

OLD DOMINION UNIVERSITY MONARCH WRESTLING

Virginia Duals



VA Duals

Old Dominion University travels across the water to the Hampton Coliseum as they participate in the Virginia Duals this weekend.

The Monarchs are seeded number six for the tournament of duals and are slated to compete against Liberty University in the first round Friday morning. Liberty attended the Virginia States last weekend so the Monarchs should have a decent scouting report on the Flames. The first-round dual will begin at 11:00 am Friday on Mat 3. The winner of the first round dual will match-up against the winner of the third seeded Kent State/Citadel winner on Mat 3 at 3:00 pm.

The National Division of the Duals that ODU is a part of contains 16 teams, including three nationally ranked (Penn State, Edinboro and Kent State), and 47 ranked individuals (by at least one of the four major college ranking polls).

First Round Matchups

- 9:00 am
 #1 Penn State vs. North Dakota State
 #8 Bloomsburg vs. Duquesne
 #5 Arizona State vs. Virginia
 #4 Rider vs. Virginia Military Institute

Nationally Ranked

ODU continues to open eyes around the country with three starters nationally ranked in the new year. The team finished higher than nationally ranked Pittsburgh at the Southern Scuffle and two Monarchs broke into the InterMat Top 20.

Sophomore David Mendoza is ranked in all four major polls; 20th by InterMat, AWN and W.I.N Magazine, and 21st by WrestlingReport.com. True freshman Jesse Strawn is ranked by three out of four: 17th by WR.com, 19th by InterMat and 20th by W.I.N Magazine.

Adam Koballa (133), Ryan Williams (141), and Chris Brown (157) have fallen from the rankings, but Kaylen Baxter (149) earns his first collegiate rankings at 27th by WR.com. Baxter has defeated three nationally ranked opponents this season including two in a seven day span last week.

- 11:00 am
 #3 Kent State vs. The Citadel
#6 Old Dominion vs. Liberty
 #7 Drexel vs. Wyoming
 #2 Edinboro vs. Virginia Tech

Probable Starters:

<u>Weight</u>	<u>ODU</u>
125	Kyle Hutter
133	Adam Koballa
141	Ryan Williams
149	Kaylen Baxter (27 th – WR.com)
157	Chris Brown (17 th – AWN)
165	Nick Pullano
174	Derek Coffey/Bryan Koz
184	Jesse Strawn (19 th – InterMat)
197	David Mendoza (20 th – InterMat)
Hwt.	Matt Pellar

When will...

ODU appear on Friday-
 Win or lose, ODU will be in action at 11:00am and 3:00pm Friday.

ODU appear on Saturday-
 If ODU loses in either the first or second round Friday, they will wrestle again at 10:00am on Saturday.

If ODU wins both rounds on Friday, they will not wrestle again until 2:00pm Saturday.

If ODU makes it to the championship or 3rd/4th place round, they will wrestle at 8:30 pm Saturday.

The consolation rounds will begin at 10:00 am Saturday, continue at 4:00 pm, 5:00 pm, and 6:00 pm. The championship rounds are at 2:00 and 8:30 Saturday

2006-07 ODU Schedule/Results

Nov. 10	at Purdue	17-18 L	A
Nov. 12	MSU Open	5 placed	A
Nov. 18	Cornell Body Bar	4 placed	A
Nov. 25	Mat Town	12 placed	A
Dec. 3	Penn State Open	2 placed	A
Dec. 8	vs. George Mason	38-12 W	H
Dec. 16	The Citadel	30-12 W	A
Dec. 29	Southern Scuffle		A
Dec. 30	Southern Scuffle	2 placed	A
Jan. 6	Virginia States	11 placed	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

Champions Developing the Future

Head Coach Steve Martin has led the Monarchs to a 25-13-1 mark midway through his third year at the helm. In the CAA the Monarchs have dominated with a 13-3-1 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 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 first-year coach with a wealth of knowledge about the sport. Named an All-American and ranked as high as 2nd nationally, Sioredas is now using his skills to teach. All four coaches are wrestling champions in their own right and are building a championship future.

