

# Pre-Season 200 Top College WRESTLERS



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National Editor

**W**restling USA Magazine's 22nd 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 top placers (4) NAIA champions and runners-up (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, eligibility problems, transfers that were not reported, and injuries.

The top picks comprise an exceptional group of five defending NCAA champions, one former NCAA Division I champion, one NCAA Division II champion, and three NCAA Division I runners-up. The ten picks compiled a 331-23 overall win-loss record for the 2006-07 season. They are led by multiple NCAA Division I finalists Mark Perry (165) of Iowa and Jake Herbert (184) of Northwestern. Herbert ended the 2006-07 season undefeated at 32-0. Four of the top picks lost only one bout during the year. They included Ryan Lang (141) of Northwestern, Dustin Schlatter (149) of Minnesota, Josh Glenn (197) of American, and Tervel Dlagnev (285) of Nebraska-Kearney. Dlagnev, the reigning NCAA Division II champion, was victorious at the prestigious Midlands Championships with an impressive 10-4 victory over NCAA Division I third-place All-American Dustin Fox (285) of Northwestern.

In addition to the six NCAA Division I champions, 24 other national winners were awarded spots on the Top-200. Two-time NCAA champion Antonio Guerra (157) of Findlay highlights an impressive group of nine champions and one runner-up from NCAA Division II. Five defending champions, one former champion, and two runners-up are part of the Top-200 from NCAA Division III. The NAIA is represented by three champions and two runners-up. Six former champions are part of the Top-200 from the National Junior College Athletic Association. They are Eric Hoffman (125) of North Dakota State, Brett Allgood (133) of Nebraska-Kearney, Kenny Jordan (133) of Nebraska, Zach Flake (149) of Campbellsville, Yura Malamura (197) of Minnesota, and Jon Jones (285) of Iowa Central Junior College.

The special mention team consists of wrestlers from all divisions who have met the selection criteria in some way. These athletes were strong candidates for the Top-200. Unfortunately, I never received quality color photos of some of these wrestlers.

Please mail me color head-shot photos of all your wrestlers, including all transfers and incoming freshmen. If possible, send color head-shot photos or a CD with all of the head-shot photos on it. If color photos are not available, please mail black & white so no deserving wrestlers are missed in future issues. Also, please include me on your sports information mailing list and mail me your 2007-08 Wrestling Media Guide when it is available. Correspondence on college wrestling is to be sent to: Dan Fickel, National Editor, *Wrestling USA Magazine*, 10757 Woodrun Drive, Strongsville, Ohio 44136. E-Mail: [dfickel@netlink.net](mailto:dfickel@netlink.net).

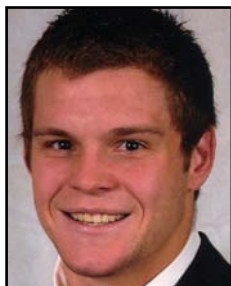
## PRE-SEASON SPECIAL MENTION TEAM

**Editor's Note:** The following list of wrestlers who comprise the "Special Mention" team are wrestlers from all divisions. They have met the selection criteria in some way and were strong candidates for the Top-200.

Javier Maldonado	125	TN-Chattanooga
Cody Garcia	125	Nebraska-Omaha
Marcos Orozco	125	UC Davis
Tyler Zukerman	125	Central Oklahoma
Tyler Shinn	125	Oklahoma State
Jafari Vanier	133	Augsburg
Eric Albright	133	Virginia
Zach Tanelli	133	Wisconsin
Seth Ciasulli	133	Lehigh
Eli Hutchison	141	Boise State
Heinrich Barnes	141	Oregon State
Steve Fittery	141	Shippensburg
Ken Hashimoto	141	Northern Colorado
Ryan Cubberly	141	Central Michigan
Joe Caramanica	141	N.C. State
Scott Ervin	149	Appalachian State
Matt Moley	149	Bloomsburg
Jason Rhoten	149	MN-Mankato
Matt Burns	149	Iowa Central JC
David Jaurequi	149	West Virginia
Nate Carr	157	Iowa Central JC
Tyler Sherfey	157	Boise State
Newly McSpadden	157	Oklahoma State
Jake Murphy	157	Purdue
Jason Leavitt	157	Central Oklahoma
Andy Pickar	165	MN-Mankato
Colby Covington	165	Iowa Central JC
Bryan Tice	165	Fullerton
Sean Richmond	165	Pittsburgh
Shane Bennett	165	Dickinson State
Nate Lee	174	Boise State
Matt Maciag	174	Wisconsin
Matt Cauley	174	Lindenwood
Lloyd Rogers	174	TN-Chattanooga
Duke Burk	184	Northern Illinois
Marc Bennett	184	Indiana
Austin Boehm	184	Nebraska-Omaha
Jack Jensen	184	Oklahoma State
Evan Mattingly	197	Wyoming
Josh Majerus	197	Chadron State
Brian Fritchman	197	MSU-Northern
Cornelius Murray	197	VMI
Andrew Anderson	197	Northern Iowa
Reece Hopkin	285	Northern Colorado
Lance Shunia	285	Lindenwood
Patrick Walker	285	Liberty

