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WPIAL versus Wisconsin All-Stars in the 34th Annual Dapper Dan Wrestling Classic

Pittsburgh, PA – November 25, 2007, – The Dapper Dan Charities will sponsor The 34th Annual Dapper Dan Wrestling Classic, the most prestigious high school all-star wrestling meet in the United States, on **Saturday, March 15, 2008**, in the University of Pittsburgh Fitzgerald Field House.

The preliminary dual meet, showcasing the Western Pennsylvania or WPIAL All-Stars against Wisconsin All-Stars begins at 5:30 P.M. The feature match, between the Pennsylvania state team and the USA All-Stars follows at 7:30 P.M.

The Wisconsin All-Star Team is excited to return to the Classic for the third time since the 90's. They competed in Classic XIX in 1993 scoring 15 team points from 5 decisions out of the 13 bouts. They returned in 1997, creating one of the most exciting WPIAL dual meets when they jumped out to a 6-0 lead with wins at 103 and 112 lbs., won at 135 lbs then scored 12 points from two pins at 171 and 189 lbs. from **Tom Campbell** (Holeman) and **Jason Foerster** (Ft. Atkinson) to bring the score to 23-21. The outcome came down to the Heavyweight bout. The WPIAL's **Jason Yohe** (McGuffey) won close match 3-1 to secure the victory for the WPIAL All-Stars.

Scott Klever, who brought the team in 1997, said *"Wisconsin is excited to be invited back to Pittsburgh for the Wrestling Classic. It is a highlight of any kid's high school career to compete against the best in Pennsylvania. The Wrestling Classic committee makes it a great experience for the kids and the coaches. This is one of those years were we have a very strong senior class. Our team will come prepared to battle the WPIAL All-Stars"*. Scott is coach at Kaukawna High School. He will be joined by veteran coach **Fred Brown**, who has 28 years coaching is currently the head wrestling coach at Sheboygan Falls High School in Wisconsin.

The Wrestling Classic is sponsored by **UPMC Health Plan** with support services provided by **UPMC Sports Medicine**. Proceeds from the Wrestling Classic benefit a youth wrestling program at the Boys & Girls Clubs of Western Pennsylvania through the Dapper Dan Youth Sports Leagues.

Tickets can be purchased at Wright Automotive Group on Route 19, Canon McMillan High School, or by calling the Dapper Dan Charities at 412-263-3850. For more information about the Wrestling Classic or to order tickets, visit www.wrestlingclassic.com.

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