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## High School and College Season Rankings in Focus

By Cody Bryant, Managing Editor

**T**he All-Class high school rankings for both the boys and girls are in focus as their wrestling seasons move toward their state wrestling championships.

Here are some of the changes from our boys' rankings from our December 15th issue beginning on page 6 of this issue. Wrestlers that remain top-ranked at the same weight class are Joe Bachmann (Faith Christian, PA) at 106 lbs and Aeoden Sinclair (Milton, WI) at 190 lbs. Five wrestlers who remain top-ranked in their new weight classes are Bo Bassett (Bishop McCort, PA) at 138 lbs, Brock Mantanona (Palm Desert, CA) at 150 lbs, P.J. Duke (Minisink Valley, NY) at 157 lbs, Angelo Ferrari (Melissa, TX) at 165 lbs, and Cody Merrill (Gilroy, CA) at 285 lbs. Six new wrestlers who take over the top ranking include Landon Sidun (Norwin, PA) at 113 lbs, Leo Deluca (Blair Academy, NJ) at 120 lbs, Luke Lilledahl (Wyoming Seminary, PA) at 126 lbs, Ben Davino (St. Charles East, IL) at 132 lbs, Pierson Manville (State College, PA) at 144 lbs, and Gage Wright (Parkersburg South, WV) who makes the largest jump coming from the number nine spot to the top-ranked wrestler at 175 lbs.

This is our first published listing of the girls' rankings starting on page 24 of this issue as their rankings were issued too late to make our December 15th issue. Number one ranked wrestlers who have changed weight classes and remain top-ranked in their new weight class include Morgan Turner (Lockport, IL) at 105 lbs, Audrey Jimenez (Tucson, AZ) at 110 lbs, Clare Booe (Tarpon Springs, FL) at 115 lbs, and Everest Leydecker (Phoenix, AZ) at 120 lbs. Girl wrestlers that remained top-ranked at the same weight class include Taina Fernandez (Bowie, MD) at 130 lbs, Haylie Jaffe (Toughkenamon, PA) at 135 lbs, Kaidance Gerg (Meridian, ID) at 140 lbs, Nebi Tsarni (Montgomery Village, MD) at 145 lbs, Piper Fowler (Cleveland, TN) at 170 lbs, Sabrina Nauss (Brighton, MI) at 190 lbs, and Erica Cobos of Texas at 235 lbs. The three new top-ranked wrestlers in this ranking are Madison Nieuwenhuis (Plainwell, MI) at 100 lbs, Aubre Krazer (Easton, PA) at 125 lbs, and Eduarda Rodrigues (Newport Beach, CA) at 155 lbs.

There was only one change from the NCAA Division I Preseason Forecast top-rankings. Coming in at 133 lbs, unranked Ryan Crookham (Lehigh) takes over the top spot after a stunning 8-4 upset over top-ranked and NCAA defending champion, Vito Arujan (Cornell). Penn State seems to be in the driver seat for the team title with four top-ranked wrestlers in these Mid-Season Individual Rankings. However, there is significant wrestling left at the college level, including the NCAA qualifiers. This year's NCAA Division I Wrestling Championships is being held March 21-23 at the T-Mobile Center in Kansas City, Missouri.

Wrestling USA Magazine would like to thank you for helping us promote this great sport of wrestling, and we wish everyone a successful and blessed 2024!

*"Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and he will establish your plans."*

*- Proverbs 16:3*

As always, Let's be "On The Go Together,"

Cody

### COVER PHOTO

**2023 Gut Check Tournament Championship Finals -** 120 lbs. Madisyn Erickson (Yelm) finishing a takedown on Reese Prescott (Moses Lake). Erickson won by fall in 4:36. Photo by Randall Tomaras.

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**SPC BRIDGETTE DUTY**  
Freestyle Wrestling 62kg

Sport: Women's Wrestling  
Event: Freestyle 62kg  
Hometown: Needville, Texas  
High School: Needville HS  
College: University of the  
Cumberlands  
Joined Army: July 2021  
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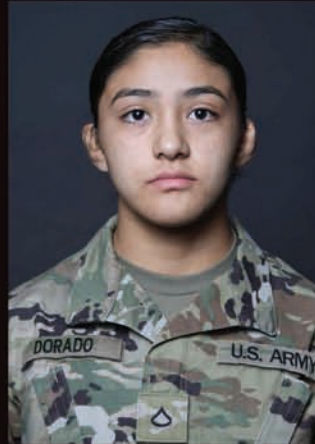
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Greco-Roman Wrestling 55KG

Event: 55KG  
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High School: Westmoore High  
College: University of Oklahoma  
Joined Army: February 2020  
MOS: 12N, Horizontal Construction  
Engineer



**SGT XAVIER JOHNSON**  
Greco-Roman  
Wrestling 67kg

Sport: Wrestling Event:  
Greco-Roman  
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School: Edisto High School College:  
University of Maryland Global  
Campus  
Joined Army: March 2022  
MOS:88M, Motor Transport  
Operator



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Freestyle Wrestling 53kg

Sport: Wrestling  
Event: Women's Freestyle - 53KG  
Hometown: Denver, CO  
High School: Springs Studio For  
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Joined Army: August 2020  
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## NATION'S BEST 2023-2024 HIGH SCHOOL

# ALL-CLASS RANKINGS

By Dan Fickel

**Editor's Note:** Here are rankings of the Nation's Best 2023-24 High School Wrestlers as of 1-21-24. These rankings represent wrestlers regardless of year in school. Eight factors, which considered the overall accomplishments of the wrestlers, were used in determining these rankings. They include: (1) Accomplishments at the State High School Championships (folkstyle); (2) USA Wrestling National Junior Freestyle and Greco-Roman Championships; (3) UWW Cadet and 16U National Championships; (4) U17 Freestyle World Team Trials; (5) FloWrestling Who's #1; (6) Achievements at prestigious high school tournaments and club/dual events; (7) Super 32 Challenge Tournament; (8) NHSCA High School Nationals. **Weights are projected and subject to change.** Wrestlers not competing during the 2023-24 high school regular season for a high school are not listed in this set of rankings. Once the regular season is completed and the wrestlers return to competition against high school wrestlers, they will be included in the rankings. For any corrections, E-Mail: [dfickel@netlink.net](mailto:dfickel@netlink.net)

### **106 lbs.** **TOP RANKED**

**Joe Bachmann, 9**  
**Faith Christian, Pennsylvania**

- Ignacio Villasenor, 9, (Pomona, CO)
- Dominic Deputy, 10, (Chestnut Ridge, PA)
- Cameron Sontz, 9, (Delbarton, NJ)
- Shamus Regan, 9, (Wyoming Seminary, PA)
- Rocco Cassioppi, 9, (Hononegah, IL)
- Caleb Noble, 9, (Warren Township, IL)
- Rocco Hayes, 11, (Sandburg, IL)
- Vincenzo Anello, 9, (Blair Academy, NJ)
- Henry Aslikyan, 10, (Birmingham, CA)
- Hayden Schwab, 9, (Don Bosco, IA)
- Liam McGettigan, 9, (Gilman, MD)
- Killian Coluccio, 9, (Christian Brothers, NJ)
- Jarrett Smith, 10, (Lowell, MI)
- Arseni Kikiniou, 9, (Poway, CA)
- Caden Correll, 11, (Normal, IL)
- Turner Ross, 9, (Simley, MN)
- Cason Craft, 9, (Sallisaw, OK)
- Jensen Boyd, 9, (Delta, IN)
- Allen Woo, 9, (Montini Catholic, IL)
- Blake Woodward, 10, (Buchanan, CA)
- Colby Martinelli, 11, (Pennridge, PA)
- Tim Mazur, 10, (St. Edward, OH)
- Dominic Morrison, 9, (Hatboro Horsham, PA)
- Lincoln Rohr, 9, (Massillon Perry, OH)
- Brandon Bickerton, 9, (Medina Highland, OH)
- Ayden Dodd, 10, (Perrysburg, OH)
- Julian Rios, 10, (Phillips Academy, MA)
- Anthony Mason, 10, (Southern Regional, NJ)
- 30T. Alexander Diaz, 12, (Council Rock North, PA)
- 30T. Charlie Esposito, 10, (Montvale St. Joseph, NJ)
- 30T. Eric Casula, 10, (Westmoore, OK)
- 30T. Drake VomBaur, 9, (Severance, CO)

### **Special Mention:**

- Emilio Albanese, 9, (Emmaus, PA)  
Mason Jones, 12, (Lake Central, IN)  
Brady Byrd, 12, (Washington, IN)  
Nico DeSalvo, 9, (Southeast Polk, IA)  
Tanner Guenot, 9, (Bald Eagle, PA)  
Luke Green, 11, (Aurora, OH)  
Maddux Tindal, 9, (Allen, TX)

- Noah Fenner, 9, (Easton, PA)  
Carter Chunko, 9, (Saucon Valley, PA)  
Carter Shin, 10, (Chantilly, VA)  
Anthony Garza, 9, (Clovis, CA)  
Destin Maestas, 10, (SLAM Academy, NV)  
Tanner Tran, 10, (Father Ryan, TN)  
Kaison Schreier, 10, (Fort Osage, MO)  
Chazz Robinson, 9, (Lake Highland Prep, FL)  
Daniel Alire, 11, (Kofa, AZ)  
Connor Lagier, 10, (West Scranton, PA)  
Sam Wolford, 10, (Northern Lebanon, PA)  
Mason Bauer, 9, (Ashland, OH)  
Tommy Jarnig, 11, (Seward, AK)

