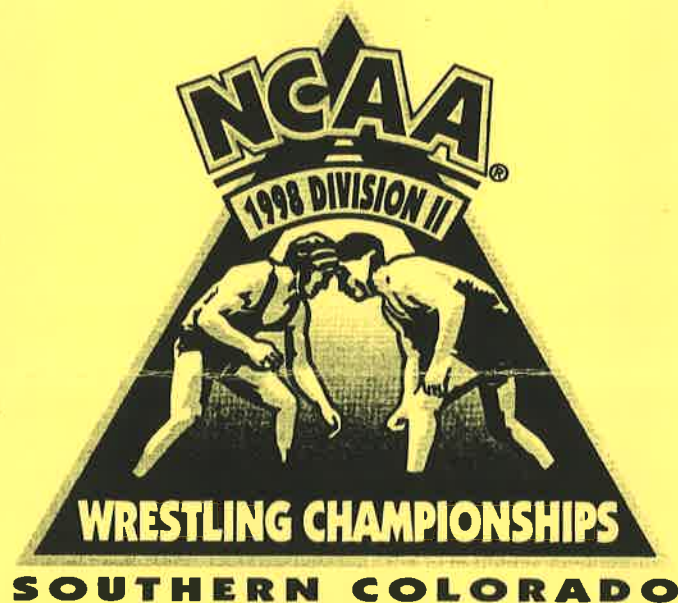


**1998**

**NCAA Division II**

**National Wrestling Championships**



**March 13-14**

**Pueblo, Colorado**

**University of Southern Colorado**



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## TEAM SCORING

### FINAL

First session attendance: 3,266 Second session attendance: 3,399

Third session attendance: 2,972 Final session attendance: 4,194 Total: 13,831

Rank	Team	Total Points
1.	North Dakota State	112
2.	South Dakota State	78
3.	Pittsburgh-Johnstown	66
4.	Central Oklahoma	61
5.	Southern Colorado	56
6.	Nebraska-Omaha	55.5
7.	Mankato State	52.5
8.	Northern Colorado	41.5
9.	Nebraska-Kearney	41
10.	Carson-Newman	33
11.	Adams State	30.5
12.	Fort Hays State	29
13.	San Francisco State	28.5
14.	Western State	27
15.	Central Missouri	25.5
16.	Ashland	24.5
17.	Southwest State	22
18.	SIU-Ewardsville	19.5
19.	Colorado Mines	19
20.	Wisconsin-Parkside	18.5
21.	Indianapolis	13
22.	Augustana	12.5
23.	Chadron State	12
24.	Kutztown	11.5
25.	Moorhead State	7.5
26t.	Gardner-Webb	3
26t.	North Dakota	3
28t.	Minnesota-Morris	2.5
28t.	Shippensburg	2.5
30.	American International	2
31.	Truman State	1.5
32t.	Mansfield	0.5
32t.	St. Cloud State	0.5
32t.	West Liberty	0.5
	Gannon	0
	Northern State	0
	Massachusetts-Lowell	0

Most Outstanding Wrestler: Travis King, South Dakota State University, 150 pounds

Coach of the Year: Bucky Maughan, North Dakota State University

Gregorian Award (Most Pins): Mark Petsinger, Mankato State University, 150 pounds

# 1998 NCAA Division II National Wrestling Championships

## CHAMPIONSHIP FINALS

Massari Arena -- Pueblo, Colorado  
University of Southern Colorado, host

Final session attendance: 4,194

### 118 Pounds

#1 Jody Strittmatter, Pittsburgh-Johnstown vs. #2 Damond Broadbent, San Francisco State

FIRST PERIOD -- 2:05, Strittmatter takedown, 2-0; 2:03, Broadbent escape, 2-1; 1:00, Strittmatter caution; 0:05, Strittmatter takedown, 4-1.

SECOND PERIOD (Strittmatter defers, Broadbent takes down) -- 0:45, Broadbent escape, 4-2.

THIRD PERIOD (Strittmatter takes neutral) -- 0:16, Broadbent takedown, 4-4; 0:06, Strittmatter warning; 0:00, Strittmatter riding time advantage (1:05), 5-4.

**FINAL: Jody Strittmatter dec. Damon Broadbent, 5-4.**

### 126 Pounds

Jesse Clark, Ashland vs. #2 Matt Goodson, Central Oklahoma

FIRST PERIOD -- 1:08, Both wrestlers warning.

SECOND PERIOD (Goodson takes down) -- 1:56, Goodson escape, 0-1; 1:08, Goodson takedown, 0-3; 0:48, Clark escape, 1-3.

THIRD PERIOD (Clark takes down) -- 1:55, Clark escape, 2-3; 1:13, Goodson takedown, 2-5; 1:01, Clark escape, 3-5; 0:40, Goodson takedown, 3-7; 0:11, Clark escape, 4-7.

**FINAL: Matt Goodson dec. Jesse Clark, 7-4.**

### 134 Pounds

#4 Isaac Greeley, Pittsburgh-Johnstown vs. #2 Brauman Creighton, Nebraska-Omaha

FIRST PERIOD -- 1:05, Greeley takedown, 2-0; 0:35, Greeley warning; 0:29, Creighton escape, 2-1; 0:16, Creighton takedown, 2-3; 0:00, Greeley escape, 3-3.

SECOND PERIOD (Greeley takes down) -- 1:56, Greeley escape, 4-3.

THIRD PERIOD (Creighton takes down) -- 1:45, Creighton escape, 4-4.

SUDDEN DEATH OVERTIME (Neutral start) -- No scoring.

TIEBREAKER (Creighton takes down) -- 0:22, Creighton escape, 4-5.

**FINAL: Brauman Creighton dec. Isaac Greeley, 5-4, SD.**

### 142 Pounds

#1 Troy Szydel, Mankota State vs. #2 Chris Currier, Southern Colorado

FIRST PERIOD -- 2:17, Currier takedown to back, 0-2; 1:35, Currier 3-point nearfall, 0-5; 1:32, Szydel escape, 1-5; 1:10, Currier takedown to back, 1-7; 1:02, Currier 3-point nearfall, 1-10; 1:02, Szydel reverse, 3-10; 0:52, Currier injury default.

**FINAL: Troy Szydel dec. Chris Currier, by injury default (2:08).**

### 150 Pounds

#1 Travis King, South Dakota State vs. #6 Jody Marple, Central Oklahoma

FIRST PERIOD -- 1:16, Marple warning; 1:09, King takedown, 2-0; 0:03, King 2-point nearfall, 4-0.

SECOND PERIOD (Marple defers, King takes down) -- 1:51, King escape, 5-0; 1:41, King takedown, 7-0; 1:33, King caution; 1:11, Marple escape, 7-1.

THIRD PERIOD (Marple takes down) -- 1:59, Marple escape, 7-2; 1:56, King takedown, 9-2; 1:50, Marple escape, 9-3; 1:43, King takedown, 11-3; 1:39, Marple escape, 11-4; 1:03, Marple second warning, 12-4; 0:00, King riding time advantage (1:44), 13-4.

**FINAL: Travis King major dec. Jody Marple, 13-4.**

### 158 Pounds

#1 Justin Edwards, Southern Colorado vs. #6 Mark Pazdernik, North Dakota State

FIRST PERIOD -- 0:51, Edwards takedown, 2-0; 0:12, Pazdernik reverse, 2-2; 0:04, Pazdernik 2-point nearfall, 2-4.

