

(19/19) OLD DOMINION UNIVERSITY

MONARCH WRESTLING

NCAA TOURNAMENT



NCAA Tournament Time

In 2008 the Monarchs have passed milestone after milestone and they didn't stop at the CAA Tournament. Old Dominion qualified more individuals to the national tournament than ever before, with six receiving automatic bids to the Championship. Old Dominion will have a wrestler at 125, 133, 141, 165, 184 and 285.

ODU won three weights at the conference tournament including the tournament's Most Outstanding Wrestler, Ryan Williams, at 141 lbs. Williams topped the 2nd ranked wrestler in the nation, Charles Griffin (Hofstra), in the title bout to earn his second trip to the NCAA Tournament.

Also headed to St. Louis is 125-pounder James Nicholson, after earning the highest national ranking ever for a Monarch under head coach Steve Martin, at 9th in the nation. He swept through the 125-lb weight at the CAA Tournament with ease and beat the 11th ranked wrestler, Dave Tomasette (Hofstra), for the third time this season in the title bout.

Chris Brown is also primed for a run at the podium at 165 lbs, after winning the weight in his second season for the Monarchs. Earlier in the year he defeated #1 Mark Perry (Iowa) and has not covered in the face of other top competition in the past.

The three other Monarchs qualified for Nationals are 133-pounder Kyle Hutter, ranked 15th in the nation, 184-pounder Jesse Strawn and heavyweight Andy Totusek. If any CAA competitors are injured before the NCAA Tourney begins, junior 197 pounder David Mendoza is the first alternate for the conference.

Monarchs Against NCAA Qualifiers

Monarch	07/08 Record vs. NCAA Qualifiers
125: James Nicholson	7-7
133: Kyle Hutter	4-12
141: Ryan Williams	9-6
165: Chris Brown	7-7
184: Jesse Strawn	1-6
Hwt: Andy Totusek	0-4

Best Dual Season in 25 Years

The Monarchs finished the 2007-08 dual season with the best mark in head coach Steve Martin's short career, at 17-3 overall. It is the second best mark in the modern era for ODU, second to only the NCAA East Regional Championship team of 1983-84, who posted a 20-3-1 record. The 17 wins ranks as second most in the 51 years of Old Dominion wrestling

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 18th in the nation by W.I.N.

The Monarchs now rank 19th by W.I.N. and in the USA Today/InterMat/NWCA rankings. In the Tournament rankings, ODU is coming in at T23rd by InterMat and 35th by W.I.N.

Nationally Ranked Individuals

For the first time in school history, Old Dominion had six grapplers ranked nationally by Amateur Wrestling News. Much of the starting lineup has been in the national polls for the duration of the season. Only at 157 and Hwt have the Monarchs not been listed by a poll at least once this season.

Three of the NCAA qualifiers are currently ranked by all four national polls and a fourth is in three of the four. James Nicholson is ranked no lower than 10th by any of the major polls.

INDIVIDUAL RANKINGS

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

TEAM		INTERMAT	AWN	W.I.N.	WR*
		19/23	19/35		
125	- JAMES NICHOLSON	10	10	9	10
133	- KYLE HUTTER	15	16	16	18
141	- RYAN WILLIAMS	17	14	14	16
165	- CHRIS BROWN	19	18	--	17
184	- JESSE STRAWN	--	--	--	23
285	- ANDY TOTUSEK	--	--	--	32

* - WRESTLINGREPORT.COM

2007-08 ODU Schedule/Results (17-3/6-1)

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 Placemen
12/1	Penn State Open	One Placemen
12/29-12/30	Southern Scuffle	Four Placemen
1/5	Virginia States	6 Champs; 10 Placed
1/8	Delaware State	48-0 W
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 9-29 L 23-12 W 25-12 W
1/18-1/19	CAA Duals vs. Sacred Heart* vs. Drexel* vs. Binghamton* vs. Boston University* vs. #12 Hofstra*	39-6 W 31-6 W 23-15 W 24-18 W 19-22 L
1/27	Bucknell	30-6 W
2/3	George Mason* American	32-12 W 31-12 W
2/10	Rider*	32-7 W
2/24	Virginia Tech	26-9 W
3/7-3/8	CAA Tournament	3 Champs; 6 Placed
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 were nationally ranked at the same time
- ODU defeated Lock Haven, Kent State and Bucknell
- Dropped a Big Ten foe for first time since 1990-91
- Shutout an opponent at The Ted