Alaskan Assassin

Kaylen Baxter (Fairbanks, Alaska) has made it a habit this season of knocking off nationally ranked opponents. Baxter has stormed off to a 20-11 record his rookie year including three wins over Top 20 wrestlers.

He knocked out 7th ranked John Cox (Navy), 10th ranked Trevor Chinn (Lehigh), and 18th ranked Sam Alvarenga (VMI). The bout against Alvarenga was the title bout of the Virginia State Tournament.

Don't I Know You?

With the grueling season thus far, the Monarchs have already faced a number of opponents they could see this weekend. ODU has seen and faced off against all three of the top seeds at the Duals, Penn State, Edinboro, and Kent State.

The Monarchs have gone 18-16 against the top three teams already this season. ODU has also seen a lot of 8th seed Bloomsburg and unseeded opponents UVA, VMI, Liberty and the Citadel. Overall, the Monarchs are coming into the Duals with a 60-44 record this season against opponents they could possibly wrestle again this weekend.

Toppling The Top Tier

Old Dominion has made it a habit to rise against top competition this season. Before the Southern Scuffle four nationally ranked opponents had fallen at the hands of Monarch grapplers. Since, ODU can add seven more names to the hit list.

The biggest win of the year came at the hands of Kaylen Baxter when he toppled 7th ranked John Cox early in the year. Since, Baxter has knocked off two more ranked opponents including another top ten grappler.

Kyle Hutter (125) knocked Kent State's Chad Sportelli (ranked as high as 14th) out of the Southern Scuffle tournament with an 8-2 decision in the wrestlebacks. Another Kent State wrestler fell to Jesse Strawn when Eric Chine (24th nationally) was dropped in an 11-6 decision.

Finally, David Mendoza has three wins over ranked opponents with a default victory over Cornell's Jerry Rinaldi, ranked second in the nation, and two pins of Mason's Harry Zander.

At the Penn State Open James Nicholson (unattached) toppled Lehigh's nationally ranked Matt Fisk 3-2. Fisk was ranked 15th. Nick Pullano has beaten Tyler Tisdell twice, the 17th ranked 165-pounder in the nation.

Conference Honors

This week, Monarchs David Mendoza and Kaylen Baxter were named wrestlers of the week by the conference.

Mendoza, a sophomore from Wyomissing, Pennsylvania, was named Co-Wrestler of the week after going 10-2 between two tournaments. He earned 5th place at the Southern Scuffle and breezed through the Virginia States to a first place finish.

Mendoza toppled nationally ranked Harry Zander for the second time this season in the title bout of the Virginia States with a 3:30 pin. Mendoza added three pins to garner a team-leading eight for the season. He is currently ranked 20th by InterMat.

The CAA named Kaylen Baxter, a red-shirt freshman from Fairbanks, Alaska, Co-Rookie of the Week after defeating two nationally ranked opponents and winning his weight class at the Virginia States. Baxter put away Lehigh's top 149-pounder at the Southern Scuffle and then, in the title bout at the States, he earned a last second takedown/nearfall to win 9-6 over VMI's ranked Sam Alvarenga.

Chris Brown was named the CAA Rookie of the Week for all competition up to the 4th of December. Brown's efforts to place in the top four of all three tournaments he competed and his 12-4 record gave him the award. Brown had only lost to nationally ranked opponents at that point in the season and only by a combined 7 points overall.

Brown was joined by Hofstra's Lou Ruggirello as Co-Rookie of the Week.

Mind of Mendoza

After pinning nationally ranked Harry Zander the first time to seal victory for the Monarchs in dual action, the 197-pounder responded with the poise of a champion.

"Ranks are just numbers," he said. "You still have to go out there and get it done. It doesn't matter who's across the mat."

The Monarch respected his opponent that night and again when he came from behind to pin Zander at the Virginia States. The sophomore has only lost four bouts all season and hasn't lost by more than four points in any one bout yet this season.

