MatStats Episode 31
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The sunshine bores the daylights out of me.
- Rolling Stones

Episode 31-1

This Episode deals with how team scoring changed with the new 3-point TD and 2,3, & 4 point near fall, how accurate is the seeding process, and a recap of the 2023-24 season.

2024 Total Solar Eclipse Pic taken by Tribe Wrestler Sean Kavanagh in Bellefontaine, OH.

I Feel Like A Number

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?

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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.

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.

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.

- 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.

As of 4/13/24, there are **505** 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	75	32	107	75	2024	107	2024
NCAA D3	129	64	193	149	1982	193	2024
NCAA	285	100	384	363*	1982	384	2023
NAIA	73	47	120			120	2024
4 Year	358	147	505			505	2024

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

MatStats and the wrestling community will miss Notre Dame College (OH).

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- Sadly, Notre Dame College (OH) has announced it is closing at the end of the Spring 2024 semester.

- NDC had a men's NCAA D2 wrestling team.

- It is always sad to see a wrestling team go away. Gorms always enjoyed referring to the Notre Dame (IN) as the other Notre Dame.

- It's too bad the other Notre Dame didn't restart its men's program to augment this loss to our sport and add a women's team as well.

- The Notre Dame in Indiana dropped its team in 1992.

- The Irish certainly have an athletic budget to afford two wrestling teams.

Let's Get Ready to analyze wrestling!!

- **What is the topic of this show?**

- This Episode deals with how team scoring changed with the new 3-point TD and 2,3, & 4 point near fall, how accurate is the seeding process, and a recap of the 2023-24 season.

- Gorms did a lot of the analytics during the solar eclipse. MatStats is here to shed light on the 2023-24 season.

- **Let's start with the new scoring system.**

Here is a brief synopsis on how NCAA D1 team scoring has changed through the years and major reasons for the increased scoring.

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Years	NCAA Ave. Pts/Year	Change	% Up/Down from previous period
1929-54	124		
1955-62	465	More wrestlers/rule change scoring	275%
1963-71	746	6 AA	60%
1972-78	965	Start Follow Semi (thru 1985)	29%
1979-85	1022	Start 8 AA (Thru Current)	6%
1986-95	1178	Start Follow Quarter	15%
1996-2018	1478	Modified Double Elimination	25%
2019-23	1389	Seed 33	-6%
2024	1428	3 Pt TD and 2,3,4 NF	3%

Can MatStats provide Jason's data on the scoring changes that could have been a result of the new Takedown and near fall point rules?

The number of majors **(+15.9%)** and Techs **(+145.2%)** have increased drastically in 2024 over the previous season prior to the NCAA Championships.

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Category (Prior to Championships)	NCAA D1 2022-23	% Category	NCAA D1 2023-24	% Category	Delta	% +/- 22-23 to 23-24
Decision	9929	58.5%	7778	47.0%	-2151	-21.7%
Major	2772	16.3%	3212	19.4%	440	+15.9%
Tech	1001	5.9%	2454	14.8%	1453	+145.2%
Fall	2496	14.7%	2464	14.9%	-32	-1.3%
Inj Def	143	0.8%	148	0.9%	5	+3.5%
DQs	11	0.1%	11	0.1%	0	0.0%
Forfeits	101	0.6%	120	0.7%	19	+18.8%
Med For	511	3.0%	126	0.8%	-385	-75.3%
Countable		0.0%	235	1.4%	235	N/A
Total	16964	100.00%	16548	100.0%	-416	

These numbers are Provided in Jason Bryant's The Guide on page #52.

They are numbers for NCAA D1 results Prior to the NCAA Championships.

The 2024 NCAA tournament saw an increase in team scores above 2019-23 of +2.81% and an increase in bonus points of +15.64%.