### **113 lbs.** **TOP RANKED**

**Landon Sidun, 9**  
**Norwin, Pennsylvania**

- Ayden Smith, 12, (Notre Dame GP, PA)
- Paul Kenny, 9, (Christian Brothers, NJ)
- Davis Motyka, 12, (Wyoming Seminary, PA)
- Ronnie Ramirez, 11, (Walnut, CA)
- Grey Burnett, 9, (Perrysburg, OH)
- Domenic Munaretto, 10, (St. Charles East, IL)
- Joseph Uhorchuk, 10, (Signal Mountain, TN)
- Haakon Peterson, 10, (Dodgeville, WI)
- Tyler Harper, 12, (Norwalk, IA)
- Rylan Seacrist, 10, (Brecksville, OH)
- Revin Dickman, 10, (Brownsburg, IN)
- Ezekial Witt, 12, (Junction City, KS)
- Nicolas Garcia, 10, (Marmion Academy, IL)
- Edwin Sierra, 11, (Poway, CA)
- Rocklin Zinkin, 10, (Buchanan, CA)
- Ethan Timar, 11, (St. Edward, OH)
- Kaedyn Williams, 12, (Manheim Township, PA)
- Adam Mattin, 11, (Delta, OH)
- Isaiah Harrison, 11, (Mountain View, CO)
- Abdi Unle, 11, (Omaha Bryan, NE)
- Aydan Thomas, 11, (Stillwater, OK)
- Nathan Rioux, 10, (Avon, IN)
- Liston Seibert, 10, (Massillon Perry, OH)
- Will Detar, 10, (Trinity, PA)
- Konner Larkin, 9, (Valiant College Prep, AZ)
- Nicolas Enzminger, 10, (Bismarck Legacy, ND)
- Wyatt Lees, 10, (Detroit Catholic Central, MI)

- Austin Bickerton, 9, (Medina Highland, OH)
- 30T. Darren Florance, 12, (BG/A-H, NY)
- 30T. Brett Swenson, 11, (Mounds View, MN)
- 30T. Ethan Bast, 11, (West Bend East, WI)
- 30T. Mikey Ruiz, 10, (Canyon Randall, TX)

### **Special Mention:**

- Johnny Green, 11, (Aurora, OH)  
Sean Willcox, 10, (St. John Bosco, CA)  
Roman Luttrell, 10, (Cleveland, NM)  
Bruno Cassioppi, 9, (Hononegah, IL)  
Aidan Gruenfelder, 11, (Pecatonica-Argyle, WI)  
Mike Batista, 9, (Blair Academy, NJ)  
Gavin Landers, 9, (Denver, IA)  
Raekwon Shabazz, 12, (Xavier, CT)  
Gabe Ballard, 9, (Northampton, PA)  
Alex Pierce, 10, (Iowa City West, IA)  
Tyler Conroy, 10, (Malvern Prep, PA)  
Zaiyahn Ornelas, 10, (Wilbur-Clatonia, NE)  
Cole Welte, 11, (Skutt Catholic, NE)  
Tyler Garvin, 12, (Rising Sun, MD)  
Jon McGinty, 10, (Montvale St. Joseph, NJ)  
Cadyn Coyle, 12, (Bennington, NE)  
Trey Beissel, 10, (Hastings, MN)  
Kiyon Simon, 11, (Huntsville, AL)  
Santino Sloboda, 10, (Butler, PA)  
Blake Bartos, 10, (Medina Buckeye, OH)

### **120 lbs.** **TOP RANKED**

**Leo Deluca, 11**

**Blair Academy, New Jersey**

- Beric Jordan, 12, (Noble, OK)
- Nathan Desmond, 11, (Wyoming Seminary, PA)
- Christian Castillo, 11, (Valiant College Prep, AZ)
- Aaron Seidel, 11, (Northern Lebanon, PA)
- Chris Kiser, 12, (Ponca City, OK)
- Isaiah Quintero, 12, (El Dorado, CA)
- Gauge Botero, 11, (Faith Christian, PA)
- Moses Mendoza, 10, (Gilroy, CA)
- Karson Brown, 10, (St. Edward, OH)
- Dan Jones, 12, (Delbarton, NJ)
- Louie Gill, 12, (Reynolds, PA)
- Ethan Rivera, 12, (Lake Highland Prep, FL)
- Jake Knight, 10, (Bettendorf, IA)
- Carter Pearson, 11, (Southeast Polk, IA)

## NATION'S BEST 150 CLASS OF 2024

# HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

By Dan Fickel

**Editor's Note:** Here are rankings of the Nation's Best 150 Class of 2024 High School Seniors as of 1-21-24. Eight major factors, which considered the overall accomplishments of the wrestlers, were used in determining these rankings. They include: (1) Accomplishments at the State High School Championships (folkstyle); (2) USA Wrestling National Junior Freestyle and Greco-Roman Championships; (3) UWW Cadet and 16U National Championships; (4) U17 Freestyle World Team Trials; (5) U20 Freestyle Nationals; (6) FloWrestling Who's #1; (7) Achievements at prestigious high school tournaments and club/dual events; (8) Super 32 Challenge Tournament. Some wrestlers are not competing for a high school during the 2023-24 high school regular season for a variety of reasons, but are still listed because of their previous in-state accomplishments and national credentials.

1. Luke Lilledahl, Wyoming Seminary, PA 126 lbs
2. Cody Merrill, Gilroy, CA 285 lbs
3. Angelo Ferrari, Melissa, TX 165 lbs
4. Zack Ryder, Minisink Valley, NY 190 lbs
5. Ben Davino, St. Charles East, IL 132 lbs
6. Joseph Sealey, Wyoming Seminary, PA 165 lbs
7. Aeoden Sinclair, Milton, WI 190 lbs
8. Brock Mantanona, Palm Desert, CA 150 lbs
9. Connor Mirasola, West Bend East, WI 190 lbs
10. Dillan Johnson, Joilet Catholic, IL 285 lbs
11. Cole Mirasola, West Bend West, WI 285 lbs
12. Sawyer Bartelt, South Dade, FL 215 lbs
13. Navarro Schunke, Brandon Valley, SD 285 lbs
14. Koy Hopke, Amery, WI 285 lbs
15. Pierson Manville, State College, PA 144 lbs
16. Kyler Larkin, Valiant College Prep, AZ 132 lbs
17. Carter Neves, Blair Academy, NJ 285 lbs
18. Aden Valencia, Ann Sobrato, CA 138 lbs
19. Beric Jordan, Noble, OK 120 lbs
20. Rune Lawrence, Frazier, PA 215 lbs
21. Gage Wright, Parkersburg South, WV 175 lbs
22. LJ Araujo, Bismarck, ND 175 lbs
23. Ethan Birden, Dublin Coffman, OH 165 lbs
24. JJ McComas, Stillwater, OK 132 lbs
