

# (19/24) OLD DOMINION UNIVERSITY

## MONARCH WRESTLING

### VIRGINIA INTERCOLLEGIATES



#### **Commonwealth Clash**

The Old Dominion Monarchs will face five of Virginia's other collegiate wrestling programs in this weekend's Virginia Intercollegiate State Tournament. Old Dominion has won back-to-back team titles at the event and will look to three-peat in 2008.

Other schools in attendance include host team UVA, CAA rival George Mason, Liberty, VMI, and the Apprentice School. Virginia is receiving votes in the USA Today/InterMat/NWCA Team Rankings and have three individual grapplers ranked in the top twenty.

The schedule for the event is as follows:

9:30 am - 10:30 am	-- 16-man Brackets
10:30 am - 12:30 pm	-- Quarter-finals
12:30 pm - 2:30 pm	-- 1st Round of Consolations
2:00 pm - 3:30 pm	-- Semis and Semi-Consolations
3:30 pm - 4:30 pm	-- 2nd Semi-Consolations
4:45 pm - 6:30 pm	-- Finals

#### **Coming to the Ted**

ODU will host three home matches at the Ted Constant Convocation Center this season, starting with Delaware State this Tuesday, January 8 at 7:30 pm. The home opener for the Monarchs will be the first dual for ODU since November. Old Dominion has never lost to Delaware State, boasting an 8-0 all-time record against the Hornets.

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.

Finally, 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 24th in the nation in the USA Today/InterMat/NWCA rankings. Old Dominion has been in InterMat's Top 25 for five straight rankings.

As far as individuals, ODU has four wrestlers coming in ranked by all four major polls. Junior 141 Ryan Williams has been ranked higher than any Monarch under the tutelage of Steve Martin since Christian Staylor reached a ranking of 8th in 2004. Williams is currently ranked as high as 12th in the nation and was as high as 11th earlier this season.

Redshirt freshman James Nicholson has seen his name among the nation's best for the first time in his collegiate career, ranking as high as 13th by Amateur Wrestling News. His third place at the Southern Scuffle Tournament turned heads nationally and he is ranked no lower than 20th in any of the major polls.

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 team best 20 wins already this season.

#### **INDIVIDUAL RANKINGS**

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

	INTERMAT	AWN	W.I.N.	WR*
<b>TEAM</b>	<b>24</b>		<b>19</b>	
<b>125 - JAMES NICHOLSON</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>133 - KYLE HUTTER</b>	--	--	--	<b>30</b>
<b>141 - RYAN WILLIAMS</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>149 - KAYLEN BAXTER</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>165 - CHRIS BROWN</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>184 - JESSE STRAWN</b>	--	--	--	<b>26</b>
<b>197 - DAVID MENDOZA</b>	--	--	--	<b>29</b>

\* - WRESTLINGREPORT.COM

## 2007-08 ODU Schedule/Results

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	34-5 W
	Iowa	13-28 L
	Iowa Central	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	All Day
<b>1/8</b>	<b>Delaware State</b>	<b>7:30 pm</b>
1/11-1/12	Virginia Duals	All Day
1/18-1/19	CAA Duals	All Day
<b>1/27</b>	<b>Bucknell</b>	<b>1:00 pm</b>
2/3	George Mason	12:00 pm
	American	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

### 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.

### Last Weekend

ODU had four placemen at the Southern Scuffle, one of the final tournaments of the year for the team. James Nicholson emerged as a top-tier 125-pounder with a win over No. 9 ranked Dave Tomasette (Hofstra). Nicholson is 8-3 in his last 11 matches and has inserted himself in all four major polls, as high as 13th nationally (AWN).

Three other Monarchs placed, including Ryan Williams and Kaylen Baxter, both placing for the fourth time this season in as many tournaments. Chris Brown was the other ODU wrestler on the podium, placing for the third time this season.

Four Monarchs have won 15 or more bouts in the first half of the season. Baxter and Williams lead the pack with 20 wins, while Chris Brown has 18. Jesse Strawn is the fourth with 15 wins and a team-leading seven major decisions.

### Next on the Schedule

The Monarchs are preparing to wrap up the tournament portion of their schedule at the Virginia Intercollegiate. January and February is peppered with tough dual matches, including a trip to Virginia Tech to end the regular season. ODU will also be tested at the Virginia Duals in Hampton on January 11-12 and during the CAA Duals in Fairfax on January 18-19.

