10
33. Edinboro 10
34. North Carolina 10
35. Arizona State 9.5
36. Bakersfield 9.5
37. Utah Valley 8
38. Pittsburgh 7.5
39. South Dakota State 7.5
40. Appalachian State 6.5
41. Purdue 6.5
42. Boise State 6
43. North Dakota State 5.5
44. Drexel 5
43. Harvard 5
44. West Virginia 4
45. Buffalo 3.5
46. Virginia 3.5
47. Campbell 3
48. Cleveland State 3
49. Columbia 3
50. Franklin & Marshall 3
51. Gardner-Webb 3
52. Lock Haven 3
53. Northern Illinois 3
54. Northwestern 3
55. Army 2.5
56. Hofstra 2.5
57. Chattanooga 2
58. SIU Edwardsville 2
59. Air Force 1.5
60. Clarion 1.5
61. Maryland 1
62. Binghamton .5
63. Brown .5
64. Eastern Michigan .5
65. George Mason .5

125 Pounds

- 1 ...Nico Megaludis.....Sr...Penn St 32-3
- 2 ...Thomas Gilman.....Jr...Iowa 28-2
- 3 ...Nathan Tomasello So ...Ohio St. 27-1
- 4 ...David TeraoJr...American 29-7
- 5 ...Conor Youtsey.....Jr...Michigan 17-15
- 6 ...Dylan Peters.....Jr...Northern Iowa . 18-5
- 7 ...Ryan Millof.....So...Oklahoma 25-8
- 8 ...Connor Schram.....So...Stanford 23-8

133 Pounds

- 1 ...Nahshon GarrettSr...Cornell 37-0
- 2 ...Cory Clark.....Jr...Iowa 26-2
- 3 ...Cody Brewer.....Sr...Oklahoma 26-3
- 4 ...Zane Richards.....Jr...Illinois 27-3
- 5 ...Eric MontoyaJr...Nebraska 29-10
- 6 ...Jordan Conaway.....Sr...Penn St. 30-8
- 7 ...Earl HallSr...Iowa St. 33-9
- 8 ...Jade Rauser.....Sr...Utah Valley 24-9

141 Pounds

- 1 ...Dean Heil.....So...Oklahoma St. .. 32-1
- 2 ...Bryce Meredith.....So...Wyoming 29-5
- 3 ...Joey McKennaSr...Stanford 27-3
- 4 ...Anthony Ashnault.....So...Rutgers 33-5
- 5 ...Chris Mecate.....Sr...Old Dominion .. 26-8
- 6 ...Solomon Chishko.....Fr...Virginia Tech ... 30-7
- 7 ...Joey WardJr...North Carolina 23-6
- 8 ...Randy CruzJr...Lehigh 28-10

149 Pounds

- 1 ...Zain RetherfordSo...Penn St. 34-0
- 2 ...Brandon Sorensen.....So...Iowa 29-2
- 3 ...Lavion Mayes.....Jr...Missouri 32-3
- 4 ...Anthony Collica.....Jr...Oklahoma St. .. 29-9
- 5 ...Mike DePalma.....Jr...Kent St. 29-9
- 6 ...Alec Pantaleo.....Jr...Michigan 27-8
- 7 ...Justin Oliver.....Fr...Cent. Michigan 32-7
- 8 ...Geo Martinez.....So...Boise St. 32-8

157 Pounds

- 1 ...Isaiah Martinez.....So...Illinois 32-1
- 2 ...Jason Nolf.....Fr...Penn St. 33-2
- 3 ...Nick BrascettaSr...Virginia Tech ... 13-4
- 4 ...Dylan PalacioJr...Cornell 19-3
- 5 ...Chad Walsh.....So...Rider 29-9
- 6 ...Ian MillerSr...Kent St. 23-4
- 7 ...Joe Smith.....Fr...Oklahoma St. .. 35-5
- 8 ...Thomas GanttSr...N.C. State 28-3

165 Pounds

- 1 ...Alex Dieringer.....Sr...Oklahoma St. .. 33-0
- 2 ...Isaac Jordan.....Jr...Wisconsin 29-1
- 3 ...Bo JordanSo...Ohio St. 21-3
- 4 ...Daniel Lewis.....Fr...Missouri 29-6
- 5 ...Steven RodriguesSr...Illinois 30-5
- 6 ...David McFadden.....Fr...Virginia Tech . 26-12
- 7 ...Austin Wilson.....Sr...Nebraska 27-11
- 8 ...Anthony Perrotti.....Sr...Rutgers 25-6

174 Pounds

- 1 ...Myles MartinFr...Ohio St. 33-6
- 2 ...Bo Nickal.....Fr...Penn St. 33-2
- 3 ...Zach EpperlySo...Virginia Tech ... 17-3
- 4 ...Casey Kent.....Sr...Penn 32-9
- 5 ...Nate Jackson.....Jr...Indiana 35-9
- 6 ...Lelund Weatherspoon Jr...Iowa St. 27-13
- 7 ...Cody Walters.....Sr...Ohio 30-6
- 8 ...Alex Meyer.....Jr...Iowa 27-7

184 Pounds

- 1 ...Gabe Dean.....Jr...Cornell 34-1
- 2 ...TJ DudleyJr...Nebraska 24-7
- 3 ...Pete RendaJr...N.C. State 26-8
- 4 ...Nolan Boyd.....Jr...Oklahoma St. .. 33-8
- 5 ...Mathew Miller.....Sr...Navy 35-9
- 6 ...Willie Miklus.....So...Missouri 21-8
- 7 ...Nathaniel Brown.....Sr...Lehigh 26-6
- 8 ...Sam Brooks.....Jr...Iowa 27-6

197 Pounds

- 1 ...J'den Cox.....Jr...Missouri 33-1
- 2 ...Morgan McIntosh.....Sr...Penn St. 32-1
- 3 ...Brett PfarrJr...Minnesota 40-4
- 4 ...Nathan BurakSr...Iowa 27-4
- 5 ...Patrick Downey.....So...Iowa St. 11-4
- 6 ...Jared Haught.....So...Virginia Tech . 22-10
- 7 ...Conner HartmannSr...Duke 30-3
- 8 ...Brett HarnerJr...Princeton 36-6

285 Pounds

- 1 ...Kyle Snyder.....So...Ohio St. 11-0
- 2 ...Nick Gwiazdowski.....Sr...N.C. State 33-1
- 3 ...Adam CoonJr...Michigan 23-3
- 4 ...Ty WalzJr...Virginia Tech ... 27-4
- 5 ...Amarveer DhesiSo...Oregon St. 32-5
- 6 ...Austin MarsdenSr...Oklahoma St. .. 31-4
- 7 ...Michael Kroells.....Jr...Minnesota 35-9
- 8 ...Max WessellSr...Lehigh 27-7

(Round of 12, one match from All-American status)

125-Darian Cruz-So, Lehigh (31-7); Joshua Rodriguez-Jr, North Dakota State (37-10); Ronnie Bresser-Jr, Oregon State (31-9); Barlow McGhee-So, Missouri (25-9)

133-Mason Beckman-Sr, Lehigh (19-12); Dom Forsys-So, Pittsburgh (28-5); Ryan Taylor-Jr, Wisconsin (12-7); George DiCamillo-Jr, Virginia.

141-Anthony Adidin-Sr, Nebraska (21-15); Kevin Jack-So, North Carolina State (26-5); Seth Gross-Fr, South Dakota State (26-14); Micah Jordan-Fr, Ohio State (27-4).

149-Matt Cimato-Jr, Drexel (36-7); Mitch Finesilver-So, Duke (31-9); Jake Suefloh-Sr, Nebraska (29-8); Pat Lugo-Fr, Edinboro (32-9)

157-Brian Murphy-Jr, Michigan (11-9); Tyler Berger-Fr, Nebraska (24-13); Cody Pack-Sr, South Dakota State (29-5); Dylan Cottrell-Jr, West Virginia (33-11)

165-Connor Brennan-Sr, Rider (29-5); Tanner Weatherman-Sr, Iowa State (30-10); Jim Wilson-Jr, Stanford (27-8); Chad Welch-Sr, Purdue (33-9).

174-Jadaen Bernstein-So, Navy (34-13); Chandler Rogers-Fr, Oklahoma State (29-9); Blaise Butler-Sr, Missouri (23-5); Matt Reed-Jr, Oklahoma (21-11).

184-Zack Zavatsky-Fr, Virginia Tech (25-7); Blake Stauffer-Sr, Arizona State (26-4); Domenic Abouader-Jr, Michigan (26-4); Lorenzo Thomas-Sr, Penn (32-8).

197-Ryan Wolfe-Jr, Rider (30-10); Aaron Studebaker-Jr, Nebraska (23-11); Preston Weigel-Fr, Oklahoma State (19-12); Shawn Scott-Jr, Northern Illinois (27-11).

285-Tanner Harms-Sr, Wyoming (22-6); Billy Smith-Sr, Rutgers (31-10); Tanner Hall-Fr, Arizona State (26-12); Brooks Black-So, Illinois (22-11).

Dieringer Named *Amateur Wrestling News*' Second Pound For Pound Award Winner

Amateur Wrestling News published a feature last year that listed who we felt were the nation's top ten wrestlers each issue regardless of weight class of college division. The concept isn't new -- boxing's premier spotlight Ring Magazine has been doing it for decades. Of course results and records factored heavily into our choices, but being undefeated did not automatically gain a wrestler entrance onto the hallowed Pound For Pound page. Missouri's J'den Cox had a loss prior to the NCAA tournament, and he was included when others with unblemished records were not. Thankfully for us, Cox won the 197 pound NCAA title, proving that maybe we were onto something by including him.

This year's recipient of The Hammer is Oklahoma State's Alex Dieringer. The native of Port Washington, Wisconsin was the 15th Cowboy wrestler to win three national titles. To say that Dieringer is dominant understates his invincibility. He scored bonus points in 30 of his 37 bouts this year, and he had two falls and a major decision at the NCAAs. The last time he was defeated happened 82 bouts ago. He's been perfect for over two seasons.

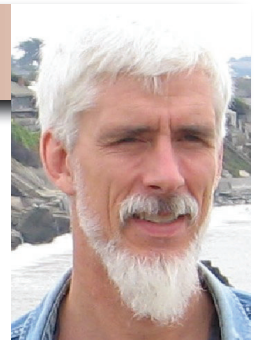
Congratulations Alex Dieringer. An award is only as prestigious as the quality of those who have previously won it. Last year's inaugural winner was Ohio State's Logan Stieber. With Dieringer now on the list, the award is solidly established.



Oklahoma State senior Alex Dieringer, 165-lbs., claimed his third NCAA title and went unbeaten over his last two years in college. Photo by John Johnson

Pound For Pound Final Top 10

1. Alex Dieringer – Oklahoma State, 165 lbs., 37-0, 3xNCAA Champion
2. Isaiah Martinez – Illinois, 157 lbs., 36-1, 2xNCAA Champion
3. J'den Cox – Missouri, 197 lbs., 37-1, 2xNCAA Champion
4. Gabe Dean – Cornell, 184 lbs., 38-1, 2xNCAA Champion
5. Kyle Snyder – Ohio State, Heavyweight, 15-0, NCAA Champion
6. Zain Retherford – Penn State, 149 lbs., 38-0, NCAA Champion
7. Nahshon Garrett – Cornell, 133 lbs., 41-2, NCAA Champion
8. Dean Heil – Oklahoma State, 141 lbs., 36-1, NCAA Champion
9. Nick Gwiazdowski – N.C. State, Heavyweight, 37-1, 2xNCAA Champion
10. Joey Davis--Notre Dame College, 184 lbs., 31-0, 4xNCAA Div. II Champion



The Lion Roars Tonight

What a mixed bag of emotions the Penn State victory party held beneath Madison Square Garden must have been following the NCAA's final session. The Nittany Lions, as expected, won the team title. That was decided before Saturday evening's title bouts even began. Oklahoma State had the runners-up spot clinched, though third place was still uncertain.

With three finalists, it seemed that Iowa might come away with that last trophy, but Virginia Tech occupied third by one point. The problem was that the Hokies had six All Americans but no finalists. Ohio State was four points back and needed both their finalists to win. In the end, the Buckeyes came out on top when Myles Martin (174) and Kyle Snyder (285) both won titles and Iowa left with none. But the main story was Penn State.

There was talk about Cael Sanderson's Nittany Lion's equaling the 2004-05 Oklahoma State crew that took half the individual crowns (Steve Mocco, Jake Rosholt, Johnny Hendricks, Chris Pendleton, and Zack Esposito). The evening began on track for Penn State as Nico Megaludis (125) and Zain Retherford (149) won, but disappointingly for the large Penn State contingent, the other three finalists came away empty handed.

It would be difficult to name a more dramatic NCAA wrestling tournament than this year's event, and Ohio State was at the center of most of these sensational moments. The Buckeyes broke hearts, but they also experienced heartbreak themselves when defending NCAA champ Nathan Tomasello was upset in the 125 pound semis by Iowa's Thomas Gilman with an OT pin, though the crowd boomed when the replay showed that the fall probably didn't happen. It didn't affect the bout's outcome, but it threatened to be a determining factor in the team standings, for the Hawkeyes and the Buckeyes were chugging through the sessions neck-in-neck.

The next big moment came during the finals when Buckeye freshman Myles Martin tossed Bo Nickal to his back, but even as staggering as that was, the determining takedown in OT at 285 pounds to give Kyle Snyder the victory over defending and 2xNCAA Nick Gwiazdowski was a moment that will reverberate for a long time. This was the year of the mobile heavyweights. Obviously Snyder and Gwiazdowski were unafraid to shoot under other big men, but neither were semifinal losers Ty Walz and Adam Coon. The action during Saturday night's heavyweight battle was unprecedented. 125 pounders aren't as active. Many feel it was the greatest heavyweight finals ever, but without a doubt, there has never been a first period in the history of that weight class to equal the one Snyder and Gwiazdowski treated the wrestling community to. It ended 0-0, which made it even more astounding.

Another high-drama moment came at 157 pounds when Isaiah Martinez secured a takedown in the closing seconds of his match

with Jason Nolf. Nolf had pinned Martinez earlier in the season, but lost to him for the Big Ten championship. In their match for the national title, Martinez got hit in the second period with a stall warning. It was an unpopular call, but as if to snub the official, Martinez barreled in immediately after the restart, though Nolf tied up his ankles to cause a stalemate. Going into the third period, the score was 4-3. Nolf was down and escaped to tie it up, but toward the bout's end, Martinez scored a takedown with a duck-under, and round one of a destined classic rivalry was done for the year. Martinez won the award for most tech falls.

There was much relief when Nahshon Garrett (133) and Nico Megaludis (125) won their titles. Megaludis had been to the finals twice before and lost. Garrett had been predicted to win after his sensational freshman year, but kept coming up short. There was no doubt at the Garden. The Cornell senior defeated Iowa's Cory Clark 7-6, though the score was no indication of Garrett's offensive onslaught that included a trio of takedowns.

The top three schools had two champions each. Cornell also had two champs, though they placed seventh in the team standings. Gabe Dean (184) won his second title by defeating Nebraska's Timothy Dudley 5-3. Dudley is from South Carolina, and no wrestler from the Palmetto State has ever finished higher. Cornell's problem was that besides their pair of national champs, only Dylan Palacio won All American honors. Palacio lost in the second round to Michigan's Brian Murphy, then fought back through the losers bracket to finish fourth. Interestingly, Palacio scored in every bout with the Peterson.

College wrestling will lose one of the sport's greatest ever. Oklahoma State's Alex Dieringer (165) won his third title by defeating Wisconsin's Isaac Jordan 6-2. The bout was all Dieringer, and Jordan's points represented two escapes. Dieringer accumulated 2:51 in riding time and had two take downs. Alex was named *Amateur Wrestling News'* Pound For Pound winner, and it would be a shock if he didn't receive the Hodge Trophy.

The Cowboys' other champ was Dean Heil. The 141 pound weight class had been considered one of the weaker ones all year, but it was certainly lively in New York. Heil went in as the top seed and didn't disappoint. Everyone expected him to face Stanford's Joey McKenna in the finals. Wyoming's Bryce Meredith, seeded No. 14, derailed that matchup in the semis with a 5-3 victory over McKenna.

Here's a look at what went right and wrong with the top six teams in order of how *Amateur Wrestling News* projected they would finish.

1. Penn State – The Nittany Lions did not exceed expectations, though as expected, they brought back the team title.

No other competitor wore more athletic tape than 125 pound Nico 'The Mummy' Megaludis, and despite his injuries, he managed to emerge as the last man standing in the tournament's

most brutal weight class. The other Penn State champ was Retherford. Nobody was as lethal, and he won the Most Dominant Wrestler Award.

Nine freshmen won All American honors this year. Sanderson's super freshmen were one of wrestling's major headlines this season, but at the ultimate moment, both Jason Nolf and Bo Nickal came up short. Nolf lost in his grudge match with the Fighting Illini's 2xNCAA champ Isaiah Martinez, and Nickal was upset by true freshman Myles Martin from Ohio State. Nickal had defeated Martin three times during the season, most recently at the Big Ten Tournament by fall. The final Nittany Lion to lose that night was senior Morgan McIntosh (197). The Californian will go down as one of the Penn State greats never to have won an NCAA title.

Jordan Conaway (133) was the only Penn State wrestler to navigate the wrestlebacks and earn All American honors by placing sixth. Penn State led after the second session, and never gave up the lead.

2. Oklahoma State – The Cowboys were projected to finish second, and that's what they did. Solidly. Their No. 1 seeds Dean Heil and Alex Dieringer won titles, and the supporting cast... well...supported. Four other Cowboy wrestlers won All American honors, but what separated John Smith's team from Virginia Tech and Iowa, both teams who also had six All Americans, was that Oklahoma State had two champions.

The Cowboys were realistically the only team with a chance at beating Penn State. But the odds of that happening grew slim within minutes of the tournament's start when sixth seeded Eddie Klimara (125) lost in round one to unseeded Conor Youtsey from Michigan. Klimara lost again to Ronnie Bresser in the wrestlebacks, and the team race instantly became an uphill struggle for the Cowboys.

Anthony Collica (149) progressed to the semis, then lost a close 4-2 bout against Iowa's Brandon Sorensen. He placed fourth, and so did Nolan Boyd (184). Austin Marsden (285) took sixth, and true freshman Joe Smith (157) defeated No. 2 seed Thomas Gantt for seventh place.

3. Iowa – The Hawkeyes have now gone two years without a national champion, and it's a drought that has the Brands brothers parched indeed. Iowa went into the finals with three wrestlers, and only Penn State had more. But the reality was that Brandon Sorensen (149) had Zain Retherford, the tournament's most dominant wrestler, to contend with, and he had never come close in his previous losses to the Nittany Lion. So that left Iowa with Thomas Gilman and Cory Clark (133). Clark lost last year 11-8 in the finals to Cody Brewer. This

year, an unfortunate draw (for Brewer) put the Sooner in the bracket's upper half with eventual champ Nahshon Garrett, so Clark roamed into the finals. Thomas Gilman, who upset Tomasello in the semis, was unable to stop Nico Megaludis in their title bout, and it seemed that maybe the semifinal drama against the Buckeye was too costly. Gilman lost 6-3.

Sammy Brooks (184) won the Big Tens and came into the NAAs as the No. 2 seed. Sammy's record was 27-6, and some felt he was seeded too high. Seems that maybe they were right. Brooks lost to Timothy Dudley 9-6 in the quarters, and then mustered only an eighth place finish for the Hawkeyes.

Nathan Burak equaled his No. 4 seed by placing fourth. Alex Meyer (174) lost in the first round to Lehigh's Gordon Wolf, then fought back to place eighth.

4. Ohio State – The Buckeyes, who were the defending national champs, scored 10.5 bonus points in round one and occupied the top spot after that session, .5 point ahead of Penn State.

"The only thing that matters is if we're still there after the final session," said coach Tom Ryan.

In the end, the Buckeyes just didn't have the horsepower to remain ahead of Penn State, or enough juice to catch Oklahoma State for the runner-up trophy. Ohio State placed third, though at the final session's start, even that seemed unlikely. Returning champ Tomasello was gone, and even Vegas refused to give odds on true freshman Myles Martin beating Bo Nickal.

Tom Ryan gets more out of rookies than any other DI coach. To date, he's had three win national titles (Logan Stieber, Tomasello, and Martin). But Myles Martin's win may have been the most exciting, and certainly the most unexpected. His six-point counter from Nickal's bear hug into an ankle pick brought the evening's biggest roar. The wrestlers had moved to the Penn State corner, and Martin's counter dropped Nickal onto his back at Sanderson's feet. Martin kept the move alive with just one foot inbounds. When it was over, nobody celebrated the victory more than Tom Ryan. This made third place tolerable for the Buckeye fans.

Kyle Snyder's win gave Ohio State sole possession of third place. Bo Jordan (167) lost to his cousin Isaac in the semis, but he and Tomasello earned third place finishes, which Ohio State had to have. Highly regarded Micah Jordan (141) lost in the quarters to Bryce Meredith in the final ten seconds when he was funked onto his back after leading. He failed to come back in the consolation bracket. Senior Kenny Courts (184), an All American last year, lost two bouts and was gone.

5. Missouri – Another disappointing finish for Missouri. They ended up sixth, though they did have a national champion. J'den Cox (197) returned to the top after failing to defend his national title last year. Cox, the No. 2 seed, progressed to the finals with a major decision and two falls. His title bout against Morgan McIntosh was methodical, and the outcome was never really in doubt. McIntosh had gone through the season undefeated, and except for a loss by disqualification, so had Cox.



NCAA DIVISION I FINALS AT 174--#11 seed Myles Martin, Ohio State, (left) decisively. #1 Bo Nickal, Penn State, 11-9. Photo by John Johnson.

Third seed Lavion Mayes (149) equaled his projected finish, though he was upset in the quarters by No. 11 Anthony Collica. Freshman Daniel Lewis (167) ended up fourth. Many had anticipated a classic showdown between Lewis and Dieringer in the semis. Lewis had lost to Dieringer 4-3 during the season, which was the closest anyone had come in two years to topping the Cowboy great. But Dieringer slapped that down with a 14-4 whipping of the Tiger rookie. Willie Miklus (184) exceeded expectations and placed sixth. Disappointing outings by Barlow McGhee (125) and Matt Manley (141) kept the Tigers from a third place finish. Manley failed to win a match, and McGhee was ousted in the round of twelve by Conor Youtsey.

6. Virginia Tech – Kevin Dresser was named this year's outstanding coach. It was well-deserved. The Hokies had six All Americans.

