

MatStats Episode 21

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“And then when I walked down the street people would’ve looked and they would’ve said there goes Roy Hobbs, the best there ever was in this game.

-Roy Hobbs played by Robert Redford in *The Natural* (1984)

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The MatStats gang provides data and stats to help settle bar arguments on what team was the best NCAA Men’s team ever and what was the greatest dynasty ever. One of the MatStats boys is a former bar owner. Nothing he likes more than an educated bar discussion on the greatest wrestling teams ever.



I Feel Like A Number

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To the fans I'm just a drone
To my wireless service I'm just another phone
I'm just a statistic on a bout sheet
To the teachers I'm just another child
To the IRS I'm just another file
I'm just a correlation on the stat sheet

I feel like a number
I feel like a number
I'm not a number, I'm not a number

Are there any disclaimers MatStats needs to let everyone know about their shows?

The Opinions Expressed on this show do not necessarily reflect any policies or opinions of the NWCA. Also, the MatStats guys do not always agree on all things discussed on their shows.

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- MatStats is a subsidiary of the NWCA but is a separate entity that voices its own opinions on its statistical analysis.
 - MatStats three hosts, Gormley, Bryant, and Hazard are all equally responsible for all the good outcomes. Gormley for the bad feedback.
- Gormley writes the Power Points and selects the topics. Gormley uses the term MatStats often, but many times it is Gormley's opinion alone.
- Gormley does the stats work and then the three hosts & occasionally guests brainstorm about Gormley's findings and ideas.
 - MatStats is designed to have educated thoughts and opinions to help the world's oldest and greatest sport.
- Wrestling is all about settling disagreements. The hosts are too old to settle these disagreements on the mat.
- Sometimes we agree, sometimes we disagree. It makes the world go round.

Is Women's Wrestling included on this show? If not, why?

MatStats is a huge proponent of women's wrestling, but since as of 2023 there has not been an NCAA tournament, there is not enough history to explore this yet. MatStats looks forward to when we can cross that bridge.

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- Gorms plans on the MatStats show still being a monthly installment when women's wrestling has been around long enough to warrant a complimentary show.
- MatStats deals with stats and the analysis of the data.
- When you do not have enough years and stats, opinion disregarding stats tends to take over.
- You can never have a show like this without opinions, but MatStats is trying to use numbers and not opinions that are backed up with any numbers.

Does MatStats explore team and individuals or just teams?

On this Show MatStats is just diving into the greatest teams not individuals.

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- In Jason's Bible of Wrestling, we see that full freshman eligibility did not start until 1969.
- This meant two of our all-time legends (Dan Gable & Gray Simons) did not wrestle in the NCAA's their freshman years.
- This holds true for Hodge, the Peerys and many others.
- This makes it tough to just use NCAA results and compare them with modern guys.
- Redshirt rules, Olympic redshirt rules, injury redshirt rules, and extra CoVid years change the calculus so much it is a difficult bridge to cross.
- For individuals, one would need to consider their post collegiate careers as well which opens a whole new can of worms.
- Perhaps another day.

Are all the teams and eras MatStats considered and did research on great teams?

Just because you are not the best ever, does not mean you are not a great team!!

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- Ted Williams was one of the greatest hitters ever.
- He was not Babe Ruth, but he was great.
- Just because you are not the best ever does not mean you are not an all-time great.
- Do not take being mentioned and not named the best in this conversation as an insult.

The Men's D1 NCAA Championships are how we judge success, greatness, and dominance.

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- Wrestling is no different than other NCAA sports (except Football).
- People remember what happens on the mat in March much more than they remember what happens in December.
- One of the few things we know about the regular season stats in wrestling is that Cael Sanderson never lost in college.
- Because of this MatStats is using only NCAA Championships to say what team was the best among the best.

How did the playoffs become so much bigger than the regular season in NCAA sports?

The 1983 NC State Basketball team Cinderella run to the NCAA title was a major reason for the playoffs superseding the regular season.

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- The NCAA post season formats in all their sports except for football has resulted in a “March Madness” effect.
 - Fans tend to only remember the NCAA Championships.
- There are plenty on Cinderella Stories in Men’s Basketball that we remember.
- Ole Miss Baseball had a mediocre regular season in 2022, but they were the 2022 NCAA Champions.
- Football seems to be the last NCAA sport where we remember the regular season games forever. Will the new playoffs change the huge importance of Saturdays down South?
- MatStats will always remember the Third Saturday in October.
 - 2022 - **Vols 52 Bama 49**

Are there any sports where we remember the regular season stats and they mean something?

