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Clackamas Wins 2011 NJCAA Wrestling Title

Clackamas Community College (Ore.) won the team title with 109 points at the 2011 National Junior College Athletic Association Wrestling Championship at the Spokane Convention Center in Spokane, Washington.

Clackamas held the top spot since early in the competition Friday, Feb. 25. There was only a one-point spread between Clackamas and second-place North Idaho College at the end of the championship semi finals Saturday, Feb. 26. The lead expanded to a 13.5-point difference after the consolation semi finals. Clackamas clinched the tournament team title with 10.5 points over second-place North Idaho College. The tight team race ended with Rend Lake College (Ill.) in third place with 94 points and Iowa Central Community College in fourth place with 93 points.

"This was an extremely competitive tournament with the national championship on the line until the very end," said NIC Athletics Director & NJCAA Wrestling Committee Chair Al Williams. "The

tournament was a great representation of the parity and competitiveness of teams across the nation. We're honored to have had the opportunity to hold the tournament in our region."

North Idaho College and Rend Lake both had two individual national champions.

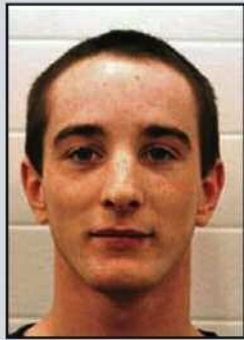
The tournament's four returning national champions all made it to the tournament finals.

Victor DeJesus of Iowa Lakes Community College defended his 2010 national championship, taking Jason Gray of Highline Community College (Wash.) in a hard-fought 3-2 decision to become a two-time national champion at 149 pounds.

The 197-pound bracket pitted defending national champion Walker Clarke of Labette Community College (Kan.) against North Idaho College's Jamelle Jones, who was looking to win his second national championship after winning the title in 2008 while wrestling in the 184-pound weight class for St. Louis Community College-Meramec in



Mike Garafalo
125-Nassau



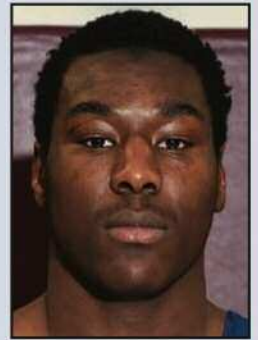
Tyler Holloway
133-Rend Lake



Wilson Metellus
141-Ellsworth



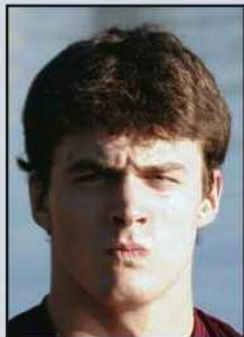
Victor DeJesus
149-Iowa Lakes



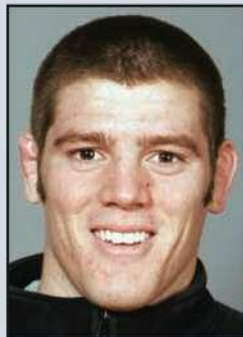
PJ Starnes
157-Harper



Isaiah Williams
165-Rend Lake



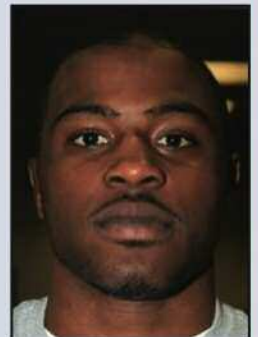
Jesse Nielsen
174-North Idaho



Nick Petersen
184-Northwest



Jamelle Jones
197-North Idaho



Tyrell Fortune
285-Clackamas

2011 NJCAA Wrestling Championships Final Team Standings

1. Clackamas	109.0	19t. Glouster	25.0
2. North Idaho	98.5	19t. Neosho	25.0
3. Rend Lake	94.0	21. Colby	23.0
4. Iowa Central	93.0	22. Western WY	22.0
5. Labette	85.5	23. Yakima	21.0
6t. Harper	84.0	24t. Bergen	20.5
6t. Lincoln	84.0	24t. Itasca	20.5
8. Northwest	72.5	26. Rochester	20.0
9. Muskegon	69.0	27. Southwest Oregon	15.5
10t. Highline	67.5	28. Thaddeus Stevens	14.5
10t. Iowa Lakes	67.5	29. Alfred State	10.0
12. Nassau	67.0	30. Darton	9.5
13. Mercyhurst	47.5	31. Pratt	4.5
14. NIACC	45.5	32t. Spartanburg	2.5
15. Ellsworth	40.5	32t. Springfield Tech.	2.5
16. Niagara	30.5	34t. Jamestown	0.0
17. Middlesex	26.5	34t. NW Kansas Tech	0.0
18. Ridgewater	26.0	34t. Waubensee	0.0

Missouri. The score was tied at 0 at the end of the first period, until Jones scored a one-point escape at the start of the second period followed by a two-point takedown to lead 3-0 midway in the second period. Forty-two seconds into the period, Jones turned Clarke into a near-fall position and then scored a pin. With the pin, North Idaho College received six points, taking the team from fourth to second in the tight team race.

In another dramatic contest, the 2010 heavyweight champion Tyrell Fortune of Clackamas defeated Iowa Central's Seth McGregor 4-3 to win his second consecutive national title in the 285 division.

North Idaho College was the host college for the NJCAA national tournament for the first time. The event was held at the Spokane Convention Center and included a total of 250 wrestlers representing 36 community colleges across the country.

