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# St. Cloud State University HUSKY ATHLETICS

Athletic Media Relations - Wrestling Update

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## Upcoming Matches:



**Dec. 5**

at UW-LaCrosse  
Dual

9 a.m. - UW Stevens Pt.

11 a.m. - Loras

1 p.m. - UW LaCrosse

## 2009-10 SCSU Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time/Result
Nov. 8	Black/Red Classic	B 16, R 15
Nov. 14	at Northwestern	L, 17-12
Nov. 14	vs. Eastern Mich.	L, 25-24
Nov. 14	vs. North Central	W, 20-19
Nov. 21	at Cobber Open	No Team Scores
Dec. 5	at UW LaCrosse Duals	9 a.m.
Dec. 12	HUSKY OPEN	9 a.m.
Dec. 29-30	Midlands Tournament	TBA
Jan. 9-10	NWCA Duals	TBA
Jan. 15	UW-EAU CLAIRE	7 p.m.
Jan. 16	SW MINNESOTA	7 p.m.
Jan. 22	AUGUSTANA	7 p.m.
Jan. 23	UN-OMAHA	2 p.m.
Jan. 29	at MSU Moorhead	7 p.m.
Feb. 5	at Mary	7 p.m.
Feb. 6	at Northern State	7 p.m.
Feb. 11	ST. JOHN'S	7 p.m.
Feb. 14	UPPER IOWA	2 p.m.
Feb. 19	at Minnesota State	7 p.m.
Feb. 28	at Super Regional	TBA
Mar. 12-13	NCAA II Finals	TBA

For complete ticket information, please call 1-877-SCSUTIX or 320-308-2137.

## NEED INFO?

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## 2009-10 SCSU Wrestling News

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### HUSKIES HEADLINERS:

- The Huskies will take the weekend off before heading south to the UW-LaCrosse Duals on Dec. 5. At the UW-L Duals, the Huskies will compete against UW-Stevens Point, Loras and UW-LaCrosse.
- SCSU is currently ranked 8th in the most recent NCAA Division II national polls.
- On Nov. 21, the Huskies participated in the annual Cobber Open at Concordia College in Moorhead. SCSU saw five of its athletes earn first place honors. That group included John Sundgren (157-pounds), Tad Merritt (165-pounds), Jake Tabbert (149-pounds), Lucas Munkelwitz (197-pounds) and Jacob Kahnke (285-pounds). Of note, Derek Skala placed second for the Huskies at 184-pounds.
- SCSU junior Gabe Suarez set a new team record on Nov. 21, with a pin in :13 at the Cobber Open. Suarez pinned MSUM's Michael Garcia just :13 into the match in the opening round of action at 149-pounds. The old record of :14 was set by Dick Halbert during the 1967-68 season at SCSU.
- Kahnke (285) and Merritt (165) continue to rip it up for the Huskies this year with perfect 7-0 records.
- SCSU will be led on the mats this season by team captains junior **Gabe Suarez**, junior **Derek Skala**, junior **John Sundgren** and sophomore Tad Merritt.
- The Huskies finished the 2009-10 season with an 8-5 record and a 5-2 record against NSIC schools. SCSU placed second at the 2009 NCAA regional meet and 8th at the 2009 NCAA Division II championships.
- SCSU gained three All-America awards in 2009. Brad Padgett placed third at 184-pounds, while Tad Merritt was third at 165-pounds. The trio was completed by Derek Skala's seventh place finish at 174-pounds in 2009.
- SCSU qualified eight wrestlers for nationals in 2009. Of that group of eight, the Huskies will bring back six national qualifiers in 2009-10. Those returners include senior **Jake Roberts** (149-pounds), junior Gabe Suarez (141-pounds), junior John Sundgren (157-pounds), sophomore Tad Merritt (165-pounds), junior Derek Skala (174-pounds) and sophomore **Lucas Munkelwitz** (197-pounds).
- SCSU's eighth place finish at the 2009 NCAA Division II championships was the Huskies' best NCAA national finish since 1986.
- SCSU is scheduled to host the prestigious Husky Open wrestling tournament in Halenbeck Hall on Dec. 12. This annual event will feature many of the nation's top collegiate wrestlers.
- A holiday highlight for the Huskies will be a return trip to Evanston, Ill. for the elite Midlands Wrestling Tournament at Northwestern. This annual tournament is widely recognized as one college wrestling's premier events.



**SCSU COACH STEVE COSTANZO:** Steve Costanzo is in his fourth season as the Husky head wrestling coach. Costanzo begins his 11th season overall as a college head coach. He has a career record of 87-46-2 while coaching 90 National Qualifiers, 37 All-Americans, 2 National Champions and 28 NWCA All-Academic recipients. His record at St. Cloud State now stands at 26-16. An All-American wrestler at Nebraska-Omaha (1996 graduate), Costanza previously coached at Dana College from 1999 to 2006. Costanza led Dana to a national title in 2006.