“Baseball history is made high and inside” - Ted Williams

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- Since the movie, *The Natural*, is loosely based on Ted Williams and Eddie Waitkus, we might as well use a quote from *The Kid*.
- Baseball is a different team sport where you bat alone. Other team sports require much more help in scoring points.
- Baseball is chock full of regular season stats and records that stats guys live for.
- Perhaps baseball is the only sport where we know more about regular season stats than post season stats.
- 61*, 56, 714, .406, 2632 mean things. It means so much we even put an asterisk on Maris' 61 HRs in 1961.
- Kevin, tell us what these numbers mean. Dragnet badge number.
- Does anyone know off the top of their head who has hit the most post season HRs in a career? Or in a single post season?

Do the professional teams with the best records always win the championships?

In all 4 major sports in the USA (NFL, NHL, MLB, & NBA) The team with the most wins ever in a regular season did not win a championship.

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Team	Year	Sport	# Wins	Result
Boston Bruins	2022-23	NHL	65	Lost 1 st round
Golden State	2015-16	NBA	73	Lost NBA Finals
NE Patriots	2007	NFL	16	Lost Super Bowl
Chicago Cubs	1906	MLB	116	Lost World Series
Seattle Mariners	2001	MLB	116	Lost ALCS

Why is MatStats trying to determine the best in the last 50 years and prior to 1974?

When was the last time you were in a conversation about the greatest NCAA football team, and someone brought up the 1899 Sewanee team? Talk to Phippsy he will bring it up.

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Date	Time	Opponent	Site	Result
October 21	1:00 p.m.	vs. Georgia	• Piedmont Park • Atlanta, GA	W 12-0
October 23	3:30 p.m.	at Georgia Tech	• Piedmont Park • Atlanta, GA	W 32-0
October 28		Tennessee	• Hardee Field • Sewanee, TN	W 46-0
November 3		Southwestern Presbyterian	• Hardee Field • Sewanee, TN	W 54-0
November 9		at Texas	• Varsity Athletic Field • Austin, TX	W 12-0
November 10		vs. Texas A&M*	• Herald Park • Houston, TX	W 10-0
November 11	4:00 p.m.	at Tulane	• Tulane Athletic Field • New Orleans, LA	W 23-0
November 13		at LSU	• State Field • Baton Rouge, LA	W 34-0
November 14		vs. Ole Miss	• Billings Park • Memphis, TN	W 12-0
November 20		Cumberland (TN)	• Hardee Field • Sewanee, TN	W 71-0
November 30	2:50 p.m.	vs. Auburn	• Riverside Park • Montgomery, AL	W 11-10
December 2		vs. North Carolina	• Piedmont Park • Atlanta, GA	W 5-0

And on the 7th day, Sewanee rested.

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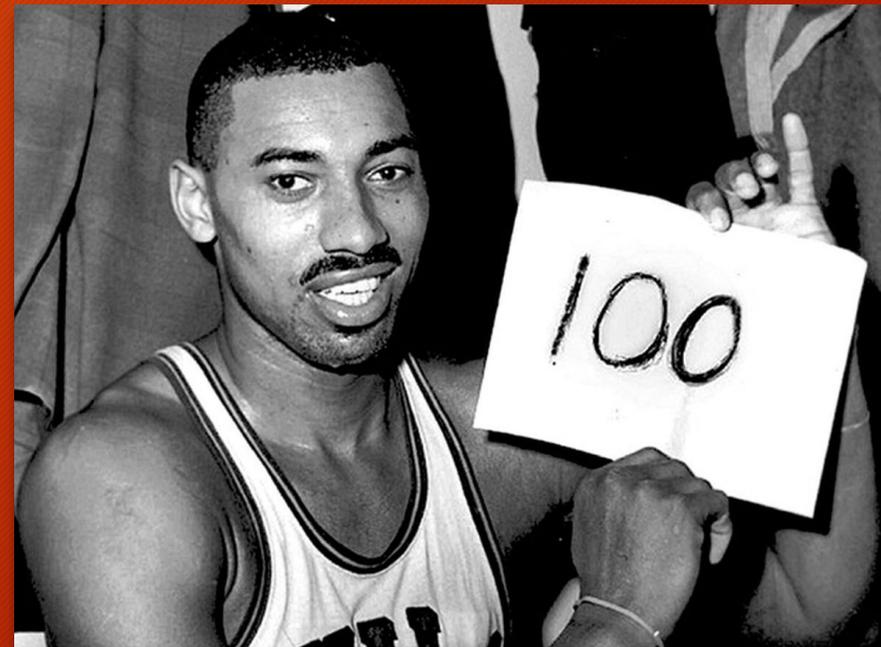
- In a 6-day period in 1899, Sewanee played 5 road games, went 5-0, and didn't allow a point against Texas, Texas A&M, Tulane, LSU, & Ole Miss.
 - And on the 7th day they rested.
- The world has changed and in order to better compare apples with apples, MatStats has decided to use 1974 as our modern period.
- FYI - Vols beat the Dawgs 5-0 in 1899. Gorms was not at that game.

