

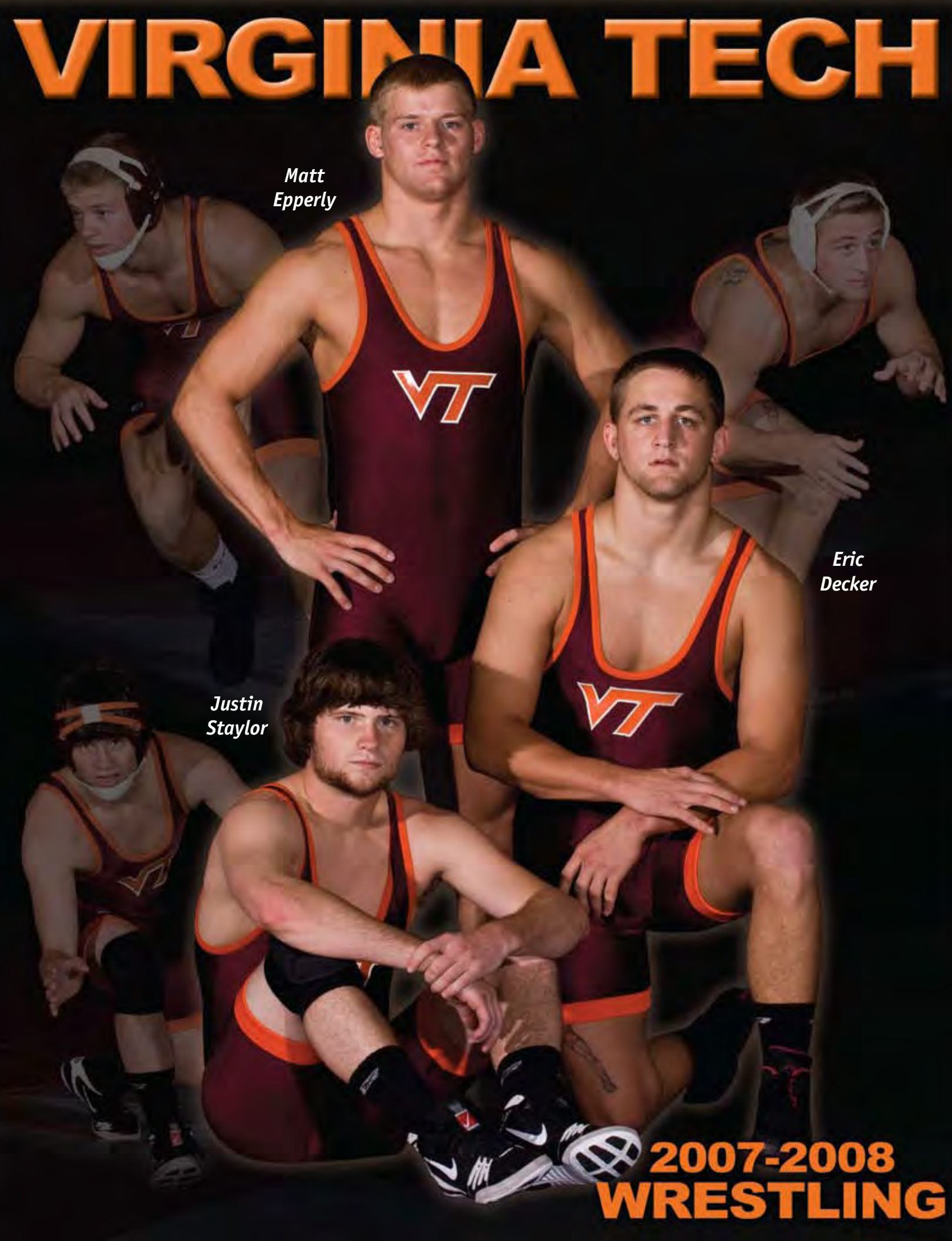
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**2007-2008
WRESTLING**





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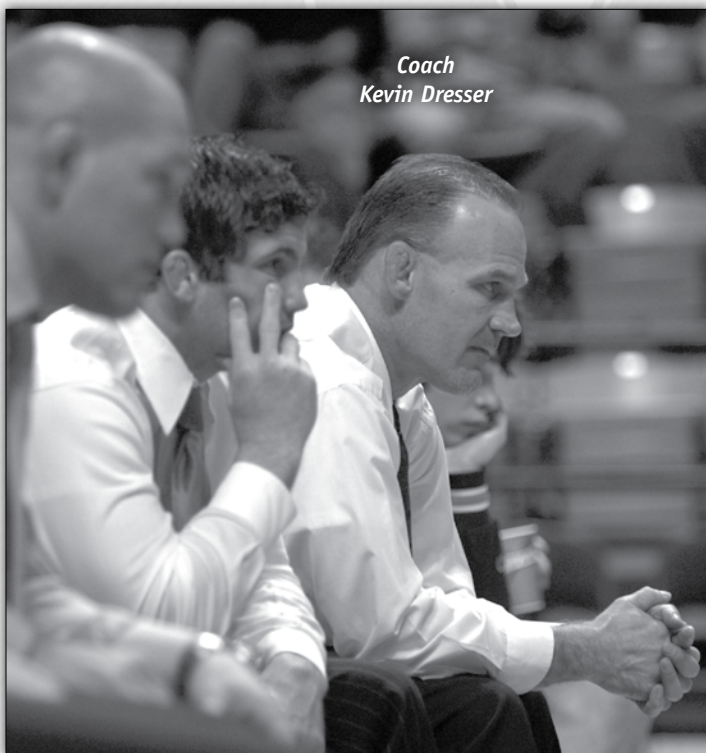
Rector Field House – home of one of the wrestling camps offered by Virginia Tech.



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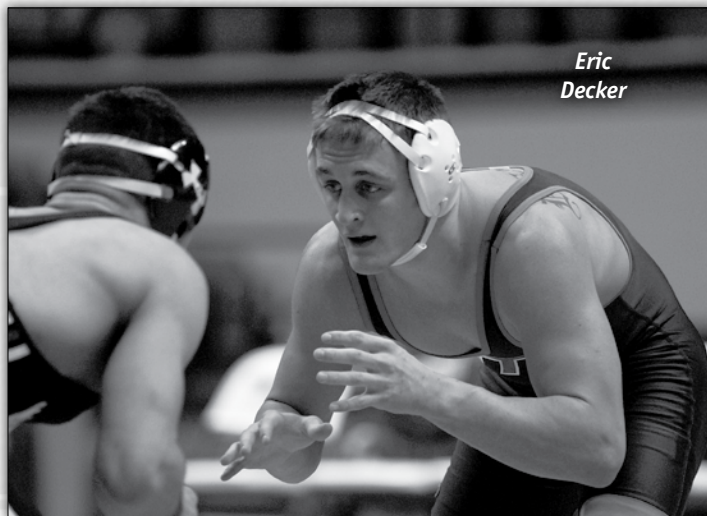
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*Coach
Kevin Dresser*

