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The Husky Voice

St. Cloud State University Husky Wrestling

COACHES CORNER FROM COACH COSTANZO

The 2010 SCSU wrestling season has come to a close. We are happy to report, for the most part, we have remained healthy and the team remains determined. Our training and competition has brought us again the #14 DIII, the #3 DIII, a tough Iowa State Open, a deep Auggie Open and a quality Holiday Inn Husky Open. Not an easy start for the first part of our season. Our wrestlers have seen many nationally ranked opponents and have fared well.

We, as a staff, take pride in putting our athletes against the very best the nation have to offer. Veterans like Gabe Suarez, Tad Merritt, Shamus O'Grady, Luke Munkelwitz and Jacob Kahnke have led our team very well and newcomers like Zach Stewart and Eric Ellington have given us victories that make this team happy about our future.

Also, we have dealt with our share of ups and downs. Senior captain Derek Skala is possibly out for the rest of the season with a shoulder injury. We are in the midst of gaining a hardship year for him that would allow him to return for a sixth year in 2011-12. Senior captain John Sundgren lost his father Jim Sundgren to cancer this past month and our thoughts and prayers are with the family during this difficult time. Jim has been a long time supporter of Husky wrestling and Minnesota wrestling. He will not be forgotten and we hope that we can make him proud as the season progresses.

Currently, we are in the midst of final exams. We are anxiously awaiting our student-athletes academic results and we are confident that their scores will reflect a commitment of academic excellence. These young men have little time to be regular college students. Their days are long consisting of training, competitions, classes, study halls and rest. The next time you see a Husky wrestler, thank him for doing what he does. These young men have made SCSU wrestling a program on the rise and live their lives as champions. Although this is a lonely road at times, they do this to represent their program, university, themselves and their families to the best of their abilities.

ONWARD AND UPWARD!!!

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, January 1, 2011, 8 a.m. @ Grand Canyon Duals, Phoenix, AZ
 Saturday, January 8, 2011, 10 a.m. @ Ridgewater College Warrior Open, Willmar, MN
 Saturday & Sunday, January 8-9, 2011, TBA @ NWCA National Duals, Cedar Falls, IA
 Friday, January 14, 2011, 7:30 p.m. @ St. John's University, Collegeville, MN
 Saturday, January 15, 2011, 7 p.m. @ UW Eau Claire, Eau Claire, Wisc.
 Friday, January 21, 2011, 7 p.m. @ Nebraska-Omaha, Omaha, Neb.
 Saturday, January 22, 2011, 7 p.m. @ SW Minnesota State, Marshall, MN
 Thursday, January 27, 2011, 7 p.m. @ Augustana College, Sioux Falls, SD
 Sunday, January 30, 2011, 2 p.m. Minnesota State Moorhead – ALUMNI DAY
 Sunday, January 30, 2011, 5 p.m. – 8 p.m. – ALUMNI SOCIAL – TBA

WRESTLING: SCSU'S KAHNKE EARNS NSIC WRESTLING OF THE WEEK HONORS

Monday, December 13, 2010

St. Cloud State University redshirt sophomore Jacob Kahnke (Shakopee/Prior Lake H.S.) was named as the Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference Wrestler of the Week on Dec. 13.

Kahnke gained the league thanks to a first place finish at the 2010 Holiday Inn & Suites/Husky Open in the 285-pound bracket on Dec. 11. Kahnke rolled to a 4-0 record in the tournament, which moves his 2010-11 season record to 10-2 overall.

Kahnke earned two consecutive pins in the opening two rounds of the tournament on Dec. 11, and then charted an 8-2 victory over UW-Parkside's James Malecheck in the semi-finals. In the championship match, Kahnke notched a 4-0 victory over Minnesota's Jacob Kettler.