### 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. 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
13. Noel Clavel	82-14-3
14. Christian Staylor	81-31
<b>T15. Ryan Williams</b>	<b>79-31</b>
<b>T15. Nick Pullano</b>	<b>79-67</b>
17. Wayne Gibson	77-20-4
18. Mark Billups	69-24-3
19. Wayne Bright	65-11
20. Randy Payne	61-33
<b>21. David Mendoza</b>	<b>59-33</b>
<b>22. Chris Brown</b>	<b>58-24</b>
23. Paul Cote	57-7-1
<b>24. Kaylen Baxter</b>	<b>54-30</b>

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 .718 winning percentage with 79 wins halfway through his junior season. If he finishes his career with the same consistency, he has the potential to become the Monarchs 8th wrestler with 100 wins in a career.

## **Baxter's Beginning**

Kaylen Baxter has started the season with a 20-7 record, including a win of the 149-lb. weight class at the Michigan State Open and a placing effort at three other tournaments. He is ranked by four national polls and has 54 career victories in under 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 Roy Dragon III and redshirt freshman James Nicholson will see the most mat time at the 285 and 125 weights respectively.

Dragon has already won a collegiate tournament, with his victory at the Missouri Open earlier this season. He also finished second at the MSU Open and has started his career with an 10-8 record with a team-high three pins.

At the other end of the scale, James Nicholson has started the season with a 13-7 record and a second place showing at the Missouri Open. He nearly won the event, but fell to the 11th ranked grappler in the country in a tight 2-4 decision. 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 18-7 with six major decisions and one pin. Brown already has 58 wins in his short career and has slid up to the 165-lb weight class this season and has started 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 was ranked second in the conference for much of the 06-07 campaign and finished 3rd at the CAA Tournament. Hutter knocked off nationally ranked Chad Sportelli (Kent State) at the Southern Scuffle. 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 already 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 has already sealed one championship this season, at the MSU Open, and has a history of knocking off top competition. He has wins against four nationally ranked wrestlers and seven NCAA qualifiers. He's started the season with a 5-0 mark to lead the team. In the wings will be returner Joey Metzler and newcomer Buffy Okigbo.

**157:** In a void left by Chris Brown bumping up to 165, this weight class is still open for the taking. Redshirt freshman Dan Rivera and true freshman Tel Todd are the frontrunners as Lester France will also press for mat time. Rivera was a FILA Cadet world team member in high school and wrestled at 149 lbs unattached last season. 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 58 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 is one of just four Monarchs with 15+ wins already this season. He had 11 pins as a true freshman and finished 3rd at the CAA Tournament. 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	3-3-0	9
2. Old Dominion University	0-0-0	3-1-0	9
3. Rider University	0-0-0	0-2-0	9
4. Drexel University	1-0-0	5-2-0	7
5. Binghamton University	1-0-0	4-4-0	5
6. Boston University	0-1-0	2-1-0	7
7. George Mason University	0-1-0	3-2-0	8
8. Sacred Heart University	0-0-0	0-2-0	4
9. Campbell University	0-0-0	0-2-0	2

**125:**

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

**133:**

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

**141:**

1. Charles Griffin, Hofstra
- 2. Ryan Williams, ODU**
3. Joey Whitaker, Boston Univ.
4. Fred Rodgers, Rider
5. Cory Dunn, Sacred Heart
6. Dave Gilio, Drexel

**149:**

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

**157:**

1. Ryan Hluschak, Drexel
2. Jon Bonilla-Bowman, Hofstra
3. Rob Morrison, Rider
4. Nate Patterson, Binghamton
5. Mike Cubillos, 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. Josh Patterson, Binghamton
2. Alton Lucas, Hofstra
- 3. Nick Pullano, ODU**
4. Randy Oates, GMU
5. Alex Brown, Boston Univ.
6. Dillon Landi, Campbell

**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. David Mendoza, ODU**
2. T.J. Morrison, Rider
3. Kevin Fox, Sacred Heart
4. Corey Waite, Binghamton
5. Cayle Byers, GMU

**285:**

1. Eddie Bordas, Rider
2. Harry Zander, GMU
3. Mike Patterson, Binghamton
4. Jeremiah Fennell, Campbell
5. Bryant Deinhardt, Drexel
- 6. Roy Dragon III, ODU**

## 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)  
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 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

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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  
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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**      **1/5/08**  
**Tournament Preview**

Teams in attendance:  
UVA, ODU, Liberty, VMI, GMU, Apprentice School

Old Dominion travels to UVA for the Virginia Intercollegiate State Tournament this Saturday as back-to-back defending champions. The Monarchs will be seeking a three-peat of the tournament just four years under the direction of head coach Steve Martin. Six Commonwealth schools will be in attendance including ODU, UVA, Liberty, The Apprentice School, VMI and George Mason. Last season at the tournament, ODU hosted and placed 11 wrestlers including three champions. Kaylen Baxter (149), Nick Pullano (174) and David Mendoza (197) won their weight class a year ago and all three will return to the mat in Charlottesville.



