

# NCWA

## 2007 National Collegiate Wrestling Championships and Convention Special 10-Year Anniversary Event

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**D**allas, Texas -- March 8-10, 2007  
The National Collegiate Wrestling Championships and Convention held at the brand new state-of-the-art Garland Special Events Center in Dallas, Texas attracted fans from all over the country to watch many of the best college athletes in the country. Over 300 athletes from nearly 70 colleges and universities qualified to make the trip to Dallas culled from seven Conference Championships held in New York, Virginia, Florida, Colorado, Michigan, California, and Washington.

This year marked the 10-year anniversary of the Championships and the National Collegiate Wrestling Association. The NCWA teamed up with various local and national organizations to make for an entertaining three days of championship wrestling and wrestling related events.

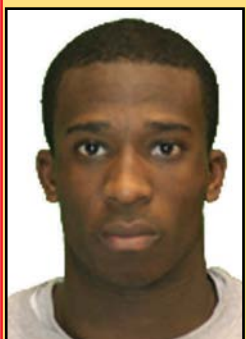
### Grand Valley State Lakers capture Second Consecutive Team Title

Grand Valley State won its second consecutive National Championship and fourth in seven years.

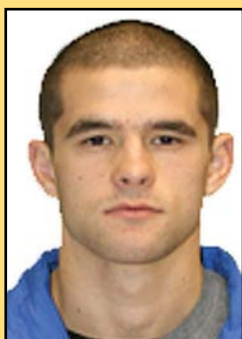
Joe Mendez (133 lbs) and Billy Johnson (165 lbs) led their team to victory with each earning individual National Championship titles. Led by new head coach, Rick Bolhuis, the Lakers outdistanced second place finisher, The University of Central Florida, by forty-five points.

In addition to Mendez and Johnson's individual titles, GVSU's John Aikens (197 lbs) claimed a second place finish and Dan Schaaf (125), Anthony Ferguson (184) and Kelvin Miller (235) each claimed a third place finish. In all, GVSU's star-studded team produced thirteen All-Americans, including Nicholas Emery (125), Kyle Shank and Chris Eggleston (both at 141), Adam Ortiz and Travis Eisen (both at 149), Russell Correll (157) and Michael Paul (174).

Grand Valley State, located in Allendale, Michigan, entered the National Championships as the favorite after winning their eighth consecutive NCWA North Central Regional Team Championship and qualified 22 wrestlers out of a possible 22 for the National Championships.



Cee-Jay Hamilton  
125-MMI



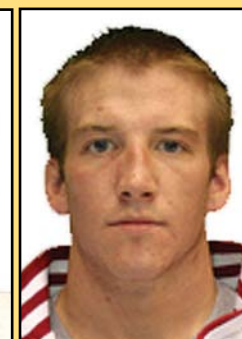
Joe Mendez  
133-GVSU



Alex Cournoyer  
141-Blair



Zach Brewer  
149-MMI



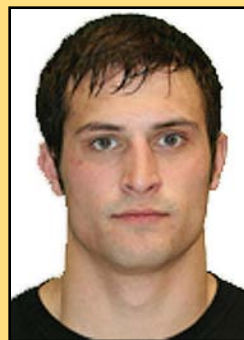
Duke Begy  
157-Miami



Billy Johnson  
165-GVSU



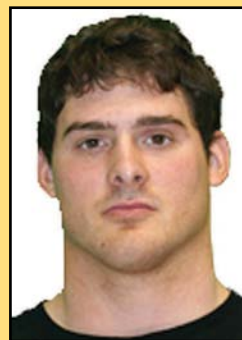
Douglas Studenic  
174-KenSU



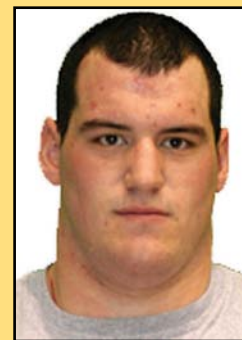
Steve Kern  
184-KState



Adam Murray  
197-Toledo



David Iobst  
235-Northampton



Sax Lynch  
285-UNH

## Marion Military's Cee Jay Hamilton named Most Outstanding Wrestler

Freshman, Cee Jay Hamilton was named the Most Outstanding Wrestler at the NCWA National Championships, after capturing the 125-pound National title. Hamilton, coached by wrestling legends James and David Hazewinkel, walked through the tournament with 2 tech-falls and 3 major decisions, defeating Central Florida's Federico Carosio in the finals by a major decision 12-2. This win also helped earn his team a 5th place finish.

After building a nationally ranked wrestling program at Pensacola Christian College, Two-Time Olympic Wrestlers James and David Hazewinkel took the coaching position at Marion Military Institute (MMI) Wrestling Program this year. Their past record of 11 winning seasons, 5 conference titles, 6 national championships, 8 individual NCWA National Championships, and an impressive 45 NCWA All-Americans has certainly carried over to the MMI program and is raising the team to the next level with their first-ever National Champions.

