

Wrestlers of the Week: EWL, NSIC, EIWA named weekly winners

Greisheimer named EWL Wrestler of the Week

*By Bob Shreve
Edinboro Sports Information*

Edinboro University's Johnny Greisheimer (Wantagh, NY/Wantagh) has been named the Eastern Wrestling League Wrestler of the Week for the week ending January 30. The sophomore picked up a pair of wins at 157 lbs. as Edinboro won a pair of EWL matches, defeating Bloomsburg 23-15 and Cleveland State 35-7. The Fighting Scots have now won four straight dual matches and are 8-8-1 overall and 3-1 in the EWL.

Greisheimer won by fall over Bloomsburg's Frank Hickman, pinning the former PSAC champion at 2:40. The next day he won a 9-1 major decision over Cleveland State's Matt Donohoe. The two wins boosted Greisheimer's record to 19-10. He has now won four straight matches and seven of his last eight.

Edinboro returns to action on Saturday, February 5 at North Carolina.

Copsey named NSIC Wrestler of the Week

*By Nick Komder
Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference*

Ty Copsey notched two wins for No. 2-ranked Augustana last week, guiding the Vikings to conference wins over #3 St. Cloud State and #7 Minnesota State. Both of his victories at 197 pounds locked up a win for Augustana, putting the Vikings up by more than six points. On Thursday against SCSU, Copsey blanked Luke Munkelwitz 4-0. He followed that by taking a 6-3 decision from MSU's Pat Mahan on Friday. The senior is currently ranked No. 2 in Division II.

Cocozzo named EIWA Wrestler of the Week

*By Matt Haas
Rutgers Sports Information*

Rutgers senior 157-pounder Daryl Cocozzo (River Edge, N.J.) has been named the EIWA Wrestler of the Week, the Conference announced Sunday. Cocozzo becomes the second Scarlet Knight to take home Wrestler of the Week honors this season joining fellow senior DJ Russo (Netcong, N.J.) who took home the honor during the week of Nov. 29.

Cocozzo, ranked No. 16 in the nation by InterMat, earned the honor after earning a 3-2 decision over No. 6 Bryce Sadoris of Navy. The victory, which was the 96th of Cocozzo's career, helped spark a 23-9 victory over the Midshipmen.

Cocozzo and the rest of the Scarlet Knights return to action on Wednesday, Feb. 9, when they host EIWA rival American in a 6:30 dual at College Ave. Gym.

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Greg Randall and Hector Gomez to go 'On the Mat' this week

Boise State University head wrestling coach Greg Randall and Hector Gomez, founder of Gomez Wrestling Academy, 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

USOC officially recognizes freestyle developmental resident program at U.S. Olympic Training Center

Freestyle Resident Coach Brandon Slay is excited that the Freestyle Development Resident Program is now officially approved by the USOC

In recent years, a number of top high school graduates have trained in freestyle at the U.S. Olympic Training Center (USOTC) prior to going to college.

Recently, the U.S. Olympic Committee has approved a permanent freestyle developmental resident program at the U.S. Olympic Training Center, which will provide this outstanding opportunity going into the future.

USA Wrestling National Freestyle Resident Coach Brandon Slay, who helps coach the developmental athletes at the U.S. Olympic Training Center, is excited about the formal recognition of this important program.

"We are excited that we officially have a developmental program here at the U.S. Olympic Training Center," said Slay. "In the past, we have brought a few young athletes to train. Now we have that official title and look forward to recruiting quality young wrestlers in the future."

As part of approving the program, the U.S. Olympic Committee has committed to providing room and board and full access to services to the freestyle developmental resident athletes.

"It is exciting to see USA Wrestling building for the future as the men's freestyle resident program starts a new Development Team at the U.S. Olympic Training Center. These young athletes are among the best high school wrestlers in the United States," said Ron Brant, the High Performance Director, Sport Performance of the U.S. Olympic Committee.

"An important feature of the program is that this team is a combined effort between USA Wrestling and NCAA collegiate wrestling coaches, providing the young wrestlers an opportunity to improve their skills, wrestle in college, earn an education and continue their international careers. I am a true believer in pipeline development as it is through these programs that athletes like Henry Cejudo acquired the skills to shock the world at the 2008 Olympic Games by winning a gold medal for Team USA," said Brant.

With full support of the USOC, and past success of working with young athletes, Slay has great expectations for the program.

"This gives us an opportunity to develop young wrestler to become World and Olympic champions," said Slay. "We will now be very focused on bringing the top kids in. In addition, more wrestlers and their parents as well as high school and college coaches will be more aware of the mission we have here, which is to develop Senior-level athletes but also develop younger wrestlers."

This year, four talented-high school graduates are training full-time for a year at the Olympic Training Center:

- Derek Garcia of Washington, an Ohio State signee
- Carson Kuhn of Utah, a Boise State signee
- Evan Knight of Iowa, a Cornell signee
- Tyler Lehman of North Dakota

Garcia was a 2009 Junior Nationals champion and Outstanding Wrestler. Kuhn won the 2010 Junior Nationals. Lehman competed on the 2010 U.S. Junior World Team and Knight was a Junior All-American.

"The best thing for me is that I am training with the best wrestlers," said Kuhn. "I am training with men while I'm still developing into a man. At the Olympic Training Center, there are so many camps and new people coming in. There are so many great people to train with."

Next year, top of this season's top high school senior wrestlers have already committed to participate in this program and train in Colorado Springs, Colo. prior to going to college. Destin McCauley of Minnesota, a Wisconsin signee, and Tanner Hall of Idaho, both who were 2010 Junior National freestyle champions, have committed to the U.S. Olympic Training Center. McCauley was Outstanding Wrestler at the 2010 Junior Nationals in freestyle.

In previous years, when this was not an official program, there were wrestlers who have trained at the USOTC after high school who went on to success in college and beyond. Matt Stolpinski of the U.S. Naval Academy, a Massachusetts prep wrestler, and Jack Jensen of Oklahoma State, a Wisconsin native, both became NCAA All-Americans after training in Colorado Springs. Current talented college wrestlers today who have also trained for extended periods at the USOTC include NCAA runner-up Mack Lewnes of Cornell, Gabe Burak of Penn and Micah Burak of Penn.

Now that the concept has been established as an official resident training program, the number of future success stories should increase.

Preliminary tentative international entries for Dave Schultz Memorial International

*By Jessica Cullen USA Wrestling
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ARGENTINA

Women's Freestyle

Weight unknown - Eluney Melita

AUSTRIA

Women's Freestyle

63 kg/ 138.75 lbs – Stephanie Maierhofer

72 kg/ 158.5 lbs – Marina Gastl

BELARUS

Men's Freestyle

55 kg/ 121 lbs – Vladislav Andreev

60 kg/ 132 lbs – Rizvan Gadzhiev

96 kg/ 211.5 lbs – Ivan Yankouski

120 kg/ 264.5 lbs – Igor Dziatko

120 kg/ 264.5 lbs – Aleksey Shemarov

Women's Freestyle

48 kg/105.5 – Vanesa Kaladzinskaya

55 kg/121 lbs – Zalina Sidakova

59 kg/130 lbs – Alena Filipava

63 kg/ 138.75 lbs – Olga Khilko

67 kg/147.5 – Ralitzia Ivanova

72 kg/ 158.5 lbs – Vasilisa Marzaliuk

BULGARIA

Greco-Roman

55 kg/ 121 lbs – Aleksandar Kostadinov

60 kg/ 132 lbs – Ivo Angelov

66 kg/ 145.5 lbs – Emilian Todorov

74 kg/ 163 lbs – Ilian Georgiev

84 kg/ 185 lbs – Hirsto Mannov

84 kg/ 185 lbs – Nikolai Bayrakov

96 kg/ 211.5 lbs – Elis Guri

120 kg/ 264.5 lbs – Ivan Ivanov

Women's Freestyle

49 kg/ 105.5 lbs – Valya Trandeva Tihomirova

63 kg/ 138.75 lbs – Elina Vaseva

63 kg/ 138.75 lbs – Taybe Yusien

CANADA

Men's Freestyle

55 kg/121 lbs – John Pineda

60 kg/132 lbs – Cedric Hudson

60 kg/132 lbs – Balraj Virdi

60 kg/132 lbs – Ryley Walker

66 kg/ 145.5 lbs – Haislan Garcia

66 kg/ 145.5 lbs – Ryan Lue

66 kg/ 145.5 lbs – Ryan Wycker

74 kg/163 lbs – Matthew Gentry

74 kg/163 lbs – Evan MacDonald

74 kg/163 lbs – Cleo Ncube

84 kg/ 185 lbs – Jeff Adamson

96 kg/ 211.5 lbs – Ali Alrekabi

96 kg/ 211.5 lbs – Corey Jarvis

96 kg/211.5 lbs – Manjot Sandhu

120 kg/264.5 lbs – Arjan Bhullar

Women's Freestyle

48 kg/ 105.5 lbs – Carol Huynh

48 kg/ 105.5 lbs – Alana King

48 kg/ 105.5 lbs – Ashley McKilligan

48 kg/ 105.5 lbs – Jasmin Mian

51 kg/ 112.25 lbs – Vanessa Brown

Two-time World bronze medalist Harry Lester powers into semifinals at Dave Schultz Memorial International Open

By Craig Sesker USA Wrestling
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Harry Lester battles for an edge in the quarterfinals. John Sachs photo.

