

# Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association Wrestling Team Champions 1940-2020

## Champion (Coach) - Points

**1940** (*Scoring 5-3-1 Plus Pin Points through 1950*)  
Milwaukee Washington (John Powers) - 27

**1941**  
Milwaukee Washington (John Powers) - 43

**1942**  
Milwaukee Washington (John Powers) - 32

**1943-46** (*No meets held during World War II*)

**1947**  
Milwaukee South (Joe Nowak) - 33

**1948**  
West Milwaukee (Leslie Leahy) - 28

**1949** (*Sectionals Held For First Time To Determine State Meet Qualifiers*)  
Stevens Point (John Roberts) - 34

**1950**  
Milwaukee South (Joe Nowak) - 36

**1951** (*Scoring 6-4-2-1 plus pin points through 1958*)  
Milwaukee South (Pat Jankiewicz) - 35

**1952**  
Milwaukee South (John Schram) - 41

**1953**  
Milwaukee South (John Schram) - 29

**1954**  
Milwaukee South (John Schram) - 37

**1955**  
Janesville (Erv Johnson) - 17  
Madison East (Claude Hungerford) - 17

## Runner-up (Coach) - Points

Green Bay West (Vernon Krieser) - 22

West Milwaukee (Leslie Leahy) - 21

Green Bay West (Vernon Krieser) - 20

Milwaukee Pulaski (Henry Litzow) - 31

Milwaukee Pulaski (Henry Litzow) - 27

Milwaukee South (Joe Nowak) - 18,

Stevens Point (John Roberts) - 22

Stevens Point (John Roberts) - 25

Madison East (Claude Hungerford) - 16

Madison East (Claude Hungerford) - 26

Milwaukee Washington (William Kirchen) - 20

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**Champion (Coach) - Points****1956**

