MatStats - The Moneyball of Wrestling
Episode #56
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3PM EST

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

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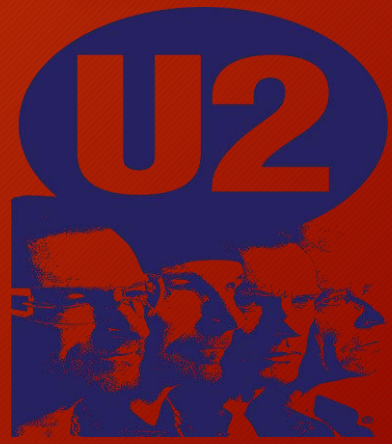
The boys at MatStats does their annual research on the effect the new 3-point TD has had in collegiate wrestling. MatStats analyzes the past 6 NCAA Men's Wrestling Championships. This is an effort to see what changes we have seen and if it was a good idea. It is a three-part series. Episode #54 deals with the change in the number of Takedowns (TD) 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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Why do the guys at MatStats do their show?

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?

MatStats is based on numbers, stats, and analyzation. 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.

Number of College Wrestling Teams

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- Gorms, can you tell the viewers the number of college teams?
- NCAA, NAIA, NCWA, NJCAA, 3C2A?
- Men & Women?

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

As of 5/25/26, there are 558 NCAA & NAIA wrestling teams. The most ever!!

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Category	Men	Women	Total
NCAA	291	132	423
NAIA	78	57	135
NCWA	125	81	206
Total 4-Year	494	270	764

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.

Any good news for W&M Wrestling MatStats can share with the viewers?

Steve Cole elected to the W&M Athletic Hall of Fame. Tribe wrestling was lucky to have Steve as part of our program for over a decade.

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Steve Cole congratulating Ted Lewis & Tripp Davis after they place in 1986 EIWAs at Stabler Arena.

Steve was the head trainer at W&M and he Decided to always travel with the wrestling Team instead of the game with a ball and Basket.

At the 1987 EIWAs in the consolation semis, our 142#, Buzz Wincheski split his head open. It looked like he would have to default. Cole tied Buzz's hair around the wound in a knot to stop the bleeding. Buzz won that match, then placed third and qualified for NCAAs. Without Steve, it would have never happened. Tribe will always remember that moment in Jadwin Gym.

Cole & Kavanagh talking strategy before W&M playoff win 52-14 over Gardner-Webb 2022.

Any other good news from the MatStats Wrestling Family?

Congratulations to Nate Naasz. MatStats looks at Nate as a member of our wrestling family.

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Nate Naasz has been with the NWCA for 8+ years.

He joins MatStats cohost Jason Bryant (2x winner) on the prestigious list of WIN Magazine's Journalist of the Year.

Nate has been instrumental in the MatStats show.

Before Jason came to MatStats (Episode #3), Nate produced the show.

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."*

NCAA D1 Cabinet continues discussions of age-based collegiate eligibility model.

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- The Division I Cabinet on Friday discussed possible implementation of an age-based eligibility model, should the concept ultimately be formally proposed and approved. The Cabinet also signaled that it would consider voting on the age-based eligibility model at its June meeting.
- If adopted, the age-based eligibility model would replace current eligibility rules in Division I, instead allowing student-athletes up to five years of competition within their chosen sport during a five-year window that begins the academic year following their high school graduation or their 19th birthday, whichever occurs first.
- Under the age-based model, waivers would no longer be available to extend eligibility, with exceptions for pregnancy, official religious missions and active-duty military service, provided the student-athlete does not participate in organized competition.
- Sport-specific exceptions and grace periods are not expected.

Big winners are the NIL recipients that stay in school for a 5th year and their lawyers/agents.

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- The big winners will be the NIL people that can make money for a 5th year.
- But is there a crowding out effect?
- Is this rule being passed for small percentage of the 554,298 NCAA student athletes on the 19,928 teams in 2024-25?

Any other winners if this rule is passed?

Enrollment driven schools and lawyers will also stand to profit from this rule.

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- If approved, enrollment driven schools and lawyers stand to win.
- Potential of more students enrolled. With enrollment driven schools with a high percentage of athletes this could be a nice boost in incremental revenue. Granted not many D1 schools are enrollment driven.
- There will be lawsuits, with attorneys making money.

How can current roster caps and a 5th year of eligibility coexist?

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- How will the new roster caps be affected?
- If the caps stay the same and you have 5 years, what happens to freshman?
- Are we going back to frosh not being eligible in a strange way?
- Will there be less opportunity for some left out? Especially with the new roster caps.

No clear indication if D2 & D3 will have a 5th year of eligibility.

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- If D2 & D3 do get a 5th year, this could help enrollment driven schools.
- Especially small enrollment driven schools.
- Many started sports teams as an enticement to enroll. Giving them an extra year, could help the enrollment.
- This will work better if D2 & D3 don't have roster caps because they did not opt in to the House Settlement.

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- What is this month's topic?

- Why is it titled *"I Still Haven't Found What I am Looking For"*?

What is this month's topic?

Topic - The new TD 3-point rule.

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- This month's topic is the third 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.
- The third part of this three-episode series deals with 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 am 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 analyzing the majors, tech, pins, and defaults 3,720 matches are used.
- MatStats is trying to see how the matches change as the rounds progress and weight by weight.

Scoring and MOV round by round

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- Gorms, are there any changes in the scoring and MOV as the rounds progress at the NCAA Men's D1 Championships from 2021-26?

Can MatStats provide a table for the points and MOV in the Championships rounds at the 2021-26 Men's D1 tourney?

As the rounds of the tourney progress, the total points and Margin of Victory (MOV) decrease.

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2021-26	W Score	L Score	Tot Pts	MOV
CH 1	8.71	2.72	11.43	6.00
CH 2	8.07	2.67	10.73	5.40
CH Quarter	7.34	2.71	10.05	4.64
CH Semi	7.23	2.58	9.82	4.65
CH Final	5.83	2.47	8.30	3.37

How important is defense in success at the NCAA Men's D1 Championships?

As the parity becomes greater, the total points decrease. Defense is a huge part of success.

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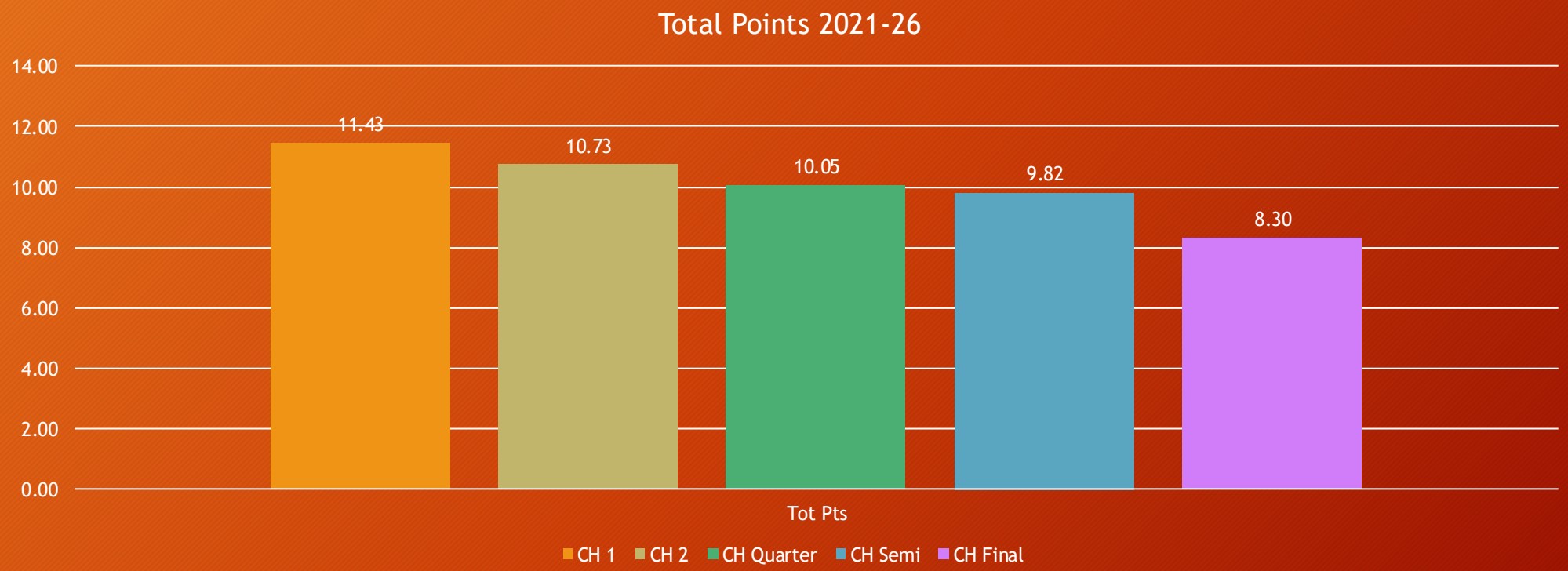

The winner's points decrease as the rounds progress. They face wrestlers with better defensive skills and a more evenly skilled opponent.

