MatStats Episode 28
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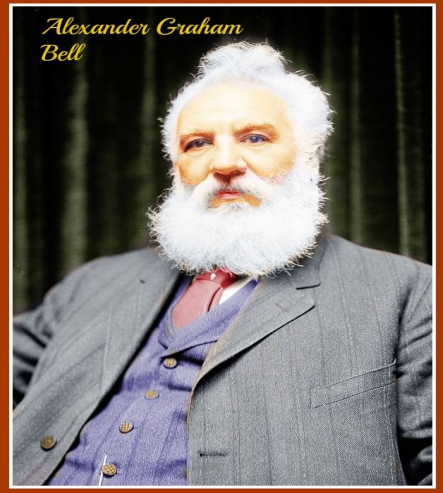
When One Door Closes Another Door Opens

Episode 28-1

The boys at MatStats discuss the Ivy League leaving the EIWA.

MatStats uses stats and past shows to inform the viewers why the Ivy League departing the EIWA could increase the chances for growing the sport.

MatStats looks at the big picture and reveals reasons we should wrap our arms around the decision for the Ivy League to go out on its own.



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.

How is MatStats different than most shows we see on TV/Internet in today's world?

MatStats is based on numbers, stats, and analyzing them. It starts with facts not opinions.

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- MatStats is a numbers show.
- Thus, the name MatStats. Not MatOpinions.
- Gorms was remiss not explaining this from the get-go. Gorms lives in a numbers world and is starting to get the feeling not everyone does lol.
- Feedback from the Tribe alumni during this show has made Gorms realize he needs to address this and try to educate people with numbers. Thank you, Dr. Powell, for one of your texts.

If Gorms does not have any statistical answers, where does he look next? We want answers.

MatStats is a show that revolves around stats, but there is a reason we have balance on the show. Not all answers have a numeric quantifiable component.

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- Let's have the two on the show that know wrestling weigh in on based their decades around the sport (Jason & Kevin – and at times guests).
- To paraphrase the Ramones – Gormley needs to be sedated.
- Much to the chagrin of Gorms (The Sultan of Stat), not everything can be quantified with a number(s). You can't put a number on why Babe Ruth (The Sultan of Swat) hit 714 HRs, but we can put a number on how many he hit.
- We will provide answers before the conclusion of this show. If it is not in the numbers, we will do our best to provide answers. One thing you learn in MBA school is find an answer. A consultant's answer can not be hiring a blue-ribbon panel. You went to MBA school to be the blue-ribbon panel.

Can MatStats provide the viewers with a monthly update on the number of men & women's NCAA & NAIA teams?

As of 1/4/24, there are 502 men & women's wrestling teams in the NCAA & NAIA.

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Category	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	74	32	106	74	2024	106	2024
NCAA D3	129	62	191	149	1982	191	2024
NCAA	284	97	380	363*	1982	382	2023
NAIA	75	45	120			120	2024
4 Year	359	143	502			502	2024

* - Note the NCAA reports 393 men's teams in 1972, but they do not know how many were club teams.

Can MatStats quickly summarize the topic on this episode?

The Ivy League is leaving the EIWA in 2024-25.

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- This was huge news in 12/2024.
- Shocking to many.
- Some even were like Chicken Little and thought the sky was falling.
- MatStats dives into the subject.
- MatStats shows the good points outweigh the downside.
- Gorms has always been a huge fan of the EIWA and needed to look at this as unbiased as possible. As always MatStats relies on stats to help educate the viewers.

How do the biggest stories in college sports pertain to the MatStats fans?

The biggest news in college sports in 2023 are off the field stories. Conference realignment, transfer portal, NIL, Coach Prime, illegal scouting, and upcoming expanded football playoffs.

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- Only one of these topics has MatStats dealt with previously – Conference realignment.
- In December 2023, the Ivy League announced it would have its own qualifying tournament in 2025.
- This a huge story for collegiate wrestling. So big that we were originally planning on doing the January 2024 show on the number of matches wrestlers have had through the decades but have moved that show back on our calendar.
- This episode is dealing with the Ivy League going out on its own and what it might mean to college wrestling.
- MatStats is using its normal stat analysis and input from Jason and Kevin to help the viewers form a more educated opinion on this topic.

What is the big news in wrestling conference realignment?

The Ivy League is leaving the EIWA starting in 2025.

