

# 1997 NCAA Division II National Wrestling Championship FINAL Team Standings

1. San Francisco State	95
2. Nebraska-Omaha	81
3. Central Oklahoma	67
4. South Dakota State	65
5. Pitt-Johnstown	63
6. Western State	48.5
7. North Dakota State	48
8. Northern Colorado	32
West Liberty State	32
10. Fort Hays State	30.5
11. Moorhead State	29
12. Augustana	28.5
13. North Dakota	27.5
14. SIU-Edwardsville	27
15. Southern Colorado	25.5
16. Adams State	25
17. Mankato State	24
18. Central Missouri State	23
19. Chadron State	19.5
20. St. Cloud State	18
21. Southwest State	17
22. Ashland	11
23. Colorado Mines	8.5
24. American International	5
Carson-Newman	5
Wisconsin-Parkside	5
27. Gardner-Webb	4.5
Nebraska-Kearney	4.5
29. Mansfield	3
30. Massachusetts-Lowell	2
31. Kutztown	1.5
32. Indianapolis	1
Truman State	1
34. UNC-Pembroke	0.5
35. Gannon	0.0
Minnesota-Morris	0.0
Northern State	0.0
Shippensburg	0.0
So. Connecticut St.	0.0

<b>Attendance</b>	
<b>Session I</b>	726
<b>Session II</b>	981
<b>Session III</b>	1,098
<b>Session IV</b>	<u>1,399</u>
<b>Total</b>	4,244
<b>Average</b>	1,061

**OUTSTANDING WRESTLER**

**Nate Hendrickson, Moorhead State**

**COACH OF THE YEAR**

**Lars Jensen, San Francisco State**

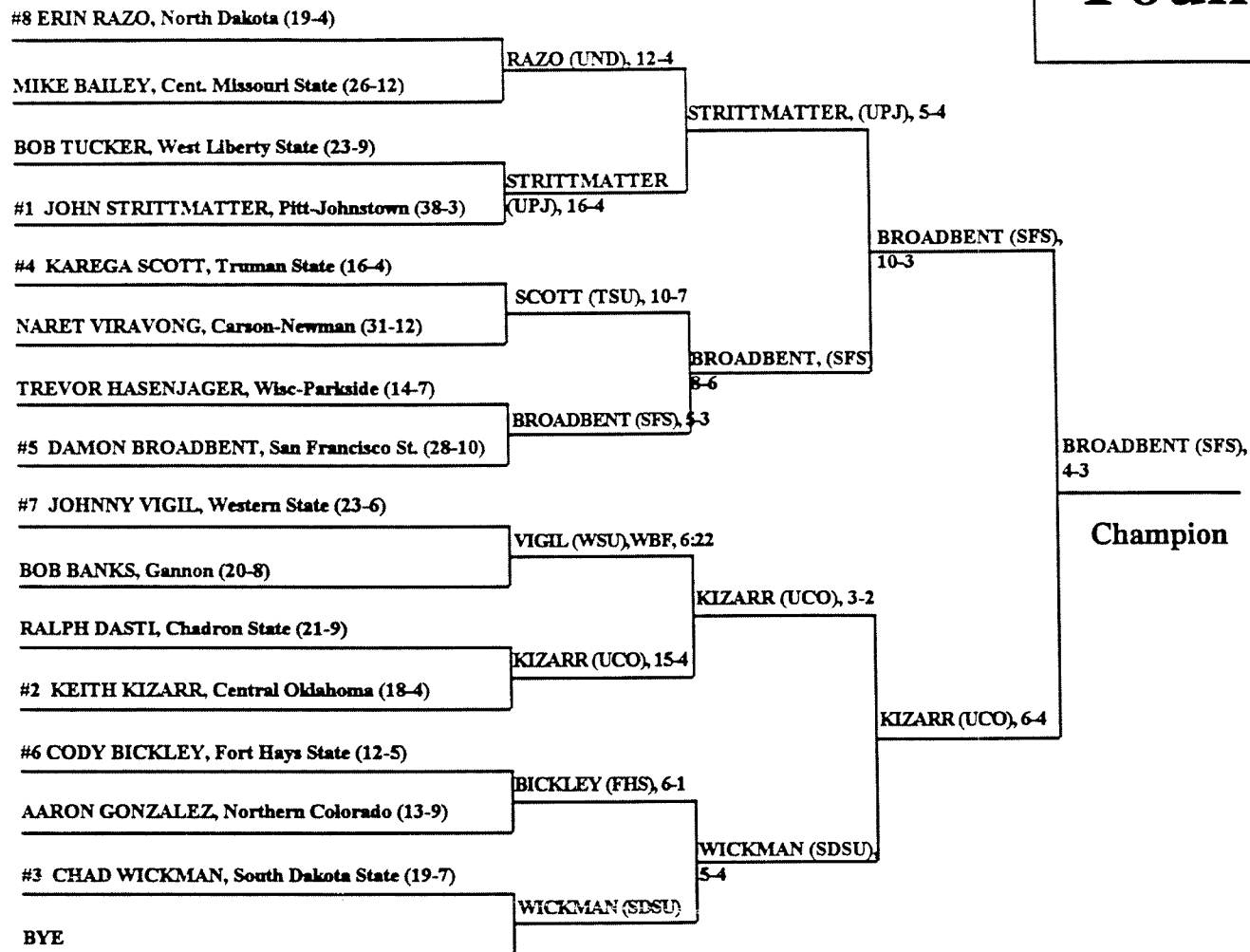
**MOST PINS IN QUICKEST TIME**

**Troy Szydel, Mankato State  
three falls in 3:46**

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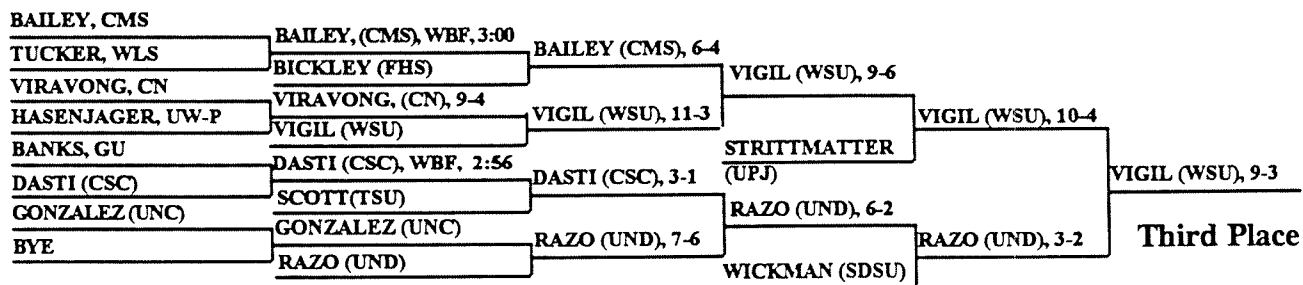
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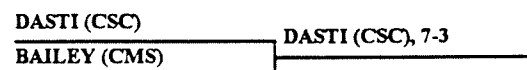
## Consolation Wrestlebacks



**Third Place**



**Fifth Place**



**Seventh Place**



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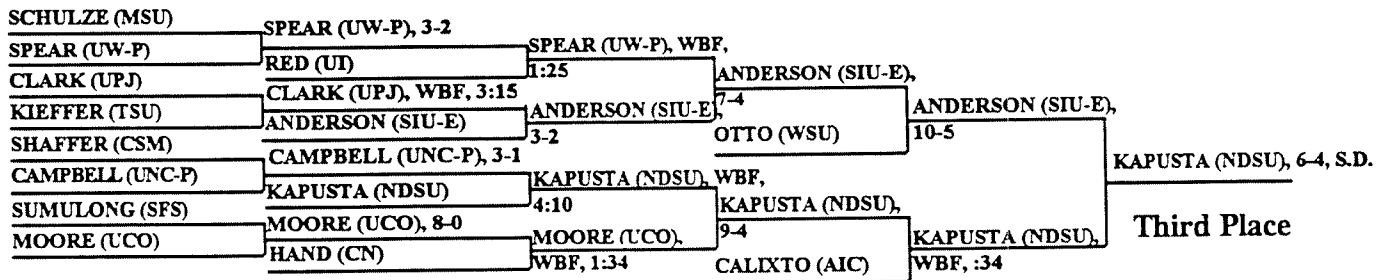
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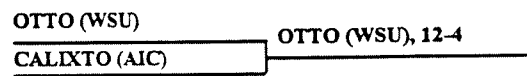


