

# MatStats - The Moneyball of Wrestling

## Episode #55

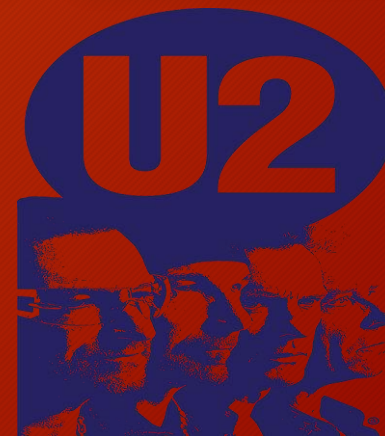
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# I Still Haven't Found What I am Looking For.

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The boys at MatStats do their annual research on the affect the new 3-point TD has had in collegiate wrestling. MatStats analyzes the past 6 NCAA Men's Wrestling Championships. This is an effort to see what changes we have seen and if it was a good idea. It is a three-part series. Episode #54 deals with the change in the number of TDs and other moves. Episode #55 will deal with the change in Margin of Victory and total points scored. Episode #56 will cover the weight classes and rounds of the tourney.



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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.

# MatStats is based on numbers, stats, and analysis 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.

# Number of College Wrestling Teams

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- Gorms, can you tell the viewers the number of college teams?
- NCAA, NAIA, NCWA, NJCAA, CCCAA?
  - Men & Women?

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

From the nadir of NCAA Men's D3 teams (87 teams in 2012) to 5/2/26 (136 teams - most since 1985), we have seen an increase of 56%!

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Category	Men	Women	Total
NCAA	291	131	422
NAIA	76	54	130
NCWA	125	81	206
<b>Total 4-Year</b>	<b>492</b>	<b>266</b>	<b>758</b>

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.

## How many JUCO wrestling teams are there in the USA?

As of 5/2/26, there are 144 Junior College & Community Colleges with wrestling teams.

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JUCO	Men	Women	Total
NJCAA	67	37	104
3C2A	23	17	40
Total	90	54	144

There are 4 Championships on this level and 5 team champions. The NJCAA has a scholarship team Champion and a non-scholarship team champion on the men's side.

## 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.*”

What major resource for the NCAA and spending by colleges have changed the entire dynamic of college sports?

# Suddenly, March Madness is not the answer. You can't spend your way to prosperity.

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- The hopes and dreams of covering the huge expenses in Men's basketball being offset by the March Madness has gone up in smoke.
- Even with the proposed increase to 76 teams in 2027, March Madness can no longer cover these huge expenses.
- The Goose that laid the Golden Egg, can't lay a big enough egg.

Does the March Madness payouts cover the new Rev Share for men's basketball?

When the implementation of Rev Share is accounted for, the March Madness payouts have a whole new hurdle to clear.

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Conference	NCAA March Madness Payout	Estimated Rev Share Starting 2025-26 Men's Basketball	Net
SEC	70M	49.2M	+21.8M
Big Ten	42M	55.35M	-13.35M

In 2025, the SEC set the record with 14 schools qualifying and Florida won the title.

The Rev Share comes from 15% of the \$20.5M X 16 schools for Men's Basketball to each school in the Power 5.

How large of an expense is the NIL budget on the top college teams?

## How long will donors pony up for huge NIL deals if their school doesn't make it far in the March Madness?

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- On 5/6/26, Texas Men's Basketball Coach, Sean Miller, estimated that between 20-25 teams have an NIL budget above \$20M per year.
- Only 16 teams make the Sweet 16, some with a \$20M+ NIL payroll will not make the 2<sup>nd</sup> weekend.
- If it increases to at least 33 teams with these kind of NIL payrolls, not all will win the first game at the Big Dance.

Note - NIL is in addition to Rev Share!!

# The wolf is at the door.

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- In 2024 the total revenue for March Madness for the NCAA was above \$900M. Less than a third of this (\$270M) went directly to the conferences for Dancing.
- Men's March Madness is traditional above 85% of the NCAA total revenues.
- Men's Basketball will come after more of these revenues. Why wouldn't they? They bring in the revenue and thereby they will want more. Many teams are losing money with the new system; their hands will be out.
- Will Men's Basketball go the same route as the College Football Playoff? Which is outside the NCAA.

# Episode # 55 - Topic

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- What is this month's topic?
- Why is it titled' *“I Still Haven't Found What I was Looking For”*?