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- What does this mean?
- What is the history of the EIWA and the Ivy League?
- Why did the Ivy League leave?
- What are the ramifications for the EIWA, Ivy League, and our sport?

What is the bottom line on this episode?

When one door closes another door opens.

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- The full quote by Alexander Graham Bell is –

  "When one door closes another door opens; but we often look so long and so regretfully upon the closed door that we do not see the one that has opened for us."

- We no longer have 17 members of the EIWA.
- That door closed.
- But a door to help the chances of growing NCAA D1 wrestling (men & women) might have been kicked open.

How about a quick history of the EIWA?

Ivy League (6 with wrestling) are for the first time in 2025 having their own tournament.

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- The Ivy League schools started the EIWA tournament in 1905.
- There were 4 schools in the first EIWA's. All were Ivy League.
- The EIWA predates the formation of the Ivy League (1954).
- The 6 Ivy League schools will no longer be in the EIWA starting in 2024-25.
- The EIWA was the first collegiate wrestling conference.

How many schools have been in the EIWA since 1905? How many in 2024? 2025 after the Ivy's leave?

There have been 33 different schools in the EIWA. For 2024, there will be 17. In 2025, there will be 11 unless other changes are implemented.

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EIWA	Current	All Time	2025 (pending possible changes)
Men's	17	33	11
Have A Women's Team	1	2	1

Who are the 2 EIWA schools that as of 12/24/23, have a women's team?

There are 2 EIWA schools (1 current - 4 former) that currently have a women's team. Only Sacred Heart is currently in the EIWA.

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School	NCAA Division	EIWA Years
Sacred Heart	1	2012-Current
East Stroudsburg	2	1977-2009

Note - As of 12/24/23, Sacred Heart is the only school while in the EIWA had a women's team.

Can MatStats give the viewers an example of how much the membership in the EIWA has changed over time?

It's not your Daddy's EIWA.

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School	Years in EIWA	2025 schools that were in EIWA when W&M was	4 schools
W&M	1980-91	4	Lehigh, F&M, USMA, USNA

Can MatStats provide the viewers with the 11 remaining teams in the EIWA's?

The EIWA after 2024.

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School	Years in EIWA	Type	Main Conference 2024	Notes
Lehigh	1913 - Present	Private	Patriot	
USMA	1941 - Present	Federal	Patriot	AAC (FB)
USNA	1941 - Present	Federal	Patriot	AAC (FB)
F&M	1948 - Present	Private	Centennial	D3
Bucknell	2000-02, 07 - Pre	Private	Patriot	
American	2003 - Present	Private	Patriot	
Sacred Heart	2012 - Present	Private	NEC	
Binghamton	2014 - Present	Public	American East	
Drexel	2014 - Present	Private	CAA	
Hofstra	2014 - Present	Private	CAA	
LIU	2019 - Present	Private	NEC	

Can MatStats give the viewers a roster of the Ivy League teams and the EIWA?

A quick history of the Ivy League in the EIWA.

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Ivy (8 – 6 w/ men's wrestling)	Years in EIWA	Type	Notes
Columbia	1905 - 2024	Private	
Penn	1905 - 2024	Private	
Princeton	1905-17, 1920-2024	Private	
Yale	1905-10,1920-41,1947-91	Private	Dropped
Cornell	1908 - 2024	Private	
Harvard	1934-41, 1943, 1947-2024	Private	
Dartmouth	1944, 1947-49	Private	Dropped
Brown	1948-64, 1985-2024	Private	

Can MatStats give the viewers a list of the 14 schools (non-Ivy - Yale & Dartmouth) that were former EIWA members.

Here is the list of 14 friends from the old days of the EIWA.

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School	Years in EIWA	Type	Main Conference 2024	Reason Left	Current Wrestling Conference
Penn State	1918-74	Public	Big 10	EWL	Big 10
Syracuse	1925-43,47-70,72-2011	Private	ACC	Dropped	No team
USCGA	1945-47	Federal			D3
Virginia	1947-53	Public	ACC	ACC	ACC
USMMA	1947	Federal	D3 Cen		D3 Centennial
Temple	1948 -86	Public	AAC	Dropped	No Team
Rutgers	1950-79, 1987-2014	Public	Big 10	Big 10	Big 10
Pitt	1954-1975	Public	ACC	EWL	ACC
Colgate	1956-57, 1965-82	Private	Patriot	Dropped	No Team
Springfield	1956-57	Private	NEWMAC D3		D3 NE Reg
Wilkes	1976-97	Private	Landmark D3	D3	D3 SE Reg
East Stroudsburg	1997-2009	Public	PSAC	D2	D2 PSAC
W&M	1980-91	Public	CAA	CAA then Dropped	Gorms & Tribe Alumni still upset
Boston Univ	2014	Private	Patriot	Dropped	No Team

Since 2009 how many bids to the NCAA's did non-Ivy's have?