VT's fourth place finish must have been extra-satisfying to Hokie fans, for they outdistanced Iowa by one point. This new high had to quell somewhat the sting from the Brands brothers' defection from VT to Iowa.

Amazingly, the Hokies had only one semifinalist, and that was Ty Walz (285). Walz stood up well to eventual champion Kyle Snyder, but still lost 10-6. He ended up finishing fourth. But what the stealthy Hokies did in the shadows made all the difference.

Except for Walz, VT's All Americans equaled or exceeded their seeds. No. 8 Zach Epperly (174) took third after losing in the first round. He moved through the wrestlebacks with three major decisions and a win by forfeit and scored more points than eventual champion Martin. Epperly defeated Iowa's Alex Meyer in the first All American round, which had big team standing implications. Nick Brascetta

(157) placed third from a No. 8 seed. Jarod Haught (197/No. 6), David McFadden (165/No. 14), and Solomon Chisko (141/No. 7) all placed sixth.

As well as the Hokies performed, they could have placed higher. No. 2 seed Joey Dance (125) lost in round two to David Terao, then fell again in the wrestlebacks. The injured Dance was carried from the arena floor. No. 5 seed Zach Zavatsky (184) lost in the quarters 4-3 to Pete Renda, then again in the losers bracket 2-1 to Nate Brown. Expect the Hokies to be even more prominent next year.

Sneaky

Michigan junior Connor Youtsey once again defied odds and shocked the seeding committee by snatching All American honors. Youtsey surprised everyone by placing sixth last year, losing to Nahshon Garrett 9-3 in the match for fifth place. This year, the Wolverine was unranked much of the season. He failed to place at the Cliff Keen Las Vegas Invitational, and he entered the NAAs unseeded with a sloppy 12-13 record. But then he won his first two bouts, upsetting Oklahoma State's Eddie Klimera 7-6 in the opening round. He lost 4-0 to Nico Megaludis, then proceeded to wreak havoc in the wrestlebacks. He upset Barlow McGhee, which ended the Tiger's chance at becoming an All American, then stung Connor Schram in OT. Youtsey ended up taking fifth, and at this pace, he'll go out next year with a fourth place finish.

Nice Guys Finish First

Maybe this is going to become a tradition. After their title bouts, Alex Dieringer and Zain Retherford tossed their headgear to kids in the stands. What a souvenir for the lucky fans, and a show of class from two of this sports most class-acts.

Small College National Championships

Davis Makes Division II History, Huskies Defend Team Title

By Ray Maloney

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. – Experience and youth stole the show at the 2016 NCAA Division II wrestling championship March 12 in Sioux Falls, S.D. and St. Cloud State added to its growing distinction as the top mat program in the nation.

Meanwhile, Notre Dame College's Joey Davis made history by winning his fourth consecutive national championship and completing his collegiate career with a perfect 130-0 record.

St. Cloud State captured its second consecutive national championship as the Huskies racked up 90 points. SCSU has not won a national championship in any other sport in school history.

Davis' Notre Dame College squad finished second in the team standings after scoring 82 points to place ahead of Nebraska-Kearney, which tallied 78 ½ points in the tournament. Pittsburgh-Johnstown (71 ½) and Maryville (65 ½) rounded out the top five teams.

Redshirt freshman Brett Velasquez paced the Huskies to the team title by winning the national crown at 125 pounds. He defeated Mercyhurst's Willy Bohince 5-0 in the title match.

He became the sixth wrestler in school history to earn a Division II national championship and the 16th Huskie to win a national championship in the history of the school. St. Cloud State, a member of the Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference since 2008-09, was a member of the North Central Conference before that league disbanded following the 2008 season. SCSU competed in the NAIA prior to joining the NCC in 1981.

Velasquez was the lone SCSU matman to reach the finals, but all seven Huskies who appeared in the national tournament earned all-America honors by placing in the top eight at their respective weight classes. Clint Poster earned his fourth consecutive all-America finish by placing third at 165 pounds, while teammate Austin Goerger placed third at 285 pounds to capture his third straight all-America honor.

Matt Nelson (141) and Jay Hildreth (149) both captured all-America honors for the second time in their careers. Nelson placed fifth, while Hildreth finished in fourth place at the national tournament. Clayton Jennissen (174) and Uthman Rabiou (184) finished seventh and eighth, respectively, for the Huskies.

SCSU's Steve Costanzo, who guided the Huskies to a 16-1 dual record during the season, was selected the 2016 National Wrestling Coaches Association coach of the year. He has led SCSU to a top-10 finish eight times since 2009, including runner-up finishes in 2011-13

before winning the championship a year ago.

Davis captured his history-making title with a thrilling 3-1 decision over Pittsburgh-Johnstown's Travis McKillop in the 184-pound title bout.

Scoreless after the first two periods, McKillop took the lead with an escape to open the final period. That was when Davis countered with a low-level attack and rode McKillop the rest of the way to seal the championship.

Davis joins four other Division II wrestlers to win four national championships. None of that quartet posted an unblemished career record.

Wartburg Regains Division III National Championship

CEDAR RAPIDS, Iowa – The sour taste of finishing second in the national tournament a year ago was replaced by joy as Wartburg College ran away with the NCAA Division III title last month in Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

It was the 12th national title in school history and the fifth in six years for the Knights.

Wartburg finished with 129 ½ points en route to the team title and finished well ahead of second-place Messiah College, which tallied 100 points in the tournament. Luther (64), Wabash (55 ½) and Augsburg (46 ½) rounded out the top five schools.

Kenny Martin was the lone Knight to win a national championship as he slipped past

Cornell College's Trevor Engle 7-5 in their title bout at 149 pounds. But, Wartburg had four other wrestlers advance to the final round. Dew Wagenhoff (157), Nicholas Michael (165), along with Eric DeVos (174) and Gerard Roman (197) all lost their championship matches by a combined seven points.

Messiah crowned a pair of champions in the tournament as Lucas Malberg and Ben Swarr emerged victorious at 125 and 174 pounds, respectively. Senior Josh Thomsen placed second at 184 pounds to earn his fourth all-America finish for the Falcons.

Unseeded Devin Broukal of Wabash defeated New York University's Nathan Pike for the title at 133 pounds to become the first unseeded national champion since Springfield's Devin Biscaha turned the trick in 2013 to win at 157 pounds.

Two other notable finishes took place at the tournament as Roger Williams' David Welch became the first national champion in school history when he defeated Roman in the 197-pound finale. Riley Lefever, meanwhile, became just the 16th wrestler in Division III history to win three national titles when he defeated Thomsen 12-4 for the 184 pound championship. Lefever will attempt to join former Augsburg standout Marcus LeVesseur next year as the only four-time champions.



NCAA DIVISION III 165 LB FINAL -- Logan Hermesen, Stevens Point (right) decision Nick Michael, Wartburg 5-3 SV. Photo by John Johnson

Grand View Establishes Scoring Record En Route to Fifth Straight NAIA Championship

TOPEKA, Kan. – Grand View joined a prestigious list of wrestling giants by winning its fifth consecutive NAIA national championship on March 5 at the Topeka Expo Centre.

The Vikings advanced seven wrestlers into the championship round and came away with three titlists en route to racking up 210 points. That smashed the previous benchmark of 193 set by Dana (Neb.) in 1993 and tied by Grand View in 2014.

Grand View became the first team in NAIA history to win five straight championships and joined the likes of traditional powerhouses Iowa, Oklahoma State, Bakersfield and Cal Poly to win as many national championships at any level of collegiate wrestling.

Iowa won nine straight championships (1978-86) and reeled off six straight from 1995-2000. Oklahoma State captured seven straight championships from 1937-49. Cal Poly won seven straight NCAA Division II titles (1968-74), while Bakersfield won five straight (1979-83).

“It’s awesome,” Grand View coach Nick Mitchell said of his team’s historic performance. “I never would have thought that we were going to end up in a place like we are now.

“We lost six all-Americans last year and had a lot of new faces in the room.” Mitchell added. “We had a bunch of guys that didn’t have national championship experience. To see these guys put in the work, live the championship lifestyle and believe in the system and have it pay off for them makes me so proud.”

Jacob Colon (133), Michael Pixley (184) and Dean Broghammer (285) all came away with national titles for the Vikings. Pixley, who finished second at last year’s national tournament, ended the 2015-16 season with a 28-0 record and was selected as the wrestler of the year.

Warner Pacific’s Blake Cooper, who won the title at 165 pounds, was selected as the tournament’s outstanding wrestler.

Baker University, which finished tied for sixth in the final team standings, joined Grand View as the only school to crown as many as two national champions. Victor Hughes, the No. 8 seed, slipped past Southern Oregon’s Tyler Cowger 4-3 in the 149 title bout. It was Hughes’ second all-America finish after placing eighth a year ago. Colby Crank, meanwhile, earned his fourth all-American placement when he defeated Grand View’s Grant Henderson 4-3 at 157 pounds. Crank placed second at last year’s tournament.

Montana State-Northern finished well behind Grand View with 104 points in the tournament, while Indiana Tech and Missouri Valley tied for third place with 75 ½ points. Campbellsville (Kent.) rounded out the top five schools with 66 ½ points.

NE Oklahoma A&M Crowns Three To Claim NJCAA Title

COUNCIL BLUFFS, Iowa – Northeastern Oklahoma A&M crowned three individual champions and rolled to its second national championship in three years after racking up 152 ½ points to capture the National Junior College Athletic Association championship on Feb. 27 at the Mid-America Center in Council Bluffs.

Sophomore Dawaylon Barnes emerged with several close wins throughout the tournament and won the national title with a 5-2 decision Ridgewater sophomore Christopher Schmidt in the final at 157 pounds to give NE Oklahoma A&M its first national champion of the tournament. Teammates Jacobe Smith and Blake Andrews also won individual titles for the Golden Norsemen. Smith, who was selected as the outstanding wrestler of the tournament, defeated Ellsworth’s Jordan Gundrum by a

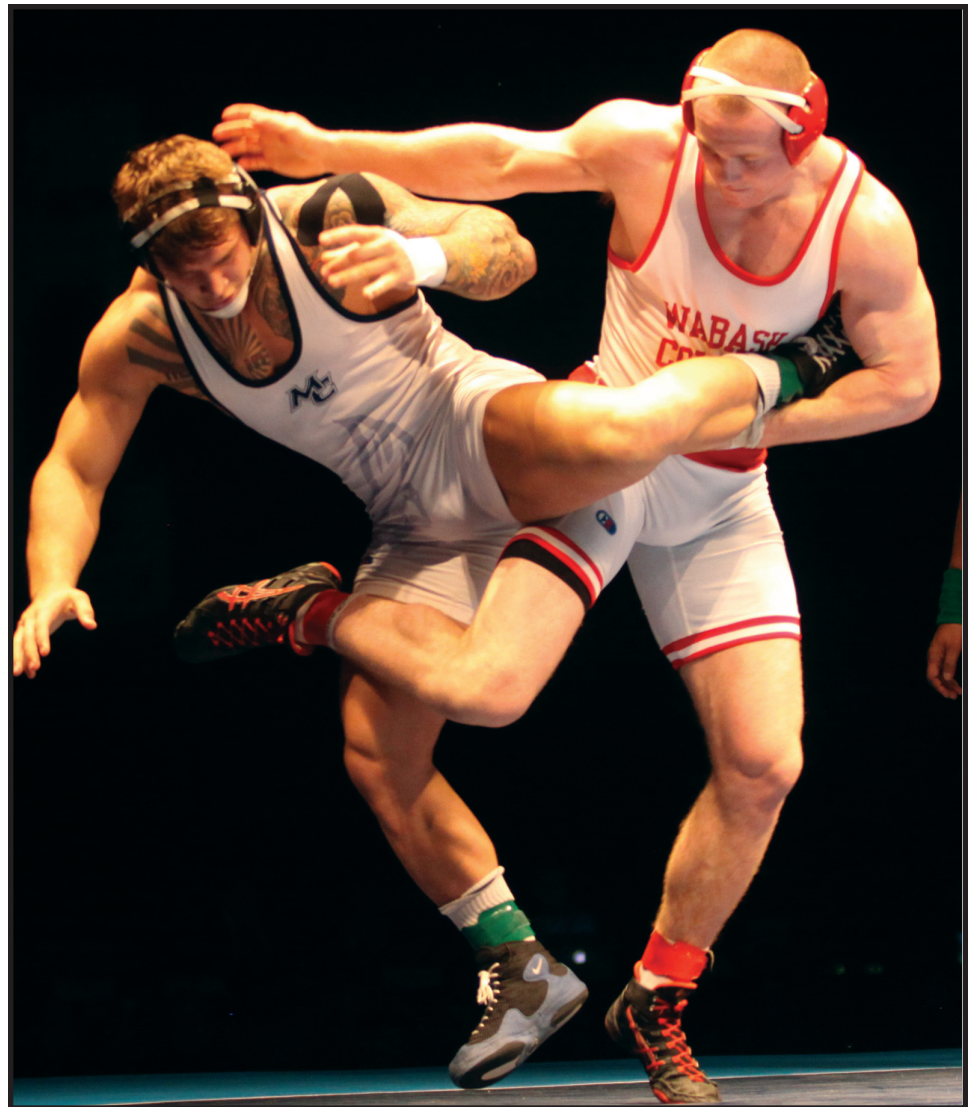
14-5 major decision to win his second straight national championship. Andrews, meanwhile, used a rally in the final two minutes of his 285 pound match against Iowa Lakes’ Guy Henson before pinning Henson in the final match of the tournament.

Iowa Central finished second in the team standings with 128 points and finished ahead of Ellsworth, which tallied 98 points in the tournament. Iowa Western and North Iowa Area each scored 90 ½ points to round out the top five schools. A total of 35 schools scored in the tournament.

Iowa Central’s runner-up finish is the 10th time in 11 seasons the Tritons have placed in the top five in the national tournament. Sophomore Jason Alfau (141) and Tyler Hoffman (184) both won individual titles for Iowa Central.

Joe Renfro was voted as the NJCAA coach of the year after leading the Golden Norsemen to

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NCAA DIVISION III -- Three-time National Champion and Outstanding Wrestler, Riley Lefever, Wabash major decision Josh Thomson, Messiah at 184 lbs. Lefever finished his junior season as a three time champ and has never lost to a DIII opponent. Photo by John Johnson

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the title. It was his fifth national championship of his career after leading Labette (Kan.) to national titles in 2005, 2012 and 2013 before taking over at Northeastern Oklahoma A&M and leading that school to the 2014 championship.

Emmanuel Wins Four Of Five Finals, NCWA Collegiate Cup

By Scott Farrell

KISSIMMEE, Fla. – Emmanuel College put a championship stamp on the end of its first season, winning the NCWA Collegiate Cup as the association's overall champion. The Lions won four of their five finals matches to pull away from Central Florida and Grand Valley State, taking the title with 213 points.

Central Florida took the Division I team title with 191 points, with Grand Valley State second at 188. Liberty, the defending champion, placed fourth at 97.5 and Penn State-DuBois was fifth at 92.5. Florida won its first Division II team title with 72 points, followed by the Penn State Wrestling Club with 59.5 and Colorado, with its highest finish ever in third at 53.5. Southwestern Oregon Community College won its fifth consecutive NCWA Women's Championships with 126.5 points, with Ottawa (Kan.) second at 83.5.

Emmanuel took a huge leap in the final rounds' opening minutes when Brent Newcomer (22-11) won the 125-pound bracket over UCF's Timothy Sakow, taking the match by fall in 2:57. Darius Bunch then won the 133 class with a tiebreaker win in overtime, 6-4, over Nick Anthony of UCF. The pair of wins increased the distance between Emmanuel, which went into the finals rounds ahead by 12 points, and UCF, when still had three wrestlers in the finals to come but now had the added pressure of having to sweep them to still think about the title.

Geordan Speiller, the U.S. Greco-Roman champion and Pan Am Olympic qualifier, won the 174 bracket for UCF. But when Cody Chaney won the 184 title with a 6-3 decision over UCF's Chandler Dobler, it all but clinched the championship for Emmanuel. Maveric Rechsteiner added the 197 title moments later with a 12-5 win over Matt Wagner of the U.S. Air Force Academy Prep School.

UCF finished 1-4 in its finals matches.

Other highlights included Florida winning its first national title from Trace Thome at 157 pounds. Thome didn't give up an offensive point in the tournament, then topped Joseph Prieto of Colorado in the final, 3-1. Prieto and his brother Julian (149 pounds) were the first All-Americans in Colorado's NCWA history.

Zachary Cooper of Grand Valley State earned the tournament's Most Outstanding Wrestler Award, winning the 141 bracket with an 18-1 tech fall over Will Hale of Emmanuel.

Ty Haines of Penn State-DuBois won the 149 bracket over previously-undefeated and

four-time All-American Nick Cegelski of USC. Cegelski went into the match at 26-0. Haines' title is the first for PSU-DuBois under the NCWA banner.

Ricky Padilla and Mo Fifita combined to keep an impressive streak by Air Force Academy Prep alive. Padilla won the 165 title with a 4-2 win over Austin Geerlings of Grand Valley State, 4-2, and Fifita closed the finals rounds at heavyweight with a 3-1 tiebreaker win over Jesse Gaudin of UCF. Air Force Prep has now had at least two All-Americans in the past six seasons, and has had 19 All-Americans overall in the same time frame.

William Vincent of Mott Community College (Mich.) won his first national title in his second All-American finish, pinning Stevan Webb of Connecticut in 3:26. Vincent took seventh at 174 in 2009.

In the women's tournament, Yolanda Lawes highlighted the field by winning her fourth consecutive national title at 109 pounds, pinning Tabitha Sparks of Ottawa in 6:23. Samantha Frank of Maine won her second consecutive Most Outstanding Wrestler Award for the women's division after taking the 101 title with a pin in 1:56 over Mali'e Gonsalves of Southwestern Oregon CC.

The tournament's individual awards were: Women's Coach of the Year: Vince Majalca, Arizona; Women's Most Outstanding Wrestler: Samantha Frank, Maine; Men's Coach of the Year: Jake Brumbelow, Emmanuel College; Men's Most Outstanding Wrestler: Zachary Cooper, Grand Valley State.

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Rank	Wrestler	Year	School	State
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2	Dylan D'Emilio	Fr	Genoa Area	OH
3	Kevan Gentle	Sr	Jim Thorpe	PA
4	Travis Ford-Melton	Fr	Marian Catholic	IL
5	Joe Manchio	So	Seneca	NJ
6	Kyle Biscaglia	So	Wauke	IA
7	Joey Melendez	So	Montini Catholic	IL
8	Michael Colaiocco	Fr	Blair Academy	NJ
9	Patrick McKee	So	St. Michael-Albertville	MN
10	Joe Aragona	Fr	Pope John XXIII	NJ
11	Aaron Cashman	So	Mound Westonka	MN
12	Nico Aguilar	So	Gilroy	CA

113 Pounds

1	Gavin Teasdale	So	Jefferson-Morgan	PA
2	Real Woods	So	Montini Catholic	IL
3	Sebastian Rivera	Sr	Christian Brothers	NJ
4	Danny Vega	Sr	Ironwood Ridge	AZ
5	Julian Chlebove	Fr	Northampton	PA
6	Patrick Glory	So	Delbarton School	NJ
7	Brody Teske	So	Fort Dodge	IA
8	Matt Parker	Jr	Pennridge	PA
9	Tommy Cox	Sr	Deer Park	NY
10	Chris Cannon	Fr	Blair Academy	NJ
11	Tommy Hoskins	So	Dayton Christian	OH
12	Paxton Rosen	Jr	Edmond North	OK

120 Pounds

1	Spencer Lee	Jr	Franklin Regional	PA
2	Justin Mejia	Jr	Clovis	CA
3	Austin DeSanto	Jr	Exeter Twp	PA
4	Jason Renteria	Jr	Oak Park River Forest	IL
5	Roman Bravo-Young	Jr	Sunnyside	AZ
6	Brandon Cray	Sr	Steinert	NJ
7	Nick Raimo	Fr	Hanover Park	NJ
8	Brandon Courtney	Jr	Desert Edge	AZ
9	Paul Bianchi	Sr	Two Rivers	WI
10	Jack Wagner	Sr	Bettendorf	IA
11	Noah Baughman	Sr	Wadsworth	OH
12	Jack Davis	So	Wyoming Seminary	PA

126 Pounds

1	Nick Suriano	Sr	Bergen Catholic	NJ
2	Luke Karam	Sr	Bethlehem Catholic	PA
3	Daton Fix	Jr	Sand Springs	OK
4	Austin Gomez	Jr	Glenbard North	IL
5	Jack Mueller	Sr	Trinity Christian	TX
6	Joey Silva	So	Lake Highland Prep	FL
7	Tyshawn White	Sr	Central Dauphin	PA
8	Ty Agaisse	Sr	Delbarton School	NJ
9	Kyle Norstrom	Sr	Brandon	FL
10	Travis Piotrowski	Sr	Prairie Ridge	IL
11	Alex Thomsen	So	Underwood	IA
12	Mitch Moore	So	Graham	OH

132 Pounds

1	Chad Red	Sr	New Palestine	IN
2	Vito Anujau	Jr	Syosset	NY
3	Nick Lee	Jr	Mater Dei	IN
4	Rudy Yates	Sr	Carl Sandburg	IL
5	Kaden Gfeller	Jr	Heritage Hall	OK
6	Dylan Duncan	Sr	Montini Catholic	IL
7	Requir van der Merwe	Sr	Blair Academy	NJ
8	Mathew Schmitt	Sr	Platte County	MO
9	Jaden Mattox	So	Central Crossing	OH
10	Colby Smith	Sr	Holt	MO
11	Ben Freeman	Jr	Walled Lake Central	MI
12	Taylor Ortiz	Sr	Brookville	PA

138 Pounds

1	Yianni Diakomihalis	Jr	Hilton	NY
2	Luke Pletcher	Sr	Greater Latrobe	PA
3	Micky Phillippi	Sr	Derry Area	PA
4	Shane Griffith	So	Bergen Catholic	NJ
5	Mitch McKee	Sr	St. Michael-Albertville	MN
6	Hunter Marko	Sr	Amery	WI
7	Sammy Sasso	So	Nazareth	PA
8	Taylor Lamont	Sr	Maple Mountain	UT
9	Brent Moore	Sr	Graham	OH
10	Hunter Ladnier	Sr	St. Edward	OH
11	Navonte Demison	Sr	Bakersfield	CA
12	Brayton Lee	So	Brownsburg	IN

