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# Editorial

By Lanny Bryant, Editor-In-Chief

185 lbs.



**Gold Medalist  
Cael Sanderson**

## Congratulations to our 2004 USA Olympic Wrestling Medalists

In the 2004 Olympics Cael Sanderson won the gold medal at 185 lbs. in men's freestyle wrestling. Sanderson, a 2003 World silver medalist, defeated 2000 Olympic silver medalist Moon Eui Jae of Korea in the finals by a 3-1 margin. Abas was defeated by Russia's Mavlet Batirov in the gold-medal finals, 9-1 and Kelly lost in the finals to three-time World champion Elbrus Tedeyev of Ukraine in the gold-medal finals, 5-1.

Rulon Gardner won the bronze medal for his second career Olympic medal. A 2000 Olympic champion and 2001 World Champion Rulon won a bronze medal at 264.5 lbs. in the Olympic Greco-Roman wrestling. Gardner defeated Sajad Barzi of Iran in the bronze-medal match, 3-1 in overtime.

In women's freestyle McMann won the silver medal and Miranda won the bronze medal. Pat Miranda 105.5 lbs., defeated France's Angelique Berthenet, 12-4 in the bronze-medal match. As the matches were held in weight class order, Miranda competed before McMann and became the first U.S. woman wrestler to win an Olympic medal. Sara McMann won a silver medal at 138.75 lbs., dropping a heart-breaking 3-2 decision to two-time World champion Kaori Icho of Japan in the gold-medal finals.

121 lbs.



**Silver Medalist  
Stephen Abas**

145.5 lbs.



**Silver Medalist  
Jamill Kelly**

138.75 lbs.



**Silver Medalist  
Sara McMann**

### Medal match results

264.5 lbs.



**Bronze Medalist  
Rulon Gardner**

121 lbs.

**Gold** - Mavlet Batirov (Russia) dec. **Stephen Abas (USA)**, 9-1

**Bronze** - Chihara Tanabe (Japan) dec. Amiran Karntanov (Greece), 7-0

145.5 lbs.

**Gold** - Elbrus Tedeyev (Ukraine) dec. **Jamill Kelly (USA)**, 5-1

**Bronze** - Makhach Murtazaliev (Russia) won by ref. dec. over Leonid Spiridonov (Kazakhstan), 2-1, ot, 9:00

185 lbs.

**Gold** - **Cael Sanderson (USA)** dec. Moon Eui Jae (Korea), 3-1

**Bronze** - Sajid Sajidov (Russia) dec. Yoel Romero (Cuba), 5-3

264.5 lbs.

**Gold** - Hassan Baroev (Russia) dec. Georgiy Tsursumia (Kazakhstan), 4-2

**Bronze** - **Rulon Gardner (USA)** dec. Sajad Barzi (Iran), 3-0, ot, 6:39

105.5 lbs.

**Gold** - Irini Merlini (Ukraine) won by ref. dec. over Chiharu Icho (Japan), 2-2, ot, 9:00

**Bronze** - **Patricia Miranda (USA)** dec. Angelique Berthenet (France), 12-4

138.75 lbs.

**Gold** - Kaori Icho (Japan) dec. **Sara McMann (USA)**, 3-2

**Bronze** - Lise LeGrand (France) pin Stavroula Zygori (Greece), 2:04

### Cover Photo

Fargo, North Dakota - 105 pounder Dan Bishop (NY) spent only 2:55 during the championship match of the 2004 Greco Junior Nationals defeating opponent Ian Moser by technical fall 14-2. Photo by Wyatt Shultz.

We neglected to credit *Billings Gazette* for Diane Cochran's article on page 30 of our April 15, 2004 issue entitled "Wrestling Includes the Whole Family." We want to thank the *Billings Gazette* for giving us permission to reprint the article.

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