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2008 Jr. Greco World Duals

Concord, CA – The Community Youth Center (CYC) will host the only international Jr. Greco World Duals wrestling tournament of its kind in the United States on Saturday, May 31 and Sunday, June 1. In its 12th year, this world-class tournament will include teams from Germany, Estonia, Florida, Oregon, Florida, three California teams, the USA Greco All-Star Team, as well as a team of CYC wrestlers. The competitors are all state, regional, and national level wrestlers in Folkstyle, Freestyle, and Greco disciplines. This high-level competition will include eight national champions and more than 30 All-Americans. It is a combination dual team and individual tournament.

In addition, U.S. Olympic athletes Keith Sieracki, Kenny Cook and Robbie Smith will host a wrestling clinic on Saturday, May 31 at the conclusion of round 3 of the meet (approximately 12:30 p.m.) to expose more youngsters to wrestling. CYC encourages kids to participate in this wonderful opportunity free of charge.

Doors open to the public both days at 8 a.m. with matches starting at 9 a.m. Finals are scheduled for 3:30 p.m. on Sunday, June 1. Tickets can be purchased at the door for \$10 (one day) or \$15 (2-day pass), with children free. The tournament will be held at the CYC, 2241 Galaxy Court, Concord, CA 94520.

Under the direction of CYC Head Coach Mark Halvorson, the objective is to host a high-level international wrestling tournament to help elite wrestlers prepare for national and international competition, all while promoting sportsmanship and camaraderie. It will be an opportunity to see elite wrestlers from around the nation and world.

U.S. Olympic clinicians (all competing in Olympic Trials in June) include:

Keith Sieracki

- 2007-08 Team USA Ranking No. 2 at 74kg
- 2002 CISM Military World Silver Medalist
- 2001 U.S. World Team Member
- Four-time U.S. Nationals Champion (1996, 2001-03)
- Two-time U.S. Olympic Team Trials Champion (2000, 2004)
- Six-time Armed Forces Champion (1993, 1995, 1999, 2001-03)
- Lost 2000 U.S. Olympic Team spot following a court battle after winning the Trials

Kenny Cook

- 2007-08 Team USA Ranking No. 3 at 74kg
- 2007: Third in U.S. World Team Trials... Sixth in U.S. Nationals
- 2004: Eighth in Sunkist Kids International... Fourth in Dave Schultz Memorial International... Sixth in Poland Open... Fourth in U.S. Nationals
- 2003: Fourth in U.S. World Team Trials... Second in U.S. Nationals... University Nationals Champion... Second in NYAC Christmas International... Sunkist Kids International Open Champion
- 2001: 10th in Junior World Championships... USA Age-group: Junior Nationals runner-up
- 2000 Junior Nationals Champion

Robby Smith

- Three-time FILA Junior Greco National Champion and World Team Member
- Three-time USA Senior Greco Roman All-American
- University Greco National Champion
- Canada Cup Champion and named Outstanding Wrestler in Greco-Roman

USA All-Star Team Competing at Greco World Duals include:

108 lbs. (49kg)

* **Jade Rauser (Montana)** – All-American – 2nd Freestyle/Greco National Championships, 2nd ASICS Folkstyle National Championships

* **Ryak Finch (Arizona)** – All-American – 3rd in Greco/6th in Freestyle National Championships, 2008 Junior Western Regional Champion- 1st in Greco/ 1st in Freestyle, 2008 NHSCA Champion, 2008 AZ State Champion

* **Vaylen Rauser (Montana)** – National Champion – 1st Freestyle/1st Greco National Championships, 1st USAW Folkstyle Nationals

115.5 lbs. (52.5kg)

* **Alan Waters (Montana)** – National Champion – 1st Freestyle/1st Greco National Championships, Two-time Brute/Adidas National Champion Folkstyle, Two-Time Missouri State Champion

123 lbs. (56kg)

* **Ryne Cokeley (Kansas)** - USA Folkstyle Nationals – 2006 – 1st, 2007 – 2nd, 2008 – 3rd, 2008 Kansas 4A High School State Champion

130 lbs. (59kg)

* **Luke Goetel (Arizona)** – All-American – 2nd Greco National Championships, 3rd FILA Cadet Greco National Championships, 5th Jr. Western Regional Greco, Two-time Arizona State Champion

138 lbs. (63kg)

* **Jon Thomson (Washington)** – All American – Four-time Freestyle State Champion, Greco All American, Three -time Greco State Champion. Las Vegas Junior Western Regionals: 2nd in Greco, 5th in Freestyle. High School Folkstyle: Freshman year: 2nd in state. Sophomore year: 1st in state. Junior year: 2nd in state.