SECOND PERIOD (Pazdernik defers, Edwards takes neutral) -- No scoring.

THIRD PERIOD (Pazdernik takes down) -- 1:48, Edwards caution; 1:24, Pazdernik escape, 2-5; 0:33, Pazdernik takedown to back, 7-2; 0:14, Pazdernik 3-point nearfall, 10-2; 0:02, Edwards reverse, 10-4.

**FINAL: Mark Pazdernik dec. Justin Edwards, 10-4.**

### 167 Pounds

#1 Steve Saxlund, North Dakota State vs. #3 Myron Ellegood, Fort Hays State

FIRST PERIOD -- 0:06, Saxlund takedown, 2-0.

SECOND PERIOD (Saxlund defers, Ellegood takes down) -- 1:53, Ellegood escape, 2-1; 0:15, Saxlund takedown, 4-1; 0:00, Saxlund warning.

THIRD PERIOD (Saxlund takes neutral) -- 1:14, Ellegood takedown, 4-3; 0:18, Ellegood warning.

**FINAL: Steve Saxlund dec. Myron Ellegood, 4-3.**

### 177 Pounds

#4 Jeremie Ott, Wisconsin-Parkside vs. #2 John Simpson, Colorado Mines

FIRST PERIOD -- 1:49, Ott takedown, 2-0; 1:41, Simpson escape, 2-1.

SECOND PERIOD (Simpson defers, Ott takes down) -- 1:48, Ott escape, 3-1; 1:08, Simpson takedown, 3-3; 0:43, Ott escape, 4-3.

THIRD PERIOD (Simpson takes down) -- 1:48, Simpson escape, 4-4.

SUDDEN DEATH OVERTIME (Neutral start) -- 1:32, Simpson takedown, 6-4.

**FINAL: John Simpson dec. Jeremie Ott, 6-4, SD.**

### 190 Pounds

#4 Mike Schadwinkle, Adams State vs. #6 Link Steffen, Southwest State

FIRST PERIOD -- No scoring.

SECOND PERIOD (Schadwinkle defers, Steffen takes down) -- 1:46, Steffen reverse to back, 0-2; 1:38, Steffen, 2-point nearfall, 0-4; 0:20, Steffen 3-point nearfall, 0-7.

THIRD PERIOD (Schadwinkle takes down) -- 1:50, Schadwinkle escape, 1-7; 0:00, Steffen riding time advantage (1:42), 1-8.

**FINAL: Link Steffen dec. Mike Schadwinkle, 8-1.**

### 275 Pounds

#1 Tim Croff, Carson-Newman vs. #2 Ryan Resel, South Dakota State

FIRST PERIOD -- No scoring.

SECOND PERIOD (Resel takes down) -- 1:17, Resel escape, 0-1; 0:21, Both wrestlers warning.

THIRD PERIOD (Croff takes down) -- 1:22, Croff escape, 1-1; 0:59, Resel takedown, 1-3.

**FINAL: Ryan Resel dec. Tim Croff, 3-1.**

# 1998 NCAA DIV. II WRESTLING CHAMPIONSHIPS

## QUOTES FROM INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONS

### 118 POUNDS - JODY STRITTMATTER - PITTSBURGH-JOHNSTOWN

"Its just been an unbelievable season. I've gone the entire season without being injured and I really have to thank my family and my coaches for helping me to get to this point. This is really a great finish to a great season.

"When I was down 6-1 in the semi finals I might have given up, but I looked over at my coaches and they made me dig down and believe that I could win and I did. They have had that kind of confidence in me all season long and it really helped in this tournament.

"The (championship) match didn't really go the way I expected, I knew that he (Damon Broadbent) likes to get out early and when I got the first two takedowns I knew I could dominate. He was a very tough opponent, and I really had to work to win the match."

### 126 POUNDS - MATT GOODSON - CENTRAL OKLAHOMA

"I was glad I wrestled well tonight, I think I struggled a little bit yesterday in the first two rounds but I had a lot more confidence tonight and I think that showed.

"Beating Craig Otto in the semi finals was a really big win for me because I think he is a very good wrestler. That win really gave me a lot of confidence coming into tonights match.

"Since this was my third time at the Championships I just wanted to come in here and wrestle smart and not get caught in anything stupid. I had to be careful not to be too conservative, but I didn't want to make any mistakes. I just wanted to wrestle on my feet as much as possible and I was able to do that for the most part throughout the tournament.

"Being seeded number two in this tournament really provided extra motivation for me. I would have liked to meet (#1 seed) Troy Keiswetter in the finals but it didn't work out. I'm just happy with the win."

### 134 POUNDS - BRAUMAN CREIGHTON - NEBRASKA-OMAHA

"That was probably the toughest match I've ever wrestled. I had great confidence coming in and I really thought I would be able to dominate a little bit more than I did. He (Isaac Greeley) just kept coming at me and he was a lot stronger than I expected.

"The match really didn't go the way I expected it to. I thought I would get the first takedown and I didn't and I really thought I would be able to ride him better than I did.

"I thought I caught a break when Greeley beat (#1 seed George) Thompson in the semi finals, but as it turns out, this was probably the tougher match. He gave me more than I expected.

"I just really have to thank my coaches and my family. This makes all the sacrifices worth it."

### 142 POUNDS - TROY SZYDEL - MANKATO STATE

"That was a tough way to win the championship, I really wish we could have wrestled the entire match. Even though I was behind, I think I could have come back to win.

"The crowd was really tough. Wrestling him in front of his home crowd had to give him a lot of confidence and he came out very strong. He didn't really surprise me, I know what he is capable of, he's a very good wrestler.

"I didn't know how our previous match would affect this one, but Chris came out very strong. Beating him down here a couple of weeks ago added extra motivation for him I'm sure.

"Even though I won, I wish it wouldn't have ended the way it did. I guess I'll just have to hope that I can meet him in the finals again next year and we can wrestle the full seven minutes."

### 150 POUNDS-TRAVIS KING - SOUTH DAKOTA STATE

"What a great way to end my wrestling career, I couldn't have asked for anything better this entire season. This is just a great way to cap off the season.

"After not making the finals last year and watching the championship from the stands, I committed myself to this year. I really worked hard in the off-season and this is the payoff for all the hard work. This is what I put in all those extra hours for.

"I wrestled (Jody) Marple once earlier in the season and won 3-1 so I knew that I could beat him, but I didn't expect to beat him by the score I did tonight. He is a tough wrestler, and gave me a tough match.

"I really felt comfortable the last half of the season, after winning my third conference championship I just wanted to come in here and wrestle relaxed and I knew I would be fine."

#### **158 POUNDS - MARK PAZDERNIK - NORTH DAKOTA STATE**

"Winning this along with the team title makes this year a great finish to my career. Four years ago we had a great recruiting class and we had looked forward to our senior year. My individual title is only part of the whole picture, the team title really makes this a great finish.

"I knew it was going to be a long, tough road to the championship. Being the number six seed I knew that I would have to go through two of the toughest wrestlers here to win it. I thought coming in that I would have to wrestle up to my best ability to win the whole thing and that's what I did. I took one match at a time and it all worked out.

"I think I had a mental edge coming into the championship match because I had beat him (Justin Edwards) for seventh place last year. I don't know if that played a factor in anything, but I think it helped me."