The sophomore leads the team in pins with eight and in winning percentage at 82.6% (19-4 overall).

By Weight Class

125: True freshman Kyle Hutter will be the full-time starter. He was a 2005 and 2006 Junior National Champion and Fila Cadet All-American. He recently knocked 14-ranked Chad Sportelli out of the national rankings. He is ranked 3rd in the conference.

133: Adam Koballa started the season on fire with a third, fourth, and fifth place finish in three tournaments this season. B.J. Compton is sure to factor into this weight class throughout the season as well ranked 2nd in the conference at 133.

141: Ryan Williams is second on the team in decisions and has the 2nd best record at 17-3 early this season. He is ranked 3rd in the CAA.

149: Kaylen Baxter has won the spot at 149. Baxter has knocked off three nationally ranked opponents including Sam Alvarenga (VMI) in the title bout at the Virginia States.

157: Chris Brown has wrestled to a 21-7 record leading the team in major decisions (7) and in wins. He is currently ranked 15th in the region and 3rd in the conference. Brown has placed four times this season and was named the CAA Rookie of the Week on Dec. 4th.

165: Nick Pullano has become a mainstay in the ODU lineup and will be Martin's go-to at 165. He has a 3-0 dual record and leads the team with four technical falls. Pullano is ranked third in the conference.

174: Derek Coffey has battled for more time in this spot. Ranked 6th in the conference, Coffey has a 7-14 record with a 4th place finish at Virginia States.

184: Jesse Strawn, a high school All-American, has turned heads already in this weight class. He has seven pins and has most recently knocked off nationally ranked Kent State grappler Eric Chine while inserting himself into the national rankings. Strawn was a two-time state champion and was selected to the CAA's pre-season All-Rookie team. He's ranked second in the CAA.

197: David Mendoza has climbed the rankings in his new weight class after winning 197 at Mat Town and the Virginia States including two pins of nationally ranked Harry Zander. He leads the team with eight pins and is the third ranked 197 in the CAA.

Hwt: Matt Pellar should solidify the lineup for Martin at the 285 slot. He has gone a perfect 8-3 in tournament competition this season with a victory at Mat Town and a second place finish at the Virginia Intercollegiates.

Possible Opponents

Arizona State University

125: John Espinoza
133: Shawn Jones/Angel Alegre
141: Robert Galvan
149: Chris Remsen/Cameron Smith
157: Brian Stith
165: Patrick Pitsch
174: Rick Renzi/Alex Pavlenko
184: Greg Gifford/Jake Cranford
197: Jason Trulson/Thor Moen
Hwt: Quinton Pruett

Bloomsburg University

125: Mike Sees/Jason Guffey
133: Ricky Donald
141: Darren Kern/Joe Hasseman
149: Matt Moley
157: Dennis Bermudez/Robert Hoffman
165: Rickey Schmelyun
174: Andrew Jordan/Brian Shaw
184: Nate Shirk
197: P.J. Distefano
Hwt: Mike Spaid

The Citadel

125: Tyler Sim
133: Anthony Easter
141: Michael Arias
149: Levi Duyn
157: Travis Piccard
165: Zachary Filter
174: Darius Caldwell
184: John Dickerson
197: Mark Thompson
Hwt: John Buck

Drexel University

125: Steve Mytych
133: Billy Martin
141: Morgan Remillard/James Thierren
149: Mark Cartella
157: Ryan Hluschak
165: Billy Haydt
174: Nick Kozar
184: Justin Terhune
197: Jon Oplinger
Hwt: Chris Cowen

Duquesne University

125: Jon Bittinger
133: Brad Cipriani
141: Jayk Cobbs
149: Brandon Baldini
157: Cody Midlam
165: Ryan Sula
174: Scott Black/Mike Buczkowski/Will Stroud
184: Jared Ricotta
197: Tim Frank/Mike Bianco
Hwt: James Sellers/Joe D'Orsie

Kent State University

125: Chad Sportelli
133: Danny Mitcheff
141: Clint Sponseller/Drew Lashaway
149: Jason McGee
157: Kurt Gross
165: Sli Bostelman
174: Aaron Miller
184: Eric Chine
197: Armian Ramadanani
Hwt: Jermail Porter

