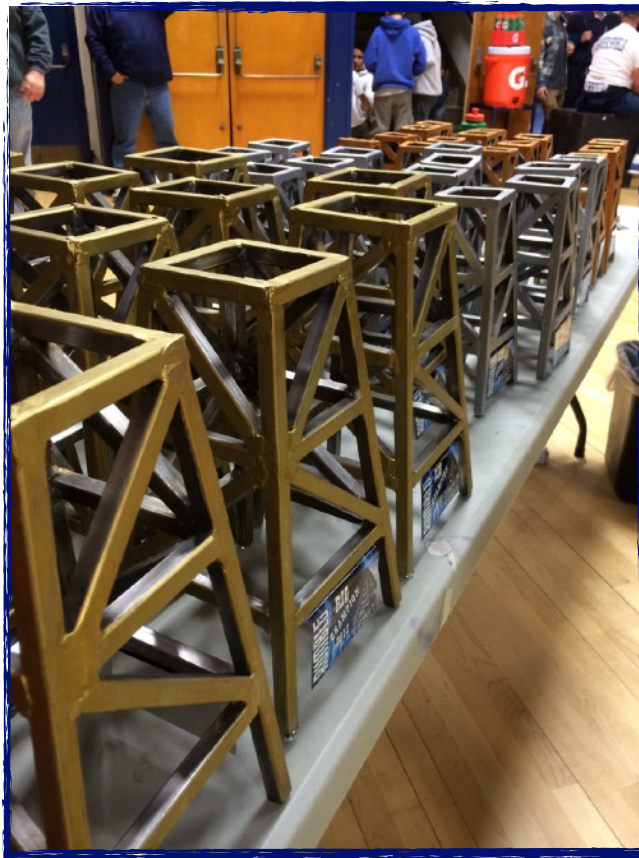

NEWSLETTER



Drillers Set to Kick Off Wrestling Season

The high school wrestling season is will begin this week at Bakersfield High School with the 5th annual Rumble for the Rig Tournament. This year's Rumble promises to be one of the toughest yet. Read on for a preview of the tournament, as well as a look at former Driller wrestlers who are competing in college.

5th Annual Rumble for the Rig



The 5th annual Rumble for the Rig will take place this Saturday, December 2nd and will feature the toughest competition yet. This year's tournament is billed as the "Toughest One-Day Tournament in California," and features 6 of the top 11 teams in California from last season. We will have teams from all over the state and powers from the North Coast Section, San Joaquin Section, Central Section, and Southern Section will be in attendance. This tournament will be a good early test for a young Driller team.

*When: December 2nd @ 9am. Remember DWC members there will be a list at the door for VIP admittance

Teams in Attendance

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| BHS | Temecula Valley |
| (7) Oakdale | (14) Frontier |
| (3) Selma | Highland |
| (13) De La Salle | North |
| Redwood | Exeter |
| Elk Grove | Independence |
| Wasco | Centennial |
| (8) Clovis North | Temescal Canyon |
| Corcoran | |

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Where Are They Now?

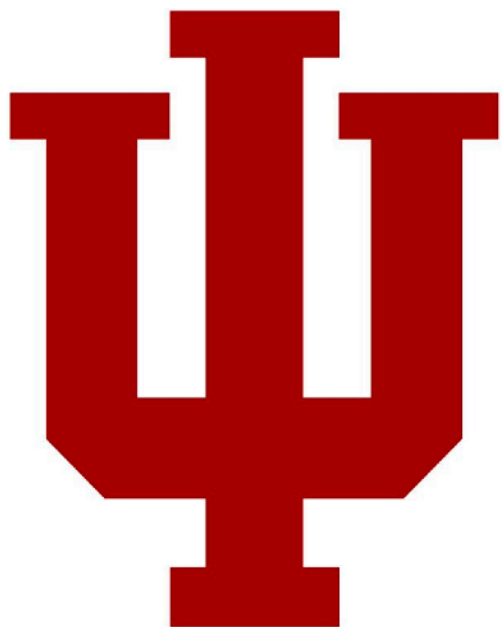
One of the goals of the Driller Wrestling program is to prepare our wrestlers to compete at the college level. We are very proud of the high number of wrestlers we have been able to send to the next level, and this year is no different. Here is a look at some talented wrestlers who used to compete in Driller blue.



Bryce Martin, Indiana University

Bryce Martin is currently a Redshirt Junior for the Indiana Hoosiers. Bryce is competing at 165 for the Hoosiers, and has compiled a 9-4 record this year.

In high school, Bryce was a 2x State Medalist for the Drillers, finishing his career with a 2nd place finish at the 2014 California State Championships. He compiled a record of 156-30 while wrestling for Bakersfield High School.



Hunter Hodges, Southern Oregon University

Hunter Hodges is a Redshirt Junior competing at 157 pounds for the SOU Raiders. He is currently ranked 9th in the nation for NAIA wrestlers.

Hunter was a valuable member of the Driller wrestling team, and finished his career with a 5th place finish at the California State Championships in 2013.





