

MatStats - The Moneyball of Wrestling

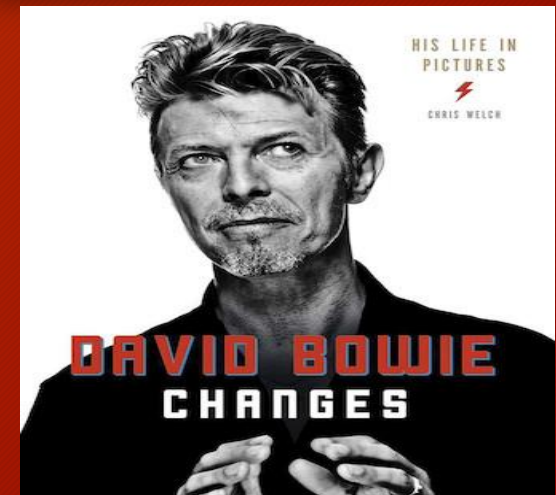
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Ch-ch-ch-changes

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The boys at MatStats deal with all the recent changes in the NCAA. They explore the history of the NCAA. The changes that came as the NCAA grew. Money, Divisions, number of members, and the number of championships. MatStats tries and educate the viewers on what is behind the NCAA so they can better understand where the NCAA was, where it is now, and when a lot of this happened.



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The MatStats Show is Here to Create a Library of Statistical Analysis for the NWCA.

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- Mike Moyer, the Executive Director of the NWCA, approached the MatStats gang to create a library of statistical analysis for the NWCA.
- This is an effort to help grow the sport and educate the wrestlers, coaches, and fans.
- When MatStats was created in 2020 (book) and 2021 (monthly show), there was a serious need for statistical analysis.

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?

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

- 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.

How many 4-year collegiate teams are there in the 3 wrestling organizations?

The inaugural NCAA women's wrestling Championships will be held in the Spring of 2026. In addition to this the first ever NCAA D3 women's wrestling championships will be held Spring 2028. As of 1/18/26, there are 75 announced NCAA D3 women's teams.

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Category	Men	Women	Total
NCAA	290	123	413
NAIA	74	52	126
NCWA	125	81	206
Total 4-Year	489	256	745

Note - The NCWA number here does not include 9 trade/juco teams nor the 4 transitioning to the NCAA. It does include the 5 Puerto Rico schools. If we count Canada, we should count PR.

Team Champions 2026 NWCA/USMC National Duals

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Category NWCA Multi Duals	2026 Team Champion
NCAA D1 Men Mid Major	UNI
NCAA D2 Men	Central Oklahoma
NCAA D3 Men	Roanoke
NCAA Women	North Central
NCAA D3 Women	Wartburg
NAIA Men	Grand View
NAIA Women	Life

Updates “*On A Clear Day, You Can See College Athletics.*”

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- Gorms, could you give us a quick update on some major events that we dealt with in our 3-part series, “*On A Clear Day, You Can See College Athletics.*”

Can MatStats tell the viewers about Cal Baptist dropping wrestling and how the new business world in college sports might have caused this?

Cal Baptist announced it is dropping men's wrestling, men's golf, & men's swimming.

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- “We have closely monitored the shifting landscape of intercollegiate athletics that has affected institutions across the nation, said Micah Parker, Ph.D., Vice President for Athletics. While we had hoped to continue offering our full slate of athletic programs in this new environment, it has become clear that changes are required to realize the university's goal of achieving greater competitive excellence that the new Division I era demands.

Parker continued: As the university looks toward competing in the Big West Conference starting in July 2026, it was necessary to discontinue some athletic programs in order to offer remaining student-athletes and teams the best chance to succeed.”

This is taken directly from the Cal Baptist Athletics website - CBULancers.com

When Cal Baptist opted in to the House settlement it drastically increased the chances they would have to cut expenses in some manner.

