

USA Wrestling accepting media credential applications for 2011 season

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The 2011 USA Wrestling Media Accreditation Form features major national-level events where journalists are invited to apply for credentials to cover. Journalists can sign up for a number of USA Wrestling events all on one form.

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS: The U.S. Open Wrestling Championships, the annual national championship on the Senior level, will be at Public Hall in Cleveland, Ohio, April 8-9. The nation's best wrestlers in the three Olympic styles, men's freestyle, women's freestyle and Greco-Roman, will return to Cleveland for the second straight year. The FILA Junior Nationals will be held alongside the U.S. Open, with Greco-Roman on April 7 and freestyle on April 10.

ALSO NOTE: The U.S. World Team Trials will be held at the Cox Convention Center in Oklahoma City, Okla., June 10-11. This is a must-attend event and we encourage you to make plans to be there. This event determines which athletes will represent the United States at the 2011 World Championships in Turkey.

THIS SUMMER: The ASICS/Vaughan Junior Nationals and Cadet Nationals will return to Fargo, N.D., July 15-23. The world's largest wrestling event, this annual spectacular features the nation's top Cadet and Junior athletes competing for national honors.

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Russia wins European Championships in freestyle with four champions

DORTMUND, Germany – Russia won the team title at the 2011 European Wrestling Championships in freestyle, led by four individual champions.

Capturing gold medals for Russia were Djamal Ottarsultanov at 55 kg/121 lbs., Opan Sat at 60 kg/132 lbs., Denis Tsargush at 74 kg/163 lbs. and Anzor Urishev at 84 kg/185 lbs.

Sat, Tsargush and Urishev were also European champions in 2010.

Russia also had a silver medalist and a bronze medalist. Russia is the reigning World champions in freestyle wrestling.

Other individual champions were Yabrail Hasanov of Azerbaijan at 66 kg/145.5 lbs., Khetag Gazumov of Azerbaijan at 96 kg/211.5 lbs. and Fatih Cakiroglu of Turkey at 120 kg/264.5 lbs. Hasanov and Gazumov both defended their European titles.

The freestyle tournament was held on Tuesday and Wednesday. The women's freestyle is set for Thursday and Friday. Greco-Roman will be held on Saturday and Sunday.

For complete results and videos from the European Championships, visit

<http://www.fila-wrestling.com/dortmund2011/>

EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS At Dortmund, Germany

Freestyle results

55 kg/121 lbs.

Gold - Djamal Ottarsultanov (Russia)

Silver - Vladimer Khinogashvili (Georgia)

Bronze- Uladzislau Andreyeu (Belarus)

Bronze- Makhmud Magomedov (Azerbaijan)

Division III Morrisville State cuts wrestling program, citing 'decline' in high school numbers and lack of conference affiliation

Morrisville State College will be discontinuing its sponsorship of men's wrestling as an intercollegiate sport effective the 2011-2012 academic year, according to Greg Carroll, the college's director of athletics.

Carroll said the decision to drop wrestling came after careful consideration of all aspects of the sport's place within the colleges' National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Division III Department. "We have seen a general decline in the popularity of wrestling at the high school level, and as a result colleges at all levels have been forced to look at the sport's place in their own programs," he said.

"Many of those schools who were traditional rivals of Morrisville State in years past have discontinued their programs and we have found it difficult to transition the sport to the four-year level," Carroll said.

Since Morrisville State's main conference affiliation does not sponsor wrestling (North Eastern Athletic Conference), the Mustangs were a member of the Empire Collegiate Wrestling Conference along with RIT, Brockport, Cortland, Oneonta, Ithaca, Lycoming, and Messiah College.

Morrisville State will continue to offer football, soccer, cross country, ice hockey, basketball and lacrosse for men at the intercollegiate level, fielding a total of 15 sports for the athletics program

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U.S. OPEN PREVIEW: World champions Davis and Chun among top women's freestyle stars

The United States comes off a productive year in women's wrestling, placing fifth at the 2010 World Championships with a pair of medalists. Capturing a silver medal at 63 kg/138.75 pounds was Elena Pirozhkova, and winning her second World bronze medal was Tatiana Padilla at 55 kg/121 lbs.

Two-time World champion Kristie Davis made her 10th U.S. World Team last year and continues to impress. Two members of the 2008 U.S. Olympic Team are still competing well and currently are ranked No. 2 on Women's Team USA. Clarissa Chun was a 2008 World champion, and placed fifth at the 2008 Olympic Games at 48 kg/105.5 lbs. Ali Bernard also placed a strong fifth at the 2008 Olympic Games.

There will be seven weight classes contested at the 2011 U.S. Open in Cleveland, which is the main qualifying event for the 2011 World Team Trials in Oklahoma City. This year, the World Team Trials for women will only contest the four Olympic weight classes. This decision is to get the most qualified athletes at those divisions for the 2011 World Championships, which is an Olympic Games qualifier. The U.S. athletes for the 2011 World Team in the three non-Olympic weight classes will be set in another Trials event later in the summer.

48 KG/105.5 LBS.

This is an Olympic weight class and will be loaded with talent, not only featuring athletes who have competed here in recent years, but also a number who will be dropping down from 51 kg. Going into this season, the No. 1 wrestler is Alyssa Lampe, who made her first U.S. Senior World Team last year and also won her first U.S. Open title. Lampe is talented and strong and has won numerous international medals.

Lampe defeated World champion and Olympian Clarissa Chun in the World Team Trials finals last year, Chun missed much of the 2010 season recovering from injury. She is healthy now, and won a big event in Russia this winter. Chun had beaten Lampe in the 2008 and 2009 World Team Trials, and they have developed a healthy rivalry.

Sara Fulp-Allen, a past U.S. Open champion, seeks to return to the top of the podium. She is seeking her first U.S. World Team berth. Mary Kelly, who competed at the 2008 World Championships, was injured in the 2010 World Team Trials. She will compete this year, but may not be ready in time for the Open. Two-time Junior World champion Victoria Anthony continues to improve. She has won the WCWA College Nationals the last two years at Simon Fraser.

Carlene Sluberski, who trains with the USOEC at Northern Michigan Univ., has been successful when doan at this weight. Other talented college wrestlers include Joey Miller, Nicole Woody and Emily Martin. Woody is a past Junior World champion. Others to watch include Candace Workman, Erin Golston, C.C. Weber and Amantha Hordagoda.

European Championships Updates

GR 74kg Myroslav Dykun Rank 31/33
'v' Hungary Lost 2-0; 1-0 [Video](#)

Hungary was in final [Video](#) with Azerbaijan, placing Myroslav in the repechage

Myroslav Dykun repechage
'v' Armenia Lost 1-0; 1-0 [Video](#)

1st Azerbaijan; 2nd Hungary; 3rds Russia + France

GR 55kg [Video of final](#)
1st Armenia; 2nd Ukraine; 3rds Belarus; Azerbaijan

GR 60kg [Video of final](#)
1st Georgia; 2nd Bulgaria; 3rds Turkey; Azerbaijan

GR 66kg [Video of final](#)
1st Russia; 2nd Hungary; 3rds Serbia; Azerbaijan

GR 84kg [Video of final](#)
1st Ukraine; 2nd Russia; 3rds Bulgaria; Armenia

GR 96kg [Video of final](#)
1st Belarus; Armenia; 3rds Bulgaria; Azerbaijan

GR 120kg [Video of final](#)
1st Russia; 2nd Turkey; 3rds Armenia; Hungary

1 April

FW 59kg [Olga Buktevykh](#) Rank Bronze
'v' Russia Won 0-1; 2-0; 3-1 [Video](#)
'v' Poland Won 5-1; 3-0; Pinning in second round [Video](#)
'v' Azerbaijan Lost 0-1; 0-1 [Video](#)

Azerbaijan then won final against Roumania [Video](#), placing Olga in the repechage

Olga Buktevykh repechage
Bronze Medal Match 'v' Hungary Won 4-0; 3-1 [Video](#)

1st Azerbaijan; 2nd Roumania; 3rds Great Britain + Ukraine

2011 European Championship 59kg Bronze Medal for Olga Buktevykh

FW 63kg Sarah Connolly Rank 21/21
'v' Ukraine Lost 0-6; 0-3 and pinned [Video](#)
Ukraine later won the final against Bulgaria [Video](#) placing Sarah in the repechage

Joe Tiboni, Jack Childs, and Bill Zadick go 'On The Mat' Wednesday

Joe Tiboni, Jack Childs, and Bill Zadick will go "On the Mat" this Wednesday, April 6.

On the Mat is a presentation of the National Wrestling Hall of Fame Dan Gable Museum. The show can be heard live on the Internet at www.kcnzam.com or locally in Northeast Iowa each Wednesday from 5:00 - 6:00 PM CST on AM 1650, The Fan. An archive of the broadcast is available on USA Wrestling's website www.themat.com.

E-mail radio@wrestlingmuseum.org with any questions or comments about the show.

Tiboni co-wrote the recently released wrestling movie "Win Win." The movie, which has received extremely positive reviews and was featured at the Sundance Film Festival, stars Paul Giamatti, Amy Ryan, and Bobby Cannavale. Tiboni wrestled for four years at New Providence High School in New Jersey.

Childs recently retired as the head wrestling coach at Drexel after serving 35 years in the position. His 510 dual meet wins was the most among all active Division I wrestling coaches. He coached two All-Americans during his tenure.

Zadick currently serves as the developmental freestyle wrestling coach as USA Wrestling. He was a 2006 World champion and a 1996 NCAA champion for the University of Iowa. Zadick will be inducted into the Glen Brand Wrestling Hall of Fame of Iowa on Saturday, April 16.

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Women's seeds finalized for U.S. Open, set for Friday and Saturday in Cleveland, Ohio

The women's freestyle seeds have been finalized in all seven weight classes for the U.S. Open, set for Friday and Saturday at Public Hall in Cleveland, Ohio.

Registration closed on Tuesday morning and the seeds were finalized at that point.

