

# #23 OLD DOMINION UNIVERSITY

# MONARCH WRESTLING

VS.

# VIRGINIA DUALS



## Virginia Duals

This years field at the Virginia Duals should prove to be one of the most excellent in the 29 year history of the event, as there will be seven nationally ranked teams and two more receiving votes in the national poll. That makes nine of the 16 participating National College Division schools ranked, including the 21st ranked Monarchs.

The top ranked schools at the event are #6 Lehigh, #12 Central Michigan and #13 Oklahoma State. ODU has already wrestled the Cowboys and this will be an opportunity to scout the Chippewas, who the Monarchs will travel for a dual on the first of February.

Also attending will be #17 Edinboro, #23 Penn, #24 Virginia and the two schools receiving votes in the most recent poll, Kent State and Navy. ODU opponents Bucknell and Rider will also be in attendance.

## Scouting The Competition

Some of the stiffest competition of the year will be at the Virginia Duals as 48 individuals attending are ranked by the InterMat poll. This includes the top ranked 157-pounder from Edinboro, Gregor Gillespie, and a trio of top ten grapplers at the 125-pound weight class: James Nicholson (ODU), Obe Blanc (OK St) and Scott Sentes (CMU).

ODU has already wrestled Oklahoma State this year, and later this season will wrestle four more of the teams at the Virginia Duals, giving the coaching staff an opportunity to scout the competition.

## About the Monarchs

Old Dominion has been nationally ranked since the pre-season polls, marking the first time in school history the Monarchs were ranked headed into the year. ODU opened the season with a pair of tournaments, the Michigan State Open and the Hokie Open, where the team placed ten and had three champions. ODU also placed four at the Midlands and Southern Scuffle Tournaments over holiday break.

ODU has posted 5 dual victories this year, including a win over Purdue, who was receiving votes in the national rankings. The Monarchs have suffered four losses, but all have come to nationally ranked opponents, including three in the top ten.

RS Junior Chris Brown (Chesapeake, Va.) beat the #1 kid in the nation for the second straight season, as he bested Nick Marable (Missouri) in a tiebreaker at the Northeast Duals. He also grabbed another win over a top ten wrestler last weekend with a sudden victory decision over #9 Luke Manuel (Purdue).

RS Sophomore James Nicholson returns to the mat in '08-09 as ODU's newest All-American. He has started the season 19-1 and is ranked fourth in the nation.

ODU's lone senior this year, Ryan Williams, is also ranked in the Top Ten after an impressive start to his final campaign. The two-time NCAA Qualifier is 18-3 on the season and ranks fourth all-time on the ODU wins list.

The team boasts ranked wrestlers at seven weight classes, including five wrestlers ranked by at least four media outlets. Nicholson and Williams lead the way in the top ten, while Brown, Jesse Strawn and Kyle Hutter are all ranked nationally by at least four polls.

## INDIVIDUAL RANKINGS

Here is how the Monarchs weigh in nationally in the most recent polls:

TEAM	INTERMAT	AWN	W.I.N.	WR*	D1WN**	REV
	23		24	17 (TS)	21	--
125 - JAMES NICHOLSON	6	5	6	6	6	6
133 - KYLE HUTTER	19	--	--	20	20	18
141 - RYAN WILLIAMS	7	7	12	8	8	16
165 - CHRIS BROWN	--	13	11	14	16	19
174 - ERIC DECKER	--	--	--	26	--	--
197 - JESSE STRAWN	15	13	12	11	15	14

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# OLD DOMINION UNIVERSITY WRESTLING 08-09

## 2007-08 ODU Schedule/Results (2-3/0-0)

Date	Opponent	Time/Results
11/9	MSU Open	1 Champ; 5 Placed
11/16	Hokie Open	2 Champs; 5 Placed
11/22	at #7 Oklahoma State	9-30 L
11/23	at #20 Oklahoma	6-28 L
11/29	Northeast Duals: (RV) Harvard	38-9 W
	#5 Missouri	9-29 L
	Bloomsburg	30-6 W
<b>12/20</b>	<b>Northern Iowa</b>	<b>15-25 L</b>
12/29-12/30	Southern Scuffle Midlands	1 Placed 3 Placed
<b>1/4</b>	<b>ODU Quad</b> <b>UNC Greensboro</b> <b>Purdue</b> <b>George Mason*</b>	<b>33-6 W</b> <b>22-12 W</b> <b>26-9 W</b>
<b>1/9-1/10</b>	<b>Virginia Duals</b>	<b>All Day</b>
1/17	CAA Duals	All Day
1/25	at Bucknell	1:00 pm
2/1	at Central Michigan	2:00 pm
<b>2/8</b>	<b>Virginia</b>	<b>5:30 pm</b>
2/14	at Rider*	2:00 pm
<b>2/19</b>	<b>Virginia Tech</b>	<b>7:30 pm</b>
2/21	at NC State	7:30 pm
<b>3/6-3/7</b>	<b>CAA Tournament</b>	<b>All Day</b>
3/19-3/20	NCAA Tournament	All Day

Home dates bold

### Top 25 Team

After earning their first national ranking in 17 years last season, the Monarchs have managed to maintain a national ranking all this season. It was the first time the program was ranked in the pre-season polls, and the Monarchs have stayed in the National Wrestling Coaches Association/InterMat/USA Today Poll in all six releases so far this season.