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. – It's been 2½ years since Harry Lester has weighed under 150 pounds.

But Lester showed some of the same fire and determination he had when he won back-to-back World bronze medals in Greco-Roman wrestling in 2006 and 2007.

That was evident when Lester pulled out an exciting 0-1, 1-0, 1-0 quarterfinal win over Bulgarian Emiliyan Todorov at the Dave Schultz Memorial International Open on Thursday.

Lester lost to Todorov in 2005 in a tournament in Bulgaria. Todorov was 10th in the World in 2010.

"I knew if I pushed him a little more he was going to break," Lester said. "I just had to keep wrestling. He had good defense, but I knew I was going to be able to push him out."

Lester now advances to face Norway's Stig Andre Berge in the semifinals on Thursday afternoon at the U.S. Olympic Training Center. The semifinals are set for 4 p.m. with the finals to follow.

Lester returned to competition and won two matches at last weekend's Kiki Cup at the Olympic Training Center, but this is the first time he's had his weight down to wrestle at 66 kilos since the 2008 Olympic Team Trials.

Wrestlers receive a two-kilogram allowance for this event.

Lester moved up a weight class and made the U.S. World Team at 74 kg/163 lbs. in 2009. He took most of last season off before joining the U.S. Army's World Class Athlete Program.

"I feel strong and I feel good," Lester said. "My body's a little worn down from cutting. I still need to push myself in my matches. I'm just taking it match by match. It's going to take some time and I realize that."

Past World Team members Joe Betterman, Jake Fisher and Justin Ruiz also landed spots in the semifinals.

American Robbie Smith will battle Olympic champion Andrea Minguzzi of Italy in the semifinals at 96 kg/211.5 lbs. Minguzzi is wrestling up a weight class.

2008 World champion Joe Warren dropped his first match to Poland's Edward Barsegian 4-0, 1-1 before he fell to American Marco Lara in his second bout at 80 kg/175 lbs.

SEMIFINAL MATCHUPS

55 kg/121 lbs.

Dawid Andr Ersetic (Poland) vs. Thomas Ronningen (Norway)
Anders Ronningen (Norway) vs. Aleksandar Kostadinov (Bulgaria)

60 kg/132 lbs.

Kazuma Kuramoto (Japan) vs. Chad Vandiver (Sunkist Kids)
Ivo Angelov (Bulgaria) vs. Joe Betterman (Sunkist Kids)

66 kg/145.5 lbs.

Sharur Vardanyan (Sweden) vs. Yuji Okamoto (Japan)
Stig Andre Berge (Norway) vs. Harry Lester (U.S. Army)

74 kg/163 lbs.

Jake Fisher (New York AC) vs. Ben Provisor (Sunkist Kids)
Steven Forrest (U.S. Marine Corps) vs. Andy Bisek (Minnesota Storm)

84 kg/185 lbs.

Kristofer Ragnar Johansson (Sweden) vs. Taichi Oka (Japan)

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Senior Freestyle Results

Team Score

Team Standing – 1. Belarus, 26 pts.; 2. Russia, 24 pts.; 3. Japan, 20 pts.; 4. Burnaby Mountain WC (Canada), 14 pts.; 5. Sunkist Kids, 11 pts.; 6. (tie) New York AC and Puerto Rico, 7 pts.; 8. (tie) Lehigh Valley AC and Nittany Lion WC, 6 pts.; 10. (tie) Mexico and MWF, 4 pts.

Outstanding Wrestler – Steve Mocco, Bethlehem, Pa., 120 kg

Event Results

55 kg/121 lbs.

1st - Rasul Mashezov (Russia) dec. Viadzislav Andreev (Belarus), 2-0, 3-0
3rd - Tomohiro Matsunaga (Japan) dec. Sam Hazewinkel, Norman, Okla. (Sunkist Kids), 3-1, 4-0
5th - John Pineda (Canada) pin Mark McKnight, State College, Pa. (Nittany Lion WC), 1:04

60 kg/132 lbs.

1st - Rizvan Gadzhiev (Belarus) dec. Shogo Maeda (Japan), 6-4, 2-2
3rd - Franklin Gomez (Puerto Rico) dec. Nick Simmons, Corvallis, Ore. (Sunkist Kids), 2-1, 1-0
5th - Reece Humphrey, Columbus, Ohio (New York AC) inj. dft. over Matt Valenti, Philadelphia, Pa. (Lehigh Valley AC)

66 kg/145.5 lbs.

1st - Haislan Garcia (Canada) dec. Kohei Fujimoto (Japan), 1-0, 5-0
3rd - Joe Johnston, Columbia, Mo. (MWF) dec. Chase Pami, Colorado Springs, Colo. (Sunkist Kids), 5-0, 8-2
5th - Heinrich Barnes (South Africa) inj. dft. over Rasul Murtazaliev (Russia)

74 kg/163 lbs.

1st - Magomedmurad Gadzhiev (Russia) dec. Ryan Morningstar, Iowa City, Iowa (New York AC), 1-0, 1-0
3rd - Matt Gentry (Canada) dec. Lloyd Rogers, Iowa City, Iowa (Hawkeye WC), 4-0, 6-0
5th - Shamil-Imam Osmanov (Russia) dec. Muzaffar Abdurakhmanov, (Uzbekistan), 2-0, 1-0

84 kg/185 lbs.

1st - Amarahdjy Magomedov (Belarus) dec. Keith Gavin, Bethlehem, Pa. (Lehigh Valley AC), 1-0, 2-0
3rd - Atsushi Matsumoto (Japan) dec. Jaime Y. Espinal (Puerto Rico), 3-1, 7-0
5th - Shinya Matsumoto (Japan) dec. Dejan Bogdanov (Macedonia), 1-0, 1-0

96 kg/211.5 lbs.

1st - Vladislav Baytzaev (Russia) pin Ivan Yankouski (Belarus), 2-0, 1:48
3rd - Israel Silva (Mexico) dec. Tyler Lehman, Colorado Springs, Colo. (Minnesota Storm), 0-1, 2-0, 7-4
5th - David Zabriskie, Ames, Iowa (Sunkist Kids) dec. De'Andre Nunn, Joliet, Ill. (unattached), 7-0, 5-3

120 kg/264.5 lbs.

1st - Steve Mocco, Bethlehem, Pa. (USA) dec. Aaron Anspach, State College, Pa. (Nittany Lion WC), 2-0, 3-0
3rd - Aleksei Shemarov (Belarus) dec. Alan Khugaev (Russia), 4-0, 7-0
5th - Arjan Bhullar (Canada) dec. Andrew Delaney, Santa Rosa Beach, Fla. (Unattached), 3-0, 3-1

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U.S. Senior rankings released this week; Greco-Roman posted Friday

TheMat.com will release the U.S. Senior rankings in all three Olympic styles this week.

The rankings started with the TheMat.com U.S. Senior Women's Freestyle Rankings on Tuesday, and included Men's Freestyle on Thursday. Greco-Roman was released Friday after the completion of competition at the Dave Schultz Memorial International.