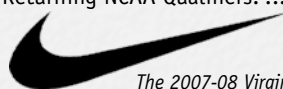
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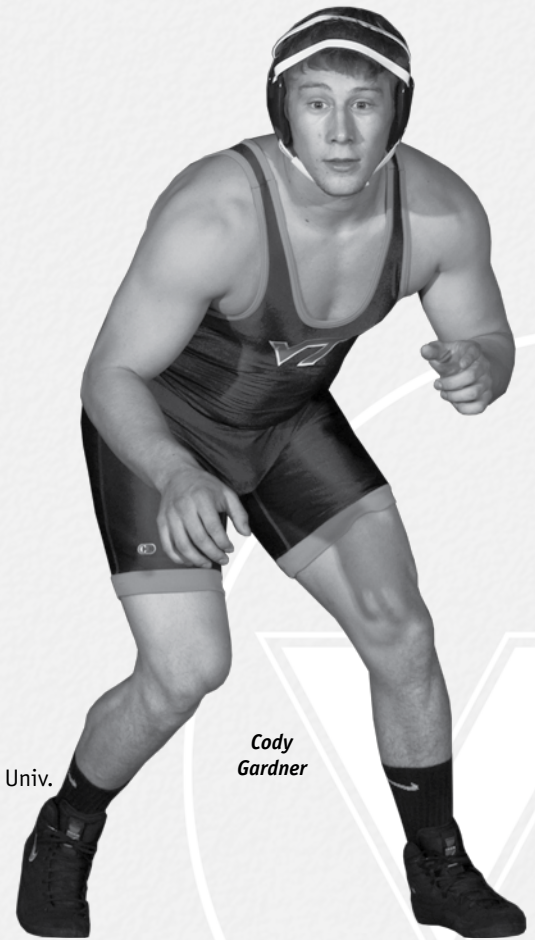
Location	Blacksburg, Va.
Founded	1872
President	Dr. Charles Steger
Director of Athletics	Jim Weaver (Penn State, 1967)
Enrollment.....	28,000
Conference.....	Atlantic Coast Conference
Nickname.....	Hokies
Colors	Chicago maroon & burnt orange
2006-07 Record	6-12
2006-07 Conference Record	1-4 (Fifth)
2006-07 ACC Tournament Finish	Fifth
2006-07 NCAA Finish.....	T-60th
Head Coach/Years	Kevin Dresser/Second
Alma Mater/Year	Iowa/1986
Record at Tech.....	6-12
Overall Record	6-12
Associate Head Coach/Years	Tony Robie/Second
Alma Mater/Year	Edinboro/1997
Assistant Coach/Years.....	Pat Cummins/Second
Alma Mater/Year	Penn State/2004
Volunteer Assistant Coach/Years.....	Nate Yetzer/Second
Alma Mater/Year	Edinboro/2005
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Wrestling Via Email	kdresser@vt.edu OR trobie@vt.edu
Home Facility	Cassell Coliseum (9,847)
Starters Returning/Lost	5/5
Newcomers.....	15
Returning NCAA Qualifiers:	Eric Decker (165 – 2007) Justin Staylor (125 – 2006)



The 2007-08 Virginia Tech wrestling media guide is a publication of the Virginia Tech Athletics Communications Office, written to assist the working media and designed to aid all media members in their coverage of Virginia Tech wrestling. The 2007-08 wrestling media guide was written and edited by Associate Director of Athletics Communication Bryan Johnston, along with help from student worker Siobhan McArdle. Design was done by Allison Jarnagin. Action photos and head shots were contributed by Dave Knachel. This book was printed by Southern Printing Company of Blacksburg, Va.

THE 2007-08 HOKIES

Name	Wt.	Year	Hometown	High School/Other
Steve Armor	125	Fr.	Springfield, Pa.	Springfield Delco
Eddie Baughn	174	r-So.	Potomac, Md.	Quince Orchard
Adam Broda	149	Fr.	Lynchburg, Va.	Brookville
D.J. Bruce	184	Fr.	Naperville, Ill.	Naperville
Robert Buck	157	r-So.	Christiansburg, Va.	Christiansburg
Matt Cusick	149	Fr.	Orland Park, Ill.	Carl Sandburg
Mark Czarny	157	r-So.	Springfield, NJ	Seton Hall Prep
Eric Decker	174	So.	Wells Bridge, N.Y.	Bainbridge-Guilford
Chris Diaz	141	Fr.	Camden, Del.	Caesar Rodney
Matt Epperly	165	r-Fr.	Christiansburg, Va.	Christiansburg
Cody Gardner	HWT	Fr.	Christiansburg, Va.	Christiansburg
Alex Grassi	125	Fr.	Sykesville, Md.	Century
Paul Grinups	149	Fr.	Centreville, Va.	Westfield
Andre Johnson	149	So.	Royal Palm Beach, Fla.	Jupiter Christian
Jared Jones	141	Fr.	Pittsburgh, Pa.	Penn-Trafford
Colin MacDermott	141	Fr.	Norfolk, Va.	Granby
David Marone	197	Fr.	Broomfield, Col.	Broomfield
Tim Miller	HWT	So.	Bassett, Va.	Bassett
Nick Murray	133	Fr.	Bound Brook, N.J.	Bound Brook
Kevin O'Connor	197	Jr.	Woodbine, Md.	Mount Saint Joseph
Matt Rosen	141	So.	Chesapeake, Va.	Great Bridge
Matt Ryan	184	Fr.	Eighty-Four, Pa.	Canon-McMillan
Will Snyder	184	So.	Elizabeth, Pa.	Elizabeth Forward
Tommy Spellman	184	Fr.	Newton, N.J.	Kittatinny
Justin Staylor	125	r-Jr.	Chesapeake, Va.	Great Bridge
Anthony Trongone	174	Fr.	Glendora, N.J.	Camden Catholic
John Wittenburg	133	So.	Mineral, Va.	Louisa/William Penn Univ.



Cody Gardner

Head Coach: Kevin Dresser (2nd season) • University of Iowa, 1986
Associate Head Coach: Tony Robie (2nd season) • Edinboro University, 1997
Assistant Coach: Pat Cummins (2nd season) • Penn State, 2004
Volunteer Assistant: Nate Yetzer (2nd season) • Edinboro University, 2005
Trainer: Sean Collins

Hokies by States

Virginia	10
Pennsylvania	4
New Jersey.....	4
Illinois	2
Maryland.....	3
Colorado	1
Delaware.....	1
Florida.....	1
New York	1

Hokies by Class

Juniors	2
Sophomores	9
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Pronunciation Guide

Matt CUSICK.....	Q-sick
Mark CZARNY	CHAR-nee
Chris DIAZ	DEE-azz
Alex GRASSI	GRAH-see
David MARONE.....	Muh-RO-nee
Anthony TRONGONE	tron-GOÑ (rhymes with bone)



Justin Staylor

MEDIA INFORMATION

MATCH CREDENTIALS

Home matches are held at Cassell Coliseum and are free of charge. No credentials are needed for entrance. Media interested in attending the matches are encouraged to call the Virginia Tech Athletics Communications Office for further information.

COACH/PLAYER INTERVIEWS

PLEASE SCHEDULE ALL INTERVIEWS THROUGH THE VIRGINIA TECH ATHLETICS COMMUNICATIONS OFFICE AT (540) 231-3387.

For interviews with head wrestling coach Kevin Dresser or any of the Hokie wrestlers, please contact **Bryan Johnston** at the Virginia Tech Athletics Communications Office – **(540) 231-3387**.

Coach Dresser is usually available for interviews between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m., Monday through Thursday. Wrestlers will be available for interviews according to class and practice schedules.

At no time will an athlete's telephone number be released and media are asked not to contact athletes at home, on their cell phones or via E-mail.

POST-MATCH INTERVIEWS

Coach Dresser and wrestlers will be available after matches following a short cool-down period. Please make all requests for interviews with Bryan Johnston at the mat-side scorer's table.

MATCH RESULTS

Match results will be available immediately following the conclusion of the match, and will also be faxed to the opposing team's sports information office. Media can access the statistics either in the sports information office or via the Internet. Log onto the official Web site for Tech athletics, www.hokiesports.com, for complete results, stats, bios and stories.

LIVE STATS AND BROADCASTS

Fans and media can keep up with the Hokies via the Internet with live stats. At all home matches up-to-the-minute team scores, individual scores and match updates are available by clicking on the live stats link on Tech's athletics homepage at www.hokiesports.com.

Media Outlets

	Phone	Fax
Associated Press	804-643-6646	804-643-6223
Collegiate Times	540-231-9865	540-231-5057
Richmond Times-Dispatch	804-649-6445	804-775-8085
Roanoke Times	540-981-3221	540-981-3392
WDBJ-7 (Roanoke, CBS)	540-985-3623	540-343-7269
WSLS-10 (Roanoke, NBC)	540-981-9126	540-343-2059

SPORTS INFORMATION



Bryan Johnston

Associate Director of Athletics Communications

Bryan Johnston is in his ninth year with the Virginia Tech Athletics Department and his eighth with the Hokie wrestling team.

He became a full-time employee at Virginia Tech after serving as an intern in the sports information office during the 1999-2000 school year.