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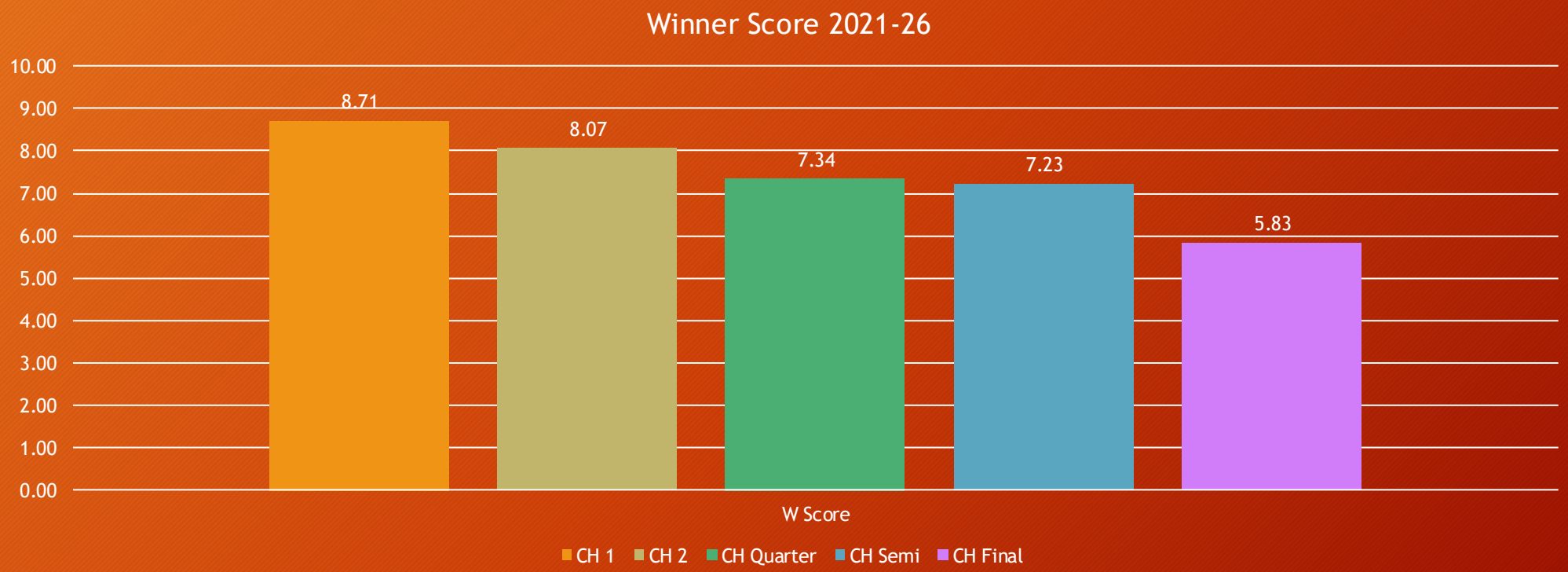

Does the loser's scoring change much as the rounds progress?

The loser's Points Per Match (PPM) remain fairly constant as the rounds progress.

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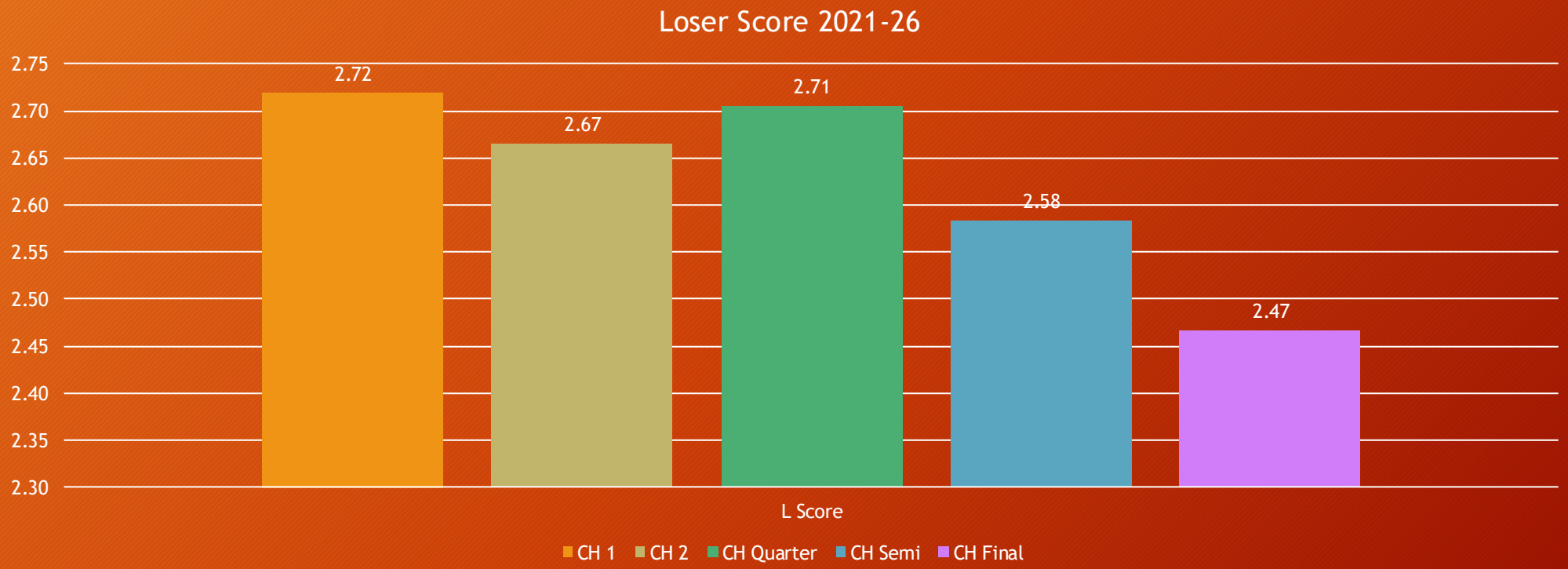

The eventual runner-up goes from scoring 7.84 points the first 4 rounds to being held to 2.47 points in the finals.

What round in the championship bracket has the lowest MOV?

As one would expect the round with the lowest MOV is the Finals.

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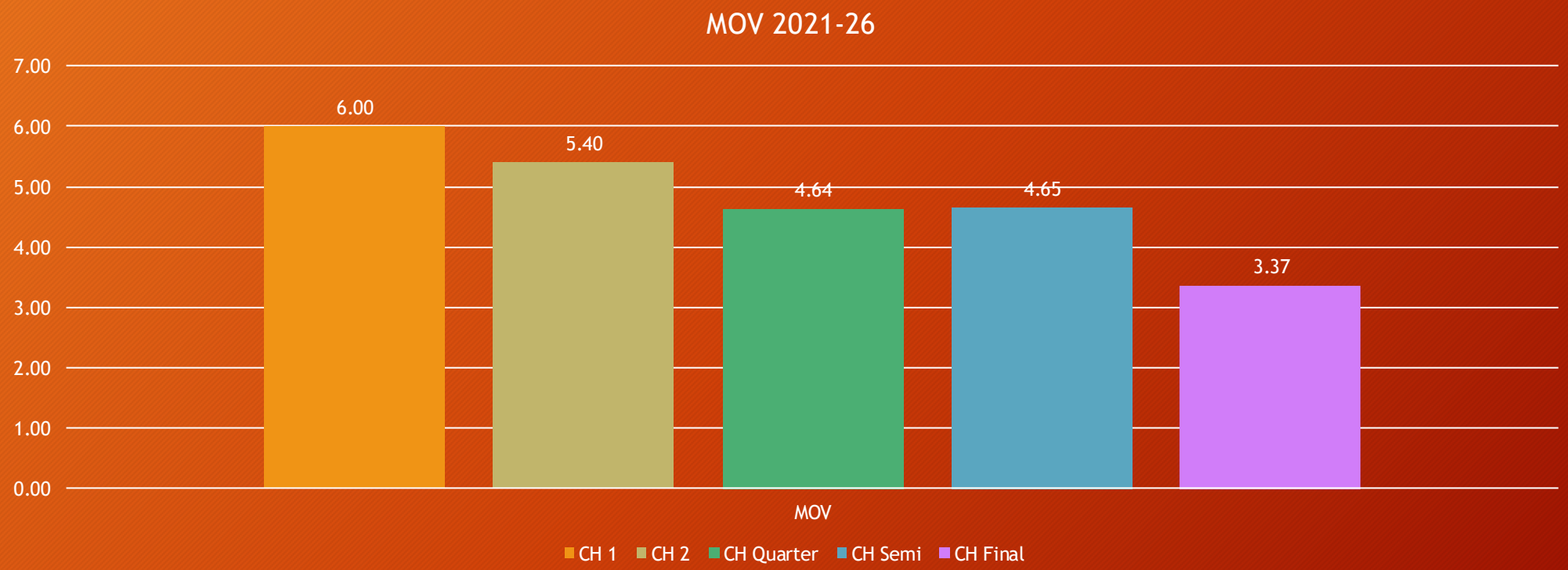

The reason you seed tourneys is to get the best in the finals.
This produces more parity as the rounds progress and a lower MOV.