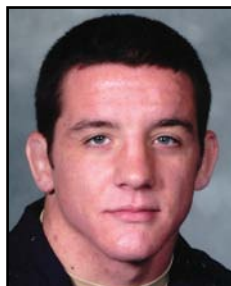
# TOP COLLEGE WRESTLERS

165 TOP PICK  
IOWA



MARK PERRY  
1st Div I

174 TOP PICK  
PITTSBURGH



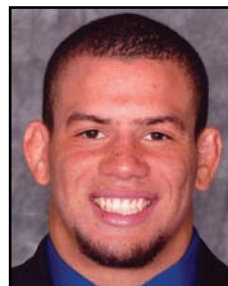
KEITH GAVIN  
2nd Div I

184 TOP PICK  
NORTHWESTERN



JAKE HERBERT  
1st Div I

197 TOP PICK  
AMERICAN

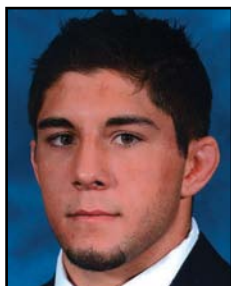


JOSH GLENN  
1st Div I

285 TOP PICK  
NEBRASKA-KEARNEY



TERVEL DLAGNEV  
1st Div II



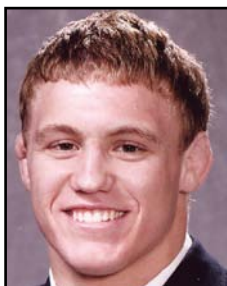
ERIC TANNENBAUM  
Michigan - 4th Div I

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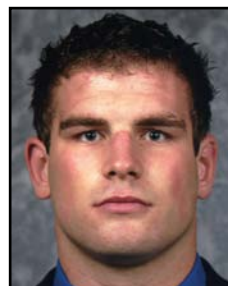
MATT STOLPINSKI  
Navy - 4th Div I

2nd



JAKE VARNER  
Iowa State - 2nd Div I

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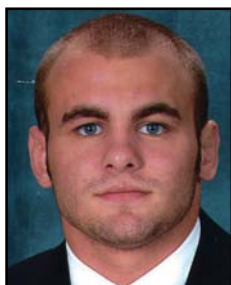


J. D. BERGMAN  
Ohio State - 4th Div I

2nd



DUSTIN FOX  
Northwestern - 3rd Div I



MATT COUGHLIN  
Indiana - 7th Div I

3rd



BRANDON MASON  
Oklahoma State - 5th Div I

3rd



ROGER KISH  
Minnesota - 2nd Div I '06

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PHIL DAVIS  
Penn State - 2nd Div I '06

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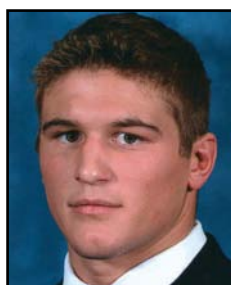


BUBBA GRITTER  
Central Michigan - 5th Div I



MIKE MILLER  
Central Michigan - 8th Div I

4th



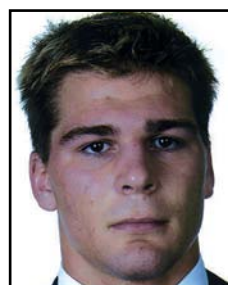
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Michigan - 6th Div I

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TYREL TODD  
Michigan - 5th Div I

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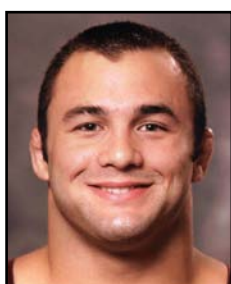


MIKE TAMILLOW  
Northwestern - 7th Div I

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WADE SAUER  
Fullerton - 6th Div I



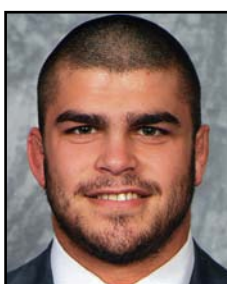
PATRICK PITSCH  
Arizona State - 1st Pac 10

5th



BRANDON SINNOTT  
Central Michigan - 7th Div I

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MIKE PUCILLO  
Ohio State - 6th Big 10

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MAX ASKREN  
Missouri - 1st Big 12

