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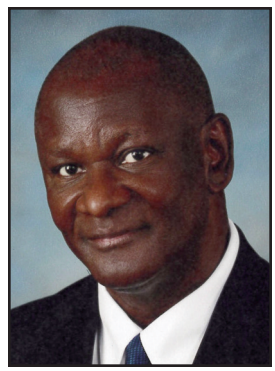
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Welcome to the State Championships



On behalf of the Arizona Interscholastic Association, I would like to welcome all the participants, coaches, family and friends to our state championship. It is our pleasure to be able to bring you a fantastic event.

It took a great deal of hard work to reach this point. The AIA recognizes the strength it took to get here, as well as the sacrifices made along the way. And for that, we say thank you. The student-athletes, administrators, coaches and families have all earned our gratitude.

While attending this championship, we hope that it is an enjoyable experience for all. The lessons learned regarding sportsmanship and fair play are elevated here. Athletics are an extension of the classroom, which is why we accentuate the "student" in student-athlete. State championships are just a springboard to the success these student-athletes will achieve when the competition is over. In the process of deriving enjoyment from participation in athletics, our student-athletes are learning lifelong skills that will help them develop into healthy adults and productive citizens. National research continues to validate that students involved in extracurricular activities attend more days of school, perform better in the classroom and have less behavioral issues. This also includes lower dropout, alcohol and drug abuse rates as compared to those who do not participate. The benefits of participation are extensive.

The AIA began in 1913 and has grown by leaps and bounds over the years. Along with the Executive Board, the AIA vigorously defends and promotes the positive developments of athletics, creates a culture that fosters self-governance and ethical behavior, and teaches, enforces, advocates and models the principles of the Arizona Accord and "Pursuing Victory With Honor." Today, nearly 125,000 student-athletes statewide benefit from the leadership of our Board, administrators and hard-working coaches on an annual basis.

As you enjoy all the championship contests, please show respect to those around you. Displays of good sportsmanship will place you in high regard along with your school and your community, and remind us all that, sports are meant to be fun and enjoyed by not only those participating, but those in attendance. The AIA hopes this championship, as well as any others you may attend, achieves the level of excellence our student-athletes deserve. Remember that these are "our students, our teams … our future."

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Division I Wrestling Preview

By Les Willsey
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Sunnyside down in wrestling? A little in recent years. Very little. The Blue Devils appear primed to rule the Division I roost come Friday night when the two-day state meet concludes at Prescott Valley Event Center.

Sunnyside hasn't brought home a first-place trophy in D-I since 2013. The last four years, however, the Blue Devils have been runner-up. Add state champs in 2011 and 2013 and six of the eight years this decade they've placed first or second. Sunnyside has 30 state championships in its history.

Sunnyside is led by the superlative Roman Bravo-Young, who is 178-0 in his career and needs two wins this week to break the state record for consecutive wins (179) held by Deer Valley's Jacob Swift (2013-2016). Bravo-Young has signed a letter of intent to attend Penn State.

Here's a look at the D-I tournament and schedule -- all at Prescott Valley Event Center -- Thursday Feb. 8 and Friday Feb. 9:

D-I's first session is Thursday at 10:30 a.m. After an afternoon break, session two begins at 6 p.m. Action shifts to a third session Friday at 10 a.m. with fourth and final session (medal rounds) slated to begin Friday at 7 p.m.

TEAM SECTION CHAMPS: Section 1 -- Desert Ridge by 16.5 points over Mesa Mountain View; Section 2 -- Cibola by 81.5 points over Boulder Creek; Section 3 -- Sunnyside by 73 points over Desert Vista; Section 4 -- Chandler by 26 points over Corona del Sol.

TEAMS WITH MOST QUALIFIERS/SECTION CHAMPS: Sunnyside - 13 qualifiers, 9 section champs; Cibola - 12 qualifiers, 7 section champs; Desert Ridge -- 12 qualifiers, 5 section champs; Chandler -- 14 qualifiers, 4 section champs; Corona del Sol - 13 qualifiers, 4 section champs; Kofa -- 10 qualifiers, 4 section champs; Mesa Mountain View -- 10 qualifiers, 3 section champs.