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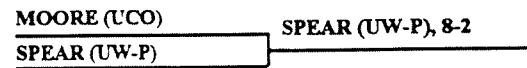
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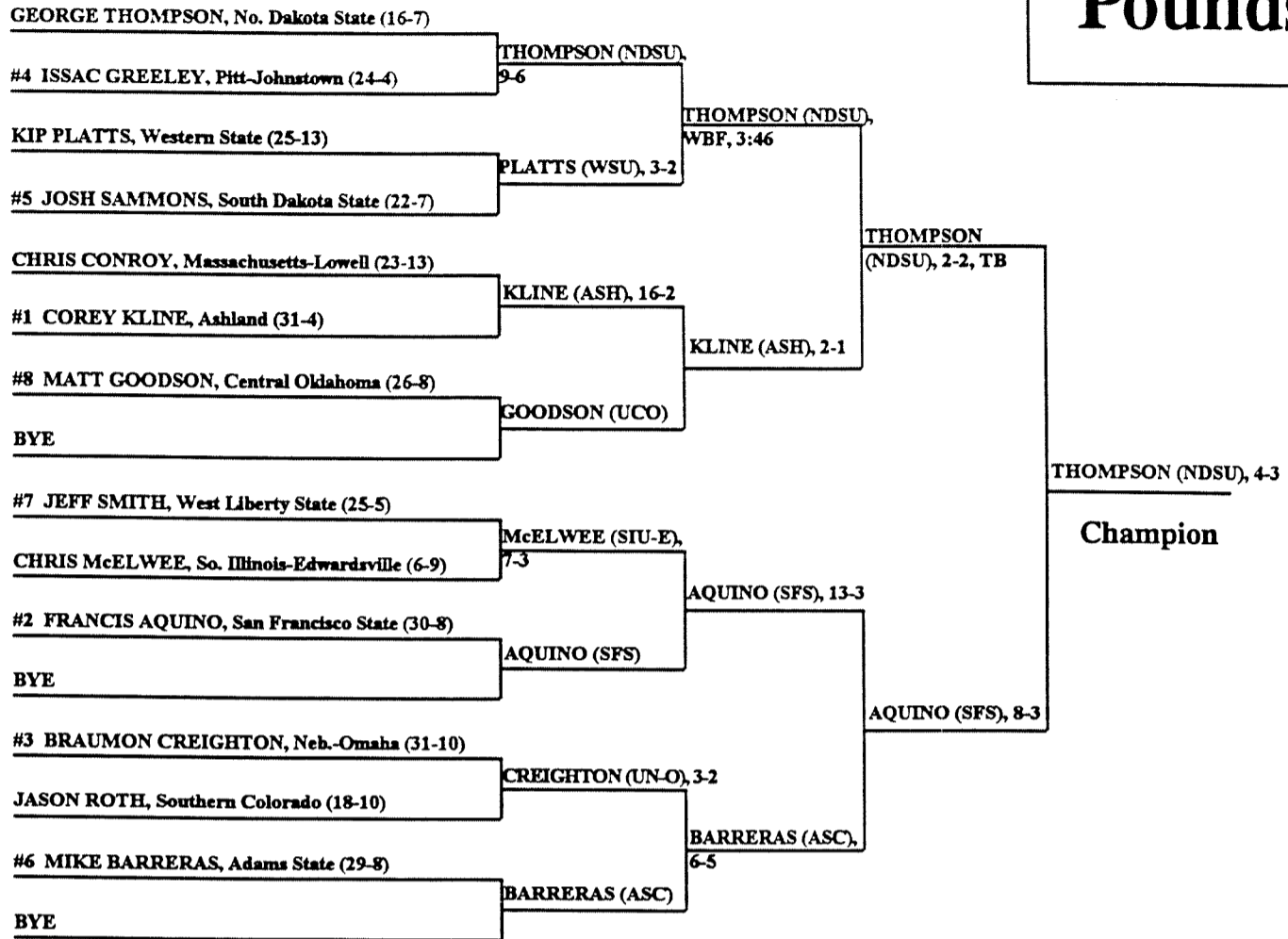
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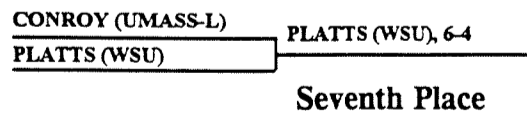
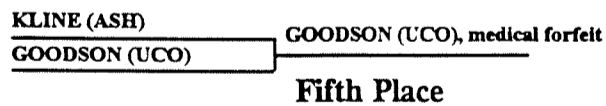
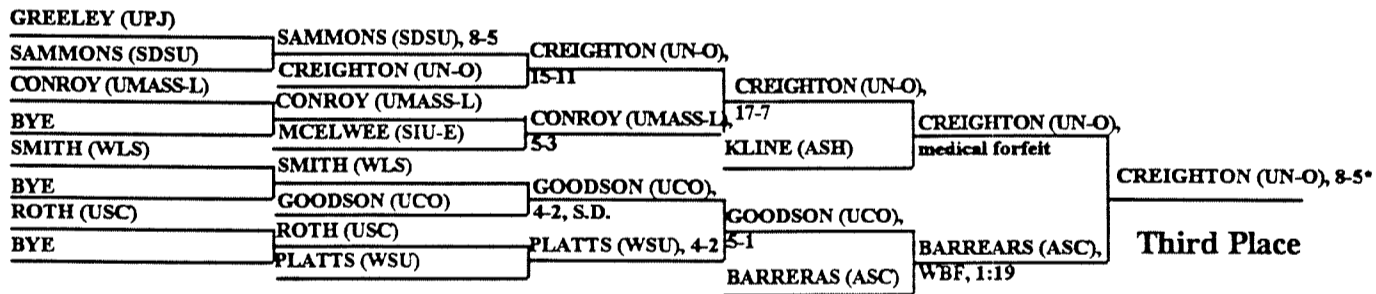
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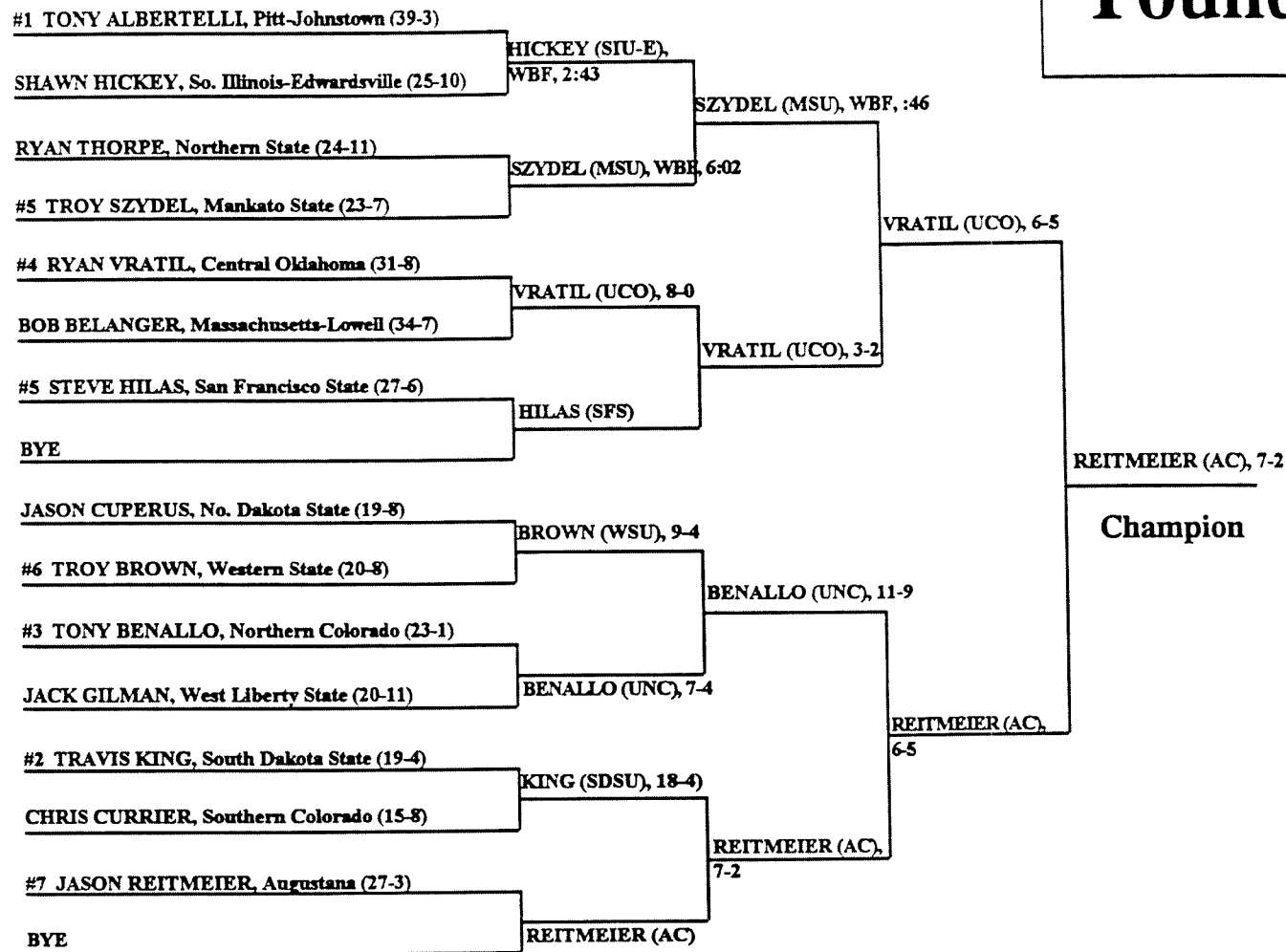