145 lbs. (66kg)

* **Britton Thompson (Montana)**

154 lbs. (70kg)

* **Norman Richmond (Oregon)** – National Champion - Junior Greco National Champ, 2nd Junior Freestyle

163 lbs. (74.5kg)

* **Clarence Neely (Missouri)** – All American – Jr. Greco AA

174 lbs. (79kg)

* **Ethan Lofthouse (Utah)** – National Champion - Cadet Greco National Champ at 160lbs

190 lbs. (86.5kg)

* **Clete Hanson (Washington)** – All-American - 2008 FILA Jr. Greco Nationals: 6th place, 2007 Junior NHSCA High School Nationals: 7th place, 171 lbs, 2007 FILA Jr. Greco Nationals: 7th place, 2005 Cadet Nationals: 6th place Freestyle, 8th place Greco, 2004: FILA Cadet Greco Nationals: 6th place, Three-time Washington Cadet and Junior national dual team member

217 lbs. (98.5kg)

* **Kyle Caylor – (Kansas)** National Champion - 1st Cadet Freestyle Nationals, 1st Cadet Greco Nationals, 1st Brute Folkstyle Nationals, 1st 6A State Folkstyle, 4th FILA Cadet Nationals Freestyle, 5th FILA Cadet Nationals Greco

* **Luke Macchiaroli – (Arizona)** All-American - 8th Cadet Nationals 215 lbs, Freshman: 1st in AZ state 189 lbs, Sophomore: 2nd in AZ state 189 lbs, , Junior: 1st in AZ state 215 lbs, 3rd NHSCA Junior Nationals

286 lbs. (130kg)

* **Elijah Madison – (Missouri)** All-American - 2008 JR FILA Greco AA, 2007 JR Greco national finalist

Selected CYC Wrestlers competing include:

* **Tyler Sheridan (De La Salle High School)** -- 2008 Northwest Regional Junior Greco Roman Champion, FILA JR Greco All American, 2008 North Coast Section Champion, 2008 CIF State 7th place, 2007 Cadet Greco and Freestyle All-American, 2007 Won five age group State Championships

* **Luke Sheridan (De La Salle High School)** -- 2008 Cadet Greco Northwest Regional Champion

* **Vince Moita (De La Salle High School)** -- 2008: Northwest Regional JR Greco Roman and Freestyle Champion @ 105 lbs., Junior State Freestyle Champion, 2007 Junior Freestyle All American

The Community Youth Center (CYC) is a non-profit organization founded by Ken H. Hofmann in 1995 to serve the athletic and academic needs of local area youth. The CYC currently serves more than 1,300 kids ages 3 to 18 by providing professional training in more 10 sports including boxing, wrestling, taekwondo, judo, gymnastics, rhythmic gymnastics, dance, cheerleading, sport specific conditioning and outdoor activities. Academics are also strongly emphasized through the CYC's academic excellence center. The goal of the CYC is to teach youth basic core values for developing inner strength and confidence to become good people with high character.

The CYC program is nationally recognized under the guidance of Head Coach Mark Halvorson. Since Halvorson took over the program in 1998, the CYC has produced two World Team members, one Junior Pan American Champion, 12 National Champions, 61 All-Americans, 21 Regional Champions and more than 98 State Champions. In addition, CYC has won 29 age group team state championships. Halvorson is also the head wrestling coach at De La Salle High School. He and the CYC coaching staff have demonstrated the ability to build championship programs and train and prepare wrestlers who can compete at the state, national, and international levels.

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