## Dual Records for 2007-08

**Overall Team Bout Record: 26-14**  
**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)**

**125: 3-1**  
**133: 2-2**  
**141: 4-0**  
**149: 3-1**  
**157: 0-4**  
**165: 4-0**  
**174: 3-1**  
**184: 3-1**  
**197: 3-1**  
**Hwt: 1-3**

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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**

**125: 15-14**  
**133: 12-11**  
**141: 16-9**  
**149: 17-9**  
**157: 4-9**  
**165: 15-9**  
**174: 12-12**  
**184: 14-8**  
**197: 9-8**  
**Hwt: 13-6**

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

Win %: Kaylen Baxter & Ryan Williams (20-7, .741)

Wins: Kaylen Baxter & Ryan Williams (20)

Pins: Roy Dragon III (3)

Major Decisions: Jesse Strawn (7)

Technical Falls: David Mendoza (3)

Decisions: Kaylen Baxter (14)





# 2007-08 Old Dominion Wrestling Statistics

(Including Tournament Results)

Season Dual Record: 3-1

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	20-7	3-1	0-0	17-6	5	0	1
Justin Belanger	Fr	133	1-4	0-0	0-0	1-2	1	0	0
Chris Brown	RS So	165	18-7	4-0	0-0	14-7	6	0	1
Billy Chamberlin	So	125	5-8	0-0	0-0	5-8	1	0	1
Derek Coffey	So	174	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Scott Cust	Fr	184	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Zeke Donahay	Fr	141	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Roy Dragon III	Fr	285	10-8	1-3	0-0	9-5	1	0	3
Lester France	Fr	149	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sam Hunt	Fr	174	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Kyle Hutter	So	133	13-9	2-2	0-0	11-7	5	1	2
David Mendoza	Jr	184	12-9	3-1	0-0	9-8	2	3	2
Joey Metzler	RS Fr	141	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
James Nicholson	RS Fr	125	13-7	3-1	0-0	10-6	2	1	1
Buffy Okigbo	Fr	149	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
T.C. Pendleton	Fr	165	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nick Pullano	RS Sr	174	12-9	3-1	0-0	9-8	4	1	0
Dan Rivera	RS Fr	165	4-12	0-4	0-0	4-8	0	0	0
Jesse Strawn	So	184	15-7	3-1	0-0	12-6	7	1	1
Tel Todd	Fr	157	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Andy Totusek	Fr	285	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cam Watkins	RS So	141	0-2	0-0	0-0	0-2	0	0	0
Ryan Williams	Jr	141	20-7	4-0	0-0	16-7	4	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

**Dual Results:**

Nov. 9 at Michigan State W 20-16  
 Nov. 24 St. Edward Duals  
     vs. Findlay W 34-5  
     vs. Iowa L 13-28  
     vs. Iowa Central W 42-3

**Jan. 8 vs. Delaware State**

Jan. 11 Virginia Duals  
 Jan. 12 Virginia Duals  
 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 Starters Career Records:**

125: James Nicholson 13-7  
     Billy Chamberlain 8-10  
 133: Kyle Hutter 37-24  
 141: Ryan Williams 79-31  
 149: Kaylen Baxter 54-30  
 157: Dan Rivera 4-12  
 165: Chris Brown 58-24  
 174: Nick Pullano 79-67  
 184: Jesse Strawn 43-30  
 197: David Mendoza 59-33  
 Hwt: Roy Dragon III 10-8

**2006-07 Statistical Leaders:**

**Wins:** Kaylen Baxter & Ryan Williams (20)  
**Pins:** Roy Dragon III (3)  
**Major Decisions:** Jesse Strawn (7)  
**Technical Falls:** David Mendoza (3)  
**Decisions:** Kaylen Baxter (14)

**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	2/0	1/0	1/1	9/6
	Billy Chamberlain	1/0	0/0	1/2	6/8
133	Kyle Hutter	5/1	0/0	2/2	5/6
141	Ryan Williams	4/0	1/0	2/2	13/5
149	Kaylen Baxter	5/1	0/1	1/1	14/4
157	Dan Rivera	0/2	0/1	0/1	4/8
165	Chris Brown	6/0	0/0	1/1	11/6
174	Nick Pullano	4/1	1/2	0/1	7/5
184	Jesse Strawn	7/0	1/0	1/0	6/7
197	David Mendoza	2/1	3/1	2/1	5/6
285	Roy Dragon III	1/1	0/0	3/2	6/5