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2006-07 ST. CLOUD STATE WRESTLING NEWS

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2006-07 Schedule

Nov. 4	Cardinal/Black Challenge	6:00 p.m.
Nov. 11	@ Dakota Wesleyan	9:00 a.m.
Nov. 18	@ Cobber Open	9:00 a.m.
Dec. 3	@ Northern Iowa Open	9:00 a.m.
Dec. 9	Husky Open	9:00 a.m.
Jan. 9	MSU-Moorhead	L, 19-17
Jan. 10	@ St. Olaf College	W, 50-3
Jan. 13	Northern State	W, 27-16
Jan. 19	@ Nebraska-Omaha*	L, 37-12
Jan. 20	@ Augustana College*	L, 27-12
Jan. 23	@ Southwest MSU	W, 30-9
Jan. 28	@ Augsburg College	L, 47-0
Feb. 2	@ Upper Iowa	L, 31-10
Feb. 3	@ Dubuque	10:00 a.m.
Feb. 9	@ St. John's	L, 25-13
Feb. 15	MSU Mankato*	L, 38-3
Feb. 16	University of Mary	W, 31-12
Feb. 25	North Regional Championships @ Moorhead	7th, 31 pts
Mar. 9-10	NCAA DII Championships Kearney, Neb.	TBA

* denotes conference meet

(all meets are listed as Central Time)

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2006-07 HUSKY RECAP

The first season of the Steve Costanzo era saw many improvements in the Husky Wrestling program that could be seen around the North Region with one National Qualifier and multiple wins under his belt.

The Huskies began their season at the Dakota Wesleyan Open finishing three wrestlers in the top-five. This streak continued throughout the season, as the team built their confidence placing multiple wrestlers at every Open they attended. The Husky Open was a success for the first-year coaching staff, as over 200 wrestlers participated in the all-day event in early December.

St. Cloud also had two North Central Conference Wrestlers of the Week after being absent from this list for nearly three years. Junior, co-captain, Nick Wilkes (Onamia) was named the wrestler of the week on November 21, 2006, after posting a 4-0 record at the Cobber Open, pinning the NAIA national champion in the finals to take first place. Sophomore, Sonny Silva (Kimberly, Idaho) followed Wilkes with a NCC nod the week of February 6, after posting two wins over an Upper Iowa wrestler and taking a top finish at the Moco Mercer Tournament in Dubuque, Iowa.

Dual season began strong as the Huskies dropped a very close match, 19-17, to Minnesota State University-Moorhead and followed it with two wins. The first victory came by defeating St. Olaf College quite handily, 50-3, and was followed up by SCSU topping off Northern State, 27-16 in early January. The Huskies ended their season 4-7 overall and 0-3 in the NCC.

At the North Regional Championships the Huskies tied for seventh place overall, posting 31.0 points, tying Northern State. Wilkes took the top finish for the Huskies, at 184 pounds. He challenged the fourth place finisher for a true fourth place finish, and won that bout in an 11-3 decision, giving him the opportunity to wrestle at the National Tournament.

On March 9-10, Wilkes got his shot to wrestle in the NCAA DII Wrestling Championships, but was unable to produce any victories, losing his first two matches and getting knocked out of the tournament.

HUSKY AWARDS

The 2006-07 Husky Wrestling Awards Banquet will be held on Friday, April 13, from 6-9 p.m. at the Kelly INN Conference Room. More details will follow.

COACHING STAFF REMARKS

On behalf of the 2006-07 Husky Wrestling coaching staff, Head Coach Steve Costanzo would like to say:

Thank you to everyone who has been involved with Husky Wrestling, especially for all your contributions and support of Husky Wrestling the in 2006-07 campaign.

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HEAD COACH STEVE COSTANZO

Steve Costanzo begins his first season as the Husky head wrestling coach during the 2006-07 season. He becomes the 13th coach in the history of the St. Cloud State University wrestling program, which dates back to 1949-50.



Costanzo is in his eighth season overall as a head coach. He has spent the last seven years at Dana College in Blair, NE where he amassed an overall record of 61-30-2 while coaching 74 NAIA National Qualifiers, 31 NAIA All-Americans and two National Champions.

Costanzo led Dana College to the NAIA National Championship in 2006 (with a tourney record 193 points) and a NWCA National Duals Championship in 2006.