145 Pounds

1	Cam Coy	Jr	Penn-Trafford	PA
2	David Carr	So	Massillon Perry	OH
3	Austin O'Connor	Jr	St. Rita of Cascia	IL
4	Zander Wick	Sr	San Marino	CA
5	Carter Happel	Sr	Lisbon	IA
6	Frankie Gissendanner	So	Penfield	NY
7	Kanen Storr	So	Leslie	MI
8	Mike Carr	Sr	South Fayette	PA
9	Ethan Karsten	Sr	Platte County	MO
10	Logan Lacure	Sr	Dayton Christian	OH
11	Jarrett Deegen	Sr	Belgrade	MT
12	Dom Demas	Jr	Dublin Coffman	OH

152 Pounds

Rank	Wrestler	Year	School	State
1	Mason Manville	Sr	Wyoming Seminary	PA
2	Hayden Hilday	Sr	Mifflin County	PA
3	Griffin Parnott	Sr	New Prague	MN
4	Evan Wick	Sr	San Marino	CA
5	Colton Clingenpeel	Sr	Thomas Jefferson	IA
6	Quentin Hovis	Jr	Seton Catholic	AZ
7	Devin Bahr	Sr	West Salem	WI
8	Stephan Glasgow	Jr	Bound Brook	NJ
9	Jake Tucker	Sr	Mount Carmel	IL
10	Josiah Rider	So	Grand Junction	CO
11	Julian Ramirez	Fr	Tampa Jesuit	FL
12	Jake Allar	Jr	St. Michael-Albertville	MN

160 Pounds

1	Kaleb Young	Sr	Punxsutawney	PA
2	Isaiah White	Sr	Oak Park River Forest	IL
3	Jake Wentzel	Sr	South Park	PA
4	Brady Berge	Jr	Kasson-Mantorville	MN
5	Austin Kraisser	Sr	Centennial	MD
6	Wyatt Sheets	Sr	Stillwell	OK
7	Layne van Anrooy	Jr	Roseburg	OR
8	Justin Thomas	Sr	Calvary Chapel	CA
9	Kyle Lawson	Jr	Olentangy Liberty	OH
10	Travis Wittake	So	Marshfield	PA
11	Kyle Biedermupfel	Sr	Don Bosco Prep	NJ
12	Jacob Covaciu	Sr	Merrillville	IN

170 Pounds

1	Mark Hall	Sr	Apple Valley	MN
2	Alex Marinelli	Sr	Graham	OH
3	Brandon Dallavia	Sr	Blair Academy	NJ
4	Mikay Labriola	Jr	Bethlehem Catholic	PA
5	Thomas Bullard	Sr	Archer	GA
6	Jelani Embree	Jr	Lincoln	MI
7	Joe Grello	Sr	Bergen Catholic	NJ
8	Nino Bonaccorsi	Jr	Bethel Park	PA
9	Austin Bell	Sr	Belle Vernon Area	PA
10	Drew Hughes	Sr	Lowell	IN
11	Louie DePrez	Jr	Hilton	NY
12	Elijah Cleary	Sr	Lake Highland Prep	FL

182 Pounds

1	Beau Breske	Sr	Hartford Union	WI
2	Blake Rypel	Sr	Cathedral	IN
3	Keegan Moore	Sr	Jackson County Central	MN
4	Jacob Warner	Jr	Washington Community	IL
5	Nathan Traxler	Sr	Marmion Academy	IL
6	Josh Hokit	Sr	Clovis	CA
7	Dakota Geer	Sr	Franklin	PA
8	Max Dean	Sr	Lowell	MI
9	Michael Beard	So	Malvern Prep	PA
10	Daniel Bullard	Sr	Archer	GA
11	Tucker Leavitt	Sr	Highland	ID
12	Kyle Betourme	Sr	Bishop McNamara	IL

195 Pounds

1	Chase Singletary	Jr	Blair Academy	NJ
2	Nick Reenan	Sr	Wyoming Seminary	PA
3	Sam Colbray	Sr	Hermiston	OR
4	Ben Darmstadt	Sr	Elyria	OH
5	Eric Schultz	Sr	Tinley Park	IL
6	Kevin Mulligan	Sr	Bergen Catholic	NJ
7	Christian Araneo	Sr	Ward Melville	NY
8	Sam Cook	Sr	Fort Dodge	IA
9	Jack Harris	Sr	Urbana	OH
10	Jake Jakobsen	Sr	Stroudsburg	PA
11	Christian Brunner	Sr	Dundee Crown	IL
12	Brandon Whitman	So	Dundee	MI

220 Pounds

1	Gable Steveson	So	Apple Valley	MN
2	Matt Stencel	Sr	Clay	OH
3	Matt Correnti	Sr	Holy Cross	NJ
4	Cohlton Schultz	Fr	Ponderosa	CO
5	Dylan Meeks	Jr	Dr. Phillips	FL
6	Mason Parris	So	Lawrenceburg	IN
7	Jacob Robb	Sr	Armstrong	PA
8	Landon Pellham	Sr	Tecumseh	MI
9	Ethan Andersen	Sr	Southeast Polk	IA
10	Jared Campbell	Jr	St. Edward	OH
11	Lucas Ready	Sr	Brighton	MI
12	Trevor Eicher	Sr	Deer Park	WA

285 Pounds

1	Osawaru Odighizuwa	Sr	David Douglas	OR
2	Shawn Streck	Sr	Merrillville	IN
3	Carter Isley	Sr	Albia Community	IA
4	Nick Coe	Sr	Asheboro	NC
5	Seth Nevills	So	Clovis	CA
6	Kameron Teacher	Sr	Central Crossing	OH
7	Kevin Vough	Jr	Elyria	OH
8	Gannon Gremmel	Sr	Hempstead Dubuque	IA
9	Trent Hillger	Jr	Lake Fenton	MI
10	Edwin Rubio	Sr	John Glenn	NY
11	Jake Beistel	Sr	Southmoreland	PA
12	Brandon Metz	Jr	West Fargo	ND

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1	Blair Academy	NJ
2	Wyoming Seminary	PA
3	Graham	OH
4	Bergen Catholic	NJ
5	Bethlehem Catholic	PA
6	Buchanan	CA
7	St. Edward	OH
8	Oak Park and River Forest	IL
9	Clovis	CA
10	Belle Vernon Area	PA
11	Lake Highland Prep	FL
12	Tuttle	OK
13	Poway	CA
14	Apple Valley	MN
15	Washington Community	IL
16	Marmion Academy	IL
17	Carl Sandburg	IL
18	Elyria	OH
19	Mount Carmel	IL
20	St. Michael-Albertville	MN
21	Nazareth	PA
22	Boyertown	PA
23	Malvern Prep	PA
24	Archer	GA
25	Allen	TX
26	Delta	OH
27	Camden County	GA
28	Warren Central	IN
29	Kasson-Mantorville	MN
30	Southeast Polk	IA
31	West Des Moines Valley	IA
32	Kiski Area	PA
33	Fort Dodge	IA
34	Brownsburg	IN
35	Anoka	MN
36	Pomona	CO
37	Olentangy Liberty	OH
38	Park Hill	MO
39	Hilton	NY
40	Pueblo County	CO

High School Insider

“The things that will destroy America are prosperity-at-any-price, peace-at-any-price, safety-first instead of duty-first, the love of soft living, and the get-rich-quick theory of life.”
Theodore Roosevelt, U.S. President 1901-1909

“Where’s the beef” was the famous line from a Wendy’s commercial 25 years ago. In this vein, wrestling debates often center on which states are strongest. One measuring stick is NCAA Division I qualifiers. No doubt No. 1 is Pennsylvania with a massive 63 qualifiers this year, followed in second place as is often the case by Ohio way back with 31. Rounding out the top five are New Jersey and Illinois with 27 each, and California with 19. Twenty years ago in this column this reporter dubbed “The Wrestling Belt” as being the three state stretch from Ohio through Pennsylvania to New Jersey. We can add Illinois which is only one state removed from Ohio.

Lee Dominates In Comeback

Hershey Pa. – The nation’s No. 1 recruit next year junior Spencer Lee dominated in the 120 pound finals of the 2016 Pennsylvania class AAA wrestling championships, winning by a 15-0 technical fall over Exeter Township’s Austin DeSanto, ranked the No. 2 wrestler in the state at that weight. Lee stayed unbeaten in

his career (109-0) and won his third consecutive PIAA title. Lee is from Franklin Regional, and is a former Cadet World freestyle champion.

Spencer Lee looked up to the crowd in the Giant Center on Saturday night and held up three fingers on both hands after his technical fall win. He later apologized for his celebration. Lee said, “That’s not me. I respect my opponent and the sport too much. I guess I celebrated like I did because of the adversity I faced for six weeks during the season when I was rehabbing my shoulder.”

“Obviously he’s a good wrestler,” Lee said DeSanto (50-1) wrestled aggressively. “I was happy that he wanted to try to take me down. My job is to go out score points and have fun. I hate when I have to chase people around the mat.” Lee had three first-period pins and a technical fall in his title run. Lee’s ultimate goal is to be an Olympic champion. Those who have seen him in action don’t doubt it occurs.

Another noteworthy wrestler winning his third PIAA title was Latrobe 138 pound senior Luke Pletcher (43-1, 166-5), who defeated Easton senior Evan Fidelibus, 3-1. Pletcher finished second to Waynesburg’s A.C. Headlee in 2015. He is also one of the few 4x Powerade champions in history. Pletcher said, “I didn’t want to end my career on a bad note. When you lose, it can be devastating. It affected me for a while.

But the loss also made me a man. It made me work harder.” Pletcher will wrestle at Ohio State University.

With three champions and six medalists overall, AWN No. 4 Bethlehem Catholic rolled to the AAA

team title with 126.5 points. Three-time state champ 126 Luke Karam led the way for the Golden Hawks, and 132 Joey Gould and 170 Michael Labriola both won titles. Nazareth (90 points), Mifflin County (85.5), Belle Vernon (71.5) and Pennridge (61) rounded out the top five in the standings. In class AA Brookville prevailed over Huntingdon by two points, 72.5 to 70.5.

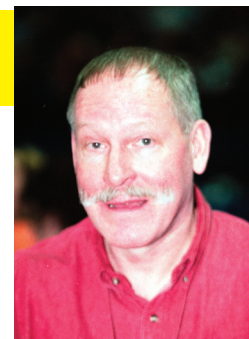
Suriano Wins Fourth in N.J.

Establishing himself as one of the best ever in N.J., AWN No. 1 at 126 Nick Suriano of AWN No. 5 Bergen Catholic won his fourth state title with a career record of 159-0. Suriano defeated Ty Agaisse of Delbarton 3-1 in the final held at Boardwalk Hall in Atlantic City. Suriano will wrestle at Penn State. Three others from Bergen Catholic won titles. Though no team scores are kept at New Jersey states no doubt Bergen Catholic is the best. At 138 sophomore Shane Griffith rallied for a 4-2 overtime victory over Michael Van Brill of Clearview. In another showdown of ranked wrestlers, Kevin Mulligan knocked off Dean Drugac of Morris Knolls, 5-1, in the 195 pound final. Also winning his second title was AWN No. 7 Joe Grello at 170 pounds.

Marinelli Wins Fourth in Ohio

AWN’s No. 2 ranked 170 pound wrestler in the country Alex Marinelli of No. 3 St. Paris Graham dominated this tournament at Schottenstein Arena on the campus of Ohio State University with three pins and a 15-7 major decision in the championship match. The Iowa recruit, who reminds me of Brent Metcalf, finished his career with a career record of 200-4 and a 137 match winning streak. AWN No. 3 St. Paris Graham won their 16th straight Division II state title and qualified 13 wrestlers for state, all of whom placed. The 253 team points eclipsed last year’s 250 point total as the second most in the history of the state tournament for any team in any division. The record is held by St. Paris Graham in 2009 scoring 282 points. Marinelli was joined by four other Graham wrestlers as state champions: 126 Mitch Moore, brother 138 Brent Moore, 145 Rocky Jordan and 160 Garrett Jordan.

History made, the previous 27 times that a 3x state champion made it to the Ohio state



With Bob Preusse



Nick Suriano of Bergen Catholic (right) won his fourth New Jersey state title and finished his career with a record of 159-0. Photo by Dan Long.

tournament with a chance to win his fourth title, in fact that wrestler did win his fourth state title. However, this weekend at 120 pounds Seth Beard of Napoleon beat Tyler Warner of Claymont who was going for his fourth, 6-4, in the Division II semifinal. Beard would go on to win the state title over returning state runner-up Justin Sticklely of St. Paris Graham 6-3. Beard became Napoleon's first state champ. AWN No. 7 St. Edward won its 30th Division I state tournament. Runner-up was No. 19 Elyria with 105 points, their highest total in program history. No. 37 Olentangy Liberty scored 95 points, led by now three-time state champion 160 Kyle Lawson. The most anticipated match of the state tournament was the 145 pound final, one in which AWN No. 2 David Carr of Massillon Perry prevailed over Dominick Demas of Dublin Coffman, 8-4.

Illinois Is Elite

Illinois has dominated summer freestyle and Greco for the last decade, both in Fargo and at Junior Duals, so we know there's talent in The Land of Lincoln. State guru Mack Bolen told me, "In Class 2A it was widely considered a two team race with the newly adopted 'success factor' pushing Montini Catholic, winners of 8 straight Class 2A titles, up to Class 3A. Being an unseeded tournament, the top two teams AWN No. 13 Mt. Carmel of Chicago and No. 16 Washington Community ended up meeting in the semifinals. Mt. Carmel had a undefeated dual meet record, Cheesehead title and Chicago Catholic League title. However Washington with



Spencer Lee won his 3rd Pennsylvania state title, the Cadet Worlds and continued unbeaten in high school. (photo by Tom Elling)



Alex Marinelli (right) won his fourth state title pinning Licking Valley's Anthony Moran in the quarters. Photo by Deanne Moore

several individual placers in the Ironman and a sixth place finish at The Clash prevailed 34-32. Much like Class 2A, the Class 3A title was a two team race, after No. 17 Marmion Academy defeated Carl Sandburg in the sectionals. No. 8 Oak Park River Forest, defending national champs, recorded a key major decision by 3x state champ AWN No. 1 at 160 Isaiah White to put the meet out of reach 33-12 and secured the Huskies 3rd straight Class 3A Team title. White will wrestle for Ohio State.

Buchanan Prevails Over Clovis

As related to me by Golden State guru Al Fontes, "Buchanan high school in Clovis was founded in 1991 and in 2006 won their first CIF State Championship. Since that time, the Bears have placed in the top five at the state championships nine times and produced a total of sixty-three state medalist. The 2015-16 season was an exceptional one for head coach Troy Tirapelle and staff. Ranked No. 6 by AWN, Buchanan represented the state well at The Clash in Minnesota beating traditional powers such as St. Edward (Ohio), Apple Valley (Minn.), and Oak Park River Forest (Illinois) in route to the team title. Battling national power and cross-town rival Clovis for the entire season, they were not to be denied at this year's CIF state championships. Producing three state champions with a total of ten state medalist overall (ties state record with Clovis), the Bears will return six medalist and eight state qualifiers overall in 2016-17 (5 out of 6 are freshman or sophomores). Just missing the state scoring record held by Clovis by a few points, Buchanan will be very tough to beat for several years to come."

Coach Tirapelle Reflects

Buchanan head coach Troy Tirapelle told me, "There is not a lot more that you can set out to do than win The Clash and the state championship in the same year. The icing on

the cake was that we were able to take down our cross-town rival, Clovis, in the process and end their dominance of California. We have tried to set certain standards and expectations throughout our tenure at Buchanan, and I believe that this is the first year that we have a group of kids who truly bought into everything that we are trying to do/accomplish. The team is the most important facet of our program, while individual success will be achieved through the team's goals. We knew this is what it would take to be our best, to make it bigger than any individual. The kids took our motto to heart and challenged one another to better themselves and pull their own weight. When the kids started holding each other accountable, the results quickly showed."

"We chose to compete at The Clash because we needed something that would prepare us for our showdown dual with Clovis at the end of January. It was everything that we could have hoped for. Not only did each and every match matter, but so did each and every point inside the matches. It pulled our kids closer together and illustrated what words alone simply couldn't. Everything that we put into it, we would get out of it. It would be hard, but it would be worth it. From that point, we took off. We only hit one hiccup at our sectional tournament where we underperformed a little bit. However, I think that it reminded us that we were not untouchable, and that they had to go out and handle business if they wanted to put their stamp on California wrestling history. As coaches, I think that we all saw it coming in the way of the talent that we had. We were just waiting for something to pull our kids together and unite them in their drive to succeed as an entire program. It was a pretty special season for us here at Buchanan. Hopefully, of many more to come." (Contact Bob at ohioobp@aol.com or ph 216-941-7956.)

The Centenarian Files--Webfest in Whitesboro

By Don Sayenga

The worldwideweb is, among other things, the world's most efficient tool for the distribution of unessential information. A good case study is the situation in Whitesboro NY, a small village in Oneida County, formerly a port on the original Erie Canal. The town is named for Hugh White (1733-1812) a settler from Connecticut, who relocated there in 1784. According to the local historical society he was a "...distinguished for energy...As a magistrate, a citizen, and a man, his character for truth and integrity was proverbial...He lived among the Indians as their friend and the Village Seal depicts a friendly wrestling match that helped foster good relations..."

When we measure the height of a horse, it is the withers, or base of the neck, which sets the benchmark. The old name in English for this location on a man is the "scuff" or "scruff" of the neck, a word which derives from a very old Germanic root. We still use the expression "to grab him by the scruff of the neck". In Colonial times there was a very popular style of wrestling called "scuffling." Wrestlers began the contest by standing face to face, getting a grip on each other's shirt or jacket at the scruff, and then attempting a takedown from that position, usually by tripping. The wrestling shown on the town seal around 1916 seems to be scuffling.

According to the Whitesboro Historical Society, the friendly match depicted on the town seal commemorates an occasion



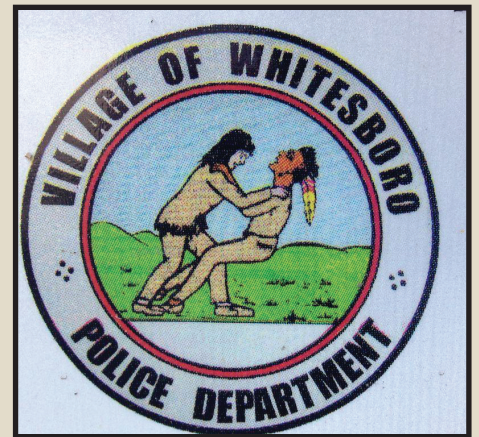
In Colonial times there was a very popular style of wrestling called "scuffling". Wrestlers began the contest by standing face to face, getting a grip on each other's shirt or jacket at the scruff, and then attempting a takedown from that position, usually by tripping. It was also called "Jacket Wrestling" and "Irish Wrestling" and "Cornish Wrestling"

when Judge White was visited by group of Oneida Indians. They began wrestling among themselves for amusement until one of them, having defeated all the others, came up to Judge White and challenged him personally. Although White was in his 50s, he had been a wrestler in his youth. He decided "...even should he be thrown, it would be the lesser of two evils in the eyes of the Oneida Indians than to acquire the reputation of cowardice by declining." Having agreed to the match, the judge seized his opponent by the scruff of the neck for starters "...and by a fortunate trip, succeeded almost instantly in throwing him... The incident made more manifest the respect of the Indian for White".

Whether or not White was a specialist at scuffling is not known. Unfortunately, we live in an age when this style has disappeared, and the current version of professional wrestling displays posturing in excess, but very little technique. The tendency in high school wrestling is to avoid standing erect in front of the opponent. As a consequence, the average person is unlikely to recognize a depiction of scuffling when he sees it. The image on the town seal dates back to before World War I when a direct descendant of Hugh White flew an airplane into combat which had the image of the wrestling match painted on it. In 1963, the town celebrated its Sesquicentennial. A local artist named Gerald Pugh was asked to make a better drawing of the friendly match for use on the seal.

For the record, we ought to admit the settlers who arrived after Hugh White's death weren't as congenial as he was, with the result that when the Erie Canal was being built, most of the Oneida nation relocated to the vicinity of Green Bay, WI where they are today. Everyone was happy with Pugh's drawing of the friendly match until 1977 when a claim was filed with the Village Board alleging the seal shows "a white man choking an Indian." The person complaining wanted the seal abandoned because "...the seal demeans, disgraces, and creates prejudice and distrust of Indian people". The crucial trip, which is the most important item in the image, wasn't even mentioned. The village agreed to respond to the complaint but instead of abandoning the seal they redesigned it to change the position of the hand, moving it more toward the shoulder and away from the scruff. Everyone seems to have been happier with the revised picture of a friendly wrestling match from the 1700s.

After 1977 the internet was created. Social media began to appear, seizing an increasingly



Town seal of the Village of Whitesboro, New York

dominant share of American communications. Functioning from a website known as "Indian Country Today" in January 2016, Susan Sunshine Manning notified the people of Whitesboro in an open letter: "Your outdated and inappropriate town seal, which is not only unbecoming of a progressive and humanitarian America, but according to a growing body of academic studies, portrayals such as this cause psychological harm to Native American Youth..." Susan identified herself as an activist and educator with Shoshone/Paiute/Chippewa/Cree heritage. Although her website seems to be based in Verona, NY, none of the tribes named are traditionally from New York.

Responding to social media, the town decided to have the hundred-year-old seal validated by its citizens. The citizens were asked to consider nine different image options. According to a posting by Nick DiVito in Courthouse News, the town supposedly has over 3000 residents. Although it is not clear how many are registered to vote, 212 votes were cast. 157 were in favor of keeping the image the way it looks now. One thing is very certain: the Whitesboro friendly wrestling match is a good case proving more and more people (many of whom don't have a clue what they are talking about) are seizing the opportunity to express their opinions on the 'net.

This is an opportunity for the wrestling community to bring an element of sanity into the webfest at Whitesboro. We have several exceptionally clever artists. Why don't we exercise our skills and send logos to them showing a friendly match between two men dressed in buckskin. If needed, the logo could omit the scuffling grip entirely to put the focus on the trip.

Isaiah Martinez Claims Second NCAA Title

By Seth Schwartz

With 20 seconds left and the match tied at four, there was a feeling Illinois' Isaiah Martinez and Penn State's Jason Nolf were headed to overtime, Saturday night March 19th at New York City's Madison Square Garden.

Illini assistant Mark Perry knew better.

