



# 2017 Cheesehead Preview



The 2017 Cheesehead will take place January 6 and 7 at Kaukauna High School in Wisconsin. Year after year the Cheesehead brings together some of the top talent from the midwest and country. With the top 16 teams from last year all returning, one can expect a tight team race. Four teams are making their first Cheesehead appearance: Desert Vista, AZ; Fennimore, WI; Metea Valley, IL; and Mukwonago, WI. Four more teams are new this year, however have competed in the past: Lyons Township, IL; Marmion, IL; Milton, WI; and Simley, MN.

Multiple teams are in the hunt for the team title in 2017. Seven teams boast a national ranking from Intermat, Flowrestling, or The Open Mat. Twenty-three Cheesehead teams show up in their state rankings. Wisconsin is well represented with four of the top five division one teams in the field. Illinois also brings some of their best big schools with five of the top nine AAA schools making the trip. Seven states will be represented in the thirty-one team field.

Six individual champions from last year return in hopes of repeating. Austin O'Connor (St. Rita) has won three Cheesehead titles and will attempt to become the third four timer in tournament history, joining Mikey Benefiel (Montini) and Nolan Hellickson (Southeast Polk). Brady Berge (Kasson-Mantorville) and Real Woods (Montini) are both two time Cheesehead champions. Patrick McKee (St. Michael Albertville), Jacob Raschke (Pewaukee), and Gable Steveson (Apple Valley) are looking to win title number two.

17 wrestlers come to the Cheesehead ranked nationally by Intermat, FloWrestling, or The Open Mat. If things hold true, 160 and 195 could be the premier weight classes. Four nationally ranked wrestlers have wrestled at 160 this year including: #1 Brady Berge, #2 Jake Allar (St. Michael Albertville), #10 Trevell Timmons (Lockport), and #16 (@ 170) Tyler Dow (Stoughton) who has recently competed at 160. Berge and Allar met in the finals of the Minnesota Christmas Tournament, where Berge won with a takedown late in the third period. 195 could also provide some star power with #2 Patrick Brucki (Carl Sandburg), #9 Jacob Raschka, and #11 Daniel Kerkvleit (Simley). Noah Ryan (Kasson-Mantorville) is ranked #18 in the nation at 220, however shows up in his state rankings at 195 pounds. World Champion and the top heavyweight in the country, Gable Steveson will be a clear favorite at 285.

The Cheesehead uses a hybrid scramble format that not only rewards high placements, but overall team depth. Since the first Cheesehead in 1999, Apple Valley has the most team titles with 5. Other past team champions in the field include Montini (2), Southeast Polk (2), Mt. Carmel (1), and Kaukauna (1). For more information on this year's event go to [www.cheeseheadwrestling.com](http://www.cheeseheadwrestling.com), results at [www.trackwrestling.com](http://www.trackwrestling.com), or find the event on Facebook and Twitter.

See below for a complete preview of ranked teams and wrestlers:

**\*All Rankings Current as of 1/1/2017**

\*State rankings come from:

WI- [www.wiwrestling.com](http://www.wiwrestling.com)

IL- [www.illinoismatmen.com](http://www.illinoismatmen.com)

IA- [www.thepredicament.com](http://www.thepredicament.com)

AZ- [www.arizona-wrestling.com](http://www.arizona-wrestling.com)

MO- [www.missouriwrestling.com](http://www.missouriwrestling.com)

MN- [www.theguillotine.com](http://www.theguillotine.com)

AL- [www.southeastwrestling.com](http://www.southeastwrestling.com)

## Team

### National Rankings (Intermat Feb 50) (Flowrestling top 20) (The Open Mat top 40)

Lockport, IL (#19) (NR) (NR)

Kasson-Mantorville, MN (#27) (#18) (#25)

Montini, IL (#28) (NR) (#16)

Apple Valley, MN (#34) (NR) (#40)

Southeast Polk, IA (#35) (NR) (NR)

Stoughton, WI (NR) (NR) (#39)

Kaukauna, WI (#49) (NR) (NR)

### State Rankings

#1 AA Kasson-Mantorville, MN

#1 D1 Kaukauna, WI

#2 AAA Apple Valley, MN

#2 3A Southeast Polk, IA

#2 AAA Lockport, IL

#2 D1 Stoughton, WI

#2 D3 Fennimore, WI

#3 AA Simley, MN

#3 Class 3 Platte County, MO

#3 AAA Marmion, IL

#3 D2 Freedom, WI

#4 AAA St. Michael Albertville, MN

#4 D1 Milton, WI

#5 AAA Mt. Carmel, IL

#5 D1 Pewaukee, WI

#5 D2 Two Rivers, WI

#6 3A Waverly Shell Rock, IA

#7 AAA Montini, IL

#9 AAA Carl Sandburg, IL

#11 D2 Sheboygan Falls, WI

#19 AAA Lyons, IL

#22 AAA Edwardsville, IL

HM D1 Arrowhead, WI

### Last Year's Top 5 Teams

1. Mt. Carmel 582 pts.

2. Carl Sandburg 557 pts.

3. Kasson-Mantorville 465 pts.

4. St. Michael Albertville 459 pts.

5. Apple Valley 445.5 pts.

## Individuals

### **Returning Champions (last year's weight)**

Patrick McKee, St. Michael Albertville (106)

