

MatStats - The Moneyball of Wrestling

Episode #40

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Wrestling Right Here in Cedar Falls.

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MatStats does a recap and brief history of the NWCA/USMC National Duals. We do an analysis on past tourneys. We find out how many new teams are here and how many states. We also show how competitive this tourney is and how important it is for our sport. MatStats show how much this event has grown under the leadership of the NWCA.



Cedar Falls that starts with C and that rhymes with D and that stands for Duals.

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

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

Are there any disclaimers MatStats needs to let everyone know about their shows?

The Opinions Expressed on this show do not necessarily reflect any policies or opinions of the NWCA. Also, the MatStats guys do not always agree on all things discussed on their shows.

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- MatStats is a subsidiary of the NWCA but is a separate entity that voices its own opinions on its statistical analysis.
 - MatStats three hosts, Gormley, Bryant, and Hazard are all equally responsible for all the good outcomes. Gormley for the bad feedback.
- Gormley writes the Power Points and selects the topics. Gormley uses the term MatStats often, but many times it is Gormley's opinion alone.
- Gormley does the stats work and then the three hosts & occasionally guests brainstorm about Gormley's findings and ideas.
 - MatStats is designed to have educated thoughts and opinions to help the world's oldest and greatest sport.
- Wrestling is all about settling disagreements. The hosts are too old to settle these disagreements on the mat.
- Sometimes we agree, sometimes we disagree. It makes the world go round.

How is MatStats different than most shows we see on TV/Internet in today's world?

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

- MatStats is a numbers show.
- Thus, the name MatStats. Not MatOpinions.
- Gorms was remiss not explaining this from the get-go. Gorms lives in a numbers world and is starting to get the feeling not everyone does lol.
- Feedback from the Tribe alumni during this show has made Gorms realize he needs to address this and try to educate people with numbers. Thank you, Dr. Powell, for one of your texts.

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

As of 1/11/25, there are more 4-year collegiate men's teams than ever.

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Category	Men	Women	Total
NCAA	287	110	397
NAIA	71	45	116
NCWA	125	81	206
Total 4-Year	483	236	719

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.

2025 off to a great start.

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- It is a great start to a new year. Collegiate wrestling is healthier than ever. Women's wrestling is booming. Men's wrestling has more teams and more wrestlers than ever.
- There are three intercollegiate wrestling organizations for 4-year colleges - NCAA, NAIA, & NCWA.
- Now, let's ring in the new year with this month's topic. Tell us about the NWCA National Duals and what we will be exploring.

Who makes the NWCA/USMC National duals possible?

MatStats wants to thank the United States Marine Corp for making the 2025 Multi-Divisional National Duals possible.

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- The 2025 NWCA/USMC National Duals are run by the NWCA, and the lead sponsor is the USMC.
- MatStats wants to thank the Corp.
- OORAH!!



What is the topic for Episode #40?

Episode #40 is brief history of the NWCA National Duals and an analysis of the data and stats.

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MatStats provides -

- A brief history of the NWCA National Duals.
- How many divisions, teams, and states are represented.
- How the resurgence of wrestling in the 21st century has enabled this tourney to grow.
- A list of the teams competing in 2025.
- A recap of the 2025 NWCA/USMC National Duals.
- A list of past champions and the caliber of the fields in 2025.

Quick history of the National Duals.

- In the late 70's/early 80's the dual meet tourney was brought to fruition by the Peninsula Wrestling Association in Hampton, VA as the VA Duals.
- The VA Duals started with 4 high school and 8 college teams. The event still exists, with 19 colleges and 48 high schools in 2025.
- The VA Duals became the Men's NCAA D1 dual meet championships in 1989.
- The VA Duals and Cliff Keen ran the duals till the mid 90's, then the NWCA took over to showcase the event around the country.
- In 2002, Men's NCAA D2 & D3 were added.
- In 2004 Men's NAIA & NJCAA were added.
- In 2005 Women were added.
- The NWCA has been included in 2007, 2008, 2023, & 2024. The 2025 NWCA National Duals will be in Newport News, VA.

Quick history of the National Duals.

- Men's NCAA D1 was stopped after 2017 and brought back in 2025, but a different format.
- The 2025 Men's NCAA D1 duals were from mid-major schools.
- There is not a definitive agreed on definition of mid-major. One of the most widely interpretations of mid-major is a schools not in the Power 4 conferences (SEC, Big 10, Big 12, & ACC).
- The NWCA creation of a mid-major NCAA Men's D1 dual tourney is a lot like when football split into 1A & 1AA in 1978.
- Over the years different formats and divisions have been held. Some years the Men's NCAA D1 were at different locations from the National Duals.