As the SID for wrestling, Johnston oversees the scorer's table at home matches, supervising the official book, live stats, the scoreboard and riding time, as well as the announcer. On the road, he keeps the Web site and team stats updated. Johnston also serves as the SID for the Hokie football and softball teams.

A native of Chesapeake, Va., Johnston is a 1999 graduate of the University of South Carolina with a degree in sport administration.

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Live Stats: www.hokiesports.com/wrestling/live

DIRECTIONS TO BLACKSBURG

From the north or east, take Interstate 81 south to exit 118B, following US 460 west to Blacksburg.

From the south, take Interstate 81 north to exit 118B, following US 460 west to Blacksburg.

From West Virginia, take Interstate 77 south (West Virginia Turnpike) to exit 9. Exit and turn left onto 460 east. Follow 460 east to Blacksburg.

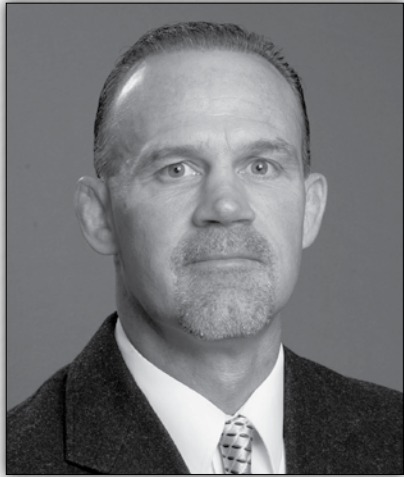
Once in Blacksburg, use the 460 bypass around the downtown area. Follow 460 to the signal at Southgate Drive (Va. 314). Turn onto campus, and proceed one-half mile on Southgate Drive. Turn left onto Spring Road, just before the football stadium. Passing Lane Stadium, Cassell Coliseum will then be on the right, with a large parking lot on your left, across the street from the venue.

Admission is free to all Virginia Tech wrestling matches.



Cassell Coliseum, home of Hokie wrestling, is easily identified among all other buildings on campus.

MEET THE COACHES



Kevin DRESSER

Head Coach
Second Season
University of Iowa (1986)

A new era in Virginia Tech wrestling was kicked off on April 14, 2006, when Tech Director of Athletics Jim Weaver announced the hiring of former NCAA Champion Kevin Dresser as the Hokies' new head wrestling coach. Dresser

became the 12th man to lead the Tech program since its inception in 1920 and has made an immediate impact on the program.

Although the new staff posted just six wins in the first season, it's the progress made that has fans and supporters excited about the future. Dresser's incoming recruiting class features the No. 1 overall national prospect and the class as a whole has been ranked as high as No. 3 nationally.

Last year, he helped lead two wrestlers to the NCAA Championships, including Jon Bonilla-Bowman who won the ACC title at 157 pounds, and Eric Decker, who qualified as a true freshman.

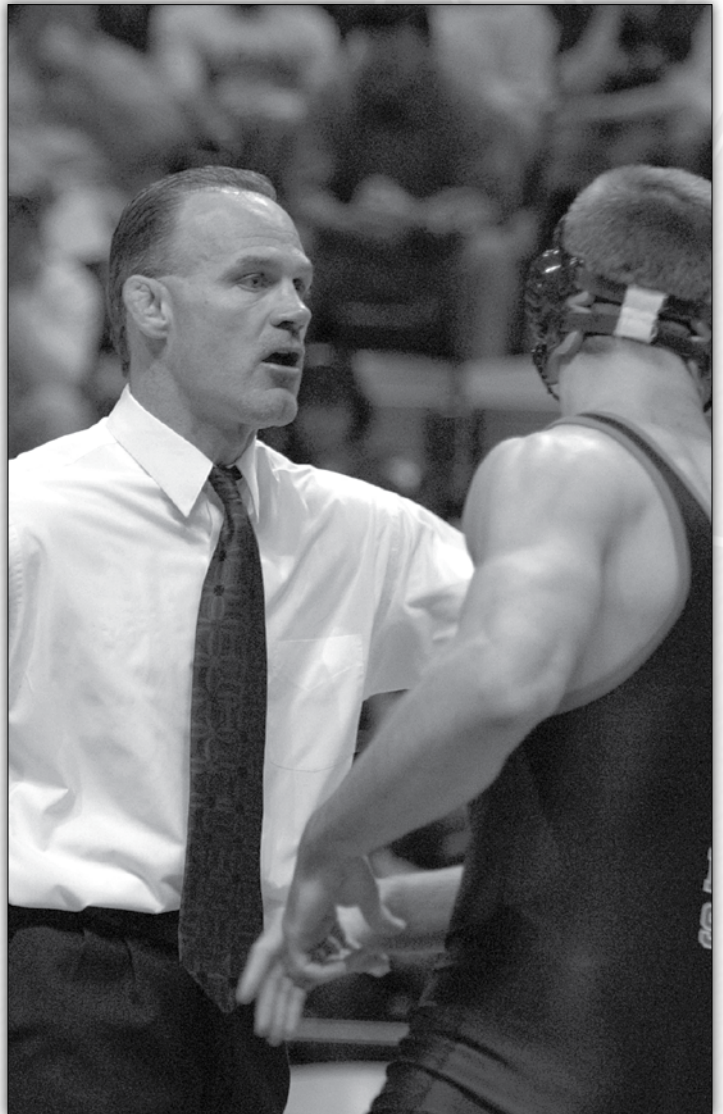
Dresser is a familiar name in the New River Valley as he was the head coach at Christiansburg High School for 10 seasons, winning the Group AA state title five times and claiming second place three times. Prior to his stint in Christiansburg, he led Grundy High School to eight titles in as many years.

"Obviously, we've got a challenge in front of us," Dresser said. "When I came to Grundy and Christiansburg, we had challenges and I think we met those challenges there. This is what gets me up in the mornings."

A native of Humboldt, Iowa, Dresser was a two-time high school state champion at Humboldt High School. He graduated from the University of Iowa, where he won a national title in 1986 at 142 pounds.

Dresser was a two-time All-American (placing fourth in 1985 at 142 pounds), as well as a two-time Big 10 champion. For his performance in 1986, he was given the Mike Howard Award, given to the most valuable wrestler for the Hawkeyes.

Dresser earned his B.S. in general studies from Iowa in 1986. He and his wife, Penny, have three children: Emma (9), Anna (7) and Jack (5). Penny Dresser is a native of Blacksburg and the family resides in Riner.



THE DRESSER FILE

PERSONAL

Full Name: Kevin John Dresser
Birthdate: November 9, 1962
Birthplace: Fort Dodge, Iowa

EDUCATION

High School: Humboldt H.S.
(1981)
College: University of Iowa
(B.S. general studies, 1986)

COACHING EXPERIENCE

2006-present: Head Coach, Virginia Tech
1996-06: Head Coach, Christiansburg (Va.)
High School
1988-96: Head Coach, Grundy (Va.) High School
1986-88: Graduate Assistant, University of Iowa

Virginia Tech Record: 6-12 (2nd season)

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- NCAA Champion at 142 pounds in 1986
- Two-time NCAA All-American
- Placed fourth at 142 pounds in 1985
- Two-time Big Ten Champion
- 1986 Mike Howard Award at Iowa
- Won 13 Virginia state wrestling titles at Grundy and Christiansburg high schools

MEET THE COACHES



Tony ROBIE

Associate Head Coach
Second Season
Edinboro University (1997)

Tony Robie is in his second year at Virginia Tech, serving as the associate head coach of the Hokies' wrestling program. Robie coaches the middle and upper weights, as well as working with team travel, equipment and recruiting.

Robie came to Blacksburg after serving as the head coach at Binghamton University in New York. A two-time collegiate All-American and 1997 NCAA runner-up, Robie took over a program that had been discontinued after the 2003-04 school year because of budget constraints. Before taking over at Binghamton, he resided in Ann Arbor, Mich., for four seasons as an assistant coach for the University of Michigan.

