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St. Cloud State University HUSKY ATHLETICS

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UPCOMING EVENTS

January 16
@ St. John's
Colleville, Minn.



2008-09 SCSU Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time/Result
Nov. 7	Black/Red Intrasquad	26-10-Black
Nov. 15	at Bison Open	No Team
Nov. 22	at Cobber Open	No Team
Dec. 6	at Dragon Open	No Team
Dec. 13	HUSKY OPEN! (fieldhouse)	No Team
Jan. 4	at Menlo Invitational	1st of 12
Jan. 10	Division II National Duals	TBA
	#6 Central Oklahoma	L, 33-8
	#13 Findlay	W, 30-6
	#5 Western State	L, 21-18
Jan. 16	at #6 St. John's	7 p.m.
Jan. 22	at Nebraska-Omaha	7 p.m.
Jan. 24	at UW-Eau Claire	2 p.m.
Jan. 30	NORTHERN STATE* @	7 p.m.
Feb. 1	MARY*#	2 p.m.
Feb. 6	at Augustana*	7 p.m.
Feb. 7	at SW Minnesota State*	2 p.m.
Feb. 13	MSU MOORHEAD*	7 p.m.
Feb. 15	at Upper Iowa*	2 p.m.
Feb. 19	MINNESOTA STATE*	7 p.m.
Mar. 1	at North Regional	TBA
Mar. 13-14	Division II Championships	TBA

ALL CAPS indicate home event
All home events take place at Halenbeck Hall
* - indicates Northern Sun Dual

! - Parent's Day
@ - Prep Night
- Alumni Day

2008-09 SCSU Coaches and Staff

Head Coach: Steve Costanzo
Assistant Coach: Matt Lowers
Graduate Assistant Coach:
 Chris Heilman
Volunteer Assistants: Jeremy Lang, Tom Anderson
Student Assistant: Nick Wilkes
Student Managers: Christine Schiller, Kyrietta Rouser



2008-09 SCSU WRESTLING TEAM NEWS

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ON TAP: The Huskies will compete a little closer to home with a Friday evening dual at St. John's. In the latest poll, the Johnnies were the sixth ranked team in Division III. They went 1-2 at the National Duals, winning their first match before dropping the next two.

SPECIAL EVENTS AT UPCOMING HOME DATES COMING UP: With the Huskies getting ready to start their home slate soon, two special events will be held in conjunction with those dates. On January 30th the Huskies will hold Prep Night. Admission will be \$1 for all area students grades 1-12 as all all coaches, kids clubs, middle and high school teams to attend this meet. On February 1, all Husky Wrestling alumni will be honored at intermission of the match against Mary. Following the match there will be an alumni social beginning at 4:30 at DB Searle's

HUSKIES TAKE DOWN #13 FINDLAY, FALL TO #6 CENTRAL OKLAHOMA AND #5 WESTERN STATE AT NATIONAL DUALS: The #12 Huskies traveled to the University of Northern Iowa last weekend for the National Duals, going 1-2 in the comforts of the UNI Dome.



The Duals, featuring the top 16 teams in the country, opened with the Huskies taking on #6 Central Oklahoma in the first round. Brad Padgett (Buckley, Wash.) at 184 lbs., and Luke Munkelwitz (Forest Lake) at 197 were the only two Huskies to post a victory, as the Bronchos cruised to a 33-8 victory.



SCSU drew #13 Findlay in the first round of consolation bouts, and cruised to a 30-6 victory. Eight of the 10 matches were won by Husky grapplers, led by Gabe Suarez (Las Vegas) tech fall triumph at 141 lbs. The day and tournament came to an end for SCSU against #5 Western State with a 21-18 setback. The 10 matches within the dual were split 5-5, but Western took two matches by fall, compared to four minor decision and one victory by fall for the Huskies.

WILLIAMS POSTS PERFECT DAY: Josh Williams (Banks, Ore.) was the only wrestler to

leave Cedar Falls without a blemish. After sitting out the Central Oklahoma dual, Williams won his next two matches to bring his record to 9-1 on the season.

RANKED 'RASSLERS TOPPLED: With all the top teams in Division II wrestling present, many of the ranked wrestlers were in action. The Huskies' #8 Tad Merritt (Canby), beat #7 Justin Shannon of Findlay 5-3 at 165 lbs., and #3 Brad Padgett topped #4 Hiram Smith 6-1 at 184 lbs. Derek Skala (Owatonna) also put a scare into #6 Larry Wilbanks of Western State, losing a narrow, 3-2 match at 174 lbs.

RIDGEWATER OPEN RESULTS: While the Husky starters were at the National Duals, several other members of the Huskies were in action at the Ridgewater Open in Willmar. Four Huskies placed on the afternoon, led by Ted Saatzer's (Mound) second place finish. Other Huskies placing were: Justin Jones (Onamia) - fourth, Matt Jackson (Oakdale) - fifth, and Brandon McVey (Mound) who checked in at sixth. Adam Hill (Sauk Rapids) also competed, but did not place at the event.