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Category	Standard 330 Wrestlers	2019-23 NCAA D1	2024 NCAA D1 Men's	% 2024 +/- 2019-23
Placement	670	670	670	0.00%
Advancement	460	460	458.5	-0.33%
Bonus	TBD	259	299.5	+15.64%
Total	TBD	1389	1428	+2.81%

Note – The placement points are fixed at the start of the tournament. As long as there 330 wrestlers, the Advancement points are constant. Regardless of match score. Only the bonus points are affected by match score.

The total points for the 2024 Men's NCAA Championships increased by **+0.68** points per math over the 2017-22 NCAA Championships.

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Years	W Pts	L Pts	Total Pts	Pin %	OT %	DEF %	Margin Points	Decision %	Major %	Tech %
1998-92	8.45	3.52	11.96	10.15%	6.02%	1.81%	4.93	67.37%	17.07%	3.78%
2017-22	7.87	2.91	10.78	10.06%	7.78%	1.47%	4.96	67.64%	17.32%	3.97%
2024	8.59	2.87	11.46	7.81%	8.75%	0.79%	5.71	65.50%	17.01%	8.74%
Delta 2017-22 to 2024	+0.72	-0.04	+0.68							
% Change 17-22 to 2024	9.04%	-1.24%	6.26%	-22.36%	12.45%	-46.21%	15.06%	-3.16%	-1.79%	120.15%

Some Quick Math

- Gorms, can you give the viewers some quick math about points scored per match from what we have learned on previous shows?

- Gorms, you might not know much about wrestling, but you do know numbers.

- We need your stats help here.

We learned in Episode #11 (7/20/22), *"If winning isn't everything, why do they keep score? – Vince Lombardi"*, that scoring decreases as the championship rounds progress.

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	1988-92	&	2017-22				
	W	L	Total	Pin	OT	DEF	Margin
CH1	9.31	3.30	12.61	13%	5%	0.01	6.00
CH2	8.76	3.37	12.13	9%	8%	0.01	5.38
Quarters	7.80	3.28	11.08	10%	10%	0.01	4.52
Semis	7.26	3.06	10.32	9%	12%	0.00	4.20
Finals	6.71	2.92	9.63	5%	10%	0.00	3.79
CH Mean	8.72	3.27	11.99	11%	7%	0.01	5.45
CO1	8.16	3.23	11.22	8%	5%	0.01	4.94
CO2	7.80	3.14	10.94	10%	7%	0.02	4.66
CO3	6.96	3.01	9.97	11%	8%	0.01	3.95
CO4	7.62	3.39	11.02	7%	11%	0.03	4.23
CO5,6, Place	7.02	3.02	10.04	7%	6%	0.04	3.99
CO Mean	7.46	3.13	10.59	9%	7%	0.02	4.33
Overall Mean	8.16	3.21	11.37	10%	7%	0.02	4.95

CH – Championship Rounds

CO – Consolation Rounds

In the MatStats book released in 10/2020, we learned in the 2017-19 NCAA D1 Championships (Quarters, semis, & Finals) there were 4.61 TD points per match, 5.4 scoring moves, and 50% of all points were from TDs.

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- **In the quarters, semis, & Finals for all weights in the 2017-19 NCAA Championships we learned the following from the MatStats book released in 10/2020.**

- **There were 4.61 TD points/match. Or 2.3 TDs per match.**

- **50% of all points were from TDs.**

- **There were 5.4 scoring moves per bout.**

Statistical Assumptions

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- **Addressing Statistical Assumptions**

- **In practice, the assumptions for any given statistical analysis method must be carefully assessed prior to its use. When a given method's use cannot be justified, then a less restrictive method must be chosen—one that makes fewer or different assumptions—or the data must be transparently "massaged" in a professionally appropriate way to make it better adhere to a method's assumptions. A professional will report everything that was done as part of any analysis.**

If a TD increases 50% (3 vs 2) points, why did the match scoring only increase from 2017-22 (10.78) to 2024(11.46)? This is only +0.68 more points per match.

