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2011-2012



Three St. Cloud State Wrestlers Claim Titles at Finn Grineker Open



Rs Brady Johnshoy
141

The St. Cloud State University wrestling team, ranked #1 in the Division II Wrestling Coaches' Association 2011-12 preseason poll, was on the road again at the Finn Grineker Open at Concordia-Moorhead, MN.

SCSU crowned two champions, in the Gold Division and one in the Maroon. Tad Merritt at 174 and Luke Munkelwitz at 197 both captured titles in the Gold Division while Brady Johnshoy finished first at 141 in the Maroon Division.

Merritt went 4-0 on the day beating Pat Nord of Jamestown College 8-4 first round, Tyler Kivel of Minnesota State Moorhead 9-3 second round, defeating fellow teammate Kurt Salmen 7-2 in the Semi Finals match up and then taking out Kurtis Julson of North Dakota State in the finals 8-6.

Munkelwitz also finished the day with a perfect 4-0 record. On his way to the finals Munkelwitz pinned both Onni Prestidge of Northern Iowa first round in 1:30, and Trevor Parlberg of Southwest Minnesota State second round. In the quarter



RsSr Tad Merritt
174

finals match up Munkelwitz defeated another Northern Iowa wrestler Taylor Kettman 6-0, and finished the day with a 4-1 win over Martin Hagen of Southwest Minnesota State.

Redshirt Brady Johnshoy captured his first collegiate title at 141 in the Maroon Division with 2 pins, a major, and a 4-1 decision over Beau Buysse of Southwest Minnesota State in the finals.

SCSU's Zach Stewart finished second at 133 in the Gold Division, with a 3-1 record dropping the finals match to Division I wrestler Ryan Jauch of Northern Iowa.

Also at 133 Andy Pokorny placed third with his only loss coming to fellow teammate Zach Stewart in the semi-finals match up.



RsSr Luke Munkelwitz
197

At 141 in the Gold Division Jay Hildreth went 3-2 with a sixth place finish. Both losses coming from Division I wrestlers Seth Lange of University of Minnesota and Seth Noble University of Northern Iowa. En route to a sixth place finish Hildreth defeated fellow teammates Tyler Mathison and Matt Nelson.

In the bracket at 149-pounds, Josh Howk claimed a third place finish with a 3-1 record. All 3 wins coming by fall in his signature move the "Tomma Howk" as the guys on the team have nicknamed it. His only loss coming in the semi-finals match up with Tanner Hiatt of the University of Northern Iowa. Hiatt would go on to with the tournament.

At 157 Jacob D. Horn finished third with a 3-1 record dropping his semi finals match to Steven Monk of North Dakota State University, Monk would go on to win the tournament. In the third and fourth place match up against Kerron Williams of Minnesota State Moorhead Horn put on a dominating performance breaking his opponent and capturing an 18-8 major decision victory.

Finn Grineker Open

At 165 SCSU wrestler Dan Dick finished sixth place with a 2-1 record on the day.

Kurt Salmen placed 3rd at 174 avenging a previous loss to Division I wrestler Cody Caldwell in the second round with a big 9-3 win. His only loss coming from teammate and tournament champion Tad Merritt.

Mic berg finished 4th at 197 with a 3-2 record.

In the Maroon Division at 141 Jared Kust placed sixth with a 3-1 record.

Isaiah Erickson ended the day with a 1-1 record to claim third place at 157.

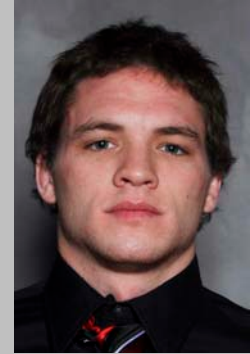
Freshman Trey Griffin capped off the day with a 3-1 record and a second place finish at 184. On his way to the finals Griffin captured a pin in the first round, a technical fall in the second, and an 11-7 decision in the semi-finals. His only loss coming from Kody Sorenson of North Dakota State University in the finals.