ASSISTANT COACHES

Severin Walsh

A first year graduate assistant coach for the Huskies, Walsh wrestled as an undergrad at William Penn University.

Walsh helped lead William Penn University to the 2003 and 2004 NAIA Central Region Championships. Walsh galloped over the border to coach Dana College in 2003-04 and helped the Vikings win back-to-back Regional Championships in 2005 and 2006. In addition, he helped lead the Vikings to their first ever National Championship in 2006

Cisco Cole

A first year graduate assistant coach, Cole wrestled at both Dana College and at Southwest Oregon Community College where he was a 1998 NJCAA National Qualifier. Cole captured the 2005 USA Wrestling National Beach Championship in the heavyweight division held in Long Island, NY.

Cole helped guide the Dana College Vikings to back-to-back Central Region Championships in 2005 and 2006. He also helped lead the Vikings to a fifth place finish at the 2005 NAIA National Championships as well as Dana's first National Championship in 2006

Jeremy Lang

First year volunteer coach, Lang was a five-year letterwinner in wrestling, three-time Minnesota High School state qualifier and a three-time All-State recipient in wrestling and placed fifth at state his senior year. He amassed a career high school record of 101-36-2. Competed for the Huskies from 1993-99, Lang was a three-year letterwinner for SCSU and a three-time All-Conference recipient in the tough North Central Conference.

Lang earned his Bachelor's degree in local and urban affairs from SCSU in 1999

ALL NCC HONOR ROLL

A trio of St. Cloud State University student-athletes were named to the 2006-07 North Central Conference Commissioner's Academic Honor Roll for wrestling. They were three of 17 NCC student-athletes to achieve the honor.

Those student-athletes named from SCSU include sophomore Adam Hill (Sauk Rapids), an economics major from Mahtomedi; Matt Jackson (Oakdale), a sophomore mathematics major from Oakdale and Tom Messerli (Lafayette), a senior finance major from Lafayette.

To qualify student-athletes must have a minimum 3.20 grade point average, have completed at least two semesters at their current school and have competed against outside competition.

NATIONAL HONOR ROLL

The 2006-07 NCAA Division II All-Academic Wrestling Team announced 98 student-athletes from 28 universities and colleges.

Four St. Cloud State University wrestling team members earned the prestige Division II recognition. Tom Messerli (Sr, Lafayette, MN) earned second team honors while team members Thomas Anderson (So, Belview, MN), Adam Hill (So, Sauk Rapids, MN) and Mathew Jackson (So, Oakdale, MN) all earned honorable mention honors.

St. Cloud State University earned a top fifteen national academic finish as the Huskies ranked #14 with a 3.029 team GPA.

In order for a student-athlete to be nominated for the Division II All-Academic Team, he needed to have a minimum 3.00 cumulative grade point average on a 4.0 scale. He must be in at least his second full year at his school, be a varsity member on his team or a key reserve, demonstrate a degree of skill and have a minimum of two letters of recommendation (academic advisor and coach) submitted on his behalf.

2006-07 Top Wrestling Finishers

<u>Tom Anderson</u> 2nd-N. Country	<u>Jairo Sandoval</u> 5th-D.W.U Open 5th-Cobber Open	<u>Sonny Silva</u> 5th-Cobber Open 1st-Dubuque
<u>Wes Hanson</u> 4th- Dubuque	<u>Russell Smith</u> 4th-D.W.U. Open 1st-Cobber Open	<u>Nick Wasche</u> 6th-D.W.U. Open 5th-Dubuque
<u>Adam Minnette</u> 2nd-Dubuque	<u>Matt Steffenson</u> 7th-D.W.U Open 5th-Cobber Open	<u>Nick Wilkes</u> 1st-Cobber Open 2nd- Dubuque 5th-North Regionals