Four of the eight qualifying Marion Military wrestlers earned All-American honors. They are Champions Zach Brewer (149) and Cee-Jay Hamilton (125), James Brenowitz (235) fifth place All-American, and Derrick Miller (165) sixth place All-American.

The coaches were also honored with an induction into the NCWA National Wrestling Hall of Fame (Founder's Club).

## Kansas State's Beau Tillman named Coach of the Year

Beau Tillman was named the NCWA Coach of the Year at the NCWA All American Banquet. Tillman, a 2-time NCWA All-American at 133 pounds and a 3-time Kansas High School State Champion, has taken his personal success lessons learned on the mat and is skillfully applying them to the coaching technique that underpins Kansas States overall success. Under Tillman's coaching direction, Steve Kern (184) became the National Champion for Kansas State by defeating Steve Gerrard of Colorado State in the finals. After pinning four wrestlers to get to the finals, Kern beat Gerrard by decision, 2-0. Kern also became a four-time NCWA All-American, making him only the 14th wrestler in NCWA history to accomplish this feat.

## About the National Collegiate Wrestling Association

The National Collegiate Wrestling Association is committed to providing and expanding Athletic Leadership Opportunities through involvement in Collegiate Style Wrestling.

## 2007 NCWA All-Americans

### 125 pounds

- 1st Cee-Jay Hamilton (MMI)
- 2nd Federico Carosio (UCF)
- 3rd Dan Schaaf (GVSU)
- 4th Paul Capriolo (WTS)
- 5th Brandon Flood (SVU)
- 6th Kevin Hill (Appr)
- 7th Travis Olinde (LSU)
- 8th Nicholas Emery (GVSU)

### 133 pounds

- 1st Joe Mendez (GVSU)
- 2nd Micah Amrozowicz (Appr)
- 3rd Isaac Wall (Newman)
- 4th Mario Giordano (Northpt)
- 5th Jeffrey Rinker (Northpt)
- 6th Matt Bohren (UCF)
- 7th Gabriel Reyes (UTA)
- 8th Joe Hillenbrand (USI)

### 141 pounds

- 1st Alex Cournoyer (Blair)
- 2nd Paul Rothenberg (UCF)
- 3rd Cody Struening (Northpt)
- 4th Jeremiah Jones (Appr)
- 5th Kyle Schank (GVSU)
- 6th Herlon Fayard (Darton)
- 7th Chris Eggleston (GVSU)
- 8th Clay Goodloe (Newman)

### 149 pounds

- 1st Zach Brewer (MMI)
- 2nd Rob McCarty (UCF)
- 3rd Ryan Michaels (RPI)
- 4th Adam Ortiz (GVSU)
- 5th Travis Eisen (GVSU)
- 6th Gabriel Wahhab (Milwaukie)
- 7th Matt Perry (Appr)
- 8th Michael Hornzell (UMBC)

### 157 pounds

- 1st Duke Begy (Miami)
- 2nd Peter Rose (SVU)
- 3rd Tony Mochty (Mott)
- 4th Russell Correll (GVSU)
- 5th Josh Kotter (LSU)
- 6th Robert Venditti (RPI)
- 7th Alex Broadwater (UMBC)
- 8th Greg Cross (Delaw)

### 285 pounds

- 1st Sax Lynch (UNH)
- 2nd Jesse Pinson (UCF)
- 3rd Cecil Lee (Appr)
- 4th John Stoltenberg (VFMC)
- 5th Maurice Cook (Northpt)
- 6th Patrick McNulty (Mott)
- 7th Matthew Ory (Darton)
- 8th Raul Mendoza (WTS)

### 165 pounds

- 1st Billy Johnson (GVSU)
- 2nd Lance Esch (RioG)
- 3rd Ricky Rieck (UF)
- 4th William Hannibal (Darton)
- 5th Julian Valencia (OSU)
- 6th Derrick Miller (MMI)
- 7th Timothy Petrides (Bryant)
- 8th Clint Casteel (UGA)

### 174 pounds

- 1st Douglas Studenic (KenSU)
- 2nd Zachary Sanford (UCF)
- 3rd Bryce Walser (Mott)
- 4th Michael Paul (GVSU)
- 5th Eric Lybarger (Appr)
- 6th Aaron Scott (NBBC)
- 7th Maurice Williams (Northpt)
- 8th Michael Coughlin (USI)

### 184 pounds

- 1st Steve Kern (KState)
- 2nd Steve Gerrard (CSU)
- 3rd Anthony Ferguson (GVSU)
- 4th Dustyn Fisher (Doug)
- 5th Tierro Davis (SUNY)
- 6th Matthew Stwan (UCF)
- 7th Justin Gilliard (Appr)
- 8th {Ben Ericks-OvWt} (KenSU)