Kenosha (Glen McCullough) - 20

**1957**

Valders (Ken Schermacher) - 22,

**1958**

Milwaukee South (Robert Lessi) - 19

**1959** (*Scoring 10-7-4-2 Plus Advancement and Pin Points Through 1968*)

Milwaukee Rufus King (Sam Balistreri) - 56

**1960** (*Regionals Held for First Time to Determine Sectional Qualifiers*)

Coleman (Jim Douglas) - 53

**1961**

Milwaukee Pulaski (Tony Pauly) - 33

**1962**

Coleman (Jim Douglas) - 36

**1963**

Coleman (Jim Douglas) - 44

**1964**

Coleman (Jim Douglas) - 48

**1965**

Madison West (Mike Brockmeyer) - 25

**1966**

Coleman (Jim Douglas) - 34

**1967**

Racine Park (Duane Kleven) - 44

**1968**

Stoughton (LaVerne Pieper) - 31

**1969**

Racine Park (Duane Kleven) - 54

**1970** (*Scoring 12-9-7-5-3-1 Plus Advancements and Pin Points*)

Merrill (Bob Opsahl) - 39

**Runner-up (Coach) - Points**

Janesville (Erv Johnson) - 15

Madison East (Claude Hungerford) - 14  
Marshfield (Charles Turner) - 14

Valders (Ken Schermacher) - 17

Coleman (Jim Douglas) - 41

Amery (Bob Johnson) - 37

Coleman (Jim Douglas) - 26  
Oconomowoc (Otto Daemmrich) - 26

Milwaukee Custer (Ray White) - 25

Muskego (Don Yahr) - 27

Reedsburg (Dave Wiles) - 39

Berlin (Ray Stone) - 24,  
Wittenberg (Don Passehl) - 24

Mineral Point (Allen Bauman) - 28

Monroe (Don Miller) - 35

Portage (Jon Vovos) - 27  
Milwaukee Bradley (Fred Rigoni) - 27

Pulaski (James Richie) - 32

Port Washington (Roger Pillath) - 32

**Champion (Coach) - Points**

**1971**

Port Washington (Roger Pillath) - 40

**1972**

Stoughton (LaVerne Pieper) - 44.5

**1973**

Monroe (Fred Lehrke) - 39

**1974**

Wisconsin Rapids (Lewie Benitz) - 39

**1975**

Stoughton (LaVerne Pieper) - 36

**1976**

Stoughton (LaVerne Pieper) - 51

**1977**

Stoughton (LaVerne Pieper) - 86

**1978**

D.C. Everest (Fred Lehrke) - 81

**1979**

Wisconsin Rapids (Lewie Benitz) - 63.5

**1980**

A-Waukesha South (Ken Heine) - 99

B-Campbellsport (Gerald Marking) - 73

C-Mineral Point (Allen Bauman) - 81

**1981**

A-Wisconsin Rapids (Lewie Benitz) - 96.5

B-Reedsburg (Greg Troster) - 82.5

C-Mineral Point (Allen Bauman) - 82

**1982**

A-D.C. Everest (Fred Lehrke) - 68

B-Reedsburg (Greg Troster) - 63

River Valley (Larry Laughery) - 63

C-Mineral Point (Allen Bauman) - 87

**1983**

A-Antigo (Dave Wentland) - 58

B-Neillsville (Jack Hammond) - 45

C-Mineral Point (Allen Bauman) - 90

**Runner-up (Coach) - Points**

Riverdale (Robert Miller) - 33

Kenosha Tremper (Gerald Barr) - 30.5

Racine Case (Jim Uthagrove) - 31,

Pulaski (Jim Richie) - 25

Wisconsin Rapids (Lewie Benitz) - 35

Mineral Point (Allen Bauman) - 49

Wisconsin Rapids (Lewie Benitz) - 68

River Valley, 75, Richard Lawinger

Campbellsport (Gerald Marking) - 58.5

Stoughton (LaVerne Pieper) - 79

Waunakee (Pat Christenson) - 41.5

Athens (Jerome Wagner) - 44.5

Stoughton (LaVerne Pieper) - 94

River Valley (Larry Laughery) - 56.5

Coleman (Ron Szwet) - 44.5

Stoughton (LaVerne Pieper) - 58

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Iowa-Grant (Thomas Osting) - 53.5