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- What does the AD at Cal Baptist mean when he says, “...it has become clear that changes are required to realize the university's goal of achieving greater competitive excellence that the new Division I era demands.”
- Does this mean, well we opted in to Rev Share (4/29/25), and we don't know where the money will come from, so let's cut some sports? They lasted 8 months before cutting teams.
- Was he lazy, didn't plan well enough, incompetent, doesn't like sports, or a combination?

Cal Baptist will no longer have 3 teams; this does not equal being better in the remaining sports.

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- Parker continued: As the university looks toward competing in the Big West Conference starting in July 2026, it was necessary to discontinue some athletic programs in order to offer remaining student-athletes and teams the best chance to succeed.”
- Gorms heard this tired old excuse firsthand from the AD at W&M when they dropped wrestling. Randolph said this to the Men’s Basketball team. Randolph thought they should take priority over wrestling. W&M was founded in 1693 and has never made the NCAA Men’s Basketball tourney. This speech didn’t age well. 30 years after Randolph told Gorms, they still haven’t made the tourney.

Cal Baptist is joining the Big West in 2026-27. It is a conference with low travel mileage.

- Cal Baptist is joining the Big West in 2026-27. Is that one of those conferences with huge travel requirements?
- No not at all. 11 schools in the conference. 10 in CA. 9 in SoCal. Cal Bap is in Riverside, CA which is SoCal.
- Hmm, so much for that theory.

Does Cal Baptist have football?

Cal Baptist is an NCAA D1 school that does **not** have football.

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- Is it because Cal Baptist is spending a lot of money on football?
- NO!! Cal Bap does not have football.

Cal Baptist is a private school that does not release its athletic department financials.

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- Cal Baptist is a private school, so they do not disclose the athletic department financial data publicly, so there is no data on the Knight Newhouse website for Cal Baptist.
- MatStats does not know if they release their financials anywhere, but it seems they are hiding the numbers before and after dropping the sports and hiding like cowards.
- If the numbers were good, would they have opted to drop sports?

Does Cal Bap get federal funds? If so, why can't we see their AD financials?

Cal Baptist receives federal funds, so Gorms thinks they should have to release their financials.

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- Cal Baptist is hiding behind the private school moniker.
- However, Cal Baptist gets millions (probably over a hundred million) in federal aid. Certainly, many athletes get federal aid.
- It would not be a shock if the federal aid Cal Baptist receives is larger than its AD budget.
- If a school gets this much money from Uncle Sam, shouldn't the taxpayers have a right to see their financials?

Gorms would prefer a college start by eliminating admins before sports teams.

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- In an ideal world, the college would be there for the students and when a President/AD/Board decided to hurt students, someone would want to cut whoever made this decision.
- It is rare when the students concerns win out over the administrators. Although it did happen on “Schiano Sunday” 11/26/17 on Rocky Top.
- The students had so much outrage that UT fired its Chancellor and Athletic Director.

Does anyone keep track of all college sports teams dropped since 2024-25?

Jason Bryant keeps track of college sports dropped since the start of the 2024-25.

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- Getting House'd: College sports dropped in the House vs. NCAA & NIL era | Mat Talk Almanac
- Jason does an amazing job on keeping up with colleges across the country that have dropped sports since 2024-25.
- It sure seems that Cal Baptist wrestling was House'd.

Cal Baptist Wrestling - Don't give up!!

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- Hopefully, Cal Baptist alumni/donors have a rescue plan to keep them as a NCAA D1 Men's team.
- If not, there is the NCWA. The NCWA would welcome Cal Baptist.
- The NCWA is the third organization that has college wrestling. It does not get the attention that NCAA D1 does, but it is an option (and a good option) if there is no hope for NCAA D1.

What options are there to keep wrestling teams at schools that want to drop NCAA/NAIA teams?

Schools like Cal Baptist should do everything they can to keep an NCAA team, but if the Athletic Department really thinks the school is better without an NCAA wrestling team, there are options to keep wrestling teams at their school.