### 197 pounds

- 1st Adam Murray (Toledo)
- 2nd John Aikens (GVSU)
- 3rd Brandon Pinkston (USI)
- 4th Hubert Poulard (FAMU)
- 5th Eric Bendler (UF)
- 6th Bo Noah (Cataw)
- 7th James Myers (UCF)
- 8th Jaret Grossman (Bryant)

### 235 pounds

- 1st David Lobst (Northpt)
- 2nd Lance Mailoux (UNH)
- 3rd Kelvin Miller (GVSU)
- 4th Derryl Cloer (KenSU)
- 5th Jay Brenowitz (MMI)
- 6th Andrew Brinker (Miami)
- 7th Brian Pierson (UCF)
- 8th Adawi Revels (Cataw)

The NCWA is designed to be a spawning ground for America's Leaders. NCWA Students not only excel athletically and compete well with their NCAA counterparts, but NCWA Wrestlers take athletics to another level. NCWA Student Athletes learn more than just how to wrestle, they learn leadership skills. Through a wrestling team model students not only learn, but get practical applied leadership skills. Some of which include: group organizational management, business budgeting, proposal and presentation planning, fund raising, motiva-

tional speaking, winning attitude, transportation coordination, and many other leadership skills necessary to make their team a success both on and off the mat.

NCWA Administration is 100% Volunteer. From the Executive Director and Board to the Conference Chairmen and Committees, the NCWA is the only National Wrestling Association that is 100% Volunteer. That means 100% of any money earned goes to work providing serious opportunities for today's young people.



125-lbs. Cee-Jay Hamilton (MMI) dec. Federico Carosio (UCF), 12-2. Photo by Tabitha Wilson.



133-lbs. Joe Mendez (GVSU) dec. Micah Amrozowicz (Apr), 10-9. Photo by Tabitha Wilson.



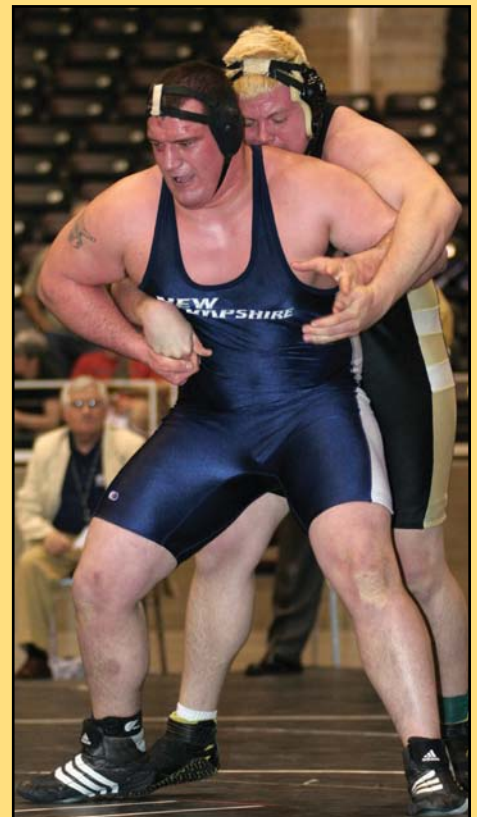
149-lbs. Zach Brewer (MMI) dec. Rob McCarty (UCF), 8-1. Photo by Tabitha Wilson.



174-lbs. Douglas Studenic (KenSU) dec. Zachary Sanford (UCF), 7-4. Photo by Tabitha Wilson.

## 2007 NCWA Wrestling Championships Final Team Standings

| Rank | School                | Pts.  |
|------|-----------------------|-------|
| 1.   | Grand Valley/NCC      | 184.5 |
| 2.   | Central Florida/SEC   | 139.5 |
| 3.   | Apprentice School/MAC | 107.0 |
| 4.   | Northampton CC/NEC    | 104.0 |
| 5.   | Marion Military/SEC   | 84.5  |
| 6.   | Mott Com College/NCC  | 66.0  |
| 7.   | Darton College/SEC    | 60.0  |
| 8.   | Southern Indiana/NCC  | 52.5  |
| 9.   | U. New Hampshire/NEC  | 47.5  |
| 10.  | Colorado State/SWC    | 47.0  |
| 11.  | Kennesaw State/SEC    | 43.5  |
| 12.  | Univ of Florida/SEC   | 42.5  |
| 13.  | Kansas State/SWC      | 41.0  |
| 14.  | Miami University/NCC  | 40.5  |
| 15.  | Rensselaer Poly/NEC   | 36.5  |
| 16.  | Blair Academy/NEC     | 33.5  |
| 17.  | Newman Univ/SWC       | 33.0  |
| 18.  | Southern Virginia/MAC | 32.5  |
| 19.  | Valley Forge/NEC      | 28.5  |
| 20.  | Williamson Trade/NEC  | 27.5  |



285-lbs. Sax Lynch (UNH) pinned Jesse Pinson (UCF), 6:38. Photo by Tabitha Wilson.