HEAD COACH STEVE COSTANZO: Steve Costanzo is in his third season as the Husky head wrestling coach. He is the 13th coach in the history of the St. Cloud State University wrestling program, which dates back to

1949-50.

Costanzo begins his tenth season overall as a head coach. He has an overall record of 78-39-2 while coaching 82 National Qualifiers, 34 All-Americans, 2 National Champions and 22 Academic All-Americans.

A graduate of the University of Nebraska-Omaha, Costanzo was a three-time All-American wrestler for the Mavericks placing seventh in 1993, third in 1994 and third in 1995 at the NCAA Championships. In 1994 and 1995, Costanzo earned North Central Conference titles while serving as his team captain. He was named the Nebraska Collegiate Wrestler of the Year in 1994 and was inducted into the Nebraska Wrestling Hall of Fame in 2006. Costanzo still ranks as high as sixth on UNO's all-time win list with 133 victories as a collegiate wrestler.

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2008-09 SCSU ROSTER

Name	Year	Weight	Hometown	High School / Previous School
Mitchell Altermatt	RS-Fr.	165	Wabasso, Minn.	Wabasso / South Dakota State
Joe Andersen	RS-Fr.	149/157	Bemidji, Minn.	Bemidji
Logan Atkins	RS-Fr.	285	Magnolia, Ohio	Sandy Valley
Jacob Bowland	FY	141	Foley, Minn.	Foley
Jacob Cardenas	FY	149	Bellevue, Neb.	Omaha Skutt
Josh Conrath	FY	184	Waseca, Minn.	Waseca
Ryan Dougherty	FY	174	Stoughton, Wis.	Stoughton
Calvin Ferguson	FY	174	Jackson, Minn.	Jackson County Central
Tyler Furger	FY	141	Wausau, Wis.	Wausau West
Westy Hanson Jr.	Jr.	133	Crookston, Minn.	Crookston
Adam Helgeson	RS-Fr.	133/141	Sauk Centre, Minn.	Sauk Centre
Adam Hill Jr.	Jr.	184	Sauk Rapids, Minn.	Mahtomedi
Jake Horn	RS-Fr.	141	Ephrata, Wash.	Ephrata
Matt Jackson Sr.	Sr.	141/149	Oakdale, Minn.	Cretin-Derham Hall
Justin Jones	Jr.	165/174	Onamia, Minn.	Mille Lacs / Itasca CC
Joshua Joriman	FY	157	Lino Lakes, Minn.	Centennial
Cam Jurgenson	FY	157	Boyd, Minn.	Dawson-Boyd
Alex Kontz	FY	149	Canby, Minn.	Canby
Chad Kubasch	So.	149/157	New Germany, Minn.	Watertown-Mayer
Ross Lefebvre	So.	141	Otsego, Minn.	St. Michael-Albertville / UW-Eau Claire
Pat LeVasseur	FY	125	Buffalo Lake, Minn.	Hutchinson
Luke Mathe	FY	133	Plover, Wis.	Stevens Point
Brandon McVey	RS-Fr.	133/141	Mound, Minn.	Mound-Westonka
Tad Merritt	RS-Fr.	165	Canby, Minn.	Canby
Adam Minette Jr.	Jr.	157	New Prague, Minn.	New Prague
Lucas Munkelwitz	RS-Fr.	174/184	Forest Lake, Minn.	Forest Lake
Shamus O'Grady	FY	165	Coon Rapids, Minn.	Coon Rapids
Nick Olson	FY	197	Maplewood, Minn.	Tartan
Brad Padgett Sr.	Sr.	184	Buckley, Wash.	White River / Highline CC
Matt Piersak	FY	141	Shoreview, Minn.	Mounds View
Jacob Roberts Jr.	Jr.	149	Jordan, Minn.	Scott West / Augsburg College
Erik Rogness	So.	197	Buffalo, Minn.	Buffalo
Robert Ross	So.	285	St. Peter, Minn.	Mankato West
Ted Saatzer Jr.	Jr.	197	Mound, Minn.	Mound-Westonka / Ridgewater CC
Brad Salvesson Jr.	Jr.	197	Maple Lake, Minn.	Maple Lake / Ridgewater CC
Jon Schiewe	RS-Fr.	141	Chicago, Ill.	St. Patrick
Chad Schultz	FY	133	Mauston, Wis.	Mauston
Derek Skala	So.	174	Owatonna, Minn.	Owatonna
Gabe Suarez	So.	141	Las Vegas, Nev.	Cimarron-Memorial
John Sundgren	So.	157	Blaine, Minn.	Blaine
Jake Tabbert	RS-Fr.	149	Inver Grove Heights, Minn.	Simley
Jason Terres	So.	285	Cold Spring, Minn.	ROCORI
Nick Wasche	Sr.	133	Cedar, Minn.	St. Francis
Aaron Wilcox	So.	125/133	Pittsgrove, N.J.	Schalick / Dana College
Josh Williams	Sr.	133/141	Banks, Ore.	Banks / SW Oregon CC

