

MatStats Episode 25

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There's Something Happening Here...

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But what it is ain't exactly clear. There's a man with data at MatStats. Telling me I got to believe.

MatStats is proud to say that the state of collegiate wrestling is statistically strong.

For what it's worth, there is no better time to be a collegiate wrestling fan.



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

Jenny, Jenny had perhaps the most famous phone number in American history.

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MatStats, MatStats, who can I turn to?
You give me something I could hold on to
I know you think I'm like the others before
Who saw your name and number on the wall.

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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.

**“Dare I say, en fuego.”
- Dan Patrick ESPN Sports Center.**

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- This show is a state of the union for collegiate wrestling in America.
- The state of the union is statistically strong.
 - We are in the Camelot Days of collegiate wrestling.
- Dan Patrick, legendary ESPN anchor famous catchphrase sums it up best, “Dare I say, en fuego.”

Can MatStats provide the viewers with the trend in NCAA Men's teams since 1982?

There are currently 283 NCAA Men's teams. This is the most since 1989 (286). This is the 9th highest total since 1982.

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NCAA	Men D1	Men D2	Men D3	Men Total	NCAA	Men D1	Men D2	Men D3	Men Total
1982	146	68	149	363	2005	86	39	99	224
1985	136	52	137	325	2010	82	47	88	217
1990	112	44	122	278	2015	76	59	94	229
1995	104	46	107	257	2020	78	64	108	250
2000	90	40	104	234	2023	81	73	129	283

Where do the number of teams in NCAA & NAIA rank as of 10/5/23 compared to the past numbers?

As of 10/5/23, there are more total NCAA & NAIA, total NCAA, total NAIA, total NCAA D2, total NCAA D3, and Men's NCAA D2 teams.

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		Current	As of	10/5/23			
Division	Men	Women	Total	Most ever Men's teams	Year	Most Ever Total teams	Years
NCAA D1	81	4	85	146	1982	146	1982
NCAA D2	73	33	106	73	2023	106	2023
NCAA D3	129	59	188	149	1982	188	2023
NCAA Total	283	96	379	363	1982	379	2023
NAIA	75	45	120			120	2023
NCAA & NAIA Total	358	141	499	418*		499	2023

* - The 418 number was a good estimate made by MatStats after a lot of research.

How many 4-year college teams have been added since 2000? Are they more new teams or reinstated teams?

As of 10/5/23, there have been 326 4-year colleges added to the NCAA & NAIA. There were 6.28X as many new teams as reinstated teams.

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	Added	From	2000	To	10/5/23
		Added Not from/to New			New Team/Past Team
Division	Added	Division	Past Team	Brand New	Multiplier
D1	10	8	6	3	0.50X
D2	40	33	10	30	3.00X
D3	52	52	24	28	1.17X
NAIA	64	63	6	58	9.68X
Women	170	0	0	170	N/A
Total	336	326	46	289	6.28X

Of all the teams added from 2000 - 10/5/23 including division changes, who added more men or women?

Men have added 166, women 170. Women have only added more than men in the 5-year increments starting in 2020.

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Division	2000-04	2005-09	2010-14	2015-19	2020-10/5/23	Total Added
Men D1	1	5	1	2	1	10
Men D2	5	9	7	8	11	40
Men D3	2	2	9	19	20	52
Men NAIA	4	10	17	21	12	64
Women	5	6	11	41	107	170
Men Total	12	26	34	50	44	166
Total	17	32	45	91	151	336

Note - 2020 - 10/5/23 is not a 5-year period. It will be at the end of 2024.

How many teams have dropped from 2000 - 10/5/23?

67 teams have dropped since 2000 and an additional 16 schools closed that had teams.

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	Dropped	Closed	2000-04	2005-09	2010-14	2015-19	2020-10/5/23
Men D1	23	0	6	7	6	2	2
Men D2	7	2	3	1	1	2	0
Men D3	25	2	9	9	2	4	1
Men NAIA	6	7	0	0	0	2	4
Women	6	5	1	0	0	1	4
Men Total	61	11	18	17	9	10	7
Total	67	16	19	17	9	11	11

What is the net added/dropped numbers since 2000?

From 2000 to 10/5/23, there has been a net increase of 269 more 4-year college teams.

