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## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

As we complete our 2011-12 high school season, it is a good time for coaches to reflect on their program's accomplishments and status, and to consider developmental opportunities for themselves, and their coaching staff. There are a good number of quality coaches' training programs available in the coming months. Before settling on a set of particular coaches' training session(s), be sure to evaluate your wrestling program's current status as well as projected needs.



This can be accomplished with a simple evaluation meeting with your coaching staff, possibly a meeting with your athletic director, an evaluation of your team's final statistics for the season and some reflective thought by you, the head coach of your program.

The second step, after deciding on your staff's needs, will be to determine your budgetary and time limitations in accomplishing this important function within your program during the off-season. As is the case now days, there is a wide spectrum of coaching development opportunities ranging from the traditional gymnasium settings to online options. Again, your final decisions will certainly be impacted by how much money you have to spend and what your staff's time constraints are in the coming months.

Listed below are a few ideas that might get you started in thinking about this area of your wrestling program:

- The IHSWCA is bringing in Braumon Creighton from California in for its 20th annual spring coaches' clinic, which will be held at the

University of Indianapolis on April 20.

- The IHSWCA's "Coaches Mentoring Committee" is putting together a flash drive, which will contain a rich variety of ideas in all facets of coaching.

This will be made first available at our spring clinic in April.

- The ISWA (and USA Wrestling) offers a series of coaches' developmental seminars that include a series of classes that build on one another (Copper, Bronze, Silver and Gold Classes)

- Online coaches' development options are out there at sites such as [www.flowrestling.com](http://www.flowrestling.com).

- Universities and colleges should be considered, as they will offer coaching development opportunities on occasion in conjunction with their summer camps.

- Organizations such as the National Wrestling Coaches Association and Amateur Wrestling News (amongst others) offer great training opportunities to their members and subscribers. The NWCA offers an excellent opportunity for coaches at their national conference in August (in Florida).

- Next fall, the IHSWCA will once again offer its annual fall clinic prior to the season.

Best of luck as you weigh your off-season coaching development opportunities.

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# Top ranked heavy weight

Kaden Suter : Currently Ranked #1 in the state at Heavy Weight

Season Record: 43-0

Career Record: 105-4

Came back from a significant knee injury that occurred in a tournament right before the season began last year and returned at Christmas break to finish

8th in the state in last years State Tournament.

Kaden is focused on trying to bring home a State Title to the Artesian Wrestling program.



myself for this year's tournament. It is not easy to get out of Friday night, but having seen what it takes to compete on both nights of the State

**Do you think that your experience last year will help you in your quest for a state title this year?**

Yes, I think having been a Consecoco the last two years make it much easier to handle the feelings that you have in competing at the State Finals. Getting to the second day last year will help me understand what I have to do to prepare

Tournament is something that can not be replaced.

**What does it mean to you to be a Martinsville Artesian Wrestler?**

It means a lot to me. It gives me the opportunity to carry on the tradition that Martinsville wrestling has. It allows me to represent my coaches, school and all of the members of the community in a respectful and honorable manner. Putting on a Martinsville singlet means the world to me and I am very proud to do it.

**What do you think has helped you become a talented Heavy Weight?**

The biggest thing is having coaches that have taught me how to not wrestle like just a big guy. Learning how to shoot and to be able to wrestle like a wrestler that competes in the lower weight classes. This has helped me become a more complete wrestler.

**What does wrestling mean to you?**

For the most part it is my life, It is where I have formed most of my friendships. The wrestling community throughout the state of Indiana is where I have bonded with a number of wrestlers. It is the main focus of what I do and what I think about the majority of the time. It has given me an identity that most people know and has allowed me the opportunities that others have not had.

**What does it mean to be at least a 3 X state qualifier?**

It means a tremendous amount to me and my family. It is something that not a lot of people have accomplished in their career and it lets me know that I am capable of competing at a high level and have success at the same time. I have had the opportunity to see the great talent that has been there over the last three years and to be a part of it is very special.

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## ACADEMIC ALL-STATE

### JUNIOR ACADEMIC ALL-STATE

126 Lincoln Kyle Alexandria	Harrison	195 Ryan Patterson Lowell
132 Luke Blanton Alexandria	170 Zachary Peak Evansville Harrison	160 Tate Turner Madison
195 Dylan Jones Avon High School	170 Alex Schneider Evansville Mater Dei	145 Michael Culley Marion High
160 Jacob Bergman Belmont	285 Nathan Wright Evansville Mater Dei	170 Joseph Walter Mishawaka Marian High School
182 Brad Busse Bellmont	132 Branson Schroeder Evansville Mater Dei	160 Michael Rynkiewich Mt. Vernon (Posey) HS
138 Willie Mahlan Belmont	126 Logan Wedding Evansville Memorial	132 Adam Bogs Munster
132 Levi Moss Ben Davis High School	106 Damon Kuhn Evansville Reitz	182 Morgan Kabrich North Central
160 Gage Norris Ben Davis High School	120 Blake Johns Evansville Reitz	126 Paul Mikesell North Miami High School
195 Jacob Ricks Benton Central	220 Mason Schnarr Evansville Reitz	106 Alan Mock North Miami High School
285 Shawn Ryan Bishop Dwenger	195 Mitch Sliga Fishers High School	195 Tyler Hoover North Miami High School
120 Logan Parrish Bishop Dwenger	220 Nick Ottersbach Floyd Central	138 Jared Kirtlan Northfield HS
182 Ben Evans Bishop Dwenger	145 Garrett Dalton Fentz Franklin Community High School	182 Kyle Houlihan Northfield HS
195 Boyd Haley Bloomington South	152 Lucas Joseph Kriech Franklin Community High School	145 Timothy Deters Northridge
182 Conner Ludwig Brownsburg High School	145 Travis Pickard Goshen High School	182 Zach Telschow NorthWood
126 Anand Tsogtbaatar Brownsburg High School	126 Jonah Thompson Greenwood Community High School	138 Tyler Apple Paoli
138 Ben Rodimel Carmel	285 Patrick Vondersaar Guerin Catholic	195 Ian Bostock Paoli
220 Bailey Inman Carmel High School	138 Romario Velazquez Harrison (WL)	160 Joey Stasiak Penn High School
145 Gino Gillum Cathedral	152 Dulus Owen Harrison (WL)	145 Trevor Manspeaker Penn High School
182 John White Cathedral	170 Dakota Jacobsen Homestead High School	138 Nick Bova Perry Meridian High School
195 Bryce Campbell Cathedral	182 Zach Carlstrom Homestead High School	145 Riley McClurg Perry Meridian High School
132 Saul Fisher Center Grove	152 Jacvkson Bennett HSE	145 Colin Quin Peru High School
285 Eric Kuznar Churubusco	160 Austin Neibarger HSE	182 Andrew Robinson Peru High School
170 Jason Nicodemus Churubusco	132 Mitch Snyder HSE	160 Kane Rockenbaugh Peru High School
132 Austin Boggess Churubusco	120 Chad Heer HSE	152 Kaleb Hammersley Peru High School
195 Tyler Casey Clinton Prairie	182 Levi Pearson HSE	126 Braxton Simpson Peru High School
182 Russell Hazelet Columbia City HS	132 Edgar Chevez Jasper	138 Christian Pearson Plainfield
170 Macaully Vessels Connersville High School	170 Dillon Wagner Jasper	195 Daylon Weddle Plainfield
220 John Marvel Connersville High School	145 David Fridley Jeffersonville	126 Ben Macri Plainfield
138 Robby Marschand Connersville High School	160 Daniel Thompson Jeffersonville	106 John Mills II Plymouth High School
138 Tyler Burlison Crown Point High School	220 Ross Corcoran Lafayette Central Catholic Jr/Sr High School	126 Joe Boots Prarie Heights High School
170 Jacob Hazi Crown Point High School	160 Sam Kochert Lafayette Central Catholic Jr/Sr High School	132 Kevin Meyer Princeton
113 Allen Betts Culver Community High School	152 Patrick Krane Lafayette Central Catholic Jr/Sr High School	170 Daniel Fernandez Providence
182 Brendan Gill Delta High School	138 Scott Swingle Lawrence Central H.S.	113 Barry McGinley Roncalli High School
113 Codey Flickinger Elkhart Memorial	160 K.C. Hedger Lawrenceburg High School	120 Josh King Roncalli High School
182 Kain Jenkins Elkhart Memorial	138 Collin Campbell Lebanon High School	126 Trent Fadness Rossville
132 Stephon Wilkins Emmerich Manual High School	220 Grant Maxwell Lewis Cass	220 Robert Hadley II Rushville Cons. H. S.
285 Jesse Hohl Evansville Central	195 Luke Knutson Lewis Cass	285 Joseph Garland Rushville Cons. H. S.
160 Wesley Mandel Evansville Central	126 Andrew Roadruck Lowell	285 Adam J. Wolka Seymour
145 Alex Palstring Evansville Harrison		285 Tyler Uhls Shelbyville
113 Mathew Mastison Evansville		132 Patrick Boucher Sheridan
		220 Nathan Wynn South Adams
		170 Mike Anderson South Bend Riley

## ACADEMIC ALL-STATE CONTINUED

182 Tanner Thompson South Putnam High School	Jake Hammel DeKalb High School	Hayden Janney HSE
126 Benjamin Fiechter Southern Wells	Aaron Mason DeKalb High School	Matt Irick HSE
145 Derek Long Tipton High School	Jeff Mason DeKalb High School	Charles Snodgrass Indian Creek High School
120 Adam Boles Tri-West Hendricks	Alex Mix DeKalb High School	Elijah Curtley Jeffersonville
113 Mason Tribbett Twin Lakes	Tanner Lynde Delphi	Alonzo Shepherd Jeffersonville
132 Austin Fuller Union County	Kevin Offutt Delphi	Brandon Weinkauff Jimtown
160 Wyatt Krom Union County	Blake Rodenbeck East Noble	Brandon Weinkauff Jimtown
285 A. J. Gilchrist Westfield	Clint Hoffar East Noble	Alex Skipper John Adams High School
170 Greg Warren Westview	Clint Hoffar East Noble	Logan Short Knox Community High School
120 Travis Normand Woodlan High School	Kristopher Roberts Elkhart Memorial	Blake Brutus Kokomo
113 Schuyler Phillips Yorktown HS	Jarrold Clouser Elwood	Brandon Minton Kokomo
138 Tyler Glenn Zionsville	Hunter Oakley Evansville Central	Cameron Colby Kokomo
285 Austin Brewer Zionsville	Jake Lannert Evansville Mater Dei	Jesse Goodnight Kokomom
113 Mitch Weber Zionsville	Alex Bassemier Evansville Mater Dei	Adrian Brown Lafayette Jefferson
	Logan Folz Evansville Mater Dei	Sam Ensign Lafayette Jefferson
	Dane Maurer Evansville Mater Dei	Jordan Maxey Lapel
	Ben Johnson Evansville Memorial	Clay LaBarr Lawrence Central
	Jackson Colavecchia Evansville Memorial	Jacob Henry Lawrence North High School
	Brian Hayhurst Evansville Memorial	Trent Eliason Lawrenceburg High School
	Louis Funke Evansville Memorial	Clayton Campbell Lebanon High School
	Louis Funke Evansville Memorial	Isaac Greeson Maconaquah
	Gideon Vanhook Evansville Reitz	Brian Dick Macquancah
	Trevor Moody Evansville Reitz	Payton Sorg Manchester High School
	Blake Rueger Evansville Reitz	Gabriel Flores Marion High
	Aaron King Evansville Reitz	Seth Lloyd Marion High
	Daltyn Backes Evansville Reitz	Tanner Williams Marion High
	Trevor Moody Evansville Reitz	Ethan Dale McCutcheon High School
	Gideon Vanhook Evansville Reitz	Gregory Kosel Mishawaka Marian High School
	Dillon Hinen Fairfield HS	Thomas Stachowiak Mishawaka Marian High School
	Jeff Gasper Fishers High School	Stephan Blanford Mt. Vernon (Posey) High School
	Eli Moore Fountain Central	Scott Kohler Muncie Central
	Colton Bane Fountain Central	Brenden Campbell New Castle
	Luke Vaughn Fountain Central	William Clinkscales North Central
	Andrew Mitchell Fountain Central	Melvin Graham North Central
	CJ gerald Frankfort	Hunter Wells Northfield HS
	Brian Murr Franklin Community High School	Drew Miller Northwestern
	Spencer Hessman Franklin Communty High School	Raymond Monroe Northwestern
	Nolan Feller Franklin County High School	Drew Miller Northwestern
	Ryan Ntende Goshen High School	Mitchell Wilson Norwell High School
	Nathan Epler Greenwood Community High School	Thomas Linna Oak Hill
	Matt Rivas Guerin Catholic	Joe Tuell Paoli
	Matt Rivas Guerin Catholic	Jake Stilwell Pendleton Heights
	Paul Petrov Hanover Central	Kyle Babb Pendleton Heights
	Charlie Mavros Hanover Central	Andrew Foley Pendleton Heights
	Lucas Lager Hanover Central	Jordan McCool Pendleton Heights
	Peter Konieczny Harrison (WL)	Jacob Davis Penn High School
	Caleb Bettag Heritage Hills	Ben Varner Penn High School
	Kody George Homestead High School	
	Derek Sanders HSE	
<b>SENIOR ACADEMIC ALL-STATE</b>		
Ben Branson Alexandria		
Jon Blanton Alexandria		
Josh Blanton Alexandria		
Jon Blanton Alexandria		
Brooks Faurote Bellmont		
Dewey Melcher Bellmont		
Alex MacDonald Bishop Dwenger		
Michael Zehr Bishop Dwenger		
Michael Nix Bishop Dwenger		
Carter Delaney Bishop Dwenger		
Connor Ennis Boonville		
Abraham Hall Bremen High School		
Luke Huston Brownsburg High School		
Kalia Clark Calumet High School		
Graham Redweik Caston		
Graham Redweik caston		
kyle Harvey caston		
Brian Harvey Cathedral		
Levi Kinney Cathedral		
Michael Venezia Cathedral		
Brock Warner Center Grove		
Adam Boggess Churubusco		
Bryce Forrester Columbia City		
Eric Shepherd Columbia City HS		
Ryan Bean Crawfordsville HS		
Hudson Miller Crawfordsville HS		
Cameron Halsted Crown Point High School		
Tyler Kral Crown Point High School		
Josh Swope Crown Point High School		
Jason Tsirtsis Crown Point High School		
Pascal Brun Culver Academies		
Carlos Salinas Culver Academies		