25. Matt Lopes, Blair Academy, NJ 132 lbs
26. Nick O'Neill, Malvern Prep, PA 132 lbs
27. Jaxon Joy, Wadsworth, OH 150 lbs
28. Lou Cerchio, Delbarton, NJ 175 lbs
29. Max Shulaw, Columbus DeSales, OH 215 lbs
30. Miguel Estrada, Frontier, CA 150 lbs
31. Charlie Millard, Homestead, WI 157 lbs
32. Dillon Campbell, Legacy Christian, OH 132 lbs
33. Conner Harer, Montgomery, PA 157 lbs
34. Jack Consiglio, Malvern Prep, PA 144 lbs
35. Sean Kinney, Nazareth, PA 285 lbs
36. Alex Braun, Woodbury, MN 144 lbs
37. Luke Simcox, Central Mountain, PA 138 lbs
38. Paul Kelly, Poway, CA 138 lbs
39. Logan Swensen, Wayzata, MN 132 lbs
40. Mason Gibson, Bishop McCort, PA 132 lbs
41. Daniel Herrera, Ames, IA 285 lbs
42. Cameron Catrabone, Williamsville North, NY 157 lbs
43. Grigor Cholakyan, St. John Bosco, CA 157 lbs
44. Landyn Sommer, Stillwater, OK 157 lbs
45. Matt Henrich, Southern Regional, NJ 157 lbs
46. Adrian Meza, Valiant College Prep, AZ 138 lbs
47. Laird Root, Poway, CA 150 lbs
48. Jace Roller, Bixby, OK 144 lbs
49. Chris Kiser, Ponca City, OK 120 lbs
50. Omar Ayoub, Dublin Coffman, OH 144 lbs
51. Parker Farrell, Christiansburg, VA 285 lbs
52. Tucker Hogan, Daniel Boone, PA 190 lbs
53. Karson Tompkins, Midlothian, TX 190 lbs
54. Isaiah Quintero, El Dorado, CA 120 lbs
55. Edward Neitenbach, Medina Buckeye, OH 190 lbs
56. Dan Jones, Delbarton, NJ 120 lbs
57. Louie Gill, Reynolds, PA 120 lbs
58. Ethan Rivera, Lake Highland Prep, FL 120 lbs
59. Nate Taylor, Greens Farm Academy, CT 190 lbs
60. Ethan Parco, Los Gatos, CA 150 lbs
61. Collin Guffey, Granite Hills, CA 165 lbs
62. Tyler Guerra, St. Charles East, IL 138 lbs
63. Latrell Schafer, Veteran's, GA 165 lbs
64. Layton Schneider, Edmond North, OK 144 lbs
65. Nick Kunstek, Pottsville, PA 165 lbs
66. Ayden Smith, Notre Dame GP, PA 113 lbs
67. Davis Motyka, Wyoming Seminary, PA 113 lbs
68. Hunter Taylor, Liberty, MO 120 lbs
69. Jaydon Robinson, Winter Springs, FL 144 lbs
70. Jermaine Peace, Cane Bay, SC 126 lbs
71. Mack Mauger, Blackfoot, ID 126 lbs
72. Logan Rozynski, Blair Academy, NJ 144 lbs
73. Ryan Bennett, St. Edward, OH 144 lbs
74. Wyatt Duchateau, Arrowhead, WI 150 lbs
75. Jack Nelson, Mound-Westonka, MN 144 lbs
76. Cole Han-Lindemyer, Farmington, MN 190 lbs
77. Hoke Poe-Hogan, Commerce, GA 190 lbs
78. Jason Mara, Meridian, ID 150 lbs
79. Cash Henderson, Woods Cross, UT 215 lbs
80. Gage Walker, Bixby, OK 126 lbs
81. Jake Crapps, Cass, GA 126 lbs
82. Brodie Dominique, Archbold, OH 144 lbs
83. Alessandro Nini, Christian Brothers, NJ 144 lbs
84. Anderson Heap, Osceola, FL 150 lbs
85. Casper Stewart, Attica-Batavia, NY 150 lbs
86. August Hibler, Leonia/Palisades Park, NJ 150 lbs
87. Gavin Linsman, Liberty, MO 144 lbs
88. Darius Marines, Detroit Catholic Central, MI 157 lbs
89. Cory Thomas, Pontiac, MI 157 lbs
90. Nick Pavlechko, State College, PA 285 lbs
91. Ricky Thomas, Edmond North, OK 285 lbs
92. Aidan Fockler, Massillon Perry, OH 285 lbs
93. Colin Kelly, Mount Carmel, IL 175 lbs
94. Spencer Lanosga, Jesuit, LA 285 lbs
95. Andrew Barbosa, Palm Desert, CA 157 lbs
96. Paul Ognissanti, Blair Academy, NJ 157 lbs
97. Jadon Skellenger, Bishop Kelly, ID 157 lbs
98. Shawn Taylor, West Allegheny, PA 165 lbs
99. Dom Federici, Wyoming Seminary, PA 175 lbs
100. Owen Eck, Andale, KS 157 lbs
101. Max Magayna, Waterloo East, IA 175 lbs
102. Branson John, Buchanan, CA 165 lbs
103. Clayton Giddens-Buttram, Bixby, OK 165 lbs
104. Jed Wester, St. Michael-Albertville, MN 165 lbs
105. Ty Wilson, Dublin Scioto, OH 150 lbs
106. Sonny Kling, Canyon Springs, CA 190 lbs
107. Chris Coates, Liberty, MO 150 lbs
108. Shilo Jones, Mountain View, ID 285 lbs
109. Ryan Garvick, Central Dauphin, PA 165 lbs
110. Hunter Hollingsworth, Edmond North, OK 138 lbs
111. Mekhi Neal, St. Mary's Ryken, MD 157 lbs
112. Jake Dailey, Wyoming Seminary, PA 190 lbs
113. Jeremy Ginter, Toledo Whitmer, OH 157 lbs
114. Anders Thompson, Flathead, MT 190 lbs
115. Landon Desselle, Summit, TN 144 lbs
116. Eugene Harney, Sycamore, OH 157 lbs
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134. Kane Naaktgeboren, Linn-Mar, IA 144 lbs
135. Calvin Lachman, Quakertown, PA 285 lbs
136. Will Sather, Eden Prairie, MN 285 lbs
137. Gunner Cramblett, St. Paris Graham, OH 175 lbs
138. Nate Blanchette, Central Catholic, MA 175 lbs
139. Aaron Ries, Wadsworth, OH 285 lbs
140. Gianni Maldonado, Brandon, FL 157 lbs
141. Logan Fowler, Cleveland, TN 165 lbs
142. David Mayora, Montini Catholic, IL 150 lbs
143. Dru Ayala, Fort Dodge, IA 120 lbs
144. Paul Clark, Crown Point, IN 285 lbs
145. Porter Matecki, Whitfield, MO 126 lbs
146. Brock Weiss, Jersey Shore, PA 138 lbs
147. Mason Zeigler, Quakertown, PA 126 lbs
148. Cameron Stinson, Mallard Creek, NC 120 lbs
149. Nolan Ambrose, Jackson County Central, MN 138 lbs
150. Will Clark, Crown Point, IN 215 lbs

