

# AAU Scholastic Duals 2024 :

***“The more things change, the more they stay the same.”***

**By Mike Newbern**

Ft. Lauderdale was the new city, the Broward County Convention Center was the new venue for the largest and toughest dual meet wrestling tournament in the world. Over 2,500 wrestlers from 16 states competed on 142 teams, with 29 of those being girls during the six day event.

But when the final whistle blew, it was Mawa Blue with a fifth consecutive All-Star Division Title. AAU Hall of Fame Coach Steve Harner's team dominated with mostly new members to this year's squad going 10-0! MAWA Blue defeated fellow Pennsylvania team Nauman Pink 35 - 25 in a dual that was not as close as the score indicates. With the score 35 – 13, Coach Harner held out 215 pounder Dante Burns who was nursing a knee injury. The team also did not bring a heavyweight this year, forfeiting throughout the tournament. MAWA Blue outscored their 10 opponents 450 - 116.

Cale Bonenberger from team Intense Wrestling Club lead the Community Division with 11 falls in 17:05. MAWA's Tahir Parkins was named the All-Star Gold Divisions Outstanding Wrestler.

RPA/Head Hunters Wrestling Club won the Girls All-Star Division in a nail biter edging Team STL Green 34-33. RPA/HHWC defeated Team STL Green 43-32 in round 3 of their pool. This was Team STL Green's second trip to the All-Star Finals in the past three years. They were edged by Charlies Angels GA Pink 36-31 in 2022.

Grace Drueke from team Nebraska Black Widows with 11 falls in 12:58. Kaylee Jong from Team Iowa Mermaid Mafia had the fastest fall in just 0:06!

## **AAU All-Star Division Final**

MAWA Blue defeated Team Nauman Pink 35 – 25

106 lb. Braiden Lotier (TNP) upset PIAA State 3<sup>rd</sup> placer Thomas Boyce (MAWA) by a major decision 9-1.

113 lb. PIAA State Champ Dominick Morrison decisioned PIAA state qualifier Zane Crouse (TNP) 3-1.

120 lb. Gauge Botero, PIAA 6<sup>th</sup> placer pinned Keegan Barrick (TNP) in 0:32.

126 lb. Jackson Rush (TNP) PIAA 7<sup>th</sup> placer major decisioned PIAA 5<sup>th</sup> placer Tanner Guenot (MAWA) 10-2.

132 lb. Trey Wagner (MAWA) decisioned PIAA state qualifier Liam Lawler (TNP) 7-3.

138 lb. PIAA State Champ Tahir Parkins (MAWA) decisioned Camden Baum (TNP) SV-3-1

144 lb. Michael Turi (MAWA) PIAA 7<sup>th</sup> placer pinned Easton Comp (TNP) in 2:56.

150 lb. Chase Hontz (MAWA) PIAA 4<sup>th</sup> placer pinned Nicky Negron (TNP) in 2:00.

157 lb. PIAA 4<sup>th</sup> placer Gage Wentzel (TNP) upset PIAA state finalist Max Stein (MAWA) 5-4.

165 lb. NJ state finalist Jordan Chapman (MAWA) tech-falled PIAA state qualifier Chris Burd 18-1.

175 lb. Tucker Seidel (TNP) decisioned James Deluise (MAWA) 6-1.

190 lb. PIAA 3<sup>rd</sup> placer Caleb Close (MAWA) decisioned Tyler Morrison (TNP) 6-4.

215 lb. Lucas Lawler (TNP) won by forfeit.

285 lb. Lloyd Benjamin (TNP) won by forfeit.

Notes: In the 2024 PIAA quarter-finals Max Stein decisioned Gage Wentzel 4-2.

Both Tahir Parkins and Jordan Chapman are early commits to Rutgers.

### **AAU Girls All-Star Division Final**

RPA/Head Hunters Wrestling Club defeated Team STL Green 34-33.

100 lb. Addison Cupp (STLG) decisioned Sayuri Caceres (RPA/HH) 10-3

105 lb. Isabelle Apple (STLG) pinned Fallon Dames (RPA/HH) in 2:40.

110 lb. Julia Brocato (RPA/HH) pinned Paige Tihen (STLG) in 3:01.

115 lb. Hannah Henderson (STLG) pinned Emma Bauknight (RPA/HH) in 5:31.

120 lb. Arianna Ruiz (RPA/HH) decisioned Toby Goertz (STLG) 4-3.

125 lb. Sydney Bridenstine (RPA/HH) pinned Zoe Fisher (STLG) in 3:15.