DEFENDING STATE CHAMPIONS: Jesse Ybarra, Sunnyside, So. Ybarra won at 106 pounds in 2017, wrestling 113 this year; Manny Garcia, Sunnyside, Sr. Garcia won at 113 in 2017, wrestling 120 this year; Roman Bravo-Young, Sunnyside Sr. Bravo-Young 3-time champ winning at 106 (2015), 120 (2016) and 132 (2017), wrestling 132 this year; Jacob Garcia, Corona del Sol, Sr. Garcia won at 138 in 2017, wrestling at 152 this year; Tommy Mommer, Cibola, Sr. 2-time champs winning at 220 in 2016 and 2017 and wrestling 285 this year. Chandler transfers Gator Groves (145) and Marco Groves (160) are three-time state champs in D-II while competing at McClntock from 2015-2017. Gator Groves won at 120, 126 and 145 and Marco Groves at 132, 132 and 160.

ANOTHER CHANCE AT BITE OF BIG APPLE: Six wrestlers finished runner-up in 2017 and return to climb one more rung on the ladder -- Chris Kelly, Chandler, So. 2nd at 106 last year, wrestling 126 this year; Vicente Loaiza, Sunnyside, Sr. 2nd at 120 last year, wrestling 126 this year; Angelo Pool, Tucson, Sr. 2nd at 126 last year, wrestling 138 this year; Aaron Gandara, Cibola, So. 2nd at 152 last year, wrestling 152 this year; Kashawn Crump-Valencia, Tucson, Sr. 2nd 182 last year, wrestling 182 this year; Jeremiah Hollen, Mesa Mtn. View, Jr. 2nd at 195 last year, wrestling 195 this year.

NO. 1 SEEDS: 106-pounds - Undefeated James Brown, Sunnyside, Fr.; 113 - Undefeated Jesse Ybarra, Sunnyside, So.; 120 -- Juan Manuel Garcis, Sunnyside, Sr.; 126 -- Chris Kelly, Chandler, So.; 132 -- Undefeated in career Roman Bravo-Young, Sunnyside, Sr.; 138 -- Tanner Waite, Highland, Sr.; 145 -- Gator Groves, Chandler, Sr.; 152 -- Jacob Garcia, Corona del Sol, Sr.; 160 -- Luke Jacobs, Brophy Prep, Sr.; 170 -- David Castaneda, Cibola, Sr.; 182 -- Kashawn Crump-Valencia, Tucson, Sr.; 195 -- Undefeated Mario Neblina, Cibola, Jr.; 220 -- Johnathun Garcia, Marana Mtn. View, Sr.; 285 -- Tommy Mommer, Cibola, Sr.

OUTLOOK: Along with its three defending champs and four No.1 seeds, Sunnyside has four others seeded No. 2 in their weights -- Loaiza (126), a two-time state runner-up; Aaron Rodriguez (138), Sebastian Mordecai (170) and Matt Rees (195). Sunnyside has a strong chance to dominate the lighter weights and there's enough elsewhere to make it tough on the entire field. Some might believe Sunnyside is the prohibiitive favorite, with so much top billing. Cibola and Chandler would like to think otherwise. Cibola, which finished third last year and won back-to-back team titles in D-II in 2014 and 2015, has three No. 1 seeds and two No. 2 seeds. Cibola's strength is the upper and middle weights. Sunnyside and Cibola are the No. 1 and No. 2 seeds at 106, 170 and 195. Chandler qualified all 14 of its wrestlers and only two No. 1 seeds. The Wolves lineup is capable of several high-end placers. Desert Ridge and Kofa, given their number of qualifiers, are likely to be spoilers. The Jaguars and Kings sport no No. 1 seeds, but tough lineups.

Division II Wrestling Preview

By Andy Morales
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Mountain View Marana took the Division II state title over Queen Creek last year 177.5 to 171 but Cienega was able to outdistance the Mountain Lions 218.5 to 202.5 to capture the D-II, Section I championship held at Flowing Wells High School. The Bobcats finished in sixth place last year but the team figures to move up a few spots based on the sectional finish.