ODU checks in as the #21 team in the nation according to InterMat. The team is also ranked 24th by W.I.N. Magazine, 22nd by d1collegewrestling.net and 14th according to the Tournament Scoring rankings by wrestlingreport.com.

### Nationally Ranked Individuals

James Nicholson and Ryan Williams lead the way, ranked in the top ten by at least a pair of national polls. Nicholson has been ranked no lower than sixth all season while Williams is ranked as high as sixth in the nation. Juniors Chris Brown, Jesse Strawn and Kyle Hutter are also tabbed as top wrestlers, ranked 11th, 12th and 15th respectively.

## Champions Developing the Future

Head Coach Steve Martin has led the Monarchs to a 52-22-1 mark through his fourth year at the helm. In the CAA the Monarchs have dominated with a 22-5-1 mark. Martin comes from a powerhouse of high school wrestling in Great Bridge High School in Chesapeake. In 14 years as head coach, the Great Bridge Wildcats won 13 state championships.

Martin is assisted by Mike Dixon, Jon Sioredas and Matt Storniolo. Dixon brings great recruiting skills and knowledge of the CAA coming from James Madison. He has experience coaching championship contenders while at the University of Indianapolis.

Sioredas is a third-year coach with a wealth of knowledge about the sport. Named an All-American and ranked as high as 2nd nationally at the University of Tennessee-Chattanooga, Sioredas is now using his skills to teach.

Storniolo is mirroring Sioredas' career, jumping right into coaching after graduation. He was a two-time All-American at the University of Oklahoma, as well as the Big East Rookie of the Year at Penn State.

All four coaches are wrestling champions in their own right and are building a championship future.

### All-Time Wins Leaders

The Monarchs have several wrestlers approaching the All-Time leaders in wins for a career:

1. Jeff Rusak	135-19
2. Buddy Lee	122-25-2
3. Adam Wright	120-31
<b>4. Ryan Williams</b>	<b>116-40</b>
5. Nick Hall	115-18-3
6. Rich Castano	104-31-6
7. Steve Sciandra	102-25-1
8. Erik Shaw	101-25-1
9. Tom Sinacore	95-38-2
10. Nick Pullano	93-76
11. Jamie Kelly	90-38
12. Carl Ragland	89-6-1
T13. Mike McCarthy	88-41
T13. Ben Ward	88-33-1
<b>15. Chris Brown</b>	<b>87-33</b>
16. Noel Clavel	82-14-3
17. Christian Staylor	81-31
<b>18. Kaylen Baxter</b>	<b>79-42</b>
T19. Wayne Gibson	77-20-4
<b>T19. Jesse Strawn</b>	<b>77-47</b>
20. David Mendoza	73-40
22. Mark Billups	69-24-3
<b>23. Kyle Hutter</b>	<b>68-35</b>
24. Wayne Bright	65-11
25. Randy Payne	61-33

Current wrestlers in bold

## **A Will To Win**

Ryan Williams has been the most consistent wrestler under head coach Steve Martin since he took over the starting job midway through his freshman year. He's the go-to at 141 lbs and was an NCAA Qualifier in 2006 and again in 2008, as he dropped former CAA Champion and NCAA All-American Charles Griffin in the title match. Doing so, he was named the CAA Tournament's Most Outstanding Wrestler.

He has a career .744 winning percentage with 116 wins. He is currently 5th all-time in wins in ODU program history and he has the potential to become the Monarchs all-time leader in wins, currently set at 135 by Jeff Rusak.

## **Hut-Hut...**

The Monarchs mainstay at 133 lbs for the last two years has been sophomore Kyle Hutter from Illinois. He's already posted 68 wins and has been nationally ranked since the middle of his sophomore season. He has toppled several nationally ranked wrestlers in his career and ranks as high as 13th in the nation.

## **James Nicholson: All-American**

After a run at the podium in last years NCAA Tournament, James Nicholson, a redshirt sophomore from Des Moines, Iowa, has led ODU with a quick start this year. Named the Virginia Sports Information Directors Rookie AND Wrestler of the Year in 2007-08, Nicholson also earned CAA Rookie of the Year honors.

This season, Nicholson has not skipped a beat since finishing eighth at the NCAA Tournament, starting the season with a 19-1 record. He has beat four nationally ranked opponents, including #5 Obenson Blanc (Ok State), and he himself has been ranked in the top five all season long.