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- If we hold constant the number of TDs per match (2.31) that we know about in the Quarters, semis, & finals in the 2017-19 D1 NCAAs and hold everything else constant the scoring should have increased by 2.31 points to **13.09** not **11.46** that we saw.

- This includes using a low number for TDs per match since scoring decreases in the NCAA D1 as the rounds progress.

Reverse engineering also shows a decrease in scoring moves in 2024.

- If we used some "reverse engineering" and said the 2024 **11.46** points included the same number of TDs as 2017-19, the scoring would have been (11.46-2.31) **9.15** points/match. That would require a lot fewer back points, etc.

- Hard to imagine that since we learned on slide # 31-13 that the number of techs went up **+120%** or a multiple of **2.2X.**

- It would also require a steep drop in points per match below the 2017-22 mean of 10.78.

- The lowest points per match in any year from 2017-22 was 2022 with **10.09.**

- Anyway you slice this, we seem to have a considerable fewer number of scoring moves in 2024 than previous years.

What does all this mean?

- Gorms, can you sum up what all this mean from what we know now on the new 3-point TD and 2,3,4-point near fall rules?

There are fewer scoring moves per match at the Men's NCAA D1 Championships since the new point rules in 2024.

- There is no other explanation on what happened because of the new scoring rules.

- In what might have been an attempt to increase action only resulted in a slight scoring increase (+0.68 points per match).

- We see fewer scoring moves, but a slight increase in points.

- Is this what we wanted?

What can Hazard do to help solve this?

- Kevin retired last Friday so he could dedicate more time to MatStats.

- What can Kevin do to help MatStats dig deeper into the TD & Near Fall rule and what has happened because of the new rules?

MatStats will circle back on this subject in a future show with even more useful data.

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- MatStats has had a tough time knowing how many TD's, etc. there were in previous NCAA tourneys. It is a huge undertaking.

- Dr. J has been trying to get the NCAA to keep these types of data for the sport. MatStats is an even bigger fan of Dr. J for this help.

- Kevin, MatStats needs you to watch selected past tourneys (all the matches) and provide the data.

- MatStats will do a follow up show on this to help the sport.

- This is a huge subject that demands a deeper dive into.

The law of unintended consequences!

- **The law of unintended consequences is a frequently-observed phenomenon in which any action has results that are not part of the actor's purpose. The superfluous consequences may or may not be foreseeable or even immediately observable and they may be beneficial, harmful or neutral in their impact.**

Seeding

- **One of the main subjects in Kansas City was Carter Starocci being seeded 9th. Statistically, how accurate is our current seeding system?**

The placement for every seed at every weigh class in the 2024 Men's NCAA D1 Championships.