For Complete Bracket Results Go To:

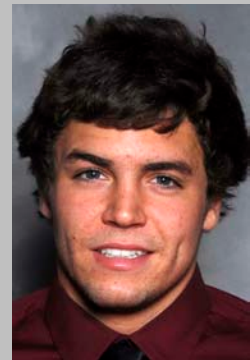
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Josh Howk



Jacob D. Horn



Trey Griffin

Lacrosse Duals

The St. Cloud State University wrestling team opened its 2011-12 dual meet season with a trio of victories at the Candlewood Suite UW-LaCrosse Wrestling Duals on Dec. 3, in LaCrosse, Wis.

The Huskies scored a 49-0 win over Waldorf College to start the day, followed by a 29-9 win over UW-Stevens Points (ranked #25 in DIII wrestling this year). To cap off the day, SCSU scored a big 29-7 win over host UW-LaCrosse (currently ranked #2 in DIII wrestling this year).

Round 1 - #1 St. Cloud State Univ. (Minn.) vs. Waldorf College (Iowa)

- 125 -Cody Paulsen (St. Cloud State) won by decision over Jeff Ohnemus (Waldorf), 15-13
- 133 - Zach Stewart (St. Cloud State) won by fall over Bo Bettinson (Waldorf), 2:37
- 141 - Jay Hildreth (St. Cloud State) won by fall over Dillon Spates (Waldorf), 3:41
- 149 - Josh Howk (St. Cloud State) won by fall over Emmanuel Del Castillo (Waldorf), 1:15
- 157- Jacob D. Horn (St. Cloud State) won by decision over Jeremy Padilla (Waldorf), 7-2
- 165 - Dan Dick (St. Cloud State) won by decision over Rashad Moss (Waldorf), 4-2
- 174 -Tad Merritt (St. Cloud State) won by fall over Gabe Vasquez (Waldorf), 1:09
- 184 - Derek Skala (St. Cloud State) won by fall over Travis Mundt (Waldorf), 1:57
- 197 - Michael Berg (St. Cloud State) won by fall over Brock Binversie (Waldorf), :57
- 285 -Jake Kahnke (St. Cloud State) won by major decision over Jacob Combs (Waldorf), 12-3

Final Score: St. Cloud State Univ. (Minn.) 49, Waldorf College (Iowa) 0

Round 2 - #1 St. Cloud Univ. (Minn.) vs. #25 UW-Stevens Point

- 125 - Lance Fabry (UW-Stevens Point) won by decision over Dylan Wright (St. Cloud State), 6-5
- 133 - Joe Mileski (UW-SP) won by decision over Zach Stewart (St. Cloud State), 9-4
- 141- Jay Hildreth (St. Cloud State) won by forfeit
- 149 -Josh Howk (St. Cloud State) won by decision over Shane Sweeney (UW-SP), 9-6
- 157 -Ben Strobel (UW-SP) won by decision over Jacob D. Horn (St. Cloud State), 12-6
- 165- Dan Dick (St. Cloud State) won by decision over Jordan Schulte (UW-SP), 2-0
- 174 - Tad Merritt (St. Cloud State) won by fall over Ryan Conat (UW-SP), 2:02
- 184 - Kurt Salmen (St. Cloud State) won by decision over Dan Diebitz (UW-SP), 6-2
- 197 - Lucas Munkelwitz (SCSU) won by major decision over Andy Borchardt (UW-SP), 14-4
- 285 - Jake Kahnke (St. Cloud State) won by major decision over Matt Cuadra (UW-SP), 14-6