What happens to the frequency of Majors, Techs, & Pins as the rounds progress?

Majors, Techs, & Pins decrease precipitously from Round 1 to the Finals.

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2021-26	MD	Tech	Fall	Default
CH 1	18.85%	9.58%	10.31%	0.42%
CH 2	18.33%	6.67%	7.08%	0.83%
CH Quarter	13.75%	4.58%	7.08%	1.25%
CH Semi	14.17%	4.17%	5.83%	0.00%
CH Final	5.00%	1.67%	1.67%	0.00%

Increased parity causes matches to be closer as the rounds progress. This is reason to believe the seeding Methods are working well, yet Wednesday night before the tourney will have a lot of bar flies complaining.

Can MatStats provide a graph for the number of Majors from 2021-26 at the NCAA Men's D1 Championships?

A graph showing how Majors decrease as the rounds progress.

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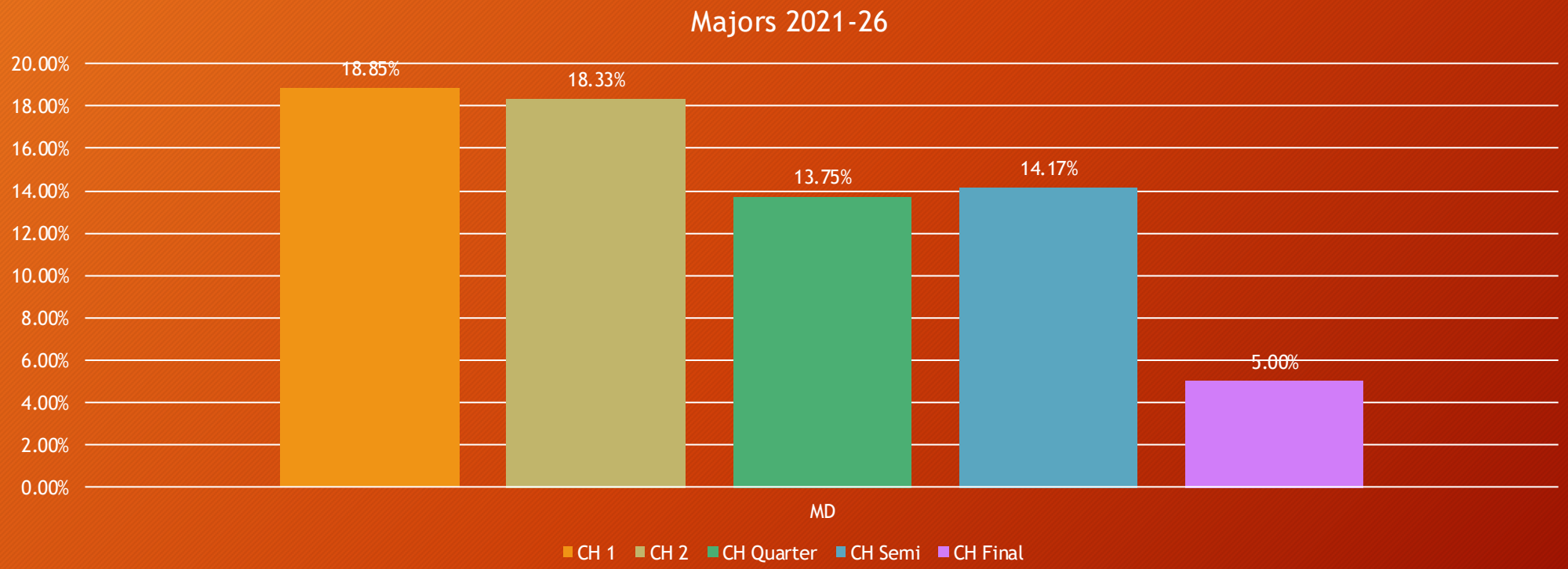

Can MatStats provide a graph for the number of Techs from 2021-26 at the NCAA Men's D1 Championships?

A graph showing the continually decrease in frequency of Techs as the rounds progress.

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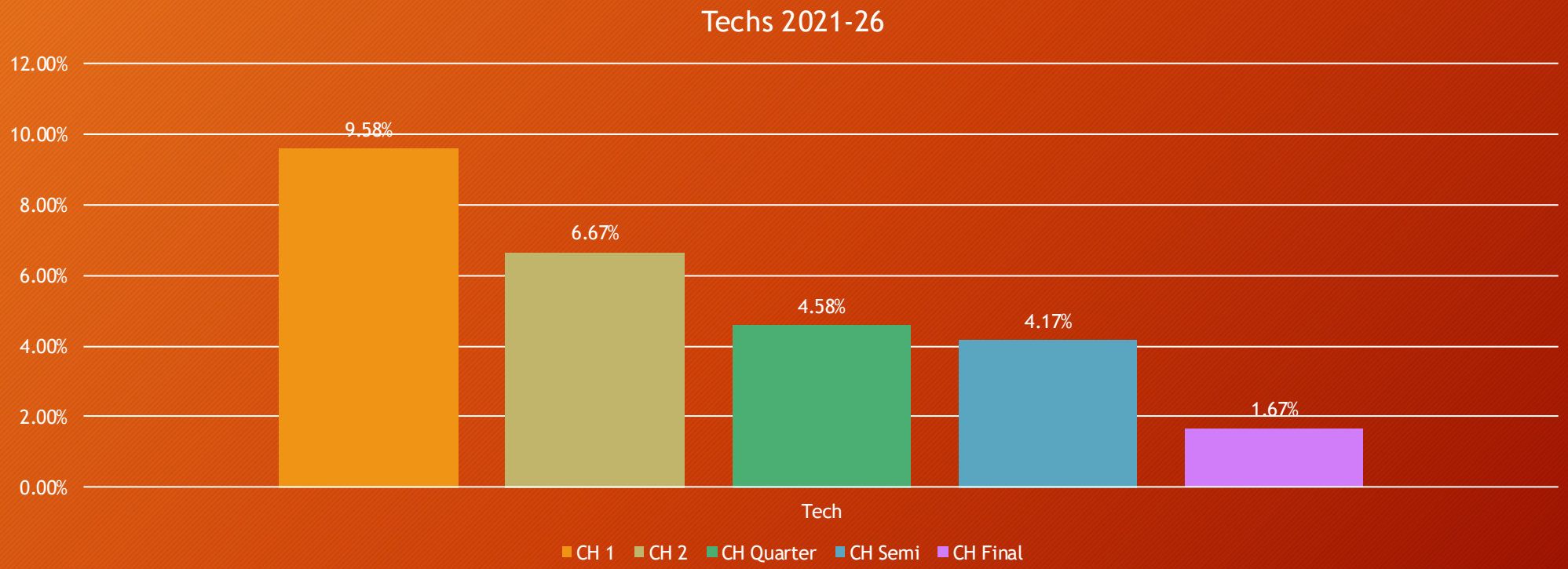

Can MatStats provide a graph for the number of Pins from 201-26 at the NCAA Men's D1 Championships?

In the first-round pins are relatively common (10.31%) to rare in the finals (1.67%).

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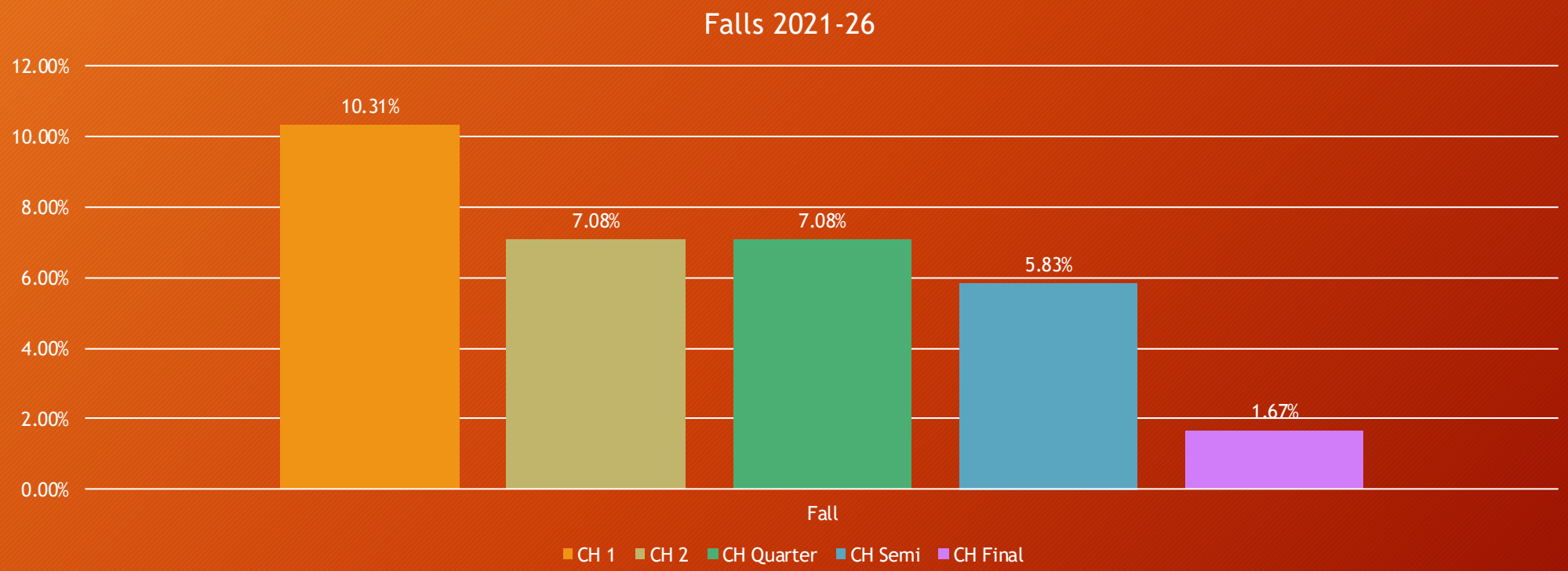

Number of Matches in each round, in each session, in Championships & Consolations.

