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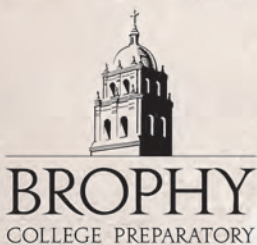


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D-I Wrestling: Ironwood Ridge, Mesa Mt. View, Sunnyside Scramble for Supremacy

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Mesa Mountain View has ruled the Division I roost the past two years, last year in convincing style given the competition D-I brings. The Toros shoot for a third successive title come Thursday (Feb. 11) and Friday (Feb. 12) at Prescott Valley Event Center in Prescott Valley.

Last year's top three -- two-time defending champ Mesa Mountain View (13 qualifiers), Ironwood Ridge (12 qualifiers) and Sunnyside (11 qualifiers) -- are most prominent in the team chase again. Of added interest is how last year's D-II champ, Cibola (14 qualifiers), will fare moving up to D-I.

It's usually about depth and maybe an upset or two to the plus-side for a team as to who wins. Mountain View and Sunnyside placed seven wrestlers in the top four last season with Sunnyside having the most champs (three). Ironwood Ridge had five top-4 placers as did Red Mountain. Those were the top four teams, respectively, at the state tourney. Mountain View was a relatively easy winner with 10 wrestlers placing (top six) last year. Cibola won a tight battle with Liberty for the D-II team title. Cibola placed eight (two champs) and Liberty seven (1 champ).

This year Mountain View has eight wrestlers among the top-four seeds followed by Cibola (7), Ironwood Ridge (5) and Sunnyside (4). Sunnyside and Ironwood Ridge have the most No. 1 seeds (three each) and Corona del Sol has two.

Mountain View bested Ironwood Ridge in a couple duals earlier in the season, but Ironwood Ridge came out on top at the Flowing Wells Invitational last month. Ironwood Ridge also bested Sunnyside at the D-I Section I meet last weekend with another strong showing. D-I Section 1 is arguably the strongest overall of the four D-I sections. All the aforementioned teams competed at Flowing Wells and finished in the top-8. Ironwood Ridge won the tournament edging out Mountain View (2nd) and Sunnyside (3rd) among the 30-team field that included lower-division powers Seton Catholic (D-II), Thunderbird (D-II) and Safford (D-III).

Here are the top four seeds in each weight class and a list of champions returning from last season.

Last year's returning champions: Danny Vega, Ironwood Ridge senior (113). Vega is again competing at 113. He is the only two-time state champ in this year's D-I field. His other title came in 2014 in D-II. Vega is working on a

third consecutive unbeaten season and has signed with Grand Canyon University. Roman Bravo-Young, Sunnyside sophomore (106). Angel Laguna, Sunnyside senior (120). Laguna is competing at 132. He was 30-5 last year and brings a 12-5 record to competition this year. Bravo-Young is competing at 120. Bravo-Young was 47-0 last year and is 34-0 this year. Ryan Farina, Corona del Sol junior (126). Farina is competing at 132. Farina was 28-6 last year and finished fifth as a freshman in 2014 at 119. He lost in the first round that year to eventual champ Alejandro Calderon of Maryvale. James Williams, Mesa High senior (152). Williams is competing at 160 and is 35-0 this season. He finished 47-2 last year, upsetting the top-seed in the finals.

106-pounds: 1. Colton Labrant, Mtn. Ridge. 2. Carlos Gerard, Cibola. 3. Vicente Loaiza, Sunnyside. 4. Bowen Doolen, Mtn. View. 113: 1. Danny Vega, Ironwood Ridge. 2. Ray Ramirez, Red Mountain. 3. Andres Duran, Cibola. 4. Luke Jacobs, Brophy. 120: 1. Roman Bravo-Young, Sunnyside. 2. Cruz Crawford, Sandra Day O'Connor. 3. Rylan Evans, Mtn. View. 4. Alejandra Arteaga, Cibola. 126: 1. David Salazar III, Sunnyside. 2. Davie Wuertemberg, Cibola. 3. Paden Mason, Mtn. View. 4. Peter Rossi, Desert Mountain. 132: 1. Ryan Farina, Corona del Sol. 2. Josiah Kline, Ironwood Ridge. 3. Kade Williams, Mtn. View. 4. Christian Sulit, Brophy. 138: 1. Marc Farina, Corona del Sol. 2. Jared Booth, Mtn. View. 3. Nico Braswell, Basha. 4. Anthony Brady, Brophy. 145: 1. Kyle Taylor, Ironwood Ridge. 2. Cory Crooks, Boulder Creek. 3. Dallin Thorton, Mtn. View. 4. Hunter Carmona, Corona del Sol. 152: 1. Anthony Wokasch, Mtn. View. 2. Patrick Schmitz, Basha. 3. Mariner Merrill, Sandra Day O'Connor. 4. Mason Perkins, Centennial. 160: 1. James Williams, Mesa. 2. Marco Dominguez, Ironwood Ridge. 3. Brendan Kaufman, Mountain Ridge. 4. Mario Neblina, Cibola. 170: 1. Marco Frias, Sunnyside. 2. Jason Moore, Red Mountain. 3. Nathan Suwyn, Mountain Ridge. 4. Alexis Ramos, Cibola. 182: 1. Jeremy Berson, Ironwood Ridge. 2. Brock Doolen, Mtn. View. 3. Nick Ruffalo, Corona del Sol. 4. Ari Watson, Desert Mountain. 195: 1. Chad Porter, Desert Vista, 2. David Tilley, Marana. 3. Jaylen Howard, Dobson. 4. Brogan Smith, Brophy. 220: 1. Andre Elmore, Deser Ridge. 2. Tommy Mommer, Cibola. 3. Sam Pepper, Chandler. 4. Parker Reiser, Mountain Ridge. HWT: 1. Ezequiel Valles, Red Mountain. 2. Zach Budzik, Desert Ridge. 3. Harold Colbert, Chandler. 4. Brian Olmedo, Brophy.



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2015 Div. IV Champs

106Tommy Hernandez, Yuma Catholic
 113Hayden Uhler, Camp Verde
 120Alex Casillas, Camp Verde
 126Wryder Richards, Joseph City
 132Ethan Workman, Round Valley
 138Cole Mortensen, Snowflake
 145Wacey Wood, Snowflake
 152Ryan Allred, Camp Verde
 160Sherod Bride, St. Johns
 170Christian White, Morenci
 182Kieran Maakestad, Benson
 195William Hemphill, Pima
 220Brandon Naegle, St. Johns
 285Santiago Robledo, Morenci

2014 Div. IV Champs

106Hayden Uhler, Camp Verde
 113Alex Casillas, Camp Verde
 120Aaron Herder, Parker
 126Ethan Workman, Round Valley
 132Eli Frazier, St. Johns
 138Dallyn Despain, Mogollon
 145Ryan Allred, Camp Verde
 152Clay Sierra, Yuma Catholic
 160Sherod Bride, St. Johns
 170Garrett Davis, St. Johns
 182Kieran Maakestad, Benson
 195Connor Klump, Willcox
 220Esteban Flores, Northwest Christian
 285Santiago Robledo, Morenci

2013 Div. IV Champs

106Matt Mejia, Camp Verde
 113Alex Casillas, Camp Verde
 120Ross Ens, Benson
 126Eli Frazier, St. Johns
 132Ryan Allred, Camp Verde
 138Ryan Shatto, Parker
 145Tyler Crosby, St. Johns
 152Alex Anzar, Camp Verde
 160Heath Carroll, Camp Verde
 170Jared Anderson, St. Johns
 182Garrett Davis, St. Johns
 195Ben Miller, Willcox
 220Jake Lee, San Tan Foothills
 285Santiago Robledo, Morenci

2015 Div. III Champs

106Isaac Cabrera, Coconino
 113Jackson Allen, Show Low
 120David Mendez, Moon Valley
 126Ted Rico, Combs
 132Yarhoki Aldiva, Amphitheater
 138Quentin Hovis, Seton Catholic
 145Geovanni Payan, Amphitheater
 152Brandon Konecny, Seton Catholic
 160Tyler Rittenhouse, Thunderbird
 170Sergio Chavez, Seton Catholic
 182Diego Rodriguez, Thunderbird
 195Kyle Rodriguez, Amphitheater
 220Davion Grey, Moon Valley
 285Riley Bourgeois, Combs

2014 Div. III Champs

106Paul Gonzales, Tempe
 113Quentin Hovis, Seton Catholic
 120Collin Anderson, Coconino
 126Gabriel Galaviz, Coconino
 132Marcus Whitmore, Tempe
 138Geovanni Payan-Diaz, Amphitheater
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 160Sergio Chavez, Seton Catholic
 170Jace Hardy, Winslow
 182Bryson Echols, Sabino
 195Shem Bowman, Holbrook
 220Davion Grey, Moon Valley
 285Daniel Cox, Shadow Ridge

2013 Div. III Champs

106Josh Kramer, Verrado
 113Ted Rico, Combs
 120Gabriel Galaviz, Coconino
 126Isaiah Gomez, Thunderbird
 132Ryan Vandall, Moon Valley
 138Eric Jeong, Rio Rico
 145Mark Lopez, Rio Rico
 152Jesus Berrera, Amphitheater
 160Conner Anderson, Payson
 170Felipe Nava, Sierra Linda
 182Jorge Robles, Sahuarita
 195Jacob Badger, Blue Ridge
 220Patrick Penniston, Rio Rico
 285J.T. Bradley, Snowflake

