

# ***COMPLETE RESULTS OF FINALS ROUNDS AT NCWA CHAMPIONSHIPS***

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Here are the results from all of the finals matches at the 2016 NCWA Championships, with each wrestler's place listed first followed by the scores of the placing matches. The final team standings are at the bottom of the file.

## **2016 NCWA CHAMPIONSHIPS**

### **FINALS RESULTS**

**March 12, 2016, Kissimmee, Fla.**

### **INDIVIDUAL RESULTS**

#### **125 lbs.**

Champion - Brent Newcomer (22-11), Emmanuel College

2nd Place - Timothy Sakow (31-10), Central Florida

3rd Place - Devon Jackson (11-2), Houston-Downtown

4th Place - Ryan Thierman (27-16), Alfred State

5th Place - Byron Smith (12-3), Memphis

6th Place - Brendan Hazelton (28-12), Grand Valley State

7th Place - Ty Boyd (34-9), Apprentice

8th Place - Jiro DeLoach (18-6), Texas State

#### **Championship**

Brent Newcomer, Emmanuel, def. Timothy Sakow, Central Florida, by fall 2:57

#### **3rd Place**

Devon Jackson, Houston-Downtown, def. Ryan Thierman, Alfred State, 9-5.

#### **5th Place**

Byron Smith, Memphis, def. Brendan Hazelton, Grand Valley State, by tech fall 6:10 (17-2)

#### **7th Place**

Ty Boyd, Apprentice, def. Jiro DeLoach, Texas State, by tech fall 4:52 (19-4)

#### **133 lbs.**

Champion - Darius Bunch (20-9), Emmanuel College

2nd Place - Nick Anthony (13-8), Central Florida

3rd Place - Mitchell Hrynyak (18-3), Grand Valley State

4th Place - De`Ante Evans (24-9), Defiance College

5th Place - Zachary Vatalare (21-4), Michigan WC

6th Place - Dylan Carlile (23-16), Emmanuel College

7th Place - Tyler Weiss (16-5), BYU

8th Place - Jacob Michael (19-17), Apprentice

### **Championship**

Darius Bunch, Emmanuel, def. Nick Anthony, Central Florida, TB-1 6-4

### **3rd Place**

Mitchell Hrynak, Grand Valley State def. De'Ante Evans, Defiance, 4-0

### **5th Place**

Zachary Vatalare, Michigan WC, def. Dylan Carlile, Emmanuel, 5-3

### **7th Place**

Tyler Weiss, BYU, def. Jacob Michael, Apprentice, 8-3

### **141 lbs.**

Champion - Zach Cooper (18-1), Grand Valley State

2nd Place - Will Hale (19-5), Emmanuel College

3rd Place - Andrew Johnson (28-7), Washington

4th Place - Johnny Walker (18-3), Penn State WC

5th Place - Matthew Seymour (28-15), Central Florida

6th Place - Aaron Bright (26-1), Apprentice

7th Place - Brandon Robinson (7-2), Liberty

8th Place - Jeff Hayden (13-5), Towson

### **Championship**

Zach Cooper, Grand Valley State, def. Will Hale, Emmanuel, by tech fall 3:05 (16-0)

### **3rd Place Match**

Andrew Johnson, Washington, def. Johnny Walker, Penn State WC, 6-5

### **5th Place Match**

Matthew Seymour, Central Florida, def. Aaron Bright, Apprentice, by forfeit

### **7th Place Match**

Brandon Robinson, Liberty, def. Jeff Hayden, Towson, by forfeit

### **149 lbs.**

Champion - Ty Haines (28-8), Penn State-DuBois

2nd Place - Nick Cegelski (26-1), USC

3rd Place - Julian Prieto (19-5), Colorado

4th Place - Jay Sheppard (23-15), Emmanuel College

5th Place - Antonio Martinez (15-7), Texas

6th Place - John Cook (18-5), Georgia

7th Place - Dan Ritz (22-5), Penn State WC

8th Place - Tyler Warner (24-8), Penn State-Mont Alto

### **Championship**

Ty Haines, Penn State-DuBois, def. Nick Cegelski, USC, 8-3

### **3rd Place Match**

Julian Prieto, Colorado, def. Jay Sheppard, Emmanuel, by fall 6:11

### **5th Place Match**

Antonio Martinez, Texas, def. John Cook, Georgia, by major dec., 10-2

### **7th Place Match**

Dan Ritz, Penn State WC, def. Tyler Warner, Penn State-Mont Alto, 3-2

### **157 lbs.**

Champion - Trace Thome (30-8), Florida

2nd Place - Joseph Prieto (17-7), Colorado

3rd Place - Jeremiah Lutz (30-4), Emmanuel College

4th Place - Trey Gregory (19-3), James Madison

5th Place - Gabe Stepanovich (16-6), Grand Valley State

6th Place - Joe Staley (13-7), James Madison

7th Place - Brett Naylor (16-3), Utah State

8th Place - Michael King (21-10), Middle Tennessee

### **Championship**

Trace Thome, Florida, def. Joseph Prieto, Colorado, 3-1

### **3rd Place Match**

Jeremiah Lutz, Emmanuel, def. Trey Gregory, James Madison, by fall 1:09

### **5th Place Match**

Gabe Stepanovich, Grand Valley State, def. Joe Staley, James Madison, by fall 4:20