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- Gorms, Can you provide the number of matches in each round, in each session, in the championship bracket, and the consolation bracket at the NCAA Men's D1 Championships tournament from 2021-26?

- Can you also explain what this stats term weighted arithmetic mean is? Why it matters?

Stats for MatStats fans

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- The weighted arithmetic mean is similar to an ordinary arithmetic mean (the most common type of average), except that instead of each of the data points contributing equally to the final average, some data points contribute more than others.

- If all the weights (Data points in this case, not wrestling weights) are equal, then the weighted mean is the same as the arithmetic mean.

- The weighted arithmetic mean in our case is different than if you added the 5 rounds and divided by 5.

Can MatStats show the viewers how many bouts there are in each round of the Championships bracket?

Since 51.6% off all CH Bouts are in round 1, the CH 1 round has the largest effect on the weighted arithmetic mean for all CH Bouts.

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2021-26	Bouts 2021-26	Bouts Per weight per year	% of All CH Bouts	Session
CH 1	960	16	51.6%	1
CH 2	480	8	25.8%	2
CH Quarter	240	4	12.9%	3
CH Semi	120	2	6.4%	4
CH Final	60	1	3.2%	5
Total	1,860	31	100.0%	6

There are also 10 rattail championship matches in Session 1 that were not used in this analysis.

Are there more bouts in the CH bracket or the CO bracket at each weight at the D1 Men's NCAA Championships?

There are an equal number of bouts in the CH bracket & CO bracket at all D1 Men's Championships (31 + 1 rattails) per weight per year.

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2021-26	Bouts 2021-26	Bouts per weight per year	% of All CO Bouts	Session
CO 1	480	8	25.8%	2
CO 2	480	8	25.8%	3
CO 3	240	4	12.9%	3
CO 4 Blood Round	240	4	12.9%	4
CO 5	120	2	6.5%	4
CO 6 Semis	120	2	6.5%	5
CO 7 Place (3, 5, 7)	180	3	9.7%	5
Total	1,860	31	100.0%	

There are also 10 rattail consolation matches in Session 2 that were not used in this analysis.

Can MatStats provide a chart of how many bouts there are in each Session of the Men's D1 Championships?

A breakdown of how many bouts are in each Session of the Men's NCAA D1 Championships.

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Session	CH Bouts 2021-26	CO Bouts 2021-26	Total Bouts 2021-26	% of All Bouts	Mats
1	960	0	960	25.8%	8
2	480	480	960	25.8%	8
3	240	720	960	25.8%	8
4	120	360	480	12.9%	6
5	0	300	300	8.1%	4
6	60	0	60	1.6%	1
Total	1860	1860	3720	100.0%	

Note - There are also 10 rattails in Session 1 & 2, that are not used in our analysis.

Larger sample sizes, produce more accurate results.

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- Larger sample sizes allow researchers to calculate more precise estimates of population parameters.
- The margin of error, which indicates the range within the true population value is likely to fall, decreases as sample size increases.
- A larger sample size increases the statistical power of a study, which is the true probability of detecting a true effect when it exists.

Examples of smaller sample sizes producing anomalies.

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- A couple examples of the advantages of larger sample sizes.
- In the 3,720 matches from 2021-26, the pin % was 8.55%. The finals in 2023 had a 10%. The 174# finals had a 100%. That does not mean it is a good bet to choose a random final bout over a random bout in the 6 years as a better chance for a pin.
- For a very brief moment in time in the 1988 D1 Championships, W&M was in 1st place. Dr. Mark McLaughlin had the fastest pin in the tourney in the 142# rattail.

Is there any difference between the CH bracket & CO brackets?

There is more parity on the CO than in the CH. More techs in the CH and more defaults in the CO.

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Variance from Overall Mean 2021-26	Fall	Default	W Score	L Score	Total Pts	Margin	MD	Tech
CH 1	+20.64%	-74.59%	+10.90%	-1.81%	+7.59%	+17.82%	+15.36%	+81.89%
CH 2	-17.14%	-49.18%	+2.63%	-3.76%	+0.97%	+6.11%	+12.17%	+26.53%
CH Quarter	-17.14%	-23.77%	-6.57%	-2.30%	-5.46%	-8.90%	-15.87%	-13.01%
CH Semi	-31.76%	-100.00%	-7.95%	-6.71%	-7.63%	-8.63%	-13.32%	-20.92%
CH Final	-80.50%	-100.00%	-25.77%	-10.92%	-21.90%	-33.84%	-69.41%	-68.37%
CH	-0.63%	-63.93%	+4.02%	-2.75%	+2.25%	+7.70%	+5.92%	+43.88%
CO	+0.63%	+63.93%	-4.05%	+2.84%	-2.25%	-7.80%	-5.92%	-43.88%
All	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%

Note - The reason there are slight differences in the percentage variance from the mean in CH & CO
Is there are slight differences in the total number pins & defaults which are not used in the points analysis.

Is there any CH round we do not see scoring inflation on the Winner or Loser's points from 2021-23 to 2024-26?

The only CH rounds that did not see scoring inflation (from 2021-23 to 2024-26) was CH 1 (-2.94%) & CH 2 (-2.13%) with the loser's score.

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Delta % 2021-23 to 2024-26		Fall	Default		W Score	L Score	Tot Pts	Margin		MD	Tech
CH 1		-9.62%	-66.67%		+11.52%	-2.94%	+7.89%	+18.79%		-27.62%	+183.33%
CH2		+42.86%	-66.67%		+23.72%	-2.13%	+16.69%	+39.14%		+58.82%	+200.00%
CH Quarter		-11.11%	-50.00%		+29.73%	+11.28%	+24.45%	+42.06%		+75.00%	+350.00%
CH Semi		-83.33%	#DIV/0!		+17.54%	+15.28%	+16.94%	+18.82%		+42.86%	+300.00%
CH Final		-100.00%	#DIV/0!		+13.41%	+11.43%	+12.82%	+14.89%		#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!
CH		-7.32%	-62.50%		+16.86%	+1.07%	+12.72%	+25.57%		+3.80%	+202.86%
CO		-9.52%	-27.59%		+14.95%	+3.01%	+11.54%	+22.91%		+26.98%	+300.00%
All		-8.43%	-35.14%		+15.88%	+2.03%	+12.09%	+24.25%		+14.08%	+226.09%

Can MatStats show us a chart with the total points in all CH rounds?

The Total Points Delta % for each CH round has increased from 2021-23 to 2024-26. Inflation affects total scoring in all rounds.