# Topic - The new TD 3-point rule.

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- This month's topic is the second of a three-part series on the new TD rule and the effect it has had on the sport.
- MatStats analyzes the Men's NCAA D1 Championships from 2021 to 2026. MatStats also uses matches from 1988-92 & 2017-22 for an historical perspective and trends in the sport.
- The second part of this three-episode series deals with the number of TDs and other scoring categories. Part 2 deals with the Total Number of Points scored and the Margin of Victory. Part 3 goes into the scoring by weight and rounds.

A shout out to Hazard, Captain Mclaughlin, and Phippsy for all the research that made this series possible.

Why is this series called “*I Still haven’t found What I Was Looking For*”?

# The famous U2 song, captures the feeling after much research on the new TD rule.

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- Two years ago, MatStats started their annual dive into the effects of the new TD rule.
- One of the objectives to this analysis was to possibly see if stats could show if the rule change is good.
- You can’t find all the answers in a mathematical world.
- The band U2 was named for the famous Spy Plane and even the famous activist, Bono, who moonlights as an entertainer, can’t find what he was looking for.

# Methodology

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- To get accurate data for total points and Margin of Victory (MOV), MatStats only uses the matches that do not end in a pin nor default. A total of 3,337 matches from 2021-26.
- When including the matches from 1988-92 & 2017-2020, we have data from over 6K matches.

# Change in Total Points & MOV from 2021-23 to 2024-26

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- Gorms, can we start by showing the changes for 3 years before and after the change in the TD to 3-points?
  - We learned in Episode #54 (Part 1 of this series) that TD decreased by -7.18% per minute, can you incorporate that in this analysis?

What was the average points per match at the Men's D1 NCAA Championships from 2021-23? The MOV?

The average points per match from 2021-23 was **10.16** and the MOV was **4.56**.

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Year	W Score	L Score	Tot Pts	Margin (MOV)
2021	7.92	2.83	10.76	5.09
2022	7.24	2.90	10.14	4.34
2023	6.74	2.51	9.25	4.22
2021-23	7.31	2.75	<b>10.16</b>	<b>4.56</b>

What was the average points per match at the Men's D1 NCAA Championships from 2024-26? The MOV?

The average points per match at the Men's D1 NCAA Championships from 2024-26 was **11.22**.  
The MOV was **5.63**.

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Year	W Score	L Score	Tot Pts	Margin (MOV)
2024	8.56	2.85	11.42	5.71
2025	8.14	2.68	10.82	5.46
2026	8.57	2.85	11.43	5.72
2024-26	8.43	2.80	<b>11.22</b>	<b>5.63</b>

How much did the total points and MOV increase because of the 3-point TD from 2021-23 to 2024-26?

As a result of a TD now being worth 3-points, the total points from 2021-23 to 2024-26 increased **+10.43%** and the MOV increased **+23.46%**.

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Years	Total Pts	Margin (MOV)
2021-23	10.16	4.56
2024-26	11.22	5.63
Delta	+1.06	+1.07
Delta %	<b>+10.43%</b>	<b>+23.46%</b>
Annual %	+2.18%	+2.86%

Was it action or inflation that caused the increase in scoring from 2021-23 to 2024-26?

# Inflation caused the increase in scoring from 2021-23 to 2024-26, not action.

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- In Episode # 54 (Part 1 of this series), we saw a decrease in scoring moves per match of -6.87% and a decrease in TDs per match of -8.75%.
- We saw more points & higher MOV because of inflation.

Can MatStats show the viewers what the total points per match be from 2024-26 if the TD were worth 2-points?

If the TD was worth 2-points from 2024-26, the mean for total match points per match would be **9.09**.

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Year	Tot Pts Per Match If TDs were 2 Pts
2024	9.23
2025	8.75
2026	9.27
2024-26	<b>9.09</b>

This is hypothetical. We see fewer scoring moves since the new TD rule. If it were still 2-points, there might not have been a change. But it shows the action and frequency of scoring moves.

If the TD was still worth 2-points, what would the change in total points be from 2021-23 to 2024-26?

If the TD was still worth 2-points, we would see a **-10.53%** decrease in total match points from 2021-23 to 2024-26.

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Years	Tot Pts Per Match
2021-23	10.16
2024-26	9.09
Delta	-1.07
Delta %	<b>-10.53%</b>
Annual %	-3.65%

# Long-Term Trend in Scoring?

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- Gorms, we did a MatStats show on 7/20/22, Episode 11, “*If Winning Isn’t Everything, Why Do We Keep Score?*” or the long-term trend in scoring at the NCAA Men’s D1 Championships.
- Can we incorporate this data to see if there is some long-term trend in reduction of points and not just the new TD rule?
- Can this help MatStats say there is some significance in the - 7.18% decrease in TDs from 2021-23 to 2024-26 that we discussed in Part 1.

