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St. Cloud State University HUSKY ATHLETICS

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Feb. 1: @ #7 MSU-Moorhead
Feb. 2: SW Minnesota State

8-1-0 Overall, 1-1-0-NCC

2007-08 SCSU Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time/Result
Nov. 10	Black/Red Classic	7 p.m.
Nov. 17	@ Cobber Open	No Team Scores
Dec. 1	@ Dragon Open	No Team Scores
Dec. 8	*HUSKY OPEN	No Team Scores
Dec. 15	@ Terry Haws Duals	4-0
	vs. #12 Buena Vista	W, 22-16
	vs. U. of Dubuque	W, 24-14
	vs. #9 Ridgewater	W, 35-6
	vs. St. John's	W, 41-3
Jan. 4-5	@ Midwest Classic	9th of 21
Jan. 10	@ Northern State	W, 33-6
Jan. 11	UW-EAU CLAIRE	W, 42-0
Jan. 18	AUGUSTANA	W, 30-12
Jan. 25	ST. OLAF	W, 33-6
Jan. 26	#2 NEBRASKA-OMAHA	% L 16-25
Feb. 1	@ MSU Moorhead	7 p.m.
Feb. 2	SW MINNESOTA STATE	7 p.m.
Feb. 8	^SAINT JOHN'S	7 p.m.
Feb. 10	#UPPER IOWA	2 p.m.
Feb. 16	@ U-Mary	2 p.m.
Feb. 22	@ Minnesota State	7 p.m.
March 2	North Regions - Mankato	
March 14	NCAA Division II Championships	
March 15	NCAA Division II Championships	
	Cedar Rapids, Iowa	

*Parent's Day
%Alumni Night
^Prep Night
#Senior Night

2007 SCSU Coaches and Staff

Head Coach: Steve Costanzo
Graduate Assistant Coaches:
Matt Lowers
Severin Walsh
Volunteer Assistant: Jeremy Lang
Student Assistant: Tom Messerli
Student Manager: Brooke Winter



2007-08 SCSU WRESTLING TEAM NEWS

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ST. CLOUD SPLIT: HUSKIES ROUT ST. OLAF, FALL TO NO. 2 NEBRASKA-OMAHA: The No. 16 St. Cloud State Wrestling squad's impressive run of eight straight dual victories to begin the season ended at the hands of No. 2 Nebraska-Omaha Saturday afternoon in Halenbeck Hall. After a 33-6 victory over St. Olaf Friday evening to move to 7-0, the Huskies fell 25-16 to UNO on Saturday, ending their best start since the 1959-60 season.



Friday against the Oles, St. Cloud raced to a 18-0 lead after the first four matches en route to the 27-point victory. Nolan Boucher (Grand Rapids) recorded his first pin of the season and as a Husky at 285 lbs. to highlight the Husky victory. Saturday saw the highly anticipated match-up of two of the nation's top teams in SCSU and Nebraska-Omaha. Two Husky losses by pin were the difference as the Mavs went on a 15-0 run after SCSU grabbed a 10-7 lead to take the 25-16 dual victory. Gabe Suarez (Las Vegas, Nev.), Westy Hanson (Crookston) and Derek Skala (Owatonna) all two matches on the weekend with Hanson and Skala each receiving a forfeit victory. Suarez has now won 14 of his last 15 matches and has a team-leading 24 victories on the season.

HUSKIES SIT AT 16TH IN NATIONAL POLL; PADGETT RANKED SEVENTH AT 184: In last Wednesday's Wrestling Coaches Association Poll, St. Cloud State moved up two spots from 18th to 16th. Husky 184-pounder Brad Padgett (Buckley, Wash.) fell one spot to seventh after a loss to Augustana's Beau Severtson, the sixth ranked wrestler at that weight class.

ON TAP: No. 7 MSU-MOORHEAD, SW MINNESOTA STATE: SCSU will step out of the NCC this week to face future NSIC conference rivals in MSU-Moorhead and SW Minnesota State. Moorhead made the largest jump of any team in the latest NWCA poll as they catapulted nine teams from No. 17 to seventh in the latest rankings. The 10-5 Dragons have six ranked wrestlers among their regulars led by No. 5 Tyler Tubbs at 174 lbs. The Dragons have won the last five duals between the two teams, with the last Husky victory coming in the form of a 2002, 19-16 win.

SW Minnesota State is currently 0-5 on the season as the Mustangs are led by Greg Frank who is 18-9 on the year. Last season the Huskies handled SMSU 30-9 in last year's meeting.