Queen Creek took second place to Williams Field in the Section IV finals held at Campo Verde High School 215 to 231. Meanwhile, Liberty cruised to a 284 to 150 win over Centennial in the Section II championship held at Ironwood High School. Liberty took third place at state last year.

Desert Edge came in fourth place last year, but the Scorpions fell to fifth place in the Section III tournament. Gila Ridge won that sectional with 165 points.

Marco and Gator Groves won multiple championships for McClintock over the last three years but the twins moved to Division I Chandler over the summer which leaves openings in the 145 and 160 divisions but there are still five returning champions.

Marcus Castillo (37-0) won the 132-pound division last year for Mountain View Marana but the junior shifted to 138 this year where he beat Carlo Castagnaro of Cienega 16-4.

Queen Creek junior Denen Fernandez (37-3) took the 138-weight class last year and he has moved up to 145. His teammate, senior Anthony Saba, won the 182 class and he is slated to wrestle in the same class again this year.

Liberty senior James Deitz (32-5) won the 152-pound division last year and he is in the 160 division this year. Fellow Liberty senior Miles Nuessle (40-0) won the 195-champi-



The Cienega Bobcats are legitimate contenders for the Div. II crown this year (photo by Andy Morales of azpreps365.com)



Zane McKissick of CDO (left) and Denen Fernandez of Queen Creek (photo by Andy Morales of azpreps365.com)

onship last year and he will be back at it at the same weight this year.

The list of runners-up from last year includes South Mountain sophomore Andres Avelar (32-0) in the 106-pound division; Queen Creek senior Xavier Rico (18-1) in the 120-class; Marana Mountain View senior Andrew Cota (49-4) in the 126-class; Queen Creek senior Nikolas Manuel (34-7) in the 160-class; Desert Edge senior Josh Vigh (17-1) in the 170-weight class and Campo Verde senior Estevan Galvez (25-4) in the 182-pound division.

Returning third place finishers include Mark Prado (49-2) of Shadow Ridge (126); Jacob Frias (32-5) of Mountain View (120); Cyler Rustad (50-7) of Williams Field (132); Daivon Lee (41-7) of Mountain View (152) and Koby Fike (55-3) of Gila Ridge (285).

The list of undefeated wrestlers in Division II includes Cooper Stigsell (45-0) of Verrado (182); Nuessle (40-0) of Liberty (195); Tarik Sutkovic (39-0) of Ironwood; Castillo (37-0) of Mountain View (138) and Avelar (32-0) of South Mountain (106).

Team with the most wrestlers in the Division II state tournament includes Liberty (14); Cienega (12); Williams Field (12); Queen Creek (11); Campo Verde (10); Gila Ridge (10); Ironwood Ridge (9); Shadow Ridge (9); Barry Goldwater (8); Ironwood (8); Mountain View Marana (8); Buena (7); Centennial (7); Apollo (6); Higley (6) and Verrado (6).

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DIVISION IV

Year	Champion (Pts)	Winning Coach	Runnerup (Pts)	Third Place (Pts)
2017	Morenci (218)	Casey Woodall	St. Johns (170)	Camp Verde (161)
2016	Morenci (208.5)	Casey Woodall	Winslow (146)	St. Johns (134.5)
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

2017	Show Low (172)	Tim Williams	Yuma (131)	Safford (126.5)
2016	Safford (179)	Herman Andrews, Jr.	Chino Valley (128.5)	Tucson Amphitheater (128)
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

2017	Marana Mt. View (177.5)	PJ Ponce	Queen Creek (171)	Peoria Liberty (139)
2016	Peoria Liberty (164)	Eric Brenton	Chandler Seton Catholic (159)	Marana Mt. View (122)
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

2017	Tempe Corona del Sol (226.5)	Jim Martinez	Tucson Sunnyside (203)	Yuma Cibola (145)
2016	Oro Valley Ironwood Ridge (194)	Tim Berrier	Tucson Sunnyside (171.5)	Mesa Mt. View (166.5)
2015	Mesa Mt. View (193)	Bob Callison	Tucson Sunnyside (158)	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)

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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)

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)

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)

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

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126 .....Korbren Uhler, Camp Verde
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138 .....Hayden Uhler, Camp Verde
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2016 Div. IV Champs

