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Upcoming Matches:

**Dec. 31:
at Grand Canyon
Duals
Phoenix, Ariz.**



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	W, 49-0
	UW-Stevens Point	W, 29-9
	UW-LaCrosse	W, 29-7
Dec. 10	Holiday Inn/Husky Open	No Team Scores
Dec. 31	Grand Canyon Duals	9 a.m.
	vs. Cal Baptist (9 a.m.)	
	vs. Colorado Mesa (11 a.m.)	
	vs. Mercyhurst (1 p.m.)	
	vs. Grand Canyon (5 p.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

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

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2011-12 SCSU Wrestling News

Release Date: December 20, 2011

HUSKIES HEADLINERS:

- The Huskies will travel to the Grand Canyon Duals on Dec. 31 in Phoenix, Ariz. This tournament is hosted by Grand Canyon University. SCSU will compete in four duals on the day starting against California Baptist. The remainder of the day includes matches against #18 Colorado Mesa, #8 Mercyhurst and host #5 Grand Canyon.
- The #3 St. Cloud State wrestling team will travel to the Cliff Keen National Duals on Jan. 7-8 in Springfield, Ill. The Huskies placed third at this elite tournament last year. DII Teams scheduled to compete at the tournament include: Augustana, Central Missouri, Central Oklahoma, Findlay, Kings, Limestone, Maryville, Nebraska Kearney, Newberry College, Northern State, San Francisco State, SCSU, Truman State, UM- Mankato, Upper Iowa, and UW-Parkside
- Tad Merritt was named the NSIC Wrestler of the Week on Dec. 12 after his first place finish at 174-pounds at the 2011 Husky Open. A four-time Husky Open champion, Merritt defeated #2 ranked Luke Rynish of UW-Parkside in the title bout at 174. Merritt is currently ranked #1 in the nation at 165-pounds with a 13-2 record in 2011-12.
- Other SCSU wrestlers to capture first place finishes at the 2011 Husky Open were Jake Kahnke at 285, Zach Stewart at 133 and Dan Dick at 165. Kahnke is also ranked #1 in the nation at 285-pounds in the last DII national poll. As a team, SCSU was ranked #3 in the poll.
- 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. 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.
- Kahnke tops the team this season with a 15-1 record. Zach Stewart and Dan Dick rank second on the team with 14 wins apiece. Josh Howk, Kurt Salmen and Luke Munkelwitz have also impressed this year with 13 wins apiece.
- 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 wrestler 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 119 career wins at SCSU in his first four seasons of competition.



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 123-53-2 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 61-23. 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)
 NSIC Wrestler of the Week on Dec. 12: Tad Merritt

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

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| 1. Newberry (S.C.) | 152 | 2nd |
| 2. Upper Iowa | 148 | 3rd |
| 3. St. Cloud State (Minn.) | 147 | 1st |
| 4. Nebraska-Kearney | 141 | 4th |
| 5. Grand Canyon (Ariz.) | 127 | 5th |
| 6. Augustana (S.D.) | 114 | 6th |
| 7. Central Oklahoma | 102 | 7th |
| 8. Mercyhurst (Pa.) | 99 | 11th |
| 9. Adams State (Colo.) | 87 | 13th |
| 10. Ashland (Ohio) | 84 | 10th |
| 11. Wisconsin-Parkside | 79 | 9th |
| 12. Fort Hays State (Kan.) | 77 | 16th |
| 13. West Liberty (W.Va.) | 72 | NR |
| 14. Pittsburgh-Johnstown | 69 | 8th |
| 15. King (Tenn.) | 43 | NR |
| 16. Maryville (Mo.) | 38 | 15th |

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| 17. Findlay (Ohio) | 33 | 14th |
| 18. Colorado-Mesa | 20 | NR |
| 19. Minnesota State | 19 | 12th |
| 20. Shippensburg (Pa.) | 8 | 20th |

Others receiving votes: Kutztown (Pa.), Limestone (S.C.), Mary (N.D.), Minnesota State-Moorhead, San Francisco State (Calif.), Seton Hill (Pa.).