HEAD COACH STEVE COSTANZO: Steve Costanzo enters his second season as head wrestling coach at St. Cloud State. He is the 13th coach in the 58-year history of the program and begins his ninth season overall as a head coach. He has an overall record of 65-37-2 while coaching 75 National Qualifiers, 31 All-Americans and 2 National Champions at Dana College in Blair, Neb. and here at SCSU.

In Costanzo's first season, the Huskies finished with a 4-7 dual record, qualifying Nick Wilkes for the Division II National Championships. SCSU ranked 14th nationally with a 3.029 GPA as Tom Messerli, Tom Anderson, Adam Hill and Matt Jackson were named to the Division II All Academic Team.

Prior to coming to the Granite City, Costanzo spent seven seasons at Dana College in Blair, Neb. where he led the 2006 squad to NAIA tourney and dual national championships. Costanzo's teams improved their dual record every year he was with the program, as he accumulated a 61-30-2 record. Costanzo's success earned him NWCA and NAIA Coach of the Year honors in 2006 along with Region Coach of the Year honors in 2005 and 2006.

Costanzo's recruiting squads while at Dana College, recognized by Wrestling USA Magazine, finished 15th in 2001, 4th in 2004 and 1st in 2005 for non-NCAA Division I programs. Costanzo's 2006 SCSU class recorded the tenth spot in that same publication for non-NCAA Division I programs. This past summer, Costanzo's coaching staff was recognized by InterMat as having one of the top NCAA Division II recruiting classes for 2007.

Costanzo graduated from the University of Nebraska-Omaha in 1996 where he was a three-time All-American. He finished his career fifth on the all-time wins list at UNO after winning NCC Championships in 1994 and 1995. His decorated career earned him a place in the Nebraska Wrestling Hall of Fame, to which he was inducted in 2006.

Costanzo is currently pursuing his Masters Degree through Emporia State studying physical education. He and his wife Nancy have four children: Cassandra, Sam, Katie and Brock.

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2007-08 SCSU ROSTER

Name	Weight	Yr.	Hometown
Joe Andersen	149/157	FY	Bemidji
Tom Anderson	165	Jr.	Belview
Logan Atkins	285	FY	Magnolia, Ohio
Nolan Boucher	285	Jr.	Grand Rapids
Joe Casey	165	FY	Shakopee
Jordan Foy	133	FY	Ellsworth, Wis.
Westy Hanson	125/133	So.	Crookston
Adam Helgeson	141	FY	Sauk Centre
Adam Hill	184	Jr.	Sauk Rapids
Jake Horn	141	FY	Ephrata, Wash.
Matt Jackson	141	Jr.	Oakdale
Grant Johnson	149	So.	Cold Spring
Justin Jones	157	Jr.	Onamia
Chad Kusbach	149/157	RFr.	New Germany
Michael Markey	149	Jr.	Auburn, Wash.
Brandon McVey	133	FY	Mound
Tad Merritt	157/165	FY	Canby
Lucas Munkelwitz	174	FY	Forest Lake
Brad Padgett	184	Jr.	Buckley, Wash.
Andrew Peralta	285	FY	Thief River Falls
Jacob Roberts	149	So.	Jordan
Eric Rogness	184	RFr.	Buffalo
Robert Ross	197	RFr.	St. Peter
Ted Saatzer	184	Jr.	Mound
Jairo Sandoval	184	Sr.	Miami, Fla.
Chris Schiewe	285	Jr.	Chicago, Ill.
Jon Schiewe	141	FY	Chicago, Ill.
Ben Sheeley	157	FY	Plymouth
Sonny Silva	141	Jr.	Kimberly, Idaho
Derek Skala	174	RFr.	Owatonna
Matt Steffenson	165	Sr.	Onamia
Aaron Stolp	125	FY	Becker
Gabriel Suarez	133/141	RFr.	Las Vegas, Nev.
John Sundgren	157	RFr.	Coon Rapids
Jake Tabbert	141	FY	Inver Grove Heights
Mark Thoele	125	FY	Gaylord
Nick Wasche	133	Jr.	Cedar
Nick Wilkes	197	Sr.	Onamia
Josh Williams	133/141	Jr.	Banks, Ore.
Albert Yarmeto	149	FY	Brooklyn Park

ASSISTANT COACHES

Graduate Assistant Matt Lowers

Lowers, a first year coach, is a native of Wadena, MN where he was an All-State athlete while competing in wrestling, football, track and field and for Wadena-Deer Creek High School. After suffering a severe neck and back injury in high school, Matt ended up attending Concordia College where he graduated in 2006 with a degree in Exercise Science and a minor in coaching.