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Net Change	2000-04	2005-09	2010-14	2015-19	2020-10/5/23	Total
Men D1	-5	-2	-5	0	-1	-13
Men D2	2	8	6	6	11	33
Men D3	-7	-7	7	15	19	27
Men NAIA	4	10	17	19	8	58
Women	4	6	11	40	103	164
Men Total	-6	9	25	40	37	105
Total	-2	15	36	80	140	269

Have more men or women teams been added from 2000 - 10/5/23?

**Women have added 164, men 105 from
2000 - 10/5/23.**

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Net	2000-04	2005-09	2010-14	2015-19	2020-10/5/23	Total
Men	-6	9	25	40	37	105
Women	4	6	11	40	103	164
Total	-2	15	36	80	140	269

Since 2010, where does Men's wrestling growth compare with the top 14 NCAA men's sports teams?

Men's wrestling has the 3rd highest growth rate of the top 14 men's sports since 2010.

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Men's NCAA Sport	2010	2022*	Change	% Change
Baseball	910	941	31	3%
Basketball	1038	1078	40	4%
Cross Country	928	989	61	7%
Football	633	664	31	5%
Golf	798	803	5	1%
Ice Hockey	136	149	13	10%
Lacrosse	262	394	132	50%
Soccer	782	824	42	5%
Swimming	399	448	49	12%
Tennis	752	696	-56	-7%
Track Indoor	601	748	147	24%
Track Outdoor	706	845	139	20%
Volleyball	90	170	80	89%
Wrestling	217	283	66	30%
Total	8252	9032	780	9%

* - Wrestling as of 10/5/23, NCAA has not yet updated their report since 10/2022.

Why does MatStats think that Men's lacrosse & volleyball have a higher percentage increase
Since 2010 than men's wrestling?

Lacrosse & Volleyball have been predominately women's teams, the men's increase could have come from an established women's tradition. The opposite of what wrestling is going through.

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NCAA Sport	2010 Number of NCAA teams
Men Lacrosse	262
Women's Lacrosse	334
Men's Volleyball	90
Women's Volleyball	1039

Where does the most recent NCAA reposted numbers in 2022 rank concerning male wrestlers in NCAA?

Since the NCAA kept comprehensive records in 1981-82, the total male wrestlers in 2022 rank #4!!

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Rank	Year	Men
1	1985	8,572
2	1984	8,417
3	1986	8,401
4	2022	8,338

Note - the NCAA has not as of 10/5/23 released numbers from 2023.

When will we have more men's wrestlers since 1981-82?

At the latest time, we will have more men's NCAA wrestlers by 2025 than anytime since 1981-82.

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- During Episode #7 (3/16/22), “Is this Heaven? No, it’s Camelot”, Gorms predicted we would have more men’s wrestlers by the NCAA National tournaments in March 2025.
- We might have done that by 2023 and maybe by this March (2024), but we should definitely have more by 2025.
- To quote the late ESPN reporter, Stuart Scott, “Boo-yah!”
- Moyer and the NWCA have made Gorms look cautious in his prediction.
- If we add women wrestlers, we already had more in 2022 than at any time since 1981-82.
- We will soon even pass the “numbers” the NCAA provides pre-1981-82. Both men only and men & women total.

Can MatStats show the viewers the old slide from a previous episode to help put a fallacy of how many Men's Wrestling teams there were in the good old days?

If you ever hear someone, say there were ever more than 393 men's wrestling teams at any point in the NCAA, the source is most likely misinformed, confused, had too much to drink, or all the above.

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- In Episode #18 (2/15/23), *“R-E-S-P-E-C-T”*, MatStats showed data from the NCAA annual report on how many wrestling teams there were in the past.
- To quote the NCAA Sports Sponsorship and Participation Rates Report page 129 10/27/22.
- “Between 1956-57 and 1981-82, participation rates were collected in five-year intervals. The data for these years was not collected in the same manner as the data from 1982 to the present and it includes recreation programs. Therefore, these data are not directly comparable to the other data in this report. This information is only meant to provide a historical view.”

Does MatStats have any data on the number of NCAA wrestling teams there were before 1981-82?

