

letter from the editor

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Dear wrestling fans,

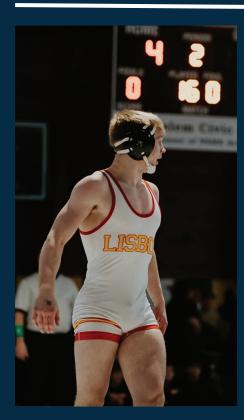
Hi there! Welcome to Senior Edition of the Dakota Grappler. It has been many years since I put this issue together. Last time I did this it almost destroyed this magazine and I had to dig deep to keep it going. In 2006-07 I allowed someone else to take over the production and distribution for this issue (Senior Issue) and they failed. How? Not getting it done on time they never paid the bills they accured, took all the profits for ads sold and stuck me with all the bills. Not many people know this happened so I have been very private and protective of Dakota Grappler because of this. I never wanted to disappoint my advertizers or wrestling fans. So... As Dakota Grappler transitions in the near future to someone else who is willing to take over or purchase it. I want to pass the torch to someone that loves and respects the sport like I have and do. I am not perfect and I do know there has to be someone out there that can do what I do and do better. The search is on. In the near future I would love to retire and hopefully Dakota Grappler does not. I would love to find the "New Dakota Grappler" person... I am grateful for all of you, the fans and supporters of wrestling in both North and South Dakota. My goal has always been to promote the sport and give wrestlers the recognition they deserve. The search is on, help me find someone that can do wrestling the justice it deserves. This magazine is for highlighting our Senior wrestlers, some that will go on to the next level and some that do not. I want them to remember that once a wrestler always a wrestler. Their hard work will be remembered and it pays future dividends. God Bless wrestling!

Sincerely,

Jon Gums

Picture from Softball ND HOF

North Dakota Standout -



Wrestlers: Boeden Greenly School: Lisbon High School

Weight: 170

Coach: Kevin McCleary, and Richard Lucina

Parents: Jamie and Randall

Favorite Move: Left-handed High Crotch

Biggest wrestling accomplishment (to date): Junior Freestyle All Amer-

ican (6th)

Toughest tournament besides state: Rumble on the Red

Proudest victory or Loss: Pinning Wilfred Tanefu @ Valley City Holi-

day

Toughest opponent team/individual South Border

Career Wins: 244 and counting

State Finishes: 3,1,1,1,1

Other Sports: Football and Track Favorite School Subject: Math Hobbies: Trying to tame Cam Opp

College wrestling plans: Wrestle for NDSU

Possible Colleges: NDSU

¥our wisdom to younger wrestlers: If you want to seperate yourself,

wrestle in the summer, lift weights and eat alot of protein.

North Dakota Standout



Coaches Comments: Rei is one of a kind. She is constantly striving to be the best and to bring her teammates with her. She is the hardest worker in the room, a true student of the sport, and will leave a huge hole in our team next year.

Wrestlers Name: Rei Ogden School: Bismarck Century

Weight: 120

Coach: Baron Blanchard, Jordan Ekholm, Dany Tanefeau

Parents: Baron & Damp; Kylie

Favorite Move: Iowa Ride, High Crotch, Nearside Cradle

Biggest wrestling accomplishment (to date): Committing to a college

for the sport; 3 rd at state

Toughest tournament besides state: Rumble on the Red

Proudest victory or Loss: Two peating the Rumble and the Rotary Toughest opponent team/individual: Madelyn Strohmayer, AITK

Career Wins: 66 (since the sanctioning of the girls)

State Finishes: 3 rd place

Other Sports: Cross Country, Soccer, Track & Dried

Favorite School Subject: History

Hobbies: Sports, playing cards, working out, friends & Damp; family

College wrestling plans: University of Sioux Falls

Your wisdom to younger wrestlers:

Strive to fall in love with learning and perfecting the sport, and

everything else to tends come easy. Push to want to

be there, and to not only better yourself, but your teammates. You

will only get better by giving your time, sweat, and determination, everything after that is bonus...

oë Adam has a drive to be the best competitor

she can be. She is always looking for training

opportunities and it shows in her results. This

past summer she became a Fargo All American.

She trains out-of-season with the Legends of Gold club out of Beresford. She was also able to attend

a freestyle training camp at the Olympic Train-

ing Center over Christmas break. She is looking

to finish off her high school career with a second

SĎHSAÃ state championship.

Coach Jeremy Ask

South Dakota Standout



Name: Zoë Adam

School: Canton High School

Weight: 190lbs

Coach: Coach Jeremy Ask Parents: Eric and Bree Adam

Favourite Move: Lat drop or sweep single Biggest wrestling accomplishment to date: 8th at Fargo 2022, or training at the

USOPTC in Jan 2023

Toughest tournament: Fargo Marine

Corps Nationals 2022

Proudest victory or loss: The last match

on the first day of Fargo, when I made it through the blood rounds and qualified to

wrestle the second day

Toughest opponent/team/individual: Maggie Smith (WY, wrestled at Preseason Nationals 2022) and Savannah Isaac (OH, wrestled at Fargo Marine Corps Nationals 2022)

Career wins: In the US: 51-15 (currently)

State finishes: 1x state champion

Other sports: previously: competitive dance, competitive lifeguard sport, brazilian

Favourite school subject: Chemistry or English

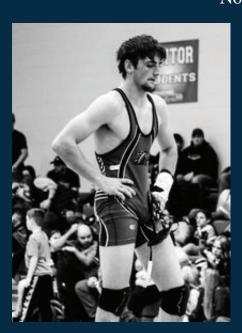
Hobbies: Hiking, reading/writing, cooking, video editing

College wrestling plans: committed to the University of Sioux Falls to continue

academic and wrestling career

Wisdom to younger wrestlers: Never be afraid to step on the mat and start wrestling. You're never too old. Just get out there and do it, and don't be afraid to try new things or even to lose. Keep your priorities straight; wrestling is fun and it's important, but there's nothing more important than your relationship with God and relationships with your family. Thank God for the ability He's given you to wrestle and do it to the best of your ability for His glory.

North Dakota Standout



Name: Marshall Lindgren School: South Border

Weight: 152

Coach: Josh Hoffman, Adam Bettenhausen, Evan Mellmer,

Parents:Kary & Carl Lindgren

Favorite Move: Spladle

Biggest wrestling accomplishment (to date): 2 time State Champion

Toughest tournament besides state: East West in New Salem

Proudest victory or Loss:Lost to Zach Hanson by a major decision, a

Mn Nationally ranked wrestler

Toughest opponent team/individual: Lisbon Broncos

Career Wins: 191 as of 1-30-23

State Finishes: 8th-3rd @106, 9th-1st @ 106, 10th-2nd @132, 11th-1st

@145

Other Sports: Baseball, Football, Rodeo

Favorite School Subject: History

Hobbies: Hunting, Fishing, Ranching

College wrestling plans: None

Possible Colleges: None - Will be full-time ranching with my parents

after graduation.

Your Wisdom to younger wrestlers: Give it everything you have all the

time.





Wrestlers Name: Maraia Kruske School: Spearfish High School

Weight: 106

Coach: Joel Martin and Cody Powers Parents: Jake and Nicole Kruske Favorite Move: Chicken Wing

Biggest wrestling accomplishment (to date): Getting my 100th Career Win Toughest tournament besides state: Pierre and Harrisburg Girls Tourna-

ments

Proudest victory or Loss: Beating MK Joseph Toughest opponent team/individual MK Joseph

Career Wins: 103 State Finishes: 2 Other Sports: N/A

Favorite School Subject: Social Science

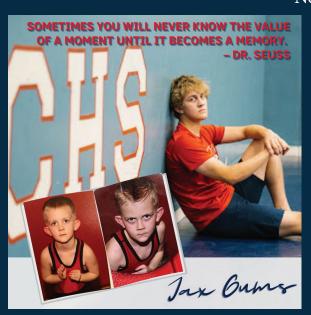
Hobbies: Fishing and Hiking College wrestling plans: Yes

Possible Colleges: University of Sioux Falls

¥our wisdom to younger wrestlers: Don't get your heart set on being the

best, get your heart set on working the hardest.

North Dakota Standout



Name: Jax Gums School: Century Weight:160 Coach:Nate Humann

Parents: Jon and Cindy Gums Favorite Move:Guillotine

Biggest wrestling accomplishment (to date): State Placer

Toughest tournament besides state:Rumble

Proudest victory or Loss:I have so many on both sides wins

and losses: I appreciate them all

Toughest opponent team/individual: BHS/LJ, Mewes, Berg,

Fettig.

Career Wins::50+

State Finishes: 6th in 22 Other Sports:Baseball

Favorite School Subject:History

Hobbies:Baseball, Video Games, fishing College wrestling plans: Not sure yet Possible Colleges:BSC, Dickinson,NDSU

Your Wisdom to Younger wrestlers: Don't take anything for

granted, Shut up and work harder!

Coaches Comments: He hurt his arm

(tendon tear) having surgery and unfortunately

cannot wrestle at State this year (heartbreaking)

He was rated in top 3 before this happened. He has a scholarship to wrestle at Jamestown Uni-

versity in ND under Jim Zaleskey. Best of Luck

ín your wrestling future.

