

IOWA HAWKEYES



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WRESTLING WEEKLY RELEASE

NOVEMBER 20, 2007

2007-08 SCHEDULE & RESULTS

Date	Opponent	Time (CT)/Result
11/10	at Nichols/Cyclone Open	0 champs
11/17	at Kaufman-Brand Open	6 champs
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) Cornell College (Iowa City, IA)	6:30 p.m. 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)	8 p.m.
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

All Times are Central.

Iowa Hawkeyes (0-0, 0-0 Big Ten)

Wt.	Name	Yr.	Hometown (Last School)	2007-08 Collegiate Record
125	Charlie Falck	Jr.	Strawberry Point, IA (Apple Valley)	0-0
133	Daniel Dennis	So.	Ingleside, IL (Grant)	0-0
OR	Joe Slaton	So.	Cedar Rapids, IA (Virginia Tech)	0-0
141	Dan LeClere	So.	Coggon, IA (Virginia Tech)	0-0
OR	Alex Tsirtsis	Sr.	Griffith, IN (Griffith)	0-0
149	Brent Metcalf	So.	Davison, MI (Davison)	0-0
OR	Matt Ballweg	*Fr.	Waverly, IA (Waverly-Shell Rock)	4-1
157	T.H. Leet	So.	Atlanta, GA (Virginia Tech)	0-0
OR	Ryan Morningstar	So.	Lisbon, IA (Lisbon)	0-0
165	Mark Perry	Sr.	Stillwater, OK (Blair Academy)	0-0
174	Chad Beatty	So.	Wilton, IA (Wilton)	0-0
OR	Jay Borschel	So.	Marion, IA (Virginia Tech)	0-0
184	Phillip Keddy	So.	Vernal, UT (Uintah)	0-0
OR	Rick Loera	So.	Park Ridge, IL (Maine South)	0-0
HWT	Matt Fields	Sr.	Lowden, IA (North Cedar)	0-0

THIS WEEK

The Iowa wrestlers open the 2007-08 dual meet season Saturday at the St. Edward Duals in Lakewood, OH. The Hawkeyes will face the University of Findlay at 9 a.m. (CST), 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 matches will be held at the St. Edward High School Gymnasium. Admission for the entire day is \$7.

FINDLAY ROUGHNECKS

The University of Findlay Roughnecks will open their dual season against the Hawkeyes. The Roughnecks competed at the Eastern Michigan and Michigan State Opens earlier this month.

Head Coach Shawn Nelson, who graduated from Penn State in 1994, is in his 10th year at Findlay. The Roughnecks return senior Antonion Guerra (157) and juniors Andy Zalaikalns (197) and Travis Clark (Hwt.) from a team that placed 12th at the NCAA Division II national meet last season.

This is the first meeting between Iowa and Findlay.

IOWA CENTRAL TRITONS

Iowa Central is 1-0 with a 47-6 win over Rochester C&TC last week. The Tritons also competed in the South Dakota State, Harold Nichols and Kaufman-Brand Opens earlier this month.

Head Coach Luke Moffitt, who was a Big Ten champion for the Hawkeyes and earned outstanding wrestler honors at the 2002 conference meet, has a 33-3 mark in four seasons at Iowa Central. Moffitt is ranked fourth in Iowa school history for most pins in a season (19 in 2001-02). He has been named NJCAA Coach of the Year the last two seasons.

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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).

Iowa Central returns seven all-Americans and four national champions from the 2007 squad that won its second straight national team title. Top returnees for the Tritons are sophomores Terrance Young (125), Russell Weakley (133), David Greenwald (141), Matt Burns (149), Nate Carr (157), Colby Covington (165), Ahmad Motley (174) and Nate Willard (184).

Iowa leads the series with Iowa Central, 1-0, winning the first meeting 49-0 in 2000 at Fort Dodge.

OLD DOMINION MONARCHS

Old Dominion is 1-0 with a 20-16 win over Michigan State earlier this month. It was the first time the Monarchs beat a Big Ten opponent since the 1990-91 season. Sophomore Kaylen Baxter also won the 149-pound title at the Michigan State Open.