Welcome Mid-Majors

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- In a world with NIL and the rich getting richer, the implementation of a mid-major NCAA Men's D1 category is great for our sport.
- The NWCA has created a situation where a mid-major school will go back to campus with a National Dual meet title.
- Now tell us how many schools are in each division & where they come from.

How many teams are represented in each division at the NWCA National Duals?

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The number of teams in each division at the 2025 NWCA National Duals.

Category	# Teams
Men's NCAA D1	14
Men's NCAA D2	16
Men's NCAA D3	24
Men's NAIA	16
Women's NCAA	16
Women's NAIA	16
Total	102

Category	# Teams
NCAA	70
NAIA	32
Total	102

Category	# Teams
Men	70
Women	32
Total	102

How does the National Duals number of teams in each division compare with the collegiate wrestling world?

The NWCA Multi Divisional National Duals are a great sample of collegiate wrestling.

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Category	% National Dual Teams	% Total NCAA & NAIA Teams
Men's NCAA D1	13.7%	15.6%
Men's NCAA D2	15.7%	14.5%
Men's NCAA D3	23.5%	25.8%
Men's NAIA	15.7%	13.9%
Women's NCAA	15.7%	21.5%
Women's NAIA	15.7%	8.8%
Category	% National Dual Teams	% Total NCAA & NAIA Teams
NCAA	68.6%	77.3%
NAIA	31.4%	22.7%
Category	% National Dual Teams	% Total NCAA & NAIA Teams
Men	68.6%	69.7%
Women	31.4%	30.3%
Total	100%	100%

How many states are represented at the 2025 NWCA National Duals?
How does this compare with the 2024 Men's NCAA D1 March Madness?

There are teams from 34 different states at the 2025 NWCA National Duals. The 2024 Men's D1 Basketball tourney had 33 states + DC.

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Tournament	States
2025 NCWA/USMC National Duals	34
2024 Men's NCAA Basketball Championships	33+DC

Gorms doesn't know much about this March Madness thing. He is always at the NCAA men's D1 wrestling Championships & the school Gorms graduated from and coached at has never made that tourney. Too bad they did not have March Madness in 1693, the finals would have been Harvard and that school in Williamsburg, VA.

Can MatStats provide the viewers with a list of the number of schools from each state at
The 2025 NWCA National Duals?

Iowa has more teams (15) than any state at
the 2025 NWCA National Duals.

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Rank	State	#	Rank	State	# Teams
1	IA	15	16	KS	2
2	IL	7	16	MN	2
3	MI	6	16	NJ	2
4	WI	5	16	NY	2
5	IN	4	16	SD	2
5	KY	4	16	TN	2
5	MO	4	16	TX	2
5	NE	4	26	AR	1
5	OH	4	26	AZ	1
5	OR	4	26	FL	1
5	PA	4	26	NC	1
12	GA	3	26	ND	1
12	MT	3	26	RI	1
12	OK	3	26	SC	1
12	WV	3	26	VA	1
16	CA	2	26	VT	1
16	CO	2			
16	CT	2	Total	34 States	102