[U.S. Senior Men's Freestyle Rankings](#)

[U.S. Senior Women's Rankings](#)

[U.S. Senior Greco-Roman Rankings](#)

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

News from Mauritius

The Mauritius Wrestling Federation submitted its annual report for the year 2010. Three female athletes were specifically prepared in view of their participation in the Youth African Games, Commonwealth Games, and Junior African Championship. Joyce Milazar (63kg), who holds a 3-year FILA-CONFESJES grant to train at the FILA Centre in Thies (SEN), performed very well and made 3rd at the Junior African Championship and 8th at the Commonwealth Games. The Federation actively took part in the tournaments held in the region and won 5 gold medals and 2 silver medals at the Christmas tournament organised in Reunion Island. 4 wrestlers from Mauritius and 3 wrestlers from Rodrigues also took part in the training course sponsored by FILA-CONFESJES that took place in Madagascar from 23 September to 02 October 2010 (see picture). The Federation also hosted a coaches' course supported by the Olympic Solidarity programme and Mauritius Olympic Committee that was run by the FILA expert, Frederic Rubio. Lastly, it organised several Olympic and Beach Wrestling competitions, among which the "Hope Games" for schoolboys and cadets in April and the "National Wrestling Day" on 12 December that attracted 300 participants.  [Complete report](#)

FILA congratulates the Mauritius Wrestling Federation and its President, Mr. Richard Papie, for the efforts invested in the promotion of wrestling in Mauritius and Rodrigues.

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

Cup of Serbia

Results

55 kg Molnar Gabor(RASO)

60 kg Nemeš Mate (SESE)

66 kg Štefanek Davor (PRZR)

74 kg Maksimovic Aleksandar (PABG)

84 kg Bojanic Goran (NSNS)

96 kg Franjkovic Dejan(PSU)

120 kg Spasic Miloš (RAKG)

Team results:

1. Partizan (BG)
2. Spartak (SU)
3. Proleter (ZR)

All results:

[Detalji](#)

<http://www.wrestling-serbia.org.rs/>

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Senior Women's Freestyle Results

Team Score

Team Standings – 1. Canada, 47 pts.; 2. Sunkist Kids, 17 pts.; 3. Poland, 16 pts.; 4. New York AC, 12 pts.; 5. Mongolia, 11 pts.; 6. Gator WC, 9 pts.; 7. Norway, 8 pts.; 8. Germany, 5 pts.; 9. (tie) Austria, Bulgaria, Univ. of Cumberlands, 4 pts.

Outstanding Wrestler - Iwona Matkowska (Poland), 48 kg

Event Results

48 kg/105.5 lbs.

1st - Iwona Matkowska (Poland) dec. Carol Huynh (Canada), 1-0, 1-0

3rd - Sara Fulp-Allen, Colorado Springs, Colo. (New York AC) dec. Alana King (Canada), 0-1, 4-2, 6-0

5th - Anna Lukasiak (Poland) dec. Ashley McKilligan (Canada), 1-1, 3-1

51 kg/112.25 lbs.

Wrestlers of the Week: ACC, CAA, Northern Sun, EWL, Big 12, Big Ten name winners

Virginia's Valenti named ACC Wrestler of the Week

By Steve Phillips

Atlantic Coast Conference

GREENSBORO, N.C. – Virginia 149-pound junior Derek Valenti has been named the Atlantic Coast Conference Wrestler of the Week after scoring an upset victory over the nation's ninth-ranked wrestler in the Cavaliers' match at Virginia Tech last Saturday.

Valenti provided a bright spot for Virginia in its 20-12 loss to the seventh-ranked Hokies with his 7-2 win over defending ACC champion Brian Stephens.

Valenti, a native of Newton, N.J., scored on two big moves in the third period. With the match tied at 2-2 midway through the final period, Valenti shot in and scored on takedown. He then tacked on three more points on a near-fall after getting Stephens to his back to put the match out of reach. It marked Valenti's fifth straight win as he improved to 17-11 this season.

Callender, Nicholson, Brundage win CAA weekly awards

By Bud Focht

Rider Sports Information

LAWRENCEVILLE, NJ—Jack Callender of Drexel University and James Nicholson of Old Dominion University are the Colonial Athletic Association Wrestlers of the Week for all competition the first week of February. James Brundage of Rider University is the CAA Rookie of the Week.

Callender, a sophomore heavyweight from Ivyland, Pa (Council Rock North) won both of his matches last week, including a CAA dual against Boston U. that gave him a 4-1 CAA record. Callender also defeated a wrestler from Brown.

Nicholson, a senior 125 from Des Moines, Iowa (Theodore Roosevelt), won his only match last week by fall against North Carolina State to stay a perfect 25-0 on the season. Currently ranked fourth in the nation, Nicholson is 15-0 in dual meets.

Brundage, a freshman 184 from Ossining, N.Y. (Ossining), won by fall to give Rider a 22-12 lead in a 22-18 win at Clarion. Brundage began the season at 165 but due to Rider injuries has moved up two weights and has four wins at 165, is 1-0 at 174 and has four wins at 184.

SCSU's Jacob Kahnke Earns NSIC Wrestler of the Week

By Tom Nelson

St. Cloud State Sports Information

St. Cloud State University sophomore Jacob Kahnke (Shakopee/Prior Lake H.S.) was named the Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference wrestler of the week on Feb. 7.

Kahnke, the #1 ranked NCAA Division II heavyweight in the nation, improved to 21-1 with a pair of victories on Feb. 4-5 for the #3 ranked St. Cloud State Huskies (17-2).

Kahnke opened his weekend on February 4 with a quality 5-4 decision over #2 ranked Matt Meuleners of Northern State. Kahnke's big win at 285-pounds helped the Huskies gain a 39-0 shutout against the Wolves at Halenbeck Hall.

To complete the weekend, Kahnke post a 4:32 pinfall against the University of Mary's Austin Woo. This was Kahnke's third pin of the season and it helped the Huskies gain a 40-3 win over Mary.

This marks the second time this season that Kahnke has been named NSIC Wrestler of the Week.

The Huskies will continue their 2010-11 season on Feb. 13 with a road match at #11 Upper Iowa in Fayette, Iowa. Husky wrestling fans should mark Feb. 17 on their calendars, as SCSU will finish its 2010-11 dual season with a 7 p.m. home match against #8 Minnesota State. This match will mark Senior Day at Halenbeck Hall.

As always, all SCSU students with a valid student ID card will be admitted FREE to all regular season Husky wrestling matches in 2010-11.

McKendree's Andrew Sanchez named NAIA Wrestler of the Week

KANSAS CITY, Mo. -Andrew Sanchez of McKendree (Ill.) has been named the NAIA National Wrestler of the Week, the national office announced Wednesday. Sanchez was selected based on his performances from Jan. 31 – Feb. 6.

Sanchez posted a 3-0 record on his way to the 197 pound championship at the Greyhound Open hosted by NCAA Division II University of Indianapolis on Feb. 6. Prior to the title bout, the two-time All-American posted a 22-7 (6:55) technical fall of unattached wrestler Stephen Newman and an 11-3 major decision over NCAA Division I Michigan State's Nick McDiarmid. He collided with previously top-ranked Derek Foore of Notre Dame (Ohio) in the title bout and emerged victorious with a 6-1 decision.

A native of Shiloh, Ill., Sanchez took over the top-spot at 197 pounds in Tuesday's NAIA Wrestling Coaches' Poll for the first time since being listed No. 1 on Dec. 22, 2009. He is 29-1 in his senior campaign is one of four nationally-ranked grapplers with just one loss this season. His one loss was a 5-2 decision to NCAA Division I Illinois' Mario Gonzalez at Lindenwood (Mo.) Open on Oct. 30, 2010.

He has seven technical falls to his credit, which is third most among all NAIA wrestlers, and his 29 wins ranks ninth. Sanchez also has registered four major decisions and pinned three opponents.

The next Wrestler of the Week announcement will be on Feb. 16.

Nominees: Derrick Weller, Lindenwood (Mo.); Tyler Thompson, Morningside (Iowa); Jon Bittenger, Notre Dame (Ohio); Steven Urquizo, Dickinson State (N.D.); Kidd Gomez, Oklahoma City; Harrison Courtney, Lindsey Wilson (Ky.).

2011 Composite Award Winners (Schedule)

Week 1: Tommie Hooper, Southern Oregon

Week 2: Kidd Gomez, Oklahoma City

Week 3: Thomas Straughn, Notre Dame (Ohio)

Week 4: Joe Sievert, Morningside (Iowa)

Week 6: Andrew Sanchez, McKendree (Ill.)

<http://www.dcnat.com>

Dan Gable Museum to celebrate the African American Wrestling Experience

The National Wrestling Hall of Fame Dan Gable Museum will host a special program celebrating the African American Wrestling Experience. The event will be held on Tuesday, February 22 at 5:30 p.m.

