



5th Annual Dream Team Classic

National All-Stars Win Lively Meet with Iowa's Elite

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Jake Roshalt said he got experience competing in front of a noisy wrestling crowd. It was a crowd Roshalt quieted quickly.

Roshalt, a three-time state champion from Sandpoint, Idaho, pinned Joe Vedepo of Iowa City High in 2 minutes 30 seconds at 189 pounds to clinch the United States Dream Team's 39-21 victory over a team of Iowa high school seniors before a sellout crowd of 2,000 at Washington High School.

"It's intimidating with all of the Iowa fans," said Roshalt, an Oklahoma State recruit. "They are just crazy. They are so much more into it than where I'm from back west in Idaho."

In a meet the Iowa squad led twice, the Dream Team wrestlers won six of the last eight matches in the fifth annual event. The meet ended quickly as Steve Mocco of North Bergen, New Jersey, considered the number one high school recruit this year, pinned two-time state champion Mike Shedek of Cedar Rapids Xavier in 1:57 in the heavyweight bout.

Mocco was nearly as quick leaving the mat, running off the floor and heading

toward the locker room seconds after his hand was raised in victory by referee Kevin Tann.

The lone victories by Iowans in the last eight matches were at 152 pounds, where three-time champion Cole Pape of Maquoketa beat Minnesota four-time winner Marcus Leveseur, and at 215, where champion Mike Englemann of Spencer got a reversal with 6 seconds remaining to beat Luke Abercrombie of Whitehall, Michigan, 4-2. Despite his team's defeat Englemann said the Iowa delegation had a strong showing.

"This one was for pride, Iowa pride, Englemann said. "That's all we had to show out there. These guys showed so much heart and it was inspiring, I went out and tried to do the same."

Englemann got a piece of revenge. Abercrombie pinned Englemann at the Cadet Nationals in Fargo, North Dakota, three years ago, Englemann said he was leading at the time, 8-0.

"I was lacking a little bit in self-confidence coming into this" Englemann said. "I was about 50-50 if I was going to win or



Dan Gable, keynote speaker at the Dream Team Classic banquet, is being presented the Wrestling USA/Cliff Keen Athletic Dream Team Classic Award, by Iowa Team Leaders Wade King and C.T. Campbell(not pictured).

not. These other guys showing me what can be done out there made me know I could do it."

Iowa's last lead, 15-13, came after three-time champion Josh Watts of Davenport Assumption pinned Mark Manchio of Stratford, New Jersey, in 5:40. Watts and Manchio, who was bothered by



103-Sammy Vigil
Adam City High School
Thornton, Colorado



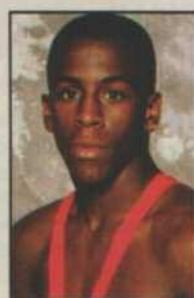
112-Ray Blake
Chicago Marist High School
Chicago, Illinois



119-Nick Simmons
Williamston High School
Williamston, Michigan



125-Cory Cooperman
Blair Academy
Springfield, New Jersey



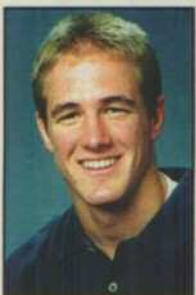
130-Harry Lester
Cuyahoga Valley Academy
Akron, Ohio



135-Mark Manchio
Sterling High School
Stratford, New Jersey



140-Ben Cherrington
Middle Park High School
Granby, Colorado



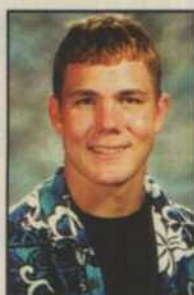
145-Alex Tirapelle
Clovis High School
Clovis, California



152-Marcus Leveseur
Bloomington Kennedy
High School
Minneapolis, Minnesota



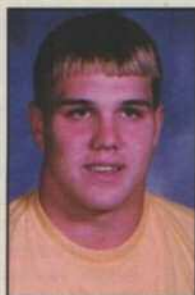
160-Troy Letters
Shaler High School
Glenshaw, Pennsylvania