2015 Div. II Champs

106Jesus Urquidez, Cholla
 113Brandon Courtney, Desert Edge
 120Gator Groves, McClintock
 126Joshua Kramer, Desert Edge
 132Marco Graves, McClintock
 138James Deitz, Liberty
 145Andres Gandara, Cibola
 152Jacob Swift, Deer Valley
 160Talon Vaughn, Prescott
 170Cameron Wells, Higley
 182Vicente Guerrero, Cibola
 195Daniel Hernandez, Prescott
 220Danny Reyes, Barry Goldwater
 285Darrin Kauer, Campo Verde

2014 Div. II Champs

106Nathan Mendivil, Gila Ridge
 113Sergio Hernandez Gomez, Glendale
 120Joshua Kramer, Desert Edge
 126Kyle Ford, Gila Ridge
 132Luis Nunez, Cibola
 138Jacob Swift, Deer Valley
 145Antonio Perez, Sunrise Mountain
 152Richard Florez, Marcos de Niza
 160Pierre Gaud, Cibola
 170Vicente Guerrero, Cibola
 182Nicolas Bayless, Apollo
 195Daniel Hernandez, Prescott
 220Danny Reyes, Barry Goldwater
 285Kyle Jividen, Sahuaro

2013 Div. II Champs

106Nathan Mendivil, Gila Ridge
 113Bailey Janis, Marana Mt. View
 120Austin Gerber, Gila Ridge
 126Jacob Swift, Deer Valley
 132Troy Vandall, Barry Goldwater
 138Tate Sandifer, Ironwood Ridge
 145Troy Taylor, Ironwood Ridge
 152Matt Filbert, Ironwood Ridge
 160TJ Gudeman, Cienega
 170Hayden Moore, Queen Creek
 182Austin Gaun, Flagstaff
 195Scott Simmons, Ironwood Ridge
 220Derek Crain, Marcos de Niza
 285Kyle Jividen, Sahuaro

2015 Div. I Champs

106Roman Bravo-Young, Sunnyside
 113Danny Vega, Ironwood Ridge
 120Angel Laguna, Sunnyside
 126Ryan Farina, Corona del Sol
 132Juaquin Olivas, Sunnyside
 138Taylor Rich, SD O'Connor
 145Josh Jaramillo, Dobson
 152James Williams, Mesa
 160Austin Moyer, Westwood
 170Keiffer Taylor, Mesa
 182Jonathan Allen, Mesa
 195Jeremiah Imonode, Desert Vista
 220Travis Howard, Marana
 285Roy Lopez, Mesquite

2014 Div. I Champs

106Danny Vega, Ironwood Ridge
 113Alejandro Calderon, Maryvale
 120Juaquin Olivas, Sunnyside
 126William Olivas, Sunnyside
 132Brett Kasprzyk, Mesa
 138Ryan Gallo, Mesa Mt. View
 145Blake Monty, Mesa Mt. View
 152Dajour Reece, Chandler
 160Ethan Tursini, Corona del Sol
 170Trey Ronayne, Basha
 182Jro Byrd, Boulder Creek
 195Gabriel Gonzales, Sunnyside
 220Lewis Arendall, Centennial
 285Robert Schrock, Mesa

2013 Div. I Champs

106Jacob Reyes, Valley Vista
 113Juaqin Olivas, Sunnyside
 120Efen Hernandez, Carl Hayden
 126William Olivas, Sunnyside
 132Glenn Farina, Corona del Sol
 138Dalton Brady, Chandler
 145Michael Suwyn, Mountain Ridge
 152Seth Monty, Mesa Mt. View
 160Ethan Tursini, Corona del Sol
 170Trey Ronayne, Basha
 182Alex Bambic, Desert Vista
 195Gabriel Gonzales, Sunnyside
 220Ben Andrew, Mesa
 285Keyley Ellis, Gilbert



State Wrestling Champions (2011-12)

2012 Div. IV Champs

- 106Michael Casillas, Camp Verde
- 113Ryder Nielsen, St. Johns
- 120Ryan Allred, Camp Verde
- 126Dallyn Despain, Mogollon
- 132RJ Alvarado, Holbrook
- 138Derrick Brown, Camp Verde
- 145RJ Dalton, Morenci
- 152Brock Crosby, St. Johns
- 160Jared Anderson, St. Johns
- 170Austin Davis, St. Johns
- 182Tyler Johnson, St. Johns
- 195Boone Baker, Mogollon
- 220Jake Lee, San Tan Foothills
- 285Evan Barazza, Bourgade Catholic

2011 Div. IV Champs

- 103Joe Delgado, San Pasqual
- 112Rieder Nielsen, St. Johns
- 119Dallyn Despain, Mogollon
- 125Smiley Beecroft, Mogollon
- 130RJ Alvarado, Holbrook
- 135Dan Gaylor, Mogollon
- 140Mitchell Udall, Round Valley
- 145Remington Baldwin, Joseph City
- 152John Hatch, Holbrook
- 160Ryan Gill, Yuma Catholic
- 171Boone Baker, Mogollon
- 189Justin Rockhill, Willcox
- 215Lloyd Lewis, Salt River
- 285Johnny Salcido, Antelope

2012 Div. III Champs

- 106Matt Mainez, Thunderbird
- 113Blake Schweigert, Show Low
- 120Trey Andrews, Safford
- 126Ryan Vandall, Moon Valley
- 132James Sanchez, Tempe
- 138Jacob Spear, Payson
- 145Marky Lopez, Rio Rico
- 152Ryan Kulesa, Moon Valley
- 160Justin Zaske, Mingus
- 170Patrick Dalcerro, Chino Valley
- 182Kevin Henderson, Blue Ridge
- 195Dirk McOmber, Empire
- 220Floyd Jones, Amphitheater
- 285Austin Andrade, Amphitheater

2011 Div. III Champs

- 103Gabe Galaviz, Coconino
- 112Trey Andrews, Safford
- 119Greg Ornelas, Safford
- 125Sage Ornelas, Safford
- 130Dakota Beach, Rio Rico
- 135Mark Lopez, Rio Rico
- 140Ben Lee, Payson
- 145Logan Addis, Mingus
- 152Justin Zaske, Mingus
- 160Jacob Graham, Thunderbird
- 171Felipe Mabante, Rio Rico
- 189Kevin Henderson, Blue Ridge
- 215Matt Chavez, Mingus
- 285Terrence Cook, Mohave

2012 Div. II Champs

- 106Alvaro Gallego, Pueblo
- 113Bailey Janis, Marana Mt. View
- 120Kevin Hunt, Sunrise Mountain
- 126Trevor Wilson, Ironwood Ridge
- 132Jesse Morales, Marcos de Niza
- 138Brad Lindsay, Flagstaff
- 145Troy Taylor, Ironwood Ridge
- 152Matt Filbert, Ironwood Ridge
- 160Brennan Smith, Sunrise Mountain
- 170Luis Rivera, Lake Havasu
- 182Austin Gaun, Flagstaff
- 195Matt Lopez, Ironwood
- 220Jaimen Bennalley, Peoria
- 285Luke Braun, Shadow Mountain

2011 Div. II Champs

- 103Mikah Trejo, Moon Valley
- 112Dougie Cortez, Apollo
- 119Connor Buette, Ironwood Ridge
- 125Tate Sandifer, Ironwood Ridge
- 130Jesse Morales, Marcos de Niza
- 135Spencer Blondeaux, Sahuaro
- 140Bret Gudeman, Cienega
- 145Kolton Lock, Queen Creek
- 152Walker Slaughter, Ironwood Ridge
- 160Kevin Jumbeck, Gila Ridge
- 171Joseph Bracamonte, Cienega
- 189Michael Holwell, Glendale
- 215Louis Payne, Marana
- 285Luke Braun, Shadow Mountain

2012 Div. I Champs

- 106Tristan Moran, Chandler
- 113Dajour Reece, Cesar Chavez
- 120Dalton Brady, Chandler
- 126Octavio Penunuri, Mesa Mt. View
- 132Robbie Mathers, Desert Vista
- 138Robert Sobarzo, Desert Vista
- 145Pierre Gaud, Cibola
- 152Samson Imonode, Horizon
- 160Dorian Coleman, Mesa
- 170Garrett Ryan, Horizon
- 182Christiaan Allen, Highland
- 195Alex Bambic, Desert Vista
- 220Ben Andrew, Mesa
- 285Matt Zismann, Sandra Day O'Connor

2011 Div. I Champs

- 103Rafael James, Cibola
- 112Dalton Brady, Chandler
- 119Adam Ludwin, Cibola
- 125Robbie Mathers, Desert Vista
- 130Curt Done, Highland
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 2007 ...Travis Azevedo, Thunderbird
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 2004 ...Johnny Lopez, Sunnyside
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2010 ...Sebastian Barrientos, Desert Edge
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2010 ...Dalton Brady, Chandler
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 2005 ...Anthony Robles, Mesa
 2004 ...Anthony Lopez, Tolleson
 2003 ...Henry Cejudo, Maryvale
 2002 ...Ernesta Gastelum, Maryvale
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 2009 ...Julio Saldana, San Pasqual
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 2007 ...Avelino Estrada, Hayden
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2010 ...Greg Ornelas, Chino Valley
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4A-2 Champions

2010 ...Andrew Patino, Coronado
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 2008 ...Adrian Candelaria, Buckeye
 2007 ...Luke Goettl, Mingus
 2006 ...Theron Apodaca, Desert Edge

5A-1/5A Champions

2010 ...Robbie Mathers, Desert Vista
 2009 ...Chad Done, Highland
 2008 ...Shane McGough, Desert Mountain
 2007 ...Tony Covert, Mesa Mountain View
 2006 ...Anthony Robles, Mesa
 2005 ...Adrian Rios, Gilbert
 2004 ...Jose Palencia, Maryvale
 2003 ...David Jarmen, Mesa Mountain View
 2002 ...John Espinoza, Maryvale
 2001 ...David Garcia, Peoria