Five prominent African American wrestling figures will participate in a panel discussion held in the Dan Gable Teaching Center at the Museum. February is Black History month and this event is a celebration of African American wrestlers who have influenced the sport.

Museum marketing director Kent Sesker will moderate the discussion.

"This is an event our staff has been looking forward to doing for a long time," said Sesker. "I am excited about the group we have assembled for the discussion. It promises to be an entertaining evening."

Panelists for the event include current Iowa State University wrestling coach Kevin Jackson.

Jackson won a gold medal in freestyle wrestling at the 1992 Olympics in Barcelona. He was the second African American to win the Olympics in wrestling. Jackson also won World titles in 1991 and 1995.

Wrestlers from Waterloo, Iowa, will have a significant presence at the event. Stewart Carter, Bill Tate, Jr., Willie Gadson and Mike Allen currently live in Waterloo and will take part in the panel.

Carter, a Waterloo Columbus graduate, was an NCAA champion for Iowa State in 1987. Tate also wrestled at Columbus was a Big 8 champion for Iowa State in 1986.

Gadson, a two-time All-American at Iowa State, is the current head wrestling coach at Waterloo East High School. Allen wrestled at Waterloo East and Northern Iowa and is a retired Hall of Fame official.


FILA/CELA Training Centre

The FILA/CELA European Training Centre submitted its activity report for 2010. The newly renovated training hall and facilities were officially unveiled in February 2010 on the occasion of the FILA Olympic referees' course, in presence of President Martinetti, the Minister of Physical Culture and Sports, the President of the Bulgarian Olympic Committee, representatives from CELA, the Bulgarian Wrestling Federation and the media. The European Training Centre counts 5 facilities that offer accommodation, food, transport, medical care, and recreation to the participants in addition to the training programmes. They are located in Sofia (Diana Sport Complex), Bansko, Samokov, Kazanlak, and Belmeken (high-mountain sport facility).

During the course of 2010, a total of 146 athletes, 29 coaches, and 15 officials representing 21 countries visited the centre. Most participants were high-level competitors belonging to their national team. Several wrestlers who achieved great results in 2010 trained at the centre: World Student Champions in freestyle Uchimura Yuta (JPN) and Ishida Tomotsugo (JPN), junior World Vice-Champion in Greco-Roman Dominik Etlinger (CRO) and other continental medallists, such as Elis Coleman (USA), Billel Hadri (ALG), Siremadaneh Rabah (ALG), Annabel Ali (CMR), and Adama Diatta (SEN).

With regards to the style distribution, Greco-Roman wrestlers trained for 177 days with 72 athletes and 15 coaches representing 12 countries: Japan, Tunisia, Jordan, Italy, Croatia, Israel, Czech Republic, Philippines, Switzerland, USA, Algeria, Syria, and Venezuela. Female wrestlers trained for 57 days with 5 athletes from 3 countries: Venezuela, Cameroon, and Senegal. Freestyle wrestlers generated the biggest workload with 204 training days, 67 athletes and 15 coaches representing 15 countries: Japan, Switzerland, United Arab Emirates, Philippines, Germany, Macedonia, Algeria, Australia, Israel, Senegal, Greece, Syria, Yemen, France, and Venezuela.  [Complete participant list](#)

Trainings were done in cooperation with the Bulgarian national teams and the participants were invited to compete in the international tournaments hosted by the Bulgarian Wrestling Federation (Dan Kolov and Nikola Petrov, Petko Sirakov and Ivan Illiev). The Bulgarian Wrestling Federation also held some dual meets with the following countries: Japan, USA, Australia, Algeria, Syria, and Venezuela.

The centre was very active in terms of promotion and distributed posters, brochures and DVDs at the European and World Championships and major international tournaments. Through the Bulgarian Wrestling Federation contacts were maintained with all National Federations and individuals interested in the centre. The 2010 activity turned out to be a true success and FILA conveys its congratulations to CELA and the Bulgarian Wrestling Federation.  [Presentation Brochure](#)

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

Eddie Griffin receives Gallagher Award from Oklahoma State wrestling

No medals for USA at Singh International in India on Friday

JALANDHAR CITY, India – The United States won no medals on the second day of the 2011 Shaheed Bhagat Singh International Freestyle Wrestling Tournament on Friday.

Two U.S. wrestlers were in competition, Marty Usman (Colorado Springs/GRIT Athletics) at 84 kg/185 lbs. in men's freestyle, and Carlene Sluberski (Fredonia, N.Y./USOEC) at 51 kg/112.25 lbs. in women's freestyle.

Usman opened with a close three-period loss to Manjit of India, 4-0, 3-4, 1-5. He won the first period and was in control in the second period when he was hit with a caution and one point penalty with just one second left, forcing a third period which he lost.

In his repechage bout, Usman dropped another close bout to Johnny of India, 1-3, 4-3, 0-1.

Usman, a USOTC freestyle resident athlete, was a Div. II national champion for UN-Kearney.

Sluberski dropped her only match, falling to Anju Choudray of India, 0-1, 4-3, 2-0. Choudry was third in 2009 Asian Junior Championships. When Choudray failed to reach the finals, Sluberski was not eligible for the repechage rounds.

Sluberski competes for the USOEC program at Northern Michigan University, and was second at the 2011 WCWA Women's College Nationals.

"We had no medals today," said U.S. coach Dr. Dave Bennett. "Hopefully we will have a better day tomorrow."

Three U.S. athletes compete will on Saturday: Ashley Hudson (Wildwood, Mo./OCU/Gator WC) at 55 kg/121 lbs. and Melissa Simmons (Ridgefield, Wa./OCU/Gator WC) at 72 kg/158.5 lbs. in women's freestyle, plus Joe Johnston (Columbia, Mo./MWF) at 66 kg/145.5 lbs. in men's freestyle.

The USA had two medals on Thursday, with Wynn Michalak (Colorado Springs, Colo./Gator WC) taking a silver at 96 kg/211.5 lbs. in men's freestyle and Nicole Woody (Odenton, Md./OCU/Gator WC) taking a bronze at 48 kg/105.5 lbs.

SHAHEED BHAGAT SINGH INTERNATIONAL at Jalandhar City, India, Feb. 11

U.S. performances on Friday

84 kg/185 lbs. Men - Marty Usman (Colorado Springs/GRIT Athletics)
LOSS Manjit (India), 4-0, 3-4, 1-5
LOSS Johnny (India), 1-3, 4-3, 0-1

51 kg/112.25 lbs. Women - Carlene Sluberski (Fredonia, N.Y./USOEC)
LOSS Anju Choudray (India), 0-1, 4-3, 2-0

U.S. draws for Saturday

66 kg/145.5 lbs. Men – Joe Johnston, Columbia, Mo. (MWF)
Vs. Isaac Boaz (Nigeria)

55 kg/121 lbs. Women – Ashley Hudson, Wildwood, Mo. (OCU/Gator WC)
Bye, will face an opponent from India in semifinals

72 kg/158.5 lbs. Women – Melissa Simmons, Ridgefield, Wa. (OCU/Gator WC)
Vs. Ifeoma Iheanacho (Nigeria)

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Two-time All-American Anthony Robles ready for one last shot at NCAA title

Arizona State senior Anthony Robles is unbeaten this season. Larry Slater photo.

How inspiring is the incredible story of Arizona State senior Anthony Robles?

British Seniors action

Olympic wrestling hopefuls Leon Rattigan and Yana Stadnik dominated their weight divisions at the British Senior Championships.

Rattigan, 23, won the 96kg category, scoring twice in the final with a double leg attack. Stadnik, 24, secured the 48kg division, using her favourite move, the fireman's carry, as she piled on the points before pinning her opponent for the win.

The country's best wrestlers gathered for the freestyle competition at the Wrestling Academy in Salford, Manchester, to take to the mat.

After his win, Rattigan, said: "There's a lot of pressure on me because I'm getting funded by UK Sport, so I'm expected to win. Now I look at it as job done and I have to concentrate on bigger tournaments coming up.

"It's a case of going there, doing the job and putting it under the carpet. Any competition that you win gives you confidence."

Rattigan twice opened up the guard of his opponent, Amir Solomani, to shoot into the legs and score.

The quietly spoken powerhouse, who trains twice a day, five days a week at the academy, said: "Wrestling is one of the toughest sports. You need to be mentally strong, you need to be physically fit, you need to be technically good.

"It's no good just being strong for one fight, you need to be strong for your next fight, so you have to have stamina and endurance."

