

Dapper Dan Wrestling Classic

Event Overview

The Dapper Dan Wrestling Classic, dubbed "The Rose Bowl of Wrestling", is the most prestigious high school all-star wrestling meet in the United States. This first class event recognizes high school seniors who have had stellar wrestling careers, offering them an exciting competition in a USA versus Pennsylvania meet.

The Wrestling Classic consists of two dual meets. The preliminary meet pits the best wrestlers from Western Pennsylvania or "WPIAL" against another state. The feature match showcases the "Best of the Best" high school wrestlers from across the United States to challenge the reigning Pennsylvania State Champions. Each year, approximately 4,000 spectators from across Western PA attend the event.

The proceeds from the Wrestling Classic support a wrestling program for under privileged children through the Dapper Dan Youth Sports Leagues at the Boys and Girls Club of Western Pennsylvania.

The Wrestling Classic, presented by UPMC Health System, UPMC Health Plan and Rubbermaid, is coordinated and produced by an organizing

committee of volunteers, and the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette. Below is a brief synopsis of the Wrestling Classic.

Event: 29th Annual Dapper Dan Wrestling Classic
 Presenting Sponsor: UPMC Health System and Health Plan and Rubbermaid
 Purpose: Support the Dapper Dan Youth Sports League of the Boys & Girls Club of Western Pennsylvania
 Date: Sunday, March 16, 2003
 Time: 4:00 PM - WPIAL vs. Virginia All-Stars
 7:30 PM - Pennsylvania vs. USA All-Stars
 Location: Fitzgerald Field House, University of Pittsburgh
 Participants: 50 participants and 40 coaches
 Ticket Prices: General Admission \$8 Reserved Seats \$12
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It's Iowa Again

By Denny Deihl

THE IOWA SWING

It was the State of Iowa that unraveled the monopoly long held by the State of Oklahoma. From 1928 through 1964, only four schools had won NCAA team titles other than the Okies: Indiana ('32), Cornell College ('47), Northern Iowa ('50) & Penn

State ('53). But in "correcting" this imbalance, Iowans overdid the shift with The Hawkeye State winning 22 NCAA team titles from 1975-2000.

If you're wondering if parity can ever suit this sport, it did from 1965-1975, when attendance skyrocketed and five different schools won NAAs--Oklahoma State & Iowa State (4 ea) and Oklahoma, Michigan State and Iowa, with one. The latter quick-

ly undid that balance, soaring to dynasty status under the legendary Dan Gable (Assistant Coach, then Head Coach 1974 - 1998).

While most teams enter a dual meet with the goal of winning, Iowa is well known for making a fetish of it. While beginning the 20th century as merely a reputable top 15 program, from WW II through 1973 Iowa was hardly a slouch, earning 16 top ten finishes at Nationals.

The Hawkeyes, now coached by former 3-time NCAA champion Jim Zalesky (Iowa '84), opened the new millennium with a bang in 2000, by winning their 6th straight national title and were the dominant team to close the last century. The only others to win since '75: Oklahoma State (3); Iowa State & Minnesota (2); Arizona State, with one. The only two schools not mentioned above which placed second during those 27 NAAs: Penn State ('93) and Oregon State in '95.

The 'good' news for other contenders hoping for more parity: the Hawkeyes placed 4th last year at NAAs (2nd lowest finish since '74). The 'bad'? A solid win of 11/15 over defending champion Minnesota, 24-11, winning 7 of 10 bouts.

LEHIGH'S FIRST TRIP TO IOWA CITY SINCE 1994

Iowa remains the ultimate test for aspiring wrestling programs, but only two Eastern wrestling programs have ever visited Iowa City more than three times--Penn State and Lehigh, the latter now 13 times. The ISU series began in Grace Hall in Dec. 1960, while the first LU-Iowa dual was in Iowa City in Jan. '72. In the last LU-Iowa dual (1/13/94), the Hawkeyes won 32-9 at Iowa; in the most recent LU-ISU dual (2/5/93), the Cyclones won 37-9 in Bethlehem.

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While Lehigh has never beaten Iowa, the school owns two wins over Iowa State ('61 & '67 seasons) and one tie (in 1975). The closest margins for LU vs. Iowa: Dec. 9, 1974 (23-11); Nov. 30, 1988 (24-11); Dec. 4, 1986 (18-17) and Dec. 7, 1982 (24-20). All four duals were at Lehigh, the last three at Stabler Arena. The Dec. '82 dual drew nearly 5,000 in Stabler Arena, when Colin Kilrain defeated 3-time NCAA & Olympic champion, Ed Banach, 9-5, and Darryl Burley tied 2-time NCAA champ, Randy Lewis, 5-5.

NCAA RECORD BOOK

Most NCAA Champions

1. Oklahoma St	122
2. Iowa	70
3. Oklahoma	62
4. Iowa State	61
5. LEHIGH	25
6. Michigan St	24
7. N. Iowa	21
8. Penn State	20
9. Illinois	19
10. Michigan	17
Wisconsin	17

Most All-Americans

1. Oklahoma St	382
2. Iowa State	250
3. Iowa	247
4. Oklahoma	238
5. Michigan	144
6. Penn State	143
7. Michigan St	125
8. LEHIGH	112
Minnesota	112
10. N. Iowa	104

National AAU

Wrestling Committee News

The national AAU wrestling committee held its annual meeting in conjunction with the national AAU meeting held in Wailea, Hawaii, on October 2nd-5th. During this meeting, officers and executive board members for the next four years were elected or appointed to their respective positions. They include: Chairperson, Bob Johnson; Folkstyle Officials Chair, Dave Bennetts; International Style Officials Chair, Dave Boger; Treasurer, Cindi Trombly; Secretary, Jean Olson; and Pairing Chair, Karen Wilson. Three at large positions on the board are appointed to represent the largest Associations. They are Lee Paumulak (IA), Mark Broderson (SD) and Jim Scollard (MI). The number of at large board members to be elected was increased to six. Those elected were: Emily Carpenter, Warren Wilson, Gary MacDonald, Darryl Lauderdale, Wes Creason, and Mike Newbern. Additional appointed board members include Jack Roller, Terry Williams, and Bait Freidenberg. Laris

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Roberts will assume the newly created Hall of Fame position.