Final Score: St. Cloud State Univ. (Minn.) 29, UW-Stevens Point 9

Round 3 - #2 UW-La Crosse vs. #1 St. Cloud State

- 125 - Dylan Wright (St. Cloud State) won by major decision over Joey Nelson (UW-L), 9-1
- 133 - Andrew Pokorny (St. Cloud State) won by decision over Adam Sheley (UW-L), 8-6
- 141 - Beбето Yewah (UW-L) won by major decision over Jay Hildreth (St. Cloud State), 16-6
- 149 -Josh Howk (St. Cloud State) won by fall over Bobby Dorn (UW-L), 1:24
- 157 - Jacob D. Horn (St. Cloud State) won by decision over JR Lewis (UW-L), 5-1
- 165 - Dan Dick (St. Cloud State) won by decision over Kevin O'Brien (UW-L), 5-3
- 174- Mike Schmitz (UW-L) won by decision over Tad Merritt (St. Cloud State), 10-5
- 184 - Derek Skala (St. Cloud State) won by decision over Grant Miller (UW-L), 8-4
- 197- Lucas Munkelwitz (SCSU) won by major decision over Evan Sinram (UW-L), 10-1
- 285 -Jake Kahnke (St. Cloud State) won by decision over Billy Mayer (UW-L), 4-1

Final Score: St. Cloud State University (Minn.) 29, UW-La Crosse 7

Holiday Inn Husky Open

St. Cloud State University wrestling team hosted the 41st annual Holiday Inn Husky Open on Saturday, Dec. 10 in Halenbeck Hall Fieldhouse.

The tournament included over 150 wrestlers from teams including:

- St. Cloud State
- Minnesota
- North Dakota State
- Minnesota State – Mankato
- Minnesota State – Moorhead
- Southwest Minnesota State
- U. of Mary
- Indianapolis.
- UW Parkside
- St. Johns U.
- Augsburg
- Concordia
- Iowa Lakes CC

Matt Wyss and Jake Kahnke received the Jack Gause award for most falls in the least amount of time



Husky Open Champions

Weight	Name	School
125	Jordan Kingsley	Minnesota
133	Zach Stewart	SCSU
141	Seth Lange	Minnesota
149	Tony Valek	Augsburg
157	Tel Todd	Minnesota
165	Dan Dick	SCSU
174	Tad Merritt	SCSU
184	Joel Bauman	Minnesota
197	Scott Schiller	Minnesota
Hwt	Jake Kahnke	SCSU

Tad Merritt of SCSU was named the tournament's outstanding wrestler



Holiday Inn Husky Open

Sophomore **Zach Stewart** (Green Bay, Wis.) won the 133-pound division after a pin in his first match, a 16-0 tech fall in his second, and two decisions. He posted a 7-4 win in the finals over Andy Pokorny of SCSU.

Freshman **Dan Dick** (Inver Grove Heights) had a pin and three decisions to win the 165-pound division.

Senior **Tad Merritt** (Canby) opened the tournament with a first round bye, pinned his second round opponent in 1:50, followed by a 14-4 major decision in the quarter finals, and a 4:49 pin in the semi finals. Merritt won an 8-7 overtime decision in the finals over University of Wisconsin-Parkside's Luke Rynish. The 174 pound title marks his fourth-straight Husky Open Championship.

Junior **Jake Kahnke** (Shakopee) won his second straight 285-pound Husky Open title with three pins, a major decision and a 7-2 decision in the championship round. Kahnke pinned his first opponent in 27 seconds, got the 10-1 major decision in his second match, followed by another pin in 3:19, and then pinned his semi finals opponent in 1:19 before reaching the finals and defeating Chad Johnson of Augsburg 7-2.



SCSU Husky Open Champions



Stewart



Merritt



Dick



Kahnke

Other SCSU PLace Winners Include:

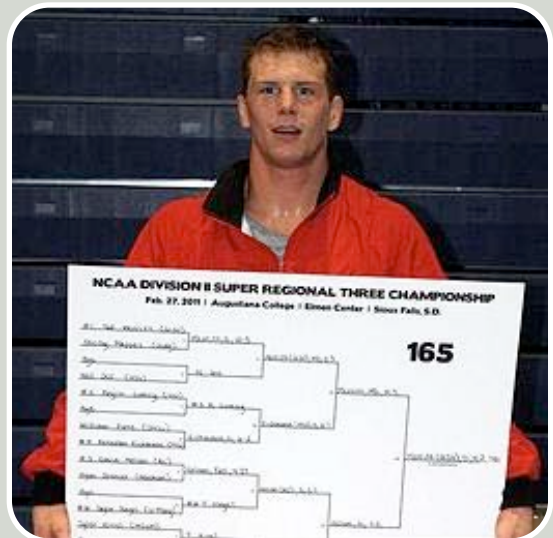
133	Andy Pokorny	2nd place
141	Matt Leibforth	5th place
141	Matt Nelson	6th place
157	Jacob D. Horn	6th place
184	Kurt Salmen	2nd place
197	Mic Berg	2nd place
197	Luke Munkelwitz	3rd place