Champions Developing the Future

Head Coach Steve Martin has led the Monarchs to a 51-32-2 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 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:

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. Ryan Williams	97-35
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
15. Noel Clavel	82-14-3
16. Christian Staylor	81-31
17. Wayne Gibson	77-20-4
18. Chris Brown	74-26
19. David Mendoza	73-40
20. Kaylen Baxter	72-34
21. Mark Billups	69-24-3
22. Wayne Bright	65-11
23. Randy Payne	61-33
24. Jesse Strawn	59-36
25. 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 .735 winning percentage with 97 wins through this point in his junior season. He is currently 9th all-time in wins and 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.

Hut-Hut...

The Monarchs mainstay at 133 lbs this year was sophomore Kyle Hutter from Illinois. He's bettered his rookie season record of 31-17 by going 32-12 in his new weight class in 07-08. He's been ranked for most of the second half of the season after pinning the 15th ranked wrestler in the nation, David Marble (Bucknell) and beating NCAA Qualifiers Eric Albright (UVa) and Dan Mitcheff (Kent State).

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 have been full-time starters for much of the season.

Totusek was wrestling unattached until halfway through the season, 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. He went 26-15 this year capped off by a 3rd place effort at the CAA's, winning his True Second match to qualify for NCAA's.

At the other end of the scale, James Nicholson went 32-7 in his rookie season and was named the Most Outstanding Wrestler at the Virginia Intercollegiates. He's been named CAA Rookie of the Week four times and he recently became the highest ranked wrestler ever for head coach Steve Martin after winning the 125-pound weight at the CAA Tournament. He is ranked as high as 9th and no lower than 10th in the nation.

Hometown Brown

Redshirt sophomore Chris Brown, from nearby Chesapeake, Virginia, has continued to impress as a second-year wrestler. He is 31-9 with nine major decisions and two pins. Brown already has 71 wins in his short career and has slid up to the 165-lb weight class this season. He's maintained his success through this year much like he did a year ago, when he was named CAA Rookie of the Week three times. Brown leads the team in dual wins with 17 on the season and was 6-1 in CAA Duals this season.

By Weight Class:

125:

RS freshmen James Nicholson is ranked higher than any other Monarch not named Christian Staylor under head coach Steve Martin. He's currently ranked as high as 10th in the nation with a 32-7 career record to this point. He is ranked first in the CAA and has upset Hofstra's Dave Tomasette thrice already. This will be his first attempt at the podium in his career.

133:

Kyle Hutter, after bumping up a weight class this season has inserted himself into the national rankings, as high as 14th by AWN, with wins over #13 Dan Mitcheff (Kent State), #15 Eric Albright (Virginia) and #15 David Marble (Bucknell). He's one of just three Monarchs currently ranked by all four national polls. With his second place effort at the CAA's, he will be headed to Nationals for the first time in his career

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 has been ranked in the Top 20 this season. He's notched his third straight 29-plus win season and has a career high 38 wins already this season. Williams earned his first conference title last week and will be headed to Nationals for the second time in his career.

165:

Chris Brown, the team leader in wins and major decisions in 2006, slid up a weight class in 2007-08 and has not missed a beat. He has been nationally ranked by all four national polls and has already tallied 74 wins in his young career. He's got 30-plus wins for the second straight season. The sophomore is set to make a run at his first NCAA Tournament.

184:

Jesse Strawn continues to match his success from a year ago with 29 wins headed into this weekend. He had 11 pins as a true freshman and is tied for the team lead with six this season. Strawn's 29 wins is one better than what he had a year ago as a freshman and he will be looking to improve on his third place effort at the CAA Tournament a year ago. He just missed an opportunity at nationals last year and will try to take advantage of his second place finish at the conference tournament this year in his first trip to the NCAA's.

