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STARTING A NEW SEASON MAKES A WORLD OF DIFFERENCE

You're dying for updates on wrestle-offs, I understand – just as I was hoping on Monday attending the team's practice in the Caruso Complex. Alas, I saw no ranking bouts but enjoyed practice (in-room results are private, anyway). One issue after an LUWN tribute to Ian Brown, a mini-version is due for another terrific 5th-year student, Cortlandt Schuyler, who is listed as 'out indefinitely.' This will set up a terrific wrestle-off at 149.

As an individual sport, injury definitions are none of my business as fan or editor, since leaks to rivals are potential for exploitation (fact). LUWN mentions are either 'dinged' (out a short period); out indefinitely; "gone for the season" (Darnstadt, Cornell) or 'retired' (Brown). As I work with athletes on the more key alumni network, the question of "what injury?" isn't on their resumes. The sole importance is 'if/when' they return. No grass grows under rehabbing Schuyler (seen on the stationery bike Mon): he has two degrees earned (127 credits): a BS ME and an integrated degree in engineering, arts & sciences (IDEAs), with a minor in aerospace engineering, exhausting just to type all that. He joins 'graduated' Drew Longo in the elite IDEAs program.

By tradition of over a half a century of public wrestle-offs, this one ought to be more interesting than usual on Nov. 1 with just 4-5 weights considered by the editor to be a "lead pipe cinch" vs. others merely a "favorite" vs. others very much "up for grabs"; some of these may be "of some intrigue" (speculation only).

At 149: Cortlandt's injury sets up a possibly epic wrestle-off as the primary options remaining are jr, David Pipa, PA 3 in 2015 and fr, AJ Burkhart, PA 4 in '18. Since both earned those medals at 126, it's not a stretch to imagine that "any number" of 141s who don't win that wrestle-off may earn the right to challenge at 149. HS senior weights as follows: Moran (138), Pomrinca (132), Hoffman (132), Lobeck (120). Favored 141 Karam's last PA title was 126. Hence the standard line: "you can never recruit too many at 126."

Conclusion: 149 will be "up for grabs" and possibly into 2nd semester. A tribute to learning at the Div. I level: every contender this year (all weights) owned higher HS finishes than the favorite, Schuyler (PA 7).

An LUWN weight-by-weight peek:

125- While transfer Schram may be the favorite, he'll face stiff challenges from freshman Matt Parker and junior Nick Farro – assuming all three make and hold the weight. Not meant to stir controversy; Nick last wrestled lower than 133 as a HS soph. Matty has similar size and HS resume hoping to reach his bro's Lehigh level; Scotty (like Matt, a sr 120) moved up to 133 by Year 2. Schram (sr 126) wrestled 133 his 1st two Stanford years and part of his fourth. Everyone makes flat weight Nov. 1. Game on!

An unofficial LUWN list, not intended as actual 11/1 match-ups HS Plc 125 6th/Gr PA Connor Schram 1,2,2,1 (hi) 125 Nick Farro Jr/So NJ 6,6,3 93 Matt Parker So/Fr 5,2,3 133 Scott Parker 5th/Sr PA 66 3 BrandonPaetzell Jr/So 5,2,2 62 Mitch Polito Fr/Fr NJ 3,2 141 Luke Karam Jr/So PA 2,1,1,1 15 13 141 Ryan Pomrinca Sr/Jr NJ 7,3,3 141 Joe Lobeck Jr/So PA 4,2,3 PA 141 Dan Moran So/Fr 2,4,5,2 95 141 PΑ 2,2 Jimmy Hoffman So/Fr 149 David Pipa Sr/Jr PA 3 149 A J Burkhart Fr/Fr PA 1,4 157 Gordon Wolf 5th/Gr NJ 5 11 157 6,2,1 97 Kent Lane Sr/Jr PA JoshHumphreys Fr/Fr WV 1,1,1,1 PA 165 Sr/Jr 3,7,3,1 82 13 Cole Walter 165 PA Chase Gallik Sr/Jr 6 174 Jordan Kutler Sr/Jr NJ 1.5.1 25 4 174 Paul Dunn Sr/Jr PA 3,3 8,8,7 174 Eli Grape So/Fr PA 184 Ryan Preisch 5th/Sr PA 3,3 101 3 184 Andrew Price Sr/Jr MI 4,2 197 Chris Weiler Jr/So PA 19 8 2,1 197 Jake Jakobsen Jr/So PA 2,1 46 17 197 Jr/So PA 5,3 64 Kyle Gentile Jordan Wood Jr/So 2,2,1 6 Victor Lacombe