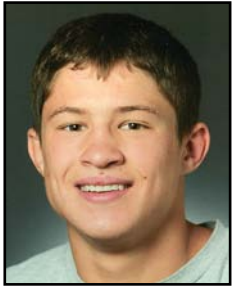
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MIKE SPAID  
Bloomsburg - 8th Div I

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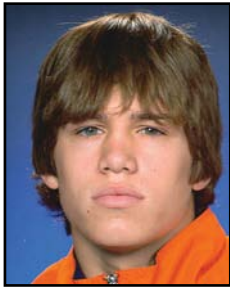
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6th

**TANNER GARDNER**  
Stanford - 7th Div I

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6th

**JIMMY KENNEDY**  
Illinois - 4th Big 10

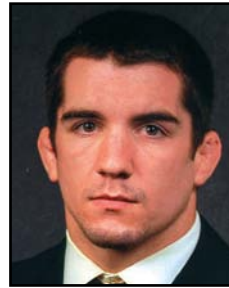
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6th

**JAKE STRAYER**  
Penn State - 7th Div I (133)

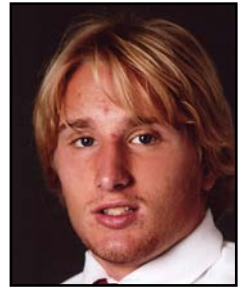
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6th

**BRENT METCALF**  
Iowa - 4x Michigan SC

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**JOSH ZUPANCIC**  
Stanford - 7th Div I



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**CHARLIE FALCK**  
Iowa - 8th Div I



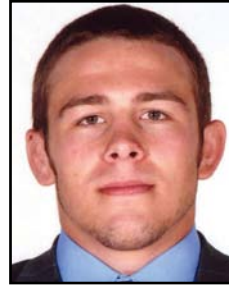
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**JOE KEMMERER**  
Kutztown - 1st Div II



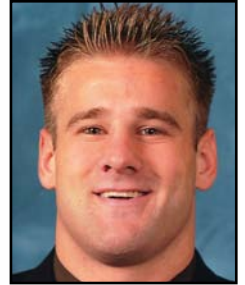
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**J. JAGGERS**  
Ohio State - 7th Div I



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**WILL ROWE**  
Oklahoma - 4th Big 12

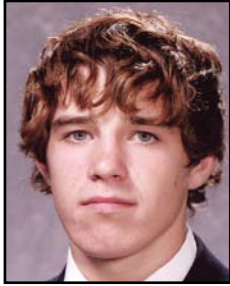


**RYAN HLUSCHAK**  
Drexel - 8th Div I



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**MIKE SEES**  
Bloomsburg - 2nd EWL



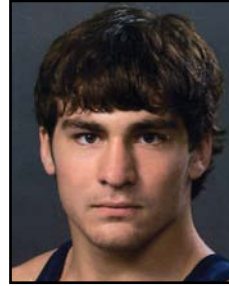
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**NICK FANTHORPE**  
Iowa State - 4th Big 12 (125)



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**ADAM FREY**  
Cornell - 2nd EIWA

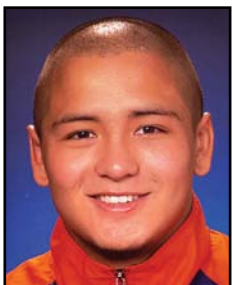


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**DAN VALLIMONT**  
Penn State - 4th Big 10

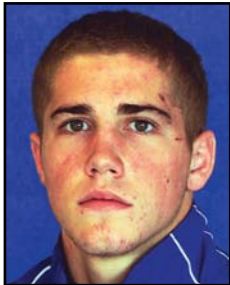


**BRANDON BECKER**  
Indiana - 7th Div I '06



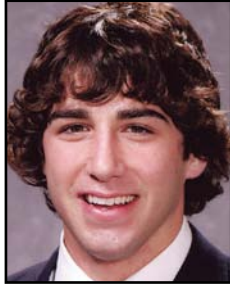
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**GABE FLORES**  
Illinois - 4th Big 10



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**LOU RUGGIRELLO**  
Hofstra - 1st CAA



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**NICK GALLICK**  
Iowa State - 3rd Big 12 (133)



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**DARRION CALDWELL**  
NC State - 1st ACC



**CYLER SANDERSON**  
Iowa State - 2nd Big 12 (149)



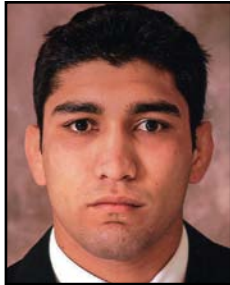
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**DAVID TOMASETTE**  
Hofstra - 1st CAA



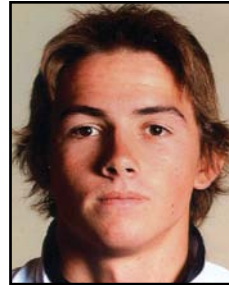
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**FRANKLIN GOMEZ**  
Michigan State - 1x Florida SC