In seven years as a Division I assistant coach, Robie helped coach 23 All-Americans, nine Academic All-Americans and one national champion. As the Wolverines' top assistant coach, Robie recruited three top-10 classes, including the No.-2 ranked class in 2004. His one-on-one work with Michigan student-athlete Ryan Bertin culminated in Bertin's 2003 NCAA championship – the school's first national champion in 18 years. In all, Michigan's team earned national top-10 status all four years that Robie was a coach there.

His dedication and influence off the mat resulted in the wrestling team winning the 2003 community service award at the school.

A world-class wrestler in his own right, Robie racked up a 126-23 record on the collegiate mat. A two-time captain for former Olympic gold medalist Bruce Baumgartner at Edinboro University, Robie was a three-time Eastern Wrestling League Champion and a three-time Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference (PSAC) champion. As a senior, Robie led the Fighting Scots to a

sixth-place national finish — the highest in school history. He ranks fourth on the school's all-time wins list and went on to earn a bronze medal at the 1998 U.S. Open Freestyle Championships.

A native of Erie, Pa., Robie was a Dean's List student at Edinboro, and received the school's Academic Achievement Award before graduating with a bachelor's degree in criminal justice in 1997.

Robie brings strong ties to the eastern wrestling hotbed as he also served as an assistant coach at West Virginia (1998-99) and Edinboro (1999-00).



MEET THE COACHES

THE ROBIE FILE

PERSONAL

Full Name: Anthony Robert Robie
Birthdate: May 5, 1974
Birthplace: Erie, Pa.

EDUCATION

High School: Erie Strong Vincent H.S. (1992)
College: Edinboro University (B.S. criminal justice, 1997)

COACHING EXPERIENCE

2006-present: Associate Head Coach, Virginia Tech
2005-06: Head Coach, Binghamton (N.Y.) University
2000-04: Assistant Coach, University of Michigan
1999-00: Assistant Coach, Edinboro University
1998-99: Assistant Coach, West Virginia University

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- Two-time captain at Edinboro University
- A three-time Eastern Wrestling League champion
- A three-time Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference (PSAC) champion
- Ranks fourth on the school's all-time wins list
- Earned a bronze medal at the 1998 U.S. Open Freestyle Championships

MEET THE COACHES



Pat CUMMINS

Assistant Coach
Second Season
Penn State (2004)

Former NCAA All-American and Real Pro Wrestling champion Pat Cummins is in his second season as an assistant coach for the Virginia Tech wrestling program. Cummins works with the upper weights, and handles a lot of the on-mat training.

Cummins, who is still active in the competitive wrestling scene, came to Blacksburg after working for the Wildcat Wrestling Club at Northwestern and the Nittany Lion Wrestling Club in State College, Pa. It was in the latter city that Cummins made his mark as a collegiate wrestler.

The Lancaster, Pa., native made the NCAA finals in 2004 and finished as a two-time All-American at Penn State University. He also served as an assistant strength and conditioning coach for his alma mater after graduation.

In the first season of RPW, Cummins scored one of the biggest upsets in the finals, beating top-seeded Tolly Thompson, 10-3, in the 264-pound championship match.

In 2005, Cummins won the Sunkist Open and made the Olympic Trials in 2004 by qualifying out of the East Regional Olympic Qualifier. He placed fifth at the U.S. Olympic Team Trials challenge tournament.

Cummins placed fourth in the nation at heavyweight as a junior before taking runner-up honors his final season. He placed third at the Big Ten Tournament in 2003 and second in 2004.

A three-year letterman (2002-04), he went 38-5 as a senior and 38-9 as a junior in 2003. The three-time national qualifier left PSU with a 108-37 career record. His 30 career pins still rank among the best in school history.

Cummins graduated in 2004 from Penn State with a degree in fine arts.

THE CUMMINS FILE

PERSONAL

Full Name: Patrick Durkin Cummins
Birthdate: November 16, 1980
Birthplace: Doylestown, Pa.

EDUCATION

High School: Warwick H.S. (1999)
College: Penn State (B.A. fine arts, 2004)

COLLEGIATE COACHING EXPERIENCE

2006-present: Assistant Coach, Virginia Tech

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- 2004 NCAA Runner-up
- Two-time NCAA All-American
- Real Pro Wrestling 264-pound champion (2005)



MEET THE COACHES



Nate YETZER

**Volunteer Assistant
Second Season
Edinboro University (2005)**

Nate Yetzer is in his second year as a volunteer coach for the Hokies' wrestling program. Yetzer followed Tech associate

head coach Tony Robie to Blacksburg from New York, where he was an assistant coach at Binghamton. Yetzer works with the lower and middle weights while also handling a lot of on-mat training.

Yetzer is a 2005 graduate of Edinboro University, where he served as captain for the nationally ranked Fighting Scots. A three-time NCAA qualifier and two-time team MVP, Yetzer was an All-American as a junior, placing eighth at 174 pounds after winning three matches at the national championship.

As a senior, he went 36-7 at 165 pounds, including a 14-1 dual match record. Yetzer also successfully defended his titles at the Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference (PSAC) and Eastern Wrestling League (EWL) championships. That year, he was named the PSAC Outstanding Wrestler.

Yetzer was honored with the program's 4-D Award (Dedication, Desire, Determination, Discipline) and also was a recipient of an athletic and memorial scholarship at Edinboro. For his collegiate career, Yetzer was 103-33 overall.

In high school, Yetzer was an Ohio state champion and senior national runner-up for Madison High. He holds school records for career wins, takedowns, technical falls and wins in a season.

Yetzer received his bachelor's degree in business administration from Edinboro in May, 2005.

He has worked four years at the Bruce Baumgartner World-Class Wrestling Camps in Edinboro and has also served as a coach for the Ohio Junior National Team.

THE YETZER FILE

PERSONAL

Full Name: Nathan Phillip Yetzer
Birthdate: November 23, 1981
Birthplace: Mansfield, Ohio

EDUCATION

High School: Mansfield Madison Comprehensive H.S. (2000)
College: Edinboro (B.A. business administration, 2005)

COLLEGIATE COACHING EXPERIENCE

2006-present: Volunteer Assistant Coach, Virginia Tech
2005-06: Assistant Coach, Binghamton (N.Y.) University

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- NCAA All-American
- Three-time NCAA qualifier
- Two-time PSAC and EWL champion
- PSAC Outstanding Wrestler (2005)



THE 2007-08 PREVIEW

To say the 2007-08 Virginia Tech wrestling squad is young is a bit of an understatement. Tech's 27-man preseason roster features 15 first-year freshmen, a handful of sophomores, two juniors and no seniors.

It certainly appears that second-year head coach Kevin Dresser has his work cut out for him, but he remains confident because when you factor in a top-five recruiting class – including the No. 1 overall prospect – and a solid group of returnees with a new mentality, he knows this group could be one to contend for the ACC title.

"By far this is the youngest group I've ever dealt with," Dresser said. "As young as we were last year, we're even younger this year. In the first month of the season all 10 of our starters could be true or redshirt freshmen, so that shows our youth."

Here's a look at each weight class and who figures to help out this season:

125 Early in the season, true freshman Steve Armor could be the guy here. Justin Staylor, who qualified for the NCAA Championships after winning the ACC Tournament in 2006, is back after redshirting last season, but must get back to his wrestling weight and shape.

133 The coaches are very excited about this weight class, as two newcomers will battle for the spot, led by true freshman Nick Murray. "Nick is probably one of the biggest surprises in the ACC this year," Dresser said. "He's just doing the job right now. He's one of the hardest workers we have in the room and we're excited about him."

Murray, from Bound Brook, N.J., will be backed up by transfer John Wittenburg.

141 Chris Diaz, a true freshman from Delaware, is expected to get the nod at 141 pounds with sophomore Matt Rosen challenging him.

"Matt's got some academic issues we have to make sure are in order, but I think he could be in the position to challenge for that spot eventually. But, at least early on, it looks like Chris Diaz will go here."

Walk-on Colin MacDermott may see some back-up duty here.

149 There will be some good competition at 149 pounds, according to Dresser. Sophomore Andre Johnson, who was a regular starter for the Hokies last year, will be challenged by true freshman Matt Cusick.