BROADCAST NOTE: see lehighsports.com next week for plans but the expected airing is AUDIO ONLY (same last as yr)

133- A 2-time All-American has never lost a Lehigh wrestle-off final, although eventual 3-time A/A Rich Santoro lost after his 1st of three medals; two years ago, Randy Cruz lost to Pomrinca; Rich Warnke (NCAA 4) split some bouts with future 3x NCAA 1st Mike Caruso; in Fall '78, returning EIWA champs met: eventual NCAA 3,3,3 Colin Kilrain vs. NCAA 2,1,1 Mark Lieberman, each a 4x EIWA champion; three months later, LU fans enjoyed a 4 p. feature of Mark in Sports Illustrated; six months before the w-off, Mark pinned the '76

Olympic champion, John Peterson (2nd in '72), World 3rd in '78. Our convoluted conclusion: it would be a stunner if Scott Parker (NCAA 8,7) lost on Monday after ranking as high as 3rd last season.

141- In two wrestle-offs vs. two of Becahi's best in years, Ryan Pomrinca has scored the only TDs. He won, 2-1, vs. then junior Randy Cruz (Beca 6,2,1,1; EIWA 1,1,3,2; NCAA 8), then lost 3-2 on riding time to Luke Karam (PA 2,1,1,1; EIWA 3; NCAA #13). While anything's possible, expect another very close one. Luke is known as The Force at 141, but faces someone who often forces you to wrestle his bout. No cinch here.

149- (already covered; please don't write for the inside scoop on who I "think" will win, since I have no idea).
157- a weight clearly "up for grabs," Gordon earned his "Freakin' middle nickname by leveraging his 1-time NJ 5th "status" into a tendency to wrestle like very few before him (see: 18-17 win vs. buddy Chase Gallik, it was 'only' 16-12 in the ESU Open; lost 18-17 in Grace to Navy's Top 12 Bernstein). Bursting into the wrestling room has been Humphreys, who may or may not redshirt depending on Wolf maintaining his Top 12 ranking (national, not NJ). While not yet taking full flight, Kent Lane is no Clark Kent with 23 bonus wins in his 49 bouts (incl. r/s). We'll know a lot more Thursday but this is Gordo's 1st time back down to 157 since 11/8/15.

<u>165-</u> By all accounts, Cole Walter is the 'favorite'; he was one of Wolf's incentives to go 157. He may have smashed LU records for most MIA reasons in one season; see John Aadland's colorful sum-up in your Lehigh Wrestling Club Pre-Season Mat Wrap due in early Nov. to dues payers. Chase Gallik deserves his own tribute after a picnic intro quip about finally not needing a guide dog this year on campus. Threatened with possible total loss of eyesight last year (the reason for no results), several surgeries have greatly helped one of our top students. Like Wolf and Tom Bold '84, Chase will show you moves not seen before. Best seen in person.

<u>174-</u> Some fans aren't happy when guys who know each other hold back in w-offs. Don't even think about that if Jordan Kutler enters 'fight night'. He's our Babe Ruthless of LU Wrestle-offs. His teammates don't begrudge it, lauding him this summer for taking it up a notch and the LVWC has purchased the rights to University World champion, Richie Lewis, as a personal training partner. How good is Kutler? His W/L mark his first two seasons (.872) ranks 4th the last 35 years, behind only Troy Letters, Jon Trenge and Paul Diekel.

<u>184-</u> Ok, some may not be fond of the Preisch 'do,' but some sported one in our day. I come to see him wrestle. If he meets emerging Andrew Price, please pronounce both nearly identically (The Preisch Is Right!). Ryan joined Parker's win vs. Okla St with our two most exciting bouts of 2017-18. While he's yet to medal at NCAAs, his mettle includes career wins vs. A/As placing 3, 3, 5, 6, 6, 8 plus last year's 7th at 197, Rasheed, PSU.