EIWA Bids to NCAA's (non - Ivy) New Allocation Era

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Year	125	133	141	149	157	165	174	184	197	285	Total
2009	2	3	2	5	1	3	5	3	1	3	28
2010	2	2	3	4	2	3	3	2	4	4	29
2011	2	2	4	4	2	3	4	3	3	3	30
2012	1	3	3	3	3	4	2	2	4	2	27
2013	1	2	4	3	3	3	3	3	2	4	28
2014	5	4	4	3	5	3	3	1	6	4	38
2015	3	2	4	2	4	2	3	3	2	2	27
2016	4	2	6	3	2	2	5	5	3	5	37
2017	2	2	5	2	2	2	2	6	3	2	28
2018	2	3	3	4	3	2	4	4	4	4	33
2019	2	3	3	4	3	4	4	4	5	3	35
2020	4	3	3	3	2	5	4	4	4	3	35
2021*	4	3	5	5	6	5	5	6	5	4	48
2022	1	2	2	2	3	4	3	1	3	3	24
2023	1	3	2	1	2	2	2	5	3	4	25
Grand Total	36	39	53	48	43	47	52	52	52	50	472
*-Franklin & Marshall did not compete in 2021. All bids won by current EIWA schools due to Ivy sitting out.										w/o 2021	424

Since 2009 how many bids to the NCAA's did the Ivy League members of the EIWA have?

Ivy Bids to the NCAA New Allocation Era

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Year	125	133	141	149	157	165	174	184	197	285	Grand Total
2009	2	1	2	2	3	1	2	3	1	3	20
2010	3	3	2	1	1	3	2	2	2	1	20
2011	4	2	2	1	2	3	2	1	2	1	20
2012	2	3	3	4	4	1	1	3	3	2	26
2013	3	1	3	2	2	2	2	3	3	2	23
2014	2	1	2	1	2	3	2	4	3	1	21
2015	1	2	1	3	4	3	1	4	3	3	25
2016	1	2	2	2	4	3	4	2	2	3	25
2017	1	3	1	2	3	3	4	3	3	2	25
2018	1	1	1	1	4	4	3	3	3	2	23
2019	3	1	1	2	3	1	2	3	2	2	20
2020	4	1	3	2	1	2	1	2	3	2	21
2021	Did not compete										
2022	4	2	2	3	3	4	2	2	3	3	28
2023	5	3	3	2	2	4	4	1	3	3	30
Grand Total	36	26	28	28	38	37	32	36	36	30	327

What percentage of the NCAA bids did the Ivy's and non-Ivy's have since 2009?

The non-Ivy teams had 57% of all the NCAA bids from 2009-2023 (w/o 2021).

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2009-2023 (w/o 2021)	NCAA Bids	Bids/ Year	Percent
EIWA (non-Ivy)	424	30.28	57%
Ivy	327	23.36	43%
Total	751	53.64	100%

Compared to the 2023 bids, the new EIWA & Ivy based on the past 14 years would rank 4th & 6th by conference bids.

Episode 28-22

Old Rank	New Rank	Conference	Bids 2023	Notes
1	1	Big 10	99	
2	2	Big 12	77	
3		EIWA	55	
4	3	ACC	36	
	4	EIWA New	30.28	2009-23
5	5	MAC	27	
	6	Ivy	23.36	2009-23
6	7	Pac 12	22	
7	8	Southern	14	

How many teams in the EIWA are private schools? Ivy League?

14 of the 17 EIWA schools are private.

Episode 28-23

Conference	Schools	Private	State	Federal
EIWA (w/o Ivy)	11	8	1	2
Ivy	6	6	0	0
Total	17	14	1	2

Can MatStats provide a little Ivy League history for the viewers?

The Ivy League was formed in 1954. It has always had the same 8 schools.