### **7th Place Match**

Brett Naylor, Utah State, def. Michael King, Middle Tennessee, 11-5

## **165 lbs.**

Champion - Ricky Padilla (36-2), U.S. Air Force Academy Prep

2nd Place - Austin Geerlings (17-7), Grand Valley State

3rd Place - Clay Kocsis (37-1), Penn State-Mont Alto

4th Place - Taylor Workman (25-6), Toledo

5th Place - John Prentice (27-14), Penn State-DuBois

6th Place - Jarred Pratt (24-9), Montana Western

7th Place - Michael Bryant (16-6), Liberty

8th Place - Mason Temple (14-6), Fresno State

### **Championship**

Ricky Padilla, U.S. Air Force Prep, def. Austin Geerlings, Grand Valley State, 4-2

### **3rd Place Match**

Clay Kocsis, Penn State-Mont Alto, def. Taylor Workman, Toledo, 8-5

### **5th Place Match**

John Prentice, Penn State-DuBois, def. Jarred Pratt, Montana Western, by fall 3:36

### **7th Place Match**

Michael Bryant, Liberty, def. Mason Temple, Fresno State, 7-5

## **174 lbs.**

Champion - Geordan Speiller (17-0), Central Florida

2nd Place - Joshua Ferenczy (37-11), Liberty

3rd Place - Bailey Bischer (26-6), Grand Valley State

4th Place - George VanValen (23-13), Alfred State

5th Place - Zakery Pitt (19-15), Emmanuel College

6th Place - Joe Traverso (11-7), Washington State

7th Place - George Andrews (21-5), Connecticut

8th Place - Shane Brown (11-4), Akron

### **Championship**

Geordan Speiller, Central Florida, def. Joshua Ferenczy, Liberty, by fall 2:32

### **3rd Place Match**

Bailey Bischer, Grand Valley State, def. George VanValen, Alfred State, 5-3

### **5th Place Match**

Zakery Pitt, Emmanuel, def. Joe Traverso, Washington State, TB-1 5-3

### **7th Place Match**

George Andrews, Connecticut, def. Shane Brown, Akron, by forfeit

### **184 lbs.**

Champion - Cody Chaney (38-5), Emmanuel College

2nd Place - Chandler Dobler (40-7), Central Florida

3rd Place - Clinton Boone (14-2), Farmingdale State

4th Place - Tucker Davison (22-6), Montana Western

5th Place - River Robertson (22-6), Maine

6th Place - Phil Marra (13-3), Penn State-New Kensington

7th Place - Johnny Malazinsky (11-5), Texas

8th Place - Eric Dietz (17-12), Grand Valley State

### **Championship**

Cody Chaney, Emmanuel, def. Chandler Dobler, Central Florida, 6-3

### **3rd Place Match**

Clinton Boone, Farmingdale State, def. Tucker Davison, Montana Western, by fall 2:07

### **5th Place Match**

River Robertson, Maine, def. Phil Marra, Penn State-New Kensington, by forfeit

### **7th Place Match**

Johnny Malazinsky, Texas, def. Eric Dietz, Grand Valley State, 6-5

### **197 lbs.**

Champion - Maveric Rechsteiner (32-11), Emmanuel College

2nd Place - Matt Wagner (27-9), U.S. Air Force Academy Prep

3rd Place - Tyrell Walker (18-4), Central Florida

4th Place - Thomas Mancha (7-2), Houston-Downtown

5th Place - Trevor Parker (17-4), Marion Military Institute

6th Place - Kyler Slade (15-5), Ohio State WC

7th Place - Jake Ferris (12-2), Central Washington

8th Place - Jesse Slocum (9-6), Akron

### **Championship**

Maveric Rechsteiner, Emmanuel, def. Matt Wagner, Air Force Prep, 12-5

### **3rd Place Match**

Tyrell Walker, Central Florida, def. Thomas Mancha, Houston-Downtown, by fall 0:53

### **5th Place Match**

Trevor Parker, Marion Military, def. Kyler Slade, Ohio State WC, 5-1

### **7th Place Match**

Jake Ferris, Central Washington, def. Jesse Slocum, Akron, 6-2

### **235 lbs.**

Champion - William Vincent (18-0), Mott Community College

2nd Place - Steven Webb (21-2), Connecticut

3rd Place - Rickey Carter (22-5), Florida A & M

4th Place - Jeffrey Henderson (23-8), Henry Ford College

5th Place - Harun Bogdonic (19-12), Grand Valley State

6th Place - Kerry Powers (21-8), U.S. Air Force Academy Prep

7th Place - Andrew Carnes (7-3), South Carolina

8th Place - Angel Perez (16-9), Central Florida

### **Championship**

William Vincent, Mott CC, def. Steven Webb, Connecticut, by fall 3:26

### **3rd Place Match**

Rickey Carter, Florida A&M, def. Jeffrey Henderson, Henry Ford College, 2-1

### **5th Place Match**

Harun Bogdonic, Grand Valley State, def. Kerry Powers, Air Force Prep, by forfeit

### **7th Place Match**

Andrew Carnes, South Carolina, def. Angel Perez, Central Florida, SV-1 7-5).

