



Pre-Season 200 Top College Wrestlers

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Wrestling USA Magazine's nineteenth annual Pre-Season 200 Top College Wrestlers appear in this issue. The wrestlers chosen are the elite of college wrestling regardless of division or classification.

The selection criteria takes the following into account: (1) NCAA Division I placement (2) NCAA Division II champions and placers (3) NCAA Division III champions and runners-up (4) NAIA champions and top placers (5) National Junior College champions (6) performances at the NCAA Division I qualifying tournaments (7) transfers and redshirt freshmen with impact potential. This process excludes the unknown possibility of weight-class changes, redshirt decisions, transfers that were not

reported, and injuries.

The top picks comprise an exceptional group of four defending NCAA Division I champions, two 2003 NCAA Division I champions, and four NCAA Division I runners-up. The ten picks compiled a 328-22 overall win-loss record in their most recent year of competition. They are led by two-time NCAA champion Greg Jones (184) of West Virginia. Matt Gentry (157) of Stanford finished the 2003-04 season undefeated at 41-0, while Steve Mocco of Oklahoma State ended the 2002-03 season undefeated at 36-0.

In addition to the six NCAA Division I champions top picks, 25 other national winners were awarded spots on the Top-200. Three additional 2003 Division I NCAA Champions are Teyon Ware (141) of Oklahoma, Ryan Bertin (157) of Michigan, and Jake