South Dakota Standout



Wrestlers Name: Kipp Cordes School: Wall High School Coach: Luke Weber

Parents: Spencer and Paige Cordes

Favorite Move: Guillotine

Biggest Wrestling Accomplishment to date: 3 time State High School Wrestling medalist, 2022- 4th, 2021 3rd, 2020-7th Toughest tournament besides state: AAU High School Duals, Des Moines Iowa Proudest victory: Being named All Amer-

ican at Iowa Duals

Toughest opponent Team: Canton Toughest Individual: Logan Graf

Career Wins: 116-23

State Finishes: 3 Time Medalist

Other Sports: Rodeo

Favorite School Subject: History

Hobbies: hunting, trapping, fishing, team roping, hanging with my buddies, watching

UFC

College Wrestling Plans: Committed to wrestle and Will Attend Jamestown University

in ND Under Jim Zalesky

Wisdom to younger wrestlers: Some advice I'd give to younger wrestlers is if you want to be good you need to be able to discipline yourself, give every amount of energy at practice, be coachable and listen. If you focus on what you need to do to get better in practice, you will improve and will start to win. Also learn how to handle the pressure and nerves on tournament days.

North Dakota Standout



Wrestlers Name: Aaron Brimhall

School: Tioga High School wrestles for Williams County

Weight: 126

Coach: Arlan Anderson

Parents: Keith and Lana Brimhall

Favorite Move: single leg

Biggest wrestling accomplishment (to date): Placing 8th at State Toughest tournament besides state: East/West n New Salem

Proudest victory or Loss: Beating Sawyer Owens in 2021 to get into

placing at State.

Toughest opponent team/individual: Bishop Ryan

Career Wins: 92 varsity wins State Finishes: 8th at 106 in 2021 Other Sports:Football, Cross Country

Favorite School Subject:English

Hobbies:Hunting, anything outside

College wrestling plans: Haven't decided yet

Possible Colleges: Idaho

¥our wisdom to younger wrestlers: Stick with it, you'll only improve.

Coaches Comments: Adam is an amazing student

that will enable him to far exceed his peers in the

classroom. In Adam's first tournament, he lost

hís first match and was very upset. I remember talking with him and telling him that this sport

ís a marathon and take many years to excel. He

has taken that to heart and has worked hard

every year to make himself better.

who loves to challenge himself with math and physics. Being a wrestler, Adam will have tools





Name: Morgan Lee School: Viborg-Hurley (SD)

Weight: 120-132

Coach: Camron Groenke, Josh Harvey, and Dylan Thomas

Parents: Carissa and William Lee

Favorite Move: Front headlock/ mixer/ leg rides.

Biggest wrestling accomplishment (to date): Making it to Disney Duals and being one win away from All American. That year I had broken my wrist the third day of practice and still was able to compete at state and do well at Disney Duals. It was a proud moment for the coaches as well because we were kind of just using the opportunity as a learning experience and didn't expect to do as well as I did.

Toughest tournament besides state: Disney Duals.

Proudest victory or Loss: My proudest victory would have to be when I wrestled two back to back matches in the 132 weight class in Pierre and won both matches by pin. Both girls were very talented and extremely tough opponents. I weighed in that day at 124 and was very tired after all of it. I ended up finishing third because I wanted it really bad.

Toughest opponent team/individual Career Wins:

State Finishes: I finished 5th place at state my Sophomore year in the 140 weight range.

Other Sports: Softball

Favorite School Subject: Science

Hobbies: Fishing, Hunting, Board/Card Games.

College wrestling plans: I have had a few offers from some colleges but I'm not sure what my college wrestling plans are yet. I know wherever I go I need a program for my LPN.

Possible Colleges: Grays Harbor College

¥our wisdom to younger wrestlers: My wisdom to younger wrestlers would be to stay focused, keep your head up, and always work harder than you did the day before. With wrestling you will get out of it what you put into it. It is no lie that wrestling is a tough sport, no one said it was going to be easy so put in the work you need to succeed and don't get lazy. Don't let a loss get in your head either because you could easily come back a different day and beat that same person. It all relies on how much work you put in. Put in work in the off season and after practice hours because it will pay off.

North Dakota Standout



Wrestlers Name: Adam Smith School: Hillsboro/Central Valley

Weight: 138 Coach: Rob Owens

Parents: Michael and Joleen Smith Favorite Move: Chicken wing

Biggest wrestling accomplishment (to

date): Qualifying for state in 2022

Toughest tournament besides state: East-

Proudest victory or Loss: Loss – I almost got a reversal on a 3-time class A State

Toughest opponent team/individual: Koye Grebel of Valley City

Career Wins: 27 State Finishes: N/A

Other Sports: Cross country, One Act Play, and Acalympics.

Favorite School Subject: Physics

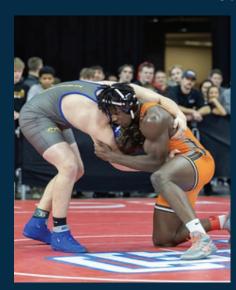
Hobbies: Taking dual-credit classes, playing Euphonium, and camping.

College wrestling plans: Possibly help coach high schoolers.

Possible Colleges: BYU-Idaho or BYU

Your wisdom to younger wrestlers: Wrestling is a sport like no other. It's hard, and it takes years before things start clicking. But if you stay persistent, things will click. I only won three matches my 7th grade year, but now I'm not so shabby.

South Dakota Standout



Wrestlers Name: Abraham Myers School: Washington High School

Weight: 220

Coach: Head coach-Lance Peters

Assistants- Jeff Nielsen and Adam Schlee

Parents: Gibson and Felecia Myers

Favorite Move: Double leg

Biggest wrestling accomplishment (to date): 5th place at 2021-22 State Tour-

Toughest tournament besides state: The Rapid City Invitational

Proudest victory or Loss: Win over Rocky Weidman for 5th Place at State in

Toughest opponent team/individual- Luke Rasmussen

Career Wins:96

State Finishes:5th-2021-22

Other Sports: Football and Track Favorite School Subject: Science Hobbies Netflix and working out

College wrestling plans: I will attend NDSU to play football.

Possible Colleges: I will attend NDSU to play football and study mechanical

engineering

¥our wisdom to younger wrestlers: "Embrace the Grind"

North Dakota Standout



Weight: 145lbs

Coach: David Jochim Parents: Eric and Denise Piatz and the late Greg Jochim

Favorite Move: Blast Double

Wrestlers Name: Emily Jochim School: Wishek Public School

Biggest wrestling accomplishment (to date): 7 th place at Girls A&B 22 State tournament, 4 th place at the 23 Rotary

Tournament.

Toughest tournament besides state: Bismarck Rotary

Proudest victory or Loss: Winning my first match at the 22 Girls A&B State Tour-

Toughest opponent team/individual: Central Cass

Career Wins: 10

State Finishes: 7 th place 2022 ND Girls A&B Other Sports: Volleyball, Basketball, and Softball

Favorite School Subject: Gym Class

Hobbies: Racing season, lake during the summer, and sports. College wrestling plans: No plans on college wrestling

Possible Colleges: Bismarck State College

Your wisdom to younger wrestlers: Wrestling teaches you nothing comes easy, nothing in life comes easy, so you must put in the work and never give up.

Coaches Comment about wrestler: Coaching your little sister in wrestling is special, getting to watch her grow in the few matches she has been able to wrestle has been a great experience for me. She works hard every day and pushes everyone around her to be better. For Emily being a dual sport athlete there are many changes she faces throughout the year. She has many accomplishments in basketball, being named to the all-district team a few times while being a team captain in both sports just shows how good of a leader and team player sh is. Emily's next accomplishments are to score 1000 career points in basketball before the season is over and place higher in state than she did she last. She is a great athlete and an even better person.

South Dakota Standout



Name: Lauren Petersen School: Viborg-Hurley

Weight: 190

Coach: Camron Groenke and Josh Harvey Parents: Treva Petersen and Eric Petersen

Favorite Move: High-C

Biggest wrestling accomplishment (to date): Placing first

at Lee Wolf

Toughest tournament besides state: West Point Girls

Tournament

Proudest victory or loss: Win over Norfolk Catholic in

West Point

Toughest opponent team: Zoe Adam

Individual Career Wins: 31

State Finishes: 6th Other Sports: Softball

Favorite School Subject: Anatomy

Hobbies: Reading

Your wisdom to younger wrestlers: Try your best, and don't just give up. You have opportunities, take them

and use them for all it has to offer.

North Dakota Standout



Wrestler: Henry

Nelson

School: Hillsboro High School Weight: 145 lbs

Coach: Rob Owens and Matt Anderson

Parents: Matthew and Laura Nelson

Favorite Movie: Rocky

Biggest accomplishments for wrestling: Being a state finalist 2022

Coaches Comments:

Henry came to Hillsboro his sophomore

year. He has been a leader in the room

and off the mat. Henry's work ethic is

top notch and I am excited to see where

he takes his skills in the future.

and being a 4 time state placer

Toughest Tournament beside state: East-West tournament Proudest victory or loss: Winning the semi-finals in 2022

Career Wins: 171

State Finishes: 6th place twice, 4th place, and 2nd place.