106 .....Derek Waltrip, Morenci
113 .....Kason Bryce, Thatcher
120 .....Isai Barajas, Arizona Lutheran
126 .....Hayden Uhler, Camp Verde
132 .....Matt Mejia, Camp Verde
138 .....Dawson Avila, St. Johns
145 .....Cole Mortensen, Snowflake
152 .....Parker Osterman, Willcox
160 .....Brock Slade, Mogollon
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195 .....Ahli Foster, Winslow
220 .....Perrin Maakestad, Benson
285 .....Baylend Stephens, Mogollon

2017 Div. III Champs

106 .....Jonathan Ruiz, Yuma
113 .....Diego Guerrero, Walden Grove
120 .....Byron Finch, Safford
126 .....Dylan Keeney, Payson
132 .....Nic Verville, Lee Williams
138 .....Keller Rock, Chino Valley
145 .....Jacbo Trash, Shadow Mountain
152 .....Dawon Andrews, Safford
160 .....Jackson Allen, Show Low
170 .....Stephen Graham, Thunderbird
182 .....Adam Henderson, Blue Ridge
195 .....John Dwyer, Prescott
220 .....Tarik Sutkovic, Thunderbird
285 .....JR Fox, Snowflake

2016 Div. III Champs

106 .....Diego Guerrero, Walden Grove
113 .....Jacob Frias, Desert View
120 .....Byron Finch, Safford
126 .....Kendall Foster, Chino Valley
132 .....Yarhoki Aldiva, Amphitheater
138 .....Jackson Allen, Show Low
145 .....Dawon Andrews, Safford
152 .....Adam Henderson, Blue Ridge
160 .....Gary Medevielle, Chino Valley
170 .....Spencer Coffin, Chino Valley
182 .....Uriah Dobell, Coconino
195 .....Kyle Rodriguez, Amphitheater
220 .....Damien Mendez, Cesar Chavez
285 .....Cris Sanchez, Amphitheater

2017 Div. II Champs

106 .....Carlos Vargas, Deer Valley
113 .....Josh Herrera, Desert Edge
120 .....Jayce Cunha, Marana Mt. View
126 .....Brandon Courtney, Desert Edge
132 .....Marcus Castillo, Marana Mt. View
138 .....Denen Fernandez, Queen Creek
145 .....Gator Groves, McClintock
152 .....James Deitz, Liberty
160 .....Marco Groves, McClintock
170 .....Trayvin Cato, Paradise Valley
182 .....Anthony Saba, Queen Creek
195 .....Miles Nuessle, Liberty
220 .....Skyler Cavanaugh, Cienega
285 .....Dakota Halverson, Maricopa

2016 Div. II Champs

106 .....Caden Perez, Sunrise Mountain
113 .....Atilano Escobar, Liberty
120 .....Brandon Courtney, Desert Edge
126 .....Gator Groves, McClintock
132 .....Marco Groves, McClintock
138 .....Trey Waltz, Marana Mt. View
145 .....Vincent Dolce, Seton Catholic
152 .....Quentin Hovis, Seton Catholic
160 .....Brandon Konecny, Seton Catholic
170 .....Jacob Swift, Deer Valley
182 .....Miles Nuessle, Liberty
195 .....Blake Smith, Liberty
220 .....Daniel Hernandez, Prescott
285 .....Roy Lopez, Mesquite

2017 Div. I Champs

106 .....Jesse Ybarra, Sunnyside
113 .....Manny Garcia, Sunnyside
120 .....Cameron Upshur, Corona del Sol
126 .....Stone Crooks, Boulder Creek
132 .....Roman Bravo-Young, Sunnyside
138 .....Jacob Garcia, Corona del Sol
145 .....David Salazar, Sunnyside
152 .....Vincent Dolce, Corona del Sol
160 .....Brandon Konecny, Corona del Sol
170 .....Michael Escobedo, Tucson
182 .....Brock Doolen, Mesa Mt. View
195 .....Chad Porter, Desert Vista
220 .....Tommy Mommer, Cibola
285 .....Kolo Uasike, Skyline