#### **167 POUNDS - STEVE SAXLUND - NORTH DAKOTA STATE**

"We came in as a team with the goal in mind of winning the team title and everything else was just an extra. I'm really excited for the coaches and all my teammates, everything really seemed to fall into place for us this year.

"We all wrestled with a lot of heart, and I knew that if I could come out and wrestle up to my ability everything would take care of itself. He (Myron Ellegood) was my toughest opponent of the tournament, but I felt better in this match than I have all tournament so it all worked out.

"I got really tired toward the end of the match, but I knew that he was tired too, so it became a test of wills. I just knew that I had to hang on, but it was tough.

"I knew that I was better on my feet, so that was my game plan coming in. I didn't want to get into a situation where he could ride me and I was able to stay out of that."

#### **177 POUNDS - JOHN SIMPSON - COLORADO MINES**

"Having been here last year I kind of knew what to expect and I think that helped me prepare. When you come here you know every match is going to be a fight and that's exactly what it was.

"I thought I could win if I took every match one at a time. My first match was one of the toughest, and from that point on I knew that I would have to be at my best every time I took the mat.

"He (Jeremie Ott) was a real pounder and tried to be real physical with me and get me out of my style. I knew that I had to just be patient and stay in control and take my shot when it was open. I was able to maintain my style and it paid off.

"Having this tournament in Pueblo was really great for me. I couldn't have had a much better scenario than winning in my home state where my family and friends were able to see me. It was really nice to be in a familiar environment and I'm just glad it worked out the way it did.

#### **190 POUNDS - LINK STEFFEN - SOUTHWEST STATE**

"I came into this tournament to win it all and that's what I did. I would have been disappointed with anything less than a national championship.

"Coming into the tournament undefeated might have had people shooting for me, but I was ready. Even though I was the number four seed, that didn't matter to me. When you get to this point in the season everything that has happened previously is history and you have to come into each match to win.

"This is what I've always dreamed of and it's still a numb feeling. When you put in that much work for something like this and then it happens you don't quite know how to react. It hasn't set in yet that I'm the national champion.

"I had been beaten by some of the guys here in past years, but I knew that I could wrestle with any of them, so that provided incentive to show my ability.

"This is just a great way to finish my perfect season."

**HWT - RYAN RESEL - SOUTH DAKOTA STATE**

"Up until the finals I thought everyting went as I expected it would. I just wanted to wreslte solid and get into the finals because I knew that once you get into the finals anything can happen.

"I knew it would probably be a one or two point match and that's exacty how it ended up. I wanted to be the one who initiated the action and get a takedown because I knew that if I got a takedown I would have the advantage down the stretch.

"When I got the takedown in the third period I felt like all I had to do was hang on and ride him. It was everything I expected and more.

"I knew that it would take a lot of work in the off season to repeat as champion and from the minute I stepped off the mat last year I started preparing for this year. My preparation is what got me to this point and that's what I intend to do again this year, I start preparing for next year tomorrow.

"The second one is just as sweet if not sweeter than the first one."



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## NCAA Division II

### Wrestling All-Americans

#### By Weight

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Brock Moore, Central Oklahoma  
Jody Strittmatter, Pitt-Johnstown  
Chad Wickman, South Dakota State  
Damon Broadbent, San Francisco State  
Mack LaRock, Nebraska-Omaha  
Karega Scott, Truman State  
Jeff Putt, Shippensburg  
Mike Bailey, Central Missouri

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Jesse Montez, SIU-Edwardsville  
Jesse Clark, Auustana  
Craig Otto, Western State  
Matt Goodson, Central Oklahoma  
Erin Razo, North Dakota  
Kris Nelson, North Dakota State  
Kohlby O'Donnell, Kutztown  
Lucas Trujillo, Southern Colorado

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Isaac Greeley, Pitt-Johnstown  
George Thompson, North Dakota State  
Braumon Creighton, Nebraska-Omaha  
Paul Konechne, South Dakota State  
Kurt Karjalainen, Nebraska-Kearney  
Marshall Hahn, Northern Colorado  
Chris Stivers, Chadron State  
Ryan Mizushima, Western State

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Franky James, Carson-Newman  
Troy Szydel, Mankato State  
Gable Sullivan, Central Oklahoma  
Chris Currier, Southern Colorado  
Jason Cuperus, North Dakota State  
Boyce Voorhees, Nebraska-Omaha

Joe Renfro, Nebraska-Kearney  
Corey Kline, Ashland

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Benny Charles, Southern Colorado  
Travis King, South Dakota State  
Lazaro Reinoso, Carson-Newman  
Jody Marple, Central Oklahoma  
Scott Hewit, Northern Colorado  
Justin Hoopman, Chadron State  
Wayne Mooney, North Dakota State  
Matt Petsinger, Mankato State

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Justin Edwards, Southern Colorado  
Troy Barbush, Pitt-Johnstown  
Mark Pazdernik, North Dakota State  
Greg Jackson, San Francisco State  
Titus Taylor, SIU-Edwardsville  
Jake Holscher, Chadron State  
Mark Blaschko, Nebraska-Kearney  
Joe Veres, St. Cloud

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Steve Saxlund, North Dakota State  
Brandon Terry, Nebraska-Kearney  
Nate Hendrickson, Moorhead State  
Myron Ellegood, Ft. Hays State  
Trent Monlux, Southern Colorado  
Deon Brimmage, Indianapolis  
T.J. Deaguero, Northern Colorado  
Eric Ange, Augustana

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Jeremie Ott, Wisconsin-Parkside  
Brent Hendriksen, Augustana  
Conrad Johnson, Adams State  
John Simpson, Colorado Mines  
Pat Timm, South Dakota State  
Irwin Brambley, Pitt-Johnstown  
Joe Pistone, American International  
Matt Johnson, Central Missouri State

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Mike Schadwinkle, Adams State

Jose Medina, Nebraska-Omaha  
Link Steffen, Southwest State  
Edwin Lorne, Central Oklahoma  
Jason Moehlman, Central Oklahoma  
Jaison Klingensmith, Pitt-Johnstown  
Ryan Wolters, North Dakota State  
Shawn Ange, Mankato State

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Keith Blaske, Ft. Hays State  
Tim Croff, Carson-Newman  
Ryan Resel, South Dakota State  
Mike Wicker, Western State  
Jerry Corner, Nebraska-Omaha  
Dave Clymer, North Dakota State  
Chris Villalobos, Northern Colorado  
Mark Rose, Ashland

