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Missouri Valley Women's Wrestler Becomes Pan-American Junior Champion



Marshall, Mo. (October 28, 2009)—Missouri Valley College women's wrestler Randi Beltz traveled to Guadalajara, Mexico on October 23, 2009, to represent Team USA in this year's Pan-America Junior Wrestling Championship. Beltz dominated her weight class, knocking off athletes from Canada, Mexico, Brazil, and Ecuador and became a 2009 Pan-Am Junior Champion wrestling at 63 kilos. In addition, she and her seven teammates sporting the red, white, and blue prevailed as the Pan-Am Champion Team for 2009.

Beltz said, "The hardest thing was dealing with the language barrier with the other athletes and the officials. Overall it was a great experience, the world competition was great, and I had a lot of fun."

Beltz graduated from St. Clair high school in St. Clair, Mo., in 2009. While at SCHS, she made history becoming the first female to ever medal at the MSHSAA Boys State Wrestling Tournament. She was a two-time state medalist finishing fifth as a freshman and third as a senior for the varsity Bulldog's wrestling team. She also recorded the fastest pin ever in the 82 year history of the 112 pound class two state championship tournament. Beltz ended her high school career with a record of 125-20.

Beltz is a freshman at Missouri Valley College kicking off her debut season as a Viking for head coach Carl Murphree and his women's wrestling team.

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