

IOWA HAWKEYES



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WRESTLING WEEKLY RELEASE

NOVEMBER 12, 2007

2007-08 SCHEDULE & RESULTS

| Date | Opponent | Time (CT)/Result |
|----------|---|------------------|
| 11/10 | at Nichols/Cyclone Open | 0 champs |
| 11/17 | at Kaufman-Brand Open (Omaha, NE) | All Day |
| 11/24 | at St. Edward Duals (Lakewood, OH) | |
| | Iowa v. Findlay | 9 a.m. |
| | Iowa v. Iowa Central | 10:30 a.m. |
| | Iowa v. Old Dominion | 1:30 p.m. |
| | Iowa v. N. Carolina St. | 3 p.m. |
| 12/2 | at Northern Iowa Open (Cedar Falls, IA) | 9 a.m. |
| 12/9 | at Iowa State (Ames, IA) | 2 p.m. |
| 12/13 | Northern Iowa (Iowa City, IA) | 6:30 p.m. |
| | Cornell College (Iowa City, IA) | 8 p.m. |
| 12/28-29 | at Midlands Champ's (Evanston, IL) | All Day |
| 1/5 | Oklahoma State (Iowa City, IA) | 7 p.m. |
| 1/12-13 | at NWCA National Duals (Cedar Falls, IA) | All Day |
| 1/18 | at Ohio State (Columbus, OH) | 6 p.m. |
| 1/20 | Penn State (Iowa City, IA) | 2 p.m. |
| 1/27 | Northwestern (Iowa City, IA) | 7 p.m. |
| 2/1 | at Minnesota (Minneapolis, MN) | 7 p.m. |
| 2/3 | at Wisconsin (Madison, WI) | 1 p.m. |
| 2/8 | at Arizona State (Tempe, AZ) | 8 p.m. |
| 2/10 | at Boise State (Boise, ID) | 2 p.m. |
| 2/15 | Indiana (Iowa City, IA) | 7 p.m. |
| 2/17 | Michigan (Iowa City, IA) | TBA |
| 2/24 | at Illinois (Champaign, IL) | 1 p.m. |
| 3/8-9 | at Big Ten Champ's (Minneapolis, MN) | All Day |
| 3/20-22 | at NCAA Champ's (St. Louis, MO) | All Day |

THIS WEEK

The Iowa wrestlers will compete at the 25th annual Kaufman-Brand Open Saturday in Omaha, NE. Competition starts at 9 a.m. at the University of Nebraska-Omaha Fieldhouse. A total of 42 teams and approximately 650 wrestlers will compete at the meet. It's easily the country's largest single-day collegiate meet. The tournament will be wrestled in two age-based divisions - an elite (ages 21 and older) division and an amateur (ages 17-20) division.

HAWKEYES HAVE PAST SUCCESS AT KAUFMAN-BRAND OPEN

Four current Hawkeyes have won individual titles at the Kaufman-Brand Open. Senior **Alex Tsirtsis** (141), junior **Dan Erikson** (Hwt.), sophomores **Ryan Morningstar** (157) and **Brent Metcalf** (149) have each won titles. Senior **Matt Fields** has placed second twice and third once at heavyweight.

Tsirtsis won the 141-pound open division in 2004, recording two decisions, a pin and a medical forfeit before defeating Northern Iowa's C.J. Ettelson, 3-2, in the finals. He also placed second in 2005. Erikson won the 197-pound amateur division in 2006, going 4-0 on the day and defeating Nebraska-Kearney's Kelsey Empting, 3-0, in the finals. He placed third in 2005. Morningstar won the 2005 157-pound amateur division, scoring two pins, a technical fall and two decisions en route to the title. Metcalf won the 149-pound elite division last season, pinning his first two opponents and earning three decisions en route to the title. He defeated former Hawkeye Todd Meneely of Nebraska-Omaha, 7-3, in the finals.

HAWKEYE TRIO PLACES AT NICHOLS/CYCLONE OPEN

Three Hawkeyes competed unattached at the Harold Nichols/Cyclone Open Nov. 10 at Hilton Coliseum in Ames. Junior **Dan Erikson** placed third at heavyweight, while sophomore **Luke Lofthouse** (197) and redshirt freshman **Aaron Janssen** (165) placed fourth.

Erikson, who moved up to heavyweight after wrestling the last two seasons at 197, pinned unattached Kyle Simonsen in 1:02 in the first round. He scored a 7-4 decision over Wisconsin-LaCrosse's Dan Laurent before dropping a 3-1 decision to Iowa State's David Zabriskie in the semifinals. Erikson responded with two decisions in the consolation bracket to place third.

Janssen also opened the tournament with a pin, but lost a 19-5 major decision to Iowa State's Jonathan Reader in the second round. Janssen came back with three straight wins in the consolation bracket before losing a 3-2 decision to Tim Palmer of Wisconsin-LaCrosse in the third-place match.

