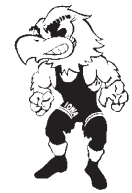


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NOVEMBER 7, 2006

2006-07 SEASON SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Time
11/18	at Kaufman-Brand Open (Omaha, NE)	All Day
11/20	at NWCA All-Star Classic Dallas, TX	
11/21	at Northern Iowa (Cedar Falls, IA)	7 p.m.
11/25	Arizona State (Iowa City, IA)	1:30 p.m.
12/3	Iowa State (Iowa City, IA)	4 p.m.
12/7	Coe (Iowa City, IA)	6 p.m.
	North Carolina State (Iowa City, IA)	7:30 p.m.
12/29-30	at Midlands Champ's (Evanston, IL)	All Day
1/13-14	at NWCA National Duals (Cedar Falls, IA)	All Day
1/19	at Oklahoma State (Stillwater, OK)	8 p.m.
1/21	at Northwestern (Rolling Meadows, IL)	2 p.m.
1/26	at Purdue (West Lafayette, IN)	6 p.m.
1/27	Wisconsin (Iowa City, IA)	7 p.m.
2/2	at Michigan (Ann Arbor, MI)	6:30 p.m.
2/4	at Penn State (University Park, PA)	11 a.m.
2/11	Michigan State (Iowa City, IA)	2 p.m.
2/16	Ohio State (Iowa City, IA)	7 p.m.
2/18	Minnesota (Iowa City, IA)	6 p.m.
3/3-4	at Big Ten Champ's (East Lansing, MI)	All Day
3/15-17	at NCAA Champ's (Auburn Hills, MI)	All Day

All times are Central.

SEASON OPENER

Iowa will open the 2006-07 wrestling season Saturday at the Kaufman-Brand Open in Omaha, NE. Competition starts at 9 a.m. at Lee & Helene Sapp Fieldhouse on the University of Nebraska at Omaha campus. A total of 42 teams are expected and approximately 650 wrestlers will compete in the meet. It's easily the country's largest single-day collegiate meet. The tournament will be wrestled in two divisions - an open division and 20 & under division.

2006 NWCA ALL-STAR CLASSIC

Junior **Mark Perry** will represent the Hawkeyes at the 41st annual NWCA All-Star Dual presented by the United States Marine Corps. The dual will be held Monday, November 20 at the Dallas Convention Center and Arena in Dallas, TX. Start time is scheduled for 7 p.m. **Perry**, who is ranked second in the country, will face top-ranked Johnny Hendricks of Oklahoma State at 165 pounds. Hendricks is a two-time NCAA champion and three-time all-American for the Cowboys. **Perry** is 0-3 against him, losing a 7-5 decision in sudden victory at the 2004 Kaufman-Brand Open, a 3-1 decision in the 2005 Iowa-Oklahoma State dual and a 5-2 decision in the 2005 NCAA Championship finals. The two did not meet last season because **Perry** wrestled at 174 pounds.

2006-07 SEASON PREVIEW

First-year Head Coach Tom Brands and his staff, which includes former Iowa skipper Dan Gable and former Hawkeye wrestlers Wes Hand, Doug Schwab and Mike Zadick hope to guide the 2006-07 Hawkeyes back to the domination experienced in the 1980's and 90's.

Brands and the new staff will have ample bodies, and talent, to work with. The Hawkeyes return three all-Americans in senior **Eric Luedke** (174) and juniors **Alex Tsirtsis** (141) and **Mark Perry** (165), and an NCAA qualifier at six weights. The 2006-07 team has strong depth in the lower and middle weights.

A large group of newcomers will provide immediate depth. Joining Brands from Virginia Tech are transfers **Joe Slaton** (133), **Dan LeClere** (141), **Brent Metcalf** (149), **T.H. Leet** (165) and **Jay Borschel** (174). The five redshirted last season with the Hokies, and are currently appealing a Virginia Tech ruling that prevents them from being eligible this year. If the appeal is lost, all five will have to sit out the 2006-07 season and lose a year of eligibility. If the ruling is overturned, all five would be available to compete immediately. The group brings a combined total of 17 state titles, including four-timers Borschel, LeClere and Metcalf. Borschel (Marion), LeClere (Coggon) and Slaton (Cedar Rapids) are all eastern Iowa natives.