Jake Kahnke (top)

Of note, Kahnke is currently ranked #2 at 285-pounds in the latest NCAA Division II national coaches' poll. As a team, the Huskies are also ranked #2 in the nation in the latest Division II coaches' poll. At the 2010 Husky Open, Kahnke was joined in the winners' circle by teammates junior Tad Merritt (165-pounds) and junior Lucas Munkelwitz (197-pounds) who both earned first place finishes in their respective weight brackets.

The Huskies will enjoy a break for the holiday before returning to action on Jan. 1 with a trip to the Grand Canyon Duals in Phoenix, Ariz.

WRESTLING: HUSKIES IMPRESSIVE AT 2010 HUSKY OPEN

Saturday, December 11, 2010

The St. Cloud State University wrestling team lived up to its #2 national ranking with an excellent showing at the 2010 Husky Open, which was held on the SCSU campus on Dec. 11.

This tournament featured many of the region's top collegiate wrestlers representing teams from SCSU, Augsburg, Mary, Minnesota, Indianapolis, UW-Parkside, Northern State, North Dakota State and Rochester C.C. to name a few.

No team scores were kept at the meet, but the Huskies earned top finishes in several of the weight brackets at the 2010 Husky Open.

At 125-pounds Zach Stewart was 3-1 on the day and placed second for SCSU. In the championship bout, Stewart by forfeit to Alex Johns of Indianapolis.



The 2010 Husky Open in Halenbeck Hall.

At 133-pounds, Westy Hanson placed 6th for the Huskies with a 2-2 record and Jacob R. Horn was sixth at 149-pounds with a 2-2 record.

In action at 157-pounds, Jacob D. Horn rolled to a second place ending with a solid 4-1 record. In the title match, Jacob D. Horn of SCSU lost by a 4-2 decision to Nick Walpole of Indianapolis.

Husky junior Tad Merritt continued his march through the 2010-11 season with a first place ending in the 165-pound bracket. This marked the third consecutive Husky Open title for Merritt at 165-pounds.

In tournament action, Merritt was a perfect 4-0 and this included a thrilling 3-1 win over Kurtis Julson of NCAA DI opponent North Dakota State in the title bout.

In action at 174-pounds, Shamus O'Grady placed second for the Huskies with a 3-1 record. In the title match, O'Grady suffered a 6-5 setback against Zach Molitor of Augsburg. Teammate Kurt Salmen placed fourth at 174-pounds with a 2-1 record.

Mic Berg tallied a third place finish in the 184-pound bracket for the Huskies with a big 4-1 record that included an 8-3 win over Brady Anderson of Minnesota in the bout for third place.

At 197-pounds, the Huskies' second title of the day was brought home by Lucas Munkelwitz. He charted a perfect 3-0 record that included a 3-1 win over Minnesota's Scott Schiller in the championship match.

To complete the day, SCSU's Jacob Kahnke added the Huskies' third title with a first place finish at 285-pounds. Kahnke tallied a 4-0 record in the bracket that included a 4-0 shutout against Minnesota's Jacob Kettler in the title match. Teammate Chris Brassell added a fifth place finish for the Huskies at 285-pounds. He went 3-2 in the bracket for the Huskies.

Of note, the tournament's John Oxton Award Winner (MVP) was Dylan Ness of Minnesota at 149. The Jack Gause Award (Most Falls) went to Sam Schad of Rochester C.C.

Complete Results for Husky Open:

Wt 125

- 1 #1-Alex Johns (Indianapolis) F M FOR
- 2 #2-Zach Stewart (St. Cloud State)
- 3 #3-Anthony Bruno (Northern State) D 6-2
- 4 #5-Martino Balsiger (Wisconsin-Parkside)
- 5 #4-David Demo (Minnesota State Mankato) D 9-3
- 6 Corey Hodowanic (Minnesota)

Wt 133

- 1 #4-Drew Lexvold (Minnesota) D 11-6
- 2 #2-David Thorn (Minnesota)
- 3 #1-Cody Zimmerman (Wisconsin-Parkside) D 7-3
- 4 #5-Cody Madsen (Augsburg)
- 5 Alex Johnson (Augsburg) D 7-0
- 6 #6-Weston Hanson (St. Cloud State)