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- 1) Re-characterize to another governing body – NCWA (like Liberty University and many others did)
- 2) Keep the Coaching staff, Wrestling Facility, Committed athletes and some scholarships given by donors
- 3) Compete with top competition at DI and DII
- 4) Dominate the NCWA West coast Conference Tournament
- 5) Place top 5 at NCWA Nationals (never done at DI)
- 6) Bring home 5 or 6 NCWA All-Americans and at least 1 National Champion (never done at DI)
- 7) Keep program on the mat and viable if the landscape changes and there is an opportunity to reenter NCAA Division I

Why would we not do it ?

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Episode # 51 - Topic

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- What is this month's topic?
- Why is it titled' "*Ch-ch-ch-ch-changes*"?

What is the NCAA? What do they do?

- This month's topic is on what is the NCAA. What do they do. The NCAA is about more than just organizing championships and regular season games.
- The recent changes in college sports dominates the news cycles. What is behind the NCAA and some things that will help the viewers understand the NCAA better.
- The title of this episode come from a famous old David Bowie song "Changes". The same people run the NCAA there are just massive legal and rule changes. It tries and educate the viewers on the changes in the NCAA.

The NCAA Overview

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Overview

- The National Collegiate Athletic Association is a member-led organization dedicated to the well-being and lifelong success of college athletes. NCAA schools award nearly \$4 billion in athletics scholarships every year and provide vast support to help student-athletes graduate at a rate higher than their general student peers.

Interestingly, the First 2 things they Mention is life long Success and \$4B In scholarships.

The text above is taken directly from the [NCAA.org](https://www.ncaa.org) website.

The NCAA Mission

Mission

- Provide world-class athletics and academic experience for student athletes that fosters lifelong well-being.

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In 2023-24, the NCAA had revenues of \$1.285B.
85% of this comes from Men's March Madness.

NCAA Milestones

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- 1906: 39 schools join the first member role.
- 1921: The NCAA surpasses 100 members.
- 1930s: Membership declined in the early Great Depression but rebounded as federal New Deal projects flowed to public universities and college attendance increased.
- 1940s: World War II prompted youth to enter military service, leading to declining college enrollments and a large membership drop in 1945.
- 1946: The greatest run of NCAA membership increases begin. Due to the baby boom, GI Bill, and civil rights access, membership increased each year over the next three decades.

These milestones taken directly from the [NCAA.org](https://www.ncaa.org) website

NCAA Milestones

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- 1959: NCAA reaches exactly 500 members.
- 1976: After reorganizing into divisions in 1973, the NCAA takes the first role of divisional membership. The end of dual NAIA/NCAA membership forces schools to choose one organization only.
- 1978: Division I reorganizes into 1A and 1AA subdivisions, currently FBS and FCS.
- 1981: NCAA begins offering women's championships. The dissolution of the Association for Intercollegiate Athletics for Women (AIAW) brought women's conferences and championships under NCAA governance, which increased total membership to 750 schools.
- 2002: NCAA reaches 1,000 members.
- 2019: Membership reaches a plateau of 1,107.

These milestones taken directly from the [NCAA.org](https://www.ncaa.org) website

Where was the NCAA, where is it now, when did it happen?

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- Gorms, can you give us a quick recap of where the NCAA was, where it is now, and why some of the changes occurred?

The NCAA has been ch-ch-ch-changing.

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- Much like any business or organization, the NCAA has morphed into a much different organization than when it was founded on 3/31/1906.
- The first NCAA Championships were Men's Track and Field in 1921.
- The first NCAA Men's Basketball Championship were held in 1939.
- As the NCAA grew, new rules and regulations were required.

The Sanity Code might seem to have no sanity, but it was sane compared to what we have in 2026.

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- In 1948 the NCAA had a set of rules, known as the Sanity Code, the only money a student athlete could get was based on financial aid with a needs-based requirement.
- Prior to this (1948) conferences made their own rules.
- Sanity Code was repealed in 1951.
- In 1956 athletic grants-in-aid were approved.

Eventually the NCAA split members into separate divisions.

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- The need to separate colleges based on their commitment to athletics were then needed.
- The University & College Divisions were formed in 1956.
- In 1973 D1, D2, & D3 were formed.
- In 1978 D1 football was split into 1A & 1AA (now known as FBS & FCS).