197- By now, many have chosen their favorite guy, but it's not clear to the LUWN who's the clear favorite. Chris Weiler is the highest placer in the EIWA (6th) while soaring to NCAA Rd of 12 as freshman. He's the funkiest; John Jakobsen is the biggest and the toughest rider; Kyle Gentile has the best 'go-to' takedown. All three earned Top 20 wins as freshmen; all three have three seasons left. For Coach Pat Santoro it's like a smorgasbord at Thanksgiving (yes, Weiler is eyeing a possible jr/sr finish at 184, like a juicy turkey leg).

<u>285-</u> I chat a lot with affable 2-sport athlete Victor Lacombe (220 in both football/wrestling in NJ) but I don't envy having to do daily battle with Zach Rey and Jordan Wood. Chopping either a formidable task.

2017 LEHIGH WRESTLE-OFFS

125- Matt Parker WBF Satoshi Abe 4:38

125- Luke Resnick dec. Aaron Burkett 3-2

133- Scott Parker WTF Nick Farro 15-0, 5:36

133- Brandon Paetzell WBF Brock Herring 4:16

141- Luke Karam dec. Ryan Pomrinca 3-2

141- Jimmy Hoffman dec. Dan Moran 4-3, tb

149- Cortlandt Schuyler dec. David Pipa 3-2

157- Ian Brown dec. Kent Lane 9-4

165- Gordon Wolf dec. Drew Longo 4-1

174- Jordan Kutler WTF Charlie Sell 24-9, 6:34

184- Ryan Preisch WMD Paul Dunn 9-0

197- Kyle Gentile dec. Jake Jakobsen 2-1, tb

2016 - Lehigh Wrestle-offs

133 - Nick Farro dec. Joe Lobeck 5-3

141 - Ryan Pomrinca dec. Randy Cruz 2-1

149 - Camden Fischer dec. Brandon Diaz 7-3

149 - Laike Gardner inj.def Cortlandt Schuyler 4:48

157 - Jordan Kutler WTF Kent Lane 16-0, 2:22

165 - Drew Longo dec. lan Brown 9-7

165 - Gordon Wolf dec. Chase Gallik 18-17

174 - Ryan Preisch maj dec. Charlie Sell 10-1

184 - Andrew Price dec. Paul Dunn 5-3

197 - Ben Haas WTF Garett Stehley 17-2, 5:37

285 - Doug Vollaro dec. Jordan Wood 3-1

Gary Brownell '72 (who? Ohh, *Gimp*) posted: "I've been working with Team NJ (freestyle) since Colin Kilrain won Jr Nationals in 1977. I've worked with probably 20 Jersey kids whose fathers were also on the teams over the years. Chris Ayres and his daughter, Chloe, are my first father/daughter combinations." Gimp & I attended Monday's LU team practice the day after I enjoyed interviewing Chloe (15). It was the first time in eons I've dared to ask a woman their weight – she's entering Super 32 in NC this weekend at 103.

October means it's time for NFL Alpha Males and on Oct. 14 Minnesota QB Kirk Cousins finished up a really rousing pre-game speech: "*Like Dan Gable said, When I shoot, I score! When you shoot, I score!!!*" Great sound byte, cited widely on wrestling social media. They did beat Arizona, but by Oct. 15 were in 2nd place behind da' perennial loser, Bears; Vikes had scored 140, yielded 148. They're now in 1st (4-2-1), with a 177-165 edge in points scored, regardless of who shot first. Cousins doesn't run a 'run-and-shoot' offense.

LEHIGH WRESTLING SCHEDULE 2018-19

Nov 1	Thu	Wrestle offs	7 pm	Jan 20	Sun	@ #36 Navy	2 pm
Nov 11	Sun	@Journeyman/Troy	9 am	Jan 26**	Sat	#10 Arizona St (H)	7 pm
Nov 16	Fri	@ #4 Michigan	7 pm	Jan 27	Sun	#7 Virginia Tech (H)	2 pm
Nov 30	Fri	Princeton (H)	7 pm	Feb 2	Sat	@ Oklahoma	2 pm
Dec 2	Sun	@#1 PennSt(BTN cab	le) 1:30 pm	Feb 3	Sun	@ #13 Oklahoma St	1 pm
Dec 8	Sat	@#3 Iowa	(eve dual)	Feb 16	Sat	Army (H)	1 pm
Dec 29-30	Sa/Su	at FL: #4 MO; MN, VA	, NC	Feb 24	Sun	Penn (H)	2 pm
Jan 11	Fri	Bucknell (H)	7 pm	Mar 8-9	Fri/Sat	EIWA @ Binghamton	
Jan 12	Sat	#8 Cornell (H)	2 pm	Mar 21-2	3 Th-Sat	: NCAA Pittsburgh	
Jan 19	Sat@	American	7:30				

