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## Upcoming Matches:

Jan. 7-8:  
at NWCA DII Duals  
Springfield, Ill.



### 2011-12 SCSU Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time/Result
Nov. 4	Black/Red Classic	B 24, R 12
Nov. 6	Daktronics Open	No Team Scores
Nov. 13	ISU/Nichols Open	No Team Scores
Nov. 19	Finn Grineker Open	No Team Scores
Dec. 3	LaCrosse Duals	
	Waldorf	W, 49-0
	UW-Stevens Point	W, 29-9
	UW-LaCrosse	W, 29-7
Dec. 10	Holiday Inn/Husky Open	No Team Scores
Dec. 31	Grand Canyon Duals	9 a.m.
	vs. Cal Baptist	W, 31-14
	vs. Colorado Mesa	W, 33-6
	vs. Mercyhurst	W, 48-0
	vs. Grand Canyon	W, 42-9
Jan. 7-8	NWCA DII Duals	TBA
	Springfield, Ill.	
Jan. 7	vs. Truman	11 a.m.
Jan. 13	at Northern State*	7 p.m.
Jan. 14	at Mary*	2 p.m.
Jan. 20	at Concordia	7 p.m.
Jan. 21	at MSU-Moorhead*	2 p.m.
Jan. 27	AUGUSTANA*	7 p.m.
Jan. 28	at SW MN State*	7 p.m.
	(match at Canby, MN)	
Feb. 2	ST. JOHN'S	7 p.m.
Feb. 7	UW-EAU CLAIRE	7 p.m.
Feb. 12	UPPER IOWA*	2 p.m.
Feb. 16	at Minnesota State*	7 p.m.
Feb. 26	NCAA REGIONAL	10 a.m.
Mar. 9-10	NCAA Championship	TBA
	Pueblo, Colo.	

\* NSIC match

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## 2011-12 SCSU Wrestling News

Release Date: January 6, 2012

### HUSKIES HEADLINERS:

- The #3 St. Cloud State wrestling team will travel to the NWCA/Cliff Keen National Duals on Jan. 7-8 in Springfield, Ill. The Huskies placed third at this elite tournament last year. DII Teams scheduled to compete at the tournament include: Augustana, Central Missouri, Central Oklahoma, Findlay, Kings, Limestone, Maryville, Nebraska Kearney, Newberry College, Northern State, San Francisco State, SCSU, Truman State, Minnesota State Mankato, Upper Iowa, and UW-Parkside
- The Huskies will open the DII Duals at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday against Truman. For the complete tournament bracket go to: [www.nwcaonline.com/](http://www.nwcaonline.com/)
- Tad Merritt was named the NSIC Wrestler of the Week on Jan. 7 after an impressive showing at the Grand Canyon Duals. Merritt pinned all four of his opponents in the 165-pound division. He won his first match in two minutes and 32 seconds against Bronson Gerl of California Baptist, which was the first Husky pin of the day. He then recorded a pin in 2:18 against No. 4 Dylan Granard of Colorado Mesa. Merritt then had the fastest pin of the day against Josh Shields of Mercyhurst, pinning his opponent in just 55 seconds before finishing the duals with a pin at the 5:49 mark against Justin Martin of Grand Canyon. He is now 13-2 this season. Merritt also earned NSIC Wrestler of the Week honors on Dec. 12.
- The Huskies earned the #1 spot in the 2011-12 NSIC preseason poll. The Huskies also received the top spot in the 2011-12 preseason national poll. Senior Tad Merritt was ranked #1 in the nation at 165-pounds and Jake Kahnke was ranked #2 in the nation at 285-pounds in the DII preseason polls. In those same preseason polls, Shamus O'Grady (174) and Derek Skala (184) both gained #4 rankings and Jacob D. Horn (149) was ranked 7th.
- Kahnke tops the team this season with a 21-1 record. Kahnke is also ranked #1 in the nation at 285-pounds in the last DII national poll. Zach Stewart and Dan Dick rank second on the team with 14 wins apiece. Josh Hawk, Kurt Salmen and Luke Munkelwitz have also impressed this year with 13 wins apiece.
- St. Cloud State University (19-2, 6-1 NSIC) set a new team standard by capturing 2nd place at the 2011 NCAA Division II championships on March 11-12 in Kearney, Neb. This is the best finish at a national championship for the Huskies since the program started in 1949-50. The previous best efforts for the Huskies were 3rd place finishes at the NAIA tournament in 1963 and 1965. In NCAA Division II action, the best finish prior to 2011 was a 7th place finish in 2010 and 1983. SCSU scored 90.5 team points at the NCAA championships, while Nebraska-Omaha won its third consecutive team title with 102.5 points. This was the most points scored at a national meet by the Huskies in team history. The previous high was 50 points scored at the NCAA tournament in 2010.
- SCSU's John Sundgren captured 1st place at the NCAA championships in the 157-pound bracket. He was the first Husky to win a national title since Gene Hanemann won his title in 1995. This was the 12th individual national title for a Husky wrestling since 1958, and it was just the 2nd NCAA Division II individual national title for a Husky wrestler.
- The Huskies bring back the following All-Americans from the 2011 championships: Jacob Kahnke (2nd at 285), Tad Merritt (3rd at 165), Shamus O'Grady (4th at 174) and Jacob D. Horn (5th at 149). Senior Derek Skala was a redshirt last year but he has earned All-America honors at previous NCAA meets.
- Tad Merritt set a new team record for victories in 2010-11. Merritt charted a 40-4 overall record last winter. Merritt currently owns 119 career wins at SCSU in his first four seasons of