5A-2 Champions

2010 ...H. Rollins, Sandra Day O'Connor
 2009 ...Adam Ludwin, Cibola
 2008 ...Cody Abeyta, Horizon
 2007 ...Ivan Felix, Kofa
 2006 ...Ivan Felix, Kofa



Recent 119-Pound State Champions

1A/2A Champions

2010 ...Robert Segovia, San Manuel
 2009 ...Robert Segovia, San Manuel
 2008 ...Avelino Estrada, Hayden
 2007 ...Jared Porter, Mogollon
 2006 ...Joe Clark, San Manuel
 2005 ...Andy Alvarado, Phoenix Christian
 2004 ...T.J. Uribe, San Manuel
 2003 ...Andrew Crandell, Mogollon
 2002 ...Pablo Robles, San Manuel
 2001 ...Benny Corbell, Morenci

3A Champions

2010 ...Ryak Finch, Safford
 2009 ...Xavier Gamboa, Snowflake
 2008 ...Ricky Ryan, Show Low
 2007 ...Aaron Garcia, Coolidge
 2006 ...Eric Garcia, Coolidge
 2005 ...Josh Wolfe, Camp Verde
 2004 ...Anthony Martinez, Blue Ridge
 2003 ...Frank Villaescusa, Rio Rico
 2002 ...Sean Seymore, Show Low
 2001 ...Cody Candelaria, Holbrook

4A-1/4A Champions

2010 ...Justin Cullins, Cienega
 2009 ...Trace Gutknecht, Cienega
 2008 ...Blake Muntz, Sandra Day O'Connor
 2007 ...David Islas, Pueblo
 2006 ...David Islas, Pueblo
 2005 ...Tyler Chang, Mingus
 2004 ...Nick Gallick, Sunnyside
 2003 ...Jarrod Tavasci, Mingus
 2002 ...Richardo Ramirez, Sunnyside
 2001 ...Eugene Garza, Sunnyside

4A-2 Champions

2010 ...Zack Hall, Liberty
 2009 ...Jeff Olmstead, Higley
 2008 ...Ian Kelly, Page
 2007 ...Josh Chang, Mingus
 2006 ...Mike Armagost, Apache Junction

5A-1/5A Champions

2010 ...Daniel Mendoza, Westwood
 2009 ...Daniel Mendoza, Westwood
 2008 ...Victor Montano, Mesa
 2007 ...Richard Palencia, Maryvale
 2006 ...Jose Palencia, Maryvale
 2005 ...Jose Palencia, Maryvale
 2004 ...Henry Cejudo, Maryvale
 2003 ...Alex Contreras, Westview
 2002 ...Fred Lux, Sahuaro
 2001 ...Angel Cejuda, Maryvale

5A-2 Champions

2010 ...Scott Filbert, Ironwood Ridge
 2009 ...Lucio Murillo, Sunnyside
 2008 ...Paul Garza, Sunnyside
 2007 ...Paul Garza, Sunnyside
 2006 ...Mike Moreno, Sunnyside

Recent 125-Pound State Champions

1A/2A Champions

2010 ...Roman Bux, Camp Verde
 2009 ...TJ Johnson, St. Johns
 2008 ...Arnold Coronado, Bourgade Catholic
 2007 ...Tony Viecelli, Morenci
 2006 ...Adrian Fierro, Maricopa
 2005 ...T.J. Uribe, San Manuel
 2004 ...Ray Morales, Morenci
 2003 ...Pablo Robles, San Manuel
 2002 ...Benny Corbell, Morenci
 2001 ...Jesse Morales, Willcox

3A Champions

2010 ...Sage Ornelas, Safford
 2009 ...Ricky Ryan, Show Low
 2008 ...Aaron Garcia, Coolidge
 2007 ...Eric Garcia, Coolidge
 2006 ...Anthony Martinez, Blue Ridge
 2005 ...Eric Romero, Safford
 2004 ...Franky Villaescusa, Rio Rico
 2003 ...Aaron Gibson, Snowflake
 2002 ...Jesse Morales, Willcox
 2001 ...Sterling Cornfield, Ganado

4A-1/4A Champions

2010 ...Trace Gutknecht, Cienega
 2009 ...Trevin Nesbitt, Pueblo
 2008 ...Mike Mailloux, Saguaro
 2007 ...Adam Miles, Cienega
 2006 ...Steve Aragon, Moon Valley
 2005 ...Nick Gallick, Sunnyside
 2004 ...Luis Silva, Mingus
 2003 ...Matt Lopez, Sunnyside
 2002 ...Hector Daza, Sunnyside
 2001 ...Nate Gallick, Sunnyside

4A-2 Champions

2010 ...Brad Lindsay, Flagstaff
 2009 ...Ray Camacho, Washington
 2008 ...Luke Goettli, Mingus
 2007 ...Cameron Alvarado, Flagstaff
 2006 ...Donald Tejada, Mohave

5A-1/5A Champions

2010 ...Nick Suwyn, Mountain Ridge
 2009 ...Shane McGough, Desert Mountain
 2008 ...Richard Palencia, Maryvale
 2007 ...Greg Carbajal, Red Mountain
 2006 ...Clint Castaneda, Cibola
 2005 ...Spencer Jasper, Highland
 2004 ...Zack Nicholson, Hamilton
 2003 ...David Garcia, Peoria
 2002 ...Angel Cejudo, Maryvale
 2001 ...Josh Castro, Cibola

5A-2 Champions

2010 ...Shane McGough, Desert Mountain
 2009 ...Scott Filbert, Ironwood Ridge
 2008 ...Mike Moreno, Sunnyside
 2007 ...Steven Moreno, Sunnyside
 2006 ...Tim Salazar, Barry Goldwater



Recent 130-Pound State Champions

1A/2A Champions

2010 ...Dan Gaylor, Mogollon
 2009 ...Lino Estrada, Hayden
 2008 ...Nolan Porter, Mogollon
 2007 ...Brett Justus, Camp Verde
 2006 ...Brett Justus, Camp Verde
 2005 ...Andrew Crandell, Mogollon
 2004 ...Andrew Crandell, Mogollon
 2003 ...Stephen Norton, Antelope
 2002 ...Stephen Adami, San Manuel
 2001 ...Mark Cruz, Hayden

3A Champions

2010 ...Ricky Ryan, Show Low
 2009 ...Tyler Holyoak, Show Low
 2008 ...Jon Casas, Safford
 2007 ...Markos Serna, Holbrook
 2006 ...Bo Mortensen, Snowflake
 2005 ...Frankie Villaescusa, Rio Rico
 2004 ...Garett Cupp, Camp Verde
 2003 ...Sean Seymore, Show Low
 2002 ...Tony Bustamante, Rio Rico
 2001 ...Gordo Villaescusa, Rio Rico

4A-1/4A Champions

2010 ...Tatum Banayat, Moon Valley
 2009 ...Brandon Horton, Lake Havasu
 2008 ...Steven Dominguez, Pueblo
 2007 ...Zach Mainez, Thunderbird
 2006 ...Mike Jablonski, Cienega
 2005 ...Jose Ontiveros, Flagstaff
 2004 ...Kyle DeBerry, Sunnyside
 2003 ...Alex Ortiz, Desert View
 2002 ...Eugene Garza, Sunnyside
 2001 ...Kyle Godbehere, Sunrise Mountain

4A-2 Champions

2010 ...Taylor Martin, Coconino
 2009 ...Luke Goettli, Mingus
 2008 ...Sean Garcia, Page
 2007 ...Weston Lymangrover, Mingus
 2006 ...Tyler Chang, Mingus

5A-1/5A Champions

2010 ...Tadeo Ruelas, Brophy Prep
 2009 ...Mike Hamel, Mesquite
 2008 ...Blake Mabry, Highland
 2007 ...Jadon Johnson, Mesa Mountain View
 2006 ...Spencer Jasper, Highland
 2005 ...Robert Galvan, Red Mountain
 2004 ...Alex Varela, Marcos de Niza
 2003 ...Alex Varela, Marcos de Niza
 2002 ...Barry Johnson, Highland
 2001 ...Mike Peters, Dobson

5A-2 Champions

2010 ...Kyle Webb, Ironwood Ridge
 2009 ...Luke McClure, Ironwood Ridge
 2008 ...Gabriel Miranda, Cibola
 2007 ...Mike Moreno, Sunnyside
 2006 ...Blaine Blanton, Kofa

Recent 135-Pound State Champions

1A/2A Champions

2010 ...Remington Baldwin, Joseph City
 2009 ...Billy Padilla, St. Johns
 2008 ...Jeremiah Walpert, Willcox
 2007 ...Josh Wolfe, Camp Verde
 2006 ...Ray Morales, Morenci
 2005 ...Michael Fregoso, Bisbee
 2004 ...Carlos Villa, Maricopa
 2003 ...Stetson Butler, Phoenix Christian
 2002 ...Banning Stephens, Mogollon
 2001 ...David Henson, Pusch Ridge Christian

3A Champions

2010 ...Jake Vaught, Fountain Hills
 2009 ...Jon Casas, Safford
 2008 ...Markos Serna, Holbrook
 2007 ...RJ Rios, Safford
 2006 ...Lee Perez, Payson
 2005 ...Garett Cupp, Camp Verde
 2004 ...Sean Seymore, Show Low
 2003 ...Jeff Tenney, Show Low
 2002 ...Gordo Villaescusa, Rio Rico
 2001 ...Jacob Pesqueria, Rio Rico