### **285 lbs.**

Champion - Mo Fifita (14-0), U.S. Air Force Academy Prep

2nd Place - Jesse Gaudin (19-8), Central Florida

3rd Place - Dylan Stadel (19-4), Utah State

4th Place - Austin Wells (29-5), Middle Tennessee

5th Place - Aaron Leciejewski (12-6), Defiance College

6th Place - John Puleo (20-11), South Florida

7th Place - Justin Reynolds (14-10), Emmanuel College

8th Place - Joshua Travers (19-10), Liberty

### **Championship**

Mo Fifita, Air Force Prep, def. Jesse Gaudin, Central Florida, TB-1 3-1

### **3rd Place Match**

Dylan Stadel, Utah State, def. Austin Wells, Middle Tennessee, by fall 0:36

### **5th Place Match**

Aaron Leciejewski, Defiance, def. John Puleo, South Florida, by medical forfeit

### **7th Place Match**

Justin Reynolds, Emmanuel, def. Joshua Travers, Liberty, 3-2

## **TEAM STANDINGS**

### **Division I**

1. Emmanuel College.....	213.0
2. Central Florida.....	191.0
3. Grand Valley State.....	188.0
4. Liberty.....	97.5
5. Penn State-DuBois.....	92.5
6. Apprentice.....	73.0
7. U.S. Air Force Academy Prep.....	55.0
8. Middle Tennessee.....	54.5
9. South Florida.....	50.5
10. Alfred State.....	44.5
11. Penn State-Mont Alto.....	44.0
12. Marion Military.....	41.0
13. Grays Harbor College.....	36.0
14. Md.-Baltimore County.....	35.0
15. Wayne State College.....	34.5
16. Mott Community College.....	33.0
17. Florida Gulf Coast.....	30.0
18. Temple.....	26.5
19. Central Washington.....	19.5
20. Williamson Trades.....	17.5
21. MIT.....	15.0
22. Penn State-New Kensington.....	13.0
23. New Hampshire.....	10.5

24. RPI.....	9.0
25t. North Florida.....	5.5
25t. Stony Brook.....	5.5
27. Penn State-Schuylkill.....	4.0
28. Penn State-Fayette.....	0.0

**Division II**

1. Florida.....	72.0
2. Penn State WC.....	59.5
3. Colorado.....	53.5
4t. Connecticut.....	47.0
4t. Houston-Downtown.....	47.0
6t. Maine.....	41.5
6t. Utah State.....	41.5
8. Montana Western.....	40.0
9. Grand Canyon WC.....	34.0
10. Defiance College.....	32.5
11. Toledo.....	31.5
12. Farmingdale State.....	29.0
13. Georgia.....	28.5
14. Akron.....	28.0
15. Texas.....	27.5
16. Washington State.....	25.0
17. USC.....	24.0
18. James Madison.....	23.0
19. Henry Ford College.....	22.5
20. Dixie State.....	22.0
21. Florida A&M.....	20.5
22t. Fresno State.....	18.5
22t. Ohio State WC.....	18.5
24t. Arizona.....	18.0
24t. Wisconsin WC.....	18.0
26t. BYU.....	17.5



26t. Memphis.....	17.5
26t. Northern Kentucky.....	17.5
29. Washington.....	16.0
30t. South Carolina.....	15.5
30t. Texas State.....	15.5
32. Michigan WC.....	14.5
33t. Rowan Univ.....	13.0
33t. Tennessee.....	13.0
35. Northeastern.....	11.5
36t. Texas A&M.....	11.0
36t. UCLA.....	11.0
38. Winona State.....	10.5
39. East Carolina.....	10.0
40t. Delaware.....	9.5
40t. Notre Dame.....	9.5
42t. Lehigh WC.....	8.0
42t. William & Mary.....	8.0
44t. Iowa State WC.....	7.5
44t. Virginia Military.....	7.5
46. Ferris State.....	7.0
47t. Saginaw Valley.....	6.5
47t. Towson.....	6.5
47t. Western Washington.....	6.5
50. North Texas.....	6.0
51t. Montana Tech.....	5.5
51t. Texas-Arlington.....	5.5
53. Iowa WC.....	5.0
54. Colorado State.....	4.5
55t. Alabama.....	3.5
55t. Massachusetts.....	3.5
57. Montana State.....	3.0
58. Michigan State WC.....	2.0