Head Coach Steve Martin was an all-American and four-time letterwinner at Iowa (1987-90). He is 36-19-2 in four seasons at Old Dominion. The Monarchs are led by juniors Ryan Williams (141) and David Mendoza (197), sophomore Chris Brown (165) and redshirt freshman James Nicholson (125).

This is the first meeting between Iowa and Old Dominion.

NORTH CAROLINA STATE WOLFPACK

North Carolina State is 0-3 with losses to Oklahoma (30-9), Michigan State (23-15) and Purdue (25-15). Head Coach Carter Jordan, a 2002 Wolfpack alum, is 32-23-1 in four seasons with the team.

Top returnees for the Wolfpack include juniors Joe Caramancia (141) and Ryan Goodman (184), and sophomores Taylor Cummings (125) and Darrion Caldwell (149).

Iowa leads the series, 3-0. The Hawkeyes won the last meeting, 38-9, Dec. 7, 2006, in Iowa City.

IOWA CROWNS SIX CHAMPS AT KAUFMAN-BRAND OPEN

The Hawkeyes crowned six individual champions at the 25th annual Kaufman-Brand Open in Omaha, NE, Nov. 17. All of Iowa's champions and all but two placewinners were competing unattached.

Seniors **Mark Perry** (165) and **Matt Fields** (Hwt.), junior **Charlie Falck** (125) and sophomores **Joe Slaton** (133), **Brent Metcalf** (149) and **Phillip Keddy** (184) each won titles in the tournament's elite division. It was Metcalf's second straight individual title at the meet, while the other five won their first career Kaufman-Brand Open title. Iowa's six individual titles was the most recorded by any team. Tournament host University of Nebraska-Omaha crowned four individual champions.

Also placing for the Hawkeyes in the elite division were juniors **Dan Erikson** (Hwt.-3rd) and **Rick Loera** (184-3rd), and sophomores **Dan LeClere** (141-3rd), **Jay Borschel** (174-5th) and **Chad Beatty** (174-6th). Placing in the amateur division were redshirt freshman **Matt Ballweg** (149-3rd) and true freshmen **J.J. Krutsinger** (125-3rd), **Blake Rasing** (Hwt.-3rd), **Jordan Johnson** (197-4th), **Montell Marion** (133-5th) and **Brodie Ambrose** (197-5th).

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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.

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).

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JOHNSON COUNTY I-CLUB WRESTLING LUNCHEON

The annual Johnson County I-Club wrestling luncheon will be held Jan. 4, 2008 at 11:45 a.m. at the First Avenue Club in Iowa City. Tickets for the event are \$13.00 and must be purchased in advanced. To purchase tickets, make a check payable to the Johnson County I-Club and mail to:

Iowa Wrestling
ATTN: Luncheon
223 Carver-Hawkeye Arena
Iowa City, IA 52242

NEXT COMPETITION

The Hawkeyes will compete at the UNI Open Dec. 2 at the UNI-Dome in Cedar Falls, IA.

TEAM RANKINGS

USA Today/NWCA/Intermat Top 25 Coaches Poll (11/13/07)

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

W.I.N. Magazine Top 25 (11/20/07)

1. Minnesota
2. Iowa State
3. **Iowa**
4. Oklahoma State
5. Michigan
6. Cornell
7. Nebraska
8. Missouri
9. Penn State
10. Wisconsin
11. Northwestern
12. Central Michigan
13. Ohio State
14. Tennessee-Chattanooga
15. Indiana
16. Edinboro
17. Oklahoma
18. Hofstra
19. Illinois
20. Navy
21. Pennsylvania
22. Old Dominion
23. Boise State
24. Arizona State
25. Kent 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)	#5	#6	#5
Joe Slaton (133)	#15	---	#12
Alex Tsirtsis (141)	#8	#10	---
Brent Metcalf (149)	#3	#6	#4
Ryan Morningstar (157)	#13	#10	#14
Mark Perry (165)	#1	#1	#1
Jay Borschel (174)	#19	#14	#18
Phillip Keddy (184)	#18	---	#17
Matt Fields (Hwt.)	#6	#11	#6