Wt 141

- 1 #1-Nick Dardanes (Minnesota) D 9-6
- 2 #3-Cody Hansen (Augsburg)
- 3 #2-Seth Lange (Minnesota) M 14-3
- 4 #4-Robby Fisher (Minnesota State Mankato)
- 5 Arik Yde (Wisconsin-Parkside) D 5-3
- 6 Thomas Giaimo (Minnesota)

Wt 149]

- 1 #2-Dylan Ness (Minnesota) F 2:22

- 2 #1-Tony Valek (Augsburg)
- 3 Matt Mincey (Minnesota) T1 16-0
- 4 Jesse Westphal (Minnesota State Mankato)
- 5 David Zilverberg (Minnesota) D 9-7
- 6 #4-Jacob R. Horn (St. Cloud State)

Wt 157

- 1 #2-Nick Walpole (Indianapolis) D 4-2
- 2 #4-Jacob D. Horn (St. Cloud State)
- 3 #3-Samuel Schad (Rochester Community & Tech. Co) F 2
- 4 Zach Enrico (Augsburg)
- 5 Joseph Garner (North Dakota State University) D 4-2
- 6 Derek Hahn (Minnesota State Mankato)

Wt 165

- 1 #1-Tad Merritt (St. Cloud State) D 3-1
- 2 #3-Kurtis Julson (North Dakota State University)
- 3 #2-Orlando Ponce (Augsburg) D 3-2
- 4 Joey Falde (St.Cloud State Unattached)
- 5 Brendan Eichmann (Minnesota State Mankato) M 22-10
- 6 Brian Petersen (Minnesota)

Wt 174

- 1 #1-Zach Molitor (Augsburg) D 6-5
- 2 #2-Shamus OGrady (St. Cloud State)
- 3 #3-Matt Gille (Wisconsin-Parkside) D 9-4
- 4 #4-Kurt Salmen (St. Cloud State)
- 5 Brandon Bahr (Augsburg) D 2-0
- 6 #5-Jake Holler (Indianapolis)

Wt 184

- 1 #1-Aaron Norgren (Minnesota State Mankato) D 2-0
- 2 John Gusewelle (North Dakota State University)
- 3 #5-Michael Berg (St. Cloud State) D 8-3
- 4 #3-Brady Anderson (Mary)
- 5 Ryan Woods (Wisconsin-Parkside) F M FOR
- 6 Alex Bach (Minnesota State Mankato)

Wt 197

- 1 #1-Lucas Munkelwitz (St. Cloud State) D 3-1
- 2 #3-Scott Schiller (Minnesota)
- 3 #2-Brad Baus (Augsburg) M 12-0
- 4 Curtis Hines (Wisconsin-Parkside)
- 5 Josh Antonneau (St. Cloud State)
- 6 Josh Conrath (St. Cloud State)

Wt 285

- 1 #1-Jake Kahnke (St. Cloud State) D 4-0
- 2 #2-Jacob Kettler (Minnesota)
- 3 #5-Evan Wooding (Indianapolis) D 4-2
- 4 #3-Nikolas Bogojevic (Augsburg)
- 5 #6-Chris Brassell (St. Cloud State) D 2-1
- 6 #4-James Malechek (Wisconsin-Parkside)

WRESTLING: HUSKIES MAINTAIN #2 NATIONAL RANKING

Wednesday, December 8, 2010

EDMOND, Okla. – St. Cloud State University collected 150 points and maintained its #2 national ranking in the latest NCAA Division II wrestling poll, which was released by the NCAA Division II Wrestling Coaches Association on Dec. 8. The Huskies currently own a 3-0 record this season and will host the 40th annual Husky Open on Saturday, Dec. 11, in St. Cloud, Minn.