Other sports: Cross country and track

Favorite school subject: Math

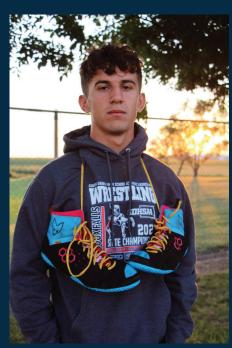
Hobbies: Chess, video games, and Spikeball

College wrestling plans: Looking into wrestling for Concordia,

MN

Possible Colleges: University of North Dakota and Concordia Your wisdom to younger wrestlers: Focus and perfect the basic skills

South Dakota Standout



Clayton Dulany Sr at 138lbs

Warner High School

Coaches: Austin Manzey, Jackson Metz, Austin Nath

Parents: Ryan Dulany, Melissa Dulany Fororite Move: Spider-Man Far From Home

Biggest wrestling accomplishment (to date) 3X State Qualifier

Toughest Tournament: Mid Dakota Monster

Winning my first match at state
Toughest Opponent: Kaden Kaiser

150 Wins

Other Sports: Football, Track, Trap Fav School Subject: Building Design

Hobbies: Hunting, Fishing, Tubing and Video Games

College Wrestling Plans: None Possible Colleges: None

Wisdom to younger wrestlers: Results come with the time you put in

North Dakota Standout



Wrestlers Name: Tristan Pekas School: Hettinger High School

Weight: 182

Coach: Randy Burwick

Parents: Torrey & Demim Pekas

Favorite Move: Slide by

Biggest wrestling accomplishment: Winning the Dylan Humes Memo-

rial

Toughest tournament besides state: Miles City, MT

Proudest Victory or Loss: Beating a 2x Wyoming State Champion Toughest opponent team or individual: New Salem/Reece Jacob

Career Wins 140+

State Finishes: 4th and 5th

Other Sports: Track & Field, football

Favorite School Subject: Math

Hobbies: Weight-lifting, fishing, cooking

College Wrestling Plans: Minot State University Your Wisdom to younger wrestlers: No Regrets

South Dakota Standout



Wrestlers Name: Jack

Even

School: Parker High

School

Weight: 145

Coach: John Silvernail

Parents: Eugene and

Holly Even

Favorite Move: Stand-

ing cradle

Coaches Comments: Jack Even is a hard-nosed kid that believes he is never out of a match.

Biggest wrestling accomplishment (to date): 100th win Toughest tournament besides state: MCM Tournament Proudest victory or Loss: Win against Carter Rager of Canton Toughest opponent team/individual: Ayson Rice - Canton

Career Wins:: 105

State Finishes: State Qualifier 2022 Other Sports: Football, Track and Field

Favorite School Subject: Gym

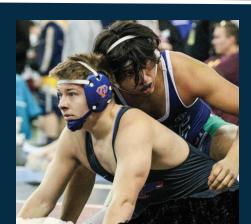
Hobbies: Farming, Fishing, Hunting, Racing

College wrestling plans: None Possible Colleges: None

¥our wisdom to younger wrestlers: Have fun every match.

Wins and losses don't define you.

North Dakota Standout



Wrestlers Name: Ryder Weigel

School: Sheyenne

Weight:195

Coach: Lex Lunde, Logan Lunde, Lane Lunde, and Zach Berube

Parents: Alicia and Ryan Favorite Move: half nelson

Biggest wrestling accomplishment (to date): Placing at the Rumble on

the Red

Toughest tournament besides state: Rumble on the Red Proudest victory or Loss: Winning on Senior Night

Toughest opponent team/individual Beating Bryce Fischer from DGF

Career Wins:: 53 State Finishes: none

Other Sports: Football and Baseball Favorite School Subject: Science

Hobbies: Lifting Weights

College wrestling plans: Undecided

Possible Colleges: undecided

¥our wisdom to younger wrestlers: Enjoy the sport while you're in it

and work hard

The Breakdown: 8 Ways to Motivate Young Wrestlers

by Jon Gums

- 1. Set clear goals and expectations.
- 2. Provide regular feedback and recognition.
- 3. Encourage a growth mindset and emphasize the importance of effort.
- 4. Create a positive and supportive team culture.
- 5. Offer opportunities for skill development and improvement.
- 6. Make training and competition fun and enjoyable.
- 7. Provide role models and mentorship opportunities.
- 8. Encourage persistence and resilience in the face of setbacks and failures.

So how do you set clear goals and expectations?

To set clear goals and expectations, you can follow these steps:

- 1. Identify the outcome you want to achieve: Start by defining what you want to achieve and make it specific, measurable, attainable, relevant, and time-bound (SMART).
- 2. Communicate with stakeholders: Ensure everyone involved understands the goals and expectations by clearly communicating them, either through a meeting, email or some other means.
- 3. Establish a timeline: Create a timeline for when the goals and expectations should be met, along with interim deadlines and milestones.
- 4. Assign roles and responsibilities: Make sure everyone knows their role and what they are responsible for in achieving the goals and expectations.
- 5. Monitor progress and adjust if necessary: Regularly check in on progress and make changes if necessary to ensure that the goals and expectations are met.
- 6. Celebrate success: When goals and expectations are met, celebrate and acknowledge the achievement. This helps to build a positive team dynamic and motivation for future success.

How do you provide regular feedback and recognition?

There are several ways to provide regular feedback and recognition:

- 1. One-on-one meetings: Schedule regular one-on-one meetings with young wrestlers to discuss their performance and provide feedback.
- 2. Wrestler surveys: Conduct anonymous surveys to gather wrestler feedback and use it to recognize and reward good performance.
- 3. Public recognition: Make public recognition a regular part of your culture by using tools such as sport-wide emails or team meetings to highlight young wrestler achievements.
- 4. Performance reviews: Conduct regular performance reviews to formally assess wrestler performance and provide feedback. Don't be afraid to use social media.
- 5. Reward and recognition programs: Implement reward and recognition programs that incentivize good performance and reward wrestlers for their achievements. End of the year award is a good tool to implement.

Remember to make feedback and recognition a regular part of your culture, and to tailor it to the individual needs and preferences of your wrestlers.

How do you encourage a growth mindset and emphasize the importance of effort?

Encouraging a growth mindset and emphasizing the importance of effort in wrestlers can be done through the following ways:

- 1. Focus on the process, not just the outcome: Emphasize the importance of hard work, dedication, and improvement over winning or losing.
- 2. Celebrate effort: Recognize and praise wrestlers for their hard work and perseverance, even in the of failure.

- 3. Teach the power of persistence: Show wrestlers how persistence and effort can lead to growth and improvement, even when results are not immediate.
- 4. Embrace challenges: Encourage wrestlers to see challenges as opportunities for growth, rather than obstacles.
- 5. Foster a positive environment: Create a supportive and encouraging environment where wrestlers feel free to take risks and learn from their mistakes.
- 6. Model a growth mindset: Lead by example and demonstrate a growth mindset in your own behavior and attitudes.
- 7. Encourage reflection: Encourage wrestlers to reflect on their performance, identify areas for improvement, and set goals for future growth.

How do you create a positive and supportive team culture?

To create a positive and supportive team culture in young wrestlers, consider the following steps:

- 1. Establish clear expectations and rules for behavior and teamwork.
- 2. Encourage open communication and active listening among team members.
- 3. Foster a growth mindset by emphasizing effort over results.
- 4. Celebrate everyone's successes and contributions, both individually and as a team.
- 5. Provide opportunities for team building activities and bonding experiences.
- 6. Lead by example and demonstrate positive attitudes and behaviors.
- 7. Address conflicts promptly and fairly to maintain a positive and inclusive environment.
- 8. Recognize and value the unique strengths and perspectives of each team member.
- 9. Create a safe and supportive environment where everyone feels comfortable to express themselves.
- 10. Continuously assess and strive to improve the team culture by seeking feedback from team members.

How to offer opportunities for skill development and improvement.

To offer opportunities for skill development and improvement in wrestling, consider the following steps:

- 1. Hire a qualified coach: A coach can provide structured training and offer feedback on techniques.
- 2. Organize workshops, clinics and camps: Workshops, clinics and camps provide a hands-on learning environment where wrestlers can practice and receive feedback from experienced wrestlers and coaches.
- 3. Encourage participation in tournaments: Tournaments provide opportunities for wrestlers to apply their skills against other competitors and receive feedback from referees and coaches.
- 4. Offer individualized training: Individualized training can help wrestlers focus on specific areas of weakness and receive tailored instruction.
- 5. Provide access to resources: Offer access to instructional videos, books, and other resources that can help wrestlers develop their skills outside of training.

How do you keep it fun?

Here are some ways to make training and competition in wrestling fun and enjoyable:

- 1. Set achievable goals: Set both short-term and long-term goals for yourself and track your progress. Celebrate your achievements along the way.
- 2. Train with a partner: Having a training partner can make practices more enjoyable and help push each other to improve.
- 3. Variety in training: Mix up your routine with different drills, exercises, and training methods to keep things fresh and exciting.
- 4. Create a positive atmosphere: Encourage and support your teammates, and make sure to have fun and enjoy the sport.
- 5. Focus on personal improvement: Instead of focusing solely on winning, try to focus on getting better every day and learning new techniques.
- 6. Reward yourself: Give yourself a treat or take a break after a hard workout or competition.

7. Have a positive mindset: Believe in yourself and your abilities, and focus on the things you do well rather than your weaknesses.

Remember, wrestling should be fun and enjoyable, so find what works for you and have a great time!

How do you provide role models and mentorships opportunities for young wrestlers?