What are the catalysts for all these drastic changes in the NCAA?

The 4 main things that caused drastic changes in the NCAA and all hell to break loose.

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- In 2021 the US Supreme Court ruled on student athletes were allowed to be paid.
- In 2021 the NCAA allowed a one-time transfer without sitting out a year.
- In 2024 the NCAA allowed unlimited transfers without penalty.
- In 2024/25 the House v NCAA Settlement was reached.
- All hell broke loose.

Starting in 2027, the wrestling transfer portal will take place right after the NCAA Championships.

The NCAA is about a lot more than Big-time football and March Madness.

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- Gorms, when most people hear the words NCAA, they just think of college sports contests.
 - Most immediately think of big-time college football and March madness.
- When we say we are going to Nationals we mean NCAA D1 Men's Championships.
- What else does the NCAA do besides big-time football and March Madness.

The NCAA is usually seen as big-time football and March Madness, is there more to it?

The NCAA is a lot more than big-time football and March Madness.

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- Yes, Kevin the highlights of my sports viewership every year is the Nationals (I need to start calling it Men's D1 Championships more often) and The Third Saturday in October.
- Gorms has heard of this March Madness thing. But too busy at Men's D1s and listening to Bryant & Hazard to know much about it.
- Here are some stats and information on the other parts of the NCAA.

How many NCAA Championships are there?

**Women's Wrestling became the
91st NCAA Championships.**

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Division	Men	Women	Coed*	Total
D1	13	13	0	26
D2	12	13	0	25
D3	14	14	0	28
National collegiate	3	6	3	12
Total	42	46	3	91

*** - Coed does not necessarily mean men compete against women.**

What schools are the original NCAA members in 1906?

The original 39 members in 1906

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School	Current Division	Men's Wrestling	Women's Wrestling	School	Current Division	Men's Wrestling	Women's Wrestling
Allegheny	3	N	N	Oberlin	3	N	N
Amherst	3	N	N	Ohio Wesleyan	3	Y	N
Bucknell	1	Y	N	UPenn	1	Y	N
Colgate	1	N	N	Rochester	3	N	N
Colorado	1	N	N	Rutgers	1	Y	N
Dartmouth	1	N	N	Seton Hall	1	N	N
Denison	3	N	N	Swarthmore	3	N	N
Dickinson	3	N	N	Syracuse	1	N	N
F&M	3	Y	N	Tufts	3	N	N
George Washington	1	N	N	Union	3	N	N
Grove City	3	N	N	USMA	1	Y	N
Haverford	3	N	N	Vandy	1	N	N
Lehigh	1	Y	Y	Wash & Jeff	3	Y	Y
Miami (OH)	1	N	N	Wesleyan	3	Y	N
Minnesota	1	Y	N	Western (PA)- Pitt	1	Y	N
Mizzou	1	Y	N	Westminster (PA)	3	N	N
Nebraska	1	Y	N	Williams	3	Y	N
NYU	3	Y	N	Wittenburg	3	N	N
Niagra	1	N	N	Wooster	3	N	N
UNC	1	Y	N	Total	D1-19 D3-20	15	2

Where are the original 39 members now?