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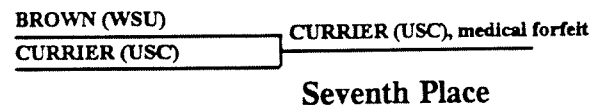
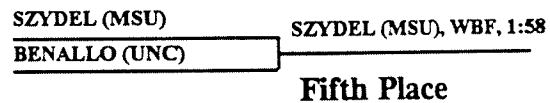
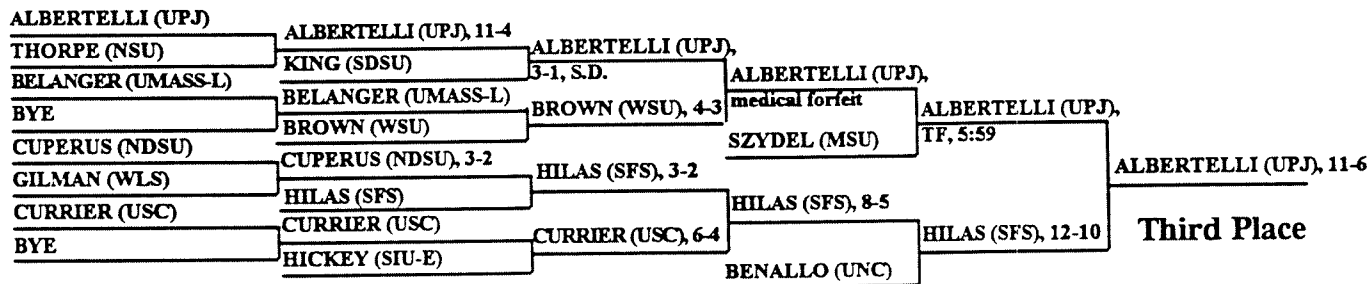
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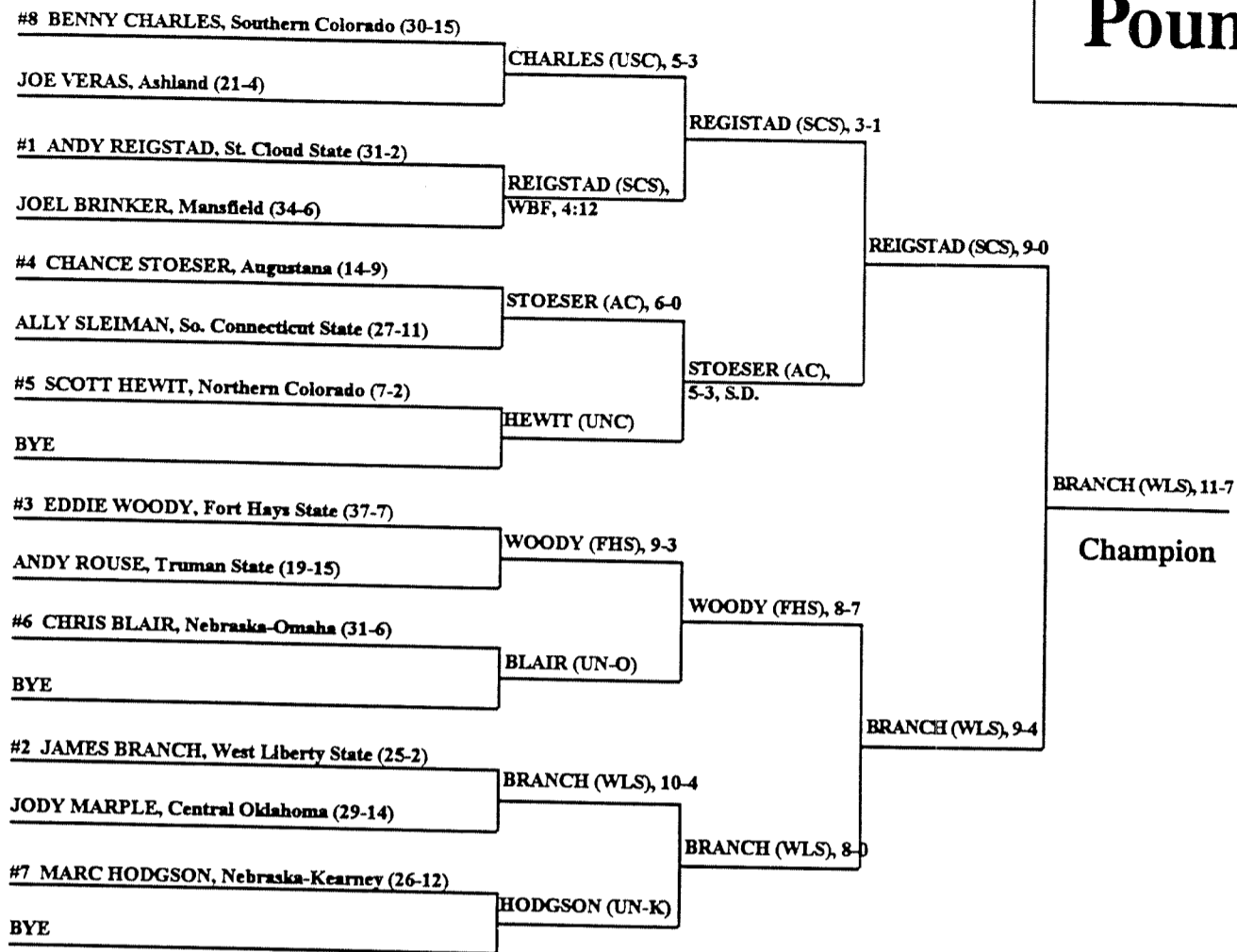
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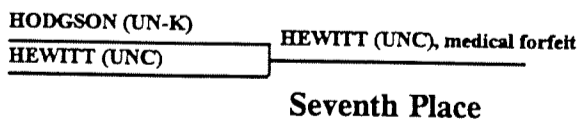
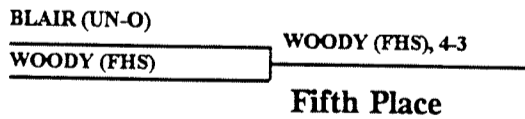
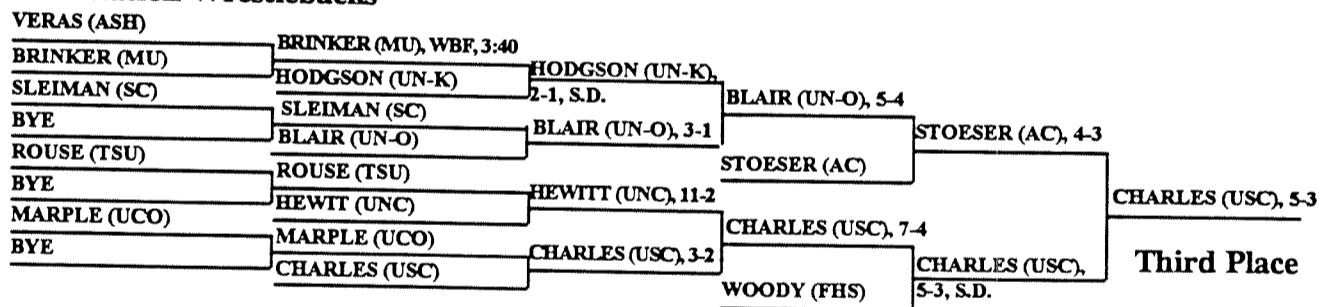
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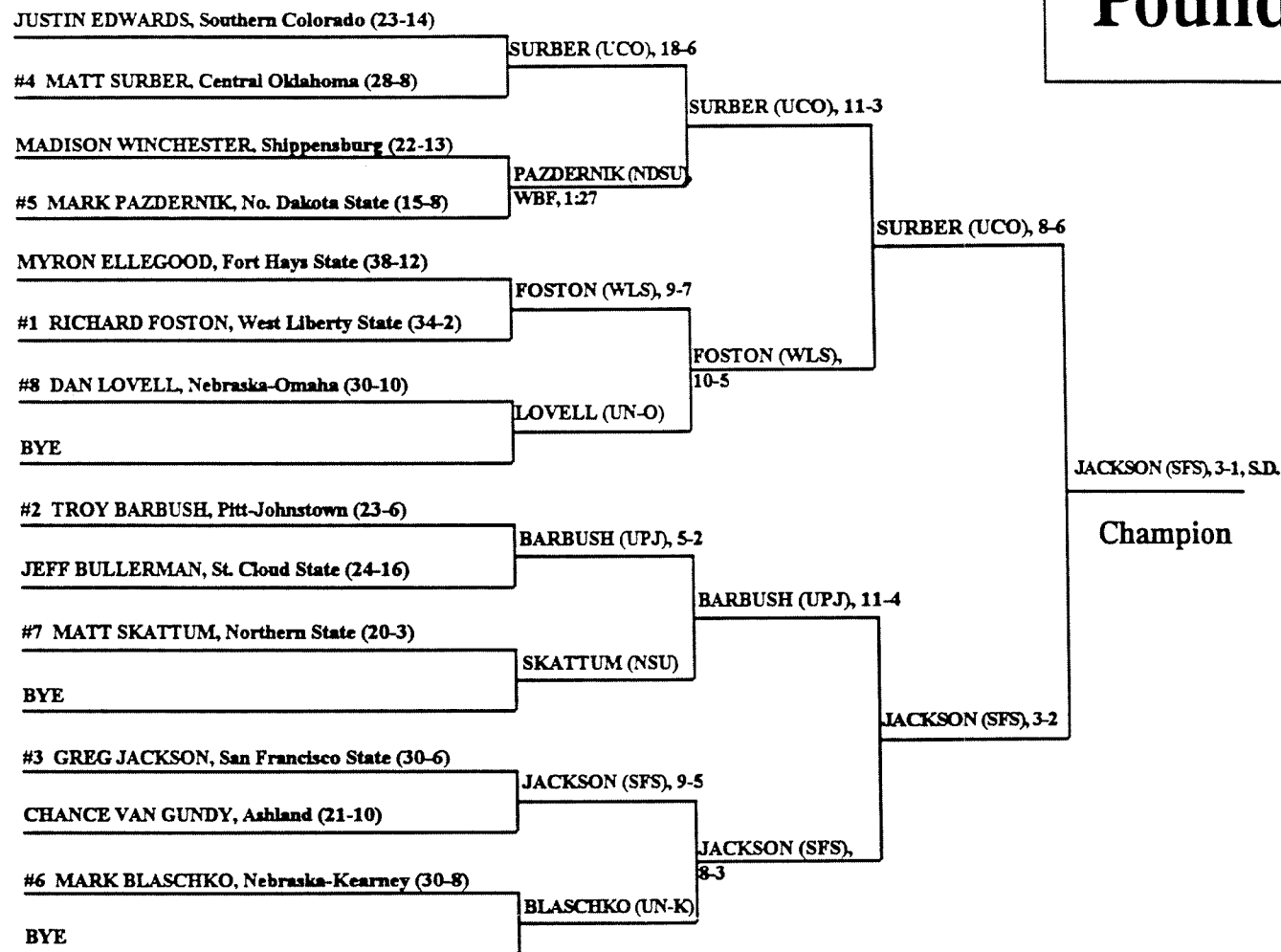