## ACADEMIC ALL-STATE CONTINUED

Reed Holcomb Prairie Heights High School  
Jeff Koberstein Princeton  
Leven Tomey Princeton  
Brennan Gregory Providence  
Bryce Roberts Rochester High School  
Joe Ardizzone Roncalli High School  
Brennan Ellis Roncalli High School  
Parker Leisure Rushville Cons. H. S.  
Caleb Cole Scottsburg High School  
Cody Clark Shelbyville  
John Slivka Shenandoah High School  
Dean Fites Shenandoah High School  
Nathan Miller Sheridan  
Alex Padgett Sheridan  
Jared Wilson Snider  
Austin Whisler Snider  
James Starks Snider  
Mason Meling Snider  
Aaron Bender Snider

Charlie Hirschy South Adams  
Jordan Landers South Adams  
Isaac Werst South Adams  
Dkhari James Turner-Smith South Bend Riley  
Andrew Waters South Putnam High School  
Hunter Wetzel South Spencer High School  
Alexander Zachariah Thomas South Vermillion High School  
Nolan Fenwick Southport High School  
Matt Miller Southport High School  
Brian Boucher Southport High School  
Joseph Gilham Sullivan  
Erik Brown TC Howe Communtiy HS  
Blake Alvey Tell City Junior/Senior High School  
Trent Bauters Tippecanoe Valley High School  
Cole Warner Tipton High School  
Christian Winkle Twin Lakes

Anders Douglass Twin Lakes  
Dyrek Chowning Warren Central High School  
Brad Penning Western High School  
Cody Cyr Western High School  
Max Juarez Westfield  
Lucas Rooney Westfield  
Lukas Schaeffer Westfield  
Cody Zink Woodlan High School  
Logan Buuck Woodlan High School  
Dylan Smith Yorktown HS  
Cody Smith Yorktown HS  
Michael Conner Zionsville  
Karl Anliker Zionsville  
Spenser Simpson Zionsville  
Donovan McCloskey Zionsville  
Adam Kern Zionsville

## INTERVIEWS

# IHSAA Commissioner Bobby Cox

**B**obby Cox began his role as the eighth commissioner of the Indiana High School Athletic Association in 2011. Prior to that appointment, he had served as assistant commissioner since 2000 administering the sports of football, boys' golf, boys' and girls' track and field, and wrestling. Previously, Cox was a member of the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) Football Rules Committee serving as the Chairman of the Research subcommittee from 2008-2011. Additionally, Cox served as a member of the NFHS Coaches' Education committee from 2002-2006 and as an advisor to the Commission on Sports Medicine of the Indiana State Medical Association.

### **How did you enjoy your time as liaison to wrestling over the years?**

During my 11 years as Assistant Commissioner, I enjoyed the

administration of wrestling and learned a great deal about the sport and those associated with it. I found that coaches and fans of wrestling have a unique passion for the sport and work tirelessly to promote the sport in a positive manner. Probably most rewarding for me were the friendships that have been developed over those years and continue today.

### **How are the challenges of your new position going?**

The challenges are certainly different in the Commissioner's office than elsewhere. Most of the time, I find the work interesting, rewarding

and fulfilling. There are those times like in any position where frustration creeps in and I continue to remind myself to exercise patience and understanding.

### **How do you enjoy the IHSAA State Finals each year?**

The wrestling state finals has become one of my favorite events of the year. Each of our state championships have their own personality and are enjoyable for diverse reasons. I would have to say that the wrestling state finals takes on a

"reunion" feel as I have an opportunity to see folks that I do not cross paths all year except on that weekend.



# Mat side with Coach Greg Schaefer

Coach Schaefer had 9 state qualifiers this past weekend at the Evansville Semi-state, and his team will be wrestling in the upcoming IHSAA Team State Duals Championships, we caught up with him to see his opinions on a few topics.

**Coach Schaefer – you had a great high school and collegiate career, what was it like wrestling for a program like MD, and how did that help prepare you for college?**

Wrestling at Mater Dei was very memorable and meaningful to me. I had the opportunity to be coached by arguably the greatest coaching tandem in Indiana (Mike Goebel and Randy Helfrich). Along with a tremendous coaching staff we had a fan base that was second to none. As a result of the support of the Mater Dei community, we realized as athletes that we competed for more than just ourselves, we wrestled for our coaches, families, and fans.

Although it is difficult to be fully prepared for the rigors of wrestling in college, I feel that the lengthy and difficult practices at Mater Dei helped to better prepare me.

**You won state titles as a wrestler, and now your team is consistently in the running for it as a coach, what is most satisfying to you, your accomplishments as a wrestler or a coach?**

I have never really compared my accomplishments as an athlete with accomplishments as a coach. I think there is a big difference between the two. As a wrestler I worked hard to accomplish my goals and help accomplish team goals. As coach I work hard to help others accomplish their goals. Having success as a wrestler was very meaningful and important

to me and it still is. However, through coaching I have the opportunity to be part of so many people's lives.

To witness and be part of helping a boy develop into a young man while watching them set, strive, and accomplish their goals is priceless.

**After a stint at Beech Grove, you came back to your alma mater, what has that meant to you?**

I greatly enjoyed coaching at Beech Grove, having the opportunity to work with a great coaches and develop life-long friendships with wrestlers and their parents. I have really enjoyed returning to the support of my family and the Mater Dei community. I owe much to Mater Dei High School and the Mater Dei community. Returning home made me feel as if I was being given the chance to give back to a place that I hold dear.

**MD has won state in both the “traditional” format, and the “duals format” what do you think has meant more to your program?**

Any state title is special and a great accomplishment that many wrestlers don't get to experience. I believe that if you ask anyone on any of the Mater Dei teams they would say that the dual format was more meaningful. There is nothing like two teams going head to head in a dual to be named, “State Champions.”

**You have a great tradition of**

**winning at MD, but I know that you stress a lot of other things in your program. To you, what are the most important things a coach should be relating to their kids?**

As coaches we are gifted with the opportunity and responsibility to help develop boys into men, emphasizing integrity, discipline and hard work. As coaches we have to constantly set an example by how we live our lives. Through wrestling, we get to help them learn how to sacrifice and realize they are part of something much bigger than themselves. Not everyone will be a state champ, but everyone can give a champion's effort. In the end we want men of character that will stand up for what they believe and actively engage themselves in the improvement of the world around them.

**What do you think of the new IHSWCA tourney?**

Although I am greatly disappointed the dual meet state series is going away, I am hopeful that the new tournament will be an event to help showcase the best teams in Indiana. It is one thing to have an idea; it is another to make sure that it becomes a reality. I am appreciative to everyone involved and all of the hours they have put into the development of the new IHSWCA tournament.

**Are you a member of the IHSWCA?**

Yes, every year.



## COACH SCHAEFER'S STATS

- Wife & Kids – Kristi, Isaiah (5) Caleb (3), Mia (4 months)
- Coaching Record – 106-6
- Number of State Qualifiers – 23
- College Career – IU 3X National Qualifier
- High School Career – Mater Dei, 168 - 5, 1st 5th, 2nd, 1st

## TEAM STATE STANDINGS

Below are the standings after semi-state. This week, only the teams with a mathematical possibility of earning one of the 7 positions awarded this season are included. Remember as always that these scores are earned in a way that shows us how good a team should be in duals next season. Some notes:

- Many teams with higher scores than some listed here are not on the list because they're mathematically eliminated (Jasper, for example, is very highly rated in 2A but has no one left wrestling and are slightly below what they'd need to remain in contention)

- Remember, 4 positions are awarded for highest points from each of the semi-states for each class and 2 Wildcard positions are awarded for the 2 highest remaining scores, regardless of semi-state. The 3rd wildcard for each class will be determined by selection committee vote after the season from among the first available candidate and any other candidates within 30 points (3A and 2A) or 35 points (1A).

- Scores for Merrillville semi-state teams are almost certainly correct, but should not be considered official. The others are official.

- We'll post final scores for all teams in the state after the state finals.

- Teams listed are mathematically "alive" either to win their semi-state berth or to be within the prescribed point differential to qualify for the coaches' vote. Numerous teams listed would need very, very big surprises this weekend to remain alive.

- No injury points have been included yet. Don't forget to turn in your injury reports to Coach Struck for sophomores and juniors who qualified for at least semi-state last year but didn't wrestle sectional this year due to injury.

- \*--In position to win an automatic semi-state berth

- \$--In position to win one of 2 automatic wildcard berths

### 3A TEAMS:

\*Perry Meridian 358.30  
\$Cathedral 325.72  
\*Evansville Mater Dei 315.81  
\$Bloomington South 306.20  
\*Crown Point 296.03  
Merrillville 293.03  
Franklin 263.48  
Lake Central 259.56  
Penn 253.46  
Center Grove 251.62  
Avon 235.92  
Portage 235.85  
Hamilton Southeastern 233.68  
Greenfield-Central 221.30  
South Bend Clay 221.03  
Evansville Reitz 217.56  
\*Elkhart Memorial 217.02  
FW Snider 203.63  
East Noble 195.37

### 2A TEAMS:

\*Evansville Memorial 298.96  
\*Jintown 278.62  
\$Danville 259.31  
\$Heritage Hills 251.79  
Leo 246.36  
Yorktown 245.92  
Muncie Southside 222.88  
\*Culver Academies 222.68  
Delphi 217.98  
Peru 204.52  
Benton Central 204.48  
\*Southmont 202.62

### 1A TEAMS:

\*Adams Central 294.36  
\$South Adams 240.44  
\$Churubusco 222.89  
North Miami 203.78  
\*Milan 200.76  
\*Bremen 194.60  
\*South Putnam 191.92  
Fremont 189.27  
Prairie Heights 187.82  
Lewis Cass 186.99  
Shenandoah 171.44  
Union County 170.46  
Culver 156.46

## HALL OF FAME ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our annual banquet and induction ceremony will be held the day after the individual State Finals Tournament. This year's event will be held on Sunday, February 19, 2012, at 1:00 p.m. and should conclude by 4:00 p.m. The location is Jonathan Byrd's Cafeteria, I-65 at the Greenwood exit, Greenwood, IN. The easiest access is to exit west from I-65 south at the Greenwood exit and come west about ¼ mile. The meal will cost \$20 per person.