2011-12 St. Cloud State Wrestling Results

NAME	YEAR	CLASS	W/L RECORD	DUAL W/L	FALLS	SDSU	ISU	COBBER	DRAGON	HUSKY	RCC	WO	NC	UWEC	REGION	NCAA's
Barnes, Jack*	RSo	174	11-9	0-0	3	DNP	DNP	DNP	5th	DNP						
Berg, Mic	RSo	197	9-7	1-0	4	DNP	DNP	4th	NA	2nd						
Brassell, Chris	RSo	197	7-4	0-0	0	5th	NA	NA	NA	DNP						
Conrath, Josh	RJr	197	3-7	0-0	0	DNP	NA	DNP	NA	DNP						
Dick, Dan	Fr	165	14-4	3-0	2	NA	5th	6th	NA	1st						
Erickson, Isaiah*	Fr	149/157	6-7	0-0	2	NA	DNP	4th	5th	DNP						
Forde, Eric*	Fr	125	0-0	0-0	0	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA						
Griffin, Trey*	Fr	174/184	7-7	0-0	2	DNP	4th	2nd	DNP	NA						
Herold, Trent	RSo	125	0-0	0-0	0	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA						
Hildreth, Jay	Fr	141	10-9	1-1	3	DNP	3rd	6th	NA	DNP						
Hood, Eric*	Fr	149	0-0	0-0	0	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA						
Horn, Jacob D.	RJr	157	7-4	2-1	0	NA	NA	3rd	NA	6th						
Horn, Jacob R.	Jr	149/157	11-9	0-0	4	5th	DNP	DNP	NA	DNP						
Howk, Josh	RFr	149	13-5	3-0	10	DNP	4th	3rd	NA	NA						
Janssen, Charlie	RFr	157	0-0	0-0	0	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA						
Johnshoy, Brady*	Fr	141	9-3	0-0	4	NA	NA	1st	5th	DNP						
Kahnke, Jacob	RJr	285	15-1	3-0	4	1st	2nd	NA	NA	1st (MF)						
Kust, Jared*	Fr	141	9-9	0-0	2	NA	6th	6th	4th	DNP						
Leibforth, Matt	RFr	141/149	12-7	1-0	3	DNP	DNP	DNP	NA	5th						
Little, Shaun*	Fr	285	7-8	0-0	2	DNP	DNP	DNP	NA	DNP						
Mathison, Tyler	RFr	141	3-6	0-0	0	NA	NA	DNP	DNP	DNP						
McPhail, Ben	RFr	174	7-10	0-0	1	DNP	DNP	DNP	4th	DNP						
Merritt, Tad	RSr	165/174	13-2	2-1	5	2nd	NA	1st	NA	1st (OW)						
Morrissey, Cullan	RFr	141	10-6	0-0	2	DNP	DNP	NA	NA	DNP						
Munkelwitz, Lucas	RSr	197	13-4	2-0	3	DNP	3rd	1st	NA	3rd						
Nelson, Matt*	Fr	141	15-7	0-0	3	DNP	2nd	DNP	1st	6th						
O'Grady, Shamus	RJr	174	2-0	0-0	1	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA						
Paulsen, Cody	RFr	133	6-6	1-0	2	DNP	DNP	DNP	NA	NA						
Pokorny, Andy	RJr	133	9-2	1-0	3	NA	NA	3rd	NA	2nd						
Poster, Clint*	Fr	157	14-7	0-0	7	4th	3rd	DNP	1st	DNP						
Salmen, Kurt	RJr	174/184	13-6	1-0	5	DNP	4th	3rd	NA	2nd						
Schroper, Ryan*	Fr	157	0-2	0-0	0	NA	NA	NA	NA	DNP						
Skala, Derek	RSr	184	9-1	2-0	1	1st	2nd	NA	NA	NA						
Stewart, Zach	RSo	133	14-5	1-1	4	3rd	5th	2nd	NA	1st						
Tabbert, Jacob	RSr	157	2-1	0-0	1	DNP	NA	NA	NA	NA						
Tibbetts, Cody*	Fr	165	8-9	0-0	1	DNP	5th	DNP	5th	DNP						
White, Caleb*	Fr	285	2-2	0-0	0	NA	NA	NA	NA	DNP						
Wright, Dylan	RSo	125/133	8-7	1-1	1	4th	5th	DNP	NA	NA						
Zander, Elliot*	Fr	174	0-4	0-0	0	NA	NA	NA	DNP	DNP						
TOTALS			283-185	25-5	85	8	14	14	8	11						
WIN PERCENTAGE			0.604	0.833												
* - Indicates - Wrestling Unattached											NWCA Natnl. Duals Place:					
DNP - Indicates - Did Not Place											NSIC Place:					
			NA - Indicates - Not Active			Dual Record: 3-0 (0-0, NSIC)										

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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