The committee has been considering permanent sites for all of its national tournaments except Grand Nationals. Association sites with their respective tournaments were presented and approved by the committee. They include: Folkstyle Nationals -Michigan; Middle School Duals -Iowa; All American Middle School Championships -North Carolina; Elementary Nationals - Virginia; Elementary Duals - Southeastern; Scholastic Challenge - Central; Ironman - Southeast; Scholastic Duals - Walt Disney World and LaFemme - Lake Erie.

The Grand National Tournament will

begin a six-year rotation of sites. Those sites, in order of hosting the tournament, are: Virginia, Michigan, New Mexico, Nebraska, Middle Atlantic and Montana. Other changes to Grand Nationals include the elimination of Sombo beginning with the 2003 event and the addition of Folkstyle beginning in 2005.

Additional tournament changes include adding a women's division to the Junior Olympic Games beginning with the 2003 event. The Middle School Duals will add one weight and have each weight increment of five pounds. There will also be one weigh-in per national event.

Rule changes to individual tournaments include automatically moving a wrestler up a weight class if nobody is in their original weight class. Heavy weight wrestlers will have the option of moving to the next age group. Entry fees will also be increased by \$5.00.

The committee also announced the following award winners for the year, Willard T. (Billy) Vazidiver Award - Charlie Church (VA); AAU Association Person of the Year - Stan Chambers (NC); Outstanding Wrestling Official, Mort Geller Award (International Style)- Mike Rusak (MA); Outstanding Wrestling Official (Folkstyle) - Tom Holland (OH); Sustained Superior Performance Award - Monsignor Michael Devine (FL) and AAU Wrestling Special Service Award - Rodney and Darlene Grainger (VA).

National Wrestling Hall of Fame & Museum-Wisconsin

Stillwater, OK - The National Wrestling Hall of Fame has announced the 2002 class of Wisconsin coaches, officials and contributors to be recognized with a "Lifetime to Service Award". This award is given annually to coaches, officials, or contributors who have given a lifetime of service to wrestling, their communities, and most importantly, to the young people they have coached, taught, motivated and inspired.

The honorees are:

Joe Kind accepted a teaching position at Pulaski in 1969 and has been there ever since. His first assignment was freshmen wrestling coach and he initiated a grade school wrestling program. In 1978, Coach Kind succeeded Jim Richie as head coach and since that time his teams amassed a 265-46-3 dual meet record. They have won 10 conference championships, eleven regional titles and in 1995 his team was the unofficial champion of the WIAA State Individual tournament. Coach Kind is the Wisconsin state editor for *Wrestling USA Magazine* and a long-time contributor to *The Crossface* publication.

Emil Kuhn accepted a job in the Luxemburg-Casco School District as an elementary teacher and assistant wrestling coach in 1973. Upon the retirement of head coach Frank Chalupa in 1973, Emil was named head coach, a position he would hold for the next 25 years. In his 25 years at Luxemburg-Casco, his teams compiled a 318-55-2 dual meet record. His teams won state championships in 1992, 1993, 1996, and 1999. In 1991, Luxemburg-Casco finished second in the state. Coach Kuhn has had 78 individual state qualifiers and 9 individual state champions.

Larry Marchionda has been involved in just about every aspect of wrestling. His coaching assignments have been at Cochrane-Fountain City, and Fond du Lac High Schools. At the present time he is the coach at the University of Wisconsin, Oshkosh. His 31-year record at Fond du Lac High School was 362-61 and his teams won 13 team conference champions as well as 19 regional and 20 sectional team champions. In 1991 the Cardinals were team state champions and in 1998 they were runners-up. Larry has coached six individual state champions and 38 state medalists. In 1988, 1991, and in 1993 Coach Marchionda was named Wisconsin Coach of the Year. In 1999 he was hired to revitalize a once-proud wrestling program at the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh.

Keith Swett accepted a position as English teacher and football, wrestling and power lifting coach in 1973. The following year he was named head wrestling coach at Seymour High School, a position he still holds. At Seymour, his wrestlers have won three team conferences and five regional titles. He has coached 58 regional champions, 18 sectional champions, 18 WIAA state medallists and one state champion. In 1974 Coach Swett was introduced to international style wrestling and has been very active in the W.W.F. Greco-Roman wrestling program. His Greco-Roman wrestlers have won 16 national championships and a total of 117 All-American honors. In 1991, *Wrestling USA Magazine* named Keith, Man of the Year.

For their dedication and lasting influence on wrestling, the National Wrestling Hall of Fame and Museum, Stillwater, OK, class of 2002, will present these men the "Lifetime Service to Wrestling" award. The Wisconsin Chapter of the National Wrestling Hall of Fame will honor these men at the Starlite Club in Kaukauna. For additional information concerning this event, please contact Chapter President Mr. Joe Kaster at 608-758-8758.



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