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- The Ivy League is 8 high academic colleges from the Northeast part of the county.
- 7 of these schools were formed before we were a country. Cornell started in 1865.
- The Ivy League has 7 of the 9 oldest colleges in America (W&M & Rutgers).
- The Ivy League was founded in 1954 with 8 schools. All 8 have always been members.
- Prior to 2000, they were some affiliated members in smaller sports mainly invitational formats.
- The total endowments of the Ivy League is $188B.
- That would rank as the 58th largest GDP for a country in 2023 according to the IMF.
- The US Federal Budget in 1969 was $183B.

Tell us about the Ivy League tournaments in other sports.

The Ivy League has traditionally been about regular season champions.

Episode 28-25

- The Ivy League did not have a conference basketball tourney to decide who went to the NCAA dances until 2017.
- They had the top 4 Men's & Women's teams in their tourney.
- All 6 games are the same weekend at the same on campus location.
- The Ivy League did not have baseball tourney until 2023.
- Since 1956, the wrestling team champion was decided based on dual meet standings.
- All 6 schools wrestle the other 5 schools every year.
- Hopefully having a wrestling tourney does not hurt the great dual meet tradition in the Ivy League.
- No other conference has this dual meet importance. It was a big story when Princeton ended Cornell's 17-year hold on the Ivy League dual meet championship in 2020.
- The Ivy League website has year by year dual meet standings dating back to 1956.

What is the most stable NCAA conference that has Men's D1 wrestling teams?

We learned in Episode #10, that the Ivy League is the ONLY conference (with men's wrestling) that has not gone through a realignment in the last 10 years.

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Conference	Primary Members	Affiliate Members	% Primary	Primary's Affiliated with other Conferences	Realignment in last 10 Years
Patriot	10	4	71%	Yes	Yes
PSAC (D2)	18	0	100%	Yes	Yes
MAC	12	23	34%	Yes	Yes
Southern	10	14	42%	Yes	Yes
Big South	12	5	71%	Yes	Yes
Ohio Valley	10	2	83%	Yes	Yes
CAA	13	11	54%	Yes	Yes
Ivy	8	0	100%	Yes	No
Mountain West	11	2	85%	Yes	Yes
Big 10	14	2	88%	Yes	Yes
Big 12	14	12	54%	Yes	Yes
ACC	15	0	100%	Yes	Yes
Pac 12	12	4	75%	Yes	Yes
SEC	16	0	100%	Yes	Yes
Total	175	79	69%	N/A	N/A

Has MatStats dealt with conference realignment in previous shows?

Episode #10 (6/15/22), "*The Renovation of Men's Division 1 Wrestling Conferences*" has addressed this possibility.

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- On episode #10 (6/15/22), MatStats lead by Jason Bryant offered some suggestions for conference realignment.
- In this show Jason suggests the Ivy League being its own conference.
- Jason (Gorms & Hazard agree) that having more smaller conferences bring more conference champions, more meaningful dual meets, and a stronger possibility of the conferences adding some existing schools in that conference.
- No conference has a larger emphasis on their dual meets than the Ivy League.
- The EIWA rarely has a defined conference schedule.
- From 1985-86 to 1987-88, W&M had 7, 5, 6 dual meets with EIWA foes. Only two were just dual meets. The Tribe only had 2 home duals with EIWA teams.
- There were 16 teams in the EIWA those years.

The new EIWA is perfect for dual meets.

Episode 28-28

- The new EIWA will have 11 schools from 4 states + DC.
- The furthest west school is Bucknell (Lewisburg, PA).
- The furthest east school is Sacred Heart (Fairfield, CT).
- The furthest north school is Binghamton (Binghamton, NY).
- The furthest south school is USNA (Annapolis, MD).
- The longest trip is from Binghamton to USNA – 296 miles.
- These are short easy bus rides.
- Easy on the budgets and easier on the wrestlers.
- The new EIWA could have a dual meet regular season champion much easier than the current format.
- It is much easier to have a dual meet format with 11 teams than with 17 teams.

How many Men's sports does the Ivy League sponsor?

The Ivy League sponsors 16 men's sports. However, 2 of these (Wrestling & Ice Hockey) compete in other conferences (EIWA & ECAC Hockey).