What was the average points per match at the Men's D1 NCAA Championships from 1988-92? The MOV?

The average Total Points in a match from 1988-92 was **11.97**. The average MOV was **4.93**.

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Year	W Score	L Score	Tot Pts	Margin (MOV)
1988	8.95	3.45	12.40	5.50
1989	8.28	3.47	11.75	4.81
1990	8.16	3.57	11.73	4.59
1991	8.55	3.44	11.99	5.11
1992	8.30	3.66	11.96	4.64
1988-92	8.45	3.52	<b>11.97</b>	<b>4.93</b>

What was the average points per match at the Men's D1 NCAA Championships from 2017-22? The MOV?

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The average total points per match from 2017-22 was **10.84**. The MOV **4.98**.

Year	W Score	L Score	Tot Pts	Margin (MOV)
2017	8.18	2.88	11.06	5.30
2018	8.13	3.08	11.21	5.05
2019	8.08	2.97	11.05	5.11
2021	7.92	2.83	10.75	5.09
2022	7.24	2.90	10.14	4.34
2017-22	7.91	2.93	<b>10.84</b>	<b>4.98</b>

How much did the total points at the Men's D1 NCAA Championships change from 1988-92 to 2017-22?

From 1988-92 to 2017-22 the total points per match decreased **-9.44%**, but the MOV remained constant **+1.014%**.

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Years	Total Pts	Margin (MOV)
1988-92	11.97	4.93
2017-22	10.84	4.98
Delta	-1.13	+0.05
Delta %	<b>-9.44%</b>	<b>1.014%</b>
Annual %	-0.29%	-0.02%

What is the most logical reason for seeing the decrease in scoring from 1988-92 to 2017-22?

## Improved Defense seems to be the most logical reason for decrease in scoring from 1988-92 to 2017-22.

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- We saw a -9.44% decrease in scoring over 30 years from a two 5-year data set, but the MOV remained constant.
- Improvement of defense seems to be the reason and the evolution of the sport.
- If greater parity was the answer, wouldn't the MOV decrease? MatStats will address this more completely in Part 3.

# Continuing Trend or A New Reason?

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- Does the trend we uncovered in Episode # 54, Part 1 of this series show a continuation from the trend we found in Episode # 11?
  - Or does the implementation of the new TD rule increase this trend enough to show there is something bigger at play?

The time frame from 1992 to 2022 was 30 years and the time frame from 2023 to 2026 was 3 years.

Can MatStats explain the geometric annual rates?

The points per match and the percentage change from 1988-92 to 2017-22 and 2021-23 to 2024-26 are very similar, however the annual rate of decrease is staggering different.

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Years	Points Per Match Delta	Delta %	Annual % Change
1988-92 to 2017-2022	-1.13	-9.44%	-0.02%
2021-23 to 2024-26	-1.07	-10.53%	-3.65%

Can MatStats give the viewers a quick explanation on annualized rate of return?

There is a huge difference between an overall percent change and an annualized rate. Especially when you compare 30 years and 3 years.

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% Annual Increase	Years to Double
1	69.7
2	35.0
5	14.4
10	7.3
20	3.8

You do not need to pay tuition for an MBA to a school that no longer has wrestling for this quick lesson.

Does MatStats plan on continuing this annual study?

**This is the biggest rule change in our sport in decades, MatStats will continue to do shows on the new TD rule.**

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- If the annualized decrease in scoring of -3.65% continues, in 10 years we will have about 2/3 the points.
- If the trend continues 7 PPM in real terms pre-3-point TD rule.
- In layperson (laywrestlers?) terms, less scoring moves and perhaps less action.
- We need to monitor this. We will know more after 4 and 5 years of 3-point TD.
- Is inflation hurting the sport?

**There is more reason to be concerned with the decrease in scoring moves, but not ready yet to say this is a result of the new TD rule.**

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- When seeing the drastic increase in the annualized decrease in hypothetical points, it does give more credence and validity to the decrease in scoring as a function of the new TD more significance.
- Gorms not ready to say it definitely yet.
- After 2028, we will have two 5-year periods to analyze and will be able to say more accurately if the new TD has changed the sport.

# MOV Changes from 2021-23 to 2024-26

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- Gorms, we learned that there was +23.46% increase in MOV from 201-23 to 2024-26.
- Can you show us the data and explain the statistical ramifications to the viewers?

How much did Majors & Techs increase after the TDs went to 3-points?

From 2021-23 to 2024-26, the Majors increased **+14%**, Techs **+228%** (A multiple of 3.28X).