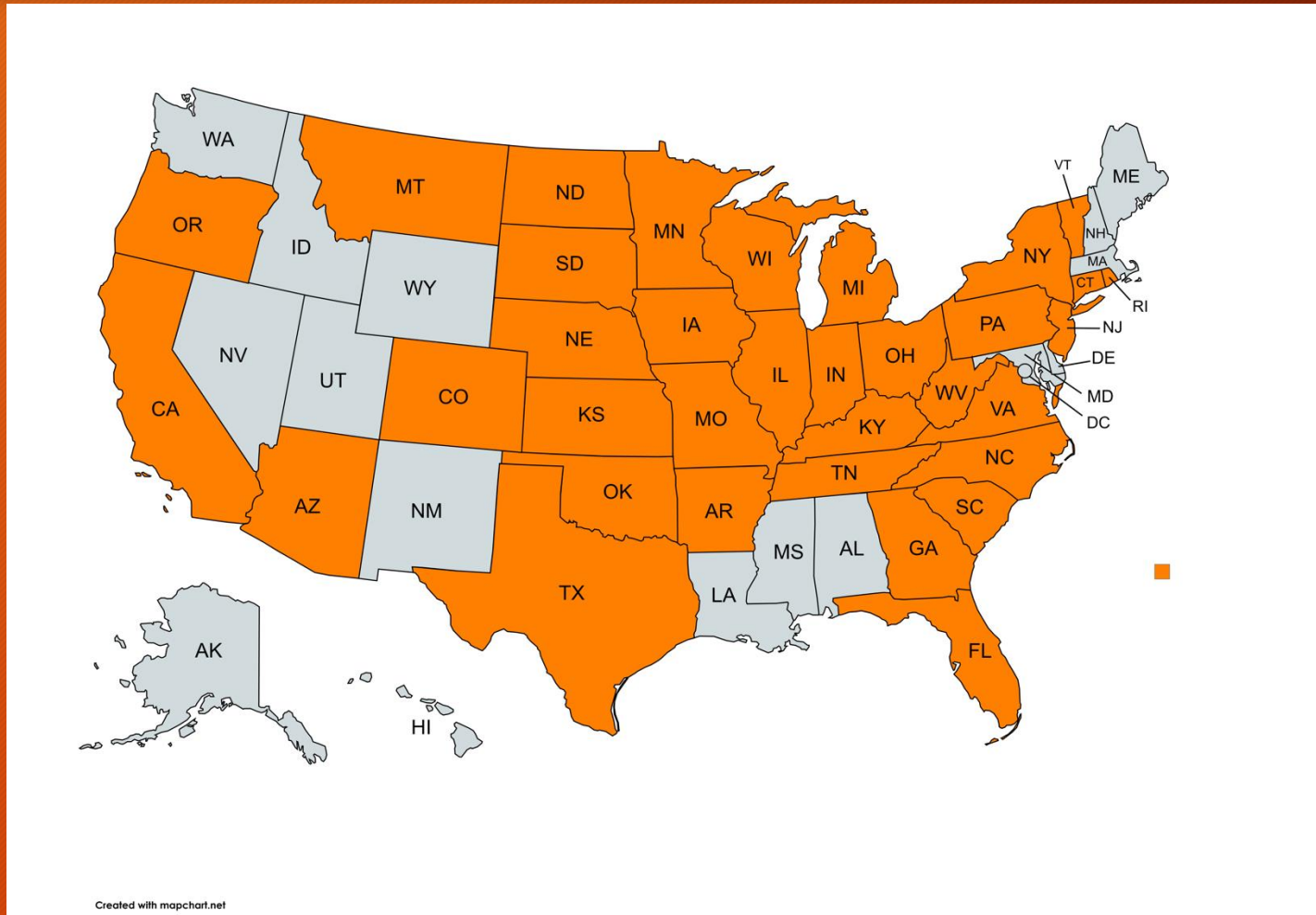
Can we see a map with all the states with teams at the duals?

Map of States with teams at the 2025 MWCA/USMC National Duals

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States in orange
have a team at
the duals.

States in gray do
not have a team
at the duals.



Gorms has always
wanted the
whole country
to be painted
Orange.

How many of the the 102 teams at the 2025 NWCA National Duals have been added this century?

56 of the 102 teams (**54.9%**) at the 2025 NWCA National Duals were added in the 21st Century.

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Year	Added	%	Year	Added	%
2001	1	1.0%	2013	3	2.9%
2002	1	1.0%	2014	6	5.9%
2003	1	1.0%	2015	2	2.0%
2004	2	2.0%	2016	2	2.0%
2005	2	2.0%	2017	4	3.9%
2006	1	1.0%	2018	6	5.9%
2007	2	2.0%	2019	7	6.9%
2008	1	1.0%	2020	5	4.9%
2009	2	2.0%	2021	5	4.9%
2010	0	0.0%	Existing pre-2001	46	45.1%
2011	2	2.0%	Added 2001-24	56	54.9%
2012	1	1.0%	Total Teams	102	100.0%

Can MatStats provide a chart with the number of teams recently?

The magnitude of the NWCA National Duals has been widespread recently.

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Division	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
NCAA Men's D1	14	0	0	0	C	0	0	0
NCAA Men's D2	16	16	16	24	O	19	16	16
NCAA Men's D3	24	23	24	24	V	24	24	21
NCAA Women	16	16	16	16	I	15	6	0
NAIA Men	16	16	16	16	D	16	16	16
NAIA Women	16	16	16	16	NO	10	9	0
NCWA Men	0	7	8	0	D	0	0	0
NCWA Women	0	0	0	0	U	0	0	0
NJCAA	0	0	0	7	A	8	16	16
WCWA	0	0	0	0	L	0	0	16
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Total	102	94	96	103	0	92	87	85

The 2025 NWCA/USMC National Duals are a microcosm of the collegiate wrestling world.

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- There are 102 teams across 6 divisions in the 2025 NWCA National Duals.
- The NWCA has managed to put together a dual meet tourney that reflects the collegiate world. It is a lot more than just the top-level men's teams. Opposite of the CFP 12-team playoff.
- There are teams from 34 states and **54.9%** of the teams were started in the 21st century.
- Can you provide a list of all the teams, so the fans realize who was at the 2025 NWCA/USMC National Duals.

