Back-to-Back Banner Years for the Cardinals

- 6th place at the National Dual Championship
- Nationally ranked as high as 10th in the country, finished 11th nationally in final poll
- 141-pounder Nick Scotto tied for lead in the nation among all divisions for seasonal pins w/21 pins
- 149-pounder Howard Tobochnik was 7th in nation with 15 pins
- 15-7 dual-season record
- 2nd place NEWA Conference Dual Championship
- 4th place in the inaugural Northeast Region Championship (18 teams)
- 3 NCAA Qualifiers
- 6 All-Northeast Region Wrestlers
- 6th in the nation “Scholar All-American Wrestling Team”
- 4 Scholar All-Americans

Three NCAA Qualifiers (L to R): Howard Tobochnik, Josh Roometua, Jefferson Ajayi
Cardinals are #10 in the country among NCAA Division III teams

**National Wrestling Coaches Association Division III**

January 16, 2013

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Nick Scotto, 141 pounds, #1 in the nation for pins for NCAA Divisions I, II, III, NAIA, and Junior College – 21 pins out of 33 seasonal wins

**Scotto tied with Kulchytskyy atop Division III leaders with 21 pins apiece**

NCAA.com

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**INDIANAPOLIS** — The NCAA has released standings for the 2013 NCAA Most Dominant Wrestler Award and most falls and tech falls in Divisions I, II and III. A minimum of 18 matches is required to be eligible for the Most Dominant Wrestler standings. For match results to be counted toward any of the award standings they must come against opponents within the same division.

For the seventh week in a row, Ohio State’s Logan Stieber leads the Most Dominant Wrestler standings, with a 5.4444
points average. At 133 pounds, Stieber holds a substantial lead in Division I ahead of Dustin Kilgore of Kent State, who is in second place with a 5.1143 average.

In Division II, Pittsburgh-Johnstown’s Travis McKillop leads for the third consecutive week with a 4.52 points average at 184 pounds. Shamus O’Grady of St. Cloud State is on his heels with a 4.4074 average.

Nazar Kulchytskyy of Wisconsin-Oshkosh remains Division III’s most dominant leader for the fifth consecutive week. The 165-pounder averages 5.4 points and holds the second-best cross-divisional mark.

In the Division I falls category, Kent State’s Dustin Kilgore has garnered the most pins with a total of 17 in 43:23. The 197-pounder is trailed by Cornell’s Kyle Dake (165 pounds) who has tallied 16.

Newberry’s Jeffrey Vesta tops the Division II falls standings with a total of 14 in the 125-pound weight class.

In Division III, Kulchytskyy and Nick Scotto of Wesleyan (Conn.) each own 21 pins, but Kulchytskyy has the edge after compiling them in a cumulative time of 43:17 compared to Scotto’s 54:15.

The Century Club - 100 Win Club
Wesleyan has five individuals in the history of the wrestling program who have 100 or more wins in their career. Three of these wrestlers were seniors this past year (Howard Tobochnik, 119-45; Kyle Roosa, 108-38; Jefferson Ajayi, 106-31).

Wesleyan’s 100 win club: The Elite 5
- Howard Tobochnik ’13 (119-45)
- Dan Bloom ’10 (111-32)
- Kyle Roosa ’13 (108-38)
- Jefferson Ajayi ’13 (106-31)
- Greg Hurd ’10 (103-29)

Wesleyan Athletics Honors 173 Scholar-Athletes, Announces Winners of Maynard Awards
Wed., May 1, 2013

Howard Tobochnick received the Maynard Award as the top student-athlete at Wesleyan during the inaugural Scholar Athlete Dinner, held in Beckham Hall, Fayerweather, for all his achievements as a student and wrestler. Howard is the third wrestler in the past 11 years to win this award (Nick Bazos 2002, Adam Jonas 2004). Howard is a “Renaissance Man” or in this day and age he is “The Most Interesting Man in the World”, yes, like the Dos Equis guy. See Howard’s achievements.