### IHSWCA HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES FOR THE YEAR 2012

#### WRESTLERS:

Brandon Ingalls – Lawrence North  
James Leavell – Decatur Central  
Tim Myers – Belmont  
Andy Schneider – Mt. Vernon (Posey)

#### COACHES:

Brent Faurote – Belmont  
Rick Stenftenagel – Jasper  
Scott Vlink – Crown Point

#### CONTRIBUTORS:

Ray Black, JR – Madison  
JonHammond – Plainfield

#### BILLY THOM AWARD:

Jim Wadkins – Calumet

#### FAMILY:

Steve Harding – New Palestine  
Errett (Dave/Ginny/Zach) – Martinsville  
Bill Pruitt – Indianapolis  
Pete Schroeder – Indianapolis

#### MEDIA AWARD:

Ken Severson – Johnson Co. Daily Journal

#### ADMINISTRATIVE AWARD:

Mike Mossbrucker – Mooresville

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# UNITE Indiana Wrestlers

## Updates on former Indiana high school wrestlers

BRADEN ATWOOD, 2011 DELPHI GRADUATE

HS Accomplishments: Three-time state placewinner, 2011 state runner-up

Now wrestling for Purdue University (NCAA Division I): Ranked 19th in the nation at 19-8, placed third at the Eastern Michigan Open, took fourth at the Midlands Championships. Tied for team lead with eight falls.

TOMMY CHURCHARD, 2008 VALPARAISO GRADUATE

HS Accomplishments: 2008 state champion

Now wrestling for Purdue University (NCAA Division I): 15-14 overall at 157 pounds, ranked in NCAA Coaches' Poll and RPI, placed sixth at Midlands Championships.

JUSTIN DINIUS, 2009 CONCORDIA LUTHERAN GRADUATE

HS Accomplishments: Three-year varsity letterwinner, 2008 conference champion

Now wrestling for Purdue University (NCAA Division I): 7-14 career record.

CAMDEN EPPERT, 2009 ANDERSON HIGHLAND GRADUATE

HS Accomplishments: Two-time state champion, four-time placewinner.

Now wrestling for Purdue University (NCAA Division I): 2011 NCAA Qualifier, placed fifth at 2011 Big Ten Championships, placed fifth at the 2011 Eastern Michigan Open.

MATT FIELDS, 2007 WHITE LAND COMMUNITY GRADUATE

HS Accomplishments: 2007 state champion, three-time placewinner

Now wrestling for Purdue University (NCAA Division I): 13th all-time at

Purdue in falls (20), ninth in reversals (34), and ninth in back points (189).

Placed in Eastern Michigan Open and Cleveland State Open this season, won the Lake Erie College Storm Open.

KYLE MOSIER, 2009 YORKTOWN GRADUATE

HS Accomplishments: Three-time state placewinner, took third in 2009.

Now wrestling for Purdue University (NCAA Division I): Two-year starter, took second at the 2011 Eastern Michigan Open. Has 25-23 career record with nine falls.

BRANDON NELSEN, 2010 LAWRENCE NORTH GRADUATE

HS Accomplishments: 2010 state champion, four-time state placewinner.

Now wrestling for Purdue University (NCAA Division I): Has a 17-9 record in his first collegiate season, placed fifth at the Michigan State Open, won the Maryville/Kaufman Brands Open, advanced to the Round of 12 at the Midlands Championships. Tied for team lead with eight falls.

BROCK NORTON, 2010 CARROLL GRADUATE

HS Accomplishments: 2010 state champion, two-time placewinner.

Now wrestling for Purdue University (NCAA Division I): Owns an 11-7 mark in his first collegiate season.

Frankie Porras, 2010 Hobart Graduate  
HS Accomplishments: Two-time state champion (2009-2010), 2008 state runner-up.

Now wrestling for Purdue University (NCAA Division I): Has a 16-13 mark in his first season, took fifth at the Central Missouri Roger Denker Open, placed third at the Ashland Simonson Open.

DOMINIQUE PRICE, 2011 ARSENAL TECH GRADUATE

HS Accomplishments: Fifth place at state in 2011.

Now wrestling for Purdue University (NCAA Division I): Redshirting his first collegiate season, 6-8 in unattached tournaments.

CASHÉ QUIROGA, 2009 LAWRENCE NORTH GRADUATE

HS Accomplishments: 2008 state champion, three-time placewinner, 2009 Fargo Champion

Now wrestling for Purdue University (NCAA Division I): 2010 NCAA All-American, placed sixth at national championships. Currently ranked ninth in the nation with a 14-4 record. Fifth freshman All-America in Purdue history, first freshman to post over 100 takedowns in a season (124).

PAT ROBINSON, 2010 HAMILTON SOUTHEASTERN GRADUATE

HS Accomplishments: 2010 third-place finisher at state.

Now wrestling for Purdue University (NCAA Division I): Currently 16-15 in first varsity season, placing fifth at the Eastern Michigan Open, sixth at the Maryville/Kaufman Brands Open and sixth at the Ashland Simonson Open.

LUKE SCHROEDER, 2011 SOUTHWESTERN HS GRADUATE

HS Accomplishments: 2010 state placewinner, 2011 state qualifer

Now wrestling for Purdue University (NCAA Division I): 8-12 competing at the varsity level as a true freshman, has wrestled in two Big Ten Duals.

DUSTIN SCHULTZ, 2010 KANKAKEE VALLEY GRADUATE

## COLLEGE WRESTLER PROFILES CONTINUED

HS Accomplishments: 2010 state placewinner

Now wrestling for Purdue University (NCAA Division I): Has a 5-6 record in first varsity season.

DRAKE STEIN, 2011 PRINCETON COMMUNITY GRADUATE

HS Accomplishments: Two-time state champion, three-time placewinner. Two-time Fargo Greco-Roman All-American.

Now wrestling for Purdue University (NCAA Division I): Has a 10-12 varsity record, starting as a true freshman at 174 pounds. Is fourth on the team with six falls, including a Big Ten victory at Wisconsin.

ROGER VUKOBRATOVICH, 2006 HANOVER CENTRAL GRADUATE

HS Accomplishments: Three-year letterwinner

Now wrestling for Purdue University (NCAA Division I): Currently 17-11 overall and ranked by the NCAA Coaches' Poll and RPI. Placed eighth at the Midlands Championships.

CHAD WELCH, 2011 CASTLE GRADUATE

HS Accomplishments: 2011 state champion, 2011 NHSCA National Champion

Now wrestling for Purdue University (NCAA Division I): Redshirting his freshman year, has a 34-9 mark in unattached competition. Placed in seven of eight tournaments, winning two.

DOUG WELCH, 2011 CASTLE GRADUATE

HS Accomplishments: 2011 state champion, 2011 NHSCA All-American

Now wrestling for Purdue University (NCAA Division I): Redshirting his freshman year, has a 15-6 mark in unattached competition. Took third at the Lake Erie College Storm Open, won the Ashland Simonson Open.

ALEX WHITE, 2009 MOUNT VERNON GRADUATE

HS Accomplishments: 2009 state runner-up

Now wrestling for Purdue University (NCAA Division I): Has an 11-6 mark in his second season, taking third at the

Cleveland State Open and winning the Ashland Simonson Open.

ANDY WISEMAN, 2010 PENN GRADUATE

HS Accomplishments: 2010 state qualifier

Now wrestling for Purdue University (NCAA Division I): Has a 9-11 mark in his first varsity season, placed fifth at the Ashland Bill Harris Open.

ADAM CHALFANT

RS Sophomore: Wrestling for Indiana CURRENTLY 17-8

FRESHMAN SEASON (2010-11); at HARPER COLLEGE Finished third at the Junior College Nationals ... posted a season record of 24-2 ... led the Harper College Hawks to the non-scholarship National Championship.

2009-10

Redshirted for the Western Kentucky University football team.

PREP/PERSONAL

Won an Indiana State Title in 2009 for Winchester H.S. ... compiled an overall high school record of 146-19, including a 39-0 mark en route to his state championship as a senior a General Studies major.

ROSS JANNEY

-Yorktown HS (2X state qualifier, state champion 2010 at hwt)

-Sophomore at McKendree University in Illinois (1st year on varsity, current season record is 37-14)

-Champion at Wisconsin Parkside tournament this season

-Has placed top 4 at every tournament this season

- Major at McKendree is History/ Sociology

GARTH SIMPSON, ROCHESTER HIGH SCHOOL

Sectional and Regional Champ, 2x Semi-State Place winner - 4th, 2x State Qualifier, Honorable Mention Academic All-State



*Kurt Monix*

## COLLEGE WRESTLER PROFILES CONTINUED

-Manchester College - 7th at Little State and Spartan Mat Classic, 10-13.  
Majoring - Criminal Justice

-Jacob Schroder, Rochester High School

-Conference Champ, Sectional Champ, 2x Semi-State Qualifier, Academic All-State

-Trine University - Currently on the Junior Varsity

-Majoring – Engineering

EVAN WOODING, 2010 graduate of Mooresville High School was a Sectional, Regional, and Semi-state Champion in 2010 at 215lbs. Evan finished 6th in state that year. Evan is now wrestling for University of Indianapolis. He started as a freshman and had a record of 22-21. He is currently in the varsity line-up this year and has a record of 22-15. He is majoring in Criminal Justice.

ETHAN HARRIS, BEECH GROVE  
4 time state placer (3rd, 1st, 7th, 7th); 2 time Cadet AA  
UIndy

**2010-11:** Put up a record of 18 – 4 at 133...went 7 – 6 in division record.

**2009-10:** Put up a record of 22-13...tied for team-lead with nine falls on the season...earned a third-place finish at Little State.

**2008-09:** Compiled a record of 24-8 with seven pins at 133...Runner-up at 133 at Little State meet...Named Most Outstanding Wrestler at the Manchester College Spartan Mat Classic...Runner-up at Wheaton Invitational...Fifth place finish at Super Regional meet.

**2007-08:** Went 4-3 as a redshirt.

**Elementary Ed major**

RYAN DEWITT, 2011  
JEFFERSONVILLE GRADUATE

High School Accomplishments:  
Sectional and Regional Champ, Multiple time Semi-state Qualifier

Now wrestling for WALDORF COLLEGE IOWA (NAIA), placed



*Cameryn Brady*

5th at the Loras College Open, with a freshman record of 11-8.

Majoring in Criminal Justice

BRANDON NELSEN, LAWRENCE  
NORTH HIGH SCHOOL

High School Accomplishments  
2010 IHSAA State Champion 119lbs.

4 X IHSAA State Placemaker

USA Wrestling Freestyle Junior

National All-American

Flonationals Placemaker

Current College: Purdue University  
Current Collegiate accomplishments

5th at Michigan State Open, Won Kaufman/Brands Open, Rd of 12 at Midlands

Major

COLLIN CRUME/JIMTOWN HIGH  
SCHOOL

2011 Indiana State High School  
Runner-up at 130 pounds.

Now wrestling for the University of Wisconsin Parkside DII, 133 pounds.

College accomplishments-

11/13/2011 Harold Nichols Cyclone  
Open 3rd place

11/19/2011 Concordia Open 5th place

12/3/2011 40th Annual Wisconsin  
Open 1st place

12/10/2011 41st Annual Husky Open  
4th place

1/8/2012 DII - NWCA/Cliff Keen  
National Duals record of 4-1

1/28/2012 "Pete Wilson" Wheaton  
Invitational. 7th place

As of February 1st 2012, Collin is tied for second in Division II for most pins in the nation with 14 and has a freshmen record of 30-14.

Majoring in Education.

DANNY COYNE, BEECH GROVE  
HIGH SCHOOL

3 time IHSAA State Qualifier, 2 time  
placer (4th, 1st)

United States Marine Corp  
Camp Lejeune, North Carolina  
Currently training full time for a shot at the top spot at 55kg in Greco Roman

JIMMIE KING 2009 MUNCIE  
SOUTHSIDE GRADUATE

2x Semi-state Qualifier

Now wrestling for Manchester College  
Majoring in Psychology

Current record of 19-12

High School:

2X MIC Conference Champ

3x Sectional Champ

2008 Regional Champ

## COLLEGE WRESTLER PROFILES CONTINUED

2008- 8th place in IHSAA State at 145

College:

Four Year Varsity at Trine University

Career Record- 112- 25

Season Record-28-4

Currently Ranked-10th in Division III at 165

Top Five in all College Division in Falls on the seasons (17 Currently)

Winner of the Jake Walker

Invitational, 2X Midwest Conference

Champion, 2X Indiana Little State

Champion, and 4th at the Michigan State Open.