Coleman Hammond, CSU Bakersfield

Coleman Hammond is a Redshirt Senior for the CSU Bakersfield Roadrunners wrestling at 157 pounds. Coleman is a 2x NCAA Qualifier for the 'Runners. He has a record of 7-4 this season.

Coleman was a 3x California state medalist, including a third place showing at 152 as a junior and a fourth place finish at 152 as a senior. Coleman was also a 4x high school All-American, as he placed in the national championships each year he wrestled for the Drillers.



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Sean Nickell, CSU Bakersfield

Sean Nickell is a 133 pound Redshirt Junior for the CSU Bakersfield Roadrunners. Nickell was the Pac 12 Conference Champion last season at 125 pounds, earning a bid to the NCAA Championships. Nickell is 7-2 on the year so far, and is currently 19th in the NCAA Div. I rankings. In high school Sean was a state qualifier for the Drillers in 2014. He also earned All-American honors five times during his high school career.





Carlos Herrera, CSU Bakersfield

Carlos Herrera is a Junior for the CSU Bakersfield Roadrunners wrestling at 141 pounds. He placed 3rd in the Pac 12 Championships last season. He is redshirting this season, but has compiled a 6-2 record in open competition this year. Carlos was a 2x California State medalist for the Drillers, finishing 8th in 2015 and 6th in 2014.



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Kyle Pope, University of Wyoming

Kyle Pope is a Senior for the Wyoming Cowboys, and is competing at 174 pounds this year. Pope has recorded 48 wins for the Cowboys, and has a record of 7-2 to start this season. Kyle was a runner up at the 2011 California State Championships in 2011. He was a two-sport athlete in high school, earning honors in both wrestling and football.





Natrelle Demison, Adams State University

Natrelle Demison is a Junior for the Adams State University Grizzlies. Demison previously competed for the Air Force Academy. Demison was recently named the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference Athlete of the Week, after he won the Cowboy Open Tournament in Wyoming. Demison is 6-2 so far this year.

Natrelle was a 3x California state medalist, placing as high as third. He was also a high school National Champion his senior year.



Josh Annis, CSU Bakersfield

Josh Annis is a 157 pound Junior for the CSU Bakersfield Roadrunners. Josh joins the 'Runners after wrestling two years for Fresno City College. While at FCC Josh was a 2x medalist at the CCCAA State Championships, placing 2nd in 2016. Josh has a 2-2 record this season.

Despite not wrestling until he was already in high school, Josh was a 2x state qualifier for the Drillers.





Elias Rosales, San Fransisco State University

Elias Rosales is a Redshirt Freshman competing at 184 pounds for the San Fransisco State University Gators. He sat out last season as a redshirt, and is a starter for the Gators this season.

Elias was a 2x California state qualifier for the Drillers. He also earned All-American honors in 2016 by placing in the National Championships.





Ricky Gonzalez, Adams State University

Ricky Gonzalez is a Freshman for the Adams State University Grizzlies. He will wrestle at 157 pounds. While in high school, Ricky was a California state medalist his senior year. He was also a 2x All-American in Greco-Roman wrestling.



Sam Loera, Adams State University

Sam Loera is a Freshman for the Adams State Grizzlies. He will wrestle at 165 pounds.

Sam was a 3x CA state medalist for the Drillers. He placed 7th as a sophomore and a junior, and 4th as a senior.





JJ Figueroa, Fresno State University

JJ Figueroa is a Freshman at Fresno State University. He will wrestle at 141 pounds for the Bulldogs.

JJ was a 2x California state medalist, placing 4th and 6th respectively. He was also a national runner-up in 2015.



Navonte Demison, Arizona State University

Navonte Demison is a Freshman at Arizona State University. He will wrestle at 149 pounds for the Sun Devils.

Navonte was one of the most accomplished wrestlers to come out of the Driller Wrestling program. He is one of the rare 4x California State medalists; he placed 3rd as a freshman, 2nd as a sophomore, and was the champion his junior and senior years. He was also a national champion.



2017-2018 Varsity Schedule

Tentative

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| Dec 2 | “Rumble for the Rig” @ HOME |
| Dec 6 | Paso Robles @ Paso Robles HS |
| Dec 8/9 | Coyote Classic @ East HS |
| Dec 9 | Clovis West Shootout @ Clovis West HS |
| Dec 15/16 | Reno Tournament of Champions |
| Jan 3 | Esperanza HS @ HOME |
| Jan 5/6 | Doc Buchanan Invitational @ Clovis HS |
| Jan 12/13 | Temecula Valley Battle for the Belt @TVHS/ Kern County Invitational @ Centennial HS |
| Jan 19/20 | CIT Morro Bay @ Morro Bay HS |
| Jan 25 | League Duals @ Centennial HS |
| Jan 27 | Highland Invitational @ Highland HS |
| Feb 1 | Frontier @ Frontier HS |
| Feb 8 | SWYL League Championships @ Frontier HS |
| Feb 16/17 | Yosemite Valley Championships @ Lemoore HS |
| Feb 23/24 | Central Section Masters @ North HS |
| Mar 2/3 | California High School State Championships @ Rabobank Arena |

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“It’s not about today, it’s about what we do today to prepare for March.”

GO DRILLERS!