

# (19/22) OLD DOMINION UNIVERSITY

## MONARCH WRESTLING

### CAA DUALS



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ODU has started the season with the best 10-dual record since 1990-91 at 8-2 and will look to use that momentum against CAA opponents this weekend at the conference duals. The Monarchs are set to start the duals against Sacred Heart and Drexel on Friday and will face Binghamton, Boston University and #12 Hofstra on Saturday.

ODU kicks off the duals at 6:00 pm on Friday against Sacred Heart. They have never lost to the Pioneers, leading the all-time series at 5-0. The Monarchs will then take on the Dragons of Drexel at 8:00 pm, who boast a 4-8 lifetime advantage in the all-time series.

On Saturday, ODU will face Binghamton at 11:00 am, who they've split a 1-1 all-time series with and Boston University at 1:00 pm. Old Dominion has a 3-2 edge against the Terriers all time.

The premiere dual of the weekend will be the 22nd ranked Monarchs facing off with the 12th ranked Pride of Hofstra at 3:00 pm on Saturday. The Pride boast five Top Ten wrestlers in the nation including a team best 6th ranked grappler at 133 lbs, Lou Ruggirello.

### Coming to the Ted

ODU will host two more home matches at the Ted Constant Convocation Center this season. Earlier this season, ODU earned the biggest win ever in the building, dropping Delaware State 48-0.

The Monarchs return to the Ted later this month to host the Bucknell Bison on January 27 at 1:00 pm. The two teams haven't met since 1987 and Bucknell has dropped ODU in the only two meetings in program history.

For the final home match of the season, the Ted will play host to its first ever Colonial Athletic Association wrestling match on February 10, as ODU hosts Rider University immediately following the women's basketball game against William & Mary. The match will begin at approximately 5:00 pm as the teams battle for the edge in the all-time series, currently knotted up at 3-3-1. Old Dominion dropped the Broncs twice last season.

### Top 25 Team

ODU earned its first national ranking since the 1990-91 season earlier this year as W.I.N. Magazine ranked the Monarchs 22nd in the nation. Since then, ODU has been a staple in the top 25 and has recently earned the programs best ever national ranking, at 19th in the nation by W.I.N.

The Monarchs are also ranked 22nd in the nation in the USA Today/InterMat/NWCA rankings. Old Dominion has been in InterMat's Top 25 for six straight rankings.

### Nationally Ranked Individuals

For the first time in school history, Old Dominion has six grapplers ranked nationally by Amateur Wrestling News. 125-pounder James Nicholson checks in at the top, ranked 12th, while Kyle Hutter (14th at 133), Ryan Williams (15th at 141), Kaylen Baxter (17th at 149), Chris Brown (19th at 165) and Jesse Strawn (20th at 184) all are in the new poll.

Three Monarchs are ranked by all four national polls. Nicholson, Baxter and Brown are ranked by InterMat, AWN, W.I.N. Magazine, and wrestlingreport.com. Kyle Hutter made his first appearance in the national polls this week after upsetting two nationally ranked opponents at the Virginia Duals. He dropped #13 Dan Mitcheff (Kent State) and #15 Eric Albright (UVa) by decision at the Duals.

Kaylen Baxter and Chris Brown have maintained slots in the top 25 throughout the season. Brown dropped #1 Hawkeye 165-pounder Mark Perry earlier in the season, boosting his personal record and Baxter has tallied a nationwide best 30 wins already this season.

## INDIVIDUAL RANKINGS

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

TEAM	INTERMAT	AWN	W.I.N.	WR*
125 - JAMES NICHOLSON	17	12	15	14
133 - KYLE HUTTER	--	14	19	26
141 - RYAN WILLIAMS	13	15	--	16
149 - KAYLEN BAXTER	18	17	17	17
165 - CHRIS BROWN	20	19	18	19
184 - JESSE STRAWN	--	20	--	26
197 - DAVID MENDOZA	--	--	--	29