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Conference	Men's Sports	Schools per Sport
Ivy Sponsored	14	7.40
Wrestling & Ice Hockey	2	6.00
Other Sports Non-Ivy Sponsored	6	2.33
Total	22	5.91

Men's Wrestling & Men's Ice Hockey are sponsored by the Ivy League, but they are both affiliated with other conferences.

Perhaps having an Ivy League Wrestling qualifying tourney will increase the chances of Yale & Dartmouth adding men's wrestling.

How many men's & women's sports does the Ivy League sponsor?

The Ivy League sponsors 16 men's sports and 17 women's sports.

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Sex	Sports Sponsored
Men	16
Women	17

What are the two Ivy League schools that do not have men's wrestling? When did they drop? What is their endowments?

Yale & Dartmouth do not have men's wrestling. Their endowments show they can afford a men's & women's wrestling teams. Perhaps the Ivy League now sponsoring wrestling will push them to starting teams again.

Episode 28-31

School	Dropped Men's Team	Years in EIWA	Endowment
Dartmouth	1976	1944, 1947-49	$8.1B
Yale	1991	1905-10, 1920-41, 1947-91	$42.3B

In 1903, Yale & Columbia had the first ever college wrestling dual meet.

How many Ivy League sports do Yale & Dartmouth have as of 2024?

The chances of Yale & Dartmouth adding men's wrestling seems to increase since the Ivy's are going on their own.

Episode 28-32

- The Ivy League has 16 men's sponsored sports.
- 14 have are only in the Ivy League.
- Ice Hockey and Wrestling are in other conferences (ECAC Hockey & EIWA).
- The two Ivy League schools without men's wrestling are Yale & Dartmouth.
- Yale (Rowing) & Dartmouth (Fencing) have 14 of the 16 Ivy male sports.
- Men's rowing is not affiliated with the National Collegiate Athletic Association. The *de facto* national championship of Division I men's rowing is the Intercollegiate Rowing Association (IRA) Championships.

How many NCAA teams does rowing and fencing have compared to wrestling?

Men's wrestling has 5X as many NCAA teams as men's rowing and 8.4X as many NCAA teams as men's fencing.

Episode 28-33

Sport	D1	D2	D3	Total NCAA	Multiplier
Wrestling	81	74	129	285	N/A
Rowing	31	2	24	57	5.0X
Fencing	21	2	11	34	8.4X

NCAA numbers for rowing and fencing as of end of 2023, wrestling is announced teams.

NCAA D1 Men & Women is where our sport needs to grow.

Episode 28-34

- Men's NCAA D1 & Women's NCAA D1 have been the weak spot on the resurgence of wrestling this century.
- They (D1 wrestling) are only 4% of the new teams that still have wrestling this century.
- NCAA D1 tends to be large state schools that dominate Wrestling, Football, Basketball, & Baseball/Softball.
- There are some exceptions – Miami (FL), USC (CA), Vandy, Duke, Nova, Irish, etc.
- Wrestling is dominated by large state schools in the Big 10, Football in large state schools in the SEC.

Can MatStats provide the viewers with some ideas on why the new EIWA/Patriot League/Ivy should add women's wrestling.

"The purpose of education is to replace an empty mind with an open one."
- Malcolm Forbes

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- MatStats is here to provide numbers for our viewers and wrestling fans.
- Below is some ammunition to bring to schools in the new EIWA to help the schools make the correct decision to add women's wrestling.
- Many times, schools use stats/numbers that are inaccurate or unprovable when they turn their backs on adding wrestling.
- MatStats is happy to provide arrows to your quiver when stating your case to add wrestling.

How many girls row in high school?

No one knows for sure how many girls row in high school. So, the "facts" that some Patriot League school admins claim are not provable.

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- In Juniorrowingnews.com on 12/10/21, Caleb Chiesa wrote, "Unfortunately, there is no vast study that provides an exact number on individual high school or collegiate rowers…."
- In 2023 the NFHS states there are 4 states, 49 schools, and 1,455 girls rowing.
- We learned in Episode 27 (12/20/23), *Rock 'N' Roll HS Part 2*, that there are 42 states that have sponsored girls HS wrestling.
- Since the NCAA reported in 2023 there are 6,707 female rowers in the NCAA, most collegiate girl's rowers come from clubs and not high schools.
- Travel and logistics works to have more girls wrestle in HS than row.

How many women row in the NCAA compared to wrestling?

The NCAA has 146/6,707 rowing teams/athletes and 97/1,464 women wrestlers/athletes.