Major: Design Engineering and Technology

GPA: 3.0/40

JEFF WEISS- HERITAGE HILLS HIGH SCHOOL

High School Accomplishments: 2X

Indiana State Place Winner, 4X PAC

Champion

@ Indianapolis University

College Achievements: 3rd at Little

State, 8th at midwest, 4th Pete Wilson

Invite tournaments. Season record is 28-

18. Eight wins by fall. Currently ranked

4th in NCAA Div II Super Region III

TRAVIS BARROQUILLO, 2011

PRAIRIE HEIGHTS HS

4x Conference, Sectional, and

Regional Champ

3x Qualifier, 2x placer (7th

2010,3rd2011)

Ranked #10 133lbs NAIA

record:22-10

Eastern Michigan Open – 2nd

Indiana Little State – 2nd

Michigan State Open – 3rd

Midwest Classic – 3rd

Sports Management Major

@ Indiana Tech

ALEX GREGORY, 2011 PENN HS

3x qualifier, 2x placer (4th, 4th)

Redshirting-2011-2012

Education Major

@ Indiana Tech

REECE LEFEVER, 2011 CARROLL HS

3rd place state 152lbs 2011

Indiana Little State 149lb runner up

Missouri Valley Classic 149lb runner

up

Accounting Major

@ Indiana Tech

CONNER LEFEVER, 2011 CARROLL

HS

2x state placer 2010-8th 2011-4th

Record: 17-13

Accounting Major

@ Indiana Tech

TANNER MARTIN, 2006 FORT

WAYNE SNIDER HS

State Qualifier 2006

Ranked #11 174lbs NAIA

Indiana Little State Champion

Midwest Classic 5th

Record 25-12

Psychology Major

@ Indiana Tech

DUSTIN BOYD, 209 MISHAWAKA HS

Record 14-16

Eastern Michigan Open – 5th

Indiana Little State – 7th

Criminal Justice Major

@ Indiana Tech

### Wabash College

LOGAN COOPER, 2011 PERRY

MERIDIAN GRADUATE

High School Accomplishments: State

Runner-up @ 215 in '11, State Qualifier

in "10

Is currently behind Senior Captain

Greg Rhoads who was an All-American

last year and currently is ranked 5th in

the nation

Freshman Season: 3rd @ Loras Open,

4th @ Indiana Little State Tournament

and 3rd @ North Central Invite

Major: History

COLIN DOWNEY, 2011

HUNTINGTON NORTH GRADUATE

High School Accomplishments: State



Qualifier in '11

Freshman Season: Has seen some varsity time at 141 this year and placed

3rd @ Indiana Little State Tournament

Major: Biology

MARC ESCOBEDO, 2010 LAKE

CENTRAL GRADUATE

High School Accomplishments:

Multi-time Semi-State Qualifier

Career: Marc placed in five

tournaments as a freshman including a

3rd place finish at the Midwest Regional

National Qualifier. In his second year he

has finished 3rd at the Loras Open and

has won a number of matches in varsity

duals

Major: Psychology

Future: Attend Pharmacy School

JIMMY LAROWE, 2010 EAST NOBLE

GRADUATE

High School Accomplishments: 2x

## COLLEGE WRESTLER PROFILES CONTINUED

State Qualifier placing 7th in 2010

Freshman Season: Jimmy placed in four tournaments while posting a 15-7 record

Sophomore Season: Is currently on a medical redshirt year after suffering serious injuries in an automobile accident

Major: Psychology

JAKE MOORE, 2008 SOUTHMONT GRADUATE

High School Accomplishments: State Qualifier

Career: Has placed in numerous tournaments throughout his career and finished 2nd at the Midwest Regional National Qualifier his Junior year.

Major: Spanish

Future: Accepted a job with the Peace Corps and is heading to South America

JOSH SAMPSON, 2010 NEW WASHINGTON GRADUATE

High School Accomplishments: 7th @ State '10

Career: Josh was behind a Senior last year who is now in law school and has enjoyed a great Sophomore campaign starting for Wabash at 157. He has won key matches in big duals this year along with placements in tournaments and with a placement at the national

qualifier will solidify him as a 2012 Academic All-American

Major: Rhetoric

Future: Pursue a career as a Judge Advocate

TOMMY POYNTER, 2011 DEKALB GRADUATE

High School Accomplishments: 5th Place @ State

Freshman Season: 6th @ Indiana Little State, 6th @ Midwest Classic, 8th @ North Central Invite

Major: Biology

DREW SONGER, 2010 SOUTHRIDGE GRADUATE

High School Accomplishments: Multi-time Semi-State Qualifier

Career: Drew only placed in one tournament as a freshman, but has had a terrific year thus far placing at a number of tournaments. He will likely be a #2 seed at the National Qualifier after defeating Nick Manning of MSJ and with a placement at the tournament will be a 2012 Academic All-American

Major: Physics

Future: Pursue a career in Nuclear Engineering

AUSTIN O'NEAL, 2009 GRIFFITH GRADUATE

High School Accomplishments: Multi-time Semi-State Qualifier

Career: Placed in multiple tournaments as a Freshman last year and lost a one point match in the finals of the Midwest Regional National Qualifier. Has been in the rankings throughout this year and will likely be the #2 seed at the national qualifier this year.

Major: Chemistry

Future: Go to Medical School or Pharmacy School

DEMI STRUB, 2011 EAST CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL

2011 USAW Folkstyle National Champ, 2011 FILA Junior Runner-Up, Junior Pan-American Runner-Up, 1st women 4-time Junior Freestyle All-American, 3 Year Varsity Wrestler at East Central

Honor Society, Academic and Technical Honors Degree

Now Wrestling for Oklahoma City University

Placed 4th at 2012 WCWA Nationals, 3rd at Menlo Open, Freshman record of 20-10

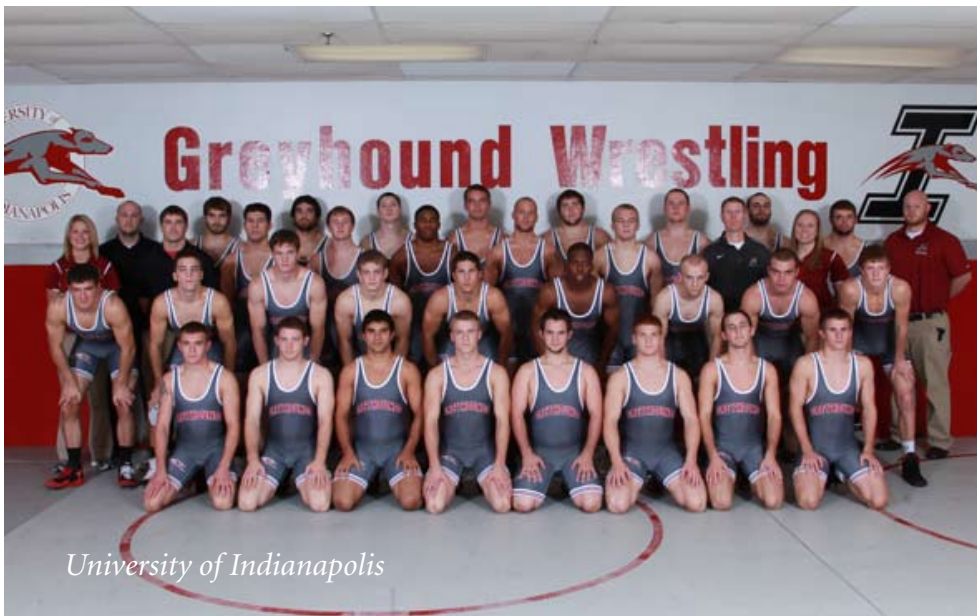
Dual majoring in Physics and Math

LUKE SCHROEDER, SOUTHWESTERN HIGH SCHOOL HIGH SCHOOL Accomplishments:

Indiana Top 20 Career Wins \* 4x Warrior Classic Champion \* 3x SIWC Champion \* 3x Sectional Champion \* 2x Regional Champion \* Semi-State Champion \* 3rd State Place Finisher \* Academic All-State Now Wrestling for PURDUE UNIVERSITY - some varsity as a "true" freshman Majoring in Mechanical Engineering

LAQUAN LUNFORD 2011 SOUTH BEND CLAY GRADUATE

High School accomplishments- 2-time Sectional Champ, 2-time Regional Champ, 6th place state-finals 2011, school season record for takedowns 236. 2010 HYWA National Champion.



## COLLEGE WRESTLER PROFILES CONTINUED

Now wrestling for University of Wisconsin/Parkside at 157- wrestled in various open tournaments, freshman record 12-9

JUNIOR ALEX JOHNS, EVANSVILLE REITZ '09, Exercise Science Major, 2010 National Qualifier at 125, currently redshirting ; Now wrestling for the University of Indianapolis

FRESHMAN JOSH KIEFFER, RONCALLI '11, current starter at 125, 2nd at MSU Open, 3rd at the Midwest Classic, 6th at Pete Willson Invite Redshirt ; Now wrestling for the University of Indianapolis

FRESHMAN KALOB HEALD, CASCADE '11, competed in four tournaments this year at 133-141 Freshman Justin Kieffer, Roncalli '11, current starter at 141, finished 6th at Ashland Open, 2nd at Pete Willson Redshirt; Now wrestling for the University of Indianapolis

SENIOR BLAKE HARVEY, CENTER GROVE '07, Criminal Justice Major, 5th at John Summa Open, competes at 141 Sophomore Wade Thiel, Fort Wayne Northside '10, Political Science Major, 5th at Indiana Little State at 141 ; Now wrestling for the University of Indianapolis

SENIOR DAVID LOPEZ, NORTHWOOD '08, Biology and Chemistry Major, placed at Indiana Little State, 3 time NWCA Academic All-America, competes at 149 Redshirt ; Now wrestling for the University of Indianapolis

SOPHOMORE STEVEN SANDEFER, MISHAWAKA '09, Physical Education Major, current starter at 149, 6th at MSU Open Freshman Austin Chamberlain, Evansville Central '11, 2nd at MSU Open, 2nd at John Summa Open, competes at 157 ; Now wrestling for the

University of Indianapolis

JUNIOR NICK SMITH, FRANKLIN COMMUNITY '09, Exercise Science Major; Now wrestling for the University of Indianapolis

REDSHIRT SENIOR MATT CLARK, MADISON '07, Exercise Science Major, competes at 165 and wrestled in 3 tournaments ; Now wrestling for the University of Indianapolis

JUNIOR SHELBY MAPPE, CENTER GROVE '09, Nursing Major, is currently redshirting; Now wrestling for the University of Indianapolis

JUNIOR GEORGE LOPEZ, NORTHWOOD '09, Nursing Major, competed in two competitions at 184 ; Now wrestling for the University of Indianapolis

FRESHMAN AARON STEVENSON, INDIAN CREEK '11, current starter at 184, 1st at MSU Open, 2nd at Pete Willson ; Now wrestling for the University of Indianapolis

JUNIOR RANDY KAUFMAN, Rensselaer Central, Physical Education Major, competing at in 3 competitions at 197 and 285. ; Now wrestling for the University of Indianapolis

SOPHOMORE KEVIN GAUGHAN, NORTH CENTRAL '10, History Education Major, current starter at 197 ; Now wrestling for the University of Indianapolis

SOPHOMORE EVAN WOODING, MOORESVILLE '10, Business Major, current starter at 285 has placed at Indiana Little State, and 7th at the Midwest Classic. ; Now wrestling for the University of Indianapolis

FRESHMAN MICHAEL CHEH, FRANKLIN CENTRAL '11, competed

in two open tournaments at 285. ; Now wrestling for the University of Indianapolis

TAYLOR SCOTT, HERITAGE '10, Criminal Justice Major, competed in three competitions finishing 5th at MSU Open at 197, and will take a medical redshirt ; Now wrestling for the University of Indianapolis

125 CAMDEN EPPERT ANDERSON HIGHLAND starting for PURDUE was sick middle of year.

157 TOMMY CHURCHARD VALPARAISO Ranked nationally in coaches poll and RPI, wrestling for PURDUE

184 BRADEN ATWOOD DELPHI RS freshman ranked nationally for us @ PURDUE

HWT ROGER VUKOBRATOVICH HANOVER CENTRAL HS has national coaches poll ranking and RPI ranking in graduate school @ PURDUE

CAMERYN BRADY- 2010 LOWELL GRADUATE  
High School Accomplishments:  
Sectional, Regional, Semi-State Champ,  
3rd Place State Now wrestling for  
Manchester College (DIII): 2011 NCAA  
Division III Qualifier  
Majoring in Business