Can MatStats give the viewers an educated estimate of the most NCAA teams ever?

Based on NCAA data, MatStats can say with confidence that the highest number of NCAA wrestling teams was about 393 in 1971-72 or a year close to that. That includes a premise that none of those teams were rec teams.

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Year	NCAA Members	Wrestling Teams	Participants
1956-57	395	186	4,765
1961-62	536	289	7,630
1966-67	577	332	7,889
1971-72	663	393	9,437
1976-77	722	379	8,712
1981-82	753	363	7,914

In 2022 the NCAA Sports Sponsorship Report included for the first-time numbers of teams on five year intervals. These numbers include recreation programs. As of 10/5/23, MatStats does not know how many teams were rec teams.

Does women's wrestling hurt men's wrestling?

“Not so fast, my friend” - Lee Corso on ESPN College Game Day

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- In Episode #3 (11/17/21), *“It’s A Whole new Ball Game!!”* We saw in Slide 3-11 that of the top 12 men’s sports in the NCAA, only wrestling has seen a decrease in the number of teams since women joined the NCAA in 1981-82.
- That slide is repeated in the next slide for the viewers.
- This data and the data provided above should help dispel the myth/fear that the addition of women’s wrestling could/will hurt men’s wrestling.
- We see quite the contrary, men’s wrestling has grown since the advent of women’s wrestling.

Of the top 12 men’s sports, only wrestling has seen a decrease in teams since women joined the NCAA in 1981-82.

Rank 2018-19	Men’s Sport	NCAA Teams 1981-82	NCAA Teams 1999-00	NCAA Teams 2009-10	NCAA Teams 2018-19	Percent Change From 1982 to 2019	Percent Change From 2000 to 2019	Percent Change From 2010 to 2019
1	Basketball	741	989	1038	1086	47%	10%	5%
2	Cross Country	650	811	928	997	53%	23%	7%
3	Baseball	642	857	910	951	48%	11%	5%
4	Soccer	521	715	782	837	61%	17%	7%
5	Golf	590	719	798	838	42%	17%	5%
6	Outdoor Track	577	635	706	834	45%	31%	18%
7	Tennis	690	758	752	749	9%	<1%>	<0%>
8	Indoor Track	422	518	601	734	74%	42%	22%
9	Football	497	610	633	672	35%	10%	6%
10	Swimming And Diving	377	374	399	444	18%	19%	11%
11	Lacrosse	138	203	262	386	178%	90%	47%
12	Wrestling	363	234	217	245	<33%>	5%	13%
Total	All 12	6,208	7,423	8,026	8,773	41%	18%	9%

How many teams does the NCWA have? How many unique - not in NCAA or NAIA?
How long has the NCWA been around?

Since its inception in 1998, the NCWA now has 229 teams. 183 unique 4-year American teams - not in NCAA or NAIA. 8 of these schools are currently transitioning to NCAA or NAIA.

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NCWA	Teams	Duplicates	Transi tional	Juco	PR/ Canada	4-Year American Unique
Men	167	20	6	4	7	130
Women	62	0	2	4	3	53
Total	229	20	8	8	10	183

How many NCAA Power 5 schools does the NCWA bring to the table?

**The NCWA has more Power 5 men's Teams than the NCAA Men's D1. 33 vs 28.
In women NCWA 13 NCAA 1.**

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Power 5	Men's Teams	Women's Teams	Total
NCAA	28	1	29
NCWA	33	13	45

NCWA has 1.55X as many Power 5 wrestling teams as the NCAA. NCWA is not nearly as visible as the NCAA, but they have a much larger Power 5 footprint.

How many unique NCAA Power 5 schools does the NCWA bring to the table?

The NCWA has 25 Power 5 schools with teams that do not have NCAA teams.

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Power 5	Teams	Percentage
NCAA	28	53%
NCWA (Unique)	25	47%
Total	53	100%

A shout out to Jim Giunta and his staff for the work he has done on this. If we include the NCWA there most likely more 4-year schools (486) with teams than ever before. There are definitely more male wrestlers than ever before in 4-year colleges.

Can MatStats sum up the statistical state of collegiate wrestling?

The statistical state of collegiate wrestling is strong!!

