

WRESTLING USA MAGAZINE

LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

2010 Senior Ranking for the Dream Team Classic in Illinois

By Cody Bryant, Managing Editor

In this issue you will find the second set of the 2009-2010 high school senior ranking by our National Editor, Dan Fickel. Starting on page 37 you will find the top 30 seniors ranked by weight class plus additional special mention wrestlers listed in alphabetical order except at the 103 pounds. Also you will find at the end of the individual ranking 139 head shots of some of the top senior wrestlers in the country.

These ranking are used to determine our 14th annual Dream Team Classic team that will be wrestled in the great state of Illinois in April. This year Pennsylvania leads the way with four of the nation's top ranked wrestlers starting with the Alton twins Andrew and Dylan from Central Mountain at 145 lbs. and 152 lbs. The other two top ranked Pennsylvania wrestlers are Marshall Peppelman (Central Dauphin) at 160 lbs. and Michael McMullen (Wyoming Seminary) at 285 lbs. Ohio has the next most top ranked wrestlers with three; Kory Mines (Maple Heights) at 112 lbs., Logan Stieber (Monroeville) at 125 lbs. and Jamie Clark (Saint Edward) at 130 lbs. Other top ranked wrestlers include Mike Soria (Kings Park, NY) at 103 lbs., Ryak, Finch (Safford, AZ) at 119 lbs., Ryan Nieman (Bullock Creek, MI) at 135 lbs., Chris Villalonga (Blair Academy, NJ) at 140 lbs., Lee Munster (Grant, IL) at 189 lbs. and Trevor Rupp (Pocatello, ID) at 215 lbs. Unfortunately, we no longer use the 103 lb. weight class in the Dream Team Classic and Lee Munster will be on Team Illinois against number two ranked Mike Evans (Blair Academy).

Illinois, in addition to the top ranked 189 lb wrestler, has three wrestlers ranked in the top five in the country with Keith Surber (O'Fallon) at 130 lbs. and twins Chris and Nick Dardanes (Oak Park and River Forest) at 135 lbs. and 140 lbs. Illinois also has the seventh ranked wrestler at 160 lbs. Nick Proctor (Neuqua Valley). Other Illinois wrestlers ranked in the top 30 in the nation include; Jake Bellis (Bloomington) and Kevin Malavick (Stagg) at 103 lbs., Mike Villanueva (Dundee-Crown) and Ryne Harris (Althoff) at 112 lbs., Logan Arlis (Batavia) at 119 lbs., Colton Rasche (Montini) at 130 lbs., Jed Lightfoot (Yorksville) at 140 lbs., Donny Simpson (Romeoville) and Jake Miller (Murphysboro) at 145 lbs., Joey Moorhouse (Marengo) at 160 lbs., Charles Argue (Chicago Mt. Carmel) at 171 lbs., Sterling Hecox (Harlem) at 189 lbs., Zach Smith (Boylan) and Dan Howell (Oswego) at 215 lbs. and Lavelle Howard (Plainfield Central) at 285 lbs. Again this year we have a showdown between the number one verses number two at 189 lbs. in the Classic.

I want to again thank Dan Fickel for all the years he has put into selecting our Dream Team Classic wrestlers based on his senior ranking. His national ranking are a very consuming and difficult task particularly when you consider we are talking about over 267,000 high school wrestlers here in the United States. When considering these numbers, I'm sure there are a great number of wrestlers that fall through the cracks. But in the end, Dan's ranking are second to none!

I would also like to thank Cliff Keen Athletic for their continual support of this event. Their singlets, headgear, workout gear and other accessories for both the Dream Teams and State Teams these past thirteen years have been a class act. We look forward to the 2010 Wrestling USA /Cliff Keen Dream Team Classic in the great state of Illinois.

As Always, "Let's Be On The Go Together,"

Cody Bryant

Trivia - Last year the Dream Team lost for the first time in it's thirteen year history. What was the final team score between the Dream Team and Team Oklahoma? The first person to email me (cody@wrestlingusa.com) with the correct answer will win a Wrestling USA Magazine t-shirt.

Cover Photo

2009 West Virginia Wheeling Park Duals - 152 lbs. Bo Cooper (Parkersburg South) has a high crotch takedown shot on Cody Amos (Wheeling Park). Cooper decisioned Amos 8-1. Photo by Valerie Smith.



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