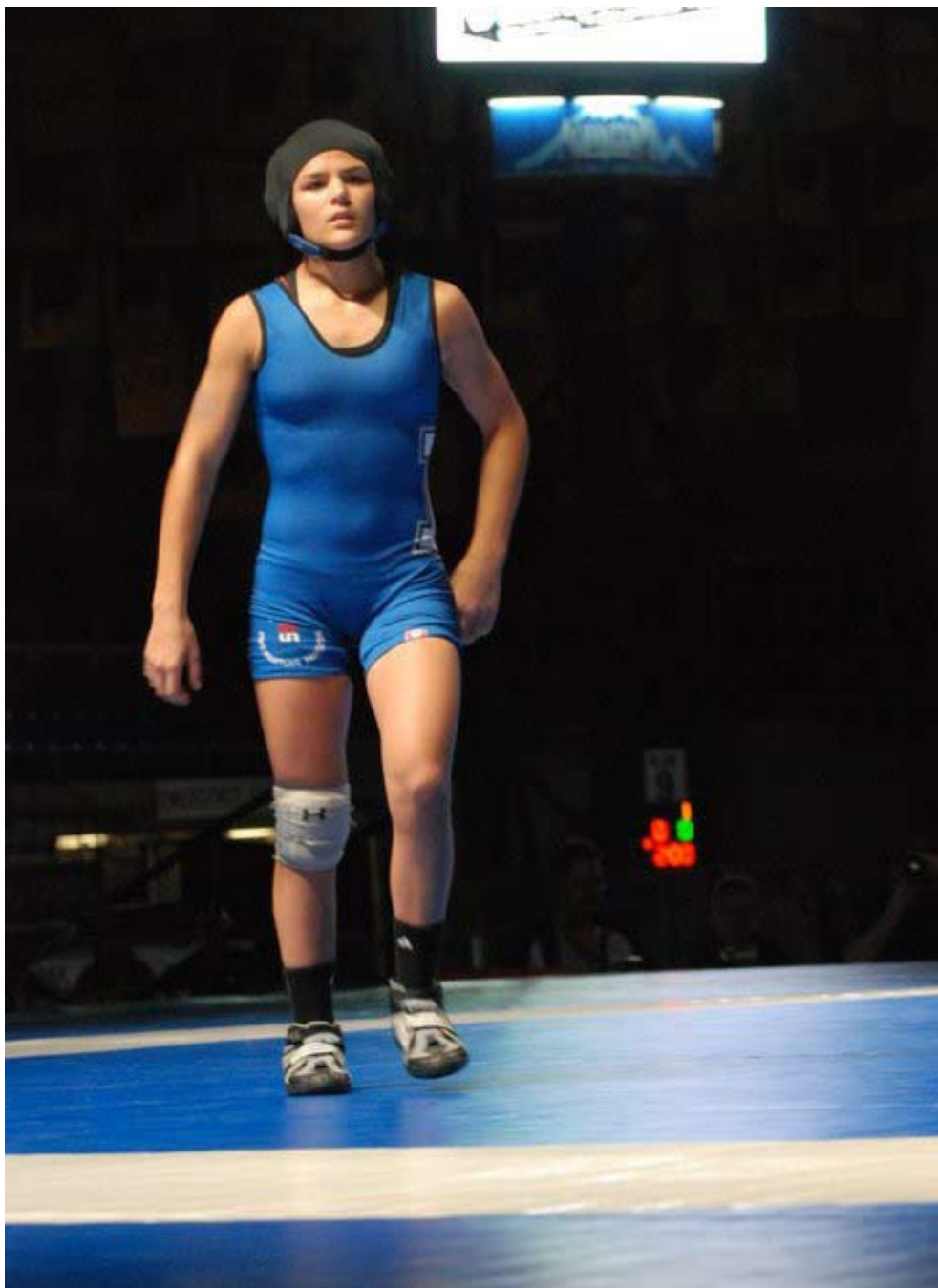
KURT MONIX 2009 LOWELL GRADUATE  
HIGH SCHOOL  
Accomplishments: 6th Place State  
Now Wrestling for Manchester  
College (DIII)  
Majoring in Business

# Kayla Miracle becomes Indiana's first female state qualifier

Since 1922 it has not happened.

Many have tried but, until now all have failed. This Friday will mark the first time in Indiana history that a female takes the mat and competes in the IHSAA State Wrestling Tournament. Kayla Miracle of Culver Academies has done it! Anyone that knows the great sport of wrestling or knows Kayla on a personal level knows that she has earned it. This accomplishment did not happen overnight. This story started writing itself almost eleven years ago when Ms. Miracle at the age of four decided to take the mat for the first time. On that day, everyone in the wrestling room knew that there was something special about this young girl. She had an incredible tenacity, and a hatred for losing that was unparalleled by anyone, except maybe her father.

The start to Kayla's wrestling career was fast and furious. It all started with her asking her father out of the blue "Why can't I wrestle?" Of course Kayla had at that time been around wrestling for her whole life. She was influenced greatly by her father, who has coached on almost every level and is currently the Head Coach for the All Navy Wrestling Team and Owner/Operator of Hoosier Elite Wrestling Academy, and her older brother Shawn who graduated from Bloomington North High School, did a prep year at Blair Academy, and currently wrestles at the United States Military Academy. Kayla just wanted to fit in. Her father was not too thrilled about his daughter wrestling at first. He had dealt with some female wrestlers in the past that were not in the sport for the right reasons and it rubbed him the wrong way. He thought that if a girl was going to wrestle then she



should be treated exactly the same as all the other wrestlers in the practice room. For the first two weeks of Kayla's wrestling career her father ran the toughest practices possible to try and

drive her away if she was not in it for the right reasons. Kayla absolutely loved it! She loved wrestling hard and especially enjoyed making boys cry. She was a natural, hardnosed athlete with

an uncanny amount of mat awareness. “She just knew where she needed to be and how to get there.” According to her coach/father, Lee Miracle. That spring Kayla won her first WSWA State Freestyle Championship as a 40lb Pee Wee. She had caught the wrestling bug, and has never looked back.

Kayla’s career up to this point has been nothing short of spectacular. You cannot find a female wrestler who has the accolades and accomplishments that this young lady has at the young age of 15. To write about them all would be all but impossible. Kayla currently holds 14 USA state titles. Some of them are Washington some are Indiana. She has Freestyle, Folkstyle and Greco against boys and two female titles. Kayla has been the first female to do a lot of things in the sport of wrestling. She has the highest finish by a female at Reno Worlds, She is the only female to make the finals at the Ohio Tournament of Champions, She is Indiana’s first female Middle school State Champion, She is the only female to win the USA Western Regional’s, She is Indiana’s first Cadet Woman’s National Freestyle Champion, Runner up at Junior Freestyle Nationals, She is the first to win both the Cadet, and Junior divisions at the USA Woman’s Folkstyle National Championships, She is Indiana’s first female wrestler to win the Pre-Junior Canada Cup, She won the Fila Body Bar Championship which earned her a spot on the Cadet World Team, etc, etc. Her Accolades go on and on. Kayla is a very humble person though. She is not comfortable talking about herself to reporters, or in front of cameras. She is a

normal kid who is shy around people who she does not know but, extremely outgoing when you get to know her. She is a strong Christian and believes in being a good example and mentor. You can set her off though. One of her biggest pet peeves is wrestling partners who don’t work hard. You will see her get noticeably frustrated and just start lighting them up either verbally, physically, or both. She just won’t stand for it. She says it wastes her time and it is an insult to the sport.

Kayla has reached just one of her long time goals. She qualified for the IHSAA State Tournament. She is far from done though; she has many future goals that she is working for. She was not happy with her 8<sup>th</sup> place finish at

Cadet Worlds last year in Hungary and expects to win it this year. She has two more years to accomplish winning that Cadet World title before she goes up to the FILA Junior age division. Her long term goal is to be an Olympic gold medalist. The Woman’s Olympic Head Coach Terry Steiner has Kayla on his radar. His advice to Kayla and her family was simple. Win everything you can at your age division nationally and internationally. Don’t rush into bumping up to the next level just because you can compete. Own your age division on the World level, and gain the confidence and experience that comes with doing that. Kayla’s Cadet World Team Coach Tony Deanda wholeheartedly agrees. He wants Kayla to enjoy the ride. He

thinks that too often we push our phenoms to fast and too hard and that does not end up preparing them the way they need to be prepared for International competition. Kayla has listened to her coaches and is concentrating on “the now”. She knows her day is coming to shine for the United States. She also knows that wrestling against boys and not being treated differently all these years has prepared her well for accomplishing these future goals. So for now, she continues on through this week very businesslike and prepares for yet another wrestling match. The pressure has past, she has put her name in the history books. Now she will just go out in Kayla Miracle style and give everything she has like she has done hundreds of times. Win or lose Friday night against Hayden Lee of Garrett, I am sure of one thing, This will not be the last time you hear the name Kayla Miracle.



# Lapel wrestling grows with Bulldog tenacity

Five years ago, the Lapel high school wrestling program was almost no more. Down to just 5 regular members, the school was ready to pull the plug. A new high school was built without a dedicated wrestling room. Matches were lost because of forfeits. Enter Nate Andrews and several other individuals who were not going to let the program go away. Mark Helm volunteered to be the coach when talks began about dropping the program and Andrews was a volunteer assistant. The next season, the two swapped roles and Helm continues to assist Nate with the varsity squad. Jeff Commeville has been what Andrews calls his “right hand man” for the past two seasons. Commeville brings a wealth of knowledge to the program and was a teammate to Dennis Lewis, the Hall of Fame coach that directed Nate while he was at NorthWood High School. Commeville also wrestled at the University of Tennessee. Nathan Nocton got the ball rolling with the youth program three years ago and Mark Mroz, Marc Fensler and Ryan Hollingsworth have put in a lot of time and effort to raise the level of the youth program. From the administrative staff, Lapel Principal Greg Granger has volunteered his time to direct tournaments.

The senior class graduating in 2012 from Lapel High School celebrated several milestones on January 25<sup>th</sup>. The class has been a part of 59 dual wins, conference titles in the White River Athletic Conference and the Indiana Crossroads Conference (over a strong Speedway squad and perennial power Beech Grove) along with wins in the Neil Muse Memorial Invitational, Frankton Invite and the Daleville Bronco Duals. Along the way, a middle school program and a wrestling club have been built with interest growing every year. Andrews took over the

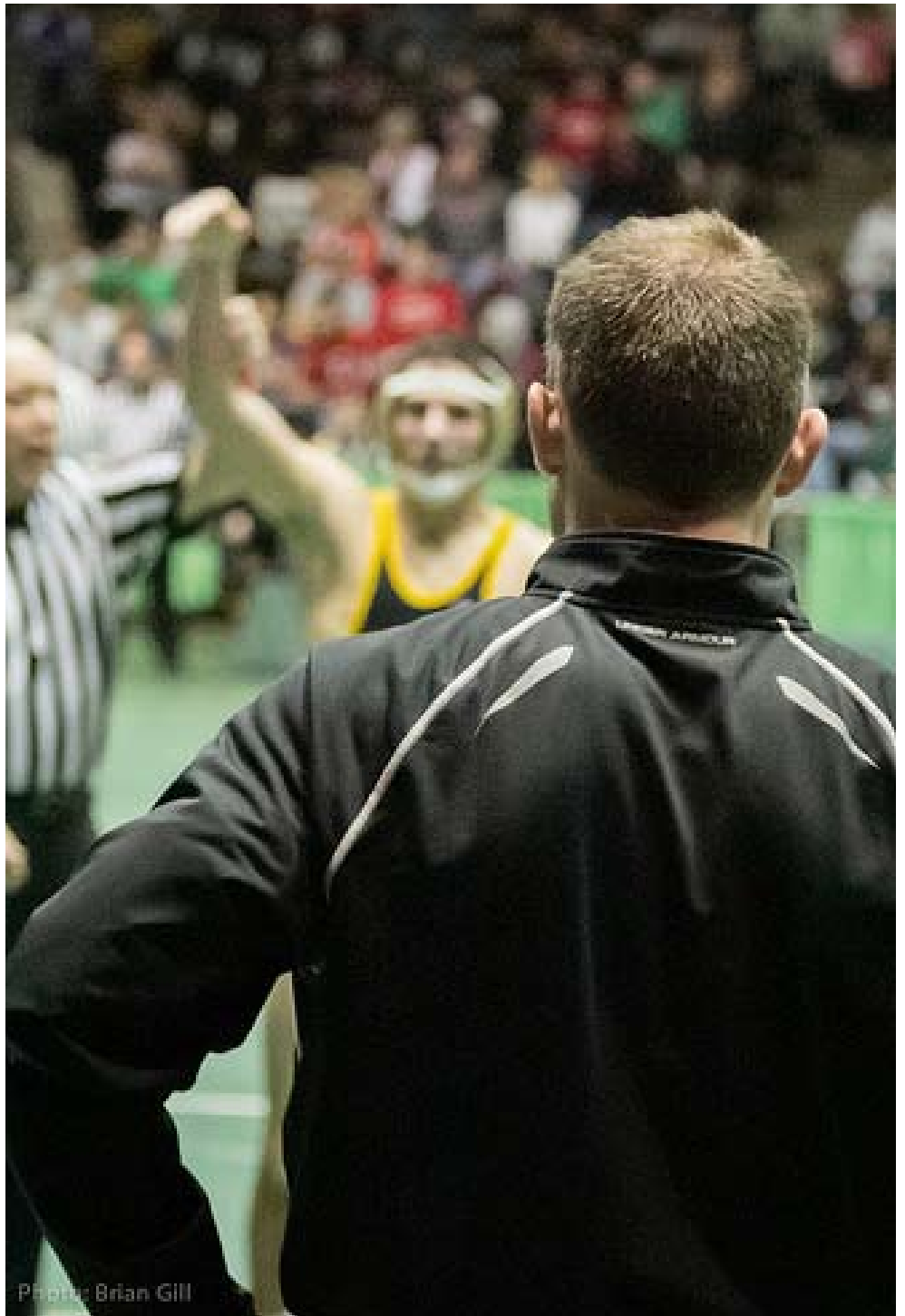


Photo: Brian Gill

program in 2008 with 9 members in the high school program. This past season, the Bulldogs had 29 members. Along with the success on the mat, the Bulldogs have built so much more.