## NATION'S BEST 150 CLASS OF 2025

# HIGH SCHOOL JUNIORS

By Dan Fickel

**Editor's Note:** Here are rankings of the Nation's Best 150 Class of 2025 High School Juniors as of 1-21-24. Eight major factors, which considered the overall accomplishments of the wrestlers, were used in determining these rankings. They include: (1) Accomplishments at the State High School Championships (folkstyle); (2) USA Wrestling National Junior Freestyle and Greco-Roman Championships; (3) UWW Cadet and 16U National Championships; (4) U17 Freestyle World Team Trials; (5) FloWrestling Who's #1; (6) Achievements at prestigious high school tournaments and club/dual events; (7) Super 32 Challenge Tournament; (8) NHSCA Nationals. Some wrestlers are not competing for a high school during the 2023-24 high school regular season for a variety of reasons, but are still listed because of their previous in-state accomplishments and national credentials.

- Marcus Blaze, Perrysburg, OH 132 lbs
- P.J. Duke, Minisink Valley, NY 157 lbs
- LaDarion Lockett, Stillwater, OK 165 lbs
- Anthony Knox, St. John Vianney, NJ 126 lbs
- Leo Deluca, Blair Academy, NJ 120 lbs
- William Henckel, Blair Academy, NJ 165 lbs
- Vince Bouzakis, Wyoming Seminary, PA 150 lbs
- Jude Correa, Wyoming Seminary, PA 215 lbs
- Nathan Desmond, Wyoming Seminary, PA 120 lbs
- Kody Routledge, Edmond North, OK 157 lbs
- Kollin Rath, Bethlehem Catholic, PA 150 lbs
- Ryan Burton, Montvale St. Joseph, NJ 175 lbs
- Sergio Vega, Sunnyside, AZ 138 lbs
- Maddox Shaw, Thomas Jefferson, PA 138 lbs
- Landon Robideau, St. Michael-Albertville, MN 150 lbs
- Daniel Zepeda, Gilroy, CA 150 lbs
- Christian Castillo, Valiant College Prep, AZ 120 lbs
- Harvey Ludington, Brick Memorial, NJ 190 lbs
- Ronnie Ramirez, Walnut, CA 113 lbs
- Cade Ziola, Omaha Skutt, NE 190 lbs
- Dominic Bambinelli, Mill Creek, GA 175 lbs
- Jarrel Miller, St. Edward, OH 190 lbs
- Cooper Hilton, Apex, TN 138 lbs
- Tyler Eise, Ponderosa, CO 175 lbs
- Seth Mendoza, Mount Carmel, IL 126 lbs
- Isaiah Cortez, Gilroy, CA 126 lbs
- Asher Cunningham, State College, PA 157 lbs
- Sampson Stillwell, St. Michael Archangel, MO 285 lbs
- Collin Gaj, Quakertown, PA 150 lbs
- Nicholas Sahakian, St. John Bosco, CA 285 lbs
- Aaron Seidel, Northern Lebanon, PA 120 lbs
- Joseph Antonio, St. John Bosco, CA 165 lbs
- Alessio Perentin, Delbarton, NJ 165 lbs
- Jordan Chapman, Cranford, NJ 165 lbs
- Adrian DeJesus, St. Joseph Regional, NJ 132 lbs
- Elijah Cortez, Gilroy, CA 132 lbs
- Anthony Harris, St. Peter's Prep, NJ 215 lbs
- Austin Johnson, Muncy, PA 215 lbs
- Matthew Botello, Wyoming Seminary, PA 132 lbs
- Gauge Botero, Faith Christian, PA 120 lbs
- Dalton Perry, Central Mountain, PA 144 lbs
- DeAlcapon Veazy, Ponderosa, CO 190 lbs
- Carter Pearson, Southeast Polk, IA 120 lbs
- Will Denny, Marist, IL 150 lbs
- Drew Gorman, Buford, GA 138 lbs
- Jacob Levy, Carrollton, GA 285 lbs
- Brett Clatterbaugh, Eastern View, VA 285 lbs
- Tyson Terry, Omaha North, NE 285 lbs
- Kyler Knaack, Don Bosco, IA 157 lbs
- Logan Paradise, Colquitt County, GA 150 lbs
- Brogan Tucker, St. Paris Graham, OH 144 lbs
- Rocco Dellagatta, Montvale St. Joseph, NJ 285 lbs
- Tahir Parkins, Nazareth, PA 138 lbs
- Chase Van Hoven, Brooke Point, VA 144 lbs
- Beau Hickman, Tuttle, OK 144 lbs
- EJ Solis, South Dade, FL 138 lbs
- Carlos Stanton Jr., Sunnyside, AZ 144 lbs
- Peyton Westpfahl, Liberty, MO 175 lbs
- Jackson Blum, Lowell, MI 126 lbs
- Ishmael Guerrero, Bixby, OK 157 lbs
- Leo Contino, Buchanan, CA 157 lbs
- Jake Hockaday, Brownsburg, IN 132 lbs
- Billy Dekracker, Blair Academy, NJ 138 lbs
- Mitchell Younger, Bishop Watterson, OH 150 lbs
- Elijah Diakomihalis, Hilton, NY 190 lbs
- Claudio Torres, Lake Highland Prep, FL 150 lbs
- Matthew Martino, Bishop Kelly, ID 144 lbs
- Angelo Posada, Poway, CA 175 lbs
- Dylan Pile, Los Gatos, CA 165 lbs
- Adrien Reyes, Clovis, CA 165 lbs
- Edwin Sierra, Poway, CA 113 lbs
- Ethan Timar, St. Edward, OH 113 lbs
- Brock Kehler, University, WV 285 lbs
- Thomas Brown, Chelmsford, MA 285 lbs
- Caedyn Ricciardi, St. Peter's Prep, NJ 132 lbs
- Blue Stiffler, Mill Creek, GA 144 lbs
- Emmitt Sherlock, Gilman School, MD 165 lbs
- Max Norman, Baylor School, TN 165 lbs
- Caleb Dennee, Marshfield, WI 165 lbs
- Carson Thomas, Cincinnati La Salle, OH 175 lbs
- Ty Miller, St. Edward, OH 175 lbs
- Bryce Burkett, Watertown Mayer, MN 175 lbs
- Cooper Martinson, Southeast Polk, IA 285 lbs
- Nikade Zinkin, Clovis, CA 126 lbs
- Anthony Mutarelli, Council Rock South, PA 126 lbs
- Isaiah Schaefer, Evansville Mater Dei, IN 126 lbs
- Eren Sement, Council Rock North, PA 126 lbs
- Devon Miller, Edmond North, OK 120 lbs
- Jayce Paridon, Lake Highland Prep, FL 132 lbs
- Gunner Andrick, Point Pleasant, WV 132 lbs
- Colin Martin, Staunton River, VA 126 lbs
- Caio Aron, Woodlands College Park, TX 132 lbs
- Sebastian Degennaro, Jensen Beach, FL 126 lbs
- Aidan Ysaguirre, Santa Cruz Valley Union, AZ 215 lbs
- Hunter Sturgill, Baylor School, TN 157 lbs
- Jackson Tucker, Hillsboro, MO 138 lbs
- Noah Nininger, Staunton River, VA 138 lbs
- Paris Ruiz, Buchanan, CA 132 lbs
- Manuel Saldate, Slam Academy, NV 132 lbs
- Rylan Kuhn, St. Pius X, MO 215 lbs
- Carson Walsh, Pope John, NJ 132 lbs
- Robert Kucharczk, Lake Highland Prep, FL 190 lbs
- Alex Smith, Lake Highland Prep, FL 215 lbs
- Wyatt Bush, Grundy, VA 215 lbs
- TJ Koester, Bettendorf, IA 126 lbs
- Beau Priest, Bakersfield, CA 157 lbs
- Devon Magro, Bishop McCort, PA 157 lbs
- Anthony Evanitsky, Wyoming Seminary, PA 157 lbs
- Phoenix Contos, Toledo Waite, OH 126 lbs
- Jacob Helgeson, Johnston, IA 165 lbs
- David Gleason, Staley, MO 144 lbs
- Danny Heiser, Evansville, WI 150 lbs
- Kyler Lauridsen, Bennington, NE 150 lbs
- Cameron Milheim, Warrior Run, PA 150 lbs
- Dorian Olivarez, Home School, TX 144 lbs
- Layne Kleimann, Mountain Ridge, UT 132 lbs
- Jake Conroy, Ringgold, PA 215 lbs
- Melvin Whitehead, Liberty, NV 215 lbs
- Leo Maestas, Clovis West, CA 132 lbs
- Vincenzo Lavalle, Hanover Park, NJ 190 lbs
- Lucas Lawler, Bishop McDevitt, PA 190 lbs
- Landon Jobber-Spence, Staunton River, VA 190 lbs
- Casen Howle, Greenwood, SC 190 lbs
- Hudson Loges, Blair, NE 120 lbs
- Rocco Hayes, Sandburg, IL 106 lbs
- Adam Mattin, Delta, OH 113 lbs
- Micah Hach, Watertown, SD 285 lbs
- Christian Fretwell, Lake Gibson, FL 132 lbs
- Isaiah Harrison, Mountain View, CO 113 lbs
- Abdi Unle, Omaha Bryan, NE 113 lbs
- Aydan Thomas, Stillwater, OK 113 lbs
- Bobby Conway, Brother Rice, IL 132 lbs
- Co'ji Campbell, St. Joseph Academy, WI 126 lbs
- Lucas Stuerenberg, Moeller, OH 285 lbs
- Gabe Kaminski, Nazareth Academy, IL 215 lbs
- Ethan Teague, Tuttle, OK 175 lbs
- Preston Marchesseault, Ponaganset, RI 175 lbs
- Luke James, Milan Edison, OH 175 lbs
- Carson Dupill, Greeneville, TN 120 lbs
- Leister Bowling IV, Mead, CO 175 lbs
- Gunner Wilson, Broken Arow, OK 215 lbs
- Brody Saccoccia, Steubenville, OH 150 lbs
- Anthony Lucchiani, Sherando, VA 138 lbs
- Billy Townson, Poway, CA 126 lbs
- Geronimo Rivera, Layton, UT 126 lbs
- Kaden Purler, North Point, MO 138 lbs
- Ryan Lawler, Bishop McDevitt, PA 144 lbs
- Tyler Hood, St. Christopher's, VA 144 lbs
- Chase Hontz, Faith Christian, PA 144 lbs
- Bradley Eaton, St. Edward, OH 157 lbs



## NATION'S BEST 150 CLASS OF 2026

# HIGH SCHOOL SOPHOMORES

By Dan Fickel

**Editor's Note:** Here are rankings of the Nation's Best 150 Class of 2026 High School Sophomores as of 1-21-24. Eight major factors, which considered the overall accomplishments of the wrestlers, were used in determining these rankings. They include: (1) Accomplishments at the State High School Championships (folkstyle); (2) USA Wrestling National Junior Freestyle and Greco-Roman Championships; (3) UWW Cadet and 16U National Championships; (4) U17 Freestyle World Team Trials; (5) FloWrestling Who's #1; (6) Achievements at prestigious high school tournaments and club/dual events; (7) Super 32 Challenge Tournament; (8) NHSCA Nationals.

