2017-18 New England Wrestling Association

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2017-18 NEWA Season Wrap Up  March 22, 2018

Wrestler of the Year: Jay Albis, 125, Johnson and Wales University, JR, (Fishkill, NY). Jay Albis goes down as the First NCAA National Champion in any sport at Johnson & Wales University. JWU had 3 wrestlers previously make the NCAA Finals, but none were able to come away with Gold. Albis went 48-2 on the year with 11 falls, but what was more significant was that he was presented the NCAA Award for Most Technical Falls for Division 3 with 20. Jay was the Roger Williams Invite, New Standard, and Wildcat Open Champion. He also won his second Regional Title and was named the meets Most Outstanding Wrestler. This is JWU's 4th such honor (Ruberg ‘04, McDonough ’06, and Mulligan ‘11). The 48 wins in one season is a new record at JWU as well as the 91 Near Falls he accumulated. Jay Albis currently stands at 113-9 (93% win average) on his 3 year Career. He was 19-3 (Injured) freshman, 46-4 sophomore, and 48-2 junior. With one year left Albis is already a 2X All American, 2X National Finalist, and a 1X National Champion.

Co-Rookie Wrestler of the Year: Brendan Marion, 165, WPI, FR, (Norristown, PA). For the second Year in a row WPI and USM share the Rookie of the Year award. Marion had an outstanding Freshmen year going 26-6 and finishing 5th at the NCAA Regional Tournament. Marion helped lead the Engineers to a dual meet record of 18-4 which was their best since 1994. WPI finished 3rd at the NEWA Duals and second at the Northeast Regional. Marion was the RIT Invitational Champion, the NEWA Duals Outstanding Wrestler, and was also named a Scholar All-American with a 3.52 GPA in Aerospace Engineering.

Co-Rookie Wrestler of the Year: Austin Shorey, 141, University of Southern Maine, FR, (Lebanon, ME). For the second Year in a row USM and WPI share the Rookie of the Year award. Shorey went 33-10 in his freshmen season and finished 3rd at the NCAA Northeast Regional. He is the first freshmen in program history to qualify for the NCAA tournament. He was 3rd at the Roger Williams
Tournament, 3rd at the Doug Parker, and 2nd at the Ted Reese Tournament. He scored bonus points in 21 of his 33 wins with 8 falls, 6 Tech falls, and 7 wins by major decisions. Austin has a 3.466 GPA and earned Scholar All American for his outstanding work on the mat and in the classroom.

**Most Dominant Award:** Isaiah Bellamy, 285, Wesleyan University, SR (Bozrah, CT). Isaiah Bellamy one of the captains for the Wesleyan wrestling team finishes his career with 105 wins for the Cardinals. He is a 3X Region Place winner. This past season Bellamy was 38-3 and led the country with 24 pins. He won the NWCA Award for most Pins in a season and leads all divisions in Pins for the year. Bellamy won the Northeast Regional at 285 with a pin over Joe Fusco of Springfield in the finals. He finished 3rd at the NCAA Championships going 6-1 and added 3 pins to his total. His only loss came in the Quarterfinals came to the eventual National Champion Jake Evans of Waynesburg 3-1. Bellamy pinned Lance Evans of Wartburg the #1 seed in 4:34 to take 3rd. He also avenged one of his only losses in the regular season beating Jake O’Brien of Ithaca who took 5th 7-1. Bellamy is now a 2X Scholar All American as a double major in Economics and Sociology at Wesleyan.

**Coach of the Year:** Steve Hall, WPI. Coach Hall and his staff led the WPI Engineers to an 18-4 Dual meet record. It was the best record the team has had since the New England Championship team of 1993-1994. WPI won the RIT Invitational, finished 3rd at the NEWA Duals, and 2nd at the NCAA Northeast Regional that they hosted. WPI finished the season ranked 21st in the country in the National Dual meet rankings. The 18 wins in a season marks the third highest mark in programs history. WPI finished 3rd in the NEWA for Team GPA awarded at the NEWA Duals and then finished 11th nationally. They had 4 Scholar All-Americans, 7 Region Place winners, and 1 NCAA National Qualifier.