In the women's freestyle tournament, there is no Qualification tournament and all wrestlers will compete right away in the bracket. Four wrestlers per weight are seeded and an alternate was selected by the committee in case an athlete does not compete or changes weight.

The top seven finishers in each weight class at the U.S. Open will qualify for June's U.S. World Team Trials in Oklahoma City.

U.S. Open Women's freestyle seeds

48 kg/105.5 lbs.

1. Clarissa Chun, Colorado Springs, Colo. (Sunkist Kids)
 2. Alyssa Lampe, Colorado Springs, Colo. (Sunkist Kids)
 3. Sara Fulp-Allen, Colorado Springs, Colo. (New York AC)
 4. Victoria Anthony, Huntington Beach, Calif. (New York AC)
- Alternate - Nicole Woody, Odenton, Md. (Gator WC/OCU)

51 kg/112.25 lbs.

1. Whitney Conder, Colorado Springs, Co (Gator WC)
 2. Jessica Medina, Colorado Springs, Colo. (Sunkist Kids)
 3. Gabrielle Henry, Columbus, Ohio (New York AC)
 4. Carlene Sluberski, Fredonia, N.Y. (New York AC)
- Alternate - Joey Miller, Woodward, OK (Gator WC/OCU)

55 kg/121 lbs.

1. Helen Maroulis, Rockville, Md (New York AC)
 2. Kelsey Campbell, Colorado Springs, Colo. (Sunkist Kids)
 3. Sharon Jacobson, Colorado Springs, Colo. (U.S. Army)
 4. Michaela Hutchison, Soldotna, Alaska (Gator WC/OCU)
- Alternate - Schuyler Brown, Montpelier, Va (Gator WC)

59 kg/130 lbs.

1. Deanna Rix, Colorado Springs, Colo. (Sunkist Kids)

UVU's Kjar Named WWC Wrestler of the Year

OREM, Utah - As voted by its coaches, the Western Wrestling Conference has announced postseason award winners for the 2010-11 season. Utah Valley University senior 125-pounder Benjamin Kjar was named WWC Wrestler of the Year, 184-pound Northern Iowa redshirt freshman Ryan Loder was the unanimous WWC Freshman of the Year and Wyoming head man Mark Branch was chosen by his peers as the WWC Coach of the Year.

The Wrestler of the Year and Freshman of the Year awards were voted on by the league's head coaches this past week, while the Coach of the Year balloting was determined after the West Regional Tournament.

Wrestler of the Year: Benjamin Kjar (Utah Valley), 125 lbs., Sr., Centerville, Utah (Viewmont HS)

Following up on a dominant career at UVU, Kjar became the underdog story of the NCAA Championships as he went from unseeded to place fourth at the 2011 NCAA Championships in Philadelphia. With the placement Kjar became Utah Valley's first-ever All-American. On his way through the bracket, he upset No. 4 seed James Nicholson (Old Dominion), No. 5 seed Zachary Sanders (Minnesota) and No. 7 seed Ryan Mango (Stanford) at Nationals. Kjar also found himself in the semifinals against the No. 1 seed and eventual champion Anthony Robles (Arizona State) and Kjar gave his undefeated opponent his closest match of the season at 4-2.

At the West Regional the No. 2 seeded Kjar was upset in his first bout of the tournament and almost didn't even make it to Nationals as he had to wrestle all the way back to earn his qualifying spot. Kjar did just that however as he went on to win his next four matches in a row. He finished the season with a 30-8 overall record. Kjar also posted an 8-1 dual mark and also went a solid 11-2 versus WWC opponents on the year.

Kjar was ranked No. 11 in the final NCAA Coaches Rankings at 125 pounds and was No. 8 in the final RPI. He was named the WWC Wrestler of the Week on Jan. 5 after he placed third at the Southern Scuffle with a 5-1 record. Kjar won the Cowboy Open, placed second at the Kaufman-Brand Open and seventh at the prestigious Cliff Keen Las Vegas Invitational. He will leave UVU as its most winningest wrestler in school history as he's compiled a career 129-35 mark. He was also recently named the 2010-11 D1CollegeWrestling.net WWC Wrestler of the Year.

Freshman of the Year: Ryan Loder (Northern Iowa), 184 lbs., RFr., Granite Bay, Calif. (Granite Bay HS)

Loder was the Panthers' standout performer during the 2010-11 season, finishing as the West Regional champion at 184 pounds to earn an automatic bid to the NCAA Championships. In the finals of the regional tournament, Loder defeated now three-time All-American and No. 1 seed Joe LeBlanc (Wyoming) 4-3 to win his first regional crown.

Loder entered the NCAA championships as the No. 6 seed and advanced to the round of 12 before bowing out to eventual All-American and No. 4 seeded Travis Rutt (Wisconsin) by a narrow 4-2 margin. He finished the season with a 30-11 overall record, which lead UNI in wins. Loder also finished his Western Wrestling Conference dual season with a 4-1 record, falling only to Wyoming's LeBlanc by a narrow 6-5 margin. He also won 23 of his last 28 matches, including a string of 12 straight wins that included victories over six ranked opponents.

A three-time WWC Wrestler of the Week, Loder recorded six wins by fall, six by major decisions and three by technical falls while having none of those verdicts scored against him. Loder placed fifth at the prestigious Midlands Championships and posted three consecutive wins over ranked opponents during the 2011 National Duals, upsetting No. 12 Mike Larson (Missouri), 3-1, Ohio State's No. 20-ranked Cody Magrum, 6-4, and No. 11 Chris Perry (Oklahoma State), 8-2. He was also recently named the 2010-11 D1CollegeWrestling.net West WWC Freshman of the Year.

Coach of the Year: Mark Branch (Wyoming)

Branch, who just completed his third season as the Cowboys' head coach, was named the 2010-11 WWC Coach of the Year. The honor is Branch's second during his tenure at Wyoming, as he was previously named the Coach of the Year following his first season, 2008-09. Branch led his team to their second consecutive West Regional/WWC Tournament Championship as his Cowboys led the way at the qualifying tournament with 93 points, finishing six points ahead of UNI who placed second. He also led Wyoming to a second place WWC regular season finish with a 5-1 dual record in league matches. He also helped Wyoming qualify six wrestlers to the NCAA Championships -- three more than any other school in the conference -- and coached two more All-Americans as 165-pounder Shane Onufer placed fifth and 184-pounder Joe LeBlanc finished sixth at the championships.

The Western Wrestling Conference is comprised of seven schools including the Air Force Academy, North Dakota State, Northern Colorado, Northern Iowa, South Dakota State, Utah Valley and Wyoming. The conference formed in April 2006.

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Breske, Wittlake, Steveson among repeat KIDS champs at ASICS Folkstyle Nationals as event sets records

CEDAR FALLS, Iowa - Champions were crowned in four KIDS divisions (Schoolboy/girl, Novice, Intermediate, Bantam) as well as the Veterans division on the final day of the USA Wrestling ASICS Folkstyle National Championships on Sunday.

The 2011 event set a record for total entries with 2,343 participants, with competition at a very high level, as many athletes with past national achievements were entered.

"In the Junior and Cadet divisions, the numbers were up and the quality was spectacular," said USA Wrestling National Events Director Pete Isais. "This has developed into a great event on all age levels and keeps getting better. This is an important part of our national event series, and is the big kickoff for the USA Wrestling Triple Crown program."

There was an increase in total athletes by 116, from 2,277 last year, to the 2,343 this year. The Junior division set an all-time record with 544 entries, breaking the mark set in 2008 with 510.

In comparison to last year's total, there were increases in the Junior, Cadet and Schoolboy divisions, which brought this year's total to the new overall record.

On Sunday, only one of the Schoolboy champions were able to repeat from last year. At 128 pounds, Beau Breske of Ringers defeated Ryan Kemp of Hells Canyon Wrestling, 7-6 in overtime in the finals. Breske was a Novice 120 champion in 2010 at this event.

Two Novice champions repeated from last year, Travis Wittlake of Team Bucs at 85 pounds and Gable Steveson of Nomadelite Wrestling at 130 pounds. Wittlake defeated Boone McDermott of Young Guns in the finals bout, 9-5. Steveson stopped Blaek Belongia of Ringers in the championship finals, 4-0.

Wittlake was a champion at Intermediate 80 last year and Steveson was a champion at Intermediate 120 last year.

In the Intermediate division, Daniel Kerkviet of Simley won the 95 pound division, defeating Peter Christensen of Gomez Wrestling Academy in the finals, 7-1. He was an Intermediate champion last year at 87 pounds.

There were no repeat champions in the Bantam division

Among the Veterans, repeat champions included:

- Brian Utke, unattached, Veterans A 138.75
- Rudy James of Apple Valley, Veterans B 187.25
- Octavius Bellamy, Sr. of Greater Chicago Wrestlers, Veterans B 213.75
- Chad Shilson of PINnacle, Veterans C 152
- Mike Berdahl of Coon Rapids Mat Bandits, Veterans C 187.25

Team champions were awarded in the Kids divisions. PINnacle of Minnesota won the team titles in both the Bantam and Novice divisions. The Harvey Twisters of Illinois were the Intermediate Team champions. Winning the Schoolboy/girl division was Team Overtime of Illinois.

This was the first leg of the 2011 USA Wrestling Triple Crown series in the Kids, Cadet and Junior divisions. The Triple Crown is considered the top honor in youth wrestling, as athletes must win USA Wrestling folkstyle, Greco-Roman and freestyle national titles in the same year to receive it.

2011 USA WRESTLING ASICS FOLKSTYLE NATIONALS At Cedar Falls, Iowa

Bantam champions

- 40 - John Martens of Pipestone Arrows
- 45 - Samuel Hayes of Martinez Elite
- 50 - Damien Lopez of DeKalb Wrestling Club
- 55 - Garrison Dendy of Lafayette
- 60- Carson Wadel of PINnacle
- 65- James Johnston of CMS
- 70- Bennett Tabor of Simley
- 75- Noah Pettigrew of Team Georgia
- 75+ - Griffin Liddle of Camanche
- 75++ - Drew Harvey of Cobber club

Intermediate champions

- 50- Alec Bailey of Purler Wrestling

Foundation set up to assist OU wrestler Ronnie Balfour who is diagnosed with leukemia

OU wrestler Ronnie Balfour was diagnosed with acute myelogenous leukemia

NORMAN, Okla. – The University of Oklahoma wrestling program has created an assistance fund for freshman Ronnie Balfour, who was recently diagnosed with acute myelogenous leukemia (AML).

