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Upcoming Matches:

**Dec. 3:
at LaCrosse Duals
LaCrosse, Wis.**



2011-12 SCSU Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time/Result
Nov. 4	Black/Red Classic	B 24, R 12
Nov. 6	Daktronics Open	No Team Scores
Nov. 13	ISU/Nichols Open	No Team Scores
Nov. 19	Finn Grineker Open	No Team Scores
Dec. 3	LaCrosse Duals	
	Waldorf	9 a.m.
	UW-Stevens Point	11 a.m.
	UW-LaCrosse	1 p.m.
Dec. 10	Holiday Inn/Husky Open	9 a.m.
Dec. 31	Grand Canyon Duals	9 a.m.
Jan. 7-8	NWCA DII Duals	TBA
	Springfield, Ill.	
Jan. 13	at Northern State*	7 p.m.
Jan. 14	at Mary*	2 p.m.
Jan. 20	at Concordia	7 p.m.
Jan. 21	at MSU-Moorhead*	2 p.m.
Jan. 27	AUGUSTANA*	7 p.m.
Jan. 28	at SW MN State*	7 p.m.
	(match at Canby, MN)	
Feb. 2	ST. JOHN'S	7 p.m.
Feb. 7	UW-EAU CLAIRE	7 p.m.
Feb. 12	UPPER IOWA*	2 p.m.
Feb. 16	at Minnesota State*	7 p.m.
Feb. 26	NCAA REGIONAL	10 a.m.
Mar. 9-10	NCAA Championship	TBA
	Pueblo, Colo.	

* NSIC match

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2011-12 SCSU Wrestling News

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HUSKIES HEADLINERS:

- The Huskies enjoy a weekend off from competition before heading down to the Wisconsin-LaCrosse Duals on Dec. 3, in LaCrosse, Wis. On that day SCSU will wrestle Waldorf College at 9 a.m., UW-Stevens Point at 11 a.m. and UW-LaCrosse at 1 p.m.
- The #1 St. Cloud State wrestling team participated at the 2011 Finn Grineker Open on Nov. 19. This open tournament was hosted by Concordia-Moorhead and no team scores were kept at the tournament. The Huskies were paced the tournament with a pair of first place finishes. At 174-pounds in the Gold Division, senior Tad Merritt earned top honors with a 4-0 record that included an 8-6 win in the title bout over Kurtis Julson of North Dakota State. Teammate Kurt Salmen placed third in the 174-pound bracket for SCSU. At 197-pounds in the Gold Division, senior Lucas Munkelwitz scored a 4-0 record and brought home another title for the Huskies. Munkelwitz charted a 4-1 win over Martin Hagan of Southwest Minnesota State in the title match. The Huskies also had a second place finish by Zach Stewart at 133-pounds and a third place finish from Andy Pokorny at 133-pounds at the Concordia Open. At 157-pounds, Jacob D. Horn placed third in the Gold Division and Josh Howk placed 3rd for the Huskies at 149-pounds.
- The Huskies earned the #1 spot in the 2011-12 NSIC preseason poll. The Huskies also received the top spot in the 2011-12 preseason national poll released by the Division II Wrestling Coaches' Association. Senior Tad Merritt was ranked #1 in the nation at 165-pounds and Jake Kahnke was ranked #2 in the nation at 285-pounds in the DII preseason polls. In those same preseason polls, Shamus O'Grady (174) and Derek Skala (184) both gained #4 rankings and Jacob D. Horn (149) was ranked 7th.
- SCSU's Jacob Kahnke earned NSIC Wrestler of the Week notice on Nov. 8, 2011. He gained the award by posting a first place finish at the SDSU Daktronics Open on Nov. 6 in Brookings.
- St. Cloud State University (19-2, 6-1 NSIC) set a new team standard by capturing 2nd place at the 2011 NCAA Division II championships on March 11-12 in Kearney, Neb. This is the best finish at a national championship for the Huskies since the program started in 1949-50. The previous best efforts for the Huskies were 3rd place finishes at the NAIA tournament in 1963 and 1965. In NCAA Division II action, the best finish prior to 2011 was a 7th place finish in 2010 and 1983. SCSU scored 90.5 team points at the NCAA championships, while Nebraska-Omaha won its third consecutive team title with 102.5 points. This was the most points scored at a national meet by the Huskies in team history. The previous high was 50 points scored at the NCAA tournament in 2010.
- SCSU's John Sundgren captured 1st place at the NCAA championships in the 157-pound bracket. He was the first Husky to win a national title since Gene Hanemann won his title in 1995. This was the 12th individual national title for a Husky wrestling since 1958, and it was just the 2nd NCAA Division II individual national title for a Husky wrestler.
- The Huskies bring back the following All-Americans from the 2011 championships: Jacob Kahnke (2nd at 285), Tad Merritt (3rd at 165), Shamus O'Grady (4th at 174) and Jacob D. Horn (5th at 149). Senior Derek Skala was a redshirt last year but he has earned All-America honors at previous NCAA meets.
- Tad Merritt set a new team record for victories in 2010-11. Merritt charted a 40-4 overall record last winter. Merritt currently owns 113 career wins at SCSU in his first four seasons of competition. The current SCSU career win record is held by Dustin Darveaux with 142 from 1999-03.