"Right now, at least in the workout room, those guys are pretty even, so we'll have to see how the wrestle-offs go to determine who gets the nod."

Freshmen Adam Broda and Paul Grinups, both from Virginia, will also wrestle at this weight class.

157 This is probably the weight class where the Hokies have the least experience. Sophomore Robert Buck, who saw limited action a year ago will lead the way, followed by Mark Czarny, who redshirted last year.

Dresser also expects the loser of the 149-pound wrestle-off (Cusick or Johnson) to maybe bump up and challenge here.

165 This will be an interesting weight class to watch, as two quality wrestlers will battle for the spot. Matt Epperly returns after sitting out most of last year with a back injury. He received a medical hardship waiver, but went 3-1 last year before the injury and showed promise.

Freshman Anthony Trongone, from New Jersey, could give Epperly a run for the spot. Trongone will start out at 174 pounds, but could move down to 165 pounds if he doesn't win the spot one weight class up.

"Trongone's been impressive this preseason and we're excited to see what he can do," Dresser said.

174 Eric Decker, who was the ACC runner-up and an NCAA qualifier a year ago at 165 pounds, will make the move up to 174 pounds for his sophomore year. Dresser expects Trongone to push him at that weight, but could also make noise down at 165 pounds.

Eddie Baughan will likely see some back-up here.

184 The top three guys at 184 pounds are all true freshmen and the pecking order will be determined by preseason wrestle-offs.

"Based on what we've seen in the past couple of months, I'd give a slight nod to Matt Ryan, followed by D.J. Bruce, followed by Tommy Spellman. We have a lot of youthful hope here."

Will Snyder would also be on the depth chart here.

197 Dresser believes this weight could shape up to be an interesting battle as Kevin O'Connor, who was the starter most of the latter part of last season, will look to hold off true freshman David Marone.

HWT The one freshman everyone is interested in is Cody Gardner, who was the No. 1 overall recruit in the nation last year out of nearby Christiansburg High School. After going back-and-forth with his decision, Dresser and his staff have decided to turn Gardner loose on the collegiate scene based on what he's seen in the practice room.

"There's no question that Cody Gardner will be wrestling this year," Dresser said. "Cody has the potential to be unbelievable, but at the same time he's adjusting to Division I college life. His upside is tremendous."

A lot of the concern with the staff was Gardner's weight, as he wrestled at 215 pounds in high school and with the NCAA limit at 285 pounds for heavyweights, he might run into some problems.

"His weight is not an issue," Dresser said. "He's weighing in at 238 pounds just about every day. We think he's ready to make a big contribution to this team and he's good enough to be an All-American this year. [Assistant coach] Pat Cummins is his barometer and when Coach Cummins tells me he's ready to step in and compete with anybody right now at the Division I level, I take his word for it."

He will be backed up by Tim Miller, who wrestled at 197 pounds last year.

"We are so young this year," Dresser said. "Our results, though, will be based on how we develop throughout the year. It wouldn't be the biggest upset in Division I wrestling if we won the ACC this year, and if everything comes together, I think we might surprise some people."

"There's no question, though, that our team goal is to win the ACC this year."

The Hokies will open with dual meets against Appalachian State, Drexel and Penn with several individual tournaments scattered around those matches before the new year.

After that, the Virginia Duals, along with six ACC meets and non-conference match-ups against VMI, Ohio University, UNC Greensboro, Tennessee-Chattanooga and Old Dominion, will highlight the competition.

The 2008 ACC Championships will be held on March 8 at the University of Maryland and the NCAA Championships will be held March 20-22 at St. Louis, Mo.

PROJECTED DEPTH CHART*

125	Justin Staylor	OR	Steve Armor	
133	Nick Murray		John Wittenburg	
141	Chris Diaz		Matt Rosen	Colin MacDermott
149	Andre Johnson	OR	Matt Cusick	A. Broda/P. Grinups
157	Robert Buck		Mark Czarny	Losers at 149
165	Matt Epperly		Anthony Trongone	
174	Eric Decker		Anthony Trongone	Eddie Baughan
184	Matt Ryan		D.J. Bruce	Tommy Spellman
197	Kevin O'Connor	OR	David Marone	
HWT	Cody Gardner		Tim Miller	

* - depth chart before preseason wrestle-offs

MEET THE HOKIES



**Steve
ARMOR**

**125 • Freshman
Springfield, Pa.
Springfield H.S.**

High School: Lettered four times for Coach Brian Rosenburg at Springfield High ... Placed seventh at the Pennsylvania State Tournament as a senior.

Personal: Steven L. Armor was born June 2, 1989 in Springfield, PA ... The son of Steve and Debra Armor ... Has two sisters, Nicole and Megan ... Majoring in management.



**Eddie
BAUGHAN**

**165 • r-Sophomore
Potomac, Md.
Quince Orchard H.S.**

2006-07: Went 6-6 on the year, wrestling at two weight classes ... Went 6-5 at 165 pounds and 0-1 at 174 pounds ... Wrestled in one dual match, going 0-1 ... Placed eighth at the East Stroudsburg Open ... Picked up three pins, the quickest coming in 2:32.

2005-06: Was redshirted ... Went 3-6 as an unattached wrestler, picking up two falls.

High School: Lettered four times for Coach Joe Hawkins at Quince Orchard High ... Was the Maryland state champion his senior season ... Also won the regional and county championship his final year.

Personal: Edward Thomas Baughan was born August 22, 1987 ... The son of Tom and Cindy Baughan ... Brother, Frank, wrestled at West Point ... Majoring in human nutrition, foods and exercise.

Baughan's Career Stats

Year	Overall	Dual	Leag.	M.Dec.	T.Fall	Falls	Time	Pts.
2006-07	6-6	0-1	0-0	0	0	0	-	0



**Adam
BRODA**

**149 • Freshman
Lynchburg, Va.
Brookville H.S.**

High School: Lettered four times for Coach Don Shuler at Brookville High ... A two-time all-state performer who went 132-17 in high school ... Won the region title twice and his district four times ... Was captain of his squad his final two seasons ... Also ran cross country, lettering four times ... A member of the National Honors Society and the 4.0 Club.

Personal: Adam Ryan Broda was born October 23, 1985 in Lynchburg, VA ... The son of Paul and Margaret Broda ... Has two brothers, Kyle and Johnny ... Majoring in general engineering.



**D.J.
BRUCE**

**184 • Freshman
Lombard, Ill.
Naperville North H.S.**

High School: Lettered four times for Coach Tom Champion at Naperville North High ... Was the Illinois state runner-up his senior year ... Took fourth place as a junior and was a state qualifier as a sophomore ... Placed second at the 2006 Fargo nationals, third in 2005, fourth in 2004 and seventh in 2007 ... A two-time FILA Cadet Champion.

Personal: Daniel James Bruce was born January 1, 1989 ... The son of Pam Bruce ... Majoring in management.



**Robert
BUCK**

**157 • r-Sophomore
Christiansburg, Va.
Christiansburg H.S.**

2006-07: Posted a 7-4 record as a true freshman at 165 pounds ... Went 1-0 in dual matches ... Had two major decisions ... Took second place at the Davidson Open ... Placed sixth at the East Stroudsburg Open.

High School: Wrestled under now Tech head coach Kevin Dresser at Christiansburg High ... Originally signed with George Mason, but never wrestled there ... A 2004 state champion at 145 pounds ... Was also a two-time state placewinner ... Graduated with honors from CHS.

Personal: Robert D. Buck was born July 1, 1986 in Monterey, CA ... The son of Stephen and Barbara Buck ... Earned Dean's List honors while at GMU ... Has one brother, Nick ... Majoring in political science.



Buck's Career Stats

Year	Overall	Dual	Leag.	M.Dec.	T.Fall	Falls	Time	Pts.
2006-07	7-4	1-0	0-0	2	0	0	-	3



MEET THE HOKIES



Matt CUSICK

149 • Freshman
Orland Park, Ill.
Carl Sandburg H.S.

High School: Lettered four times for coaches Mike Polz and Eric Siebert at Carl Sandburg High ... Was a two-time Illinois state champion ... Also placed one other time ... Was part of three state championship teams ... Played football for two seasons.