The 14 NCAA Men's D1 Teams

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SCHOOL	Head Coach	Division
California Polytechnic Institute	Jon Sioredas	Division I Men
California State University - Bakersfield	Luke Smith	Division I Men
Central Michigan University	Ben Bennett	Division I Men
Drexel University	Matt Azevedo	Division I Men
George Mason University	Frank Beasley	Division I Men
Ohio University	Joel Greenlee	Division I Men
Sacred Heart University	John Clark	Division I Men
South Dakota State University	Damion Hahn	Division I Men
Southern Illinois University Edwardsville	Jeremy Spates	Division I Men
University of Arkansas Little Rock	Neil Erisman	Division I Men
University of Northern Colorado	Troy Nickerson	Division I Men
University of Northern Iowa	Doug Schwab	Division I Men
University of Pennsylvania	Roger Reina	Division I Men
University of Wyoming	Mark Branch	Division I Men

The 16 NCAA Men's D2 Teams

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SCHOOL	Head Coach	Division
Augustana University	Jason Reitmeier	Division II Men
Glenville State University	Dylan Cottrell	Division II Men
Grand Valley State University	Joey Simcoe	Division II Men
King University	Blaze Shade	Division II Men
Maryville University	Charlie Sheretz	Division II Men
McKendree University	James Kisgen	Division II Men
St. Cloud State University	Steve Costanzo	Division II Men
Tiffin University	Tony Guerra	Division II Men
University of Central Missouri	Cody Garcia	Division II Men
University of Central Oklahoma	Todd Steidley	Division II Men
University of Indianapolis	Jason Warthan	Division II Men
University of Mary	Adam Aho	Division II Men
University of Nebraska-Kearney	Dalton Jensen	Division II Men
University of Wisconsin-Parkside	Nick Becker	Division II Men
Upper Iowa University	Heath Grimm	Division II Men
West Liberty University	Danny Irwin	Division II Men

The 24 NCAA Men's D3 Teams

SCHOOL	Head Coach	Division
Adrian College	Bill Schindel	Division III Men
Albion College	Adam Wilson	Division III Men
Alvernia University	Kriss Bellanca	Division III Men
Augsburg University	Tony Valek	Division III Men
Baldwin Wallace University	Jamie Gibbs	Division III Men
Vermont State University Castleton	Scott Legacy	Division III Men
Centenary University	John Garriques	Division III Men
Central College	Landon Williams	Division III Men
Coe College	John Oostendorp	Division III Men
Concordia College - Moorhead	Quincy Osborn	Division III Men
Cornell College	Brenton Hamm	Division III Men
Johnson & Wales University	Lonnie Morris	Division III Men
Loras College	Jeren Glosser	Division III Men
Luther College	David Mitchell	Division III Men
Millikin University	Ryan Birt	Division III Men
North Central College	Grant Zamin	Division III Men
Rochester Institute of Technology	Jason Bovenzi	Division III Men
The College of New Jersey	Joe Galante	Division III Men
University of Dubuque	Jon McGovern	Division III Men
University of Olivet	Brandon Brissette	Division III Men
University of Wisconsin La Crosse	Dave Malecek	Division III Men
University of Wisconsin Whitewater	Matt Zwaschka	Division III Men
Wabash College	Jake Frederickson	Division III Men
Wartburg College	Eric Keller	Division III Men

The 16 NAIA Men's Teams

SCHOOL	Head Coach	Division
Campbellsville University	Jacob Murton	NAIA Men
Corban University	Nolan Harris	NAIA Men
Doane University	Dana Vote	NAIA Men
Eastern Oregon University	Dustyn Azure	NAIA Men
Embry Riddle Aeronautical University	K.C. Rock	NAIA Men
Grand View University	Nick Mitchell	NAIA Men
Indiana Tech	Thomas Pompei	NAIA Men
Life University	Omi Acosta	NAIA Men
Missouri Valley College	Beau Vest	NAIA Men
Montana State University - Northern	Tyson Thivierge	NAIA Men
Morningside University	Rulin Pederson	NAIA Men
Oklahoma City University	Justin Ensign	NAIA Men
Southeastern University	Travis Patrick	NAIA Men
Southern Oregon University	Joel Gibson	NAIA Men
University of Providence	Steve Komac	NAIA Men
University of the Cumberlands	Corey Ruff	NAIA Men

The 16 NCAA Women's Teams

SCHOOL	Head Coach	Division
Adrian College	Cliff Cushard	NCAA Women
Aurora University	Justin Pearch	NCAA Women
Colorado Mesa University	Travis Mercado	NCAA Women
Elmira College	Cody Griswold	NCAA Women
Emmanuel College	Bryce Killian	NCAA Women
King University	Gracie Figueroa	NCAA Women
Lock Haven University	Matt Lackey	NCAA Women
McKendree University	Alexio Garcia	NCAA Women
North Central College	Joe Norton	NCAA Women
Presbyterian College	Brian Vutianitis	NCAA Women
Sacred Heart University	Paulina Biega	NCAA Women
Schreiner University	Tarkyia Mensah	NCAA Women
University of Iowa	Clarissa Chun	NCAA Women
University of Mount Olive	Dan Willis	NCAA Women
University of Wisconsin Stevens Point	Jake Wozniak	NCAA Women
Wartburg College	Brady Kyner	NCAA Women