Tad Merritt Named NSIC Wrestler of The Week

St. Cloud State University senior Tad Merritt has been selected as the Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference Wrestler of the Week Dec. 12. A team captain and 3x Division II All-American, Merritt earned the honor after his first place finish in the 174-pound weight class at the 2011 Holiday Inn Husky Open on Dec. 10 in St. Cloud, MN. Merritt recorded a perfect 4-0 record in tournament action, which included two pins and a major decision. In the title match Merritt defeated UW-Parkside's Luke Rynish, the nation's number two ranked wrestler at 174-pounds. For his accomplishment he was also awarded the John Oxtom Most Outstanding Wrestler Award.



Merritt is currently ranked #1 in the nation at 165-pounds



UW-Eau Claire Dual Re-Scheduled

The upcoming St. Cloud State University wrestling dual meet against UW-Eau Claire will now take place on Wednesday, Jan. 18 at 7:30 p.m. in Halenbeck Hall.

The match between the Huskies and the Bugolds was originally slated to take place on Tuesday, Feb. 7, but due to scheduling conflicts the two teams will now wrestle on Jan. 18 at 7:30 p.m.



2011-12 SCSU HUSKY WRESTLING TEAM



<u>DATE</u>	<u>OPPONENT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>TIME</u>
Nov 4 (Fri)	Black/Red Classic	Home	7 p.m.
Nov 6 (Sun)	at Daktronics Open	Brookings, SD	9 a.m.
Nov 13 (Sun)	at Harold Nichols Open	Ames, IA	9 a.m.
Nov 19 (Sat)	at Finn Grineker Open	Moorhead, MN	9 a.m.
Dec 3 (Sat)	at La Crosse Duals	La Crosse, WI	SC 49, Waldorf 0 SC 29, UWSP 9 SC 29, UWL 7
Dec 10 (Sat)	Holiday Inn/Husky Open	Home	9 a.m.
Dec. 31 (Sat)	at Grand Canyon Duals Cal Baptist (9 a.m.) Colorado Mesa (11 a.m.) Mercyhurst (1 p.m.) Grand Canyon (5 p.m.)	Phoenix, AZ	9 a.m.
Jan 7-8 (Sat/Sun)	at NWCA National Duals	Springfield, IL	TBA
Jan 13 (Fri)	at Northern State*	Aberdeen, SD	7 p.m.
Jan 14 (Sat)	at University of Mary*	Bismarck, ND	2 p.m.
Jan. 18 (Wed)	UW-Eau Claire <i>(please note this match was originally scheduled for Feb. 7)</i>	Home	7:30 p.m,
Jan 20 (Fri)	at Concordia College	Moorhead, MN	7 p.m.
Jan 21 (Sat)	at MSU, Moorhead*	Moorhead, MN	2 p.m.
Jan 27 (Fri)	Augustana College*	Home	7 p.m.
Jan 28 (Sat)	vs. Southwest Minnesota State*	Canby, MN	7 p.m.
Feb 2 (Thur)	St. Johns University	Home	7 p.m.
Feb12 (Sun)	Upper Iowa*	Home	2 p.m.
Feb 16 (Thur)	at Minnesota State*	Mankato, MN	7 p.m.
Feb 26 (Sun)	Regional Championships	Home	10 a.m.
Mar 9-10 (Fri/Sat)	NCAA Championships	Pueblo, Colo.	TBA

Wrestler Profile With Jake R. Horn

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Hometown: St. Michael, Minn.

High School: St. Michael-Albertville H.S.