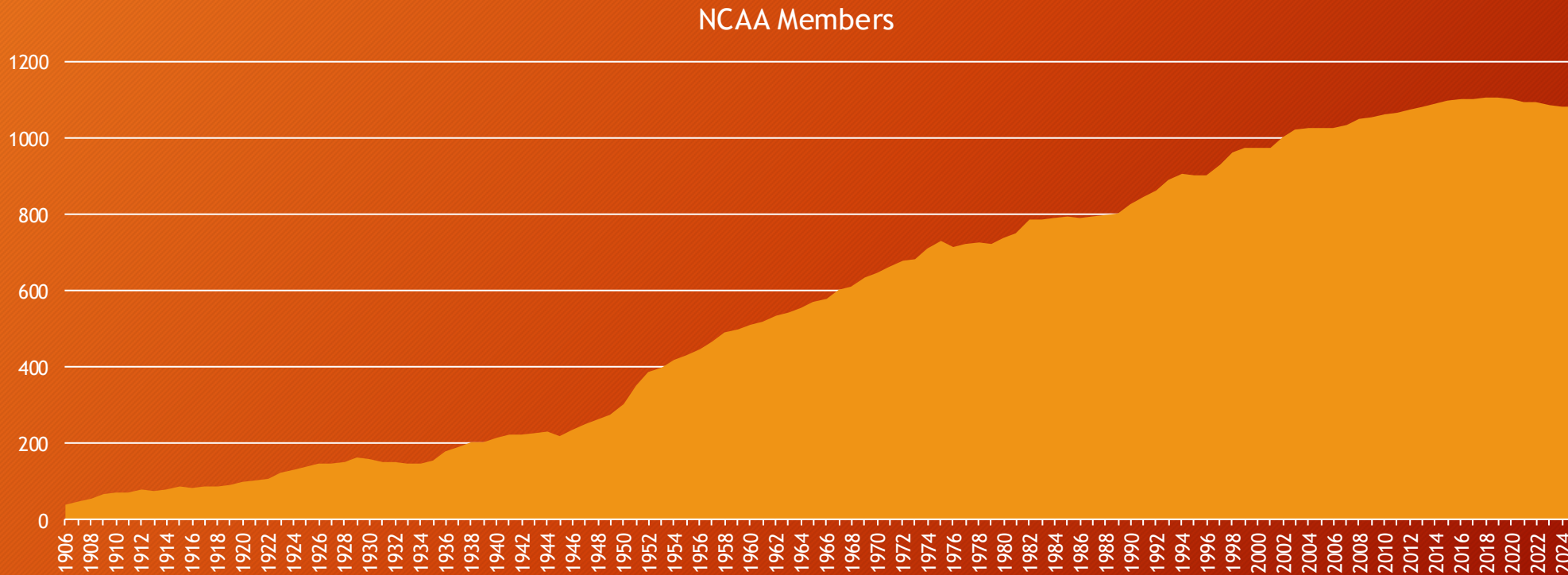
**All 39 original members are still in the NCAA.
19 are now D1 schools. 20 are D3.
15 have men's wrestling, 2 have women's.**

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- All 39 original members are still in the NCAA.
- 19 are D1. 20 are D3. 0 are D2.
- 15 have men's NCAA wrestling teams.
- 2 have NCAA women's teams.
- Only Lehigh and Washington & Jefferson have both NCAA Men's & Women's wrestling teams.
- Ironically on the way to the Rose Bowl on 1/2/1922, W&J beat Lehigh 14-7. W&J tied Cal 0-0 in the Rose Bowl.

The NCAA has grown from 39 members in 1906 to 1,082 members in 2025-26.

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What percentage of NCAA Member schools are D1?

Only **33%** of all NCAA schools are D1.