Iowa's freshman class includes **Matt Ballweg** (149-Waverly, IA), **Travis Blasco** (141, Old Bridge, NJ), **Aaron Janssen** (157/165-Emmetsburg, IA), **Jake Kerr** (157-Oskaloosa, IA), **Nick Kolegraff** (157-Milford, IA), **Brooks Kopsa** (157-Gilman, IA), **Billy Murphy** (133-Hughson, CA) and **Dane Wilson** (197-Oakland, IA).

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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 first season as head coach at Iowa. The three-time national champion and member of wrestling's Hall of Fame is only the eighth wrestling coach at the University of Iowa.

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. 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).

ON THE AIR

Radio - Steven Grace and four-time Hawkeye all-American Mark Ironside will call this season's action live on AM-800, KXIC. All dual meets, not including the NWCA National Duals, will be broadcast live, as will action from the Big Ten and NCAA tournaments. Audio broadcasts from all of the season's competition will be available online. To listen to the broadcast online, go to the wrestling schedule page on www.hawkeyesports.com and click on the event. Broadcasts are available using the Hawkeye All-Access subscription, which can be purchased for \$6.95 per month or \$49.95 per year. The CSTV XXL Premium subscription is also available for \$99.95 per year.

Television - Six of Iowa's duals will be aired on television. The Iowa State (Dec. 3), Michigan State (Feb. 11) and Minnesota meets (Feb. 18) will be broadcast live on Iowa Public Television (IPTV), which is in its 31st year of televising college wrestling. Tim Johnson and Jim Gibbons will call the season's action for IPTV. Iowa's dual at Oklahoma State (Jan. 19) will be aired on ESPNU, the Hawkeyes' dual at Penn State (Feb. 4) will be shown on FOX Sports Pittsburgh and Iowa's dual against Ohio State (Feb. 16) will be aired on CSTV.

The Internet - Livestats are available for all Hawkeye home duals on the University of Iowa's website, www.hawkeyesports.com. Go to the wrestling schedule page, select the event and click on the Livestats link.

2005 KAUFMAN-BRAND OPEN REVIEW

Hawkeye senior **Ty Eustice** (149) and freshman **Ryan Morningstar** (157) were Iowa's two individual champions at the 2005 Kaufman-Brand Open in Omaha, NE. Iowa sent 26 competitors to the tournament, which featured 650 wrestlers from 42 teams. **Eustice** scored a major decision and four decisions en route to his 149-pound open division title. **Morningstar** scored two pins, a technical fall and two decisions on his way to the 20-and-under title at 157.

Also placing for Iowa in the open division were sophomore **Alex Tsirtsis** (141-2nd), senior **Joe Johnston** (157-2nd), junior **Eric Luedke** (165-3rd), senior **Cole Pape** (165-4th) and sophomore **Matt Fields** (Hwt.-2nd). Placing for the Hawkeyes in the 20-and-under division were freshmen **Thomas Magnani** (125-5th), **Daniel Dennis** (133-5th) and **Dan Ereksen** (197-3rd), and redshirt freshmen **Jacob Neuzil** (174-5th) and **Michael Bucklin** (Hwt.-6th).

2005 NWCA ALL-STAR CLASSIC REVIEW

Hawkeye seniors **Joe Johnston** (157) and **Paul Bradley** (184) competed at the 40th annual NWCA All-Star Classic in Stillwater, OK. Both wrestlers lost close matches. **Johnston** faced Illinois' Alex Tirapelle in a rematch of the 2005 NCAA Championship quarterfinals. **Johnston** scored an escape in the second period, but Tirapelle tied the match at

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1-1 with an escape of his own to start the third period. Tirapelle then scored a takedown with 1:15 left. **Johnston** escaped to make the score 3-2, but could not score in the final minute. Tirapelle received a point for riding time to win, 4-2.

Bradley lost to Illinois' Pete Friedl, 4-3, in the first meeting between the two. Friedl scored a takedown in the first period and an escape in the second to take a 3-0 lead. **Bradley** scored an escape and a takedown late in the third period, but Friedl escaped with 30 seconds left for the 4-3 win.