Seed	125	133	141	149	157	165	174	184	197	285
1	10.5	2	1	6	1	3	4	1	1	1
2	5	3	2	5	2	2	5	6	2	10.5
3	2	8	4	10.5	3	10.5	7	2	5	3
4	10.5	7	7	1	10.5	1	3	3	8	6
5	7	5	5	4	10.5	10.5	28.5	10.5	4	10.5
6	10.5	1	6	2	4	4	2	5	10.5	4
7	14.5	4	10.5	3	5	5	6	7	20.5	8
8	1	6	20.5	7	7	8	14.5	28.5	3	20.5
9	20.5	28.5	3	20.5	20.5	7	1	4	7	5
10	4	10.5	28.5	10.5	8	10.5	14.5	10.5	10.5	2
11	20.5	28.5	10.5	8	14.5	14.5	20.5	10.5	20.5	10.5
12	3	14.5	28.5	20.5	6	20.5	10.5	14.5	6	14.5
13	28.5	10.5	20.5	20.5	14.5	20.5	20.5	20.5	28.5	7
14	14.5	20.5	14.5	10.5	20.5	10.5	10.5	10.5	10.5	28.5
15	6	9.5	14.5	28.5	14.5	14.5	10.5	20.5	20.5	20.5
16	20.5	14.5	20.5	28.5	14.5	20.5	20.5	14.5	20.5	14.5
17	14.5	20.5	20.5	20.5	28.5	20.5	20.5	14.5	14.5	14.5
18	20.5	20.5	14.5	14.5	20.5	28.5	8	20.5	14.5	20.5
19	28.5	28.5	28.5	20.5	10.5	28.5	14.5	20.5	14.5	14.5
20	10.5	10.5	14.5	14.5	28.5	6	28.5	28.5	20.5	20.5
21	28.5	14.5	10.5	20.5	20.5	14.5	20.5	28.5	14.5	20.5
22	20.5	20.5	20.5	14.5	20.5	20.5	28.5	20.5	20.5	28.5
23	8	20.5	20.5	28.5	28.5	28.5	20.5	20.5	28.5	28.5
24	20.5	20.5	28.5	20.5	28.5	28.5	20.5	20.5	20.5	28.5
25	28.5	14.5	10.5	28.5	20.5	20.5	28.5	8	28.5	20.5
26	28.5	28.5	8	10.5	10.5	20.5	28.5	28.5	10.5	10.5
27	28.5	20.5	28.5	28.5	28.5	28.5	14.5	28.5	28.5	20.5
28	14.5	28.5	20.5	28.5	28.5	28.5	10.5	20.5	28.5	28.5
29	20.5	28.5	28.5	28.5	20.5	28.5	20.5	14.5	20.5	28.5
30	20.5	33	20.5	28.5	28.5	20.5	28.5	28.5	28.5	20.5
31	28.5	28.5	28.5	20.5	28.5	14.5	28.5	28.5	28.5	28.5
32	33	20.5	28.5	33	20.5	33	33	28.5	33	28.5
33	28.5	28.5		20.5	33	28.5	28.5	33	28.5	33

Correlation Seeding, Placement, Rankings

- **How does MatStats determine a placing for the wrestlers that are not All-Americans?**

- See the following slide.

- **Does MatStats need to do this to calculate a correlation coefficient of all the weight classes for all the wrestlers?**

- You can not get a coefficient without a "placement" for all wrestlers.

How MatStats decides the "placing" of wrestlers that do not place as AA's. You can not get an accurate correlation coefficient without numbers.

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- If you lose in the rattail consolation bout, MatStats says you placed 33rd (1 wrestler).

- If you lose in the first-round of the consolation, you place 28.5 (8 wrestlers).

- If you lose in the second-round of the consolation, you place 20.5 (8 wrestlers).

- If you lose in the third-round of the consolation, you place 14.5 (4 wrestlers).

- If you lose in the fourth-round (Blood round) of the consolation you place 10.5 (4 wrestlers).

The Average rank in the polls for the top 8 seeds by weight class in the 2024 Men's NCAA D1 Championships.

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Seed	125	133	141	149	157	165	174	184	197	285
1	1.4	1.8	1.2	1	1	1	1.8	1	1	1
2	3.4	1.4	1.8	2.4	2.6	2.6	4.2	2.8	2	2
3	2.4	4.4	3	3	2.6	4.4	5	2.4	3.6	3
4	4.4	6.2	4.2	3.6	8	2.8	3.2	3.8	3.4	4
5	7.6	6.6	4.8	6.2	6	4.6	11.4	6	5.4	7.6
6	9.6	2.8	8.8	5	6.8	5.8	6.2	5	7.4	5
7	7.2	5.6	6.4	8.2	16.4	6.8	9.6	9	8	8.2
8	9.8	8.2	8.2	7.2	8	10.4	8.2	7	8.4	11.8
9							1.2			

MatStats added the 9th seed at 174, Carter Starocci, so the viewers could see the difference between
His rank & seed (1.2 vs 9).

Explain Correlation Coefficients.