NOV. 11 JOURNEYMEN: McDonald Athletic Center, HUDSON VALLEY C.C. 80 VANDENBURG

AVE, TROY, NY. Pat Santoro confirmed at a 9/21 private mtg that we'll again skip the Sat. duals and compete in the Sun. individual "pool" system of bouts. NOTES: 1.) last year's bout match-ups which take time to arrange were released the day before; 2.) Okla St & Va Tech (which comprised 17 of our 54 bouts last Nov) won't return; last year 18 LU entrants wrestled the normal three bouts, with a "final" between the 2-bout pool winners. I

It's the 10th time in 11 years Lehigh treks to Troy; in the 2008 duals we grabbed our 1st-ever win vs. Okla St. Last Nov, Scott Parker's last sec 6-pt throw (right) to beat #3 Brock (OkSt) was one of the season's top moves.

SCHOOLS CONFIRMED FOR 11/11: Last year's #4 NC State; #16 Lock Haven; #28 Hofstra; #29 Purdue; #36 Edinboro; #42 Army; #54 Oklahoma. Given our schedule difficulty, the event offers ample competition with shots at reasonable # of W's.

Diehards will be there! (photo by Rich Warnke)



Exciting news for Troy attendees and online watchers on Flo Wrestling: a special feature newly designed for Lehigh fans only. You can sign up on the Journeymen website for cell phone text delivery of all LU bouts when a wrestler is "in the hole" then when he's "up next on mat _." (details next week in LUWN)

12/29-30: LU-FLA SEQUENCE: SAT: #18 UNC; #6 Missouri; SUN: #21 Minnesota (#7 in '17); #31 U.VA (#15 in '17)

- Div I duals @11:00 am; 1:00 pm each day at: Fort Lauderdale Convention Ctr, 1950 Eisenhower Blvd.

PLAN FOR 2018-19 LEHIGH WRESTLING CLUB EVENTS ANNOUNCED

11/13	Noon Fan Luncheon with Coach Pat Santoro	1/19-20	Bus Trip to American/Navy Matches
	Rt 378, Taps Tavern, Bethlehem	2/13	Final Noon Luncheon - w/Pat at Taps
1/9	2 nd Noon Luncheon – with Pat at Taps	2/24	Penn – Post-match dinner
1/12	Post-match dinner after Cornell	3/8-9	Bus to Binghamton (EIWA/dinner)

Details on the 3rd Annual Charity for the Illinois RTC: Zane Richards scored first with a passivity point, followed by a takedown into a turn to lead, 5-0 Cruz came back with a takedown on the edge followed by a cement mixer front headlock for a TD but came up just short, 5-4 (not 6-5 as appeared last-minute in LUWN).

In '17 NCAAs, #8 Richards won a controversial 7-6 s.v. bout vs. #9 seed Scotty Parker before losing 3-1 to #1 seed Nate Tomasello, Ohio St (NCAA 1,3,3,1), then 6-5 to NCAA 4,2 (fr/so) Micic, Michigan and beat Parker again for 7th. As junior, #3 seed Richards placed 4th, losing only to national champions (4-3 semis to Iowa's Clark, NCAA 5,2,2,1)

OFFICIAL LIST OF LU 4-TIME EIWA FINALISTS (Finally vetted vs seat of pants)

Zach Rey '12	2, 1, 2, 2	116-14	.8923	Mike Brown '80	1, 1, 1, 1	95-12-0	.8879
Cory Cooperman '06	1, 2, 1, 1	99-12	.8919	Mark Lieberman '79	1, 1, 1, 1	85-6-0	.9340
Pete Yozzo '87	2, 1, 1, 1	101-13-3	.8761	Mike Frick '76	1, 2, 1, 1	86-9-4	.8889
Darryl Burley '83	1, 1, 1, 1	94-5-1	.9450	Terry DeStito '75	2, 2, 1, 1	80-19-8	.7850
Colin Kilrain '82	1. 1. 1. 1	87-8-0	.9158				

No small potato stat, DeStito is the sole wrestler above with 'just' two A/A medals – and he holds the LU record as our only guy who medaled three weights apart (167 as soph; Hwt at senior).