**SCSU COACH STEVE COSTANZO:** Steve Costanzo is in his 6th season as the Husky head wrestling coach. Overall, this marks Costanzo's 13th season as a head college wrestling coach. He has a career record of 123-53-2 while coaching 106 National Qualifiers, 47 All-Americans, 3 National Champions and 46 NWCA All-Academic recipients. His record at St. Cloud State now stands at 61-23. An All-American wrestler at Nebraska-Omaha (1996 graduate), Costanza previously coached at Dana College from 1999 to 2006. Costanza led Dana to a national title in 2006, and guided SCSU to a 2nd place NCAA finish in 2011. He was assisted in 2011-12 by Brady Wilson, Tyson Reiner, Jeremy Lang, John Peterson, Brad Padgett, Gabe Suarez, Josh Joriman and Tony Mack. Student team managers are Kristine Schiller, Sonia Caputo, Stephanie Nelson and Ryan Schroper.



## 2011-12 St. Cloud State Wrestling Roster

Name	Year	Weight	Hometown	High School
Jack Barnes	RSo.	165	Inver Grove Heights	Simley/Rochester CC
Mic Berg	RSo.	184	Inver Grove Heights	Simley
Chris Brassell	RSSo	285	Park Ridge, IL	Maine South
Josh Conrath	RSJr	197	Waseca, Minn.	Waseca
Dan Dick	Fr.	165	Inver Grove Heights	Simley
Isaiah Erickson	Fr.	149	Barronett, Wis.	Cumberland
Eric Forde	Fr	125	Fargo, N.D.	Fargo South
Trey Griffin	Fr.	184	Lena, Ill.	Lena-Winslow
Trent Herold	RSSo	125	East Bethel, Minn.	St. Francis
Jay Hildreth	Fr	141	Council Bluffs, Iowa	Lewis Central
Eric Hood	Fr	141	Lake Crystal, Minn.	Lake Crystal-Welcome
Jacob D. Horn	RSJr	149	Ephrata, Wash.	Ephrata
Jacob R. Horn	Jr.	149	St. Michael, Minn.	St. Michael-Albertville
Josh Howk	RFr.	149	Oak Grove, Missouri	Blue Springs
Charlie Janssen	RFr.	157	Forest Lake, Minn.	Forest Lake
Brady Johnshoy	Fr.	133	Prior Lake, Minn.	Prior Lake
Jacob Kahnke	RJr	285	Shakopee, Minn.	Prior Lake/ Old Dominion U.
Jared Kust	Fr	141	Clintonville, Wis.	Shawano
Matt Leibforth	RFr.	141	Lemont, Illinois	Lemont
Shaun Little	Fr	197	St. Michael, Minn.	St. Michael-Albertville
Tyler Mathison	RFr	133	Fremont, Neb.	Oakland-Craig
Dustin McKinney	RFr	141	Luck, Wis.	Unity
Ben McPhail	RFr	174	Pine Island, Minn.	Pine Island
Tad Merritt	RSr	165	Canby, Minn.	Canby
Cullan Morrissey	RFr	141	Lena, Wis.	Oconto Falls
Lucas Munkelwitz	RSr	197	Forest Lake, Minn.	Forest Lake
Matt Nelson	Fr	133	Big Lake, Minn.	Big Lake
Shamus O'Grady	RJr	174	Coon Rapids, Minn.	Coon Rapids
Cody Paulsen	RFr	125	Brooklyn Center	Totino Grace
Andy Pokorny	RJr	133	Bennington, Neb.	Bennington/UN-Omaha
Clint Poster	Fr	149	Pierz, Minn..	Pierz
Kurt Salmen	RJr	174	Dassel, Minn.	Dassel-Cokato/ Ridgewater CC
Derek Skala	RSr	184	Owatonna, Minn.	Owatonna
Zach Stewart	RSSo	125	Green Bay, Wisc.	Ashwaubenon
Jake Tabbert	RSr	149	Inver Grove Heights	Simley
Cody Tibbetts	Fr	157	Lake Crystal, Minn.	Lake Crystal-Welcome
Caleb White	Fr	285	Neola, Iowa	Tri-Center
Dylan Wright	So	125	Inver Grove Heights	Simley
Elliot Zander	Fr	174	Fargo, N.D.	Fargo South