- **Before you dive into the Correlation Coefficients, can you explain the Coefficient numbers and what they mean?**

Correlation Coefficient Explained.
Stats for Dummies.

- In statistics, the Pearson Correlation Coefficient measures the linear correlation between to sets of data.

- The Pearson range is from +1 to -1.

- +1 has a perfect linear correlation.

- -1 has an opposite linear correlation.

- 0 has no relationship.

The correlation coefficients for the 33 seeds & place, the top 8 seeds & place, the top 8 rank & place.

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Category	125	133	141	149	157	165	174	184	197	285
all 33 seeds & Place	+0.69	+0.76	+0.65	+0.76	+0.81	+0.79	+0.70	+0.77	+0.80	+0.80
top 8 seeds & Place	+0.02	+0.12	+0.86	-0.24	+0.48	+0.31	+0.29	+0.70	+0.54	+0.63
top 8 rank & Place	+0.02	+0.65	+0.73	-0.25	+0.40	+0.45	+0.75	+0.57	+0.59	+0.80

The range of variables for the top 8 seeds is limited much ore than the possibility of 33 "placings".

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- When you have an arbitrary range of 1-8 (All Americans) in one variable and have a much larger range of 33 seeds for the other variable, the correlation will almost always be lower.

- This does not mean the seedings were less accurate for the top 8 as opposed to all 33 wrestlers.

- Whenever a sample has a restricted range of scores, the correlation will be reduced. To take the most extreme example, consider what the correlation between high-school GPA and college GPA would be in a sample where every student had the same high-school GPA. The correlation would necessarily be 0.0.

The seeds are very highly positively correlated to the average rankings. The range is +0.73 to +0.98.

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Category	125	133	141	149	157	165	174	184	197	1285
Rank & Seeds	+0.92	+0.73	+0.93	+0.94	+0.78	+0.93	+0.74	+0.92	+0.98	+0.93

There are 3 outliers that jump out here. Aruju (133 Cornell) 2.8 rank & 6 seed, Keller 157 Ohio) 16.4 & 7, and Starocci (174 PSU) 1.2 & 9. 2 of them had 4 title coming into 2024.

Seeding & Results summary

- To sum up the seeding, does Gorms like and approve of the new mathematical/system seeding as opposed to the old people sitting in a smoke-filled room with the Gimp?

- Sadly, the Gimp never had a vote, he would have streamlined it years ago.

Gorms loves the new seeding system. It is a vast improvement on the old days of a Wednesday night seeding meeting.

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- The rank and seeds are so highly correlated in all 10 weights.

- There is no reason to complain about our new system.

- It saves time and energy and gets the brackets out earlier.

- If someone has a better system, as H. Ross Perot use to say, "I am all ears".

- Gorms does not want to hear complaints, he wants to hear a better system.

- I go to see wrestling, not hear people complain.

Compare wrestling and that other sport in March seeding and results.

- How does the NCAA Men's Basketball seeds correlate with the actual tournament?

  - See the next slide

- Is the wrestling system more or less accurate than the much-covered basketball seeds?

  - Wrestling is more accurate.

The Basketball committee had Pearson's from +0.25 to +0.82.

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NCAA Men's Basketball	East	West	South	MidWest
All 16 seeds	+0.63	+0.70	+0.25	+0.82

The wrestling seeding system was a better predictor than the Basketball human system in 2024.

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- "Expert" analyst spend countless hours predicting the seeds at the NCAA Men's Basketball tourney.
- It seems they start before opening day in the Fall.
- Then after the conference tourneys the "real experts" release their seeds.
- The wrestling system worked better than the basketball system in 2024.
- The lowest correlation coefficient in the 10 weights at wrestling was +0.65. Basketball had half of their regions below this number.
- The seeding is a made for TV and radio filler show.

Gorms loves the way we seed wrestlers at the Men's D1 NCAA Wrestling Championships.

