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Upcoming Matches:



Dec. 11, 2010
2010 Husky 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	No Team Scores
Dec. 4	at UW-L Duals	
	vs. UW-Stevens Point	W, 33-6
	vs. Waldorf	W, 42-12
	vs. UW-LaCrosse	W, 21-13
Dec. 11	Holiday Inn/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:

- SCSU will host the annual Holiday Inn/Husky Open on Dec. 11. The action begins in Halenbeck Hall at 9 a.m. Fans can purchase tickets for this big event at the gate.
- The Huskies scored a perfect 3-0 record to open their dual match season on Dec. 4. In action at the UW-LaCrosse Duals, St. Cloud State opened the day with a 33-6 win over UW-Stevens Points. In the second match of the day, SCSU scored a 42-12 win over Waldorf College. The Huskies completed the day with a 21-13 win over host and #3 ranked UW-LaCrosse.
- Shamus O'Grady (Coon Rapids) enjoyed a big day at the duals with a 2:49 fall against UW-Stevens Point's Ryan Conat and an 11-4 win over UW-L's Mike Schmitz at 174-pounds. Of note, Schmitz is ranked #1 in the nation at the DIII level at 174-pounds and he is the defending NCAA Division III champ at 174-pounds. O'Grady is now 8-1 on the season for SCSU.
- Junior Tad Merritt was 3-0 in action at 165-pounds at the Duals, which included two falls and a 7-4 win over Cory Ferguson of UW-LaCrosse. Merritt currently leads the Huskies with an 11-2 record this winter.
- Senior Gabe Suarez was also 3-0 at the UW-L duals in action at 141-pounds. He posted gained two wins by decision and one forfeit win as he moves his season mark to 10-1 on the year.
- Here is a rundown of SCSU's nationally ranked wrestlers in 2010-11: Gabe Suarez (#4 at 141-pounds), John Sundgren (#6 at 157-pounds), Tad Merritt (#4 at 165-pounds), Shamus O'Grady (#4 at 174-pounds), Derek Skala (#5 at 184-pounds), Lucas Munkelwitz (#8 at 197-pounds) and Jake Kahnke (#2 at 285-pounds). As a team, SCSU is ranked #2 in the current DII poll.
- 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. 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 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 103-51-2 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 42-21. 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

Table with columns: Name, Year, Weight, Hometown, High School. Lists wrestlers such as Joe Andersen, Josh Antonneau, Mic Berg, Chris Brassell, Josh Conrath, Michael Cullen, Eric Ellington, Joey Falde, Westy Hanson, Trent Herold, Scott Hines, Jacob D. Horn, Jacob R. Horn, Josh Howk, Charlie Janssen, Joshua Joriman, Jacob Kahnke, Michael Kairouz, Alex Kontz, Chad Kubasch, Matt Leibforth, Tyler Mathison, Dustin McKinney, Ben McPhail, Tad Merritt, Cullan Morrissey, Lucas Munkelwitz, Shamus O'Grady, Cody Paulsen, Mathew Piersak, Erik Rogness, Kurt Salmen, Chad Schultz, Derek Skala, Zach Stewart, Gabriel Suarez, John Sundgren, Jake Tabbert, Dylan Wright.

Head Coach: Steve Costanzo (Fifth Season)
Assistant Coach: Derek Sikora (First Season)
Graduate Assistant Coach: Cy Wainwright (Second Season)
Volunteer Assistant Coach: Jeremy Lang (Fifth Season)
Volunteer Assistant Coach: John Peterson (Third Season)
Volunteer Assistant Coach: Tony Mack (First Season)
Student Assistant Coach: Brad Padgett (Second Season)
Student Managers: Kristine Schiller (4th Season)
Student Manager: Linette Shoemaker (1st Year)
Athletic Trainer: Curtis Simondet (2nd Year)

2010-11 SCSU Honors:

Cyclone Open Champion: Gabe Suarez (141-pounds)
NSIC Wrestler of the Week - Gabe Suarez, Nov. 16, 2010
Auggie Open Champion: Tad Merritt (165-pounds), Shamus O'Grady & Kurt Salmen (co champs at 174-pounds).

