

Mixed Martial Arts - A Sideshow Spectacle or Wrestling's Brother?

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We have ignored it long enough. There is a creature lurking, ready to explode into the current of mainstream sports. It is a monster with a very close connection to amateur wrestling. It is a sport that counts a lot of wrestlers and former

wrestlers in its ranks. It is a sport whose aficionados revere wrestling and wrestlers. This monster could swell the ranks of those who participate in amateur wrestling in schools and clubs, and could provide numerous benefits. Or we, as wrestlers, could ignore it. Either way, the monster

will likely continue to grow in North America as it has in Japan, Brazil, and Europe. That sport is mixed martial arts, MMA

There are a myriad of reasons why amateur wrestling on the whole has distanced itself from the arena of submission