Balfour won the state championship last year as a senior at Union High School in Tulsa and was among the nation's top-ranked college recruits.

Donations to help the Balfour family pay for medical bills and other costs associated with treatment may be sent to the OU Athletics Department at the address listed below.

Please make checks payable to "OU Foundation" with Ronnie Balfour's name listed in the memo line, or call 405-325-8215 to donate by credit card.

Mail to:
OU Athletic Development
McClendon Center for Intercollegiate Athletics
180 W. Brooks
Norman, OK 73019

A Facebook page has been set up to Support Ronnie Balfour at:
<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Support-Ronnie-Balfour/178842108830822>

<http://www.themat.com/>

TheMat.com to webcast the U.S. Open and FILA Junior Nationals all weekend from Cleveland

USA Wrestling is proud to provide a live webcast of the U.S. Open, as well as the Men's FILA Junior National Championships, from Cleveland, Ohio, all weekend on TheMat.com.

The U.S. Open will be held on Friday and Saturday, with a minimum of two live streams from the event both days. Jason Bryant and Van Stokes call the action during the key preliminary matches.

There will also be a live webcast from the championship finals, from both gold-medal mats, starting at 7:00 p.m. Eastern time. Larry Nugent and Mitch Hull will be on the call.

Entered in the field are World champions Dremiel Byers in Greco-Roman plus Kristie Davis and Clarissa Chun in women's freestyle.

World medalists in the field are men's freestyle wrestlers Jake Herbert and Tervel Dlagnev, women's freestyle wrestler Elena Pirozhkova and Greco-Roman wrestler Justin Ruiz.

The FILA Junior Nationals webcast will have a minimum of two streams for each style. The Greco-Roman event was held on Thursday, with the freestyle scheduled for Saturday.

FOX College Sports will also be in Cleveland, filming a two-hour show from the U.S. Open finals. Jason Bryant and Van Stokes are on the call. Action in all three styles will be featured. Ten airdates have been announced starting Saturday, April 23. The updated schedule will be posted as received.

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It's Dustin Kilgore Day today in the city of Kent, Ohio

KENT, Ohio - Thursday, April 7, 2011, will be declared "Dustin Kilgore Day" according to the city of Kent.

An official proclamation will be presented to the Kent State junior by Mayor Jerry Fiala Thursday morning at the Bowman Breakfast, held inside the KSU Student Center.

2011 Cadet National Championship Results

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2011 Juvenile National Championship Results

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The Berea, Ohio native was recently named Mid-American Conference Wrestler of the Year after becoming the first wrestler in Kent State history to win an NCAA title. The 197-pound champion was also the first MAC wrestler since 1999 to win a national title.

During the NCAA Championships in Philadelphia, Kilgore broke program records for career victories (135) and wins in a single season (38). He also earned his third consecutive MAC title and became just the second two-time All-American in school history.

The Bowman Breakfast, a tradition since 1963, is sponsored by Kent State University and the Kent Area Chamber of Commerce.

Kilgore is entered to compete at the 2011 U.S. Open Wrestling Championships in Cleveland, Ohio this weekend. He received the No. 8 seed at 96 kg/211.5 lbs.

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Senior Greco-Roman Results

Team Score

Outstanding Wrestler – Spenser Mango, Colorado Springs, Colo. (Army), 56 kg/121 lbs.

Team Champions

Div. I – Army, 77 pts.; 1. New York Athletic Club, 58 pts.

Div. II – Sunkist Kids, 32 pts.; 2. Minnesota Storm, 32 pts.

Event Results

55 KG / 121.25 lbs

1st - Spenser Mango, Colorado Springs, Colo. (Army) tech. fall Paul Tellgren, Anoka, Minn. (Minnesota Storm), 6-0, 6-0

3rd - Nathan Engel, Colorado Springs, Colo. (Army) dec. Tyler Erdman, Hemdon, PA (Modern Day Warriors), 2-0, 1-0

5th - Nikko Triggas, Moraga, Calif. (New York Athletic Club) dec. Dmitry Ryabchinskiy, Marquette, Mich. (New York Athletic Club), 0-1, 4-1, 1-0

7th - Max Nowry, Wheeling, Ill. (New York Athletic Club) pin Brandon Escobar, Brentwood, N.Y. (New York Athletic Club), 2-0, 0:57

60 kg/132 lbs.

1st - Joe Betterman, Colorado Springs, Colo. (Sunkist Kids) dec. Jeremiah Davis, Colorado Springs, Colo. (Army), 0-1, 1-0, 1-0

3rd - Marco Lara, Colorado Springs, Colo. (Army) dec. Chad Vandiver, Colorado Springs, Colo. (Sunkist Kids), 5-0, 1-0

5th - Matt Holt, Colorado Springs, Colo. dec. Jemaine Hodge, Colorado Springs, Colo. (Army), 1-0, 1-0

7th - Donovan Depatto, Monticello, Minn. (U.S. Marine Corps) dec. Jesse Thielke, Germantown, Wis. (Sunkist Kids), 3-0, 2-0

66 kg/145.5 lbs.

1st - Justin Lester, Colorado Springs, Colo. (Army) dec. Glenn Garrison, Colorado Springs, Colo. (Army), 2-2, 1-0

3rd - CP Schlatter, Minneapolis, Minn. (Minnesota Storm) dec. Pat Smith, Minneapolis, Minn. (Minnesota Storm), 3-0, 1-0

5th - Ben Sanchez, Marquette, Mich. (New York Athletic Club) inj. dt. John Cox, Hampstead, N.C. (U.S. Marine Corps)

7th - Tanner Andrews, North Aurora, Ill. (USOEC) dec. Bo Beckman, Orem, Utah (New York Athletic Club), 2-0, 1-0

74 kg/163 lbs.

1st - Ben Provisor, Colorado Springs, Colo. (Sunkist Kids) dec. Jake Fisher, Colorado Springs, Colo. (New York Athletic Club), 1-0, 2-0

3rd - Andrew Bisek, Colorado Springs, Colo. (Minnesota Storm) dec. Kendrick Sanders, Homestead, Fla. (New York Athletic Club), 4-0, 0-3, 3-0

5th - Aaron Sieracki, Colorado Springs, Colo. (Army) dec. Chad Hemerson, Colorado Springs, Colo. (New York Athletic Club), 0-1, 1-0, 3-0

7th - Aaron Briggs, Marquette, Mich. (New York Athletic Club) dec. Timothy Bleau, Colorado Springs, Colo. (Army), Dec 1-0, 2-0

84 kg/185 lbs.

1st - Jordan Holm, Minneapolis, Minn. (Minnesota Storm) dec. Cheney Haight, Boise Idaho (New York Athletic Club), 1-0, 0-1, 1-0

3rd - Peter Hicks, Colorado Springs, Colo. (Army) dec. Mark Stenberg, Lockport, Ill. (USOEC), 7-0, 1-0

5th - Courtney Myers, Coloma, Mich. (U.S. Marine Corps) dec. Cameron Duckworth, Portland, Ore. (OTC), Dec 0-1, 3-1, 5-0

7th - Ethan Dondlinger, Slinger, Wis. (USOEC) dec. Jeremy Pederson, Becker, Minn. (U.S. Marine Corps), 1-0, 3-0

96 kg/211.5 lbs.

1st - Justin Ruiz, Meridian, Idaho (New York Athletic Club) dec. Rob Smith, Colorado Springs, Colo. (New York Athletic Club), 1-0, 0-1, 4-0

3rd - John Lorenz, Colorado Springs, Colo. (Army) dec. Zac Nielsen, Zimmerman, Minn. (Minnesota Storm), 1-0, 1-0

5th - Kenyon Walsh, Boise, Idaho (New York Athletic Club) inj. dt. RC Johnson, Colorado Springs, Colo. (Sunkist Kids),

7th - Moises Hernandez, Vineland, N.J. (U.S. Marine Corps) inj. dt. Chris Michael, North Olmsted, Va. (USOEC)

120 kg/264.5 lbs.

1st - Dremiel Byers, Colorado Springs, Colo. (Army) dec. Timothy Taylor, Colorado Springs, Colo. (Army), 2-0, 1-0

3rd - Steve Andrus, Manhattan, MI (Michigan WC) dec. Jake Kettler, Minneapolis, Minn., MN (Minnesota Storm), 2-0, 6-0

5th - Peter Kowalczuk, Colorado Springs, Colo. (Sunkist Kids) inj. dt. Brandon Rupp, Colorado Springs, Colo. (Sunkist Kids),

7th - Michael Gregory, Greensboro, N.C. inj. dt. Michael Delaney, Alexandria, Va.

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Partnership Agreement with Tatar Koresh

On the occasion of the SportAccord Convention that took place in London on 03-08 April 2011, FILA made its relation with Tatar koresh official through the signature of a partnership agreement with the International Tatar Belt Wrestling Koresh Association led by Mr. Zaudat Minnakhmetov. Tatar koresh had become a member of FILA's World Traditional Wrestling Committee in 2009 when it held its second World Championship during the World Wrestling Games organised in Siauliai (LTU). Through this agreement, FILA intends to offer better international influence to Tatar koresh and more competition opportunities to the athletes who will be able to enter all traditional wrestling championships and festivals organised under the aegis of FILA. Koresh is a cornerstone of Tatar national culture and has a thousand year old history that was summarized in its dedicated page.

During the London week, the FILA President and Secretary General, Mr. Martinetti and Mr. Dusson, the President of the World Traditional Wrestling Committee, Mr. Vileita, and the President of the International Tatar Belt Wrestling Koresh Association, Mr. Minnakhmetov, also met with the CEO of the Russian Olympic Committee, Mr. Marat Bariev, to discuss the terms of the Olympic and Belt wrestling competitions during the XXVII Summer Universiade that will take place in Kazan, Tatarstan in 2013.

