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Notre Dame College Holds Off California Baptist

By Scott Farrell

Notre Dame College came away with three national champions and 11 All-Americans, and that success in the finals rounds compounded its impressive start as the Falcons won the National Collegiate Wrestling Association championship.

Notre Dame racked up 168 points, leading from start to finish of the three-day tournament, and withstood final-day charges by runner-up California Baptist (161 points) and Liberty (150.5) to take the title. The Falcons got national title winners in Cody Shivener (149 pounds), Ashtin Primus (157) and Jonathan Bittinger (174) to sweep their finals appearances.

The Falcons' success isn't a surprise to most. They won the NAIA national

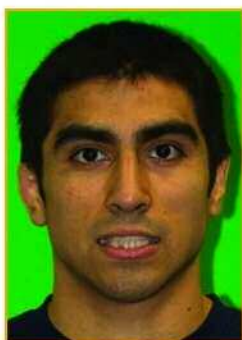
championship in the two seasons prior to joining the NCWA this year. The NDC wrestlers flashed '3' on their fingers while taking their championship photos, representing a three-peat of sorts. But it took the rest of the Falcons' All-Americans – they scored one in every weight class but two – to clinch the title past former NAIA foe California Baptist and Liberty, which gave chase throughout.

Mike Smilek (3rd at 174 pounds), Maurice Miller (4th at 141), Daniel Demick (4th at 285), Austin Sanders (5th at 141), Tony Burge (6th at 165), Charles Mason (6th at 184), Loudon Gordon (7th at 149), Paul Rose (8th at 133) and Justin Schafrath (8th at 235) made sure Notre Dame's cushion never faltered, even when California Baptist moved to within two points before Saturday's finals

matches. Clutch points earned with wins in the consolation rounds boosted NDC back into control.

The Falcons gained control of the tournament early on when it scored 26 bonus points by recording 13 pins as a team in the first two rounds and having 16 of their 17 qualifiers still alive going into the second day. Notre Dame will transition into NCAA Division II membership next year.

Liberty (five) and California Baptist (four) actually had more national finalists than NDC, but couldn't find an edge against its consistent success. CBU, trailing by two points, was poised to make a run with its three finalists among the first four matches Saturday. Jimmy Martinez took a 5-4 win over MIT's Sam Shames for the 125 title, but Alex Anunciation had to settle for second at 133. At 149, the



Jimmy Martinez
125-California Baptist



Brendan Murphy
133-SIU-Edwardsville



Scott Clymer
141-Liberty



Cody Shivener
149-Notre Dame



Ashtin Primus
157-Notre Dame



Clayton MacFarlane
165-Lindenwood-St. Charles



Jonathan Bittinger
174-Notre Dame



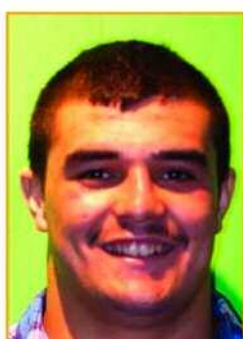
Mathew Miller
184 -U.S. Naval Academy Prep



Aaron Thompson
197-Liberty



Dustin Fullerton
235-Lindenwood-Belleville



Zach Merrill
285-California Baptist

Lancers could have taken another chunk out of NDC's lead, but the Falcons' Shivener topped CBU's Dylan Cataline in the final, 7-3.

The 149 title match was one of only two that paired NDC, CBU or Liberty wrestlers against each other. The other was CBU's Zach Merrill's 5-4 win over Liberty's Andrew Wilson at heavy-weight. Besides its four finalists, CBU's other All-Americans were Preston Brown (4th at 165), Bradford Gerl (6th at 141).

Liberty wrestlers were 2-4 in finals matches, which included a 197-pound title match between teammates as Aaron Thompson beat Nick Knowles, 6-3. The pair also placed 1-2 at the North Central Conference Championships two weeks ago.

Scott Clymer's 19-2 tech fall in the 141 final put Liberty in scoring range of the title if NDC was to collapse in its middle weights. But title-match losses at 165 and



2012 NCWA Division Wrestling Championship - 157 lbs. Ryan Madson (Massachusetts Institute of Technology) takes a glance for some coaching while continuing a hold on Penn Tech's Tyler Myers during the championship quarterfinals. Madson won the match, 10-6, and went on to place third overall, Myers took eighth. Photo by Madelyn Byron/NWCA