Here are some suggestions for providing role models and mentorship opportunities for wrestlers:

- 1. Invite successful wrestlers to speak. This provides a unique opportunity for the wrestlers to learn from the experiences of the role model and ask questions.
- 2. Create mentorship programs where wrestlers can be paired with experienced wrestlers or coaches who can offer guidance and support. This can help build trust and foster long-term relationships.
- 3. Offer internships or shadowing opportunities for wrestlers to work with experienced professionals in the field. This has worked in our USA wrestling referee program. This can give wrestlers hands-on experience and help them understand what it takes to succeed.
- 4. Encourage wrestlers to take leadership roles within their teams. This can help them develop communication, problem-solving, and leadership skills, as well as provide a platform for them to serve as role models for other wrestlers.
- 5. Provide access to educational resources and opportunities for wrestlers to expand their knowledge and skills. This can help wrestlers develop a more well-rounded understanding of the sport and their own strengths and weaknesses.

Overall, providing role models and mentorship opportunities can help wrestlers develop confidence, motivation, and the skills they need to succeed both on and off the mat.

And finally, I address a tough part of wrestling and that is bouncing back from set-backs.

Encouraging persistence and resilience in young athletes requires a combination of approach that may include:

- 1. Fostering a growth mindset: Teach the athlete to view failures and setbacks as opportunities for growth and learning, rather than personal shortcomings.
- 2. Celebrating effort over outcome: Emphasize the importance of putting in effort, rather than just focusing on winning or losing.
- 3. Promoting resilience skills: Teach coping strategies such as problem-solving, goal-setting, and self-reflection to help the athlete bounce back from setbacks.
- 4. Encouraging self-care: Help the athlete to understand the importance of taking care of their physical and mental health, and provide them with tools to do so.
- 5. Providing support: Create a supportive and encouraging environment where the athlete feels valued and heard. Offer praise and recognition for their efforts, and encourage them to seek help when needed.
- 6. Modeling behavior: Lead by example and show the athlete how to handle failure and setbacks in a positive way.

Thanks for listen to me ramble on as I write this article with lots of points. Many people search for answers and just want good ideas for motivation. I have gone down the rabbit hole a few to many times when doing research on motivation. What I have found to be the key is one thing and one thing only. Be a "life-time learning" the thing that works today might help tomorrow but as you grow and learn what works for you will always be changing and challenging. Are you up for the challenge?

By Jon Gums Owner and Editor Dakota Grappler

South Dakota Standout



Wrestlers Name: Tyson Durham School: St. Thomas More High School

Weight: 138

Coach: Nick Durham

Parents:Nick and Jennifer Durham Favorite Move: Chicken wing tilt

Biggest wrestling accomplishment (to date): 4X state qualifier

Toughest tournament besides state: Rapid City Invite

Proudest victory or Loss: The next one

Toughest opponent team/individual Philip and Canton

Career Wins:: 115 State Finishes: --

Other Sports: Football and baseball

Favorite School Subject: PE Hobbies: Hanging with friends

College wrestling plans: Not wrestling in college, but will train for

MMA

Possible Colleges: NA

¥our wisdom to younger wrestlers: Don't be afraid to take a risk.





Wrestler: Tanner DeFoe

School: Hettinger Public High School

Weight:120

Coach:Randy Burwick

Parents: Bryan and Heidi DeFoe Favorite Move: A bar and a wrist

Biggest Wrestling accomplishment (to date) Placing 5th last year at state

Toughest tournament besides state: East West in New Salem Proudest Victory/loss: Beating Cody Simmons for 5th at state

State Finishes: 5th in 2022

Other Sports: Football, Baseball (summer and High School)

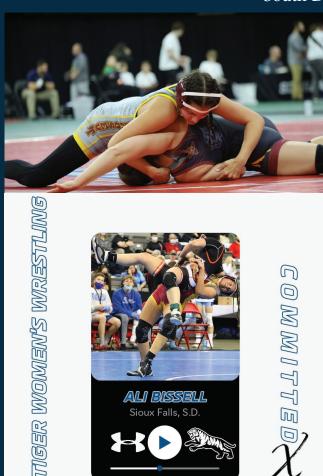
Hobbies: Fishing, Hunting, Video Games, basketball with friends, and hanging out

with friends

Wrestling in College plans: None Possible Colleges: Going to NDSU

Your Wisdom to younger wrestlers: Work hard in practice, you will achieve your goals, depending on the work you put in, don't take the time for granted.

South Dakota Standout



Wrestlers Name: Ali Bissell School: Roosevelt High School

Weight: 142

Coach: Jacob Anderson Parents: Anna Bissell

Favorite Move: Turk or Low Single

Biggest wrestling accomplishment (to date): Winning Freestyle

Toughest tournament besides state: Rapid City Invite

Proudest victory or Loss: Winning by decision against Neveah

Leanord

Toughest opponent team/individual: Neveah Leanord

Career Wins: 28 Since Being Sanctioned! State Finishes: 2nd place 2 years in a row

Other Sports: none

Favorite School Subject: English

Hobbies: Writing, reading, working out

College wrestling plans: Attending DWU for wrestling

Possible Colleges: DWU

Your wisdom to younger wrestlers: What you put into wrestling is

what you'll get out of it.

North Dakota Standout



School: West Fargo High School Weight: 130 Coach: Trent Walker Parents: Shannon and Dave Larson Favorite Move: All of them Biggest wrestling accomplishment (to date): Placing first at State 2022 Toughest tournament besides state: Rum-

Proudest victory or Loss: All my losses got me to where I am now as a wrestler Toughest opponent team/individual: Opponents from Fargo Nationals

Career Wins: 60+

State Finishes: 1x State Champion Other Sports: Cross Country and Track Favorite School Subject: Building Trades Hobbies: Playing piano and guitar

College wrestling plans: Dickinson State University

Possible Colleges:

Your wisdom to younger wrestlers: If you want it bad enough you will get it. Don't let inexperience deter you from trying it.

Coaches Comments: Lindsey Ander-

son is among few people I have seen accept the failures they've experienced and turn them into

strengths over time. She is a phenomenal wrestler and human. Those that look for inspiration in any sport should take some pages from Lindsey's book and use her exploration in this sport to write their own book. Lindsey looks to be highly successful this summer with the North Dakota Team and further that success as she attends Díckínson State University next year.

Coaches Comments:

Charlie Patten has limitless

potential and will make a run at

the top of the podium this year.

South Dakota Standout



Wrestlers Name: Charlie Patten

School: Parker High School

Weight: 195

Coach: John Silver-

nail

Parents: Mike and

Erin Patten

Favorite Move: Chuck Back

Biggest wrestling accomplishment (to date): 4 Time state

qualifier

Toughest tournament besides state: MCM Tournament

Proudest victory or Loss: Isaac Feldhaus at state

Toughest opponent team/individual: Tanner Meyers - Can-

ton

Career Wins:: 189

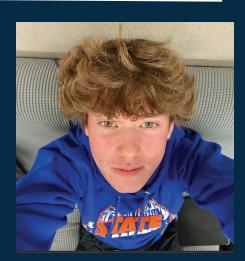
State Finishes: 6th in 2022, 7th in 2021, 8th in 2020 Other Sports: Football, Track and Field, Baseball Favorite School Subject: Math with Ms. Harms Hobbies: Fishing, Acting in the school play, College wrestling plans: SMSU Wrestling

Possible Colleges: Signed to SMSU

¥our wisdom to younger wrestlers: Don't let the moment get

to you and just have fun.

North Dakota Standout



Wrestlers Name: Ashton Schaff

School: Sheyenne Weight: 195

Coach: Lex Lunde, Logan Lunde, Lane Lunde, and Zach Berube

Parents: Kirsten and Troy Favorite Move: High C

Biggest wrestling accomplishment (to date): Winning EDC as a team

Toughest tournament besides state: Rumble on the Red

Proudest victory or Loss: Pinning the Thief River Falls kid that I lost to the

previous day.

Toughest opponent team/individual BHS

Career Wins:: 17 State Finishes: none Other Sports: Football

Favorite School Subject: History

Hobbies: Working out College wrestling plans: None

Possible Colleges: Grand Canyon University and NDSU

¥our wisdom to younger wrestlers: Don't take any days for granted.

Coaches Comments:

how far he can go.

Zaul Centeno contínues to ím-

prove, and we are excited about

South Dakota Standout



Wrestlers Name: Zaul Centeno School: Parker High School

Weight: 285

Coach: John Silvernail

Parents: Edwin and Erica Cen-

teno

Favorite Move: Fireman

Biggest wrestling accomplishment

(to date): Winning the Winner

Tournament

Toughest tournament besides state: Mid Dakota Monster Proudest victory or Loss: Louie Thiry at Mid Dakota Mon-

ster

Toughest opponent team/individual Traun Cook - Canton

Career Wins::66

State Finishes: State Qualifier in 2022

Other Sports: Football

Favorite School Subject: Science Hobbies: Fishing, Sports, Lifting College wrestling plans: None Possible Colleges: None

Your wisdom to younger wrestlers: Have fun and enjoy the

years that you have.