The 16 NAIA Women's Teams

SCHOOL	Head Coach	Division
Baker University	Kit Harris	NAIA Women
Campbellsville University	Kasey Kruczek	NAIA Women
Doane University	Julian Gaytan	NAIA Women
Grand View University	Angelo Crinzi	NAIA Women
Hastings College	Cara Romeike	NAIA Women
Indiana Tech	Paul Rademacher	NAIA Women
Life University	Ashley Flavin	NAIA Women
Lourdes University	Louis Piszker	NAIA Women
Missouri Baptist University	Amond Prater	NAIA Women
Oklahoma City University	William McKinney	NAIA Women
Southern Oregon University	Joye Levendusky	NAIA Women
Texas Wesleyan University	Jose Lazo	NAIA Women
University of Cumberlands	Sarah Allen	NAIA Women
University of Providence	Matt Atwood	NAIA Women
University of Saint Mary	Chuck Kearney	NAIA Women
William Penn University	Jake Kadel	NAIA Women

How many of the defending champions are back for the 2025 NWCA National Duals?

All 5 of the divisions that were at the 2024 & 2025 NWCA National Duals return the defending champion.

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Category	Defending Champs
NCAA Men's D1	No D1 teams at 2024 Duals
NCAA Men's D2	Central Oklahoma
NCAA Men's D3	Wartburg
NAIA Men	Life
NCAA Women	Iowa
NAIA Women	Life
NCWA Men*	Bellarmino

* - Due to logistical and calendar issues the NCWA will not be at the 2025 duals. The NCWA holds its own dual tourney when they can not attend the NWCA national duals. All NCWA schools are members of the NWCA.

Recap of the 2025 NWCA/USMC National Duals

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- Thanks for the list of teams that competed and letting us know all 5 defending champs were back.
- Now let's hear Jason recap of the 2025 tourney.

Can MatStats provide the viewers with the team placements at the NCAA Men's D1?

The host UNI Panthers win the NCAA Men's D1 title.

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Place	NCAA Men's D1	Score Last Bout
1	Northern Iowa	31-3
2	South Dakota State	
3	Arkansas Little Rock	30-14
4	Northern Colorado	
5	UPenn	26-14
6	Wyoming	
7	Central Michigan	25-7
8	Drexel	

Can MatStats provide the viewers with the team placements at the NCAA Men's D2?

St. Cloud Huskies win the NCAA Men's D2 title.

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Place	NCAA Men's D2	Score Last Bout
1	St. Cloud State	21-16
2	Central Oklahoma	
3	Nebraska-Kearney	40-6
4	McKendree	
5	Wisconsin-Parkside	43-3
6	Grand Valley State	
7	Augustana (SD)	30-10
8	UMary	

Can MatStats provide the viewers with the team placements at the NCAA Men's D3?

Augsburg Auggies win the NCAA Men's D3 title.

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Place	NCAA Men's D3	Score Last Bout
1	Augsburg	17-16
2	Wartburg	
3	Wisconsin-LaCrosse	28-19
4	Johnson & Wales (RI)	
5	Caselton	22-14
6	Coe	
7	North Central	35-12
8	Baldwin Wallace	

Can MatStats provide the viewers with the team placements at the NAIA Men's?

Grand View Vikings win the NAIA Men's title.

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Place	NAIA Men	Score Last Bout
1	Grand View (IA)	32-3
2	Life	
3	Southeastern	39-5
4	Campbellsville	
5	Providence (MT)	24-15
6	Embry-Riddle (AZ)	
7	Doane	26-19
8	MO Valley	

Can MatStats provide the viewers with the team placements at the NCAA Women's?

Iowa Hawkeyes repeat as NCAA Women's champions.

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Place	NCAA Women	Score Last Bout
1	Iowa	28-13
2	North Central	
3	McKendree	28-16
4	King	
5	Presbyterian	24-20
6	CO Mesa	
7	Aurora	30-14
8	Wartburg	

Can MatStats provide the viewers with the team placements at the NAIA Women's?

Life Running Eagles repeat as NAIA Women's Champions.

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Place	NAIA Women	Score Last Bout
1	Life	30-12
2	Grand View	
3	Providence (MT)	22-22
4	Southern Oregon	
5	Cumberlands (KY)	31-16
6	Campbellsville	
7	Indiana Tech	30-13
8	Baker	

NWCA National Duals past Champions.

