

SUPER RANKINGS—January 18, 2010

103 Pounds:

- 1—Gerritt Bradley (Wasatch)
- 2—Britain Carter (Maple Mountain)
- 3—Josh Boman (Syracuse)
- 4—Rami Haddadin (Brighton)
- 5—Brenden Turner (Millard)
- 6—Colton Walker (Morgan)
- 7—Spencer Davis (Salem Hills)
- 8—Rayden Lindley (Mountain Crest)

Notes: Boman proved himself with a 5-A state title run. Davis beat Lindley in a great semi-final match in 4-A while there wasn't too many surprises elsewhere.

112 Pounds:

- 1—Korbin Levin (Pleasant Grove)
- 2—Bryce Jackman (Carbon)
- 3—Morgan Sweat (Wasatch)
- 4—Ronnie Wardleigh (Fremont)
- 5—Mitch Brown (Payson)
- 6—Cody Paraso (West Jordan)
- 7—Braden Humpherys (Layton)
- 8—Drew Mills (Hurricane)

Notes: Levin might have lost a match here or there but he did it when it mattered taking state in an thriller vs. Wardleigh and knocking off previously undefeated Humpherys in the semi-finals. Combine that with a great showing at The Rumble he gets the #1 spot. Jackman came on strong at the end winning 3-A over Sweat. Wardleigh was the All-Star rep for 5-A and beat Brown. Humpherys had an off state tournament and lost to both Levin and Paraso to finish fourth while Mills was steady with a third place finish in 3-A.

119 Pounds

- 1—Carson Kuhn (Alta)
- 2—Colby Christensen (Uintah)
- 3—Kade Johnson (North Sevier)
- 4—Kamron Day (Millard)
- 5—Jed Mellen (Payson)
- 6—Grant Lamont (Maple Mountain)
- 7—Cole Ford (Payson)
- 8—Taggart Harris (Delta)

Notes: Kuhn was nothing less than spectacular, now let's see if he can win the Senior Nationals, he can do it! Christensen also has a national reputation and won his third state title. Johnson stunned Day to win the 2-A title while a pair of freshman stars man spots #5, #6. Ford is just a sophomore and Harris won the 3-A title.

125 Pounds:

- 1—Cody Hone (Cedar)
- 2—Zac Loveless (Payson)
- 3—Zach Harris (Box Elder)
- 4—Tito Ortiz (Payson)
- 5—Rasten Yeates (Box Elder)
- 6—Colton Thornton (South Summit)
- 7—Mark Michels (Alta)
- 8—Travis Hatch (Milford)

Notes: Hone of Cedar was awesome after the all-star dual losing to Naylor but then winning The Rumble and 3-A state in dominating fashion. Zach Harris showed that his sparkling JV record was legit with a second place run at state. Ortiz finished third and avenged two losses to Yeates. Thornton won another title in 2-A while Michels did the same in 5-A while Hatch won a 1-A title. Special mention to Brett Naylor of Davis who was upset in the 5-A tournament and finished third but had a great year and beat Hone in the all-star dual.

130 Pounds

- 1—Derek Malan (Weber)
- 2—Jacob Falk (West Jordan)
- 3—Jace Abbott (Delta)
- 4—Brock Brown (Payson)
- 5—Cody Bunderson (Box Elder)
- 6—Jeff McCormick (South Summit)
- 7—Jesse Carlisle (Maple Mountain)
- 8—Justus Minardi (Park City)

Notes: Malan survived a scare with unranked but tough Cory Hancock of Lone Peak in the semi-finals then outlasted Falk in a good 5-A final. Abbott won a 3-A title with Brown taking out Bunderson in 4-A. McCormick wins a 2-A title while freshman Carlisle took third in a very thick 4-A field while Minardi was an inspiration taking second in 3-A after fighting a serious back injury earlier in the year.