Individually, junior Tad Merritt (Canby) moved up to the #2 spot in the poll at 165-pounds, and sophomore Jake Kahnke (Prior Lake) maintained his #2 ranking in the poll at 285-pounds. Senior Gabe Suarez (Las Vegas, Nev.) moved up to #3 in the poll at 141-pounds, while senior John Sundgren (Blaine) was ranked #6 at 157-pounds and sophomore Shamus O'Grady (Coon Rapids) was ranked #5 at 174-pounds. The group of ranked wrestlers for SCSU was completed by junior Lucas Munkelwitz (Forest Lake), who was ranked #8 at 197-pounds and senior Derek Skala (Owatonna), who was ranked #5 at 184-pounds.



Steve Costanzo

Two-time defending national champion Nebraska-Omaha remained atop the first regular season NCAA Division II wrestling rankings, with the Mavericks the unanimous pick in the poll. UNO received all eight first-place votes in balloting of coaches from around the country to finish with 160 points.

Augustana (S.D.) stayed third with 141 points. Western State (Colo.) moved up from sixth to fourth with 137 points and Newberry (S.C.) stayed fifth.

Rounding out the top 10 is Minnesota State, Findlay (Ohio), Nebraska-Kearney, Pittsburgh-Johnstown (Pa.) and Upper Iowa. UPJ made the biggest jump, moving from 14th to ninth, while North Carolina-Pembroke broke into the poll at No. 20.

The top 20 poll, with points and the teams' preseason ranking following by the top-eight rankings at each weight:

Rank	School (State)	Points	Last Ranking
1.	Nebraska-Omaha	160	1st
2.	St. Cloud State (Minn.)	150	2nd
3.	Augustana (S.D.)	141	3rd
4.	Western State (Colo.)	137	6th
5.	Newberry (S.C.)	130	5th
6.	Minnesota State	118	7th
7.	Findlay (Ohio)	100	8th
8.	Nebraska-Kearney	93	4th
9.	Pittsburgh-Johnstown (Pa.)	92	14th
10.	Upper Iowa	91	10th
11.	Grand Canyon (Ariz.)	90	T-12th
12.	Central Oklahoma	73	11th
13.	Wisconsin-Parkside	72	9th
14.	West Liberty (W. Va.)	47	T-12th
15.	Fort Hays State (Kan.)	43	T-20th
16.	Adams State (Colo.)	37	19th

17.	Ashland (Ohio)	36	17th
18.	East Stroudsburg (Pa.)	26	18th
19.	San Francisco State (Calif.)	19	16th
20.	North Carolina-Pembroke	9	NR

Others receiving votes: Belmont Abbey (N.C.), Colorado State-Pueblo, Gannon (Pa.), Limestone (S.C.), Minnesota State-Moorhead.

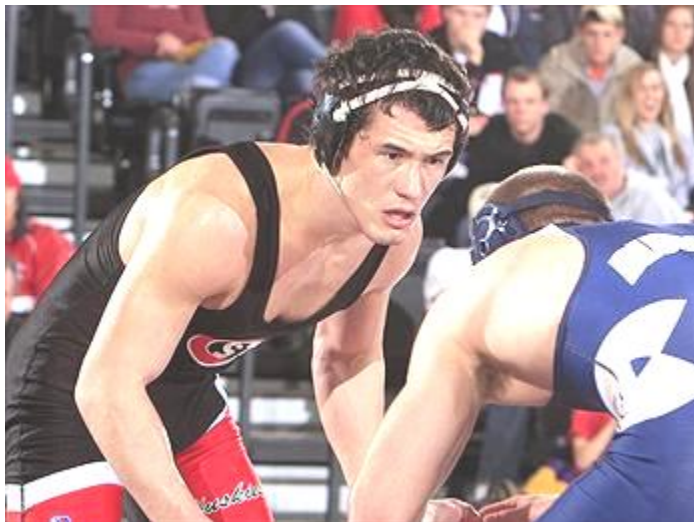
WRESTLING: HUSKIES WIN THREE AT UW-LACROSSE

Saturday, December 4, 2010

LaCrosse, Wis. - The St. Cloud State University wrestling team (3-0) gained three victories at the Holiday Inn Express UW-LaCrosse Wrestling Duals on Dec.4. The tournament was held in LaCrosse, Wis. and it marked the first three dual matches of the season for the Huskies.

