



# MULES WRESTLING

## 2003-04 In Review

Five Central Missouri State University wrestlers competed in the NCAA Division II Wrestling Championships, held March 12-13 in Mankato, Minn. Two came away with All-America honors.

Senior heavyweight **Willie McCowan** was fourth in the tournament, claiming All-America accolades for the third time in his career (he was eighth as a freshman and fifth as a sophomore), while senior 174 pounder **Brett Barbarick** claimed All-America honors for the first time, as he was fifth in his division.

The other three CMSU national qualifiers, sophomore **Mike Hansen** (133), senior **Ryan Hunter** (157), and junior **Kevin Grece** (184) were all eliminated on Friday.

McCowan finished the season with a record of 32-12, and led the team in wins and wins by fall (17). He also established a new school career record for pins, with 74, and moved into second place in career victories, completing his career with a mark of 126-44. He won the Midwest Regional Championships title in the heavyweight division.

Hunter finished with a record of 31-17 this season and won the title at 157 pounds at the Midwest Regional to advance to the national tournament.

Grece (27-17 in 2003-04) was second at 184 at the regional, Barbarick (28-14) was third at 174, and Hansen (15-9) was fourth at the regional meet.

The Mules open the season 4-0 after downing McKendree in the dual season opener and then going 3-0 in their first three matches at the Simpson College Dual. That run included a 49-0 drubbing of Cornell College.

But then CMSU struggled, going 1-8 over its next nine matches. The Mules squared off against some perennial powers in that stretch, including Central Oklahoma, Nebraska-Omaha. Also in that stretch were NAIA power Missouri Valley and the University of Missouri.

The Mules, though, ended the year the way they began, with a win streak. The Cardinal & Black won its final three dual matches (vs. Indianapolis, Northern State, and Southwest Minnesota State) in the CMSU Dual Jamboree.

### 2003-04 Dual Meet Results

**Dual Record: 8-9 \* Home: 4-4 \* Away: 1-5 \* Neutral: 3-0**

Date	Opponent	W/L	Score
<b>Dec. 2</b>	<b>McKendree</b> . . . . .	<b>W</b>	<b>26-12</b>
Dec. 6	Simpson College Duals		
	Central . . . . .	W	32-6
	Cornell . . . . .	W	49-0
	Coe . . . . .	W	36-12
	Simpson . . . . .	L	32-12
<b>Jan. 13</b>	<b>Missouri Valley</b> . . . . .	<b>L</b>	<b>17-15</b>
Jan. 23	Central Oklahoma . . . . .	L	27-16
Jan. 30	Nebraska-Kearney . . . . .	L	23-17
Jan. 31	Nebraska-Omaha . . . . .	L	35-3
<b>Feb. 5</b>	<b>Missouri</b> . . . . .	<b>L</b>	<b>48-0</b>
Feb. 7	Missouri Baptist . . . . .	L	20-13
	Southern Illinois-Edwardsville . . .	W	24-19
<b>Feb. 10</b>	<b>Lindenwood</b> . . . . .	<b>L</b>	<b>28-19</b>
<b>Feb. 14</b>	<b>CMSU Dual Jamboree</b>		
	<b>Fort Hays State</b> . . . . .	<b>L</b>	<b>26-12</b>
	<b>Indianapolis</b> . . . . .	<b>W</b>	<b>24-16</b>
	<b>Northern State</b> . . . . .	<b>W</b>	<b>30-20</b>
	<b>Southwest Minnesota State</b> . . . . .	<b>W</b>	<b>27-22</b>