Bay Port (Bob Boerner) - 56.5

Wisconsin Dells (Wayne Stapleford) - 36.5

Coleman (Ron Szwet) - 51

## Champion (Coach) - Points

### 1984

A-Port Washington (Duffy Brelsford) - 57

B-River Valley (Larry Laughery) - 57

C-Athens (Jerome Wagner) - 89

### 1985

A-Wisconsin Rapids (Lewie Benitz) - 86

B-Ellsworth (Jack Radebaugh) - 73

C-Mineral Point (Allen Bauman) - 102.5

### 1986

A-D.C. Everest (Fred Lehrke) - 70

B-East Troy (John Stockowitz) - 68.5

C-Mineral Point (Allen Bauman) - 78.5

### 1987

A-Stoughton (LaVerne Pieper) - 101.5

B-East Troy (John Stockowitz) - 62

C-Athens (Jerome Wagner) - 73

### 1988

A-Stoughton (LaVerne Pieper) - 140

B-East Troy (John Stockowitz) - 61

C-Shell Lake (James Campbell) - 69

### 1989

A-Wisconsin Rapids (Lewie Benitz) - 105

B-River Valley (Larry Laughery) - 83.5

C-St. Croix Central (Lindy Johnson) - 73

### 1990

A-Hartford (Don Kreuser) - 84.5

B-Lancaster (Ken Manning) - 47.5

C-Riverdale (Robert Miller) - 79

### 1991

1-Fond du Lac (Larry Marchionda) - 100.5

2-St. Croix Falls (Keith O'Donnell) - 68

3-Athens (Jerome Wagner) - 121

### 1992 *(Team champions determined by dual competition for first time)*

1-Merrill (Roger Wendorf) - 36

2-Luxemburg-Casco (Emil Kuhn) - 40

3-Riverdale (Robert Miller) - 28

## Runner-up (Coach) - Points

Merrill (Roger Wendorf) - 56

Oconomowoc (Gale Douglas) - 56

East Troy (John Stockowitz) - 55.5

Sevastopol (Dan Hein) - 84.5

Stoughton (LaVerne Pieper) - 81.5

East Troy (John Stockowitz) - 68

Sevastopol (Dan Hein) - 78.5

Stoughton (LaVerne Pieper) - 69.5

Baldwin-Woodville (Bill Wahlquist) - 44.5

Athens (Jerome Wagner) - 71

Wisconsin Rapids (Lewie Benitz) - 88

Baldwin-Woodville (Bill Wahlquist) - 49

Ithaca (Randy Manning) - 67

Wisconsin Rapids (Lewie Benitz) - 108.5

Richland Center (Francis McCauley) - 48.5

St. Croix Central (Lindy Johnson) - 61.5

Hartford (Donald Kreuser) - 82,

Lancaster (Ken Manning) - 60

Independence (Barry Schmitt) - 61.5

Wisconsin Rapids (Lewie Benitz) - 71

Random Lake (Don Large) - 45

Athens (Jerome Wagner) - 78

Baraboo (Don Huinker) - 78.5

Luxemburg-Casco (Emil Kuhn) - 54

Ozaukee (Steve Paulus) - 65

Waukesha South (Ken Heine) - 19,

Lancaster (Ken Manning) - 20

Athens (Jerome Wagner) - 23

## **Champion (Coach) - Points**

### **1993**

- 1-Merrill (Roger Wendorf) - 27
- 2-Baldwin-Woodville (Bill Wahlquist) - 35
- 3-Athens (Jerome Wagner) - 43

### **1994**

- 1-Muskego (Greg Aprahamian) - 30
- 2-Luxemburg-Casco (Emil Kuhn) - 31
- 3-Athens (Jerry Wagner) - 54

### **1995**

- 1-Wisconsin Rapids (Lewie Benitz) - 37
- 2-Nekoosa (Ron Mueller) - 32
- 3-Athens (Jerome Wagner) - 52

### **1996**

- 1-Wisconsin Rapids (Lewie Benitz) - 27
- 2-Luxemburg-Casco (Emil Kuhn) - 30
- 3-Boyceville (Gregg Eldred) - 27

### **1997**

- 1-Wisconsin Rapids (Lewie Benitz) - 37
- 2-Freedom (Mike Buechler) - 38
- 3-Riverdale (Bob Miller) - 28

### **1998**

- 1-Wisconsin Rapids Lincoln (Lewie Benitz) - 38
- 2-Lodi (Jack Reinwand) - 51
- 3-Bonduel (Jeff DeLorme) - 48

### **1999**

- 1-Wis. Rapids Lincoln (Lewie Benitz) - 50
- 2-Luxemburg-Casco (Emil Kuhn) - 26
- 3-Wrightstown (William Verbeten) - 29

### **2000**

- 1-Wisconsin Rapids Lincoln (Lewie Benitz) - 43
- 2-Ellsworth (Jack Radabaugh) - 42
- 3-Coleman (Kevin Casper) - 42

### **2001**

- 1-Wisconsin Rapids Lincoln (Lewie Benitz) - 36
- 2-Luxemburg-Casco (Bob Berceau) - 30
- 3-Cadott (Ed Lenard) - 31

## **Runner-up (Coach) - Points**

- Pulaski (Joe Kind) - 26
- Campbellsport (Jerry Marking) - 25
- Riverdale (Bob Miller) - 18

- D.C. Everest (Eric Lehrke) - 21
- Nekoosa (Ron Mueller) - 18
- Royall (Dan Baisden) - 15

- Milton (Robert L. Johnson) - 12
- Baldwin-Woodville (Bill Wahlquist) - 24
- Arcadia (Bill Lockington) - 8

- River Falls (Dave Brandvold) - 23
- Baldwin-Woodville (Bill Wahlquist) - 23
- Coleman (Kevin Casper) - 26