HWT:

True freshman Andy Totusek took over the starting job at heavyweight halfway through the season. Toto was 132-31 in high school and has won 26 bouts so far in his collegiate career including three pins and one major decision. The newcomer made a dominant run in the wrestlebacks at the CAA Tournament to finish 3rd place overall. He would win his True Second match against #1 seed Harry Zander (George Mason) to earn his first trip to the national tournament.

Monarchs Against 2008 NCAA Qualifiers

125: James Nicholson	7-7	
vs. Brandon Precin (Northwestern)	L Dec	2-4
vs. Charlie Falck (Iowa)	L Dec	4-6
vs. Brandon Zoetewey (Cal St. Bakersfield)	L Dec	3-9
vs. Anthony Robles (Arizona State)	L Dec	3-8
vs. Dave Tomasette (Hofstra)	W Dec	4-2
vs. Jayson Ness (Minnesota)	L Fall	1:41
vs. Ross Gitomer (Virginia)	W Dec	3-1
vs. Ross Gitomer (Virginia)	W Dec	4-3
vs. Gabe Flores (Illinois)	L Dec	1-4
vs. Ross Gitomer (Virginia)	W MD	9-0
vs. Nic Bedelyon (Kent State)	W Dec	7-4
vs. Steve Mytych (Drexel)	L Dec	3-6
vs. Dave Tomasette (Hofstra)	W SV	8-6
vs. Dave Tomasette (Hofstra)	W Dec	2-1

133: Kyle Hutter	4-12	
vs. Franklin Gomez (Michigan State)	L Dec	10-14
vs. Franklin Gomez (Michigan State)	L Dec	2-4
vs. Rick Deubel (Edinboro)	L Fall	1:15
vs. Jimmy Kennedy (Illinois)	L Dec	2-6
vs. Joey Slaton (Iowa)	L MD	6-14
vs. Kenny Jordan (Nebraska)	L Fall	3:51
vs. Joe Baker (Navy)	L Dec	3-5
vs. Billy Ashnault (Lock Haven)	W TF	16-0
vs. Jeff Hedges (UNC Greensboro)	L Dec	7-9
vs. Rick Deubel (Edinboro)	L Dec	4-5
vs. Billy Ashnault (Lock Haven)	W Dec	10-3
vs. Jimmy Kennedy (Illinois)	L Dec	2-7
vs. Dan Mitcheff (Kent State)	W Dec	10-4
vs. Lou Ruggirello (Hofstra)	L Fall	1:15
vs. David Marble (Bucknell)	W Fall	5:38
vs. Lou Ruggirello (Hofstra)	L SV	1-3

141: Ryan Williams	9-6	
vs. Chad Mendes (Cal Poly)	L Fall	0:23
vs. Zach Bailey (Oklahoma)	L Dec	2-6
vs. Dan Leclere (Iowa)	W Dec	6-2
vs. Corey Jantzen (Harvard)	W Dec	9-3
vs. Levi Jones (Boise State)	W Dec	1-0
vs. Kyle Ruschell (Wisconsin)	L Dec	3-5
vs. Charles Griffin (Hofstra)	L SV	1-3
vs. J Jagers (Ohio State)	L Fall	0:55
vs. Torsten Gillespie (Edinboro)	W Dec	6-5
vs. Torsten Gillespie (Edinboro)	W Dec	8-1
vs. Jon Kohler (Maryland)	W Dec	10-4
vs. Tim Harner (Liberty)	W MD	13-4
vs. Drew Lashaway (Kent State)	W Dec	5-3
vs. Charles Griffin (Hofstra)	L MD	4-13
vs. Charles Griffin (Hofstra)	W Dec	3-2