- Four-year starter on the wrestling team
- Competed in every wrestling event in his four years
- Three-time Scholar All-American (you can only receive this award three times)
- Two-time captain of the wrestling team, helping lead the team to the 2012 New England title right here at Wesleyan AND A SIXTH-PLACE FINISH AT THE 2013 NATIONAL DUALS IN ILLINOIS
- Four-time all-conference wrestler including New England finalist last year and NCAA QUALIFIER THIS YEAR, JUST FALLING SHORT OF BECOMING AN ALL-AMERICAN
- Had an overall grade point average of a 3.85, majoring in mathematics
- A senior year record of 38 wins & only 7 losses
- Was seventh in the nation in PINS with almost half of his wins by PIN, which is the ultimate goal in the sport of wrestling
- Has been a student mentor and tutor at the MacDonough School
- Was a member and leader in the SAAC (Student Athletic Advisory Committee)
- Was a campus leader working as a lead Residential Advisor
- Also taught math in the Center for Prison Education in Cheshire
Freshman Josh Roometua Qualifies for NCAAs

Wesleyan had its third freshman competitor in wrestling history qualify for the NCAA Tournament (joining Mike Whalen in 1980 and Robert Ginsberg in 1982). Josh Roometua went 5-1 to place third in the inaugural Northeast Region Championship. Josh had a first-year record of 29-14 during the season. On his way to third place regionally, he defeated two senior returning New England placers, runner-up Phil Ernst of Roger Williams and Blake McNulty of Johnson & Wales.

COACHES “Stance In Motion”

Dear Wesleyan Wrestling Alumnus, Parents, Wrestlers, Friends, and Wesleyan Supporters:

Wesleyan Wrestling has attained some great successes and achievements, especially these past few years. This is a direct result of having top quality alumni, parents, friends, family members, Wesleyan supporters, and top student-athletes all on a mission, a mission of excellence. We have one of the top universities in the country, and we want to have and continue to have a top, winning, nationally recognized wrestling program. This is attainable because of you and I am sincerely grateful to be coaching and teaching at such a dynamic place surrounded by special people. THANK YOU!

There is much to be excited about here at Wesleyan, especially with our wrestling program. Our wrestling program is attaining top goals and achievements and continues to perform at a very high level in an increasingly tough, competitive environment. We had a very special team again this past year and a very special group of seniors that I would like to write about. But first ….

Wesleyan has a rich and storied history of wrestling. One of my first thoughts of wrestling excellence takes me to the Coach Biddi, Coach John Biddiscombe Era, and his 15-year tenure. Coach Biddi had a phenomenal run, especially a special four-year period from 1980-1984 with his “Red & Black Attack”

Team Accomplishments 1980-84

- The first team to win a New England Championship, 1984
- From 1980-1984, the Fighting Cardinals were an outstanding 45-13-1
- 1980-81 (9-5); 1981-82 (9-6); 1982-83 (13-1); 1983-84 (14-2-1)
- There were 2 All-Americans in Scott Steele (1980) & Matt Skalla (1983)
That is very impressive! Now, let’s take a look at the Class of 2013. The senior class of (L to R) Maika Nagata, Howard Tobochnik, Nick Scotto, Justin Metz, Jefferson Ajayi, Gideon Levy and Kyle Roosa.

Team accomplishments 2009-2013

- New England Team Champions (2012)
- Four consecutive winning seasons, cumulative 53-23-1 (.695), best since the class of 1987 (44-17-1, .714)
- National ranking in NCAA Division III (2012-13, as high as 10th, finished dual season 11th) (2011-12, 29th), (2010-11, 29th), (2009-10, 26th)
- 2009-10 (11-7); 2010-11 (16-3-1), 2011-12 (11-6); 2012-13 (15-7)
- 2010-11 season, most consecutive wins by any wrestling team in Wesleyan history (11 straight wins), team went 16-3-1 (2nd most wins in program history)
- Scholar All-American Wrestling Team, 4th in the nation for three consecutive years (2010-12), 6th place in 2013
- Placed 6th at the NCAA Division III National Dual tournament in Illinois in 2013, defeating the #7 (Olivet, MI) and #9 (Ithaca, NY) teams in the country at the time. This is the second highest finish by a New England team in the history of the National Duals
- 2012 All-American, Jefferson Ajayi, 7th place at 184 pounds

This is a special team and group of seniors who led by example and raised the bar. The teams of the 1980s and these past four year have been dominant and special for the Cardinals. Hats off to all of these great men, teams, and all of our Cardinals. There have been so many teammates before, in between, & now after them who have all made an impact on Wesleyan wrestling. I hope that all of our Wesleyan wrestling Cardinals are proud of where they came from, what they did at Wesleyan, and where they are now after having the Wesleyan experience.