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Cleveland, OH

April 07 - 10, 2011

Senior Freestyle

Team	Score
Outstanding Wrestler - Teyon Ware, State College, Pa. (Nittany Lion WC)	

Team

Team	Champions
National Clubs - 1. New York AC, 67; 2. Sunkist Kids 57; 3. Gator WC, 42	
Regional Clubs/Training Centers - 1. Ohio Regional Training Center, 30 pts.; 2. Nittany Lion WC, 27 pts.	

Event

Event	Results
56 kg/121 lbs.	
1st - Sam Hazewinkel, Norman, Okla. (Sunkist Kids) dec. Troy Nickerson, Ithaca, N.Y. (New York Athletic Club), Dec 6-0,4-3	
3rd - Daniel Mitcheff, Kent, Ohio, dec. Obe Blanc, Stillwater, Okla. (Gator WC), 1-0, 0-1, 1-1	
5th - Frank Perrelli, Ithaca, N.Y. (New York Athletic Club) pin Nick Simmons, Corvallis, Ore. (Sunkist Kids), 3-3,1:08	
7th - Mark McKnight, University Park, Pa. (Nittany Lion WC) dec. Michael Dunkum, Colorado Springs, Colo. (OTC), 7-0, 3-0	

60

Event	Results
60 kg/132 lbs.	
1st - Reece Humphrey, Columbus, Ohio (New York Athletic Club) dec. Shawn Bunch, Columbus, Ohio (Gator WC), Dec 0-4,1-0,2-0	
3rd - Coleman Scott, Stillwater, Okla. (Gator WC) dec. Mike Zadick, Iowa City, Iowa (Gator WC), Dec 1-0,1-0	

Cal State-Fullerton drops wrestling and gymnastics, citing budget, conference affiliation

Fullerton, Calif. - Cal State Fullerton today announced that its intercollegiate wrestling and women's gymnastics programs will be terminated.

The action was considered at the end of the 2009-10 academic year, but the programs were given the opportunity to continue operating if they could fund their own annual budgets. Extensive fund-raising campaigns enabled them to compete in 2010-11 but came up short of a subsequent goal of a two-year funding commitment by a Mar. 1 deadline given to them.

All pre-existing scholarships will be honored until the student-athletes' eligibility has expired. Wrestlers and gymnasts who wish to transfer to other schools will be given blanket releases.

"It is with great sadness that we must eliminate two great Olympic sports that have a long history at Cal State Fullerton," said Director of Athletics Brian Quinn. "Unfortunately, we just do not have the resources to continue sports that are not sponsored by the Big West Conference.

"We want to thank wrestling Coaches Dan Hicks and Risto Martinen and gymnastics Coaches Jill Hicks and Richard Gishi for their dedication and hard work for the student-athletes. We also want to thank our many donors for their support in helping keep the programs over the past few years."

Wrestling dates to 1968 at Cal State Fullerton. Dan Hicks, who arrived from Oregon State in 2002-03, is only the fourth head coach in the program's history. The Titans never won a team championship but boast 31 conference champions, 12 Div. I and 3 Div. II All-Americans and 87 NCAA Div. I national qualifiers including at least one in the 26 seasons prior to this one.

Gymnastics dates to 1976 when the program achieved national attention from its outset, winning its first 71 matches. Fullerton won the 1979 national championship (AIAW) and had three second-place (2 AIAW, 1 NCAA) and five third-place (3 AIAW, 2 NCAA) finishes to go with 10 conference championships and nine regional titles, all between 1976 and 1985. The program produced 34 All-Americans but none since 1989. Jill Hicks is only the fourth head coach in this program's history, moving up from an assistant's role for the 2007 season.

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Lange and Knipp to go 'On the Mat' this week

Lowell Lange, of the famed 1947 Cornell College NCAA championship team, and Steve Knipp, retired high school coach at East Waterloo High School, will be radio show guests this week.

"On the Mat" is a presentation of the National Wrestling Hall of Fame Dan Gable Museum and can be heard live on the Internet at www.konzam.com or locally in Northeast Iowa each Wednesday from 5:00 - 6:00 PM Central time on AM 1650, The Fan. Feel free to e-mail radio@wrestlingmuseum.org with any questions or comments about the show.

Lowell Lange compiled a career record of 140-2 and was a three-time NCAA champion at Cornell College in Mount Vernon, Iowa. His first title came as a freshman in 1947 at 136 pounds when Cornell won team titles at the NCAA tournament and the AAU Nationals. The 1947 Cornell College wrestling team will be inducted into the Glen Brand Wrestling Hall of Fame of Iowa in Waterloo on Saturday.

Waterloo native Steve Knipp taught and coached at East Waterloo High School for over 30 years. Knipp led the Trojans to the 1983 Class 3A state championship and has done tremendous volunteer work in Waterloo and Cedar Falls; ensuring tournaments in the area are well run and properly staffed. Knipp will be receiving the Russ Smith Community Impact Award at the Glen Brand Hall of Fame ceremony.

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Olympic Host Nation Places

Taylor Massa repeats as champion at FILA Junior Nationals freestyle competition

CLEVELAND – Michigan's Taylor Massa continues to make his mark in USA Wrestling events.

Massa repeated as champion and was named Outstanding Wrestler after winning the FILA Junior Nationals freestyle title on Sunday at the Cleveland Public Auditorium.

Massa downed Nebraska's Robert Kokesh 3-1, 2-1 to win the title at 74 kg/163 lbs. Massa won the title at 70 kg/154.25 lbs. last year.

Massa was joined as a repeat champion by Nick Roberts (50 kg/110 lbs.), Ethen Lofthouse (79 kg/174 lbs.) and Lee Munster (84 kg/185 lbs.). Massa is a junior in high school. He won the USA Wrestling Cadet Triple Crown in 2009.

"This year, it feels so much better to win it," Massa said. "I feel like I had one of the toughest charts in the tournament, if not the toughest. My goal is to make the Junior World Team. It's always a real tough tournament. I trained hard and it paid off."

Roberts was fifth at the 2010 Junior World Championships.

Iowa's Tony Ramos, fifth in the 2009 Junior Worlds, beat returning champion Nick Dardanes 1-1, 1-0 in the finals at 60 kg/132 lbs.

"I had a pretty decent tournament overall," Ramos said. "I had to come out and pick it up after being in the round of 12 (at NCAAs). It wasn't the performance I wanted. I needed to get back at the top of my game. I got to my offense more and stayed in good position, and didn't make too many mistakes. I want to get back on that (Junior World Team) and win a gold medal."

The Junior age group consists of 17-20 year olds, featuring some of the nation's top wrestlers, as well as underclassmen from the college level.

The champions in each of the seven Olympic weight classes, plus 50 kg/110 lbs., advance to the best-of-3 finals for the FILA Junior World Team Trials. The Junior World Team Trials are set for May 19-20 in Franklin, Ind.

The top six finishers in the seven Olympic classes, plus 50 kg, qualify for the Junior World Team Trials.

There were 357 wrestlers entered in the FILA Junior freestyle class, an increase from the 317 that entered last year.

FILA JUNIOR NATIONALS FREESTYLE FINALS RESULTS

50 kg/110 lbs.

Nick Roberts (Young Guns) dec. Jarred Brooks (Humphrey Wrestling), 3-2, 4-1

55 kg/121 lbs.

Jesse Delgado (Meathead WC) dec. Jack Hathaway (Trojan Wrestling Club), 2-1, 1-0

60 kg/132 lbs.

Tony Ramos (Iowa) dec. Nick Dardanes (Minnesota Storm), 1-1, 1-0

63 kg/138.75 lbs.

Kendrick Maple (Oklahoma Elite) dec. Samuel Sherlock (Nittany Lion WC), 2-2, 3-1, 2-0

66 kg/145.5 lbs.

Josh Kindig (Cowboy Wrestling Club) dec. Destin McCauley (OTC), 3-4, 6-2, 4-0

70 kg/154 lbs.

Mark Martin Jr. (Eagle Club) pinned Zachary Brunson (Churchill), 6-1, 1:16

74 kg/163 lbs.

Taylor Massa (Massa Maniacs) dec. Robert Kokesh (Nebraska), 3-1, 2-1

79 kg/174 lbs.

Ethen Lofthouse (Iowa) dec. Tyler Wilps (Pittsburgh WC), 1-0, 2-0

84 kg/185 lbs.

Lee Munster (Northwestern) dec. Max Thomsseit (Pittsburgh WC), 2-1, 1-2, 1-1

96 kg/211.5 lbs.

This week on TDR: Beichner, Lynch, Askren, Boyens, Waller, Abbott, Ware, Hazewinkel

Join Takedown Wrestling Host Scott Casber and an incredible roster of guests. Saturday morning from 9 to 11 we'll talk to some of the finest athletes and coaches in America. Join in from 9 to 11:00 AM CDT this Saturday for Takedown Wrestling at (KXNO.com and I Heart Radio on smart phones)

This week's guests include:

9:01 Jim Beichner - Head Coach Buffalo

9:20 Adam Lynch - Penn State's Total Commitment Award, given to the wrestler who shows total commitment and courage at all times in reaching team and individual goals.

9:40 Ben Askren - Missouri's two-time NCAA champion and Bellator champion.

9:50 Joey Boyens - Max Muscle Minute

10:01 Robbie Waller - Head Coach of Lock Haven

10:20 Gary Abbott - USA Wrestling's communications director joins us for Q and A with our next 2 guests.

10:20 Teyon Ware - Now splitting time between Penn State and Lock Haven, the past Oklahoma Sooner still finds time to wrestle and win. Ware competed at the U.S. Open last week and won.

10:40 Sam Hazewinkel - Past Oklahoma Sooner scores a victory over former Big Red NCAA Champ Troy Nickerson 6-0, 4-3 to become the 55 Kilo champ at the U.S. Open last week.