Edinboro University

125: Eric Morrill
133: Ricky Deubel
141: Darryl Cocozzo
149: Gregor Gillespie
157: Matt Hill
165: Deonte Penn
174: Phil Moricone
184: Alex Clemsen
197: Jim Gibson
Hwt: Joe Fendone

Liberty University

125: Christian Smith/John Katz
133: Sam Walters/Zack McCray/Dustin Hicks
141: Tim Harner/Ryan McDonnell
149: Aaron Kelley
157: Shaun Smith
165: Chad Porter/Joseph Son/Taylor Hartsfield
174: Jonathon Campbell
184: Chris Daggett
197: Rory Bosek/Mike Nielson
Hwt: Patrick Walker/Josh Pelletier

North Dakota State University

125: Eric Hoffman/Mike Meger
133: Eric Sanders
141: Gabe Mooney
149: Ryan Adams
157: Adam Aho
165: Mike Quamme
174: Matt Hermann
184: Matt Wetterling
197: Jacob Bryce
Hwt: Justin LaGosh/Evan Hacker

Penn State University

125: Mark McKnight
133: Jake Strayer
141: Bryan Heller
149: Dan Vallimont
157: Nathan Galloway/Jason Lapham
165: Dave Rella
174: James Yunoshonis
184: Phil Bomberger/Mike Ward
197: Phil Davis
Hwt:

Rider University

125: Thomas Lorenzo
133: Matt Bradley
141: Don Fisch
149: Michael Kessler
157: Dave Miller
165: Rob Morrison
174: Doug Umbehauer
184: Mike Miller
197: T.J. Morrison
Hwt: Nick Ciufo

University of Virginia

125: Ross Gitomer
133: Eric Albright/Zach Anderson
141: Kellon Balum
149: Drew DiPasquale/Pete Ferrara
157: Mike Sewell/Beau Fisher
165: Damian Johnson
174: Mike Grogran
184: Rocco Caponi
197: Kyle Narkiewicz
Hwt: Scott Smith/Jack Danilkowicz

Virginia Tech

125:
133: Matt Rosen/Sheridan Moran
141: Andre Johnson
149: Jon Bonilla-Bowman
157: Derek Gallagher
165: Eric Decker
174: Steve Ratley
184: Steve Borja
197: Kevin O'Connor/Tim Miller
Hwt: Jim Powers

Virginia Military Institute

125: Johnathan Pope/Lance Long
133: Tyler Anthony
141: Brandon Franklin
149: Sam Alvarenga/Randy Phillips
157: Tommy Cunningham/Vince Cole
165: John Burton/David Lochart
174: Dustin McCabe/Cubby Elgart
184: Corry Murray
197:
Hwt: Scott Buhman/Leon Barrow/Erik Olson

University of Wyoming

125: Nick Ramirez
133: Cory VamBaur
141: Garrett Desmond/Brandon Gifford
149: Carter Downing
157:
165: Kyle Morrow
174: Bryan Bernal
184: Preston Pavich
197: Chet Slevin
Hwt: Jason Still

Colonial Athletic Association

CAA Rankings And Records (12-13-2006)

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

125

4. Dave Tomasette, Hofstra
5. Steve Mytych, Drexel
- 6. Kyle Hutter, Old Dominion**
7. Joe Coughlin, George Mason
8. Tommy Lorenzo, Rider
9. Abby Rush, Boston Univ.