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 Oxtou 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 WL	FALLS	RCTC	ISU	AUGGIE	HUSKY	RCC	MWCC	NC	REGION	NCAA's
Andersen, Joe	RJr	157	0-0	0-0		NA	NA	NA						
Antonneau, Josh	Jr	197	4-4	0-1	1	NA	DNP	7th						
Berg, Mic	RFr	184	5-3	2-1	3	NA	DNP	1st						
Brassell, Chris	RFr	285	5-1	1-0	3	NA	NA	3rd						
Conrath, Josh	RSo	197	0-0	0-0		NA	NA	NA						
Cullen, Michael	RSo	157	0-0	0-0		NA	NA	NA						
Ellington, Eric	Jr	133	7-4	1-1	2	NA	4th	2nd						
Falde, Joey	Fr	165	0-2	0-0		NA	NA	DNP						
Hanson, Westy	RSr	133	1-0	1-0	1	NA	NA	NA						
Herold, Trent	So	125	0-0	0-0		NA	NA	NA						
Hines, Scott	Fr	285	0-0	0-0		NA	NA	NA						
Horn, Jacob D.	RJr	149/157	8-3	2-0		NA	DNP	5th						
Horn, Jacob R.	So	149	7-5	0-2	3	NA	DNP	2nd						
Howk, Josh	Fr	149	5-3	0-0	2	NA	DNP	5th						
Janssen, Charlie	Fr	157/165	3-4	0-0	1	NA	DNP	DNP						
Joriman, Joshua	RSo	157	0-0	0-0		NA	NA	NA						
Kahnke, Jacob	RSo	285	6-2	2-0		NA	3rd	NA						
Kairouz, Michael	Fr	157	0-2	0-0		NA	DNP	NA						
Kubasch, Chad	RSr	149/157	2-4	0-1		NA	NA	2nd						
Leibforth, Matt	Fr	141	2-1	0-0	1	NA	NA	3rd						
Mathison, Tyler	Fr	133	1-2	0-0		NA	NA	NA						
McKinney, Dustin	Fr	141	4-0	0-0	1	NA	NA	1st						
McPhail, Ben	Fr	174	9-4	0-0	2	3rd	DNP	3rd						
Merritt, Tad	RJr	165	11-2	3-0	5	NA	4th	1st						
Morrissey, Cullan	Fr	141	6-3	0-0	4	NA	DNP	3rd						
Munkelwitz, Lucas	RJr	197	1-1	1-1		NA	NA	NA						
O'Grady, Shamus	RSo	174	8-1	2-0	5	NA	DNP	CO-1st						
Paulsen, Cody	Fr	125	0-0	0-0		NA	NA	NA						
Piersak, Matt	RSo	157/165	1-2	0-0	1	NA	DNP	NA						
Rogness, Erik	RSr	184/197	1-4	0-0	1	NA	DNP	DNP						
Salmen, Kurt	RSo	165	5-0	1-0	2	NA	NA	CO-1st						
Schultz, Chad	Rso	141	0-0	0-0		NA	NA	NA						
Skala, Derek	RSr	184	0-0	0-0		NA	NA	NA						
Stewart, Zach	RFr	125	4-2	2-0		NA	NA	6th						
Suarez, Gabe	RSr	141	10-1	3-0		NA	1st	2nd						
Sundgren, John	RSr	157	0-0	0-0		NA	NA	NA						
Tabbert, Jacob	RJr	149	5-2	1-0	5	NA	DNP	NA						
Wright, Dylan	Fr	125	2-3	0-1	0	NA	NA	8th						
TOTALS			123-65	22-8	43	1	4	18						
WIN PERCENTAGE			0.654	0.733										
* - Indicates - Wrestling Unattached														
DNP - Indicates - Did Not Place			NA - Indicates - Not Active			Dual Record: 3-0								



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