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- As of 10/5/23, there are more NCAA & NAIA teams than ever - 499. Who will be #500? There will be no surprise when this show comes out on 10/18/23 that we break the 500 barrier.
- Men's wrestling is in a growth mode. We have 104 MORE men's teams on 10/5/23 than we had in 2000.
- As of 10/5/23, there are 141 NCAA & NAIA women's teams.
- There are more NCAA men's teams than at any point since 1989.
- There are more NCAA D2 than ever.
- 2022 ranked #4 since 1981-82 for number of male NCAA wrestlers. We will soon be #1 on this.
- Women's wrestling has helped men's wrestling.
- The NCWA adds 183 unique/229 total 4-year American colleges to the list.

Overall, what collegiate categories does MatStats think exist in the college wrestling world?

In the wrestling world there are 4 categories of 4-year colleges.

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- 1) Colleges with 2 NCAA/NAIA wrestling teams.
- 2) Colleges with 1 NCAA/NAIA wrestling team.
- 3) Colleges with 0 NCAA/NAIA wrestling teams but could have a realistic chance start at least 1.
- 4) Colleges with 0 NCAA/NAIA wrestling teams but have little to no chance to start a team.

How many schools in the NCAA & NAIA have two wrestling teams?

As of 10/5/23, 141 NCAA & NAIA schools have two wrestling teams.

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- US News & World Report does an annual ranking of colleges.
- MatStats does not know what parameters they base these rankings on.
- But MatStats ranks colleges based on schools with wrestling teams.
- Having two teams is best, having one is next.
- Yes, MatStats is saying that NWCA's Director of External Operations, Dan Weaver's alma mater, Lock Haven is a better school than William & Mary. Also, George Mason (where NWCA ED Mike Moyer coached), is between Lock Haven and W&M.
- To paraphrase W&M's most famous alumni's first words in The Declaration of Independence, "When in the Course of human events, it becomes necessary for another W&M other alumni to declare the causes which impel them to the separation.
- Final score - The Haven 2, Mason 1, Tribe 0.

Of the current 358 men’s teams in NCAA & NAIA, how many have women’s teams?

141 of the schools with the 358 men’s teams in the NCAA & NAIA also have women’s teams. That is 39%.

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Category	Men’s Teams	Men & Women’s Teams	% Both Teams	% Only Men’s Teams
NCAA D1	77	4	5%	95%
NCAA D2	76	31	41%	59%
NCAA D3	130	61	47%	53%
NCAA Total	283	96	34%	66%
NAIA	75	45	60%	40%
Total NCAA & NAIA	358	141	39%	61%

Note - The NCAA teams Are in their Normal Divisions Here.

Menlo is in NCAA here.

How many NCAA & NAIA have just 1 wrestling team?

233 NCAA & NAIA school have just 1 wrestling team. 217 men only, 6 (5 NMU Men's Greco) women only.

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- There are 374 schools in the NCAA & NAIA that have wrestling team(s).
- 233 or 62% have one team.
- 141 or 38% have two teams.
- As we previously saw in this Episode, slide 25-7, the most men's teams since 1981-82 in NCAA & NAIA (best estimate by MatStats - many schools were dual members in NCAA & NAIA back then) was 418. We are not far away from passing that.
- Since there was no women's wrestling in American colleges then, the men's total is the same as the overall total.

Of the current 141 schools with NCAA & NAIA women's teams, how many only have a women's team?

If you control for single sex (women Only) schools and NMU, there is only 1% of schools with only a women's team.

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Division	Women's Teams	Women Only Teams	All Women schools	Only women With schools That have male students	% of schools with only women's teams w/ male students
D1	4	0	0	0	0%
D2	33	3*	1	1*	3%
D3	59	3	2	1	2%
NCAA	96	6	4	2	2%
NAIA	45	0	0	0	0%
Total	141	6	4	2	1%

Note - *
Northern Michigan only
Has an NCAA Women's team,
But they have A men's Greco Team.

There are many factors that go into a school adding a sport. Stats allows us to see trends and who might add.

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- There are so many moving parts in any school and athletic department. No 100% firm rules can be stated.
- MatStats tries to identify trends and tendencies.
- From what we have seen in previous slides, the most likely scenario is for a school to add a women's team and perhaps a men's team too.
- As far as schools with no teams, MatStats digs into who might add and what type of school has little to no interest in adding wrestling.