\* - WRESTLINGREPORT.COM

**2007-08 ODU Schedule/Results**  
(8-2/0-0)

Date	Opponent	Time/Results
11/9	Michigan State	20-16 W
11/11	MSU Open	1 Champ; 7 Placed
11/18	Missouri Open	1 Champ; 9 Placed
11/24	St. Edward's Duals: Findlay #3 Iowa Iowa Central	34-5 W 13-28 L 42-3 W
11/30-12/1	Las Vegas Invitational	Two Placewinners
12/1	Penn State Open	One Placewinner
12/29-12/30	Southern Scuffle	Four Placewinners
1/5	Virginia States	6 Champs; 10 Placed
<b>1/8</b>	<b>Delaware State</b>	<b>48-0 W</b>
1/11-1/12	Virginia Duals vs. Lock Haven vs. Virginia Tech vs. #17 Illinois vs. Virginia vs. Kent State	3rd Place 31-3 W 30-3 W 12-26 L 23-12 W 25-12 W
1/18-1/19	CAA Duals	All Day
<b>1/27</b>	<b>Bucknell</b>	<b>1:00 pm</b>
2/3	George Mason American	12:00 pm TBA
<b>2/10</b>	<b>Rider</b>	<b>5:00 pm</b>
2/24	Virginia Tech	2:00 pm
3/7-3/8	CAA Tournament	All Day
3/20-3/22	NCAA Tournament	All Day

Home dates bold

**Program Firsts:**

Old Dominion is having one of the best seasons in program history and has notched several program firsts under head coach Steve Martin:

- The team is nationally ranked in the Top 20
- Six wrestlers are nationally ranked at the same time
- ODU defeated Lock Haven and Kent State
- Dropped a Big Ten foe for first time since 1990-91
- Shutout an opponent at The Ted
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**Champions Developing the Future**

Head Coach Steve Martin has led the Monarchs to a 38-20-2 mark through the start of his fourth year at the helm. In the CAA the Monarchs have dominated with a 16-4-1 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 second-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:

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|---------------------------|--------------|
| 1. Jeff Rusak             | 135-19       |
| 2. Buddy Lee              | 122-25-2     |
| 3. Adam Wright            | 120-31       |
| 4. Nick Hall              | 115-18-3     |
| 5. Rich Castano           | 104-31-6     |
| 6. Steve Sciandra         | 102-25-1     |
| 7. Erik Shaw              | 101-25-1     |
| 8. Tom Sinacore           | 95-38-2      |
| 9. Jamie Kelly            | 90-38        |
| 10. Carl Ragland          | 89-6-1       |
| T11. Mike McCarthy        | 88-41        |
| T11. Ben Ward             | 88-33-1      |
| <b>13. Ryan Williams</b>  | <b>87-32</b> |
| <b>14. Nick Pullano</b>   | <b>85-70</b> |
| 15. Noel Clavel           | 82-14-3      |
| 16. Christian Staylor     | 81-31        |
| 17. Wayne Gibson          | 77-20-4      |
| 18. Mark Billups          | 69-24-3      |
| T19. Wayne Bright         | 65-11        |
| <b>T19. David Mendoza</b> | <b>65-35</b> |
| <b>21. Kaylen Baxter</b>  | <b>64-30</b> |
| <b>22. Chris Brown</b>    | <b>63-25</b> |
| 23. Randy Payne           | 61-33        |
| 24. Paul Cote             | 57-7-1       |

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, just missing his second trip a year ago as he dropped a decision to CAA Champion and NCAA All-American Charles Griffin.

He has a career .726 winning percentage with 87 wins halfway through his junior season. If he finishes his career with the same consistency, he has the potential to become the Monarchs all-time leader in wins, currently set at 135 by Jeff Rusak.

## **Alaskan At The Top**

Kaylen Baxter, from Fairbanks, Alaska, leads the nation in wins as the only grappler in the country with 30 wins. He has a team-best 30-7 record, including a win of the 149-lb. weight class at the Michigan State Open and Virginia Intercollegiates and a placing effort at three other tournaments. He is ranked by four national polls and has 64 career victories in just a year and a half of wrestling for Old Dominion.

## **First Year Bookends**

The Monarchs have been using youth to win for several years and 2007-08 is no exception. True freshman Andy Totusek and redshirt freshman James Nicholson will see the most time at the 285 and 125 weights respectively.

Totusek was wrestling unattached for much of the season until two weekends ago, when the coaches decided to pull him out of his redshirt. The true freshman responded with his first tournament win, going 2-0 at the Virginia Intercollegiates.

At the other end of the scale, James Nicholson has started the season with a 20-8 record and was named the Most Outstanding Wrestler at the Virginia Intercollegiates two weeks ago. He recently inserted himself into all the national polls with an upset of the 9th ranked 125-pounder in the nation at the Southern Scuffle, where he finished 3rd for ODU.

## **Hometown Brown**

Redshirt sophomore Chris Brown, from nearby Chesapeake, Virginia, has continued to impress as a second-year wrestler. He is 23-8 with eight major decisions and one pin. Brown already has 63 wins in his short career and has slid up to the 165-lb weight class this season, starting this year much like he did a year ago, when he was named CAA Rookie of the Week three times.