"I saw Isaiah look at the clock with 15 seconds left and I knew he was going," said Perry. "He went and he got it! He had to dig deep down. Pound-for-pound, Isaiah is the strongest wrestler I've ever seen, it's not even remotely close."

The takedown with ten seconds left gave Martinez a 6-5 decision and his second consecutive NCAA title at 157 pounds.

The few times Martinez gets in trouble, it's only momentary. No position is too tough for him to handle.

Nolf, a redshirt freshman, got a takedown in the first period, but Martinez countered with a single-leg takedown to tie it at three. Martinez chose down in the middle frame and got an escape; Nolf did the same in the third.

"First, that duck, it works better when guys are chasing me and they're tired," he said. "He was really coming after me, elbows open, elbows open. I pulled on one side and went to that side I pulled on; he fell right down on his face and I just covered him. It's kind of harder to get at the beginning of the match. It's more of a duck, step and lift. But as the match progresses, the guy gets a little more worn out. It's a duck, guy falls on his face and I just cover."

"The way he was driving into me, I just felt it. I think my coaches saw this, when it got to about 30 seconds to go, I was towards the out-of-bounds line and I really started picking my hands up, digging inside, pulling, pulling and digging. As the clock started ticking down, he was reaching because I was slapping his hands down real hard.

"I just felt it right away, pulled it and ducked. Thank God I got my head through the hold and got enough to get the takedown.

"I was confident that if we went to overtime I was ready. My lungs felt good, my body felt good."

Nolf pinned Martinez at 4:56 in a dual at the end of January snapping his 61 match win streak. Martinez won in double overtime for the Big Ten title and was named Outstanding Wrestler for the second consecutive season.

It's been challenging for Martinez aside from wrestling. His stepfather, Alfred Garcia, passed away in September.

"Isaiah's will got him through this season. His training wasn't remotely close to last year," said Perry. "He dealt with a number of things besides his stepfather passing away. It took a special person to overcome what he had to deal with this year."

In the semifinal, Martinez scrambled out of potentially dangerous positions against No. 4 seed Ian Miller of Kent State before securing an ankle pick 20 seconds into overtime for a 7-5 decision.

At the beginning of the first period, Miller locked up an inside trip and put Martinez to his back.

"Miller is the best at the inside trip," said Perry. "When I saw Ian get in position, I said, 'Here it comes! Boom he hit it.' Isaiah likes to play with fire."

Head coach Jim Heffernan understands the arduous road to repeating takes a rare mental makeup.

"It's a lot easier to get to the top than it is to repeat," said Heffernan, a four-time All-American and three-time finalist who took first his senior year at Iowa, in 1986. "I am sure Nolf and Isaiah came to practice every day thinking about each other.

"With what Isaiah had to go through during the course of the year

I was concerned. There were some frustrating times. Kids can look for answers in different ways. But Isaiah is a mature kid and made good decisions."

Pitching in for the Illini to place ninth was No. 3 Zane Richards who took fourth at 133 and Steven Rodrigues sixth at 165.

In the semifinal against Iowa's Cory Clark, Richards was in control, but gave up a takedown at the edge of the mat with nine seconds left to lose 4-3. He rebounded beating Penn State's Jordan Conway 3-2 and lost to Oklahoma's Cody Brewer 9-4.

"Finishing in the top four here isn't bad," said Richards. "It's not where I want to be, I need to work on my consistency and training. I need to make huge gains to be ready for next year."

Rodrigues, a senior from Mount Kisco, New York, ended on a high note after two previous trips to Nationals.

"I was so happy to see Steven end his career as an All-American," said Heffernan. "He's worked extremely hard and has a commitment level like very few guys I've seen. He's sacrificed a lot for our program and placing at the national tournament is a great reward and fitting way for him to end his career at Illinois."

In Manhattan, you never know what you might encounter... off the mat. Stepping onto the train Thursday morning, March 19, Heffernan, Perry and assistants Jeremy Hunter and Wynn Michalak, Martinez, Richards, Zac Brunson, Brooks Black and Jeff Koepke were making the brief journey from their hotel to Madison Square Garden. The wrestlers were all dressed in orange warmups.

A middle aged woman asked Heffernan in jest, "Are you here to protest the St. Patrick's Day Parade?"



ILLINOIS sophomore Isaiah Martinez claimed his second NCAA title with a 6-5 decision over Penn State's Jason Nolf at 157 pounds. Photo by John Johnson

National Tournament Results

Complete NCAA Division I Results

125 Pounds

PRELIMINARY: Chasen Tolbert, Utah Valley, d. Brandon Jeske, ODU, 6-1

FIRST ROUND: Nathan Tomasello (1), Ohio State, tech Kyle Larson, Iowa State, 15-0; Elijah Oliver (16), Indiana, d. Sean McCabe, Rutgers, 8-2; Dylan Peters (9), Northern Iowa, d. Shakur Laney, Ohio, 8-2; Barlow McGhee (8), Missouri, d. Drew Templeman, Wyoming, 3-2; Ryan Millhof (5), Oklahoma, d. Drew Romero, Air Force, 6-0; Sean Russell, Edinboro, d. Paul Petrov (12), Bucknell, 9-8 OT; Tim Lambert (13), Nebraska, d. Zachary Fuentes, Drexel, 14-3; Thomas Gilman (4), Iowa, tech Brent Fleetwood, Central Michigan, 24-8; Nico Megaludis (3), Penn State, d. Tolbert, 18-5; Dalton Macri, Cornell, d. Ronnie Bresser (11), Oregon State, 6-5 OT; Conor Youtsey, Michigan, d. Eddie Klimara (6), Oklahoma State, 7-6; Darian Cruz (7), Lehigh, d. Johnny Jimenez, Wisconsin, 11-3; Connor Schram (10), Stanford, d. Lorenzo Bentley, Pittsburgh, 5-2; David Terao (15), American, d. Nick Herrmann, Virginia, 8-6; Joey Dance (2), Virginia Tech, d. Alfredo Rodriguez, SIU-Edwardsville, 8-2.

SECOND ROUND: Tomasello d. Oliver, 11-2; Peters d. McGhee, 3-1 OT tb; Millhof d. Russell, 1-0; Gilman d. Lambert, 12-4; Megaludis d. Rodriguez, 4-2; Youtsey d. Macri, 7-5 OT; Schram d. Cruz, 3-1; Terao d. Dance, 5-3.

QUARTERFINALS: Tomasello d. Peters, 10-4; Gilman d. Millhof, 16-5; Megaludis d. Youtsey, 4-0; Terao pin. Schram, 5:41.

SEMIFINALS: Gilman pin. Tomasello, 7:37 OT, Megaludis d. Terao, 8-2.

CHAMPIONSHIP: Nico Megaludis, Penn State, d. Thomas Gilman, Iowa, 6-3.

CONSOLATIONS: Jeske d. Larson, 3-1; Jeske pin. McCabe, 3:20; Templeman d. Laney, 9-7 OT; Romero d. Petrov, 9-4; Fleetwood d. Fuentes, 3-1 OT; Fausz d. Tolbert, 7-4; Bresser d. Klimara, 2-1 OT tb; Bentley d. Jimenez, 12-4; A. Rodriguez d. Nerrmann, 4-3; Jeske d. Dance, 4-3; Cruz d. Templeman, 13-5; Macri pin. Romero, 4:49; J. Rodriguez d. Fleetwood, 7-0; Lambert d. Fausz, 7-2; Bresser pin. Russell, 4:41; McGhee d. Bentley, 10-6; A. Rodriguez d. Oliver, 18-9; Cruz d. Jeske, 2-1 OT tb; J. Rodriguez d. Macri, 5-4; Bresser d. Lambert, 5-4; McGhee d. A. Rodriguez, 9-5; Millhof d. Cruz, 4-2 OT; Peters pin. J. Rodriguez, 2:26; Schram d. Bresser, 3-1; Youtsey d. McGhee, 5-3 OT; Peters pin. Millhof, 1:03; Youtsey d. Schram, 4-3 OT tb; Terao d. Peters, 6-4; Tomasello d. Youtsey, 10-1; THIRD PLACE: Nathan Tomasello, Ohio State, d. David Terao, American, 5-3; FIFTH PLACE: Conor Youtsey, Michigan, forf. Dylan Peters, Northern Iowa; SEVENTH PLACE: Ryan Millhof, Oklahoma, d. Connor Schram, Stanford, 1-0.

133 Pounds

PRELIMINARY: Rossi Bruno, Michigan, d. Caleb Richardson, Penn, 2-1.

FIRST ROUND: Nahshon Garrett (1), Cornell, d. Mason Beckman, Lehigh, 10-3; Nathan Kraisser, Campbell, pin. Anthony Giraldo, Rutgers, 6:12; Mack McGuire (9), Kent State, d. Rossi, 3-2 OT; Earl Hall (8), Iowa State, d. Josh Martinez, Air Force, 6-3; Jordan Conaway (5), Penn State, d. Corey Keener, Central Michigan, 6-5; Bradley Taylor (12), Wisconsin, d. Zach Synon, Missouri, 13-6; Cameron Kelly (13), Ohio, d. Bryan Lanry, Buffalo, 14-0; Cody Brewer (3), Oklahoma, d. Jamal Morris, North Carolina State, 10-2; Zane Richards (3), Illinois, d. Joey Palmer, Oregon State, 5-4; Geoff Alexander (14), Maryland, d. Austin Eicher, Northern Illinois, 7-3; Dom Forsys (11), Pittsburgh, pin. Dominick Malone, Northwestern, 4:22; George DiCamillo (6), Virginia, d. Dalton Brady, Arizona State, 8-4; Eric Montoya

(7), Nebraska, d. Zachary Davis, Navy, 19-6; Johnni DiJulius (10), Ohio State, pin. Robert Deutsch, Rider, 2:06; Josh Alber (15), Northern Iowa, d. Gary Wayne Harding, Oklahoma State, 10-6; Cory Clark (2), Iowa, d. Jade Rauser, Utah Valley, 8-0.

SECOND ROUND: Garrett pin. Kraisser, 1:40; Hall d. McGuire, 8-3; Conaway d. Taylor, 8-5; Brewer d. Kelly, 14-4; Richards d. Alexander, 9-5; DiCamillo d. Forsys, 4-3; Montoya d. DiJulius, 2-0; Clark d. Alber, 6-2.

QUARTERFINALS: Garrett d. Hall, 5-0; Brewer d. Conaway, 8-4; Richards d. DiCamillo, 12-4; Clark d. Montoya, 4-0.

SEMIFINALS: Garrett pin. Brewer, :21, Clark d. Richards, 4-3.

CHAMPIONSHIP: Nahshon Garrett, Cornell, d. Cory Clark, Iowa, 7-6.

CONSOLATIONS: Malone d. Richardson, 14-1; Beckman d. Giraldo, 13-3; Martinez d. Bruno, 3-2; Keener d. Synon, 9-4; Morris d. Lanry, 8-3; Palmer d. Eicher, 6-0; Brady pin. Malone, 6:35; Davis tech Deutsch, 17-1; Rauser d. Harding, 12-4; Beckman d. Alber, 14-2; Martinez d. DiJulius, 13-8; Forsys d. Keener, 12-6; Morris d. Alexander, 10-8 OT; Palmer d. Kelly, 11-2; Taylor d. Brady, 4-3 OT; McGuire d. Davis, 4-2; Rauser d. Kraisser, 17-4; Beckman d. Martinez, 7-3; Forsys pin. Morris, 5:38; Taylor d. Palmer, 5-4; Rauser d. McGuire, 5-3; Conaway d. Beckman, 5-4; Hall d. Forsys, 13-7; Montoya pin. Taylor, 3:23; Rauser d. DiCamillo, 8-6; Conaway d. Hall, 7-2; Montoya d. Rauser, 9-6; Richards d. Conaway, 3-2; Brewer d. Montoya, 9-3; THIRD PLACE: Cody Brewer, Oklahoma, d. Zane Richards, Illinois, 9-4; FIFTH PLACE: Eric Montoya, Nebraska, d. Jordan Conaway, Penn State, 7-4; SEVENTH PLACE: Earl Hall, Iowa State, tech Jade Rauser, Utah Valley, 17-1.

141 Pounds

PRELIMINARY: Mike Longo, Appalachian State, d. Zach Finesilver, Duke, 7-6.

FIRST ROUND: Dean Heil (1), Oklahoma State, d. Javier Gasca, Michigan State, 4-1; Randy Cruz (16), Lehigh, d. Jordan Laster, Princeton, 3-0; Rick Durso (9), F&M, tech Anthony Abidin, Nebraska, 17-1; Joey Ward (8), North Carolina, tech Jameson Oster, Northwestern; Jimmy Gulibon, Penn State, tech Matt Manley (5), Missouri, 17-2; Chris Macate (12), Old Dominion, d. Longo, 5-0; Seth Gross, South Dakota State, d. Steve Bleise, Northern Illinois, 6-3; Anthony Ashnault (4), Rutgers, tech Jamel Hudson, Hofstra, 16-0; Kevin Jack (3), North Carolina State, d. Danny Sabatello, Purdue, 5-0; Bryce Meredith (14), Wyoming, d. Robert Mathers, Arizona State, 16-3; Tommy Thorn (11), Minnesota, d. Nicholas Gil, Navy, 3-2; Micah Jordan (6), Ohio State, pin. Ian Nickell, Bakersfield, 4:14; Solomon Chishko (7), Virginia Tech, d. Mike Pongracz, Chattanooga, 9-3; Logan Everett, Army, d. Todd Preston (10), Harvard, 4-2; Brock Zacheri, Clarion, d. Tyler Smith, Bucknell, 7-3; Joey McKenna (2), Stanford, d. Zach Horan, Central Michigan, 2-1 OT.

SECOND ROUND: Heil d. Cruz, 4-1; Ward d. Durso, 4-3; Mecate d. Gulibon, 6-0; Ashnault d. Gross, 15-2; Meredith d. Jack, 5-4; Jordan d. Thorn, 5-1; Chishko tech Everett, 16-1; McKenna d. Zacheri, 4-2.

QUARTERFINALS: Heil d. Ward, 8-3; Ashnault d. Mecate, 5-4; Meredith d. Jordan, 5-2; McKenna d. Chishko, 6-1.

SEMIFINALS: Heil d. Ashnault, 8-3, Meredith d. McKenna, 5-3.

CHAMPIONSHIP: Dean Heil, Oklahoma State d. Bryce Meredith, Wyoming, 3-2.

CONSOLATIONS: Preston d. Finesilver, 13-3; Laster d. Gasca, 7-3; Abidin d. Osster, 12-9; Longo d. Manley, 12-3; Hudson d. Bleise, 13-5; Sabatello

pin. Mathers, 6:52; Nickell d. Gil, 11-0; Pongracz d. Preston, 5-3; Smith forf. Horan; Laster d. Zacheri, 8-5; Abidin tech Everett, 16-0; Thorn d. Longo, 10-0; Jack d. Hudson, 11-2; Gross d. Sabatello, 12-10; Gulibon d. Nickell, 4-2; Durso d. Pongracz, 7-4; Cruz pin. Smith, 2:31; Abidin pin. Laster, 4:42; Jack d. Thorn, 3-1; Gross d. Gulibon, 10-6; Cruz d. Durso, 4-0; Mecate pin. Abidin, 1:35; Ward d. Jack, 3-2; Chishko d. Gross, 10-3; Cruz d. Jordan, 6-2; Mecate d. Ward, 4-2 OT; Chishko d. Cruz, 7-0; McKenna d. Mecate, 3-1; Ashnault d. Chishko, 11-3; THIRD PLACE: Joey McKenna, Stanford, d. Anthony Ashnault, Rutgers, 7-6; FIFTH PLACE: Chris Mecate, Old Dominion, d. Solomon Chishko, Virginia Tech, 5-3; SEVENTH PLACE: Joey Ward, North Carolina, d. Randy Cruz, Lehigh, 3-1 OT.

149 Pounds

PRELIMINARY: Coleman Hammond, Bakersfield, tech Chris Vassar, Gardner-Webb, 18-2.

FIRST ROUND: Zain Retherford (1), Penn State, tech Hammond, 21-6; Patricio Lugo (16), Edinboro, d. Tyson Dippery, Rutgers, 4-2; Justin Oliver (9), Central Michigan, d. Clayton Ream, North Dakota State, 11-7; BJ Clagon, Rider, d. Evan Henderson (8), North Carolina, 3-1; Alec Pantaleo (5), Michigan, d. Jake Short, Minnesota, 4-0; Geo Martinez (12), Boise State, d. Lake Gardner, Lehigh, 8-3; Matt Kraus (13), Arizona State, d. Colt Cotten, Buffalo, 2-1; Matt Cimato (4), Drexel, d. John Fahy, SIU-Edwardsville, 6-3; Lavion Mayes (3), Missouri, d. Davion Jeffries, Oklahoma, 3-2; Mitch Finesilver (14), Duke, d. Steven Galiardo, Brown, 7-3; Anthony Collica (11), Oklahoma State, d. Joey Delgado, Oregon State, 11-8; Jason Tsirtsis (6), Northwestern, d. Alex Kocer, South Dakota State, 7-1; Jake Suefloh (7), Nebraska, d. Joe Galasso, Cornell, 8-0; Mike DePalma (10), Kent State, d. Alex Griffin, Purdue, 10-1; Victor Lopez, Bucknell, pin. Daniel Neff (15), Lock Haven, 2:55; Brandon Sorensen (2), Iowa, d. Nick Barber, Eastern Michigan, 9-1.

SECOND ROUND: Retherford pin. Lugo, 6:37; Oliver d. Clagon, 9-7 OT; Pantaleo d. Martinez, 8-3; Cimato d. Kraus, 3-2; Mayes d. Finesilver, 5-3; Collica d. Tsirtsis, 3-2; Suefloh d. DePalma, 10-1; Sorensen d. Lopez, 3-1.

QUARTERFINALS: Retherford pin. Oliver, 2:13; Pantaleo pin. Cimato, 3:49; Collica d. Mayes, 3-2; Sorensen d. Suefloh, 4-2 OT.

SEMIFINALS: Retherford pin. Pantaleo, 4:49, Sorensen d. Collica, 4-2.

CHAMPIONSHIP: Zain Retherford, Penn State, d. Brandon Sorensen, Iowa, 10-1.

CONSOLATIONS: Jeffries pin. Vassar, 4:58; Hammond pin. Dippery, 3:58; Ream tech Henderson, 17-2; Gardner d. Short, 4-1; Cotten pin. Fahy, 1:03; Jeffries d. Galiardo, 6-1; Delgado d. Kocer, 9-7; Galasso d. Griffin, 4-1; Barber d. Neff, 7-4; Lopez d. Hammond, 8-5; DePalma d. Ream, 12-3; Tsirtsis d. Gardner, 3-1; Finesilver d. Cotten, 5-2; Jeffries d. Kraus, 11-2; Martinez d. Delgado, 5-4; Clagon d. Galasso, 19-6; Lugo pin. Barber, 6:03; DePalma d. Lopez, 6-0; Finesilver d. Tsirtsis, 3-2; Martinez d. Jeffries, 3-2; Lugo d. Clagon, 4-0; DePalma d. Cimato, 7-4; Oliver d. Finesilver, 6-5; Martinez d. Suefloh, 7-5; Mayes d. Lugo, 6-2; DePalma d. Oliver, 8-6; Mayes d. Martinez, 5-1; Collica pin. DePalma, 5:00; Mayes pin. Pantaleo, 2:49. THIRD PLACE: Lavion Mayes, Missouri, d. Anthony Collica, Oklahoma State, 3-2; FIFTH PLACE: Mike DePalma, Kent State, pin. Alec Pantaleo, Michigan, 3:30; SEVENTH PLACE: Justin Oliver, Central Michigan, d. Geo Martinez, Boise State, 5-1.

157 Pounds

PRELIMINARY: Bryce Steiert, Northern Iowa, d. Sparty Chino, Ohio, 7-2.

FIRST ROUND: Isaiah Martinez (1), Illinois, tech Robert Henderson, North Carolina, 16-0; Markus Schiedel (16), Columbia, d. Chris Castillo, Boise State, 5-4; Ritchie Lewis (9), Rutgers, d. Andrew Atkinson, Virginia, 7-3; Nick Brascetta (8), Virginia Tech, d. Russell Parsons, Army, 9-4; Dylan Palacio (5), Cornell, d. Leroy Barnes, Missouri, 7-3; Brian Murphy (12), Michigan, d. Justin Staudenmayer, Brown, 4-2; Edwin Cooper (13), Iowa, d. Tyler Berger, Nebraska, 8-3; Ian Miller (4), Kent State, d. Aaron Walker, Citadel, 9-4; Jason Nolf (2), Penn State, pin. Kamaal Shakur, Chattanooga, 3:35; May Bethea, Penn, d. Austin Matthews, Edinboro, 8-7; Steiert d. Luke Smith (11), Central Michigan, 4-1; Joe Smith (6), Oklahoma State, d. Jake Ryan, Ohio State, 11-9 OT; Cody Pack (7), South Dakota State, d. Neal Richards, VMI, 9-1; John Boyle (10), American, d. Dylan Cottrell, West Virginia, 5-3; Chad Walsh (15), Purdue, d. Greg Flournoy, George Mason, 11-2; Thomas Gantt (2), North Carolina State, tech Andrew Morse, Northern Illinois, 21-4.

SECOND ROUND: Martinez d. Scheidel, 15-4; Brascetta d. Lewis, 7-6; Murphy d. Palacio, 8-7; Miller pin. Cooper, 1:11; Nolf tech Bethea, 25-10; Smith d. Steiert, 6-2; Pack d. Boyle, 2-1 OT tb; Walsh d. Gantt, 11-8.

QUARTERFINALS: Martinez d. Brascetta, 6-3; Miller d. Murphy, 6-3; Nolf d. Smith, 11-3; Walsh d. Pack, 11-10.

SEMIFINALS: Martinez d. Miller, 7-5 OT, Nolf tech Walsh, 19-4

CHAMPIONSHIP: Isaiah Martinez, Illinois, d. Jason Nolf, Penn State, 6-5.

