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St. Cloud State University HUSKY ATHLETICS

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Upcoming Matches:

Nov. 20, 2010
at Auggie/Brute/
Adidas Open



2009-10 SCSU Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time/Result
Nov. 5	Black/Red Classic	R 19, B 13
Nov. 13	at Cyclone Open	No Team Scores
Nov. 20	Auggie/Brute /Addidas Open	9 a.m.
Dec. 4	at UW-L Duals	9 a.m.
Dec. 11	Husky Open	9 a.m.
Jan. 1	at Grand Canyon Duals	8 a.m.
Jan. 8-9	at NWCA National Duals	TBA
Jan. 14	at St. John's	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 15	at UW Eau Claire	7 p.m.
Jan. 21	at Nebraska – Omaha	7 p.m.
Jan. 22	at SW Minnesota State*	7 p.m.
Jan. 27	at Augustana College*	7 p.m.
Jan. 30	MSU Moorhead*	2 p.m.
Feb. 4	Northern State*	7 p.m.
Feb. 5	Mary*	2 p.m.
Feb. 13	at Upper Iowa*	2 p.m.
Feb. 17	MSU Mankato*	7 p.m.
Feb. 27	at NCAA Regional	Noon
Mar. 11-12	NCAA DII Championships Kearney, NE	

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2010-11 SCSU Wrestling News

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HUSKIES HEADLINERS:

- The Huskies opened the 2010-11 season with a trip to the elite Harold Nichols Cyclone Open in Ames, Iowa on Nov. 13. Senior Gabe Suarez was well into mid-season form as he posted a perfect 4-0 record and gained first place at 141-pounds. In the tournament finale, Suarez capped his day with a 7-5 decision over Seth Noble of Division I opponent Northern Iowa in the championship match. Suarez also gained victories over NCAA Division I opponents Ian Squires of Boston University (dec. 13-3) and Ian Fisher of Oklahoma (dec. 7-3). For his efforts, Suarez was named the NSIC Wrestler of the Week on Nov. 16 by the league office!
- St. Cloud State will continue its 2010-11 season on Nov. 20 with a trip to the Auggie/Brute/Adidas Open in Minneapolis, Minn. The tournament is hosted by Augsburg College and the action down there starts at 9 a.m.
- At the Cyclone Open, SCSU sophomore Jacob Kahnke (Shakopee/Prior Lake H.S.) placed 3rd \ with a 4-2 record at 285-pounds. Junior Tad Merritt (Canby) and junior Eric Ellington (Fairview Heights, Ill./East St. Louis H.S.) also gained 4th place finishes at the Cyclone Open. A two-time All-American for the Huskies, Merritt was 4-2 in the 165-pound bracket and he notched three pins in the Open. A transfer from Rend Lake C.C., Ellington began his SCSU career with a 3-2 record and the 4th place finish at 133-pounds at the Cyclone Open.
- The St. Cloud State University wrestling team (14-7, 5-2 NSIC/3rd) captured 7th place at the 2010 NCAA Division II wrestling championships on March 12-13, in Omaha, Neb. This marks the Huskies best NCAA finish since capturing 7th place in 1983. This also marked the best finish for the Huskies at the NCAA tournament since Steve Costanzo took over as head coach in 2006-07. This marked the 8th time since 1975 that SCSU has charted a top-10 place at the NCAA championships.
- The 7th place finish is the best ever for the Huskies at the NCAA DII level. SCSU placed eighth at the nationals in 2009, 1986 and 1976. SCSU also placed third at nationals during the 1963 and 1965 seasons as an NAIA affiliate.
- The Huskies qualified 8 wrestlers for the NCAA championships in 2010. SCSU wrestlers earning All-America status at the meet were Jacob Kahnke (4th place at 285), Tad Merritt (5th place at 165), Shamus O'Grady (6th place at 174) and Gabe Suarez (8th place at 141). This marked the first All-America finish for Kahnke, O'Grady and Suarez, while Merritt is now a two-time All-America award winner for the Huskies. The four All-Americans ties a team record for the Huskies, as SCSU also brought home four NCAA All-America honors in 1983 and 1975.
- The Huskies placed second at the 2010 regional in Aberdeen, S.D. with 108.5 points on Feb. 28. Augustana won the meet with 120.5 points, while Upper Iowa (95), Minnesota State (84.5), MSU Moorhead (73), SW Minnesota (53.5), Northern State (46.5) and Mary (43) completed the field- SCSU junior Derek Skala won first place honors in regional action at 184-pounds.
- SCSU finished with a 14-7 dual match record (5-2 NSIC) in 2009-10. This marks the second most wins in a season for the Huskies. The top win total was 15-2, which was set by the Huskies in 1964-65.
- The Huskies will have two major targets on the wrestling room wall this season. First up is the 2011 NCAA Regional championships on Feb. 27 in Sioux Falls, S.D. This tournament serves as a qualifier for the other big date - March 11-12, which is the 2011 NCAA DII championships in Kearney, Neb.