59. UC-Merced.....	1.5
60. Idaho.....	1.0
61t. Bridgewater College.....	0.0
61t. Concordia-Ann Arbor.....	0.0
61t. Husson Univ.....	0.0
61t. Miami (Fla.).....	0.0
61t. Missouri Science and Tech.....	0.0
61t. Rhode Island.....	0.0
61t. Rutgers WC.....	0.0
61t. Sacramento State.....	0.0
61t. Yale.....	0.0

## ***EMMANUEL WINS FOUR OF FIVE FINALS MATCHES, WINS COLLEGIATE CUP***

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**By Scott Farrell**

**KISSIMMEE, Fla.** – Emmanuel College put a championship stamp on the end of its first season, winning the NCWA Collegiate Cup as the association’s overall champion. The Lions won four of their five finals matches to pull away from Central Florida and Grand Valley State, taking the title with 213 points.

Central Florida took the Division I team title with 191 points, with Grand Valley State second at 188. Liberty, the defending champion, placed fourth at 97.5 and Penn State-DuBois was fifth at 92.5. Florida won its first Division II team title with 72 points, followed by the Penn State Wrestling Club with 59.5 and Colorado, with its highest finish ever in third at 53.5. Southwestern Oregon Community College won its fifth consecutive NCWA Women’s Championships with 126.5 points, with Ottawa (Kan.) second at 83.5.

Emmanuel took a huge leap in the final rounds’ opening minutes when Brent Newcomer (22-11) won the 125-pound bracket over UCF’s Timothy Sakow, taking the match by fall in 2:57. Darius Bunch then won the 133 class with a tiebreaker win in overtime, 6-4, over Nick Anthony of UCF. The pair of wins increased the distance between Emmanuel, which went into the finals rounds ahead by 12 points, and UCF, when still had three wrestlers in the finals to come but now had the added pressure of having to sweep them to still think about the title.

Geordan Speiller, the U.S. Greco-Roman champion and Pan Am Olympic qualifier, won the 174 bracket for UCF. But when Cody Chaney won the 184 title with a 6-3 decision over UCF’s Chandler Dobler, it all but clinched the championship for Emmanuel. Maveric Rechsteiner added the 197 title moments later with a 12-5 win over Matt Wagner of the U.S. Air Force Academy Prep School.

UCF finished 1-4 in its finals matches.

Other highlights included Florida winning its first national title from Trace Thome at 157 pounds. Thome didn't give up an offensive point in the tournament, then topped Joseph Prieto of Colorado in the final, 3-1. Prieto and his brother Julian (149 pounds) were the first All-Americans in Colorado's NCWA history.

Zachary Cooper of Grand Valley State earned the tournament's Most Outstanding Wrestler Award, winning the 141 bracket with an 18-1 tech fall over Will Hale of Emmanuel.

Ty Haines of Penn State-DuBois won the 149 bracket over previously-undefeated and four-time All-American Nick Cegelski of USC. Cegelski went into the match at 26-0. Haines' title is the first for PSU-DuBois under the NCWA banner.

Ricky Padilla and Mo Fifita combined to keep an impressive streak by Air Force Academy Prep alive. Padilla won the 165 title with a 4-2 win over Austin Geerlings of Grand Valley State, 4-2, and Fifita closed the finals rounds at heavyweight with a 3-1 tiebreaker win over Jesse Gaudin of UCF. Air Force Prep has now had at least two All-Americans in the past six seasons, and has had 19 All-Americans overall in the same time frame.

William Vincent of Mott Community College (Mich.) won his first national title in his second All-American finish, pinning Stevan Webb of Connecticut in 3:26. Vincent took seventh at 174 in 2009.

In the women's tournament, Yolanda Lawes highlighted the field by winning her fourth consecutive national title at 109 pounds, pinning Tabitha Sparks of Ottawa in 6:23. Samantha Frank of Maine won her second consecutive Most Outstanding Wrestler Award for the women's division after taking the 101 title again, this time with a pin in 1:56 over Mali'e Gonsalves of Southwestern Oregon CC.

The tournament's individual awards went to:

**Men's Coach of the Year:** Jake Brumbelow, Emmanuel College

**Men's Most Outstanding Wrestler:** Zachary Cooper, Grand Valley State

**Women's Coach of the Year:** Vince Majalca, Arizona

**Women's Most Outstanding Wrestler:** Samantha Frank, Maine

The tournament's final standings and bracket results can be found at [trackwrestling.com](http://trackwrestling.com).