Weight: 149/157

Year at SCSU: Junior

Major: Electrical Engineering

Why Did You Choose SCSU: Major/Wrestling Program/Price/Location

Who Do You Admire Most: Dad

Who Has Been The Biggest Influence on Your Life: Dad

Favorite Food When Not Watching Weight: Fettucini Alfredo

Favorite Sport Other Than Wrestling: Ultimate Frisbee

Favorite Athlete to Watch in Another Sport: Kayla Horn (basketball)

Favorite Wrestler and Why: John Peterson. He brought his experience along as he became a missionary.

Best Piece of Advice You've Received: "One day at a time," from Steve Costanzo.

What Kind of Advice Would You Give A Young Wrestler Who Is Just Taking Up the Sport: One day at a time.

Best Moment as a Wrestler so far: Beating Elg in dual match at Minnesota State.

Any Idea What You Will Do After Your Wrestling Career Is Over: Career/family/maybe coach a little as a volunteer.

How Did You End Up Becoming A Wrestler: I was born in STMA...everyone wrestles.

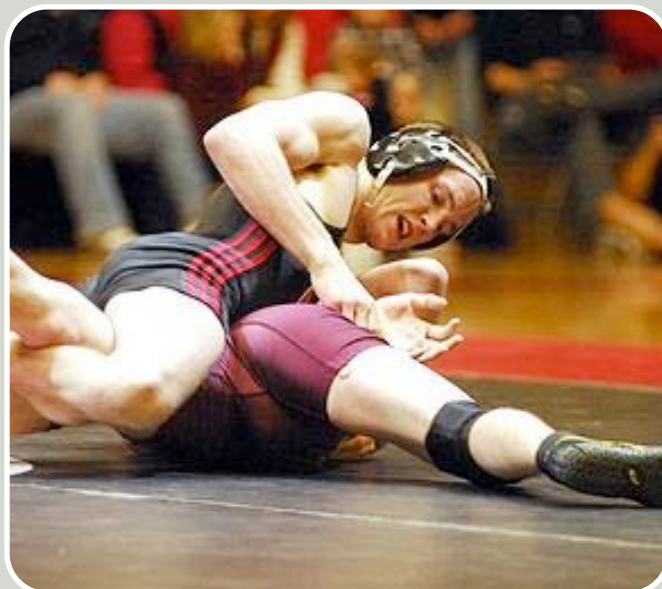
Who Will be the biggest surprise on the team: Ben McPhail

Funniest Guy On The Team: Shamus O'Grady

What is your favorite subject in school: Microprocessor Design/Digital Logic

What is your least favorite subject in school: Gen-Ed.

Favorite Quote: "It is not about eliminating fear, it is about acting in spite of it."



Featured Coach Of The Month

A Gold and Silver Olympic medalist, three-time World Cup champion and a member of the National Wrestling Hall of Fame, John Peterson is one the assistant coaches for the St. Cloud State University wrestlers this season with personal development. Peterson earned a silver medal as a freestyle wrestler at the 1972 Olympics in Munich, Germany, then won the 180.5-pound freestyle gold medal at the 1976 Olympics in Montreal, Canada. He earned World Cup championships in 1973, 1975 and 1980. As a collegiate wrestler at Wisconsin-Stout, he was an NAIA All-American (fifth place) in 1971 and earned three conference titles. He was inducted into the [National Wrestling Hall of Fame](#) in 1986. He has shared his faith with people around the world, working with Athletes In Action and Campus Crusade for Christ. Along with his brother, fellow Olympic wrestling champion Ben Peterson, the duo founded [Camp of Champs](#) in 1977. The Wisconsin-based camp combines intense training and competition with recreation and character training from a biblical perspective. "We are very fortunate to have John work with our student-athletes on a personal basis," said Coach Steve Costanzo. "John is a great role model and I believe our men will learn a lot from him."

Assistant:
John Peterson



L to R: John Peterson, 180.5 lbs - SILVER; Wayne Wells, 163 lbs - GOLD;
Ben Peterson, 198 lbs - GOLD; Chris Taylor, UNL - Gold;
Dan Gable, 149.5 lbs - GOLD; Rick Sanders, 125.5 lbs - Silver