2016 Div. I Champs

106 .....Marco Rivera, Tucson
113 .....Danny Vega, Ironwood Ridge
120 .....Roman Bravo-Young, Sunnyside
126 .....David Salazar III, Sunnyside
132 .....Josiah Kline, Ironwood Ridge
138 .....Jerod Booth, Mesa Mt. View
145 .....Cory Crooks, Boulder Creek
152 .....Anthony Wokasch, Mesa Mt. View
160 .....James Williams, Mesa
170 .....Marco Frias, Sunnyside
182 .....Jeremy Berson, Ironwood Ridge
195 .....Chad Porter, Desert Vista
220 .....Tommy Mommer, Cibola
285 .....Esequiel Valles, Red Mountain

State Wrestling Champions (2014-15)

2015 Div. IV Champs

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

2014 Div. IV Champs

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

2015 Div. III Champs

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

2014 Div. III Champs

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

2015 Div. II Champs

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

2014 Div. II Champs

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

2015 Div. I Champs

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

2014 Div. I Champs

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



State Wrestling Champions (2011-13)

2013 Div. IV Champs

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

2012 Div. IV Champs

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

2011 Div. IV Champs

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

2013 Div. III Champs

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

2012 Div. III Champs

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

2011 Div. III Champs

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

2013 Div. II Champs

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

2012 Div. II Champs

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

2011 Div. II Champs

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

2013 Div. I Champs

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

2012 Div. I Champs

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

2011 Div. I Champs

103 .....Rafael James, Cibola
112 .....Dalton Brady, Chandler
119 .....Adam Ludwin, Cibola
125 .....Robbie Mathers, Desert Vista
130 .....Curt Done, Highland
135 .....Kendall Love, Desert Vista
140 .....Seth Monty, Mesa Mountain View
145 .....Mikey Contreras, Boulder Creek
152 .....Kory DeBerry, Sunnyside
160 .....Dorian Coleman, Mesa
171 .....Cedric Gonzalez, Sunnyside
189 .....John Devito, Sandra Day O'Connor
215 .....Alex Bambic, Desert Vista
285 .....Corbin Cooke, Mesquite

Recent 103-Pound State Champions

1A/2A Champions

2010 ...Bryce Crosby, Joseph City
2009 ...Ryder Nielsen, St. Johns
2008 ...Greg Delgado, San Pasqual
2007 ...Ryan Renkey, Yuma Catholic
2006 ...Dee Massey, Maricopa
2005 ...Zach Buccellato, Morenci
2004 ...Ceaser Zepeda, Maricopa
2003 ...Adrian Fierro, Maricopa
2002 ...Chris Harrison, Canyon State
2001 ...Joe Gustina, San Pasqual

3A Champions

2010 ...Trey Andrews, Safford
2009 ...Trey Andrews, Safford
2008 ...Ryah Finch, Safford
2007 ...Enrique Vigil, Winslow
2006 ...Enrique Vigil, Winslow
2005 ...Mike Moreno, Sahuarita
2004 ...Mike Moreno, Sahuarita
2003 ...Cody Biscoe, Blue Ridge
2002 ...Jason Fenn, Coolidge
2001 ...Jason Fenn, Coolidge

4A-1/4A Champions

2010 ...Chris Bostic, Flowing Wells
2009 ...Chris Bostic, Flowing Wells
2008 ...Abraham Islas, Pueblo
2007 ...Travis Azevedo, Thunderbird
2006 ...Brandon Horton, Lake Havasu
2005 ...Johnny Lopez, Sunnyside
2004 ...Johnny Lopez, Sunnyside
2003 ...Nick Gallick, Sunnyside
2002 ...Nick Gallick, Sunnyside
2001 ...Jared Tavasci, Mingus

4A-2 Champions

2010 ...Sebastian Barrientos, Desert Edge
2009 ...Albert Alvarez, Washington
2008 ...Albert Alvarez, Washington
2007 ...Fabian Parra, Sunnyslope
2006 ...Josh Chang, Mingus

5A-1/5A Champions

2010 ...Dalton Brady, Chandler
2009 ...Vidal Mejia, Chandler
2008 ...Sage Ornelas, Desert Vista
2007 ...Ryan Miller, Corona del Sol
2006 ...Joe Taylor, Mesa
2005 ...Anthony Robles, Mesa
2004 ...Anthony Lopez, Tolleson
2003 ...Henry Cejudo, Maryvale
2002 ...Ernesta Gastelum, Maryvale
2001 ...Alex Contreras, Westview