Real Woods, Montini (113)

Austin O'Connor (145)

Brady Berge (160)

Jacob Raschka (195)

Gable Steveson (220)

### **National Weight Class Ranked Wrestlers (Intermat) (FloWrestling) (The Open Mat)**

106 Matt Ramos, Lockport (NR) (NR) (9)

113 Joey Melendez, Montini (11) (10) (12)

120 Patrick McKee, St. Michael Albertville (15) (10) (4)

126 Real Woods, Montini (7) (8) (8)

138 Anthony Cheloni (NR) (NR) (17)

145 Will Lewan, Montini (10) (8) (10)

152 Austin O'Connor, St. Rita (4) (5) (8)

160 Brady Berge, Kasson-Mantorville (1) (1) (1)

160 Jake Allar, St. Michael Albertville (2) (3) (4)

160 Trevell Timmons, Lockport (10) (15 @ 152) (NR)

170 Tyler Dow (NR) (16) (17)

182 Jackson Hemauer, DeForest (16) (12) (NR)

195 Patrick Brucki, Carl Sandburg (2) (2) (2)

195 Jacob Raschka, Pewaukee (9) (11) (12)

195 Daniel Kerkvleit, Simley (11) (10) (10)

220 Noah Ryan, Kasson-Mantorville (18) (18) (20)

285 Gable Steveson, Apple Valley (1) (1) (1)

### **Number of State Ranked Wrestlers by Weight**

106- 12 ranked 1 honorable mention

113- 18 ranked 1 honorable mention

120- 15 ranked 6 honorable mention

126- 14 ranked 1 honorable mention

132- 10 ranked 9 honorable mention

138- 11 ranked 1 honorable mention

145- 11 ranked 4 honorable mention

152- 9 ranked 5 honorable mention

160- 13 ranked 1 honorable mention

170- 8 ranked 2 honorable mention

182- 10 ranked 0 honorable mention

195- 6 ranked 1 honorable mention

220- 11 ranked 1 honorable mention

285- 13 ranked 1 honorable mention

## State Weight Class Rankings

### **106**

#1 D1 WI Hunter Lewis- Stoughton  
#1 7A AL Sam Latona- Thompson  
#4 Class 3 MO Jake Stathopoulos- Platte  
CO  
#4 D1 AZ Tariq Hornbuckle- Desert Vista  
#6 3A IL Matt Ramos- Lockport  
#6 D3 WI Mason Lull- Fennimore  
#7 3A IL Dylan Ragusin- Montini Catholic  
#7 AA MN Bennett Berge- Kasson-Mant  
#7 3A IA Evan Yant- Waverly-Shell Rock  
#7 D1 WI Tyler Vanderlois- Kaukauna  
#8 AAA MN Dylan Anderson- Apple Valley  
#9 D1 WI Mason Dutcher- Milton  
HM 3A IL Michael Jaffe Marmion

### **113**

#1 3A IL Joey Melendez- Montini Catholic  
#1 Class 3 MO Cody Phippen- Platte  
County  
#2 D1 WI Dominic Dentino- Arrowhead  
#2 D2 WI Cody Holmes- Two Rivers  
#2 7A AL Chandler Akins- Thompson  
#4 AA MN Jared Johnson- Kasson-Mant  
#4 D1 AZ Ernest Del Rio IV- Desert Vista  
#5 3A IA Mark Ames- Southeast Polk  
#5 AA MN Ryan Sokol- Simley  
#6 AAA MN Regan Schrempp- Apple  
Valley  
#7 D1 WI Jalen Spuhler- Hartford  
#8 3A IL Anthony Molton- Lockport  
#8 D1 WI John Diener- Kaukauna  
#8 D2 WI Parker Schamburek- Sheb. Falls  
#8 AAA MN Brandon Psky- STMA  
#9 3A IL Luke Odom- Edwardsville  
#11 D3 WI Alex Birchman- Fennimore  
#12 D1 WI Lucas Benn- Mukwonago  
HM D1 WI Braden Whitehead- Milton