Why does MatStats go far into the past to identify great teams?

We should never forget the past, even if it was before many of us were around. This is why MatStats explores the pre-1974 teams.

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- There are many discussions recently on the greatest basketball player of all time.
- MatStats is troubled that the discussion is limited to Michael Jordan and LeBron James.
- Wilt was the greatest basketball player of all time, sadly too many people ignore his complete dominance.
- The Big Dipper retired 38 years after The Bambino (1973 vs 1935).
- Thankfully, we have not ignored Babe Ruth when we discuss the greatest baseball players of all time.



MatStats will try and see if they can say what team was the best in the following 3 categories.

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- 1) Best Single Season Team since 1974. For any of our viewers that read Jason Bryant's annual NCAA Wrestling Division I Digital Fan Guide (Gorms considers this the most valuable media release all year on any topic), you know that starting in 1974 the NCAA Wrestling incorporated the divisional era. We must start somewhere; this is a good place to start.
- 2) The best program over a time period since 1974. The best dynasty in our sport.
- 3) The best team pre-1974.

Why are stats so important for this show?

Most people base their opinion on what team was the best ever on opinion only and use no stats or measurable stats to form accurate judgments.

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- It is tough for almost everyone to just use stats.
- We are all humans and route for certain teams.
- This will naturally bias our opinions.
- We side with our alma maters, where we grew up, where we live, religion, etc.
- As Mark Twain once said, “ Never let the truth get in the way of a good story.”
- MatStats is here to provide stats to show what teams were the best NCAA teams ever.
- Hopefully, this provides a more educated discussion.

Our memories play tricks on us.

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- The confidence of an eyewitness may not correlate to reliability.
- This distortion is known as the “post-event misinformation effect.”
- If you have the brain capability to remember all the NCAA matches to compare a team from the 1980’s to a team from the 2020’s, MatStats has a great idea.
- Quit your job, move to Vegas, play blackjack, make millions & millions.
- Then put enough away for you and your family.
- Use enough money you won in Vegas to fund a men’s & women’s team at the college of your choice.
- Give the rest to the NWCA.
- Your college and the NWCA are bona fide tax exempt not for profits.
- Contact your local CPA before doing this.

It is tough to put your memory and feelings aside and have a clean sheet when you see the stats, but this is what statisticians try to accomplish to have unbiased answers.

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- Gorms has been to 39 NCAA D1 Wrestling Championships.
- Hazard has been to 40.
- Bryant is one of the two voices of the Championships.
- Jason has more data than anyone Gorms knows on NCAA wrestling. This show would be impossible without the Bryant library.
- Gorms does the stats work.
- We look forward to our attempt to have a lively educated discussion on this topic.

Can MatStats give the viewers an example on what types of data can and should be analyzed?

It really depends on what you give value when you determine who was the better college football coach.

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Coach	Wins	Win Pct	National Championships	Record vs each Other	World Wars Won
General Neyland	173	.829	4	5-0-2	2
Bear Bryant	323	.780	6	0-5-2	0

What about an example of how the stats were analyzed to develop an opinion?

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The General wins the tie breaker - World Wars Won.

- The General has a better winning percentage and never lost to the Bear.
- The Bear won more games and won more National Titles.
- There are many more stats we could use that would affect the outcome on who was better.
- The tie breaker here is World Wars won.
- The General served in France from 1917-18 & The China-Burma-India Theater from 1942-45.
- He was also recalled in 1935 in Panama Canal Zone and did not coach in 1941 due to military commitments.
- Gorms put together this show on Memorial Day and we are recording the show on the 79th anniversary of D-Day, so this was a fitting tie breaker.
- It is a random tie-breaker, but this show is on wrestling, so it is a fun example.

What categories is MatStats use to determine the greatest team and era since 1974?

MatStats uses the following 6 categories to help determine the greatest team and era since 1974.

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- 1) Number of champions.
- 2) Number of All-Americans.
- 3) Number of team points.
- 4) Margin of points 1st place vs 2nd place team.
- 5) Percentage of total team points for the champion vs all team points in the tournament.
- 6) Comparing the “real” 2023 team points from 1974-2023. A wrestling statistician way of adjusting for “inflation.”