1. Bo Bassett, Bishop McCort, PA 138 lbs
2. Jax Forrest, Bishop McCort, PA 126 lbs
3. Dreshaun Ross, Fort Dodge, IA 215 lbs
4. Jayden Raney, Union County, KY 126 lbs
5. Jordyn Raney, Union County, KY 132 lbs
6. Domenic Munaretto, St. Charles East, IL 113 lbs
7. Coby Merrill, JW North, CA 215 lbs
8. Adam Waters, Faith Christian, PA 175 lbs
9. Michael Mocco, Cardinal Gibbons, FL 215 lbs
10. Aaron Stewart, Warren Township, IL 157 lbs
11. Brandt Harer, Montgomery, PA 132 lbs
12. Moses Mendoza, Gilroy, CA 120 lbs
13. Karson Brown, St. Edward, OH 120 lbs
14. Joseph Uhorchuk, Signal Mountain, TN 113 lbs
15. Camden Baum, Bishop McDevitt, PA 132 lbs
16. Jake Knight, Bettendorf, IA 120 lbs
17. Jayden James, Delbarton, NJ 138 lbs
18. Kellen Wolbert, Oconomowoc, WI 132 lbs
19. Ryder Wilder, Camden County, GA 190 lbs
20. Haakon Peterson, Dodgeville, WI 113 lbs
21. Aiden Cooley, Allen, TX 190 lbs
22. Antonio Mills III, Mill Creek, GA 126 lbs
23. Joseph Toscano, Buchanan, CA 144 lbs
24. Blake Cosby, Dundee, MI 144 lbs
25. Dominic Deputy, Chestnut Ridge, PA 106 lbs
26. Sam Herring, Bishop McCort, PA 144 lbs
27. Dean Bechtold, Owen J. Roberts, PA 285 lbs
28. Mark Effandian, Faith Christian, PA 285 lbs
29. Connor Bercome, Detroit Catholic Central, MI 215 lbs
30. Nathan Carrillo, St. John Bosco, CA 120 lbs
31. Titan Friederichs, Watertown Mayer, MN 120 lbs
32. Victor-Alexander Gutierrez, Central Catholic, CA 132 lbs
33. Tylan Thrine, New Castle, IN 132 lbs
34. Lukas Littleton Mascaro, Malvern Prep, PA 120 lbs
35. Mason Jakob, Dobyns Bennett, TN 120 lbs
36. Keanu Dillard, Bethlehem Catholic, PA 120 lbs
37. Grayson Woodcock, Dublin Coffman, OH 157 lbs
38. David Perez, Ponaganset, RI 132 lbs
39. Pete Snyder, Blair Academy, NJ 175 lbs
40. Wyatt Medlin, Washington, IL 138 lbs
41. Tyler Traves, Mountain View, VA 144 lbs
42. Michael Turi, West Scranton, PA 144 lbs
43. Tyler Dekracker, Home School, PA 120 lbs
44. Austin Paris, Grand County, UT 138 lbs
45. Alex Taylor, Mount Vernon, OH 215 lbs
46. Rylan Seacrist, Brecksville, OH 113 lbs
47. Revlin Dickman, Brownsburg, IN 113 lbs
48. Nicolas Garcia, Marmion Academy, IL 113 lbs
49. Justyce Zuniga, Toppenish, WA 126 lbs
50. Rocklin Zinkin, Buchanan, CA 113 lbs
51. Garett Kawczynski, Port Washington, WI 215 lbs
52. Reagan Milheim, Warrior Run, PA 144 lbs
53. Nolan Fellers, Bondurant-Farrar, IA 150 lbs
54. Mason Carlson, Syracuse, UT 120 lbs
55. Travis Cardenas, Chandler, AZ 132 lbs
56. Antonio Rodriguez, Los Gatos, CA 120 lbs
57. Zeno Moore, Lake Highland Prep, FL 144 lbs
58. Thomas Verrette, Ponderosa, CO 132 lbs
59. Isaiah Jones, Bixby, OK 120 lbs
60. Nathan Rioux, Avon, IN 113 lbs
61. John Stewart, Scottsboro, AL 138 lbs
62. Joseph Joyce, Ponaganset, RI 138 lbs
63. Gage Wentzel, Montoursville, PA 157 lbs
64. Joseph Jeter, Edmond North, OK 150 lbs
65. Jaxon Penovich, Prospect, IL 190 lbs
66. Arment Waltenbaugh, Faith Christian, PA 150 lbs
67. Tyler Harrill, Omaha Skutt, NE 150 lbs
68. Cael Weidemoyer, Faith Christian, PA 157 lbs
69. Jaxon Miller, Carlisle, IA 157 lbs
70. Kai Calcutt, Loyola Academy, IL 215 lbs
71. David Calkins, Liberty, CA 190 lbs
72. Denarii Mickel, Ames, IA 190 lbs
73. Trayyn Boger, South Summit, UT 285 lbs
74. Mason Ontiveros, Pitman, CA 175 lbs
75. Sammy Spaulding, Camden Catholic, NJ 126 lbs
76. Aiden Peterson, St. Edward, OH 165 lbs
77. Travis Grace, Gilroy, CA 157 lbs
78. Joey Favia, Marmion Academy, IL 215 lbs
79. Jackson Barron, Northfield, MN 165 lbs
80. Lincoln Jipp, Bettendorf, IA 165 lbs
81. Mason Rohr, Massillon Perry, OH 126 lbs
82. CJ Huerta, Buchanan, CA 120 lbs
83. Lincoln Sledzianowski, Bishop McCort, PA 120 lbs
84. Joe Curry, Bishop Watterson, OH 126 lbs
85. Liston Seibert, Massillon Perry, OH 113 lbs
86. Will Detar, Trinity, PA 113 lbs
87. Shawn Rounsaville, Tuttle, OK 175 lbs
88. Wes Burford, Oakdale, CA 190 lbs
89. Ritson Meyer, Elgin, OK 190 lbs
90. John Murphy, Big Lake, MN 175 lbs
91. Nicholas Sorrow, Hudson, MI 120 lbs
92. Kalob Ybarra, Pomona, CO 175 lbs
93. Jonathan Rocha, Clovis North, CA 175 lbs
94. Austin Collins, Wray, CO 126 lbs
95. Evan Sanati, Brentsville, VA 126 lbs
96. Walker Turley, St. Christopher's, VA 144 lbs
97. Ryan Rios, Poway, CA 144 lbs
98. Gavin Rangel, Newberg, OR 132 lbs
99. Nicolas Enzminger, Bismarck Legacy, ND 113 lbs
100. Wyatt Lees, Detroit Catholic Central, MI 113 lbs
101. Mikey Ruiz, Canyon Randall, TX 113 lbs
102. Sean Willcox, St. John Bosco, CA 113 lbs
103. Tyson Martin, Aquinas, WI 190 lbs
104. Jason Singer, Faith Christian, PA 215 lbs
105. Roman Luttrell, Cleveland, NM 113 lbs
106. Alex Pierce, Iowa City West, IA 113 lbs
107. Tyler Conroy, Malvern Prep, PA 113 lbs
108. Zaiyahn Ornelas, Wilbur-Clatonia, NE 113 lbs
109. Dale Gant, GR Catholic Central, MI 120 lbs
110. Johnathon McGinty, Montvale St. Joseph, NJ 113 lbs
111. Declan Koch, Neenah, WI 138 lbs
112. James Lindsay, Bishop Watterson, OH 138 lbs
113. Robert Duffy, Christian Brothers, NJ 120 lbs
114. Mason Wagner, Faith Christian, PA 138 lbs
115. Kiernan Meink, Millard South, NE 120 lbs
116. Dean Anderson, Valiant College Prep, AZ 132 lbs
117. Zayne Candelaria, Sunnyside, AZ 285 lbs
118. Josh Requena, Camarillo, CA 132 lbs
119. Jonathan Rulo, Belleville East, IL 285 lbs
120. Dylan Pitzer, Mt. Pleasant, PA 285 lbs
121. Dallas Russell, Jefferson, GA 144 lbs
122. Shane Wagner, Faith Christian, PA 144 lbs
123. Santino Rodriguez, Don Bosco Prep, NJ 144 lbs
124. Henry Aslikyan, Birmingham, CA 106 lbs
125. Trey Beissel, Hastings, MN 126 lbs
126. Derek Barrows, Pomona, CO 138 lbs
127. Zach Stewart, Marmion Academy, IL 138 lbs
128. Jake Miller, Broken Arrow, OK 138 lbs
129. Max Matthias, Two Rivers, WI 190 lbs
130. Tavio Hoose, Southwestern, NY 190 lbs
131. Blake Fox, Osage, IA 138 lbs
132. Jarrett Smith, Lowell, MI 106 lbs
133. Griffin LaPlante, St. Francis, NY 150 lbs
134. Blake Woodward, Buchanan, CA 106 lbs
135. Matt Harrold, Haverhill, MA 215 lbs
136. Xander Dossett, Ola, GA 175 lbs
137. Owen McMullen, Bishop McCort, PA 165 lbs
138. Riley Johnson, Omaha Skutt, NE 165 lbs
139. Carl Orchard, Corbett, OR 285 lbs
140. Waylon Cressell, Warren Central, IN 165 lbs
141. Chris Belmonte, New Hartford-SV, NY 285 lbs
142. Isaak Chavez, Mullen, CO 157 lbs
143. James Hartleroad, Dekalb, IN 285 lbs
144. Lorenzo Alston, Uwhairre Charter, NC 150 lbs
145. Kage Jones, Camden Catholic, NJ 157 lbs
146. Charlie DeSena, Lake Highland Prep, FL 126 lbs
147. Cael Leisgang, Seymour, WI 215 lbs
148. Ashton Honnold, Nodaway Valley, IA 215 lbs
149. Tad Forsyth, OP BV-Southwest, KS 175 lbs
150. Noah Bull, Layton, UT 144 lbs

## NATION'S BEST 75 CLASS OF 2027

# HIGH SCHOOL FRESHMEN

By Dan Fickel

**Editor's Note:** Here are rankings of the Nation's Best 75 Class of 2027 High School Freshmen as of 1-21-24. Seven major factors, which considered the overall accomplishments of the wrestlers, were used in determining these rankings. They include: (1) UWW Cadet and 16U National Championships; (2) U17 Freestyle World Team Trials; (3) FloWrestling Who's #1; (4) Achievements at prestigious high school tournaments and club/dual events; (5) Super 32 Challenge Tournament; (6) Brian Keck Memorial Preseason Nationals, (7) U15 Freestyle Nationals.

1. Landon Sidun, Norwin, PA 113 lbs
2. Paul Kenny, Christian Brothers, NJ 113 lbs
3. Joe Bachmann, Faith Christian, PA 106 lbs
4. Melvin Miller, Bishop McCort, PA 150 lbs
5. Grey Burnett, Perrysburg, OH 113 lbs
6. Ignacio Villasenor, Pomona, CO 106 lbs
7. Gabriel Logan, Delbarton, NJ 150 lbs
8. Cameron Sontz, Delbarton, NJ 106 lbs
9. Israel Borge, Westlake, UT 126 lbs
10. Shamus Regan, Wyoming Seminary, PA 106 lbs
11. Michael Romero, St. John Bosco, CA 126 lbs
12. Rocco Cassioppi, Hononegah, IL 106 lbs

13. Caleb Noble, Warren Township, IL 106 lbs
14. Jesse Grajeda, St. John Bosco, CA 132 lbs
15. Dawson Youngblut, Don Bosco, IA 132 lbs
16. Hunter Snyder, Greater Latrobe, PA 175 lbs
17. Nicholas Singer, Faith Christian, PA 165 lbs
18. Clinton Shepherd, Crown Point, IN 138 lbs
19. Tanner Hodgkins, Howell, NJ 165 lbs
20. Vincenzo Anello, Blair Academy, NJ 106 lbs
21. Jimmy Mastny, Marian CC, IL 150 lbs
22. Broedy Collins Hendricks, Humboldt, IA 165 lbs
23. Slater Hicks, Valencia, CA 120 lbs
24. Hayden Schwab, Don Bosco, IA 106 lbs