10:50 Maureen Roshar Wildrose Casino and Resort in Clinton, Iowa

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Bethany College hires Cody Garcia as assistant coach

Cody Garcia joins Bethany College's wrestling staff as assistant coach to Head Coach Jacob Marrs. Bethany is the first college in the Kansas Collegiate Athletic Conference and one of three private institutions in Kansas to have a wrestling program.

Garcia comes to Bethany from the University of Nebraska at Omaha, where he served as assistant wrestling coach. While there, UNO won the 2011 NCAA Division II National Championships. Prior to coaching, Garcia was a member of the UNO wrestling team, where he won national championships in 2006 and 2008, placed third in 2009, and placed second in 2010. He was a four-time All-American and Academic All-American, and his team won national championships in 2005, 2006, 2009, and 2010. Garcia graduated in 2010 with a 147-18 record, the fourth-highest number of all-time career wins at UNO since 1966. His 48 wins as a senior ranked as second-highest number in school history, and he set new UNO records of 84 career pins and 31 single-season pins.

Marrs and Garcia competed and coached together at UNO. "There is no one I'd rather partner with to begin Bethany's wrestling program," Marrs said. "I know Coach Garcia personally, and he loves wrestling and will help our wrestlers reach their full potential. Coach Garcia will set the standard extremely high, but his experience and leadership will be invaluable to the young men who decide to pursue academics and wrestling with us. There isn't a better person for the job."

Bethany College competes in 18 intercollegiate sports in the Kansas Collegiate Athletic Conference of the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics, including college sponsored cheer and dance teams. Since 1902, Bethany has won 147 conference championships. Bethany College supports the National Association of Intercollegiate Association (NAIA) Champions of Character program. NAIA Champions of Character is the association's innovative flagship program designed to instill character values in student-athletes, coaches and youth in the communities it serves. The five core values are integrity, respect, responsibility, sportsmanship and servant leadership.

Bethany College, established by Swedish Lutheran immigrants in 1881, is a college of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. The mission of Bethany College is to educate, develop and challenge individuals to reach for truth and excellence as they lead lives of faith, learning and service. Bethany College is on the Web at www.bethanyfb.edu.

Plymouth State elevates Matt Eldredge to head coach

PLYMOUTH, N.H. – Plymouth State University will have a new head wrestling coach in 2011-12 following the resignation of current head coach Tommy Prairie to become the full-time head coach at Washington & Jefferson College in Western Pennsylvania.

Matt Eldredge has been named the new head wrestling coach at PSU, effective immediately. Eldredge, who has been a Panther assistant coach under Prairie the past two seasons, is a former standout wrestler and assistant coach at the State University of New York at Cortland.

"I am extremely honored to be named the 14th head wrestling coach in Plymouth State history," said Eldredge. "The opportunity that lies before me is an exciting one and I look forward to the challenge of keeping up the high academic and athletic success that Coach Prairie has brought to the program. I would like to thank the PSU Athletics Administration for having faith in my abilities to lead our team into the future, and to Jim Aguiar for agreeing to stay on as an assistant coach."

A native of Canandaigua, N.Y., Eldredge was a four-year wrestler at 197 pounds and heavyweight for the nationally-ranked Cortland program, where his 24 pins rank ninth in the program's history. He also served one season as an assistant coach before graduating in 2008 with a degree in physics. He has been a Panther assistant coach since 2009 and also the assistant director of the PSU Summer Wrestling Camp.

PSU Director of Athletics John Clark has mixed emotions about the announcement of a new wrestling coach.

"We are excited to name Matt Eldredge as our new wrestling coach," said Clark. "He has shown in his two years here that he is ready to take over the program. We have full confidence in Matt and look forward to working with him as he begins his head coaching career. We are also very excited for Tommy as he moves into a great situation at Washington & Jefferson. He did a fantastic job here and we know he will do the same there. He will be sorely missed here and everyone in the Plymouth State family wishes him nothing but the best."

Prairie enjoyed a successful four-year stint as Plymouth State's wrestling coach. The Panthers placed second at the New England Dual Meet Championships in 2011, their highest finish ever, and tied for fourth at the New England Championships, the best place since 2003. PSU had one wrestler capture the New England championship and advance to the NCAA Division III National Championships in 2011, and eight Panthers earned All-New England honors, the most in the program's history. PSU earned its first national ranking on the mat in 15 years, and was ranked in the top 30 in the NCAA for grade point average for the second year in a row.

"I really enjoyed my time in Plymouth," said Prairie, who was a three-time First Team All-America wrestler at Williams College before coming to PSU. "We accomplished a lot in these four years and I cannot say enough good things about the athletic administration, alumni and my student-athletes. Plymouth State Wrestling is on the rise and I expect there to be a very smooth transition as Matt takes over. I look forward to watching Plymouth State's success in the future."

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W&J names Tommy Prairie as head wrestling coach

WASHINGTON, Pa. – Washington & Jefferson College Director of Athletics Bill Dukett announced Tommy Prairie as the Presidents' head wrestling coach on Friday.

A 2005 graduate of Williams College (Mass.), Prairie replaces Jay Robison, who resigned following the 2010-11 season after six years on the Washington, Pa., campus.

"Tommy is an outstanding young coach who has been successful in NCAA Division III as a student-athlete and as a coach," said Dukett. "He has experienced both sides of what it takes to succeed in the classroom and on the mat. Tommy displays great passion for the sport and epitomizes what the student-athlete experience at Washington & Jefferson College is all about. His organizational skills and recruiting experience will help us continue to grow the sport of wrestling on our campus."

"We would like to thank Coach Robison for his dedication to W&J wrestling," added Dukett. "He helped maintain a level of success with our wrestling program and Coach Prairie is excited to put his own mark on our team as the new coach."

Prairie comes to W&J after spending four seasons as the head wrestling coach at Plymouth State University (N.H.). This past winter, he helped the Panthers to their best finish (4th) at the New England Wrestling Association (NEWA) Championships since 2003. One PSU wrestler, Mike Willey, qualified for the NCAA

210 videos posted from U.S. Open, FILA Junior Nationals

USA Wrestling has posted 210 matches and interviews from the 2011 Asics U.S. Open Championships and FILA Junior National Championships.

Matches are broken down by tournament and style, with one separate playlist encompassing all of the U.S. Open championship finals.

Also included below are the full archived webcasts via USA Wrestling's Ustream Channel, which includes both FILA Junior Championship finals and the televised and non-televised finals from the U.S. Open.

YouTube Playlists

[All Championship Finals](#)

[U.S. Open - Greco-Roman](#) (40 matches & interviews)

[U.S. Open - Men's Freestyle](#) (63 matches & interviews)

[U.S. Open - Women's Freestyle](#) (40 matches & interviews)

[FILA Junior Freestyle](#) (36 matches & interviews)

[FILA Junior Greco-Roman](#) (31 matches & interviews)

Archived Ustream Webcasts

[Televised Finals \(13 matches\)](#)

[Non-Televised Finals \(8 matches\)](#)

[FILA Junior Freestyle Finals](#)

[FILA Junior Greco-Roman Finals](#)

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2011 FILA Cadet Pan AM Team Coach Applications - Due May 10th,2011

Click here for application form

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2011 FILA Cadet World Team Coach Applications - Due May 10th,2011

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WER 28 - Mon, Apr 18, 2011 – Londo Iacovelli, Carol Huynh, Krzysztof Soszynski, Beckie Scott & Jeff Thue

Please distribute & note that this program is suitable for youth.

Wrestling Edge Radio (WER) Show - Mondays Nights- 6pm-8pm PST (9pm-11pm EST)

This online radio talk show podcast called "Wrestling Edge Radio" will focus on the athletes, issues, programs and personalities of amateur wrestling. Go to www.blogtalkradio.com/wrestlingedgeradio to hear archived shows. By Apr 18, we will have interviewed 163 total guests!

Host: Greg Edgelow – 1992 Olympian 90 Kg, 1994 Commonwealth Games Gold 100 kg, Seven-Time CDN Sr Champ (82 Kg, 90 Kg, 96 Kg, 100 Kg), 1991 Pan Am Bronze (2) 90 Kg, 1990 Goodwill Games Bronze 90 Kg, Coaching

Co-Host: Jamie Macari - 5-Time OUA & 5-Time CIS Champ, 54-57 Kg 3-Time Cdn Sr FS Champ & 2-Time Sr. GR , 55-60 Kg, 5 Yrs Coach (Queens – Head Coach & Lakehead – Assistant)

WER 28 - Mon, Apr 18, 2011 – Londo Iacovelli, Carol Huynh, Krzysztof Soszynski & Jeff Thue

1. Londo Iacovelli – 1976 Freestyle Wrestling Coach, Guelph Coach, 21 Years, 3X CIAU Team Champions, 13X OUA Champions, 5X World Team coach, 1969 Cdn Champ 180 Lbs, 3X AAU Medalist 1965, '66, '69

2. Carol Huynh – 2007 Pan Am Games Gold, 2008 Olympic Games Gold, 2010 Commonwealth Games Gold, 48 Kg, 3X World Championships, Bronze 2000, '05, '10, World Silver 2001, 9X Cdn Champ, 46-48 Kg, 2003 CIS Champ 48 Kg, 1999 Cdn Jr Champ 2008 Gold medal match vs Japan (Red)

3. Krzysztof Soszynski – UFC Star Cdn MMA Fighter- Light Heavy Weight, Record 25-11, Past Ultimate Fighter Cast, Played Football, Soccer & former Pro Wrestler. UFC 116 KS vs Stephan Bonner (White trunks)

Retiring W&L coach Gary Franke to be inducted into Virginia Chapter of NWHOF

The National Wrestling Hall of Fame has announced that it will be inducting Washington and Lee Head Coach Gary Franke into its Virginia Chapter for lifetime service to the sport.

The Lifetime Service Hall of Fame is in recognition of years of dedication to the development of leadership and citizenship in the youth through the sport of wrestling. Franke is one of six individuals that will receive the honor at a dinner held at the Wyndham Virginia Crossings Hotel in Glen Allen, Va., on Saturday. He joins Michael Ingrao, Jackie Kennedy, Charles Ostlund, Nancy Perry and Isaac Sherlock in the 2011 class.

