

## 2010 U.S. WORLD CUP TEAM

Two LVAC Wrestlers on USA Team



Mike Poeta, LVAC, World Cup Team

The U.S. competed at the **2010 The World Cup**, a freestyle dual-meet event featuring the World's top eight teams, on **March 6-7 in Mahachkala, Russia.**

**Mike Poeta** of the **Lehigh Valley Athletic Club** experienced a bit of double vision while bidding to make the team. He was initially scheduled to battle Travis Paulson in a Special Wrestle-Off at 74 kg/163 lbs on Sunday, Feb. 28 at the U.S. Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs. That match was cancelled.

**Poeta** (in LVAC blue, left) had defeated 2009 World Team member, Trent Paulson, 3-0, 5-2 during the World Cup Wrestle-off on January 22 at the Olympic Training Center. Trent, of course, is Travis's twin brother and an Iowa State NCAA champion; Poeta landed the World Cup spot at 74 kilos/163 lbs, while all three got to make the trip.



An additional **LVAC sponsored** wrestler, **Corey Jantzen** (at left), traveled to Russia with the U.S. team. The remaining members of the US World Cup Team included Sam Hazewinkel at 55 kg/121 lbs, Shawn Bunch at 60 kg/132 lbs, Teyon Ware at 66 kg/145 lbs, Jake Herbert at 84 kg/185 lbs, JD Bergman at 96 kg/211 lbs and Tervel Dlagnev at 120 kg/264 lbs.

**In final results**, the USA team went 0-2, losing 5-2 to Azerbaijan, then 5-2 in the 5<sup>th</sup> place match with Belarus. The team finished ahead of Turkey and Uzbekistan, while placing 6<sup>th</sup> behind Russia, Iran, Azerbaijan, Ukraine and Belarus.

In the dual meet vs. Azerbaijan, **Poeta** lost 2-4-0 to 2-time World Championship medalist (2<sup>nd</sup> in '09 and 3<sup>rd</sup> in '07), Chamsulvera Chamsulvarayev, joining Poeta for that dual meet, Jantzen's one bout at World Cup was a loss to the weight class's top wrestler, Emin Azizov (Azerbaijan), who placed 12<sup>th</sup> in the '08 Olympic Games and 3<sup>rd</sup> in the European Championships.