The team has built a wrestling room at the middle school (the old Lapel High School) that gives each member “ownership” of a piece of the program. The Bulldogs turned a large wing of

the auxiliary gym into a wrestling room. The team cleaned it up, painted walls, designed murals and put slogans up throughout the room. It is a special place for each wrestler, a place that they are in charge of the upkeep.

Andrews, a state wrestling champion at NorthWood High School, credits his father and several of his friends along with a Hall of Fame coach for a lifelong love of wrestling. "Growing up we had a group of dads, my dad and his buddies introduced us to the sport, took us to tournaments, and when I entered kindergarten, coach Lewis showed up" Andrews said. "What an amazing deal. We had a blast with it, it was a team atmosphere. We would get out poster-board and make tournament sheets. We would go down in the kids' basement because all of us had mat pieces, we would have a blast.

It's what it's all about – having fun with it". The passion for wrestling that Andrews possesses has translated into success for the program at Lapel and kids that had never wrestled before suddenly found a new love too. Logan Alberts, a junior this season, has seen the growth since Andrews took over. "It's tremendous" Alberts said of the growth. "Big leaps every year. Ever since my 8<sup>th</sup> grade year when Coach Andrews came, it seems like more wrestlers are starting to show up. More people are coming out and we have more effort". The increase in numbers has allowed the Bulldogs to fill out several weight divisions, which was a problem



Photo: Brian Gill

early. The Bulldogs would not have competitors in several weight classes, it was enough of a problem that Lapel would lose dual meets on forfeits alone. With numbers up, it gives wrestlers like 132 lb. junior Drew Stecher a chance to practice with wrestlers in different weight classes and improve skills needed to compete with bigger schools. "In year 1, we were learning the basics. This year, we are working a lot harder and overall it is a much better practice" Stecher said. "Practices have multiple looks with multiple partners, that helps a ton. I get to wrestle big guys and littler guys and get to see the differences

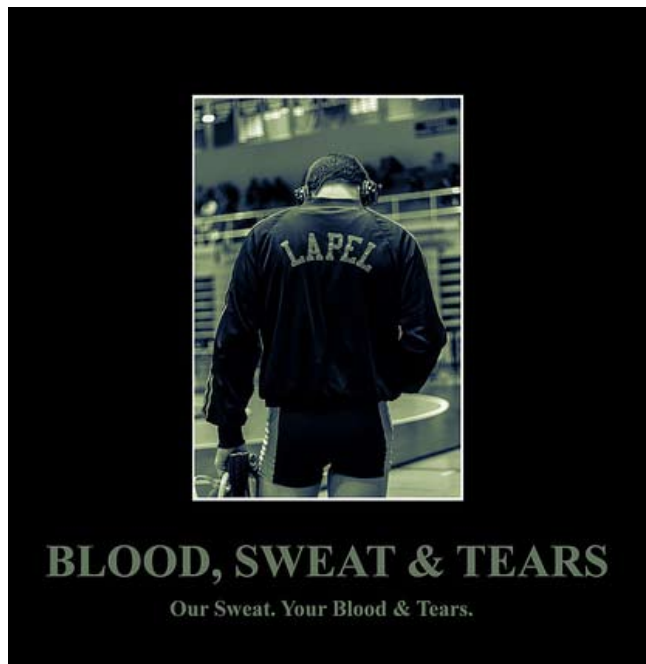
in strategies". Senior Clayton Savage sees the advantages of bigger numbers as well. "If you practice against good wrestlers, you are going to be a better wrestler" Savage said. "Whoever I get out with, I give it everything I've got". The Bulldogs also know how to have fun, playing team games during the middle of practice to keep things fresh. The team enjoys playing ultimate dodgeball and has an annual "lock-in" night. The night before the Indiana Crossroads Conference meet, the team sleeps at the high school and watches the movie Vision Quest. Andrews sees it as a chance to bond and grow as a team. "I believe this is a team sport and we treat it that way" Andrews said. "The kids are very loyal. They know that sacrifices will be made for the betterment of the team and their character".

Every year, the Bulldogs take a trip down to the newly renamed Bankers Life Fieldhouse for the wrestling state finals. It gives the team another chance to dream, bond and learn. "The team makes the annual trip to the State Finals each February. I drive the bus and the kids pile in" Andrews said. "It makes for a long weekend but the kids love it. They talk about where we are going to eat, place friendly bets about who the state champs are going to be, and dream about someday wrestling under the lights". The idea was fostered by Nate's own experience as a youngster as his father would take Nate and Trevor, his brother, to Market Square Arena for the finals. "We dreamed about wrestling

there (at MSA)” Andrews said. “I can remember one time when I was around the third grade and my brother (Trevor) was in fifth grade, my dad said to us while we were watching from the stands ‘boys, I would love to see the two of you wrestling down here someday’. None of us dreamed that several years later, as a sophomore and my brother a senior, I was wrestling at 160 lbs on mat 2 and Trevor at 171 lbs on mat 3 at the exact same moment. I had dreams and I want kids in our program to have those same dreams”.

Success for Lapel also comes from the fact that almost all of the wrestlers play football for the Bulldogs as well. “We have 29 kids on our (wrestling) roster, 25 of them play football” Andrews said. “This is our football conditioning. They are a great group of kids. They are with each other all summer, all fall and all winter. It’s been enjoyable for us, some kids have never had a care in the world about wrestling, but decided to come out and give it a shot to be a better football player and found out they liked wrestling and here we are”.

Andrews believes the way to create a solid program is through intensity but also patience. “We need to keep progressing the way we have. I don’t want to have immediate success, if you have immediate success sometimes it can be unstable” Andrews said. “I think you have to build a very solid foundation and really good base. You have to do things slowly we could not have beefed up our competition in the first year it would not have been good for us to lighten up our schedule completely”. Success has come in larger doses each year with this season being one of the most successful ever at Lapel. Success also brings rewards and Lapel has a special way of celebrating. The Bulldogs have what is called “The Collar”, a large, spiked dog collar that goes to a wrestler after each meet. Their name and date are engraved on the



dog tag that hangs from the collar. The winner has to carry it everywhere he goes, to practice, class, home, bed and to the next tournament. Each member prides themselves on winning the award because it “exemplifies everything that we instill in our program, the athlete represents himself by displaying that true Bulldog Attitude” according to Andrews.

Lapel will graduate a very successful class this year with Kyle Nardi leading the way. Nardi won 104 matches and qualified for the semi-state for the second straight year. The Bulldogs picked up 24 match wins in 2011-12 and they have amassed 59 dual wins over their four years. Over the last four seasons, Lapel advanced three wrestlers out of the sectional round, J.R. Smart, Jesse Rushton and Nardi. This season, Nardi was joined by senior Parker Pickett and Alberts in the regional round. It was not an easy road for the trio coming out of the Hamilton Heights sectional that includes Noblesville, Pendleton Heights, Frankton and Alexandria. Lapel also placed Jordan Maxey, Brandyn Jones, Kaleb Spruell, Chandler Bowen and Casey Upperman in the top 6 of their respective weight classes in the sectional. Jones summed up what he has witnessed as a wrestler at Lapel as

well as what he will take from the experience. “When I got started we were ‘little Lapel’, not many people came out to see us because we had a few wrestlers here and there” Jones said. “He (Coach Andrews) has brought our program to a new level. Even when we lose, coach is always there to tell us this is what we are going to learn from life. Take this farther in the world, as a man, the best thing is having him maturing us in life”.

With an ever-expanding high school roster along with solid middle school teams and a youth wrestling program, Lapel’s future appears to be set. The middle school program went 18-0 last season and is off to a 3-0 start

this year. “With the advancement of our youth program, we are continuing to get good young coaches that are committed to the sport” Andrews said. “One thing we have done is to make the program our own and find something special in it we are going to be competitive in it as long we have fun in our program and do things the right way”.

Along with building the wrestling program itself, the coaches and athletes are helping out in other ways. The team has added camps and clinics and the high school kids are instructors for middle school and youth practices. The Bulldog grapplers do volunteer work, such as cleaning up the gymnasium after a basketball game. The Bulldogs are also creating an atmosphere for their dual meets. This includes honoring different organizations and people involved in the program to reward their importance to the program. For Andrews and the rest of the coaches, program building at Lapel is not going to be done quickly. “Bottom line is we pride ourselves on doing things the ‘right’ way” Andrews said. “We do not take any shortcuts. Our kids are getting everything out of wrestling for Lapel High School as they would be getting for wrestling at big, tradition rich schools”

# Joe Keifer on wrestling and battling leukemia

## First, can you tell us a little bit about your wrestling career?

I am a three year varsity wrestler for Roncalli. I have a career record of 110-20 at the end of my Junior year. I was 3 year sectional and 2 year regional champion. 2 time semi-state qualifier. I started wrestling when I was in 4th grade. In the off season I enjoyed wrestling free-style and greco. I was on some of Indiana National teams during the summer months. I met a lot of people during those times and was very fortunate to travel all over the U.S. Wrestling is like a big family and during the summer you get to see all those kids again and compete with some of the best talent around.

## What led you to decide to go to the doctor to get checked out?

I was training really hard, lifting weights, drilling with my brothers and running all the time. It was going to be my last chance to make it to state. I had wrestled behind my brothers for 3 years and now I had a chance to wrestle my true weight. I also was going to wrestle at the Disney Duals and was getting myself in better shape for the trip. I started struggling with the weights and some of the conditioning. I wrestled at free-style state and was very tired and struggle the entire tournament. I felt like I was just out of shape, so I trained harder. I went down to Disney and the entire tournament I felt really fatigued. I managed to get a 9-5 record but I was not wrestling very good. I just struggled to catch my breath. Shortly after I got home from the duals me and my dad, Justin and Josh went to Minnesota on a fishing trip. I felt really tired on the trip and at night time I was having some really bad night sweats. My dad shared a room with me and noticed at night I was changing my cloths because they were



just so wet. I told him I was really hot in the room and I sweat during the nights. The next day we talked about the night sweats but I really never thought much about it. I think my dad said he thought maybe I was just extremely tired and the cabin was very hot at night. We got home on a Sunday and my dad made a doctors appointment on Monday. I went to see the doctor on Thursday and he checked me out pretty good and ran me through several tests. He thought I was just putting too much pressure on myself. I had no physical signs of anything, he said I looked like I was in top shape. As we were leaving my dad suggested some blood work and the doctor said we can order some but he felt it would come back normal. The next day I went with my dad to a clinic for some blood work. We had some breakfast and went back home. Few hours later my dad came downstairs and I could see something was wrong. He just said Joe come on, I asked where we were going and when

turned to me I could tell he was pretty upset. I asked him to tell me what was wrong and he just said he did not know for sure but the doctor called and said we needed to go to the hospital. I knew something was wrong, but I just did not know what was going on.