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Women's Sport	D1	D2	D3	NCAA Total	Athletes	Athletes /Team
Rowing	90	14	42	146	6,707	45.9
Wrestling	4	32	62	97	1,464	15.1

Notes - The rowing numbers come from the NCAA in 2023. The wrestling numbers are from announced Teams as of 1/4/24. The wrestling numbers come from the average per school in 2023 from the NCAA Report multiplied by the 97 NCAA announced teams.

How many Patriot League teams have women's rowing? Women's wrestling?

There are 9 women's rowing teams in the Patriot League and 0 women's wrestling teams.

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Patriot League	Number of Teams	Full Time Members	Associate Members
Women's Rowing	9	6	3
Women's Wrestling	0	0	N/A

Women's rowing is a Patriot League sponsored sport. Men's & Women's wrestling are not.

How many teams per year has the EIWA had? Is change common in the EIWA?

Heraclitus famously said around 500 BC, "Change is the only constant in life." The EIWA is an example of this.

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Years	# Years	# Teams	Years	# Years	# Teams
1905-07	3	4	1972-74	3	16
1908-09	2	5	1975-76	2	15
1910-12	3	4	1977-82	6	16
1913-19	7	5	1983-84	2	15
1920-24	5	7	1985-91	7	16
1925-33	9	8	1992-97	6	14
1934-40	7	9	1998-99	2	13
1941	1	11	2000-01	2	14
1942	1	9	2002-06	5	13
1943	1	10	2007-09	3	14
1944-46	3	9	2010-11	2	13
1947	1	15	2012-13	2	14
1948-55	8	16	2014	1	18
1956-57	2	18	2015-19	5	16
1958-70	13	16	2020-2024	5	17
1971	1	14	2025	?	?

Qualifying Era starts in 1968.

2025 will be the 31st change in the number of teams in the EIWA. On average there is a change every 3.9 years.

The longest streak of the same number of teams is 13 (1958-70).

The longest streak without a change in membership is 9 (1925-33).

What percentage of teams added since 2000 are in the NCAA D1?

Only 4% of the teams added since 2000 are in the NCAA D1.

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Teams	Added	Since	2000	That Still	Have	Teams
Division	Men	% of Men	Women	% of Women	Total	% Total
D1	8	5%	4	3%	12	4%
D2	33	21%	32	22%	65	22%
D3	52	33%	62	43%	114	38%
NCAA	93	60%	97	68%	190	64%
NAIA	63	40%	45	31%	108	36%
Total	156	100%	143	100%	299	100%

Note - numbers as of 12/24/23.

Does MatStats have any recommendations for the viewers on how to best spend our energy?

Let's concentrate on making the sport better and growing the sport and not worrying about the Ivy League going its own way.

Episode 28-41

- The secret to change is to focus all of your energy not on fighting the old, but on building the new -Socrates
- MatStats is not claiming to have the answers for what teams might add men's or women's wrestling.
- We want teams in all divisions to add two wrestling teams.
- We are making suggestions based on analyzing the data which is what MatStats is all about.

Can MatStats remind the viewers where the sport is growing the most?

Wrestling has been growing mainly from smaller private schools adding wrestling.

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- As we learned in Episode 24 (10/18/23), “There is Something Happening Here…” and other previous shows, the growth of wrestling is smaller private schools.
- The Ivy League is all smaller private schools & The EIWA has only 3 state/federal schools.
- The Ivy League and the EIWA is a great hunting ground for potential women’s teams and more men’s teams.
- In lieu of complaining about the Ivy League going on its own, let’s take this opportunity to help grow the sport.

If the EIWA wants to add members it could investigate helping the addition of more NCAA D1 teams. It should also consider adding women.

Episode 28-43

- In the early days of the EIWA, they added teams when schools started wrestling teams.
- For years it was much like the conferences now. Other conferences (and regionals) were raided to keep membership numbers up.
- Now we need to look at growing the sport to growing the conference.
- Also add women's teams. This will take a mindset change and a lot of work.

Can MatStats provide a chart fr the viewers so they can see the numbers that show NCAA D1's slow growth?

NCAA D2 & D3 lead the growth in men's wrestling. D1 needs some stimulation.

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NCAA	# Men's Teams	Most Since	Most Ever	2023 % of Max
D1	81	2009	146	55%
D2	74	Ever	74	100%
D3	129	1987	149	87%

Note - Numbers as of 1/4/24

There are only 2 male sponsored sports in the Ivy League that do not have a female equivalent (Football & Wrestling).