165: Chris Brown	7-7	
vs. Marcus Effner (Cleveland State)	W Dec	7-6
vs. Matt Coughlin (Indiana)	L Fall	5:55
vs. Kurt Gross (Kent State)	L Dec	4-6
vs. Nick Marable (Missouri)	L Dec	4-5
vs. Mark Perry (Iowa)	W DQ	
vs. Stephen Dwyer (Nebraska)	L Dec	3-9
vs. Matt Epperly (Virginia Tech)	W Dec	8-2
vs. Kurt Gross (Kent State)	W MFor	
vs. Jarrod King (Edinboro)	L Def	
vs. Matt Epperly (Virginia Tech)	W MD	21-9
vs. Kurt Gross (Kent State)	L Dec	2-3
vs. Roger Smith-Bergsrud (Illinois)	W Dec	7-2
vs. Michael Cannon (American)	L Dec	3-5
vs. Ryan Patrovich (Hofstra)	W Dec	12-7

184: Jesse Strawn	1-6	
vs. Raymond Jordan (Missouri)	L Dec	4-7
vs. Philip Keddy (Iowa)	L Dec	2-3
vs. Trevor Brandvold (Wisconsin)	L Dec	2-5
vs. Chris Daggett (Liberty)	W Fall	6:42
vs. Rocco Caponi (Virginia)	L Dec	1-4
vs. Doug Umbehauer (Rider)	L Dec	1-3
vs. Doug Umbehauer (Rider)	L Dec	3-9

Hwt: Andy Totusek	0-4	
vs. Jermail Porter (Kent State)	L Dec	2-5
vs. Rashard Goff (Cleveland State)	L Dec	0-2
vs. Jermail Porter (Kent State)	L Dec	0-6
vs. Eddie Bordas (Rider)	L TB	3-4



Colonial Athletic Association

FINAL Regular Season CAA Wrestling Rankings
(3-4-2008)

	Conference	Overall	CAA Ranked Wrestlers
1. Hofstra University	6-0-0	13-8-0	10
2. Old Dominion University	6-1-0	17-3-0	10
3. Rider University	5-3-0	8-12-0	9
4. George Mason University	5-3-0	13-5-0	8
5. Binghamton University	4-4-0	13-12-0	8
5. Drexel University	4-4-0	10-15-0	6
7. Boston University	2-6-0	6-9-1	6
8. Campbell University	1-5-0	2-22-1	1
9. Sacred Heart University	0-7-0	1-12-0	2

125:

- 1. James Nicholson, ODU**
- Dave Tomasette, Hofstra
- Steve Mytych, Drexel
- Brian Wright, GMU
- Ilyass Elmasouri, Rider
- Tyler Malmberg, Binghamton

133:

- Lou Ruggirello, Hofstra
- 2. Kyle Hutter, ODU**
- Joe Coughlin, GMU
- Tommy Lorenzo, Rider
- Pat Feely, Sacred Heart
- John McDermot, Drexel

141:

- Charles Griffin, Hofstra
- 2. Ryan Williams, ODU**
- Kelvin Bidelspach, Campbell
- Ryan McGarity, Binghamton
- Joey Whitaker, Boston Univ.
- Fred Rodgers, Rider

149:

- Don Fisch, Rider
- Kyle Fried, Binghamton
- Mike Roberts, Rider
- 4. Kaylen Baxter, ODU**
- Mitch Smith, Hofstra
- Brandon Bucher, GMU

157:

- Jon Bonilla-Bowman, Hofstra
- Ryan Hluschak, Drexel
- Nate Patterson, Binghamton
- Frankie McLaughlin, GMU
- 5. Dan Rivera, ODU**
- Rob Morrison, Rider

165:

- 1. Chris Brown, ODU**
- Jason Lapham, Rider
- Ryan Patrovich, Hofstra
- A.J. Detwiler, Boston Univ.
- Billy Haydt, Drexel
- Brett Nelson, Binghamton

174:

- Alton Lucas, Hofstra
- Randy Oates, GMU
- Josh Patterson, Binghamton
- CJ Inglin, Boston Univ.
- 5. Nick Pullano, ODU**
- Scott Hunter, Drexel

184:

- Doug Umbehauer, Rider
- 2. Jesse Strawn, ODU**
- Justin Danz, Hofstra
- Justin Wieller, Drexel
- Ricky Eichenlaub, Sacred Heart
- Bill Widener, GMU

197:

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

285:

- Harry Zander, GMU
- Eddie Bordas, Rider
- 3. Andy Totusek, ODU**
- Tom Daddino, Hofstra
- Jim Connors, Boston Univ.
- Mike Patterson, Binghamton