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Year	MD	Tech
2021-23	285	46
2024-26	325	151
Delta	40	105
Delta %	<b>14%</b>	<b>228%</b>

Can MatStats provide a chart with all the MOVs for the viewers from 2021-23?

# A MOV table from 2021-23 at the NCAA Men's D1 Championships.

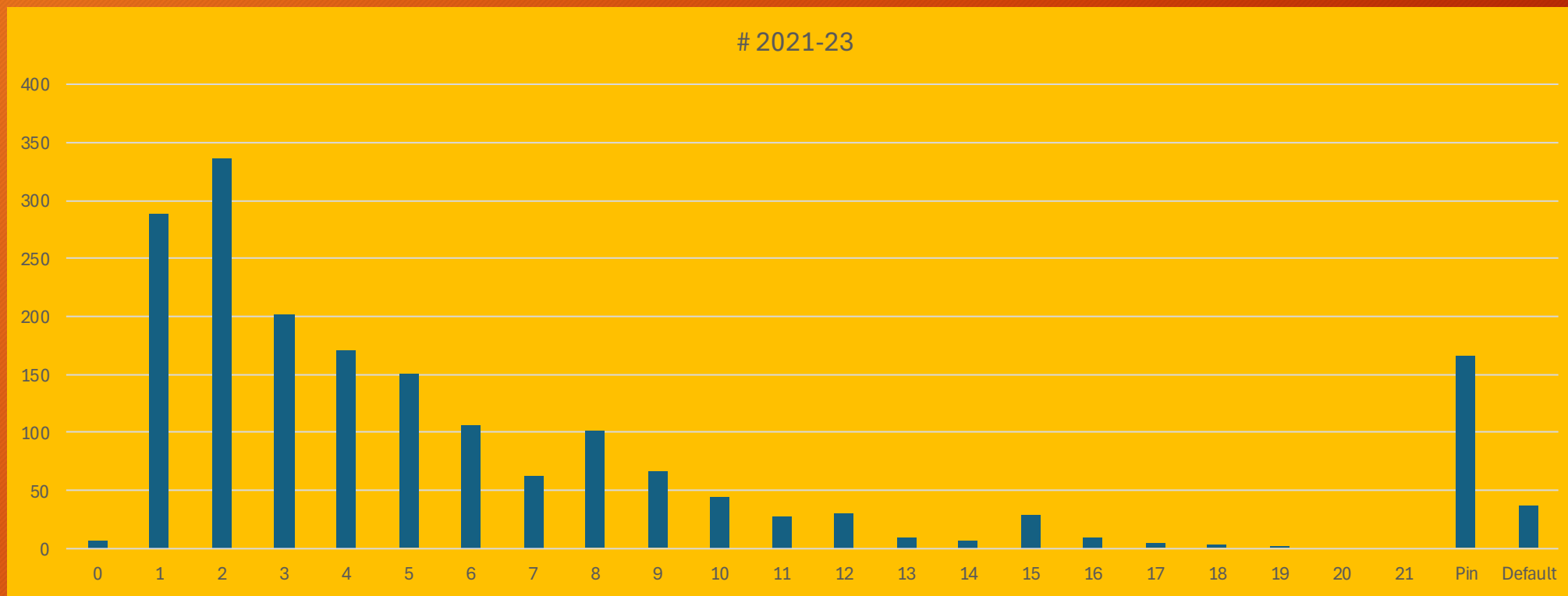
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MOV 2021-23	Number	Percentage	Cumulative Percentage
0	7	0.38%	0.38%
1	288	15.48%	15.86%
2	336	18.06%	33.92%
3	202	10.86%	44.78%
4	171	9.19%	53.98%
5	150	8.06%	62.04%
6	107	5.75%	67.80%
7	63	3.39%	71.18%
8	101	5.43%	76.61%
9	66	3.55%	80.16%
10	45	2.42%	82.58%
11	28	1.51%	84.09%
12	30	1.61%	85.70%
13	10	0.54%	86.24%
14	7	0.38%	86.61%
15	29	1.56%	88.17%
16	9	0.48%	88.66%
17	4	0.22%	88.87%
18	3	0.16%	89.03%
19	1	0.05%	89.09%
20	0	0.00%	89.09%
21	0	0.00%	89.09%
Pin	166	8.92%	98.01%
Default	37	1.99%	100.00%
Total	1860	100.00%	

Can MatStats provide a graph for the viewers with the number of matches based on MOV for 2021-23?

A graph of the number of bouts based on MOV from 2021-23. An increase at 8 and at 15.

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Can MatStats provide a chart with all the MOVs for the viewers from 2024-26?

