



# Pittsburgh Wrestling Classic

Friday, March 25, 2022

WPIAL vs Indiana All-Stars at 6:00 PM

PA vs USA All-Stars at 8:00 PM

Broadcast live by FloWrestling

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**Indiana All-Stars Returning to Pittsburgh Wrestling Classic on Friday, March 25, 2022**

**Pittsburgh, PA** – The Pittsburgh Wrestling Classic local organizing committee is excited to announce the 48<sup>th</sup> Annual competition is Friday, March 25, 2022.

The Wrestling Classic – known as “*The Rose Bowl of Wrestling*” – is the most prestigious high school all-star wrestling meet in the United States because it attracts the very best high school seniors in the country. The preliminary meet pits the best wrestlers from Western Pennsylvania, or WPIAL, against another state all-star team. The feature match showcases the best-of-the-best high school wrestlers from across the United States challenging the reigning Pennsylvania state champs.

The Indiana All-Star Team is returning to the Classic for the second time. In 2016, the Indiana All-Stars won 4 bouts, losing to the WPIAL All-Star Team 27-18. **Drew Hughes**, from Lowell, IN, was named the Outstanding Wrestler for his team for his first period pin.

The Wrestling Classic fans have been entertained by many great wrestlers hailing from the Hoosier state over the past 47 years, including **Alex** and **Jason Tsirtsis**. Alex beat **Isaiah Britton** 6-4 in 2004 and while Jason defeated **Zach Beitz** 13-4 in 2012.

**Stevan Micic** defeated **Shane Moisley** 13-4 and was voted the Outstanding Wrestler for the USA Team in Classic XL, in 2014. Other Hoosiers competing on the USA All-Star Team also won their individual matches; in 2004 **Blake Maurer** defeated Kurt Brenner 8-6, in 1998, **Steven Bradley** defeated Mark Conley 5-3, and **Jarred Brooks** defeated Billy Rappo 8-5 in 2012. Most recently, Shawn Streck defeated Jacob Beistel 8-4 in 2016 enabling the USA team to outscore the PA team in a close dual meet, ending 25-20. Indiana wrestlers representing the USA All-Star team 8-1.

**Joe Caprino**, wrestling coach at Carroll High School and founder of IndianaMat.com is organizing and leading the Indiana All-Star Team. “*The Indiana wrestling community is very excited to compete again in this prestigious event. We have a very strong senior class with nationally ranked wrestlers at almost every weight. I’m confident our kids will be ready to challenge the best wrestlers from the WPIAL.*”

Tickets for the event will go on sale in January. Tickets can be purchased at a ticket outlet, by mail or online using a credit card. Visit our web site, FaceBook page and Twitter account for more information.

A special **Thank You** to all our sponsors who make this great event possible each year. Without their ongoing support this event would not exist. Please patronize their business whenever possible.

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