CONSOLATIONS: Chino d. Atkinson, 2-1; Castillo d. Henderson, 6-2; Chino pin. Parsons, :28; Staudenmayer d. Barnes, 4-3 OT tb; Berger d. Walker, 7-4; Matthews d. Shakur, 9-2; L. Smith d. Ryan, 2-0; Cottrell d. Richards, 9-1; Flournoy d. Morse, 7-6; Gantt d. Castillo, 14-2; Boyle d. Chino, 4-2; Steiert d. Staudenmayer, 4-3; Berger d. Bethea, 7-4; Matthews pin. Cooper, 4:51; Palacio d. L. Smith 5-3; Cottrell d. Lewis, 4-0; Scheidel d. Flournoy, 6-4; Gantt d. Boyle, 3-2; Berger d. Steiert, 12-2; Palacio d. Matthews, 12-6; Cottrell d. Scheidel, 8-3; Gantt d. Murphy, 6-2; Brascetta d. Berger, 3-2; Palacio d. Pack, 10-3; J. Smith d. Cottrell, 5-3; Brascetta d. Gantt, 8-4; Palacio pin. J. Smith, 4:38; Brascetta d. Walsh, 7-4; Palacio forf. Miller; THIRD PLACE: Nick Brascetta, Virginia Tech, d. Dylan Palacio, Cornell, 4-1; FIFTH PLACE: Chad Walsh, Rider, forf. Ian Miller, Kent State; SEVENTH PLACE: Joe Smith, Oklahoma State, d. Thomas Gantt, North Carolina State, 6-3.

165 POUNDS

PRELIMINARY: Cooper Moore, Northern Iowa, d. Mitchell Wightman, American, 8-4.

FIRST ROUND: Alex Dieringer (1), Oklahoma State, pin. Austin Trott, Gardner-Webb, 2:23; Devon Gobbo (16), Harvard, pin. Tyrel White, Columbia, 1:17; Tanner Weatherman (9), Iowa State, pin. Dakota Juarez, Eastern Michigan, 4:24; Chad Welch (8), Purdue, d. Seth Thomas, Oregon State, 13-4; Max Rohskopf (5), North Carolina State, d. Austin Reese, Ohio, 2-0; Connor Brennan (12), Rider, d. Jake Faust, Duke, 7-3; Jim Wilson (13), Stanford, d. Patrick Rhoads, Iowa, 12-7; Daniel Lewis (4), Missouri, pin. Casey Fuller, Edinboro, 5:39; Bo Jordan (3), Ohio State, pin. Tyler Buckwalter, Kent State, 5:59; David McFadden (14), Virginia Tech, pin. Moore, 4:44; Geno Morelli (Penn State) d. John Staudenmayer, North Carolina, 5-3; Steven Rodrigues (6), Illinois, d. George Pickett, Cornell, 5-2; Anthony Perrotti (7), Rutgers, pin. Forrest Przbysz, Appalachian State, 1:18; Austin Wilson (10), Nebraska, d. Cody Wiercioch, Pittsburgh, 6-0; Clark Glass (15), Oklahoma, d. Ryan Preisch, Lehigh, 2-1 OT tb; Isaac Jordan (2), Wisconsin, d. Adam Fierro, Bakersfield, 10-1.

SECOND ROUND: Dieringer pin. Gobbo, 3:26; Weatherman d. Welch, 7-4; Brennan d. Rohskopf, 4-2 OT; Lewis d. J. Wilson, 5-1; B. Jordan d. McFadden, 8-3; Rodrigues, 8-3; A. Wilson d. Perrotti, 4-1; I.



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No. 14 Bryce Meredith, Wyoming, 3-2. Photo by John Johnson

Jordan d. Glass, 9-1.

QUARTERFINALS: Dieringer d. Weatherman, 11-5; Lewis d. Brennan, 3-0; B. Jordan d. Rodrigues, 10-2; I. Jordan d. A. Wilson, 3-1.

SEMIFINALS: Dieringer d. Lewis, 14-4, I. Jordan d. B. Jordan, 5-4.

CHAMPIONSHIP: Alex Dieringer, Oklahoma State, d. Isaac Jordan, Wisconsin, 6-2.

CONSOLATIONS: White d. Wightman, 3-2; White d. Trott, 6-2; Thomas d. Juarez, 8-5; Faust d. Reese, 2-0; Fuller d. Rhoads, 6-3; Buckwalter d. Moore, 7-3; Staudenmayer d. Pickett, 7-2; Przybysz d. Wiercioch, 6-1; Preisch d. Fierro 3-1; Glass d. White, 5-3; Perrotti d. Thomas, 15-6; Morelli d. Faust, 5-2; McFadden d. Fuller, 3-1; J. Wilson d. Buckwalter, 6-5; Staudenmayer d. Rohskopf, 7-1; Welch d. Przybysz, 11-1; Gobbo d. Preisch, 9-5; Perrotti d. Glass, 5-2; McFadden d. Morelli, 14-3; J. Wilson d. Staudenmayer, 3-2; Welch d. Gobbo, 8-4; Perrotti d. Brennan, 5-4; McFadden d. Weatherman, 6-2; A. Wilson d. J. Wilson, 4-1; Rodrigues d. Welch, 4-2; McFadden d. Perrotti, 10-2; Rodriguez d. A. Wilson, 3-1 OT; B. Jordan d. McFadden, 8-2; Lewis pin. Rodrigues, 3:50; THIRD PLACE: Bo Jordan, Ohio State, d. Daniel Lewis, Missouri, 9-7; FIFTH PLACE: Steven Rodrigues, Illinois, d. David McFadden, Virginia Tech, 8-5; SEVENTH PLACE: Austin Wilson, Nebraska, d. Anthony Perrotti, Rutgers, 4-2.

174 Pounds

PRELIMINARY: Keaton Subjeck, Stanford, d. Ricky Robertson, Wisconsin, 9-4

FIRST ROUND: Bo Nickal (1), Penn State, d. Josef Johnson, Harvard, 10-2; Micah Barnes (16), Nebraska, d. Jack McKeever, Binghamton, 4-0; Chandler Rogers (9), Oklahoma State, d. Rustin Barrick, Bucknell, 10-2; Casey Kent, Penn, d. Zach Epperly (8), Virginia Tech, 3-2; Zach Brunson (5), Illinois, d. Subjeck, 3-1; Nathan Jackson (12), Indiana, d. Michael Pavasko, Clarion, 15-3; Gordon Wolf, Lehigh, d. Alex Meyer (13), Iowa, 10-9; Jadaen Bernstein, Navy, d. Ethan Ramos (4), North Carolina, 13-8; Matt Reed, Oklahoma, d. Blaise Butler (3), Missouri, 16-9; Nick Kee (14), Appalachian State, d.

Jonathan Schleifer, Princeton, 5-4; Myles Martin (11), Ohio State, d. Nicholas Wanzek, Minnesota, 12-4; Bryce Hammond (6), Bakersfield, d. Phil Bakuckas, Rutgers, 7-0; Cody Walters (7), Ohio, d. David Kocer, South Dakota State, 7-3; Mike Ottinger (10), Central Michigan, d. Te'Shan Campbell, Pittsburgh, 3-2; Brian Harvey (15), Army, d. Sean Mappes, Chattanooga, 8-2; Lelund Weatherspoon, Iowa State, d. Brian Realbuto (2), Cornell, 7-4.

SECOND ROUND: Nickal d. Barnes, 7-2; Rogers pin. Kent, 7:00; Jackson d. Brunson, 10-1; Bernstein d. Wolf, 15-4; Reed d. Kee, 11-5; Martin d. Hammond, 5-3; Walters d. Ottinger, 3-2; Weatherspoon d. Harvey, 3-2.

QUARTERFINALS: Nickal d. Rogers, 15-4; Jackson d. Bernstein, 14-4; Martin d. Reed, 2-0; Weatherspoon d. Walters, 5-3.

SEMIFINALS: Nickal d. Jackson, 4-3, Martin d. Weatherspoon, 8-2.

CHAMPIONSHIP: Myles Martin, Ohio State, d. Bo Nickal, Penn State, 11-9.

CONSOLATIONS: Kocer d. Robertson, 4-3; McKeever d. Johnson, 4-2; Epperly tech Barrick, 17-2; Pavasko d. Subjeck, 7-4; Meyer d. Ramos, 6-2; Butler d. Schleifer, 13-2; Wanzek d. Bakuckas, 6-4 OT; Kocer d. Campbell, 10-7; Mappes d. Realbuto, 6-5; Harvey d. McKeever, 5-2; Epperly d. Ottinger, 17-6; Hammond tech Pavasko, 16-0; Meyer d. Kee, 10-9; Butler d. Wolf, 17-8; Brunson d. Wanzek, 9-2; Kent d. Kocer, 8-0; Barnes d. Mappes, 13-3; Epperly d. Harvey, 14-4; Meyer d. Hammond, 15-4; Butler d. Brunson, 3-2; Kent pin. Barnes, 5:30; Epperly forf. Bernstein; Meyer d. Rogers, 7-2; Walters d. Butler, 4-2 OT; Kent pin. Reed, 6:49; Epperly d. Meyer, 10-2; Kent pin. Walters, 5:23; Epperly d. Weatherspoon, 13-5; Kent d. Jackson, 9-5; THIRD PLACE: Zach Epperly, Virginia Tech, d. Casey Kent, Penn, 8-4; FIFTH PLACE: Nathan Jackson, Indiana, d. Lelund Weatherspoon, Iowa State, 5-2; SEVENTH PLACE: Cody Walters, Ohio, d. Alex Meyer, Iowa, 4-3.

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National Tournament Results

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184 Pounds

PRELIMINARY: Jack Dechow, Old Dominion, d. Ville Heino, Campbell, 20-4.

FIRST ROUND: Gabe Dean (1), Cornell, d. Dechow, 3-1; Tom Sleigh, Bucknell, d. Matt McCutcheon (16), Penn State, 4-3; Matt Miller (9), Navy, d. Steven Schneider, Binghamton, 6-1; Nolan Boyd (8), Oklahoma State, d. Alex Utley, North Carolina, 8-5; Zack Zavatsky (5), Virginia Tech, d. Andrew Romanchik, Ohio, 9-3; Hayden Zillmer (12), North Dakota State, d. Dane Pestano, Iowa State, 10-5; Pete Renda (13), North Dakota State, d. Samson Imonode, Army, 4-2; Domenic Abounader (4), Michigan, d. Jeffrey Koepke, Illinois, 8-0; Joe Ariola, Buffalo, d. Vic Avery (3), Edinboro, 7-5; Willie Miklus (14), Missouri, d. Corey Griego, Oregon State, 15-6; Lorenzo Thomas (11), Penn, d. Jakob Scheffel, West Virginia, 4-2; Blake Stauffer (6), Arizona State, d. Kenny Courts, Ohio State, 3-2; TJ Dudley (7), Nebraska, d. Garek Krohn, Stanford, 10-2; Jordan Ellingwood, Central Michigan, d. Nicholas Gravina (15), Rutgers, 9-3; Sam Brooks (2), Iowa, tech John Lampe, Chattanooga, 23-8.

SECOND ROUND: Dean pinn. Sleigh, 1:57; Boyd d. Miller, 10-3; Zavatsky d. Zillmer, 3-2; Renda d. Abounader, 4-2 OT; Miklus d. Ariola, 9-1; Thomas d. Stauffer, 10-1; Dudley d. Brown, 7-3; Brooks d. Ellingwood, 10-8.

QUARTERFINALS: Dean d. Boyd, 10-4; Renda d. Zavatsky, 4-3; Miklus d. Thomas, 16-6; Dudley d.

Brooks, 9-6.

SEMIFINALS: Dean d. Renda, 9-4, Dudley d. Miklus, 12-4.

CHAMPIONSHIP: Gabe Dean, Cornell, d. TJ Dudley, Nebraska, 5-3.

CONSOLATIONS: Avery d. Heino, 8-2; Dechow d. McCutcheon, 6-1; Utley d. Schneider, 5-2; Romanchik d. Pestano, 3-2; Koepke d. Imonode, 6-5; Griego d. Avery, 11-5; Scheffel d. Courts, 6-4; Krohn d. Christiansen, 7-5; Gravina d. Lampe, 6-2; Dechow d. Ellingwood, 3-1 OT; Stauffer d. Romanchik, 4-3; Koepke d. Ariola, 2-1; Abounader d. Griego, 3-1 OT; Zillmer d. Scheffel, 5-0; Miller d. Krohn, 11-4; Sleigh d. Gravina, 6-1; Brown d. Dechow, 2-1; Stauffer d. Koepke, 5-3 OT; Abounader d. Zillmer, 3-2 OT tb; Miller pin. Sleigh, 1:13; Brown d. Zavatsky, 2-1; Boyd d. Stauffer, 6-4; Brooks d. Abounader, 13-7; Miller pin. Thomas, 1:50; Boyd d. Brown, 6-4; Miller pin. Brooks, 2:35; Boyd d. Miklus, 6-0; Renda d. Miller, 5-4; THIRD PLACE: Pete Renda, North Carolina State, tech Nolan Boyd, Oklahoma State, 18-3; FIFTH PLACE: Matt Miller, Navy, d. Willie Miklus, Missouri, 4-2; SEVENTH PLACE: Nate Brown, Lehigh, d. Sam Brooks, Iowa, 9-3.

197 Pounds

PRELIMINARY: Shawn Scott, Northern Illinois, d. John Bolich, Lehigh, 2-1.

FIRST ROUND: Morgan McIntosh (1), Penn State, d. Ryan Wolfe, Rider, 11-3; Kyle Conel (16), Kent State, d. Michael Woulfe, Navy, 4-2; Scott d. Reuben Franklin (9), Bakersfield, 8-5; Aaron Studebaker (8), Nebraska, d. Phil Sprenkle, Lock Haven, 2-0; Conner Hartmann (5), Duke, d. Nick Bonaccorsi, Pittsburgh, 8-0; Michael Boykin (12), North Carolina State, d. Chip Ness, North Carolina, 3-1 OT; Jake Smith (13), West Virginia, d. Owen Scott, Cornell, 3-2; Nathan Burak (4), Iowa, d. Trent Noon, Northern Colorado, 4-2 OT; Brett Pfarr (3), Minnesota, d. Preston Weigel, Oklahoma State, 5-0; Zach Nye (14), Virginia, d.

Anthony Abro, Eastern Michigan, 6-3; Pat Downey, Iowa State, d. Phil Wellington (11), Ohio, 3-1 OT; Jared Haught (6), Virginia Tech, d. Sam Wheeler, Cleveland State, 6-2; Brett Harner (7), Princeton, d. Joshua Dasilveira, Arizona State, 13-7 OT; Max Huntley (10), Michigan, d. Bryce Barnes, Army, 8-4; Scottie Boykin, Chattanooga, d. Nate Rotert (15), South Dakota State, 7-4; J'den Cox (2), Missouri, pin. Hayden Hrymack, Rutgers, 1:18.

SECOND ROUND: McIntosh pin. Conel, 6:02; Studebaker d. Scott, 3-2; Hartmann d. M. Boykin, 3-2 OT tb; Burak d. Smith, 8-2; Pfarr d. Nye, 15-1; Downey pin. Haught, 8:45 tb; Harner pin. Huntley, 2:16; Cox d. S. Boykin, 15-4.

QUARTERFINALS: McIntosh d. Studebaker, 16-4; Burak d. Hartmann, 5-2; Pfarr d. Downey, 12-3; Cox d. Harner, 6-0;

SEMIFINALS: McIntosh d. Burak, 4-2, Cox pin. Pfarr, 6:29

CHAMPIONSHIP: J'den Cox, Missouri, d. Morgan McIntosh, Penn State, 4-2.

CONSOLATIONS: Wellington d. Bolich, 4-2; Wolfe d. Woulfe, 17-12; Sprenkle d. Franklin, 8-6; Ness d. Bonaccorsi, 6-0; Scott d. Noon, 8-4; Weigel tech Abro, 18-1; Wheeler d. Wellington, 6-1; Dasilveira d. Barnes, 4-3; Rotert d. Hrymack, 11-3; Wolfe d. S. Boykin, 7-5; Sprenkle disq Huntley; Haught d. Ness, 5-1; Nye d. Scott, 8-2; Weigel d. Smith 4-0; Wheeler d. M. Boykin, 6-4; Scott d. Dasilveira, 3-2; Conel d. Rotert, 9-4; Wolfe d. Sprenkle, 5-3; Haught d. Nye, 2-1; Weigel d. Wheeler, 3-2; Scott d. Conel, 5-1; Hartmann d. Wolfe, 7-0; Haught d. Studebaker, 5-4; Harner pin. Weigel, 6:38; Downey d. Scott, 5-3; Haught d. Hartmann, 5-2; Downey d. Harner, 3-2; Pfarr d. Haught, 13-4; Burak d. Downey, 3-1 OT; THIRD PLACE: Brett Pfarr, Minnesota, d. Nathan Burak, Iowa, 2-1; FIFTH PLACE: Pat Downey, Iowa State, pin. Jared Haught, Virginia Tech, 3:48; SEVENTH PLACE: Conner Hartmann, Duke, d. Brett Harner, Princeton, 11-2.

Heavyweight

PRELIMINARY: Collin Jensen, Nebraska, d. Ryan Solomon, Pittsburgh, 8-2.

FIRST ROUND: Nick Gwiazdowski (1), North Carolina State, tech Gage Hutchison, Eastern Michigan, 15-0; Nathan Butler (16), Stanford, d. Ray O'Donnell, Princeton, 7-0; Michael Kroells (9), Minnesota, d. Mauro Correnti, Rider, 5-2; Max Wessell (8), Lehigh, d. Mike Hughes, Hofstra, 6-3; Adam Coon (5), Michigan, pin. Patrick Gillen, Virginia, 4:22; Ross Larson, Oklahoma, d. Billy Smith (12), Rutgers, 8-4; William Miller, Edinboro, d. Jared Johnson (13), Chattanooga, 4-3; Austin Marsden (4), Oklahoma State, d. Riley Shaw, Cleveland State, 5-1; Ty Walz (3), Virginia Tech, d. Tanner Hall, Arizona State, 5-2; Joseph Goodhart, Drexel, forf. Blaize Cabel (14), Northern Iowa; Boyce Cornwell, Gardner-Webb, forf. Sam Stoll (11), Iowa; Brooks Black, Illinois, d. Denzel Dejoumette, Appalachian State, 7-2; Amarveer Dhesi (7), Oregon State, pin. Jeremy Sweany, Cornell, 1:17; Jensen, d. Joe Stolfi, Bucknell, 9-2; Tanner Harms (15), Wyoming, d. Garrett Ryan, Columbia, 12-2; Kyle Snyder (2), Ohio State, pin. Antonio Pelusi, F&M, 3:34.

SECOND ROUND: Gwiazdowski d. Butler, 16-4; Wessell d. Kroells, 15-7; Coon d. Larson, 10-2; Marsden d. Miller, 12-3; Walz d. Goodhart, 16-5; Black d. Cornwell, 4-3 OT tb; Dhesi d. Jensen, 12-4; Snyder tech Harms, 26-10.

QUARTERFINALS: Gwiazdowski d. Wessell, 9-1; Coon d. Marsden, 3-2; Walz d. Black, 4-1; Snyder d. Dhesi, 16-5.

SEMIFINALS: Gwiazdowski d. Coon, 3-2, Snyder d. Walz, 10-6.

CHAMPIONSHIP: Kyle Snyder, Ohio State, d. Nick Gwiazdowski, North Carolina State, 7-5 OT

CONSOLATIONS: Smith d. Solomon, 3-0; O'Donnell tech Hutchison, 15-0; Hughes d. Correnti, 7-2; Smith d. Gillen, 10-1; Hall forf. Cabel; Dejoumette forf. Stoll; Stolfi pin. Sweany, 5:24; Ryan

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d. Pelusi, 2-0; Harms pin. O'Donnell, 2:35; Hughes d. Jensen, 8-2; Smith d. Cornwell, 7-2; Shaw d. Goodhart, 7-3; Hall d. Miller, 5-3; Larson pin. Dejoumette, 1:29; Kroells d. Stolfi, 6-1; Butler d. Ryan, 1-0; Harms pin. Hughes, 2:00; Smith pin. Shaw, 1:39; Hall d. Larson, 10-6; Kroells d. Butler, 5-1; Marsden d. Harms, 13-5; Wessell d. Smith, 3-2; Dhési d. Hall, 3-2; Kroells d. Black, 4-2; Marsden d. Wessell, 8-2; Dhési d. Kroells, 8-5; Walz d. Marsden, 9-4; Coon pin. Dhési, :48; THIRD PLACE: Adam Coon, Michigan, pin. Ty Walz, Virginia Tech, 7:57 OT; FIFTH PLACE: Amarveer Dhési, Oregon State, pin. Austin Marsden, Oklahoma State, 1:29; SEVENTH PLACE: Michael Kroells, Minnesota, d. Max Wessell, Lehigh, 5-2.

NCAA Division II

TEAM SCORING: St. Cloud State 90, Notre Dame 82, Nebraska-Kearney 78.5, Pitt-Johnstown 71.5, Maryville 65.5, California Baptist 63.5, Wisconsin-Parkside 59.5, McKendree 42.5, Mercyhurst 42, Mankato 42, Western State 33, Colorado-Pueblo 26, Indianapolis 22, Ashland 21.5, Fort Hayes 20, Upper Iowa 19.5, Lindenwood 19, Newberry 17, Seton Hall 16.5, MSU Moorhead 15, Northern State 15, Pembroke 15, Findlay 13.5, Simon Fraser 13.5, Ouachita Baptist 12.5, Tiffin 12, Coker 11, Kutztown 11, Lake Erie 10, Colorado Mesa 9.5, Newman 8.5, Shorter 8, Adams State 5.5, SW Minnesota 4.5, Central Oklahoma 3.5, Gannon 2.5, LIU Post 1.5, Augustana 1, Chadron 1, Shippensburg 1, San Francisco State .5.

CHAMPIONSHIP FINALS: 125—Brett Velazquez (St Cl) d. Willie Bohince (Mercy) 5-0; 133—Nick Roberts (UPJ) d. Nick Crume (Ind) 4-3; 141—Darren Wynn (McK) d. Joseph Allessandro (SH) 12-8; 149—Destin McCauley (Neb-K) d. Isaac Dulgarian (ND) 9-4; 157—Terrel Willbourn (Lind) d. Brady Bersano (Cal Bapt) 6-4; 165—Tyler Reinhart (UPJ) pin. Nick Fishback (UW-Pk) 2:42; 174—Nick Becker (UW-Pk) d. Blaze Shade (Pemb) 9-3; 184—Joey Davis (ND) d. Travis McKillop (UPJ) 3-1; 197—Romero Cotton (Neb-K) d. Joe Gomez (Northern) 4-1; Hwt.—Joseph Fagiano (Cal Bapt) d. Malcolm Allen (Mankato) 6-3.