# A MOV table from 2024-26 at the NCAA Men's D1 Championships.

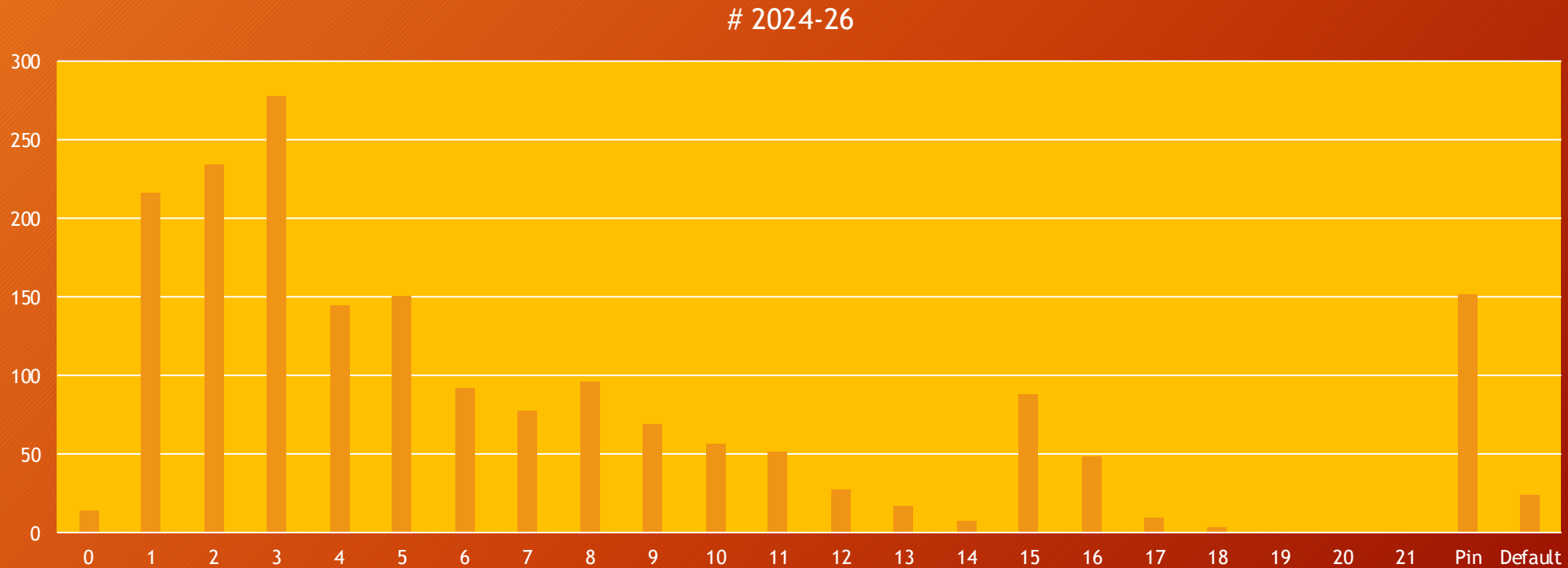
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MOV 2024-26	Number	Percentage	Cumulative Percentage
0	14	0.75%	0.75%
1	216	11.61%	12.37%
2	234	12.58%	24.95%
3	278	14.95%	39.89%
4	145	7.80%	47.69%
5	151	8.12%	55.81%
6	92	4.95%	60.75%
7	78	4.19%	64.95%
8	96	5.16%	70.11%
9	69	3.71%	73.82%
10	56	3.01%	76.83%
11	52	2.80%	79.62%
12	28	1.51%	81.13%
13	17	0.91%	82.04%
14	7	0.38%	82.42%
15	88	4.73%	87.15%
16	49	2.63%	89.78%
17	9	0.48%	90.27%
18	3	0.16%	90.43%
19	1	0.05%	90.48%
20	0	0.00%	90.48%
21	1	0.05%	90.54%
Pin	152	8.17%	98.71%
Default	24	1.29%	100.00%
Total	1860	100.00%	

Can MatStats provide a graph for the viewers with the number of matches based on MOV for 2024-26?

A graph of the number of bouts based on MOV from 2024-26. An increase at 8 and a spike at 15 & 16 points.