# 1997-98 NCAA II ALL-ACADEMIC WRESTLING TEAM

## FIRST TEAM

<u>STUDENT ATHLETE</u>	<u>SCHOOL</u>	<u>CLASS</u>	<u>ACADEMIC MAJOR</u>	<u>GPA</u>	<u>CAREER RECORD</u>	<u>SEASON RECORD</u>
Kevin Allison	Chadron State	Jr.	Criminal Justice	3.10	79-42	23-13
Troy Barbush	U. of Pitt-Johnstown	Jr.	Elem. Education	3.17	87-14	36-4
Matt Brucklacher	U. of Northern Colorado	Jr.	Kinesiology	3.17	53-43	13-12
Benny Charles	U. of Southern Colorado	Sr.	Sociology	3.00	64-24	28-8
Howard Fullhart	South Dakota State U.	Sr.	Wildlife & Fisheries	3.19	83-46	27-11
Isaac Greely	U. of Pitt-Johnstown	Jr.	Biology	3.06	75-16	39-6
Brent Hendricksen	Augustana College	Jr.	Philosophy	3.78	33-12	11-3
Justin Hoopman	Chadron State	Sr.	Physical Education	3.05	109-48	28-8
Brad Kieffer	Truman State U.	So.	Pre-Medicine	3.87	40-18	15-8
Jaison Klingensmith	U. Pitt-Johnstown	Jr.	Business	3.25	55-27	24-6
Ryan Marx	St. Cloud State U.	Jr.	Education	3.91	57-40	24-12
Wayne Mooney	North Dakota State U.	Jr.	Parks & Recreation	3.52	43-16	25-9
Mike Ross	Colorado School of Mines	Sr.	Mechanical Engineering	3.56	66-53	21-8
Mike Shadwinkel	Adams State College	Sr.	Exercise Physiology	3.55	88-54	24-8
Marc Schulze	Mankato State U.	Sr.	Physical Education	3.05	74-33	17-10
Jason Schumacher	Augustana College	Jr.	Elem. Education	3.00	49-25	17-7
John Simpson	Colorado School of Mines	Jr.	Civil Engineering	3.63	55-41	21-10
Matt Skattum	Northern State U.	Sr.	Marketing	3.46	78-37	11-5
Jody Strittmater	U. Pitt-Johnstown	Fr.	Biology	3.78	40-2	40-2
Matt Surber	U. of Central Oklahoma	Sr.	Biology	3.09	102-41	38-11
Brandon Terry	U. of Nebraska-Kearney	Sr.	Health Education	3.28	103-51	31-6
George Thompson	North Dakota State U.	Sr.	Pre-Medicine	3.20	95-33	24-8
Ryan Thorpe	Northern State U.	Sr.	Finance	3.11	85-42	18-10
Pat Timm	South Dakota State U.	Sr.	History Education	3.08	77-41	27-8
Chad Wickman	South Dakota State U.	Jr.	English Education	3.26	77-28	34-4

## SECOND TEAM

Scott Antoniak	U. of Nebraska-Omaha	Fr.	Public Affairs	3.13	19-14	19-14
Calvin Buhler	Truman State U.	Jr.	Exercise Science	3.21	85-35	25-14
Rafael Calixto	American International	Jr.	Education Science	3.19	44-24	18-11
Tyke Conover	U. Pitt-Johnstown	So.	Elem. Education	3.27	40-22	22-11
Eric Dodds	North Dakota State U.	Jr.	Civil Engineering	3.57	13-14	5-5
Jake Holscher	Chadron State College	Jr.	Business Management	3.42	45-37	26-18
Chris Johnson	Central Missouri State U.	Sr.	Biology	3.00	79-61	16-15
Matthew Johnson	Central Missouri State U.	So.	Social Studies	3.36	19-21	19-21
Dan Kinsella	U. of Nebraska-Omaha	Grad.	Business	3.90	46-35	8-6
Kris Lynk	U. of Minnesota-Morris	Sr.	Elem. Education	3.36	123-77	30-17
Jason Moehlman	Central Missouri State U.	Sr.	Criminal Justice	3.25	43-33	10-8
Randy Rager	U. of Minnesota-Morris	So.	Secondary Education	3.04	72-29	40-17
Seth Septer	U. of Northern Colorado	Jr.	Pre-Medicine	3.57	49-34	16-14
Travis Shives	Mankato State U.	Jr.	Marketing	3.42	58-35	14-18
Robert Sistik	U. of Northern Colorado	Jr.	Accounting	4.00	30-31	12-7
Joseph Veres III	Ashland U.	Jr.	Elem. Education	3.40	43-26	22-12
Brady Wegesin	Ashland U.	So.	Biology	3.31	31-38	17-17
Justin Willuweit	U. of Nebraska-Kearney	Fr.	Pre-Nursing	3.17	23-11	23-11
Doug Yeager	Central Missouri State U.	Jr.	Marketing	3.15	32-38	24-16
Chris Zink	U. of North Dakota	Jr.	Nutrition	3.32	38-26	14-3

## HONORABLE MENTION

Aaron Althoff	South Dakota State U.	Jr.	Mechanical Engineering	3.00	33-35	12-8
Chris Benner	Truman State U.	So.	Business	3.35	39-32	19-19
Patrick Bergin	U. of Minnesota-Morris	Sr.	Geological Engineering	3.08	65-42	16-20
Jason Brilz	U. of Nebraska-Omaha	Jr.	Sociology	3.13	50-30	12-10
Kenneth Cox	Gardner Webb U.	Jr.	English	3.35	61-46	24-16
Jamie Foley	Longwood College	Sr.	Biology	3.32	28-53	9-11
Brian Friedrichs	U. of Minnesota-Morris	Jr.	Math Education	3.00	64-37	29-15
Jon Fry	Gannon University	Sr.	Elem. Education	3.05	36-42	3-6
Jeff Himelspach	U. of Minnesota-Morris	Sr.	Social Science	3.05	40-34	3-4
Keith Hoffman	Shippensburg U. of PA	So.	Accounting	3.00	26-21	20-10
Ryan Holgate	Colorado School of Mines	Jr.	Chemical Engineering	3.23	28-33	10-7
Mark Mast	Longwood College	Sr.	Physical Education	3.24	27-26	11-10
Derek Maynard	Gannon University	So.	Chemistry	3.59	11-13	11-13
Grant Mulligan	Colorado School of Mines	Sr.	Electrical Engineering	3.85	13-24	3-6
Jonathan Nichols	San Francisco State U.	Jr.	Electrical Engineering	3.09	23-42	12-25
Derek Outland	Augustana College	Sr.	History	3.57	26-69	12-15
Benjamin Peake	North Dakota State U.	So.	Zoology	3.65	16-23	8-17
Glen Peterson	South Dakota State U.	Jr.	Nursing	3.10	30-27	15-7
Sonny Ranz	Moorhead State U.	Sr.	Management	3.22	30-22	16-8
Jesse Struve	U. of Minnesota-Morris	So.	Civil Engineering	3.24	27-34	16-21
Kevin Sullivan	American International	Jr.	Finance	3.36	40-27	19-10
Tyler Swarm	U. of Nebraska-Kearney	So.	Physical Education	3.12	31-22	14-10
Lawrence Tatekawa	U. of Northern Colorado	Grad.	Sociology	3.44	11-38	5-16
Daniel Vargas	American International	Jr.	Criminal Justice	3.05	39-27	21-15
Chad Weldon	Colorado School of Mines	Jr.	Electrical Engineering	3.52	25-52	11-17
Scott Wence	Truman State U.	Sr.	Exercise Science	3.60	49-66	20-22

The 1997-98 NCAA II All-Academic Wrestling Team consists of 71 student-athletes from twenty seven universities and colleges. Twenty five members were named to the first team, twenty to the second team, and twenty six were named as honorable mention. The University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown placed five members on the first and second teams and Central Missouri State University placed four members.