In her final bout, Stadnik, who moved to the UK from the Ukraine in 2007, quickly overcame her opponent Donna Robertson from Scotland.

The elite athlete, who has made Manchester her home, said: "I'm happy I won. You always have pressure on you because everybody expects you to win.

"This time I won very fast with many points. I'm just happy with the result. It's not just come on the mat, bang, and then win, you have to use your brain.

Wrestling's Parliamentary sponsor Lisa Nandy, gave another enthusiastic endorsement to the sport, by coming to present the prizes.

Lisa, the MP for Wigan, said she had 'enormous respect' for the top performers, and was confident that wrestling would benefit from increased profile in the countdown to next year's London Olympics.

"I'm really pleased to be involved with wrestling," she said, as she prepared to present the awards. "It's a great sport with many merits, and I recommend it to anyone. The more people get to know about it, the more they appreciate it.

"I have enormous respect for the top performers: they are extremely fit athletes, very talented, and extremely dedicated.

"I am following the progress of our international wrestlers with great interest, and I am also enthusiastic about helping the sport in any way I can, and I happily commend it to anyone."

Dave Sudron, Official in Charge, was congratulated on 25 years in Refereeing (and more years in wrestling!) in a lunchtime presentation by Colin Nicholson, Chief Executive

Reporting by Joe Sinclair, Press Association and Peter Jones

Shaheed Bhagat Singh International Jalandhar City, India, February 10 - 12, 2011

Senior Women's Freestyle Results

Team Score
1. India, 66 pts.
2. Japan, 47 pts.
3. Nigeria, 43 pts.
4. USA, 40 pts.
5. Canada, 7 pts.

Event Results:

48 kg/105.5 lbs.
Gold - Devi Nirmala (India)
Silver - Ayano Suzuki (Japan)
Bronze - Nicole Woody (USA)
4th - Rakha Dahiya (India)
5th - Kavita (India)
6th - Priyanka (India)

51 kg/112.25 lbs.
Gold - Hiroemi Sakuri (Japan)
Silver - Naha Rathi (India)
Bronze - Rachna (India)
4th - Anju Choudry (India)
5th - Carlene Shubaraki (USA)
6th - Swata Poomia (India)

55 kg/121 lbs.
Gold - (Japan)
Silver - (India)
Bronze - (Nigeria)
4th - (Canada)

59 kg/130 lbs.
Gold - Shikshi Malik (India)
Silver - Ashley Hudson (USA)
Bronze - Promila (India)
4th - Neetu Rama (India)
5th - Kirisna Arya (Nigeria)
6th - Saroj Yadav (India)

63 kg/138.75 lbs.
Gold - Anita (India)
Silver - Oborodudu (Nigeria)
Bronze - Rajni (India)
4th - Shoko Hirwo (Japan)
5th - Soma (India)
6th - Santosh (India)

67 kg/147.5 lbs.
Gold - Chiaki Iijima (Japan)
Silver - Hanna Amuchchi (Nigeria)
Bronze - Navjot (India)
4th - Christen Prysse (USA)
5th - Babita Singh (India)
6th - Poomam Bamaal (India)

72 kg/158.5 lbs.
Gold - Kharab (India)
Silver - Ifeoma Ibeanacho (Nigeria)
Bronze - Melissa Simmons (USA)

U.S. Women's freestyle performances

48 kg/105.5 lbs - Nicole Woody, Odenton, Md. (OCU/Gator WC), 3rd
LOSS Nirmala Devi (India), 0-3, 0-1
WIN Priyanka (India), 1-2, 1-0, 4-0
WIN Rakha Dahiya (India), 0-3, 2-2, 1-0

51 kg/112.25 lbs. - Carlene Shubaraki (Fredonia, N.Y./USOEC), 5th
LOSS Anju Choudry (India), 0-1, 4-3, 2-0

55 kg/121 lbs. - Ashley Hudson, Wildwood, Mo. (OCU/Gator WC), 2nd
WIN Promila Devi (India), 2-0, 3-1
LOSS Ritu Malik (India), 1-2, 2-1, 1-2

67 kg/145.5 lbs - Christen Prysse, Fullerton, Ca. (University of the Cumberlands), 4th
LOSS Chiaki Iijima (Japan), 0-2, 0-2

Howe, McFarland, Denney, Selby, Goldman, Murphy and Shortell on this week's TDR

Hello again Wrestling Fans! Weeks away from conference championships and then its the SOLD OUT NCAA Championships. This week we're in our Brute studios. Join Scott Casber, Ryan Freeman, Geoff Murtha, Steve Foster in studio and our own Jeff Murphy LIVE from London, England brought to you by Kemin Agrifoods.

This week we look at Wisconsin and Andrew Howe, will he or won't he- we ask the tough questions in prep for the Big 10's. We'll Talk with Joe McFarland about his team and success on the year. We'll talk with University of Nebraska/Omaha Head Coach Mike Denney on the possibility of a repeat as champions, Coach Duane Goldman joins us to update us all things Indiana. Bob Selby will give us a preview on the Iowa State HS Championships finals and Westbrook Shortell will preview the New York States. Finally, LIVE from England, Jeff Murphy will join us for our Kemin Big 10 and Big 12 review.

Join us LIVE 9 to 11 AM CST for Takedown Wrestling. Listen on radio, on computer, your Blackberry or I Phone with the I Heart Radio App.

Our Guests Include: (All times Central)

* 9:01 Joe McFarland- Head Coach University of Michigan Andrew Howe- University of Wisconsin 165 pound Star

* 9:20 Mike Denney- Head Coach University of Nebraska Omaha
* 9:40 Bob Selby- Iowa State HS State Championships Finals preview

* 10:01 Duane Goldman- Head Coach Indiana University

* 10:20 Jeff Murphy- Kemin's Top 20 Report

* 10:40 Westbrook Shortell- New York States- Finals preview

* 10:50 Maureen Roshar- Wildrose Resorts

<http://www.demat.com>

Former USA Wrestling employee Anthony Bartkowski named Executive Director of USA Boxing

COLORADO SPRINGS, COLO.) – USA Boxing President Harold Adonis and the Board of Directors, has selected long-time Olympic and sports administrator, Anthony Bartkowski (Colorado Springs, Colo.) to serve as the organization's next Executive Director. He has served as Interim Executive Director since October 15, 2010, but will now lead the organization in a permanent capacity. Bartkowski possesses great experience in the Olympic movement, serving in numerous capacities in the field during his career.

"Anthony Bartkowski stepped in to the position of Interim Executive Director and in a short period of time, mastered the key aspects of the position. As a veteran of the Olympic movement, he possesses a true understanding of our key priorities and the skills to address those in a fashion that will make USA Boxing successful," said Adonis. "He has developed a strong high performance plan which will allow our athletes to effectively prepare for the 2012 Olympic Games and compete to the best of their ability in international competition. We look forward to working with him to once again create an atmosphere of success from the grassroots level to the Olympic medal stand."

As USA Boxing's Executive Director, Bartkowski will oversee all management functions, including the annual budget, staffing, organizational contracts, strategic planning, business development, and management of day-to-day operations.

"The opportunity to serve as USA Boxing's Executive Director and aid in the current rebuilding process is a challenging and exciting opportunity that I look forward to tackling," Bartkowski said. "I am joining the organization at a very exciting and promising time with the debut of women's boxing at the 2012 Olympics and look forward to working with the organization's dedicated membership to return United States' Olympic-style boxing program to one of prominence and international success. As a former combat sport athlete, I have a unique passion for boxing and the opportunities our athletes face and will dedicate myself to providing all the key elements needed to succeed."

Bartkowski was initially stung by the Olympic bug as a student volunteer for USA Wrestling during his time

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Alaska

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Arkansas

Feb. 25-26 at the University of Arkansas, Little Rock.

California

Mar. 4-5 at Rabobank Arena, Bakersfield.

Colorado

Feb. 17-19 at the Pepsi Center, Denver.

Connecticut

LL, Feb. 18-19 at Trumbull HS; L, Feb. 18-19 at Bristol Eastern HS; M, Feb. 18-19 at Windham HS, Willimantic; S, Feb. 18-19 at the Sport and Medical Sciences Academy, Hartford; State Open, Feb. 25-26 at James Hillhouse HS, New Haven.

Delaware

Dual, Feb. 15 at Smyrna HS; Individual, Feb. 25-26 at St. Mark's HS, Wilmington.

Florida

Feb. 18-19 at the Lakeland Civic Center.