CONSOLATIONS (for third): 125—Jacob Goodwin (ND) d. Ronzel Darling (UW-Pk) 7-3; 133—Daniel DeShazer (Neb-K) pin. Blake Bosch (Moor) 3:35; 141—Blake Clevenger (Ouachita) d. Corbin Bennetts (Western) 6-4; 149—Nic Goebel (Find) d. Jay Hildreth (St Cl) 5-3 OT; 157—Matt Mincey (Mankato) d. Jonathan Rivera (ND) 5-3 OT; 165—Clint Poster (St Cl) d. Tyler Mclean (SF) 13-0; 174—Adam Cooling (Mankato) d. Calvin Ochs (Neb-K) 8-2; 184—Jacob Waste (Cal Bapt) d. Nick Burghardt (Mary) 6-1; 197—Joseph Brandt (Ash) pin. Ryan Beltz (Mary) 2:36; Hwt.—Austin Goergen (St Cl) tech Austin Akins (Coker) 5:43.

CONSOLATIONS (for fifth): 125—Dustin Reed (Newman) d. Ronald Wardleigh (Western) 7-4; 133—Dakota Bauer (Mary) d. Naquen Hardy (McK) 10-4; 141—Matt Nelson (St Cl) d. Sam Hanau (UPJ) 9-0; 149—Mech Sp NCAA

NCAA Division III

125--1st - No. 1 Lucas Malmberg (Messiah) maj. dec. C.J. Pestano (Central), 14-6; 3rd - Jacob Spearman (Washington & Jefferson) dec. Zac Denny (Wis.-Whitewater), 3-2; 5th - No. 4 Arnulfo Olea (Wartburg) pin No. 3 Jacob Stageberg (Concordia-Moorhead), 5:26; 7th - No. 6 James Kaishian (Ithaca) dec. Jan Rosenberg (Coe), 8-4.
133--1st - Devin Broukal (Wabash) dec. No. 2 Nathan Pike (NYU), 8-5; 3rd - Dustin Weinmann (Wis.-LaCrosse) dec. No. 3 Ryan O'Boyle (McDaniel), 10-6; 5th - No. 4 Jesse Gunter (Baldwin Wallace) dec. Phillip Opelt (Cornell), 4-2, SV 1; 7th - No. 1 Connor Campo (Wartburg) inj. dft. No. 7 Romeo Riley (Alma College).

141--1st - No. 1 Drew Van Anrooy (Luther) maj. dec. No. 2 Jimmy Nehls (Elmhurst), 10-2; 3rd - No. 3



BIG 12 FINALS--Lelund Weatherspoon, Iowa State, works to counter the takedown attack by Chandler Rogers, Oklahoma State, during their 174lb championship match at the B12 Championships held in Kansas City on Mar. 5th-6th. Weatherspoon went on to win by dec. 8-5. Photo by Mike Smith / MatShots.

Nathaniel Behnke (Wisconsin-Eau Clair) maj. dec. No. 5 Justin Kihn (Heidelberg), 9-0; 5th - Gregory Warner (York-PA) maj. dec. No. 7 Chris Williams (Millikin), 17-7; 7th - No. 8 Jeremy Border (Mount Union) med. forfeit No. 4 Shawn Giblin (Rhode Island College)
149--1st - No. 3 Kenneth Martin (Wartburg) dec. Trevor Engle (Cornell College), 7-5; 3rd - No. 2 Dan Mirman (John Carroll) dec. No. 5 Seth Lansberry (Lycoming), 4-3; 5th - No. 4 Blake Santi (Elmhurst) tech. fall No. 7 Dakota Gray (Luther), 16-1; 7th - No. 6 Rashad Kennedy (Augsburg) dec. Joey Gaccione (Johnson & Wales - RI), 10-3

157--1st - No. 1 Robert Dierna (SUNY-Cortland) dec. No. 3 Drew Wagenhoffer (Wartburg), 7-5; 3rd - No. 2 Jorge Lopez (Williams) dec. No. 8 Larry Cannon (Messiah), 10-8; 5th - Tristan Zurfluh (Luther) dec. No. 4 Logan Meister (Ferrum College), 3-1; 7th - Grant Parker (Augsburg) dec. No. 5 Nick Bova (Wabash), 8-3
165--1st - No. 5 Logan Hermsen (Wis.-Stevens Point) dec. No. 2 Nicholas Michael (Wartburg), 5-3, SV-1; 3rd - No. 3 Nolan Barger (Lycoming) dec. No. 6 Colin Navickas (Stevens Tech), 6-1; 5th - No. 8 Eric Hensel (Augsburg) dec. Jeff Hojnacki (Messiah), 12-10; 7th - Nick Velez (Ithaca) dec. No. 1 Farai Sewera (Coe), 10-4

174--1st - No. 7 Ben Swarr (Messiah) dec. No. 1 Eric DeVos (Wartburg), 3-1; 3rd - No. 4 Ryan Harrington (Coe) dec. No. 3 Tyler Schneider (Wis.-LaCrosse), 5-2;

5th- Sonnieboy Blanco (Washington and Jefferson) dec. Joshua Sibbles (Centenary-NJ), 5-3; 7th - Garrett Beaman (St. Olaf) pin Doug Hamann (The College of New Jersey), 1:11

184--1st - No. 1 Riley Lefever (Wabash) maj. dec. No. 3 Josh Thomson (Messiah), 12-4; 3rd - No. 4 A.J. Kowal (Stevens Tech) dec. No. 5 Justin Kreiter (Luther), 3-2; 5th - No. 6 Carlos Toribio (Ithaca) dec. Austin Cook (Wis.-LaCrosse), 7-1; 7th - Brandon Conrad (Rhode Island College) maj. dec. No. 8 Jeff Palmeri (Brockport), 19-9

197--1st - No. 1 David Welch (Roger Williams) dec. No. 2 Gerard Roman (Wartburg), 5-4; 3rd - No. 3 Joe Giarmita (SUNY-Cortland) dec. No. 4 Angus Arthur (Adrian), 8-4; 5th - No. 6 Jamie Jakes (Alma College) dec. Ricky Fisher (Merchant Marine), 6-2; 7th - No. 7 Michael Swider (Wheaton - IL) dec. Malcolm Watson (Loras), 4-2, SV-2

285--1st - No. 2 Zachery Roseberry (Delaware Valley) dec. No. 1 Donald Longendyke (Augsburg), 5-4; 3rd - No. 2 Lance Evans (Wartburg) dec. No. 4 Trevor Maresh (Alma), 4-2; 5th - No. 6 Paul Triandafilou (Gettysburg) dec. Jason Wright (Messiah), 5-1; 7th - Tyler Maher (Stevens Tech) dec. No. 7 Conner Herman (Luther), 3-1

riggins (McK) d. Jeremy Landowski (Mercy) 4-3;

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National Tournament Results

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157—Jordan Rinken (U Iowa) tech Matt Martoccio (Kutz) 6:49; 165—Francis Mizia (Mercy) d. Matthew Vandemeer (Lk Erie) 5-0; 174—Austin Harris (Western) d. Tarrance Williams (Col Pueblo) 16-5; 184—Jon Inman (Ft Hays) d. Montrail Johnson (UW-Pk) 12-3; 197—Garrett Lineberger (ND) d. Jake Cramer (Tiffin) 6-2. Hwt.—Jacob Mitchell (Col-Pueblo) med forf Donnell Walker (Mary).

CONSOLATIONS (for seventh): 125—Joshua Kieffer (Ind) d. Trung Duong (Newb) 10-4; 133—Jordan Simpson (Newb) d. Martin Ramirez (Adams) 7-4; 141—Cobey Fehr (ND) d. Keith Surber (Neb-K) 8-1; 149—Keenan Hagerty (Mary) d. Bradley Little (Ft Hays) 7-3; 157—Greg Hegarty (Mary) d. JaCobi Jones (Col Pueblo) 5-4; 165—Nolan Kistler (Cal Baptist) d. Kade Kitchens (Shorter) 15-8; 174—Clayton Jennissen (St Cl) d. Robert Rivera (ND) 14-13; 184—Huston Evans (Newb) d. Uthman Rabiou (St Cl) 7-3; 197—Ryan Parmely (U Iowa) d. Marcus Haughian (Col Mesa) 18-11; Hwt.—Andy Welton (Mercy) d. Cole Wilson (SW Minn) 6-0.

NAIA Championships

TEAM SCORING: Grand View 117.5, Montana State-Northern 74, Indiana Tech 56.5, Campbellsville Kentucky 52.5, Missouri Valley 48.5, Doane Nebraska 41, Southern Oregon 38, Oklahoma City 37.5, Concordia Nebraska 34, Dickinson State 33.5, Wayland Baptist 33.5, Lindsey Wilson 31, Baker

30, Williams Baptist Arkansas 29, Life 27, York 20.5, Midland 20, Morningside 20, Northwestern Iowa 19.5, Cumberland Tennessee 18, Great Falls 17.5, Warner Pacific 17.5, Menlo 17, Cumberlands Kentucky 16, Ottawa 16, Simpson 11.5, Brewton-Parker Georgia 10.5, Jamestown 10, Embry-Riddle 9.5, Dakota Wesleyan 7, Catherine Kentucky 7, Briar Cliff 6.5, Missouri Baptist 5.5, William Penn 5, Davenport Michigan 4.5, Central Baptist Arkansas 4, Lindenwood-Bellville 4, Graceland Iowa 3, Hastings 3, Southeastern Florida 3, Hannibal-LaGrange Missouri 1, Lyon Arkansas .5.

CHAMPIONSHIP FINALS: 125—Mitch Pawlak (Indiana Tech) pin. Hugo Perez (Midland) 4:11; 133—Jacob Colon (GV) d. Davion Caston (Camp) 10-0; 141—Andrew Schulte (Conc) pin. Tyler Hinton (Ott) 4:19; 149—Victor Hughes (Baker) d. Tyler Cowger (S Ore) 4-3; 157—Colby Crank (Baker) d. Grant Henderson (GV) 4-3; 165—Blake Cooper (Warner) d. Dallas Houchins (GV) 6-3; 174—Riley Boomer (Mo Val) d. Lawton Benna (GV) 8-3; 184—Michael Pixley (GV) d. Ryan McWatters (S Ore) 6-4; 197—Cody Linton (Doane) d. Grant Harrill (GV) 9-4; Hwt.—Dean Broghammer (GV) pin. Taylor Kornoely (Mont St) :56.

CONSOLATIONS (for third): 125—Troy Lakin (Menlo) d. James Flint (Lindsey) 11-3; 133—Godwin Cutler (GV) tech Travis Barroquillo (Ind) 18-0; 141—Matt Weber (Mont St) d. Tyler Fraley (Williams) 16-12; 149—Willie Fox (York) d. Steven Garcia (Morn) 6-3; 157—Tanner Werner (GV) d. Kyle Terry (Camp) 11-9; 165—Taylor Hodel (Dickinson) pin. Ricky McCarty (Okla) 6:57; 174—Matt Walker (Lindsey) d. Willie Miller (Mont St) 11-3; 184—LJ Grayson (Indiana) d. John Solano (Dickinson) 11-6; 197—Garrett DeMers (Mont St) d. Dalton Bailey (Life) 7-2; Hwt.—Gabi Musallam (Mo Vall) d. Corey Walker (Okla) 3-2.

CONSOLATIONS (for fifth): 125—Luke Schlosser (G Falls) d. Quintel Fuchs (Mont St) 12-0; 133—Kodie Cole (Conc) d. Vincente Hernandez (Simp) 11-4; 141—Jake Ekster (Mo Vall) tech Walker Marshall (GV) 18-2; 149—Dallas Brown (Life) forf. Jaedin Sklapsky (Camp); 157—Nathan Pristavec (Brewton) d. Victor Thomas (Wayland) 8-6; 165—Connor Middleton (Baker) d. Sean Black (Camp) 3-2; 174—Zach Fishman (NW Ia) d. Kevin Corbett (Doane) 10-8; 184—Michael Napier (Wayland) pin. Lane Owersen (Dickinson) 2:16; 197—Hudson Buck (Dickinson) d. Donovan Fouchey (Mo Vall) 4-3; Hwt.—Chico Adams (Lindsey) pin. Markese Christian (Wayland) 4:39.

CONSOLATIONS (for seventh): 125—Jake Sinkovics (Cumb) pin. Casey Coulter (S Ore) 4:16; 133—Collin Crume (Indiana) d. Andrew Porras (Wayland) 13-12; 141—Steele Escobedo (Menlo) d. Sonny Gulesian (Briar) 5-4; 149—Anton King (Embry) d. Kane Lovvorn (Wayland) 21-11; 157—Nate Croley (Cumb) d. Hunter Hodges (S Ore) 11-5; 165—Trevor Devestern (Dakota) pin. Mike Nord (James) 7:33; 174—Derek Sivertsen (Okla) d. Chuck Sharon (Camp) 6-3; 184—Jeffrey Haley (Williams) forf. Jacoby Dempsey (Life); 197—Ken Burkhardt Jr (Conc) pin. Chandler Knight (Doane) 4:38; Hwt.—Toby Cheff (Mont St) pin. Stephen Wilbert (Warner) 2:18.

NCWA Championships

TEAM STANDINGS: Division I--1. Emmanuel College, 213.0; 2. Central Florida, 191.0; 3. Grand Valley State, 188.0; 4. Liberty, 97.5; 5. Penn State-DuBois, 92.5; 6. Apprentice, 73.0; 7. U.S. Air Force Academy Prep, 55.0; 8. Middle Tennessee, 54.5; 9. South Florida, 50.5; 10. Alfred State, 44.5; 11. Penn State-Mont Alto, 44.0; 12. Marion Military, 41.0; 13. Grays Harbor College, 36.0; 14. Md.-Baltimore County, 35.0; 15. Wayne State College, 34.5; 16. Mott Community College, 33.0; 17. Florida Gulf Coast, 30.0; 18. Temple, 26.5; 19. Central Washington, 19.5; 20. Williamson Trades, 17.5; 21. MIT, 15.0; 22. Penn State-New Kensington, 13.0; 23. New Hampshire, 10.5; 24. RPI, 9.0; 25t. North Florida, 5.5; 25t. Stony Brook, 5.5; 27. Penn State-Schuylkill, 4.0; 28. Penn State-Fayette, 0.0.

Division II--1. Florida, 72.0; 2. Penn State WC, 59.5; 3. Colorado, 53.5; 4t. Connecticut, 47.0; 4t. Houston-Downtown, 47.0; 6t. Maine, 41.5; 6t. Utah State, 41.5; 8. Montana Western, 40.0; 9. Grand Canyon WC, 34.0; 10. Defiance College, 32.5; 11. Toledo, 31.5; 12. Farmingdale State, 29.0; 13. Georgia, 28.5; 14. Akron, 28.0; 15. Texas, 27.5; 16. Washington State, 25.0; 17. USC, 24.0; 18. James Madison, 23.0; 19. Henry Ford College, 22.5; 20. Dixie State, 22.0; 21. Florida A&M, 20.5; 22t. Fresno State, 18.5; 22t. Ohio State WC, 18.5; 24t. Arizona, 18.0; 24t. Wisconsin WC, 18.0; 26t. BYU, 17.5; 26t. Memphis, 17.5; 26t. Northern Kentucky, 17.5; 29. Washington, 16.0; 30t. South Carolina, 15.5; 30t. Texas State, 15.5; 32. Michigan WC, 14.5; 33t. Rowan Univ., 13.0; 33t. Tennessee, 13.0; 35. Northeastern, 11.5; 36t. Texas A&M, 11.0; 36t. UCLA, 11.0; 38. Winona State, 10.5; 39. East Carolina, 10.0; 40t. Delaware, 9.5; 40t. Notre Dame, 9.5; 42t. Lehigh WC, 8.0; 42t. William & Mary, 8.0; 44t. Iowa State WC, 7.5; 44t. Virginia Military, 7.5; 46. Ferris State, 7.0; 47t. Saginaw Valley, 6.5; 47t. Towson, 6.5; 47t. Western Washington, 6.5; 50. North Texas, 6.0; 51t. Montana Tech, 5.5; 51t. Texas-Arlington, 5.5; 53. Iowa WC, 5.0; 54. Colorado State, 4.5; 55t. Alabama, 3.5; 55t. Massachusetts, 3.5; 57. Montana State, 3.0; 58. Michigan State WC, 2.0; 59. UC-Merced, 1.5; 60. Idaho, 1.0; 61t. Bridgewater College, 0.0; 61t. Concordia-Ann Arbor, 0.0; 61t. Husson Univ., 0.0; 61t. Miami (Fla.), 0.0; 61t. Missouri Science and Tech., 0.0; 61t. Rhode Island, 0.0; 61t. Rutgers WC, 0.0; 61t. Sacramento State, 0.0; 61t. Yale, 0.0.

Individual Results -- Men

125--Championship: Brent Newcomer, Emmanuel,

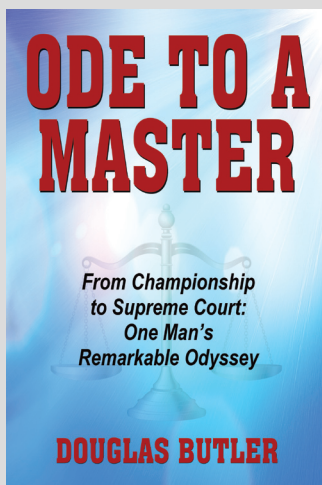
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def. Timothy Sakow, Central Florida, by fall 2:57
 3rd: Devon Jackson, Houston-Downtown, def. Ryan Thierman, Alfred State, 9-5.
 5th: Byron Smith, Memphis, def. Brendan Hazelton, Grand Valley State, by tech fall 6:10 (17-2)
 7th: Ty Boyd, Apprentice, def. Jiro DeLoach, Texas State, by tech fall 4:52 (19-4)
 133--Championship: Darius Bunch, Emmanuel, def. Nick Anthony, Central Florida, TB-1 6-4
 3rd: Mitchell Hrnayak, Grand Valley State def. De'Ante Evans, Defiance, 4-0
 5th: Zachary Vatalare, Michigan WC, def. Dylan Carlile, Emmanuel, 5-3
 7th: Tyler Weiss, BYU, def. Jacob Michael, Apprentice, 8-3
 141--Championship: Zach Cooper, Grand Valley State, def. Will Hale, Emmanuel, by tech fall 3:05 (16-0).
 3rd: Andrew Johnson, Washington, def. Johnny Walker, Penn State WC, 6-5
 5th: Matthew Seymour, Central Florida, def. Aaron Bright, Apprentice, by forfeit
 7th: Brandon Robinson, Liberty, def. Jeff Hayden, Towson, by forfeit
 149--Championship: Ty Haines, Penn State-DuBois, def. Nick Cegelski, USC, 8-3
 3rd: Julian Prieto, Colorado, def. Jay Sheppard, Emmanuel, by fall 6:11
 5th: Antonio Martinez, Texas, def. John Cook, Georgia, by major dec., 10-2
 7th: Dan Ritz, Penn State WC, def. Tyler Warner, Penn State-Mont Alto, 3-2
 157--Championship: Trace Thome, Florida, def. Joseph Prieto, Colorado, 3-1
 3rd: Jeremiah Lutz, Emmanuel, def. Trey Gregory, James Madison, by fall 1:09
 5th: Gabe Stepanovich, Grand Valley State, def. Joe Staley, James Madison, by fall 4:20
 7th: Brett Naylor, Utah State, def. Michael King, Middle Tennessee, 11-5
 165--Championship: Ricky Padilla, U.S. Air Force Prep, def. Austin Geerlings, Grand Valley State, 4-2
 3rd: Clay Kocsis, Penn State-Mont Alto, def. Taylor Workman, Toledo, 8-5
 5th: John Prentice, Penn State-DuBois, def. Jarred Pratt, Montana Western, by fall 3:36
 7th: Michael Bryant, Liberty, def. Mason Temple, Fresno State, 7-5
 174--Championship: Geordan Speiller, Central Florida, def. Joshua Ferenczy, Liberty, by fall 2:32
 3rd: Bailey Bischer, Grand Valley State, def. George VanValen, Alfred State, 5-3
 5th: Zakery Pitt, Emmanuel, def. Joe Traverso, Washington State, TB-1 5-3
 7th: George Andrews, Connecticut, def. Shane Brown, Akron, by forfeit
 184--Championship: Cody Chaney, Emmanuel, def. Chandler Dobler, Central Florida, 6-3
 3rd: Clinton Boone, Farmingdale State, def. Tucker Davison, Montana Western, by fall 2:07
 5th: River Robertson, Maine, def. Phil Marra, Penn State-New Kensington, by forfeit
 7th: Johnny Malazinsky, Texas, def. Eric Dietz, Grand Valley State, 6-5
 197--Championship: Maveric Rechsteiner, Emmanuel, def. Matt Wagner, Air Force Prep, 12-5
 3rd: Tyrell Walker, Central Florida, def. Thomas Mancha, Houston-Downtown, by fall 0:53
 5th: Trevor Parker, Marion Military, def. Kyler Slade, Ohio State WC, 5-1
 7th: Jake Ferris, Central Washington, def. Jesse Slocum, Akron, 6-2
 235--Championship: William Vincent, Mott CC, def. Steven Webb, Connecticut, by fall 3:26
 3rd: Rickey Carter, Florida A&M, def. Jeffrey Henderson, Henry Ford College, 2-1
 5th: Harun Bogdonic, Grand Valley State, def. Kerry Powers, Air Force Prep, by forfeit
 7th: Andrew Carnes, South Carolina, def. Angel Perez, Central Florida, SV-1 7-5).
 285--Championship: Mo Fifita, Air Force Prep, def.

Jesse Gaudin, Central Florida, TB-1 3-1
 3rd: Dylan Stadel, Utah State, def. Austin Wells, Middle Tennessee, by fall 0:36
 5th: Aaron Leciejewski, Defiance, def. John Puleo, South Florida, by medical forfeit
 7th: Justin Reynolds, Emmanuel, def. Joshua Travers, Liberty, 3-2

Individual Results -- Women

TEAM STANDINGS--1. Southwestern Oregon CC, 126.5; 2. Ottawa, 83.5; 3. Springfield Tech CC, 37.5; 4. Massachusetts, 17.5; 5. Michigan-Dearborn, 16.0; 6. Maine, 14.0; 7. Colorado State, 11.5; 8t. North Texas, 11.0; 8t. South Florida, 11.0; 10t. Fresno State, 10.5; 10t. Midland Univ., 10.5; 10t. Texas-Arlington, 10.5; 13. Texas State, 8.5; 14. Texas A&M, 7.5; 15. Arizona, 5.0; 16. Florida, 3.0; 17t. Miami, 2.5; 17t. Middle Tennessee, 2.5; 19t. Dixie State, 0.0; 19t. Houston-Downtown, 0.0; 19t. MIT, 0.0; 19t. Tennessee, 0.0; 19t. Texas, 0.0; 19t. UC-Merced, 0.0; 19t. Utah State, 0.0; 19t. Washington, 0.0; 19t. Western Washington, 0.0.