Note - #5 & #6 will be highly correlated. Very close to +1.0. They are essentially drawn from the same urn.

What teams have had the most champions in a single season?

There have been 5 times that a team has had 5 individual champions.

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School	Year	Champs	AA	Team Points	% of all points	Margin over 2nd
Iowa	1997	5	8	170.00	12.27%	56.50
Iowa	1986	5	8	158.00	13.07%	73.75
OK State	2005	5	7	153.00	9.70%	70.00
PSU	2022	5	6	131.50	9.63%	36.50
PSU	2017	5	6	146.50	10.17%	36.50

Based on most champions, which team does MatStats believe is the best ever?

If you base your opinion on a team with the most individual champions being the best team since 1974, it is the 1986 Iowa Hawkeyes.

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- If the measuring stick is most individual champions the argument is focused around five teams. Iowa 1986 & 1997, Okie State 2005, & We Are PSU 2017 & 2022.
- How do we break these ties?
- Total All-Americans? That would be either Iowa in '86 or '97.
- Total team points? That would be Iowa in '97.
- Highest percentage of total team points? That would be Iowa in '86.
- Margin over 2nd place team? Hawks 1986.
- Note - The Hawkeyes also had a 2nd, 4th & 5th in 1986. There were 39-5 in the tourney. 89% winning percentage. Wow!!
- If you choose to put all your marbles in the total individual champions, the debate really comes down to Iowa in '86 or '97. With Iowa '86 getting the nod.

What teams have had the most All-Americans in one year?

9 teams have had at least 9 AA's.
2 of these are pre-1974.

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School	Year	AA	Champ	Team Pts	% Pts	Margin
Minn	2001	10	0	138.50	9.08%	13.00
Iowa	1983	9	4	155.00	15.02%	53.00
Iowa	1992	9	3	149.00	13.27%	48.50
Iowa State	1969*	9	3	104.00	11.33%	35.00
Iowa	1991	9	2	157.00	13.22%	48.25
Iowa	1985	9	2	145.25	12.67%	46.75
Iowa	1981	9	2	129.75	13.06%	28.50
Iowa State	1965*	9	2	87.00	14.65%	1.00
Iowa	1995	9	1	134.00	10.83%	56.50

Based on number of AA's, who does MatStats believe is the best team since 1974?

If we use the number of All-Americans, MatStats believes that the 1983 Iowa team was the best since 1974.

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- If you use total AA's since 1974, the 2001 Gopher team stands alone. NCAA started placing 8 in 1978. Gophers only team ever to place all 10.
- Hard to argue a team with NO finalists was the best ever. Deepest yes, best no. They only won by 13 points and only had 9.08% of all team points. All other teams on this list far outpace the Gophers in % of all points.
- If we go to one of the teams with 9 AA's, the Iowa team of '83 have the most champions (4), highest margin and % of all team points. The '91 Iowa team has the most team points on this list.
- If you believe that AA's are the way to weigh the best team since '74, MatStats feels it is the '83 Iowa team.
- MatStats used two teams (ISU '65 & '69) despite being pre-1974 to show how many more points are available today. They had 87 & 104 and had a big % 14.65% & 11.33%. Surprisingly the '65 Cyclones only beat runner-up OK State by 1 point. ISU had 8 AA's in '65. NCAA only placed 6 wrestlers in '65 & '69. We placed 8 starting in 1979, so teams from '74-'78 were at a disadvantage in this category.
- Only 1 school (Iowa '83) had a higher percentage of all points post 1974 than the runner-up Cowboys had that year.
- MatStats has not done a deep dive in runner-up teams, but it looks like a strong argument could be made for the '65 Cowboys for that strange honor.

Based on team points, who is the best team ever?

The team with the most team points ever is the '97 Iowa team.

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Rank	Year 1974-2023	Team	Team Points
1	1997	Iowa	170.00
2	1986	Iowa	158.00
3	1991	Iowa	157.00
4	1983	Iowa	155.00
5	1992	Iowa	149.00
6	2017	PSU	146.50
7	1985	Iowa	142.25
8	2018	PSU	141.50
9	2001	Minn	138.50
10	2019	PSU	137.50
10	2023	PSU	137.50
12	2010	Iowa	134.50
13	1995	Iowa	134.00
14	1987	Iowa State	133.00
15	1982	Iowa	131.75

Are the most team points ever a good category to determine the best team ever since 1974?

The most team points in an unreliable and biased stat, so it is not a great way to determine the best team during any time period.

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- The '97 Hawks stand alone in this category.
- The '97 Hawks are 7.6% above the second ranked team in this category ('86 Hawks).
- It is a very impressive stat, but also very biased based on scoring changes through the years.
- We are comparing apples to oranges over many time periods using just this stat.