Lofthouse, who competed in his first tournament since returning from a two-year Mormon mission to Africa, advanced to the semifinals with an 8-6 win over Iowa Central's Joe Johnson and a 4:59 pin of Iowa State's Joe Curran. He lost a 10-4 decision to T.J. Miller of Wartburg in the semifinals. Lofthouse lost a close 11-10 decision to unattached Jacob Marrs in the third-place match.

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HEAD COACH TOM BRANDS



Former Hawkeye wrestler Tom Brands, a 1996 Olympic gold medalist and four-time all-American, is in his second season as Iowa's head wrestling coach. The three-time NCAA champion and member of wrestling's Hall of Fame is only the Hawkeyes' eighth wrestling coach.

In his first season at Iowa, Brands coached 165-pounder Mark Perry to Big Ten and NCAA titles. The Hawkeyes also crowned three all-Americans in 2007, going 14-5 overall and 5-3 in the Big Ten.

Brands served as head coach at Virginia Tech University for two seasons (2005-06), recording a 17-20 dual mark. In his first season with the Hokies, Brands led the team to the 2005 regular season Atlantic Coast Conference title, set a school record for dual meet wins (16) and had a school-record five wrestlers qualify for the NCAA Championships. During his tenure, Virginia Tech crowned five conference champions and two all-Americans. Senior heavyweight Mike Faust was named 2006 ACC Wrestler of the Year. Prior to taking the helm at Virginia Tech, Brands was an assistant coach at Iowa for 12 seasons (1993-2004). He helped the Hawkeyes to a 177-27 dual record, seven NCAA and eight Big Ten titles, while crowning 23 NCAA Champions, 73 all-Americans and 36 Big Ten Champions. He was named National Wrestling Coaches Association Assistant Coach of the Year in 2000.

As a competitor, Brands won the 1996 Olympic freestyle gold medal at 136.5 pounds in Atlanta, GA. He also won a gold medal at the 1993 World Freestyle Championships in Toronto, two World Cup gold medals (1994, 1995) and was the 1995 Pan American Games champion. He won four U.S. Nationals titles (1993-96) and made four straight U.S. World or Olympic teams (1993-96). Along with his twin brother, Terry, Tom was named 1993 USA Wrestling Athlete of the Year, the 1993 John Smith Outstanding Freestyle Wrestler and 1993 Amateur Wrestling News Man of the Year. He was inducted into wrestling's Hall of Fame in 2001. Brands was a four-time all-American at Iowa (1989-92). During his Hawkeye career, he won three NCAA titles and was named Outstanding Wrestler of the 1992 NCAA Championships. Also a three-time Big Ten champion, Brands won 95 percent of his matches at Iowa. His career mark of 158-7-2, included an undefeated season in 1991 (45-0).

HAWKEYES HOLD ANNUAL WRESTLE-OFFS

Iowa held three rounds of wrestle-offs over three days at the Dan Gable Wrestling Complex in Carver-Hawkeye Arena last week. Following are the results from each round:

Thursday's Quarter-final Results

133 - Thomas Magnani maj. dec. Tyler Halverson, 21-9
165 - Weston Marling dec. Ryan Kurovski, 8-6

Friday's Semi-final Results

133 - Joe Slaton tech. fall Tyler Halverson, 27-11 in 5:07
133 - Thomas Magnani pinned Montell Marion, 6:07
141 - Alex Tsirtsis tech. fall Ethan Sebert, 18-1 in 6:22
141 - Dan LeClere maj. dec. Derek Coorough, 20-7
149 - Brent Metcalf pinned Stew Gillmor, 2:23
149 - Matt Ballweg dec. Nick LeClere, 9-5
157 - T.H. Leet dec. Brooks Kopsa, 6-5
165 - Mark Perry pinned Weston Marling, 2:37
165 - Jake Kerr maj. dec. Michael Fahrner, 17-7
184 - Vinnie Wagner dec. Rick Loera, 10-4

Saturday's Final Results

125 - Charlie Falck maj. dec. J.J. Krutsinger, 16-2
133 - Joe Slaton pinned Thomas Magnani, 2:58
141 - Alex Tsirtsis dec. Dan LeClere, 6-4 SV
149 - Brent Metcalf tech. fall Matt Ballweg, 25-9
157 - Ryan Morningstar tech. fall T.H. Leet, 18-1 in 5:21
165 - Mark Perry dec. Jake Kerr, 6-1
184 - Phillip Keddy pinned Vinnie Wagner, 4:21
197 - Jordan Johnson dec. Brodie Ambrose, 3-2
Hwt. - Matt Fields dec. Blake Rasing, 6-3

Saturday's Exhibition Matches

174 - Chad Beatty dec. Michael Fahrner, 9-5
174 - Jay Borschel pinned Weston Marling, 2:15

IOWA WRESTLING HISTORY

Iowa's overall dual meet record is 809-214-30 (.783) in 95 seasons. The Hawkeyes have won 20 national titles and 31 Big Ten titles. Iowa's 48 NCAA champions have won a total of 74 NCAA individual titles, crowning six three-time and 13 two-time champions. The Hawkeyes' 100 Big Ten champions have won a total of 181 conference titles. There have been seven four-time, 18 three-time and 24 two-time Iowa winners. Iowa's 130 all-Americans have earned all-America status 266 times, including 16 four-time, 28 three-time and 32 two-time honorees.