I am also writing to you to let you know about the future of Wesleyan wrestling and the exciting happenings on the horizon.
Other exciting news for Wesleyan Wrestling:

• We have named our wrestling room “The Biddiscombe Wrestling Room” in honor of John Biddiscombe, 38 years at Wesleyan, 15 as the Head Wrestling Coach where he won the first wrestling championship in 1984. There have been many upgrades completed to the wrestling room with more exciting upgrades to do.

• With the retirement of John Biddiscombe, we now have our Athletics Department being led by former four-time New England Champion Wrestler under Coach Biddiscombe, Mike Whalen ‘83. Mike has coached college wrestling as well and is a great advocate and leader for our sport and is now in his second year as Director of Athletics.

• Blair Tugman will be in his second year as assistant coach to help our program reach new levels. Coach Tugman was a three-time N.J. State placer, a former Division I wrestler at Lock Haven University, and just recently took his Daniel Hand High School team to a 3rd place and 2nd place finish in the High School New England Championships in consecutive years.

• We had a great freshman group this past year who are now sophomores and we have just added nine great student-athletes to the Cardinal wrestling family, the class of 2017. The team is younger, but certainly has a lot of talent.

In order to continue our success, we need your help. Our mission is to bridge the gap between what we have and what we need to maintain the quality of our program. To get the job done, we’re hoping for an assist from people we are close to and who want us to succeed as top students, athletes, and community members.

To ensure we continue to conduct a first-rate program, it is our need to annually raise $25-$30,000.

Wesleyan Wrestling Top Annual Budget Items for 2013-14:

• Finish the Biddiscombe Wrestling Room (paint ceiling, add the names of those individuals to our Al Williams ’61, Robichaud (Chris ’05) Family and the Barry (Robert ’12) Walls of Excellence, trophy case to showcase all of Wesleyan’s achievements with domed lighting on the case as you enter the room and adding some training bikes - $17,000

The Essentials to running the wrestling program during the year:

• Training apparel (sweats, training shirts, shorts) - $9,000
• Travel (Bus) - $2500
• Hotels - $3,000 (we have five overnight trips this year)
• Team meal for each event during the season - $2,000
• Assistant Wrestling Coach (need to retain top quality people who make us better) - $3,000
• Recruiting costs (travel to events, recruit database info - you are who you recruit) - $2,000
• Bring our non-starting wrestlers to the Futures Tournament - $500
• Annual Wrestling Awards Banquet/Dinner - $3,000
• Bring assistant to NCAA Championships - $1000
• Student-athlete welfare/health-cleaning items for locker room, wrestling room, skin cleanliness - $700
• Offer guarantees to have more home matches each year - $1000
• Webcast home events - $500

TOTAL: $28,200 ($45,200 with the final upgrades to the Biddi Wrestling Room)

I am making a personal appeal to you to help support and continue to support our team with a tax-deductible contribution. Any amount helps with our mission, direction, and values of Wesleyan wrestling. The important part is your help and contribution in helping us to be a better team and program.

I would like to again take this time to thank you for your support this past year and in past years. We are able to do many things for our student-athletes and our team (fundraising needs noted above) to provide a top-of-the-line college experience with your generous contributions. If you have any questions or need any information about Wesleyan and the wrestling program, please do not hesitate to call or email me. I hope we can continue our relationship working with our Wesleyan wrestling program and family.

P.S. If a donation is made to the wrestling team, please make the check payable to:

Wesleyan University Wrestling
Please send the check to: Wrestling Office
Wesleyan University
Freeman Athletic Center
161 Cross Street
Middletown, CT 06459-0413

Please include your name, class, address, phone # and email address with your donation.