SCSU COACH STEVE COSTANZO: Steve Costanzo is in his 6th season as the Husky head wrestling coach. Overall, this marks Costanzo's 13th season as a head college wrestling coach. He has a career record of 120-53-2 while coaching 106 National Qualifiers, 47 All-Americans, 3 National Champions and 46 NWCA All-Academic recipients. His record at St. Cloud State now stands at 58-23. 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, and guided SCSU to a 2nd place NCAA finish in 2011. He was assisted in 2011-12 by Brady Wilson,

Tyson Reiner, Jeremy Lang, John Peterson, Brad Padgett, Gabe Suarez, Josh Joriman and Tony Mack. Student team managers are Kristine Schiller, Sonia Caputo, Stephanie Nelson and Ryan Schroper.



2011-12 St. Cloud State Wrestling Roster

Name	Year	Weight	Hometown	High School
Jack Barnes	RSO.	165	Inver Grove Heights	Simley/Rochester CC
Mic Berg	RSO.	184	Inver Grove Heights	Simley
Chris Brassell	RSO.	285	Park Ridge, IL	Maine South
Josh Conrath	RSJr	197	Waseca, Minn.	Waseca
Dan Dick	Fr.	165	Inver Grove Heights	Simley
Isaiah Erickson	Fr.	149	Barronett, Wis.	Cumberland
Eric Forde	Fr	125	Fargo, N.D.	Fargo South
Trey Griffin	Fr.	184	Lena, Ill.	Lena-Winslow
Trent Herold	RSO.	125	East Bethel, Minn.	St. Francis
Jay Hildreth	Fr	141	Council Bluffs, Iowa	Lewis Central
Eric Hood	Fr	141	Lake Crystal, Minn.	Lake Crystal-Welcome
Jacob D. Horn	RSJr	149	Ephrata, Wash.	Ephrata
Jacob R. Horn	Jr.	149	St. Michael, Minn.	St. Michael-Albertville
Josh Howk	RFr.	149	Oak Grove, Missouri	Blue Springs
Charlie Janssen	RFr.	157	Forest Lake, Minn.	Forest Lake
Brady Johnshoy	Fr.	133	Prior Lake, Minn.	Prior Lake
Jacob Kahnke	RJr	285	Shakopee, Minn.	Prior Lake/ Old Dominion U.
Jared Kust	Fr	141	Clintonville, Wis.	Shawano
Matt Leibforth	RFr.	141	Lemont, Illinois	Lemont
Shaun Little	Fr	197	St. Michael, Minn.	St. Michael-Albertville
Tyler Mathison	RFr	133	Fremont, Neb.	Oakland-Craig
Dustin McKinney	RFr	141	Luck, Wis.	Unity
Ben McPhail	RFr	174	Pine Island, Minn.	Pine Island
Tad Merritt	RSr	165	Canby, Minn.	Canby
Cullan Morrissey	RFr	141	Lena, Wis.	Oconto Falls
Lucas Munkelwitz	RSr	197	Forest Lake, Minn.	Forest Lake
Matt Nelson	Fr	133	Big Lake, Minn.	Big Lake
Shamus O'Grady	RJr	174	Coon Rapids, Minn.	Coon Rapids
Cody Paulsen	RFr	125	Brooklyn Center	Totino Grace
Andy Pokorny	RJr	133	Bennington, Neb.	Bennington/UN-Omaha
Clint Poster	Fr	149	Pierz, Minn..	Pierz
Kurt Salmen	RJr	174	Dassel, Minn.	Dassel-Cokato/ Ridgewater CC
Derek Skala	RSr	184	Owatonna, Minn.	Owatonna
Zach Stewart	RSO.	125	Green Bay, Wisc.	Ashwaubenon
Jake Tabbert	RSr	149	Inver Grove Heights	Simley
Cody Tibbetts	Fr	157	Lake Crystal, Minn.	Lake Crystal-Welcome
Caleb White	Fr	285	Neola, Iowa	Tri-Center
Dylan Wright	So	125	Inver Grove Heights	Simley
Elliot Zander	Fr	174	Fargo, N.D.	Fargo South