4A-1/4A Champions

2010 ...Edward Zuckerman, Raymond Kellis
 2009 ...Steven Lopez, Nogales
 2008 ...Daniel Iribe, Copper Canyon
 2007 ...Ricky Abril, Thunderbird
 2006 ...Rishpal Saini, Thunderbird
 2005 ...Rene Torres, Sunnyside
 2004 ...Eddie Garza, Sunnyside
 2003 ...Evan Tracy, Chinle
 2002 ...John Hendricks, Thunderbird
 2001 ...Nicky Borneman, Coconino

4A-2 Champions

2010 ...Ben Gelvin, Coconino
 2009 ...Sean Gracia, Page
 2008 ...Josh Chang, Mingus
 2007 ...Tyler Chang, Mingus
 2006 ...Rod Loehr, Mingus

5A-1/5A Champions

2010 ...Reyes Cortez, Maryvale
 2009 ...Reyes Cortez, Maryvale
 2008 ...Reyes Cortez, Maryvale
 2007 ...Alex Meraz, Cibola
 2006 ...Russell Johnson, Highland
 2005 ...Ty Regan, Barry Goldwater
 2004 ...Angel Cejudo, Maryvale
 2003 ...Angel Cejudo, Maryvale
 2002 ...Wes Pierce, Marcos de Niza
 2001 ...Caleb Peters, Dobson

5A-2 Champions

2010 ...Luke McClure, Ironwood Ridge
 2009 ...Josiah Stotts, Marcos de Niza
 2008 ...Kory DeBerry, Sunnyside
 2007 ...Nathan Vorel, Sunnyside
 2006 ...Blake Ortiz, Sunrise Mountain



Recent 140-Pound State Champions

1A/2A Champions

2010 ...Orlando Calzadillas, Hayden
 2009 ...John Martell, Benson
 2008 ...Phil Bullington, Benson
 2007 ...Joe Clark, San Manuel
 2006 ...Boyd Scofield, Maricopa
 2005 ...Carlos Villa, Maricopa
 2004 ...Porter Fensel, Maricopa
 2003 ...Jeff Padilla, Morenci
 2002 ...Jeff Padilla, Morenci
 2001 ...Wally Bray, Benson

3A Champions

2010 ...Ben Sandoval, Payson
 2009 ...Jerod Flores, Parker
 2008 ...Nathaniel Abril, Safford
 2007 ...Nick Piedmont, Sahuarita
 2006 ...Porter Wilbanks, Payson
 2005 ...Sonny Seballos, Safford
 2004 ...Jeff Tenney, Show Low
 2003 ...Jimm Brookbank, Show Low
 2002 ...Matt Garcia, Blue Ridge
 2001 ...R.C. LaHaye, Payson

4A-1/4A Champions

2010 ...Nicholas Gonzalez, Pueblo
 2009 ...Daniel Sotelo, Cholla
 2008 ...Mark Cutright, Pueblo
 2007 ...David Leaphart, Thunderbird
 2006 ...Mitch Baker, Marana
 2005 ...Kyle DeBerry, Sunnyside
 2004 ...Matt Lopez, Sunnyside
 2003 ...Daron Benson, Thunderbird
 2002 ...Ethan Hillis, Tempe
 2001 ...Max Vickers, Mingus

4A-2 Champions

2010 ...Luke Goettl, Mingus
 2009 ...Logas Addis, Mingus
 2008 ...Robby Yniguez, Page
 2007 ...Travis Wokasch, Mingus
 2006 ...Travis Wokasch, Mingus

5A-1/5A Champions

2010 ...Mike Hamel, Mesquite
 2009 ...Ben Carrillo, Desert Vista
 2008 ...Seth Pickett, Red Mountain
 2007 ...Alex Pacheco, Mesa
 2006 ...Spencer Jackson, Mesa Mt. View
 2005 ...Efrain Escudero, Cibola
 2004 ...Eli Scoggin, Flowing Wells
 2003 ...Josh Donohoo, Carl Hayden
 2002 ...Marcus Garcia, Hamilton
 2001 ...Tanner Montgomery, Canyon Del Oro

5A-2 Champions

2010 ...Joel Rollins, Boulder Creek
 2009 ...Kory DeBerry, Sunnyside
 2008 ...Alexander Meraz, Cibola
 2007 ...Aaron Briggs, Flowing Wells
 2006 ...Rene Torres, Sunnyside

Recent 145-Pound State Champions

1A/2A Champions

2010 ...Kurt Crandell, Mogollon
 2009 ...Carlos Ravago, Benson
 2008 ...Armand Morales, Morenci
 2007 ...Joseph Wolfe, Camp Verde
 2006 ...Carlos Villa, Maricopa
 2005 ...Heath Allred, Thatcher
 2004 ...Braden Stephens, Mogollon
 2003 ...Banning Stephens, Mogollon
 2002 ...Trace Porter, Mogollon
 2001 ...David Jackson, Bisbee

3A Champions

2010 ...Joseph Baldonado, Blue Ridge
 2009 ...Nathaniel Abril, Safford
 2008 ...Cole Nelson, Blue Ridge
 2007 ...Porter Willbanks, Payson
 2006 ...Ryan Lague, Show Low
 2005 ...Gabriel Beach, Rio Rico
 2004 ...Clint Lemieux, Queen Creek
 2003 ...Gabrile Montijo, Santa Cruz
 2002 ...Zach Lee, Payson
 2001 ...Tom Romo, Holbrook

4A-1/4A Champions

2010 ...Kolton Lock, Queen Creek
 2009 ...Matthew Arismendez, Peoria
 2008 ...Adam Torres, Thunderbird
 2007 ...James Eastin, Moon Valley
 2006 ...Jake Peterson, Pinnacle
 2005 ...Joey Crandell, Ironwood Ridge
 2004 ...Zenthens Hatcher, Coconino
 2003 ...Justin Wombacher, Mingus
 2002 ...Eli Hillis, Tempe
 2001 ...David Florez, Desert View

4A-2 Champions

2010 ...Logas Addis, Mingus
 2009 ...Weston Lymangrover, Mingus
 2008 ...Tod Workman, Queen Creek
 2007 ...Josh Wolfe, Washington
 2006 ...DeWitt Copper, Rio Rico

5A-1/5A Champions

2010 ...Edgar Verdi, Mesa
 2009 ...Ryan Miller, Corona del Sol
 2008 ...Tyler Jimenez, Basha
 2007 ...Chris Galvan, Red Mountain
 2006 ...Justin Castillo, Mesa Mountain View
 2005 ...Eli Arismendez, Peoria
 2004 ...Jeff Ramsey, Red Mountain
 2003 ...Joey Hooker, Marcos de Niza
 2002 ...Tanner Montgomery, CDO
 2001 ...Mike Smith, Highland

5A-2 Champions

2010 ...Kory DeBerry, Sunnyside
 2009 ...Cody Leisten, Centennial
 2008 ...Tyler Binkley, Sunrise Mountain
 2007 ...Justin Mauser, Deer Valley
 2006 ...John Ponce, Marana Mt. View



Recent 152-Pound State Champions

1A/2A Champions

2010 ...Garrett Anderson, St. Johns
 2009 ...Cory Graf, Benson
 2008 ...Jacob Wolfe, Camp Verde
 2007 ...Blake Solomon, Joseph City
 2006 ...Blake Solomon, Joseph City
 2005 ...Lamar Innes, Thatcher
 2004 ...Bryan Lucas, Thatcher
 2003 ...Chad Corbell, Morenci
 2002 ...Levi Pew, St. Johns
 2001 ...Nolan Martinez, Joseph City

3A Champions

2010 ...Wyatt Hatch, Snowflake
 2009 ...Nick Goodman, Payson
 2008 ...Mark McCarty, Payson
 2007 ...Tyrell Andrews, Safford
 2006 ...Justin Gaethje, Safford
 2005 ...Aaron Hancock, Camp Verde
 2004 ...Aaron Hancock, Camp Verde
 2003 ...Zach Lee, Payson
 2002 ...Nathan Lee, Payson
 2001 ...Caleb Miller, Payson

4A-1/4A Champions

2010 ...Alex Darrow, Sunrise Mountainb
 2009 ...David Vallejo, Pueblo
 2008 ...Max Payne, Prescott
 2007 ...Adam Torres, Thunderbird
 2006 ...Matt Barron, Canyon Del Oro
 2005 ...Matt Lopez, Sunnyside
 2004 ...Paul Vasquez, Pueblo
 2003 ...Morgan Scott, Mingus
 2002 ...Ramses Durazo, Sunnyside
 2001 ...Tyler Linsacum, Thunderbird

4A-2 Champions

2010 ...David Wilber, Mingus
 2009 ...David Wilber, Mingus
 2008 ...Matt Hamilton, Mingus
 2007 ...Cody Raber, Mingus
 2006 ...Sam Ciurdar, Sunnyslope

5A-1/5A Champions

2010 ...Ryan Miller, Corona del Sol
 2009 ...Emilio Gonzalez, Buena
 2008 ...Ryan Jimenez, Basha
 2007 ...Jake Kauffman, Red Mountain
 2006 ...Preston Pico, Mesa Mountain View
 2005 ...Ryan Becerra, Highland
 2004 ...Chris Frejje, Mesa
 2003 ...Steve Merchant, Desert Vista
 2002 ...Alx Pavlenko, Marcos de Niza
 2001 ...Jesse Udell, Red Mountain

5A-2 Champions

2010 ...Manny Aranda, Sunnyside
 2009 ...Pearce Swerdfeger, Deer Valley
 2008 ...Sean Kane, Ironwood
 2007 ...Raymond Pina, Sunnyside
 2006 ...Kyle DeBerry, Sunnyside