## **By Weight Class:**

For the first time in Steve Martin's coaching tenure, there will be a former NCAA Qualifier, HS All-American, or FILA Cadet All-American starting at EVERY weight.

**125:** RS freshmen James Nicholson and Billy Chamberlain will platoon at 125. Nicholson was an alternate on the FILA Jr. World Team this summer and compiled a 23-8 record unattached a year ago. Chamberlain will also see time, as he was ranked as high as 4th in the nation in high school.

**133:** Kyle Hutter will bump up a weight class and be the go-to starter at 133 lbs. He recently inserted himself into the national rankings, as high as 14th by AWN, with wins over #13 Dan Mitcheff (Kent State) and #15 Eric Albright (Virginia). He'll be backed by Justin Belanger, the Rhode Island Wrestler of the Year in 2006-07, and Zeke Donahay, a Florida state finalist.

**141:** Ryan Williams has been the most dependable starter in the lineup since taking over the job at 141 as a freshman. He was an NCAA Qualifier in 2006 and is ranked in the Top 20 this season. It is one of the deepest weight classes for the Monarchs, as returners Adam Koballa and Cam Watkins both have sufficient collegiate experience to step in and relieve Williams at any point during the season.

**149:** Kaylen Baxter leads the nation in wins with 30 and also has a history of knocking off top competition. He had wins against four nationally ranked wrestlers and seven NCAA qualifiers as a RS freshman and is already among the career leaders in wins as a RS sophomore. In the wings will be returner Joey Metzler and newcomer Buffy Okigbo.

**157:** Redshirt freshman Dan Rivera has been the go-to this season at 157, but true freshman Tel Todd and Lester France will also press for mat time. Rivera was named CAA Rookie of the Week last week with a 5-1 effort in duals. He earned a takedown against the #1 grappler in the nation from Illinois, Mike Poeta. Todd was ranked as high as 8th in the nation in high school as a Montana state champion, while France coupled an enormous 217 wins with just 13 losses in his prep career.

**165:** Chris Brown, the team leader in wins and major decisions in 2006, will wrestle at this slot. He is nationally ranked by four polls and has already tallied 63 wins in his young career. Newcomer Derek Peperas will back up Brown.

**174:** 2007 NCAA Qualifier and ODU's lone senior, Nick Pullano, will bump up to the 174-lb. weight. He'll look to return to the tournament after a very successful junior campaign, leading the team in technical falls with seven. T.C. Pendleton and Sam Hunt will vie for mat time at this weight as well.

**184:** Jesse Strawn continues to match his success from a year ago with 23 wins headed into the CAA Duals. He had 11 pins as a true freshman and is tied for the team lead with four this season. Scott Cust will provide depth at 184, and will push Strawn to maintain success throughout the season.

**197:** Junior David Mendoza will strive to make the NCAA Tournament for a second consecutive season, as he went 32-12 last season, including leading the team in pins. He's faced stiff competition early in the year and will look to make a run in the second half of the season.

**HWT:** True freshmen Roy Dragon III and Andy Totusek will battle for the starting job at 285. Dragon went 148-12 with 111 pins in high school while Totusek was 132-31 in high school.

Colonial Athletic Association

CAA Wrestling Preseason Rankings  
(12-18-2007)

	Conference	Overall	CAA Ranked Wrestlers
1. Hofstra University	0-0-0	5-6-0	9
2. Rider University	0-0-0	1-7-0	10
3. Old Dominion University	0-0-0	8-2-0	9
4. Boston University	1-1-0	3-1-0	9
5. Binghamton University	2-0-0	6-5-0	6
6. George Mason University	1-1-0	5-2-0	8
7. Drexel University	1-0-0	6-6-0	6
8. Sacred Heart University	0-2-0	0-5-0	3
9. Campbell University	0-1-0	0-7-0	0

**125:**

1. **James Nicholson, ODU**
2. Dave Tomasette, Hofstra
3. Steve Mytych, Drexel
4. Brian Wright, GMU
5. Mitch Fenton, Rider
6. Fred Santaite, Boston Univ.