#2 ranked SCSU opened the day with a 33-6 win over UW-Stevens Point (ranked #14 at the Division III level). The Huskies then charted a big 42-12 win over Waldorf College in the second match of the day, and they finished the event with a 21-13 win over host UW-LaCrosse. Of note, UW-LaCrosse is ranked third in the nation among NCAA Division III teams.

Gabe Suarez (Las Vegas, Nev.) charted three wins on the day at 141-pounds, while junior Tad Merritt (Canby) also gained three wins at 165-pounds for the Huskies. The complete results from the three duals in Wisconsin are listed below.



Shamus O'Grady

Holiday Inn Express UW-La Crosse Wrestling Duals - December 4, 2010 - Mitchell Hall

Round 1 - #2 (NCAA Division II) St. Cloud State Univ. (Minn.) vs. #14 UW-Stevens Point

- 125 Zach Stewart (St. Cloud State) won by decision over Joe Mileski (UW-Stevens Point), 4-0
- 133 Eric Ellington (St. Cloud State) won by decision over Jordan Kust (UW-Stevens Point), 5-2
- 141 Gabriel Suarez (St. Cloud State) won by major decision over Shane Sweeney (UW-SP), 17-8
- 149 Kris Magruder (UW-Stevens Point) won by decision over Jacob R. Horn (St. Cloud State), 4-2
- 157 Jacob D. Horn (St. Cloud State) won by major decision over Ben Strobel (UW-SP), 15-5
- 165 Tad Merritt (St. Cloud State) won by fall over Jordan Schulte (UW-Stevens Point), 4:50
- 174 Shamus O'Grady (St. Cloud State) won by fall over Ryan Conat (UW-Stevens Point), 2:49
- 184 Ben Engelland (UW-Stevens Point) won by decision over Mic Berg (St. Cloud State), 2-0
- 197 Lucas Munkelwitz (St. Cloud State) won by decision over Brandon Jochem (UWSP), 7-1
- 285 Jacob Kahnke (St. Cloud State) won by major decision over Steve Wozniak (UWSP), 12-3

Final Score: St. Cloud State Univ. (Minn.) 33, UW-Stevens Point

Round 2 - #2 (NCAA Division II) St. Cloud Univ. (Minn.) vs. Waldorf College (Iowa)

- 125 Venel Rene (Waldorf) won by fall over Dylan Wright (St. Cloud State), 6:38
- 133 Westy Hanson (St. Cloud State) won by fall over Jeff Ohnemus (Waldorf), 2:19
- 141 Gabriel Suarez (St. Cloud State) won by forfeit
- 149 Joe Jake Tabbert (St. Cloud State) won by fall over Bryce Robbins (Waldorf), :40
- 157 Jeremy Padilla (Waldorf) won by decision over Chad Kubasch (St. Cloud State), 8-2
- 165 Tad Merritt (St. Cloud State) won by fall over Rashad Moss (Waldorf), 4:37
- 174 Kurt Salmen (St. Cloud State) won by fall over Josh Eillingwood (Waldorf), 5:48
- 184 Mic Berg (St. Cloud State) won by fall over Brock Binversie (Waldorf), 1:19

197 Jeff Roman (Waldorf) won by decision over Josh Antonneau (St. Cloud State), 3-2

285 Chris Brassell (St. Cloud State) won by fall over Cliff Davenport (Waldorf), 4:11

Final Score: St. Cloud State Univ. (Minn.) 42, Waldorf College (Iowa) 12

Round 3 - #3 UW-La Crosse vs. #2 (NCAA Division II) St. Cloud State University (Minn.)