Two diehard fans – Charlie Henry and John DeHuff – confirmed that George Barkanic, who hwt in '72,'73 (EIWA 2,3), also played some football for Lehigh. Fair enough, although offering some color on Newbern and Willard was the sole goal as our last 2-sport athletes, vs. a complete history. George was best known for being barely visible as "the guy on the bottom" in the pic when he was enveloped by 445 lb Chris Taylor in Grace Hall. Of course, not listing everyone is a risky approach with our LUWN diehards!:)



Left: George Sawtelle, Lehigh '15 (but clearly *1915*) played football and was EIWA 3,2 at 158. Rich Bolden '72 suggests George might be the only person ever to testify before a Congressional hearing while a Lehigh student.

The record holder for multi-sports may have been found by JDA: "Walter Wells '39; EIWA 3 in '37; pinned Harkness, Harvard 1938 NCAA 1 in semis, injured in finals; didn't wrestle in 1938; went 'easy' with soccer, swim team and set LU record in the javelin in track. Back to wrestle Hwt in '39. Among 2-sport athletes were star 205 lb LU lineman, Howell Scobey '36, NCAA 2,1 at Hwt. Clearly different eras.

SAY WHAT? So wrote my good friend, Ron Good, when first reading this controversial new rule: "All 33 entries at each NCAAs weight will be seeded, starting in 2019. The Div I Competition Oversight Committee approved this during its early Oct. meeting in Indianapolis. Seeds 29-33 may be assigned randomly – but paired vs. Top 4 seeds, with one of these pairings a pigtail bout. The Committee believes the weighted selection criteria provide a clear & consistent quantitative process, enabling the entire bracket to be seeded. This will produce more balanced brackets and removes random matchups.

LUWN thoughts: sure, it'll be more balanced by effectively protecting athletes and fans from undue elements of surprise, as if 16 seeds weren't enough. Imagine how shocked the committee would be if time traveling back to old eras seeding just 4, 6, 8. Those seeking international wrestling careers will need psychotherapy to survive the UWW's relative disinterest in seeding.

An online post from 'Gimp,' who handled NCAA seeds, pairings for 20 years: "Seeding is meant to separate <u>outstanding</u> individuals. How can the entire bracket be outstanding with respect to each other? If the process was perfect, we wouldn't need to wrestle the event."

Some fans note the new symmetry with "March Madness" which began seeding all 64 teams in 1985. The ho-hum results were an 0-and-135 W/L by #64 vs. #1, until UMD-Balt Co upset UVA last March. Only eight #15 seeds beat 2nd-ranked teams, including Lehigh's incredible 75-70 upset of #2 Duke in 2012. Walking outside in St.Louis between sessions, a stranger shouted: "You guys had a great day!" I replied, "Yep, Top 10 is good for now," before learning of the mega-upset.

MEN'S WORLD FREESTYLE CHAMPIONSHIPS

At the same time the NCAA newly voted on 33 seeds, the UWW pitted red-hot **David Taylor** vs World and Olympic champ Yazdani Charati (Iran) in perhaps the worst 1st-round draw at Worlds. The Irani outscored rivals 46-2 at the '17 Worlds while Taylor had won four events this year, but no majors in his career. Mission accomplished, in spades.

After one period, Charati led, 6-2 - a step out and TD (3-0) in just 0:30; Taylor tilt (3-2) but another Iran step out and TD (6-2). David then outscored the World/Olympic champ the rest of the way, 9-3. Rd 2 vs **Rajabau**, Belarus, who won the Medved last month ahead of 2017 World silver Makoev, 2016 Olympic silver Yasar and Taylor's world finals opponent: Erdin of Turkey. Taylor tech'd Rajabau, 10-0, then beat Cuba's **Torreblanca**, 8-0 (at the Yarygin the Cuban led 4-0 with 1:30 left before Taylor's two late TDs in a 4-4 criteria win. At Pan Ams, Taylor won 3-2).