Personal: Matthew Charles Cusick was born September 15, 1988 in Capital Heights, IL ... The son of Robert and Linda Cusick ... Has two siblings, Colleen and Kelly ... Enrolled in university studies.



Mark CZARNY

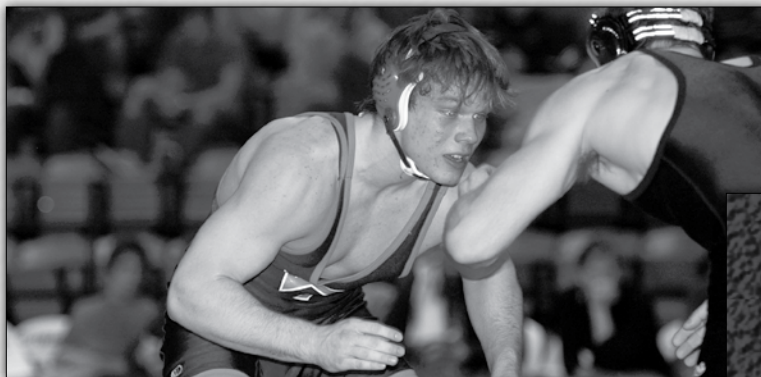
157 • r-Sophomore
Springfield, N.J.
Seton Hall Prep

2006-07: Took a redshirt year.

2005-06: Served as an unselfish team member, wrestling at three different weight classes ... Often wrestled up weight classes so the Hokies would not have to forfeit matches ... Went 0-25 on the year, 0-17 in dual meets ... Saw action at 165 pounds, 174 pounds and 184 pounds.

High School: A four-time letterwinner for Coach Dino DeBellonia at Seton Hall Prep ... A two-time district placewinner, earning runner-up honors once ... A Region III placewinner ... Was the Essex County champion and Morris Knolls Christmas Tournament champion ... Earned first-team all-conference honors.

Personal: Mark Orest Czarny was born April 4, 1987 in Princeton, NJ ... The son of Maria and Jerzy Czarny ... Majoring in finance.



Czarny's Career Stats

Year	Overall	Dual	Leag.	M.Dec.	T.Fall	Falls	Time	Pts.
2005-06	0-25	0-17	0-5	0	0	0	-	0
2006-07	Was redshirted							
Totals	0-25	0-17	0-5	0	0	0	-	0



Eric DECKER

174 • Sophomore
Wells Bridge, N.Y.
Bainbridge-Guilford H.S.

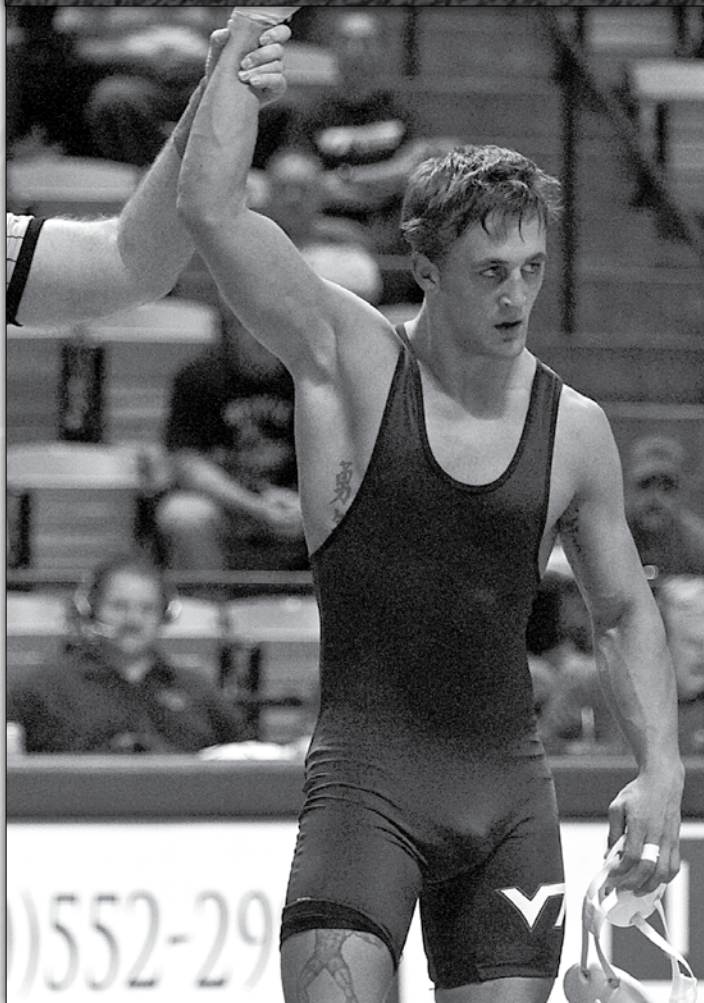
2006-07: An NCAA qualifier as a true freshman after taking second place at the ACC Championships ... Went 24-17, all at 165 pounds ... Went 8-9 in dual matches and 2-3 in ACC contests ... Picked up two technical falls and five pins, the quickest coming in 2:25 ... Won the East Stroudsburg Open, placed fourth at the Nittany Lion Open and sixth at the Southern Scuffle ... Got hot at the right part of the season, rolling into the finals of the ACC Tournament ... Pinned second-seeded Keegan Mueller of North Carolina to reach the finals, where he fell 3-2 to top-seeded Jason Kiessling of Maryland ... His performance was enough to earn him one of four at-large bids from the conference to the NCAA Championships, where he went 1-2.

High School: Lettered six times for Coach Brandon McNaught ... A three-time NY3 champion and six-time section 4 champion – a first in section 4 history ... Placed third at 171 pounds at the Junior Nationals, earning All-America honors ... Was ranked the No. 99 overall prospect in the nation by *InterMat* and the No. 10 national prospect at 160 pounds.

Personal: Eric Jason Decker was born September 25, 1987 in Oneonta, NY ... The son of Debbie and Eugene Decker ... Has one sister, Nichole ... Majoring in accounting and information systems.

Decker's Career Stats

Year	Overall	Dual	Leag.	M.Dec.	T.Fall	Falls	Time	Pts.
2006-07	24-17	8-9	2-3	0	2	5	2:25	32



Chris DIAZ

141 • Freshman
Camden, Del.
Caesar Rodney H.S.

High School: Lettered three times for Coach Dicky Howell at Caesar Rodney High ... Two-time state champion ... Senior national champion ... A three-time All-American ... Placed seventh at the Junior Nationals and second at the Super 32 Tournament ... A three-time academic all-state selection.

Personal: Christopher Juan Diaz was born August 17, 1989 in Dover, DE ... The son of Lori and Juan Diaz ... Has one brother, Josh ... Enrolled in university studies.



Matt EPPERLY

165 • r-Freshman
Christiansburg, Va.
Christiansburg H.S.

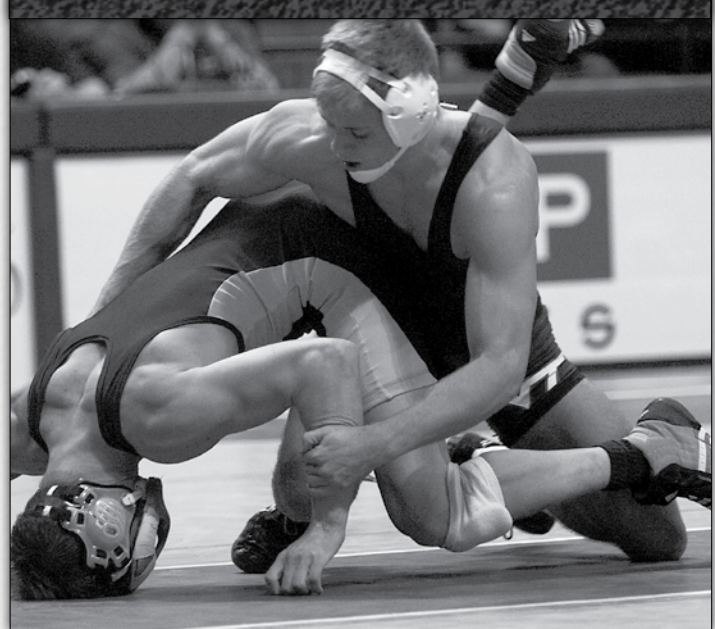
2006-07: Was the starter at 157 pounds early in the season before suffering a season-ending back injury ... Was granted a medical hardship waiver from the NCAA ... Went 3-1 before sustaining the injury ... Had two major decisions and a fall at 46 seconds.