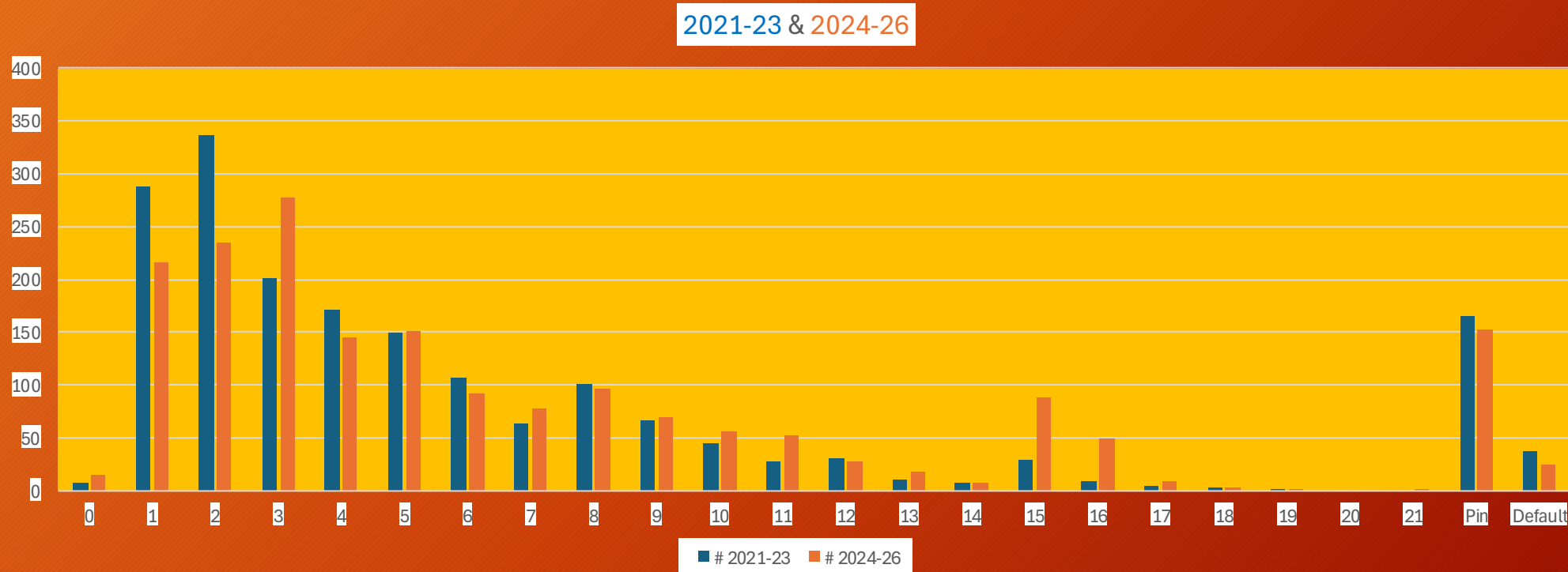
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Can we see a graph with 2021-23 & 2024-26 next to each other, so the viewers can compare them more easily?

A graph showing MOV from 2021-23 & 2024-26.  
Very similar at 8-points (101 & 96). Huge  
difference at 15 & 16 points (38 & 137).

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# Should we consider changing the 8 - point margins for Majors Decision (MD)?

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- Are there any statistical reasons to change the MOV for the major decision?
- If so, what are your suggestions?

Since we raised a TD to 3-points, should we change the MOV for a Major Decision?

If you raise the scoring category that used to be 48.6% of all points (now 58.8%), it makes sense to change the MD range.

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- If the MD is worth more team points than a regular decision and we raise the values for the most common scoring category, why would we keep the MD at 8 points?
- We have cheapened the value of a major decision.
- We now have 14% more MDs. If we moved all the outfield walls in MLB in by 14%, wouldn't that cheapen HRs?

# It is tough to use stats to prove human reaction to new rules to decide what the new MOV should be for a MD.

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- It is possible to do a point lag (it would be different for MD's and techs and see if there is a point that we similar data when comparing 2021-23 to 2024-23).
- For an example from 2021-23 the cumulative number of MOVs at 8 is 1,425 and for 2024-26 at 10 it is 1,429.
- However, the MD range from 8-14 would be affected with this lag because then the Tech comes into play.
- Does this mean the new MD should be 10 points?

**Because there is a spike at 8-point MOV, it is a lot of speculation on what new MD number to pick.**

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- Since we have seen a spike at 8 points for both 2021-23 & 2024-26, it does not statistically prove the new MD should be 10 points.
- In 2021-23 there were a lot more closer MOV bouts because the TD was still 2-points.
- It is very speculative on where the new MD number should be.
- We are comparing apples and oranges.

# Gorms thinks the new minimum number for a MD should be 10-point MOV.

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- Gorms does think we should raise the MD number to 10 points MOV.
- It would then take some time to see if it is an appropriate number and somewhat equal to the old 8-point MOV.
- Gorms has no idea how 8 was ever decided. It was always around when Gorms started wrestling in 1972.
- 10 points makes sense and an easy number to remember.
- It would result in more scoring moves.