In the semis with Russia's Kurugliev, Taylor took a painful 1st period boot in the face. After recovery time, Kurugliev scored two TDs to lead, 5-1, after one period. But Taylor's 2nd period 6-0 shutout raised his 4-bout edge that period to 27-0. David reversed the script to win an early 2nd period finals tech fall over Turkey, 12-2.

More tough seeds? Sidakov (Russia) won back-to-back (quarters, semis) over 5x World/Olympic champ Jordan Burroughs in the 74-kg quarters and 2x World champ Chamizo, Cuba in the semis (Late leads were lost by Burroughs and Nick Gwiazdowski in the quarters. Burroughs scored a go-ahead TD (5-5) with 0:08 left before Sidakov won on a step-out with 0:01 left. Gwiazdowski led 2-1 with just under 0:30 left, but lost 5-4 decision against China's Deng on a late headlock.

An opposite script came for Cornell alumnus, Kyle Dake (a.k.a "The Whitewasher"): in the semifinals (at right) vs. Gadzhimagomedov (Russian national champ), Dake hit a colossal counter throw (left) at mat's edge in front of USA fans to lead, 4-0 (8-0 after one). He then ignited the Americans fans again with a more spectaular 5-pt throw to end a 13-0 tech fall early in the 2nd period. Dake won gold via 2-0 finals win vs. Olympic bronze Hazanov (Azerbaijan) to finish Worlds with a 39-0 edge in points scored, a rare shutout.



(photo by Larry Slater)

Conservative Cox (J'Den, NCAA 1,5,1,1) won his final at 92 kg over Belarus, 4-1, as the USA capitalized as planned on the new weights for Worlds between Burrroughs and Kyle Snider -- at 174, 189, 202 (vs. last year's 189 only among just eight weights in 2017). In June '17, Burroughs beat out Dake at 163; Cox nipped Taylor at 189.

Two flies in the ointment: America's best, Snyder settled for silver; Burroughs bronze. Russia's Sadulaev earned a early fall over Snyder at 213 in the feature promoted as Snyderlaev II. Kyle (World 1,1; Olympic 1) won their first meeting 6-5 at the '17 Worlds.



Sadulaev, now World 1,1,1 and '16 Olympic 1, used a funky kind of HS move to deck Snider. Kyle countered a shot with an overhook, as the Russian stood, reached back with one arm to trap one Snyder elbow elbow, then hit him with a wrist roll variation (the end result to college fans looked like inverted Peterson or granby roll, at left). Said Kyle: "I've never seen that move before; except maybe in junior league. But it works well here, too."

The men finished 2nd behind Russia, 28 points behind despite one of our best-ever Worlds: seven freestyle medals (4th-time ever), with three golds, most since 1995. Kyle Dake (79 kilograms), David Taylor (86 kilograms) and J'den Cox (92 kilograms) won gold. Kyle Snyder (97 kilograms) won silver. Joe Colon (61 kilograms), Jordan Burroughs (74 kilograms) and and Nick Gwiazdowski (125 kilograms) finished with bronze medals.

The United States won seven World Freestyle medals for just the fourth time in USA Wrestling history and three of them were golds. The combined men's and women's freestyle teams medal haul (11) broke the all-time U.S. mark of 10 medals, achieved in: 1991 (6 freestyle men; 2 female; 2 greco-roman); 1989 (5 men; 3 female; 1 greco): 1979 (7 men; 3 greco). One of the '79 men's freestyle: Lehigh's Bobby Weaver at 105.5, just before enrolling as a Lehigh freshman. He was the sole Eastern Seaboard collegiate freestyler on those three teams. This year, there were three: Dake, Taylor, Gwiazdowski.