SCSU COACH STEVE COSTANZO: Steve Costanzo is in his 5th season as the Husky head wrestling coach. Overall, this marks Costanzo's 12th season as a head college wrestling coach. He has a career record of 100-51-2 while coaching 98 National Qualifiers, 41 All-Americans, 2 National Champions and 36 NWCA All-Academic recipients. His record at St. Cloud State now stands at 39-21. 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.



2010-11 St. Cloud State Wrestling Roster

Name	Year	Weight	Hometown	High School	Head Coach: Steve Costanzo (Fifth Season)
Joe Andersen	RsJr	157/165	Bemidji	Bemidji	Assistant Coach: Derek Sikora (First Season)
Josh Antonneau	Jr.	197	Hartland, Wis.	Arrowhead H.S./ UW Milwaukee	Graduate Assistant Coach: Cy Wainwright (Second Season)
Mic Berg	RsFr	184/197	IGH	Simley	Volunteer Assistant Coach: Jeremy Lang (Fifth Season)
Chris Brassell	RsFr	285	Park Ridge, IL	Maine South	Volunteer Assistant Coach: John Peterson (Third Season)
Josh Conrath	RsSo	184/197	Waseca	Waseca	Volunteer Assistant Coach: Tony Mack (First Season)
Michael Cullen	RsSo	157	Coon Rapids	Coon Rapids/ UW La Crosse	Student Assistant Coach: Brad Padgett (Second Season)
Eric Ellington	Jr.	133	Fairview Hgts, IL	East St. Louis H.S./ Rend Lake C.C.	Student Managers: Kristine Schiller (4th Season)
Joey Falde	Fr.	165	Maple Plain	Orono	Student Manager: Linette Shoemaker (1st Year)
Westy Hanson	RsSr	133/141	Crookston	Crookston	Athletic Trainer: Curtis Simondet (2nd Year)
Trent Herold	RsSo	125/133	East Bethel	St. Francis	
Scott Hines	Fr.	285	Fairmont, Minn.	Fairmont	
Jacob D. Horn	RsJr	149	Ephrata, Wash.	Ephrata	
Jacob R. Horn	So.	149	St. Michae	St. Michael-Albertville	
Josh Howk	Fr.	141/149	Oak Grove, Mo.	Blue Springs	
Charlie Janssen	Fr.	157	Forest Lake	Forest Lake	
Joshua Joriman	RsSo	157	Lino Lakes	Centennial	
Jacob Kahnke	RsSo	197/285	Shakopee	Prior Lake/ Old Dominion U.	
Michael Kairouz	Fr.	157	Agoura Hills, Calif.	Agoura	
Alex Kontz	RsSo	149	Canby	Canby	
Chad Kubasch	RsSr	149/157	New Germany	Watertown-Mayer	
Matt Leibforth	Fr.	141	Lemont, Illinois	Lemont	
Tyler Mathison	Fr.	133	Fremont, Neb.	Oakland-Craig	
Dustin McKinney	Fr.	141/149	Luck, Wis.	Unity	
Ben McPhail	Fr.	174/184	Pine Island	Pine Island	
Tad Merritt	RsJr	165	Canby	Canby	
Cullan Morrissey	Fr.	133/141	Lena, Wis.	Oconto Falls	
Lucas Munkelwitz	RsJr	197	Forest Lake	Forest Lake	
Shamus O'Grady	RsSo	174	Coon Rapids	Coon Rapids	
Cody Paulsen	Fr.	125	Brooklyn Center	Totino Grace	
Mathew Piersak	RsSo	149	Shoreview,	Mounds View	
Erik Rogness	RsSr	197	Buffalo	Buffalo	
Kurt Salmen	Jr.	165	Dassel	Dassel-Cokato H.S./ Ridgewater C.C.	
Chad Schultz	RsSo	141	Mauston, Wisc.	Mauston	
Derek Skala	RsSr	184	Owatonna	Owatonna	
Zach Stewart	RsFr	125/133	Green Bay, Wisc.	Ashwaubenon	
Gabriel Suarez	RsSr	141	Las Vegas, NV	Cimarron-Memorial	
John Sundgren	RsSr	157	Blaine	Blaine	
Jake Tabbert	RsJr	149	IGH	Simley	
Dylan Wright	Fr.	125	IGH	Simley	