**Assistant Coach of the Year:** University of Southern Maine Staff
Mike Morin the Head Coach at Southern Maine was awarded the NCAA Northeast Regional Coach of the tournament and his staff is recognized as the Assistant Coaching staff of the year. USM finished 5th at the Northeast regional their highest finish in programs history. They also had a programs best 5 All Region wrestlers. They had two wrestlers qualify for the NCAA Championships and two wrestlers earn scholar All-American Honors. The Huskies finished the regular season ranked #25 in the country by d3wrestle. They had a 15-9 Dual meet record and finished 6th at the NEWA Duals earlier in the season.
All NEWA Teams (*1st team prior Year, #2nd Team prior year, ^HM prior year)

1st Team (WT Class and Alphabetical Order)
125 – Jay Albis – Johnson & Wales University*
133 – Joao Vicente – Johnson & Wales University
141 – Joe Ferinde – Johnson & Wales University#*
149 – Brendon Seyfried – Williams College#*
157 – Tyler Marsh – WPI#
165 – Nick Remke – USCGA^*
174 – Malik Settles – New England College
184 – John Boyle – Western New England University
184 – Khamri Thomas – Johnson & Wales University^^
197 – Devon Carrillo – Wesleyan University*#
285 – Isaiah Bellamy – Wesleyan University^^

2nd Team (WT Class and Alphabetical Order)
125 – Peter Del Gallo – University of Southern Maine#
133 – Owen McClave – USCGA^*
141 – Austin Shorey – University of Southern Maine
149 – Grant Sorenson – Trinity College
157 – Tyler Gazaway – Roger Williams University^*
165 – Taylor Shay – Roger Williams University^*
174 – AJ Aeberli – USCGA
197 – Mike DiNardo – Johnson & Wales University^*
285 – Joe Fusco – Springfield College

Honorable Mention (WT Class and Alphabetical Order)
125 – Nick Barbaria(RWU)^^^, Amir Daouk(Wes), Matt Morris(Will)#^, Diego Santiago(NEC), Ben Zogby(WPI)
133 – Steve Jendritz (WPI)^, Tim McLinden (WNEU), Zach Murillo (Wesleyan), Ian Tolotti (Springfield)^*
141 – Najee Hall (NEC), James Matias (Wesleyan)^^^, Joseph Rossetti (Williams), Max Temple (Castleton)
149 – Carter Armendarez (Wes)#, Justin Cochran (RWU)^^^, Tom Grippi (JWU)^, Brendan Weir (USM)
157 – Brady Robin (JWU), Jake Savoca (Williams)#, Nick Simeti (PSU), Chris Sullivan (CGA)^^^,
165 – Yo Akiyama (Will), Jared Costa (Castleton)^, Adrian Gonzalez (JWU), Brendan Marion (WPI)
174 – Mike Gargano (JWU), Brett Leonard (RWU), Dominic Pirraglia (Wesleyan)^, Justin Stacy (USM)
184 – Sebastian Dziadkiewicz (Will), Connor Humphries (RWU), Henry Oberlander (BSU), Dan Wensley (WPI)^
197 – Brandon Cousino (USM), Mike Curtis (WPI)^^^, Cedrick Stephens (Cast), Jon Wagner (USCGA)
285 – Jonah Aurelio (JWU)^^^, Dom Liquori (WNEU), Austin Shrewsbury (WPI)#^, Jesse Webb (Castleton)
All Rookie Team (WT Class and Alphabetical Order)
125 – Diego Santiago – New England College
125 – Nicholas Arborio – Western New England University
133 – Tristan Haviland – Roger Williams University
141 – Austin Shorey – University of Southern Maine
141 – Max Tempel – Castleton University
141 – Najee Hall – New England College
141 – Joseph Rossetti – Williams College
141 – Matt McGowan – USCGA
149 – Jordan Robinson – Johnson & Wales University
165 – Brendan Marion – WPI
174 – Mike Ilic – WPI
197 – Jonathan Wagner – USCGA
197 – Brandon Cousino – University of Southern Maine
197 – Mike Fernandes – Roger Williams University