## **Hometown Brown**

Redshirt sophomore Chris Brown, from nearby Chesapeake, Virginia, has again impressed onlookers in his third year. Earlier this season, Brown bested the national number one, Nick Marable (Missouri), in an overtime thriller. The win comes a year after, almost to the day, his win over #1 Mark Perry (Iowa) in his sophomore season. He recently added another top ten topple to his belt, posting a sudden victory win over #9 Luke Manuel (Purdue).

In just over two seasons of wrestling, he has piled up 87 career wins, winning over 72% of his matches. Brown finished second at the Michigan State Open earlier this season and is leading the team in major decisions.

## **By Weight Class:**

### **125:**

RS sophomore James Nicholson has earned a national ranking higher than any other Monarch under head coach Steve Martin. He also became the first All-American in 13 years for the Monarchs. Currently ranked 4th in the nation, Nicholson has started the season 19-1 with four wins over nationally ranked opponents.

### **133:**

Kyle Hutter has made a habit of defeating nationally ranked opponents. Last year, he grabbed wins over #13 Dan Mitcheff (Kent State), #15 Eric Albright (Virginia) and #15 David Marble (Bucknell). He's already added another victory over Marble and has battled against stiff competition again this year.

### **141:**

Ryan Williams, the lone senior on the ODU squad, has been a true leader on and off the mat for ODU. A two-time NCAA Academic All-American and NCAA Qualifier, the Pennsylvania native is 18-3 to start the year and is ranked in the Top Ten after an upset over #8 Zack Bailey (Oklahoma). He ranks fourth all-time in ODU career victories with 116.

### **149:**

Returning starter Kaylen Baxter and RS sophomore Joey Metzler will compete for this slot all season long. Baxter has already wrestled up a weight early this season, making way for Metzler to become the full-time starter at 149. The two have combined to go 15-18 so far this season.

### **157:**

Baxter and returning starter Dan Rivera will split time at 157 lbs. Both have significant amount of experience starting, as Rivera was the go-to all last season at this weight, and Baxter has been a starter at 149 for two years. The matchups will determine who wrestles at these two competitive middle weights.

### **165:**

Chris Brown has totaled 87 career wins already in his career, and continues to impress with huge victories over stiff competition. Twice in his career he has toppled the national number one ranked wrestler, including earlier this season. He leads the team in major decisions and is the top 165-pounder in the conference.

### **174:**

Junior transfer Eric Decker and former starter Derek Coffey will battle for time at 174 lbs. Decker was an NCAA Qualifier two seasons ago for Virginia Tech, the same year Coffey last started for ODU. Coffey took a season off to redshirt and is back on the mat this season for the Monarchs.

### **184:**

Rookie Joe Budi has been the staple early this season at 184 lbs, and has done well in his young career, posting 17 wins and two placewinning performances at the MSU and Hokie Opens. He currently leads the team in technical falls.

### **197:**

Jesse Strawn bumps up a weight class this season, after qualifying to the NCAA Tournament as a 184-pounder. He leads the team with ten pins and recently dropped #10 Logan Brown (Purdue).

### **HWT:**

David Wilson has abandoned his redshirt season and will begin starting at the heavyweight slot for ODU.

Colonial Athletic Association

Regular Season CAA Wrestling Rankings  
(1-6-2009)

	Conference	Overall	CAA Ranked Wrestlers
<b>1. Old Dominion University</b>	<b>1-0-0</b>	<b>5-4-0</b>	<b>10</b>
2. Rider University	0-0-0	1-1-0	10
2. Hofstra University	1-0-0	3-1-0	8
4. Boston University	0-0-0	2-0-0	8
5. Binghamton University	0-1-0	8-5-0	8
6. Sacred Heart University	0-0-0	3-2-0	5
7. George Mason University	0-1-0	2-4-0	7
8. Drexel University	0-0-0	4-7-0	4

**125:**

- 1. James Nicholson, ODU**
- Brian Wright, GMU
- Paul Galipeau, Sacred Heart
- Jimmy Kirchner, Rider
- Fred Santaite, Boston Univ.
- Tyler Malmberg, Binghamton

**133:**

- Lou Ruggirello, Hofstra
- 2. Kyle Hutter, ODU**
- Corey Dunn, Sacred Heart
- Denny Herndon, GMU
- Matt Bradley, Rider
- Rob Slavin, Binghamton

**141:**

- 1. Ryan Williams, ODU**
- Anwar Goeres, Binghamton
- Chris Davis, Sacred Heart
- Justin Accordino, Hofstra
- Fred Rodgers, Rider
- Abby Rush, Boston Univ.