**133:**

1. Lou Ruggirello, Hofstra
2. **Kyle Hutter, ODU**
3. Zac Cunliffe, Rider
4. Joe Coughlin, GMU
5. Billy Martin, Drexel
6. Paul Galipeau, Sacred Heart

**141:**

1. Charles Griffin, Hofstra
2. **Ryan Williams, ODU**
3. Joey Whitaker, Boston Univ.
4. Fred Rodgers, Rider
5. Cory Dunn, Sacred Heart
6. Anwar Goeres, Binghamton

**149:**

1. Kyle Fried, Binghamton
2. Mike Roberts, Rider
3. Don Fisch, Rider
4. **Kaylen Baxter, ODU**
5. Mitch Smith, Hofstra
6. Chris Davis, Sacred Heart

**157:**

1. Ryan Hluschak, Drexel
2. Nate Patterson, Binghamton
3. Jon Bonilla-Bowman, Hofstra
4. Rob Morrison, Rider
5. Carlo Ferrandino, Boston Univ.
6. Frankie McLaughlin, GMU

**165:**

1. **Chris Brown, ODU**
2. Billy Haydt, Drexel
3. Jason Lapham, Rider
4. Ryan Patrovich, Hofstra
5. Tyler Tisdell, GMU
6. A.J. Detwiler, Boston Univ.

**174:**

1. Alton Lucas, Hofstra
2. Josh Patterson, Binghamton
3. Mike Miller, Rider
4. **Nick Pullano, ODU**
5. Randy Oates, GMU
6. Alex Brown, Boston Univ.

**184:**

1. Doug Umbehauer, Rider
2. **Jesse Strawn, ODU**
3. Justin Danz, Hofstra
4. Ryan Malo, Boston Univ.
5. Justin Wieller, Drexel
6. Bill Widener, GMU

**197:**

1. Joe Rovelli, Hofstra
2. T.J. Morrison, Rider
3. Cayle Byers, GMU
4. **David Mendoza, ODU**
5. John Hall, Boston Univ.
6. Corey Waite, Binghamton

**285:**

1. Eddie Bordas, Rider
2. Harry Zander, GMU
3. Jim Connors, Boston Univ.
4. Mike Patterson, Binghamton
5. **Roy Dragon III, ODU**
6. Bryant Deinhardt, Drexel

## 2007-2008 Season Results

**ODU at Michigan State**                      11/9/07  
**20-16 Win**  
**Final Results**  
 165 - Brown (ODU) def. Kendle (MSU)                      10-6  
 174 - Pullano (ODU) def. Murphy (MSU)                      8-6 OT  
 184 - Strawn (ODU) def. Palmieri (MSU)                      3-1  
 197 - Williams (MSU) def. Mendoza (ODU)                      3-11 MD  
 HWT - O'Dennell (MSU) def. Dragon III (ODU)                      2-3  
 125 - Nicholson (ODU) def. Trombly (MSU)                      21-5 TF  
 133 - Gomez (MSU) def. Hutter (ODU)                      3-8  
 141 - Williams (ODU) def. Wimberley (MSU)                      4-2  
 149 - Baxter (ODU) def. Skowneski (MSU)                      8-5  
 157 - Fulger (MSU) def. Rivera (ODU)                      1:04 fall

The Monarchs defeated a Big Ten opponent for just the third time in program history with the 20-16 victory. ODU never trailed in the dual and got a technical fall from James Nicholson (125) in his first collegiate dual appearance. The win helped ODU separate from the Spartans, who had cut the lead down to two, 9-7, at the halfway point. Kaylen Baxter (149) sealed the victory for Old Dominion with an 8-5 win over Eddie Skowneski.

**ODU at Missouri Open**                      11/18/07  
**Nine Placewinners, One Champ**  
**Final Results**  
 1<sup>st</sup> - Roy Dragon III (Hwt.)  
 2<sup>nd</sup> - James Nicholson (125)  
 2<sup>nd</sup> - Kyle Hutter (133)  
 2<sup>nd</sup> - Ryan Williams (141)  
 2<sup>nd</sup> - Kaylen Baxter (149)  
 2<sup>nd</sup> - Jesse Strawn (184)  
 3<sup>rd</sup> - Chris Brown (165)  
 4<sup>th</sup> - David Mendoza (197)  
 5<sup>th</sup> - Nick Pullano (174)

Roy Dragon III earned his first collegiate title as he won the heavyweight division at the Missouri Open. Five more Monarchs were in the championship bout, including the second appearance of the season in the title bout for Ryan Williams and Kaylen Baxter. Four of the five title bouts were lost to nationally ranked opponents including a slim two-point loss for James Nicholson to the No. 11 ranked 125 in the nation. Nine of the ten probable starters for ODU placed in the Missouri Open.