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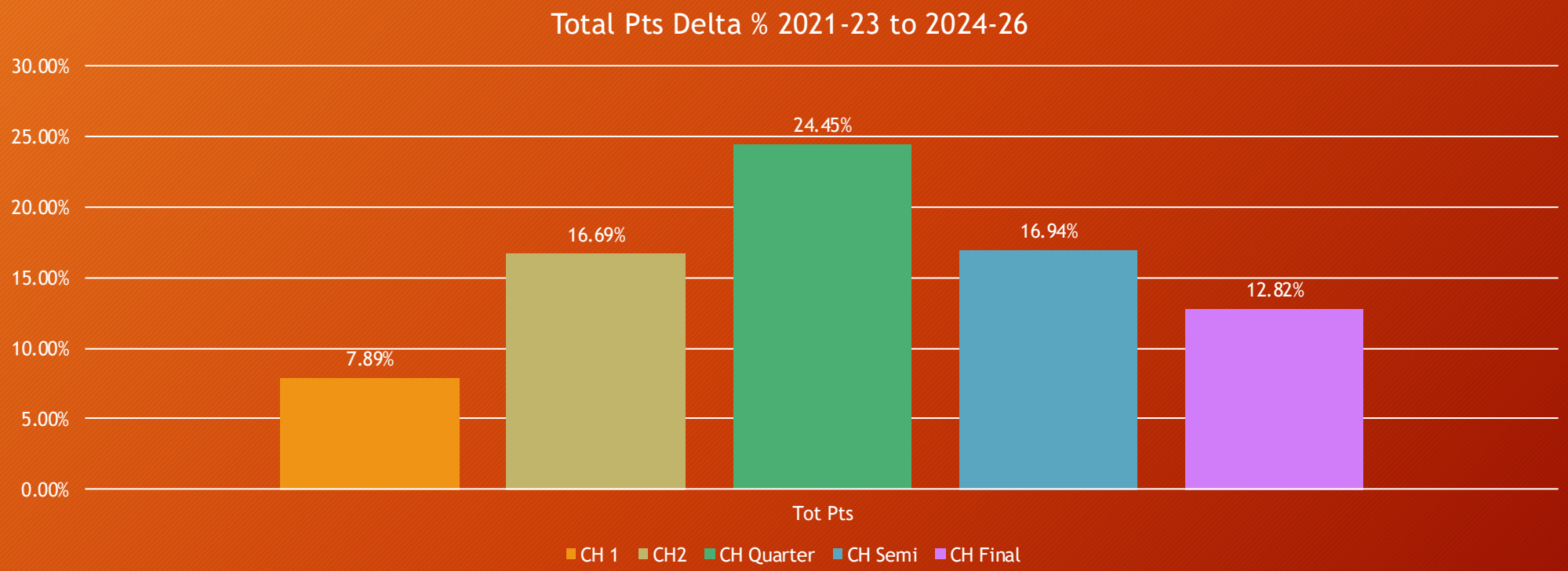

This means the percentage increase in the middle rounds is higher, not the total points.

Can MatStats provide a graph showing the MOV for each CH round from 2021-23 to 2024-26?

The MOV has increased for each CH round from 2021-23 to 2024-26.

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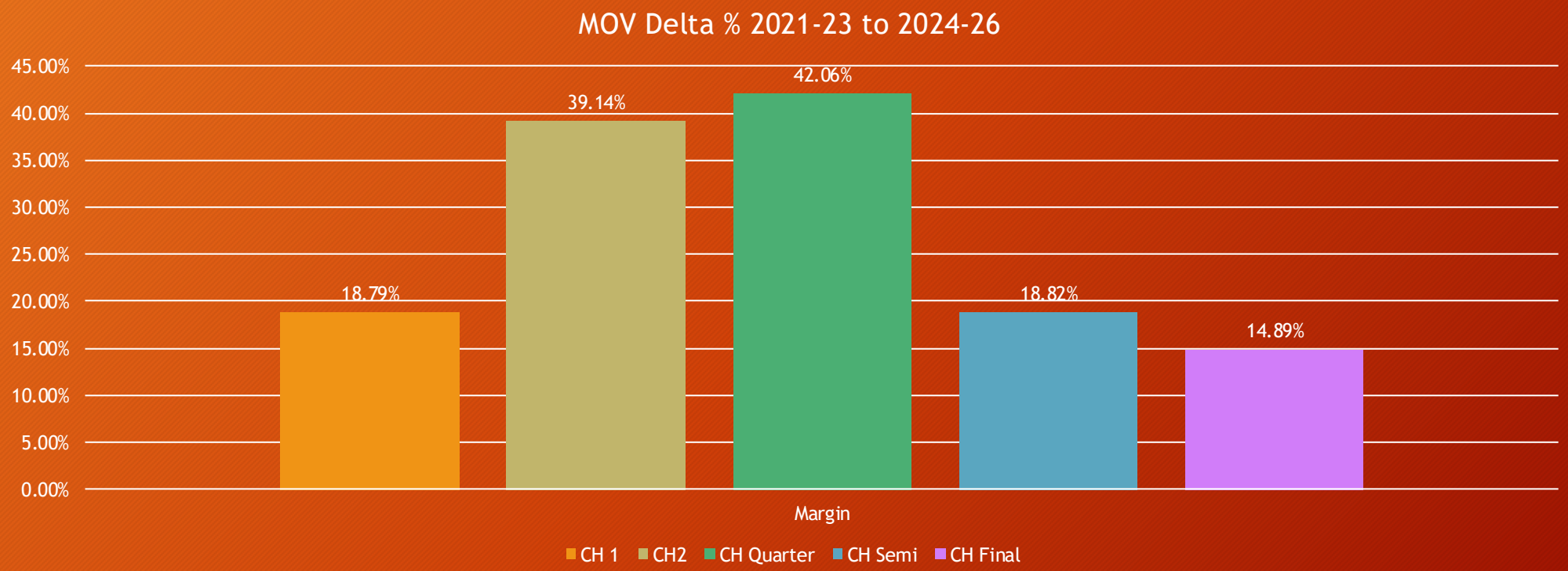

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Summary Round by Round

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- Gorms, can you give the viewers a statistical summary of the round by round?
- Does it make sense? Is it what you expected?
- Is there such a thing as the ‘best round’?

Can we get a quick summary of the round-by-round analysis?

There is more parity as the rounds progress in the CH bracket and the CO have more parity than the CH.

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- Because the brackets are seeded and very good job is done with the seedings -
- It makes sense that the number of points, MOV, Majors, Techs, & Pins decrease as the CH rounds progress.
- Because there is inherently a larger variance in CH round 1 than any CO round and the best wrestlers are in the CH bracket longer, it makes sense that the CO have more parity and less Techs.
- Surprisingly, the pins are even. No surprise that the defaults are much higher in the CO.

Was the resulting data to be expected by a statistician that have been extensively analyzing collegiate data?

The round-by-round data was very much expected after the analysis MatStats did in Part 1 & 2 of this topic and the knowledge of the seedings.

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- The stat that stands out the most in many ways is that the losers total points decreased from 2021-23 to 2024-26 in both the CH 1 & CH 2 rounds.
- Granted a small decrease -2.94% & -2.13%, but there a 1,440 & 720 total matches in each round which give us a large pool of data.
- Numbers and stats have a way of exhibiting random anomalies. Gorms would expect to see this oddity smooth out after 2028 when we have 10 years of data.

Stats cannot determine what Session is the best, it is a personal decision for each fan.

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- There is an old saying, “the most important game is the next one on the schedule”.
- When Gorms was asked in the past what was his favorite Hawai’ian island. The answer was whichever one I was on when the question was asked.
- There is a balancing act of number of mats, number of pins, competitive matches, etc. It is all a matter of opinion.
- If forced to answer the question long before the tourney starts, Gorms would say Session 3. Quarters, consolations, and 8 mats.

Scoring weight-by-weight

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- Gorms, can we get a statistical analysis of weight-by-weight scoring, MOV, Majors, Tech, & Pins at the NCAA Men's D1 Championships from 2021-26?

Can MatStats provide a table for W Points, L Points, Total Points, & MOV by weight 2021-26?

A table for W points, L Points, Total Points, & MOV by weight from 2021-26.

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2021-26	W Points	L Points	Tot Pts	MOV
125	7.42	2.73	10.15	4.70
133	7.95	2.92	10.87	5.03
141	7.95	2.96	10.91	5.00
149	7.89	3.11	11.00	4.78
157	7.24	2.65	9.89	4.59
165	8.39	2.85	11.24	5.54
174	7.71	2.83	10.54	4.88
184	8.50	2.74	11.23	5.76
197	7.90	2.73	10.63	5.18
285	7.63	2.19	9.82	5.43
Mean	7.86	2.77	10.63	5.09

This is for all 3,337 of bouts From 2021-26 That do not end In a pin or Default. Rattails not Included.

Which numerical value for the weight class you select, will affect the correlation Pearson coefficient.

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- There is a difference in correlation between weights and points, MOV, Majors, etc. in how you numerically state the weight.
- If the weight classes are numbered 1,2,3,… or if you use the weight class 125, 133, 141… It is inherited in the correlation formula.
- The jump for each weight class follow a basic small increment and then jumps from 197 to 285.
- The Pearson coefficient (which measures correlation) runs from -1 to +1.

What is the correlation between weight class and total points.

The is very weak to weak negative correlation between weights and Total Points.