**149:**

- Mike Roberts, Boston Univ.
- 2. Joey Metzler, ODU**
- Anthony Priore, Sacred Heart
- Justin Lister, Binghamton
- Nick Weaver, Rider
- Brandon Bucher, GMU

**157:**

- Jon Bonilla-Bowman, Hofstra
- Nate Patterson, Binghamton
- Mike Kessler, Rider
- 4. Kaylen Baxter, ODU**
- Carlo Ferrandino, Boston Univ.
- Frankie McLaughlin, GMU

**165:**

- 1. Chris Brown, ODU**
- Ryan Patrovich, Hofstra
- Jason Lapham, Rider
- Scott Hunter, Drexel
- C.J. Inglin, Boston Univ.
- Ryan McGarity, Binghamton

**174:**

- Alton Lucas, Hofstra
- 2. Eric Decker, ODU**
- Mike Ward, Rider
- Hunter Meys, Boston Univ.
- Brian Stauffer, Drexel
- Bagna Tovuujav, GMU

**184:**

- Doug Umbehauer, Rider
- Josh Patterson, Binghamton
- Justin Wieller, Drexel
- 4. Joe Budi, ODU**
- Ben Clymer, Hofstra
- Bill Widener, GMU

**197:**

- Cayle Byers, GMU
- Jon Oplinger, Drexel
- Joe Fagiano, Hofstra
- 4. Jesse Strawn, ODU**
- John Hall, Boston Univ.
- Tyler Smith, Rider

**285:**

- Eddie Bordas, Rider
- Jim Connors, Boston Univ.
- 3. Roy Dragon III, ODU**
- Bill Beiermeister, Sacred Heart
- Art Garvey, Binghamton
- Jordan Enck, Hofstra

## 2008-2009 Season Results

### ODU at Michigan State Open 11/9/08

**Five Placewinners, One Champ**

**Final Results**

- 1<sup>st</sup> - Ryan Williams (141)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> - Kyle Hutter (133)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> - Chris Brown (165)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> - Joe Budi (184) - Fr/So. Bracket
- 4<sup>th</sup> - Joey Metzler (149)

ODU opened the 2008-09 season with an impressive showing at the Michigan State Open, especially from senior Ryan Williams at 141 lbs. Williams won the weight class at the MSU Open and in doing so, broke the 100-win mark for his career, becoming just the eighth Monarch in school history to reach the 100-win plateau. Kyle Hutter defeated Bucknell's nationally ranked David Marble for the second time in his career in the tournament and faced the #3 133-pounder, Franklin Gomez (Michigan State). Chris Brown (165) and Joey Metzler (149) placed as well, while Joe Budi made a run in the freshman/sophomore bracket for a second place finish in his first career tournament.

### ODU at Hokie Open 11/16/08

**Five Placewinners, Two Champs**

**Final Results**

- 1<sup>st</sup> - James Nicholson (125)
- 1<sup>st</sup> - Jesse Strawn (197)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> - Kaylen Baxter (149)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> - Eric Decker (174)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> - Joe Budi (184)

James Nicholson and Jesse Strawn took the mat for the first time in 08-09 and both won their respective weight classes. Nicholson, a returning All-American, cruised to the 125-pound weight title with back-to-back falls, a major decision and a 4-2 win over Jarrod Garnett (VT) in the championship bout. Strawn, moving up to 197 lbs this season, was dominant, with a technical fall and three pins in the tournament. Rookie Joe Budi placed in his second straight tournament to open his career, posting five wins at the event and a third place finish. Kaylen Baxter (149) and Eric Decker (174) also placed at the first annual Hokie Open.

### #20 ODU at #7 Oklahoma State 11/22/08

**Stillwater, Okla.**

**9-30 Loss**

**Final Results**

- |   |           |
|---|-----------|
| 125 - Nicholson (ODU) def. Obenson (OSU)  | 5-3       |
| 133 - Hutter (ODU) def. Shinn (OSU)       | 4-2       |
| 141 - Williams (ODU) def. Parks (OSU)     | 6-5       |
| 149 - Silver (OSU) def. Metzler (ODU)     | 4-3       |
| 157 - McSpadden (OSU) def. Baxter (ODU)   | 6-1       |
| 165 - Mason (OSU) def. Brown (ODU)        | 5-4 TB2   |
| 174 - Griffin (OSU) def. Decker (ODU)     | 10-4      |
| 184 - Shelton (OSU) def. Budi (ODU)       | 0:41 fall |
| 197 - Foster (OSU) def. Strawn (ODU)      | 2:05 fall |
| HWT - Rosholt (OSU) def. Dragon III (ODU) | 4:26 fall |

ODU fell in their first dual action of the season to the Cowboys of Oklahoma State, ranked seventh in the nation. James Nicholson (125) and Kyle Hutter (133) both defeated nationally ranked opponents, and Chris Brown (165) took his nationally ranked foe to the second tiebreaker. Ryan Williams continued his hot start, starting 6-0 for the Monarchs in his senior year.