101: Championship--Samantha Frank, Maine, def. Mali'e Gonsalves, SW Oregon CC, by fall 1:56
 3rdLisa Anderson, Ottawa, def. Valeria Rivera, Ottawa, 2-0

109: 1st Place - Yolonda Lawes (16-5), Southwestern Oregon CC; 2nd Place - Kellie Heitman (7-8), Southwestern Oregon CC; 3rd Place - Tabitha Sparks (2-2), Ottawa; 4th Place - Shania Magdaleno (2-2), Ottawa; 5th Place - Leticia Santos (0-6), Maine.

116: Championship --Amanda Nelson, Springfield Tech, def. Meranda Homan, Ottawa, by fall 0:36
 3rd: Christy Lor, SW Oregon CC, def. Maria Belloti, Texas-Arlington, by fall 0:31

123--Championship: Brandi Elizalde, SW Oregon CC, def. Lacey Henderson, Ottawa, 7-3
 3rd: Rossana Aguilar, Fresno State, def. Legacie Dominguez, Texas A&M, by maj. dec., 15-3

130 --Championship: Marina Goocher, Mich.-Dearborn, def. Avery Souders, North Texas, 3-2
 3rd: Sadie Bailey, SW Oregon CC, def. Sara Lynn Andresen, Massachusetts, by fall 1:03

136--Championship: Addie Lanning, Ottawa, def. Veenah Francis, South Florida, by fall 4:56
 3rd: KaMele Sanchez, Colorado State, def. Anna Ernst, Ottawa, by fall 0:44

143--Championship: Carly Jaramillo, SW Oregon CC, def. Cassie Corey, Massachusetts, 9-2
 3rd: Paige Edwinson, Ottawa, def. Tiana Roy, Springfield Tech, DQ

155--Championship: Tatum Sparks, SW Oregon CC, def. Milagros Garcia, SW Oregon CC, tech fall 3:41 (18-2)
 3rd: Glorious Mayes, Texas State, def. Gabriela Hunter, Midland, 2-0

170--Round 1:Destane Garrick, Springfield Tech, def. Adrianna Escobedo, SW Oregon CC, by fall 2:14.
 Round 2

Janelle Fuamatu, SW Oregon CC, def. Adrianna Escobedo, SW Oregon CC, by fall 3:38.Round 3: Janelle Fuamatu, SW Oregon CC, def. Destane Garrick, Springfield Tech, 6-3.

191--Round 1: Jazmine Chavarria, SW Oregon CC, def. Alyson Bruneault, Massachusetts, by fall 0:37
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2016 NJCAA Championships

Feb. 26-27 at Council Bluffs, Iowa
 Team Standings--1. NEO A&M - 152.5; 2. Iowa Central - 128; 3. Ellsworth - 98; 4. Iowa Western - 90.5; 4. North Iowa Area - 90.5; 6. Clackamas - 77.5; 7. Iowa Lakes - 72.5; 8. Nassau - 60.5; 9. Northwest

Wyoming - 52.5; 10. Niagara - 47.5.
 Final Results
 125--1st: Alex DelaCruz, Iowa Central dec Cole Verner, Western Wyoming, 8-6
 3rd: Paul Mascarenas, North Iowa Area dec Blake Walker, Ellsworth, 3-2
 5th: Will Bardebain, Barton fall Andres Tereza, Highline, 2:18

7th: Logan Terrill maj Josh Antoine, Nassau, 11-1
 133--1st: Shiquan Hall, North Iowa Area dec Zak Hensley, Iowa Central, 5-3
 3rd: Eduardo Pehna dec Curtis Burnett, NEO A&M, 9-5

5th: Clay Stine, Iowa Western maj Tepra Wright, Ellsworth, 10-1
 7th: Detric McCoy, Mercyhurst dec Andrew Ramirez, Highline, 7-5

141--1st: Jason Alfau, Iowa Central dec Colton Adams, Iowa Western, 10-4
 3rd: Jaydon Rogers, Western Wyoming dec Braydon Akeo, Southwestern Oregon

5th: Mitchell Sellers, NEO A&M fall Matt Schmidt, Northwest Wyoming, 0:27
 7th: Lamont Cannon, Minnesota West dec Downey Wood, Pratt, 7-4

149--1st: John-David Henderson, Northwest Wyoming dec Chris Garcia, Clackamas, 3-2
 3rd: Nate Skonieczny, Jamestown maj Kristian Holquin-Mendez, 17-5
 5th: Toby Hague, Rowan at Gloucester fall Cory Pych, 1:52

7th: Oscar Ramirez, Iowa Western dec Cody McGregor, Niagara 6-4 SV1
 157--1st: Dawaylon Barnes, NEO A&M dec Christopher Schmidt, Ridgewater, 5-2
 3rd: Matthew Kirkland, Ellsworth dec TJ Barnes, Muskegon, 12-6

5th: Quincy Kalkbrenner, North Iowa Area tech Zach Colgan, Niagara
 7th: Brandon Murray, Iowa Central fall Chase Lemons, Iowa Western 8:26 TB1

165--1st: Dajour Reece, North Idaho dec Daquan Wilson, Spartansburg Methodist, 7-5
 3rd: Sam Schwartzafel, Nassau dec Sam Colebert, Mercyhurst, 6-4
 5th: Gavin Grater, Colby fall Zach Revier, Ridgewater, 0:51

7th: Sadarris Patterson, Ellsworth dec Tyree Overton, Lincoln 14-13
 174--1st: Jacob Smith, NEO A&M maj Jordan Gundrum, Ellsworth, 14-5
 3rd: Devan Richter, Muskegon inj def. Preston Lauterbach, Iowa Western

5th: Kaden Campbell, Western Wyoming dec Dominic Ruggiero, Rowan at Gloucester, 2-0
 7th: Tyler Noon, Highline dec Alex Kelly, Niagara, 9-4

184--1st: Tyler Hoffman, Iowa Central fall Wesley Schultz, Iowa Lakes, 4:21
 3rd: Haszell West, Clackamas dec Jacob Hill, NEO A&M, 10-6

5th: Deuly Espinal, Nassau tech Anthony Liberatore, Niagara, 16-0
 7th: Micah Felton, Pratt ffit. DeAndre Jones, Ellsworth 197--1st: Dymere Rappa, Camden County dec John Morin, Clackamas, 4-2

3rd: Christian Dulaney, Iowa Lakes dec Elias Mason, Highline, 10-6
 5th: Kendrick Jones, Iowa Central fall Anthony Whitmarsh, Southwestern Oregon, 1:25

7th: Kyler Mathews, North Iowa Area dec Josh Latham, NEO A&M
 285--1st: Blake Andrews, NEO A&M fall Guy Henson, Iowa Lakes, 2:05

3rd: Dalonte Holland, Ellsworth dec Mario Pena, North Iowa Area, 5-2
 5th: Ben Aquilina, Middlesex County dec Jenard Rosemond, Nassau, 4-3

7th: Damian Trujillo, North Idaho dec Ian Lynch, Camden County, 5-3

The Kings of Wrestling Once Called Central High School Home

By John Klein
Tulsa World

The most NCAA wrestling champs by Oklahoma high school; 1. Central (28); 2. Blackwell (9); 2. Perry (9); 2. Ponca City (9); 2. Stillwater (9); 2. Webster (9)
7. Del City (7); 7. Sulphur (7).

Last NCAA wrestling champ from Oklahoma High Schools: 2014: Chris Perry, Oklahoma State (Stillwater)

Last Olympic gold medalist from Oklahoma High Schools: 1996: Kendall Cross, Oklahoma State (Mustang). (Source: National Wrestling Hall of Fame, all photos courtesy NWHOF)

Tulsa Central High School has a glorious history in wrestling, including one of the greatest records in the sport.

Yet, when the Oklahoma High School State Wrestling Tournament took place Feb. 26, the Braves were not there.

Central alums have won a record 28 NCAA championships and two former Central coaches are in the National Wrestling Hall of Fame. It is the only Tulsa Public Schools high school currently without a wrestling team.

“When I was growing up, Central had the greatest wrestlers wrestling and the greatest

coaches coaching,” Cascia Hall coach Ernie Jones said. “Wrestling was huge all over this city, but Central had the history.”

Central wrestlers are all over the NCAA record books. Central has nearly triple the number of NCAA champs as any other school in the state.

Central has produced more than twice the number of NCAA champs than other nationally-prominent high school programs like Waterloo West, Iowa (12) and Granby, Virginia (10).

Art Griffith, who learned the sport from Ed Gallagher at Oklahoma State, started the Central wrestling program in 1926. He won 10 state championships in 15 years as coach before taking over as the OSU coach. He was followed by coach Rex Peery, who went on to coach at Pittsburgh.

Central has produced four three-time NCAA champions, including Wayne Martin (1934-36, Oklahoma), David Arndt (1941-42, 1946, Oklahoma State), Hugh Peery (1952-54, Pittsburgh) and Stanley Henson (1937-39, Oklahoma State).

Central has produced the NCAA Tournament Outstanding Wrestler Award winner four times (Alan Kelley, 1933, OSU), Martin (1936), Henson (1937) and Arndt (1942).

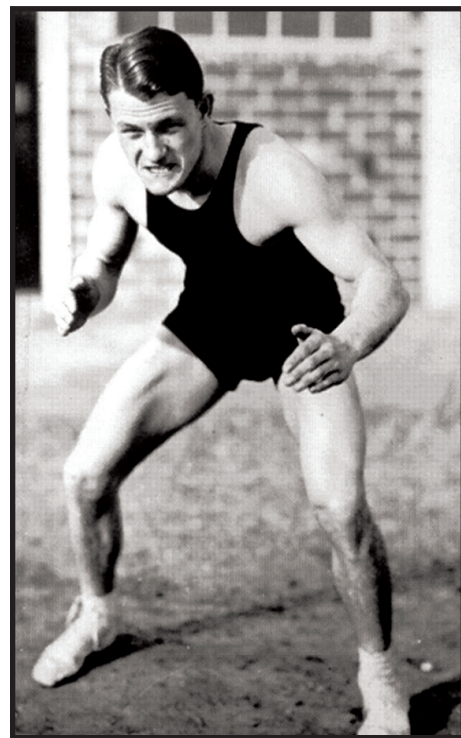
No school in the nation comes close to Central’s long list of NCAA glory.

“It really is amazing to look at Central’s history in NCAA wrestling,” said Jack Carnefix, operations manager of the National Wrestling Hall of Fame. “We’ve tried to do research on every high school in the nation and Central has just blown them away.”

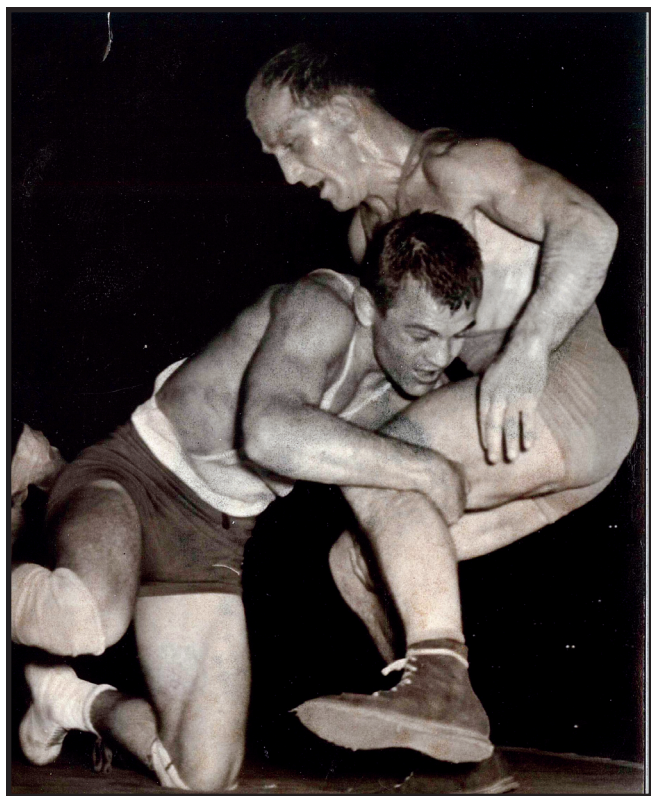
Gil Cloud, Tulsa Public Schools athletic director, was a star athlete at Rogers and later coached the sport.

“When I was a young coach, I brought my team down here from Kansas to wrestle Central,” Cloud said. “Wrestling against Central was a huge deal. We all knew the great history they had and they were always good.”

Bobby Stites, former Bixby athletic director and wrestling coach, grew up in Stillwater and went on to



Wayne Martin, 1934-36, Oklahoma, three-time NCAA champion.



Tommy Evans (left), a Tulsa Rogers grad, was a two-time NCAA Tournament Outstanding Wrestler for OU in 1953-54.

become an All-American at Oklahoma State.

“Central was a very big deal back in the 1960s when I was wrestling,” Stites said. “I remember thinking what a big deal it was to wrestle in that beautiful old building in downtown Tulsa.”

“But, wrestling was great all over the city of Tulsa when I was wrestling. Webster had a great program. There were great wrestlers at all of the Tulsa schools.”

In fact, Webster is tied with Perry, Blackwell and Stillwater for second on the all-time list of NCAA championships with nine.

Tommy Evans was a two-time NCAA Tournament Outstanding Wrestler for OU in 1953-54. He was a Tulsa Rogers grad. The only other two-time NCAA Tournament Outstanding Wrestler from Oklahoma was Perry’s Danny Hodge (1956-57 for OU).

“There is a fantastic history in wrestling all over the city,” said Jones, who coached wrestling for 25 years with Tulsa Public Schools (seven years at Booker T. Washington and 18 years at Webster). “There was a community of kids and parents involved in wrestling in this city. It is what made wrestling so great around here.”

“I grew up in that environment over on the west side (he graduated from Sapulpa). There were all of these guys that came back from the war and started their kids in wrestling. It spread

throughout the city with the clubs. There is a tremendous history here. I wish we could get it back.”

Jones, 72, is in his 16th year of coaching at Cascia Hall. He is generally credited with the explosion of fabulous wrestling in north Tulsa that culminated in the career of Kenny Monday, one of the most decorated American wrestlers in history. Monday, an unbeaten, four-time state champ for Booker T. Washington, went on to become a national champ at OSU. He later wrestled for the U.S. team in three Olympics, winning a gold (1988 in Seoul) and silver (1992 in Barcelona).

“There were all these tremendous young kids wrestling in these clubs up in north Tulsa,” Jones said. “They were really terrific but they were going to high schools all over the city. I took the job at Booker T. because, honestly, it was the only job I could get and we had no history or tradition. It was a pretty new program.

“I talked those parents and kids into staying at home and wrestling for their neighborhood school. But, there were great wrestling teams and clubs all over this city.”

There is still great wrestling in the Tulsa metro area. Broken Arrow has been a recent powerhouse. Sand Springs has a terrific team.

There are powerhouse teams across northeastern Oklahoma. The 1990 NCAA Tournament Outstanding Wrestler was Chris Barnes (OSU) from Oologah. The 1983 NCAA Tournament Outstanding Wrestler was Mike Sheets (OSU) from Tahlequah.

“You’ve got so much wrestling history in Tulsa, including the Tulsa Nationals, arguably the greatest youth wrestling tournament in the country,” Stites said. “That’s why I’m excited about the Big 12 Tournament coming here (2017 at the BOK Center) but I’d be a whole lot more excited if they got the NCAA Tournament here. “I just don’t know if people realize that Tulsa may have the best wrestling history of any city in the country.”

Jones believes it could happen again.

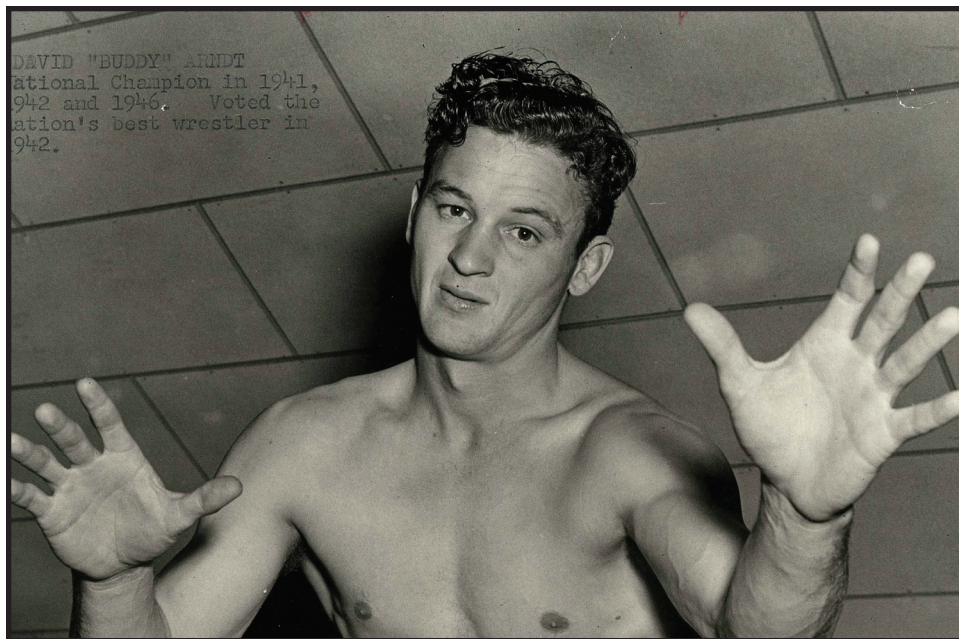
“It would take parents getting involved with the coaches and get those youth programs going again,” he said. “Wrestling is one of those sports you have to grow through feeder programs in the elementary and junior high schools.

“It can be done. I really believe it could happen here again if people get involved.” Cloud said Tulsa Public Schools is seeing a resurgence of interest in the sport.

Even though Central doesn’t have a program, wrestling was recently added at Rogers and restarted at Booker T. Washington. Wrestling at Edison has been revived.

“I’m seeing coaches and families who are interested in doing it right,” Cloud said. “They know they need to start the young kids in club teams and build up to the high school programs.

“We want to be supportive. If folks want a wrestling program, and they want to do it right, we’ll do what we can to make that possible. It is



David (Buddy) Arndt, 1941-42, 1946, Oklahoma State, three-time NCAA champion.

a great sport and Tulsa has deep roots in it.”

Editor's Note: John Klein, 62, is the Senior Sports Columnist at the Tulsa World. He has been a sports writer for nearly 40 years at the Daily Ardmoreite (Okla.), Houston Post and Tulsa World. In his 34 years in Tulsa, he has been a sports writer (including the beat writer on college and high school wrestling), sports

editor and now senior sports columnist. He is a member of the Oklahoma Journalism Hall of Fame, Perry High School (Okla.) Hall of Fame and received a lifetime achievement award from the Oklahoma Chapter of the National Wrestling Hall of Fame. He has won numerous writing awards and is a former Oklahoma Sports Writer of the Year



Rex Peery and son Hugh Peery (1952-54, Pittsburgh), both three-time NCAA champions

Mat News

Buckley Resigns at Cal Poly

SAN LUIS OBISPO, Calif. -- Brendan Buckley has resigned his position as head wrestling coach at Cal Poly in order to accept a position as executive director of Beat the Streets Wrestling, New York City.

"We wish Brendan the best in his future endeavors," said Oberhelman. "During his five years at Cal Poly, he has changed the culture of the program for the better and the academic side of the program is as good as anyone else in the country."

During his five seasons with the Mustangs, Buckley guided eight wrestlers to the NCAA Division I National Championships. Boris Novachkov placed third at 141 pounds while Ryan DesRoches was eighth at 174 pounds, both in the 2012 national meet.

Oberhelman said a national search for Buckley's successor will begin immediately, adding that he will attend the NCAA Division I National Championships next week at Madison Square Garden in New York.

"I will be meeting with members of the wrestling community and to meet candidates and identify our next leader while in New York," Oberhelman said.

It was Buckley who brought outdoor wrestling to Cal Poly. Three highly successful dual meets were held in the University Union plaza over the last three years, capped by a 23-15 victory over Boise State in February.

Buckley was head wrestling coach at Ivy League member Columbia University in New York for 11 seasons before he was named Cal Poly's head wrestling coach on June 21, 2011.

Buckley's accomplishments at Columbia include five years of nationally ranked recruiting classes, 20 NCAA qualifiers and a school-record eight EIWA placewinners in the 2006-07 season. He was named EIWA Coach of the Year in 2005 and received the Bob Bubb Coaching Excellence Award for NCAA Division I in 2011.

In the last six years under Buckley's guidance, Columbia earned 26 All-Ivy League selections, 16 NCAA qualifiers and the program's first All-American in 23 years. Matt Palmer finished eighth in the 2005 and 2007 NCAA Championships at 165 and 174 pounds, respectively, and the Lions were ranked in the top 25 in 2007. In the 2008-09 season, Buckley coached Columbia's first EIWA champion in 13 years.

Buckley was the top assistant coach at Virginia from 1998 to 2000 and was the chief assistant coach at UC Davis as well as at Sacramento City College in the late 1990s. Buckley coached three all-Americans, one an NCAA finalist, at Virginia and the Cavaliers twice finished in the top 25 at the NCAA Championships.

Buckley graduated from Fresno State in 1997 with a bachelor's degree in speech communication and completed his master's degree in sports management at Columbia.

Jim Kinyon Passes at Age 81

Jimmy Floyd Kinyon was born in Lovington, New Mexico on 1 December 1936. He spent his entire childhood in Stillwater, Oklahoma. He graduated from OSU and while he was there he was a star athlete winning honors in football, wrestling, and track. He then received an M.S. degree in psychology and special education from Central State University in Edmond, OK. Jim served in the U.S. Navy as a Sports Specialist.

Jim began his teaching career as Head Wrestling coach & classroom teacher in Oberlin,



Jim Kinyon

Midwest City H.S., OK where his teams again won two consecutive state championships. He was named Rookie Coach of the Year & Wrestling Coach of the Year while in OK.

He felt honored to be named the Head Wrestling coach and Instructor of Physical Education at Colorado State University, Fort Collins, Co. While at CSU, Jim's wrestlers won the first WAC championships in CSU's 72-year wrestling history. He was named the NCAA Rookie Coach of the Year in his first year at CSU.