135 Pounds:

- 1—Kade Moss (Bingham)
- 2—Derek Peterson (Delta)
- 3—Koleton Hardy (Box Elder)
- 4—Damon Mele (Uintah)
- 5—Kaelen Loveless (Payson)
- 6—Dixon Richins (North Summit)
- 7—Scott Newman (American Fork)
- 8—Justin Bryner (Olympus)

Notes: Moss is the man here with Peterson a strong second with his victory over Hardy of Box Elder at Viewmont who beat Mele in the 4-A finals. Freshman Loveless was steady and had some great matches with #8 Bryner in the 4-A tournament. Richins won the 2-A title and Newman was second in 5-A to Moss.

140 Pounds:

- 1—Dakota Payne (Millard)
- 2—Brett Clapier (Skyline)
- 3—Cody Van Buren (Weber)
- 4—Spencer Brown (Cottonwood)
- 5—Brayden Anderson (Sky View)
- 6—Taylor Merkley (Uintah)
- 7—Anthony Martell (Bingham)
- 8—Eric Michels (Alta)

Notes: Wow, what a weight class, I can't believe who I'm not ranking like Cole Sorenson (Mountain Crest), DJ Argyle (Timpanogos), Brian Shepherd (Provo), Broc Prince (Hurricane), Christian Hatch (Delta) and Zach Hatch (Altamont). But 5-A had the mojo in this weight class. Payne gets the top spot because he beat Clapier twice who beat Van Buren who beat Brown though Brown won the Rumble and beat Clapier twice. Anderson won the 4-A title while Merkley was third, he did not meet Argyle at state but beat him at the Sectionals. Martell was fourth in 5-A state while Michels was fifth, all of these wrestlers placed at the Rumble ahead of some of the names I didn't rank by the way in case you were wondering. But this was the deepest weight class by far.

Notes:

145 Pounds:

- 1—Danner Kjar (Viewmont)
- 2—Justin Penn (Delta)
- 3—Kaleb Ashworth (Spanish Fork)
- 4—Corrick Knight (Mountain Crest)
- 5—Bryson Foy (Altamont)
- 6—Jayce Warren (Weber)
- 7—Daniel Beenfield (North Summit)
- 8—Zack Blackham (Uintah)

Notes: Kjar was tops with Penn right there. Ashworth won the 4-A title avenging an earlier loss to Knight at Layton. Foy won his fourth state title while Warren was game in 5-A. Beenfield won a 2-A title while Blackham scared Knight in the semi-final before losing but bounced back to a third place 4-A finish.

152 Pounds:

- 1—Raider Lofthouse (Mountain Crest)
- 2—Mitch Rasmussen (Viewmont)
- 3—Matt Gallen (Morgan)
- 4—Jonsen Crandall (South Summit))
- 5—Jordan Schroeder (Murray)
- 6—Thomas Manning (Tooele)
- 7—Dustin Fowkes (Juab)
- 8—Colton Ford (Payson)

Notes: Lofthouse won his fourth state title loss while rival Rasmussen's bonus point victory in the 5-A final versus Schroeder was the difference in the team race. Gallen won the 3-A title over a tough Fowkes. Crandall got it done in 2-A while Manning was stalwart in 4-A taking second. Ford hung in there and took third in 4-A.

160 Pounds:

- 1—Colby Barlocker (Enterprise)
- 2—Colton Cannon (Payson)
- 3—Jantz Arbon (Weber)
- 3—Brendan Willoughby (Delta)
- 5—Jalen Weaver (Desert Hills)
- 6—Mitch McCloy (Viewmont)
- 7—Dylan Howell (Jordan)
- 8—Clint Jacob (Pleasant Grove)

Notes: Barlocker capped off a great undefeated season while Cannon's only two losses was to this 2-A star. Arbon was off my radar but took state in 5-A with just two losses, and with wrestlers like Howell, Jacob and McCloy in the field, this was impressive. Willoughby had some losses here or there but showed why he was clutch with another 3-A title. Weaver gave Willoughby his best shot but fell short.