### #20 ODU at #19 Oklahoma 11/23/08

**Norman, Okla.**

**6-28 Loss**

**Final Results**

- |  |           |
|--|-----------|
| 125 - Nicholson (ODU) def. Fio (OU)        | 5-2       |
| 133 - Armstrong (OU) def. Hutter (ODU)     | 11-5      |
| 141 - Williams (ODU) def. Bailey (OU)      | 6-5       |
| 149 - Terry (OU) def. Metzler (ODU)        | 9-1 MD    |
| 157 - Vernon (OU) def. Baxter (ODU)        | 3-1       |
| 165 - Smith (OU) def. Brown (ODU)          | 2:17 fall |
| 174 - James (OU) def. Decker (ODU)         | 3-2       |
| 184 - Flynn (OU) def. Budi (ODU)           | 7-3       |
| 197 - Lapotsky (OU) def. Strawn (ODU)      | 6-4       |
| HWT - Fernandez (OU) def. Dragon III (ODU) | 5-3       |

ODU dropped to 0-2 to start the season with their second loss to a Big 12 opponent on the same weekend. Nicholson and Williams continue to impress, as both are undefeated to start the season and both defeated another nationally ranked opponent. Williams bested #8 Zack Bailey by a 6-5 count and Nicholson dropped #16 Joey Fio in a 5-2 decision.

**Northeast Duals**      **Troy, N.Y.**      **11/29/08**  
**#20 ODU vs. RV Harvard**  
**38-9 Win**  
**Final Results**  
125 - Nicholson (ODU) win by forfeit      --  
133 - Hutter (ODU) def. Motley (HU)      17-2 TF  
141 - Williams (ODU) win by forfeit      --  
149 - Metzler (ODU) def. Peppelman (HU)      5-3 SV  
157 - O'Connor (HU) def. Rivera (ODU)      3:32 fall  
165 - Brown (ODU) def. Sadler (HU)      23-7 TF  
174 - Decker (ODU) def. Panzano (HU)      8-0 MD  
184 - Caputo (HU) def. Budi (ODU)      5-1  
197 - Strawn (ODU) def. Murphy (HU)      6:07 fall  
HWT - Dragon III (ODU) def. DeSena (HU)      2-0

The Monarchs notched their first win of the 2008-09 season toppling the Crimson of Harvard University. Harvard was receiving votes in the national polls entering the dual and ODU dismantled the team, 8-2. Chris Brown had the first of three big wins on the day, with a technical fall over Michael Sadler in the first dual, before he upset national number one Nick Marable in the following dual against Missouri.

**Northeast Duals**      **Troy, N.Y.**      **11/29/08**  
**#20 ODU vs. Bloomsburg**  
**30-6 Win**  
**Final Results**  
125 - Nicholson (ODU) def. Moser (Bloomsburg) 7-3  
133 - Hutter (ODU) def. Guffey (Bloomsburg) 6-3  
141 - Williams (ODU) def. Donald (Bloomsburg) 8-2  
149 - Hickman (Bloomsburg) def. Metzler (ODU) 5-3  
157 - Moley (Bloomsburg) def. Baxter (ODU) 6-0  
165 - Brown (ODU) def. Schmelyun (Bloomsburg) 6-2  
174 - Decker (ODU) def. Graham (Bloomsburg) 1:16 fall  
184 - Budi (ODU) def. Hasseman (Bloomsburg) 5-2  
197 - Strawn (ODU) def. Sutton (Bloomsburg) 2:36 fall  
HWT - Dragon III (ODU) def. Walsh (Bloomsburg) 4-0

For the teams second win of the season, ODU dropped Bloomsburg for the first time in school history. The 30-6 win was paced by Nicholson winning his third match against a nationally ranked opponent this season, when he bumped #17 Ian Moser in a 7-3 decision. Ryan Williams bounced back after his only loss of the season with a win at 141 lbs and ODU went 8-2 against the Huskies.

**Northeast Duals**      **Troy, N.Y.**      **11/29/08**  
**#20 ODU vs. #5 Missouri**  
**9-29 Loss**  
**Final Results**  
125 - Nicholson (ODU) def. Dolan (Mizzou)      3-0  
133 - Schavrien (Mizzou) def. Hutter (ODU)      8-4  
141 - Hoehn (Mizzou) def. Williams (ODU)      7-4  
149 - Sherry (Mizzou) def. Metzler (ODU)      2:04 fall  
157 - Chandler (Mizzou) def. Baxter (ODU)      10-2 MD  
165 - Brown (ODU) def. Marable (Mizzou)      2-1 TB  
174 - Jordan (Mizzou) def. Coffey (ODU)      13-3 MD  
184 - Budi (ODU) def. Andrews (Mizzou)      5-2  
197 - Askren (Mizzou) def. Strawn (ODU)      7-3  
HWT - Ellis (Mizzou) def. Dragon III (ODU)      4:18 fall

Chris Brown highlighted the Northeast Duals with a win over the national number one, Nick Marable, much like he did at the St. Edward's Duals a year ago with a win over then national number one Mark Perry (Iowa). It was the second time and a year later, nearly to the day, that Brown upset the top-ranked grappler at his weight. James Nicholson and Joe Budi added wins against the Tigers in the loss to the 5th ranked team in the nation.