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
 1st - Roy Dragon III (Hwt.)
 2nd - James Nicholson (125)
 2nd - Kyle Hutter (133)
 2nd - Ryan Williams (141)
 2nd - Kaylen Baxter (149)
 2nd - Jesse Strawn (184)
 3rd - Chris Brown (165)
 4th - David Mendoza (197)
 5th - 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
 1st - Kaylen Baxter (149)
 2nd - Ryan Williams (141)
 2nd - Roy Dragon III (Hwt.)
 3rd - Jesse Strawn (184)
 4th - Chris Brown (165)
 5th - David Mendoza (197)
 6th - 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
HWT - Clark (Findlay) def. Dragon III (ODU) 3-9
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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
6th - Ryan Williams (141)
8th - 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
3rd - James Nicholson (125)
4th - Kaylen Baxter (149)
7th - Ryan Williams (141)
7th - 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
1st - James Nicholson (125)
1st - Kyle Hutter (133)
1st - Ryan Williams (141)
1st - Kaylen Baxter (149)
1st - Jesse Strawn (184)
1st - Andy Totusek (Hwt.)
3rd - Billy Chamberlain (125)
3rd - Nick Pullano (174)
3rd - David Mendoza (197)
3rd - 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.

Delaware State at ODU **1/8/08**
48-0 Win
Final Results

125 - Chamberlain (ODU) def. Bromall (DSU) 9-1 MD
133 - Hutter (ODU) wins by forfeit
141 - Williams (ODU) wins by forfeit
149 - Baxter (ODU) wins by forfeit
157 - Rivera (ODU) def. Robinson (DSU) 6-2
165 - Brown (ODU) def. Gardner (DSU) med. for
174 - Pullano (ODU) def. Skinner (DSU) 15-5 MD
184 - Strawn (ODU) def. Loper (DSU) 4:01 fall
197 - Mendoza (ODU) def. Nowrey (DSU) 12-1 MD
HWT - Dragon III (ODU) def. Davis (DSU) 2-1 TB

The Monarchs continued to streak at home, winning their sixth straight in Norfolk as they shutout the Hornets from Delaware State. ODU got bonus point victories in eight of the ten bouts, including a pin by sophomore Jesse Strawn at 184 lbs. Billy Chamberlain stepped in at 125 lbs and earned his first collegiate dual victory. The 48-0 victory was the first shutout ever in The Ted Constant Center.

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

ODU vs. Lock Haven	31-3 Win
ODU vs. Virginia Tech	30-3 Win
ODU vs. #17 Illinois	9-29 Loss
ODU vs. Virginia	23-12 Win
ODU vs. Kent State	25-12 Win

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.

Bucknell at ODU 1/8/08
30-6 Win

Final Results

125 - Nicholson (ODU) def. Hart (BU)	11-3 MD
133 - Hutter (ODU) def. Marble (BU)	5:38 fall
141 - Williams (ODU) def. Chohany (BU)	11-1 MD
149 - Baxter (ODU) def. LeValley (BU)	5-3
157 - Hooks (BU) def. Rivera (ODU)	3-7
165 - Brown (ODU) def. Rendos (BU)	5-3 SV
174 - Riccio (BU) def. Pullano (ODU)	2-4
184 - Strawn (ODU) def. Thompson (BU)	7-0
197 - Mendoza (ODU) def. Hahn (BU)	13-3 MD
HWT - Totusek (ODU) def. Hingson (BU)	3-2 TB

Old Dominion dropped Bucknell in their first meeting since 1987 and for the first time in program history. Kyle Hutter notched a victory over #15 ranked David Marble at 133 lbs, to insert himself into the national rankings. Marble was the third nationally ranked opponent Hutter defeated in the last three events. Chris Brown, at 165 lbs, also dropped a nationally ranked foe as he beat Bison leader Andy Rendos in the first sudden victory period.