133

1. Zack Cunliffe, Rider
- 2. Adam Koballa, Old Dominion**
3. Brandon Luce, James Madison
4. Will Powars, George Mason
5. Joey Whitaker, Boston Univ.
6. Billy Martin, Drexel

141

1. Charles Griffin, Hofstra
2. Don Fisch, Rider
- 3. Ryan Williams, Old Dominion**
4. David Emison, George Mason
5. Carlo Farrandino, Boston Univ.
6. Mike Turunjian, Wagner

149

1. Mark Cartella, Drexel
2. Mike Parziale, Hofstra
3. Mike Kessler, Rider
4. Nate Patterson, Binghamton
5. Mike Roberts, Boston Univ.
6. Chris Davis, Sacred Heart

157

1. James Strouse, Hofstra
2. Ryan Hluschak, Drexel
- 3. Chris Brown, Old Dominion**
4. Dave Miller, Rider
5. A.J. Detwiler, Boston Univ.
6. Robert Henry, George Mason

165

1. Mike Patrovich, Hofstra
2. Sherwood Fendryk, Sacred Heart
- 3. Nick Pullano, Old Dominion**
4. Tyler Tisdell, George Mason
5. Rob Morrison, Rider
6. Billy Haydt, Drexel

174

1. Alton Lucas, Hofstra
2. Doug Umbehauer, Rider
3. Nick Kozar, Drexel
4. Randy Oates, George Mason
5. Josh Patterson, Binghamton
- 6. Derek Coffey, Old Dominion**

184

1. Joe Rovelli, Hofstra,
- 2. Jesse Strawn, Old Dominion**
3. Andrew Silber, Sacred Heart
4. Mike Miller, Rider
5. Matt Moyer, George Mason
6. Justin Terhune, Drexel

197

1. Chris Weidman, Hofstra
2. T.J. Morrison, Rider
- 3. David Mendoza, Old Dominion**
4. Jon Oplinger, Drexel
5. Harry Zander, George Mason
6. Kevin Fox, Sacred Heart

Hwt.

1. Payam Zarrinpour, SacredHeart
2. Chris Cowen, Drexel
3. Jeremiah Fennell, Campbell
4. Ryan Kittrick, George Mason
5. Nick Ciufu, Rider
6. Orey Hall, Boston Univ.

So Far This Season:

ODU at Purdue Dual 11/10/06

17-18 Loss

Final Results

Hwt. - Kasten (Purdue) def. Mendoza (ODU)	6-4
125 - Staylor (ODU) def. Tucker (Purdue)	4-1
133 - Doggett (Purdue) def. Koballa (ODU)	13-6
141 - Williams (ODU) def. Cook (Purdue)	11-6
149 - Patascil (Purdue) def. Baxter (ODU)	7-6
157 - Brown (ODU) def. Howe (Purdue)	7-5 (OT)
165 - Pullano (ODU) def. Martin (Purdue)	t.fall-20-5
174 - Corpe (Purdue) def. Koz (ODU)	6-5
184 - Coffey (ODU) def. Goebel (Purdue)	5-4
197 - Moore (Purdue) def. Strawn (ODU)	fall-2:44

The Monarchs held a lead only a pin could beat going into the final match of the day when senior and hometown wrestler Nathan Moore of Purdue subdued Jesse Strawn. It was a back and forth dual featuring several fantastic bouts. Red shirt freshman Chris Brown won 7-5 in overtime, sophomore Ryan Williams dispatched his opponent 11-6 and junior Nick Pullano earned a technical fall winning 20-5.

ODU at MSU Open 11/12/06

5 Wrestlers Placed

Final Results

2 nd - Chris Brown (157)
3 rd - Ryan Williams (141)
6 th - David Mendoza (197)
8 th - Adam Koballa (133)
8 th - Jesse Strawn (184)

ODU had a strong showing at the MSU Open against over 360 wrestlers from 21 different schools. Chris Brown finished a great weekend going 4-1 at the Open defeating three seeded opponents. Also continuing early season success was Ryan Williams with a 3rd place effort. Williams went 5-1 with his only loss coming in a 6-5 squeaker against No. 2 nationally ranked and number one seed at the MSU Open Andy Simmons. David Mendoza, Adam Koballa and Jesse Strawn all placed for the Monarchs on the first weekend of competition in 2006.

