

# MatStats Episode 23

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### Back Where I Come From

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The boys from MatStats explore what colleges the Men & Women Wrestlers from the Worlds & Olympics attended. It is a common thread across sports to say what college an athlete went to. It is such a big part of our conversations that the NFL announces which college the player went to for every draft pick. MatStats wants to let the viewers what colleges are producing the most World & Olympians from 2014 - 2023.



## 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.

## When & where are the 2023 World Wrestling Championships?

**The 2023 World Wrestling Championships are September 16-24 in Belgrade, Serbia.**

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- Since it is International season, MatStats is trying to inform viewers where the USA wrestlers wrestled in college.
- Since 1987, ESPN has aired a recap of the NFL games on Sunday evenings during the season.
- Hosts Chris Berman & Tom Jackson famously would inform their viewers of all players that went to Jackson's alma mater, Louisville.
- Berman, "From?". Jackson, "Louisville".



## What years does this show cover?

**This episode covers the Worlds & Olympics from 2014-2023.**

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- MatStats has decided to cover the recent years exclusively on this show.
- The advent of women's college wrestling is a recent phenomenon.
- Women involved in the Worlds & Olympics are also much newer than men.
- MatStats wanted to keep this show as balanced with men & women as possible, so this episode is concentrating on the last ten Worlds & Olympics.
- Future shows will cover how USA performed and go back to the 1904 Olympics. That is a show in of itself.



Where did the women who made the World and Olympic teams from 2014-23 wrestle in college?

The most common college decisions the last 10 years for women on the World & Olympic team are Simon Fraser & King.

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13 Colleges	Women's 2014-2023	World	&	Olympics	84 Wrestlers
Rank	College	Total	Rank	College	Total
			7	Lindenwood	2
1	Simon Fraser	15	7	Oklahoma City	2
1	King	15	9	McKendree	1
3	Missouri Valley	6	9	Missouri Baptist	1
3	Campbellsville	6	9	Jamestown	1
3	Wayland Baptist	6	9	Iowa*	1
3	Northern Michigan	6	9	U. of the Cumberlands	1

Iowa has not wrestled a women's match yet.

What does the women's college breakdown look like if you only count each team member one time?

**Simon Fraser (Canada) & King are the most successful colleges in placing unique women on the USA World & Olympic teams from 2014-23.**

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13 Colleges	Women's 2014-2023	World	&	Olympics	31 Wrestlers
Rank	College	Unique	Rank	College	Unique
			7	Lindenwood	1
1	Simon Fraser	4	7	McKendree	1
1	King	4	7	Wayland Baptist	1
3	Missouri Valley	2	7	Missouri Baptist	1
3	Oklahoma City	2	7	Jamestown	1
3	Campbellsville	2	7	Iowa*	1
3	Northern Michigan	2	7	U. of the Cumberlands	1

Where did the men who made the World and Olympic teams from 2014-23 wrestle in college?

# What happens at the Men's NCAA D1 championships, doesn't stay there, it goes worldwide.

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20 Colleges	Men's 2014-2023	World	&	Olympics	84
Rank	College	Total	Rank	College	Wrestlers
1	Nebraska	13	8	Illinois	2
2	The Ohio State	12	8	Iowa State	2
3	Penn State	12	13	Lock Haven	1
4	Iowa	10	13	South Dakota State	1
5	Cornell	8	13	North Dakota State	1
6	Missouri	7	13	Oklahoma State	1
7	NC State	4	13	Wisconsin	1
8	Arizona State	2	13	Northern Iowa	1
8	Nebraska-Kearney	2	13	Northwestern	1
8	Minnesota	2	13	Lehigh	1



What does the men's college breakdown look like if you only count each team member one time?

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In the last 10 years, only 1 male (Dlagnev - Nebraska Kearney) was not from the NCAA D1 championships.

20 Colleges	Men's 2014-2023	World	&	Olympics	32
Rank	College	Unique	Rank	College	Wrestlers Unique
1	The Ohio State	3	9	Arizona State	1
1	Penn State	3	9	South Dakota State	1
1	Iowa	3	9	North Dakota State	1
1	Cornell	3	9	NC State	1
5	Illinois	2	9	Oklahoma State	1
5	Nebraska	2	9	Wisconsin	1
5	Missouri	2	9	Northern Iowa	1
5	Iowa State	2	9	Lehigh	1
9	Minnesota	1	9	Nebraska-Kearney	1
9	Lock Haven	1	9	Northwestern	1

Is there a difference on what type of college men and women wrestle at that make the World & Olympic teams?