Lowers joins the SCSU coaching staff after serving the past two years as an assistant with the 2007 National Champion University of Minnesota Wrestling team. Matt joined the Gophers in 2006 when the team captured the Division I National Dual Team Championship, Big Ten Championship and finished second at the NCAA's. In 2007 the Minnesota Wrestling team repeated as National Dual and Big Ten Champions and also won the NCAA's for the third time in school history. While also serving as an assistant with the University of MN wrestling team Matt worked as the Director of Wrestling Operations for J Robinson Intensive Camps. J Robinson Intensive Camps have set the standard for Intensive camps while training over 3000 athletes each summer.

Graduate Assistant Severin Walsh

Walsh, in his second season with SCSU, is a native of Coulee City, WA where he captured the 1995 Washington High School State Championship for Almira/Coulee-Hartline High School. He began his collegiate career at Yakima Valley Community College then transferred to William Penn University where he was a 2002 NAIA National Qualifier and 2002 Central Region Champion for the Statesmen.

As a coach, Walsh helped lead William Penn University to the 2003 and 2004 NAIA Central Region Championships. He also helped lead the Statesmen to a sixth place finish at the 2003 NAIA National Championships and a ninth place finish at the 2004 NAIA National Championships. After the 2003-04 season at Penn, Walsh coached at NAIA rival Dana College and helped the Vikings reclaim their Regional title with back-to-back Regional Championships in 2005 and 2006. In addition, he helped lead the Vikings to their first ever National Championship in 2006.

Volunteer Jeremy Lang

Lang, a second-year volunteer, is a native of Springfield, MN and a 1993 graduate of Springfield High School. He was a five-year letter-winner 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.

Volunteer Student Coach Tom Messerli

Messerli, first-year volunteer, is a native of Lafayette, MN and a 2003 graduate of Gibbons/Fairfax/Winthrop High School. He lettered five times in wrestling and posted a career record of 98-42. Competed for the Huskies from 2003-07, Messerli was a three-year letterwinner for SCSU and a three-time NWCA All-Academic recipient. In 2006, Messerli was voted the Dean Weisman Wrestler of the Year for Husky wrestling. Messerli resides in St. Cloud and will be completing his degree in finance this year.

BREAKDOWN

By Class	#
Seniors	3
Juniors	12
Sophomores	3
Redshirt Fr.	6
First Year	15
Transfers	12
JUCO	8
4-Year	4
Newcomers:	22
Returners:	17

By Home State	#
Minnesota:	28
Washington:	4
Illinois:	2
Florida:	1
Idaho:	1
Nevada:	1
Ohio:	1
Oregon:	1
Wisconsin:	1

184 Pound National Rankings

Rk.	Wrestler	School
1.	Jared Deaguero	Adams State
2.	Mike Corcetti	Pitt.-Johnstown
3.	Brent Pankoke	Nebraska-Omaha
4.	Heath Jolley	Central Oklahoma
5.	Dan Scanlan,	Limestone (S.C.)
6.	Beau Severtson	Augustana (S.D.)
7.	Brad Padgett	SCSU
8.	Luke Haag	Wisconsin-Parkside

NCC Standings

Rk.	School	NCC	All
1.	MSU-Mankato	1-0	12-0-1
2.	Nebraska-Omaha	1-0	4-2
3.	St. Cloud State	1-1	8-1
4.	Augustana	0-2	4-3

Wrestling Coaches Association Poll

Rk.	Team	Pts.	Last
1.	Minnesota State-Mankato	159	4
2.	Nebraska-Omaha	153	2
3.	Central Oklahoma	144	3
4.	Nebraska-Kearney	136	1
5.	Adams State (Colo.)	123	5
6.	Western State (Colo.)	118	9
7.	Minnesota State-Moorhead	110	17
8.	Pittsburgh-Johnstown (Pa.)	109	6
9.	Upper Iowa	96	7
10.	Newberry (S.C.)	84	10
11.	Ashland (Ohio)	66	8
12.	Mercyhurst (Pa.)	65	16
13.	Gannon (Pa.)	63	13
14.	Indianapolis (Ind.)	59	11
15.	Findlay (Ohio)	41	14
16.	St. Cloud State (Minn.)	38	18
17.	Chadron State (Neb.)	37	12
18.	Limestone (S.C.)	31	19
19.	Wisconsin-Parkside	24	15
20.	Central Missouri	14	NR

Others receiving votes:
Augustana (S.D.)
Fort Hays State (Kan.)

