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# Editorial

By Dan Fickel, National Editor

## 2005 WRESTLING USA MAGAZINE ALL-AMERICAN TEAMS

One of our favorite features of the year is the annual Wrestling USA Magazine All-American Teams. Each year we are proud to recognize the top high school seniors in the country. There are 13 "Dream Teamers", 13 "Academic Teamers", 96 other All-Americans, and 120 Honorable Mention All-American selections. Forty-seven states are represented from the over 400 nominations received.

The 2005 Dream Team is an exceptional one led by five-time state champion Troy Nickerson (125) of New York and four-time state champions Angel Escobedo (135) of Indiana, Dustin Schlatter (145) of Ohio, and Jared Roshalt (215) of Oklahoma. The 13 members of the team represent 34 state titles and 2,226 match victories. They average an overall win-loss record of 171-9 and an average G.P.A. of 3.2. Adam Frey (130) of New Jersey leads in G.P.A. with a 4.6 followed by Chance Litton (171) of West Virginia with a 4.0. Escobedo heads the team with a 99.6% winning percentage and 223 career wins. Nickerson has the most career falls with 174. Ten individuals captured prestigious National High School Senior Championships while Nickerson, Schlatter, and Coughlin have won titles at the highly regarded Junior National Freestyle Championships. Family tradition is evident with Cyler Sanderson (140) of Utah, Schlatter, and Roshalt having older brothers who were Dream Team Members. They are Cael Sanderson (171) of Utah in 1998, C.P. Schlatter (152) of Ohio in 2003, and Jake Roshalt (189) of Idaho in 2001.

The Academic Team features five-time state champion Michael Cuthbertson (160) of Alabama and four-time state champions Mike Bizzle (130) of Oklahoma, Cesar Grajales (135) of Florida, Jason Robbins (140) of Florida, and Brent Metcalf (145) of Michigan. The thirteen members of the team have an astounding 4.1 average G.P.A. and an average win-loss record of 169-7. Grajales leads in G.P.A. with an incredible 6.05 while Robbins and Metcalf finished their amazing careers undefeated at 198-0 and 228-0 respectively. Metcalf amassed the most career falls with 180 followed by Cuthbertson with 140. Metcalf was also triumphant in freestyle and Greco-Roman at the 2003 and 2004 Junior National Championships.

Unfortunately, we did not receive nominations for some deserving young men. We also received some incomplete nominations that lacked necessary information or photos and received some nominations well past the April 1st deadline.

Seven factors were considered in determining the All-American Teams. They include:

- (1) Overall varsity high school record and accomplishment at the State High School Championships;
- (2) National Junior Freestyle and Greco-Roman success;
- (3) National High School Seniors Championships;
- (4) Cadet National placement;
- (5) Performances at prestigious regular season high school tournaments;
- (6) Nomination forms and letters of recommendation sent by coaches and parents; and academic excellence and citizenship.

### Cover Photo

Louisiana - Caleb Levee' of Mandeville HS (blue & white) man handled Mark Rome of Archbishop Rummel HS to win his 2nd straight state championship, 11-4. Levee' was only able to wrestle 6 matches this year due to a broken arm early in the season. Twelve weeks later he was able to get back on the mats to claim the 130 pound title. Photo by Ross Levee'.

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