## Have you stayed in contact with your wrestling team, and how has wrestling been a part of any of this (if it has)?

Yes I have thru facebook, texts. i have went to some of the meets and practices. I have to be really careful because my immune system is very weak. I am very careful of catching any kinds of germs because if I get sick I will be back at Riley. I wish I could be there everyday, but I just can't.

Wrestling saved my life, I was in great shape. I was walking around with a hemoglobin of 6% when I went to the doctors office. Normal range is like 14%.

## What was your initial feeling when

### **the diagnosis came through?**

My first thought was when the doctor said I have leukemia, I asked him if I could still wrestle. My parents and I just started crying.

### **Can you explain exactly what you have, and what is being done?**

I have Leukemia. There are few different types, I have A.L.L. ( acute lymphoblastic leukemia ). Its a blood cancer. I was admitted in the hospital that day and started receiving chemotherapy the next day. I have been going thru this since July 15th. I go to Riley hospital every Thursday for my treatments. Hopefully I will be in LTM on March 2nd. Long term maintenance will go for 3 yrs, but I will only receive chemo once a month.

### **How has your family, friends, community been receiving the news?**

My family has been very supported. My church and my school Roncalli have been very good to us. All my friends are taking it pretty good, its difficult because I always thought I would graduate with them. My brothers go to UIndy and wrestle for the school them but I have only got to see them wrestle once this year. I watch tapes but its not the same. I am hoping my bone marrow gets stronger to attend the state finals.

### **What do you do to say so strong mentally through these tough days?**

I read Indianamat all the time. I watch tapes of wrestling and because the weather has been good this winter, I play golf to keep my energy up. My dad and I go out all the time and play nine holes, its safe, most people do not play when it's 40 degrees. We get a discount, so its really nice to be in the sun. I am glad this winter is not too bad. I lift some weights and ride my bicycle when I feel good.

### **What are your future plans?**

My plans are to attend Roncalli for my senior year. I have already signed up for my classes. I plan on wrestling next year. The IHSAA has told me they will sign off for me to participate. I will be ready to get back on the mat. I want to also work on some fundraisers for the childrens wish foundation and for childrens cancer research. I hope to write a book on my story and donate all proceeds to Riley hospital.

### **What can you say to others that might face a similar situation or know someone in a similar situation?**

Its ok to be scared, God only gives you what you can handle. Keep your faith. I pray all the time and I know I have so many praying for me.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Looking for another school or too to host GRECO LIVE NIGHT on a weeknight at their school.....trying to set up 5 locations around the state
- If you have not done so, and want to go on an ISWA trip make sure you send me your application, or an intent on applying
- Got anything you want to share with new or first year coaches? We are working on the thumb drives to share different coaching ideas with new coaches, if you got something on fundraising, booster clubs, weight-loss, weightlifting, practice planning, motivation, ANYTHING, get it to me!



## **ELEMENTARY DUALS CHAMPIONS**



Columbus East Elementary wrestlers won the ISWA Team State Duals Championship on Sunday, January 8th. Columbus East went 5-0 at the dual meet tournament defeating Indy West, Hamilton Southeastern, Warren Academy, Center Grove, and Avon to win the championship. Columbus East began their elementary club 5 years ago. Dawson Combest, Graham Rooks, Cayden Rooks, and Corbin Pollitt are 4 members of the championship team that were with the club when it began 5 years ago. These members, and several others, have put in countless hours and wrestled hundreds of matches to achieve this goal of a team championship. It has been a pleasure as coaches to watch this group of wrestlers improve to get to the level they are as competitors. In addition to their hard work as wrestlers, over 80% of the Columbus East Elementary club maintains straight A's in their classes. Many of these wrestlers will without a doubt, be factors on the high school wrestling scene in a few short years.



# WRESTLING CHAMPIONSHIPS

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Championships will take place Saturday, March 3, and Sunday, March 4. Check back for a complete schedule.

## TICKET INFORMATION

All-Session tickets will go on sale Dec. 1 at 9 a.m., while single-session tickets go on sale Feb. 15 at 9 a.m.

All Session	Saturday Single Session (2 sessions)	Sunday
Reserved - \$40	Reserved - \$18	Reserved - \$22
GA - \$36/\$24 (adult/youth)	GA - \$15/\$12 (Adult/Youth)	GA - \$18/\$15

To purchase tickets call 1-800-49SPORT or buy online.

## ARENA INFORMATION

While the Intercollegiate Athletic Facility is the location of the Boilermakers' home duals, Mackey Arena will host the 2012 Big Ten Wrestling Championships, welcoming the tournament back for the first time since 2000.

Nearing the end of a \$99.5 million renovation to the facility, this will be the first-ever Big Ten Championship event held with all of its new additions. With more than 14,000 seats available in its round setting, every seat in the building should provide an excellent viewing angle for the mat of your choice.

For more information on the new additions to Mackey Arena click here: <http://www.purduesports.com/genrel/mackey-project.html>

Parking will be available in two lots for the championships, with premium parking located in the F Lot, adjacent to Mackey Arena just off Northwestern Avenue, with a cost of \$5, and additional parking in the R Lot, north of Ross-Ade Stadium. For information on premium or handicap parking lots, please contact the ticket office at 1-800-49SPORT.

### A message from Purdue University's Tom Erikson:

*As many of you may already know, Purdue University is going to be hosting the Big Ten Wrestling Championships in Mackey arena on March 3rd and 4th 2012. We are excited to be hosting this event for several reasons, the main being able to host such a prestigious event in our own gym is an honor we do not take lightly. The other is that we will be welcoming Nebraska into the world of Big Ten Wrestling something I am not sure they understand.*

*For those wrestling enthusiasts around the state who will not get a chance to get to St. Louis for the NCAA Championships might think about making it to the Big Ten Championships as you will be able to see some of the best college wrestling you will see outside of the NCAA Tournament. We look forward to welcoming you to our home and look forward to seeing you March 3rd and 4th.*



# Interview with IHSAA referee Randal Hayes

**How many years have you been officiating?**

I have been officiating for seven years.

**At what level (rank) are you at now with regard to semi-state, state, etc?**

Team State level

**Do you belong to one of our state's "regional" referee associations?**

Yes, I belong to the IOA

**Have you officiated any special events during your tenure?**

I have worked the IN/IL Duals twice

**How did you get started in officiating?**

I wanted to be around the sport as much as I could but did not have the time to coach full time. I asked a couple of guys I knew that were officiating to guide me through it (special thanks to Derick Huntwork!). I have enjoyed every minute of it. Even the "discussions" with the coaches!

**Where did you wrestle in high school and who was your coach?**

Delta High School for Coach Don Patton

**Did you wrestle in college?**

Yes, Eastern Illinois University

**Do you have any fond memories/ accomplishments from your high school and/or college experience(s)?**

Being a part of two state championships and a runner-up



*From L to R: Jeff McClane, Chris Conlisk, Randal Hayes, Andrew Willmann*

team was special. Wrestling in 3 state finals was rewarding. But being a part of a group that worked so hard and dedicated so much to the cause was amazing. I am still very close to several teammates from those high school teams.

**What do you enjoy most about officiating?**

Being around other people that love wrestling the way I do.

**Can you tell us about your family?**

I have a very understanding wife that allows me to go away every Saturday from November to March. I have 3 children: Quinten is 16 and a junior in

high school; Max and Isabella are 9 year old twins.

**Is there anything else you would like to share with the Indiana wrestling community about yourself?**

I absolutely love the sport of wrestling. It has been a part of my life for over 35 years. Some of the biggest influences of my life are my former coaches, Mr. Callon ( a basketball coach that taught me to love the sport of wrestling when I was 7 years old), Don Patton, Fred Ginther, Bud Palmer, Owen Suits, Dennis Lewis, Puckett. I don't know if I will ever be able to give back as much to the sport of wrestling as it has given me but I will keep trying!

## CLUB WRESTLING – ISWA

The ISWA continues its partnership with the IHSWCA as we work together on the 2012 Middle School State Championships being held in New Castle High School. ISWA will invite the top two wrestlers to be on Team Indiana's National Middle School Duals Team. They will compete in Danville IL at USA Wrestling's Middle School National Duals Championship. We also continue to work and plan with the IHSWCA on their 1st annual Team State in December 2012. This event proves to be very exciting and we are please about our partnership with the Coaches Association as we both continue to work for the betterment of wrestling in Indiana.

• The ISWA Folkstyle season continues with ISWA clubs providing local tournaments for the youth of Indiana through out the state. The ISWA's Folkstyle State Championships Pee Wee, Bantam, Intermediate and Novice will be held in March 9 – 11th at Ben Davis High School. This year we are able to go back to the two day tournament format. The Schoolboy/girl, Cadet and Junior Folkstyle State Championship tournament will again be held at Warren Central High School on March

16 – 18, 2012.

• Plans for two different National Championships are currently in the recruiting stages. ISWA Folkstyle Development Director - Matt Brewer continues his effort to put three very excited and talented elementary age group teams together for a national elementary tournament in Tennessee. Selection camps will be held on Saturday and Sunday February 25 & 26, 2012 at Avon High School. Contact Matt Brewer at [mbrewer@eliteindy.com](mailto:mbrewer@eliteindy.com) if you need further information.

• Chris Lynch, the ISWA Folkstyle Director is working with Team Leader Alonzo Shepherd to once again put together a group of Cadets and Junior age group wrestlers for USA Wrestling's Folkstyle Nationals. This trip filled very fast last year and if you plan for your wrestlers to make the trip with Team Indiana you need to contact Alonzo or Chris for more information. Don't miss the bus.

<sup>a</sup> Congratulations to former Penn High School wrestler and the USA

Wrestling 2011 Junior Women's National Champion Sarah Hildebrandt on her invitation to the women's U. S. Olympic trials. Good luck Sarah and all of Indiana's best as the work for the Gold!



• John Hurrle was one of the founders on Indiana State Wrestling Association and severed on the board from 1978 until his death in 1991. He was dedicated serving the kids of Indiana and set an outstanding example for all of us

to follow. The ISWA honors him by annually recognizing individual(s) who have made an outstanding contribution to the sport of Amateur Wrestling in the state of Indiana. I am very proud to announce the winners of this year's award are Jan and Sue Hesser. They have served the wrestling community for over 40 years. They will be recognized and receive their award at the Indiana State High School Wrestling Coach's Hall of Fame Banquet held at the Jonathan Byrd's Cafeteria in Greenwood Indiana on February 19, 2012.

## CLUB WRESTLING – HYWAY

The HYWAY organization has already had several fall tournaments and elementary age dual meet and individual competitions this season. This past weekend the NUWAY National Dual were held at Battle Creek, MI.

The remainder of the 2012 HYWAY schedule is set with six tournaments across the northern half of the state in the next seven weeks and weekly

Wednesday night elementary friendship meets at Whitko. On February 26th the Wabash Wrestling Club will host its tournament at Northfield High School. The next two Sundays will see HYWAY tournaments at Mishawaka High School on March 4th and Carroll High School on March 11th. West Noble High School will then host its tournament on Saturday, March 17th. These tournaments all lead up to the

2012 HYWAY State Championships which will be at Peru High School this year on March 24th. The tournament will be run on 12 full surfaces in two gymnasiums. HYWAY State will see a few major improvement this year to make the tournament more fan and wrestler friendly. Some of these changes include registration on trackwrestling.com as well as mat side weigh ins. HYWAY state will serve as a qualifier

for NUWAY Nationals on April 14th and 15th at Kellogg Arena in Battle Creek, MI. HYWAY is starting to reach college campuses this year as well, as Indiana University in Bloomington will host a tournament on April 8th and Trine University in Angola on June 8th and 9th. HYWAY will also see its first ever Team

State Championships at Mishawaka High School April 29th. HYWAY membership cards can be purchased online at [www.hyway-wrestling.com](http://www.hyway-wrestling.com) for only \$15. For more information on upcoming HYWAY tournaments please visit [www.hyway-wrestling.com](http://www.hyway-wrestling.com) or email Andy Hobbs at [hywaywrestling@gmail.com](mailto:hywaywrestling@gmail.com). HYWAY works with several other states to offer well managed National events throughout the year. Information regarding NUWAY Nationals and the NUWAY organization can be found at [www.nuwaywrestling.com](http://www.nuwaywrestling.com).

### **HYWAY/ NUWAY Mission**

NUWAY is approaching its fifth year as an organization and growing by popular demand across the country. The ideology and values instilled in this true grassroots organization is to support all state organizations across the country. Creating a movement that many across the nation have been looking to get involved with for quite some time.