Recent 160-Pound State Champions

1A/2A Champions

2010 ...Emilio Torres, Bourgade
 2009 ...Mitchell Elmer, Joseph City
 2008 ...Joseph Wolfe, Camp Verde
 2007 ...Heath Allred, Thatcher
 2006 ...Damien Baca, Camp Verde
 2005 ...Andre Franco, Morenci
 2004 ...Daniel Najera, San Manuel
 2003 ...Andy Brennan, Joseph City
 2002 ...Ryan Baker, Mogollon
 2001 ...Waldo Gutierrez, Morenci

3A Champions

2010 ...Brandt Perkins, Snowflake
 2009 ...Cole Nelson, Blue Ridge
 2008 ...Tyrell Andrews, Safford
 2007 ...Justin Gaethje, Safford
 2006 ...Billy Juarado, Safford
 2005 ...Johnny Teller, Tuba City
 2004 ...Travis Depper, Sahuarita
 2003 ...Larry Wilbanks, Payson
 2002 ...Sergio Castillo, Parker
 2001 ...Will Randolph, Rio Rico

4A-1/4A Champions

2010 ...Jesus Lizarraga, Desert View
 2009 ...Jacob Graham, Thunderbird
 2008 ...Darius Graham, Thunderbird
 2007 ...Orson Lor, Amphi
 2006 ...Dominick Anaya, Pueblo
 2005 ...Paul Vasquez, Pueblo
 2004 ...Larry Wilbanks, Payson
 2003 ...Eli Hillis, Tempe
 2002 ...Tyler Linsacum, Thunderbird
 2001 ...Toribio Lujan, Sunnyside

4A-2 Champions

2010 ...Jacob Graham, Thunderbird
 2009 ...Evan Hillis, Tempe
 2008 ...Anthony Moya, Moon Valley
 2007 ...Cooper Dewitt, Rio Rico
 2006 ...Austin Ramirez, Douglas

5A-1/5A Champions

2010 ...Blake Ortiz, Corona del Sol
 2009 ...Derek Felton, Corona del Sol
 2008 ...Taylor Sare, Red Mountain
 2007 ...Fernando Ochoa, Maryvale
 2006 ...Ryan Becerra, Highland
 2005 ...Jose Madraeno, Cibola
 2004 ...Alex Pavlenko, Marcos de Niza
 2003 ...Vince Arredondo, Marana Mt. View
 2002 ...Brent Woodmansee, Desert Vista
 2001 ...Lance Carlson, Dobson

5A-2 Champions

2010 ...T. Devito, Sandra Day O'Connor
 2009 ...Jorge Benitez, Kofa
 2008 ...Jorge Benitez, Kofa
 2007 ...Kyle DeBerry, Sunnyside
 2006 ...Kyle Frost, Marana Mountain View



Recent 171-Pound State Champions

1A/2A Champions

2010 ...Zach Baldwin, Joseph City
 2009 ...Jared Wolfe, Camp Verde
 2008 ...Jared Wolfe, Camp Verde
 2007 ...Damien Baca, Camp Verde
 2006 ...Wes Taylor, Bisbee
 2005 ...Travis Householder, Thatcher
 2004 ...Andy Brennan, Joseph City
 2003 ...Waldo Gutierrez, Morenci
 2002 ...Waldo Gutierrez, Morenci
 2001 ...Ryan Baker, Mogollon

3A Champions

2010 ...JP Adams, San Tan Foothills
 2009 ...Trent Kay, Blue Ridge
 2008 ...Andrew Ashford, Safford
 2007 ...Andrew Ashford, Safford
 2006 ...Manny Jarado, Safford
 2005 ...Travis Depper, Sahuarita
 2004 ...Kendall Bryant, Snowflake
 2003 ...Nate Lee, Payson
 2002 ...Ty Nichols, Snowflake
 2001 ...Rocky Beery, Payson

4A-1/4A Champions

2010 ...Trace Bowman, Queen Creek
 2009 ...Max Payne, Prescott
 2008 ...Adam Carey, Saguaro
 2007 ...Robert Lopez, Pueblo
 2006 ...Diego Bencomo, Independence
 2005 ...Nathan Lee, Payson
 2004 ...Nathan Lee, Payson
 2003 ...Andres Delgadillo, Sinagua
 2002 ...David Ybarra, Douglas
 2001 ...Tanner Linsacum, Thunderbird

4A-2 Champions

2010 ...Chris Roberts, Cholla
 2009 ...Jake Goddard, Queen Creek
 2008 ...Zoar Morales, Catalina
 2007 ...Trey Nahrgang, Buckeye
 2006 ...Reece Roder, Mingus

5A-1/5A Champions

2010 ...Derek Felton, Corona del Sol
 2009 ...Daniel Covert, Highland
 2008 ...Colton Kiernan, Desert Vista
 2007 ...Zach Wadsworth, Mesa
 2006 ...Conner Stockton, Mesa Mt. View
 2005 ...Cory Hale, Corona del Sol
 2004 ...Jose Cortez, Maryvale
 2003 ...Ricky Renzi, Marcos de Niza
 2002 ...Edgar Garcia, Cibola
 2001 ...Troy Powell, Highland

5A-2 Champions

2010 ...Stephen Lynch, Boulder Creek
 2009 ...Kelvin Gastelum, Cibola
 2008 ...Raymond Pina, Sunnyside
 2007 ...Jerry Ochoa, Sunnyside
 2006 ...Patrick Carey, Marcos de Niza

Recent 189-Pound State Champions

1A/2A Champions

2010 ...Mark Mabry, Benson
 2009 ...Mark Mabry, Benson
 2008 ...Damien Baca, Camp Verde
 2007 ...Rocky Gingg, Phoenix Christian
 2006 ...Cameron Carter, Willcox
 2005 ...Andy Brennan, Joseph City
 2004 ...Jake Heun, Maricopa
 2003 ...Joe Vargas, Morenci
 2002 ...Casey Woodall, Morenci
 2001 ...Casey Woodall, Morenci

3A Champions

2010 ...Adrian Perkins, Blue Ridge
 2009 ...Terel Nichols, Snowflake
 2008 ...Mike Guerrero, Eloy Santa Cruz
 2007 ...Mike Guerrero, Eloy Santa Cruz
 2006 ...Mike Guerrero, Eloy Santa Cruz
 2005 ...Demetri Baca, Camp Verde
 2004 ...Trennon Judd, Show Low
 2003 ...John Nunley, Safford
 2002 ...Matt Reimer, River Valley
 2001 ...Matt Reimer, River Valley

4A-1/4A Champions

2010 ...Wes Moore, Queen Creek
 2009 ...Johnnny Cordova, Prescott
 2008 ...Diego Bencomo, Independence
 2007 ...Diego Bencomo, Independence
 2006 ...Mack Surrell, Thunderbird
 2005 ...Thor Moen, Coconino
 2004 ...Ruben Quintana, Sunnyside
 2003 ...Drew Martinez, Greenway
 2002 ...Jacob Chagolla, Sunrise Mountain
 2001 ...David Coronado, Sunnyside

4A-2 Champions

2010 ...Jaime Gastelum, Buckeye
 2009 ...Richard Breese, Coronado
 2008 ...Joey Loehr, Mingus
 2007 ...David Hollis, Queen Creek
 2006 ...David Hollis, Queen Creek

5A-1/5A Champions

2010 ...Sam Fulton, Corona del Sol
 2009 ...Zion Golladay, Mesa
 2008 ...Phil Donofrio, Desert Vista
 2007 ...Andy Jay, Mesa
 2006 ...Luke Macchiaroli, Corona del Sol
 2005 ...Alberto Montes, Mesa
 2004 ...Nathan Sare, Red Mountain
 2003 ...Quinton Pruet, Desert Vista
 2002 ...Bryan Di Palermo, Canyon Del Oro
 2001 ...James Steinprei, Highland

5A-2 Champions

2010 ...Dylan Yole, Marcos de Niza
 2009 ...Anthony Pike, Sunnyside
 2008 ...Justin Wilmas, Kofa
 2007 ...Jim Klingensmith, Marcos de Niza
 2006 ...Mario Monteverde, Flowing Wells



Recent 215-Pound State Champions

1A/2A Champions

2010 ...Chris Copplinger, Joseph City
 2009 ...Nick Waterford, Yuma Catholic
 2008 ...Luke Boardman, Benson
 2007 ...Victor Contreras, Bisbee
 2006 ...Craig Despaigne, Mogollon
 2005 ...Andrew Thompson, Phx Christian
 2004 ...Ryan Kelly, San Manuel
 2003 ...Blaine DeWitt, Joseph City
 2002 ...Brandon Russ, Phoenix Christian
 2001 ...Dan Cools, Orme

3A Champions

2010 ...Marcus Manyfield, Safford
 2009 ...Steel Armstrong, Blue Ridge
 2008 ...Derrick Gonzales, Coolidge
 2007 ...Derrick Gonzales, Coolidge
 2006 ...Kevin Wilkinson, Estrella Foothills
 2005 ...Deci Hernandez, Camp Verde
 2004 ...Nick Serna, Holbrook
 2003 ...George Coleman, Payson
 2002 ...John McQuillan, Show Low
 2001 ...Brad Lee, Round Valley

4A-1/4A Champions

2010 ...Brandon Dudley, Apache Junction
 2009 ...Jake Jarvis, Prescott
 2008 ...Dominic Jones, Independence
 2007 ...Mack Surrell, Thunderbird
 2006 ...Lonnie Brunson, Sahuaro
 2005 ...Dexter Davis, Thunderbird
 2004 ...Dexter Davis, Thunderbird
 2003 ...Elery Tarazon, Tempe
 2002 ...Andrew Luckenbill, Greenway
 2001 ...Anthony Rodriguez, Sunnyside