# Should we consider changing the 15-point margins for Technical Fall (Tech)?

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- Are there any statistical reasons to change the MOV for the Technical Fall?
- If so, what are your suggestions?

**We have seen a 3.28X increase in the number of techs from 2021-23 to 2024-26. MatStats thinks it is time to raise the MOV for Techs.**

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- The most common scoring category is TDs. It is now 59% of all scoring since we raised it by 50%.
- It is time to raise the MOV from 15 points.
- Since the bout ends after 15 MOV, it is impossible to statistically say what the MOVs are after 15+.
- We naturally see the most points and highest MOV in the bouts that end by tech fall.

# Gorms suggest 18-or 20-point MOV for a Tech.

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- Does anyone really remember why a tech was selected to be 15 points in the 80's? Was it just an easy number?
- Why was the MD 8 points?
- Why was the old superior decision 12 points?
- Gorms feels 18 or 20 should be the new Tech magic number. Let's try one and see how it compares with the pre-3-point TD.
- All fans could easily remember a 10-point MD and 20-point Tech.

With so many more tech after the new TD rule, did we see a drastic change in the average tech time?

Despite there being 3.28X times more tech in 2024-26 than 2021-23, the average tech time was almost the same **5:10** vs **5:19**.

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Year	Total Tech Time	Total Techs	Ave Tech Time
2021-23	4:04:33	46	<b>0:05:19</b>
2024-26	12:59:53	151	<b>0:05:10</b>
Total	17:04:26	197	0:05:12

It makes sense that the average tech time did not decrease drastically. The riding time decrease could be a change in the sport. Only time will tell.

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- With the increase in points for TDs, one could think the Techs would be faster. However, we are seeing 3.28X the number of techs which means that there were more techs that would have been just MDs previously. So, there are more long times for techs.
- There is almost no riding time point for a tech so, it makes sense that the Riding Time points decreased. But when you control for the increase in techs and lower riding time point availability, it is still a -10.29% decrease.
- Only time will tell if this is a long term change in the sport.

Why is there such a large decrease in Riding Time Points from 2021-23 to 2024-26?

We saw a **-21.32%** decrease in Riding Time points. When you control for the drastic increase in techs, it is still a **-10.29%** decrease.

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Year	Riding	Techs	Riding + Extra Tech
2021-23	952	46	952
2024-26	749	151	854
Delta	-203	+105	-98
Delta %	<b>-21.32%</b>	+228.26%	<b>-10.29%</b>

# Pins Before and After the TD Rule Change

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- Statistically, did the new TD rule have any effect on the number of pins?

What was the change in the number of pins from 2021-23 to 2024-26?

The number of pins from 2021-23 to 2024-26 decreased by **-10.59%**.

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Year	Pins	% Pins
2021-23	170	9.14%
2024-26	152	8.17%
Delta	-18	
Delta %	<b>-10.59%</b>	

Can MatStats show a table with the number of pins from 2021-26?

The number of pins from 2021-26.

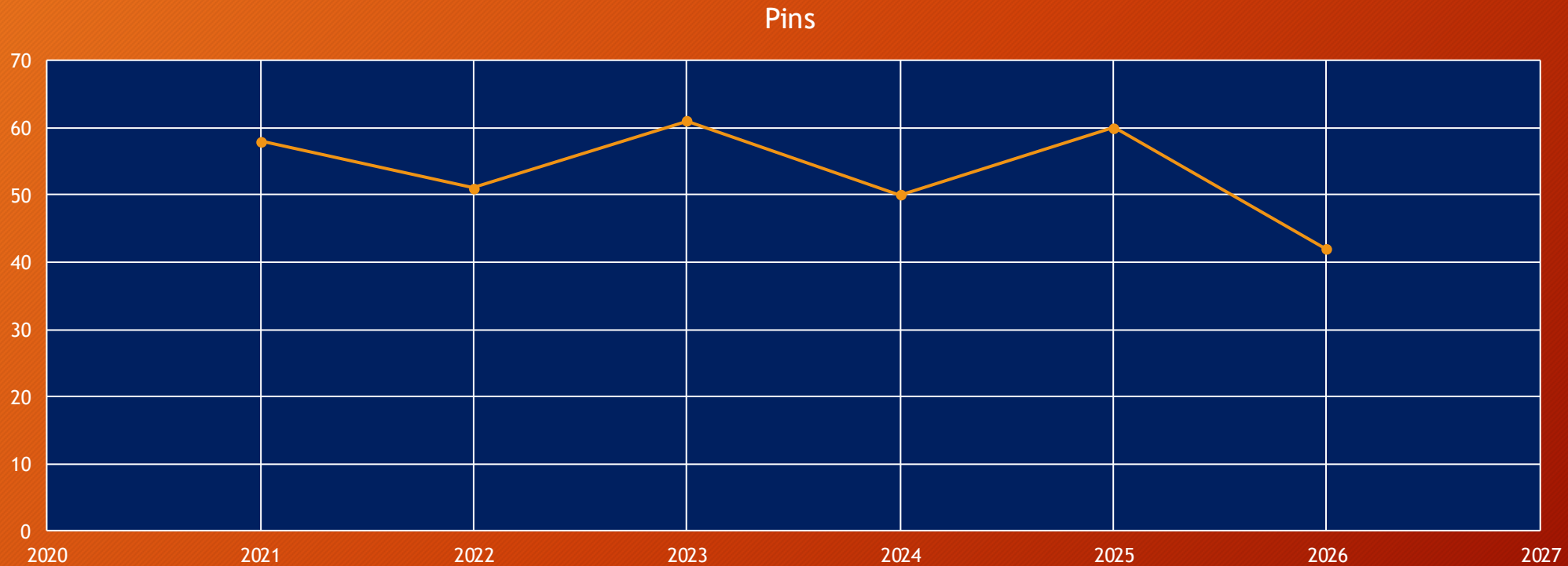
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Year	Pins
2021	58
2022	51
2023	61
2024	50
2025	60
2026	42