2010-11 SCSU Honors:

NSIC Wrestler of the Week - Gabe Suarez, Nov. 16, 2010

2009-10 SCSU Honors:

NSIC Wrestler of the Week - Tad Merritt on Nov. 16, 2009
 NSIC Wrestler of the Week - John Sundgren on Dec. 8, 2009
 NSIC Wrestler of the Week - Shamus O'Grady on Feb. 23, 2010
 John Oxtan Award (MVP at 2009 Husky Open) - Tad Merritt - 165 pounds
 Regional Champion: Derek Skala at 184-pounds
 NCAA Qualifiers: Shane McQuade (133), Gabe Suarez (141), John Sundgren (157), Tad Merritt (165), Shamus O'Grady (174), Derek Skala (184), Lucas Munkelwitz (197) and Jacob Kahnke (285)
 NCAA All-Americans: Jacob Kahnke (285 - 4th), Tad Merritt (165 - 5th), Shamus O'Grady (174 - 6th), Gabe Suarez (141 - 8th)
 NWCA Division II All-Academic: John Sundgren (1st team), Joe Anderson (HM), Westy Hanson (HM), Jacob Horn (HM), Josh Joriman (HM), Alex Kontz (HM), Adam Minnette (HM), Erik Rogness (HM)
 All-NSIC: Derek Skala (1st team), Gabe Suarez (2nd team), John Sundgren (2nd team), Tad Merritt (2nd team), Shamus O'Grady (2nd team), Lucas Munkelwitz (2nd team) and Jake Kahnke (2nd team).

2009-10 TEAM HONORS:

2009 Midlands Tournament: 34th Place
 2010 NWCA Duals: 7th Place
 2010 NSIC: 3rd Place
 2010 NCAA Regional: 2nd Place
 2010 NCAA Championships: 7th Place
 2009-10 Overall Record: 14-7
 2009-10 NSIC Record: 5-2

2010-11 NSIC Preseason Coaches' Poll:

1. SCSU 67
2. Augustana 64
3. Minnesota State 37
4. Upper Iowa 24
5. SW MN State 14
5. MSU Moorhead 14
6. Northern St. 12
7. Mary 8

2010-11 NWCA Division II Pre-Season Poll

1. Nebraska-Omaha 160 1st
2. ST. CLOUD STATE (MINN.) 150 7th
3. Augustana (S.D.) 144 2nd
4. Nebraska-Kearney 136 T-3rd
5. Newberry (S.C.) 121 T-8th
6. Western State (Colo.) 111 10th
7. Minnesota State 108 6th
8. Findlay (Ohio) 88 31st
9. Wisconsin-Parkside 83 5th
10. Upper Iowa 82 T-3rd
11. Central Oklahoma 81 15th
- T12. Grand Canyon (Ariz.) 76 19th
- T12. West Liberty (W. Va.) 76 20th
14. Pittsburgh-Johnstown (Pa.) 71 11th
15. Kutztown (Pa.) 44 16th
16. San Francisco State (Calif.) 39 25th