### 2011-12 SCSU Honors:

Daktronics Open 1st Place: Jake Kahnke (285)  
 Daktronics Open 1st Place: Derek Skala (184)  
 NSIC Wrestler of the Week on Nov. 8: Jake Kahnke  
 Finn Grinaker Open 1st place: Tad Merritt (174)  
 Finn Grinaker Open 1st place: Lucas Munkelwitz (197)  
 NSIC Wrestler of the Week on Dec. 12: Tad Merritt  
 NSIC Wrestler of the Week on Jan. 3: Tad Merritt

Head Coach: Steve Costanzo  
 Assistant Coach: Brady Wilson  
 Graduate Assistant Coach: Tyson Reiner  
 Volunteer Assistant Coach: Jeremy Lang, John Peterson, Tony Mack, Brad Padgett  
 Student Assistant Coach: Gabe Suarez, Josh Joriman  
 Student Managers: Kristine Schiller, Sonia Caputo, Stephanie Nelson, Ryan Schroper  
 Athletic Trainer: Julie Alexander  
 Athletic Media Relations: Tom Nelson

### 2011-12 NSIC Preseason Coaches' Poll:

- 1 St. Cloud State 55
- 2 Upper Iowa 54
- 3 Augustana 44
- 4 Minnesota State 32
- 5 University of Mary 20
- 6 MSU Moorhead 17
- 7 Northern State 11
- 8 SMSU 7

### CURRENT 2011-12 NWCA Division II Poll

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|----------------------------|-----|------|
| 1. Newberry (S.C.)         | 152 | 2nd  |
| 2. Upper Iowa              | 148 | 3rd  |
| 3. St. Cloud State (Minn.) | 147 | 1st  |
| 4. Nebraska-Kearney        | 141 | 4th  |
| 5. Grand Canyon (Ariz.)    | 127 | 5th  |
| 6. Augustana (S.D.)        | 114 | 6th  |
| 7. Central Oklahoma        | 102 | 7th  |
| 8. Mercyhurst (Pa.)        | 99  | 11th |
| 9. Adams State (Colo.)     | 87  | 13th |
| 10. Ashland (Ohio)         | 84  | 10th |
| 11. Wisconsin-Parkside     | 79  | 9th  |
| 12. Fort Hays State (Kan.) | 77  | 16th |
| 13. West Liberty (W.Va.)   | 72  | NR   |
| 14. Pittsburgh-Johnstown   | 69  | 8th  |
| 15. King (Tenn.)           | 43  | NR   |
| 16. Maryville (Mo.)        | 38  | 15th |

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| 17. Findlay (Ohio)     | 33 | 14th |
| 18. Colorado-Mesa      | 20 | NR   |
| 19. Minnesota State    | 19 | 12th |
| 20. Shippensburg (Pa.) | 8  | 20th |

Others receiving votes: Kutztown (Pa.), Limestone (S.C.), Mary (N.D.), Minnesota State-Moorhead, San Francisco State (Calif.), Seton Hill (Pa.).