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- MatStats is all for the wrestling system.
- Of course, Gorms is in favor of a mathematically system over the human brain and emotions.
- Yes, the wrestling mathematical system does have a human element to set up the system. Jason explained this last month on Episode 30 (3/20/24).
- Gorms is old enough to remember the coaches meeting the night before the tourney and everyone waiting for the brackets.
- Now we have the brackets more than a week in advance.
- Basketball seedings are a TV event. In wrestling it is all about what happens on the mat.
- As legendary wrestler, Wade Schalles use to say at seeding meetings for smaller tourneys, "cream rises".

Transfers at the 2024 NCAA's.

- **How many transfers qualified for the 2024 Men's NCAA Wrestling Championships?**
  - **60**
- **How many were All Americans?**
  - **18**
- **How many were champions?**
  - **1**

There 60 transfers at the NCAA's. 30% of them placed. 22.5% of the All Americans were transfers.

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Category	2024 Total	AA	% of Transfer/ Non-transfer Place	% of AA that are transfers/ Non-transfer	Champions
Transfers	60	18	30%	22.5%	1
Non-transfers	269	62	23%	77.5%	9
Total	329	80	24%	100%	10

Team Champions in 2024. What states are the schools in? Are they public or private schools?

- Who were the team champions and runner ups from the 18 collegiate national championship tournaments in 2024?

- What states were they from?

- How many were private & public schools?

A list of the team champions and runner ups from the 9 collegiate national championships in 2024.

Category	Champion	Runner Up
Men's NCAA D1	Penn State (PA)	Cornell (NY)
Men's NCAA D2	Central Oklahoma (OK)	Lander (SC)
Men's NCAA D3	Augsburg (MN)	Wartburg (IA)
Men's NAIA	Grand View (IA)	Life (GA)
Men's NCWA D1	Bellarmine (KY)	Liberty (VA)
Men's NCWA D2	West Chester (PA)	The Ohio State (OH)
Women's NCWWC (NCAA)	Iowa (IA)	North Central (IL)
Women's NAIA	Menlo (CA)	Life (GA)
Women's NCWA	Grays Harbor (WA)	Ottawa (AZ)

14 different states had team champions or runner ups in 2024. Schools from close to all four corners of the USA (WA, AZ, NY, SC) and plenty in the middle.

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State	Team Champion	Team Runner Up	Total
IA	2	1	3
PA	2	0	2
GA	0	2	2
OK	1	0	1
MN	1	0	1
KY	1	0	1
CA	1	0	1
WA	1	0	1
NY	0	1	1
SC	0	1	1
VA	0	1	1
OH	0	1	1
IL	0	1	1
AZ	0	1	1
14 States	9	9	18

72% of the team champions and runner ups from the 9 collegiate national championships are **private** schools.

Category	Team Champion	Team Runner Up	Total	%
Public	4	1	5	28%
Private	5	8	13	72%
Total	9	9	18	100%

75% of the team champions & runner ups from the 6 NCAA & NAIA national championships are **private** schools.

NCAA & NAIA	Team Champion	Team Runner Up	Total	%
Public	3	0	3	25%
Private	3	6	9	75%
Total	6	6	12	100%

Jason Bryant is the wrestling trivia stats guru.

- Can MatStats provide some of Jason Bryant's stats and trivia from the recent collegiate national championships?

- Nobody but nobody does the amount of research on this subject like Jason Bryant.

NCAA (NCWWC) & NAIA trivia stats.

Episode 31-49

- **NCAA (NCWWC) Women**
  - **Nine first-year programs qualified wrestlers for the National Championships.**
  - **Iowa won the National championship in its first year with 6 National Champions**
  - **New Jersey City University had its first National Champion**
  - **McKendree University had a 4x National Champion**
- **NAIA Women**
  - **Menlo won the school's first NAIA National Championship**
  - **Lourdes University had its first National Champion**
  - **William Penn had its first three National Champions**
  - **Doane University had its first National Champion**
  - **Life University had a 17-year-old National Finalist**

NCAA Men trivia stats.

