

## THE CALIFORNIA PAGE

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**CIF STATE TOURNAMENT:** The 47<sup>th</sup> annual CIF State High School Wrestling Tournament will be held at Rabobank Arena on February 21-23, 2019. Some major changes to the event will take place. This will be a three-day tournament with the girls state tournament being held in conjunction with the boys for the first time. Championship finals for the boys and girls will be held at the same time on two mats. In addition, there will not be the usual elevated platform for the championship finals. Finals are slated to begin at 5:00 P.M. It was decided that by moving the finals up two hours will give teams the chance to travel home after the finals without being too late.

It will be interesting to see how the finals work out. If plans call for wrestling one weight division at a time in the finals, will they wait for both the girls and boys matches to be completed before moving to the next weight division?

**TOP STATE TEAMS:** Buchanan, the defending state championship team gets my vote to repeat again in 2019. They recently won the Zinkin Tournament which was loaded with some of the best wrestling talent in the state as well as having outstanding wrestlers from other states. I think Gilroy could give Buchanan some good competition for the state title as well as Poway, Clovis, and Selma. A few upsets could result in one of these teams winning the state title.

For the girls I predict that Selma will win the state title. They have a very good team with many top ranked girls in the various weight divisions.

**WRESTLING WEIGHT CERTIFICATION:** Some wrestlers are still going through the weight certification process. Many football players who were in playoffs are still coming out for the teams and must be weight certified. The final date that a wrestler can be certified for the 2018-2019 wrestling season is **January 15, 2019.**

Most of the CIF Sections switched to the use of the WAND to determine the wrestlers body fat as well as the minimum weight that a wrestler can

lose each week, as well as for the season. The CIF Southern Section was the only Section that did not use the WAND but they will be in compliance with all other CIF Sections next year.

**CALIFORNIA WRESTLING HALL OF FAME** The 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Hall of Fame Banquet will be held Saturday, May 11, 2019 at the Sacramento Elks Club. Nine individuals will be inducted. They include: Chris Anaya, Matt Blevin, Vince Bicocca, Glenn Cooper, Brett Colombini, Steve Markey, Don Minto, Cody Olson and Keith Spataro. Eleven individuals will receive the Lifetime Service Award. They are: Mark Bowe, Paul Brostow, Clark Conover, Roger Durant, Jake Fitzpatrick, Rod Forseth, Thor Jensen, Bob Jerome, Erwin Mattson, Ed Zuckerman and Clyde Forest

For information about the banquet or to make reservations please contact Clark Conover at 925-321-0883