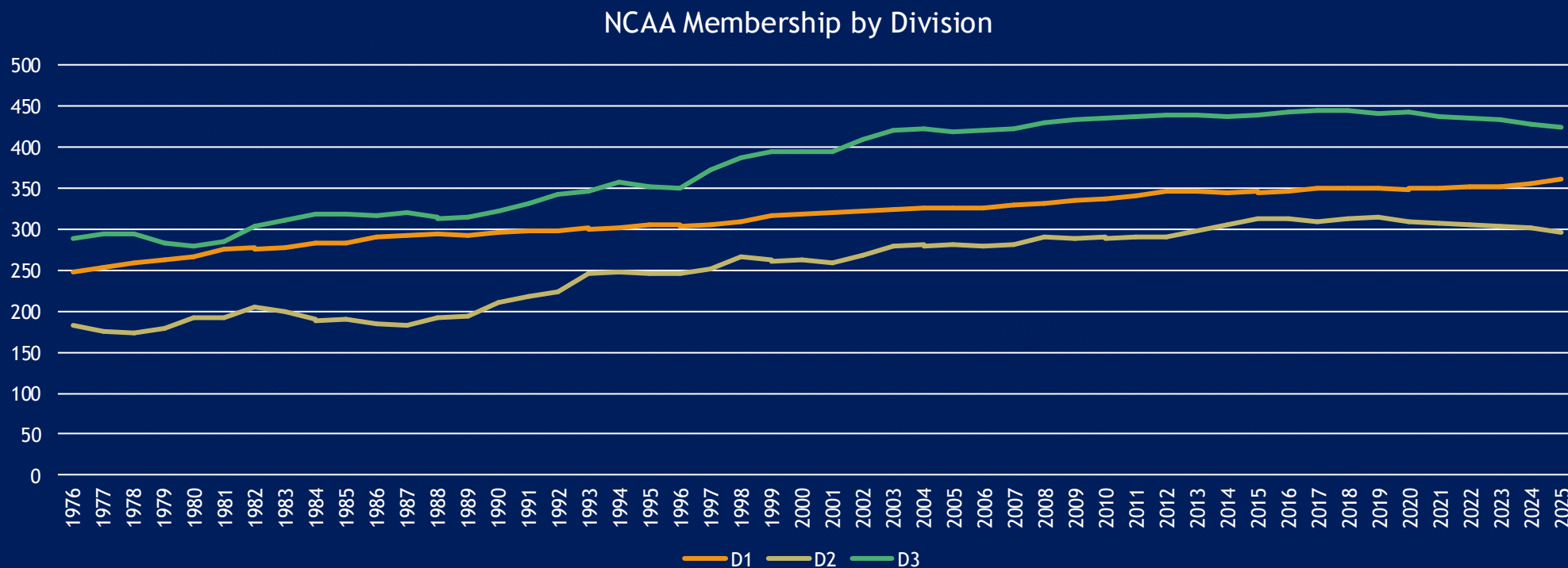
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NCAA Division	Members 2025-26	Percent
D1	361	33%
D2	296	27%
D3	425	39%
Total	1082	100%

Can MatStats provide a graph for the viewers with the number of schools in each division since 1976?

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Since the divisional split in 1976, D3 has always had the most schools.



What percent of NCAA members are Power 4 football schools?

Only **6.3%** of all NCAA Member schools are Power 4 football schools.

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Category	Schools	% of Total
D1 Autonomy Members (P4)	68	6.3%
D1 Non-Autonomy Members	293	27.1%
D2 Members	296	27.4%
D3 Members	425	39.3%
Total Members	1082	100.0%

For every 1 school that has P4 football, there are 15 NCAA members that do not. Autonomy members are P4 schools. They are granted self governing power to create their own rules in areas like cost of attendance, meals, & athletic boosters.

What percentage of NCAA teams are P4 football teams? D1 Men's basketball?

Only **0.34%** of all NCAA teams are P4 Football teams.
1.79% Men's Basketball D1 teams. So, **2%** of all the teams get almost all the media attention.

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Category 2024-25	Number NCAA Teams	Percent
P4 Football Teams	68	0.34%
D1 Men's Basketball	356	1.79%
Total NCAA Teams	19,928	100.00%

For every NCAA P4 football team, there are 293 teams that are not P4 football teams.

Schools Selecting their Divisions

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- How do member schools decide what division to be in?
- Can they ever change division?

The NCAA says on its website, “The NCAA’s three divisions were created in 1973 to align like-minded campuses in the areas of fairness, competition, and opportunity.”

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There are 7 major factors in choosing your division

- 1) Academics
- 2) Finances
- 3) Football attendance
- 4) Tradition
- 5) Competition
- 6) Minimum number of teams
- 7) Know who you are

Don't some college put academics first?

Some schools put academics at the top of their mission.

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- Schools need to decide how much emphasis and money they will put into athletics. After all isn't college about education first?
- Very few student athletes go pro after college.
- Schools want student athletes that fit their mission.
- If a school raises the majority of its funds via academic reputation, they are businesses and will thereby choose a division that accommodates this.