High School: Lettered four times for Coach Kevin Dresser ... A four-time Virginia Group AA state champion ... Placed sixth at 160 pounds at the Junior Nationals, earning All-America honors ... Placed fifth at the 2005 Walsh Jesuit-ASICS Ironman Wrestling Tournament, one of the top tournaments in the country ... Was ranked the No. 55 overall national prospect and the No. 7 160-pounder in the country by *InterMat*.

Personal: Matthew Scott Epperly was born June 25, 1987 in Christiansburg, VA ... The son of Jeff and Elise Epperly ... Has two brothers, Brady and Zack ... Enrolled in university studies.

Epperly's Career Stats

Year	Overall	Dual	Leag.	M.Dec.	T.Fall	Falls	Time	Pts.
2006-07	3-1	3-1	0-0	2	0	1	:46	14



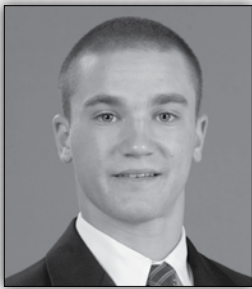


Cody GARDNER

**HWT • Freshman
Christiansburg, Va.
Christiansburg H.S.**

High School: Lettered four times for coaches Kevin Dresser and Daryl Weber at Christiansburg High ... A four-time Virginia AA high school state champion, with a 182-6 career record that included a National Junior Freestyle championship in 2006 at 215 pounds ... The No. 1 overall recruit in the country as a senior, as named by *InterMat* ... Also claimed championship titles at the Beast of the East in 2005 and 2006 and won the Ironman Tournament in 2005 ... The Timesland Wrestler of the Year by *The Roanoke Times* ... Concluded his career as the most decorated wrestler in Timesland history ... Completed a second straight undefeated season and ran his winning streak to 120 matches with a pin in the VHSL Group AA final his senior year ... Won 25 individual tournaments during his career and claimed titles in the Walsh Ironman in Stow, OH; the Beast of the East in Newark, DE, the Powerade Invitational in Canonsburg, PA; and the Big Blue Invitational in Christiansburg ... Helped lead Christiansburg to its sixth consecutive Group AA team title ... A member of SADD – Students Against Destructive Decisions, DECA – an association of Marketing Students, and FBLA – Future Business Leaders of America ... Was also an active volunteer for Goodwill Industries.

Personal: Cody Harrison Gardner was born May 15, 1988 in Willingboro, NJ ... The son of Keith and Sharon Gardner ... Has three siblings, Amy, Maggie and Rachel ... Enrolled in university studies.



Alex GRASSI

**125 • Freshman
Sykesville, Md.
Century H.S.**

High School: Lettered four times for Coach Steven Speck at Century High ... Won a 125-pound state championship ... Was a two-time county champion ... Also won a regional title ... Named all-county and all-conference ... Also played soccer, helping his team to a county and regional championship.

Personal: Alex Jacob Grassi was born August 28, 1989 ... The son of Rich and Lynn Grassi ... Has two siblings, Jeff and Alyson ... A member of the National Honor Society ... Majoring in general engineering.



Paul GRINUPS

**149 • Freshman
Centreville, Va.
Westfield H.S.**

High School: Lettered four times for Coach Chuck Hoskins at Westfield High ... A first-team All-Met selection by *The Washington Post* ... Claimed the first state title in school history ... Won a regional title ... A three-time Concorde District champion ... Stands as Westfield's career leader in wins (157) and takedowns (426) ... Went 44-11 his final season ... Also played football, helping his team to two district titles and two regional runner-up finishes.

Personal: Paul Karl Grinups, Jr., was born December 24, 1988 in Philadelphia, PA ... The son of Paul and Sharleen Grinups ... Majoring in history.



Andre JOHNSON

**149 • Sophomore
West Palm Beach, Fla.
Jupiter Christian H.S.**

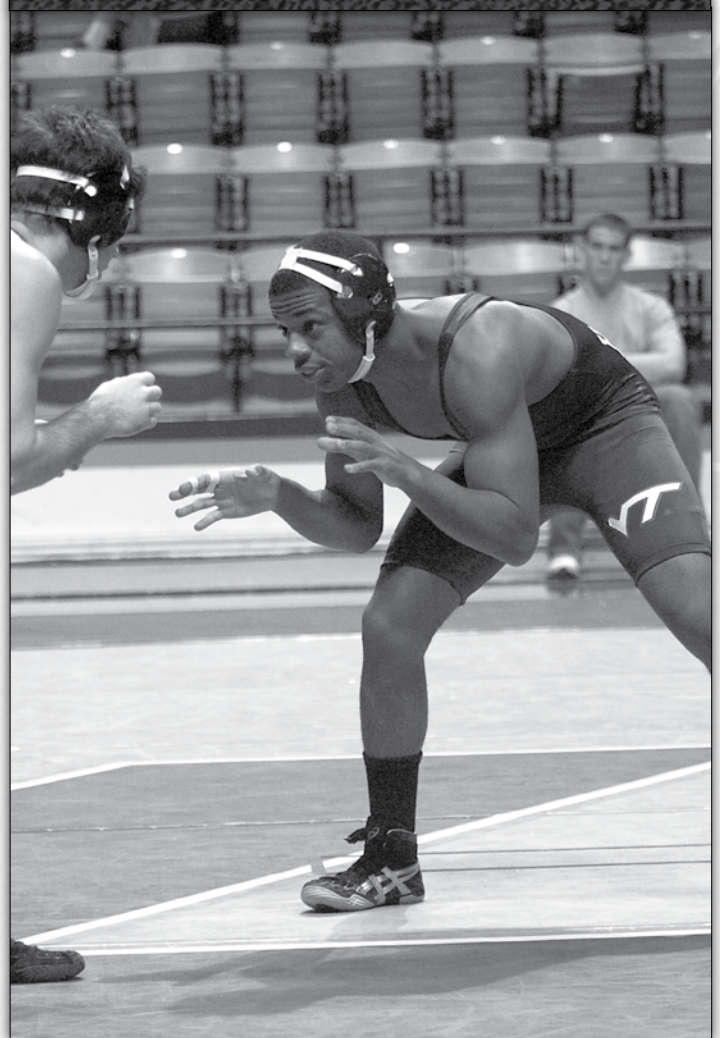
2006-07: Wrestled at two weight classes as a true freshman ... Went 6-14 overall ... Posted a 5-10 mark at 141 pounds and a 1-4 record at 149 pounds ... Went 4-9 in dual meets and 0-1 in ACC action ... Had one major decision and one fall, which came at the 2:39 mark ... Finished third at the Davidson Open.

High School: Lettered a combined four times for coaches Jeff Resscott and Shawn Seldon ... A two-time state champion ... Was named the *Palm Beach Post* Wrestler of the Year after going 53-0 his senior year ... Sunshine Open champion ... Named to both the *Palm Beach Post* and the *Sun-Sentinel's* first-team ... Transferred to Jupiter Christian School for his final season and entered college having been wrestling for just four years ... Originally signed with Fresno State, but was released from that NLI when FSU dropped its wrestling program ... Graduated with a 4.0 GPA and was in the top 5 percent of his graduating class.

Personal: Andre Jessie Johnson was born August 15, 1988 in Hollywood, FL ... The son of Kirk and Vivienne Howell ... Has three siblings, Victoria, Max and Haley ... Majoring in general engineering.

Johnson's Career Stats

Year	Overall	Dual	Leag.	M.Dec.	T.Fall	Falls	Time	Pts.
2006-07	6-14	4-9	0-1	1	0	1	2:39	16



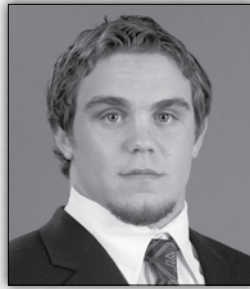


Jared JONES

141 • Freshman
Manor, Pa.
Penn-Trafford H.S.