WOMEN'S FREESTYLE

Helen Maroulis suffered her first loss at the World/Olympic level since 2014, after just recently recovering from a concussion and other issues. She made no excuses but some early head bonks were problematic. By contrast, Adeline Gray won her 4th World title and first since 2015. Adeline crushed 2017 world champ Yasemin Adar of Turkey in dominant fashion to become a 4-time world champion, joining John Smith, Tricia Saunders and Jordan Burroughs as 4-timers. She had failed to medal in Rio as a 2x returning World champ. Trailing 1-0 early vs. Adar,

Adeline scored a TD enroute to a 13-1 tech fall using her legendary leg lace. "The talent in this bracket is insane, with world champs who didn't reach the medal stand."

Despite some adversity and near misses, the American Women finished with Gray's gold, Sarah Hildebrandt's silver and bronzes for Tamyra-Mensah Stock and Mallory Velte and finished third with 103 points (2nd in country medal haul). Japan won its 22nd World title in 28 years, with four golds, a silver, two bronzes and 156 points.

2018 SENIOR WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS - BUDAPEST, HUNGARY - Oct 20-25, 2018

Team	Pts	– 1 st	- 2 nd	- 3 rd	- 5 th			1 st	- 2 nd	- 3 rd -	- 5 th		1 st	- 2 nd	- 3 rd	- 5 th
1. Russia	178	4	1	2	2	4. Japan	67	1	-	2	-	9. Azerbaijan 44	-	1	-	-
2. USA	150			3		6. Iran	65	-	-	3	2	10. Belarus 41	-	1	1	-
3. Georgia	105	1	1	2	3	7. Mongolia	57	-	-	1	2	11. India 38	-	1	-	1
4. Cuba	67	1	_	2	1	8. Turkey	53	-	1	1	1	12. Uzbekistan 33	-	-	1	1

MEDAL RESULTS

57kg/125	79kg/174						
1 st - Uguev	Russia	1 st - Kyle Dake	USA				
2 ^{nd-} Sanayev	Kazakstan	2 nd - Hasanov	Azerbaijan				
3 rd - Atli	Turkey	3 rd - Gazimagomedov,A	Russia				
3 rd - Takahashi	Japan	3 rd - Shabanov	Bulgaria				
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61kg/134		86kg/189					
1 st - Bonnie Rodriguez	Cuba	1st- David Taylor	USA				
2 nd - Rashidov	Russia	2 nd - Erdin	Turkey				
3 rd - Joe Colon	USA	3 rd - Naskideava	Spain				
3 rd - Tumenbileg	Mongolia	3 rd - Yazdani Chariti	Iran				
65kg/143		92kg/202					
1 st - Otoguro	Japan	1st- J'Den Cox	USA				
2 nd - Bajrang	India	2 nd -Yankowski	Bulgaria				
3 rd - Chakaev	Russia	3 rd - Matsumoto	Japan				
3 rd - Valdes Torres	Cuba	3 rd - Karimimachiani	Iran				
70kg/154		97kg/213					
1 st - Gazimagomedov,M	Russia	1 st - Sadulaev	Russia				
2 nd - Batirov	Bahrain	2 nd - Kyle Snyder	USA				
3 rd - Marin Castillo	Cuba	3 rd - Odigadze	Georgia				
3 rd - lakobishvili	Georgia	3 rd - Ruano	Italy				
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74kg/163		125kg/275					
1 st - Sidakov	Russia	1 st - Petriashvili	Georgia				
2 nd - Kentcharze	Georgia	2 nd - Deng	China				
3 rd - Jason Burroughs	USA	3 rd - Gwiazdowski	USA				
3 rd - Abdurakmanov	Uzbekistan	3 rd - Basmani	Iran				

Russian head coach Dzambolat Tedeev faces a possible suspension for attacking a ref at the UWW World Championships Oct. 23. Tedeev was on the bench for Gadzhimurad Rashidov's final at 61 kg (freestyle) when the incident occurred. Rashidov was losing 5-2 but three 2nd period push outs made it, 5-5. A spectacular Cuban throw in the first period broke the tie on criteria. At bout's end, Tedeev went ICBM on the ref, launching a tirade of abuse while arguing he'd missed a fourth push out which would have won gold for Russia. The language earned Tedeev a yellow, then red card, so he jumped up and physically pushed the referee. In keeping with today's political world of apologia, perhaps Russia was simply demonstrating the no-call on the 4th push out?