4A-2 Champions

2010 ...Jason Birchfield, Thunderbird
 2009 ...Ramon Duarte, Rio Rico
 2008 ...Kelland Brookover, Buckeye
 2007 ...Clint Gladden, Buckeye
 2006 ...Luciano Gonzales, Douglas

5A-1/5A Champions

2010 ...Jake Smith, Basha
 2009 ...Luke Macchiaroli, Corona del Sol
 2008 ...Luke Macchiaroli, Corona del Sol
 2007 ...Chris Long, Dobson
 2006 ...Robert Holbrook, Corona del Sol
 2005 ...Ty Porter, Highland
 2004 ...Ty Porter, Highland
 2003 ...Tyreece Gilder, Cesar Chavez
 2002 ...Jake Severn, Deer Valley
 2001 ...Jeremy Willoughby, Flowing Wells

5A-2 Champions

2010 ...Diego Bravo, Sunnyside
 2009 ...Aaron Pavlenko, Marcos de Niza
 2008 ...Eric Reichart, Ironwood Ridge
 2007 ...Jared Miller, Marana Mountain View
 2006 ...Marcus Rodriguez, Peoria

Recent 285-Pound State Champions

1A/2A Champions

2010 ...Johnny Salcido, Antelope
 2009 ...RK Rockhill, Willcox
 2008 ...RK Rockhill, Willcox
 2007 ...Beau Tudor, Camp Verde
 2006 ...Chris Gonzalez, Morenci
 2005 ...Ben Smith, Phoenix Christian
 2004 ...Ben Smith, Phoenix Christian
 2003 ...Ronaldo Herreras, Benson
 2002 ...Damon Freeland, Valley
 2001 ...Ronaldo Herreras, Benson

3A Champions

2010 ...Aaron Dawson, Safford
 2009 ...Aaron Dawson, Safford
 2008 ...Dwight Boyd, Blue Ridge
 2007 ...Justin Felix, Safford
 2006 ...Brian Postma, Parker
 2005 ...Stetson Tenny, Show Low
 2004 ...Chet Huelskamp, Globe
 2003 ...Chet Huelskamp, Globe
 2002 ...Scott Croff, Show Low
 2001 ...Sean Poole, Parker

4A-1/4A Champions

2010 ...Vi Teofilo, Moon Valley
 2009 ...Doug Zisman, Shadow Mountain
 2008 ...Tim Harlen, Apache Junction
 2007 ...Jose Sanchez, Independence
 2006 ...J.D. Hanley, Greenway
 2005 ...James Paisano, Mingus
 2004 ...Sean Sierra, Desert View
 2003 ...Jaime Martinez, Sunnyside
 2002 ...Mikel Brewer, Centennial
 2001 ...Joe Riggs, Cactus

4A-2 Champions

2010 ...Ricky Valdez, Rio Rico
 2009 ...Ricky Valdez, Rio Rico
 2008 ...Brandon Draper, Moon Valley
 2007 ...Zack Tourangeau, Apache Junction
 2006 ...Matt Guyer, Mohave

5A-1/5A Champions

2010 ...Tevin Hood, Hamilton
 2009 ...Mike Howard, Corona del Sol
 2008 ...Trevor Stapp, Corona del Sol
 2007 ...Trevor Stapp, Corona del Sol
 2006 ...Andrew Chavez, Cesar Chavez
 2005 ...David Bertrand, Horizon
 2004 ...Ben Schoonover, Mesquite
 2003 ...Kyle Taylor, Sahuaro
 2002 ...Chris Donnay, Mountain Pointe
 2001 ...Cain Velasquez, Kofa

5A-2 Champions

2010 ...Tyeler Davison, Desert Mountain
 2009 ...Luke Madrigal, Central
 2008 ...Anthony Pike, Sunnyside
 2007 ...Harley Fandrich, Sunrise Mountain
 2006 ...Cliff Engelhart, Marana Mt. View



Div. II Wrestling: Cibola Moving Up Means Division Wide Open

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Cibola won the Division II title last year but the Raiders are wrestling in D-I this winter. Look for Liberty and Mountain View to move up and challenge for the title this year. Kofa finished in 41st place last year but the Kings won the Section I title this year by a wide margin over Desert Edge.

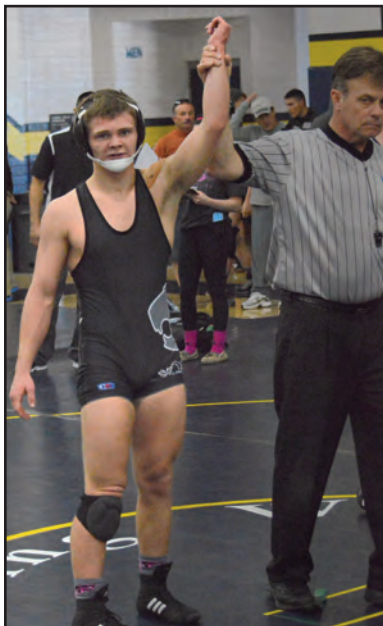
Kofa qualified 10 wrestlers for state, Mountain View qualified 11 and Liberty had 12 move up. Queen Creek saw 10 wrestlers qualify as did Deer Valley. Section II winner Seton Catholic qualified eight.

Eight champions graduated from last year and six are returning with only McClintock sophomore Marco Groves competing in the same weight class (132) as he did last year.

Brandon Courtney of Desert Edge, Gator Groves of McClintock and Daniel Hernandez of Prescott moved up one weight class while James Deitz of Liberty and Jacob Swift of Deer Valley moved up two weight classes.

The 106-pound weight class is wide open with the top three placers from last year either graduated or wrestling in another weight class. Mountain View Marana sophomore Javier Ortiz (33-10) took fourth place last year and he sees a perfect opportunity.

"I've been thinking of this since middle school," Ortiz said. "I worked hard for this. Our team is coming back."



Mt. View's Trey Waltz (photo by Andy Morales/azpreps365.com)

2015 Team Results

1. Cibola 142.0
2. Liberty 130.0
3. Mountain View Marana 93.0
4. Desert Edge 80.0
5. Cienega 79.5
6. Campo Verde 76.0
7. Barry Goldwater 69.0
8. Gila Ridge 60.0
9. Catalina Foothills 59.0
10. Prescott 56.0

2016 Section Champions

- SEC I: Kofa (220)
- SEC II: Mountain View Marana (221)
- SEC III: Seton Catholic (198)
- SEC IV: Liberty (253.5)

2015 Champions and 2016 Section Champions

- 106: 2015 1st Place - Jesus Urquidez of Cholla (12th)**
 SEC I: Jacob Arredondo of La Joya Community.
 SEC II: Javier Ortiz of Mountain View Marana.
 SEC III: Spencer Stagg of Mesquite.
 SEC IV: Carlos Vargas of Deer Valley.

113: 2015 1st Place - Brandon Courtney of Desert Edge (10th)

- SEC I: Robert Aceves of Verrado.
 - SEC II: Andrew Cota of Mountain View Marana.
 - SEC III: Bryce Nickel of Seton Catholic.
 - SEC IV: Atilano Escobar of Liberty.
- (Brandon Courtney of Desert Edge moved up to 120)

120: 2015 1st Place - Gator Groves of McClintock (9th)

- SEC I: Brandon Courtney of Desert Edge.

- SEC II: Brady Schall of Queen Creek.
 - SEC III: Alex Dunham of Campo Verde.
 - SEC IV: Zachary Padilla of Deer Valley.
- (Gator Groves of McClintock moved up to 126)

126: 2015 1st Place - Joshua Kramer of Desert Edge (12th)

- SEC I: Jacob Rios of Dysart.
- SEC II: Marcus Castillo of Mountain View Marana.
- SEC III: Gator Groves of McClintock.
- SEC IV: Greg Burgess of Cactus Shadows.

132: 2015 1st Place - Marco Groves of McClintock (9th)

- SEC I: Carlos Urias of Kofa.
- SEC II: Constatino Murillo of Sahuaro.
- SEC III: Marco Groves of McClintock.
- SEC IV: Cory Collins of Liberty.

138: 2015 1st Place - James Deitz of Liberty (9th)

- SEC I: Kody Ball of Desert Edge
 - SEC II: Trey Waltz of Mountain View Marana.
 - SEC III: Weston Milnes-Bowers of Seton Catholic.
 - SEC IV: Corrye Jackson of Liberty.
- (James Deitz of Liberty moved up to 152)

145: 2015 1st Place - Andres Gandara of Cibola (12th)

- SEC I: David Castaneda of Kofa.
- SEC II: Shavez Hawkins Jr. of Poston Butte.
- SEC III: Vincent Dolce of Seton Catholic.
- SEC IV: Jake Dale of Liberty.

152: 2015 1st Place - Jacob Swift of Deer Valley (11th)

- SEC I: Wayde Mowry of Verrado
 - SEC II: Frankie Lee of Mountain View Marana.
 - SEC III: Quentin Hovis of Seton Catholic.
 - SEC IV: James Deitz of Liberty.
- (Jacob Swift of Deer Valley moved up to 170)

160: 2015 1st Place - Talon Vaughn of Prescott (12th)

- SEC I: Josh Vigh of Desert Edge.
- SEC II: Matt Saba of Queen Creek.
- SEC III: Brandon Konecny of Seton Catholic.
- SEC IV: Daniel Rodriguez of Apollo.