- River Falls (Dave Brandvold) - 17
- Waterford (Luke Francois) - 20
- Bonduel (Jeff DeLorme) - 26

- Fond du Lac (Larry Marchionda) - 16
- Chilton (Russell Wurm) - 7
- Wrightstown (William Verbeten) - 6

- Wausau West (Dan Hein) - 7
- Ellsworth (Jack Radabaugh) - 24
- Cumberland (Bob Erickson) - 16

- Kaukauna (Jeff Matczak & Steve McDaniel) - 16
- Lodi (Jack Reinwand) - 11
- Riverdale (Dale Spies) - 15

- Stoughton (Bob Empey/Dan Spilde) - 18
- Ellsworth (Jack Radabaugh) - 19
- Stratford (Joe Schwabe) - 27

## Champion (Coach) - Points

### 2002

- 1-Milton (Robert Johnson) - 25
- 2-Luxemburg-Casco (Bob Berceau) - 34
- 3-Mineral Point (Scott Schmitz) - 33

### 2003

- 1-Wisconsin Rapids Lincoln (Lewie Benitz) - 40
- 2-Luxemburg-Casco (Bob Berceau) - 29
- 3-Mineral Point (Scott Schmitz) - 38

### 2004

- 1-Wisconsin Rapids Lincoln (Lewie & Scott Benitz) - 37
- 2-Lodi (Jack Reinwand) - 53
- 3-Iowa-Grant, (Rick Samuelson) - 53

### 2005

- 1-Wisconsin Rapids Lincoln (Lewie & Scott Benitz) - 42
- 2-Luxemburg-Casco (Bob Berceau) - 64
- 3-Wrightstown (Bill Verbeten) - 48

### 2006

- 1-Wisconsin Rapids Lincoln (Lewie & Scott Benitz) - 31
- 2-Luxemburg-Casco (Bob Berceau) - 39
- 3-Wrightstown (Bill Verbeten) - 36

### 2007

- 1-Wisconsin Rapids Lincoln (Lewie & Scott Benitz) - 38
- 2-Ellsworth (Jack Radabaugh) - 33
- 3-(Tie) Cadott (Ed Lenard) - 31  
(Tie) Mineral Point (Scott Schmitz) - 31

### 2008

- 1-Wausau West (Dan Hein) - 33
- 2-Lodi (Chris Persike) - 36
- 3-Mineral Point (Scott Schmitz) - 47

### 2009

- 1-Wisconsin Rapids Lincoln (Scott Benitz) - 25
- 2-Ellsworth (Jack Radabaugh) - 35
- 3-Mineral Point (Scott Schmitz) - 58

### 2010

- 1-Wisconsin Rapids Lincoln (Scott Benitz) - 52
- 2-Oconto Falls (David Brasier) - 38
- 3-Coleman (Kevin Casper) - 41

## Runner-up (Coach) - Points

- Wisconsin Rapids Lincoln (Lewie Benitz) - 21
- Lodi (Jack Reinwand) - 18
- Stratford (Joe Schwabe) - 18

- Kaukauna (Jeff Matczak) - 18
- Lodi (Jack Reinwand) - 25
- Stratford (Kane Krummel) - 14

- Stoughton (Bob Empey/Dan Spilde) - 16
- Medford (Dan Crass & Tran Brooks) - 10
- Ozaukee (Jerry Hoffmann) - 7

- Arrowhead (John Messenbrink) - 9
- Lomira (Dave Meyer) - 6
- Cadott (Ed Lenard) - 23

- Merrill (Scott Arneson) - 20
- Lodi (Chris Persike) - 32
- Cashton, (Chad Powell) - 20

- Wausau West (Dan Hein) - 12
- Luxemburg-Casco (Bob Berceau) - 22
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- Kaukauna (Jeff Matczak) - 27
- Ellsworth (Jack Radabaugh) - 22
- Coleman (Kevin Casper) - 19