North Dakota Standout

Wrestlers Name: Nicholas Renner

School: Sheyenne Weight: 195

Coach: Lex Lunde, Logan Lunde, Lane Lunde, and Zach Berube

Parents: Tracy and Ross Favorite Move: Single Leg

Biggest wrestling accomplishment (to date): Winning the JV Rumble on the

Red Tourney

Toughest tournament besides state: Rumble on the Red Proudest victory or Loss: Lasting a full period with Ole Taylor

Toughest opponent team/individual Ole Taylor

Career Wins:: 7
State Finishes: none

Other Sports: Football, weightlifting, and Volleyball

Favorite School Subject: Chemistry Hobbies: Working and Lifting weights

College wrestling plans: none Possible Colleges: NDSU

¥our wisdom to younger wrestlers: have fun and be competitive.

Logan Bridges keeps working to

get better every day and finds

Coaches Comments:

ways to win.

nout

South Dakota Standout

Wrestlers Name: Logan Bridges School: Parker High School

Weight: 182

Coach: John Silvernail

Parents: Jason and Kari Bridges

Favorite Move: Gator Roll

Biggest wrestling accomplishment (to date): Making the state tournament Toughest tournament besides state:

MCM Tournament

Proudest victory or Loss: Blood round at the region tournament in 2022.

Toughest opponent team/individual: Crownover - Bon Homme

Career Wins::48

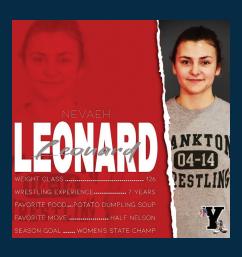
State Finishes: State Qualifier in 2022 Other Sports: Football and Baseball Favorite School Subject: Lunch

Hobbies: Sports, Hanging out with friends

College wrestling plans: None Possible Colleges: SDSU - USD

¥our wisdom to younger wrestlers: Wrestle at whatever weight you are at. Do

not cut weight.



North Dakota Standout

Wrestlers Name: Nevaeh Leonard School: Yankton High School

Weight: 142

Coach: Riley Smith

Parents: Gabriel and Kimberly Leonard

Favorite Move: Power-Half

Biggest wrestling accomplishment (to date): Becoming an All-American

(October 21, 2021)

Toughest tournament besides state: Grappler Fall Classic Proudest victory or Loss: Winning first at state in 2021

Toughest opponent individual: Payton Hellman of Bon-Homme

Career Wins: 75 State Finishes: 2 Other Sports: None

Favorite School Subject: English

Hobbies: Drawing, Painting, and Reading

College wrestling plans: I will wrestle at Southeast Community College

Possible Colleges: Southeast Community College

¥our wisdom to younger wrestlers: Don't let our mind belittle what your

body is capable of.



South Dakota Standout

Wrestlers Name: Mason Pulse School: McCook Central/ Montrose

Weight: 182

Coach: Scott Andal

Parents: John and Angie Pulse Favorite Move: Firemans

Biggest wrestling accomplishment (to date): State Qualifier

Toughest tournament besides state: McCook Central Montrose Invitational Proudest victory or Loss: Beating Beau Williams in the first round of the

state tournoment

Toughest opponent team/individual: Canton

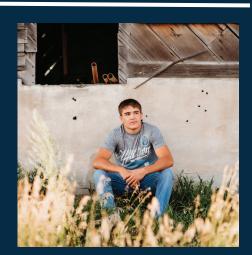
Career Wins: 101 State Finishes: DNP Other Sports: Track

Favorite School Subject: Physics Hobbies: Reading and swimming

College wrestling plans: I will not be wrestling in college

Possible Colleges: South Dakota State University

¥our wisdom to younger wrestlers: You wrestle like you practice.



North Dakota Standout

Wrestlers Name: Landon Schumacher

School: Linton High School

Weight: 170

Coach: Bruce Hase

Parents: Russ and Michelle Schumacher

Favorite Move: John Smith

Biggest wrestling accomplishment (to date): 8th in state 2022

Toughest tournament besides state: Storhaug

Proudest victory or Loss: Region win over Brock Wendel Toughest opponent team/individual Boden Greenley

Career Wins: 97 State Finishes: 8th Other Sports: Football

Favorite School Subject: Anatomy

Hobbies: Hunting, gardening, and video games College wrestling plans: Do not plan on wrestling Possible Colleges: University of North Dakota

Your wisdom to younger wrestlers: Always wrestle like it is your last match

because you'll never know if it is until it's too late



South Dakota Standout

Wrestlers Name: Austin Hoiten

School: MCM Weight:285

Coach: Scott Andal

Parents: Steve and Sheila Hoiten Favorite Move: Lateral drop

Biggest wrestling accomplishment (to date): qualifying for state

Toughest tournament besides state: MCM invite

Proudest victory or Loss: winning the MCM invite this year

Toughest opponent team/individual Canton

Career Wins:: 130 State Finishes: DNP Other Sports: Football

Favorite School Subject: Lunch Hobbies: Hunting/Fishing College wrestling plans: NO

Possible Colleges:

¥our wisdom to younger wrestlers: stay out when it gets hard and have men-

tal toughness



North Dakota Standout



School: Carrington

Weight: 152

Coach:d Josh Kerbaugh Parents: Kip and Jozie Favorite Move: Single leg

Biggest wrestling accomplishment (to date): Placed at Rotary Toughest tournament besides state: Rumble on the Red and Rotary

Proudest victory or Loss:

Toughest opponent team/individual

Career Wins::133 State Finishes:

Other Sports: Track, baseball, football Favorite School Subject:Math and PE

Hobbies: Playing Xbox, friends, and hunting

College wrestling plans: Possible Colleges: UND

Your wisdom to younger wrestlers: Stick it out through the tough times.





South Dakota Standout

Wrestlers Name: Noah Hutmacher

School: Chamberlain HS

Weight: 220

Coach: John Donovan

Parents: Joe and Laura Hutmacher Favorite Move: Wolf of Wall Street

Biggest wrestling accomplishment (to date): Being apart of National Dual

Teams

Toughest tournament besides state: Fargo Freestyle/Greco Nationals

Proudest victory or Loss: Navarro Schunke

Toughest opponent team/individual: Damion Schunke

Career Wins: 137 as of 2/2/2023

State Finishes: 3 rd 2020-2021/ 2 nd 2021-2022/ ? 2022-2023

Other Sports: Football, Track Favorite School Subject: Math

Hobbies: Hanging out with friends, Video games College wrestling plans: Playing football in college. Possible Colleges: Northern State University

¥our wisdom to younger wrestlers: Work hard in the off season, it may suck

but it will be worth it.

North Dakota Standout



CAMPATING

Wrestlers Name: Trace Hoggarth

School: Carrington High School Weight: 120 lbs Coach: Joshua Ker-

baugh

Parents: Elizabeth Hoggarth and Culley & Nikole Hog-

garth

Favorite Move: Cradle

Biggest wrestling accomplishment (to date): State Champion

Coaches Comments:

committed to his craft

Trace is a smart wrestler and is

Toughest tournament besides state: Junior Duals

Proudest victory or Loss: State Finals

Toughest opponent team/individual: Sloar Johansen

Career Wins: 134

State Finishes: 4 th & Damp; 1 st

Other Sports: Track & Donney Cross Country

Favorite School Subject: PE

Hobbies: Hunting, Fishing, and hanging with friends

College wrestling plans: None Possible Colleges: Attending NDSU

Your wisdom to younger wrestlers: Work for what you want



South Dakota Standout

Wrestlers Name: Tyson Durham School: St. Thomas More High School

Weight: 138

Coach: Nick Durham

Parents:Nick and Jennifer Durham Favorite Move: Chicken wing tilt

Biggest wrestling accomplishment (to date): 4X state qualifier

Toughest tournament besides state: Rapid City Invite

Proudest victory or Loss: The next one

Toughest opponent team/individual Philip and Canton

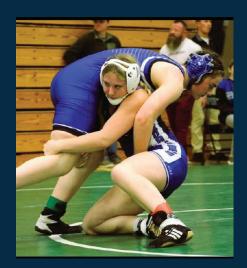
Career Wins:: 115
State Finishes: --

Other Sports: Football and baseball Favorite School Subject: PE Hobbies: Hanging with friends

College wrestling plans: Not wrestling in college, but will train for MMA

Possible Colleges: NA

¥our wisdom to younger wrestlers: Don't be afraid to take a risk.



North Dakota Standout

Wrestlers Name: Jeannie Keller School: Zeeland Public School

Weight: 140

Coach: David Jochim

Parents: Tiffiny and Kenneth Keller

Favorite Move: Double

Biggest wrestling accomplishment (to date): Taking 3 rd place at the 2022 Girls A&B State Tourna-

ment

Toughest tournament besides state:

Bismarck Rotary

Proudest victory or Loss: Winning 3 rd place match at state Toughest opponent team/individual: Alyssa Johnson

Career Wins: 32 State Finishes: 3 rd

Other Sports: Volleyball and Track Favorite School Subject: Math Hobbies: Hanging out with friends. College wrestling plans: None

Possible Colleges: North Dakota State University

Your wisdom to younger wrestlers: Push yourself hard and you will see the

results you are working for.

Coaches Comments: Jeannie has been a great leader from the time she started wrestling. She is a hard worker in practice and motivates everyone around her. All the girls look up to her, follow her around at tournaments, and listen to anything that she has to say. Jeannie is not always the easiest to coach but she is never scared to work hard and holds everyone around her to the same standard. Jeannie will be a big loss to our team and a tough roll to fill for years to come. She has left a big footprint in south border wrestling that a lot of other girls will be trying to fill.