CAA Duals Fairfax, Va. 1/18/08-1/19/08

ODU vs. Sacred Heart	39-6 Win
ODU vs. Drexel	31-6 Win
ODU vs. Binghamton	23-12 Win
ODU vs. Boston University	21-12 Win
ODU vs. #12 Hofstra	19-22 Loss

The Monarchs continued their dominance of the CAA under the head coaching of Steve Martin, going 4-1 at the CAA Duals, nearly becoming the first conference opponent to knock off Hofstra in 59 matches. Martin has led Old Dominion to a 20-5-1 career CAA record including a 9-2 record over the last two seasons. James Nicholson went 4-1 with his only loss to #20 Steve Mytych of Drexel and he also defeated #10 Dave Tomasette of Hofstra for the second time this season.

ODU at George Mason 2/3/08
32-12 Win

Final Results

125 - Nicholson (ODU) def. Hart (BU)	11-3 MD
133 - Hutter (ODU) def. Marble (BU)	5:38 fall
141 - Williams (ODU) def. Chohany (BU)	11-1 MD
149 - Baxter (ODU) def. LeValley (BU)	5-3
157 - Hooks (BU) def. Rivera (ODU)	3-7
165 - Brown (ODU) def. Rendos (BU)	5-3 SV
174 - Riccio (BU) def. Pullano (ODU)	2-4
184 - Strawn (ODU) def. Thompson (BU)	7-0
197 - Mendoza (ODU) def. Hahn (BU)	13-3 MD
HWT - Totusek (ODU) def. Hingson (BU)	3-2 TB

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Bucknell at ODU **1/8/08****30-6 Win****Final Results**

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133 - Hutter (ODU) def. Marble (BU)	5:38 fall
141 - Williams (ODU) def. Chohany (BU)	11-1 MD
149 - Baxter (ODU) def. LeValley (BU)	5-3
157 - Hooks (BU) def. Rivera (ODU)	3-7
165 - Brown (ODU) def. Rendos (BU)	5-3 SV
174 - Riccio (BU) def. Pullano (ODU)	2-4
184 - Strawn (ODU) def. Thompson (BU)	7-0
197 - Mendoza (ODU) def. Hahn (BU)	13-3 MD
HWT - Totusek (ODU) def. Hingson (BU)	3-2 TB

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ODU at Virginia Tech **2/24/08****26-9 Win****Final Results**

197 - Mendoza (ODU) def. Bruce (VT)	8-3
HWT - Marone (VT) def. Totusek (ODU)	3-8
125 - Nicholson (ODU) def. Staylor (VT)	11-2 MD
133 - Hutter (ODU) def. Jones (VT)	4-3
141 - Williams (ODU) def. Diaz (VT)	9-5
149 - Baxter (ODU) def. Murray (VT)	21-9 MD
157 - Rosen (VT) def. Rivera (ODU)	4-7
165 - Brown (ODU) wins by forfeit	
174 - Pullano (ODU) def. Baughn (VT)	10-6
184 - Spellman (VT) def. Strawn (ODU)	5-4

Old Dominion sealed the season with a tight little bow at Virginia Tech as they won their 17th dual, the second most all-time for the program, with the best record since the 1983-84 season. Baxter won 18 of his last 20 bouts and Nicholson, ranked 11th in the nation, won 20 of his last 22. Ryan Williams finished the regular season with 35 wins, adding to his career total now at 94, ranking him ninth all-time for the ODU program.

CAA Duals **Fairfax, Va. 1/18/08-1/19/08**

ODU vs. Sacred Heart	39-6 Win
ODU vs. Drexel	31-6 Win
ODU vs. Binghamton	23-12 Win
ODU vs. Boston University	21-12 Win
ODU vs. #12 Hofstra	19-22 Loss

The Monarchs continued their dominance of the CAA under the head coaching of Steve Martin, going 4-1 at the CAA Duals, nearly becoming the first conference opponent to knock off Hofstra in 59 matches. Martin has led Old Dominion to a 20-5-1 career CAA record including a 9-2 record over the last two seasons. James Nicholson went 4-1 with his only loss to #20 Steve Mytych of Drexel and he also defeated #10 Dave Tomasette of Hofstra for the second time this season.