"It is always an honor to be selected by your peers and it is a truly humbling experience for me," said Franke. "There are so many people to thank, including those who hired me at W&L and the young men who have wrestled for me over the years."

The 2010-11 season was the conclusion of a 38-year career as the Generals' head wrestling coach for Franke. Since 1973, he led W&L to nearly 200 wins and three conference titles, while being named the conference coach of the year three times. He coached 24 Academic All-Americans and one NCAA Postgraduate Scholarship winner.

Active in the wrestling community, Franke served on the National Wrestling Coaches Association Executive Committee from 1977-80 and he was a Virginia High School League (1973-97) and an NCAA wrestling official (1973-93). Franke was also a volunteer assistant for the 1976 Olympic Wrestling Team in Montreal. He began a four-year term on the NCAA Division III Wrestling Committee in 2009.

The National Wrestling Hall of Fame is located in Stillwater, Okla., on the campus of Oklahoma State University. It was officially dedicated in 1976 as a permanent home for the culture and memorabilia for the oldest sport in the world.

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Dave Schultz H.S. Excellence honorees announced for 2011

STILLWATER, Okla. -- The National Wrestling Hall of Fame & Museum has selected its 2011 state and regional winners of the Dave Schultz High School Excellence Award as part of its Educational Outreach Program. Forty-nine seniors from those states that sponsor high school state wrestling championships have been chosen for the honor.

The High School Excellence Award is named in honor of the late Olympic and World Champion Dave Schultz. Each award recipient is evaluated on excellence in wrestling, scholastic achievement, character, citizenship, and community service.

"A graduate of Palo Alto High School and the University of Oklahoma, Dave Schultz was one of the most respected high school, collegiate, and international wrestlers the United States has ever had," said Lee Roy Smith, Executive Director of the National Wrestling Hall of Fame.

Regarded as a tireless competitor and supreme technician on the mat, Schultz was beloved throughout the world of amateur wrestling for his friendliness and eagerness to lend help or advice to teammates and opponents alike. Schultz passed away in 1996. He was inducted into the sport's Hall of Fame as a Distinguished Member in 1997.

Since the Dave Schultz High School Excellence Award's inception in 1996, the National Wrestling Hall of Fame has recognized 677 student-wrestlers. The national award winner will be chosen from the regional winners and announced on April 21. The winner will attend the annual Hall of Fame Induction ceremony on June 8 and 9 to personally accept the award.

"These student-wrestlers are role models in their communities and influence young people in a very meaningful way," Smith said. "Statistics show that both male and female students are more likely to stay in school, graduate, and become more productive citizens when they are involved in extra curricular activities and after school programs like sports, theater, debate and music."

The five regional winners are:

Northeast Region -- Nico Megaludis compiled a record of 170-1 winning the State Championship as a Sophomore, Junior and Senior at Franklin Regional High School in Pennsylvania. As a senior, he was honored with the "Most Outstanding Wrestler" award while competing in the 125 pound weight class. He is also a four-time WPIAL Champion and was named "Outstanding Wrestler" in 2011. Megaludis also is a two-time Fargo All-American and was named the 2011 Pennsylvania wrestler of the year. He volunteers as a referee and coach for the Junior Wrestling program, and also volunteers with the Mother of Sorrows Food Bank. He carries a 3.41 weighted G.P.A. and will be attending Pennsylvania State University this fall.

Midwest Region -- Destin McCauley is from Apple Valley High School in Apple Valley, Minnesota and has amassed a career record of 286-7 and 197 pins. He is a five-time state high school champion and finished his senior year with a perfect 49-0 record. McCauley has also won two-national freestyle titles and a Pan-American title and plans to try out for the 2012 USA Olympic team. McCauley also spends his free time working with the youth wrestling teams at Apple Valley and surrounding communities. He also volunteers as an official for youth tournaments. His academic achievements include a 3.7 G.P.A., a two-time academic All-State winner, and a four-time academic All Conference winner. He will be attending the University of Wisconsin this fall.

Central Region -- Cody Brewer compiled a career record of 198-6 for Oak Park High School in Kansas City, Missouri. He is a four-time State Champion and was named All Metro Wrestler of the Year for the Kansas City area in 2011. Other honors include a championship at the Toshiba Midwest Classic, a third place finish at the 2010 Junior freestyle nationals, a third place finish in the 2007 Cadet Nationals in freestyle and Greco-Roman as well as a double championship in the 2008 Cadet Nationals, as well as earning a spot of the USA Wrestling FILA team in 2009. He has served two years as an adaptive physical education assistance, which helps disabled children be more active. He maintains a G.P.A. of 3.2 and plans to attend the University of Oklahoma in the fall.

West Region -- Morgan McIntosh compiled a career record of 189-5 with 128 pins for Calvary Chapel High School in Santa Ana, California. He is a three-time state champion and a freestyle national Champion at Fargo Junior National in 2010. McIntosh was also a double Junior Western Regionals Champion in 2008 for both freestyle and Greco-Roman. He also was the 2010 Ironman Champion and a two-time Flo Nationals Champion. His community service includes being involved with the Calvary Chapel hydroponic project which included a mission trip to Mexico to construct and maintain the unit near Ensenada. McIntosh was also the only high school student to go on the tsunami relief trip to American Samoa in 2009 to help rebuild a devastated village. In addition, he volunteers as a kids coach with Team Thunder Kids as well as assisting with camps and clinics. He maintains a 3.2 weighted G.P.A. and plans to attend Pennsylvania State University this fall.

Southeast Region -- Caleb Ervin is from Union County High School in Morganfield, Kentucky. Amassing a career record of 199-7, he won three high school State Championships and was awarded "Athlete of the Year" by the Kentucky Coaches Association. In addition, he was a four-time Region 1 Champion and was named "Outstanding Wrestler" in 4 out of 5 tournaments his senior year. Ervin was all voted to the All Resilient Team by the Army National Guard for his inspiring recovery from a farming accident. His community service involves spearheading a local can

SWA Assistant Coach Appointed

The Scottish Wrestling Association today appointed a new Assistant Coach, Viorel Etko, to work with Scottish National Head Coach, Volodymyr Gladkov.

A graduate of the Moldovan National Institute of Sport and Physical Education, Viorel worked with various national coaches throughout his career as a wrestler and has recently been imparting that experience to young wrestlers in Aberdeenshire.

Viorel represented Scotland with distinction as a wrestler in international competition, including at the 2010 Commonwealth Games in Delhi. Viorel also won a bronze medal for Scotland at the 2009 Commonwealth Wrestling Championships as well as representing Great Britain at the European and World Championships on five occasions.

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Institute of Sport supported athletes 2011

The following wrestlers have been selected for support from the sportsotland Institute of Sport for 2011:-

Jayne Clason
Tracy Connell
Viorel Etko
Kathryn Gallagher
Alex Gladkov
Brian Harper
Shannon Hawke
Sarah Jones
Gareth Jones
Corey Keatings
Sean Keogh
Megan Malone
Douglas Maxwell
Ross McFarlane
Anthony McKenna
Craig McKenna
Ashlea McManus
Chelsea Murphy
Donna Robertson
Fiona Robertson
Masoud Yosefi

The sportsotland Institute of Sport provides expert services including coaching, sports medicine, sports science, strength and conditioning, and performance lifestyle.

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Washington's Jordan Rogers earns OW honors after winning FILA Cadet Nationals Greco-Roman crown

AKRON, Ohio – Jordan Rogers is just a junior in high school.

But his wrestling talents are turning him into a World traveler.

The standout from Washington earned another overseas trip after winning a FILA Cadet Nationals title in Greco-Roman wrestling on Thursday at the University of Akron.

Rogers beat Georgia's Glenn Climmons 4-0, 2-0 in the finals at 76 kg/167.5 lbs. Climmons was third in Cadet Nationals in Greco-Roman last year and won a Cadet Nationals title in freestyle.

Rogers was named Outstanding Wrestler.

Hutchison named OW after capturing University Nationals women's freestyle title

AKRON, Ohio – Oklahoma City's Michaela Hutchison rallied for a big finals wins.

And she was awarded with the Outstanding Wrestler trophy at the University Nationals women's freestyle competition.

Hutchison downed past World University champion Katherine Fulp-Allen 0-1, 2-0, 5-1 in the finals at 55 kg/121 lbs on Saturday at the University of Akron Field House.

Hutchison, sixth in the U.S. Open earlier this month in Cleveland, was one of eight champions crowned during the women's competition on Saturday in Akron.

The top two finishers in each weight class qualify for June's U.S. World Team Trials in Oklahoma City.

Trinity Plessinger repeated as champion after earning the title at 59 kg/130 lbs.

Plessinger downed Ashley Hudson 2-0, 6-1 in the finals bout.

UNIVERSITY NATIONALS WOMEN'S FREESTYLE – FINALS RESULTS

48 kg/105.5 lbs.

Candace Workman (OTC) won by injury default over C.C. Weber (Goodrich)

51 kg/112.25 lbs.

Carlene Sluberski (USOEC) pinned Emily Martin (King College), 0:39

55 kg/121 lbs.

Michaela Hutchison (OCU/Gator) dec. Katherine Fulp-Allen (unattached), 0-1, 2-0, 5-1

59 kg/130 lbs.

Trinity Plessinger (Sunkist Kids) dec. Ashley Hudson (OCU/Gator), 2-0, 6-1

63 kg/138.75 lbs.

Alli Ragan (King College) dec. Randi Beltz (Lindenwood University), 1-4, 5-1, 3-0

67 kg/147.5 lbs.

1st Place - Christen Paysse of UC Women's Wrestling

2nd Place - Tanya Kusse of unattached

3rd Place - Brittany David of Lindenwood University

4th Place - Brittany Roberts of OCU/Gator

72 kg/158.5 lbs.