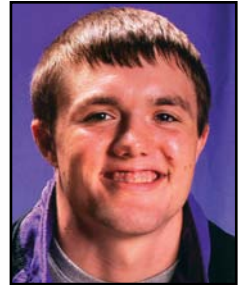
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**MANUEL RIVERA**  
Minnesota - 5th Big 10



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**MORGAN ATKINSON**  
Fullerton - 1st Pac 10



**MOZA FAY**  
Northern Iowa - 1st W. Region.

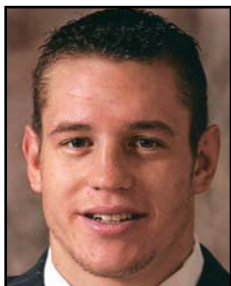
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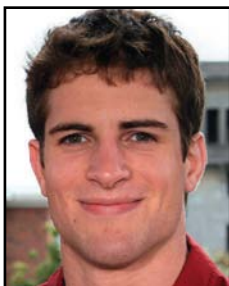
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Minnesota - 3rd Big 10

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GABE DRETSCH  
Minnesota - 4th Big 10

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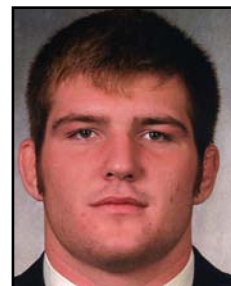
LOUIS CAPUTO  
Harvard - 7th Div I

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CRAIG BRESTER  
Nebraska - 2nd Big 12

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MATT FIELDS  
Iowa - 4th Big 10

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ROGER SMITH-BERGRUD  
Illinois - 6th Big 10

MIKE LETTS  
Maryland - 1st ACC

JOSH ARNONE  
Cornell - 8th Div I

JOEL FLAGGERT  
Oklahoma - 5th Div I '06

MATT KOZ  
TN-Chattanooga - 1st So. Conf.

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JON READER  
Iowa State - 3x Michigan SC

DOUG UMBEHAUER  
Rider - 1st CAA

RAYMOND JORDAN  
Missouri - 1st Big 12

WYNN MICHALAK  
Central Michigan - 8th Div I '06

ED PRENDERGAST  
Navy - 1st EIWA

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STEVE ANCERAVAGE  
Cornell - 1st EIWA

JOHN DERGO  
Illinois - 5th Big 10

CHRISTIAN SINNOTT  
Central Michigan - 1st MAC

DALLAS HERBST  
Wisconsin - 3rd Big 10

DAVID ZABRISKIE  
Iowa State - 1st Big 12

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MIKE CANNON  
American - 2nd EIWA

DAVID ERWIN  
Penn State - 2x Ohio SC

JOE ROVELLI  
Hofstra - 1st CAA

BRANDON HALSEY  
Bakersfield - 1st Pac 10

JARED ROSHALT  
Oklahoma State - 2nd Big 12

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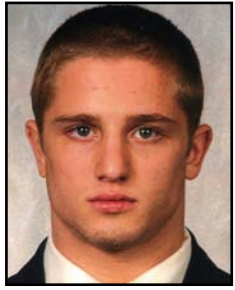
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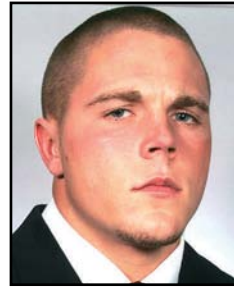
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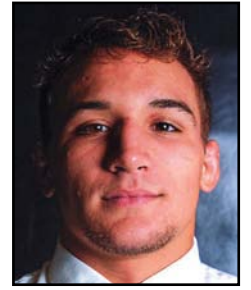
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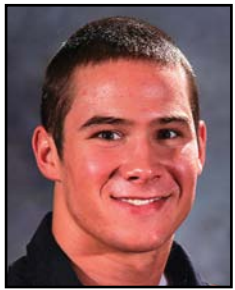
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Northwestern - 7th Big 10

**MIKE GREY**  
Cornell - 4x New Jersey SC

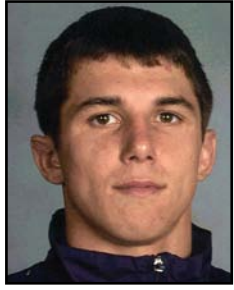
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Iowa - 7th Div I '06

**TODD MENEELY**  
Nebraska-Omaha - 1st Div II

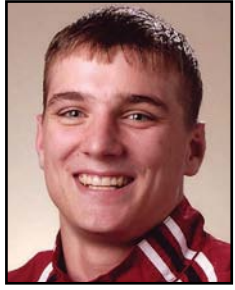
**MICHAEL CHANDLER**  
Missouri - 3rd Big 12