Home matches in bold

### 2003-04 Tournament Results

- Nov. 16 **Central Missouri Open** – No team scoring. CMSU place winners: Willie McCowan (1st at Hwt.), Kevin Grece (2nd at 184), Plament Paskalev (unattached, 2nd at 197), Brett Barbarick (5th at 174)
- Nov. 23 **Missouri Freshman/Sophomore Open** - No team scoring. CMSU place winners: Rodney Pettit (2nd at 165), Kyle Waag (3rd at 141), Greg Waag (5th at 133), Justin Cooper (6th at 165)
- Dec. 13 **Wartburg Invitational** – 4th of nine teams (90 points). CMSU place winners: Kevin Grece (2nd at 184), Ryan Hunter (3rd at 157), Willie McCowan (3rd at Hwt.), Greg Waag (4th at 133), Brett Barbarick (4th at 174), Jeremy Nice (5th at 157)
- Dec. 18 **Reno (Nev.) Tournament of Champions** - 15th of 20 teams (21.5 points). CMSU place winners: Willie McCowan (6th at Hwt.)
- Jan. 3-4 **Midwest Classic @ Indianapolis** - 6th of 16 teams (87 points). CMSU place winners: Willie McCowan (2nd at Hwt.), Ryan Hunter (4th at 157), Brett Barbarick (4th at 174), Kevin Grece (4th at 184), Kyle Waag (5th at 141), Greg Waag (5th at 133)
- Jan. 10 **Roger Denker Open** - No team scoring. CMSU place winners: Plamen Paskalev (unattached, 1st at 197), Willie McCowan (1st at Hwt.), Greg Waag (2nd at 133), Brett Barbarick (2nd at 174), Mike Hansen (3rd at 133), Kevin Grece (4th at 184), Ryan Hunter (5th at 157), Jesse Zeugin (6th at 149)
- Jan. 17 **Central College Invitational** - No team scoring. CMSU place winners: Seth Shippy (1st at 197), Jeremy Nice (3rd at 165), Chad Coons (6th at 141)
- Feb. 29 **NCAA Midwest Regional @ Edmond, Okla.** – 4th of nine teams (85 points). CMSU place winners: Ryan Hunter (1st at 157), Willie McCowan (1st at Hwt), Kevin Grece (2nd at 184), Brett Barbarick (3rd at 174), Mike Hansen (4th at 133), Kyle Waag (5th at 141)
- Mar. 12-13 **NCAA Division II Championships @ Mankato, Minn.** – T-13th of 38 teams (30 points). CMSU place winners: Willie McCowan (4th at Hwt.), Brett Barbarick (5th at 174)



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## 2003-04 Individual Statistics

Name	Overall	Duals	Falls	Tech Falls	Name	Overall	Duals	Falls	Tech Falls
<b>125</b>					<b>165</b>				
Lance Craig . . . . .	4-22	0-6	0-6	0-0	Justin Cooper . . . . .	14-22	4-5	1-5	0-0
<b>133</b>					<b>174</b>				
Greg Waag . . . . .	20-17	4-7	2-3	2-0	Brett Barbarick . . . . .	31-15	8-2	6-10	1-0
Mike Hansen + . . . . .	18-11	8-2	8-1	0-1	Jamie Newton . . . . .	8-15	1-4	1-0	0-1
<b>141</b>					<b>184</b>				
Kyle Waag . . . . .	14-15	2-5	1-0	0-3	Kevin Grece . . . . .	29-18	12-5	13-3	2-2
Jeremy Irvin e . . . . .	13-16	4-6	1-9	1-2	Kevin Scoville + . . . . .	4-14	2-4	1-1	0-1
Chad Coons . . . . .	2-5	0-0	0-3	0-0	<b>197</b>				
<b>149</b>					Seth Shippy . . . . .	5-11	2-6	3-2	1-1
Jesse Zeugin . . . . .	16-22	4-9	1-1	3-1	Dan Berry . . . . .	0-10	0-3	0-4	0-2
Eric Pizzi # . . . . .	7-4	1-0	3-3	1-0	<b>Heavyweight</b>				
<b>157</b>					Willie McCowan . . . . .	35-12	14-3	18-3	3-1
Ryan Hunter . . . . .	34-17	12-4	5-1	9-0					
Jeremy Nice + . . . . .	12-15	2-5	3-3	1-2					
Adam Tieben + . . . . .	18-19	3-3	6-0	1-0					
Greg Northern . . . . .	2-2	0-0	0-0	0-0					

+ - Hansen saw time at 125 & 133; Tieben saw time at 149, 157, & 165; Nice saw time at 157, 165, & 174; Scoville saw time at 197  
# - Pizzi did not finish the season with the team

## 2003-04 Statistical Leaders

### Wins

1. Willie McCowan . . . . . 35
2. Ryan Hunter . . . . . 34
3. Brett Barbarick . . . . . 31
4. Kevin Grece . . . . . 29
5. Greg Waag . . . . . 20