### **120**

#1 AAA MN Patrick McKee- STMA  
#2 3A IA Gauge Perrien- Southeast Polk  
#2 D2 WI Joey Bianchi- Two Rivers  
#4 D1 WI Keegan O'Toole- Arrowhead  
#5 D1 AZ Jordan Martinez- Desert Vista  
#5 7A AL Emmanuel Oliver- Thompson  
#7 AA MN Robby Horsman- Kasson-Mant  
#7 3A IL Rehan Uribe- Mt. Carmel  
#7 3A IA Dylan Albrecht- Waverly- SR  
#8 3A IL Joseph Otero- Montini Catholic  
#9 D1 WI Dalton Shea- Milton  
#9 D3 WI Aidan Nutter- Fennimore  
#10 3A IL Phillip Sims- Metea Valley  
#11 3A IL Pat Nolan- Carl Sandburg  
#12 D1 WI Jacob Duncan- Pewaukee  
HM 3A IL Ryan Fleck- Marmion  
HM 3A IL James Pierandozzi- Lockport  
HM 3A IL Nathan Callaway- Marmion  
HM 3A IL Noah Surtin- Edwardsville  
HM D1 WI Jake Schulte- Mukwonago  
HM D1 WI Mikael Kolosso- Kaukauna

### **126**

#1 AA MN Jake Gliva- Simley  
#1 3A IA Adam Brown- Southeast Polk  
#1 7A AL Gabe Hixenbaugh- Thompson  
#2 3A IL Real Woods- Montini Catholic  
#3 D1 WI Tristan Jenny- Stoughton  
#3 D2 WI Mitch Garvey- Freedom  
#5 3A IL Zach Villarreal- Lyons Township  
#5 D1 WI Brandon Micksch- Kaukauna  
#6 D1 WI Aaron Schulist- Mukwonago  
#7 D2 WI Anthony Xiong- Sheboygan  
Falls  
#8 3A IL Caleb Guzior- Mt. Carmel  
#8 AAA MN Brady Gross- Apple Valley  
#9 AAA MN Zach Dehmer- STMA  
#11 3A IL Trevor Chumbley- Marmion  
HM D2 WI Derick Bader- Wrightstown

**132**

#2 3A IA Cade DeVos- Southeast Polk  
 #4 3A IL Abdullah Assaf- Lockport  
 #5 AAA MN Sebas Swiggum- Apple Valley  
 #6 D1 WI Kaleb Louis- Stoughton  
 #6 AA MN Brady Laumb- Kasson-Mant  
 #7 3A IL Fidel Mayora- Montini Catholic  
 #7 AA MN Quayin Short- Simley  
 #8 D1 WI Eric Halverson- Pewaukee  
 #10 3A IL Sean McKenna- Marmion  
 #10 D3 WI Trevor Wanek- Fennimore  
 HM 3A IL Elias Garcia- Lyons Township  
 HM 3A IL David Devine- Mt. Carmel  
 HM 3A IL Ben Kirby- Carl Sandburg  
 HM 3A IL Brendan Ramsey- Lockport  
 HM 3A IL Ben Schlueter- Edwardsville  
 HM D1 WI Austin Harms- Milton  
 HM D2 WI Garrison Murphy- Freedom  
 HM D2 WI Brody Kust- Two Rivers  
 HM 7A AL Nathan Roberts- Thompson

**138**

#2 3A IL Anthony Cheloni- Marmion  
 #2 3A IA Nathan Lendt- Southeast Polk  
 #2 D1 WI Trent Leon- Kaukauna  
 #3 AA MN Keaten Schorr- Kasson-Mant  
 #4 3A IL Tyler Zeman- Lyons Township  
 #4 D1 WI Brandon Klein- Stoughton  
 #4 D2 WI Sam Peters- Freedom  
 #5 3A IL Brandon Ramos- Lockport  
 #5 D2 WI Kaleb Ison- Sheboygan Falls  
 #5 AAA MN Kyle Rathman- Apple Valley  
 #7 3A IL Kendall Coleman- Mt. Carmel  
 HM 3A IL Jaycee Randolph- Metea Valley

**145**

#1 3A IL Will Lewan-Montini Catholic  
 #1 3A IA Zach Barnes- Southeast Polk  
 #1 D1 WI Garrett Model- Stoughton  
 #2 7A AL Jacob Megois- Thompson  
 #3 3A IL Baylor Fernandes- Lockport  
 #3 AA MN Issac Haman- Kasson-Mant  
 #3 D2 WI Laken Duerschmidt- Two Rivers  
 #4 3A IL Yahya Thomas- Mt. Carmel  
 #5 AAA MN Nate Larson- Apple Valley  
 #8 3A IL Jake Polka- Marmion  
 #9 3A IA Dalton Woodyard- Waverly-SR  
 HM 3A IL Rafael Roman- Edwardsville  
 HM D1 WI Vince Digennaro- Milton  
 HM D1 WI Austin Rauls- DeForest  
 HM D2 WI Nolan Gaffney- Freedom