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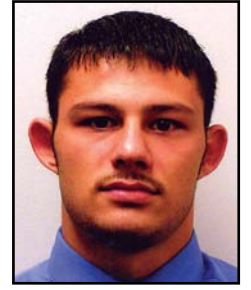
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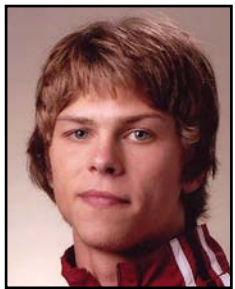
**BEN ASHMORE**  
Oklahoma State - 4x Texas SC

**DREW HEADLEE**  
Pittsburgh - 8th Div I '05

**KYLE RUSCHELL**  
Wisconsin - 2nd Big 10

**MITCH MUELLER**  
Iowa State - 4th Big 12 (141)

**ANTONIO GUERRA**  
Findlay - 1st Div II 2x



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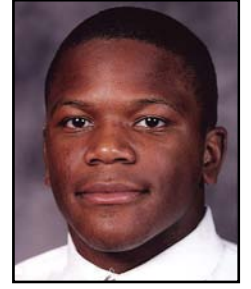
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**COLLIN CUDD**  
Wisconsin - 5th Big 10

**T. J. ENRIGHT**  
Ohio State - 6th Big 10

**ROBBIE PRESTON**  
Harvard - 3rd EIWA

**JAKE PATACSIL**  
Purdue - 7th Big 10

**CHRIS OLIVER**  
Nebraska - 2nd Big 12



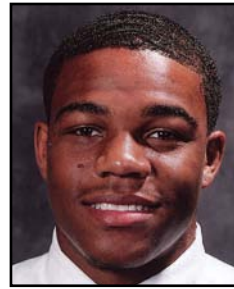
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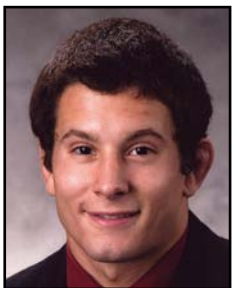
**MARK MCKNIGHT**  
Penn State - 6th Big 10

**BRETT ALLGOOD**  
Nebraska-Kearney - 1st Div II '06

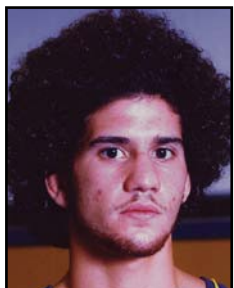
**QUINCY OSBORN**  
Augsburg - 1st Div III

**JORDAN BURROUGHS**  
Nebraska - 3rd Big 12

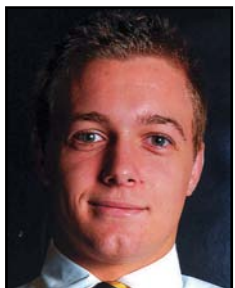
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Iowa - 5th Big 10



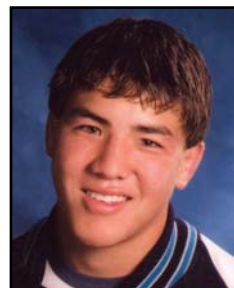
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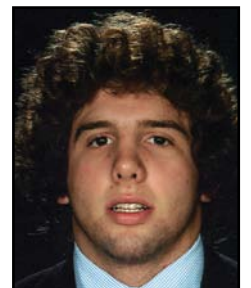
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**PAT CASTILLO**  
Northern Illinois - 1st MAC

**DAN MITCHEFF**  
Kent State - 2nd MAC

**JOSH WAGNER**  
Missouri - 4th Big 12

**ADAM HALL**  
Boise State - 3x Idaho SC

**ANDREW FLANAGAN**  
Harvard - 1st EIWA '06

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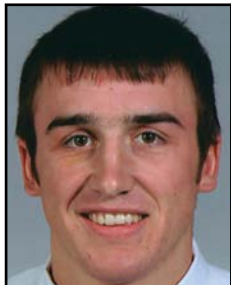
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ANDY RENDOS  
Bucknell - 3rd EIWA

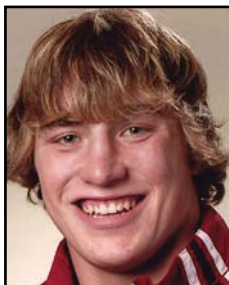
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JOSH CHELF  
WI-LaCrosse - 1st Div III

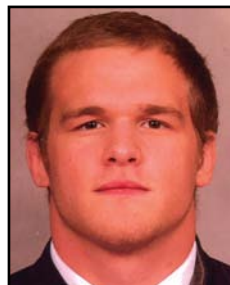
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TREVOR BRANDVOLD  
Wisconsin - 4th Big 10