You may also donate on-line: https://wescommunity.wesleyan.edu/giving/App

**When you arrive at the page, it is important to do two things:

- Use the drop-down menu to indicate you want your donation to go to athletics and then at the bottom of the page in the Comments box, indicate that your donation should go towards the Men’s Wrestling Coach’s Fund.

Another way to donate:
Call our contact in the University Relations office, Robert Mosca at 860-685-3730, to make your gift over the phone or he can help with stock transfers.

*All gifts to Wesleyan are tax deductible

All donations are tax-deductible. Please note that this gift does not count toward the unrestricted “Wesleyan Fund,” but you will be counted as a participant in Wesleyan’s current fundraising campaign. We hope you also will support the Wesleyan Fund each year. Thanks for all your support!!

LEVELS OF SUPPORT:

- Varsity $25+
- All-Conference $50+
- Conference Champ $100+
- All-American $250+
- National Champ $500+
- World Champ $1,000+
- Olympic Champ $5,000+
- Hall of Fame $10,000+

Most Recent 2012-13 Contributors to the Wesleyan University Wrestling Program

THANK YOU!

- Bill & Janet Robichaud P’05
- Allan F. Williams ’61
- Paul Amoruso ’87
- Mike Charlton ’89
- Louis & Sally Cannon P ’14
- Barry Family Foundation (Robert & Deborah) c/o Loeb & Loeb P’12
- Matt Skalla ’85
- The Whizzer ’72
- Kevin & Lorie Nagata P’13
- Henry “Hank” Andersen ’40
- Charles & Susan Alvanos P ’11
- Thomas & Tia Hamilton P ’16
- Glen & Rosemary Sblendorio P ’15
- Andrea Moll Tobochnik P’13
- Jan Tobochnik P’13
- Douglas Hurd & Cynthia Parlato-Hurd P’10
- John & Julie Sampson (New Direx) P ’14
- Robert Kaplan ’78, P’09
- Daniel & Kathleen Mena P’13

Wayland head wrestling coach Rick Moyer
with Al Williams ’61 & Eric Krasnoff ’84
• Jeremy & Robin Schwartz P ’14
• Frank Morro GP’15
• Eric Krasnoo ‘84 & Linda Krasnoo
• Francis P. O’Boyle Jr. ’85
• Stephen Treuer & DeDe LeShy P ’14
• Kurt Tauer ’73, P’00
• John & Gayle Biddiscombe
• Oren & Susan Baratz P ’15
• Thomas & Janet Bachy P ’10
• Michael “Mickey” Levine ’60 P’98
• Matt Higgins
• Frank Leone ’71
• Scott Steele ’80
• Howard Black ’63
• Harold C. Buckingham Jr. ’52
• Peter Crivelli ’86
• Francis K. Moll Jr. ’54, P’84
• J.B. Rogers ’85
• Michael Leonard ’03
• Ronald Loose ’60
• Scott Karsten’74
• Emely Karandy ’75
• Gregory Hurd ’10

If I have forgotten anyone, please call and yell at me!

Annual Wrestling Awards Banquet

After each season we have a semi-formal banquet so we may reflect on the past season and recognize the team and each individual for their improvements, successes, and achievements. This year we celebrated again at the First & Last Tavern on Main Street in Middletown. This year’s special award recipients were:

• Excellence in Wrestling, Leadership, & Scholarship – Howard Tobochnik ’13, Nick Scotto ’13
• Excellence in Scholarship- Howard Tobochnik ’13
• Ironman Award - Howard Tobochnik ’13, Nick Scotto ’13. Kyle Roosa ’13, Jefferson Ajayi ’13, James Hamilton ’16, Chris Siracusa ’16
• Gorrarian Award (most falls) - (21 pins) Nick Scotto ’13
• 11th Man Award – Maika Nagata ’13, Justin Metz ’13, Gideon Levy ’13, Nick Treuer ’15, Mike Baratz ’15, Zach Larabee ’15
• Most Improved Wrestler – Taran Carr ’16
• Newcomer of the Year – Josh Roometua ’16, James Hamilton ’16, Chris Siracusa ’16
• Most Exciting Match of the Season - Austin Frank ’15 pinning to win vs. #9 Ithaca College to place in the National Duals
• SENIOR APPRECIATION AWARD – Howard Tobochnik, Nick Scotto, Jefferson Ajayi, Kyle Roosa, Maika Nagata, Justin Metz, & Gideon Levy