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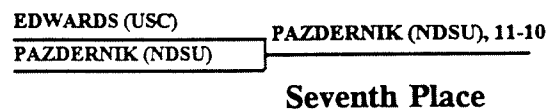
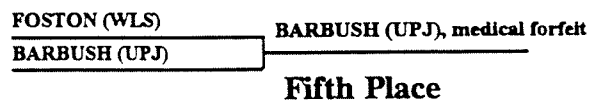
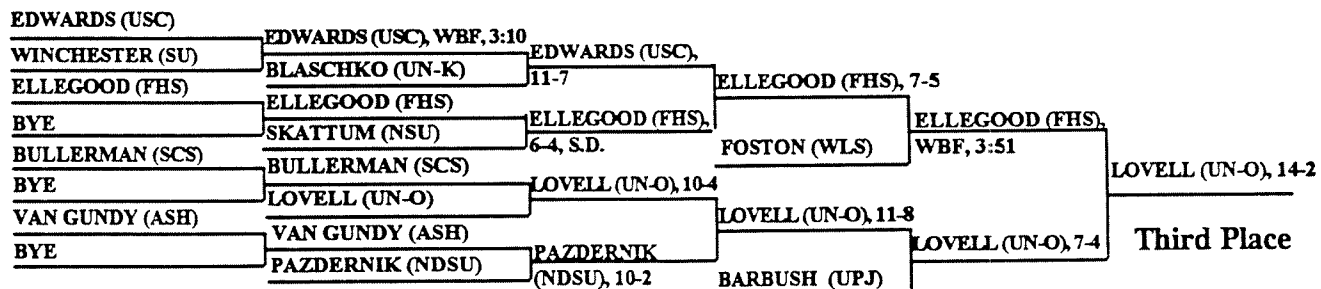
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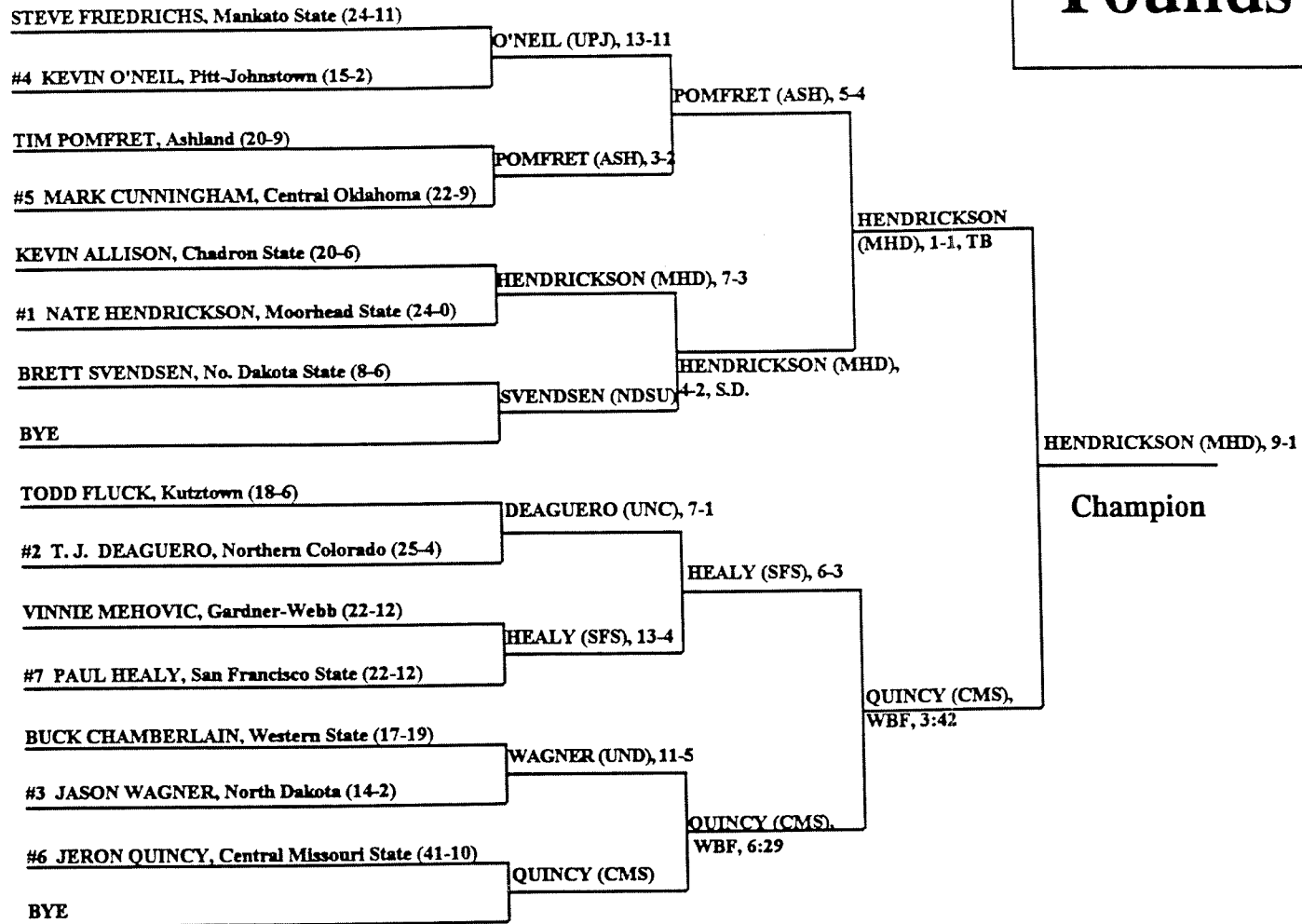
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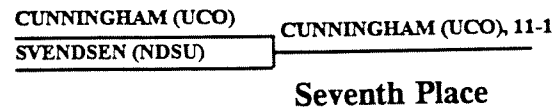
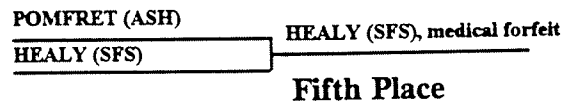
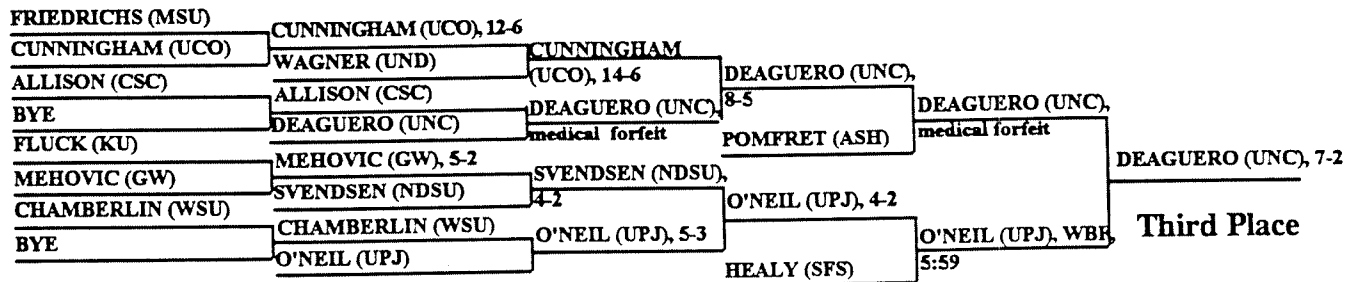
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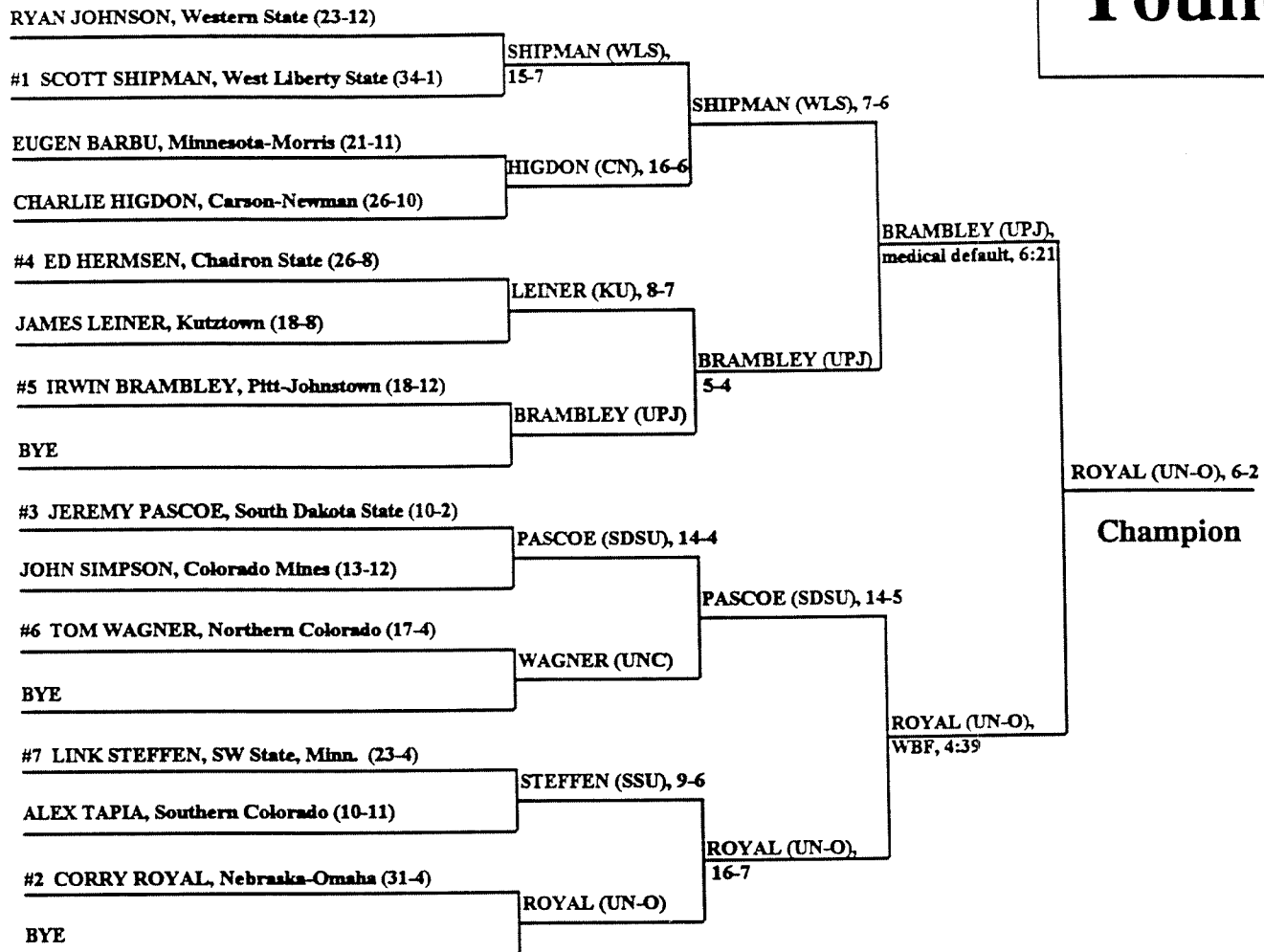