5A-2 Champions

2010 ...Trevor Williams, Ironwood Ridge
2009 ...Frank Armenta, Marcos de Niza
2008 ...Lucio Murillo, Sunnyside
2007 ...Anthony Burmudez, Kofa
2006 ...Josiah Stotts, Marcos de Niza

Recent 112-Pound State Champions

1A/2A Champions

2010 ...Ryder Nielsen, St. Johns
2009 ...Julio Saldana, San Pasqual
2008 ...Julio Saldana, San Pasqual
2007 ...Avelino Estrada, Hayden
2006 ...Zach Buccellato, Morenci
2005 ...Joe Clark, San Manuel
2004 ...Adrian Fierro, Maricopa
2003 ...T.J. Uribe, San Manuel
2002 ...David Barney, Benson
2001 ...Buddy Swapp, Duncan

3A Champions

2010 ...Greg Ornelas, Chino Valley
2009 ...Ryak Finch, Safford
2008 ...Xavier Gamboa, Safford
2007 ...Ricky Ryan, Show Low
2006 ...Nathan Abril, Safford
2005 ...O. Villa, Rio Rico
2004 ...Thomas Gaeta, Coolidge
2003 ...Jason Fenn, Coolidge
2002 ...Tyrone Humeboynewa, Hopi
2001 ...Jacob Fenn, Coolidge

4A-1/4A Champions

2010 ...Santos Rivera, Marana
2009 ...Abraham Islas, Pueblo
2008 ...Chris Shreves, Flowing Wells
2007 ...Anthony Wagner, Independence
2006 ...Matt Long, Moon Valley
2005 ...Gabe Gomez, Tempe
2004 ...Brad Hemphill, Pinnacle
2003 ...Mike Abril, Thunderbird
2002 ...Matt Lopez, Sunnyside
2001 ...Clint McKean, Mingus

4A-2 Champions

2010 ...Andrew Patino, Coronado
2009 ...John Kelly, Moon Valley
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 Frejie, 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 Pruett, 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 Despain, 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 ...Ellery 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

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Division III Wrestling Preview



Sunnyside's Manny Garcia with Diego Guerrero of Walden Grove (photo by Andy Morales of azpreps365.com)

By Andy Morales
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Walden Grove took fifth place in the Division II state championships last year but the Red Wolves are expecting even greater things this year and why not? The program took third place at the Flowing Wells Invitational to Division I power Sunnyside (299) and D-II power Queen Creek (167.5). With 156 points at Flowing Wells, the Red Wolves also bested D-II favorite Cienega (151.5).

The Red Wolves got past Cienega once more at the Salpointe Diego Gadea Invitational 231 to 227.5. It has been a dominating performance that carried over to the Division III, Section I championships held at Amphitheater High School. The Red Wolves recorded 231 points to get past the powerful Safford program (206.5).

Show Low won the D-III championship last year by a wide margin over Yuma (172 to 131) and the Cougars won the Section IV title held at Payson High School 228.5 to 179 over Page so expect the Cougars to fight for another state championship.

The Yuma Criminals took the Section III title held at Youngker High School 252 to 162.5 over Peoria. It might be a difficult task for the Red Wolves to break into the top two but a top three placement is not too far out of the question, especially since Safford took third place last year.

There are several returning champions from last year including Yuma senior Jonathan Ruiz (61-5) in the 106-pound division. Ruiz has moved up to 113 this year.

Walden Grove junior standout Diego Guerrero (42-1) won the 113-pound division and he has moved up to 120 this year. Safford junior McKade Finch (42-4) won the 120 division and he ahs moved up to 132.

Chino Valley sophomore Keller Rock (34-1) won the 138-pound division last year and he ahs moved all the way up 160 this year. Safford junior standout Dawon Andrews (34-0) won the 152-weight class last year and he will wrestle in the same weight class this year.