“Biddi Award” Recipients, 2013

This award recognizes a “Friend(s) of Wesleyan Wrestling” who gives back and helps support the Wesleyan Wrestling Program in every way. The support of Wesleyan Wrestling has been tremendous. The award is named after our retired Athletics Director and former wrestling coach of 15 seasons, John Biddiscombe. The eighth annual “Biddi Award” recipient(s) were recognized at our annual wrestling awards banquet in April going to:
Louis & Sally Cannon  
Kevin & Lorie Nagata  
Russell & Maureen Scotto  
Joseph & Rita Roosa  

And a very special thank you to the Robichaud Family (Bill & Janet Robichaud), the Williams Family (Al & Wendy), and Barry Family (Robert & Deborah) for their consistent support of Wesleyan wrestling. In honor of these great contributors to Wesleyan wrestling, we now have the Robichaud (Chris ’05) Family Wall of Excellence-All American, the Al Williams ’61 Wall of Excellence-New England & Northeast Champion, and the Barry (Robert ’12) Family Wall of Excellence-Scholar All-American.

WEBCASTS FOR THE 2013-14 SEASON—
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Home Dates/ 2013-14 season
Home webcast: Sun., Feb. 16 - Wrestling vs. JWU, 12 p.m.
                               vs. SUNY Oswego, 2 p.m.
                               vs. Hunter College, 4 p.m.

I would like to keep the wrestling alumni, parents, & friends of Wesleyan Wrestling abreast of the weekly events, competitions, news, & happenings with the wrestling program via a weekly in-season email newsletter. This has been very well-received and enjoyable for our supporters to be able to keep a pulse on the team and where we are heading next. Please send me your email address or a change in your email address to dblack@wesleyan.edu or call me at 860-685-2907. I look forward to hearing from our wrestling alumni, parents, friends, and supporters. If you have email addresses of other teammates and/or friends of Wesleyan wrestling please send those as well. Thank you.

Steve Roslonek ’93, former team captain and all-New England Wrestler, has become an award-winning songwriter and performer of kids songs. He travels the world performing his great shows for television and concerts. Coach Black just happened to bump into Steve at Hartford’s Bradley Airport while the Black family was on its way to Florida.
Recruiting
Please feel free to get in touch with me about any outstanding high school student wrestlers. There are so many Wesleyan wrestling alums all around the country. This is an exceptional way to help Wesleyan get the edge in maintaining a competitive and winning wrestling team. One can never have enough help in recruiting. I thank you in advance for your assistance.

**WESLEYAN A+ PROGRAM**
The A+ Program (Athletic Advantage Program) has been in existence since 2008 and is now being implemented across the athletic department. Its primary goal is to enhance the student-athlete experience by connecting current players with alumni, providing career counseling, and much more. Below are aspects of the program through which you can become involved:
1) Mentor program – pairing current players with alumni who can provide sage advice on classes, living at Wes, and careers beyond.
2) WeShadow – Inviting a current player to shadow you at work to learn more about your profession.
3) Internships – Offering a one-week to eight-week internship (paid or unpaid) to a current undergraduate player.
4) Speaker series – Return to campus to share your insights about Wesleyan, your career, or how Wesleyan cross country helped you become what you are.

Please follow up with Drew Black if you are interested in any of the above opportunities. It is a great way to stay involved, to give back, and to stay connected with the current program. It is another exciting development in our program that will continue to separate us as the premier program not only in the NESCAC, but in the country!.

Drew Black - <dblack@wesleyan.edu> - (860) 685-2907

**Homecoming Weekend-November 2nd, 2013**
9am - Continental Breakfast in the Biddiscombe Wrestling Room, **10:30am** - Wrestling Team Practice, **11:45am** - Coach & Team introductions-Team Goals. Come join us for a cup of coffee, some catching up, meet the team, watch the Cardinals in action and then head on off to watch our homecoming football game vs. Williams at 1:00 p.m.

**2013-14 WESLEYAN WRESTLING SCHEDULE**

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