2006 WRESTLE-OFF RESULTS

The Hawkeyes held their annual wrestle-offs Nov. 2-4 in the Dan Gable Wrestling Complex in Iowa City. Hawkeye fans that packed the wrestling practice room were treated to a glimpse of Iowa's young and talented depth. Three of seven weight class winners are seniors, while three are redshirt freshmen. Following are the results:

Thursday Results

149 - Brooks Kopsa dec. Matt Ballweg, 6-2

Friday Results

133 - Mario Galanakis maj. dec. Billy Murphy, 12-2
 133 - Joe Slaton dec. Daniel Dennis, 8-6
 141 - Dan LeClere maj. dec. Derek Coorough, 17-5
 149 - Alex Grunder maj. dec. Brooks Kopsa, 15-6
 149 - Travis Blasco maj. dec. Brett Stedman, 11-3
 157 - Ryan Morningstar tech. fall Nick Kolegraff, 17-1 in 4:47
 165 - Mark Perry maj. dec. Jake Kerr, 12-2
 165 - Ben Stedman dec. T.H. Leet, 8-4

Saturday Results

133 - Mario Galanakis dec. Joe Slaton, 10-3
 141 - Dan LeClere dec. Alex Tsirtsis, 4-3
 149 - Alex Grunder dec. Travis Blasco, 11-6
 157 - Ryan Morningstar maj. dec. Brad Medchill, 11-1
 165 - Mark Perry maj. dec. Ben Stedman, 10-2
 174 - Eric Luedke dec. Jay Borschel, 7-5 sv
 184 - Phillip Keddy maj. dec. Rick Loera, 10-2

INTERNET INFORMATION

Press releases, meet results and audio broadcasts of dual meets can be found at www.hawkeyesports.com. Current staff and student-athlete head shots can be found at pics.hawkeyesports.com.

TEAM RANKINGS

USA Today/Intermat/NWCA Top 25 Coaches Poll (10/19/06)

1. Minnesota
2. Oklahoma State
3. Missouri
4. Oklahoma
5. **Iowa**
6. Iowa State
7. Michigan
8. Penn State
9. Cornell
10. Northwestern
11. Hofstra
12. Central Michigan
13. Edinboro
14. Pennsylvania
15. Ohio State
16. Illinois
17. Michigan State
18. Nebraska
19. Indiana
20. Cal Poly
21. Lehigh
22. Harvard
23. Arizona State
24. West Virginia
25. Pittsburgh

W.I.N. Magazine Top 25 (10/11/06)

1. Minnesota
2. Oklahoma State
3. Oklahoma
4. **Iowa**
5. Missouri
6. Iowa State
7. Michigan
8. Cornell
9. Penn State
10. Ohio State
11. Northwestern
12. Hofstra
13. Central Michigan
14. Pennsylvania
15. Edinboro
16. Michigan State
17. Cal Poly
18. Lehigh
19. Nebraska
20. Illinois
21. Pittsburgh
22. West Virginia
23. Harvard
24. Indiana
25. Arizona 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.
Charlie Falck (125)	----	----	#18
Mario Galanakis (133)	#11	----	#10
Alex Tsirtsis (141)	#5	#4	#5
Ryan Morningstar (157)	----	----	#18
Mark Perry (165)	#2	#2	#2
Eric Luedke (174)	#10	----	#10
Chad Beatty (174)	----	#18	----
Dan Erekson (197)	#17	----	#19
Matt Fields (Hwt.)	#5	#6	#5

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2005-06 INDIVIDUAL SEASON & CAREER COLLEGIATE RECORDS

Name, Wt.	Collegiate..	Career
Trent Goodale, 125.....	4-7	32-38
Lucas Magnani, 125	13-17	22-22
Daniel Dennis, 133	15-18.....	15-18
Christopher Johnson, 133	5-4	5-4
Gabe Ruhkala, 133.....	0-2.....	6-3
Alex Tsirtsis, 141	22-10.....	44-22
Derek Coorough, 149	7-6.....	7-6
Ty Eustice, 149.....	28-3.....	111-29
Alex Grunder, 149.....	7-4.....	18-10
Brett Stedman, 149.....	4-6.....	6-15
Joe Johnston, 157	27-11	113-45
Brad Medchill, 157.....	1-4.....	5-9
Eric Luedke, 165.....	23-15.....	23-15
Cole Pape, 165.....	7-7	32-25
Oleg Polyatskiy, 165	4-4	14-11
Joe Uker, 165	5-6	14-17
Jacob Neuzil, 174	6-2	6-2
Mark Perry, 174	21-4	48-9
Ben Stedman, 174.....	8-13.....	16-25
Paul Bradley, 184	16-10.....	77-37
Dane Pape, 184.....	1-2.....	2-6
Dan Erekson, 197.....	16-19.....	16-19
Adam Fellers, 197	0-7	22-37
Chad Barkalow, Hwt.	0-2.....	5-8
Michael Bucklin, Hwt.	4-11	4-11
Matt Fields, Hwt.....	15-6.....	39-18
Ryan Fuller, Hwt.	10-4.....	29-25