What are the top 10 winning margins of 1st place over 2nd place teams?

The top 10 winning margins are dominated by the Hawkeyes. The 1986 team has the highest margin.

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Rank	Year	Team Champion	Team Points	Runner Up	Margin of Victory	% above Runner up	% all team points
1	1986	Iowa	158.00	Oklahoma	73.75	88%	13.09%
2	2005	OK State	153.00	Michigan	70.00	84%	9.70%
3	1997	Iowa	170.00	OK State	56.50	50%	12.27%
4	1995	Iowa	134.00	Oregon State	56.50	73%	10.83%
5	1983	Iowa	155.00	OK State	53.00	52%	15.02%
6	1992	Iowa	149.00	OK State	48.50	48%	13.27%
7	1991	Iowa	157.00	OK State	48.25	44%	13.22%
8	1985	Iowa	145.25	Oklahoma	46.75	47%	12.67%
9	2010	Iowa	134.50	Cornell	44.50	49%	8.69%
10	1996	Iowa	122.50	Iowa State	44.00	56%	9.31%

Based on winning margin, who does MatStats think is the best team ever?

MatStats gives the 1986 Hawks a slight lead over the 1983 & 1997 Hawks based on winning margin.

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- The margin of victory over the 2nd place team is a tricky metric to determine the best team ever.
- What is the 2nd place team was not a solid runner-up?
- Both 1996 & 2010 Hawkeyes had huge margins of victory (9th & 10th all-time) but had relatively low percentage of all points. Parity was a factor here.
- On the flip side a team could be one of the best all-time (see ISU '65) and the runner-up would have won the title in most years.
- The team with the 5th & 6th highest percentage of all points Iowa '81 & '79 are not on this list. The respective runner-ups (OU & ISU) those years also had very strong teams.
- A 4 game World Series sweep does not make a team one of the best ever on that fact alone. It does not eliminate them from the conversation, but it needs back-up data.
- The MOV data gives more credence to either the '86 Iowa team, '83 Iowa team, or the '97 Iowa team as the best ever. With the 1986 Hawks getting the nod.
- The 2005 Cowboy team gets a lot of attention on this chart, but their relatively low percentage of all team points leads MatStats to believe the Michigan runner up team in 2005 was not one of the stronger 2nd place teams through the years.

Here are some quick examples of how the scoring has changed over the years.

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- Through the years the scoring has changed in the NCAA tournament.
- MatStats has offered in past shows a way for more fans to understand the team scoring in both dual meets and tournaments.
- It is tough to compare total points through the years.
- For a time period in the 80's a pin was only 1 bonus point.
- In 1979 we started to have 8 All-American per weight.
- The placement points have changed through the years. How many know what they are now? 16-12-10-9-7-6-4-3.
- Starting in 1986 you would follow a quarter-finalist. It was semis prior to this.
- Starting in 1996 it became a modified double elimination. Only 2nd & 3rd place only have one loss.
- 1952 was the first year there were 10 weight classes in the NCAA tournament.
- In 1928 (the 1st NCAA) there were 7 weight classes. From 1929-1951 there were 8 weight classes.

MatStats is introducing two very highly correlated methods of accounting for the scoring changes. These are mentioned earlier and are categories 5) percentage of all points & 6) “Real” 2023 team points.

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- As mentioned in other categories we explored, scoring changes over the years, number of AA's, more wrestlers, & more consolation bouts, make some of the categories unreliable.
- These two metrics allow us to compare teams much better with less bias than the previous 4 categories.
- MatStats believes that the first 4 categories - 1) Number of champions 2) All-Americans 3) Total Team Points & 4) Margin of Victory over 2nd place team are nice, useful, and helpful.
- But they are all filled with bias and do not reflect changes in scoring, etc.
- They are not a deep dive. They are an easy way out.
- MatStats are about finding and analysing unbiased and fair stats.

Can MatStats sum up these major changes and how they affected team scoring in a table format?

Here is a brief synopsis on how team scoring has changed through the years and major reasons for the increased scoring.

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Years	Ave. Pts/Year	Change	% Up/Down
1929-54	124		
1955-62	465	More wrestlers/rule change scoring	275%
1963-71	746	6 AA	60%
1972-78	965	Follow Semi	29%
1979-85	1022	8 AA	6%
1986-95	1178	Follow Quarter	15%
1996-2018	1478	Modified Double Elimination	25%
2019-23	1389	Seed 33	-6%

Does MatStats consider all the changes in the NCAA D1 tournament and incorporate these so we can better compare the teams through the years?