25. Sonny Amato, Rumson-Fair Haven, NJ 144 lbs
26. Maximus Konopka, Simsbury, CT 190 lbs
27. Brayden Koester, Bettendorf, IA 190 lbs
28. Brody Sendele, Hononegah, IL 157 lbs
29. Kane Shawger, St. Xavier, OH 132 lbs
30. Konner Larkin, Valiant College Prep, AZ 113 lbs
31. Liam McGettigan, Gilman, MD 106 lbs
32. Austin Bickerton, Medina Highland, OH 113 lbs
33. Gabe Ballard, Northampton, PA 113 lbs
34. Bruno Cassioppi, Hononegah, IL 113 lbs
35. Mike Batista, Blair Academy, NJ 113 lbs
36. Gavin Landers, Denver, IA 113 lbs
37. Dale Corbin, Wyoming Seminary, PA 120 lbs
38. Brock Rothermel, Line Mountain, PA 113 lbs
39. Zack Aquila, Brecksville, OH 150 lbs
40. Cayden Rios, Eastwood, TX 138 lbs
41. Austin Ellis, Davis, UT 132 lbs
42. Blaze Van Gundy, Dublin Coffman, OH 120 lbs
43. Killian Coluccio, Christian Brothers, NJ 106 lbs
44. Gavin Mangano, Shoreham-Wading River, NY 126 lbs
45. Arseni Kikiniou, Poway, CA 106 lbs
46. Grayson Music, Bishop McDevitt, PA 120 lbs
47. Gage Spurgeon, Eddyville, IA 120 lbs
48. Bradley Wagner, Mifflinburg, PA 120 lbs
49. Turner Ross, Simley, MN 106 lbs
50. Brayton Feister, Akron Hoban, OH 215 lbs
51. Cason Craft, Sallisaw, OK 106 lbs
52. Wyatt Fry, Wyoming Seminary, PA 126 lbs
53. Brayton Reynolds, Brownsburg, IN 126 lbs
54. Quinten Cassidy, Cedar Springs, MI 138 lbs
55. Evan Stanley, Mount Carmel, IL 132 lbs
56. Mac Crosson, Indianola, IA 113 lbs
57. Jensen Boyd, Delta, IN 106 lbs
58. Chris Grossman, Billings Skyview, MT 120 lbs
59. Xavier Chavez, Santa Cruz Valley Union, AZ 144 lbs
60. Allen Woo, Montini Catholic, IL 106 lbs
61. Dominic Morrison, Hatboro Horsham, PA 106 lbs
62. Lincoln Rohr, Massillon Perry, OH 106 lbs
63. Brandon Bickerton, Medina Highland, OH 106 lbs
64. Ryan DeGeorge, Delbarton, NJ 126 lbs
65. Danny Zmorowski, Lake Catholic, OH 215 lbs
66. Legend Ellis, Coweta, OK 126 lbs
67. Roman Thompson, Pittsburgh CC, PA 215 lbs
68. Conner Giedd, Kingsbury County, SD 144 lbs
69. Grayson Fuchs, Detroit Catholic Central, MI 126 lbs
70. Drake VomBaur, Severance, CO 106 lbs
71. Stephen Myers, Parkersburg, WV 126 lbs
72. Nico DeSalvo, Southeast Polk, IA 106 lbs
73. Colby Houle, Northfield Mt. Herman, MA 132 lbs
74. Gavin Lewis, Crown Point, IN 113 lbs
75. Michael Boyle, Bishop Watterson, OH 165 lbs



**2023 Gut Check Tournament Championship Semis-Finals** - 157 lbs. Cody Miller (Sumner) is looking for a pin on Trae Frederick (Newberg). Miller would go on and pin his way through the tournament. Photo by Randall Tomaras.

# Building From the Grassroots Level and Above

By Al Fontes

**T**he state of Idaho currently fields just over 100 high school wrestling programs that are separated into five classifications (5A, 4A, 3A, 2A/1A, and Girls). In retrospect, it is more common than not for the consistent collection of schools to challenge for a top five placing in their respective state classification each and every year. The question is how and why? The “HOW” typically begins with the leadership of a high school program and their commitment to build from the grassroots level (*grade/middle school/club*) and above. The “WHY” is simply to create a pipeline that continually feeds into the high school program in order to sustain and build upon the talent pool at the prep level well into the future.

More recently, I had the opportunity to meet up with Dusty Vaughn, who during the 2019 – ‘20 season became the sixth Head Coach to take the reins of the Skyview High School wrestling program in Nampa, which was established in 1996 when legendary and Hall-of-Fame coach Rollie Lane started the first. Skyview is one of six high schools in the city of Nampa, Idaho and is located in the greater Boise Metropolitan (*aka, Treasure Valley*), an area of the state that has produced a large share of individual state champions, teams, and national prep level All-Americans from these schools.

From day one, Coach Vaughn had his work cut out for him to revive a struggling program that only fourteen years prior had won the 4A State Championships (*Coach Todd Cady*). For starters, Skyview is primarily known to be an accomplished football, baseball and basketball rich environment, which draws a significant percentage of the student body to participate. On top of that, when Coach Vaughn took over the program, there was not a single kid on the roster that had come up from the pipeline of middle school or a club program attached to Skyview. Without a doubt, the frequent change in coaching leadership over the years coupled by the non-existent pipeline of future wrestlers from the grassroots provided Coach Vaughn a great challenge moving forward.

What’s more, the never-ending struggles to revive the program continued on through the entire 2020 – ‘21 season and became even more challenging and transparent at the conclusion of the post season when the ongoing COVID pandemic continued to impact the normalcy and day-to-day routines of our lives. It was during this time that Coach Vaughn attempted to start and charter the Hawk Wrestling Club, but only two weeks into the process, he had to cancel. In short, everything associated with the process came to a halt because of the large number of restrictions that remained in place on the community, school district, and wrestling scene as a whole. At this point, it would have been easier to pack your bags and move on, but not Coach Vaughn. Simply put, he had a goal and was going to follow through to achieve it, regardless of any hard challenges or obstacles in his way.

Not one to sit around and make excuses, Coach Vaughn and his staff regrouped and immediately went to work to formulate a plan to restart the program from scratch once the COVID restrictions were removed, which gradually waned away through time. Being a Physical Education (P.E.) teacher on campus boosted Coach Vaughn’s efforts a great deal when it came to recruiting new wrestlers, but to build from the grassroots level up was a very high priority and required an “All Hands-on Deck”

effort to change the trajectory of the program. For instance, this meant changing the wrestling culture at Skyview in addition to creating a pipeline that was also an integral part of this catalyst for change. Moving forward, Coach Vaughn implemented his **BLUE PRINT FOR ACTION** to revive and build within the program. This action included building the following:

- **STRONG WRESTLING CULTURE**
- **STRONG GRASSROOTS EFFORT THAT LINKS TO THE HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM**
- **NATIONALLY COMPETITIVE AND RECOGNIZED WRESTLING CLUB**
- **HAVE KIDS TRANSITION FROM HIGH SCHOOL INTO COLLEGE**
- **WIN THE ACADEMIC STATE CHAMPIONSHIP**
- **WRESTLERS TO DEVELOP A CHAMPIONSHIP LIFESTYLE**
- **WILLING TO TAKE RISKS AND STEP OUT OF ONE’S COMFORT ZONE AND LEARN FROM FAILURE (CARE GROWTH)**
- **ALWAYS STRIVE TO EXCEL DESPITE ANY CIRCUMSTANCE**
- **EXCEL IN THE CLASSROOM, THE MAT, AND LIFE**

Initiating any change of this type requires a lot of time, patients, and as stated prior, an “All Hands-on Deck” approach by a everyone involved. We are not talking one year, two years, but several years to establish a strong pipeline and wrestling culture that competes at the highest level. Advancing his efforts, Coach Vaughn and his staff continued to have their struggles during the regular high school season, but finished with one medalist at the Idaho



**Dusty Vaughn coaching his wrestlers at Skyview High School.**

# NCAA DIVISION I MID-SEASON INDIVIDUAL RANKINGS

By Dan Fickel 1-28-24

**125 lbs.**  
**TOP RANKED**  
**MATT RAMOS, JR**  
**PURDUE**

2. Drake Ayala, So, (Iowa)
3. Luke Stanich, Fr, (Lehigh)
4. Eric Barnett, Sr, (Wisconsin)
5. Anthony Noto, Jr, (Lock Haven)
6. Braeden Davis, Fr, (Penn State)
7. Cooper Flynn, So, (Virginia Tech)
8. Noah Surtin, Jr, (Missouri)
9. Richard Figueroa, So, (Arizona State)
10. Stevo Poulin, So, (Northern Colorado)
11. Jore Volk, So, (Wyoming)
12. Dean Peterson, Jr, (Rutgers)
13. Patrick McKee, Sr, (Minnesota)
14. Caleb Smith, Jr, (Nebraska)
15. Nico Provo, So, (Stanford)
16. Brett Ungar, So, (Cornell)
17. Michael DeAugustino, Sr, (Michigan)
18. Tanner Jordan, Sr, (South Dakota State)
19. Brandon Kaylor, Sr, (Oregon State)
20. Troy Spratley, RSFr, (Oklahoma State)
21. Eli Griffin, So, (California Baptist)
22. Jakob Camacho, Sr, (NC State)
23. Diego Sotelo Jr, (Harvard)
24. Colton Camacho, Sr, (Pittsburgh)
25. Brendan McCrone, RSFr, (Ohio State)
26. Brayden Palmer, Sr, (Chattanooga)
27. Anthony Molton, Sr, (Campbell)
28. Jack Maida, Jr, (American)
29. Conrad Hendricksen, Fr, (Oklahoma)
30. Trever Anderson, RSFr, (Northern Iowa)

**Special Mention:**

- Jeremiah Reno, Jr, (Little Rock)  
Spencer Moore, So, (North Carolina)  
Dominic Mendez, RSFr, (Cal Poly)  
Kysen Terukina, Jr, (Iowa State)  
Tyler Klinsky, Jr, (Rider)  
Jett Strickenberger, Jr, (West Virginia)  
Nick Babin, Sr, (Columbia)  
Max Gallagher, Fr, (Pennsylvania)  
Blake West, So, (Northern Illinois)  
Tristan Lujan, Sr, (Michigan State)  
Tucker Owens, So, (Air Force)  
Ethan Birginc, So, (Army West Point)  
Drew Heethuis, Fr, (Princeton)  
Sean Spidle, So, (Central Michigan)  
Evan Tallmadge, Fr, (Navy)  
Carson Wagner, Fr, (Binghamton)