171 Pounds:

- 1—Jed Craner (Fremont)
- 2—Niko Klus (South Summit)
- 3—Brady Loveless (Payson)
- 4—Sam Jensen (Viewmont)
- 5—Michael Hales (North Sevier)
- 6—Brett Cecil (Parowan)
- 7—Devon Montgomery (Pine View)
- 8—Zach Boden (Ben Lomond)

Notes: Craner and Klus were studs this year, I would die to see a rematch of their all-star classic. Loveless got his title in 4-A while Jensen gave Craner a run in the 5-A championship match. Hales was a good test for Klus in 2-A and beat Cecil of Parowan in a thriller in the 2-A semi-finals. Cecil owns a win over Montgomery at Desert Storm and Boden put together a great tournament to win a 3-A title.

189 Pounds:

- 1—Derek Thomas (Layton)
- 2—Garrett Battaglia (Skyline)
- 3—Phillip Sorensen (Salem Hills)
- 4—Sean Smith (Box Elder)
- 5—Joseph Carley (Mountain Crest)
- 6—Steve Hendriks (Olympus)
- 7—Rendon Shields (Millard)
- 8—Tyson Larsen (Rich)

Notes: Thomas and Battaglia are the stars of this weight class. What a great tournament put together by Sorensen who beat some great wrestlers to win a 4-A title. Smith was steady for the Bees all year long while Carley performed well at state. Hendriks was the 4-A all-star who beat the likes of Smith and Carley during the year but fell to fourth at 4-A state. Shields of Millard had a great gold medal run as did Larsen in 1-A. Unranked Kaleb Moritz of Wasatch deserves some props with his 3-A title.

215 Pounds:

- 1—Thomas Kessler (Millard)
- 2—Dustin Dennison (Pleasant Grove)
- 3—Jeff Gueck (Springville)
- 4—Joel Spendlove (Tooele)
- 5—Duke Babka (Jordan)
- 6—Tate Wangsgaard (Viewmont)
- 7—Vincent Fonua (Skyline)
- 8—Cody Duncan (Spanish Fork)

Notes: Kessler was terrific all year long. Dennison got it done in the 5-A final vs. fellow Region 4 rival Babka and when he put the Jordan stud on his back he made the Viewmont faithful nervous. Gueck lost some here or there but was nothing short of spectacular winning the 4-A title and did so fighting off some injuries. Spendlove was second to Gueck and had a great finish at The Rumble. Wangsgaard's big third place win over Fonua was huge in the Viewmont Vikings title run while Duncan showed his placing at The Rumble was no fluke with a third place finish in the 4-A tournament. I definitely want to give unranked Brian Scott of Hurricane some props because he took state but his head to head loss to Duncan kept him out of the rankings.

285 Pounds:

- 1—Daniel Crook (Box Elder)
- 2—Kesni Tausinga (Bingham)
- 4—Daniel Nielson (Hurricane)
- 4—Tyler Larsen (Syracuse)
- 5—Chad Gough (Snow Canyon)
- 6—Shane Hardy (Box Elder)
- 7—Christian Baldenegro (Weber)
- 8—Seni Fauonku (Bingham)

Notes: Some very good wrestlers did not rank including Colten Argyle (South Sevier), Eric Lyman (North Sevier) and Dalton Smith (Altamont). I really had to look at consistency and The Rumble where a lot of these wrestlers actually were in the same event. There were two Region One wrestlers not at The Rumble that moved into the rankings as Larsen took second in 5-A state and beat Fauonku as did Baldenegro. They have to be ranked. Crook was the most consistent, his only losses to Nielson and teammate Hardy while Tausinga was spectacular winning The Rumble but lost to Crook by a significant margin at Layton. Gough came through in the clutch with a second place finish in 4-A and Nielson, who didn't place at The Rumble, righted himself with a first place finish in the 3-A event and his all-star win over Crook is impressive. Glad to see some good big men as this was a pretty deep field of quality wrestlers this season.