ODU at Cornell Body Bar 11/18/06

4 Wrestlers Placed

Final Results

3 rd - Adam Koballa (133)
4 th - Ryan Williams (141)
4 th - Chris Brown (157)
6 th - Jesse Strawn (184)

ODU faced a tough group at the Cornell Body Bar as head coach Steve Martin fielded a roster of nearly all freshmen. Junior Nick Pullano and sophomore Ryan Williams were the only two grapplers with more than two days of official collegiate experience at the Bar. Rookies Adam Koballa, Jesse Strawn and red shirt freshman Chris Brown stepped up to the challenge. Koballa ran the table in the wrestlebacks to steal 3rd from the man who knocked him out of the championship bracket, William Simpson (Army). The four placewinners for the Monarchs also placed at the MSU Open and have garnered national attention for Coach Martin this season.

ODU at Mat Town USA 11/18/06

12 Wrestlers Placed

Final Results

1 st - Matt Pellar (una Hwt.)	1 st - David Mendoza (197)
2 nd - Ryan Williams (141)	2 nd - BJ Compton (una 133)
3 rd - Cam Watkins (141)	3 rd - Chris Brown (157)
4 th - Kyle Hutter (125)	4 th - Kaylen Baxter (149)
4 th - Adam Koballa (133)	5 th - Josh Tyler (149)
5 th - Jesse Strawn (184)	6 th - Nick Pullano (165)

ODU continued its grueling schedule at Mat Town and placed twelve wrestlers. Matt Pellar, wrestling unattached, and David Mendoza came out on top in the heavyweight and 197-pound weight classes. True freshmen Jesse Strawn and Adam Koballa continue to jumpstart their collegiate careers with another tournament placing. Strawn and Koballa, with redshirt freshman Chris Brown and sophomore Ryan Williams are the only Monarchs to place in all three tournaments so far this season. With the tough schedule, the coaches continue to force the young team into high-pressure situations and yet the youth have made an immediate impact for ODU wrestling.

ODU at Penn State Open 12/3/06**2 Wrestlers Placed****Final Results**4th – James Nicholson (125)5th – Kaylen Baxter (149)

ODU sent just nine wrestlers to the intense field at Penn State. Two freshman knocked off nationally ranked opponents on their way to placing for the Monarchs. James Nicholson, wrestling unattached, came home with fourth place in the 125 lb. division after knocking off Lehigh's nationally ranked grappler Matt Fisk 3-2. Nicholson would then lose the Penn State's Matthew McKnight who was named the meet's Outstanding Wrestler. Kaylen Baxter, a possible starter for the Monarchs as a red-shirt freshman this season also knocked off a nationally ranked wrestler en route to 5th place in the Open. The 6th ranked wrestler in the nation John Cox fell to Baxter in the wrestlebacks 10-8. Baxter went 7-1 at the tournament and scored all kinds of points.

ODU at The Citadel Dual 12/16/06**30-12 Win****Final Results**

125 - Hutter (ODU) def. Sim (CIT)	7-5
133 - Koballa (ODU) def. Easter (CIT)	19-6
141 - Williams (ODU) def. Araias (CIT)	7-5
149 - Duyn (CIT) def. Baxter (ODU)	9-4
157 - Brown (ODU) def. -- (CIT)	forfeit
165 - Pullano (ODU) def. Filter (CIT)	t.fall-15-0
174 - Caldwell (CIT) def. Coffey (ODU)	4-2
184 - Strawn (ODU) def. Dickerson (CIT)	6-1
197 - Mendoza (ODU) def. -- (CIT)	forfeit
Hwt. - Buck (CIT) def. -- (ODU)	forfeit

ODU won another dual in impressive fashion taking seven of the 10 weight classes. Nick Pullano notched his team-leading third technical fall without surrendering a point and Adam Koballa grabbed another major decision. All four of the ranked Monarchs earned victories and are unbeaten in dual competition on the season. The team takes a break for the holidays and returns to action at the Southern Scuffle during the final weekend of the year.