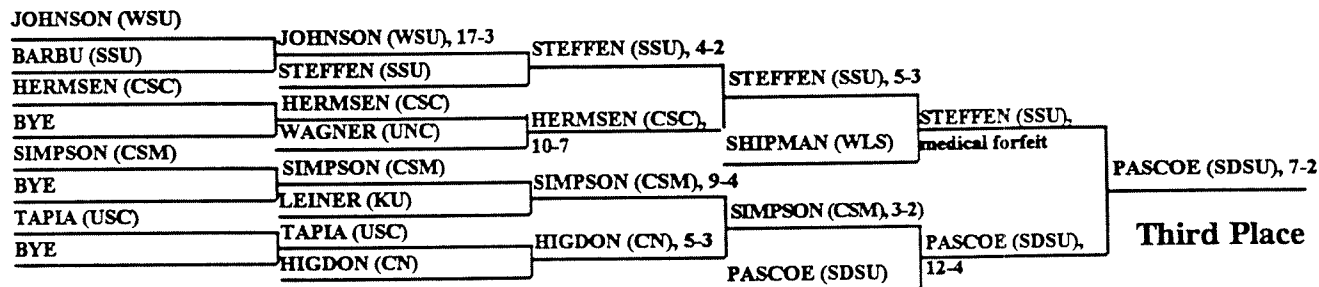
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## Consolation Wrestlebacks