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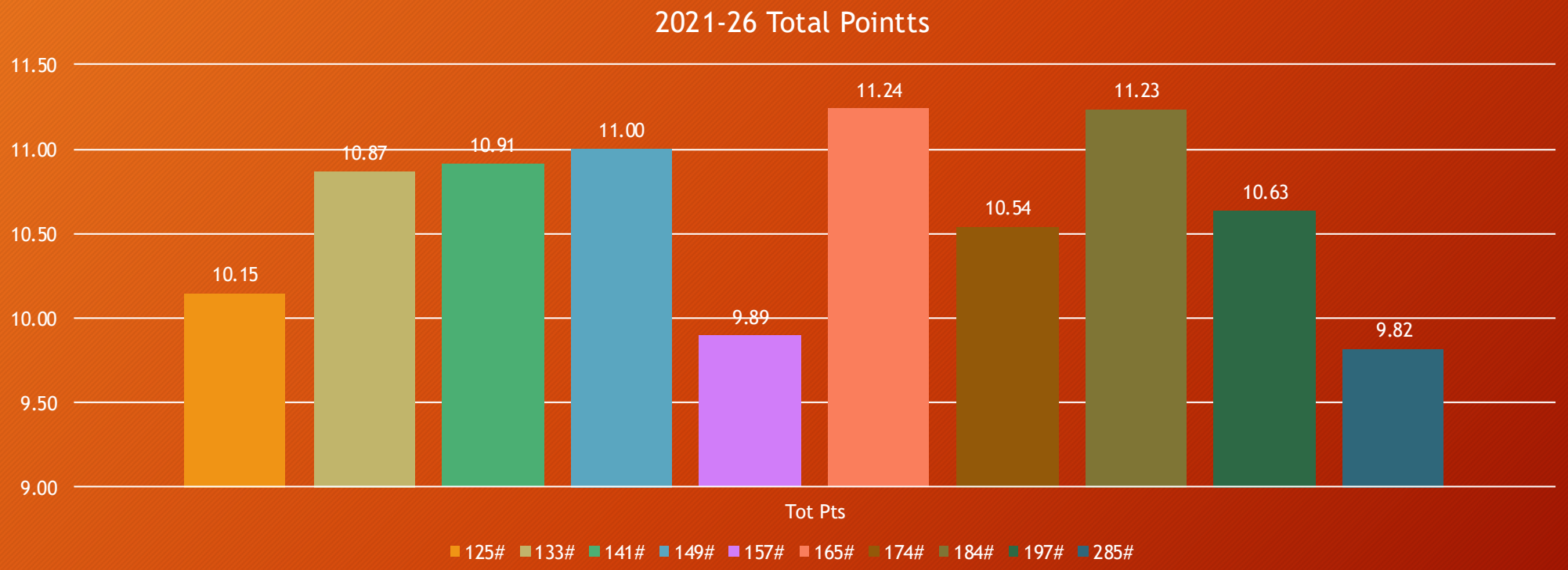


Correlation Weight (125, 133..) & Total Points = -0.377

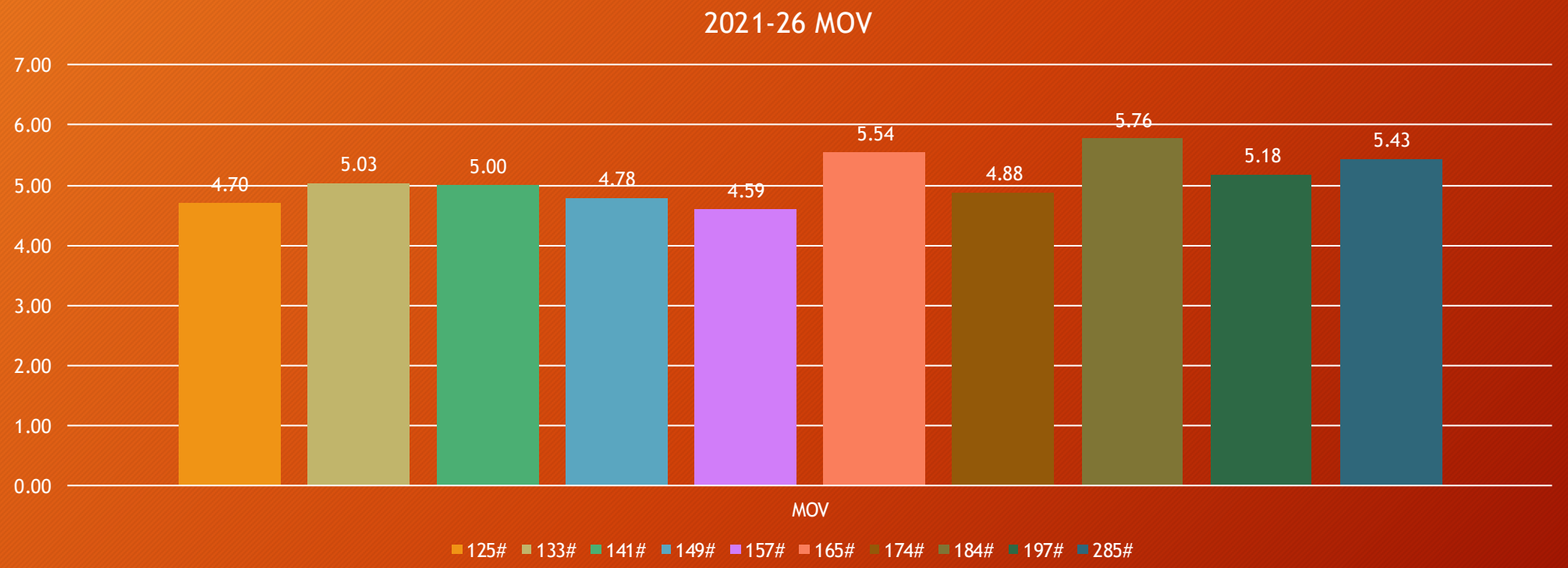
Correlation Weight (1,2, ..) & Total Points = -0.105

2021-26 Total Points Mean for all 10 weights = 10.62

What is the correlation between weight class and MOV from 2021-26?

There is a moderate positive correlation (+0.526 or +0.606) between weight and MOV.

Episode 56-50



Correlation Weight (125, 133..) & MOV = +0.526

Correlation Weight (1,2,..) & MOV = +0.606

2021-26 MOV Mean for all 10 weights = 5.09

Can MatStats provide a table by weights from 2021-26 for Majors, Techs, Pins, and Defaults?

A table for Majors, Techs, Pins, & Defaults by weight from 2021-26.

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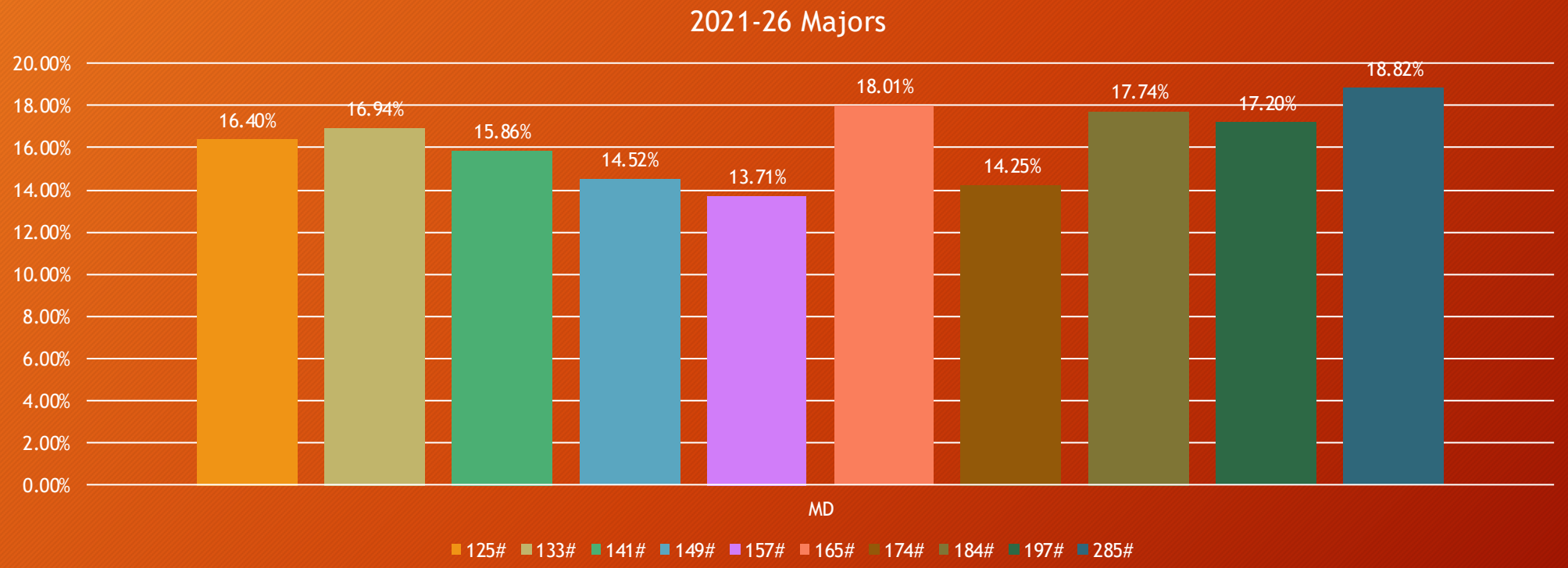
2021-26	MD	Tech	Fall	Default
125	16.40%	2.42%	7.26%	0.81%
133	16.94%	5.38%	8.33%	1.61%
141	15.86%	4.84%	8.06%	1.88%
149	14.52%	2.96%	9.41%	0.54%
157	13.71%	4.84%	9.95%	2.42%
165	18.01%	6.45%	8.33%	2.15%
174	14.25%	5.65%	8.60%	1.34%
184	17.74%	8.06%	8.33%	2.42%
197	17.20%	6.18%	6.72%	0.81%
285	18.82%	5.91%	10.48%	2.42%
Mean	16.34%	5.27%	8.55%	1.64%

This table is for All 3,720 bouts (except rattails) From 2021-26.