Two student-athletes were named to the team for the fourth time. They are George Thompson from North Dakota State University, and Mike Shadwinkel from Adams State College. Six student-athletes were named to the team for the third time. They include Matt Skattum from Northern State; Howard Fullhart from South Dakota State; Brent Henriksen from Augustana College; Chris Johnson from Central Missouri State; Kris Lynk from Minnesota-Morris; and Jason Moehlman from Central Missouri State. Named for the second time were Brad Keiffer from Truman State; Matt Surber from Central Oklahoma; Jason Brilz from Nebraska-Omaha; Jaison Klingensmith from Pitt-Johnstown; Ryan Marz from St. Cloud State; Wayne Mooney from North Dakota State; Travis Shives from Mankato State; John Simpson from Colorado Mines; Ryan Thorpe from Northern State; Joseph Veres III from Ashland University; Chad Wickman from South Dakota State; Brian Friedrichs from Minnesota-Morris; Ryan Holgate from Colorado Mines; Jonathan Nichols from San Francisco State; Mike Ross from Colorado School of Mines; Brandon Terry from Nebraska-Kearney; Scott Wence from Truman State and Robert Sisteck from Northern Colorado. The highest grade point average on the team was a 4.00 earned by Robert Sisteck, an Accounting major from the University of Northern Colorado.

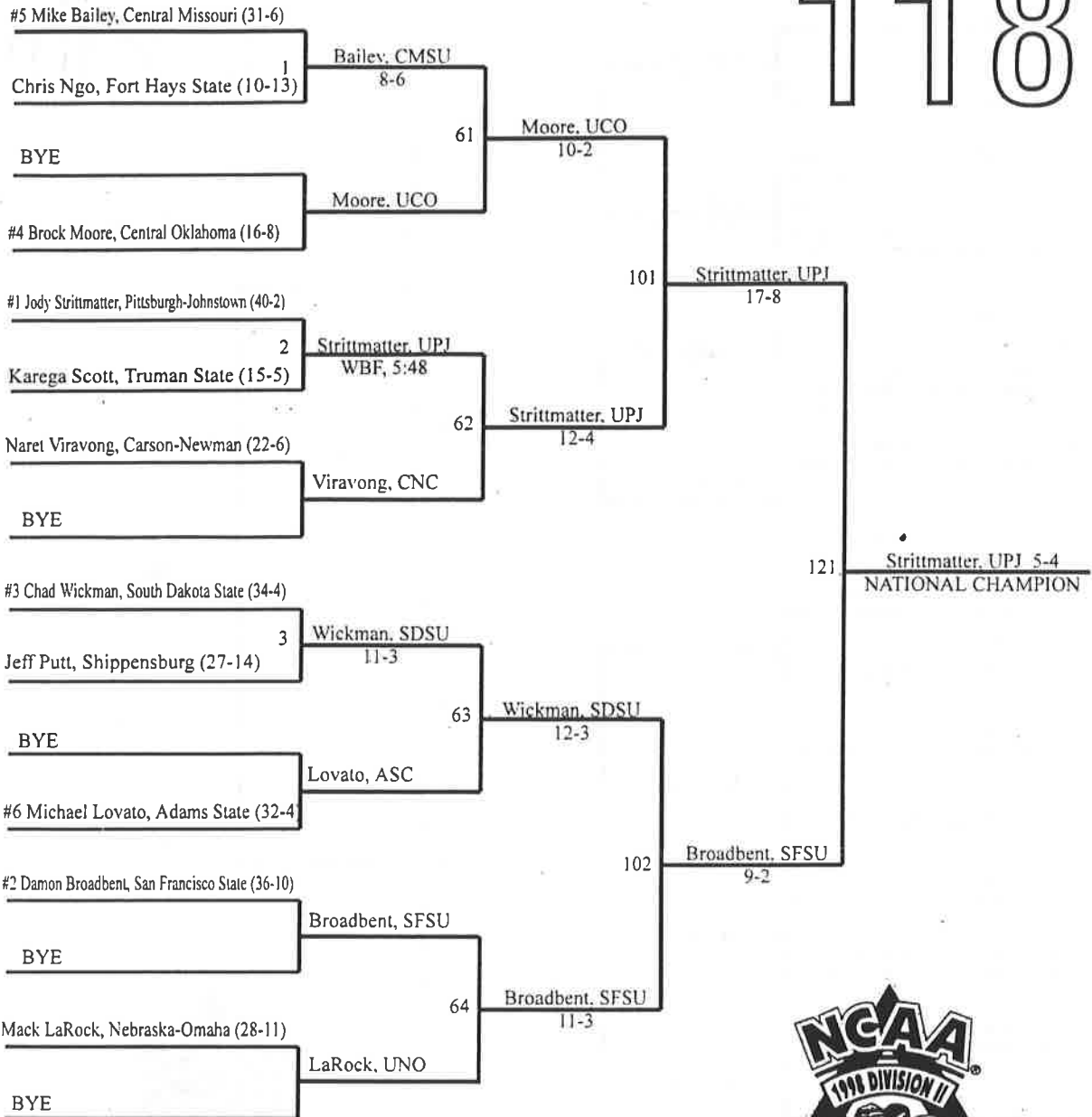
In order for a student-athlete to be nominated to the NCAA Division II All-Academic Wrestling team, he needed to have a minimum 3.00 cumulative grade point average on a 4.0 scale. He must also be in at least his second full year at his school, be a varsity member on his team, demonstrate a degree of skill, and have a minimum of two letters of recommendation (academic advisor and coach) submitted on his behalf.

# 1997-98 NCAA II ALL-ACADEMIC WRESTLING TEAM

## TOP FIFTEEN TEAMS

1. Colorado School of Mines	3.319
2. Truman State University	3.287
3. South Dakota State University	3.224
4. Chadron State College	3.119
5. University of Northern Colorado	3.173
6. North Dakota State University	3.121
7. Central Missouri State University	3.074
8. Gannon University	3.072
9. University of Minnesota-Morris	3.063
10. University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown	3.053
11. Ashland University	2.962
12. Northern State University	2.935
13. Augustana College	2.925
14. Fort Hays State University	2.885
15. Shippensburg University of PA	2.882

Colorado School of Mines recorded the highest team grade point average (GPA) in the fifth annual NCAA Division II All-Academic Wrestling Team selection and won the Academic National Wrestling Championship. This is the third time that Colorado School of Mines has won this honor. Other winners have been Truman State University and the University of Wisconsin-Parkside. Their team grade point average of 3.319 topped the 3.296 recorded by Colorado School of Mines in 1995-96. The team grade point average is calculated by averaging the cumulative grade point average of ten wrestlers from each team of which eight of those wrestlers must have completed in their team's NCAA II National qualifying tournament.