170: 2015 1st Place - Cameron Wells of Higley (12th)

- SEC I: Adam Gallegos of Desert Edge.
- SEC II: Dawson Hand of Catalina Foothills.
- SEC III: Curtis Stevenson of Thunderbird.
- SEC IV: Jacob Swift of Deer Valley.

182: 2015 1st Place - Vicente Guerrero of Cibola (12th)

- SEC I: Jabreel Edwards of Tolleson.
- SEC II: Sean Palermo of Queen Creek.
- SEC III: Bridger Barker of Seton Catholic.
- SEC IV: Miles Nuessele of Liberty.

195: 2015 1st Place - Daniel Hernandez of Prescott (11th)

- SEC I: Eric Nieves of Independence
 - SEC II: Louis Aguilar of Mountain View Marana.
 - SEC III: Eric Mickelson of Thunderbird.
 - SEC IV: Blake Smith of Liberty.
- (Daniel Hernandez of Prescott moved up to 220)

220: 2015 1st Place - Danny Reyes of Barry Goldwater (12th)

- SEC I: Sergio Gutierrez of Kofa.
- SEC II: William Walker of Cienega.
- SEC III: Trevor Kauer of Campo Verde.
- SEC IV: Daniel Hernandez of Prescott.

285: 2015 1st Place - Darrin Kauer of Campo Verde (12th)

- SEC I: Alexander Vo of Glendale.
- SEC II: Jerome Doss of Cholla.
- SEC III: Roy Lopez of Mesquite.
- SEC IV: Enrique Guevara of Apollo.

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Year	Champion (Pts)	Winning Coach	Runnerup (Pts)	Third Place (Pts)
2015	Camp Verde (167)	Tracy Tudor	Morenci (158.5)	Willcox (153)
2014	Camp Verde (229.5)	Tracy Tudor	St. Johns (219)	Benson (182)
2013	Camp Verde (243.5)	Bob Weir	St. Johns (195.5)	Morenci (164.5)
2012	St. Johns (236)	Brandon Crosby	Camp Verde (169)	Morenci (165.5)
2011	Heber Mogollon (177)	Rocky Nelson	Morenci (147.5)	Camp Verde (118.5)

DIVISION III

2015	Phoenix Thunderbird (170.5)	Steve Linsacum	Tucson Amphitheater (147)	Seton Catholic (102)
2014	Holbrook (195.5)	John Bokker	Tucson Amphitheater (173.5)	Tempe (153)
2013	Phoenix Thunderbird (132.5)	Steve Linsacum	Rio Rico (91)	Coconino (88.5)
2012	Phoenix Thunderbird (121)	Steve Linsacum	Cottonwood Mingus (105)	Amphi & Blue Ridge (103)
2011	Phoenix Thunderbird (158.5)	Steve Linsacum	Cottonwood Mingus (157.5)	Rio Rico (127)

DIVISION II

2015	Yuma Cibola (142)	Mike Jankowski	Peoria Liberty (130)	Marana Mt. View (93)
2014	Yuma Cibola (169)	Mike Jankowski	Vail Cienega (100.5)	Marana Mt. View (100.5)
2013	Oro Valley Ironwood Ridge (216.5)	Tim Berrier	Yuma Gila Ridge (128)	Prescott (85)
2012	Oro Valley Ironwood Ridge (204.5)	Tim Berrier	Yuma Gila Ridge (150)	Tempe MDN (139.5)
2011	Oro Valley Ironwood Ridge (141.5)	Tim Berrier	Tempe Marcos de Niza (116)	Phoenix Moon Valley (101)

DIVISION I

2015	Mesa Mt. View (193)	Bob Callison	Tucson Sunnyside (158)	OV Ironwood Ridge (118.5)
2014	Mesa Mt. View (197)	Bob Callison	Tucson Sunnyside (142)	Anthem Boulder Creek (127)
2013	Tucson Sunnyside (151.5)	Anthony Leon	Chandler (132)	Tempe Corona del Sol (127)
2012	Chandler (122)	Vidal Mejia	Yuma Cibola (120.5)	Tempe Desert Vista (114)
2011	Tucson Sunnyside (124.5)	Bobby DeBerry	Gilbert Highland (114)	Tempe Desert Vista (102)

1A/2A CONFERENCES

2010	Joseph City (215.5)	Aaron Westover	St. Johns (143)	Morenci (136.5)
2009	St. Johns (193)	Brandon Crosby	Camp Verde (165)	Benson (160.5)
2008	Camp Verde (181.5)	Bob Weir	Benson (141.5)	Thatcher (134)
2007	Camp Verde (273)	Bob Weir	Benson (116)	Morenci (114.5)
2006	Camp Verde (177.5)	Bob Weir	(TIE) Maricopa (154)	Willcox (154)
2005	Morenci (232)	Gilbert Padilla	Maricopa (165.5)	Thatcher (161.5)

3A CONFERENCE

2010	Safford (267)	Herman Andrews Jr	Payson (152.5)	Snowflake (144)
2009	Safford (40-25)	Herman Andrews Jr	Holbrook	John Bokker
2008	Safford (225.5)	Herman Andrews Jr	Lakeside Blue Ridge (170.5)	Winslow (156.5)
2007	Safford (241.5)	Herman Andrews Jr	Sahuarita (154.5)	Payson (145.5)
2006	Safford (227.5)	Herman Andrews Jr	Payson (164.5)	Show Low (147)
2005	Safford (216)	Herman Andrews Jr	Camp Verde (208)	Show Low (127)

4A CONFERENCE

2010 4A-1	Phoenix Moon Valley (49-28)	Bryan Smith	Queen Creek	Tod Workman
2010 4A-2	Cottonwood Mingus (47-16)	Tom Wokasch	Phoenix Thunderbird	Steve Linsacum
2009 4A-1	Vail Cienega (37-15)	Marty Niblo	Phoenix Thunderbird	Steve Linsacum
2009 4A-2	Cottonwood Mingus (43-21)	Tom Wokasch	Phoenix Moon Valley	Bryan Smith
2008 4A-1	Tucson Pueblo (152)	Steve Lopez	Phoenix Thunderbird (146)	SD O'Connor (117)
2008 4A-2	Cottonwood Mingus (243.5)	Tom Wokasch	Phoenix Moon Valley (163.5)	Queen Creek (110)
2007 4A-1	Phoenix Thunderbird (174.5)	Steve Linsacum	Glendale Independence (121)	Prescott (119)
2007 4A-2	Cottonwood Mingus (278.5)	Tom Wokasch	Buckeye (153)	Sunnyslope (148.5)
2006 4A-1	Phoenix Thunderbird (194.5)	Steve Linsacum	Phoenix Moon Valley (148.5)	Tucson Pueblo (135)
2006 4A-2	Cottonwood Mingus (221)	Tom Wokasch	Phoenix Sunnyslope (135.5)	Buckeye (125)
2005	Tucson Sunnyside (235.5)	Bobby DeBerry	Phoenix Thunderbird (180)	Cottonwood Mingus (142)

5A CONFERENCE

2010 5A-1	Tempe Corona del Sol (38-16)	Jim Martinez	Mesa	Bobby Williams
2010 5A-2	Tucson Sunnyside (35-24)	Bobby DeBerry	Oro Valley Ironwood Ridge	Tim Berrier
2009 5A-1	Tempe Corona del Sol (26-25)	David Vibber	Mesa	Bobby Williams
2009 5A-2	Tucson Sunnyside (54-9)	Bobby DeBerry	Oro Valley Ironwood Ridge	Tim Berrier
2008 5A-1	Mesa (35-22)	Bobby Williams	Tempe Corona del Sol	David Vibber
2008 5A-2	Tucson Sunnyside (53-13)	Bobby DeBerry	Yuma Cibola	Pepe Moreno
2007 5A-1	Mesa (26-25)	Bobby Williams	Mesa Mountain View	Bob Callison
2007 5A-2	Tucson Sunnyside (47-12)	Bobby DeBerry	Yuma Kofa	James Dillon
2006 5A-1	Mesa (38-23)	Bobby Williams	Mesa Mountain View	Shawn Rustad
2006 5A-2	Tucson Sunnyside (44-19)	Bobby DeBerry	Tempe Marcos de Niza	Jim Weed
2005	Gilbert Highland (183)	Abel Figueroa	Mesa Red Mountain (157)	Mesa Mt. View (156.5)

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- Nominators must provide a letter of recommendation including at least one from an employee at the candidate's school.



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DEADLINES

The deadlines are rolling based on NATA District Meetings timing.

NATA DISTRICT	APPLICATION DEADLINE	MEETING DATE
1	9/30/15	1/8-11/16
2	9/30/15	1/8-11/16
3	1/30/16	5/20-22/2016
4	11/30/15	3/9-12/16
5	11/30/15	3/16-18/2016
6	3/30/16	7/20-22/16
7	12/30/15	4/7-10/2016
8	2/30/2015	7/12-16/16
9	11/30/15	3/9-13/16
10	11/30/15	3/31-4/4/16

AWARD WINNER ANNOUNCEMENT

- Winners will be notified approximately one month in advance of the NATA District meeting.
- Winners will be announced at each district meeting and will culminate with an announcement and celebration at NATA Annual's Secondary School Committee Meeting and Reception.**

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Div. III Wrestling: Amphitheater, Safford Loom Large in Title Chase

By Les Willsey
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Amphitheater wrestling has been on the cusp of a championship breakthrough of late. The Panthers have back-to-back runner-up finishes in Division III. Two of the top contenders from last year -- champion Thunderbird and third-place Seton Catholic -- are gone. Both are battling for the top slot in D-II this year. It would figure to be Amphi's turn with five state-placers returning.

But Safford and perhaps Show Low may have something to say about that Friday (Feb. 12) and Saturday (Feb. 13) at this year's state tournament at Prescott Valley Event Center in Prescott Valley.