Because of the unintended consequences of Title IX, wrestling and other sports were discontinued. Jim then became a Dean of Students & Head Wrestling coach at Smokey Hill H.S. in the Cherry Creek S. D.

Jim was past President of Mountain Intercollegiate Wrestling Association and past President of the Western Athlete Conference Coaches Association. He was also a certified NCAA and H.S. wrestling official as well as serving on the National High School Wrestling Rules Committee.

Jim will be remembered for his wit and humor. In addition to wrestling, he was a true football connoisseur of the first degree. He was a talented wood carver as well as an accomplished cook. Jim was a true gentleman, generous, upbeat and happy. An accurate description of Jim would include, "A good coach can change a game; a great coach can change lives."

John Grillo Notches 700th Win

Coach John Grillo of Holley High School, Holley, NY, achieved his 700th win against Lyndonville High School on Wednesday, Jan 20. Coach Grillo is one of the top high school wrestling coaches in New York State History in terms of wins. Grillo's career total of 700 wins surpasses the old state mark of 675 held by Joe Bena according to the New York State Sports Writers Association records. All three of

Grillo's sons wrestled for him and Holley and later joined him matside as coaches.

Fresno State to Add Wrestling

FRESNO, Calif. -- Fresno State has officially announced it will be integrating two new sports into its intercollegiate athletics programs. The Bulldogs will be adding wrestling and women's water polo as the 20th and 21st NCAA Division I sanctioned sports under the Department of Athletics' umbrella.

The Department of Athletics will immediately begin a national search to hire the head coaches for both programs.

"We are really excited to add women's water polo and wrestling, providing young men and women the opportunity right here in the heart of the Valley to continue playing the sport that they love while getting their education close to home," Director of Athletics Jim Bartko said. "Wrestling has such a rich tradition here in the Valley and water polo makes perfect sense in the footprint of our Athletics structure and with our premiere Aquatics venue. We look forward to incorporating these two sports into our University community while remaining focused on our continued commitment to gender equity and Title IX."

"The generous support from the wrestling community, the tremendous support we receive from the University and our fundraising efforts is what made these additions possible," Bartko added. "It was very important to us to incorporate these sports the right way to set them up for success, and we feel that we have done just that."

The move to bring wrestling back was initiated by President Joseph I. Castro in fall 2013 when he asked the Department of Athletics to explore the possibility.

"I am ecstatic that we are officially moving forward with reinstating wrestling and adding women's water polo. We have taken the time to adequately prepare for the new programs and to do the fundraising necessary for them to succeed," said Castro. "It's a bold move to add two new sports, but they will provide great opportunities for student-athletes at Fresno State and tremendous enjoyment by Bulldog fans throughout the Valley and beyond. This is additional evidence that our academic and athletics programs are rising together."

For wrestling, this marks its return at Fresno State. The program was dropped from the University umbrella as an NCAA Division I competing program on June 15, 2006.

Wrestling at Fresno State dates back to 1962 when it competed as an NCAA Division II program. In 1969 it made the move to Division I and won 11 team conference championships, had 14 top 25 finishes, three individuals that combined to win six national championships and 33 All-Americans.

USA To Face Iran In Times Square May 19

NEW YORK-- In what will be a highlight of the Olympic year in wrestling and has become a rite of spring in New York, Beat the Streets Wrestling, Inc. and USA Wrestling announced details of this year's international competition, which returns to New York City's Times Square on Thursday, May 19.

Competitors for Team USA, which will include 2016 Olympic team hopefuls, will compete in men's freestyle against world power Iran, a preview of the 2016 Rio de Janeiro Olympic Games. In addition to Olympic-level matches, four Junior-level matches will be featured, showcasing future world and Olympic-caliber talent.

"I couldn't be more excited. We have Iran and the USA battling for wrestling supremacy in Times Square; united in the idea that sports can bring change in young men and women and even in countries sometimes. It's going to be pretty cool. An added plus is that Iran has the loudest and most passionate wrestling fans in the world. Don't miss it," said Beat the Streets Chairman of the Board Mike Novogratz, the founder of these Gala competitions.

Billed as "United in the Square," this will be the second time that Iran has been featured as part of the Beat the Streets Gala competition.

In 2013, the event dubbed "The Rumble on the Rails," was hosted in historic Grand Central Terminal and featured dual meets between Team USA, Russia and Iran. Playing an important role in the international Keep Olympic Wrestling effort, this historic wrestling event gained international media coverage and helped wrestling retain its status on the Olympic Games program.

This will be the seventh straight year in which a major international-style wrestling competition will be hosted as part of the Beat the Streets Gala activities. In 2010, an all-star challenge featuring top U.S. wrestlers was held on the USS Intrepid, an aircraft carrier docked on the west side of Manhattan.

Top Beat the Streets youth wrestlers will take the mat showcasing their skills in exhibition matches beginning at 3:30 p.m. to start the evening. A new feature will be held at the PSAL Girls Freestyle Dual Meet Championships finals, featuring the two top New York City girl's freestyle wrestling high school teams from the spring girl's freestyle season. Then it's Team USA vs. Iran and other guests at 6:30 p.m., followed by the Beat the Streets Gala Celebration.

The Gala Celebration will follow the wrestling competition. This unique and electrifying annual event helps Beat the Streets (BTS) raise significant funds to further its mission. Whether it's providing a safe, constructive outlet for our urban youth, fighting childhood obesity, empowering women, or uniting entire nations, wrestling teaches persistence, dedication, and the value of working hard to achieve one's goals, creates opportunities for personal and universal growth. BTS currently serve over 3,000 student-athletes every year.

Rudis Partners With Iowa

Marysville, OH. Rudis, a leading athletic apparel brand that is uniquely marketed to the national wrestling community, has partnered with the University of Iowa as a licensee in all major athletic apparel & lifestyle categories. Rudis managing partner and President Jesse Leng is excited about the partnership; "The University of Iowa has been the gold standard for elite wrestling performance at the collegiate level for decades. The program has produced

Retired Coaches Corner

Division I Thoughts and Memories

By Jack Childs

Having just returned from the NCAA Division I National Tournament in New York City at the famous Madison Square Garden, I have many thoughts and long lasting memories. There are many highlights that come to mind at the end of our collegiate season.

By now I'm sure you are all aware of the outcome of this great event, with Penn State winning the National Championship, with six All Americans, five in the finals with two becoming champions. Cael, his coaches, the entire team and the 'We Are Penn State' nation can certainly be proud of the way their athletes wrestled. Just as important to this R/V Coach is the way they were composed on and off the mat as well as the victory stand! Winner or not, they showed that they have learned an important lesson of life. How you accept the fate you have worked so hard for, will carry you throughout your life. Speaking as a former coach as well as for my peers, I can attest that there are NO losers to those of you that wrestled. For some, you may feel your dream was fulfilled, while others will feel they have failed. All of you – athletes, coaches, parents and fans – will have taken something away from this great event, and it is up to you to make your experience the most positive it can be.

Now on to the 'Show' itself. I have mixed emotions about the site, as the wrestling proved to be as exciting and enthralling as ever. New York City – who would have thought that in this mega metropolis that our sport would fill the Mecca of the Garden? Did we gain new fans, as well as those that have been with us for 10, 20, 30, 40 or more years that will help us grow in the future? Was it beyond the cost for some to attend, while others found it to be a challenge to see this great city? On the positive side for me, the crowd with their enthusiasm filling the Garden made for a tremendous venue, and for those that took advantage of the sights and history – the 'Top of the Rock' (Rockefeller Center), the Museum of Modern Art, the 9/11 Memorial & Museum (so moving), the theater district, Empire State Building, etc., etc., and it goes on and on, made for a family vacation, as well as our sporting event. The highlight film commentary from Billy Baldwin (our Ambassador of Wrestling) on wrestling, NYC and the Garden was a taste of originality. Our new announcing crew Jason Bryant and Bryan Hazard are to be lauded for giving us a new and dynamic sound to the magic of what it takes to enlighten the fans with various holds and action of our sport.

As for the negatives. I think the NYC Travel Bureau through the NCAA & NWCA could have made it more cost effective if they had made the public aware of those flying to go into Newark rather than JFK or LaGuardia as that would have certainly saved both time and money. As for publicity, the NCAA, the Garden, the exposure from ESPN was all FANTASTIC, but there was not one bit of coverage in the papers. And why could there not have been someone from the *Tonight Show*, *Good Morning America*, the *Today Show*, etc. give us live coverage we so justly deserve (and need)?

Dignitaries such as Donald Rumsfeld, former Secretary of Defense, made their presence known and were warmly received. Nationals are not just a happening, but a social event we look forward to each year. As we grow older, it is even more important to renew those acquaintances, as well as make new ones. From Maine to California - I get to see Rummy Macias (he was such a wonderful former coach and proud supporter), HS friend and former National Champion, Paul Keysaw, Jim and Tom Keen, Paul and Debbie Gilbert, John Graham, Nick Gallo, Neil Duncan, not to mention many of my former wrestlers their families, parents and even my managers. The night ended with the sounds of "New York, New York" echoing in my mind and many fond memories in my heart.

Next year we will be in St. Louis with new cheers, tears, promises and goals fulfilled or not. Just remember there are no losers in the sport of wrestling.

many of our most well-known and influential figures in the sport. Rudis will continue to align itself with people who view wrestling as a way of life. I can't think of a better example of that than Iowa Wrestling."

Co-Founder of Rudis, and head wrestling coach of perennial power St. Paris Graham H.S., Jeff Jordan adds: "In my lifetime spent in the sport of wrestling, Iowa has consistently set the precedent in regards to excellence. The success of the program and the relentless pursuit to dominate every opponent has been an inspiration and something I try to emulate in my coaching. To say we are honored to be accepted as a University of Iowa licensee is an understatement."

Tommy Rowlands 2x Olympic Alternate, 2x NCAA Champion, and Co-Founder of Rudis comments: "I competed alongside Iowa wrestlers

and coaches for my entire adult life. Although thoughts of Iowa caused many sleepless nights, I was sharpened and made better by knowing what I was up against. Iowa's standard is something that I try to emulate in every aspect of my life. It is an honor to use Rudis as a vehicle to promote the Iowa brand."

The initial Rudis product line is available exclusively on www.therudis.com and will feature a full offering of over a dozen new designs spanning multiple product categories. Jesse Leng adds, "I think the greatest strength of our company is our ability to identify the needs and desires of wrestling fans, coaches, and athletes. The product line will feature vintage styled shirts and hoodies intended to pay homage to the decades of excellence Iowa has

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established, as well as the latest in performance apparel tailored to the needs of the modern athlete."

Team Foxcatcher Documentary To Premiere In April

By Mark Palmer, InterMat Senior Writer

Two-and-a-half years after the Hollywood movie "Foxcatcher" based on Mark Schultz's book about the murder of his brother Dave Schultz at the hands of multimillionaire wrestling supporter John du Pont, and six months after "The Prince of Pennsylvania" documentary was shown on ESPN, Dave's widow Nancy Schultz will finally have her opportunity to tell her story in the documentary "Team Foxcatcher" which will premiere next month.

"Team Foxcatcher" will have its official debut at the Tribeca Film Festival in New York City on April 18 ... then will be available for viewing on Netflix starting April 29.

Entertainment Weekly, in announcing the release of "Team Foxcatcher" on Tuesday, reported, "Told predominantly through the lens of David's wife, Nancy, director Jon Greenhalgh's film combines archival home videos and firsthand interviews to relive the events that led to murder. Du Pont had supported and developed a friendship with the Olympic medalist, but the relationship crumbled when the increasingly paranoid millionaire began to perceive David as 'his demon that was after him.'"

A two-minute trailer for "Team Foxcatcher" is available for viewing.

Hollywood entertainment website IndieWire.com wrote, "If you've only seen Bennett Miller's 'Foxcatcher,' you haven't seen it all. A new look at the world of John du Pont, his Team Foxcatcher wrestling outfit and wrestler Dave Schultz, the man that du Pont tragically murdered after attempting to mentor him for years, is getting a new look thanks to Jon Greenhalgh's massively unsettling and deeply researched documentary 'Team Foxcatcher.'"

"I'm proud to be a part of this film that was six years in the making to honor the incredible legacy of David," said Nancy Schultz in a statement. "With his ties to the wrestling community, we felt Jon Greenhalgh was the perfect filmmaker to tell this story and pay homage to the kind of man and athlete David was."

Jon Greenhalgh crafted the 2002 documentary "The Smashing Machine" on former wrestler-turned-MMA star Mark Kerr. What's more, he is also the son of Sonny Greenhalgh, who, for decades, was in charge of the wrestling program at the New York Athletic Club.

Eastern Oregon Names Azure

By Mark Palmer, InterMat Senior Writer

Two months after Eastern Oregon University announced it was bringing back its long-dormant men's wrestling program and

From Our Mailbox

To the Editor

Now that some time has gone by since Allen Brown's passing back in December, I would just like to take some time to pay a final tribute to a great friend of mine and an even greater friend of amateur wrestling.

As many wrestling people know, Allen was the longtime webmaster for the website Wrestling Report. Allen kept us wrestling fans informed and updated on many of the happenings and occurrences throughout wrestling with his numerous, informative posts on Wrestling Report--especially with respect to our sport in the EWL and the PSAC.

Allen always went about his work in a very fair and objective manner. He always found something positive to say about any wrestling event. In a way, his life and my life were and have been quite similar. We both came from an upstate Pennsylvania background, neither of us ever wrestled, but yet we both grew to become dyed-in-the-wool fans of the greatest and oldest sport--particularly as it exists in the PSAC and in the EWL. We used to take great delight in talking with one another on the phone on cold Winter nights about the great times and glory years of PSAC and EWL wrestling of past years and decades.

Allen was to me a person to whom I could always turn to talk something through when it came to wrestling or for that matter issues outside of wrestling. Allen was indeed a modern Renaissance man. I regret that I didn't get to know him much earlier in my life, but to have known him for the far too brief a time that I did and to have been privileged to have been able to count him as a friend will always be something which I will treasure forever. Whether it was at the EWLs, the PSACs, an important dual meet, or on Wrestling Report; Allen's presence was always a major plus. It is certainly appropriate that he is being inducted into the EWL Hall of Fame this coming March up at Lock Haven where many years ago he began his love affair as a young lad with the world's oldest and greatest sport. And yes,

I erred early on when I used the words "final tribute" in my first sentence above, as there can be no final tribute for one such as Allen Brown who did so much good for others and the sport of wrestling. Many others in the future will have many a kind word to say about Allen.

Sincerely,

Laird D. Shively
Brookhaven, PA

establishing a women's program for the first time, Dustyn Azure has been hired as head coach of both wrestling programs, the school revealed Tuesday.

It's the first head coaching job for Azure, who has served as assistant wrestling coach as well as head strength and conditioning coach at Montana State University-Northern for the past four years. The MSU-Northern Lights recently placed second in the team standings at the 2016 NAIA (National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics) Wrestling National Championships in Topeka, Kan.

Prior to coming to MSU-Northern, Azure was the head wrestling coach for Ronan School District No. 30 in Ronan, Mont. At the prep level, Azure produced five state champions and one academic All-American. Four of the state champions Azure coached went on to become All-Americans at the collegiate level.

"I am excited to announce that Dustyn Azure will be talking the helm of the EOU men's and women's wrestling programs," said Director of Athletics Anji Weissenfluh. "Dustyn is a proven winner who comes from a long history of success both as a student-athlete and a coach. I am anxious for him to bring that level of success to Eastern. Dustyn's background in strength and conditioning will be an asset to not only his program, but to the entire department."

"I am excited to start bringing wrestlers onto campus in order to give them a chance to receive a great education, do what they love, and start the hunt for individual and team championships," said Azure. "I feel EOU is in a prime location with amazing wrestling talent surrounding it. I am ready to put top-level

student-athletes into place who are willing to become champions in the classroom, on the mat, and in the community."

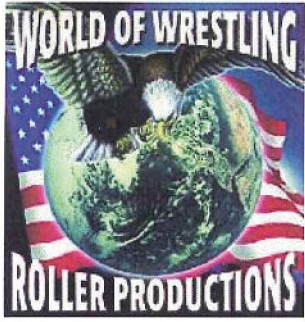
Nine Qualify For U.S. Olympic Team Trials In Iowa City

There were nine athletes added this past weekend for the 2016 U.S. Olympic Team Trials for Wrestling, which will be held at Carver-Hawkeye Arena in Iowa City, Iowa, April 9-10.

The NCAA Div. I Championships were an Olympic Trials qualifier in freestyle and Greco-Roman. The champions in each weight class qualified for the Olympic Trials in both styles.

The athletes added to the Olympic Trials field in both styles were: Nico Megaludis, Murraysville, Pa. (Penn State/Nittany Lion WC); Nahshon Garrett, Chico, Calif. (Cornell/Titan Mercury WC); Dean Heil, Brunswick, Ohio (Oklahoma State/Cowboy WC); Zane Retherford, Benton, Pa. (Penn State/Nittany Lion WC); Isaiah Martinez, Lemoore, Calif. (Illinois/Titan Mercury WC); Alex Dieringer, Port Washington, Wis. (Oklahoma State/Cowboy WC); Myles Martin, Penns Grove, N.J. (Ohio State/Titan Mercury WC); Gabe Dean, Lowell, Mich. (Cornell/Titan Mercury WC); J'Den Cox, Columbia, Mo. (Missouri/Missouri Wrestling Foundation).

The next #Road2IowaCity Trials Qualifier is the University Women's Nationals, set for Oklahoma City University in Oklahoma City, Okla. on March 26. The top two athletes in each weight class qualify for the U.S. Olympic Team Trials. There are as many as 16 qualification spots in the Olympic Trials available in Oklahoma City.



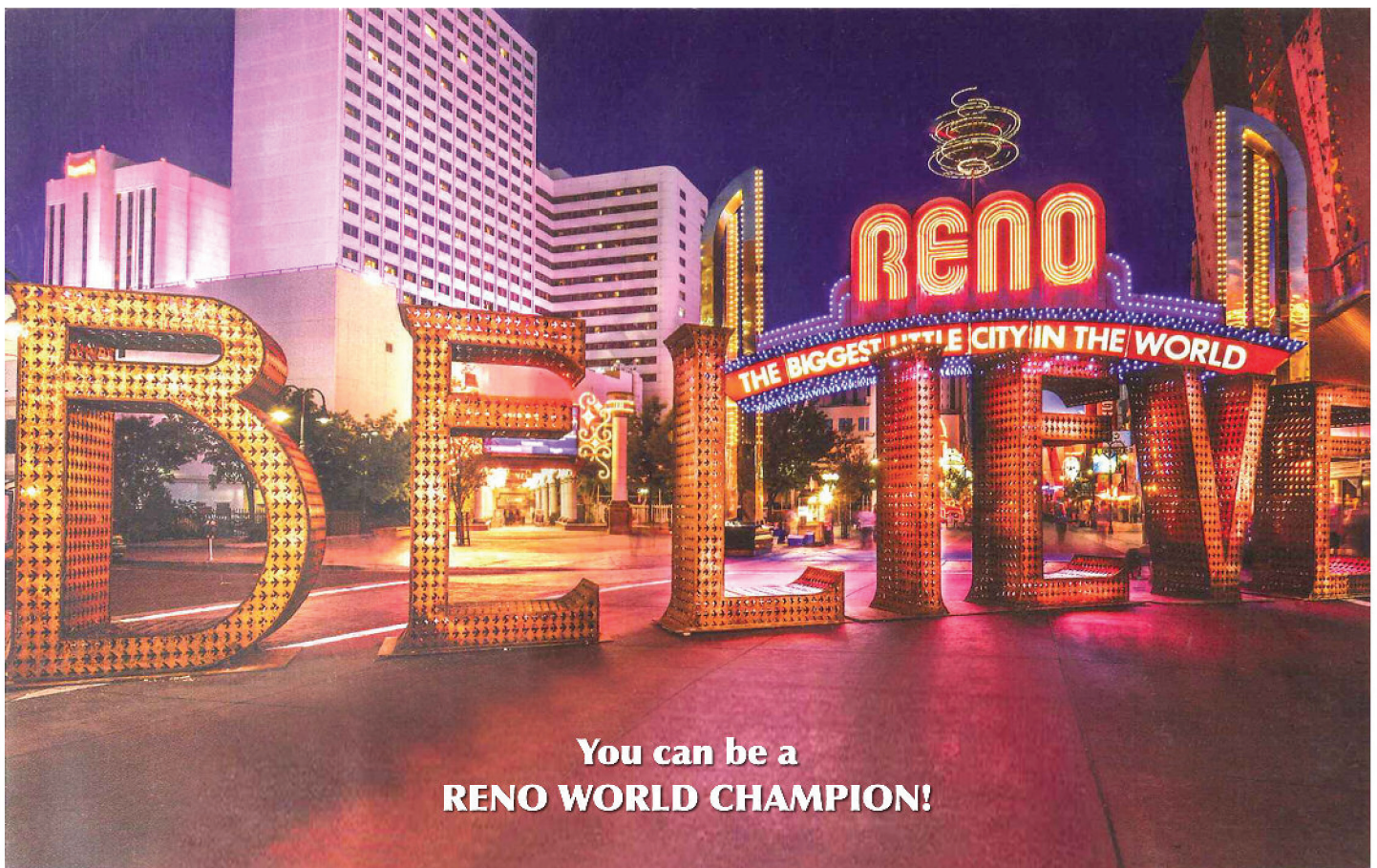
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We are expecting over 42 states; 6 foreign countries, 14,000 fans; and 3,800 elementary thru high school wrestlers in 2016 making it truly a prestigious nationwide event. This is the final leg for the Trinity Award and a qualifier for the World All Star Team and bragging rights of making the National Youth Rankings.

Help us bring the World to Reno while we simultaneously keep the kids off the street and involved in a character building sport such as wrestling.



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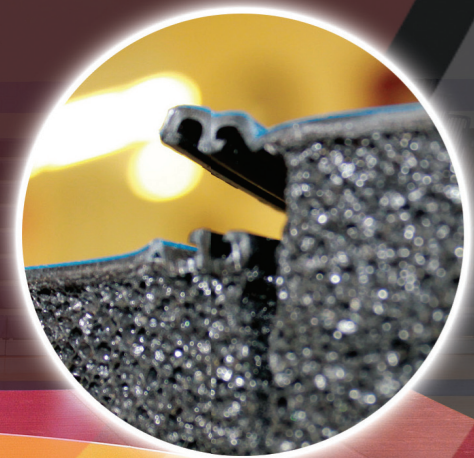
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