What is the correlation from 2021-26 between weight classes and the frequency of Majors?

There is a weak to moderate positive (+0.521 & +0.388) correlation between weight and Majors. Would you have thought 285 had the most Majors?

Episode 56-52



Correlation Weight (125, 133..) & Majors = +0.521

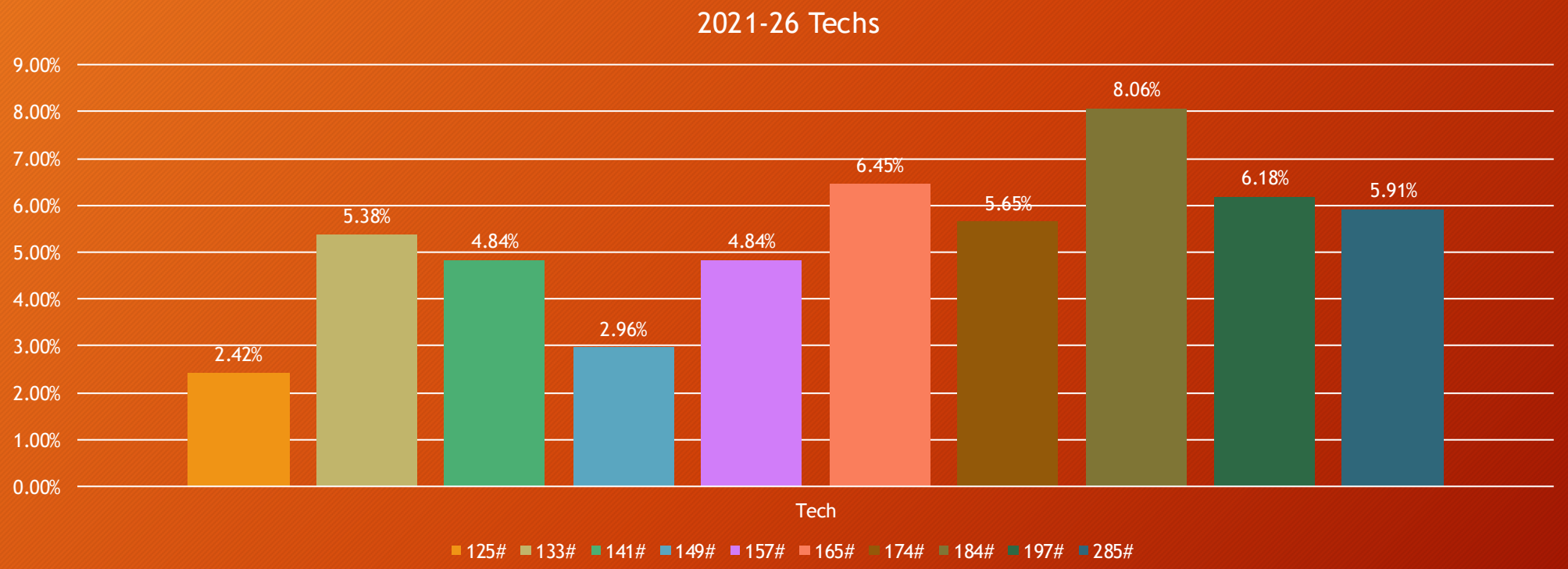
Correlation Weight (1,2,..) & Majors = +0.388

2021-26 Major % Mean for all 10 weights = 16.34%

What is the correlation from 2021-26 between weight classes and the frequency of Techs?

There is a moderate to strong positive correlation (+0.475 & +0.700) between weights & Techs.

Episode 56-53



Correlation Weight (125, 133..) & Techs = +0.475

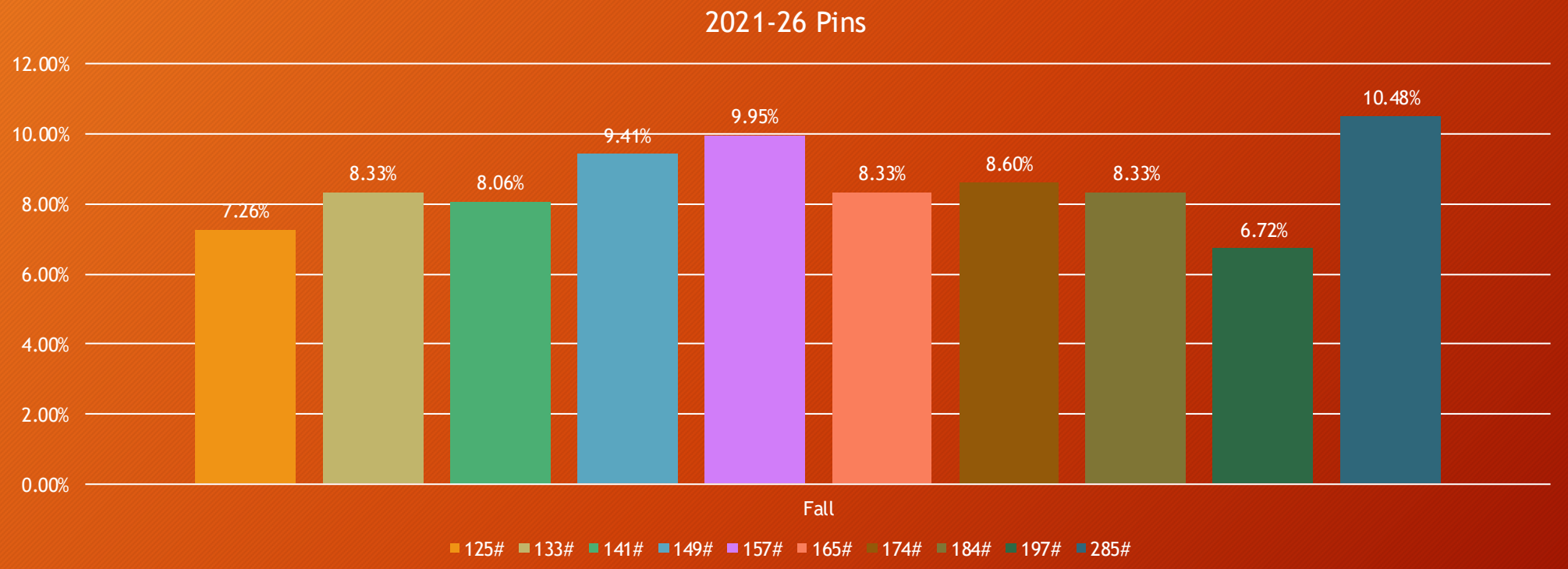
Correlation Weight (1,2,..) & Techs = +0.700

2021-26 Tech % Mean for all 10 weights = 5.27%

What is the correlation from 2021-26 between weight classes and the frequency of Pins?

There is a weak to moderate (+0.454 & +0.241) positive correlation between weight & pins. If you control for 285 there is no correlation (-0.159).

Episode 56-54



Correlation Weight (125, 133..) & Pins = +0.454

Correlation Weight (1,2,..) & Pins = +0.241

Correlation Weight (125, 133.. w/o 285) & Pins = -0.159

2021-26 Pin % Mean for all 10 weights = 8.55%

Can MatStats provide a table for the Delta % from 2021-23 to 2024-26 for Total Points & MOV?

From 2021-23 to 2024-26, the only weight that saw a decrease in total points was 125. All weights saw an increase in MOV.

Episode 56-55

Weight	Total Pts	MOV
125#	-8.29%	4.40%
133#	3.72%	16.19%
141#	10.78%	12.57%
149#	17.22%	48.05%
157#	15.99%	34.98%
165#	25.48%	36.78%
174#	11.29%	17.66%
184#	11.50%	20.47%
197#	19.62%	39.39%
285#	16.39%	19.24%
Mean	12.09%	24.25%

It is surprising that the Total points decreased At 125 and saw a small Increase at 133.