**ODU at Michigan State Open**                      11/11/07  
**Seven Placewinners, One Champ**  
**Final Results**  
 1<sup>st</sup> - Kaylen Baxter (149)  
 2<sup>nd</sup> - Ryan Williams (141)  
 2<sup>nd</sup> - Roy Dragon III (Hwt.)  
 3<sup>rd</sup> - Jesse Strawn (184)  
 4<sup>th</sup> - Chris Brown (165)  
 5<sup>th</sup> - David Mendoza (197)  
 6<sup>th</sup> - Billy Chamberlain (125)

ODU started their tour of difficult national tournaments with the Michigan State Open and did not disappoint, bringing home seven placewinners. Kaylen Baxter (149) took home the championship in his weight class with a 4-0 effort, followed by Ryan Williams (141) and Roy Dragon III (Hwt.) taking runner-up honors. Eight nationally ranked programs were represented at the Michigan State Open Tournament, giving the Monarchs much needed experience against top-tier competition early in the season. Jesse Strawn notched two major decisions at the event and was just one point shy of a third as he went 4-1 en route to a 3rd place finish.

**St. Edward's Duals**                      Cleveland, Ohio                      11/24/07  
**ODU vs. Findlay (D-II)**  
**34-5\* Win**  
**Final Results**  
 125 - Nicholson (ODU) def. Corpus (Findlay)                      1:23 fall  
 133 - Hutter (ODU) def. Espinoza (Findlay)                      17-6 MD  
 141 - Williams (ODU) def. Falk (Findlay)                      4-1  
 149 - Baxter (ODU) def. Vasquez (Findlay)                      12-2 MD  
 157 - Guerra (Findlay) def. Rivera (ODU)                      0-5  
 165 - Brown (ODU) def. Shannon (Findlay)                      14-4 MD  
 174 - Pullano (ODU) def. Havelka (Findlay)                      17-5 MD  
 184 - Strawn (ODU) def. Smith (Findlay)                      10-2 MD  
 197 - Mendoza (ODU) def. Stevenson (Findlay)                      15-0 TF  
 HWT - Clark (Findlay) def. Dragon III (ODU)                      3-9  
 \*One team point was deducted from Findlay after the 184-pound match

ODU improved to 2-0 in dual competition after dropping Findlay 34-5. They returned to the mat to face #3 Iowa and Iowa Central Junior College later in the day.

**St. Edward's Duals**      **Cleveland, Ohio**      **11/24/07**  
**ODU vs. Findlay (D-II)**  
**34-5\* Win**  
**Final Results**  
125 - Nicholson (ODU) def. Corpus (Findlay)      1:23 fall  
133 - Hutter (ODU) def. Espinoza (Findlay)      17-6 MD  
141 - Williams (ODU) def. Falk (Findlay)      4-1  
149 - Baxter (ODU) def. Vasquez (Findlay)      12-2 MD  
157 - Guerra (Findlay) def. Rivera (ODU)      0-5  
165 - Brown (ODU) def. Shannon (Findlay)      14-4 MD  
174 - Pullano (ODU) def. Havelka (Findlay)      17-5 MD  
184 - Strawn (ODU) def. Smith (Findlay)      10-2 MD  
197 - Mendoza (ODU) def. Stevenson (Findlay)      15-0 TF  
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**St. Edward's Duals**      **Cleveland, Ohio**      **11/24/07**  
**ODU vs. Iowa Central (JuCo)**  
**42-3 Win**  
**Final Results**  
125 - Nicholson (ODU) def. Young (IC)      8-0 MD  
133 - Hutter (ODU) def. Hassani (IC)      2:04 fall  
141 - Williams (ODU) def. Greenwald (IC)      14-1 MD  
149 - Baxter (ODU) def. Burns (IC)      12-2 MD  
157 - Banks (IC) def. Rivera (ODU)      4-5  
165 - Brown (ODU) def. Overton (IC)      14-3 MD  
174 - Pullano (ODU) def. Motely (IC)      20-1 TF  
184 - Strawn (ODU) def. Willard (IC)      1:18 fall  
197 - Mendoza (ODU) def. Hawes (IC)      3:45 fall  
HWT - Dragon III (ODU) def. Sixta (IC)      7-3

The Monarchs defeated the top-ranked JuCo in the nation handily, as they lost just one bout in the match. ODU tallied three pins, four major decisions and one technical fall en route to the 42-3 victory. The win wrapped up a 2-1 performance at the St. Edward's Duals in Cleveland, Ohio.