2011 NCWA Wrestling Championships Final Team Standings

Division I Teams

1. Notre Dame College (Ohio)	168.0
2. California Baptist	161.0
3. Liberty	150.5
4. Lindenwood-St. Charles (Mo.)	114.0
5. Simon Fraser (B.C.)	102.5
6. U.S. Naval Academy Prep	89.5
7. Southern Illinois-Edwardsville	87.0
8. Central Florida	79.5
9. McKendree	69.5
10. Lindenwood-Belleville	68.0
11. The Apprentice School (Va.)	61.0
12. Maryland-Baltimore County	59.0
13. Massachusetts Inst. of Tech.	58.5
14. Marion Military Inst. (Ala.)	51.0
15. West Chester	48.5
16. Mercer	43.0
17. Penn College of Technology	42.5
18t. U.S. Air Force Academy Prep	38.0
18t. Grand Valley State	38.0
20. New Hampshire	36.0
21. Middle Tennessee State	28.0
22. St. Andrew's (N.C.)	27.0
23. Penn State-DuBois	20.5
24. Blair Academy (N.J.)	20.0
25. Georgia Southern	19.5
26. Minot State (N.D.)	19.0
27. Carroll (Wis.)	16.5
28. Southern Virginia	13.5
29. East Tennessee State	10.0
30. Wayne State (Neb.)	6.0
31. Colorado State	5.0
32. West Virginia Tech	4.0
33. Douglas College (B.C.)	2.0

34t. Connecticut	0.0
34t. Minnesota-Duluth	0.0
34t. San Jose State	0.0
34t. Williamson Sch. Mech. Trades.	0.0

Division II Clubs

1. Wichita State	57.5
2. Northwest Missouri State	27.0
3t. Georgia	26.0
3t. South Carolina	26.0
5t. Northeastern	19.0
5t. Rutgers	19.0
7. Central Washington	18.0
8. Amherst	16.0
9. Florida Gulf Coast	14.0
10t. Tallahassee CC (Fla.)	11.0
10t. Utah State	11.0
12. Texas	10.0
13. Auburn	9.5
14. Illinois State	9.0
15t. Florida	8.0
15t. North Florida	8.0
17t. Iowa State	7.0
17t. Massachusetts	7.0
18t. Bridgewater (Va.)	6.0
18t. Colorado	6.0
18t. Lafayette	6.0
18t. Michigan	6.0
18t. Slippery Rock	6.0
24. Cincinnati	5.0
25t. Bowling Green	4.0
25t. Washington County (Maine)	4.0
27t. Hudson Valley CC (N.Y.)	3.0
27t. Vermont	3.0

29t. Kansas State	2.0
29t. Rensselaer Polytechnic. Inst.	2.0
29t. Texas-Arlington	2.0
29t. Texas-San Antonio	2.0
33. Sacramento State	1.0
34t. Florida A&M	0.0
34t. Kennesaw State (Ga.)	0.0
34t. Saginaw Valley State (Mich.)	0.0
34t. South Florida	0.0
34t. Texas A&M	0.0
34t. Toledo	0.0
34t. Virginia Military Inst.	0.0
34t. William and Mary	0.0
34t. Winona State (Minn.)	0.0

Women's Division

1. Southwest Oregon	83.5
2. Pacific Univ. (Ore.)	61.5
3. Lindenwood-Belleville (Ill.)	42.5
4. Central Washington	28.5
5. Middle Tennessee State	23.0
6. San Jose State	20.5
7. East Tennessee State	20.0
8. South Florida	16.5
9. Winona State (Minn.)	15.0
10. North Florida	14.0
11. Mercer	10.0
12. Massachusetts Inst. of Tech	9.0
13t. Carroll Univ. (Wis.)	7.0
13t. New Hampshire	7.0
15. Kansas State	6.5
16. Massachusetts	6.0
17. Bowling Green	2.5
18. Colorado	0.0



2012 NCWA Division Wrestling Championship - 121 lbs. Kelli Rasmussen (Winona State) with a nearside cradle on Jodi Ozaki (Pacific University) during their championship semi-final match. Rasmussen, the two-time defending national champion entering the tournament, won the match by fall in 2:10 and finished as the runner-up, Ozaki placed fourth. Photo by Madelyn Byron/NWCA.

184 halted the charge, and the Flames settled for All-American finishes from Bobby Clymer (2nd at 165), Royal Brettrager (2nd at 184) and Wilson (2nd

at 285).

In the Division II race, Wichita State used two All-American finishes within its eight qualifiers to win its first nation-

al title with 57.5 points, good for 14th overall. Aaron Hynick took third at 165 pounds with a 5-3 win over CBU's Brown, and Pat Mosley was fourth at 157.

Wichita State coach Paul Myers won the association's Coach of the Year Award.

Mathew Miller earned the tournament's Most Outstanding Wrestler award after taking the 184 title with a 2:03 pin over Brettrager. Miller, a freshman at the U.S. Air Force Academy Prep School, won three of his five matches by fall.

In the NCWWA women's division, Southwest Oregon Community College parlayed three champions in the middle weights into enough points to run away with the women's division title. Biridiana Mendoza started the run with the 130 title, followed by Hannah Moon at 139 and Caroline Crawford at 148. SOCC also had All-Americans in Shay Workman at 121 and Hannah Francis at 176.

The women's MOW was Erica Poe of Lindenwood-Belleville, who pinned her way through four matches and the 121 title. The NCWWA Coach of the Year from Rob Redman of San Jose State.