- Joey Fischer, Jr, (Clarion)  
Drew West, Sr, (Gardner-Webb)  
Kyle Montaperto, RSFr, (Virginia)  
Carlos Negrete Jr, (So, (North Dakota State))

**133 lbs.**  
**TOP RANKED**  
**RYAN CROOKHAM, FR**  
**LEHIGH**

2. Vito Arujau, Sr, (Cornell)
3. Daton Fix, Sr, (Oklahoma State)
4. Dylan Ragusin, Jr, (Michigan)
5. Aaron Nagao, So, (Penn State)
6. Kai Orine, Jr, (NC State)
7. Evan Frost, RSFr, (Iowa State)
8. Zeth Romney, RSFr, (Cal Poly)
9. Nasir Bailey, Fr, (Little Rock)
10. Sam Latona, Sr, (Virginia Tech)
11. Nic Bouzakis, RSFr, (Ohio State)
12. Dylan Shawver, Jr, (Rutgers)
13. Michael Colaiocco, Sr, (Pennsylvania)
14. Angelo Rini, Sr, (Columbia)
15. Cullan Schriever, Jr, (Iowa)
16. Dom Serrano, So, (Northern Colorado)
17. Derrick Cardinal, So, (South Dakota St)
18. Tyler Wells, Fr, (Minnesota)
19. Domenic Zaccone, Jr, (Campbell)
20. Vinnie Santaniello, RSFr, (Pittsburgh)
21. Braxton Brown, So, (Maryland)
22. Kurt Phipps, Sr, (Bucknell)
23. Tyler Knox, Fr, (Stanford)
24. Julian Farber, So, (Northern Iowa)
25. Julian Chlebove, Jr, (Arizona State)
26. Ethan Oakley, So, (Appalachian State)
27. Jacob Van Dee, RSFr, (Nebraska)
28. Gabe Whisenhunt, RSFr, (Oregon State)
29. Blake Boarman, So, (Chattanooga)
30. Jace Koelzer, Sr, (Oklahoma)

**Special Mention:**

- Mason Leiphart, So, (Franklin & Marshall)  
Kade Moore, RSFr, (Missouri)  
Brendan Ferretti, So, (Navy)  
Marlon Yarbrough, Jr, (Virginia)  
Nicolar Rivera, RSFr, (Wisconsin)  
Braden Basile, Fr, (Army West Point)  
Richie Koehler, Sr, (Rider)  
Gable Strickland, Jr, (Lock Haven)  
Maximilian Leete, So, (American)  
Caden McCrary, So, (North Carolina)  
Cayden Rooks, Sr, (Indiana)  
Tony Madrigal, Sr, (Illinois)

- Sean Pierson, Sr, (Princeton)  
Micah Roes, Jr, (Binghamton)  
Hunter Adrian, Jr, (Brown)  
John Hildebrandt, RSFr, (Drexel)  
Hunter Leake, Jr, (California Baptist)  
Marcel Lopez, So, (SIU Edwardsville)  
Cooper Birdwell, So, (Wyoming)  
Jake Manley, Jr, (Cleveland State)

**141 lbs.**  
**TOP RANKED**  
**REAL WOODS, SR**  
**IOWA**

2. Beau Bartlett, Sr, (Penn State)
3. Jesse Mendez, So, (Ohio State)
4. Cael Happel, Jr, (Northern Iowa)
5. Ryan Jack, Jr, (NC State)
6. Lachlan McNeil, So, (North Carolina)
7. Tagen Jamison, RSFr, (Oklahoma State)
8. Brock Hardy, So, (Nebraska)
9. Anthony Echemendia, Jr, (Iowa State)
10. Jordan Titus, So, (West Virginia)
11. Tom Crook, So, (Virginia Tech, VA)
12. Cole Matthews, Sr, (Pittsburgh)
13. Wyatt Henson, So, (Lock Haven)
14. Kal Miller, So, (Maryland)
15. Josh Koderhandt, Jr, (Navy)
16. Vince Cornella, So, (Cornell)
17. Malyke Hines Jr, (Lehigh)
18. CJ Composto, So, (Pennsylvania)
19. Sergio Lemley, Fr, (Michigan)
20. Cleveland Belton, Jr, (Oregon State)
21. Mitch Moore, Sr, (Rutgers)
22. Mosha Schwartz, Sr, (Oklahoma)
23. Clay Carlson, Sr, (South Dakota State)
24. Vance VomBaur, So, (Minnesota)
25. Josh Edmond, So, (Missouri)
26. Danny Pucino, Jr, (Illinois)
27. Danny Fongaro, Sr, (Indiana)
28. Gavin Drexler, RSFr, (North Dakota St)
29. Nate Higley, Jr, (George Mason)
30. Jacob Brya, RSFr, (Northern Illinois)

**Special Mention:**

- Jordan Hamdan, Jr, (Michigan State)  
Jason Miranda, Jr, (Stanford)  
Grayson Clark, Fr, (Purdue)  
Kai Owen, So, (Columbia)  
Jack Gioffre, RSFr, (Virginia)  
Todd Carter, Sr, (Gardner-Webb)  
Dylan Layton, So, (Cleveland State)  
McKenzie Bell, Jr, (Rider)

# NATIONAL GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL RANKINGS

By National Wrestling Hall of Fame, USA Wrestling, and FloWrestling

**Editor's Note:** The National Wrestling Hall of Fame, USA Wrestling and FloWrestling have released the January National Girls High School rankings. This national ranking evaluates all girls enrolled in grades 8-12, and athletes from all 50 states are eligible for selection.

The high school regular season is well underway in every state, with the exception of Alaska, which had a fall wrestling season that concluded in December. These rankings reflect the results of many major in-season and holiday tournaments, dual meets, as well as the individual performances of the athletes who being tracked for ranking consideration.

The selection committee has decided to not publish rankings in the 95-pound weight class, which is not contested by the state high school associations, during the high school season. The rankings for January, February and March will focus on the current 14 National Federation of State High School Association (NFHS) girls wrestling weight classes. The 95-pound weight class rankings will return during rankings in the spring and summer post-season, when this weight class will be used for many major events.

Coaches, parents and athletes are encouraged to provide information about specific athletes and their achievements throughout the year for the committee to consider. If they have information on specific girls who should be considered for ranking or updates on their achievements, please send it by email to [girlsrankings@usawrestling.org](mailto:girlsrankings@usawrestling.org). The quality of these rankings continue to improve as people choose to share updated information.

## 100 lbs.

### TOP RANKED

**Madison Nieuwenhuis, Sophomore  
Plainwell, Michigan  
Plainwell High School**

2. Jaclyn Bouzakis, Freshman, Shavertown, Pa., Wyoming Seminary
3. Valarie Solorio, Senior, Canonsburg, Pa., Canon-McMillan High School
4. Katey Valdez, Junior, Colorado Springs, Colo., Doherty High School
5. Makennah Craft, Junior, Minford, Ohio, Jackson High School
6. Marie Sharp, Eighth Grade, Ridgewood, N.J., George Washington Middle School
7. Bianca Eide, Sophomore, Shakopee, Minn., Stillwater High School
8. Abigail Gonzalez, Eighth Grade, Miami, Fla., Homeschooled
9. Lisa Pastoriza, Junior, Phoenix, Ariz., Wyoming Seminary (PA)
10. Jubilee Rendon, Sophomore, El Paso, Texas, El Paso Franklin High School
11. Zuri Zamora, Senior, Amarillo, Texas, Amarillo Tascosa High School
12. Kendall Moe, Sophomore, Cicero, Ind., Hamilton Heights High School
13. Brooke Corrigan, Junior, Wittenberg, Wis., De Pere High School
14. Lyric Hetzer, Eighth Grade, Liberty, Ohio, Lakota East High School
15. Zoey Haney, Junior, Troy, Mo., Troy Buchanan High School
16. Katie Biscoglia, Sophomore, Waukee, Iowa, Raccoon River High School
17. Violet Diaz, Freshman, Waverly, Iowa, Denver High School
18. Lilly Breeden, Sophomore, Liberty, Mo., Liberty High School
19. Brianna Graves, Senior, Cincinnati, Ohio, Oak Hills High School
20. Libertie Nigh, Freshman, Urbana, Ohio,

- Urbana High School
21. Camryn Gresham, Freshman, Liberty Township, Ohio, Lakota East High School
22. Camdyn Elliott, Sophomore, Gulf Breeze, Fla. Gulf Breeze High School
23. Natalie Radecki, Sophomore, Newark, Del., Caravel High School
24. Ryleigh Sturgill, Freshman, Maryville, Tenn., Baylor School
25. Zoey Jewett, Sophomore, Brownsville, N.Y., General Brown High School
26. Vivian Mariscal, Senior, Nashville, Tenn., John Overton High School
27. Lily Prendergast, Senior, Southport, N.C. South Brunswick High School
28. Lillian Zapata, Senior, Lewisville, Texas, Flower Mound High School
29. Francesca Gusfa, Sophomore, Ridgewood, N.J., Mary Help High School
30. Jessica LeClair, Junior, Soldotna, Alaska, Soldotna High School (NR)

## 105 lbs.

### TOP RANKED

**Morgan Turner, Sophomore  
Lockport, Illinois  
Lockport High School**

2. Heather Crull, Junior, Modoc, Ind., Northeastern High School
3. Epenesa Elison, Eighth Grade, Downey, Calif., Enlightenment Academy
4. Chloe Dearwester, Senior, Cincinnati, Ohio, Harrison High School
5. Kayla Batres, Freshman, Millford, Conn., Homeschooled
6. Rianne Murphy, Senior, Valparaiso, Ind., Wyoming Seminary
7. Sarissa Tucker, Freshman, Midland, Va, Mountain View High School
8. Gabrielle Tedesco, Senior, Lakeland, Fla. Lake Gibson High School
9. Libby Roberts, Junior, Spokane, Wash., University High School