Scholarships are a factor on which decision a school will choose.

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- Finances are a factor in almost everything in life.
- D1 schools have the highest scholarship limits.
- D2 have lower maximum number of scholarships available.
- D3 have no scholarships.

Do higher expenses come with the higher revenue at D1 schools?

D1 schools have higher revenues, but their expenses mirror their revenues.

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- The NCAA distributes about 60% of all NCAA revenues (more than \$600M) directly to D1 schools and conferences.
- \$150M goes to funding D1's 26 championships.
- Yes, that is great to get incremental revenue for the D1 schools, but the expenses to be D1 could far exceed that for many schools.

On the flipside, do lower expenses come with lower revenues at D2 & D3 schools?

D2 & D3 schools do not get nearly as much revenue from the NCAA, but their expenses are also much lower.

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- D2 gets 4.37% of NCAA revenues.
- D2 gets 3.18% of NCAA revenues.
- D2 & D3 don't get nearly as much money from the NCAA, but their expenses are far lower than D1 schools.
- If your expenses are much lower, there is less pressure to raise money for sports.

Football attendance is another factor in choosing between FBS and FCS.

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- FBS schools must exceed 15,000 fans in a two-year moving mean (average) of home football attendance.
- This rule does not apply to FCS schools.
- One school Gorms went to sells out 102K tix for all 7 home games.
- The other school Gorms went to has a football capacity of 12K and only has 5 home games.

Tradition is a huge part of college sports.

- There are college rivalries at all divisions and in all sports.
- Duke - UNC Basketball is probably the most famous basketball game (2X) each year.
- Army - Navy is a hallowed football game each year despite neither team competing for a national championships any longer. They deal with something off the field that is much bigger than any game they will ever play in.
- Amherst & Williams have been playing the Biggest Little Game in America since 1884.
- These games mean a lot to each school.

Balanced competition is an important issue in choosing your division.

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- A school wants to choose the division that will provide balanced competition for its teams.
- No one wants to play at a level they have no chance to succeed in.
- As fans, we take a great interest in games we think will be competitive.

Are there minimum number of teams required in each division?

There is a minimum number of teams required in each division.

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Division	Minimum teams	M/F	M/F
FBS	16		6/8
FCS/No Football	14	7/7	6/7
D2	10	5/5	4/6
D3	10	5/5	4/6

If Gorms was NCAA Commish, every school would be required to have 2 wrestling teams!!

A school needs to know who they are to best choose the best division for them.

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- The bottom line is that to choose the best division for your school's teams is a school needs to know who they are.
- If you are honest about who you are, you will be more likely to choose the best division.

A school can elect to change divisions, but it is a three-year process.

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- If a school decides they would be better off switching divisions, it is possible, but a three-year process.
- The schools need to meet the requirements to be in a new level.
- This will affect their scholarships limits, etc.
- They are not a full member of that division for three years and can not compete in the national championships until full members.

Schools with teams in different divisions

- Are all teams at member schools all locked into the same division?
- How come Lock Haven, Edinboro, Bloomsburg, Clarion, and F&M are at the NCAA Men's D1 Wrestling Championships, and they are D2/D3 schools?

Schools must have all teams in the same division with two exceptions.

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- In general schools must compete in the Division they are in for all their sports.
- It would most likely add to the number of wrestling teams (and other sports) if you could be D1 for most sports and D2 or D3 for selected sports. But the NCAA does not allow this. It would require more work and effort to make this possible. Edinboro came in 3rd in 2015.
- The NCAA does not like the idea of certain teams being a lower level.
- There are two exceptions for teams at schools to compete at a higher level.

The two exceptions that allow D2 & D3 schools to compete in D1.

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- The two exceptions to all the school's sports being in the same NCAA Division.
- 1) D2 & D3 schools are allowed 1 men's & 1 women's sport (except Football & Basketball), providing they were sponsoring said sports at D1 level prior to 2011. This is how Lock Haven, Bloomsburg, Edinboro, Clarion, & F&M are D1 wrestling.
- 2) They can compete as D1 members in a given sport if the NCAA does not sponsor a championship in that sport for the school's own division.