- Wausau West (Dan Hein) - 23
- Lodi (Chris Persike) - 23
- Random Lake (John Hatfield) - 6

- Milton (Pat Jauch) - 17
- Pewaukee (Ed Kurth) - 23
- Mineral Point (Scott Schmitz) - 19

## **Champion (Coach) - Points**

### **2011**

- 1-Wisconsin Rapids Lincoln (Scott Benitz) - 44
- 2-Ellsworth (Jack Radabaugh) - 40
- 3-Coleman (Kevin Casper) - 52

### **2012**

- 1-Wisconsin Rapids Lincoln (Scott Benitz) - 33
- 2-Luxemburg-Casco (Bob Berceau) - 41
- 3-Coleman (Kevin Casper) - 59

### **2013**

- 1-Wausau West (Troy Fabry) - 28
- 2-Luxemburg-Casco (Bob Berceau) - 45
- 3-Lancaster (Brad Sturmer) - 38

### **2014**

- 1-Kaukauna (Jeff Matczak) - 39
- 2-Ellsworth (Chad Steldt) - 41
- 3-Coleman (Kevin Casper) - 39

### **2015**

- 1-Kaukauna (Jeff Matczak) - 41
- 2-Freedom (Justin Lancaster)- 34
- 3-Spring Valley/Elmwood (Carter Turner) - 40

### **2016**

- 1-Kaukauna (Jeff Matczak) - 29
- 2-Ellsworth (Mark Matzek) - 29
- 3-Fennimore (Chad Steldt) - 27

### **2017**

- 1-Kaukauna (Jeff Matczak) - 35
- 2-Ellsworth (Mark Matzek) - 27
- 3-Stratford (Joe Schwabe) - 49

### **2018**

- 1-Stoughton (Bob Empey/Dan Spilde) - 31
- 2-Luxemburg-Casco (Chas Trembl) - 30
- 3-Stratford (Joe Schwabe) - 45

### **2019**

- 1-Stoughton (Bob Empey/Dan Spilde) - 42
- 2-Freedom (Justin Lancaster) - 35
- 3-Fennimore (Chad Steldt) - 31

## **Runner-up (Coach) - Points**

- Arrowhead (John Mesenbrink) - 26
- Luxemburg-Casco (Bob Berceau) - 22
- Mineral Point (Scott Schmitz) - 13

- Hartford (Steve Best) - 25
- Ellsworth (Chad Steldt) - 13
- Spring Valley/Elmwood (Carter Turner) - 5

- Kaukauna (Jeff Matczak) - 27
- Mauston (Randy Gyllin) - 21
- Coleman (Kevin Casper) - 21

- Bay Port (Brad Shefchik) - 22
- Pewaukee (Ed Kurth) - 12
- Spring Valley/Elmwood (Carter Turner) - 22

- Stoughton (Bob Empey/Dan Spilde) - 21
- Ellsworth (Mark Matzek) - 15
- Coleman (Kevin Casper) - 27

- Stoughton (Bob Empey/Dan Spilde) - 27
- Wisconsin Lutheran (Darrell Roecker) - 27
- Stratford (Joe Schwabe) - 26

- Stoughton (Bob Empey/Dan Spilde) - 27
- Luxemburg-Casco (Chas Trembl) - 26
- Fennimore (Chad Steldt) - 13

- Holmen (Jason Lulloff) - 29
- Ellsworth (Mark Matzek) - 28
- Fennimore (Chad Steldt) - 13

- Mukwonago (Jon Wierzbicki) - 24
- Ellsworth (Mark Matzek) - 16
- Stratford (Joe Schwabe) - 24

**2020**

1-Stoughton (Bob Empey/Dan Spilde) - 32

2-Wrightstown (Matthew Verbeten) - 38

3-Coleman (Kevin Casper) - 27

Mukwonago (Jon Wierzbicki) - 30

Gale-Etrick-Trempealeau/Mel.-Min. (Pete Peterson) - 19

Fennimore (Chad Steldt) - 26