1st Place - Melissa Simmons of OCU/Gator

2nd Place - Kendra Lewis of Lindenwood University

3rd Place - Anneliese DeAragon of USOEC

4th Place - Emma Randall of Lock Haven University

77 kg/169.75 lbs.

Brittany Delgado (OCU/Gator) pinned Amber Floyd (King College), 4-1, 1:46

TRUE SECOND-PLACE MATCHES

55 kg/121 lbs.

Katherine Fulp-Allen (Unattached) over Joy Yamashita (Lindenwood University) Dec 4-0,4-0

59 kg/130 lbs.

Schuyler Brown (USOEC) over Ashley Hudson (OCU/Gator) Dec 4-0,4-1

<http://www.themat.com/>

English Juniors

Results

Illinois' Zane Richards named OW in FILA Cadet Nationals freestyle competition

AKRON, Ohio – Zane Richards of Illinois continued his run of success in USA Wrestling events.

Richards downed Minnesota's Sam Brancale 1-0, 6-0 in the FILA Cadet Nationals freestyle finals at 58 kg/127.75 lbs. on Saturday at the University of Akron.

Richards was named Outstanding Wrestler. He placed second in the Greco-Roman competition on Thursday.

FILA Cadet Nationals champions in each weight class in Akron, with the exception of 125.5 kg kg/275.5 lbs., qualify for the FILA Cadet World Championships in Szombethely, Hungary, on Aug. 25-28.

Washington's Jordan Rogers and Pennsylvania's Brooks Black repeated as champions in the FILA Cadet freestyle competition.

Rogers won the FILA Cadet Nationals Greco-Roman title on Thursday. He won a silver medal at the 2010 Youth Olympic Games in Singapore.

Illinois' Sam Brooks and Michigan's Adam Coon also were double champions after winning FILA Cadets in Greco-Roman this week.

Nebraska's Thomas Gilman, second in this event last year, won the title at 54 kg/119 lbs. He beat Michigan's Jacob Schmitt 2-1, 2-1 in the finals. Gilman won Cadet Nationals last summer in Fargo, N.D.

FILA CADET NATIONALS FREESTYLE – FINALS RESULTS

42 kg/92.5 lbs.

Gannon Volk (Minnesota) dec. Lincoln Olson (Michigan), 3-2, 1-0

46 kg/101.25 lbs.

Tommy Thorn (Minnesota) dec. Matthew Garelli (Illinois), 3-2, 4-2

50 kg/110.25 lbs.

Dalton Brady (Arizona) pinned Phillip Laux (Iowa), 1:34

54 kg/119 lbs.

Thomas Gilman (Nebraska) dec. Jacob Schmitt (Michigan), 2-1, 2-1

58 kg/127.75 lbs.

Zane Richards (Illinois) dec. Sam Brancale (Minnesota), 1-0, 6-0

63 kg/138.75 lbs.

Joey Lavallee (Nevada) dec. Joshua Pennell (Michigan), 3-0, 3-2

69 kg/152 lbs.

Oliver Pierce (Texas) dec. Gabriel Moreno (Iowa), 2-1, 3-1

76 kg/167.5 lbs.

Jordan Rogers (Washington) dec. Jason Grimes (Georgia), 7-0, 8-0

85 kg/187.25 lbs.

Sam Brooks (Illinois) dec. Jack Dechow (Illinois), 2-1, 1-0

100 kg/220.5 lbs.

Adam Coon (Michigan) dec. Ty Walz (Ohio) Dec 1-1, 2-0

125 kg/275.5 lbs.

Brooks Black (Pennsylvania) dec. Doug Vollaro (Florida), 1-0, 0-1, 3-0

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Burroughs and Ware to go 'On the Mat' this week

Parent & Coach Intervention: Approaching the coach made easy

Building effective parent/coach relationships can help everyone have a more productive and beneficial season. Research shows when we as parents support our children's teachers, students learn more. This concept can be transferred to sports, where kids will have a better sports experience if we work in unison with the coach to create a positive youth sports environment.

Sometimes, it's easier said than done. That's why we've created an entire section dedicated to helpful tips and tools for ways to approach the coach.

A couple strategies to take into consideration:

- Empower your child to speak: there are several advantages to having your children, rather than you, speak directly to the coach. Many coaches are more open to suggestions from players than from parents. The biggest plus is that this can be an empowering experience for children, even if they don't get the change they want
- When you need to intervene: Sometimes it calls for parent comment, sometimes it best left to talk to your athlete and restrain from approaching the coach over every action you see or hear
- Approaching the coach: gain control of yourself and know exactly what you want to say. Pick a time and place where only the coach can hear you — not during a game or practice, and not where you might be overheard, which could make the coach more defensive

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Burroughs and Ware to go 'On the Mat' this week

U.S. Open freestyle champions Jordan Burroughs and Teyon Ware will be radio show guests this week.

"On the Mat" is a presentation of the National Wrestling Hall of Fame Dan Gable Museum and can be heard live on the Internet at www.konzam.com or locally in Northeast Iowa each Wednesday from 5:00 - 6:00 PM Central time on AM 1650, The Fan. Feel free to e-mail radio@wrestlingmuseum.org with any questions or comments about the show.

Burroughs won his second NCAA title for the University of Nebraska in March, completing his junior and senior seasons undefeated. He won the Dan Hodge Trophy as the most dominant college wrestler in the country and won the U.S. Open freestyle title at 163 pounds.

Ware was a four-time All-American and two-time NCAA champion for Oklahoma at 141 pounds. He recently won the U.S. Open in freestyle at 145.5 pounds.

Burroughs and Ware will both enter the World Team Trials in Oklahoma City on June 10-11 as the No. 1 seed in their respective weight classes and will be looking to become World Team members for the first time.

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Maryland's John Named ACC Wrestling Scholar-Athlete Of The Year

Maryland junior Kyle John has been named the 2010-11 Atlantic Coast Conference Wrestling Scholar-Athlete of the Year and heads up the sport's All-ACC Academic Team, as announced today by Commissioner John Swofford.

All six league schools that compete in wrestling are represented on this year's All-ACC Academic Team, which includes five All-ACC wrestlers that earned All-ACC honors during the past season, and nine that competed in the 2011 NCAA Division I Championships.

Ten of the 20 student-athletes named to the 2010-11 All-ACC Wrestling Academic Team earned spots on the squad on at least one previous occasion.

John, a junior civil engineering major from Coopersburg, Pa., is a two-time All-ACC performer who finished the 2010-11 season ranked 15th nationally in the 157-pound weight class. John finished the season with a 31-11 record for the ACC champion Terrapins, including a 15-4 dual match mark and a 4-1 record in ACC regular-season matches. He was 6-0 in matches decided by pins.

A five-time member of the Maryland Athletics Director's Honor Roll and a Dean's List honoree (3.5 GPA or higher) in spring of 2010, John has also served as an officer and active participant on the school's Student Athlete Advisory Council and has played a key role in National Student Athlete Day activities held at the university since the 2008-09 academic year.

Virginia led all schools with eight student-athletes named to the All-ACC Wrestling Academic Team. Maryland had four selections, and Virginia Tech three.

The ACC Scholar-Athlete of the Year awards were established in September 2007 to be awarded annually to the top junior or senior student-athlete in their respective sports. Candidates for the awards must have maintained a 3.0

Weight classes changed in high school wrestling

INDIANAPOLIS, IN — The most significant changes in weight classes in high school wrestling in 23 years will take place in the 2011-12 season.

In its April 4-6 meeting in Indianapolis, the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) Wrestling Rules Committee approved an upward shift of the weight classes, beginning with the 103-pound class moving to 108 pounds, which resulted in new weights for 10 of the 14 classes. The changes in weight classes, along with 17 other rules revisions, were subsequently approved by the NFHS Board of Directors.

The 14 weight classes approved by the committee for 2011-12 are as follows: 106 (pounds), 113, 120, 126, 132, 138, 145, 152, 160, 170, 182, 195, 220 and 285. Three middle weight classes – 145, 152 and 160 – were retained, although they are 7-8-9 in order now rather than 8-9-10. The largest weight class (285 pounds) remains unchanged as well.

"The change in weight classes resulted from a three-to-four year process utilizing data from the National Wrestling Coaches Association (NWCA) Optimal Performance Calculator," said Dale Pleimann, chair of the NFHS Wrestling Rules Committee and former assistant executive director of the Missouri State High School Activities Association. "The rules committee was able to analyze data from almost 200,000 wrestlers across the country, with the goal to create weight classes that have approximately seven percent of the wrestlers in each weight class.

"Throughout the process, each state association was kept completely informed and was provided multiple opportunities for input. The results of the last survey of each state association indicated that the majority of states favored a change, and the committee listened and acted accordingly."

The last wholesale shift in weight classes occurred in 1988, when the lowest weight class was increased from 98 to 103 pounds. The only other changes since then were in 2002, when the number of classes went from 13 to 14 and the 215-pound weight class became mandatory, and in 2006, when the 275-pound class was increased to 285 pounds.

Among changes in wrestling holds, the Figure 4 around the head has been ruled an illegal hold/maneuver. Previously, the Figure 4 was illegal around the body or both legs.

"This move was being used by high school wrestlers more and more on the head, so to minimize the risk of injury, the committee voted to outlaw the Figure 4 on the head as well as around the body and both legs," said Bob Colgate, NFHS assistant director and liaison to the Wrestling Rules Committee.

Another significant change was made in Rule 2-1-3, which now makes the boundary line inbounds and, thus, expands the wrestling area. Previously, a wrestler was out of bounds if he or she was touching any part of the 2-inch-wide line which marks the wrestling area.

An additional exception was added to Rule 8-2-1 stating that if the second injury time-out is taken at the conclusion of the second period, and the opponent already has the choice at the beginning of the third period, the opponent would then have the added choice at the first restart after the beginning of the third period.

"Previously, at the end of the second period and before the third period, Wrestler A takes his or her second injury time-out, which now gives the choice to Wrestler B," Colgate said. "However, it's already Wrestler B's choice by virtue of the original flip of the disk. Therefore, Wrestler B gains no advantage or benefit from Wrestler A's second injury time-out. With this change, Wrestler B would now have his or her choice at the first restart after the beginning of the third period."