Here are the results for the championship matches at each weight:

**125 lbs.** - Brent Newcomer, Emmanuel, def. Timothy Sakow, Central Florida, by fall 2:57

**133 lbs.** - Darius Bunch, Emmanuel, def. Nick Anthony, Central Florida, TB-1 6-4

**141 lbs.** - Zach Cooper, Grand Valley State, def. Will Hale, Emmanuel, by tech fall 3:05 (16-0)

**149 lbs.** - Ty Haines, Penn State-DuBois, def. Nick Cegelski, USC, 8-3

**157 lbs.** - Trace Thome, Florida, def. Joseph Prieto, Colorado, 3-1

**165 lbs.** - Ricky Padilla, U.S. Air Force Prep, def. Austin Geerlings, Grand Valley State, 4-2

**174 lbs.** - Geordan Speiller, Central Florida, def. Joshua Ferenczy, Liberty, by fall 2:32

**184 lbs.** - Cody Chaney, Emmanuel, def. Chandler Dobler, Central Florida, 6-3

**197 lbs.** - Maveric Rechsteiner, Emmanuel, def. Matt Wagner, Air Force Prep, 12-5

**235 lbs.** - William Vincent, Mott CC, def. Steven Webb, Connecticut, by fall 3:26

**285 lbs.** - Mo Fifita, Air Force Prep, def. Jesse Gaudin, Central Florida, TB-1 3-1

# ***QUICK FACTS ON 2016 NATIONAL FINALISTS***

Posted on March 12, 2016

**Here are a few notes on the national finalists at the NCWA Championships. Their records are current going into the finals.**

## **125 lbs.**

***(3 seed) Brent Newcomer (21-11)***

***Fr., Emmanuel College***

1<sup>st</sup> All-American season

Perry Hall, Md. (Perry Hall HS)

\* beat Sakow 2-1 in OT for SEC title

\* was a 3<sup>rd</sup>-place winner in HS in Md.

\* Kinesiology major

\* has 2 pins and 1 MD in this tourney

**vs.**

***(5 seed) Timothy Sakow (31-9)***

***So., Central Florida***

2X All-American (5th @ 125 in 2015)

Palm Harbor, Fla.

(Palm Harbor University HS)

\* one of 8 UCF All-Americans

\* 125-25 career record in HS; state placer in Florida

\* Accounting and Finance major

\* has an 8-2 record in two national tourneys w/ 2 pins

## **133 lbs.**

***(12 seed) Nick Anthony (13-7)***

***Sr., Central Florida***

2X All-American (5th @ 141 in '14)

Fort Myers, Fla. (Fort Myers HS)

\* lowest seeded wrestler (12th) to make the finals

\* Health Sciences major

\* 4th-place finisher in SEC

**vs.**

***(3 seed) Darius Bunch (19-9)***

***Fr., Emmanuel College***

1<sup>st</sup> All-American season

Buford, Ga. (Buford HS)

\* Bunch beat Anthony 2-1 in OT in SEC semi's

\* is 3-3 against NCAA D-2, NAIA and NJCAA opps.

\* SEC champion – 3 of 4 semifinalists were from SEC

\* 1 pin, 1 MD in tourney thus far

**141 lbs.**

**(2 seed) Zach Cooper (17-1)**

**Jr., Grand Valley State**

1<sup>st</sup> All-American season

Whitehall, Mich. (Whitehall HS)

\* Great Lakes champion

\* this is 1 of 3 title bouts pairing 1 vs. 2 seeds

\* has 3 pins and one Tech in this tourney

\* won GLC with two Tech's in QF's and Semi's

**vs.**

**(1 seed) Will Hale (19-4)**

**Jr., Emmanuel College**

1<sup>st</sup> All-American season

Loganville, Ga. (Loganville HS)

\* transfer from Brewton-Parker (was NAIA reg. Q'fier)

\* pinned Cooper in a match at National Duals

\* SEC champ.; opened tourn. w/ 2 pins in rds of 32/16

\* HS career record of 194-19; 2X st. champ, 3X placer

\* Secondary Education major

**149 lbs.**

**(1 seed) Nick Cegelski (26-0)**

**Sr., USC**

4X All-American (all @ 149, 6th in 2013; 4th in 2014; 4th in 2015)  
HS)

Rochester, N.Y. (Penfield

\* is the 27<sup>th</sup> 4X All-American in NCWA history (over 19 yrs)

\* West Coast Conf. champion

\* started the USC program as a freshman in 2012

\* 74-12 in career for an .860 win pct.

\* 19-7 all-time at national tourney, which is tied for most career national tourney wins in NCWA history)

\* one of 4 undefeated wrestlers left (George Speiller at 174, William Vincent at 235, Mo Fifita at 285)

**vs.**

**(2 seed) Ty Haines (27-8)**

**Sr., Penn State-DuBois**

2X All-American (7<sup>th</sup> @ 149 in 2015)

New Bethlehem, Pa.

(Redbank Valley HS)

\* Mideast Conf. champ

\* 2<sup>nd</sup> year in NCWA – 57-21 career rec. (30-13 last yr.)