Coaches Comments: Deegan is the type of person that everyone wants to be around. He is

leader. He takes very good care of his teammates.

talented, hardworking, humble, and a great

his all every time. Deegan has had to battle

through a few injuries over the years. He has

made the proper adjustments to his training/

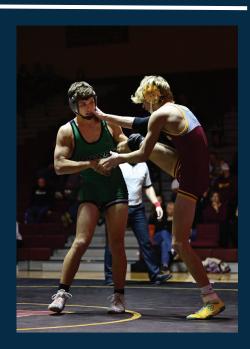
wrestling and never let them be an excuse. No

decides to do in his future he will make all of

dealt with them,

matter what he

Governor Wrestling proud.



South Dakota Standout

Wrestlers Name: Deegan Houska School: Pierre T.F. Riggs High School

Weight: 160#

Coach: Shawn Lewis

Parents: Trinity and Tanya Houska Favorite Move: High-Crotch

Biggest wrestling accomplishment (to date): 2022 State Finals Junior Year

Rapid City Invite

Proudest victory or Loss: 2022 State

Toughest tournament besides state:

Semi-Finals match

Toughest opponent team/individual: Brandon Valley

Career Wins: 129

State Finishes: 8 th in 2020 (Fresh), 6 th in 2021 (Soph), 2 nd in 2022 (Junior)

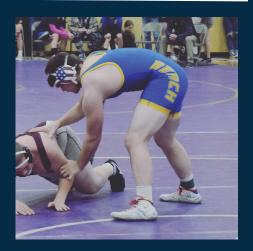
Other Sports: Football, Baseball, and Track

Favorite School Subject: Math Hobbies: Golf, Fishing, Hunting College wrestling plans: None

Possible Colleges: South Dakota State University

Your wisdom to younger wrestlers: Enjoy it now even when you don't want to

because when its over, its over.



North Dakota Standout

Wrestlers Name: Mace Stuber School: Bowman County

Weight: 220

Coach: Jeff Boynton

Parents: Duane and Dana Stuber Favorite Move: Switch, Duck Under Biggest wrestling accomplishment (to date): 100 Varsity Wins Toughest tournament besides state: Sydney Eagle Invitational Proudest victory missed; he is a hard worker and he sets his goals high for himself and his team mates. He is a kid that always works harder to be better and pushes his team mates to do the same. I wish Mace Stuber the best of luck in the future and I know whatever he does he will accomplish his goals.

Coaches Comments: This kid will be truly

or Loss: 3rd Place Finish at State as a Jr Toughest opponent team/individual

South Border, Armani Smith Career Wins: 109

State Finishes: 6th So year, 3rd Jr year

Other Sports: Football

Favorite School Subject: U.S. History

Hobbies: Working on the ranch and watching NASCAR

College wrestling plans: N/A

Possible Colleges: Dickinson State to play Football.

Your wisdom to younger wrestlers: Always listen to your Coaches, they al-

ways know more than you.



South Dakota Standout

Wrestlers Name: Nevaeh Leonard School:Yankton High School

Weight: 142 Coach: Riley Smith

Parents: Gabriel and Kimberly Leonard

Favorite Move: Power-Half

Biggest wrestling accomplishment (to date): Becoming an All-American

(October 21, 2021)

Toughest tournament besides state: Grappler Fall Classic Proudest victory or Loss: Winning first at state in 2021

Toughest opponent individual: Payton Hellman of Bon-Homme

Career Wins: 75 State Finishes: 2 Other Sports: None

Favorite School Subject: English

Hobbies: Drawing, Painting, and Reading

College wrestling plans: I will wrestle at Southeast Community College

Possible Colleges: Southeast Community College

¥our wisdom to younger wrestlers: Don't let our mind belittle what your

body is capable of.



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North Dakota Standout

Wrestlers Name: Garrett Hebl School: LaMoure-Litchville-Marion

Weight: 160

Coach: Matt Hebl, Brent Hebl, Dal-

ton Hamlin

Parents: Matt and Emily Hebl Favorite Move: the Cradle

Biggest wrestling accomplishment (to date): Winning 2 State titles.

Toughest tournament besides state:

Salem are all tough.

Linton, Casselton, Lisbon, and New

Proudest victory or Loss: Winning my first State Championship at 145 Toughest opponent team/individual. Lisbon / Jordon Sours and Boeden

Career Wins:: See info above

State Finishes: See info above
Other Sports: Football and Baseball

Favorite School Subject: Hobbies: Hunting / Fishing

College wrestling plans: Undecided

Possible Colleges: Wahpeton or Northland Tech

Your wisdom to younger wrestlers: Enjoy the ride and have fun.

Coaches Comments:

Garrett is the most natural wrestler that I have had the pleasure of coaching. He has been a step ahead of his opponents since the first time he put on a singlet at 5 years old. He has a unique ability to see a move and then hit it in the next match.



South Dakota Standout

Wrestlers Name: Marlee Shorter

School: Pierre T.F. Riggs

Weight: 190

Coach: Matt Thorson and Kyle Sarringar Parents: Kelcey and Monty Shorter

Favorite Move: Chin Whip

Biggest wrestling accomplishment (to date): Winning State my sophomore

year

Toughest tournament besides state: The Second Harrisburg tournament Proudest victory or Loss: Winning my state championship match

Toughest opponent team/individual: Zoe Adam (Canton

Career Wins: 66:8

State Finishes: 1st and 4th Other Sports: Tennis and Track Favorite School Subject: Math

Hobbies: Lifting and spending time with friends

College wrestling plans: n/a

Possible Colleges: Lesley University and Grand Canyon University Your wisdom to younger wrestlers: Try your best and have fun.

North Dakota Standout



Wrestlers Name: Emma Buee

School: Des Lacs Burlington High School

Weight: 170

Coach: Colton Miller

Parents: Justin and Brandi Buee

Favorite Move: doubles

Biggest wrestling accomplishment (to date): My biggest accom-

plishment so far has been winning state last year.

Toughest tournament besides state: Junior Nationals in Fargo Proudest victory or Loss: My proudest wins was winning state last year. I won in the finals over a girl I wasp 1-1 with.

Toughest opponent team/individual: The toughest opponent

I've wrestled was the girl who ended up being a national champ.

Career Wins: 38-5 but the season isn't over yet

State Finishes: 1st Other Sports: none

Favorite School Subject: math and art

Hobbies: Most of my hobbies include wrestling.

College wrestling plans: I will be wrestling for Augsburg Univer-

sity next year.

Possible Colleges: Augsburg

¥our wisdom to younger wrestlers: Just got for it. There's no point in not trying. There's no point in being scared.



South Dakota Standout

Wrestlers Name: Connor Siemonsma School: West Central High School

Weight: 138

Coach: Mike Ideker and Cole Grocott Parents: Monie and Heath Siemons-

Favorite Move: Single Leg

Biggest wrestling accomplishment (to date): State Qualifier Toughest tournament besides state: Rapid City

Tournament Proudest victory or Loss: First time winning a tourna-

ment Toughest opponent team/individual: Tea

Career Wins:: 90 State Finishes: NA Other Sports: Baseball

Favorite School Subject: Math Hobbies: Hunting and Fishing College wrestling plans: None Possible Colleges: SDSU

Your wisdom to younger wrestlers:

Work hard every day. You are not guaranteed any full season to reach your





Wrestlers Name: Emma Buee

School: Des Lacs Burlington High School

Weight: 170

Coach: Colton Miller

Parents: Justin and Brandi Buee

Favorite Move: doubles

Biggest wrestling accomplishment (to date): My biggest accomplishment so far has

been winning state last year.

Toughest tournament besides state: Junior Nationals in Fargo

Proudest victory or Loss: My proudest wins was winning state last year. I won in the finals over a girl I wasp 1-1 with.

Toughest opponent team/individual: The toughest opponent I've wrestled was the

girl who ended up being a national champ. Career Wins: 38-5 but the season isn't over yet

State Finishes: 1st Other Sports: none

Favorite School Subject: math and art

Hobbies: Most of my hobbies include wrestling.

College wrestling plans: I will be wrestling for Augsburg University next year.

Possible Colleges: Augsburg

¥our wisdom to younger wrestlers: Just got for it. There's no point in not trying.

There's no point in being scared.

Coaches Comments: connor 1s a GREAT LEADER IN OUR PROGRAM As He DEMONSTRATES HIS DRIVE & DE-TERMINATION TO OUR OTHER WRES: TLERS, AFTER QUALIFYING FOR THE STATE TOURNAMENT AS A FRESH-MAN HE HAD SEASON ENDING KNEE INJURIES BOTH HIS SOPHOMORE 4 IUNIOR YEARS, EACH TIME CONNOR HAS BATTLE! WITH TENACITY AND IS A BETTER PERSON BECAUSE OF THIS, BEST OF As WELL AS WRESTLER LUCK IN THE FUTURE CONNOR!

Coaches Comments: JUSTIN IS A LEAD BY EXAMPLE GUY BOTH ON & <u>OFF</u>

THE MAT. HE IS ALWAYS WILLING TO

HELD OUT HIS FELLOW TEAMMATES

TO ANY WAY THAT CAN, JUSTIN HAS EXCELLED IN MANY DIFFERENT ACTIVITIES BOTH A ATHLETICALLY &

ACADEMICALLY & WE WISH HIM THE BEST OF LUCK IN THE FUTURE!