2006-07 HUSKY WRESTLING ROSTER

Name	Yr.	Wt.	Hometown	Name	Yr.	Wt.	Hometown
Tom Anderson	So	165	Belview	Dan O'Neill	RFr	125	Monticello
Ryan Clark	Fr	141	New Brighton	Eric Rogness	Fr	197	Buffalo
John Denney	Fr	141	Forest Lake	Robert Ross	Fr	184	St. Peter
Westy Hanson	Fr	125	Crookston	Neil Russell	So	174	St. Cloud
Adam Hill	So	174	Sauk Rapids	Jairo Sandoval	Jr	174	Miami, FL
Matt Jackson	So	141	Oakdale	Sonny Silva	So	133	Kimberly, ID
Brent Johnson	Jr	133	Altoona, WI	Derek Skala	Fr	157	Owatonna
Grant Johnson	RFr	141	Cold Spring	Matt Steffenson	Jr	165	Onamia
Chad Kubasch	Fr	149	New Germany	Gabriel Suarez	Fr	125	Las Vegas, NV
Russell Lumley	Fr	149	Becker, MN	John Sundgren	Fr	149	Coon Rapids
Tom Messerli	Sr	149	Lafayette	Nick Wasche	So	125	Cedar
Adam Minnette	RFr			Tim Whitley	Fr	141	Wenatchee, WA
				Nicholas Wilkes	Jr	184	Onamia



2006-07 St. Cloud State Wrestling Results

Name	D.W.U	Cobber	U.N.I./Drag.	Husky	Worth.	James.	Dubuque	N. Country	NWCA's	Regionals	Nationals	Dual W/L	Falls	W/L Record
Anderson, Tom	N/A	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	N/A	2nd	N/A	6th	N/A	1-2	0	7-16
*Clark, Ryan	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	DNP	N/A	N/A	4th	5th	N/A	N/A	N/A	2	7-6
Hanson, Wes	7th	6th	DNP	DNP	N/A	N/A	4th	N/A	N/A	DNP	N/A	4-8	3	13-20
Hill, Adam	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	N/A	DNP	DNP	N/A	N/A	0-2	2	4-18
Jackson, Matt	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	N/A	DNP	N/A	5th	DNP	N/A	0-1	1	6-17
Johnson, Brent	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	1	5-8
Johnson, Grant	DNP	5th	DNP	DNP	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	DNP	N/A	7-4	6	13-14
*Kubasch, Chad	2nd	DNP	4th	DNP	DNP	N/A	N/A	DNP	5th	N/A	N/A	N/A	0	14-13
*Lumley, Russell	DNP	DNP	N/A	DNP	DNP	N/A	N/A	DNP	4th	N/A	N/A	N/A	3	4-12
Messerli, Tom	N/A	DNP	N/A	N/A	DNP	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	0	2-4
Minnette, Adam	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	2nd	N/A	N/A	5th	N/A	5-6	5	10-10
*O'Neill, Dan	DNP	DNP	N/A	DNP	DNP	DNP	N/A	5th	3rd	N/A	N/A	N/A	3	6-13
*Rogness, Erik	N/A	DNP	N/A	DNP	N/A	N/A	N/A	5th	DNP	N/A	N/A	N/A	0	2-6
*Ross, Bobby	DNP	DNP	6th	DNP	DNP	DNP	N/A	DNP	8th	N/A	N/A	N/A	1	4-17
Russell, Neil	DNP	1st	DNP	DNP	N/A	N/A	DNP	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	2-7	0	8-15
Sandoval, Jairo	5th	5th	DNP	DNP	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	6th	N/A	1-10	2	14-21
Silva, Sonny	DNP	5th	DNP	DNP	N/A	N/A	1st	N/A	N/A	6th	N/A	5-2	2	19-13
*Skala, Derek	N/A	N/A	DNP	DNP	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	0	2-4
Steffenson, Matt	7th	5th	DNP	DNP	N/A	N/A	DNP	N/A	N/A	DNP	N/A	3-5	3	13-15
*Suarez, Gabe	7th	3rd	DNP	3rd	N/A	DNP	N/A	2nd	3rd	N/A	N/A	N/A	2	22-10
*Sundgren, John	3rd	DNP	DNP	4th	N/A	N/A	N/A	6th	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	6	14-10
Wasche, Nick	6th	DNP	DNP	DNP	N/A	N/A	5th	N/A	5th	N/A	N/A	2-2	2	11-14
Whitley, Tim	5th	5th	DNP	DNP	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	6-4	1	18-11
Wilkes, Nick	N/A	1st	DNP	N/A	N/A	N/A	2nd	N/A	N/A	4th	DNP	8-2	3	18-8
* - Indicates - Wrestling Unattached								NCC - 4th			Totals	44-55	48	236-295
DNP - Indicates - Did Not Place								Region - T7th			Win Per. Dual Rec.	0.444		0.444
N/A - Indicates - Not Active								NCAA - T32nd				4-7		