If you believe in building, supporting, and saving wrestling at all levels from youth through college across the United States then this is the organization for you! We look forward to the continued support of all the wrestling faithful and look forward to building into the future. Thank you for your interest in joining the National United Wrestling Association for Youth (NUWAY). Joining this type of organization allows you focus on the grassroots level of



wrestling and invest back into your own state. Investing back into your own state is the back bone of this organization! We believe that for each every state to become a strong and a stand-alone state organization then you need to invest in the programs in your community at the youth, high school, and college levels. Our vision is that if we invest at the local levels first then we will become a stronger sport nationally.

As you begin to consider joining HYWAY/NUWAY you are going to be asking yourself many questions. The first and most important is, "How do we accomplish the above?"

1. Spend less on Membership and invest more into your state.
2. Have a system that allows you to have local weekly events that draws people into our sport.
3. Have a maintenance system for membership that is cost effective.
4. Have a financial model that keeps the majority of your resources within your state.
5. Have a national event that gives back to your state association.

By becoming involved we will outline and suggest ways in which you can become a fluent organization. HYWAY/NUWAY is here to assist you in becoming as strong as possible without micromanaging your associations every move. There are a general set of rules and regulations that we would like all member organizations to maintain. However, these are mostly age group, weight class, and wrestling related rules.

The strength in HYWAY/NUWAY

is that we allow you to model your organization in way that you feel is best suitable for your state. Every state has different needs and because of that we will to give you the freedom to make decisions that will best impact wrestling in a positive way in your own backyard. We will maintain and constantly remind each

member organization that reinvesting back into your membership is how you become a stronger.

### **The Vision for HYWAY**

The founders of NUWAY have modeled this system after the Michigan Youth Wrestling Association (MYWA). MYWA is an organization that began 2001 with a mere 750 members and now has over 9,000 members. There are several factors that promoted growth in the state of Michigan. The first being is that a system of reinvesting or rewarding the membership was created. MYWA pays for entry fees for over 300 wrestlers each and every year to participate in national events. In addition, they supply each of the top 3 state place winners with custom national team singlets. Even more so, MYWA invests into protecting its college wrestling programs by providing financial support at many levels.

The most important thing to remember as you consider joining HYWAY/NUWAY is that we are here to support and assist you in making your state organization stronger. We look forward to your participation in strengthening the sport of wrestling nationally from the grassroots level first which will in turn make the senior levels of wrestling stronger in the future.

If you are interested in having an impact on the growth of wrestling we would welcome you to try out our system for your evaluation.

# Milestones in Coaching

Below is a list of Coaches whom we have information on, and the level they have attained in terms of Dual Meet Victories. We know that there are many names that should be on this list that are not here. That is meant as a slight to no one. It is just that we only had information for about the last 5-6 years to go on in building this list. We would like to add to this list and make it as accurate as possible. If you are a retired Coach and your name is not here please contact one of the Officer so they can put your name on this page. If you are a current coach please access the link on this page and send a "Milestones in Coaching" form to Trent Staggs at his email address.

## 100 + DUAL VICTORIES

JOHN BENNETT	FW DWENGER
BOB BRENNAN	ZIONSVILLE
ROBERT FREIJE	MACONAQUAH
JIM MAGLIS	PRINCETON
DUSTY MARCHAND	BOONVILLE
MURRAY MILLER	S.B. WASHINGTON
TERRY O'NEILL	WESTFIELD
BRIAN SELTZER	ELKHART MEMORIAL
DUSTIN WILKE	BOONVILLE
BOB WILLHITE	LEBANON
ROB WILLMAN	FLOYD CENTRAL

## 150 + DUAL VICTORIES

DR. JOHN BARNETT	GIBSON SOUTHERN
SCOTT FERGUSON	EVANSVILLE REITZ
LOUIS KUZDAS	LAPORTE
DAVE MAYSE	EVANSVILLE HARRISON
ERIC MYERS	SOUTH ADAMS
PAUL NICODEMUS	PLAINFIELD
RON STATELER	SOUTH VERMILLION

## 200 + DUAL VICTORIES

STEVE BALASH	HOBART
TOM COOK	SEEGER
RUSS HESLER	GREENCASTLE
J.D. MINCH	NORTH MONTGOMERY
JIM PICKARD	GOSHEN
SCOTT ROUCH	LEWIS CASS
RUSS SCHENK	CULVER
CRAIG STANDISH	EASTERN
TRAVIS WALLS	GRIFFITH
TYSON SKINNER	MADISON

## 250 + DUAL VICTORIES

ANDY HOBBS	PERU
RICK ROOT	UNION CITY
DANNY STRUCK	JEFFERSONVILLE

## 300 + DUAL VICTORIES

TONY BOLEY	WARSAW
BILL CAMPBELL	NORTHFIELD
BOB HARMON	CASTLE
KEN HOUSTO	TWIN LAKES
TOM KNOTTS	TIPTON
LARRY MATTINGLY	EVANSVILLE MEM.
WALT PROCHNO	KANKAKEE VALLEY
SCOTT SCHWARZ	EAST CENTRAL
RICK STENFTENAGEL	JASPER
SCOTT VLINK	CROWN POINT

## 350 + DUAL VICTORIES

AL HARTMAN	SB CLAY
TRENT MCCORMICK	YORKTOWN
JIM TONTE	PERRY MERIDIAN

## 400 + DUAL VICTORIES

STEVE VANDERAA	WINAMAC
HENRY WILK	PENN

## 450 + DUAL VICTORIES

BARRY HUMBLE	NEW HAVEN
TOM MILLER	LAFAYETTE JEFF

## 500 + DUAL VICTORIES

MIKE GOEBEL	EVANSVILLE MATER DEI
BOB HASSEMAN	FRANKLIN COMMUNITY
PHIL THRASHER	NEW ALBANY

## 800 + DUAL VICTORIES

REX PECKINPAUGH	NEW CASTLE
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# MILESTONES IN COACHING FORM

The IHSWCA will present a certificate to coaches who have attained milestones in their coaching careers such as: 100+ 150+ 200+ 250+ & etc. Dual Meet Victories.

The certificates will be presented at the annual IHSWCA Hall of Fame banquet which is held the Sunday following the Individual State Wrestling Tournament.

If you qualify in one of these categories, please fill out the application below and mail, or FAX, the information to:

Trent R. Staggs - IHSWCA Secretary  
Martinsville High School  
1360 East Gray St.  
Martinsville, IN. 46151  
staggt@msdmail.net

Name \_\_\_\_\_ School \_\_\_\_\_

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CHECK THE MEMBERSHIPS THAT YOU WISH TO PURCHASE

IHSWCA - \$25.00 \_\_\_\_\_ Associate/Retired - \$20.00 \_\_\_\_\_

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# IHSWCA STANDING COMMITTEES AND CHAIRMEN

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## Membership Committee

Chairman: Trent Staggs (IHSWCA Secretary/Treasurer)  
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## IHSWCA Hall of Fame Banquet Committee

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## Scholastic Duals Planning Committee

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## Regional "Coaches of the Year" Planning Committee

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## Coaches Mentoring Committee

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### ON THE COVER

*Jeffersonville's Alonzo Shepherd leads the school with 181 career victories. He is making his 3rd trip to the state finals this weekend.*

### SECTIONAL LISTING

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# INDIANA HIGH SCHOOL WRESTLING COACHES ASSOCIATION

## DEDICATED TO AMATEUR WRESTLING

### INDIANA HIGH SCHOOL WRESTLING COACHES ASSOCIATION HALL OF FAME NOMINATION FORM

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NAME OF PERSON MAKING NOMINATION: \_\_\_\_\_

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A plaque will be presented to the selected coach at the annual Hall of Fame Banquet on the Sunday following the Individual State Wrestling Tournament

**Criteria for Nomination:**

1. Currently an assistant coach in your wrestling program.
2. Nominated by a current member of the IHSWCA.

Name of Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Nominator: \_\_\_\_\_

Reasoning for Nomination:

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INDIANA HIGH SCHOOL WRESTLING COACHES ASSOCIATION  
2011-12 IMPORTANT DATES CALENDAR

WK	DAY	DATE	EVENT	LOCATION
15	MON	OCT. 10, 2011	IHSAA WR. OFF. TESTS	ONLINE - IHSAA.ORG
<b>15</b>	<b>THUR/FRI</b>	<b>OCT. 13/14, 2011</b>	<b>IHSWCA FALL CLINIC</b>	<b>WARREN CENTRAL H.S.</b>
17	MON	OCT. 24, 2011	IHSAA WR. RULES MT. BEGIN ON-LINE 10-24 --- 11-14, 2011	The only face to face rules mt. will be at the state clinic
18	MON	Oct. 31, 2011	1ST AUTH. PRACT. DATE	
18	MON	Oct. 31, 2011	MAY BEGIN TO SUBMIT IHSAA SKINFOLD DATA	IHSAA OFFICE
19	SUN	Nov. 13, 2011	IHSWCA REG. REP. MEETING ANY MEMB. MAY ATTEND	G.T. South's - 5711 E 71st St Castleton 3:00 PM - INDY TIME
20	MON	NOV. 14, 2011	1ST AUTH CONTEST DATE	
23	SUN	DEC. 4, 2011	IHSWCA REG. REP. MEETING ANY MEMB. MAY ATTEND	G.T. South's - 5711 E 71st St Castleton 1:00 PM - INDY TIME
26	Fri	DEC. 30, 2011	LAST DAY FOR PARENT PERM -7% LAST DAY FOR PHYSICIAN'S CLEARANCE FOR WRESTLER NATURALLY UNDER 7%	IHSAA OFFICE
28	Mon	2-Jan-12	2 lbs. GROWTH ALLOWANCE	
28	SUN	JAN. 8, 2012	IHSWCA REG. REP. MEETING ANY MEMB. MAY ATTEND	G.T. South's - 5711 E 71st St Castleton 1:00 PM - INDY TIME
<b>29</b>	<b>TUE</b>	<b>JAN. 17, 2012</b>	<b>IHSAA SECT. ENTRY DUE</b>	<b>IHSAA OFFICE</b>
<b>29</b>	<b>THUR</b>	<b>JAN. 19, 2012</b>	<b>TEAM STATE TEAM DRAW</b>	
30	MON	JAN. 23, 2012	IHSAA SECT SEED MT.	SECTIONAL SITE
30	SAT	JAN. 28, 2012	IHSAA SECTIONALS	32 SITES
31	WED	FEB. 1, 2012	IHSAA TEAM REGIONALS	8 SITES
31	SAT	FEB. 4, 2012	IHSAA IND. REGIONALS	16 SITES
32	MON	FEB. 6, 2012	IHSWCA ACADEMIC ALL-STATE NOMINATION FORMS DUE	GREG GASTINEAU HAMILTON SOUTHEASTERN HS
32	SAT	FEB. 11, 2012	IHSAA IND. SEMI-STATE	4 SITES
33	SUN	FEB. 12, 2012	IHSWCA MIDDLE SCHOOL STATE - NATIONAL DUAL QUALIFIER	NEW CASTLE HS
33	FRI-SAT	FEB. 17/18, 2011	IHSAA IND. STATE FINALS	CONSECO F.H. - INDPLS.
34	SUN	FEB. 19, 2012	IHSWCA HALL OF FAME BANQUET	J.BYRD'S - GR'WOOD
34	SAT	FEB. 25, 2012	IHSAA TEAM STATE FINALS	CENTER GROVE H.S.
35	FRI-SUN	MAR. 2/4, 2012	BIG 10 TOURNAMENT	Purdue University
37	SUN	TBA	IHSWCA IN/IL ALL-STAR MEET	IL
37	TH-SAT	MAR. 15-17, 2012	NCAA DIVISION 1 NATIONALS	St. Louis, MO
38	TUE-SUN	MARCH 20-25, 2012	NHSCA - SOPH/JR/SR. NATIONALS	VIRGINIA BEACH, VA.
40	FRI-SAT	APR. 12/13/14, 2012	USWA National Scholastic Duals IHSWCA HOST ORGANIZATION	CRAWFORDSVILLE, IN WABASH COLLEGE
42	FRI	APR. 20, 2012	IHSWCA SPRING CLINIC	TBA - INDPLS.
42	FRI	APR. 20, 2012	IHSWCA HOF NOMINATIONS DUE	TBA -WATCH WEBSITES
44	WED	MAY. 2, 2012	IHSWCA ASST COACH OF THE YEAR NOMINATIONS DUE	Danny Struck Jeffersonville
50	SUN	JUN. 10, 2012	IHSWCA HALL OF FAME SELECTION MEETING	G.T. South's - 5711 E 71st St Castleton