Episode 31-50

- **NCAA Division I Men**
  - **In its fifth year, the University of Arkansas at Little Rock had two NCAA All-Americans. The team finished the regular season ranked 18th in the nation.**

- **NCAA Division II Men**
  - **University of Montevallo and Grand Valley State University had National Champions in their FIRST year of competition (Grand Valley was reinstated this year after being dropped in the 1990s)**

- **NCAA Division III Men**
  - **Alfred State had its first All-American since transitioning to NCAA D3**
  - **St. John Fisher had its first All-American since reinstatement**
  - **Coast Guard and Greensboro each had their first National Champion**
  - **Westminster College had its first All-American**

There are now **7** 4-time champions & **24** 4-time finalist in the Men's NCAA D1 Championships.

- Starocci & Brooks entered the 4-time champion club.
- The first time we saw 2 in one tourney.
- 3 of the 7 (43%) happened in the last 2 years.
- Fix, Starocci, & Brooks all became 4-time finalist in 2024.
- 8 of the 24 (33%) happened in the last 6 tourneys.

Thanks for the memories – John Smith (OK State) & Tom Borrelli (CMU)

- John Smith & Tom Borrelli both have retired after 33 years as head coaches of OK State & Central Michigan.

- Now the longest tenured head coach in NCAA Men's D1 in Jay Weiss (Harvard). 2024-24 will be his 31st season.

NAIA Men trivia stats.

- **NAIA Men**
  - **St. Mary had its first National Champion**
  - **Eastern Oregon had its first National Champion**
  - **Avila had its first All-American**

Men & Women JUCO trivia stats.

- **NJCAA Men**
  - **Western Wyoming won back-to-back national titles**
  - **Southwestern Michigan had its first All-American since reinstatement**
  - **Southeast CC had its first three All-Americans in their first year of competition**
- **NJCAA Women**
  - **Indian Hills won their 4th National Title in a row**
  - **Snow College had its first National Champion**
  - **Southeast had its first National Champion in its first year of competition**
  - **Iowa Central had its first National Champion**

Kelly Powell runs the Boston Marathon in 3:28.36. Once again MatStats names Kelly the Tribe Wrestler alumni of the year.

Episode 31 Kev's Notes #1

- 1) The new TD points (3) made it instrumental for MatStats to investigate the effect it has on the NCAA Championship matches.

- 2) Bonus points were up over 15% at the 2024 NCAA Men's D1 Tournament. Tech falls were up 145% for the 2023-24 season before the NCAAs.

- 3) 50% of all points in the Quarters, Semis, & Finals in the 2017 to 2019 NCAA D1 Tournaments were from TDs.

- 4) Scoring was only up +0.68 points per match in the 2024 NCAA D1 compared to the 2017-22 NCAAs. Thereby we saw fewer scoring moves.

- 5) Kevin Hazard is going to do a deep dive into all the points scored in several recent NCAA D1 tournaments.

Episode 31 Kev's Notes #2

- 6) Aruju and Starocci being seeded so low is no reason to scrap the current seeding system.

- 7) Seeds at the NCAA Men's D1 are highly correlated with the average final poll rankings.

- 8) Colleges from 14 different states placed in the top 2 team standings in the 18 collegiate national tournaments.

- 9) Transfers took over 22% of the top 8 places at the 2024 NCAA Men's D1 Championships.

- 10) 75% of the top 2 teams at all collegiate national tournaments were private schools. This is where the growth is in college wrestling.

How good was the We Are Penn State wrestling team in the 2024 NCAA Men's D1 Championships?

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

- **By popular demand, MatStats will update Episode 21 (6/21/23),** *"And then when I walked down the street people would've said there goes Roy Hobbs, the best there ever was in this game."*

- **MatStats owes it to the fans to have some ammunition to win a bar argument on what team was the best there ever was.**