\* would be PSU-DuBois' first NCWA champion

**157 lbs.**

**(4 seed) Joseph Prieto (17-6)**

**Fr., Colorado**

1<sup>st</sup> All-American season

Broomfield, Colo. (Holy Family HS)

\* Colorado's 1<sup>st</sup> All-American since 2011 (John Combs)

\* joins brother Julian (157 lbs.) as an All-American

- \* upset top-seed Jeremiah Lutz in semi's, by fall 2:48
- \* Great Plains Conf. champion has 2 pins in this tourn.

**vs.**

**(3 seed) Trace Thome (29-8)**

**Jr., Florida**

2X All-American (6th @ 149 in '15)

Loxahatchee, Fla. (Seminole Ridge HS)

- \* SEC runner-up; has 1 pin and a MD in this tourn.
- \* Florida's first national finalist since 2006 (Ricky Rieck)
- \* career record of 43-13; was 14-5 last season (6th)
- \* beat 2-seed Trey Gregory of J. Madison in semi's

**165 lbs.**

**(7 seed) Austin Geerlings (17-6)**

**Sr., Grand Valley State**

2X All-American (4th @ 165 in 2013)

Kentwood, Mich. (East Kentwood HS)

- \* took two years away, was 39-7 in 2013 (NCWA 4th)
- \* had to MFF out of Great Lakes Conf. tourney, but was a wild card entry to nationals
- \* beat returning All-Am. and 2-seed Clay Kocsis in Qtr's
- \* has 2 pins and a tech in this tourney

**vs.**

**(1 seed) Ricky Padilla (35-2)**

**Fr., Air Force Academy Prep**

1<sup>st</sup> All-American season

Covina, Calif. (Northview HS)

- \* one of 3 AFA Prep school finalists
- \* has 1 pin and one MD in this tourn.
- \* Great Plains champ.
- \* only one of 5 top-seeds to reach the finals

**174 lbs.**

**(2 seed) Josh Ferenczy (37-10)**

**Jr., Liberty**

1<sup>st</sup> All-American season

Staten Island, N.Y. (Curtis HS)

- \* Mid-Atlantic champ.
- \* career record of 64-24; was 27-14 in 2014
- \* Liberty has had multiple All-Ams in all
- \* Ferenczy is also an experienced Jiu-Jitsu artist and grappler
- \* tied for 2<sup>nd</sup>-most wins among finalists

**vs.**

**(1 seed) Geordan Speiller (16-0)**

**Jr., Central Florida**

1<sup>st</sup> All-American season

Oviedo, Fla. (Oviedo HS)

- \* beat Ferenczy by MD, 24-10, at Virginia Duals
- \* has 2 pins and a tech in this tourn.
- \* SEC champion

\* one of only 4 undefeated wrestlers left (Nick Cegelski at 149, William Vincent at 235, Mo Fifita at 285)

\* U.S. Open Greco-Roman champ. at 75 kg

\* Pan-Am Olympic qualifier for U.S.

### **184 lbs.**

**(8 seed) Cody Chaney (37-5)**

**Jr., Emmanuel College**

1<sup>st</sup> All-American season

Plant City, Fla. (Plant City HS)

\* tied for 2<sup>nd</sup>-most wins among finalists

\* SEC champion; beat Dobler 5-3 in final (only mtg.)

\* 23-5 against NCAA D-2, NAIA and NJCAA comp.

\* 14-0 against NCWA

\* transfer from Brewton-Parker, was 3-time team capt.

\* was 2012 Florida state HS runner-up

**vs.**

**(2 seed) Chandler Dobler (40-6)**

**Fr., Central Florida**

1<sup>st</sup> All-American season

Lithia, Fla. (Newsome HS)

\* highest win total among finalists

\* 21-5 vs. NCAA D-2, NAIA and NJCAA competition

\* had 1 pin and 1 MD in tourn., plus 10-2 and 11-0 wins

\* 101-35 career record in HS

### **197 lbs.**

**(1 seed) Maveric Rechsteiner (31-11)**

**Jr., Emmanuel College**

1<sup>st</sup> All-American season

Woodstock, Ga. (Etowah HS)

\*SEC champion

\* 4 pins in this tourn.; now has 12 pins among wins

\* 2X state placer in Georgia, HS career rec. of 189-21

\* transfer from Brewton-Parker

**vs.**

**(6 seed) Matt Wagner (27-8)**

**Fr., Air Force Academy Prep**

1<sup>st</sup> All-American season

Milford, Pa. (Delaware Valley HS)

\* Great Plains Conf. champion

\* 12-6 vs. non-NCWA competition

\* AFA Prep has had 19 All-Ams the past 6 yrs

\* AFA Prep has had at least two All-Ams the past 6

\* has two MD's in this tourn.