Wrestlers Name: Justin Zirpel School: West Central High School

Weight: 160

Coach: Cole Grocott and Mike Ideck-

er

Parents: Bob and Carolyn Zirpel

Favorite Move: High-C

Biggest wrestling accomplishment (to

date): Being a part of the 2022 Disney

Dual team

Toughest tournament besides state: Rapid City Invitational

Proudest victory or Loss: Winning blood rounds my freshmen year to place at the state tournament. Toughest opponent team/individual: Wren Jacobs

from Sturgis

Career Wins: 145

State Finishes: 8th twice and 6th once 2020-8TH (170), 2021-8TH (160),

2022-6TH (152)

Other Sports: Football, Track, and Baseball

Favorite School Subject: Math

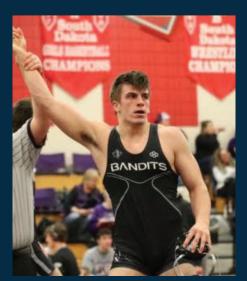
Hobbies: Hunting, lifting, hiking, snowboarding, and hanging with friends.

College wrestling plans: None

Possible Colleges: South Dakota School of Mines or SDSU

Your wisdom to younger wrestlers: Have fun and enjoy the challenges

North Dakota Standout



Wrestlers Name: Tate Hoffman

School: Highmore Harrold High School – M/H-H Bandits

Weight: 182lbs

Coach: Ryan Resel, Keeven Long, Jaxson Brueggeman, Ryan Engle

Parents: Ken and Amy Hoffman

Favorite Move: Lat drop

Biggest wrestling accomplishment (to date): Accomplishing 150 wins even with

being out my freshman year due to an injury.

Toughest tournament besides state: Tri-Valley my Junior year

Proudest victory or Loss: My victory over Charlie Patton, Parker in the Consolation

Semifinals at State last year.

Toughest opponent team/individual Sam Kruger

Career Wins: 154

State Finishes: 7 th place 170lb 2021; 4 th place 182lb 2022

Other Sports: Football, Track, Rodeo Favorite School Subject: Weight Training Hobbies: Rodeo, golf, video games

College wrestling plans: I am not attending college for wrestling but will be attending

to play football Possible Colleges: Northern State University

Your wisdom to younger wrestlers: Don't be afraid to wrestle anyone. It is a mental sport and the stronger you are mentally, the better wrestler you will become. Get better every day, whether it is improving your eating habits or improving a move. Getting better, will help you eventually be one of the top kids in your weight class.

Coaches Comments: Josh burst onto

had big shoes to fill as the line of successful Governor Heavyweights goes back almost 12 years strong. He has done just that. Josh is a

wrestler. He has never let the fact that he isn't the biggest guy out there sway his confidence. Josh has put a ton of time in the

weight room over the years to make sure he is physically capable to balling with everyone

asset is his spontaneity as his opponent has no

sometimes neither do his coaches. Josh brings a

in the 285 lb weight class. His biggest

clue what he may do next and

very relaxed feel to the wrestling

team that no one is soon to forget.

the HWT scene his Junior year. He

very free flowing and instinctive

South Dakota Standout



Wrestlers Name: Joshua Rydberg

School: Pierre T.F.Riggs

Weight: 225 wrestling in the 285 Heavyweight

clas

Coach: Shawn Lewis

Parents: Penny and Rich Sattgast and Chad

Rydberg

Favorite Move: A custom move Pierre's parents have nicknamed "The Rydberg" Biggest wrestling accomplishment (to date):

Going 8-0 and achieving All American Status at the 2022 AAU Jr/Sr Twin Rivers

Duals

Toughest tournament besides state: The 2022

AAU Jr/Sr Twin Rivers Duals

Proudest victory or Loss: Beating the Montana State Champ in the Ultimate Tie Braker

Round at the 2022 AAU Jr/Sr Twin Rivers Duals

Toughest opponent team/individual: Navarro Schunke from Brandon Valley

Career Wins:70

State Finishes: 2022 SD State A Tournament- 6 th place

Other Sports: Football Favorite School Subject: Math

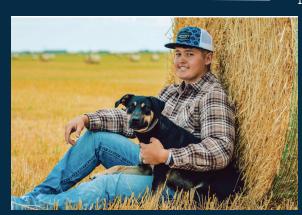
Hobbies: Weightlifting, hunting, and fishing

College wrestling plans: I have signed to wrestle with the University of Sioux Falls

Possible Colleges: Signed

Your wisdom to younger wrestlers: Always follow your heart and do what you believe is right.

North Dakota Standout



Wrestler: Tucker McCauley School: Highmore-Harrold

Weight: 220

Coaches: R. Resel, K. Long, J. Brueggeman, R. Engle

Parents: Jim and Samie McCauley

Farvorite Move: Lat. Drop

Biggest wrestling accomplishment (to date): Cutting weight to wrestle at

my goal weight.

Toughest Tournament: Tri-Valley

Proudest victory or Loss: My match against Gettysburgs 220 lber.

Toughest opponent or team: Elk Point's 220lber

Carreer wins 17

Other Sports: Football, Baseball, Track Favorite Subject in School: Government

Hobbies: Hunting, Fishing, Working and spending time with friends and

family

Your wisdom to younger wrestlers: start wrestling when young and keep with it.

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South Dakota Standout

Wrestlers Name: Hattie Baldwin

School: T.F. Riggs Weight: 154

Coach: Matt Thorson

Parents: Deide and Jason Baldwin Favorite Move: Ankle pick

Biggest wrestling accomplishment (to date): Competing at the National Dual

tournament in Iowa and placing 2nd as a team.

Toughest tournament besides state: Battle on the Burg
Proudest victory or Loss: Semi-finals state 2021
Toughest opponent team/individual: Myself

Career Wins: 80

State Finishes: 2nd, and 6th Other Sports: Volleyball, golf Favorite School Subject: Biology

Hobbies: I love to lift with my dad and spend time at the river when it's

warm.

College wrestling plans: Undecided

Possible Colleges: Chadron state, Simpson college

Your wisdom to younger wrestlers: Try it, you will never regret trying wres-

tling.

South Dakota Standout



Name: Carter Lenz

School: Kimball High School (KWLPG Wrestling)

Weight: 145lbs

Coaches: Thomas Konechne, Jeff Konstanz, Craig Nightingal

Parents: Amber and Joe Lenz

Favorite Move: Spladdle or High Crotch

Biggest Wrestling Accomplishment: placing 2nd at state in the individual team score, placing 2nd at state in the dual tournament, and placing 3rd at state in my weight class all in the same year. (2022)

Toughest Tournament: MCM Invitational

Proudest Victory or Loss: Beating Riley Roberts (Wagner) for 3rd and 4th place match at state after losing to him 3 times earlier in the year.

Toughest Opponent: Jackson Remmers (MCM)

Career Wins: 165

State Finishes: 6th (2019), 6th (2021), 3rd (2022)

Other Sports: Baseball, Football Favorite School subject: U.S. History

Hobbies: Fishing, Hunting, Cooking, Videography

College Wrestling Plans: None

Possible Colleges: Mitchell Technical College (Powersports and Ma-

rine Technology)

Your Wisdom to younger wrestlers: Wrestling is 80% individual. Your coaches can only bring you so far. You must put in extra time and work outside of practice if you want to be successful.

South Dakota Standout



Wrestlers Name: Gianna Stangeland School: Pierre T. F. Riggs High School

Weight: 132 lbs

Coach: Matt Thorson & Kyle Sarringar Parents: Barb & Jason Stangeland Favorite Move: Outside sweep single

Biggest wrestling accomplishment (to date): Making it through the season with a

torn labrum

Toughest tournament besides state: our first tournament of the year Proudest victory or Loss: State semi-final match my sophomore year

Toughest opponent team/individual: myself

Career Wins: 90

State Finishes: 2x runner-up

Other Sports: Football student manager

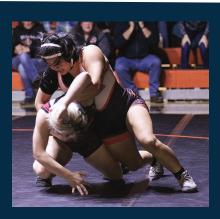
Favorite School Subject: Math

Hobbies: Reading, lifting, spending time with friends

College wrestling plans: N/A

Possible Colleges: University of Notre Dame, University of Nebraska-Lincoln Your wisdom to younger wrestlers: Enjoy the time you get with the sport

South Dakota Standout



Wrestlers Name: Ehler Klay School: Huron High School

Weight: 132lbs

Coach: Matt Goth, Dru Strand Parents: Kaw Paw & Thai So

Favorite Move: Single leg to submarine

Biggest wrestling accomplishment (to date): Getting to wrestle National Duals at

Iowa

Toughest tournament besides state: Rapid City Invite Proudest victory or Loss: 2021 3rd place state match Toughest opponent team/individual: Harrisburg

Career Wins: 50

State Finishes: 3rd & 5th Other Sports: Soccer

Favorite School Subject: Art, Digital Photography Hobbies: Roller skating, bike riding & music

College wrestling plans: None

Possible Colleges: None, Enlisted in the Navy.

¥our wisdom to younger wrestlers: Keep showing up and find your purpose on

the mat, no matter how big or small your goals are.