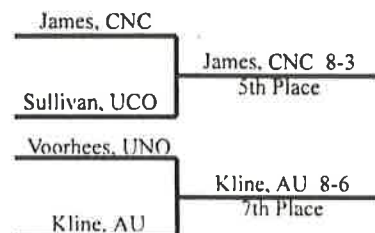
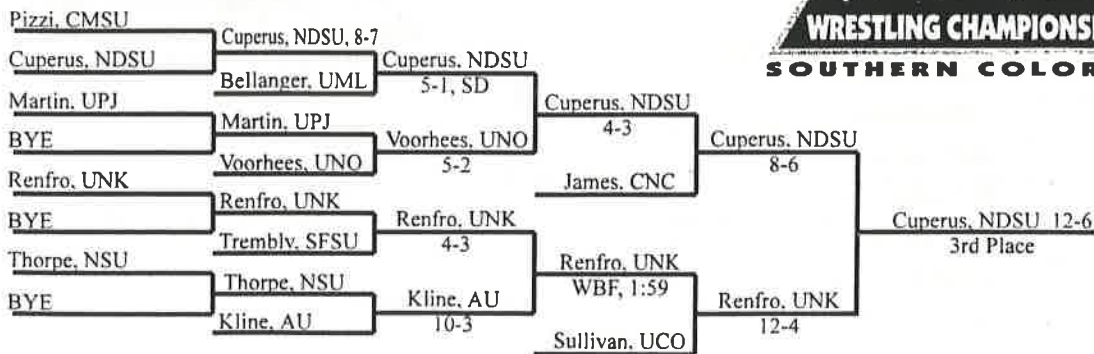