\* won semi's over 2-seed Tyrell Walker of UCF

### **235 lbs.**

**(4 seed) William Vincent (17-0)**

**So., Mott CC**

2X All-American (7th @ 184 in 2009)

Corunna, Mich. (Corunna HS)

\* two pins, one MD, one shutout in tourn. thus far

\* 2nd finalist in Mott CC's history (and 1<sup>st</sup> since 2011)

\* one of only 4 undefeated wrestlers left (Nick Cegelski at 149, Geordan Speiller at 174, Mo Fifita at 285)

\* won 165 matches in HS (165-35)

**vs.**

**(3 seed) Stevan Webb (21-1)**

**So., Connecticut**

2X All-American (8th @ 285 in '15)

Whippany, N.J. (Whippany Park HS)

\* 1<sup>st</sup> national finalist in UConn's history

\* two pins in tourn., including semi. vs. AFA Prep

\* Northeast Conf. champ.

**285 lbs.**

**(2 seed) Mosese Fifita (13-0)**

**Fr., Air Force Academy Prep**

1<sup>st</sup> All-American season

Snohomish, Wash.

(Glacier Peak HS)

\* Great Plains champ.

\* former Wash. state champ.; career 131-29 HS rec.

\* one of AFA Prep's 19 All-Ams in the past 6 yrs

\* one of only 4 undefeated wrestlers left (Nick Cegelski at 149, Geordan Speiller at 174, William Vincent at 235)

**vs.**

**(4 seed) Jesse Gaudin (19-7)**

**So., Central Florida**

1<sup>st</sup> All-American season

Brooksville, Fla. (Hernando HS)

\* SEC champion

\* 2014 state champion in Fla., 3<sup>rd</sup> in 2013

\* 146-20 in HS

\* one of 5 finalists for UCF



# ***EMMANUEL PLACES FIVE INTO FINALS, TAKES SLIM LEAD OVER UCF***

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KISSIMMEE, Fla. – Emmanuel College raced past Central Florida and Grand Valley State into first place Friday, but there's plenty of work ahead for the Lions as they aim for their first NCWA title.

First up for Emmanuel will be two title clashes against the UCF team it leads by 5.5 points in the team standings, and they come at the start of the finals rounds in the 125- and 133-pound championship matches. The Lions, who led the field with eight semifinalists, will be pressured to win those two matches because they face UCF one more time in the 174 final, where the Knights' Geordan Speiller, a U.S. Open Greco champion and Pan Am Olympic qualifier, is a heavy favorite.

UCF and Emmanuel moved ahead of the field by combining to put 14 wrestlers into the semifinals, and then 11 of those (split between six for Emmanuel and five for UCF) into the finals matches. Buoyed by that success, Emmanuel closed the second day in the lead with 177.5 points, with UCF just behind at 172.

Grand Valley State, the first-day leader, sits in third with 154 and is still in contention for the title but must get a lot of help. The Lakers sent four into the semifinals, but only Zach Cooper at 141 made it to the finals.

The U.S. Air Force Academy Prep School moved into sixth place with 66 points as he three finalists – Ricky Padilla at 165, Matt Wanger at 197 and Mo Fifita at 285. In between the Falcons and the leaders are fourth-place Liberty with 93.5 points and Penn State-DuBois with 82.

In the Division II field, Florida maintained its first-place hold with 68 points and has its first finalist in at least 10 years when third-seeded Trace Thome faces Colorado's Joseph Prieto in the 157 final. Prieto is the first finalist in Colorado's NCWA history. The Penn State Wrestling Club is second in Division II with 53 points, with Connecticut in third at 44. Connecticut also has its first finalist in more than a decade in Stevan Webb at 235. He will face William Vincent of Mott Community College.

The women's division is still up for grabs as Ottawa University continues to push four-time champion Southwestern Oregon CC. The women have one morning session before their finals matches will be set up.

Saturday's competition begins with a round of consolations before the finals begin at 6 p.m. A special note for the day will be a tournament hosted by the Florida Amateur Wrestling Association, which will use the NCWA's mats for their own state competition during the afternoon before the NCWA resumes its finals at 6 p.m.