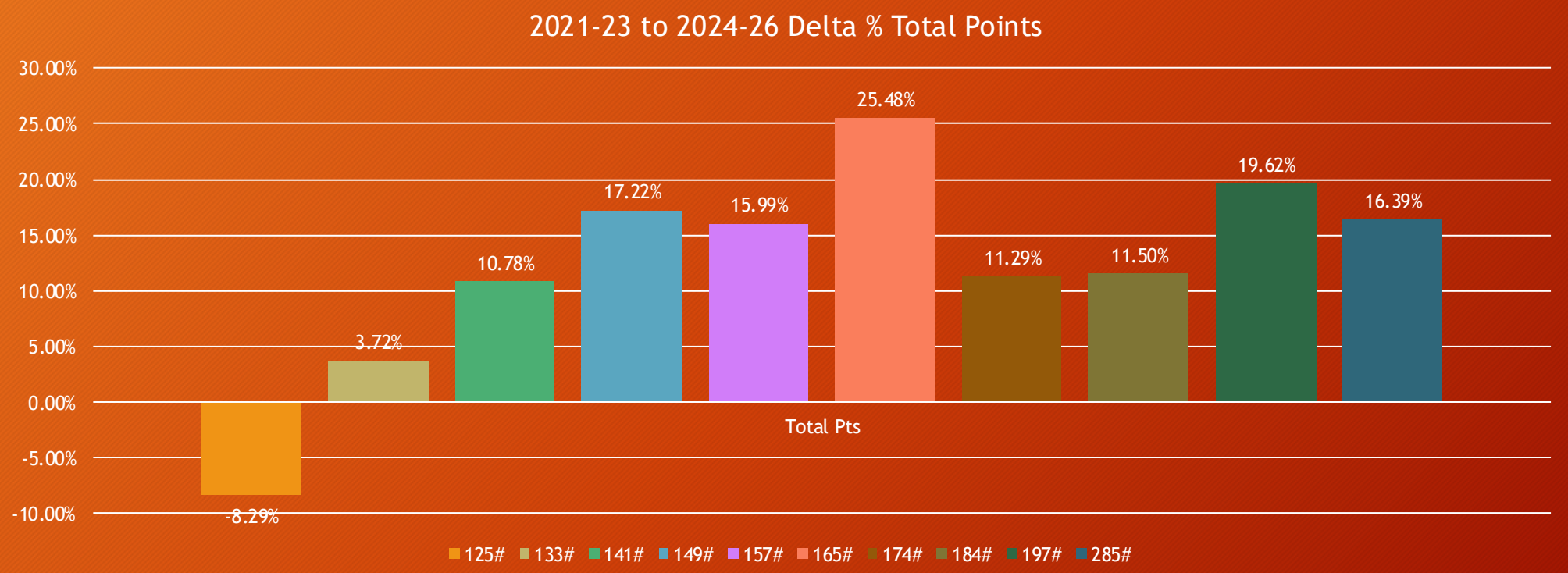
Numbers work that way at times.

We will now more in 2028 if this Is a pattern in certain weights or If it is just a short-term trend.

What is the correlation between weight classes and the Delta % of Total Points from 2021-23 to 2024-26?

There is a moderate to strong (+0.446 & +0.646) positive correlation between weight and Delta % of Total points from 2021-23 to 2024-26.

Episode 56-56



Correlation Weight (125, 133) & Total Points Delta % = +0.446

Correlation Weight (1,2,3..) & Total Points Delta % = +0.646

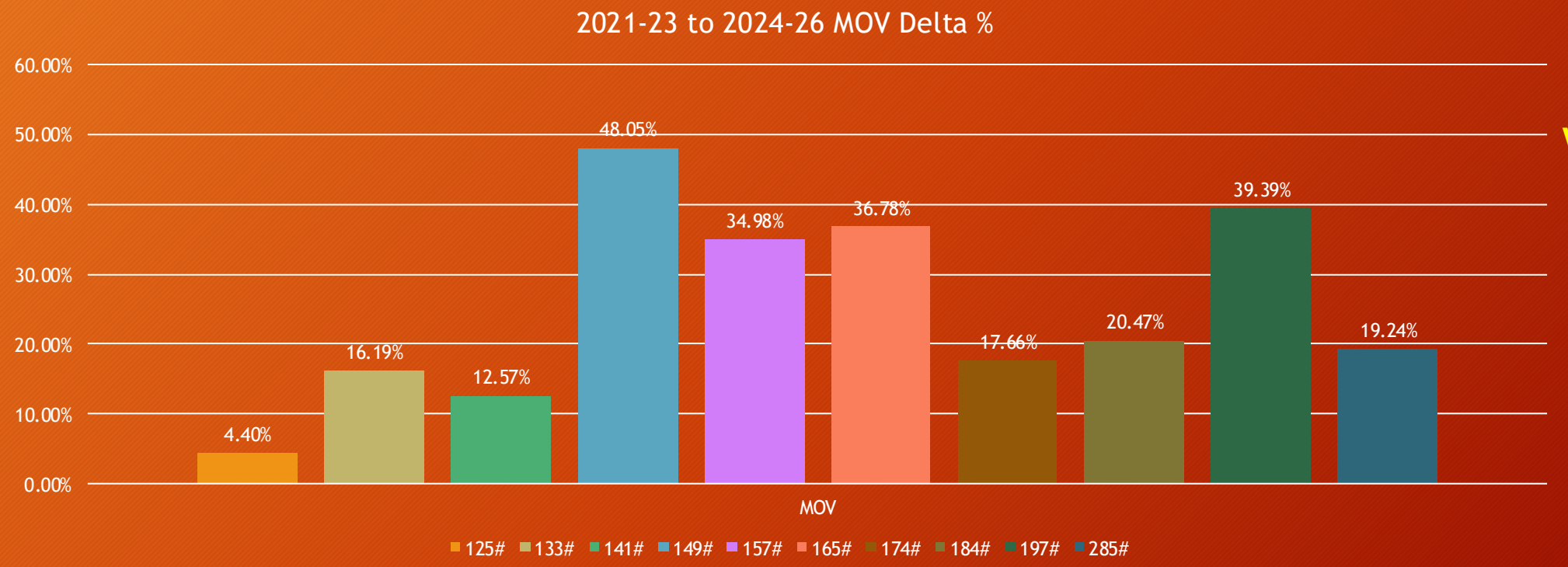
When controlling For 125 = +0.294

2021-23 to 2024-26 Total Pts Delta % Mean for all 10 weights = +12.09%

What is the correlation between weight classes and the Delta % of MOV from 2021-23 to 2024-26?

There is a no to moderate (+0.010 & +0.325) positive correlation between weight and MOV Delta % from 2021-23 to 2024-26.

Episode 56-57



Correlation Weight (125, 133..) & MOV Delta % = +0.010

Correlation Weight (1,2,..) & MOV Delta =+0.325

2021-23 to 2024-26 MOV Delta % Mean for all 10 weights = +24.25%

Summary of weight-by-weight

Episode 56-58

- Gorms, can you give the viewers a statistical summary of the round by round?

- Does the data show some of the old ‘facts’ from anecdotal memory seem not to be ‘facts’?

- Is there such a thing as the ‘best weight’?

You can not statistically say any significant simple elevator speech on the difference weight-by-weight at the NCAA Men's D1 Championships 2021-26.

Episode 56-59

- After analyzing 3,720 bouts from 2021-26, there is no real strong statement that can be made about a difference in scoring and match outcomes weight-by-weight.
- If you still believe that the result is dependent on the weight class, the 70's called they want their stereotype back.
- The days of a heavyweight bout being 1-0 or a pin are over.

Is the old stereotype about heavyweights still valid?

Wrestling is the World's Oldest & Greatest Sport. Watching any weight is better than watching the March Madness Final Four.

Episode 56-60

- Decades ago, it seemed a lot of fans left before the Heavyweights took the mat.
- This seems to have changed drastically.
- Leaving before the heavyweights would be like missing Session 1. What's the point?

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

Episode 56 Kev's Notes #1

Episode 56-61

- 1) 56-9 & 10 Congratulations to friends of the MatStats Show, Steve Cole & Nate Naasz. Steve for being inducted to W&M Athletic HOF and Nate for being selected journalist of the year by WIN Magazine.
- 2) 56-12 The NCAA D1 Cabinet is working on streamlining college eligibility model by making it 5 years after graduating HS or turning 19 with very limited waivers.
- 3) 56-22 & 23 As you go deeper in the tourney, total points and MOV decrease.
- 4) 56-27 Majors, Tech, & Pins also decrease as the rounds progress.
- 5) 56-33 Half of the CH bouts are in round 1. It takes 2 CO rounds to have half the CO bouts. This is why the early rounds affect the weighted arithmetic mean more than later rounds.

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

Episode 56 Kev's Notes #2

Episode 56-62

- 6) 56-39 to 41 Total Points scored and MOV have increased from 2021-23 to 2024-26 this is the result of the inflation of the 3-point TD, not more action.
- 7) 56-43 The CH matches and the CO matches become more competitive as the rounds progress. The CO have more parity than the CH despite the pins frequency being close.
- 8) 56-45 No matter how you slice the stats, it is impossible to declare which round is the best, that will always be a personal decision and will probably change year to year.
- 9) 56-47 to 52 Looking at Total Points and MOV by weight class show no to moderate correlation by weight class.
- 10) 56-59 It will be interesting to see if these patterns smooth out as we have more data points in the upcoming years.

What is the topic next month (Wednesday 7/15/26 3PM EST)?

The next episode is what makes college sports so special and would a minor league baseball type concept work for football & basketball.

Episode 56-63

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

- There is something that makes college sports so special and loved by millions. MatStats dives into the what makes college sports so beloved and how they are different from pro sports. MatStats addresses the question many viewers have asked, "Why don't we just make college football and basketball minor leagues?"