Georgia

Individual, Feb. 17-19 at the Gwinnett Center, Duluth; Dual, 5A, Feb. 25-26 at Mountain View HS, Lawrenceville; 4A, Feb. 25-26 at Ola HS, McDonough; 3A, Feb. 25-26 at Locust Grove HS; AA, Feb. 25-26 at Toombs County HS, Lyons; A, Feb. 25-26 at Bremen HS.

Hawaii

[Boys](#)

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Idaho

Feb. 24-26 at the Idaho Center, Nampa.

Buffalo to host second annual Takedown Cancer event in Sunday dual against Northern Illinois

BUFFALO, NY – The University at Buffalo athletic department, in conjunction with the Bulls' wrestling program, are moving forward with its second annual Takedown Cancer event which will culminate in the Bulls facing rival Northern Illinois this Sunday, February 20 at 1 pm at Alumni Arena.

Last year's event exceeded all expectations by raising over \$35,000 for former Bulls wrestler Jeff Parker, who was battling cancer, as well as Carly's Club in Buffalo, the pediatric cancer unit of Roswell Park. Parker, who hailed from Foxborough, MA, was a UB captain, vice-president of the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee at UB and a scholar-athlete who won over 70 matches for the Bulls. He lost his courageous battle to cancer on May 22, 2010 at the age of 25.

Sales are already underway for three major fundraising initiatives for this year's event: a New Era 5950 hat that honors the memory of Parker, raffle tickets that sell for \$10 each and feature a grand prize of a 58" television set, and pledge forms that will allow people to donate for the number of takedowns the Bulls will compile in the match against Northern Illinois are all available at a website devoted to the event that can be found at: BuffaloBulls.com/takedowncancer.

In addition, the Parker 5950 hats and the raffle tickets will be on sale in Alumni Arena at both the UB Ticket Office and the Recreation and Intramurals Office (Room 130) during regular business hours. Cash and checks will be accepted at both locations.

Jill Kelly, wife of hall of fame quarterback Jim Kelly, will also be on hand to sign her book "Without a Word" from noon to 1pm.

The day of the event will feature a huge raffle with numerous autographed items from the world of sports as well as numerous gift certificates and prizes from local vendors as well as long-sleeve t-shirts commemorating the second annual event.

"Last year's event went above and beyond my wildest expectations and showed us again how caring and giving Western New York and the wrestling community is," said UB head coach Jim Beichner. "With Jeff's tragic passing in the past year, our resolve is even greater to make this event bigger and better and raise even more to assist cancer research and make a difference in both the Buffalo and Boston communities. We hope that wrestling and non-wrestling fans alike will join us on Feb. 20 to salute Jeff's life and help us in our quest to Takedown Cancer for good."

Recently, the New York State Collegiate Coaches Association agreed to expand the Takedown Cancer fundraising initiative to every school in the state, helping take Parker's legacy a step further.

"They (the NYSCCA) all jumped aboard so now we have 23 more schools in New York doing this event, and we're going to come together this year and see how much money we were able to raise," Beichner added. "We also want to take it nationally. We would love to have 300-plus wrestling programs at the collegiate level doing a Takedown Cancer event."

Background Information

Takedown Cancer was an idea that originated from former UB wrestling captains Joe Muscarella ('93) and Mickey Moran ('09). The concept came from their desire to raise money for the fight against cancer, and in particular, fellow friend and UB wrestling captain Jeff Parker ('08), who was battling skin cancer that was first identified in the Spring of 2009.

The initial goal for Takedown Cancer was to raise \$10,000 to support cancer research in Buffalo and in Parker's hometown of Boston, Mass. Not surprisingly, the UB family raised more than triple the original goal and donated \$35,000 to combat cancer.

While the UB wrestling family lost Jeff Parker in the Spring of 2010, his spirit lives on. Takedown Cancer has now been adopted by all member schools in the New York State Collegiate Wrestling Association. The goal is now to see Takedown Cancer adopted by all collegiate wrestling programs nationwide so we can Takedown Cancer once and for all.

2011 Takedown Cancer Event

The Second Annual Takedown Cancer event will be held this Sunday, February 20 during UB's final home dual (and MAC contest) vs. Northern Illinois.

This year's fundraising activities include:

- 1.) A raffle for the chance to win a 58" plasma HDTV, an iPad, and an Arnold Schwarzenegger autographed

British Championship on greco-roman wrestling

Results

60Kg

K. Krastanov

A. Singh

Y. Alikhasi

66Kg

A. Aldamov

H. Nasr

74Kg

M. Haghightdoust

J. Kowalczyk

P. Sahay

84Kg

R. Ulinskas

C. Balov

D. Zhanpeiso

96Kg

P. Balov

N. Yayici

120Kg

J. Pietrzak

B. Sabotinov

M. Sidney

<http://www.britishwrestling.org/>

Omaha Skutt's Thomas Gilman wins battle of unbeaten at Nebraska state tournament

OMAHA, Neb. – This has been a trying, stress-filled season for Omaha Skutt wrestling coach Brad Hildebrandt.

Hildebrandt's 13-time defending Class B champions are in jeopardy of having their long-time reign in Nebraska come to an end after being decimated by injuries.

But Hildebrandt flashed a big smile late Friday afternoon at the Qwest Center.

That was shortly after his prized pupil, junior Thomas Gilman, put on a show with a dominating 12-5 state semifinal win over Central City junior Connor Bolling at 119 pounds.

"I just love Thomas Gilman," Hildebrandt said. "I just love the way he wrestles. He came out and took control of the match right away. He's done that all year."

Gilman's in-your-face, attacking style led to six takedowns as he won the battle of two-time state champions. Bolling lost for the first time in 116 high school matches.

"He was backing up a lot and didn't seem like he wanted to wrestle me," Gilman said. "My game plan was the same as it is for every match. I just went out there and tried to dominate. I was in control the whole time. I could feel him starting to break after a while."

Gilman, a 2010 Cadet Nationals champion in freestyle, already has a scholarship offer from Nebraska. More offers are expected to follow from top programs. He is ranked No. 2 nationally at 119 by The Open Mat.

"Thomas is all business all the time," Hildebrandt said. "He's a great kid and he's a great team guy. There are only a couple of kids who have come through our program that have had the kind of drive Thomas has. He is constantly working on getting better. He wants as many opportunities in wrestling as he can get."

Gilman was asked about all the hype surrounding the much-anticipated match with Bolling. Gilman improved to 43-0 while Bolling fell to 40-1 this season.

"They are ahead of us in the team race and a win meant points for us and no points for them," Gilman said. "I didn't feel any extra pressure."

Gilman stood on deck prior to the semifinal bout wearing USA Wrestling sweatpants and a Russian T-shirt.

He studies video of top American wrestlers like Olympic gold medalists Cael Sanderson and Henry Cejudo. He also has watched video of Russian legends Bouvassa Saitev, Mavlet Batirov and Besik Kudukhov.

"I love watching the Russians, and I've learned a lot from watching them," Gilman said. "They are the best in the World. I watch their techniques and their mannerisms and how they handle themselves. I want to beat those guys someday."

For now, Gilman will be matched against unbeaten Trent Mertes of Auburn in the Nebraska state finals on Saturday afternoon. Gilman is seeking his third state title.

"It feels good to be in the finals again," Gilman said. "One of the goals I wanted to accomplish when I came to Skutt was to be a four-time state champion. So I guess I'm on my way."

CENTRAL CITY LEADS the Class B team race with 116.5 points with Skutt in second with 100.5 points. Central City won the Class C state title in 2009.

Grand Island has clinched its third straight title in Class A. Wood River is on top in Class C. Amherst is in first place in Class D.

The finals are set for 2:30 p.m. Saturday at the Qwest Center.

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U.S. freestyle draws set for first day of Cerro Pelado International in Cuba

Female wrestler Cassy Herkelman to be honored at National Wrestling Hall of Fame Dan Gable Museum

WATERLOO, Iowa - The first female to qualify for the Iowa high school state wrestling tournament will be honored by the National Wrestling Hall of Fame Dan Gable Museum on Tuesday, Feb. 22 at 5:30 p.m.

Cassy Herkelman, a freshman competing for Cedar Falls High School, qualified for the state wrestling tournament at 112 pounds. She currently attends Peet Junior High.

Herkelman will be honored during the African American Wrestling Experience event the museum is hosting that evening. Five prominent African American wrestlers, including Iowa State head coach Kevin Jackson, will be on hand for a panel discussion.