ODU at CAA Tournament **3/6-7/08****Eight Placewinners, Three Champs****Team Finish: 2nd Place (87.0 pts)****Final Results**

1 st - James Nicholson (125)*
1 st - Ryan Williams (141)*
1 st - Chris Brown (165)*
2 nd - Kyle Hutter (133)*
2 nd - Jesse Strawn (184)*
3 rd (True Second) - Andy Totusek (285)*
4 th - Nick Pullano (174)
4 th - David Mendoza (197)

*NCAA Qualifier

The Monarchs took second for the third consecutive year at the CAA Championship Tournament, but closed the gap on Hofstra to the closest margin of victory since the Pride joined the league. ODU had three champions and qualified six for the NCAA Tournament. Ryan Williams was named the most outstanding wrestler, with an upset of the #2 ranked wrestler in the nation at 141 lbs, Charles Griffin, to win his second career trip to the NCAA Tournament.

Dual Records for 2007-08
17-3/6-1

Overall Team Bout Record: 139-61
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 (W 42-3)
vs. Delaware State: 10-0 (W 48-0)
vs. Lock Haven: 9-1 (W 31-3)
vs. Virginia Tech: 9-1 (W 30-3)
vs. #17 Illinois: 3-7 (L 9-29)
vs. Virginia: 7-3 (W 23-12)
vs. Kent State: 7-3 (W 25-12)
vs. Sacred Heart*: 8-2 (W 39-6)
vs. Drexel*: 8-2 (W 31-6)
vs. Binghamton*: 6-4 (W 23-15)
vs. Boston University*: 5-5 (W 24-18)
vs. #12 Hofstra*: 5-5 (L 19-22)
vs. Bucknell: 8-2 (W 30-6)
at George Mason*: 7-3 (W 32-12)
at American: 6-4 (W 31-12)
vs. Rider*: 8-2 (W 32-7)
at Virginia Tech: 7-3 (W 26-9)

125: 17-3
133: 16-4
141: 16-4
149: 17-3
157: 8-12
165: 17-3
174: 13-7
184: 14-6
197: 12-8
Hwt: 9-11

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Tournament Records for 2007-08
2nd Place - CAA's

Overall Team Bout Record: 149-106
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
at CAA Tournament: 22-11

125: 24-15
133: 17-12
141: 22-11
149: 21-11
157: 5-13
165: 18-9
174: 16-15
184: 19-9
197: 14-11
Hwt: 20-8

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

Win %: James Nicholson (32-7, .821)

Wins: Kaylen Baxter & Ryan Williams (38)

Pins: Jesse Strawn (7)

Major Decisions: Ryan Williams (11)

Technical Falls: Kaylen Baxter, Nick Pullano, Kyle Hutter
& David Mendoza (5)

Decisions: Ryan Williams & Chris Brown (23)



2007-08 Old Dominion Wrestling Statistics

(Including Tournament Results)

Season Dual Record: 17-3

CAA Record: 6-1

CAA Finish: 2nd Place

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	38-11	17-3	5-2	17-8	10	5	3
Justin Belanger	Fr	133	1-6	0-0	0-0	1-6	1	0	0
Chris Brown	RS So	165	34-9	17-3	6-1	17-7	9	0	2
Billy Chamberlin	So	125	9-9	1-0	0-0	8-9	3	0	1
Derek Coffey	So	174	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Scott Cust	Fr	184	0-1	0-1	0-1	0-0	0	0	0
Zeke Donahay	Fr	141	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Roy Dragon III	Fr	285	12-11	2-5	1-1	10-6	1	0	4
Lester France	Fr	149	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sam Hunt	Fr	174	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Kyle Hutter	So	133	32-12	16-4	6-1	16-8	10	2	6
David Mendoza	Jr	184	26-15	12-5	4-2	14-11	7	5	5
Joey Metzler	RS Fr	141	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
James Nicholson	RS Fr	125	32-7	16-3	6-1	16-6	8	5	2
Buffy Okigbo	Fr	149	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
T.C. Pendleton	Fr	165	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nick Pullano	RS Sr	174	26-18	13-7	4-3	13-11	9	5	1
Dan Rivera	RS Fr	165	13-24	8-12	3-4	5-12	1	0	0
Jesse Strawn	So	184	31-13	14-6	5-2	17-7	8	3	7
Tel Todd	Fr	157	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Andy Totusek	Fr	285	26-15	7-6	3-2	21-9	1	0	3
Cam Watkins	RS So	141	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ryan Williams	Jr	141	38-11	16-4	5-2	19-7	11	1	3