171-Shane Webster
Crater High School
Sams Valley, Oregon



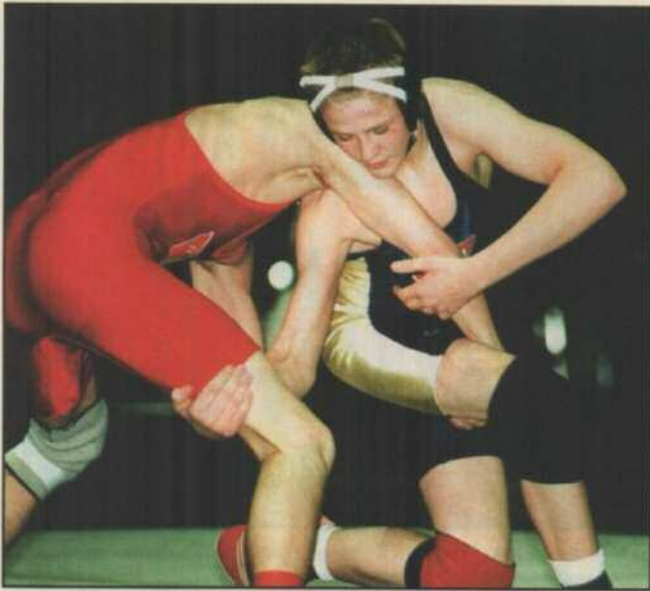
189-Jake Roshalt
Sandpoint High School
Sandpoint, Idaho



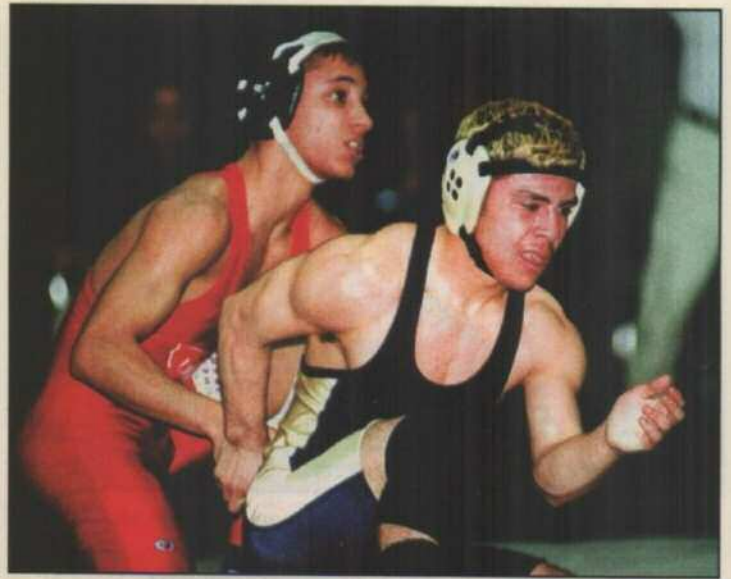
215-Luke Abercrombie
Whitehall High School
Whitehall, Michigan



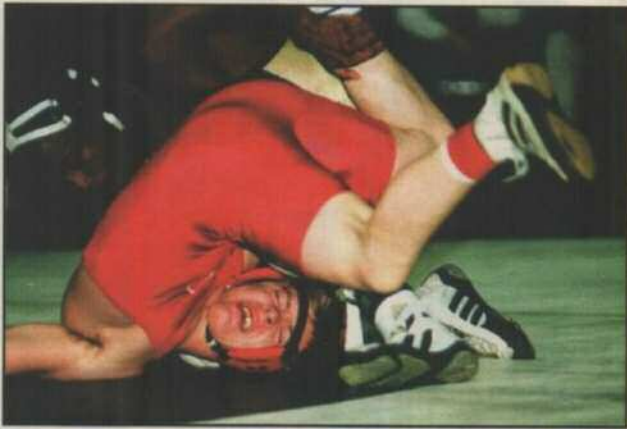
275-Steve Mocco
Blair Academy
North Bergen, New Jersey



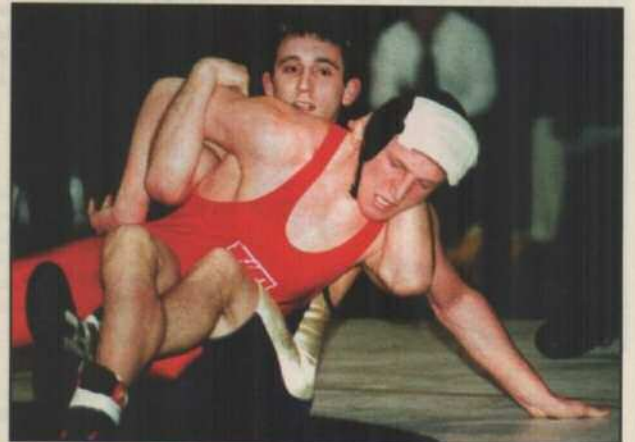
112 lb. - Ray Blake, WUSA, Chicago Marist High School, Chicago, Illinois, was defeated by Aaron Helmrich, North Linn HS, Iowa, he won by a fall in 5:48.