125 Zach Stewart (St. Cloud State) won by decision over Albie McKinney (UW-La Crosse), 6-3

133 Adam Sheley (UW-La Crosse) won by decision over Eric Ellington (St. Cloud State), 6-4

141 Gabriel Suarez (St. Cloud State) won by decision over Beбето Yewah (UW-La Crosse), 8-3

149 Matt Mauseth (UW-La Crosse) won by major decision over Jacob R. Horn (SCSU), 11-2

157 Jacob D. Horn (St. Cloud State) won by decision over Ryan Farwell (UW-La Crosse), 2-1

165 Tad Merritt (St. Cloud State) won by decision over Cory Ferguson (UW-La Crosse), 7-4

174 Shamus O'Grady (St. Cloud State) won by decision over Mike Schmitz (UW-La Crosse), 11-4

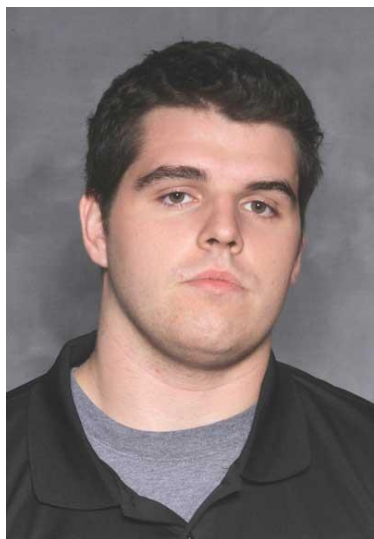
184 Mic Berg (St. Cloud State) won by decision over Mitch Artist (UW-La Crosse), 6-2

197 John Poppie (UW-La Crosse) won by fall over Lucas Munkelwitz (St. Cloud State), 7:42 (ot)

285 Jacob Kahnke (St. Cloud State) won by decision over Billy Mayer (UW-La Crosse), 6-2

Final Score: St. Cloud State University (Minn.) 21, UW-La Crosse 13

PLAYER SPOTLIGHT: CHRIS BRASSELL



Q/A: Where are you from? Park Ridge, IL (Main South H.S.)

Q/A: Why did you choose to attend St. Cloud State? To win a national title

Q/A: Who has been the biggest influence in your life? Parents (John & Becky Brassell)

Q/A: Favorite food when not watching your weight? Deep-dish Pizza

Q/A: Favorite athlete to watch in another sport? LeBron James (Basketball)

Q/A: What is one thing about you most people don't know? I am not a morning person

Q/A: What would you like to do for a career? Coach/Teach

Q/A: Who is the funniest guy on the team? Mic Berg

Q/A: Who will be the biggest surprise on the team this season? Zach Stewart

Q/A: What kind of advice would you give to a younger wrestler who is just taking up the sport? Have Fun

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We are excited to be entering into the 60th year of collegiate wrestling at St. Cloud State University. St. Cloud State University has a long and proud tradition of wrestling dating back to the 1950's. Over 60 All-Americans have competed at St. Cloud State including 11 national champions and 3 Olympic team members.

The 2010-11 season will bring a variety of new faces and changes to the program. In addition to an abundance of returning talent, the coaching staff has diligently worked hard to bring in a successful recruiting class. Over thirteen new student-athletes will join the Husky Wrestling program this fall!

To continue our rich tradition, Husky wrestling is requesting your help. Currently, the SCSU wrestling program is in the process of raising money for the 2010-11 wrestling season. Funds raised will go directly to supplement the wrestling operational budget and to help the program remain competitive with the top NCAA DII wrestling programs in the country.

Here are some of the benefits that your contribution will help us accomplish:

- Hosting and sponsoring annual parent, alumni and friend socials.
- To improve training equipment.
- To enhance wrestling training facilities.
- To improve Husky wrestling recruiting efforts.
- To cover expenses for the end of the season wrestling awards banquet.
- To cover additional expenses that a strict college budget cannot.

Thanks in advance for your support and consideration. We will see you on the mats!

<http://www.stcloudstate.edu/athletics/support/documents/WrestBrochureHLowRez.pdf>



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