George Mason at ODU Dual 12/08/06**38-12 Win****Final Results**

125 - Hutter (ODU) def. Coughlin (GMU)	11-4
133 - Koballa (ODU) def. Powars (GMU)	fall-1:10
141 - Williams (ODU) def. Emison (GMU)	fall-1:56
149 - Baxter (ODU) def. Cartella (GMU)	fall-1:59
157 - Brown (ODU) def. Cook (GMU)	t.fall-18-2
165 - Pullano (ODU) def. Tisdell (GMU)	7-3
174 - Oates (GMU) def. Coffey (ODU)	fall-2:52
184 - Strawn (ODU) def. Moyer (GMU)	6-4
197 - Mendoza (ODU) def. Zander (GMU)	fall-4:59
Hwt. - Kittrick (GMU) def. -- (ODU)	forfeit

ODU hosted their first CAA dual of the year and made a statement to the conference with a 38-12 win over the Patriots. George Mason boasted two nationally ranked wrestlers before David Mendoza and Nick Pullano disposed of each. ODU's tough schedule has put them on the map. Three Monarch starters were ranked nationally coming into the dual and a fourth in Adam Koballa joined his teammates after adding his third pin on the season. ODU tallied four pins and a technical fall in the victory.

ODU at Southern Scuffle 12/29-12/30/06**2 Wrestlers Placed – 13th place****Final Results**4th – Jesse Strawn (184)5th – David Mendoza (197)

ODU earned 57.5 team points good for 13th place at one of the toughest tournaments in the country. Among 32 teams and 62 nationally ranked individuals, ODU placed two. Four Monarchs earned victories over nationally ranked opponents during the tournament and Jesse Strawn's fourth place effort earned him a spot in the national rankings. Kyle Hutter, Kaylen Baxter, Strawn, and David Mendoza all put away nationally ranked opponents. Mendoza would work his way to a fifth place showing at the 197-lb. weight class and earned a 20th ranking by InterMat. Strawn went 7-2 for the tournament and added two more pins to give him a team-leading seven for the year.

ODU at VA States 1/6/07**12 Wrestlers Placed****Final Results**

1st – Kaylen Baxter (149) 1st – David Mendoza (197)
 1st – Nick Pullano (165) 2nd – Ryan Williams (141)
 2nd – Jesse Strawn (184) 2nd – Matt Pellar (285)
 3rd – Kyle Hutter (125) 3rd – Christian Staylor (133)
 3rd – Chris Brown (157) 4th – Cam Watkins (141)
 4th – Derek Coffey (174)

ODU won the Virginia Intercollegiate State Tournament for the second straight year and placed eleven wrestlers in the process. David Mendoza went 4-0 to win the 197-lb. weight class with 3 pins and a major decision, including a pin of nationally ranked Harry Zander. Red-shirt freshman Kaylen Baxter also pieced together a 1st place showing with a 3-0 tournament including a last-second victory over nationally ranked Sam Alvarenga in the title bout. Nick Pullano, like Mendoza, was set in a re-match with a nationally ranked Mason grappler. He won the 165-lb. title in a 3-2 decision over Tyler Tisdell. Chris Brown earned one tech. fall and three major decisions in a 3rd place effort.

Dual Records for 2006-07:

Overall Team Record: 20-10
at Purdue: 5-5 (L 17-18)
vs George Mason: 8-2 (W 38-12)
at The Citadel: 7-3 (W 30-12)

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

Tournament Records for 2006-07:

Overall Team Record: 175-119
at MSU Open: 29-21
at Cornell Body Bar: 19-22
at Mat Town Open: 46-26
at Penn State Open: 22-15
at Southern Scuffle: 28-23
at Virginia States: 31-12

125: 20-15
133: 17-9
141: 29-18
149: 28-24
157: 20-11
165: 7-7
174: 11-18
184: 18-11
197: 17-3
Hwt: 8-3

Stat Leaders for 2006-07:

(Not including Unattached results)

Win %: David Mendoza (19-4, 82.6%)

Wins: Chris Brown (21)

Pins: David Mendoza (8)

Major Decisions: Chris Brown (7)

Technical Falls: Nick Pullano (4)

Decisions: Kaylen Baxter (13)

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