Since 2000, have more public or private schools added wrestling?

Since 2000, the schools that added men's wrestling since 2000 in NCAA & NAIA, 84% are private schools. That is 6X more private schools than public.

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Men's Teams added since 2000	NCAA D1	NCAA D2	NCAA D3	NCAA Total	NAIA	Total	%
Public	6	10	6	22	2	24	14%
Private	4	30	46	80	62	142	86%
Total	10	40	52	102	64	166	100%

This is a strong chance this is an enrollment driven solution.

What division and organization are most likely to add a men's team since 2000?

The robust growth of men's wrestling since 2000 comes from NAIA, NCAA D3, & NCAA D2.

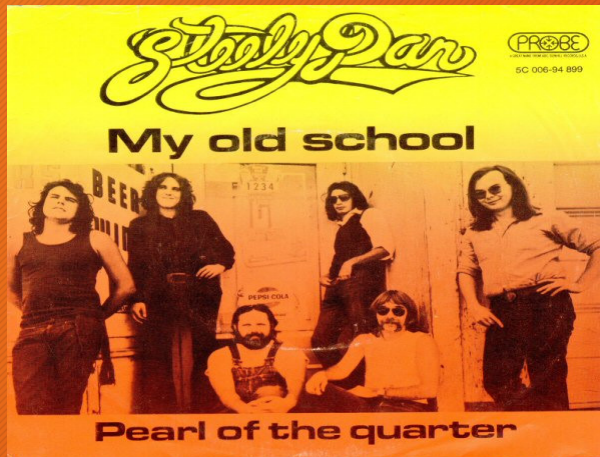
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Men's teams added since 2000	% NCAA D1	% NCAA D2	% NCAA D3	%NCAA Total	%NAIA	%Total
Public	4%	6%	4%	13%	1%	14%
Private	2%	18%	28%	48%	37%	86%
Total	6%	24%	31%	61%	39%	100%
Multiple Private over Public	0.5X	3X	7X	3.7X	37X	6X

Does Gorms have any advice for others from his time at W&M?

William & Mary won't do!

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“I said, oh, no
William & Mary won't do
Well, I did not think the girl
Could be so cruel
And I'm never going back
To my old school”



- The “girl” Steely Dan is referring to in their song, “My Old School” is Fagan’s college.
- Gorms is not sure if there is a reference to Hazard in this song.

Can Gorms think of any mistakes he made when W&M was in the process of dropping Wrestling when he was the assistant coach there in the 80's?

The wisdom to know the difference

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- God, grant me the serenity to accept things I cannot change, the courage to change things I can, and the wisdom to know the difference.
- Gorms lacked the wisdom to know the difference from the 80's till recent times.
- Instead of concentrating on schools that want/need wrestling, Gorms lead the Tribe alumni down the path of complaining about the past and not finding solutions to help the sport succeed and grow. Sometimes it takes brain surgery to have the wisdom to know the difference.

There are several other factors that go into a college adding a wrestling team.

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- The largest factor is an enrollment driven factor. That seems to be the reason that small private schools have added many more teams than large public schools.
- The advent of online colleges. They are much more affordable than in person classes.
- The NIL could easily affect schools' budgets. You can only go to the well so many times. A significant amount of money will go directly to the athletes and not to the school. It is too soon to tell how this will affect wrestling.
- Conference realignment could raise its ugly head. MatStats goes into this quickly below.

Conference realignment is such a monster, we don't know yet what affect it will have on any sport. Too soon to statistically make a coherent statement.

- MatStats would be remiss if we did not mention the 800# gorilla known as conference realignment.
- But since it is pending, we have no stats to make a statement on its effects.
- MatStats finds it an odd topic. Everyone says it is needed, but we still have not heard a coherent argument why it is needed.
- Just because everyone says it is needed, does not make it so.
- In Business school we learned about Tulipmania in Holland in the mid 1600's that served as a parable for the pitfalls that excessive greed and speculation can lead to.

How has all this Power 5 Conference affected NCAA wrestling?

Only 4 schools with men's wrestling were involved in the Power 5 shifts. 0 women's teams. Iowa is the only Power 5 women's team.

