

USA WRESTLING FREESTYLE TOURS – FEBRUARY, 2012

(Abbreviated highlights) from Gary Abbott USA Wrestling - 2/07/2012 - Top U.S. Olympic wrestling hopefuls in all three Olympic styles will compete in international competitions during February. These tours help prepare wrestlers for the major events of the 2012 season, incl. the U.S. Olympic Team Trials for Wrestling in Iowa City, IA, April 21-22.

Freestyle Team USA to take tours to the following international events:

Yasar Dogu International

Ankara, Turkey, Feb. 10-12

Vladimir Semenov International

Khanty-Mansiysk, Russia, Feb. 17-19

Outstanding Ukrainian Memorial Int'l

Kiev, Ukraine, Feb. 15-16

Cerro Pelado International

Havana, Cuba, Feb. 14-15

Among the star freestyle wrestlers who will be 2011 World Champion Jordan Burroughs (to Cuba), 2009 World bronze medalist Tervel Dlagnev (to Cuba) and **2008 Olympian Steve Mocco (to Turkey and Ukraine)**. Updates from these international tours will be provided on www.themat.com



LVAC's Keith Gavin (in blue, at left)



Matt Valenti (in red LVAC singlet)



Steve Mocco wins Ivan Yarygin Mem'l

YASAR DOGU INTERNATIONAL - at Ankara, Turkey, Feb. 10-12, 2012

U.S. men's freestyle lineup

55 kg/121 lb – Nick Simmons, Corvallis, OR (Sunkist Kids)

55 kg/121 lb – Obe Blanc, Stillwater, OK (Gator WC)

55 kg/121 lb – Angel Escobedo, Columbus, OH (New York AC)

60 kg/132 lb – Reece Humphrey, Columbus, OH (New York AC)

60 kg/132 lb – Shawn Bunch, Columbus, OH (Gator WC)

60 kg/132 lb – Coleman Scott, Stillwater, OK (Gator WC)

60 kg/132 lb – MATT VALENTI, Philadelphia, PA (Lehigh Valley Athletic Club)

66 kg/145.5 lb- Phillip Simpson, Colo. Springs, CO (U.S. Army)

66 kg/145.5 lb- Dustin Schlatter, Minneapolis, MN (Minnesota Storm)

84 kg/185 lb – KEITH GAVIN, Bethlehem, PA (Lehigh Valley Athletic Club)

84 kg/185 lb – Bryce Hasseman, Stillwater, OK (New York AC)

96 kg/211.5 lb – J.D. Bergman, Columbus, OH (New York AC)

120 kg/264.5 lb – STEVE MOCCO, Bethlehem, PA (Lehigh Valley Athletic Club)

120 kg/264.5 lb – Les Sigman, State College, PA (Nittany Lion WC)

Coaches: National Freestyle Coach Zeke Jones, Colo. Springs, CO, (former LVAC Head Coach, JASON KUTZ, Colo. Springs, CO, Joe Seay, Paso Robles, CA).

OUTSTANDING UKRAINIAN ATHLETES AND COACHES MEMORIAL - at Kiev, Ukraine, Feb. 15-16

U.S. men's freestyle lineup

55 kg/121 lb – Nick Simmons, Corvallis, OR (Sunkist Kids)

55 kg/121 lb – Obe Blanc, Stillwater, OK (Gator WC)

55 kg/121 lb – Angel Escobedo, Columbus, OH (New York AC)

60 kg/132 lb – Shawn Bunch, Columbus, OH (Gator WC)

60 kg/132 lb – MATT VALENTI, Philadelphia, PA (Lehigh Valley AC)

60 kg/132 lb – James Kennedy, Ann Arbor, MI (New York AC)

66 kg/145.5 lb – Teyon Ware, State College, PA (Nittany Lion WC)

66 kg/145.5 lb – Dustin Schlatter, Minneapolis, MN (Minnesota Storm)

66 kg/145.5 lb – Josh Churella, Ann Arbor, MI (New York AC)

66 kg/145.5 lb – Kevin Levalley, Minneapolis, MN (Minnesota Storm)

74 kg/163 lb – Andrew Howe, Cedar Lake, Ind. (New York AC)

84 KG/185lb- KEITH GAVIN, BETHLEHEM, PA (LEHIGH VALLEY WC)

84 kg/185 lb – Bryce Hasseman, Stillwater, OK (New York AC)

84 kg/185 lb – Tyrel Todd, Ann Arbor, MI (New York AC)

84 kg/185 lbs- Jon Reader, Ames, IA (Sunkist Kids)

96 kg/211.5 lb- J.D. Bergman, Columbus, OH (New York AC)

96 kg/211.5 lb- Wynn Michalak, Colo. Springs, CO (Gator WC)

120 kg/264.5 lbs – STEVE MOCCO, Bethlehem, PA (Lehigh Valley AC)

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120 kg/264.5 lbs – Les Sigman, State College, PA (Nittany Lion WC)

120 kg/264.5 lbs – Chad Hanke, Dayton, OR (NWRTC)

Coaches – Andy Hrovat, Ann Arbor, MI; Jamill Kelly, San Luis Obispo, CA; Joe Seay, Paso Robles, CA

VLADIMIR SEMENOV INTERNATIONAL - at Khanty-Mansiysk, Russia, Feb. 17-19

U.S. men's freestyle lineup

55 kg/121 lb - Brandon Precin, Evanston, IL (New York AC)

55 kg/121 lb - [Mark McKnight](#), State College, PA (Nittany Lion WC, [former LVAC wrestler](#))

60 kg/132 lb - Tyler Graff, Loveland, CO (New York AC)

60 kg/132 lb - Justin Pearch, Colo. Springs, CO (U.S. Army)

84 kg/185 lb - Doug Umbehauer, Port Matilda, PA. (Nittany Lion WC)

Team Leader - Paul Kieblesz, New York, NY Coach – Brian Keck, Las Vegas, NV

CERRO PELADO INTERNATIONAL - at Havana Cuba, Feb. 14-15

(No LVAC entries: see www.themat.com for U.S. men's freestyle lineup)