17. Ashland (Ohio) 28 36th
 18. East Stroudsburg (Pa.) 25 24th
 19. Adams State (Colo.) 24 13th
 - T20. Limestone (S.C.) 9 21st
 - T20. Fort Hays State (Kan.) 9 12th
- Others receiving votes: Colorado State-Pueblo, Mercyhurst (Pa.), Minnesota State-Moorhead

2010-11 St. Cloud State Wrestling Results

NAME	YEAR	CLASS	W/L RECORD	DUAL W/L	FALLS	RCTC	ISU	AUGGIE	HUSKY	RCC	MWCC	NC	REGION	NCAA's
Andersen, Joe	RJr	157	0-0	0-0		NA	NA							
Antonneau, Josh	Jr	197	1-2	0-0		NA	DNP							
Berg, Mic	RFr	184	0-2	0-0		NA	DNP							
Brassell, Chris	RFr	285	0-0	0-0		NA	NA							
Conrath, Josh	RSo	197	0-0	0-0		NA	NA							
Cullen, Michael	RSo	157	0-0	0-0		NA	NA							
Ellington, Eric	Jr	133	3-2	0-0		NA	4th							
Falde, Joey	Fr	157	0-0	0-0		NA	NA							
Hanson, Westy	RSr	133	0-0	0-0		NA	NA							
Herold, Trent	So	125	0-0	0-0		NA	NA							
Hines, Scott	Fr	285	0-0	0-0		NA	NA							
Horn, Jacob D.	RJr	149	3-2	0-0		NA	DNP							
Horn, Jacob R.	So	149	5-2	0-0	3	NA	DNP							
Howk, Josh	Fr	149	3-2	0-0	1	NA	DNP							
Janssen, Charlie	Fr	157/165	2-2	0-0	1	NA	DNP							
Joriman, Joshua	RSo	157	0-0	0-0		NA	NA							
Kahnke, Jacob	RSo	285	4-2	0-0		NA	3rd							
Kairouz, Michael	Fr	157	0-2	0-0		NA	DNP							
Kubasch, Chad	RSr	149	0-0	0-0		NA	NA							
Leibforth, Matt	Fr	141	0-0	0-0		NA	NA							
Mathison, Tyler	Fr	133	0-0	0-0		NA	NA							
McKinney, Dustin	Fr	141	0-0	0-0		NA	NA							
McPhail, Ben	Fr	174	6-3	0-0	2	3rd	DNP							
Merritt, Tad	RJr	165	4-2	0-0	3	NA	4th							
Morrissey, Cullan	Fr	141	3-2	0-0	2	NA	DNP							
Munkelwitz, Lucas	RJr	197	0-0	0-0		NA	NA							
O'Grady, Shamus	RSo	174	3-1	0-0	2	NA	DNP							
Paulsen, Cody	Fr	125	0-0	0-0		NA	NA							
Piersak, Matt	RSo	157/165	1-2	0-0	1	NA	DNP							
Rogness, Erik	RSr	184/197	1-2	0-0	1	NA	DNP							
Salmen, Kurt	RSo	165	0-0	0-0		NA	NA							
Schultz, Chad	Rso	141	0-0	0-0		NA	NA							
Skala, Derek	RSr	184	0-0	0-0		NA	NA							
Stewart, Zach	RFr	125	0-0	0-0		NA	NA							
Suarez, Gabe	RSr	141	4-0	0-0		NA	1st							
Sundgren, John	RSr	157	0-0	0-0		NA	NA							
Tabbert, Jacob	RJr	149	3-2	0-0	3	NA	DNP							
Wright, Dylan	Fr	125	0-0	0-0	0	NA	NA							
TOTALS			46-32		19	1	4							
WIN PERCENTAGE														
* - Indicates - Wrestling Unattached														
DNP - Indicates - Did Not Place			NA - Indicates - Not Active			Dual Record:								