Show Low senior Jackson Allen (45-1) won the 160-pound division last year and he is at 170 this year. Blue Ridge senior Adam Henderson (59-0) won the 182-pound class last year and he will stay in that class this year.

Tarik Sutkovic (39-0) won the 220-class last year but the junior is competing for Division II Ironwood this year.

The list of second place finishers from last year includes Sunrise Mountain (113) sophomore Troy Ramirez (39-4); Walden Grove (138) senior Sal Silva (54-0); senior Lucas Svoboda (52-3) of Mingus Union (145); senior Andrew Torres (54-0) of Marcos De Niza (170); senior Westin Keime (48-3) of Show Low (195); and senior Eric Mickelson (29-4) of Thunderbird (195).

Returning third-place finishers include Kamron Whitewater (45-1) of Page (106); Caden Perez (37-3) of Sunrise Mountain (106); Brian Lujan (38-5) of Pueblo (126); Hayden Finch (36-4) of Safford (182); Isiah Jacobs (40-2) of Combs (220) and Malik Clark (38-2) of Moon Valley (285).

Undefeated Division III wrestlers include Henderson (59-0) of Blue Ridge; Torres (54-0) of Marcos De Niza; Silva (54-0) of Walden Grove and Andrews (34-0) of Safford.

Camp Verde, Morenci, St. Johns Continue to Dominate Division IV

By Jose Garcia
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Coach Brandon Crosby sent an email noting the top finishers in the past decade in Division IV wrestling.

The same three programs kept popping up.

Camp Verde. Morenci. St. Johns.

So guess which three are the D-IV state leading contenders heading into Friday's first session at the Prescott Valley Events Center? But what binds Camp Verde, Morenci and St. Johns isn't just their decade of dominance.

At the center of it is a strong family bond and desire to serve their schools. St. John's Crosby, Morenci's Casey Woodall and Camp Verde's Tracy Tudor wrestled for the schools where they are currently coaching.

Their mission to push their alma maters ahead has rewarded them with a combined six titles and countless individual championships.

Camp Verde, Morenci and St. Johns are sending 33 wrestlers to the Prescott Valley Events Center this week.

"It's a healthy rivalry," said Woodall of D-IV's three traditional powers. "When I wrestled, Camp Verde was in a different division. St. Johns has always been a rival. I have a lot of respect for them, and coach Crosby I believe feels the same way. We enjoy talking and wrestling each other, but at the same time we hate losing to them."

As the defending two-time state champion, Woodall's boys haven't been losing much lately.

He was a sophomore and freshman (1999-2000) when Morenci won its first state championships under the watchful eye of Gilbert Padilla, a 30 plus year wrestling, 5-time state coaching champ. But after Padilla stepped down, Morenci's trips to the top of the D-IV state wrestling mountain began to decline.

Woodall, a Morenci native, wasn't about to let the drop off continue. He took over five years ago and implemented a year-round regiment to help raise the commitment level.

After two titles and a runner-up finish, Woodall has his program back atop the heap.

Last year, Morenci sent eight wrestlers to the semifinals.

"It was probably one of the coolest experiences," said Woodall about his team defending the D-IV crown. "We got hot, and the kids started feeding off each other. We got seven of the eight in the finals, and that's not going to happen in anybody's career."

But this season has been the most injury prone season Woodall has experienced, he said.

Still, 13 of his wrestlers made it to state.

One of those wrestlers is a returning state champ, Mark Roybal (145). Roybal's dad, Mark Sr., also won a state championship at Morenci, and Roybal is Woodall's wife's cousin.

The family ties are also strong at St. John's.

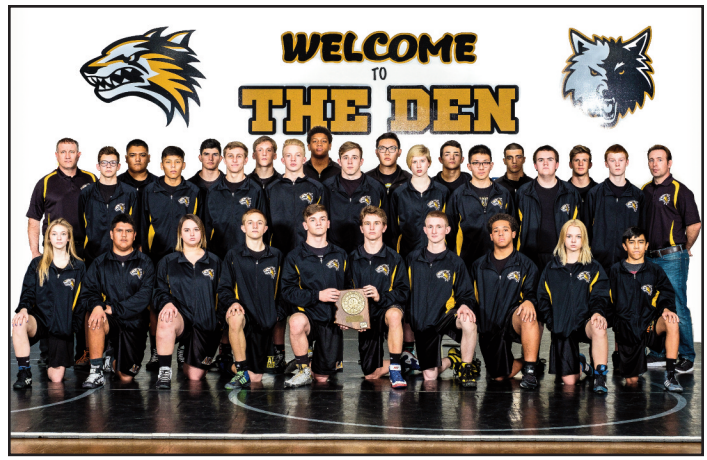
Crosby's brother is his assistant, Ferrin, a two-time state champion at St. Johns, and Ferrin's son, Tanner, is the defending 106 champ.