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2024-2025			Realignment
Conference	Number Schools	Wrestling Teams	Schools
ACC	3	1	Stanford , Cal, SMU
Big 10	4	0	Oregon, Washington, UCLA, USC
Big 12	4	1	Arizona State , Arizona, Colorado, Utah
SEC	2	1	Oklahoma , Texas
Pac 12 Remainder	2	1	Oregon State , Washington State
Total	15	4	

Logistically what teams is affected most by Power 5 realignment?

The closest ACC team with wrestling to Stanford is Pitt - 2,257 miles away. Anyone from Stanford have an NIL deal for travel?

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School	Distance from Stanford
Pitt	2,257
VA Tech	2,274
UVA	2,365
UNC	2,370
Duke	2,377
NCSU	2,395

Of the 6 NCAA Men's teams reinstated since 2000, how many are Power 5 schools?

Six Men's NCAA D1 teams have been reinstated since 2000. Only Arizona State is a Power 5 school.

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School	Dropped	Added	Conference	Notes
SIU-Edwardsville	2003	2006	OVC	
Binghamton	2004	2006	Am East	
Bucknell	2001	2006	Patriot	
Arizona State	2008	2008	Pac 12/Big 12	
LIU	1988	2014	NEC	Merger
Morgan State	1997	2021	Mid-Eastern	

Of the 4 new programs in Men's NCAA D1 are any Power 5 schools?

None of the 4 new Men's NCAA D1 teams are from Power 5 Conferences.

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School	Added	Conference	Notes
Utah Valley	2003	WAC	
Cal Baptist	2008	WAC	Former NAIA
Presbyterian	2017	Big South	
Little Rock	2018	OVC	

Does Gorms have any recommendation for conference alignment?

Turn the clock back on Conference realignment to 1992.

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- If bigger is better (or so says the “experts” on all the sports shows), let’s just have one big conference.
- We can call that the NCAA.
- Then divide them up regionally and based on school’s respective commitment to athletics.
- Exactly what part of the Atlantic Coast is Cal-Berkely on? What do Rutgers and UCLA have in common? Does UCLA stand for University of Central jersey Like Almost?
- In other words, turn the clock back to 1992 or some year close to that.

Is there a chance to add more NCAA D1 wrestling? If so, where should we look?

Look in the right places to add NCAA D1

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- To grow wrestling on the NCAA D1 level concentrate on smaller D1 schools that have enrollment issues and do not have very large endowments.
- Go after schools with large endowments. Ivies for women.
- INCLUDE and start with the suggestion of adding women's teams.
- Lori Ayers and the “Bridge the D1vide” and “everything Women's Wrestling” are great examples.
- We might not see the big Power 5 schools add wrestling, but without women it is next to impossible.

The more collegiate wrestling, the better!