Can MatStats provide a graph to show the number of pins from 2021-26?

This graph shows fluctuations in the number of pins from 2021-26.

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**There is no significant statistical data to show that the new TD affected the number of pins from 2021-23 to 2024-26.**

- **After 3 years of the new TD rule, we do not have any significant data to show the new TD caused any effect on the number of pins.**
- **MatStats will continue to monitor this in our annual report after the Men's NCAA D1 Championships.**

# Quick Summary

Episode  
55-58

- Can Gorms give us a quick summary of the affect the new TD has had on the Total Points, margin of Victory and what wrestling should consider?

# The three main takeaways from this show.

- 1) Total Points & MOV went up from inflation.
- 2) The decrease in Total Points (adjusted for inflation) have become much more rapid since the new TD rule.
- 3) It is time for wrestling to change the MOV for Major Decisions & Technical Falls.

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

# Episode 55 Kev's Notes #1

Episode  
55-60

- 1) 55-7 Men's D3 teams increased from 87 to 136 since 2012.  
An increase of 56%.
- 2) 55-13 In 2025 less than a third of the March Madness Revenues went to the conferences. How long before Men's D1 Basketball follows the CFP and eliminates the NCAA or they demand a much bigger piece of the pie?
- 3) 55-17 Our data for the effect on scoring of the 3-point TD over the last 6 Men's D1 Championships includes 3,337 matches.
- 4) 55-21 With the advent of the 3-point TD rule, total points went up 10.46% (10.16 pts to 11.22 pts) and the MOV went up 23.46% (4.56 to 5.63).
- 5) 55-22 The increase in total points and MOV was caused by inflation, not more action.

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

# Episode 55 Kev's Notes #2

Episode  
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- 6) 55-24 The previous conclusion is backed up by data. If the TD was still worth 2-points in 2024-26, there would have been a decrease in total match points of 10.53% from 2021-23 to 2024-26.
  - 7) 55-28 After incorporating data from the 1988 to 1992 D1 Championships we found a decrease in total points -9.44% from 1998-92 to 2017-22. This trend continued downward from 2021-23 to 2024-26. BUT the rate of decrease increased from an annual rate of 0.02% from 1988-92 to 2017-22 to -3.65% annual rate from 2021-23 to 2024-26.
- 8) 55-31 If the trend noted on #7 above continues for the next 10 years, we'll have a little over 7 points per match down from 10.84 PPM from 2017-92. Will that be boring?
- 9) 55-43 Could the downward shift in PPM be mitigated if we made the Major a 10-point MOV and the tech 18 or 20? These 2 changes should be explored.
- 10) 55-57 The number of pins went down from 2021-23 to 2024-26, but not a significant change. MatStats will continue to explore this in the upcoming years.

## What is the topic next month (Wednesday 6/17/26 3PM EST)?

The next episode is the 3rd part of our 3-part series on the new TD rule.

Episode  
55-62

- Tune In Next Month
  - Same Mat Time
  - Same Mat Channel
- The 3rd part of this series deals with the scoring by round and weight class in the NCAA Men's D1 Championships from 2021 to 2026 with the new 3-point TD.