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- Thanks for the recap.
- Can we see who has won the most titles at the NWCA National Duals?

What school has won the most NCAA D1 Men's National Dual titles from 1989 to 2024?

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Oklahoma State & Minnesota each won 8 National duals titles from 1989 to 2025.

Rank	Duals Titles	Team 1989-2024	D1 Duals Titles	NCAA D1 Tourney Titles
1	1	Oklahoma State	8	7
1	1	Minnesota	8	3
3	3	Iowa	6	13
4	4	PSU	4	11
5	5	Iowa State	1	0
5	5	Cornell	1	0
5	5	Mizzou	1	0
5	5	Northern Iowa	1	1
NR	NR	The Ohio State	0	1
	Total		29	35

Can MatStats provide the viewers with the champions of the National duals from 2002 to 2024
For the divisions except for Men's NCAA D1?

The champions of the NWCA National Duals from 2002 to 2025 for NCAA Men's D2 & D3, Men's NAIA, NCAA & NAIA women, WCWA, NCWA Men & NJCAA Men.

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NCAA D2 Men	Titles	NCAA D3 Men	Titles	NAIA Men	Titles	NCWA Men	Titles
St Cloud	8	Wartburg	12	Grand View	12	Bellarmino	2
Nebraska Omaha	5	Augsburg	10	Lindenwood	3	Grand Valley State	2
Nebraska Kearney	2			Notre Dame	2		
Central OK	2			MT State Northern	1		
Notre Dame	2			Dana	1		
North Dakota St	1			Southern OR	1		
MN State	1			Life	1		
Maryville	1						
WCWA	Titles	NCAA Women	Titles	NAIA Women	Titles	NJCAA Men	Titles
OK City U	5	McKendree	2	Menlo	2	Clackamas	5
King	4	Iowa	2	Life	2	Iowa Central	5
Cumberlands	2	King	1	Southern OR	1	Nassau	4
Simon Fraser	1					Labette	3
Cambellsville	1					Fort Hays Tech Northwest (KS)	1
McKendree	1						

5 defending team champs back. Iowa & Life women the only two that repeated.
40 programs have won NWCA division titles.

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- All 5 defending team champions are back in the 5 divisions that were held in 2024 & 2025. Two defended their titles Iowa women & Life women.
- There have been 42 programs from 40 colleges in 9 divisions that have won titles. Iowa & Life both won Men & Women's. King women & Notre Dame men won titles in 2 different divisions.
- How competitive are the divisions in 2025?

MatStats explanation of the rankings chart.

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MatStats included 3 different ranking categories.