2012 NCWA All-Americans

125 pounds

1. Jimmy Martinez, California Baptist, D 5-4
2. Sam Shames, Mass. Inst. of Tech.
3. Josh Martinez, U.S. Air Force Prep, D 8-2
4. Alexander Chiricosta, Central Florida
5. Skylor Davis, Simon Fraser, M 8-0
6. Ty Ford, The Apprentice School
7. Ryne Harris, Lindenwood-Belleville, F 0:33
8. John Dickinson, West Chester

133 pounds

1. Brendan Murphy, SIU-Edwardsville, D 4-3
2. Alex Anunciacion, California Baptist
3. Marcus Chevres, The Apprentice School, TF 16-1
4. Michael Caldwell, Lindenwood-St. Charles
5. Joey Bonaduce, West Chester, TF 18-3
6. Colin Carstens, Illinois State
7. Dakota Beach, U.S. Naval Academy Prep, F 4:22
8. Paul Rose, Notre Dame College

141 pounds

1. Scott Clymer, Liberty, TF 19-2
2. Craig Chiles, Lindenwood-St. Charles
3. Jacob Janes, Lindenwood-St. Charles, D 6-4(SV)
4. Maurice Miller, Notre Dame College
5. Austin Sanders, Notre Dame College D 8-5
6. Bradford Gerl, California Baptist
7. Brian Samuels, Md.-Baltimore County, Med For
8. Dillon Pousson, So. Ill.-Edwardsville

149 pounds

1. Cody Shivener, Notre Dame College, D 7-3
2. Dylan Cataline, California Baptist
3. Derek Leiby, Penn College, M 12-4
4. Alexander Stemer, Simon Fraser
5. Abram Ayala, Blair Academy, D 9-6
6. Jonathan Clemente, U.S. Naval Academy Prep
7. Loudon Gordon, Notre Dame College, M 18-10
8. Daniel Carr, Md.-Baltimore County

157 pounds

1. Ashtin Primus, Notre Dame College, D 4-1
2. Santiago Martinez, Central Florida
3. Ryan Madson, Mass. Inst. of Tech., D 4-1
4. Pat Mosley, Wichita State
5. Daniel Breit, Lindenwood-St. Charles, Forfeit
6. Mason Ridenhour, Lindenwood-St. Charles
7. Josh Ballard, McKendree, M 13-5
8. Tyler Myers, Penn College

165 pounds

1. Clayton MacFarlane, Lindenwood-St. Char, M 9-0
2. Bobby Clymer, Liberty
3. Aaron Hynick, Wichita State, D 5-3
4. Preston Brown, California Baptist
5. Dustin Tancredi, West Chester, D 7-2
6. Tony Burge, Notre Dame College
7. Max Arcand, Simon Fraser, D 10-5
8. Mark Busse, Liberty

174 pounds

1. Jonathan Bittinger, Notre Dame College, D 6-3
2. Deshoun White, SIU-Edwardsville
3. Mark Smilek, Notre Dame College, D 7-2
4. Stout Watson, U.S. Naval Academy Prep
5. Luis Alba, McKendree, Med For
6. Konner Witt, Air Force Academy Prep
7. Larry Lanier, Lindenwood-Belleville, D 11-5
8. Derek Wojcik, Mercer

184 pounds

1. Mathew Miller, U.S. Naval Academy Prep, F 2:03
2. Royal Brettrager, Liberty
3. Kyle Reid, McKendree, D 7-2
4. Clete Hanson, Simon Fraser
5. Jim Neal, Grand Valley State, D 5-4
6. Charles Mason, Notre Dame College
7. Ben Brummel, South Carolina, D 4-2
8. Eldar Muradov, Md.-Baltimore County

197 pounds

1. Aaron Thompson, Liberty, D 6-3
2. Nick Knowles, Liberty
3. Manvir Sahota, Simon Fraser, D 3-1(SV)
4. Paul Ardila, Georgia
5. Charlie Farr, Mercer, D 9-2
6. Cody Rideout, New Hampshire
7. Alec Pence, Md.-Baltimore County, D 6-3
8. Chike Okolo, Penn State-DuBois

235 pounds

1. Dustin Fullerton, Lindenwood-Belleville, F 4:26
2. Josh Woods, Central Florida
3. Joseph DiSalvo, Northeastern, D 6-4(SV)
4. Tom Dwyer, West Chester
5. Ike Okoli, South Carolina, D 7-1
6. Justin Hoover, St. Andrew's
7. Carl Worthy, Grand Valley State, D 5-4
8. Justin Schafrath, Notre Dame College

285 pounds

1. Zach Merrill, California Baptist, D 5-4
2. Andrew Wilson, Liberty
3. Gurjot Kooner, Simon Fraser, D 9-7
4. Daniel Demick, Notre Dame College
5. Ross Janney, McKendree, D 3-1
6. Matt Baker, Marion Military Inst.
7. Ian Jones, The Apprentice School, Med For
8. Denzel Vaughan, St. Andrew's

Most Outstanding Wrestler:
Mathew Miller, U.S. Naval Academy Prep
Coach of the Year:
Paul Myers, Wichita State