SHIPMAN (WLS)	SIMPSON (CSM), medical forfeit
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**Fifth Place**

HERMSEN (CSC)	HERMSEN (CSC), 5-1
HIGDON (CN)	

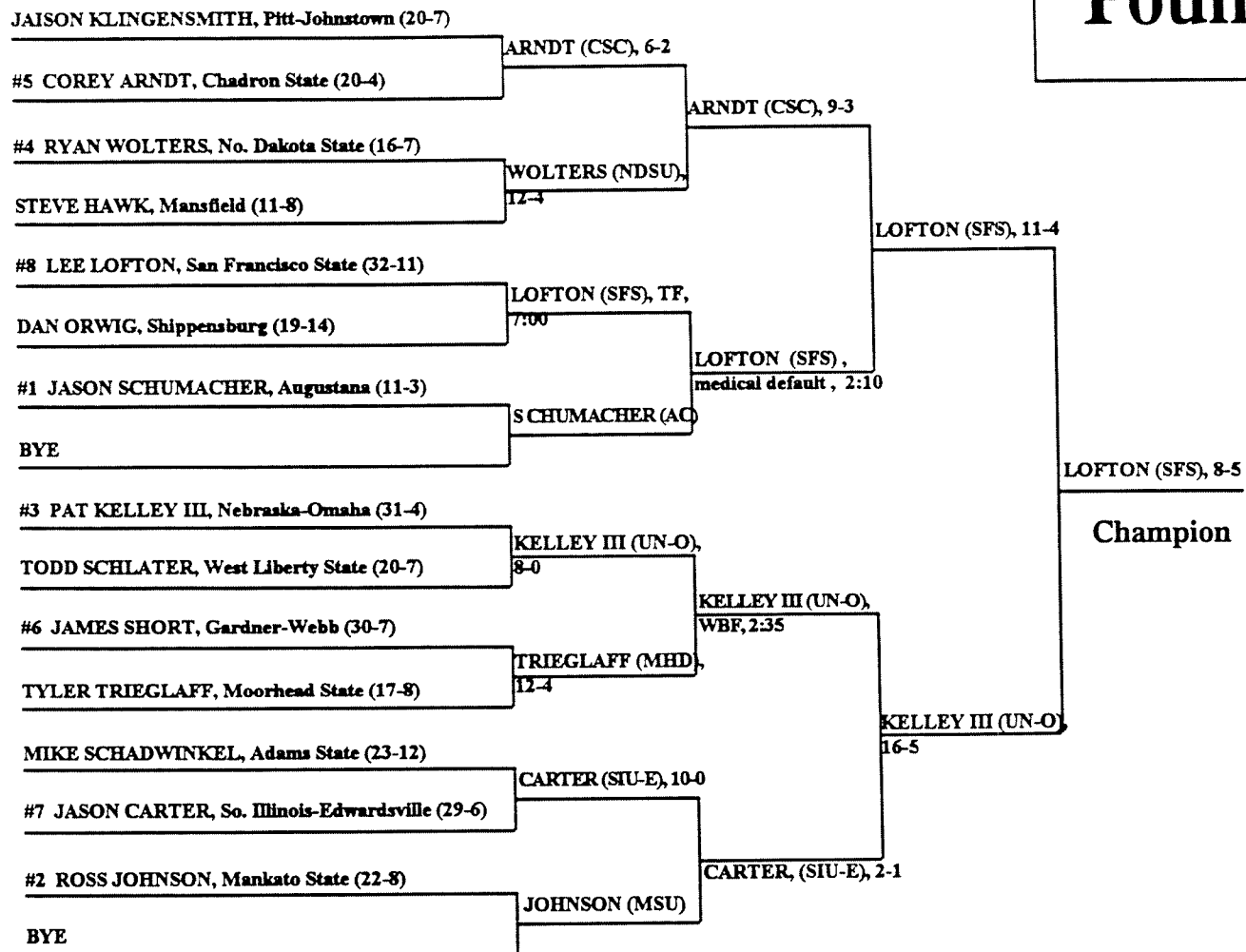
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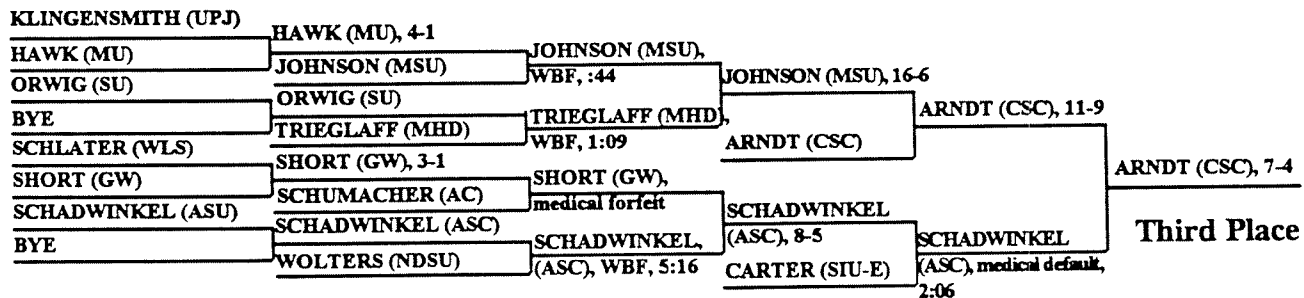
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**Champion**