"Cassy qualifying for the Iowa high school state tournament is a historic first for wrestling," said Kyle Klingman, director of the Dan Gable Museum. "Honoring her during a celebration of diversity makes sense."

Dan Gable, namesake of the museum, will be in attendance.

The event will be broadcast live on Live Sports Video (www.livesportsvideo.com), an online resource for extracurricular activities.

The National Wrestling Hall of Fame Dan Gable Museum is located at 303 Jefferson St. in Waterloo. For more information contact the museum at (319) 233-0745 or at info@wrestlingmuseum.org.

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Jack and Jeremy Spates to go 'On the Mat' this week

Jack Spates, head wrestling coach at the University of Oklahoma, and his son, Jeremy Spates, an assistant coach at Cornell University, will go "On the Mat" this Wednesday, February 23.

"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 5:05 - 6:00 PM CST on AM 1650, The Fan. An archive of the show is available on [themat.com](http://www.themat.com).

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

Spates is in his 14th season as the head wrestling coach at the University of Oklahoma and will retire after this season. His Sooner teams have compiled a 243-77-12 dual meet record.

Jeremy Spates, his son, is an assistant coach at Cornell University. Jack was an NCAA Division I All-American for Slippery Rock in 1974 and Jeremy was an All-American for Missouri in 2004.

The National Wrestling Hall of Fame has a new exhibit and book coming out in March called Family Ties. Jack and Jeremy Spates will be on the program as a celebration of family traditions within the sport.

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Penn State wrestling's home attendance at historical levels during 2010-11 season

Six of seven duals top 5,000 with two topping 6,000

UNIVERSITY PARK, Pa.; February 21, 2011 – Fans of the Penn State Nittany Lion wrestling team came out in full force this year, making tickets to see head coach Cael Sanderson's squad compete in Rec Hall a hot commodity. The Nittany Lions averaged nearly 5,500 fans per home dual, by far the best average attendance at Penn State in two decades or more.

Two of Penn State's duals sold out, with the Iowa dual on Jan. 30 selling out standing room only tickets as well. 6,686 fans packed Rec Hall for the match-up with the Hawkeyes, the largest Rec Hall sporting event crowd since enhanced fire codes capped attendance at the building in the mid-1990s. The Wisconsin dual on Feb. 18 also sold out all available seats with a solid portion of SRO tickets being sold as well. 6,311 fans watched Penn State down the

Top U.S. women to compete at Women's World Cup in France, March 5-6

Kristie Davis competing at the 2010 U.S. World Team Trials. Davis will compete on the 2011 U.S. Women's World Cup team. Larry Slater photo

USA Wrestling will be bringing their top women wrestlers to compete in the Women's World Cup, set for Lievin, France, March 5-6.

The Women's World Cup is the annual international dual meet championship featuring the top wrestling nations in the world.

The U.S. team will feature two-time World champion and nine-time World medalist Kristie Davis (Oklahoma City, Okla./Gator WC/OCU) at 67 kg/147.5 lbs. and 2008 World champion Clarissa Chun (Colorado Springs, Colo./Sunkist Kids) at 48 kg/105.5 lbs.

Also competing on the team will be two-time World bronze medalist Tatiana Padilla, Colorado Springs, Colo. (Sunkist Kids) at 55 kg/121 lbs., as well as 2008 U.S. Olympian Ali Bernard (New Ulm, Minn./Gator WC) at 72 kg/158.5 lbs. The entire 2010 U.S. Women's World Team will be on the 2011 U.S. World Cup roster.

"We are going to the World Cup to win the World Cup. We haven't done that in a long time," said National Women's Coach Terry Steiner. "We need some results. This is the year we talk about moving our focus from the process to a focus on outcome. Hopefully we can stay healthy and get our top athletes some great competition and prepare for down the road. We are excited about it; let's see what we can do."

Coach Steiner indicated that the team will split matches between the wrestlers in the weight classes where the USA is bringing more than one competitor.

The top seven teams at the 2010 World Championships, plus host France, will compete in the World Cup. The field will be split into two pools of four teams, with each team competing in three dual meets within their pool on Saturday, March 5. Based upon the results in the pool, medal match dual meets will be held on Sunday, March 6 for seventh place, fifth place, third place and first place.

The field, based upon 2010 World Championships finish, includes: No. 1 Japan, No. 2 Russia; No. 3 Canada, No. 4 Sweden; No. 5 United States; No. 6 Kazakhstan; No. 7 China and No. 13 France. Pool pairings have not yet been announced.

In 2010, the United States placed a strong second at the Women's World Cup, falling to host China in the championship dual meet. In their pool competition, Team USA defeated Azerbaijan, Ukraine and Mongolia.

The last time the USA won the Women's World Cup team title was in 2003 in Tokyo, Japan, when the United States had a perfect 6-0 record in their dual meets, and defeated host Japan in the championship finals, 14-13. The match went down to the last bout, where American Toocara Montgomery defeated Japanese World champion Kyoko Hamaguchi to secure the American victory.

The No. 1 and No. 2 ranked U.S. women wrestlers in each weight class will participate on the two-week tour to France, which will begin with the Grand Prix of Tourcoing in Tourcoing, France, Feb. 26-27.

WOMEN'S WORLD CUP At Lievin, France, March 5-6

U.S. World Cup lineup

48 kg/105.5 lbs. – Alyssa Lampe, Colorado Springs, Colo. (Sunkist Kids)

48 kg/105.5 lbs. – Clarissa Chun, Colorado Springs, Colo. (Sunkist Kids)

51 kg/112.25 lbs. – Jessica Medina, Colorado Springs, Colo. (Sunkist Kids)

51 kg/112.25 lbs. – Whitney Conder, Colorado Springs, Colo. (Gator WC)

55 kg/121 lbs. – Tatiana Padilla, Colorado Springs, Colo. (Sunkist Kids)

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67 kg/147.5 lbs. – Kristie Davis, Oklahoma City, Okla. (Gator WC/OCU)

67 kg/147.5 lbs. – Erin Clodgo, Colorado Springs, Colo. (Sunkist Kids)

72 kg/158.5 lbs. – Stephany Lee, Colorado Springs, Colo. (Sunkist Kids)

72 kg/158.5 lbs. – Ali Bernard, New Ulm, Minn. (Gator WC)

Coaches – National Women's Coach Terry Steiner, Colorado Springs, Colo., Assistant National Women's Coach Izzy Izboinikov, Colorado Springs, Colo.; Ron Tirpak, Swarthmore, Pa.

Referee: Roy Scott, Port Jefferson Station, N.Y.

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Jordan Burroughs takes aim at becoming Nebraska's first two-time NCAA champion

Nebraska's Jordan Burroughs wins the NCAA 157-pound title in 2009 in St. Louis.

Nebraska's Jordan Burroughs started his senior season by dominating opponents from Ohio State and Pittsburgh by technical fall.

The next day, Nebraska coach Mark Manning received a text message from his star wrestler.

The text from Burroughs read: "What do I need to work on?"

"That's why Jordan is so good," Manning said. "He's never satisfied."

Top-ranked and undefeated at 165 pounds, Burroughs will shoot for his second national title at next month's NCAA Championships in Philadelphia. Burroughs is 29-0 this season.

Burroughs is part of a Nebraska wrestling program which features an abundance of alumni who were hugely successful at the international level.

That group includes Olympic champion Rulon Gardner, World champion Bill Scherr, Olympic silver medalist Matt Lindland, and World silver medalists Jim Scherr and Brad Vering.

But none of those Husker greats were able to achieve what Burroughs has a chance to do in less than a month.

Become a two-time NCAA champion.

"It would be awesome to be the first wrestler at Nebraska to win two NCAA titles," Burroughs said. "I'm really excited to have this opportunity. There have been a lot of great wrestlers who have come through this program, so it would mean a lot to me to put my name in the record books."

Burroughs won the NCAA title at 157 pounds in 2009 and was ranked No. 1 last season before injuring his knee early in the season. He was granted a medical redshirt by the NCAA and came back this season up a weight class at 165.

He started the season ranked No. 2 behind returning NCAA champion Andrew Howe of Wisconsin. Burroughs moved up to No. 1 after downing Howe 10-7 earlier this season at the Midlands Championships.

Howe suffered an injury shortly after that and has been sidelined for more than a month. Howe may return for the Big Ten Championships on March 5-6.

"I'm preparing to win an NCAA title, and I'm preparing to face everybody in my weight class," Burroughs said. "Howe's a great wrestler. I just have to be ready for whoever I face."