2006 BIG TEN STANDINGS

Team	Big Ten		Overall	
	W-L-T	Pct.	W-L-T	Pct.
Minnesota	6-0-0	1.000	18-0-0	1.000
Michigan	5-0-0	1.000	13-2-0	.867
Illinois	3-2-0	.600	8-2-0	.800
Northwestern	3-2-0	.600	8-4-0	.667
IOWA	3-3-0	.500	9-6-0	.600
Michigan St.	2-2-0	.500	4-5-0	.444
Indiana	2-3-0	.400	11-3-0	.786
Penn State	2-3-0	.400	10-4-0	.714
Wisconsin	2-3-0	.400	7-5-0	.583
Purdue	0-6-0	.000	8-9-0	.471
Ohio State	0-5-0	.000	5-10-0	.333

IOWA WRESTLING HISTORY

Iowa's overall dual meet record is 795-209-30 (.783) in 94 seasons. The Hawkeyes have won 20 national titles, including nine of the last 16, and 31 Big Ten titles. Iowa's 47 NCAA Champions have won a total of 73 NCAA individual titles, crowning six three-time and 13 two-time champions. The Hawkeyes' 99 Big Ten Champions have won a total of 180 conference titles. There have been seven four-time, 18 three-time and 24 two-time Iowa winners. Iowa's 129 all-Americans have earned all-America status 263 times, including 16 four-time, 27 three-time and 32 two-time honorees.

IOWA TICKET INFORMATION

Season tickets and single meet tickets for Iowa's eight home duals are on sale at the University of Iowa Athletic Ticket Office at 1-800-424-2957, 319-335-9327 or www.hawkeyesports.com. University of Iowa students will be admitted free of charge for all matches with a student ID. Following are the ticket prices:

Season Tickets

\$56 - General Public, \$49 - University Faculty & Staff

Single-Match Tickets Purchased in Advance

\$8 - Adults, \$4 Youth/Non-University of Iowa Students

Single-Match Tickets Purchased at the Door

\$10 - Adults, \$5 Youth/Non-University of Iowa Students

CARVER-HAWKEYE ARENA

Carver-Hawkeye Arena has been the home of Iowa wrestling since 1983. The Hawkeyes are 150-15 (.909) in the arena, which includes a record 10 victories during the 1986 season. Iowa has recorded 16 undefeated seasons in the arena, with the most recent (8-0) occurring in 2002-03. The dual wrestling attendance record for Carver-Hawkeye Arena is 15,291, set when Iowa defeated Iowa State on February 22, 1992. The arena seats 15,500 for a dual wrestling meet.

OH BROTHER

Seniors Ben and Brett Stedman from Sioux City, IA, are the lone set of brothers on the 2006-07 Hawkeye roster. There have been 10 sets of brothers to wrestle together in the Hawkeye varsity lineup since the 1950s. They are **Don and Tom Huff** (1961), **Mark and Scott Trizzino** (1981), **Lenny, Larry and Jim Zalesky** (1981-82), **Ed and Lou Banach** (1981-83), **Marty and Lindley Kistler** (1984-85), **Jim and John Heffernan** (1987), **Tom and Terry Brands** (1989-92), **Troy and Terry Steiner** (1991-93), **Ryan and Randy Fulsaa** (2001) and **Luke and Ty Eustice** (2003-04).

The Stedman's are also the fifth set of twins to wrestle at Iowa. **Ed and Lou Banach, Tom and Terry Brands, Troy and Terry Steiner** and **Randy and Ryan Fulsaa** are the other four.

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CHAMPIONSHIP EXPERIENCE

The Hawkeye wrestling staff of **Tom Brands**, **Dan Gable**, **Wes Hand**, **Doug Schwab** and **Mike Zadick** earned a total of two Olympic gold medals, seven NCAA titles, 10 conference titles and 15 all-America honors. Their combined college career wrestling record is 605-84-2 (.877), including three undefeated seasons.