Championship Finals

125 - Mike Garofalo (Nassau) Decision (3-2)
Josh Heinzer (Iowa Central)

133 - Tyler Holloway (Rend Lake) Decision (3-2)
Jesse Hillhouse (Northwest College)

141 - Wilson Metellus (Ellsworth) Fall (5:35)
Vinnie DiGravio (Mercyhurst)

149 - Victor DeJesus (Iowa Lakes) Decision (3-2)
Jason Gray (Highline)

157 - PJ Starnes (Harper) Decision (4-2)
Jeremy Bommarito (North Idaho)

165 - Isaiah Williams (Rend Lake) Decision (10-4)
Derek Mestrovich (Clackamas)

174 - Jesse Nielsen (North Idaho) Decision (5-3)
Keithen Cast (Northwest College)

184 - Nick Petersen (Northwest College) Decision (4-1)
Austin Moorehead (Rend Lake)

197 - Jamelle Jones (North Idaho) Fall (3:42)
Walker Clarke (Labette)

285 - Tyrell Fortune (Clackamas) Decision (4-3)
Seth McGregor (Iowa Central)

Awards:

NJCAA Wrestling Man of the Year: Bergen Community College Head Coach Mike Massenzio

Falls Award: Eric Telford, 157 of Muskegon College, with four falls

Sportsmanship Award: Walker Clarke, 197, Labette Community College

Non-Scholarship Coach of the Year: Paul Schmidt of Nassau Community College

Scholarship Coach of the Year: Josh Rhoden of Clackamas Community College

Wrestler of the Year: Jamelle Jones, 197, North Idaho College

2011 NJCAA All-Americans

125 pounds

1. Mike Garofalo, Nassau, D 3-2
2. Josh Heinzer, Iowa Central
3. Steven Romero, Highline, D 11-6
4. Jeff Vesta, Neosho County
5. T. T. Prayther, Rend Lake, D 8-3
6. Kyle McCrite, North Idaho
7. Garret Jones, Labette, Fall 3:16
8. Eduardo Dominguez, Harper

133 pounds

1. Tyler Holloway, Rend Lake, D 3-2
2. Jesse Hillhouse, Northwest
3. Brandon Wright, Iowa Central, Fall 0:57
4. Martin Gonzalez, Clackamas
5. John Miller, Nassau, D 3-2
6. D'Marcus Spencer, Lincoln
7. Tim Hubbard, Mercyhurst North East, D 5-2
8. Wismit Moinius, North Iowa

141 pounds

1. Wilson Metellus, Ellsworth, Fall 5:35
2. Vinnie DiGravio, Mercyhurst North East
3. DaMonte Riley, Lincoln, D 13-7
4. Sean Turner, Muskegon
5. Cody Randall, Clackamas, Default
6. Kodie Silvestri, Nassau
7. Casey Williams, Itasca, D 9-5
8. Jace Campbell, Colby

149 pounds

1. Victor DeJesus, Iowa Lakes, D 3-2
2. Jason Gray, Highline
3. Frankie BueneFuente, Bergen, D 4-2
4. Mark Marianovich, Lincoln
5. Michael Perez, Labette, D 10-6
6. Tyler Peet, Alfred State
7. Adam Will, Thaddeus Stevens, D 10-8
8. Justin Schumacher, Western Wyoming

157 pounds

1. PJ Starnes, Harper, D 4-2
2. Jeremy Bommarito, North Idaho
3. Justin Pencook, Glouster, MD 16-4
4. Matt Melendrez, Clackamas
5. Eric Jones, Highline, Fall 3:47
6. Eric Telford, Muskegon
7. Quinten Haynes, North Iowa, D 3-2
8. Scott Verner, Western Wyoming

165 pounds

1. Isaiah Williams, Rend Lake, D 10-4
2. Derek Mestrovich, Clackamas
3. Dan McGillivray, Iowa Lakes, Fall 3:54
4. Isaiah Tatum, North Iowa
5. Troy Ireland, Niagara County, D 3-2
6. Theo Jensen-Innis, Rochester
7. Jake Mason, North Idaho, D 6-4
8. Lance Wade, Nassau

174 pounds

1. Jesse Nielsen, North Idaho, D 5-3
2. Keithen Cast, Northwest
3. Travis Peralta, Ridgewater, D 3-0
4. Khari Washington, Harper
5. James Haywood, Lincoln, MD 14-2
6. Jules Doliscar, Nassau
7. Carl Foreside, Iowa Central, Fall 6:58
8. John McArdle, Middlesex County

184 pounds

1. Nick Petersen, Northwest, D 4-1
2. Austin Moorehead, Rend Lake
3. Brett Sanchez, Clackamas D 4-3
4. Ray Hall, Labette
5. Arber Bebo, Harper, Fall 1:47
6. Marlon Baker, Mercyhurst North East
7. Michael Johnson, Lincoln, Fall 1:04
8. Teagan Franco, Yakima Valley

197 pounds

1. Jamelle Jones, North Idaho, Fall 3:42
2. Walker Clarke, Labette
3. Nick Pica, Iowa Central, Fall 2:46
4. Darren Faber, Highline
5. Trent Flegel, Muskegon, D 5-2
6. Vinny Campanille, Ellsworth
7. Fred Moses, Lincoln, Fall 1:18
8. Cully Butterfield, Itasca

285 pounds

1. Tyrell Fortune, Clackamas, D 4-3
2. Seth McGregor, Iowa Central
3. Adam Chalfant, Harper, D 7-2
4. Matt Wyss, Iowa Lakes
5. Reno Redleaf, Labette, Fall 1:53
6. Kyle Gibas, Niagara County
7. Karl Green, Rend Lake, Default
8. Ryan Steverson, Muskegon