Tanner is also the last relative who will likely wrestle for Crosby, St. John 10th-year coach. Crosby's two sons and a bunch of nephews have wrestled for him.

This season, 13 of Crosby's wrestlers also qualified for state, including his top studs, No. 1 seed Kaiden Smith (132) and undefeated T.J. Heap (220). St. John's seniors, Pacer Witbank (182), Diego Hernandez (195), Heap and heavyweight John Holden, have helped carry the team, Crosby said.

His love for St. Johns isn't the only thing that motivates Crosby, a two-time champ and 4-time runner-up as coach. It still drives the 50-year-old coach "crazy" that he failed to win a championship as a wrestler for St. Johns.

Every year he takes out his frustration on Camp Verde and Morenci.



Arizona Lutheran is expected to challenge the "Big Three" in D-IV Wrestling this week (photo by Veronica Wene).

"It's going to be a war," Crosby said. "Whoever stays the saltiest and grittiest the longest will probably win. It's a great rivalry."

Since his wrestling days in the late 1970s, to his Camp Verde assistant coaching days from 2005-2013, to becoming the head coach in 2014, Tudor has experienced his fair share of rivalry battles.

The same can be said about a couple of family members, Tudor's son Beau (In 2007 became Camp Verde's first ever heavyweight champ.) and nephew, J.T. Stalcup, a two-time state runner-up. Like Morenci and St. Johns, Camp Verde's wrestling history is also rich, having won seven team titles.

A coaching legend, Bob Weir, and longtime assistant Mario Chagolla Sr., also made a name for themselves at Camp Verde High.

This season, 10 Camp Verde wrestlers qualified for state, including three No. 1 seeds, defending champs Skyler Pike, Korben Uhler (44-0) and Tristian Stanfield.

"There are four teams with an advantage, but it's anyone's game," Tudor said.

Don't forget about Arizona Lutheran

That's right, there's a fourth team, Arizona Lutheran, that's trying to crash the party of St. Johns, Morenci and Camp Verde.

Arizona Lutheran defeated Camp Verde to win its sectional and is sending 10 kids to state. Arizona Lutheran started its program five years ago and might be the new guy on the block, but its coaching staff has a connection to one of D-IV's triumvirate.

Steve Wene, who along with Todd Milhoan started Arizona Lutheran's wrestling program, was born in Morenci, where he wrestled for a future mentor, Padilla. Wene went on to become the first wrestling coach at Pima in the 1990s.

Wene, a vice president of a law firm, and Milhoan, a pro trainer, guided Arizona Lutheran to a co-section title and fourth place finish at state last season.

Three of Arizona Lutheran's seniors also received scholarships last season.

"Our goal is not only to have a successful high school wrestling program but prepare the students to graduate college," Wene said.

Despite a season ending knee injury to returning state champion Weston Milnes-Bowers and ruptured appendix to senior captain Blake Wene (37-3), who qualified for state, Arizona Lutheran won its section outright on Saturday. Brandon Garcia (59-2), Jake Borneman (60-3), Alex Jordan (52-10), Ben (51-13) and Jon (45-19) Althoff and Shaw Miller (40-9) are still capable of taking Arizona Lutheran to new heights this season.

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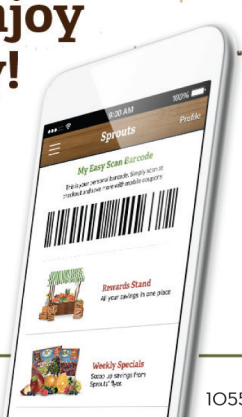
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