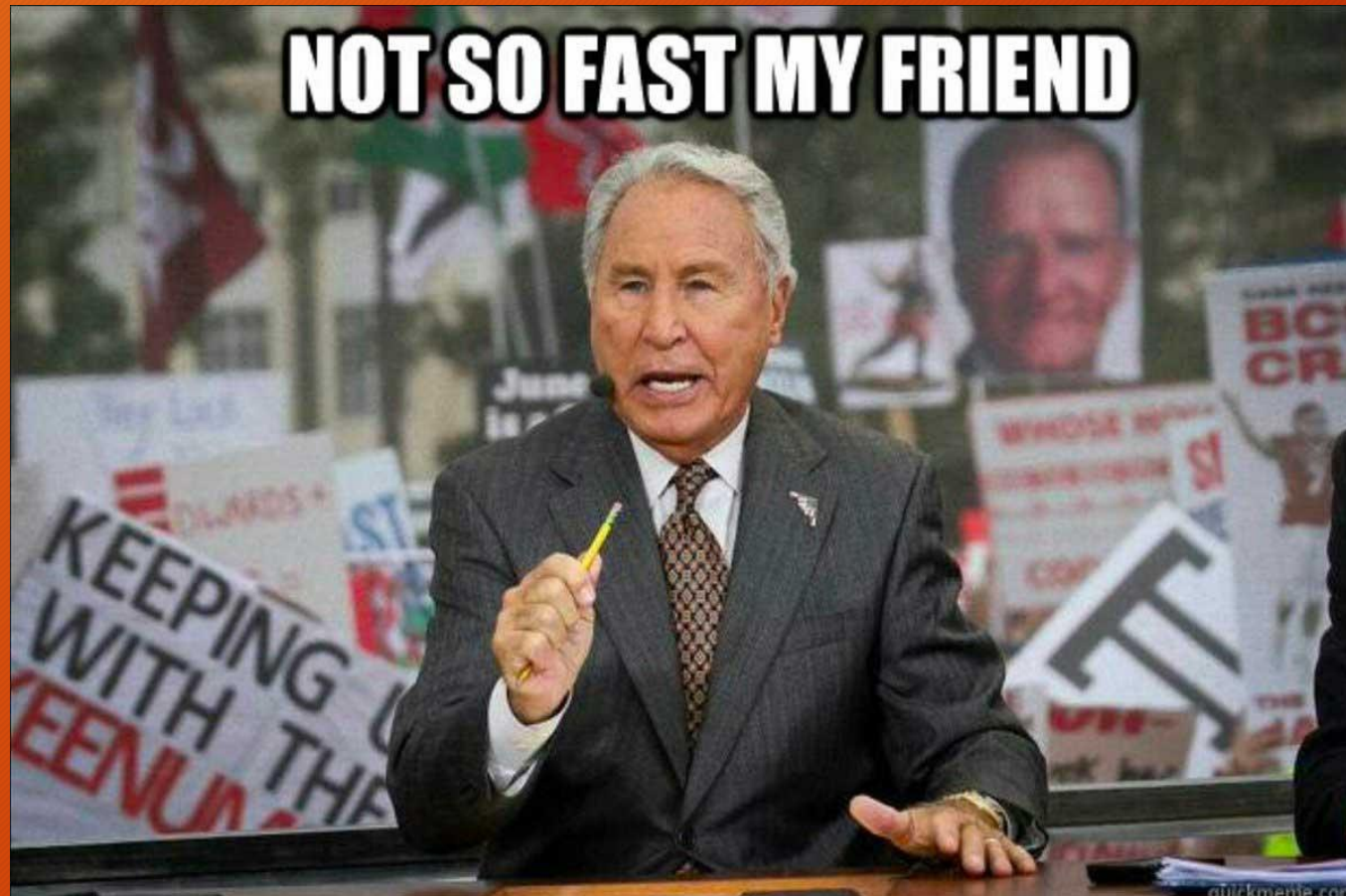
- 1) Top 10.
- 2) Top # based on the number of teams in each respective division. Men's NCAA D1 (Top 14), Men's NCAA D2 (16), Men's NAIA (16), Women's NCAA (16), Women's NAIA (16), Men's NCAA D3 (24).
- 3) Top 25.
- Note - In the NCAA Men's D1, MatStats used the mid-major rankings since all 14 schools are mid-majors. Since the NCAA men's mid-major & NAIA women rankings only go to 20, we used the other receiving votes to get to 25.

A shout out to MatStats' Jason Bryant for his normal workload of compiling and organizing all the NWCA team rankings.

But there are no Power 5 NCAA Men's teams in the NWCA/USMC National duals?

For Gorms' friends that complain that there are no NCAA Men's Power 5 teams at the National Duals.

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What percentage of NCAA & NAIA Men's & Women's teams are NCAA Men's Power 5 schools?

Only **5.3%** of all NCAA & NAIA Men's & Women's teams are NCAA Men's Power 4 schools.

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Number of Men's NCAA Power 4 Wrestling teams	Number of NCAA & NAIA Men's & Women's wrestling teams	Percentage of total teams that are NCAA Men's Power 4 schools
27	513	5.30%

The 2025 NWCA/USMC National Duals showcase 95% of NCAA & NAIA wrestling.

- The NWCA is the National Wrestling Coaches Association.
- The NWCA represents all collegiate wrestling.
- The USMC protects all Americans.
- The NWCA & USMC have done a great job to host a national dual meet tourney that represents the NCAA & NAIA Men's & Women's wrestling.
- If you choose to ignore the National Duals because there are no NCAA Men's Power 4 schools, you are ignoring 95% of the NCAA & NAIA wrestling teams.

How many teams in the 2025 NWCA National duals are ranked in the top 25?

81.4% of teams in the 2025 NWCA National Duals are ranked in the top 25.

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Category	Ranked top 10	% Teams in tourney ranked in top 10	Ranked Top # of teams in Divisions	% Top # teams in Division	Ranked top 25	% Team in tourney ranked in top 25
NCAA Men's D1	6	42.9%	7	50.0%	10	40.0%
NCAA Men's D2	8	50.0%	11	68.8%	14	87.5%
NCAA Men's D3	8	33.3%	14	58.3%	15	62.5%
NAIA Men	9	56.3%	13	81.3%	15	93.8%
NCAA Women	7	43.8%	12	75.0%	14	87.5%
NAIA Women	7	43.8%	13	81.3%	15	93.8%
Total	45	44.1%	70	68.6%	83	81.4%

Statistically how impressive is the field at the 2025 NWCA National Duals?

75% of the top 10 teams across the 6 divisions were at the 2025 NWCA/USMC National Duals.