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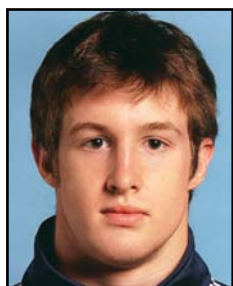
HUDSON TAYLOR  
Maryland - 2nd ACC

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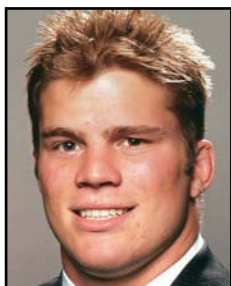
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JOE FENDONE  
Edinboro - 4th EWL



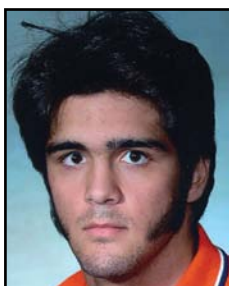
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DUSTIN NOACK  
UC Davis - 2nd PAC 10



12th

JOEY HOOKER  
Cornell - 4th EIWA



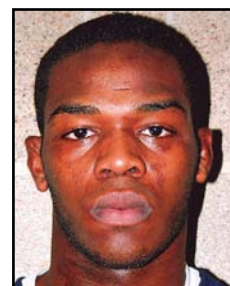
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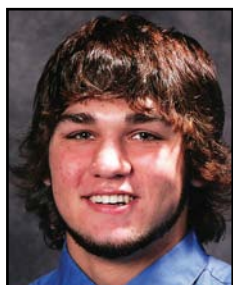


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JON JONES  
Iowa Central JC - 1st NJCAA '06



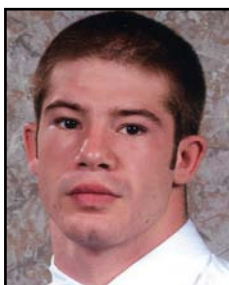
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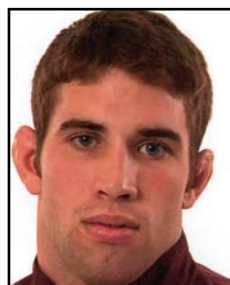
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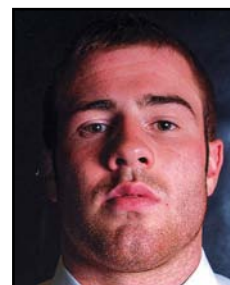
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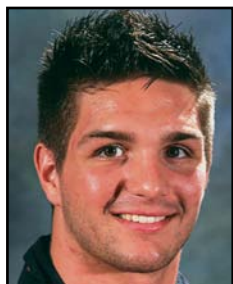


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Rider - 3rd CAA

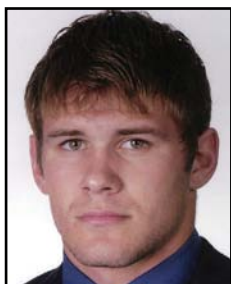


MARK ELLIS  
Missouri - 3rd Big 12



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NEIL ERISMAN  
Oklahoma State - 1x Kansas SC



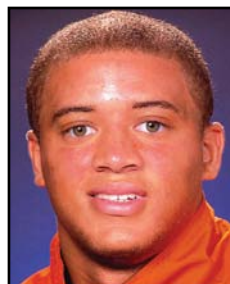
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NICK HAYES  
Northwestern - 7th Div I



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VINCE JONES  
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PATRICK BOND  
Illinois - 5th Big 10



KYLE MASSEY  
Wisconsin - 5th Big 10



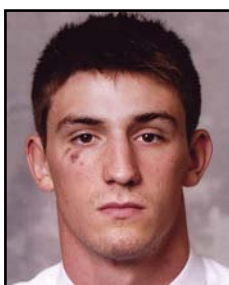
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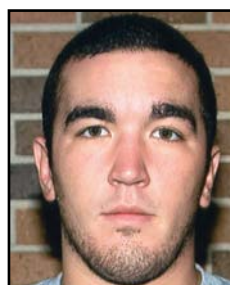
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Binghamton - 2nd CAA



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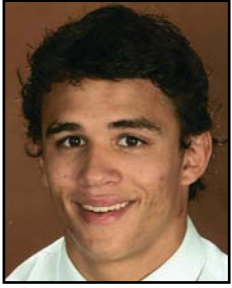
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Wartburg - 1st Div III



JON MAY  
Nebraska - 3rd Big 12 '06

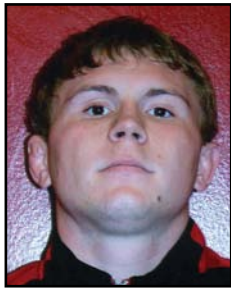
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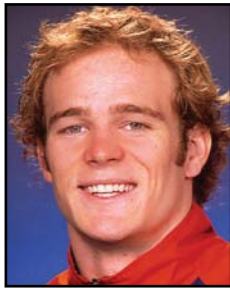
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Central Michigan - 2nd MAC