**St. Edward's Duals**      **Cleveland, Ohio**      **11/24/07**  
**ODU vs. #3 Iowa**  
**13-28 Loss**  
**Final Results**  
125 - Falck (Iowa) def. Nicholson (ODU)      4-6  
133 - Slaton (Iowa) def. Hutter (ODU)      14-6 MD  
141 - Williams (ODU) def. LeClere (Iowa)      6-2  
149 - Metcalf (Iowa) def. Baxter (ODU)      26-11 TF  
157 - Morningstar (Iowa) def. Rivera (ODU)      0-8 MD  
165 - Brown (ODU) def. Perry (Iowa)      Disq (5:30)  
174 - Borschel (Iowa) def. Pullano (ODU)      19-3 TF  
184 - Keddy (Iowa) def. Strawn (ODU)      3-2  
197 - Mendoza (ODU) def. Loera (Iowa)      8-0 MD  
HWT - Fields (Iowa) def. Dragon III (ODU)      18-8 MD

The Monarchs dropped their first dual of the season to the third-ranked Hawkeyes, but Chris Brown notched one of the biggest individual victories in ODU program history. Brown was ahead of #1 Mark Perry by 12 points when the Iowa grappler was disqualified for flagrant misconduct. Brown's win propelled him into the nation's Top 15.

**ODU at Las Vegas Invitational**      **11/30-12/1/07**  
**Two Placewinners**  
**Final Results**  
**Team Finish:** 17th of 50  
6<sup>th</sup> - Ryan Williams (141)  
8<sup>th</sup> - Kaylen Baxter (149)

ODU placed two grapplers at the prestigious Cliff Keen Las Vegas Invitational Tournament and finished among the top twenty teams at the event. Ryan Williams and Kaylen Baxter have placed in all three tournaments they entered this season. Five ODU wrestlers were still alive in the tournament on the second day, but Chris Brown, Jesse Strawn and Kyle Hutter all were stopped by nationally ranked opponents in the tourney.

**ODU at Penn State Open      12/1/07**  
**Final Results**

Billy Chamberlain was the only wrestler for ODU not wrestling unattached. He was eliminated in the opening round by Pittsburgh's Ryan Bosso.

**ODU at Southern Scuffle      12/29-30/07**  
**Four Placewinners**  
**Final Results**

**Team Finish:** 10th of 30  
3<sup>rd</sup> - James Nicholson (125)  
4<sup>th</sup> - Kaylen Baxter (149)  
7<sup>th</sup> - Ryan Williams (141)  
7<sup>th</sup> - Chris Brown (165)

The Monarchs were in fourth place after the first day of the tournament, but slipped to 10th on the second. James Nicholson inserted himself into the national rankings with a huge upset of Dave Tomasette (Hofstra) at 125 lbs. Tomasette was ranked as high as 9th in the nation and is the top-ranked CAA grappler at the weight. Williams and Baxter placed again, for the fourth time in as many tournaments this season. The two are tied for the team lead in wins with 20.

**ODU at Virginia Intercollegiates      1/5/07**  
**10 Placewinners, Six Champs**  
**Final Results**

**Team Finish:** 1st of 6  
1<sup>st</sup> - James Nicholson (125)  
1<sup>st</sup> - Kyle Hutter (133)  
1<sup>st</sup> - Ryan Williams (141)  
1<sup>st</sup> - Kaylen Baxter (149)  
1<sup>st</sup> - Jesse Strawn (184)  
1<sup>st</sup> - Andy Totusek (Hwt.)  
3<sup>rd</sup> - Billy Chamberlain (125)  
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3<sup>rd</sup> - David Mendoza (197)  
3<sup>rd</sup> - Roy Dragon III (Hwt.)

ODU won its third straight Virginia Intercollegiate State Tournament with six champions in the ten weight classes and at least one placewinner in eight of the nine weights ODU entered a wrestler. Ryan Williams and Kaylen Baxter placed in every tournament they wrestled in this season. James Nicholson was named the tournament's Most Outstanding Wrestler after sweeping the 125 class for the win.

**Virginia Duals      Hampton, Va. 1/11/08-1/12/08**  
**3rd Place Overall**

<b>ODU vs. Lock Haven</b>	<b>31-3 Win</b>
<b>ODU vs. Virginia Tech</b>	<b>30-3 Win</b>
<b>ODU vs. #17 Illinois</b>	<b>12-26 Loss</b>
<b>ODU vs. Virginia</b>	<b>23-12 Win</b>
<b>ODU vs. Kent State</b>	<b>25-12 Win</b>

ODU finished in 3rd place at the Virginia Duals, going 4-1 at the event. The Monarchs defeated Lock Haven and Kent State for the first time in program history and suffered its only loss to nationally ranked Illinois. ODU also defeated Virginia Tech and Virginia at the Duals to bump their season record to 8-2 as they prepare for the conference Duals this weekend. Kaylen Baxter went 5-0 on the weekend to earn his 30th win on the season; he now leads the country in wins in Division-I wrestling.