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IOWA TICKET INFORMATION

Season tickets and single meet tickets for Iowa's seven home duals are on sale at the University of Iowa Athletic Ticket Office or at 1-800-464-2957, 319-335-9327 or www.hawkeyesports.com. University of Iowa students will be admitted free to all matches with a student ID. Following are the ticket prices:

Season Tickets

\$48 - General Public, \$42 University Faculty & Staff

Single-Match Tickets Purchased in Advance

\$8 - Adults, \$4 - Youth

Single-Match Tickets Purchased at the Door

\$10 - Adults, \$5 - Youth

ON THE AIR

Radio - Steven Grace and two-time Hawkeye NCAA champion and four-time all-American Mark Ironside will call the action live on AM-800, KXIC. All dual meets will be broadcast live, as will action from the Big Ten and NCAA tournaments. Live audio broadcasts from all competitions will also be available online at www.hawkeyesports.com. To listen online, go to the wrestling schedule, click on the event and click on the Listen link. Broadcasts are available using the Hawkeye All-Access subscription (\$9.95 per month or \$79.95 per year) or the CSTV XXL Premium subscription (\$119.95 per year).

Internet - Press releases, meet results, audio broadcasts and dual livestats are available on the University of Iowa's website, www.hawkeyesports.com. To access live dual scoring, go to the wrestling schedule page, select the event and click on the Livestats link. Current staff and student-athlete head shots can be found at pics.hawkeyesports.com.

CHAMPIONSHIP EXPERIENCE

The Hawkeye wrestling staff of **Tom Brands**, **Wes Hand**, **Doug Schwab** and **Mike Zadick** earned a total of one Olympic gold medal, four NCAA titles, six conference titles and 12 all-America honors. Their combined college career wrestling record is 487-83-2 (.853).

NEXT COMPETITION

Iowa will open the 2007-08 dual meet season Nov. 24 at the St. Edward Duals in Lakewood, OH. The Hawkeyes will face the University of Findlay at 9 a.m., Iowa Central Community College at 10:30 a.m., Old Dominion University at 1:30 p.m. and North Carolina State University at 3 p.m. All times are central and all matches will be held at the St. Edward High School Gymnasium.

TEAM RANKINGS

USA Today/NWCA/Intermat Top 25 Coaches Poll (10/23/07)

1. Minnesota
2. Oklahoma State
3. Iowa State
4. **Iowa**
5. Michigan
6. Northwestern
7. Missouri
8. Ohio State
9. Cornell
10. Central Michigan
11. Penn State
12. Wisconsin
13. Hofstra
14. Nebraska
15. Indiana
16. Edinboro
17. Illinois
18. Navy
19. Oklahoma
20. Pittsburgh
21. Tennessee-Chattanooga
22. Harvard
23. Pennsylvania
24. American
25. Oregon State

W.I.N. Magazine Top 25 (10/3/07)

1. Minnesota
2. Iowa State
3. **Iowa**
4. Cornell
5. Oklahoma State
6. Missouri
7. Nebraska
8. Ohio State
9. Michigan
10. Central Michigan
11. Northwestern
12. Penn State
13. Wisconsin
14. Illinois
15. Indiana
16. Edinboro
17. Oklahoma
18. Hofstra
19. Tennessee-Chattanooga
Navy
21. Pennsylvania
22. Lehigh
23. Boise State
24. Arizona State
25. Oregon State

INDIVIDUAL RANKINGS

Here is how each Hawkeye wrestler is currently ranked in the most recent polls:

| | N.W.C.A./Intermat/ | | |
|------------------------|--------------------|----------|--------|
| | A.W.N. | N.W.M.A. | W.I.N. |
| Charile Falck (125) | #6 | #6 | #7 |
| Dan Dennis (133) | #15 | #17 | --- |
| Alex Tsirtsis (141) | #9 | #10 | #8 |
| Brent Metcalf (149) | #7 | #6 | #9 |
| Ryan Morningstar (157) | #13 | #10 | #12 |
| Mark Perry (165) | #1 | #1 | #1 |
| Jay Borschel (174) | --- | #15 | #18 |
| Phillip Keddy (184) | --- | #20 | #19 |
| Dan Erekson (197) | --- | --- | #19 |
| Matt Fields (Hwt.) | #7 | #11 | #8 |