MatStats has developed a way to compare team points over the years. In Economic terms it is “real” vs “nominal” team points.

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- Gorms baseball thesis concentrated on stats vs people in their era.
- Much like inflation affects the power of money.
- Nominal dollars vs Real dollars.
- Gorms thesis then compared people in different eras based on their comparative numbers adjusted by the current times.
- We can not with a good conscious compare Babe Ruth’s HR numbers with modern day players. The game has changed too much.
- The Bambino was much further ahead of his contemporaries than the modern-day players.

Can MatStats give the viewers a table of the most dominant teams based on percentage of all team points?

The 1983 Iowa team stands alone in the percentage of all team points in a table full of Iowa teams.

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Rank	Year 1974-2023	Team	% of all Points
1	1983	Iowa	15.02%
2	1992	Iowa	13.27%
3	1991	Iowa	13.22%
4	1986	Iowa	13.09%
5	1981	Iowa	13.06%
6	1982	Iowa	12.95%
7	1979	Iowa	12.80%
8	1985	Iowa	12.67%
9	1984	Iowa	12.45%
10	1976	Iowa	12.42%
11	1997	Iowa	12.27%
12	1987	Iowa State	11.20%
13	1980	Iowa	10.90%
14	1995	Iowa	10.83%
15	1993	Iowa	10.75%

Based on percentage of all points, who in MatStats mind is the best team ever?

Based on percentage of all team points, the 1983 Iowa team is the best since 1974.

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- This was not really close.
- The '83 hawks have a 13% increase over the 2nd best team ('92 Hawks).
- Not percentage points, percent over.
- It is a jump from 13.27 to 15.02.
- That is a 13% increase.
- It is the largest jump on the chart.

Can MatStats list all the team champion “real” 2023 points vs their actual points?

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“Real” 2023 team points 1974-1990

Year	Total Tourney Points	Team Champion	Champ Team Points	% All Points	Multiplier	Real 2023 Team Points
1974	890.50	Oklahoma	69.50	7.80%	1.539	106.96
1975	981.50	Iowa	102.00	10.39%	1.396	142.43
1976	992.75	Iowa	123.25	12.42%	1.381	170.15
1977	1005.75	Iowa State	95.50	9.50%	1.363	130.13
1978	953.75	Iowa	94.50	9.91%	1.437	135.79
1979	957.00	Iowa	122.50	12.80%	1.432	175.43
1980	1016.5	Iowa	110.75	10.90%	1.348	149.32
1981	993.25	Iowa	129.75	13.06%	1.380	179.03
1982	1017.25	Iowa	131.75	12.95%	1.347	177.50
1983	1032.00	Iowa	155.00	15.02%	1.328	205.84
1984	994.00	Iowa	123.75	12.45%	1.379	170.62
1985	1146.75	Iowa	145.25	12.67%	1.195	173.59
1986	1207.00	Iowa	158.00	13.09%	1.135	179.40
1987	1187.50	Iowa State	133.00	11.20%	1.154	153.50
1988	1196.75	Arizona State	93.00	7.77%	1.145	106.50
1989	1156.00	Oklahoma State	91.25	7.89%	1.186	108.18
1990	1197.25	Oklahoma State	117.75	9.84%	1.145	134.79

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“Real” 2023 Team Points 1991-2007

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Year	Total Tourney Points	Team Champion	Champ Team Points	% All Tourney Points	Multiplier	Real 2023 Team Points
1991	1187.75	Iowa	157.00	13.22%	1.154	181.16
1992	1122.75	Iowa	149.00	13.27%	1.221	181.88
1993	1151.00	Iowa	123.75	10.75%	1.191	147.35
1994	1137.00	Oklahoma State	94.75	8.33%	1.205	114.21
1995	1237.50	Iowa	134.00	10.83%	1.107	148.40
1996	1316.00	Iowa	122.50	9.31%	1.041	127.57
1997	1385.00	Iowa	170.00	12.27%	0.990	168.22
1998	1439.50	Iowa	115.00	7.99%	0.952	109.49
1999	1440.50	Iowa	100.50	6.98%	0.951	95.62
2000	1399.00	Iowa	116.00	8.29%	0.980	113.64
2001	1525.50	Minnesota	138.50	9.08%	0.898	124.43
2002	1530.50	Minnesota	126.50	8.27%	0.895	113.28
2003	1522.00	Oklahoma State	143.00	9.40%	0.900	128.77
2004	1529.50	Oklahoma State	123.50	8.07%	0.896	110.66
2005	1578.00	Oklahoma State	153.00	9.70%	0.869	132.88
2006	1581.00	Oklahoma State	122.50	7.75%	0.867	106.19
2007	1536.00	Minnesota	98.00	6.38%	0.892	87.44

Can MatStats list all the team champion “real” 2023 points vs their actual points?