### Consolation Wrestlebacks



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**Fifth Place**



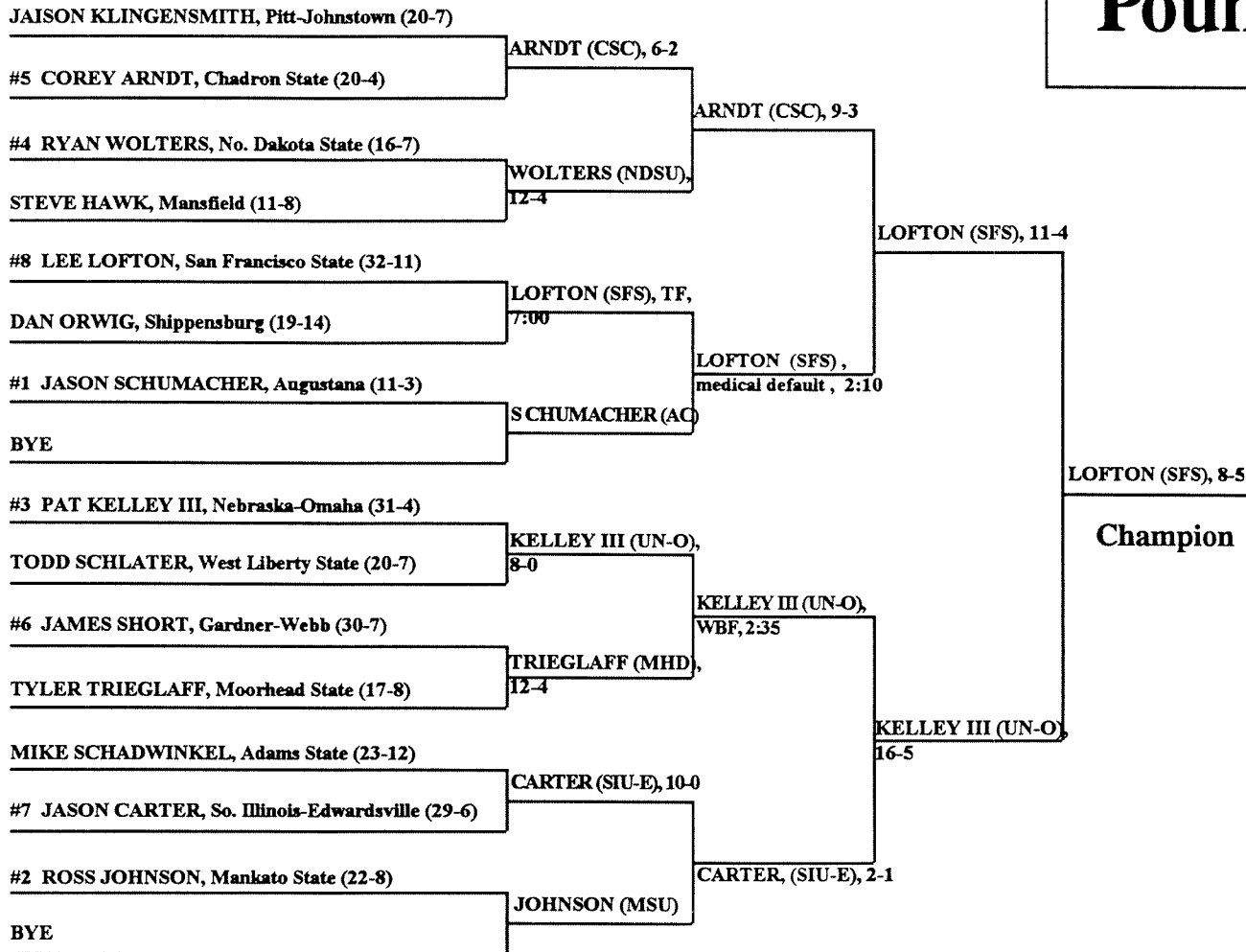
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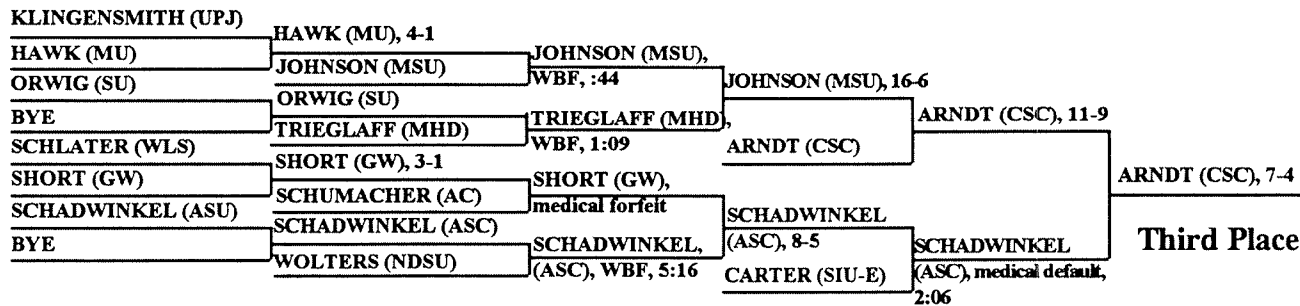
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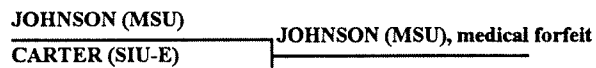


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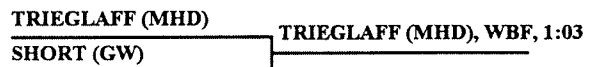
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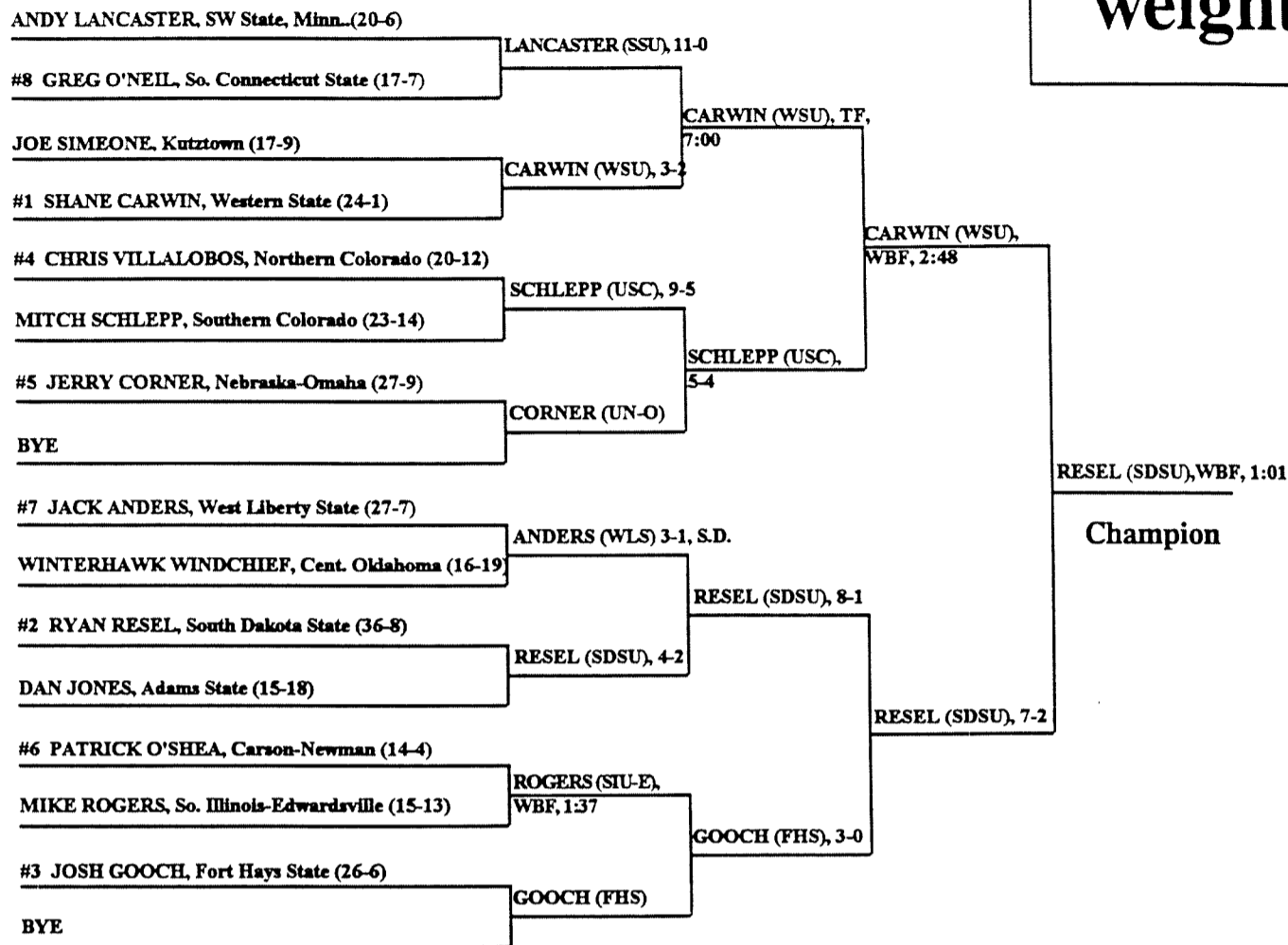