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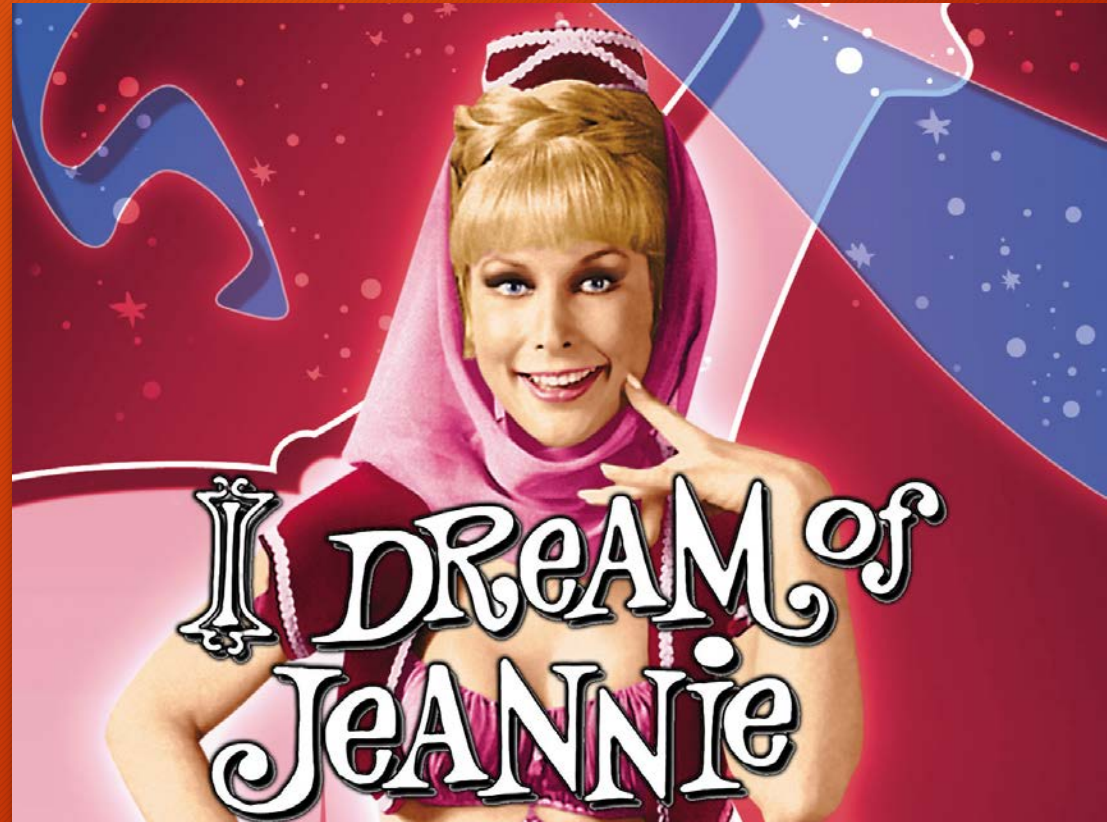
- To identify schools more likely to add men & women's wrestling to D2, D3, & NAIA the growth has a and will come from small private schools.
- Try not to get in the caste system and feel only Men's NCAA D1 are what counts.
- A rising tide lifts all boats. If we get more boats (teams), it should not matter the level.
- Yes, Saturdays Down South does trump everything else in football and collegiate athletics, but there is a lot of passion, hard work, and accomplishment in other football games.
- The same is true in smaller wrestling.

Where should we look and what should we do to help our sport grow?

Control what we can. Look in the right places.
The wisdom to know the difference.

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- William & Mary alum were basically looking for a Jeannie in a bottle to save the program.
- Many others were the same way.
- We were looking on the wrong beach for this Jeannie.
- Women have been at the World Championships since 1987.



What is the best beach to find this Jeannie on?

The NCWA is an unsung success story to help grow collegiate wrestling!!

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- The NCWA is the most economic way to grow the sport.
- The NCWA is a wrestling only organization. The NCAA & NAIA are multi-sport organizations.
- The NCWA teams are not sponsored by the school's athletic departments, so they do not have the regulatory and roadblocks that the NCAA & NAIA have.
- The NCWA serves as a landing spot for many teams changing divisions. Without the NCWA many athletes would not have a national tournament during the transition period.
- It is serious wrestling. How serious? Gorms is planning on going to the NCWA nationals in Shreveport-Bossier City in March 2024.
- There is so much more to wrestling than the Men's NCAA D1 Championships.
- Jim Giunta and the NCWA are working on having Tarleton State (TX) go from NCWA to NCAA D1 wrestling.
- The NCWA is like a AAA Baseball league.

How many men’s teams used the NCWA to transition to the NCAA & NAIA? Total teams currently with teams?

37 men’s teams have used the NCWA to transition. 25 are current members of the NCAA % NAIA. That is 7% of current NCAA & NAIA men’s teams.

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Category	Teams	Total Teams in Division	% Of total teams in Division
NCAA D1	6	81	7%
NCAA D2	11	73	15%
NCAA D3	7	129	5%
NCAA Total	24	283	8%
NAIA	1	75	1%
Total NCAA & NAIA	25	358	7%
Juco	3		
Canada	1		
No Longer have NCAA/NAIA	8		
Total	37		

The NCWA has assisted in the start up of about 50 teams that are now NCAA & NAIA teams.