Burroughs followed close friend and high school teammate Vince Jones to Nebraska. Jones was an All-American for the Huskers.

Burroughs came to Nebraska after winning a New Jersey state high school title as a senior. He struggled early in his Husker career.

"Oh man, there were a lot of bumps in the road for Jordan," Manning said. "When he first came here, he had never lifted weights. He knew nothing about diet and nutrition. In his first wrestle-off, he lost 13-6 to a walk-on. I didn't project Jordan to be a superstar. He was really raw and needed a lot of work."

Burroughs began his redshirt season as a 141-pounder. After struggling early, Burroughs started to come on midway through his redshirt season. He moved up to 149, and wrestled so well that he was pulled out of his redshirt and cracked the Husker starting lineup as a true freshman.

Wartburg wins 19th straight Iowa Conference Championship, qualifies all 10 for Division III Championships

Wartburg College crowned seven individual champions after sending all ten wrestlers to the finals en route to its 19th consecutive Iowa Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (IIAC) wrestling championship Tuesday at Simpson College. The Knights amassed 206.5 points as they collected their 29th title overall.

Coe, which had one champion and five finalists, finished second with 147.5 points, while Dubuque edged Cornell, 114.5-115.5, for third place. For Dubuque, it was the program's highest team finish since finishing second in 1971. The Spartans clinched the spot when Josh Terrell scored a 12-4 major decision over Wartburg's Adam Weber for the 165 title.

Coe kicked off the championship session on a strong note as senior Clayton Rush topped Wartburg's Mark Kist, 6-1, at 125 to become the program's first three-time Iowa Conference champion. Top-seeded Tommy Mirocha of Wartburg captured the 133 title with a 10-1 major decision over Cornell's Tigue Snider.

Kevin Donahue became Cornell's first multiple-time Iowa Conference champion after holding on for a tight 3-2 victory at 141 over Wartburg's Matt Kelly. Wartburg's Jacob Groth, an IIAC runner-up last season, moved one step up the podium and claimed his first IIAC title with a 7-3 win over Coe's James Locke. Wartburg's Carrington Banks gained a measure of revenge over Cornell's Nicholas Loughlin, toppling the defending IIAC champion, 9-4, in rematch of last year's 157-pound final. Terrell's victory at 165 made him only the second Spartan to win three IIAC titles (Dan Daack, 137 pounds, 1966-67-68).

The Knights closed out the tournament with four consecutive victories. Bradley Banks picked up a 10-1 major decision over Coe's Scott King at 174, Dylan Azinger topped Coe's Seth Rehn, 9-5, and Byron Tate and John Helgerson scored technical falls at 197 and heavyweight, respectively.

Tate Named Outstanding Wrestler: Wartburg 197-pounder Byron Tate, the defending national champion and current No. 1 wrestler in Division III at the weight, dominated the competition at the Championships, pinning Simpson's Jared Bevins in 46 seconds in the quarterfinals and Cornell's Alex Coolidge in 1:59, before dropping Dubuque's Sam Johnson, 32-16, in the Championship match.

Titles by Rush (125) and Terrell (165) Wartburg increased the number of wrestlers with at least three Iowa Conference titles to 45 and the number to accomplish the feat at the same weight class to 28. It was the third consecutive title for both wrestlers.

Steward Named Coach of the Year: Loras' Randy Steward was named Iowa Conference Coach of the Year for the third time in his career and the first time since 2001. The Duhawks finished fifth at the Championships – their best finish since 2007 – and sent four wrestlers to the NCAA Championships.

A total of thirty-five Iowa Conference wrestlers will qualify for the 2011 NCAA Division III Wrestling Championships hosted by University of Wisconsin-La Crosse at La Crosse Center in La Crosse, Wis., of which 33 are already known. The top three finishers in each of the ten weight classes advanced to the national meet along with three at-large selections picked by the coaches. Two additional qualifiers will be selected by the NCAA Division III Wrestling Committee once all of this weekend's qualifying tournaments have been completed. The 33 known national qualifiers from the Iowa Conference are:

Buena Vista (1) – Brian Broll (197)

Central (1) – Kalen Greiner (125)

Coe (7) – Clayton Rush (125), Chris LeClere (141), James Locke (149), Nick LeClere (165), Scott King (174), Seth Rehn (184), Alex Burkle (285)

Cornell (6) – Tigue Snider (133), Kevin Donahue (141), Jacob Schwebke (149), Nicholas Loughlin (157), Joe Hambleton (165), Andrew Roberts (184)

Dubuque (2) – Josh Terrell (165), Sam Johnson (197)

Loras (4) – Matt Holmes (133), Erik Hanson (157), Stephan Birt (174), Jeremy Klein (285)

Luther (2) – Daniel Mendoza (125), Kevin Bokoski (141)

Wartburg (10) – Mark Kist (125), Tommy Mirocha (133), Matt Kelly (141), Jacob Groth (149), Carrington Banks (157), Adam Weber (165), Bradley Banks (174), Dylan Azinger (184), Byron Tate (197), John Helgerson (285)

Jacobson wins silver, Fulp-Allen, Smith and Betts take bronzes in Bulgaria

Sharon Jacobson in action at the 2010 U.S. Open. Jacobson claimed a 55 kg silver medal in Bulgaria today. Larry Slater photo

BOURGAS, Bulgaria – The United States captured four medals during the second day of competition Nikola Petrov and Dan Kolov Internationals on Saturday.

Winning a silver medal in women's freestyle was Sharon Jacobson (Colorado Springs, Colo./U.S. Army) at 55 kg/121 lbs.

Winning bronze medals in women's freestyle were Katherine Fulp-Allen (Colorado Springs, Colo./New York AC) at 55 kg/121 lbs. and Iris Smith (Colorado Springs, Colo./U.S. Army) at 72 kg/158.5 lbs.

Winning a bronze medal in Greco-Roman was Chas Betts (Colorado Springs, Colo. (Minnesota Storm) at 84 kg/185 lbs.

Jacobson won two bouts to reach the finals, stopping Violeta Simeonova of Bulgaria, 4-0, 6-0 in the quarterfinals, then defeating American Katherine Fulp-Allen in the semifinals, 1-0, 5-1. She was pinned in the third period in the finals by 2010 World University bronze medalist Hafize Sahin of Turkey.

Fulp-Allen finished with a 2-1 record for her bronze medal. After losing to Jacobson in the semifinals, she rebounded to pin Violeta Simeonova of Bulgaria in the bronze-medal match.

Smith, a 2005 World champion, finished with a 2-2 record in a five athlete roundrobin. She lost her first two bouts, but rebounded with two straight wins to capture the bronze.

Betts opened with two wins, stopping Boyan Zagorov of Bulgaria, 1-0, 1-0 and C.J. Meyers of the United States, 1-0, 1-0. He was defeated in the semifinals by two-time African champion Achouri Haikel of Tunisia, 1-0, 0-2, 0-2.

Betts came back to win his bronze-medal bout over 2010 European Junior bronze medalist Stanislav Kunev of Bulgaria, 1-0, 6-0.

Betts was a member of the 2009 U.S. World Team.

The U.S. has now won seven medals in the first two days of the competition. Four more U.S. athletes will compete on Sunday.

DAN KOLOV INTERNATIONAL at Bourgas, Bulgaria, Feb. 25

Women's freestyle medalists

55 kg/121 lbs.

Gold – Hafize Sahin (Turkey)
Silver – Sharon Jacobson (USA)
Bronze – Katherine Fulp-Allen (USA)
Bronze – Amri Marwa (Tunisia)

72 kg/158.5 lbs.

Gold – Stanka Zlateva (Bulgaria)
Silver – Ana Maria Otvos (Romania)
Bronze – Iris Smith (USA)
4th - Yilmaz Simege (Turkey)

U.S. women's performances

55 kg/121 lbs. – Katherine Fulp-Allen, Colorado Springs, Colo. (New York AC), 3rd
WIN Fabienne Wittewaer (Switzerland), 1-0, 2-0
LOSS Sharon Jacobson (USA), 0-1, 1-5
WIN Violeta Simeonova (Bulgaria), fall

55 kg/121 lbs. – Sharon Jacobson, Colorado Springs, Colo. (U.S. Army), 2nd
WIN Violeta Simeonova (Bulgaria), 4-0, 6-0
WIN Katherine Fulp-Allen (USA), 1-0, 5-1
LOSS Hafize Sahin (Turkey), 4-5, 5-2, pin