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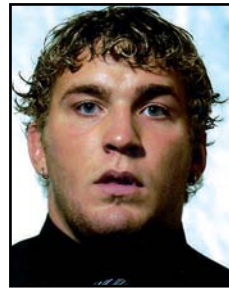
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Dana - 2nd NAIA

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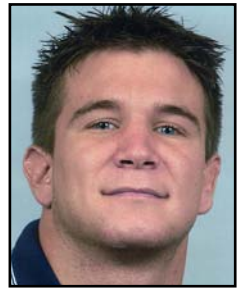
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TREVOR CHINN  
Lehigh - 2nd EIWA '06

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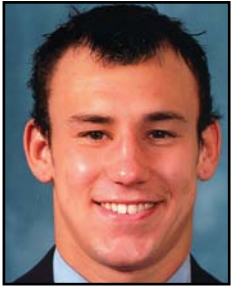
ZAC FRYLING  
West Virginia - 3rd EWL

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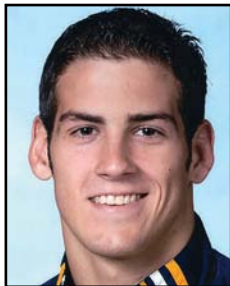
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Drexel - 2nd CAA

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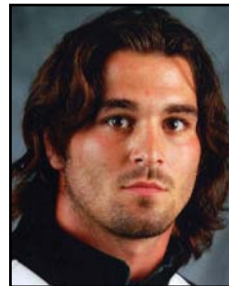
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Navy - 3rd EIWA '06

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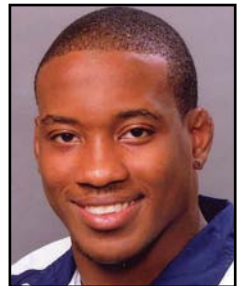
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RYAN HURLEY  
Cleveland State - 3rd EWL

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BUBBA JENKINS  
Penn State - 6th Big 10



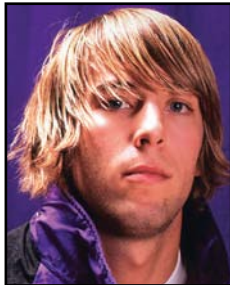
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N. Dakota State - 1st W. Region

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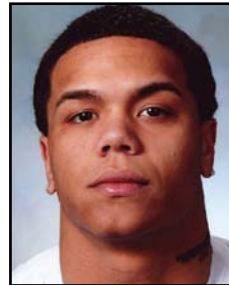
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Nebraska - 1st NJCAA

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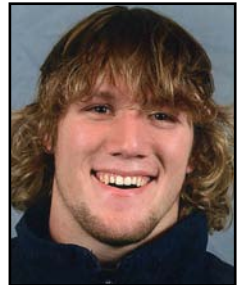
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N. Iowa - 2nd West Regional

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MIKE ROGERS  
Carson-Newman - 2nd Div II

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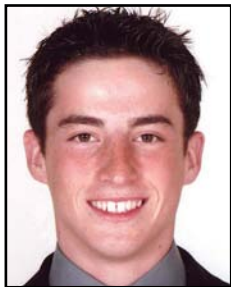


KURT GROSS  
Kent State - 1st MAC



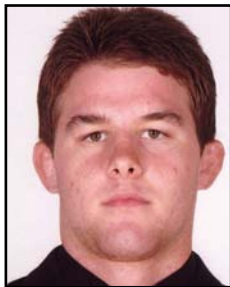
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Augsburg - 2nd Div III

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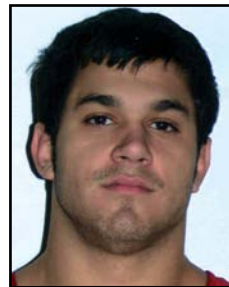
BRIAN SHELTON  
Oklahoma - 4th Big 12

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KYLE TERRY  
Oklahoma - 3rd Big 12

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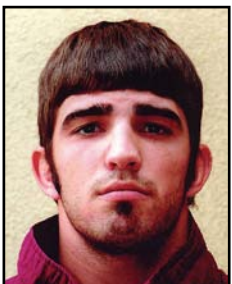


JOE PFLUG  
Heidelberg - 1st Div III '06

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HAYDEN HARRISON  
Embry-Riddle - 1st NAIA



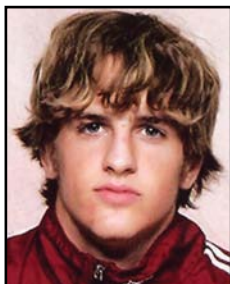
COREY BORGES  
MSU-Northern - 2nd NAIA

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DAVID MORGAN  
King's - 1st Div III