## 2011-12 St. Cloud State Wrestling Results

NAME	YEAR	CLASS	W/L RECORD	DUAL W/L	FALLS	SOSU	ISU	COBBER	DRAGON	HUSKY	RCC	WO	NC	UWEC	REGION	NCAA's	
Barnes, Jack	FR	178	11-9	0-0	3	DNP	DNP	DNP	5th	DNP							
Berg, Mic	FR	157	5-7	1-0	4	DNP	DNP	4th	NA	2nd							
Brennan, Chris	FR	157	7-4	0-0	0	5th	NA	NA	NA	DNP							
Carroll, Josh	RJR	157	3-7	0-0	0	DNP	NA	DNP	NA	DNP							
Dick, Dan	Fr	185	14-4	3-0	2	NA	5th	6th	NA	1st							
Ericsson, Austin*	Fr	149/157	6-7	0-0	2	NA	DNP	4th	5th	DNP							
Finkle, Eric*	Fr	125	0-0	0-0	0	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA							
Gillis, Trey*	Fr	124/134	7-7	0-0	2	DNP	4th	2nd	DNP	NA							
Harold, Tread	FR	125	0-0	0-0	0	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA							
Hildebr, Jay	Fr	141	10-8	1-1	3	DNP	3rd	6th	NA	DNP							
Hunt, Eric*	Fr	149	0-0	0-0	0	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA							
Hunt, Jacob D.	RJR	157	7-4	2-1	0	NA	NA	3rd	NA	6th							
Hunt, Jacob R.	Jr	149/157	11-9	0-0	4	5th	DNP	DNP	NA	DNP							
Hunt, Josh	RJR	149	13-5	3-0	10	DNP	4th	3rd	NA	NA							
Janssen, Charlie	RJR	157	0-0	0-0	0	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA							
Johnson, Brady*	Fr	141	5-3	0-0	4	NA	NA	1st	5th	DNP							
Kolbaso, Jacob	RJR	285	15-1	3-0	4	1st	2nd	NA	NA	1st (DNP)							
Koal, Jason*	Fr	141	5-9	0-0	2	NA	6th	6th	4th	DNP							
Ledebur, Matt	RJR	141/149	12-7	1-0	3	DNP	DNP	DNP	NA	5th							
Lille, Gunnar*	Fr	285	7-8	0-0	2	DNP	DNP	DNP	NA	DNP							
Mahlon, Tyler	RJR	141	3-6	0-0	0	NA	NA	DNP	DNP	DNP							
McFaul, Ben	RJR	174	7-10	0-0	1	DNP	DNP	DNP	4th	DNP							
Merrill, Tom	FR	160/174	13-2	2-1	5	2nd	NA	1st	NA	1st (DNP)							
Morrissey, Dallas	RJR	141	10-6	0-0	2	DNP	DNP	NA	NA	DNP							
Murphy, Lucas	FR	157	13-4	2-0	3	DNP	3rd	1st	NA	3rd							
Nelson, Matt*	Fr	141	15-7	0-0	3	DNP	2nd	DNP	1st	6th							
O'Grady, Thomas	RJR	174	2-0	0-0	1	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA							
Pastore, Cody	RJR	133	6-6	1-0	2	DNP	DNP	DNP	NA	NA							
Policing, Andy	RJR	133	5-2	1-0	3	NA	NA	3rd	NA	2nd							
Ponder, Chris*	Fr	157	14-7	0-0	7	4th	3rd	DNP	1st	DNP							
Quinn, Karl	RJR	124/134	13-6	1-0	5	DNP	4th	3rd	NA	2nd							
Schroeder, Ryan*	Fr	157	0-2	0-0	0	NA	NA	NA	NA	DNP							
Shank, Derek	RJR	184	5-1	2-0	1	1st	2nd	NA	NA	NA							
Shaw, Zach	FR	133	14-5	1-1	4	3rd	5th	2nd	NA	1st							
Talbot, Jacob	RJR	157	2-1	0-0	1	DNP	NA	NA	NA	NA							
Tibbels, Cody*	Fr	185	0-9	0-0	1	DNP	5th	DNP	5th	DNP							
White, Caleb*	Fr	285	2-2	0-0	0	NA	NA	NA	NA	DNP							
Wright, Dylan	FR	125/133	0-7	1-1	1	4th	5th	DNP	NA	NA							
Zander, Chris*	Fr	174	0-4	0-0	0	NA	NA	NA	DNP	DNP							
<b>TOTALS</b>			<b>288-286</b>	<b>26-6</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>11</b>							
<b>WIN PERCENTAGE</b>			<b>0.504</b>	<b>0.833</b>													
* - Inactive - Inactivity Unchecked											<b>NCAA Medal, Dues Place:</b>						
DNP - Inactive - Dual Med Place			NA - Inactive - Med Active			<b>Dual Record: 3-0 (0-0, NSC)</b>						<b>NAC Place:</b>					

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**YouTube** - [www.youtube.com/SCSU1869](http://www.youtube.com/SCSU1869)

**HUSKY OPEN WEBSITE:** <http://www.stcloudstate.edu/athletics/sports/wrestling/results/TheHolidayInnHuskyOpen.asp>



## 2011 NCAA Division II Runner-Up

**John Sundgren - NCAA Division II Champion at 157-pounds**

**Steve Costanzo - NCAA Division II Coach of the Year**

**NCAA Championships Website**

[www.ncaa.com/championships/wrestling/d2](http://www.ncaa.com/championships/wrestling/d2)