2011-12 SCSU Honors:

Daktronics Open 1st Place: Jake Kahnke (285)
 Daktronics Open 1st Place: Derek Skala (184)
 NSIC Wrestler of the Week on Nov. 8: Jake Kahnke
 Finn Grinaker Open 1st place: Tad Merritt (174)
 Finn Grinaker Open 1st place: Lucas Munkelwitz (197)

Head Coach: Steve Costanzo
 Assistant Coach: Brady Wilson
 Graduate Assistant Coach: Tyson Reiner
 Volunteer Assistant Coach: Jeremy Lang, John Peterson, Tony Mack, Brad Padgett
 Student Assistant Coach: Gabe Suarez, Josh Joriman
 Student Managers: Kristine Schiller, Sonia Caputo, Stephanie Nelson, Ryan Schroper
 Athletic Trainer: Julie Alexander
 Athletic Media Relations: Tom Nelson

2011-12 NSIC Preseason Coaches' Poll:

- 1 St. Cloud State 55
- 2 Upper Iowa 54
- 3 Augustana 44
- 4 Minnesota State 32
- 5 University of Mary 20
- 6 MSU Moorhead 17
- 7 Northern State 11
- 8 SMSU 7

CURRENT 2011-12 NWCA Division II Poll

- 1 St. Cloud State (Minn.) 153
- 2 Newberry (S.C.) 150
- 3 Upper Iowa 144
- 4 Nebraska-Kearney 132
- 5 Grand Canyon (Ariz.) 130
- 6 Augustana (S.D.) 124
- 7 Central Oklahoma 107
- 8 Pittsburgh-Johnstown 94
- 9 Wisconsin-Parkside 90
- 10 Ashland (Ohio) 74
- 11 Mercyhurst (Pa.) 70
- 12 Minnesota State 69
- 13 Adams State (Colo.) 63
- 14 Findlay (Ohio) 53
- 15 Maryville (Mo.) 47
- 16 Fort Hays State (Kan.) 44

- 17 Limestone (S.C.) 31
- 18 North Carolina-Pembroke 28
- 19 San Francisco State 23
- 20 Shippensburg (Pa.) 15

Others receiving votes: Central Missouri, Colorado School of Mines, East Stroudsburg (Pa.), Gannon (Pa.), King (Tenn.), Kutztown (Pa.), Mary (N.D.), Northern State (S.D.), Western State (Colo.).