Assistant Coaches



Matt Lowers

Matt Lowers enters his second season as an assistant coach for the Huskies. Lowers came to St. Cloud State from the University of Minnesota, where he served as an assistant wrestling coach for two seasons. While at Minnesota, the Gophers wrestling team captured

the 2006 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 serving as an assistant with the University of Minnesota wrestling team, Lowers also worked as the Director of Wrestling Operations for J Robinson Intensive Camps.

Jeremy Lang



Jeremy Lang enters his third season as a volunteer assistant coach for his alma mater SCSU. Lang 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.

Chris Heilman



Chris Heilman enters his first season as a graduate assistant coach for the Huskies. A Colorado Springs native, Heilman was the 2004 Colorado High School State Champion for St. Mary's High School. He then went on to a successful career at Cornell College in Mount Vernon, Iowa, where he earned NCAA Division III All-American honors three-times. Heilman placed

seventh in 2006, placed fourth in 2007 and placed third as a senior in 2008. He is the fifth wrestler in school history to earn All-American accolades in at least three years.

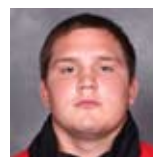
Tom Anderson



Tom Anderson enters his first season as a volunteer assistant coach for the Huskies. A Belview native, Anderson was a 2008 NCAA Division II national qualifier while competing for the Huskies. He is a three-time letter winner and a two-time National Wrestling Coaches Association Scholar All-American. Anderson earned the team's "Most Improved"

wrestler award in his senior year as he accounted for more than twenty victories on the season. He completed his bachelor degree in business economics from SCSU in May 2008.

Nick Wilkes



Nick Wilkes enters his first season as a student assistant coach for the Huskies. An Onamia native, Wilkes was a two-time NCAA Division II national qualifier and a 2008 All-American for the Huskies. He was a two-year letter winner and captain of the team in his junior and senior seasons. Wilkes was named the 2007 Dean Weisman Wrestler of the

Year for the Huskies. He was named North Central Conference Wrestler of the Week honors three-times during his career. He amassed a two-year mark of 45-16 and 21-3 in dual meet action. In addition, Wilkes was a two-time NJCAA All-American for Itasca Community College. In December, he will be completing his degree at SCSU in Criminal Justice.

BREAKDOWN

By Class	#
Seniors	4
Juniors	7
Sophomores	9
Redshirt Fr.	10
First Year	15
Transfers	9
JUCO	5
4-Year	4
Newcomers:	20
Returners:	25

By Home State	#
Minnesota:	33
Wisconsin:	4
Washington:	2
Nebraska:	1
Iowa:	1
Illinois:	1
Nevada:	1
Ohio:	1
Oregon:	1
New Jersey:	1

Wrestling Coaches Association Poll December 2 Poll

Rk.	Team	Pts.	Prv.
1.	Nebraska-Omaha	158	1
2.	Minnesota State-Mankato	147	2
3.	Nebraska-Kearney	145	3
4.	Adams State (Colo.)	138	4
5.	Newberry (S.C.)	123	7
6.	Central Oklahoma	121	6
7.	Western State (Colo.)	117	5
8.	Upper Iowa	96	10
9.	Pittsburgh-Johnstown (Pa.)	95	8
10.	Mercyhurst (Pa.)	88	13
11.	Chadron State (Neb.)	78	9
12.	St. Cloud State (Minn.)	72	12
13.	Findlay (Ohio)	63	16
14.	West Liberty State (W. Va.)	46	NR
15.	Minnesota State-Moorhead	40	17
16.	Limestone (S.C.)	31	15
17.	Wisconsin-Parkside	30	NR
18.	Augustana (S.D.)	29	14
19.	Ashland (Ohio)	17	11
20.	Central Missouri	14	NR

Others receiving votes: Fort Hays State (Kan.), Gannon (Pa.), San Francisco State (Calif.), Shippensburg (Pa.), Truman State (Mo.).

NSIC Standings

Rk.	School	NSIC	All
1.	MSU Moorhead	1-0	2-2
	Southwest MN State	1-0	2-1
3.	St. Cloud State	0-0	1-2
	Upper Iowa	0-0	6-3
	Northern State	0-0	2-1
	Augustana	0-0	4-2
	Minnesota State	0-0	4-3
8.	Mary	0-2	0-2