**152**

#1 3A IL Austin O'Connor- St. Rita  
 #2 3A IA Austin Yant- Waverly-Shell Rock  
 #3 3A IL Brad Gross- Marmion  
 #3 D1 WI Zach Lee- Kaukauna  
 #5 D1 WI Joshua Otto-Arrowhead  
 #6 D2 WI Evan Vosters- Freedom  
 #7 3A Matt Ortiz- Montini Catholic  
 #7 D2 WI Tommy Bianchi- Two Rivers  
 #9 AAA MN Devin Roberts- Apple Valley  
 HM 3A IL Dillon Hoey Mt. Carmel  
 HM 3A IL Tim Houston-Carl Sandburg  
 HM 3A IL Zach Reese- Lockport  
 HM D1 WI Cade Spilde- Stoughton  
 HM 7A AL Derek Hussey- Thompson

**160**

#1 AA MN Brady Berge- Kasson-Mant.  
#1 AAA MN Jake Allar- STMA  
#1 3A IL Trevell Timmons- Lockport  
#3 3A IA Zach Wagenhoffer- Waverly-SR  
#3 D2 WI Ben Klister- Wrightston  
#4 D3 WI Justin Tollefson- Fennimore  
#5 3A IL Peter Ferraro- Marmion  
#5 AAA MN Jalen Thul-Apple Valley  
#6 D1 WI Kelvin Yde- Arrowhead  
#7 D1 WI Bryson Alsteen- Kaukauna  
#8 3A IL Jack Mulay- Mt. Carmel  
#11 D1 WI Will Gahnz- DeForest  
#12 D1 WI Nick Richards- Milton  
HM 3A IL Pat Larkin- St. Rita

**170**

#1 3A IL Johnny Mologousis- Lyons  
#1 AA MN Patrick Kennedy- Kasson-Mant  
#1 D1 WI Tyler Dow- Stoughton  
#2 3A IL David Riojas- Mt. Carmel  
#3 3A IL Nate Jimenez- Marmion  
#3 Class 3 MO Dakota Schmidt- Platte CO  
#5 3A IA Gavin Babcock- Southeast Polk  
#6 3A IA Trevor Byram- Waverly-SR  
HM 3A IL Alex Hirschfield- Carl Sandburg  
HM 3A IL Chandler Proszek- Lockport

**182**

#1 D1 WI Jackson Hemauer- Deforest  
#2 D1 WI Billy Pitzner- Milton  
#3 D1 AZ Brenden Gill- Desert Vista  
#6 AA MN Zach Moon- Simley  
#6 D2 WI Bryce Herlache-Wrightstown  
#8 3A IA Gabe Christenson- SE Polk  
#9 3A IL Payton Fernandes- Lockport  
#9 AAA MN Max Jensen-STMA  
#9 D1 WI Jacob Sklenar- Pewaukee  
#10 AAA MN Jonah Johnson- Apple Valley

**195**

#1 3A IL Patrick Brucki- Carl Sandburg  
#1 AA MN Noah Ryan- Kasson-Mant.  
#1 D1 WI Jacob Raschka- Pewaukee  
#1 D1 AZ Chad Porter- Desert Vista  
#2 AA MN Greg Kerkvliet-Simley  
#4 Class 3 MO Sage Smart- Platte County  
HM 3A IL Yousif Salah- Lockport

**220**

#1 AAA MN Evan Foster-STMA  
#2 D3 WI Cody McCollough- Fennimore  
#2 Class 3 MO Casey Jumps- Platte County  
#4 D1 WI Brandon Berg- Pewaukee  
#5 AAA MN Tanyi Besong- Apple Valley  
#5 D1 WI Aric Bohn- Mukwonago  
#6 D1 WI Mason VanAsten- Kaukauna  
#8 3A IL Cole Bateman- Carl Sandburg  
#9 3A IA Jacob Eggleston-Waverly-SR  
#9 D2 WI Alex Rohan- Freedom  
#10 D2 WI Shae Ruelle- Two Rivers  
HM D1 WI Ian Priest- Arrowhead

**285**

#1 AAA MN Gable Steveson- Apple Valley  
#1 D1 WI Blaze Beltran- Pewaukee  
#2 3A IL Ronald Tucker- Lockport  
#3 D1 WI Keaton Kluever-Kaukauna  
#3 D3 WI Deven O'Brien- Fennimore  
#4 D2 WI Sam Skornicka- Two Rivers  
#5 AA MN Luke Zaiser- Simley  
#6 3A IL Weston Kramer- Marmion  
#8 3A IL Bobby Papiernik-Metea Valley  
#8 D1 WI Quinn Meinerz- Hartford  
#9 AA MN Brett Paulson-Kasson-Mant  
#10 3A IL Malik Scates- Carl Sandburg  
#12 D1 WI Aodan Marshall- Stoughton  
HM 7A AL Seth Whitlock- Thompson