“Real” 2023 team points 2008-2023

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Year	Total Tourney Points	Team Champion	Champ Team Points	% of all Tourney Points	Multiplier	2023 Real Team Points
2008	1485.50	Iowa	117.50	7.91%	0.923	108.40
2009	1582.00	Iowa	96.50	6.10%	0.866	83.60
2010	1547.00	Iowa	134.50	8.69%	0.886	119.15
2011	1555.50	Penn State	107.50	6.91%	0.881	94.71
2012	1584.00	Penn State	143.00	9.03%	0.865	123.73
2013	1400.50	Penn State	123.50	8.82%	0.979	120.85
2014	1409.50	Penn State	109.50	7.77%	0.972	106.47
2015	1382.00	Ohio State	102.00	7.38%	0.992	101.15
2016	1422.50	Penn State	123.00	8.65%	0.963	118.50
2017	1440.50	Penn State	146.50	10.17%	0.951	139.38
2018	1422.00	Penn State	141.50	9.95%	0.964	136.38
2019	1395.00	Penn State	137.50	9.86%	0.982	135.09
2020	0	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#DIV/0!	#N/A
2021	1424.50	Iowa	129.00	9.06%	0.962	124.11
2022	1365.50	Penn State	131.50	9.63%	1.004	131.98
2023	1370.50	Penn State	137.50	10.03%	1.000	137.50

Can MatStats provide the viewers with a table showing the rank of teams with “real” 2023 team Points.

The 1983 Hawks have the highest “real” 2023 team points since 1974.

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Rank	Year	Team	2023 Real Team Points	Coach
1	1983	Iowa	205.84	Gable
2	1992	Iowa	181.88	Gable
3	1991	Iowa	181.16	Gable
4	1986	Iowa	179.40	Gable
5	1981	Iowa	179.03	Gable
6	1982	Iowa	177.50	Gable
7	1979	Iowa	175.43	Gable
8	1985	Iowa	173.59	Gable
9	1984	Iowa	170.62	Gable
10	1976	Iowa	170.15	Kurdelmeier
11	1997	Iowa	168.22	Gable
12	1987	Iowa State	153.50	Gibbons
13	1980	Iowa	149.32	Gable
14	1995	Iowa	148.40	Gable
15	1993	Iowa	147.35	Gable

How much are the percentage of all points and the “real” 2023 points correlated?

The top 15 teams in percentage of all points and “real” 2023 points are in identical order.

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- As MatStats pointed out in slide 21-20, there will be a very high correlation between the two categories.
- With the correlation of rank and team it is +1.0.
- They are two different tools to peel the same onion the same way.

The best ways to determine the best teams and era is by using the percentage of all team points or the “real” 2023 team points.

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- Because the percentage of all team points and the “real” 2023 team points are so highly correlated, the ‘83 Hawks also have a large 13% increase over the 2nd ranked ‘92 Hawks.
- MatStats is letting the viewers know the two best (almost identical) ways of measuring specific team's vs others over time is by using the percentage of team points or the “real” 2023 team points.
- Either way the 1983 Hawks rule the roost.

Who does MatStats think is the best team since 1974?

The 1983 Iowa Hawkeyes are the best NCAA wrestling team since 1974.

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- MatStats selection might surprise some people.
- It did surprise Gorms.
- It might anger some others.
- Numbers don't lie.
- Gorms makes the statement that the 1983 Iowa Hawkeyes were the best team since 1974 without reservation.
- Many who do not like this selection will agree with the following - there are liars, damn liars, and statisticians.

Can MatStats provide the viewers with a table on how the '83 Hawks individuals placed at NCAA's?

The '83 Hawkeyes had 4 champs, 1 2nd place, 1 3rd place, 1 4th place, 2 5th places, and 1 lost in the blood round. 9 AA's.

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1983	Iowa
Place	Number
1	4
2	1
3	1
4	1
5	2
6	0
7	0
8	0
Blood Round	1

What dynasties since 1974 has NCAA Wrestling seen?

There have been 3 dynasties since 1974.
1) Iowa 2) OK State 3) PSU

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Team	Years	Titles
Iowa	1975-2000	20
OK State	2003-2006	4
PSU	2011-2023	10

What is the best era of team dominance since 1974 according to MatStats?

Iowa with Gable is by far the best era in team wrestling since 1974.