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- NCWA founder, Jim Giunta has informed MatStats that about 50 women's teams that became NCAA & NAIA teams have a NCWA connection with their genesis.
- MatStats does not like to use “about” or “approximately” since we are stats show, but we are using Jim's educated guess here.
- MatStats caught Jim when he was really busy. Jim dropped most of what he was doing to do some research for MatStats, but he had to get back to helping grow the sport.

Here are 3 timely wild stats and their analysis

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- It is October, so MatStats used sports that are known for October - Baseball & Football.
- MatStats likes to provide the viewers with some fun stuff.

What bad example of interpreting stats did Gorms see in September?

Ryan Day sometimes it is best to kneel on an Extra Point.

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- In the epic football game this year between The Ohio State and Notre Dame, the Irish were winning 14-10 late in the game. TOSU scored a TD with 1 second to go in the game to go ahead 16-10. Of course, the TD was reviewed. Could you imagine the uproar on something so important was not reviewed? This gave TOSU Head Coach, Ryan Day, more time to think what he should do next. He looked at his chart and decided to kick the Extra Point.
- As soon as TOSU scored the TD, Gorms was yelling knell on the XP.
- With 1 second to go a FG does not come into play unless someone has broken free and does a drop kick. Yeah right. But drop kicks are not legal in NCAA.
- However, a blocked XP returned to the other end zone is worth 2 points.
- I have been to three games where this has happened. I have never seen anyone on the run try a drop kick.
- Ryan Day your XP sheet should have a 1 point, 2 point, or kneel option. Hire a stats guy that analysis the stats too. You obviously have too much on your mind to make the proper decision that day.

Hats off to that man in Oxford, MS.

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- Ole Miss beat LSU 55-49. Ole Miss scored a TD with 32 seconds to go and correctly went for 2. Prior to the TD Ole Miss was deep in LSU territory. Gorms was watching this scenario in between 3rd & 4th quarter of Vols game. The announcers that day and the following week were wondering why Ole Miss HC tried to score a TD instead of kneeling and trying a game winning FG.
- Well, Ole Miss had 706 total yards that day, so they were confident of gaining yards.
- When this was transpiring, Gorms was saying Ole Miss HC would not kneel on it. Some younger kids asked why.
- In 2008 the same coach was the HC at Tennessee. He tried that losing 14-12 to Bama. The FG was blocked. If Gorms and all the state of Tennessee remembers this, the Ole Miss coach sure did.
- Gorms hates to give credit to the turncoat from Ole Miss, but give credit where credit is due. Gorms tries not to mention that man in Oxford, MS name.

Can MatStats provide the viewers with a crazy trivia stat that can be hard to randomly guess?

The Phillies at Citizens Bank have the best post season winning percentage (min 30 games).

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Rank	Team	Stadium	Win %	Years	Notes
1	Phillies	Citizens Bank	.703	2004-2023	2 WS in 131 years. First team 10K loses any sport
2	Mets	Shea	.667	1964-2008	Amazing. Ya gotta believe.
7	Yankees	Original	.627	1923-2008	26 WS at Old Yankee Stadium

Episode 23 MatKevin's Notes #1

- 1) As of 10/5/23, there are more NCAA men's teams since 1989.
- 2) NCAA D2 have more men's teams than ever.
- 3) 326 4-year schools have added since 2000.
Net increase of 269.
- 4) Women's teams have skyrocketed since 2010.
- 5) As of 10/5/23, there are 499 teams at 4-year colleges.

Episode 23 MatKevin's Notes #2

- 6) Men's wrestling has the 3rd highest growth rate of D1 sports in the NCAA since 2010.
- 7) As of 2022, the NCAA had the 4th highest participation numbers since 1981-82. We will be #1 by 2025 or sooner.
- 8) The NCWA is a great addition to collegiate wrestling. The NCWA has contributed greatly to the NCAA & NAIA growth.
- 9) Of all the NCAA & NAIA schools with women's wrestling, only 1% only have a women's team at schools that have male students.
 - 10) The state of collegiate wrestling is statistically **STRONG**.

What is the topic next month (Wednesday 11/15/23 3PM EST)?

The state of High School wrestling

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- Tune In Next Month
 - Same Mat Time
 - Same Mat Channel
- Next month's show will inform viewers of the state of high school wrestling.
- MatStats dives into where high school wrestling has been, where it is, and where it is headed.