103 lb. - Sammy Vigil, WUSA, Adam City High School, Thornton, Colorado was decided by Adam Bender, Lenox HS, Iowa, 8-9.



130 lb. - Harry Lester, WUSA, Cuyahoga Valley Academy, Akron, Ohio, decided Chad Davis Lewis, Central HS, Iowa, 16- 6.



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Lenox, Iowa



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Maquoketa, Iowa



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Lewis Central High School
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171-Paul Bradley
South Tama High School
South Tama, Iowa



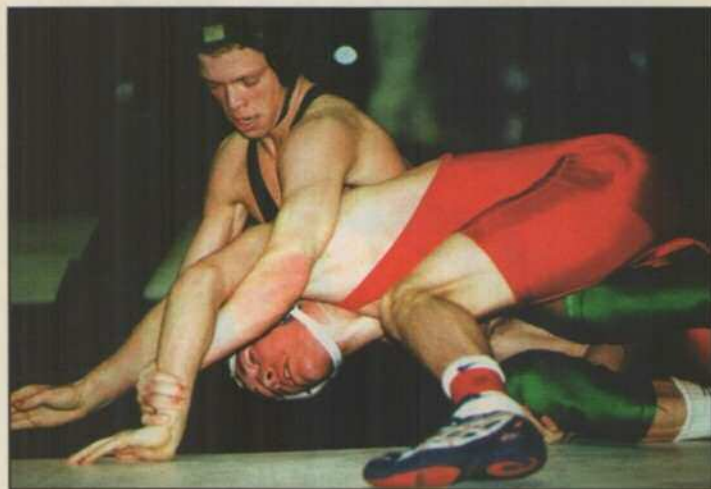
189-Joe Vedepo
Iowa City High School
Iowa City, Iowa



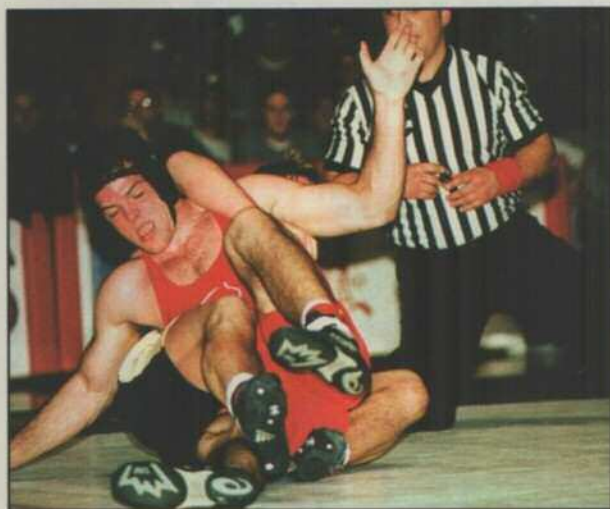
215-Mike Engelman
Spencer High School
Spencer, Iowa



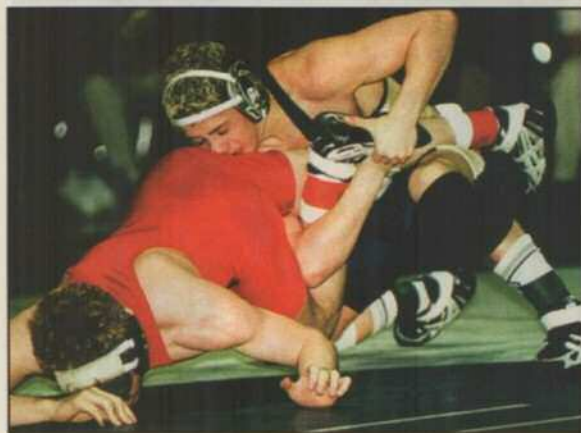
275-Mike Shedeck
Xavier High School
Cedar Rapids, Iowa



119 lb. - Nick Simmons, WUSA, Williamston High School, Williamston, Michigan won by a fall in 3:37 over Jesse Sundell, Ogden HS, Iowa.