# Women go to private colleges; men go to public colleges.

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Women	% Colleges	% Wrestlers	% Unique
Public	23%	35%	30%
Private	77%	65%	70%
Men	% Colleges	% Wrestlers	% Unique
Public	85%	88%	84%
Private	15%	12%	16%

# Do both men and women all wrestle for a college?

All the men wrestled for a college, only  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the women did.

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Wrestled for a College	% Wrestlers	% Unique
Women	75%	74%
Men	100%	100%

The inclusion of women in the Worlds & Olympics predate the boom in women's collegiate wrestling teams in the NCAA's & NAIA's

If you include the women that did not wrestle for a college, what is the break down look like?

When you factor in the women that did not wrestle for a college, the pool of women's college choices is mixed bag.

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Women		% Wrestlers	% Unique
Public		33%	23%
Private		42%	51%
None		25%	26%

# What part of the country do the women go to college?

**Women mainly come from the SEC footprint.**

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23-13

Women	% Colleges	% Wrestlers	% Unique
Big 10 Footprint	23%	10%	13%
Big 12 Footprint	15%	10%	10%
ACC Footprint	0%	0%	0%
Pac 12 Footprint	0%	0%	0%
SEC Footprint	46%	38%	35%
Other	8%	1%	3%
Canada	8%	18%	13%
None	N/A	25%	26%

MatStats has included Texas in the Big 12 footprint.

What part of the country do the men go to college?

**Men primarily come from the Big 10.**

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Men	% Colleges	% Wrestlers	% Unique
Big 10	40%	63%	50%
Big 12	10%	4%	9%
ACC	5%	5%	3%
Pac 12	5%	2%	3%
SEC	5%	8%	6%
Ivy	5%	12%	9%
Other	30%	6%	19%

Do the world & Olympic team members come from NCAA or NAIA schools? What Divisions?

**Men come almost exclusively (98%) from NCAA D1 programs, women come from a mixture of NCAA D2, NAIA, and no colleges.**

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Organization/Division	% Wrestlers Total	
	Women	Men
NCAA D1	1%*	98%
NCAA D2	46%	2%
NCAA D3	0%	0%
NAIA	27%	0%
None	25%	0%

Since 2014, how many medals did the USA win at the Worlds & Olympics? Men? Women?

**Since 2014, USA won 79 medals.  
Men - 44. Women - 35**

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	Women						Men				
Year	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total	Points		Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total	Points
2023 - WORLD	Watch	9/16-24	Serbia				Listen	To	Jason	Bryant	
2022 - WORLD	3	2	2	7	157		4	4	0	8	198
2021 - WORLD	2	2	3	7	147		3	3	1	7	168
2020 - OLYMPICS	1	1	2	4			2	1	2	5	
2019 - WORLD	3	0	0	3	105		2	0	2	4	94
2018 - WORLD	1	1	2	4	103		3	1	3	7	150
2017 - WORLD	1	1	1	3	38		2	2	2	6	54
2016 - OLYMPICS	1	0	0	1			1	0	1	2	
2015 - WORLD	2	0	1	3	31		2	0	1	3	29
2014 - WORLD	1	1	1	3	41		0	0	2	2	20
<b>Total</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>622</b>		<b>19</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>713</b>



# Episode 23 MatKevin's Notes #1

- 1) It is great to have women's collegiate wrestling.
- 2) Women come from predominately private schools and men from public schools.
- 3) Only 1 male who made a world team was not from a NCAA D1 program. Tervel Dlagnev from Nebraska Kearney.
- 4) A Canadian college, Simon Fraser, is tied with King for the most entries on women's World & Olympic teams.
  - 5) Women come from a real mix of college organizations/divisions.

# Episode 23 MatKevin's Notes #2

- 6) The Big 10 dominates for men making the World & Olympic teams with The OSU & Nebraska leading the way.
- 7) Cornell for the Ivy League has had 3 different male wrestlers make the World & Olympic teams.
- 8) Since 2014, men have won 44 medals & women won 35 medals.
  - 9) The men & women have two different paths, both producing success on the world stage.
- 10) No college has had a man & women wrestle a match for their college that made World or Olympic teams.

What is the topic next month (Wednesday 9/20/23 3PM EDT)?

What colleges have teams, what colleges don't have teams, what colleges might add teams.

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- Tune In Next Month
  - Same Mat Time
  - Same Mat Channel
- Next month's show will inform viewers of what colleges have wrestling teams and what colleges might add teams.
- A primer to let the viewers know where our sport is going, how to measure success, and what to spend our time concentrating on.