10. Charlie Wylie, Sophomore, Port Jervis, N.Y., Port Jervis High School
11. Caley Graber, Sophomore, Northfield, Minn., Northfield High School
12. Nakayla Dawson, Sophomore, Westland, Mich., John Glenn High School
13. Mai Graham, Sophomore, Center Valley, Pa, Southern Lehigh High School
14. Makenzie Smith, Senior, Dale, Ind., Heritage Hills High School
15. Lexia Schechterly, Senior, Hunlock Creek, Pa., Lake Lehman High School
16. Julia Horger, Sophomore, Bensalem, Pa., Bensalem High School
17. Elizabeth Valenzuela-Smith, Freshman, Tucson, Ariz., Valiant College Prep
18. Jillian Wells, Junior, Sacramento, Calif., Central Catholic High School
19. Alexandra Sebek, Sophomore, Oak Forest, Ill., Oak Forest High School
20. Sandy Breeden, Sophomore, Liberty, Mo., Liberty High School
21. Addison Morse, Sophomore, Harrah, Okla., Harrah High School
22. Alicia Serratos, Junior, Lake Forest, Calif., Santa Ana High School
23. Kelsey Watts, Senior, Nixa, Mo., Nixa High School
24. Erica Irvine, Freshman, Oelwein, Iowa, Don Bosco High School
25. Layla Phillips, Senior, Mason City, Iowa, Mason City High School
26. Megan Morales, Junior, Fresno, Calif., Central High School
27. Sloane Kruger, Junior, Olympia, Wash., Black Hills High School
28. Adelynn Till, Sophomore, Newark, Delaware, Saint Marks High School
29. Leeana Mercado, Senior, Lodi, N.J., Lodi High School
30. Sophia Torrez, Sophomore, Granger, Wash., Toppenish High School

# Underhook to Cross-Ankle Pick

By Bill Welker

## Setup

W1 underhooks W2's near arm with his head blocking W2's head to gain inside control.

## Action

W1 trips W2's near leg, lifting it off the mat and backward (a). W1 then drops to the mat, pulling W2's underhooked shoulder toward the mat. At the same time, W1 grasps W2's far ankle (b). W1 finishes the maneuver by pulling up W2's far ankle and driving into W2 (who is off balance), forcing W2 to the mat (c).

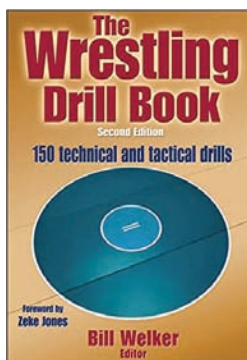
## Coaching Points

Your wrestlers must be taught the importance of tripping their opponent's near leg as high as possible to the rear. Likewise, they need to force the opponent's underhooked shoulder down as they drop to the mat. Finally, they should grab the far ankle as low as they can while driving into their opponent, finishing the maneuver.



## Common Errors

Mistakes include not tripping the opponent's leg high and not forcing the underhook shoulder to the mat.



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Drill Book,  
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# BILL WELKER'S WRESTLING BOOKS

A former Pennsylvania State Champion and one of the country's foremost authorities on Folkstyle wrestling, Dr. Bill Welker has published a national best-seller, *The Wrestling Drill Book*, a DVD, and hundreds of articles on the mat sport since 1974. Most recently, his memoirs, *The Sparrow's Spirit*, and his first novel, *A Wrestler's Curse*, were declared winners in the sports category by the Beverly Hills Book Awards judges.

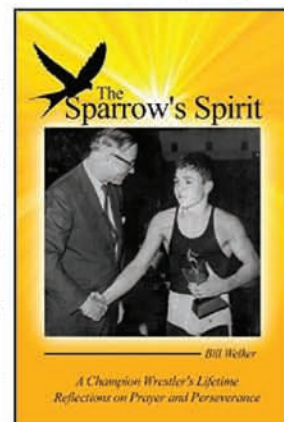
## THE SPARROW'S SPIRIT

Bill Welker's road to adulthood was filled with many trial-and-error experiences in which he usually took the wrong path. He grew up under the dominion of a loving mother and an austere father. As an adolescent, Welker's life revolved around the sport of wrestling – and nothing else. Studying in high school was an unwanted necessity to stay eligible.

But the desire to continue on the mats in college decreased until the fire to compete burned out. Welker began to make very poor choices which resulted in his removal from the wrestling team and almost led to his expulsion from school.

Welker felt totally alone as his life began to collapse around him. There was nowhere to turn; he couldn't go home a failure. He was absorbed by self-doubt, uselessness, and fell into a deep depression.

Welker had lost all hope until he began to change priorities and found someone who believed in him. Still, the struggle wasn't over, but the struggle is the glory.

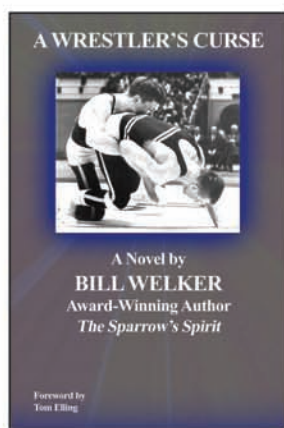


## A WRESTLER'S CURSE

Jacob Christian is a highly intelligent boy who loves the sport of wrestling. He lives in a middle-class household with parents who raised him to be morally-minded, with strong spiritual convictions and values that respected the rights of others.

Diagnosed with Obsessive-Compulsive Disorder at a very young age, Jacob is in a constant battle with his own personal problems, as well as facing strong adversaries in wrestling and during his day-to-day matters. His "coming-of-age" experiences include falling in love, teenage drinking, and making choices that would affect him his entire life.

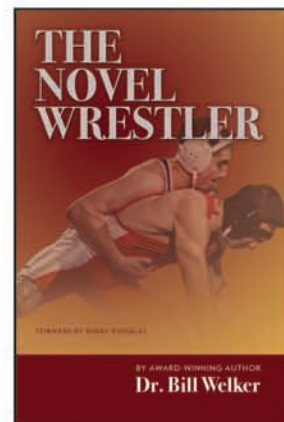
Jacob Christian's transformation from an adolescent to a college student was by no means mundane. There are twists and turns in the storyline that will keep the reader guessing on the various outcomes regarding Jacob's challenging road to adulthood.



## THE NOVEL WRESTLER

Tommy St. Clair was a child prodigy in the literary field and was a bestselling author before reaching high school. Tommy also loved the sport of wrestling. His father and older brother were state champions. A student of the game, Tommy strived to accomplish the same goal. It never happened. Tommy lacked the mental and physical toughness his father and brother possessed. That all changed when Tommy's life was turned upside down.

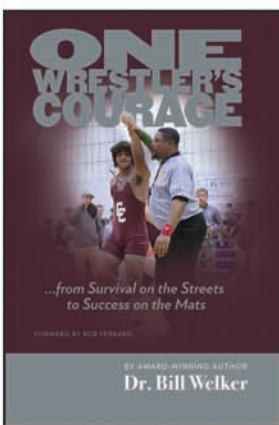
*The Novel Wrestler* will capture the hearts and souls of those who have traveled similar paths in life. Sometimes you will be amused, sometimes you will cry, and the ending will take you completely by surprise.



## ONE WRESTLER'S COURAGE

One Wrestler's Courage is a candid narrative about a black adolescent who grew up in a very violent environment. It vividly demonstrates how he courageously defies the "darker elements" of his neighborhood and how he adjusts to a new life where he learns to judge people on a personal basis.

**All his books can be viewed at [www.billwelkerwrestling.com](http://www.billwelkerwrestling.com), where you can purchase them on [Amazon.com](http://Amazon.com).**



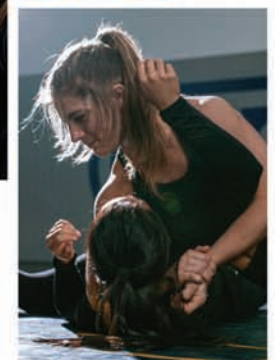
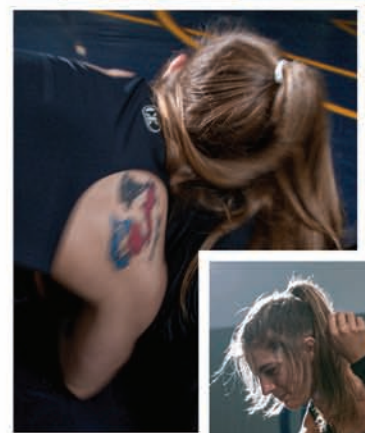
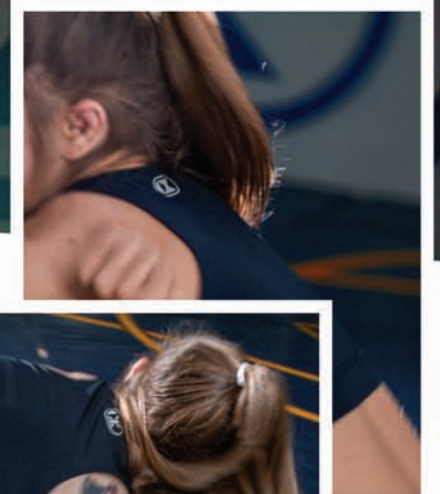
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