ZADICK BROTHERS WIN WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP MEDALS

Former University of Iowa wrestlers **Bill** and **Mike Zadick** brought home shiny hardware from the 2006 World Championships in Guangzhou, China, in September. Bill won the gold medal at 145.5 pounds, winning five straight matches to become the first American since 1999 to win a World freestyle title. Mike earned the silver at 132 pounds in his first World Championships appearance.

The Zadicks are the first set of brothers to make a World Team since former Hawkeyes Tom and Terry Brands earned spots in 1993, 1994 and 1995. Tom is now Iowa's head wrestling coach and Terry is the USA Wrestling freestyle resident coach. Both Brands have had hands in both Zadicks' wrestling success.

Bill won the 1996 NCAA and Big Ten titles for the Hawkeyes. He was a two-time all-American who lettered for the Hawkeyes from 1993-96. He posted a career record of 87-13 with 16 pins, wrestling at 134 and 142 pounds. A two-time U.S. National Freestyle champion (2001, 2002), Zadick is in his sixth year on the national freestyle team. He won the 2001 and 2006 World Team Trials, placing second in 1999 and 2002. Zadick was also runner-up at the 2003 World Cup and the 2000 U.S. Olympic Team Trials. The 2001 Manitoba Open champion, Zadick placed seventh at the 2001 World Championships. He also served as a volunteer assistant coach at Iowa for two seasons (2003-04). A native of Great Falls, MT, Bill earned a B.A. in art from the University of Iowa in 1996.

Mike was a three-time all-American (2000-02) at Iowa, winning the 149-pound Big Ten title in 2002. He also placed second at 60 kg/132 pounds at the 2004 U.S. Olympic Team trials and U.S. Nationals, and second at the 2005 World Team Trials challenge tournament. The Great Falls, MT, native is in his first season as strength training coach for the Hawkeyes. He served as volunteer assistant coach at Iowa for two seasons (2005-06). Mike earned a bachelor's degree in sports studies from Iowa in 2004.

ESPN TO EXPAND LIVE NCAA CHAMPIONSHIPS COVERAGE

ESPN recently announced that four of the six sessions of the 2007 NCAA Wrestling Championships will be aired on live television. The March 17 finals will air at 7 p.m. (CT) on ESPN, while session three, four and five will be shown on ESPNU. Session three will air March 16 at 10 a.m., session four will be shown March 16 at 6 p.m. and session five will air March 17 at 9 a.m.

The 2007 championships will be held March 15-17 at the Palace of Auburn Hills in Auburn Hills, MI. The University of Michigan and the Detroit Metro Sports Commission will serve as hosts.

THE LAST TIME IOWA...

Won a dual meet at home:

Feb. 17, 2006 - 24-13 vs. Boise State

Lost a dual meet at home:

Feb. 10, 2006 - 24-13 vs. Illinois

Won a dual meet on the road:

Jan. 29, 2006 - 30-12 at Indiana

Lost a dual meet on the road:

Feb. 5, 2006 - 19-17 at Michigan State

Tied a dual meet:

Dec. 4, 1992 - 18-18 at Penn State

Shut-out an opponent in a dual meet:

Nov. 25, 2003 - 54-0 vs. Southwest St.

Was shut-out in a dual meet:

1965-66 - 39-0 vs. Oklahoma

Lost two consecutive dual meets:

Feb. 5, 2006 - 19-17 at Michigan St.

Feb. 10, 2006 - 24-13 vs. Illinois

Scored 50 or more team points:

Nov. 25, 2003 - 54-0 vs. Southwest St.

Went undefeated for a season:

1999-2000 - 18-0

Went undefeated in Big Ten duals:

1999-2000 - 8-0

Had a losing season:

1966-67 - 7-8

HIGH/LOW FACTS

Placing at NCAA Meet

High: 1st - 20 times, last in 2000

Low: T32nd - 1971

Team Score at NCAA Meet

High: 170 points - 1997

Low (since 1962): 8 points - 1968

Placing at Big Ten Meet

High: 1st - 31 times, last in 2004

Low: 10th - 1929

Individual NCAA Champs

High: 5 - 1986 and 1997

Low: 0 - 40 times, last in 2006

All-Americans

High: 9 - 6 times, last in 1995

Low: 0 - 19 times, last in 1968

Individual Big Ten Champs

High: 9 - 1983

Low: 0 - 29 times, last in 2006