# GRAND VALLEY HAS SLIM LEAD OVER UCF AFTER DAY ONE

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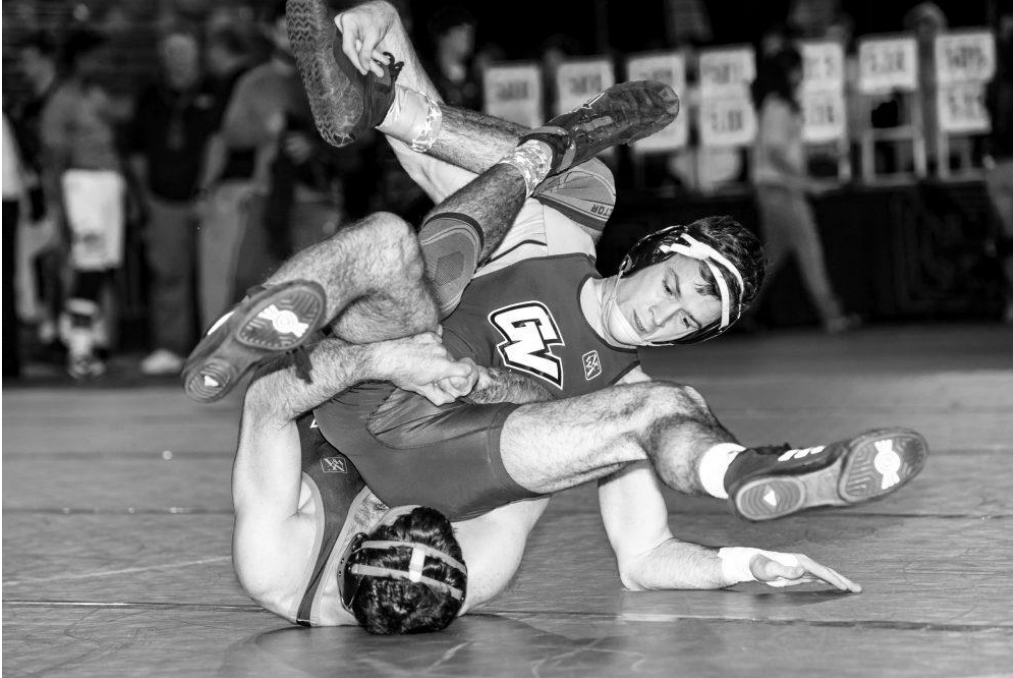
KISSIMMEE, Fla. – Grand Valley State leads the NCWA Championships after the first day of competition, but second-place Central Florida and perhaps even third-place Emmanuel College may sit in a better position as the tournament reaches its quarterfinal stage on Friday.

The Lakers stormed out of the opening rounds with plenty of bonus points to go along with wins up and down their roster. Grand Valley scored 16 pins as a team Thursday with two other tech falls, giving it close to 30 bonus points and a big part of its Division I-high 82.5 points. Their slim two-point lead over Central Florida (80.5 points) might have been greater had GVSU not missed a handful of opportunities turning in a 1-4 record in head-to-head meetings with the Knights.

Even more important was where the bulk of those five matches took place. UCF stayed close to Grand Valley with wins in three head-to-head meetings in the round-of-16 at 125, 133 and 174 pounds, two of them with bonus points attached. Timothy Sakow of UCF won by fall over Charlie Hang in 6:37 at 125, then Justus Griffith won a close decision over GVSU's Nick Reddy, 6-5. Geordan Speiller, a U.S. Greco-Roman champion, won another head-to-head match at 174, scoring a tech fall over Ben Wright. C.J. Cook made it four-in-a-row for UCF, pinning Bobby Montney in the 149 consolations.

Austin Geerlings stopped the run for GVSU when he pinned UCF's Michael Seymour in the 165-pound round-of 16. That buoyed Grand Valley's chances as Geerlings reached Friday's quarterfinals along with six other Lakers – Brendan Hazelton (125), top-seed Mitchell Hrynyak (133), two-seed Zach Cooper (141), Geerlings (165), Bailey Bischer (174), Eric Dietz (184) and Harun Bogdonic (235). In all, Grand Valley sits in great shape to make a run at

its first national title since winning three in a row from 2006-08. The Lakers have 15 wrestlers alive (eight in consolation) and only lost two out of the tournament on Thursday.



Bonus points will again be a key for Grand Valley, as they're outnumbered by UCF's 10 quarterfinalists with seven others in consolation. The Knights only lost one wrestler out of the tournament Thursday. Besdies Sakow (125), Griffith (133), Cook (149) and Speiller (174), UCF advanced Matthew Seymour (141), Chandler Dobler (184), Tyrell Walker (197), Angel Perez (235) and Jesse Gaudin (285) reached the final eight in their class.

Grand Valley has two important quarterfinal matches against Emmanuel right off the bat Friday. Hrnjak faces Emmanuel's Dylan Carlile at 133, Bischer takes on Zakery Pitt at 174.

Emmanuel has nine wrestlers in the quarterfinals and four more in consolation. The Lions only lost one wrestler Thursday. Liberty sits in fourth place with 62 points, followed by Penn State-DuBois (54), Apprentice (51) and then a scoring gap down to seventh-place Grays Harbor College and Maryland-Baltimore County with 35 each and Middle Tennessee with 34.

In Division II, Florida's 48 points stand well-ahead of second-place Penn State Wrestling Club (36). Grand Canyon's Wrestling Club is in third with 33 points and Maine, a pleasant surprise on Thursday, in fourth at 28.5.

Besides the championship quarterfinals and semifinals, Friday will also have the women's tournament opening up. Southwestern Oregon CC is the heavy favorite to win its fifth consecutive NCWA Women's title.

Here are the team scores from the first day of the NCWA Championships. You can find more scoring information plus the brackets on [trackwrestling.com](http://trackwrestling.com).