**Dual Records for 2007-08**  
**8-2/0-0**

**Overall Team Bout Record: 71-29**  
**at Michigan State: 6-4 (W 20-16)**  
**at Findlay: 8-2 (W 34-5)**  
**at #4 Iowa: 3-7 (L 13-28)**  
**at Iowa Central CC: 9-1 (42-3)**  
**vs. Delaware State: 10-0 (48-0)**  
**vs. Lock Haven: 9-1 (31-3)**  
**vs. Virginia Tech: 9-1 (30-3)**  
**vs. #17 Illinois: 3-7 (12-26)**  
**vs. Virginia: 7-3 (23-12)**  
**vs. Kent State: 7-3 (25-12)**

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

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**Tournament Records for 2007-08**

**Overall Team Bout Record: 127-95**  
**at MSU Open: 30-22**  
**at Missouri Open: 31-16**  
**at Las Vegas Invitational: 23-22**  
**at Penn State Open: 10-14**  
**at Southern Scuffle: 33-21**  
**at VA Intercollegiates: 27-8**

**125: 21-15**  
**133: 15-11**  
**141: 19-11**  
**149: 21-9**  
**157: 4-11**  
**165: 15-9**  
**174: 14-13**  
**184: 17-8**  
**197: 12-9**  
**Hwt: 16-7**

Stat Leaders for 2007-08:  
(Not including unattached results)

Win %: Kaylen Baxter (30-7, .811)

Wins: Kaylen Baxter (30)

Pins: David Mendoza & Jesse Strawn (4)

Major Decisions: Baxter, Brown & Hutter (8)

Technical Falls: David Mendoza (4)

Decisions: Kaylen Baxter & Ryan Williams (18)





# 2007-08 Old Dominion Wrestling Statistics

(Including Tournament Results)

Season Dual Record: 8-2

CAA Record: 0-0

CAA Finish: TBD

Name	Cl.	Wt.	Overall W-L	Dual W-L	CAA W-L	Tourn. W-L	Maj. Dec.	Tech. Fall	Pins
Kaylen Baxter	RS So	149	30-7	9-1	0-0	17-6	8	2	2
Justin Belanger	Fr	133	1-6	0-0	0-0	1-6	1	0	0
Chris Brown	RS So	165	23-8	9-1	0-0	14-7	8	0	1
Billy Chamberlin	So	125	9-9	1-0	0-0	8-9	3	0	1
Derek Coffey	So	174	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Scott Cust	Fr	184	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Zeke Donahay	Fr	141	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Roy Dragon III	Fr	285	11-10	1-4	0-0	10-6	1	0	3
Lester France	Fr	149	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sam Hunt	Fr	174	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Kyle Hutter	So	133	21-10	7-3	0-0	14-7	8	1	3
David Mendoza	Jr	184	18-11	6-2	0-0	12-9	3	4	4
Joey Metzler	RS Fr	141	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
James Nicholson	RS Fr	125	20-8	7-2	0-0	13-6	4	3	1
Buffy Okigbo	Fr	149	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
T.C. Pendleton	Fr	165	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nick Pullano	RS Sr	174	18-12	7-3	0-0	11-9	7	2	0
Dan Rivera	RS Fr	165	9-15	5-5	0-0	4-10	0	0	0
Jesse Strawn	So	184	23-8	8-2	0-0	15-6	7	1	4
Tel Todd	Fr	157	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Andy Totusek	Fr	285	19-11	2-3	0-0	17-8	1	0	2
Cam Watkins	RS So	141	0-2	0-0	0-0	0-2	0	0	0
Ryan Williams	Jr	141	28-8	9-1	0-0	16-7	7	1	2

### Tournament Highlights:

#### Michigan State Open (Nov. 11, 2007)

125 lbs: 6<sup>th</sup> - Billy Chamberlain  
 141 lbs: 2<sup>nd</sup> - Ryan Williams  
 149 lbs: 1<sup>st</sup> - Kaylen Baxter  
 165 lbs: 5<sup>th</sup> - Chris Brown  
 184 lbs: 3<sup>rd</sup> - Jesse Strawn  
 197 lbs: 5<sup>th</sup> - David Mendoza  
 285 lbs: 2<sup>nd</sup> - Roy Dragon III