**#21 ODU vs. #25 Northern Iowa**      **12/20/08**  
**Norfolk, Va.**  
**15-25 Loss**  
**Final Results**  
184 - Hazen (UNI) def. Budi (ODU)      6-5  
197 - Anderson (UNI) def. Strawn (ODU)      6-4  
HWT - Brantley (UNI) def. Dragon III (ODU)      9-3  
125 - Nicholson (ODU) def. Flores (UNI)      10-3  
133 - Baldrige (UNI) def. Hutter (ODU)      6:21 fall  
141 - Williams (ODU) win by forfeit      --  
149 - Ettelson (UNI) def. Metzler (ODU)      13-5 MD  
157 - Reiner (UNI) def. Rivera (ODU)      8-3  
165 - Brown (ODU) win by forfeit      --  
174 - Beets (UNI) def. Decker (ODU)      4-1

Old Dominion lost its fourth straight to nationally ranked opponents, falling at home to the Panthers of UNI. Jesse Strawn nearly toppled #11 Andrew Anderson, but fell in a 6-4 decision. James Nicholson was the only contested win for the Monarchs, posting a 10-3 decision over Eric Flores. The other wins for ODU were forfeits at 141 and 165 lbs.

**ODU at Southern Scuffle 12/29-30/08****20th Place - 23.5 points - 1 placewinner****Final Results**5<sup>th</sup> - Eric Decker (174)

The Monarchs sent several wrestlers to the Southern Scuffle Tournament over winter break and all four regulars scored at least two wins in the event. Junior Eric Decker led the way, placing fifth at 174 lbs with a 5-2 record. He got a chance to see the CAA's top ranked wrestler at his weight, Alton Lucas (Hofstra) and narrowly lost to the Pride grappler, 3-2. He won three straight in the wrestlebacks to seal the fifth place effort. Kaylen Baxter (149) won two on the first day and then lost a pair on day two by just three points combined, including a two-point loss to #5 Bryce Saddoris (Navy). Joe Budi (184) and David Wilson (285) both went 2-2 at the Scuffle.

**ODU at Midlands Wrestling Champs 12/29-30/08****11th Place - 53.0 points - 3 placewinners****Final Results**3<sup>rd</sup> - James Nicholson (125)5<sup>th</sup> - Ryan Williams (141)5<sup>th</sup> - Jesse Strawn (197)

Three Monarchs posted placewinning finishes at one of the top tournaments in the nation this week, as James Nicholson (125), Ryan Williams (141) and Jesse Strawn (197) all placed. Nicholson suffered his first loss of the season, but bounced back and beat the same kid in the consolation finals for the third place finish. Williams got bounced in the pigtails by #5 Chris Drouin (Arizona State) but then reeled off seven wins in the consolation bracket to finish fifth. Jesse Strawn posted a huge win over #7 Hudson Taylor (Maryland) as he pinned the Terrapin grappler. It was just the second pin suffered in the last two years for the All-American.

**ODU Quad 1/4/09****#21 ODU vs. UNC Greensboro****33-6 Win****Final Results**

125 - Nicholson (ODU) def. Johnson (UNCG) 14-6 MD

133 - Hutter (ODU) def. Boyle (UNCG) 1:57 fall

141 - Williams (ODU) def. Bencivenga (UNCG) 6-1

149 - Metzler (ODU) def. Wilmore (UNCG) 6-3

157 - Saunders (UNCG) def. Rivera (ODU) 6-2

165 - Brown (ODU) def. Hojilla (UNCG) 19-4 TF

174 - Coffey (ODU) def. Miller (UNCG) 4-1

184 - Budi (ODU) def. McKee (UNCG) 8-4

197 - Strawn (ODU) def. Sughrue (UNCG) 4:19 fall

HWT - Sheffield (UNCG) def. Dragon III (ODU) 5-4

ODU won all three of their matches as they hosted the ODU Quad, including this first match against the Greensboro Spartans. ODU posted eight wins in the dual, including four bonus point victories. Kyle Hutter and Jesse Strawn pinned their opponents while James Nicholson and Chris Brown posted a major decision and technical fall respectively.

**ODU Quad 11/23/08****#21 ODU vs. RV Purdue****22-12 Win****Final Results**

125 - Nicholson (ODU) def. Eren (Purdue) 10-2 MD

133 - Hutter (ODU) def. Beebe (Purdue) 8-2

141 - Williams (ODU) def. Archuleta (Purdue) MFor

149 - Patacsil (Purdue) def. Baxter (ODU) 13-6

157 - Salazar (Purdue) def. Metzler (ODU) 9-5

165 - Brown (ODU) def. Manuel (Purdue) 3-1 SV

174 - Decker (ODU) def. Corpe (Purdue) 3-1

184 - Kissel (Purdue) def. Budi (ODU) 4-3

197 - Strawn (ODU) def. Brown (Purdue) 4-2

HWT - Kasten (Purdue) def. Wilson (ODU) 7-0

The biggest win of the season so far came against Purdue, who was receiving votes in the national poll. The Boiler-makers sent two nationally ranked wrestlers to their peril against Brown and Strawn, and nearly a third as rookie Joe Budi lost on the riding time advantage to #12 A.J. Kissel. ODU won six matches against Purdue and evened their season record at 4-4 with this win.