In other changes, a revision in Rule 3-1-13 allows the referee the flexibility to determine his or her best position to monitor the clock and wrestlers during injury, blood or recovery time-outs. Also, language in Rule 6-2-2 was changed from "forfeit" to "disqualification" to reflect correct terminology.

The rules committee also devoted considerable time to developing rules for multi-team dual meets and team-formatted tournaments. Previously, the NFHS Wrestling Rules Book addressed only dual meets and individually bracketed tournaments. Definitions for individually bracketed tournaments, dual meet/team-formatted tournaments and combination tournaments will be contained in Rule 1-3.

"In recent years, high school wrestling has moved from dual meets and individually bracketed tournaments to tournaments incorporating a dual meet/team format," Pleimann said. "The new Rule 11 will provide rules coverage for this type of tournament format."

"High school wrestling is in great shape across the country as participation numbers continue to increase. The rules committee did propose 18 changes to the rules book, but approximately two-thirds of those changes resulted from incorporating the new dual meet/team format rules," Pleimann added.

The final change is one that has been approved by the NFHS Board of Directors for use in all NFHS rules books

2011 U.S. World Team Trials qualifiers, as of April 27

WORLD TEAM TRIALS QUALIFIERS

As of April 27, 2011

EDITOR'S NOTE: These athletes have qualified to compete at the U.S. World Team Trials in Oklahoma City, Okla., June 9-11. Additional qualifying opportunities exist at the Northern Plains Senior Regionals in Waterloo, Iowa, May 12-14, in addition to National Coach Wildcards.

2011 MEN'S FREESTYLE WORLD TEAM TRIALS QUALIFIERS

55 kg/121 pounds

U.S. Open Champion – Sam Hazewinkel, Norman, Okla. (Sunkist Kids)
U.S. Open, second place – Troy Nickerson, Ithaca, N.Y. (New York AC)
U.S. Open, third place – Daniel Mitcheff, Kent, Ohio (Gator WC)
U.S. Open, fourth place – Obe Blanc, Stillwater, Okla. (Gator WC)
U.S. Open, fifth place – Frank Perelli, Hackettstown, N.J. (New York AC)
U.S. Open, sixth place – Nick Simmons, Corvallis, Ore. (Sunkist Kids)
U.S. Open, seventh place – Mark McKnight, University Park, Pa. (Nittany Lion WC)
Northeast Regional Trials Champion - Mark McKnight, University Park, Pa. (Nittany Lion WC)
Northern Plains Trials Champion –
Past Olympic Team member – Henry Cejudo, Colorado Springs, Colo. (Sunkist Kids)
Past U.S. World Team member – Obe Blanc, Stillwater, Okla. (Gator WC)
Past U.S. World Team member – Danny Felix, Morgantown, W.Va. (Sunkist Kids)
University Nationals Champion – Brandon Precin, Orland Park, Ill. (Wildcat WC)
University Nationals True Second – Zach Sanders, Wabasha, Minn. (Minnesota Storm)
International Tour medalist –
FILA event champion within year –
Heydar Aliyev Golden Grand Prix bronze – Angel Escobedo, Colorado Springs, Colo. (New York AC)
Ziolkowski International champion - Angel Escobedo, Colorado Springs, Colo. (New York AC)
Henri Deglane Challenge silver - Sam Hazewinkel, Norman, Okla. (Sunkist Kids)
Cerro Pelado International bronze - Obe Blanc, Stillwater, Okla. (Gator WC)
Cerro Pelado International bronze - Sam Hazewinkel, Norman, Okla. (Sunkist Kids)
Medved International silver - Sam Hazewinkel, Norman, Okla. (Sunkist Kids)
National Coach Wildcard –

60 kg/132 pounds

U.S. Open Champion – Reece Humphrey, Columbus, Ohio (New York AC)
U.S. Open, second place – Shawn Bunch, Columbus, Ohio (Gator WC)
U.S. Open, third place – Coleman Scott, Stillwater, Okla. (Gator WC)
U.S. Open, fourth place – Mike Zadick, Iowa City, Iowa (Gator WC)
U.S. Open, fifth place – Drew Headlee, Pittsburgh, Pa. (Sunkist Kids)
U.S. Open, sixth place – Matt Valenti, Philadelphia, Pa. (Lehigh Valley AC)
U.S. Open, seventh place – Nick Fanthorpe, University Park, Pa. (Nittany Lion WC)
Northeast Regional Trials Champion – Logan Stieber, Monroeville, Ohio (New York AC)
Northern Plains Trials Champion –
Past U.S. World Team member – Shawn Bunch, Columbus, Ohio (Gator WC)
Past U.S. Olympic Team member – Mike Zadick, Solon, Iowa (Gator WC)
Sunkist Kids International champion - Matt Valenti, Philadelphia, Pa. (Lehigh Valley AC)
University Nationals Champion – Steve Mytych, Wyoming, Pa. (NYAC-Excel)
University Nationals runner-up – Tyler Clark, Bettendorf, Iowa (Iowa)
International Tour medalist –
Heydar Aliyev Golden Grand Prix silver - Shawn Bunch, Columbus, Ohio (Gator WC)
Habibi & Movahed Cup bronze - Coleman Scott, Stillwater, Okla. (Gator WC)
Cerro Pelado International bronze - Drew Headlee, Pittsburgh, Pa. (Sunkist Kids)
Medved International champion - Shawn Bunch, Columbus, Ohio (Gator WC)
FILA event champion within year –
Hargobind International champion - Shawn Bunch, Columbus, Ohio (Gator WC)
National Coach Wildcard –

66 kg/145.5 pounds

U.S. Open Champion – Teyon Ware, State College, Pa. (Nittany Lion WC)
U.S. Open, second place – Cary Kolat, Chapel Hill, N.C. (North Carolina RTC)
U.S. Open, third place – Brent Metcalf, Iowa City, Iowa (New York AC)
U.S. Open, fourth place – Chase Pami, Colorado Springs, Colo. (Sunkist Kids)
U.S. Open, fifth place – Kyle Ruschell, Madison, Wis. (New York AC)
U.S. Open, sixth place – Josh Churella, Ann Arbor, Mich. (New York AC)
U.S. Open, seventh place – Philip Simpson, Colorado Springs, Colo. (U.S. Army)
Northeast Regional Trials Champion – Todd Meneely, Omaha, Neb. (Maverick WC)

Free wrestling clinic serves as farewell to Mark Cody, Saturday, April 30 in Rockville, Md.

A free wrestling clinic will be held in Rockville, Md. on Saturday April 30, from 1:00-5:00 p.m., as a farewell to coach Mark Cody who is leaving the region for a new head coaching position.

This clinic will be hosted at Wootton High School in Rockville, M.D. and is open to all wrestlers of all ages in the Washington D.C. area, including Maryland and Virginia.

The clinic serves as a year ending salute to Cody, who is leaving American University to become the head coach at the University of Oklahoma next season. Cody led the American University wrestling team for nine seasons and was named the 2011 NCAA Division I Coach of the Year.

Cody is credited for turning the wrestling program into a national contender when it once was on the brink of being cut. He had 14 All-Americans, 16 NCAA qualifiers and had the first national champion for American University in 2007 with Josh Glenn. The fifth place finish at this year's NCAA Championships was the best finish in history for wrestling at American University.

The clinic's staff will include Cody, Wade Schalles, the director of EagleHawk Academy and member of the National Wrestling Hall of Fame, and Jeff Bowyer who is the retired Head Coach of James Madison University.

Talented athletes who are also helping with the clinic are:

- Chris Marshall, a two time NCAA All-American at Central Michigan University
- JJ Johnson, a three time NCAA All-American
- Max Meltzer, a NCAA Division 1 All-American for Harvard University
- Steve Fittery, a four time NCAA Division 1 All-American for American University
- Ryan Flores, a NCAA Division 1 runner-up this past season for American University
- Kyle Borshoff, a two time NCAA Division 1 All-American for American University

More information can be found [here](#).

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Saints come marching in: Maryville announces new wrestling program headed by Mike Denney

(ST. LOUIS, MO) - Maryville University has announced its intention to field a varsity wrestling program that will compete in NCAA Division II as an independent during the 2011-2012 competitive season. The University has hired legendary wrestling coach Mike Denney to establish the team, effective June 1, 2011.

Denney, whose teams have won three consecutive NCAA Division II National Championships and five in the past six seasons, most recently coached at the University of Nebraska Omaha (UNO). UNO recently announced that it will eliminate its wrestling program as a result of joining NCAA Division I athletics next year.

"Maryville is faced with an extraordinary opportunity, to say the least," said Mark Lombardi, PhD, president of Maryville. "To create a new varsity athletic program and turn it over to the best coach in our nation is certainly a coup for our University. We enthusiastically welcome Coach Denney to our Maryville community and to St. Louis, and look forward to the beginning of a winning wrestling tradition."

Denney recently was voted 2011 InterMat Coach of the Year. This award recognizes the top college wrestling coach across all NCAA divisions as determined by a vote by InterMat writers and executives. He was named the NCAA Division II Wrestling Coach of the Year in 1981, 1991 and 2009.

Denney coached at UNO for 32 seasons. He possesses a career dual record of 314-111-5 (.730). During that stretch, Denney claimed seven national titles: his first in 1991, three in a row from 2004-2006 and in the past three seasons (2009-2011). UNO finished in the NCAA Division II top 10 for all but one season during his tenure. Included in that run are 23 top three finishes and 27 top five placements.

"It isn't every day that an experienced coach gets the chance to create a college wrestling program from scratch, but that's exactly the opportunity I've been blessed to receive at Maryville University," said Denney. "I'm excited to move to Maryville, along with many of my current student-athletes, so we can replicate the type of success we've had in Omaha in St. Louis. A lot of hard work lies ahead in establishing our new program, but we're confident in our ability to maintain high standards of excellence for our student-athletes on and off the mat."