

Editor-In-Chief
LANNY BRYANT
Managing Editor
CODY BRYANT
Assistant Editor
CAL JOHNSON
National Editor
DAN FICKEL

Design & Art Director
LADY BRYANT RUSS
Administrative Assistants
LANANN BRYANT
ANN BRYANT
SHANNON BRYANT WOLFE

JACKIE NEWMAN
Circulation Director
EVELYN BRYANT

Contributing Writer
BILL WELKER

Advertising/Promotion
LANNY BRYANT
National Office

109 Apple House Lane
Missoula, MT 59802
406-549-4448 FAX 406-549-4879
Wrestling USA (ISSN) 0199-6258

Wrestling USA, Inc. is published 12 times yearly as follows: twice a month in October, March and May; once a month in September, November, December, January, February and April.

Editorial Office: 109 Apple House Lane, Missoula, MT 59802, 1-406-549-4448. All contributions are welcome. Please enclose postage with manuscripts, illustrations and photographs submitted if they are to be returned. We assume no responsibility for unsolicited materials. All rights, in letters and photos sent to *Wrestling USA*, will be treated as unconditionally assigned for publication and copyright purposes. They are subject to *Wrestling USA's* unrestricted right to edit and to comment editorially. Printed in USA; entire contents © 2003 *Wrestling USA*; reprinting in whole or in part is forbidden except by written permission of publisher.

Subscriptions: One year (12 issues) \$31 in United States and Possessions. Bundle rate for 10-subscriptions, \$24. All other countries \$41 in US currency or international money order. Send to Subscription Department, *Wrestling USA*, 109 Apple House Lane, Missoula, MT 59802.

Send National Record Proposals: Cal Johnson, 4708 E. Jaremko, Mead, WA 99021.

Phone 509-464-3117 E-Mail: ckjohnson@spocom.com

Send All-American Nominations or Correspondence on High School and College Wrestling: Dan Fickel, 10757 Woodrun Dr., Strongsville, OH 44136, 440-878-1150 (phone and fax). E-Mail: dfickel@msn.com

Change of Address: Six weeks are required to change your mailing address. Forwarding postage is paid by you and lost copies cannot be replaced. To ensure delivery, send us your old and new address at least six weeks before moving. Include your new zip code.

Advertising: Rates available upon request. Contact Lanny Bryant at the National Office. 406-549-4448.

Postmaster: Send address changes to *Wrestling USA, Inc.*, 109 Apple House Lane, Missoula, MT 59802. Periodicals postage paid at Missoula, MT 59802 and at additional offices.

PRINTED IN THE USA

E Mail: wrestling@montana.com

Web Site: <http://www.wrestlingusa.com>

Guest Editorial

By Denny Diehl

McCoy and Sanderson Win Silver Medals

Kerry McCoy took a giant step in his stellar wrestling career by winning four straight bouts before losing in overtime of the World Championships against Artur Taymazov of Uzbekistan, the silver medalist in both the 2000 Olympic Games and the 2001 World Championships. Taymazov got the jump early with a takedown after just 33 seconds to lead 1-0. McCoy struck for an impressive takedown with nine seconds left in regulation. In the mandatory clinch position—normally an advantage for the bigger, taller wrestler—Taymazov capitalized with a forceful tilt on a McCoy slip and picked up the 3-point takedown-to-the-back for his 4-1 win. Former undefeated collegian Cael Sanderson wrestled an outstanding tournament before losing 4-3 on a takedown with 20 seconds left vs. Russian Sajid Sajidov. Those were the two medals earned by the USA.

Former Soviet republic Georgia won the men's team title, edging the U.S. and Iran by a point. The U.S. beat Iran for second place, via the tiebreaker for second. The U.S. earned the most silver medals (obviously, given Russia's 4th place finish, the point scoring system awards team balance, more than gold medals. Each USA wrestler scored at least one win, as did the Iranians). While numerous press reports in recent years celebrate the fact

that the rest of the world has caught up with "Russia," this seems more like a political or economic debate than a wrestling one. This year's Worlds brought a big red omen by Sunday, as Russia and/or the "former Soviet republics" responded by winning 100% of the men's freestyle gold medals for the first time in the history of Olympic or World Championship competition. This year's World results were reminiscent of the fabled Tbilisi Tournament, in which more than one Soviet wrestler was annually eligible to compete at each weight, unlike the Worlds & Olympics. "Russia & The Republics" added two silvers and two bronzes in NYC, for 11 of the 21 medals awarded.

The American women's contingent went 1-4 in gold medal finals. Kristie Marano beat Poland's Ewelina Pruszek 7-1 to win her second world championship, this one at 67kg/147.5 lb., it was her seventh medal in her seventh world championship appearance. Patricia Miranda lost to Irini Merleni (UKR) 5-4, Tina George lost to Saori Yoshida (JPN) 5-2, Sara Mcmann lost to Kaori Icho (JPN) 4-3 and Toccara Montgomery lost to Kyoko Hamaguchi (JPN) 4-1. Jenny Wong and Sally Roberts both won bronze. The women finished in a tie with Japan, but the Japanese won the tiebreaker with more gold medals. They swept all five of their finals, beating the U.S. in three of those bouts.

The World Championships drew a record total attendance for a non-Olympic international wrestling event, drawing a total of 53,665. The finals drew 12,757. 📸

Medalist

55 kg/121 lb.

Gold-Dilshod Mansurov (UZB)

Silver-Ghenadie Tulbea (MDA)

Bronze-Oleksandr Zakharuk (UKR)

Stephen Abas (USA) 5th place

60 kg/132 lb.

Gold-Abdullaev Arif Yadulla (AZE)

Silver-Yandro M. Quintana Ribalta (CUB)

Bronze-Jae Myung Song (KOR)

Eric Guerrero (USA) 10th place

66 kg/145.5 lb.

Gold-Irbek Farniev (RUS)

Silver-Serafim Ivanov Barzakov (BUL)

Bronze-Ikematsu Kazuhiko (JPN)

Jamil Kelly (USA) 28th place

74 kg/163 lb.

Gold-Bouvaisa Saytiev (RUS)

Silver-Murad Caidarov (BLR)

Bronze-Gennadiy Laliyev (KAZ)

Joe Williams (USA) 13th place

84 kg/185 lb.

Gold-Sajid Sajidov (RUS)

Silver-Cael Sanderson (USA)

Bronze-Revaz Mindorashvili (GEO)

96 kg/211 lb.

Gold-Eldar Kurtanidze (GEO)

Silver-Ali Reza Heidari (IRI)

Bronze-Krassimir Simeonov Kotchev (BUL)

Dan Cormier (USA) 5th place

120 kg/264 lb.

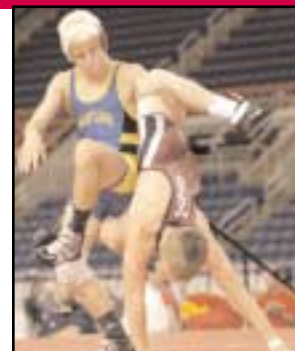
Gold-Artur Taymazov (UZB)

Silver-Kerry McCoy (USA)

Bronze-Ali Reza Rezaei (IRI)

Cover Photo

2003 ASICA/Vaughn Cadet National Wrestling Championships 119 lb. Finals. Michael Rowe, Maryland, decisioned Jon Reader, Michigan, 3-0. Photo by Wyatt Schultz.



NATIONAL ACTION WRESTLING PHOTO CONTEST

Send your best action wrestling photos. The best photos will be recognized each issue. The outstanding color photo will be featured on the cover, poster or T-shirt. Cover photos to be submitted as 5x7 print.