**ODU Quad** **1/4/09**

**#21 ODU vs. George Mason\***

**26-9 Win**

**Final Results**

125 - Nicholson (ODU) def. Wright (GMU)	9-3
133 - Hutter (ODU) def. Herndon (GMU)	4-0
141 - Williams (ODU) def. Delgado (GMU)	19-8 MD
149 - Baxter (ODU) def. Bucher (GMU)	7-2
157 - McLaughlin (GMU) def. Rivera (ODU)	3-2
165 - Brown (ODU) def. Whitelaw (GMU)	17-6 MD
174 - Tovuujav (GMU) def. Decker (ODU)	3-1 SV
184 - Budi (ODU) def. Webb (GMU)	5-1
197 - Byers (GMU) def. Strawn (ODU)	5-3
HWT - Wilson (ODU) win by forfeit	--

The Monarchs grabbed their first CAA win over the Patriots and surged above .500 for the first time all season. ODU won seven matches against George Mason including two bonus point victories. Chris Brown rounded out a fantastic day at the ODU Quad with a 17-6 major decision and Ryan Williams posted his 117th career victory with a 19-8 major decision in his match. Nicholson improved to 19-1 on the year and 9-0 in dual competition.



**Dual Records for 2008-09**  
**5-4/1-0**

**Overall Team Bout Record: 48-42**  
**at #7 Oklahoma State: 3-7 (L 9-30)**  
**at #18 Oklahoma: 2-8 (L 6-28)**  
**vs. (RV) Harvard: 8-2 (W 38-9)**  
**vs. #5 Missouri: 3-7 (L 9-29)**  
**vs. Bloomsburg: 8-2 (W 30-6)**  
**vs. UNI: 3-7 (L 25-15)**  
**vs. UNC Greensboro: 8-2 (W 33-6)**  
**vs. (RV) Purdue: 6-4 (W 22-12)**  
**vs. George Mason: 7-3 (W 26-9)**

**125: 9-0**  
**133: 6-3**  
**141: 8-1**  
**149: 3-6**  
**157: 0-9**  
**165: 7-2**  
**174: 4-5**  
**184: 4-5**  
**197: 4-5**  
**Hwt: 3-6**

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**Tournament Records for 2007-08**

**Overall Team Bout Record: 77-40**  
**at MSU Open: 23-13**  
**at Hokie Open: 19-3**  
**at Midlands: 24-16**  
**at Southern Scuffle: 11-8**

**125: 10-1**  
**133: 5-2**  
**141: 12-2**  
**149: 11-7**  
**157: 1-4**  
**165: 5-3**  
**174: 11-9**  
**184: 10-4**  
**197: 9-2**  
**Hwt: 3-6**

Stat Leaders for 2008-09:  
(Not including unattached results)

Win %: James Nicholson (19-1, .950)

Wins: James Nicholson (19)

Pins: Jesse Strawn (10)

Major Decisions: James Nicholson (4)

Technical Falls: Joe Budi (4)

Decisions: Ryan Williams (14)



## 2008-09 Old Dominion Wrestling Statistics (Including Tournament Results)

Season Dual Record: 5-4

CAA Record: 1-0

CAA Finish: n/a

Name	Cl.	Wt.	Overall W-L	Dual W-L	CAA W-L	Tourn. W-L	Maj. Dec.	Tech. Fall	Pins
Kaylen Baxter	RS Jr	149	7-8	1-5	1-0	6-3	1	1	0
Chris Brown	RS Jr	165	12-5	7-2	1-0	5-3	3	2	0
Brennan Brumley	Fr	133	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Joe Budi	Fr	184	17-9	4-5	1-0	13-4	0	4	6
Michael Chapman	Fr	197	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Derek Coffey	RS So	174	2-4	1-1	0-0	1-3	0	0	0
Eric Decker	Jr	174	14-12	3-4	0-1	11-8	3	0	1
Roy Dragon III	So	285	3-9	2-5	0-0	1-4	0	0	0
Chase Ennis	Fr	184	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Derek Gallagher	RS So	157	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Joshua Gillis	Fr	125	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Kyle Hutter	Jr	133	11-6	6-3	1-0	5-3	1	1	2
Louis Johnson	Fr	141	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jacob Kahnke	Fr	197	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Joey Metzler	RS So	149	8-10	2-6	0-0	6-4	1	0	1
James Nicholson	RS So	125	19-1	9-0	1-0	10-1	4	0	3
Dan Rivera	RS So	157	1-8	0-4	0-1	1-5	1	0	0
Jesse Strawn	Jr	197	18-8	4-5	0-1	14-3	0	1	10
Ryan Williams	Sr	141	18-3	8-1	1-0	10-2	2	0	2
Craig Wilson	Fr	133	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
David Wilson	Fr	285	11-9	1-1	1-0	10-8	1	0	4
Colin Zoski	Fr	141	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

