

2004-05 USGWA Wrestling Report

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The 8th Annual United States Girls Wrestling Association National Championships will be held Saturday-Sunday, March 19-20, 2005. The weigh-in will be on Friday, March 18, 2005, from 4:00 pm to 10:00 pm at Lake Orion High School. And, yes, yes, we know this is the same weekend as the NCAA Division I Nationals, but there was no alternative since our traditional weekend, the 4th weekend in March, is Easter weekend in 2005. If the turn out is good, we will keep it on the 3rd weekend in March. If you didn't already know, the NCAA Division I Nationals will be at the Palace of Auburn Hills in 2007. Would that be good for our USGWA Nationals on the same weekend only six miles away? Let us know your

thoughts.

Rankings

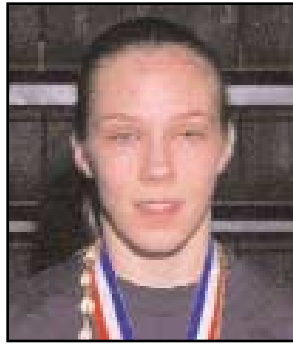
This is not an exact science!!! Just like seeding is not an exact science!! It's just a best guess as to who would win a match based on previous performance, a little knowledge of wrestling, and a little guessing. Obviously, if we knew who would win a match before it was wrestled, we would not bother contesting the bout! Anyway, California looks to be head and shoulders above every other state in girls wrestling based on the number of girls in this year's USGWA TOP 8 rankings. California can boast 21 girls rated this year, and we are sure there are many others worthy of recognition that we are not aware of.

Michigan comes in second with 10 ranked girls, just slightly ahead of Ohio's 9. Wisconsin, Hawaii, New York, Texas come in next with 5 each. Washington, Minnesota, Virginia, Missouri, Illinois, and Massachusetts have 4 ranked. Connecticut, Kansas, Iowa, and New Jersey each have 3. Oklahoma, West Virginia, Nebraska, and Colorado have 2 each, and Maryland, North Dakota, North Carolina, Maine, Vermont, Oregon, Pennsylvania, and Florida have one each.

We know that many girls can't get to Nationals because of the expense of travel, but we'd encourage you, as coaches, to try to help them get here. New college programs will be starting in the near future and many of them stock their rosters with USGWA Nationals



JOEY MILLER-FR
Woodward High School
Woodward, Oklahoma
1st - 100 lbs.



ALYSSA LAMPE-JR
Tomahawk High School
Tomahawk, Wisconsin
2nd - 100 lbs.



WHITNEY CONDER-JR
Payallup High School
Payallup, Washington
3rd - 100 lbs.



JOLEEN OSHIRO-SR
Iolani High School
Ewa Beach, Hawaii
4th - 100 lbs.



RACHAEL HOLTHAUS-SR
Royalton High School
Little Falls, Minnesota
5th - 100 lbs.



FIREN GASSMAN-FR
Home Schooled
Reston, Virginia
6th - 100 lbs.



NICOLE WOODY-SO
Home Schooled
St. Leonard, Maryland
7th - 100 lbs.



DIANNA ACORS-SO
Burnt Hills High School
Charlton, New York
8th - 100 lbs.