In 2025-26 we will see the first ever NCAA Women's Wrestling Championships.

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- This is great news. It took 120 years since the formation of the NCAA to finally have a women's wrestling championship.
- However currently there are no divisions. It is a National Championships. Not a D1, D2, or D3.
- So, these schools are not competing in a division championship that their school is not normally aligned with.
- At the 2026 NCAA Convention, they announced there will be an NCAA D3 women's championships starting in 2028. D1 & D2 schools will compete in the same National Championships.

How many D2 & D3 teams compete in D1 Championships

130 D2 & D3 teams compete in D1 Championships.

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Category	Teams	Wrestling
D2 Sponsoring D1 Men's	57	4
D2 Sponsoring D1 Women's	55	0
D3 Sponsoring D1 Men's	10	1
D3 Sponsoring D1 Women's	8	0
Total	130	5

No (0) D1 teams compete in D2 & D3 championships

What is the percentage of teams in D1 at schools that are D2/D3 schools?

1% of teams that would ordinarily be at D2/D3 are D1 teams.

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Category	Number
Teams in D1 with D2/D3 schools	130
D2/D3 Men & Women Teams + 130	13,308
Percent	1%

Episode 51 Main Point & Lesson.

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- Gorms, what is your overall main point and lesson from this episode on the ch-ch-ch-changes in the NCAA we are witnessing?

What is the overall main point the viewers can take from this episode?

The NCAA is ch-ch-ch-changing faster now than it ever has. Hopefully it survives this drastic metamorphosis.

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- The NCAA has always made changes and adjustments. It would not have survived since 1906 if it did not make some changes.
- Only time will tell if the recent changes are too much too soon.
- The NCAA does a great job hosting and running its championships. They are a huge part in many people's lives.
- Hopefully, we can all go to the NCAA Wrestling Championships (Men & Women and all divisions) for a long long time in the future.
- Kevin, sum up this episode with your KevNotes.

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

Episode 51 Kev's Notes #1

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- 1) Slide #51-6 D3 Women will have their own NCAA wrestling Championships in 2028. D1 & D2 will continue to have a combined Championship.
- 2) 51-9 & 10 Cal Baptist dropped three sports including Men's Wrestling. As predicted some schools (especially those that opted in to the House Settlement) are going to have to drop sports due to the upheaval in the business model for college sports.
 - 3) 51-17 & 18 Cal Baptist was House'd. Hopefully they are looking for alternatives to keeping wrestling alive including the NCWA.
- 4) 51-21 This month's episode was about the massive changes in the NCAA.
- 5) 51-24 & 25 The NCAA was founded in 1906 with 39 members. In 2019 the membership peaked at 1,107.

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

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- 6) 51-28 In 1948 the NCAA had a “Sanity Rule” where student athletes were only allowed to get money (cost of attendance) based on financial need.
- 7) 51-30 The new NCAA turmoil is caused by 3 factors. Paying student athletes, unlimited transfer without penalty, and the House v NCAA Settlement.
- 8) 51-37 Most of this turmoil is caused by D1 schools that only make up 33% of the NCAA members and of that only 6.3% of all members are Power 4 Football schools.
- 9) 51-42 In 1973 the NCAA was divided into three Divisions from the old University & College Divisions.
 - 10) 51-53 It is really hard to change Divisions.

What is the topic next month (Wednesday 2/18/26 3PM EST)?

The next episode will be a preview of the first ever NCAA Women's Wrestling Championships and the continuing NAIA & NCWA Women's championships.

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- Tune In Next Month
 - Same Mat Time
 - Same Mat Channel
- The MatStats gang is excited to finally be able to show on the NCAA Women's Championships. We do a show on the Men's D1 NCAA Championships each year and we have a Women's Championship. It is worth the wait. We will also discuss the NAIA & NCWA Women's Championships.