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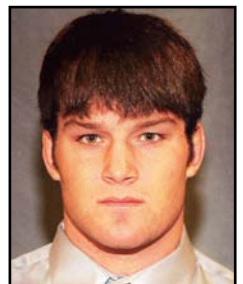
DARREN KERN  
Bloomsburg - 2nd EWL

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ZACH FLAKE  
Campbellsville - 1st NAIA

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JEREMY ANDERSON  
Augsburg - 1st Div III

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ZACK SHANAMAN  
Pennsylvania - 5th EIWA

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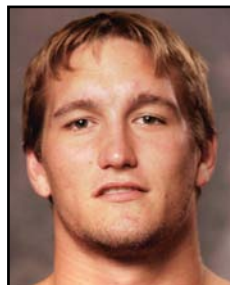
PHIL MORICONE  
Edinboro - 3rd EWL

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PHILLIP KEDDY  
Iowa - 7th Big 10

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JASON TRULSON  
Arizona State - 3rd PAC 10

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JERMAIL PORTER  
Kent State - 2nd MAC

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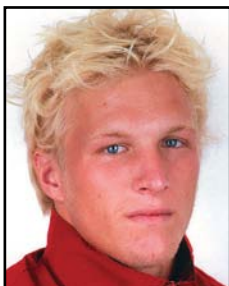
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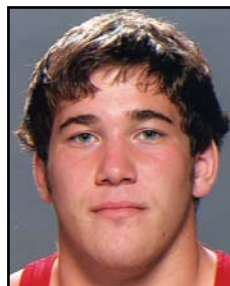
ERIC DECKER  
Virginia Tech - 2nd ACC



JAY BORSCHEL  
Iowa - 4x Iowa SC



RYAN GOODMAN  
NC State - 1st ACC (197)



TAYLOR MOORE  
Cornell - 1x Missouri SC



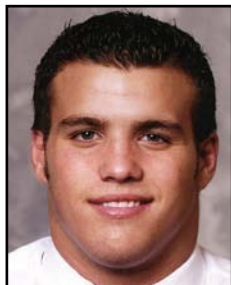
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Cleveland State - 3rd EWL

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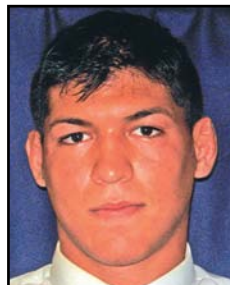
JUSTIN FRAGA  
Purdue - 4th Big 10



ALEX DOLLY  
N. Iowa - 2nd W. Regional



JOSH WEITZEL  
Oklahoma - 5th Big 12



DAVID MENDOZA  
Old Dominion - 2nd CAA



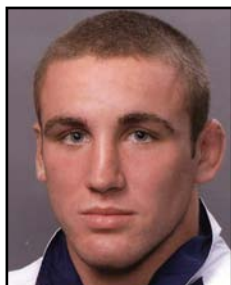
COLTON NICHOLS  
Bakersfield - 4th PAC 10

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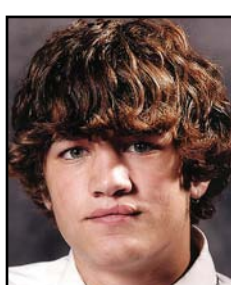
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DAVE RELLA  
Penn State - 2x Ohio SC



BRANDON BROWNE  
Nebraska - 2x Nebraska SC



JARED DEAGUERO  
Adams State - 1st Div II



ERIC LAPOTSKY  
Bucknell - 3rd EIWA



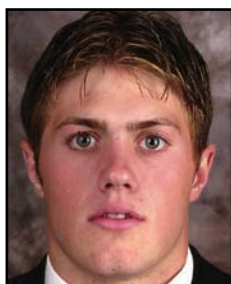
ZACH HAMMOND  
Cornell - 2nd EIWA

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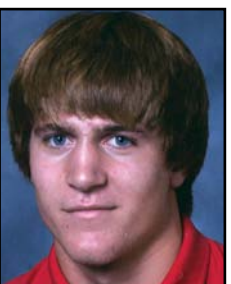
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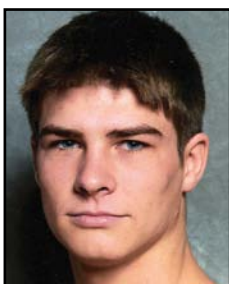
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NATHAN BAKER  
MN-Moorehead - 1st Div II '06



KYLE VANDERHYDE  
Olivet - 2nd Div III



JAKE STEVENSON  
Morningside - 1st NAIA



YURA MALAMURA  
Minnesota - 1st NJCAA '05



JOE NORD  
Minnesota - 2x Minnesota SC