Tournament Highlights:

Michigan State Open (Nov. 11, 2007)

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

Missouri Open (Nov. 18, 2007)

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

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

141 lbs: 6th - Ryan Williams
 149 lbs: 8th - Kaylen Baxter

Penn State Open (Dec. 2, 2007)

285 lbs: 4th - Andy Totusek (Unattached)

Southern Scuffle (Dec. 29-30, 2007)

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

VA Intercollegiates (Jan. 5, 2007)

125 lbs: 1st - James Nicholson*
 125 lbs: 3rd - Billy Chamberlain
 133 lbs: 1st - Kyle Hutter
 141 lbs: 1st - Ryan Williams
 149 lbs: 1st - Kaylen Baxter
 174 lbs: 3rd - Nick Pullano
 184 lbs: 1st - Jesse Strawn
 197 lbs: 3rd - David Mendoza
 285 lbs: 1st - Andy Totusek
 285 lbs: 3rd - 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	
vs. Lock Haven	W 31-3
vs. Virginia Tech	W 30-3
Jan. 12 Virginia Duals	
vs. #17 Illinois	L 9-29
vs. Virginia	W 23-12
vs. Kent State	W 25-12
Jan. 18 CAA Duals*	
vs. Sacred Heart*	W 39-6
vs. Drexel*	W 31-6
Jan. 19 CAA Duals*	
vs. Binghamton*	W 23-12
vs. Boston University*	W 21-12
vs. #12 Hofstra*	L 19-22
Jan. 27 vs. Bucknell	W 30-6
Feb. 3 at George Mason*	W 32-12
Feb. 3 at American	W 31-12
Feb. 10 vs. Rider*	W 32-7
Feb. 24 at Virginia Tech	W 26-9

*Conference Matches

Postseason ResultsCAA Tournament (Nov. 18, 2007)

125 lbs: 1 st - James Nicholson
133 lbs: 2 nd - Kyle Hutter
141 lbs: 1 st - Ryan Williams
165 lbs: 1 st - Chris Brown
184 lbs: 2 nd - Jesse Strawn
197 lbs: 4 th - David Mendoza
285 lbs: 3 rd - Andy Totusek (True Second)

ODU Starters Career Records:

125: James Nicholson	32-7
Billy Chamberlain	12-11
133: Kyle Hutter	56-27
141: Ryan Williams	97-35
149: Kaylen Baxter	72-34
157: Dan Rivera	13-24
165: Chris Brown	74-26
174: Nick Pullano	93-76
184: Jesse Strawn	59-36
197: David Mendoza	73-40
Hwt: Roy Dragon III	12-11
Andy Totusek	26-15

2007-08 Statistical Leaders:**Wins:** Kaylen Baxter & Ryan Williams (38)**Pins:** Jesse Strawn (7)**Major Decisions:** Ryan Williams (11)**Technical Falls:** Four tied with (5)**Decisions:** Ryan Williams & Chris Brown (23)**ODU Starter 2007-08 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	8/0	5/0	2/1	17/6
	Billy Chamberlain	2/0	0/0	1/2	6/8
133	Kyle Hutter	10/1	2/0	6/3	14/8
141	Ryan Williams	11/1	1/0	3/2	23/8
149	Kaylen Baxter	10/1	5/1	3/1	20/8
157	Dan Rivera	1/4	0/1	0/1	12/18
165	Chris Brown	9/0	0/0	2/1	23/8
174	Nick Pullano	8/4	5/2	1/4	12/8
184	Jesse Strawn	8/0	3/0	7/1	13/12
197	David Mendoza	7/2	5/1	5/1	9/11
285	Andy Totusek	1/0	0/0	3/1	22/14
	Roy Dragon III	1/1	0/0	4/2	7/8