130 lb. Kailani Barrientos (RPA/HH) major decisioned Nevaeh Smith (STLG) 12-3.

135 lb. Ailee Briggs (RPA/HH) decisioned Madeline Haynes (STLG) 8-3.

140 lb. Dani Gullet (STLG) won by forfeit.

145 lb. Dana Sanchez (STLG) decisioned Claire O'Donnell (RPA/HH) 9-4.

155 lb. Katherine Stewart (RPA/HH) pinned Maria Ignatova (STLG) in 2:31.

170 lb. Amaris Echezarreta (RPA/HH) won by forfeit.

190 lb. Addison Neumann (STLG) pinned Quisiera Wilson (RPA/HH) in 3:21.

235 lb. Aaliyah Grammer (STLG) decisioned Kinea Moore (RPA/HH) 8-1

## **AAU TOP 10 NATIONAL PIN AWARD**

### **AAU National Scholastic Duals Winners**

#### **All-Star Boys**

Brian Papcun – Morris Fitness

Gauge Botero – MAWA Blue

Michael Turi – MAWA Blue

Chase Hontz – MAWA Blue

#### **All-Star Girls**

Valarie Hamilton – Iowa

Mariah Mills – Charlies Angels

Candence Bushong – Iowa

Grace Lashinsky – Charlies Angels

Tyler Morrison – Nauman Pink  
Tyler Woodring – SD Blue  
Aiden Schoen – Team STL Black  
Caleb Close – MAWA Blue  
Calum Brown – Team STL Orange  
Deacon Moran – Team STL Black

Ailee Briggs – RPA  
Autumn Elsbury – Iowa  
Anyia Roberts – Nebraska  
Greta Brus – Iowa  
Mya Bethel – Miami All-Stars  
Kendal Haynie – Charlies Angels



AAU Wrestling Executive Director Wade Schalles visits exhibitor Tim Cherry.

# Team Dual Placements

## All-Star Gold Boys

- 1<sup>st</sup> place MAWA Blue defeated Team Nauman Pink 35 – 25
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place Iowa Black defeated Team STL Black 28 – 27
- 5<sup>th</sup> place Spec Ops defeated Iowa Gold 44 – 12
- 7<sup>th</sup> place Camden Outsiders, The Greasers defeated S.E.O. WC Blue 46 – 25
- 9<sup>th</sup> place SD Blue defeated Team Michigan Blue 36 – 28
- 11<sup>th</sup> place Captain Nebraska defeated Nebraska Heroes 36 – 9
- 13<sup>th</sup> place Team STL Orange defeated Team Delaware 37 – 21
- 15<sup>th</sup> place Foxfire WC defeated Team Diamond Fish Pink 47 – 26

## All-Star Silver Boys

- 1<sup>st</sup> place Ohio Titan Gold defeated Morris Fitness 48 – 15
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place Carolina Extreme Blue defeated Carolina Extreme Black 30 – 27
- 5<sup>th</sup> place Head Hunters Wrestling Club

## All-Star Gold Girls

- 1<sup>st</sup> place RPA/Head Hunters WC defeated Team StL Green 34 – 33
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place Charlies Angels Florida Black defeated Team Iowa Sunshine Smackdown 48 – 30
- 5<sup>th</sup> place Nebraska Wonder Women defeated Team Iowa Mermaid Mafia 47 – 30
- 7<sup>th</sup> place Team Iowa Beach Bums defeated Nebraska Marvels 48 – 34
- 9<sup>th</sup> place South Dakota Heat defeated Miami Allstars 42 – 30
- 11<sup>th</sup> place Queen Bees defeated Pink Predators 42 – 39
- 13<sup>th</sup> place Team Diamond Fish defeated SEAAU National Team 37 – 36

## Girls Progressive Gold

- 1<sup>st</sup> place Nebraska Black Widows defeated Indiana Smackdown Girls 51 – 26
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place Nebraska Widow Makers defeated Illinois Cornstars Gold 48 – 36
- 5<sup>th</sup> place Team Montana Gold defeated Team STL Yellow 42 – 39
- 7<sup>th</sup> place Team Iowa Crazy Coconuts defeated Charlies Angels 48 – 33
- 9<sup>th</sup> place Beauty and the Beast defeated Team Montana Silver 48 – 30

11<sup>th</sup> place Wellington defeated RPA/Head Hunters 39 – 36

13<sup>th</sup> place Florida Red Black & Blue defeated Iron Lion Wrestling 39 – 33