- Football does not have a female equivalent. Wrestling does.
- As we previously saw on slide 28-7, as of 12/24/22, there are 143 colleges with women's wrestling.
- MatStats is hoping the Ivy League splitting away from the EIWA will push the Ivy League to start women's wrestling.
- We learned in many previous shows that wrestling was slow to have a female equivalent and that hurt our sport drastically.
- Now we have women wrestling in college.

Does MatStats have any free advice for the Ivy League?

OK Ivy League Boomers, start women's wrestling teams.

Episode 28-46

- The Ivy League would be the first women's D1 conference with women's wrestling.
- The Ivy League schools are not short on money. $188B total endowments.
- The Ivy League schools have a history on being first.
- Harvard is the oldest college in America. Gorms & Hazard went to the 2nd oldest.
- The Ivy League schools (before there was an Ivy League) started college wrestling.
- The first ever college football game on 11/6/1869 - Rutgers 6 Princeton 4.
- The oldest collegiate competition was in rowing in 1852 - Harvard vs Yale.

The Ivy League is a great place to look to grow our sport.

- When Gorms got to know Sally Roberts, founder of WLAG, Sally asked Gorms what conference would be good to pursue starting women's wrestling.
- Gorms immediate suggested the EIWA.
- This was in 2017 before we had 143 colleges with women's wrestling.
- Now that the Ivy League is splitting away from the EIWA, the Ivy League would be the best place to implement women's wrestling. Followed closely by the EIWA.
- The Ivy League should be easier since the 8 schools have been in the conference since 1954 with no changes in membership.
- The Ivy League schools have huge endowments.

The Ivy League leaving the EIWA has more potential upsides than downsides.

Episode 28-48

- Gorms has always been a big fan of the EIWA.
- MatStats does think the Ivy League going on its own could hurt the EIWA.
- But the Ivy League leaving could have many more positives than negatives.
- It could help D1 women's wrestling. We need help here.
- It could also help add more D1 men's wrestling teams.
- What would you rather have 17 EIWA men's teams or two conferences and a better chance to grow the sport?
- The formation of an Ivy League men's tournament will not affect the number of wrestlers in the Men's NCAA D1 tourney.
- With the new allocation system, the number of conference should not affect the overall people that qualify for the NCAA's.
- The good of the sport outweighs the number of EIWA teams.

Can MatStats give the viewers their MatCliff's Notes to review what we just learned on this show?

Episode 28 MatKevin's Notes #1

Episode 28-49

- 1) As of 1/4/24, there are 502 NCAA & NAIA men's & women's teams.
- 2) The Ivies are leaving the EIWA in the 2024-25 season.
- 3) In 1905 the EIWA became the first collegiate wrestling conference. It started with 4 Ivy League schools (Columbia, Penn, Princeton, & Yale).
- 4) Since 2009 (controlling for 2021), the non-Ivy's had 57% of the NCAA bids in the EIWA. The Ivy League had 43%.
- 5) The EIWA is primarily a private school league (14). One state school & 2 federal schools.

Can MatStats give the viewers their MatCliff's Notes to review what we just learned on this show?

Episode 28 MatKevin's Notes #2

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- 6) The Ivy League is the only NCAA D1 conference that has no seen realignment in the past 10 years. The Ivy has been consistent since its inception in 1954.
- 7) Starting in the 2024-25 season the 11 EIWA schools will be set up nicely for dual meets with the longest distance between 2 schools at 296 miles.
- 8) Hopefully Yale & Dartmouth will reconsider wrestling as a men's varsity sport with the move to the traditional Ivy League.
- 9) D1 wrestling, men & women combined account for only 4% of NCAA & NAIA wrestling this century.
- 10) Both new qualifying conferences are fertile ground for growth going forward for women's wrestling.

What is the topic next month (Wednesday 2/21/24 3PM EST)?

The number of matches the top male wrestlers have wrestled through the years in the NCAA seasons.

Episode 28-51

- Tune In Next Month
- Same Mat Time
- Same Mat Channel

- Next months show will inform the viewers on the number of matches the top male wrestlers in the NCAA's have had through the years.

- MatStats will investigate if these numbers have changed, what it means, and how it compares to other sports.