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# St. Cloud State University HUSKY ATHLETICS

Athletic Media Relations - Wrestling Update

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Husky Open - 12/8**

**0-0-0 Overall, 0-0-0-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
<b>Dec. 8</b>	<b>*Husky Open</b>	<b>9 a.m.</b>
Dec. 15	Terry Haws Duals	9 a.m.
Jan. 4	Midwest Classic	10 a.m.
Jan. 5	Midwest Classic	10 a.m.
Jan. 10	Northern State	7 p.m.
Jan. 11	UW-Eau Claire	7 p.m.
Jan. 18	Augustana	7 p.m.
Jan. 25	St. Olaf	7 p.m.
Jan. 26	%Nebraska-Omaha	2 p.m.
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

**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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### HUSKIES HAVE ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL WEEKEND IN MOORHEAD AT DRAGON

**OPEN:** After a week off from action, the SCSU wrestlers showed little sign of rust, as a multitude of placewinners paced the Husky efforts at the Dragon Open this past Saturday. Leading the way was junior Brad Padgett (Buckley, Wash.). Padgett improved to 6-1 on



the season with a title in the 184 lbs. division of the open's red division. Padgett made a statement with a 10-3 win over Augsburg's Robbie Gotreau in their semi-final bout. Gotreau came into the season as a returning All-American, touting a no. 2 preseason ranking in the Division III individual poll. Padgett was not the only Husky wrestler to make noise, as John Sundgren (Coon Rapids) followed up his title at the Cobber Open two weeks ago by winning the Most Falls award at the Dragon Open.

Sundgren stuck two of his opponents on Saturday on his way to a second place, red division finish. Also finishing in the top three of the red division in their respective weight classes were: Westy Hanson (Crookston), 3rd at 125 lbs., Josh Williams (Banks, Ore.), 3rd at 133 lbs., Gabe Suarez (Las Vegas, Nev.), 2nd at 141 lbs., Matt Jackson (Oakdale), 3rd at 141 lbs. and Nick Wilkes (Onamia), 2nd at 197 lbs.

**ON TAP: 2007 HUSKY OPEN:** SCSU will make its first appearance in Halenbeck Hall this Saturday in the 37th annual Husky Open. This is the second year the tournament has been conducted in the open format after 35 years of the team scoring method. Last year Minnesota State-Mankato led all schools with four individual champions. UW-Lacrosse was not far behind with three titles, Augsburg claimed two with Upper Iowa boasting the final individual champion. Augsburg took home the most team championships in the team scoring era with 11 while SCSU tallied 10.

### 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.

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.

For the latest on SCSU Athletics, check out the Husky Homepage

[www.StCloudState.edu/athletics](http://www.StCloudState.edu/athletics)

## 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	Inner 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



### Dragon Open

#### 125 lbs.

- Westy Hanson - Red

#### 133 lbs.

- Josh Williams - Red

#### 141 lbs.

- Gabe Suarez - Red
- Matt Jackson - Red

#### 149 lbs.

- Grant Johnson - Red
- Chad Kusbach - White

#### 157 lbs.

- John Sundgren - Red
- Michael Markey - White

#### 165 lbs.

- Tom Anderson - Red

#### 174 lbs.

- Derek Skala - White

#### 184 lbs.

- Brad Padgett - Red

#### 197 lbs.

- Nick Wilkes - Red

#### 285 lbs.

- Nolan Boucher - Red
- Chris Schiewe - Red

### Themat.com

#### Division II Pre-Season Poll

Rk.	Team	Pts.	'07
T1.	Central Oklahoma	155	1st
T1.	Nebraska-Kearney	155	2nd
3.	Minnesota State-Mankato	143	4th
4.	Adams State (Colo.)	134	5th
5.	Pitt-Johnstown (Pa.)	122	7th
6.	Upper Iowa	119	8th
7.	Nebraska-Omaha	112	3rd
8.	Western State (Colo.)	09	10th
9.	Wisconsin-Parkside	88	20th
10.	Chadron State (Neb.)	80	6th
11.	Indianapolis (Ind.)	77	11th
12.	Ashland (Ohio)	74	19th
13.	Newberry (S.C.)	62	25th
14.	Mercyhurst (Pa.)	43	15th
15.	MSU Moorhead	38	18th
16.	Findlay (Ohio)	37	12th
17.	Limestone (S.C.)	33	T28th
18.	Fort Hays State (Kan.)	24	14th
19.	Northern State (S.D.)	23	T28th
20.	Truman State (Mo.)	17	22nd

Others receiving votes:

Augustana (S.D.)  
 Carson-Newman (Tenn.)  
 Central Missouri  
 Gannon (Pa.)  
 Shippensburg (Pa.)  
 West Liberty State (W. Va.)

### ROSTER BREAKDOWN

By Class	#
Seniors	3
Juniors	12
Sophomores	3
Redshirt Fr.	6
First Year	16
Transfers	12
JUCO	8
4-Year	4
Newcomers:	23
Returns:	17

By Home State	#
Minnesota:	29
Washington:	4
Illinois:	2
Florida:	1
Idaho:	1
Nevada:	1
Ohio:	1
Oregon:	1
Wisconsin:	1