Amphi's lineup features seven seniors and juniors among its 11 qualifiers, which may give it an edge. However, last week at sectionals Amphi settled for second behind Safford, which is dominated by underclassmen (four sophomores and two freshmen among a deep lineup). Safford was the lone D-III contender to compete in the Flowing Wells Invite and finished fifth overall behind D-I and D-II powers. Amphi, Safford and Show Low each qualified 11 for state. Amphi and Show Low bring five section champs each and Safford four. Amphi is led by Kyle Rodriguez, Yarhoki Aldiva and Cris Sanchez. Safford's lineup is powered by Chanse Rios and Dawon Andrews. Show Low by Jackson Allen, Willie Wyatt and Jaisen Brown.

Here are the top four seeds in each weight class, plus division champions returning from last season.

Last year's returning champions: Isaac Cabrera, Coconino, senior (106). Cabrera is competing at 113 this year. He was 47-4 last year and brings a 44-7 record. He placed fifth in 2014. Jackson Allen, Show Low, sophomore (113). Allen is competing at 138 this year. He was 44-3 last year and brings a 21-3 record this year. Yarhoki Aldiva, Amphitheater, senior (132). Aldiva was 45-9 last year and is competing again at 132. He brings a 49-4 record this year. Kyle Rodriguez, Amphitheater, senior (195). Rodriguez was

46-4 last year and competing again at 195. He brings a 47-0 record this year. He pinned all four opponents in winning state in 2015, placed third in 2014 and sixth in 2013.

106-pounds: 1. Diego Guerrero, Walden Grove. 2. Jonathan Ruiz, Yuma. 3. Hunter Bateman, Show Low. 4. Nathan Smith, Williams Field. 113: 1. Adan Guillen, Tempe. 2. Jacob Frias, . 3. Carlos Alcantar, Yuma. 4. Dante Garcia, Page. 120: 1. Byron Finch, Safford. 2. Elias Gonzales, Tempe. 3. Adrian Gomez, Yuma. 4. JC Mortensen, Chino Valley. 126: 1. Kendall Foster, Chino Valley, 2. Ramiro Vasquez, Yuma. 3. Joey Basila, Sabino. 4. David Marquez, Coolidge. 132: 1. Yarhoki Aldiva, Amphitheater. 2. Raymond Correa, Coronado. 3. Mason Fagotti, Show Low. 4. Kuayveon Dyer, Sierra Linda. 138: 1. Jackson Allen, Show Low. 2. Jaren Savage, Tempe. 3. Chanse Rios, Safford. 4. Max Alcalá, San Luis. 145: 1. Dawon Andrews, Safford. 2. Logan Lamoreaux, Williams Field. 3. Mason Wester, Kingman. 4. Camilo Dela Torre-Hern, Cortez. 152: 1. Kyle Robbins, Cesar Chavez. 2. Treyton Jundt, Wickenburg. 3. Adam Henderson, Blue Ridge. 4. Saul Payan Diaz, Amphitheater. 160: 1. Lisandro Soto, San Luis. 2. Gary Medevielle, Chino Valley. 3. Rafael Parades, Amphitheater. 4. Jesus Zamorano, Coolidge. 170: 1. Karl Halstead, Moon Valley. 2. Spence Coffin, Chino Valley. 3. Zane McKinney, Williams Field. 4. Ricky Telles, Sahuarita. 182: 1. Uriah Dobell, Coconino. 2. Jacob Advincula, Greenway. 3. Diego Huerta, Salpointe. 4. Briggs Conway, Williams Field. 195: 1. Kyle Rodriguez, Amphitheater. 2. Assis-El-S Abdul-Aziz, Apache Junction. 3. Willie Wyatt, Show Low. 4. Adrian Madrid, Yuma. 220: 1. Jaisen Brown, Show Low. 2. Damien Mendez, Cesar Chavez. 3. Dustin Rivera, Buckeye. 4. Chase Umphres, Safford. HWT: 1. Cris Sanchez, Amphitheater. 2. Dakota Richardson, Page. 3. Malik Clark, Moon Valley. 4. Michael Uehling, Apache Junction.



D-IV Wrestling: Character Counts For Mogollon's Stephens But Title Would Be Nice Too

By Jose Garcia
azpreps365.com

Baylend Stephens went to a relative's home with cable TV to watch the Super Bowl.

This year's Super Bowl didn't exactly turn into must-watch TV, but it did serve as a distraction for Stephens before locking arms in his final week of high school wrestling. The Super Bowl also kept the Mogollon's senior's mind occupied with something else besides the is-this-the-year-question that's dogged him for the past couple of years.

Stephens wrestled in a state championship match in his first three seasons, with the oppositions' arms raised in victory, however. Sympathy and wrestling don't mix on a mat, especially when a wrestler is 54-0, Stephen's record this season, heading into the 2015-16 wrestling state finals.

But for Stephens' fans in the stands at the Prescott Valley Events Center, the cheers of support will likely be louder than usual during the senior's final quest to reach the top of the state championship podium.

Despite the season ending championship setbacks, Stephens confronted defeat with grace in each of those three championship matches. And win or lose this weekend, don't expect Stephens' determination and maturity to dissipate.

"It's not something I want to give up on (winning a title)," Stephens said. "In the end I will definitely win one, in high school or in college. It's a goal that I have set. Not to be able to do it so far is heartbreaking, but it's pushing me to work harder."

Being the youngest of seven siblings helps him stay grounded and hungry.

Stephens' five brothers wrestled, including three-time state champ Banning. At home, where the living room became a classroom of sorts, the Stephens often rolled out a wrestling mat, where Stephens' firsts toughest lessons were dished out.

No word on whether it's true, but Bethanie, the only girl Stephens' parents, Dane and Mandy, had, might have pinned her youngest brother once or twice in the living room as well. But now nobody in his family, except for Dane and Mandy, will order the 6-foot-2, 265-pound Stephens around.

The 18-year-old learned other key lessons while fending for himself. A tactical error and stiff competition led to his three championship defeats.

As a sophomore, when he moved up in weight, Stephens was 36-1 and a win away from completing his championship dream. But in a close match against Northwest Christian's Esteban Flores, Stephens wrongly chose up instead of down during a reset.

Flores escaped, allowing him to clinch a 5-3 decision.

"I was so upset," Stephens said. "I had been working to stay humble, but that loss hurt."

"It haunts me. I think about it, but I've let go of it. I can't do anything now. If I can tell my sophomore self, I would tell him to always choose down."

Working on being humble resulted from his overconfidence in his freshman season.

Stephens didn't lose a match in eight grade and believed he was "hot stuff."

But a much taller and ripped opponent, Ben Miller of Wilcox, made Stephens look like a "little boy" when they stood next to each other. But Stephens hung in there in a 6-2 defeat at 195.

"That (the loss) hurt my pride," Stephens said.

At the start of his junior season, another wrestler, heavyweight Santiago Robledo of Morenci, abruptly brought Stephens back to earth as well.

Stephens was on a high after helping Mogollon win a football state championship, flying all over the field and collecting 22 tackles, one sack and two force fumbles in the 14-8 win over Bagdad. But as soon as he traded in his helmet for a singlet, Santiago defeated Stephens twice in an early season tournament last year.

The duo was scheduled to square off again in another regular season tournament final, but Santiago showed up overweight, nixing the showdown. They had to wait until the heavyweight state final to meet again.

Stephens was leading 1-0 in that bout with about 30 seconds remaining in the third period when Santiago hooked an arm and rolled over Stephens in order to pin him.



Mogollon's Baylend Stephens wins another tournament on his way to a sparkling 54-0 record in 2015-16 (photo courtesy of the Stephens family).

"It was probably one of the worst feelings in my entire life," Stephens said. "I've lost a lot of matches, but I think I've been pinned only three times. I couldn't take it."

Despite the crushing defeat, the Mogollon standout didn't throw his headgear or run off and pout.

After losing his third consecutive, closely contested state final, nobody would have blamed him for acting out.

"Regardless of the three runner ups, I am still representing my high school and family," Stephens said. "I always try to have a good attitude and not go off in a corner and pout. There's always a tendency to take this as a learning experience. I think to me it says a lot about character. Rather than to blame anybody else, I messed up and should have worked harder. The losses have motivated me to be better."

This season, Stephens continues to carry himself like a winner on and off the mat.

"As a coach, I appreciate Baylend's work ethic and leadership," Mogollon wrestling coach Reed Porter said. "He's always on time to practice and sets the stage for the rest of our guys."

For a big man, Baylend has a variety of moves, something not often seen in heavyweights.

Mix in his controlled aggression and speed, and you've got one of the state's best heavyweights regardless of class. A big assist for his development goes to Stephens' brothers.

As for how he conducts himself, Dane and Mandy deserve a lot of the credit. About 10 years ago, Dane and Mandy decided to do something that's unthinkable nowadays — disconnect the cable from their television.

"We interact more as a family," Dane said. "Our home life has been exponentially better now that you don't see some of that garbage you see on TV. We don't let it run our lives."

The Stephens do have a computer at their home, and it might come in handy this weekend for those family members who can't make the drive to the Prescott Valley Events Center.

The state championships will be streamed live on azpreps365.com. One last time to see if Stephens, a Phoenix College commit, can bring a title home.

Another football heavyweight, Ben McGriff of Northwest Christian, who's been ranked No. 2 most of the season by arizona-wrestling.com in D-IV, might be Stephen's next big challenge if they reach the D-IV final.

"I don't think I can live with just a football championship," Stephens said. "I need one in wrestling. I've come so far. I have to finish it out."

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