15<sup>th</sup> place Grappling Gators defeated NC Golden Girls 24 – 18

### **Boys Developmental Gold**

1<sup>st</sup> place Brawlers Elite defeated Indiana Smackdown Gold 35 – 49 – 18

3<sup>rd</sup> place Nebraska Smash defeated Florida Young Gunslingers 36 – 26

5<sup>th</sup> place Iowa Gables defeated S.E.O.WC Team White 35 – 33

7<sup>th</sup> place Nebraska Green Machine defeated S.E.O. WC Red 30 – 26

9<sup>th</sup> place Camden Outsiders The Socs defeated The Fireman 51 – 20

11<sup>th</sup> place Team STL Blue defeated Franklin Black & Blue 38 – 31

13<sup>th</sup> place Team Nauman Blue defeated Iowa Hawks 45 – 32

15<sup>th</sup> place War Ready defeated Team STL Red 54 – 25

### **Boys Developmental Silver**

1<sup>st</sup> place Division-1 defeated Ohio Titan Red 54 – 21

3<sup>rd</sup> place Florida Pitbulls defeated Foxfire Wrestling Club Red 49 – 25

5<sup>th</sup> place All In defeated Intense WC 54 – 25

7<sup>th</sup> place Team Michigan Blue – Dev defeated Dog Pound WC 36 – 33

9<sup>th</sup> place Team Nauman Orange defeated SD Red 36 – 36 crit.

11<sup>th</sup> place Indiana Goon Squad defeated Team Montana 43 – 30

13<sup>th</sup> place Ohio Titan Blue defeated Wellington-Dev 69 – 12

15<sup>th</sup> place Team STL White defeated Indy Elite 42 – 38

### **Boys Developmental Bronze**

1<sup>st</sup> place Indiana Smackdown Black defeated SD White 60 – 18

3<sup>rd</sup> place Seneca Fighting Irish defeated Bad Bay WC 45 – 32

5<sup>th</sup> place Venice Warriors defeated Youth Impact Center Orange 60 – 24

7<sup>th</sup> place Wrestling University defeated Team Montana Senior 50 – 27

9<sup>th</sup> place The Fireman Blue defeated Youth Impact Center Blue 30 – 29

### **Boys Community 1 Gold**

- 1<sup>st</sup> place Camden Greasers defeated Avon Wrestling Club 49 – 23
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place Eagle Empire Purple defeated Fight Barn WC 48 – 15
- 5<sup>th</sup> place Reservoir Dogs defeated Viking Wrestling Club 36 – 36 crit.
- 7<sup>th</sup> place Team Montana Willston defeated Naperville Phoenix 48 – 36

### **Boys Community 1 Silver**

- 1<sup>st</sup> place Wellington defeated Austintown Fitch Falcons 42 – 29
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place Westside WC defeated Oswego High School 40 – 34
- 5<sup>th</sup> place Explorer WC defeated Florida Elite Wrestling Academy 52 – 24
- 7<sup>th</sup> place Eagle Empire Black defeated Lapeer 43 – 24

### **Boys Community 1 Bronze**

- 1<sup>st</sup> place Team Blue Steel defeated Maximum Performance 53 – 30

### **Boys Community 2 Gold**

- 1<sup>st</sup> place Social Circle defeated Funky Monkey 40 – 24
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place Alburnett defeated Somerset Academy 51 – 19
- 5<sup>th</sup> place Columbus St. Frances DeSales defeated 212 Madison 48 – 27
- 7<sup>th</sup> place Team Fuzzy Bees defeated Genoa WC 44 – 30

### **Boys Community 2 Silver**

- 1<sup>st</sup> place Tomahawk WC defeated Oak Harbor Rockets 39 – 29
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place Dayton Bandits defeated Camden Socs 36 – 30
- 5<sup>th</sup> place Team Montana Sidney defeated AAWA 42 – 30
- 7<sup>th</sup> place Hawkstyle Elite

### **Boys Community 2 Bronze**

- 1<sup>st</sup> place Team Montana Laurel defeated Anchor Wrestling 54 – 25
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place Terre Haute South Red defeated Celtic Wrestling Club 40 – 35
- 5<sup>th</sup> place Canfield defeated Team Montana Conrad
- 7<sup>th</sup> place Owen Valley

## **Boys Community 2 Copper**

1<sup>st</sup> place Monrovia Bulldogs defeated Social Circle Black 43 – 31

3<sup>rd</sup> place Straw Hats defeated Miramar WC 39 – 39 crit.

5<sup>th</sup> place Verot Vikings defeated Palm Bay 46 – 15

7<sup>th</sup> place Naples Wrestling Club