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- For the top 10 rankings. At max, you can only have 10 teams in the top 10 (excluding ties at #10). Men's NAIA has 9 (56.3%)!
- The max percentage for a 16-team field is $10/16 = 62.5\%$.
- The overall max percentage for all 6 divisions is $60/102 = 58.8\%$. The actual percentage is $45/102 = 44.1\%$.
- There are 45 of the 60 top 10 teams at the National Duals.
- **75%** of the possible top 10 teams are at the Duals.

Statistically how impressive is the field at the 2025 NWCA National Duals?

The 2025 NWCA/USMC National Duals is **68.6%** of the way to having the most competitive field possible. Very Impressive.

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- The reason MatStats introduced the stat on number of teams ranked by field size is the max percentage here would be 100%.
- It could be an easier way for the viewers to grasp how competitive the fields are.
- NAIA Men & Women both have 13 teams ranked in the top 16 or 81.3%.
- **68.6%** of the teams at the 2025 NWCA/USMC National Duals are ranked within the size of the field.
- For non-stats people it means the National Duals have a field that includes **68.6%** of the optimal teams.

Statistically how impressive is the field at the 2025 NWCA National Duals?

83 of the 102 **(81.4%)** teams are ranked in the top 25, this is a very competitive field.

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- It is easier to draw a larger percentage when the rankings include more teams. This is a nice number, but statistically not as impressive as the previous two percentages of rankings.
- **81.4%** of the fields are ranked in the top 25.
- Anytime you have this large of a percentage, it is a very competitive field.
- Hats off to the NWCA for getting this quality of a field together.

Statistically the field at the 2025 NWCA National Duals is VERY STRONG.

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- As a statistician and an ex-college wrestling coach, Gorms is very impressed with the quality of the divisions at the 2025 NWCA National Duals.
- This does not happen by chance. It is years of hard work at the NWCA that has led to this tournament being so talent rich and such a big tourney.
- For a small non-revenue sport (that school in Williamsburg, VA used this goofy term) travel, budgets, time away from campus, etc. makes the quality of this field even more impressive.

Very impressive field at the 2025 NWCA National Duals.

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- Gorms, thanks for the statistical breakdown of the 2025 NWCA National Duals.
- Hazard was impressed with the field prior to the stats analysis.
- Since a statistician is impressed, Hazard is even more impressed.
- Enough with the stats, let's talk about why this tourney is important and why it has helped the sport.

The NWCA National Duals are an integral part of collegiate wrestling.

- In wrestling the individual tourneys have overshadowed the dual meet. The National Duals have helped bring on the importance of the dual meet.
- In many sports (see CFP and March Madness) sometimes an end of the year event discounts many regular season contests.
- Wrestling is a smaller low budget sport that needs an event like this.
- Fans and families only have so much time for travel, having 102 teams here and many duals for each team are great for fans & families. Granted there is something special about a 2-hur dual meet, but with the financial restrictions on our sport, the NWCA National Duals can be a huge positive for the sport.
- Choice is a great plus. For those who have been to many Mne's NCAA D1 Championships, we understand the chances of seeing an exciting bout when there are 8 mats running simultaneously maximize the chance to see excitement at any random point in time.
- 6 different coaches will be able to bring back a National trophy to impress their AD and President.

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

Episode 40 Kev's Notes #1

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- 1) In the 3 wrestling organizations (NCAA, NAIA, & NCWA) there are 719 4-year wrestling teams (483 Men & 236 Women).
- 2) The NWCA/USMC National duals has expanded from its NCAA D1 men's 16-team field at the VA Duals in 1989 to the 102-team extravaganza including all NCAA & NAIA divisions for men & women.
- 3) There are 34 different states with teams at the 2025 NWCA/USMC National Duals.
- 4) 56 of the 102 (54.9%) teams have been added in the 21st Century.
 - 5) The 2025 NWCA/USMC National Duals are a microcosm of the collegiate wrestling world.

Episode 40 Kev's Notes #2

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- 6) NCAA Men's D1 teams will be back for the 1st time since 2017.
- 7) 42 different programs from 40 colleges have won titles.
- 8) 75% of all the top 10 teams across 6 divisions were at Cedar Falls, IA.
- 9) 81.4% of teams across all 6 divisions at the National Duals are ranked in the top 25.
- 10) Due to scheduling conflicts, NCWA teams will not be in Cedar Falls, IA for the National Duals, but we all hope they will be a part of future National Duals.

What is the topic next month (Wednesday 2/19/25 3PM EST)?

The business & logistics of collegiate wrestling featuring special guest Mike Moyer.

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- **Tune In Next Month**
 - **Same Mat Time**
 - **Same Mat Channel**
- **MatStats will sit down with Mike Moyer, the Executive Director of the NWCA, and educate the wrestling fan on the business and logistics of collegiate wrestling in 2025.**
- **We will explore the transfer portal, roster sizes/scholarship limits, NIL, competition limits, and other questions the average fan does not know the answers to.**