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- Why does MatStats say this?
- Have you been paying attention?
- No one else is in the same country, let alone state or area code.
- If you don't agree with this, there is no sense in explaining it further.
- MatStats does not try and convince people the Earth is round. We encourage you to join the flat earth society and not waste MatStats time with absurd arguments.

Nothing in this world can one imagine beforehand, not the least thing, everything is made up of so many unique particulars that cannot be foreseen. - Nostradamus

- MatStats only considers what has happened.
- MatStats has identified Iowa's run as the best dynasty since 1974 and Iowa '83 as the best team since 1974.
- That is what this show is about.
- The prediction of who might win in the future is another topic.
- Past performance is the best predictor of future performance.

Was it difficult deciding who was the best team pre-1974?

There were so many major changes to the tournament prior to 1974, it was statistically very difficult to picking the best team pre-1974.

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- The number of schools that had wrestling and participated in the NCAA championships varied from 19 teams in 1928 to 110 in 1973.
- The number of wrestlers went up and down through the years from the all time low of 42 in 1928 to the all time high of 394 in 1970.
- The number of weight classes went from 7 in 1928 to 8 from 1929-51 to 10 from 1952 to present (2023).
- The number of placers went from 3 (1928-1935) to 4 (1936-1962) to 6 (1963-1978) to the current 8 (1979-2023).
- The scoring rules also changed many times through the years.

What was the 1st year the NCAA's had 10 weight classes at the NCAA Championships?

The 1951-52 season was the first year there were 10 weight classes at the NCAA Championships.

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- For some reason, this great decision to go from 8 weight classes to 10 weight classes has been overshadowed by other famous sporting events.
- Perhaps the most famous HR in MLB history was hit on 10/3/51. Bobby Thompson hit the “Shot heard round the World” which sent the NY Giants to the World Series.
- The Yankees beat the Giants 4-2. DiMag, Mantle, and Mays were all in that World Series.
- The Tennessee Volunteers won the Football National Championship in 1951.

What pre-1974 teams did MatStats consider the best of the group?

MatStats did its best to narrow the decision down to the following 6 teams.

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Year	Team	Weights	Total Wrestlers	Champs	AA's	Place/ Weight	% of all Team Pts.
1950	UNI	8	115	3	7	4	25.00%
1954	OSU	10	153	3	6	4	17.88%
1961	OSU	10	183	2	8	4	18.43%
1962	OSU	10	210	3	7	4	17.18%
1965	ISU	10	227	2	9	6	14.65%
1969	ISU	10	383	3	9	6	11.33%

What is the best team pre-1974?

MatStats is changing from all stats to settle this debate to an old-fashioned bar room argument.

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- MatStats will have a friendly discussion on this.
- Hazard and Bryant will weigh in and Gorms will moderate the debate.
- Gorms has a long stats and bar room debate experience.
- Note - UNI had 7 of 8 weight classes where they place top 4. Their one wrestler that did not place lost in the then blood round by Referee's Decision. The tournament was in Cedar Falls, Iowa. Home of UNI.
- MatStats hopes this debate is picked up by our viewers.
- Take this to your favorite watering hole or to the NCAA's in Kansas City in 2024. The MatStats boys will be there.

Who does hold the record in MLB for career and single year post-season HR's?

Manny being Manny.

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- For anyone still wondering, Manny Ramirez holds the record with 29 post season career HRs.
- Randy Arozarena has the record with 10 HRs in a single post season (2020) with Tampa Bay Rays.

Episode 21 MatCliff's Notes #1

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- 1) What data & stats you use is essential to saying what team was the best ever.
- 2) Scoring has changed drastically over the years in the NCAA tournament.
- 3) The NCAA tournament is how we judge success and greatness in wrestling.
 - 4) Iowa 1983 is the greatest team since 1974.
 - 5) This might come as a shock to many. There are several other Iowa teams or OK State or PSU teams you hear more about.

Episode 21 MatCliff's Notes #2

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- 6) The greatest dynasty since 1974 was Gable's Iowa teams.
- 7) The total domination Gable's team has in shocking and complete.
 - 8) pre-1974 team ???????
- 9) It was very difficult to confidently say who was the best team pre-1974.
- 10) The NCAA should change its scoring system to the MatStats Margin of Victory System.

What is the topic next month (Wednesday 7/19/23 3PM EDT)?

Men's NCAA D1 Championships The Greatest Show on Mats!!

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- **Tune In Next Month**
 - **Same Mat Time**
 - **Same Mat Channel**
- **Next month's show is on the best college wrestlers of all time.**
- **This show will be restricted to college wrestlers and their accomplishments in college.**
 - **This will include men & women.**