

## OLD DOMINION UNIVERSITY

# MONARCH WRESTLING

## Old Dominion at Purdue



### Season Opener

The Monarchs of Old Dominion finally hit the mat for the first time in 2006-07 as they head to Indianapolis, Indiana to face off against Purdue. Old Dominion is 0-1 against Purdue with the only meeting between the two teams coming in 2003.

### Nationally Ranked

Christian Staylor was ranked 18<sup>th</sup> in the pre-season polls for the 125-pound weight class. Staylor is the only nationally ranked Monarch but ODU has an immensely growing program including the number eight-ranked (W.I.N. Magazine) recruiting class.

### About the Coaches

Head Coach Steve Martin has led the Monarchs to a 23-12-1 mark as he enters his third year at the helm. In the CAA the Monarchs have dominated with a 12-3-1 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 Lee Pritts, Mike Dixon, and Jon Sioredas. Pritts left a solid position at Missouri to come to the building ODU program and has been with Martin since his inception. Pritts, an All-American wrestler, has coached six NCAA All-Americans and two finalists.

Dixon, also with Martin all three years, brings great recruiting skills and knowledge of the CAA coming from James Madison.

Sioredas is a first-year coach with a wealth of knowledge about the sport. Named an All-American and ranked as high as 2<sup>nd</sup> nationally, Sioredas is now using his skills to teach.

### Probable Starters:

<u>Wt.</u>	<u>ODU</u>	<u>Purdue</u>
125	Christian Staylor	Brandon Tucker
133	Adam Koballa/ B.J. Compton	Cameron Doggett
141	Ryan Williams	Nick Bertucci
149	Kaylen Baxter/ Joey Metzler	Jake Patascil/ Mark Powell
157	Chris Brown	Eric Howe/ Jake Murphy
165	Nick Pullano	Justin Fraga/ Dan Bedoy
174	Derek Coffey/ Bryan Koz	Nick Corpe
184	Jesse Strawn	Nick Skinner
197	David Mendoza	Nathan Moore
Hwt.	Matt Pellar	Chris Kasten

### Jump Right In

The Monarchs are going to be tested early by a very good Purdue wrestling team. Two Boilermakers are ranked nationally in junior Dan Bedoy (165) and senior Nathan Moore (197). Bedoy is ranked 16<sup>th</sup> in the InterMat/NWCA pre-season rankings and Moore is ranked 9<sup>th</sup> among the 197 weight class.

Monarchs Nick Pullano and David Mendoza will be charged with wrestling these two national contenders. Pullano does not shy away from big names as he defeated nationally ranked Keydet Chris Hardy two years ago. Mendoza was a member of the All-CAA Freshman team last year and will be looking to start with a huge win over Moore this Friday.

## 2006-07 ODU Schedule/Results

Nov. 10	at Purdue	7:00pm	A
Nov. 12	MSU Open	All Day	A
Nov. 18	Cornell Body Bar	All Day	A
Nov. 25	Mat Town	All Day	A
Dec. 3	Penn State Open	All Day	A
Dec. 8	vs. George Mason	6:00pm	H
Dec. 16	Citadel, N.C. State	TBA	A
Dec. 29	Southern Scuffle	All Day	A
Dec. 30	Southern Scuffle	All Day	A
Jan. 6	Virginia States	All Day	H
Jan. 12	Virginia Duals	TBA	A
Jan. 13	Virginia Duals	TBA	A
Jan. 19	CAA Duals	TBA	A
Jan. 20	CAA Duals	TBA	A
Feb. 4	N. Iowa, N. Illinois	2:00pm	A
Feb. 8	vs. Virginia Tech	7:00pm	H
Feb. 11	vs. American	5:00pm	H
Feb. 14	at Missouri	TBA	A
Mar. 2	CAA Tournament	TBA	A
Mar. 3	CAA Tournament	TBA	A
Mar. 15	NCAA Tournament	TBA	A
Mar. 16	NCAA Tournament	TBA	A
Mar. 17	NCAA Tournament	TBA	A

### 2005-06 Review

A senior led the way and a freshman followed suit. Senior Adam Wright went 34-7 to complete an excellent career at ODU including the conference title and undefeated CAA senior year at 6-0. Wright had eight falls, six technical falls, and five major decisions.

Newcomer Ryan Williams in the 133-pound weight class came on very strong and went 29-15. He led the team in pins with ten and added three major decisions. Being named to the All-CAA Rookie squad, coming in second at the CAA Tournament and an NCAA appearance capped an impressive rookie year for Williams.

The Monarchs went 11-7-1 overall and took just one loss in the conference in 2005-06. Every one of the Monarch starters had at least one fall and eight Monarchs placed in various tournaments last year.

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### By Weight Class

**125:** Christian Staylor returns to the tune of pre-season rank number 18. After taking a year off to focus on academics, Staylor will try to reinstate his dominance at the 125-pound group. He won the CAA two years ago in this class.

**133:** B.J. Compton, who wrestled at 141 last season, will compete for this spot with Adam Koballa. Compton was 3<sup>rd</sup> in the CAA last season at 141. Koballa was named to the pre-season CAA All-Freshman team.

**141:** Ryan Williams will bump up to 141 after a very successful year at 133. As a rookie, Williams led the team in pins and was CAA runner-up in the 133 pound weight class.

**149:** Kaylen Baxter and Joey Metzler will fight for the spot at 149. Baxter red-shirted last season and Metzler is a high school state champ and should make an immediate impact.

**157:** Chris Brown looks to make a run at the national spotlight this season as a red-shirt freshman. Brown wrestled for Martin at Great Bridge High School and continues learning under the coach at ODU.

**165:** Nick Pullano has become a mainstay in the ODU lineup and will be Martin's go-to at 165. He finished 3<sup>rd</sup> at Mat Town USA last season. Pullano also wrestled under Martin at Great Bridge.

**174:** Red-shirt freshman Bryan Koz and true freshman Derek Coffey will battle for this spot. Both were state finalists in high school and Coach Martin expects this to be a very highly competitive weight class.

**184:** Jesse Strawn, a high school All-American, will immediately join the starting lineup for Martin. Strawn was a two-time state champion and was selected to the CAA's pre-season All-Rookie team.

**197:** David Mendoza earned a trip to the NCAA tournament last season and will look to build on that success this season. He slides up a weight class and fills the void Adam Wright left behind.

**Hwt:** Matter Pellar, a red-shirt freshman, finishes out Martin's lineup. A two-time all-state competitor.