### Tournament Highlights:

#### Michigan State Open (Nov. 9, 2008)

133 lbs: 2<sup>nd</sup> - Kyle Hutter  
 141 lbs: 1<sup>st</sup> - Ryan Williams  
 149 lbs: 4<sup>th</sup> - Joey Metzler  
 165 lbs: 2<sup>nd</sup> - Chris Brown  
 184 lbs: 2<sup>nd</sup> - Joe Budi (Fr/So Bracket)

#### Midlands Championship (Dec. 29-30, 2008)

125 lbs: 3<sup>rd</sup> - James Nicholson  
 141 lbs: 5<sup>th</sup> - Ryan Williams  
 197 lbs: 5<sup>th</sup> - Jesse Strawn

#### Hokie Open (Nov. 16, 2008)

125 lbs: 1<sup>st</sup> - James Nicholson  
 149 lbs: 2<sup>nd</sup> - Kaylen Baxter  
 174 lbs: 2<sup>nd</sup> - Eric Decker  
 184 lbs: 3<sup>rd</sup> - Joe Budi  
 197 lbs: 1<sup>st</sup> - Jesse Strawn

#### Southern Scuffle (Dec. 29-30, 2008)

174 lbs: 5<sup>th</sup> - Eric Decker

**Dual Results:**

Nov. 22 at #8 Oklahoma State	L 30-9
Nov. 23 at #18 Oklahoma	L 28-6
Nov. 29 Northeast Duals	
vs. #25 Harvard	W 38-9
vs. #5 Missouri	L 29-9
vs. Bloomsburg	W 30-6
<b>Dec. 20 vs. #22 Northern Iowa</b>	<b>L 25-15</b>
<b>Jan. 4 ODU Quad</b>	
<b>vs. UNC Greensboro</b>	<b>W 33-6</b>
<b>vs. Purdue</b>	<b>W 22-12</b>
<b>vs. George Mason</b>	<b>W 26-9</b>
Jan. 9 Virginia Duals	All Day
Jan. 10 Virginia Duals	All Day
Jan. 17 CAA Duals*	10:00 am
Jan. 25 at Bucknell	1:00 pm
Feb. 1 at Central Michigan	5:30 pm
<b>Feb. 8 vs. Virginia</b>	<b>5:30 pm</b>
Feb. 14 at Rider*	2:00 pm
<b>Feb. 19 vs. Virginia Tech</b>	<b>7:30 pm</b>
Feb. 21 at North Carolina State	7:30 pm

\*Conference Matches

**Postseason Results**CAA Tournament (Mar. 6-7, 2009)

125 lbs:

133 lbs:

141 lbs:

149 lbs:

157 lbs:

165 lbs:

174 lbs:

184 lbs:

197 lbs:

285 lbs:

\*Qualifies for NCAA Tournament

NCAA Tournament (Mar. 19-20, 2009)**ODU Starters Career Records:**

125:	James Nicholson	54-11
133:	Kyle Hutter	68-35
141:	Ryan Williams	116-40
149:	Kaylen Baxter	79-42
	Joey Metzler	11-19
157:	Dan Rivera	14-32
165:	Chris Brown	87-33
174:	Eric Decker	14-12
	Derek Coffey	16-32
184:	Joe Budi	17-9
197:	Jesse Strawn	77-47
Hwt:	Roy Dragon III	15-20
	David Wilson	11-9

**2008-09 Statistical Leaders:****Wins:** James Nicholson (19)**Pins:** Jesse Strawn (10)**Major Decisions:** James Nicholson (4)**Technical Falls:** Joe Budi (4)**Decisions:** Ryan Williams (14)**ODU Starter 2008-09 Statistical Breakdown:**

<u>Wt.</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Maj. Dec.</u>	<u>Tech. Fall</u>	<u>Pins</u>	<u>Decisions</u>
		<u>By/Against</u>	<u>By/Against</u>	<u>By/Against</u>	<u>By/Against</u>
125	James Nicholson	4/0	0/0	3/0	12/1
133	Kyle Hutter	1/0	1/0	2/2	7/4
141	Ryan Williams	2/0	0/0	2/0	14/3
149	Kaylen Baxter	1/1	1/0	0/0	5/7
	Joey Metzler	1/2	0/0	1/1	6/7
157	Dan Rivera	1/1	0/0	0/1	0/6
165	Chris Brown	3/0	2/0	0/1	7/4
174	Eric Decker	3/0	0/0	1/0	10/12
	Derek Coffey	0/1	0/0	0/0	3/3
184	Joe Budi	0/0	4/1	6/1	7/7
197	Jesse Strawn	0/1	1/0	10/2	7/5
285	Roy Dragon III	0/0	0/0	0/3	3/6
	David Wilson	1/1	0/0	4/2	6/6