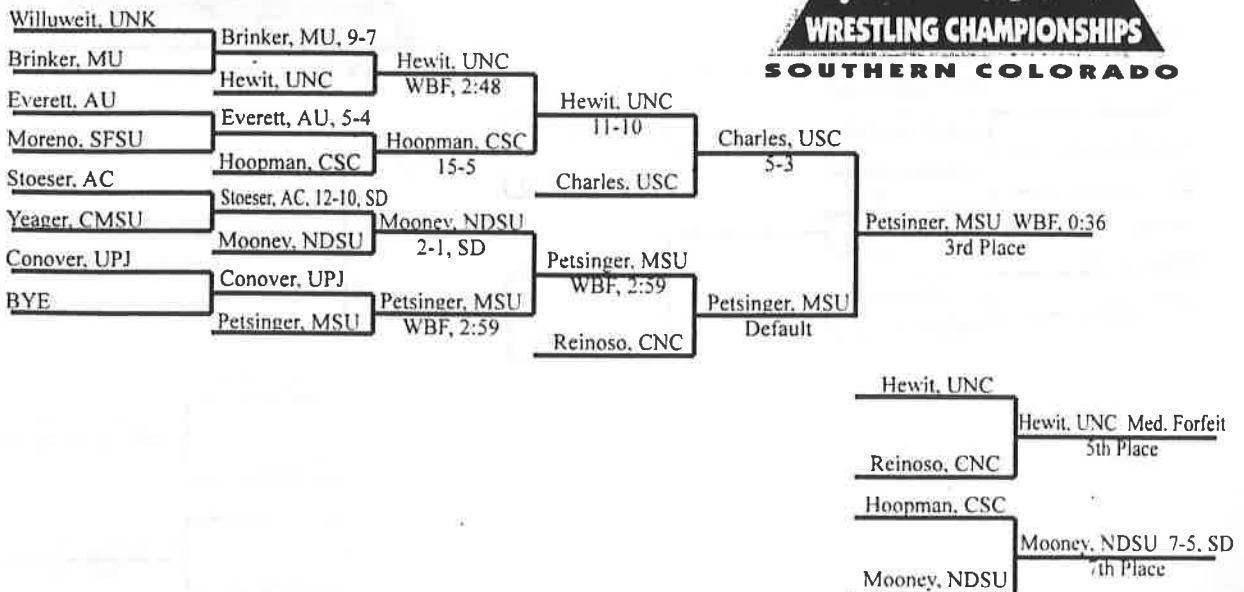




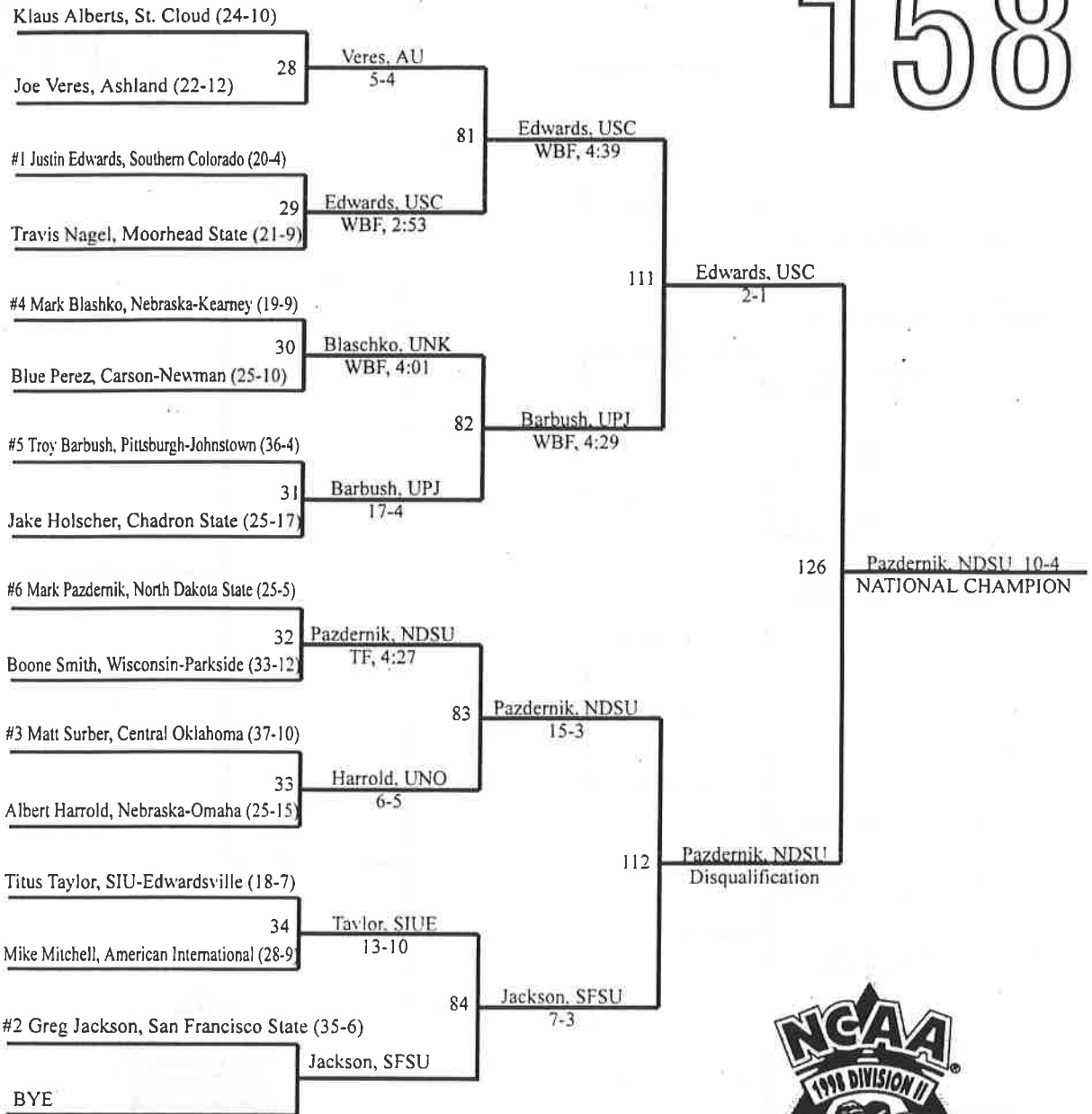
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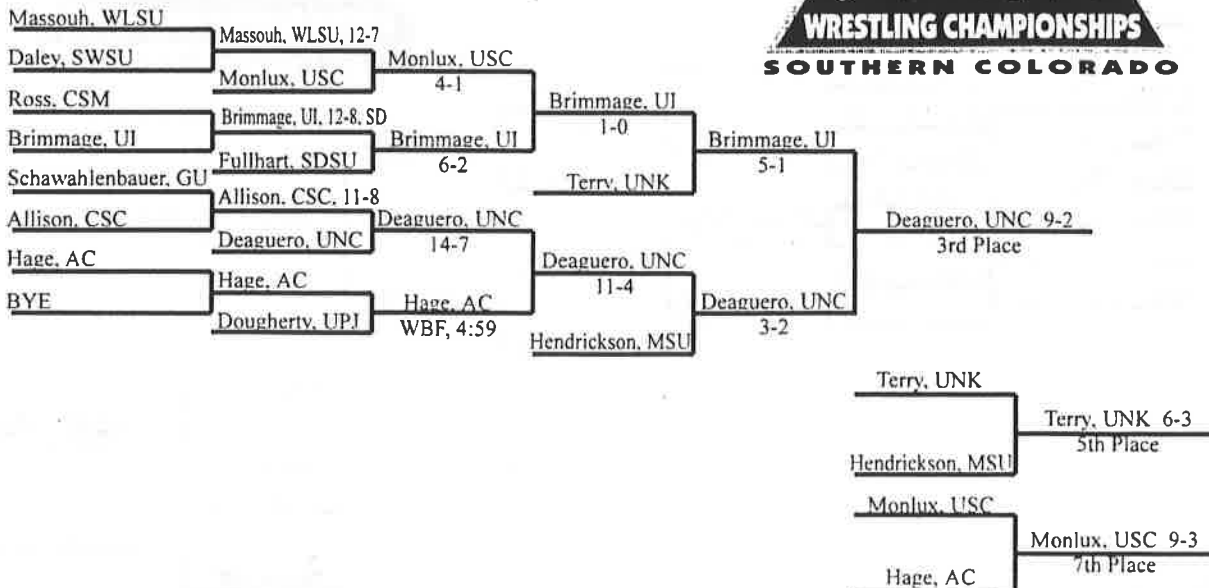
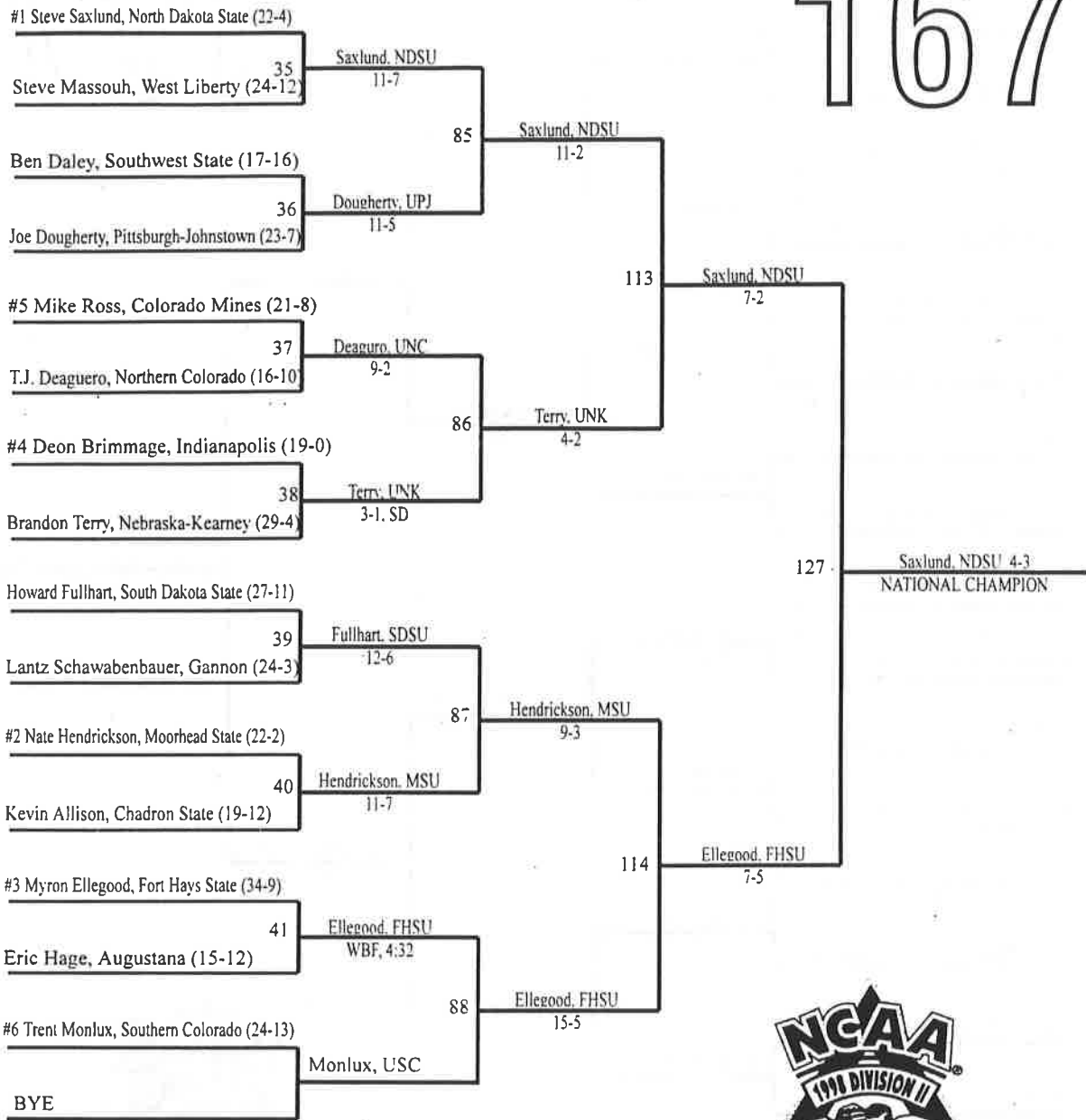