215 lb. - Mike Engelman, Spencer HS, Iowa, decided Luke Abercrombie, WUSA, Whitehall High School, Whitehall, Michigan, 4-2.



(Left) 125 lb. - Cory Cooperman, WUSA, Blair Academy, Springfield, New Jersey decided Trent Goodale, Iowa, Osage HS, 8 - 2

(Right) 152 lb. - Cole Pape, Maquoketa HS, Iowa decided Marcus Levesseur, WUSA, Bloomington Kennedy High School, Minneapolis, Minnesota 6-4.



a shoulder injury, will be teammates at Northern Iowa this fall. They can discuss the third period, where Watts got a reversal with 23 seconds left in the bout and got the pin shortly after. Iowa's first lead of the match came at 9-0, after Adam Bender of Lenox got a decision at 103 and Aaron Helmrich of North Linn got a pin at 112 pounds. Bender got the crowd revved up with three takedowns against Sammy Vigil of Thornton, Colorado in the final 2:00, including the clincher with 37 seconds remaining.

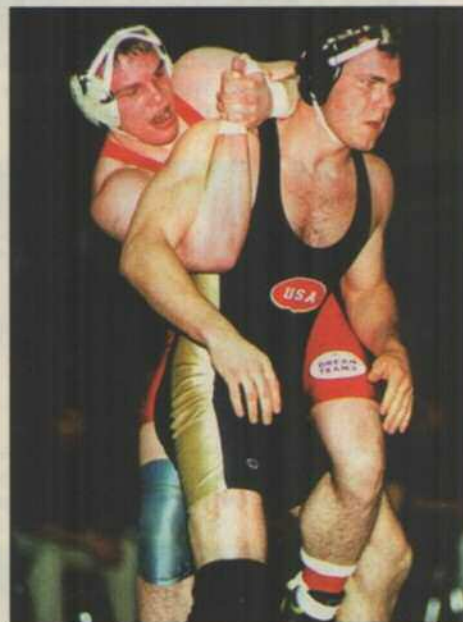
"I wasn't thinking much, but I started to think and I was so excited and pumped up that it didn't matter to me what he was or anything. I just wanted to win a match," Bender said.

Bender got his first takedown of the match with 1:39 left in the third period, cutting Vigil's lead to 5-4. When the crowd came to life, so did Bender.

It was because of the Iowa crowd," Bender said, "They had confidence in me, so I started to get confidence in myself."

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Athletic Dream Team Classic dual
WUSA DREAM TEAM - 39
IOWA DREAM TEAM - 21
103 lb. - Sammy Vigil, WUSA Adam City High School,

Thornton, Colorado - 8
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Trent Goodale, Iowa, Osage HS (2A) - 2
130 lb. - Harry Lester, WUSA Cuyahoga Valley Academy, Akron, Ohio - 16
Chad Davis Lewis, IOWA Central HS (3A) - 6
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Josh Watts, IOWA Davenport Assumption (2A) Won by a fall in 5:40
140 lb. - Ben Cherrington, WUSA Middle Park High School, Granby, Colorado - 5
Jon Tucker, IOWA Ames HS (3A) - 3
145 lb. - Alex Tirapelle, WUSA Clovis High School, Clovis, California - 9
Dustin Bliven, IOWA Columbus Jct. HS (1A) - 1
152 lb. Marcus Levesseur, WUSA Bloomington Kennedy High School, Minneapolis, Minnesota - 4
Cole Pape, IOWA Maquoketa HS (2A) - 6
160 lb. Troy Letters, WUSA Shaler High School, Glenshaw, Pennsylvania - 5
Blake Anderson, IOWA Lewis Central HS (3A) - 1
171 lb. Shane Webster, WUSA Crater High School, Sams Valley, Oregon - 18
Paul Bradley, IOWA South Tama HS (2A) - 8
189 lb. Jake Roshalt, WUSA Sandpoint High School, Sandpoint, Idaho Won by fall in 2:30
Joe Vedepo, IOWA Iowa City High (3A)
215 lb. Luke Abercrombie, WUSA Whitehall High School, Whitehall, Michigan - 2



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