MATCHUPS ANNOUNCED THRU OCT. 25 for ALL-STAR CLASSIC IN DENVER, CO - SAT, NOV. 2

- **141:** Seth Gross (sr, S.Dakota St, NCAA 2,1 @133) vs. Tariq Wilson (so, NC State, 3 @133)
- 141: Joey McKenna (sr, Ohio St, 3,3) vs. Kaid Brock (jr, Okla St 5,5)
- 149: Matt Kolodzik (jr, Princeton, 8,3) vs. Mitch Finesilver (sr, Duke, #12 seed at 157)
- 174: Myles Amine (jr, Michigan, 4,3) vs. Jacobe Smith (sr, Okla St,8 @174)
- 184: Max Dean (so, Cornell, 8) vs. Taylor Venz (so, Nebraska, 4)
- 285: Derek White (sr, Okla St, #9 seed in '18)

Women

- 109: Charlotte Fowler (Campbellsville) vs. Maria Vidales (Emmanuel)
- 123: Gabriela Ramos-Diaz (Wayland Baptist) Dominique Parrish (Simon Fraser)
- 130: Erika Mihalca (Missouri Baptist)
- 143: Nicole Joseph (King) vs Alexis Porter (McKenzee), WCWA 2
- 170: Brittany Marshall (Wayland Baptist) vs. Mariah Harris (Campbellsville)

It's Parrish's 2nd straight All-Star entry; career 91-11 and 2018 WCWA National Champion; the 3x A/A yielded no points in the USA Wrestling Team Trials and will compete at the U23 World Championships in Poland in Nov



Sandy Stevens, on the National Wrestling Hall of Fame Board of Governors since 2012 serves as executive committee member and is on the Hall of Fame's Illinois Chapter board. In 1998 she received its Order of Merit award, selected by the Hall of Fame's Distinguished Members. She became the first female to receive the award and only the second female inducted into the Hall of Fame.

The familiar PA voice of wrestling began at HS meets before including, U of Iowa dual meets, USA Wrestling events, Jr Nationals in Fargo since 1971 plus 34 years at the Div. I NCAAs Division I NCAA National Championships for 34 years, the men's and women's Worlds in 2003 and 2015 and the Olympics in 1984 and 1996 and many more. The journalist from Glen Ellyn, IL, was named Woman of the Year by USA Wrestling in 2000, earned the NWCA's Meritorious Service award and was the first woman inducted into Iowa's Wrestling Hall of Fame.

A Northern Iowa Panther forever, Stevens helped create the Bear and Sandy Stevens Head Wrestling Coach Endowment at Northern Iowa and she was the lead donor for their wrestling room renovation, while also endowing two wrestling scholarships. She was recently interviewed in a series among National Hall of Fame board members. Some snippets:

You have given in countless ways to wrestling. Why are you so driven to give? I've been blessed beyond measure, to be part of the wrestling family for nearly five decades. By the time my late husband earned a b.s degree, a master's, and was on his way to a doctorate, many of those with whom he'd gone to elementary school were either in prison or dead by violent means. Talk to wrestlers and you'll hear stories about how this sport turned their life around.

How did you find the sport of wrestling? My husband and I started dating before 10th grade. That fall he went out for wrestling for the first time. As I fell in love with him, I fell in love with the sport and the people involved in it. That's one long-lasting love affair!

How do we continue to get women involved in wrestling? The Hall of Fame has an exhibit "Wrestling is a Sport For All and Any BODY Can Wrestle" and I believe that's true. Look at what wrestling did for Sally Roberts and how her Wrestle Like a Girl Foundation is influencing the lives and the choices of younger girls. Also, we need to push for the NCAA's approval of women's wrestling as an emerging sport that will make a dramatic difference in the future of our sport.

You are known worldwide for your voice. How do you prepare to announce a wrestling tournament? By doing as much research as possible: Are there returning champions, All-Americans or academic award winners? What are the current rankings and who are the leaders in takedowns, tech falls, etc. I like to add human interest information to help fans know more about the wrestlers, such as they are the third sibling to wrestle for a title or they missed last year because of injury. But most important is saying the names correctly. I've had brothers who pronounced their names differently, and in one tourney, in the same weight, three wrestlers with the same last name, all pronounced it differently.

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