### Pins

1. Willie McCowan . . . . . 18
2. Kevin Grece . . . . . 13
3. Mike Hansen . . . . . 8
4. Brett Barbarick . . . . . 6
- Adam Tieben . . . . . 6

### Points

1. Willie McCowan . . . . . 141
2. Kevin Grece . . . . . 108.5
3. Ryan Hunter . . . . . 100
4. Brett Barbarick . . . . . 80.5
5. Mike Hansen . . . . . 49.5

### Technical Falls

1. Ryan Hunter . . . . . 9
2. Willie McCowan . . . . . 3
- Jesse Zeugin . . . . . 3
4. Kevin Grece . . . . . 2
- Greg Waag

### Major Decisions

1. Kevin Grece . . . . . 5
2. Ryan Hunter . . . . . 4
- Willie McCowan . . . . . 4
4. Brett Barbarick . . . . . 3
- Jeremy Irvine . . . . . 3

### Takedowns

1. Jeremy Irvine . . . . . 56
2. Kevin Grece . . . . . 52
3. Justin Cooper . . . . . 42
4. Brett Barbarick . . . . . 41
5. Willie McCowan . . . . . 36

### Escapes

1. Adam Tieben . . . . . 56
2. Justin Cooper . . . . . 41
3. Jamie Newton . . . . . 38
4. Kevin Grece . . . . . 36
- Jeremy Irvine . . . . . 36
- Greg Waag . . . . . 36

### Reversals

1. Brett Barbarick . . . . . 14
2. Adam Tieben . . . . . 10
3. Jeremy Irvine . . . . . 8
4. Kevin Grece . . . . . 6
- Willie McCowan . . . . . 6
- Kevin Waag . . . . . 6

### Near Falls (2pt)

1. Ryan Hunter . . . . . 62
2. Willie McCowan . . . . . 26
3. Greg Waag . . . . . 12
4. Kevin Grece . . . . . 11
5. Several with . . . . . 7

### Near Falls (3pt)

1. Ryan Hunter . . . . . 34
2. Kevin Grece . . . . . 22
3. Jesse Zeugin . . . . . 20
4. Willie McCowan . . . . . 14
5. Jeremy Nice . . . . . 13

### Penalty (Pts)

1. Justin Cooper . . . . . 11
2. Kevin Grece . . . . . 7
3. Brett Barbarick . . . . . 6
4. Kevin Waag . . . . . 5
5. Adam Tieben . . . . . 4

### Riding Time

1. Ryan Hunter . . . . . 11
2. Brett Barbarick . . . . . 10
- Kevin Grece . . . . . 10
- Willie McCowan . . . . . 10
5. Mike Hansen . . . . . 7

### Fastest Fall

1. Willie McCowan . . . . . :16
2. Willie McCowan . . . . . :25
3. Mike Hansen . . . . . :32
4. Willie McCowan . . . . . :35
5. Brett Barbarick . . . . . :38

### 2003-04 CMSU Wrestling Award Winners

#### All-Americans

- Willie McCowan . . . . . 4th at Hwt.  
Brett Barbarick . . . . . 5th at 174

#### All-Region

- Ryan Hunter . . . . . 1st at 157  
Willie McCowan . . . . . 1st at Hwt.  
Kevin Grece . . . . . 2nd at 184  
Brett Barbarick . . . . . 3rd at 174  
Mike Hansen . . . . . 4th at 133  
Kyle Waag . . . . . 5th at 141

#### NCAA-II All-Academic

- Ryan Hunter . . . . . First-Team  
Brett Barbarick . . . . . First-Team  
Jeremy Irvine . . . . . Second-Team  
Greg Waag . . . . . Second-Team  
Kyle Waag . . . . . Second-Team  
Seth Shippy . . . . . Second-Team  
Justin Cooper . . . . . Honorable Mention

#### Rookie of the Year

Greg Waag

#### Most Improved

Justin Cooper, Mike Hansen, & Kevin Grece

#### Greatest Work Ethic/Most Dedicated

Justin Cooper

#### Mat Rat

Wade Killgore

#### Most Courageous

Seth Shippy

#### Most Valuable Performer

Willie McCowan