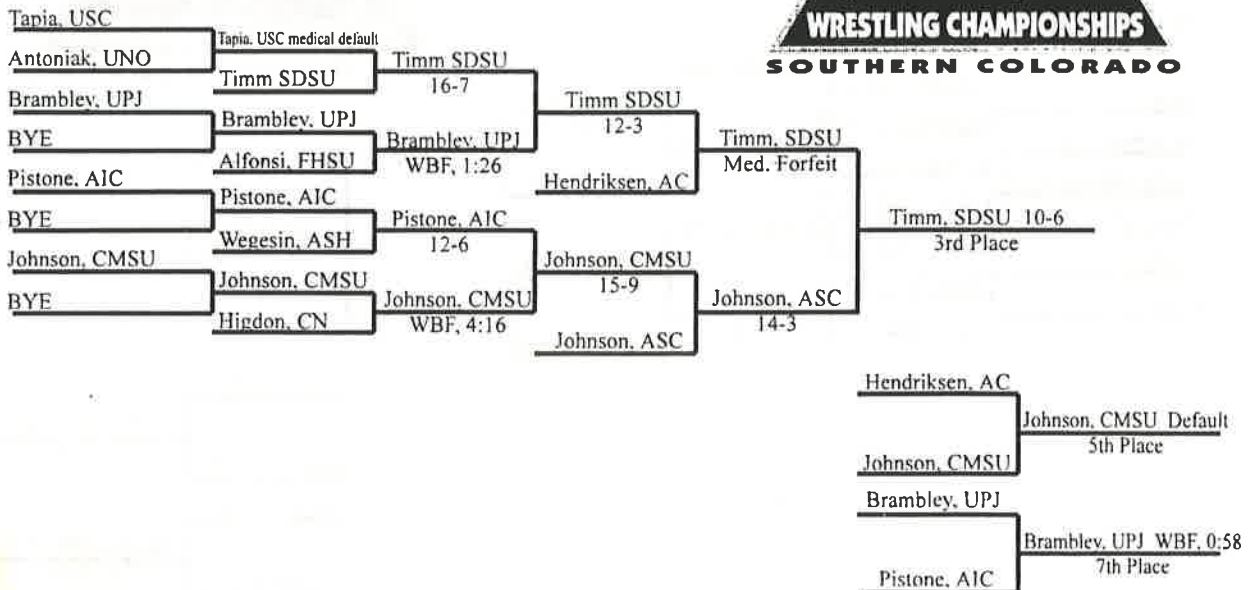
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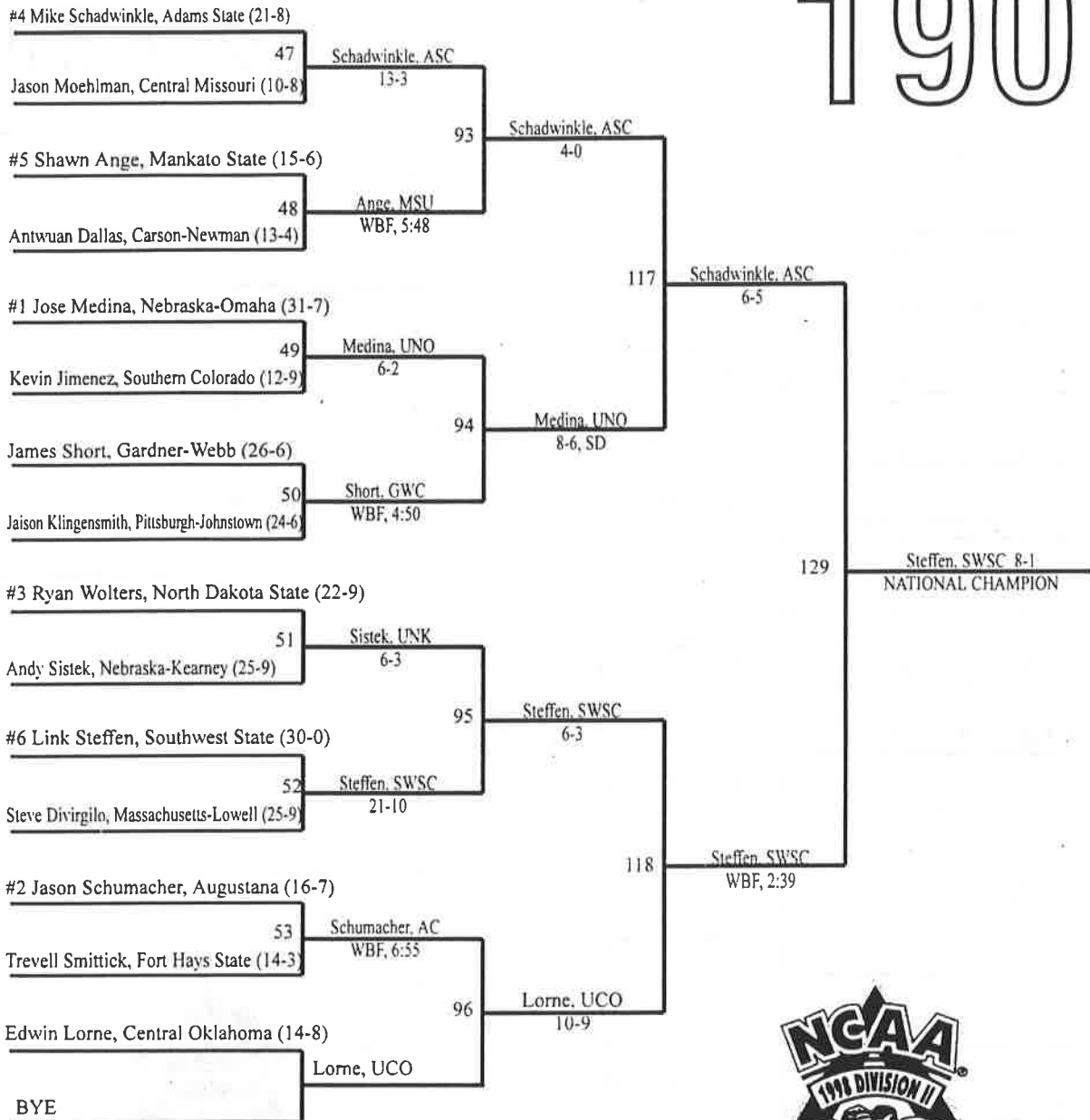


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#4 Winterhawk Windchief, Central Okla. (26-11)

54 Windchief, UCO  
Don Caramell, Gannon (15-7) 8-7, TB

#5 Keith Blaske, Fort Hays State (32-7)

55 Blaske, FHSU  
Jeremy Werner, Minnesota-Morris (31-11) WBF, 4:15

Keith Hoffman, Shippensburg (19-10)

56 Villalobos, UNC  
Chris Villalobos, Northern Colorado (21-8) WBF, 2:30

#1 Tim Croff, Carson-Newman (25-1)

57 Croff, CNC  
Dave Claymer, North Dakota State (14-11) WBF, 0:32

Rich McPhee, Indianapolis (24-6)

58 McPhee, UI  
Steve Brown, SIU-Edwardsville (8-9) WBF, 4:02

#2 Ryan Resel, South Dakota State (29-5)

59 Resel, SDSU  
Jay Long, Chadron State (15-7) WBF, 0:36

#3 Jerry Corner, Nebraska-Omaha (25-4)

60 Corner, UNO  
Mark Rose, Ashland (12-6) 2-1

#6 Mike Wicker, Western State (23-7)

Wicker, WSC  
BYE

97 Blaske, FHSU  
7-2, SD

98 Croff, CNC  
1-0

99 Resel, SDSU  
10-1

100 Wicker, WSC  
3-2, TB

119 Croff, CNC  
WBF, 3:24

120 Resel, SDSU  
9-1

130 Resel, SDSU 3-1  
NATIONAL CHAMPION



Caramell, GU  
Werner, MMU, WBF, 1:15  
Hoffman, SU  
Clvmer, NDSU, TF, 6:32  
Brown, SIUE  
Long, CSC  
Rose, AU  
BYE  
Corner, UNO 12-3  
Clvmer, NDSU  
McPhee, UI WBF, 2:07  
Long, CSC, 3-2  
Villalobos, UNC  
Rose, AU  
Windchief, UCO 2-1

Corner, UNO WBF, 4:30  
Blaske, FHSU  
Corner, UNO WBF, 1:29  
Villalobos, UNC 6-1  
Wicker, WSC 5-2

Corner, UNO 8-0  
3rd Place

Blaske, FHSU  
Blaske, FHSU WBF, 2:10  
5th Place

Clvmer, NDSU 5-4  
7th Place  
Rose, AU