South Dakota Standout -



Wrestlers Name: Cassandra Witte School: Stevens High School

Weight: 113

Coach: Travis King

Parents: Anthony and Tischa Sharp Favorite Move: Fireman's Carry

Biggest wrestling accomplishment (to date): Getting invited to wrestle in the

Netherlands.

Toughest tournament besides state: Fargo Nationals Proudest victory or Loss: Aubrie Perhson from NE.

Toughest opponent team/individual: Julia Araujo from ND.

Career Wins: 77

State Finishes: 4th, 7th

Other Sports: N/A

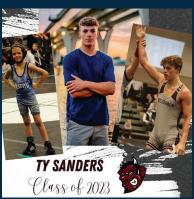
Favorite School Subject: English

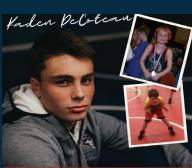
Hobbies: Going to the gym, watching movies, and reading books.

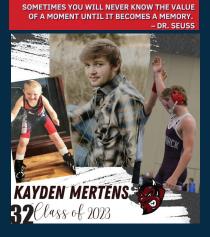
College wrestling plans: Wrestle for Chadron State College

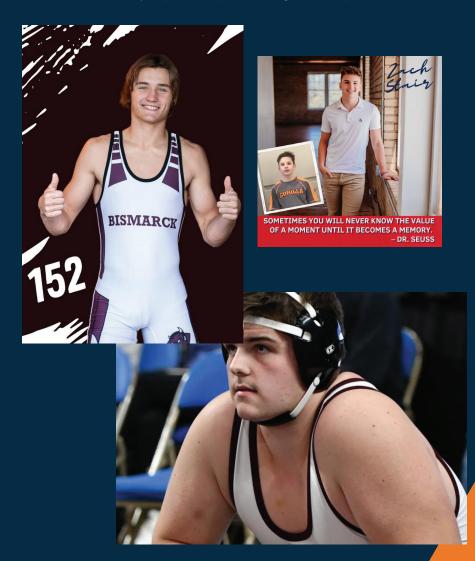
Possible Colleges: N/A already signed to Chadron

Your wisdom to younger wrestlers: Your performance on the mat directly correlates with how you practice, practice to get better, practice harder.









South Dakota Standout



Wrestlers Name: Gavin Stotts School: TF Riggs-Pierre

Weight: 195

Coach Shawn Lewis

Parents: Thomas & Dulcie Stotts

Biggest wrestling accomplishment (to date): Winning the

dual State title in 2021.

Placess in State-7th in 2022(195), 8th in 2021(182)

3 time state qualifier

College-Attending SDSU Brookings

Majoring in Civil Engineering

School record quickest pin-2020 :06 sec

Escapes in a season-57 in 2021

Escapes Career 157 Career wins 109+





Wrestlers Name: Carlee Laubach School: Canton High School

Weight: 170 Coach: Jeremy Ask

Parents: Nate and Laurel Laubach Favorite Move: the classic double

Biggest wrestling accomplishment (to date): Winning the Argus Leader SD

Girls Wrestler of the Year award (June 2022)

Toughest tournament besides state: Bride of the Monster in Presho, SD Proudest victory or Loss: My first ever high school state title my sophomore year (when we were first sanctioned)

Toughest opponent team/individual: Louise Meyer from Central Lyon, Iowa

Career Wins: 79-0

State Finishes: 2021- state champion 2022-state champion 2023- TBD

Other Sports: Volleyball and Track and Field

Favorite School Subject: History

Hobbies: hanging with friends and club volleyball

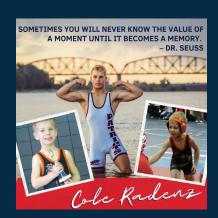
College wrestling plans: i will be attending DWU to play volleyball. wrestling there is undecided yet.

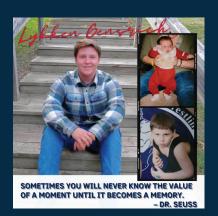
Possible Colleges: Dakota Wesleyan University

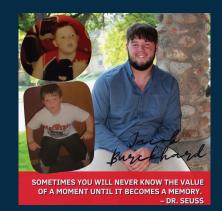
¥our wisdom to younger wrestlers: Grow with the sport and let it continue to teach life lessons. and have as much fun as you can so don't hang your head too much because you can always make a comeback.

South Dakota State Girls S	State Qualifiers			UUIIIUU	JA
Adam, Zoë	Canton	G-190			
Baldwin, Hattie	Pierre T.F.Riggs	G-154	Dulany, Clayton	Warner/Northwes tern	B-138
Birds Head, Ciara	Hot Springs	G-126	Duran, Antuan	Sioux Falls Jefferson	A-285
Bissell, Ali	SF. Roosevelt	G-142	Durham, Tyson	St. Thomas More	B-138
Brehm, Shelbie	RC Stevens	G-120	Elshere, Thayne	Sturgis Brown	A-138
Ellingsen, Chloe	Harrisburg	G-126	Emerson, Caleb	Vermillion	A-152
Erickson, Maya	Brookings	G-154	Even, Jack	Parker	B-145
Felcher, Fantasia	Brandon Valley	G-170	Everson, Weston	Watertown	A-126
Gaspar, Autumn	Garretson	G-120	Everson, Weston	Watertown	A-126
Gauer, Autum	Aberdeen Centra	1G-285	Ford, Remmington	Mobridge-Pollock	B-152
Graveman, Taylor	Spearfish	G-132	Frickson, Tanner	Potter County	B-138
Heath, Saige	Sully Buttes	G-190	Fridrich, Peyton	Beresford/Alc-Hudson	A-160
Hinricher, Saige	Brookings	G-142	Gerlach, Drew	Mount VernPlank/Cor-St	B-145
Htoo, Htee	Huron	G-126	Gilbert, Grey	Harding County	B-220
Hyde, Emily	RC Central	G-126	Graesser, Ty	Chamberlain	A-170
Iron Cloud, Deshawnegh	Little Wound	G-154	Granum, Justin	Deuel/Deubrook Area	B-195
Iron Shell, Kathryn	Todd County	G-190	Haider, Keegan	Wessington Sp/W/W-W	B-182
Klay, EhLer	Huron	G-132	Hansen, Owen	Burke/Gregory	B-132
Kruske, Maraia	Spearfish	G-106	Hanson, Chase	Stanley County	B-126
Lange, Jayden	Flandreau	G-142	Hauge, Austin	Mount Vern/Plank/Cor-St	
Laubach, Carlee	Canton	G-170	Head, Wyatt	Harding County	B-152
Lee, Morgan	Viborg-Hurley	G-132	Heath, Mason	Philip Area	B-132
Leonard, Nevaeh	Yankton	G-142	Hendrickson, Mason	Tri-Valley	B-132
Orr, Hope	Watertown	G-285	Herlyn, Hayden	Lennox A-285	D-170
Petersen, Lauren	Viborg-Hurley	G-190	Hoffman, Tate	Miller/Highmore-Harrold	R 182
Ramos, Izzabella	Belle Fourche	G-142	Hoiten, Austin	McCook Cent/Montrose	B-182
Reidt, Hannah	Chamberlain	G-170	Houska, Deegan	Pierre T.F. Riggs	A-160
Rodriguez, Hailey	Belle Fourche	G-113	Hoverson, Joey	Wessington Sp/WW-W	B-145
Shorter, Marlee	Pierre T.F.Riggs	G-190	Hueser, Lucas	Elk Point-Jefferson	B-143
Smidt, Sierra	Lennox	G-132	Hutmacher, Noah	Chamberlain	A-220
Stangeland, Gianna		G-132	Jacobs, Gavin	Elk Point-Jefferson	B-170
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Waln, Arlisa	Lakota Tech	G-170	Jessen, Nolan	Sioux Falls Jefferson	A-162 A-152
Witt, Atlantis	Todd County	G-142	Johnson, Gunner		B-195
Witte, Cassandra	RC Stevens	G-113	Johnson, Ian	Lyman Watertown	A-152
South Dakota Boy				Kimball/White Lk/Pl-Ged	
			Kettwig, Jax	Watertown	A-170
Abraham, Hunter	Garretson	B-145			A-170 A-170
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Anderson, Tucker	Kingsbury Co	B-160	Krenz, Jacob Krenz, Jacob	Aberdeen Central	A-285
Ask, Kale	Canton	B-138			B-182
Bakke, Graydon	RC Stevens	A-160	Kruger, Jack	Winner Area Beresford/Alc-Hudson	
Bears Heart, Jesse	Mobridge-Poll	B-170	Larson, Aaron Le, Braden	Watertown	A-220
Big Crow, Semni	Pine Ridge	A-145			A-132
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Brueggeman, Gunner	Miller/High-Har		Maag, Jackson	Watertown	A-182
Bunch, Korbin	Sturgis Brown	A-106	McCauley, Tucker	Miller/High-Harrold	B-220
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Constant, Dominic	Deuel/DeubArea		Morrison, Jaxon	Rapid City Central	A-195
Crownover, Isaac	Bon Homme/Av		Myers, Abraham	Sioux Falls Washington	A-220
Detert, Jack	Harrisburg	A-195	Neugebauer, Porter	Parkston	B-152
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Pulse, Mason	McCook Cent/M	B-182
Ractliffe, Carter	Harrisburg	A-126
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