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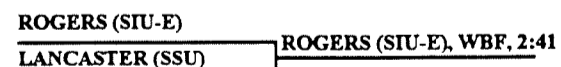
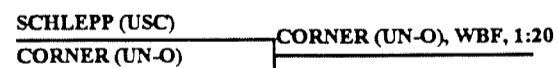
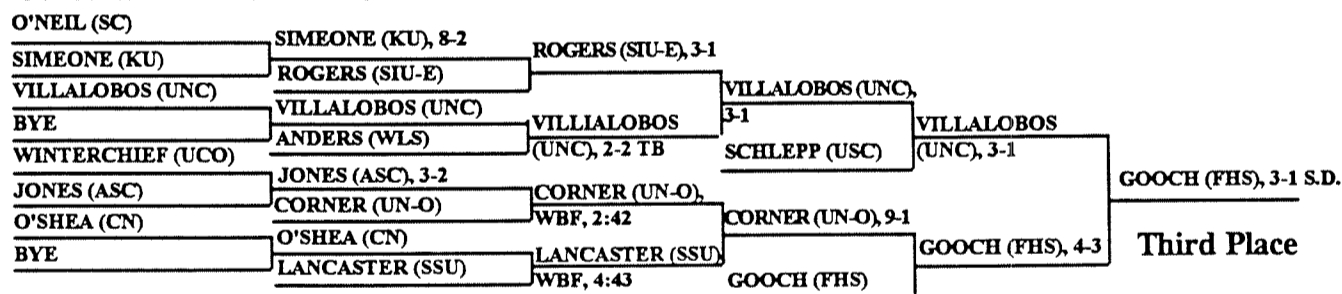
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**Heavy-weight**

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## Quotes from Champions

### **118-pound National Champion Damon Broadbent, San Francisco State**

*--on what it took to win*

"I figured to just give it all I got. Just try your best and whatever happens, happens, Its not about being number one, its about trying your hardest. If you try your hardest you are number one."

*--on opponent*

"Ive never even seen this guy before. I had no idea what he did. I tried to scout him throughout the tournament, buty I never caught any of his matches. I wanted to find out what he might try to do.

"Most of my matches are pretty close. Im usually down by 2 to 5 points every match and then I come back . Im pretty much a slow starter"

### **126-pound National Champion Adam Feldman, South Dakota State**

*--on tournament*

"I feel I wrestled a great tournament. I'm really happy with the way I wrestled the tournamenbt. They're usually one match I look behind and Im not happy with. Can't say that about this tournament. Im extremely happy with my performance. Im a national champion."

*--on North Dakota's Braun*

"One one side it felt good because Ive beat him three times before. But at the same time, I was a little worried because I know he knows what not to do. He knows me that much better. It kind of evens out

"My fast start was extremely important. That's been a problem for me I wusually start off slow. Thats what Ive been working on in practice. My coach has been telling me as long as you get off to a quick start and score first there isn't anyone that can beat me"

### **134-pound National Champion George Thompson, North Dakota State**

*--on last seconds*

I was zoned out. I really couldn't tell you what even happened. I knew time was coming out. The guy was huge he was really big. I was having trouble getting out. I heard the whistle and I looked up at the referee and he pointed "2" and that was it. The crowd was great, normally I dnon't hear anytghing, but I heard it tonight.

*--on being unranked in the tournament*

Maybe next year I'll get an eighth seed. It didn't affect me either way. I was a little mad at the lack of respect from the coaches. I've placed in this tournament twice and I've been to the finals before. Maybell they'll give me eight next year.

### **142-pound National Champion Jason Reitmeier, Augustana**

*--on tournament brackett*

I dont' know if it was the toughest brackett. There were a lot of good kids in it. I think I wrestled pretty smart. Smart tournament. I did what I had to do to win. It just turned out right with a little luck.

I had a rough conference tournament. I placed fifth and I was just lucky to get in the tournament. I was greatful to get in.

It was my style. It got on top of him and I rode him. That's what I like to do is break guys down and fired them. Im greatful it turned out that way.

### **150-pound National Champion James Branch, West Liberty State**

*--on opponent*

Ive watched him a couple of times and he likes to tie it up so I was going to go in and out. Misdirection was the key to taking him down.

I know when he had me down I had to get up and gety back to my game.

I felt him not moving on the bottom so I thought he was broke. He was tying up but he wasn't doing much with it. He let me do what I wanted to do.

*--on national title*

Ive been dreaming about this. This exact moment has been going throught my mind for the last six to seven months. Jesus Christ, I give all the credit to him.

**158-pound National Champion Greg Jackson, San Francisco State**

*--on pressure for team title*

It was a lot of pressure because my victory basically, hopefully, sealed the national title. Plus I wanted to win it for myself. Its all part luck and part a lot of hard work. It feels great to hopefully be part of a tradition.

*--on overtime*

I thought just win baby, just win. I was just trying to fight him off and at the same time get a takedown. He walked into one and that was it.

**167-pound National Champion and "Outstanding Wrestler" Nate Hendrickson, Moorhead State**

It's a dream come true and Im just happy to be a part of it. Im happy for the University and its first national champion in 30 years

*--on competition*

Coming to a national tournament, everyone is tough. I had two overtime matches before I got into the finals and in the final one, I ended up making it look easier than the guy should have been.

*--on undefeated record*

I like the national championship better than being undefeated

**177-pound National Champion Corry Royal, Nebraska-Omaha**

I felt I had control of the whole match. He's a decent wrestler. I wrestled him last year and got a pin against him but he has improved a lot.

Last year I was a little cocky. I thought if I could win a junior title than I could win any division. I went to Colorado and I didn't eat right and its hard for me to cut down to 177. But this year I had a proper diet and a good workout and a couple new coaches and I changed. I got to say thanks to all my coaches.

*--on team support*

Our teammates push us alot. All year the coaches have stressed teamwork. It doesn't matter if we go to Alaska (or at home), we're going to get as many guys down as we can. Those younger guys, its going to help them a lot to see us competing at the national level. The energy they gave me really made me feel good.

**190-pound National Champion Lee Lofton, San Francisco State**

*--on team title*

We knew it was going to be close with Nebraska-Omaha. We knew if they didn't get a pin in the two matches and we won at least one we would have the team title. Our first and third guys won. By then I knew it was all over and I could go out there for myself.

*--on opponent.*

I was just saying 'payback'. I lost to him (Kelley) earlier in the season and I knew it was my last chance to beat him.

I knew in all my matches I just had to come out strong. Im better on my feet than most of these wrestlers out here. I knew Kelley was good on bottom and riding so I couldn't let him get the best of me with those moves. So I just took it to him on my feet

**HWT National Champion Ryan Resel, South Dakota State**

*--on quick pin surprise*

This is just one of those things that happen and this place (the championships) is especially where they happened.

There's not many heavyweights that hit low singles. I saw him stepping forward and went ahead and hit a low single, kind of got in trouble, and that's a move we've worked on to help get me out of trouble. As far as knowing it was going to end up in a pin was one in a million.

**Coach of the Year and National Champion Lars Jensen, San Francisco State**

The highest we've ever finished in the tournament was fifth and that was in 1975. I just wanted to get a trophy; be in the top four, and that's what we were looking for. This is just unbelievable that this happened to us. We have no scholarships and very little support from the school and its just unbelievable.

*--on competing with Nebraska-Omaha*

I told our kids that we needed to set our own destiny. If we won two matches, we won the team title and we won three. It's unbelievable that the kids came through like this.