#### Missouri Open (Nov. 18, 2007)

125 lbs: 2<sup>nd</sup> - James Nicholson  
 133 lbs: 2<sup>nd</sup> - Kyle Hutter  
 141 lbs: 2<sup>nd</sup> - Ryan Williams  
 149 lbs: 2<sup>nd</sup> - Kaylen Baxter  
 165 lbs: 3<sup>rd</sup> - Chris Brown  
 174 lbs: 5<sup>th</sup> - Nick Pullano  
 184 lbs: 2<sup>nd</sup> - Jesse Strawn  
 197 lbs: 4<sup>th</sup> - David Mendoza  
 285 lbs: 1<sup>st</sup> - Roy Dragon III

#### Las Vegas Invitational (Nov. 30-Dec. 1, 2007)

141 lbs: 6<sup>th</sup> - Ryan Williams  
 149 lbs: 8<sup>th</sup> - Kaylen Baxter

#### Penn State Open (Dec. 2, 2007)

285 lbs: 4<sup>th</sup> - Andy Totusek (Unattached)

#### Southern Scuffle (Dec. 29-30, 2007)

125: 3<sup>rd</sup> - James Nicholson  
 141: 7<sup>th</sup> - Ryan Williams  
 149: 4<sup>th</sup> - Kaylen Baxter  
 165: 7<sup>th</sup> - Chris Brown

#### VA Intercollegiates (Jan. 5, 2007)

125 lbs: 1<sup>st</sup> - James Nicholson\*  
 125 lbs: 3<sup>rd</sup> - Billy Chamberlain  
 133 lbs: 1<sup>st</sup> - Kyle Hutter  
 141 lbs: 1<sup>st</sup> - Ryan Williams  
 149 lbs: 1<sup>st</sup> - Kaylen Baxter  
 174 lbs: 3<sup>rd</sup> - Nick Pullano  
 184 lbs: 1<sup>st</sup> - Jesse Strawn  
 197 lbs: 3<sup>rd</sup> - David Mendoza  
 285 lbs: 1<sup>st</sup> - Andy Totusek  
 285 lbs: 3<sup>rd</sup> - Roy Dragon III  
 \*Most Outstanding Wrestler

**Dual Results:**

Nov. 9 at Michigan State W 20-16  
 Nov. 24 St. Edward Duals  
     vs. Findlay W 34-5  
     vs. #3 Iowa L 13-28  
     vs. Iowa Central W 42-3  
**Jan. 8 vs. Delaware State W 48-0**  
 Jan. 11 Virginia Duals - 3rd Place  
     vs. Lock Haven W 31-3  
     vs. Virginia Tech W 30-3  
 Jan. 12 Virginia Duals - 3rd Place  
     vs. #17 Illinois L 12-26  
     vs. Virginia W 23-12  
     vs. Kent State W 25-12  
 Jan. 18 CAA Duals\*  
 Jan. 19 CAA Duals\*  
**Jan. 27 vs. Bucknell**  
 Feb. 3 at George Mason\*  
 Feb. 3 at American  
**Feb. 10 vs. Rider\***  
 Feb. 24 at Virginia Tech

\*Conference Matches

**ODU Starter 2006-07 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	3/0	1/1	12/7
	Billy Chamberlain	2/0	0/0	1/2	6/8
133	Kyle Hutter	8/1	1/0	3/2	9/7
141	Ryan Williams	7/0	1/0	2/2	18/6
149	Kaylen Baxter	8/1	2/1	2/1	18/4
157	Dan Rivera	0/3	0/1	0/1	9/10
165	Chris Brown	8/0	0/0	1/1	14/7
174	Nick Pullano	7/2	2/2	0/1	9/7
184	Jesse Strawn	7/0	1/0	4/0	11/8
197	David Mendoza	3/1	4/1	4/1	7/8
285	Roy Dragon III	1/1	0/0	3/2	8/7
	Andy Totusek	1/0	0/0	2/0	14/11

**ODU Starters Career Records:**

125: James Nicholson 20-8  
     Billy Chamberlain 12-11  
 133: Kyle Hutter 45-25  
 141: Ryan Williams 87-32  
 149: Kaylen Baxter 64-30  
 157: Dan Rivera 9-15  
 165: Chris Brown 63-25  
 174: Nick Pullano 85-70  
 184: Jesse Strawn 51-31  
 197: David Mendoza 65-35  
 Hwt: Roy Dragon III 11-10  
     Andy Totusek 19-11

**2006-07 Statistical Leaders:**

**Wins:** Kaylen Baxter (30)  
**Pins:** David Mendoza & Jesse Strawn (4)  
**Major Decisions:** Baxter, Brown & Hutter (8)  
**Technical Falls:** David Mendoza (4)  
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