2011-12 St. Cloud State Wrestling Results

NAME	YEAR	CLASS	W/L RECORD	DUAL W/L	FALLS	SDSU	ISU	COBBER	HUSKY	RCC	WO	NC	UWEC	REGION	NCAA's
Barnes, Jack*	RSo	174	5-6		1	DNP	DNP	DNP							
Berg, Mic	RSo	197	4-6		1	DNP	DNP	4th							
Brassell, Chris	RSo	197	4-2		0	5th	NA	NA							
Conrath, Josh	RJr	197	3-5		0	DNP	NA	DNP							
Dick, Dan*	Fr	165	7-4		1	NA	5th	6th							
Erickson, Isaiah*	Fr	149/157	2-4		0	NA	DNP	4th							
Forde, Eric*	Fr	125	0-0		0	NA	NA	NA							
Griffin, Trey*	Fr	174/184	5-5		2	DNP	4th	2nd							
Herold, Trent	RSo	125	0-0		0	NA	NA	NA							
Hildreth, Jay*	Fr	141	9-5		2	DNP	3rd	6th							
Hood, Eric*	Fr	149	0-0		0	NA	NA	NA							
Horn, Jacob D.	RJr	157	3-1		0	NA	NA	3rd							
Horn, Jacob R.	Jr	149/157	8-6		1	5th	DNP	DNP							
Howk, Josh	RFr	149	10-5		8	DNP	4th	3rd							
Janssen, Charlie	RFr	157	0-0		0	NA	NA	NA							
Johnshoy, Brady*	Fr	141	4-0		2	NA	NA	1st							
Kahnke, Jacob	RJr	285	7-1		1	1st	2nd	NA							
Kust, Jared*	Fr	141	5-5		1	NA	6th	6th							
Leibforth, Matt	RFr	141/149	4-6		0	DNP	DNP	DNP							
Little, Shaun*	Fr	285	6-6		1	DNP	DNP	DNP							
Mathison, Tyler	RFr	141	1-2		0	NA	NA	DNP							
McPhail, Ben	RFr	174	3-6		0	DNP	DNP	DNP							
Merritt, Tad	RSr	165/174	7-1		1	2nd	NA	1st							
Morrissey, Cullan	RFr	141	5-4		0	DNP	DNP	NA							
Munkelwitz, Lucas	RSr	197	9-3		3	DNP	3rd	1st							
Nelson, Matt*	Fr	141	7-4		2	DNP	2nd	DNP							
O'Grady, Shamus	RJr	174	0-0		0	NA	NA	NA							
Paulsen, Cody	RFr	133	4-6		2	DNP	DNP	DNP							
Pokorny, Andy	RJr	133	3-1		1	NA	NA	3rd							
Poster, Clint*	Fr	157	9-5		5	4th	3rd	DNP							
Salmen, Kurt	RJr	174	9-5		4	DNP	4th	3rd							
Skala, Derek	RSr	184	7-1		0	1st	2nd	NA							
Stewart, Zach	RSo	133	9-4		2	3rd	5th	2nd							
Tabbert, Jacob	RSr	157	2-1		1	DNP	NA	NA							
Tibbetts, Cody*	Fr	165	4-6		0	DNP	5th	DNP							
White, Caleb*	Fr	285	0-0		0	NA	NA	NA							
Wright, Dylan	RSo	125/133	7-6		1	4th	5th	DNP							
Zander, Elliot*	Fr	174	0-0		0	NA	NA	NA							
TOTALS			172-122	0-0	43	8	14	14							
WIN PERCENTAGE			0.585												
* - Indicates - Wrestling Unattached, ^ - Indicates Hardship Waiver											NWCA Natnl. Duals Place:				
DNP - Indicates - Did Not Place			NA - Indicates - Not Active			Dual Record:			NSIC Place:						

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2011 NCAA Division II Runner-Up

John Sundgren - NCAA Division II Champion at 157-pounds

Steve Costanzo - NCAA Division II Coach of the Year

NCAA Championships Website:

www.ncaa.com/championships/wrestling/d2