High School: Lettered four times for Coach Vince Testa at Penn-Trafford High ... Finished his career with the second-most career wins in school history ... Won the Outstanding Freshman and Senior Awards ... Helped lead his team to the W.P.I.A.L. team tournament title.

Personal: Jared Michael Jones was born April 12, 1989 ... The son of Jim and Diane Jones ... Has three siblings, Jason, Derek and Devan ... Enrolled in university studies.

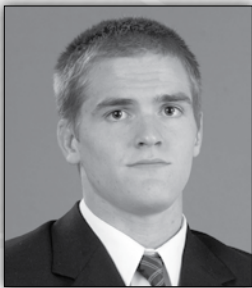


David MARONE

197 • Freshman
Broomfield, Colo.
Broomfield H.S.

High School: Lettered four times for Coach Travis Masse at Broomfield High ... A two-time Colorado state champion ... Also placed second and fourth in the state ... Placed second and third in the Walsh Ironman Tournament ... An honorable mention All-American ... Also lettered three times in football ... A two-time all-state selection, earning first-team honors once ... Was also a two-time first-team all-region selection and a three-time first-team all-conference choice.

Personal: David Paul Marone was born October 13, 1988 in Broomfield, CO ... The son of Mark and Terri Marone ... Has one brother, Vinny ... Majoring in business.



Colin MacDERMOTT

141 • Freshman
Norfolk, Va.
Granby H.S.

High School: Lettered four times at Granby High ... Wrestled for Coach Jay Freeman and former Hokie wrestler and All-American Chris Martin ... A two-time district champion and two-time runner-up ... A regional placewinner and a state qualifier in 2005 ... A two-time Cadet freestyle placewinner.

Personal: Colin Michael MacDermott was born September 29, 1988 in Old Bridge, NJ ... The son of Janice and Michael MacDermott ... Has two siblings, Conor and Kelly ... Enrolled in university studies.



Tim MILLER

HWT • Sophomore
Bassett, Va.
Bassett H.S.

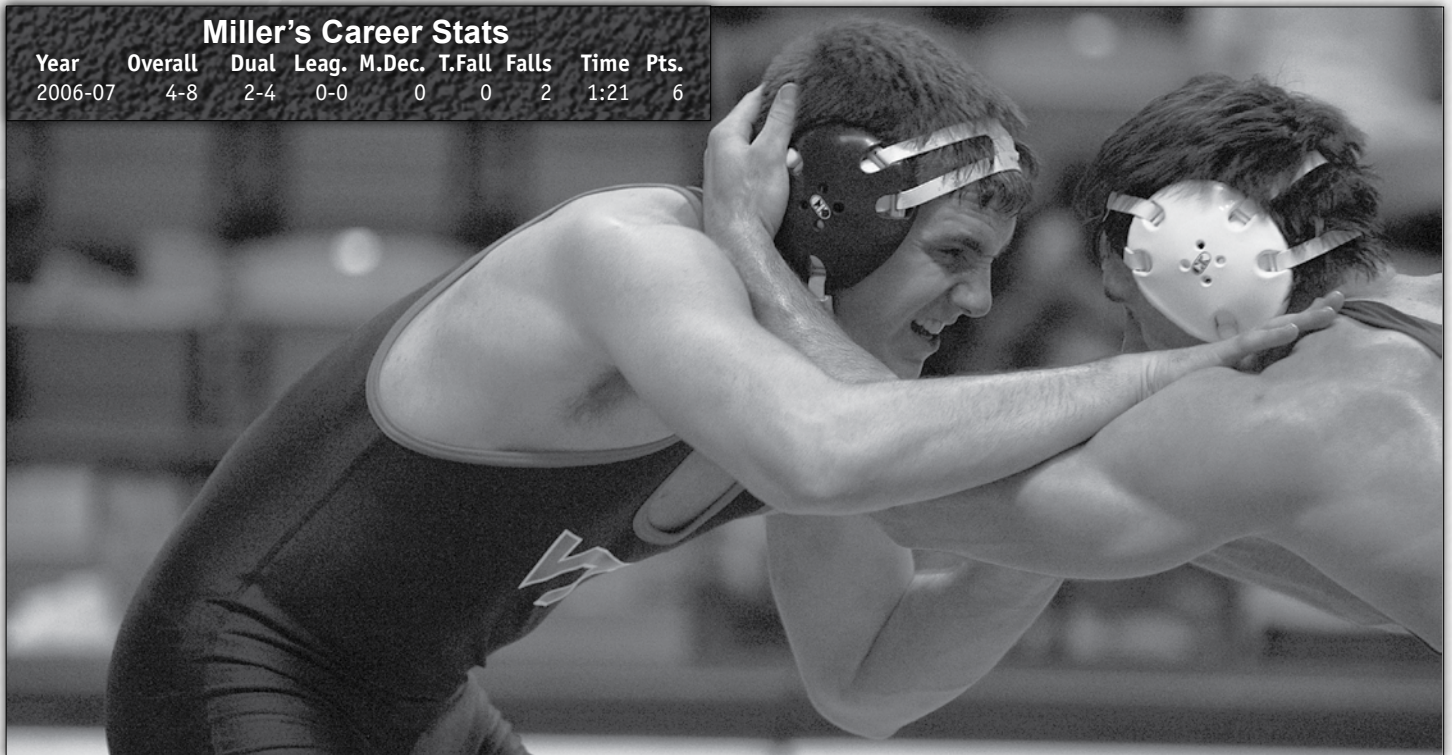
2006-07: Went 4-8 as a true freshman, all coming at 197 pounds ... Went 2-4 in dual meets ... Both wins were via fall, the fastest coming at 1:21.

High School: Lettered four times for Coach Kevin Adair ... The state runner-up his senior year after placing fifth his junior year ... A two-time region and district champion ... Also lettered three times in football ... Was an all-district and all-region defensive end, as well as an all-district, all-region and all-state center ... Played in the VHSL East-West All-Star game.

Personal: Timothy Michael Miller was born October 10, 1987 in Martinsville, VA ... The son of Johnny and Linda Miller ... Has three siblings, John, Heather and Andrew ... Father, John, played football at Duke, while sister Heather played basketball at Wake Forest ... Majoring in business.

Miller's Career Stats

Year	Overall	Dual	Leag.	M.Dec.	T.Fall	Falls	Time	Pts.
2006-07	4-8	2-4	0-0	0	0	2	1:21	6





**Nick
MURRAY**

**133 • Freshman
Bound Brook, N.J.
Bound Brook H.S.**

High School: Lettered four times for Coach Martin Gledson at Bound Brook High ... A two-time state placewinner ... A two-time Battle of the Belt Super 32 champion ... A three-time freestyle state champion.

Personal: Nicholas Murray was born September 27, 1988 in Plainfield, NJ ... The son of Bob and Jean Murray ... Has two siblings, Robert and Carly ... Graduated high school summa cum laude ... Majoring in general engineering.



**Kevin
O'CONNOR**

**197 • Junior
Woodbine, Md.
Mount Saint Joseph H.S.**

2006-07: Posted a 3-10 overall record, all at 197 pounds ... Went 3-8 in dual meet action and 1-4 in ACC competition ... Had one major decision.

2005-06: Began the season with the team, but never saw varsity action ... Was sidelined for the year with an injury.

High School: A three-sport standout at Glenelg High before finishing his career at Mount Saint Joseph ... Finished third at the National Preps, fifth at the Ironman and fifth at the Powerade Tournaments ... Lettered twice in wrestling, football and lacrosse before transferring ... Earned defensive player of the year honors in football.

Personal: Kevin Michael O'Connor was born March 7, 1987 ... The son of Daniel and Martha O'Connor ... Brother, Jimmy, is a former captain of the University of North Carolina wrestling team while sister, Kelly, is a former captain of the University of Delaware lacrosse team ... Majoring in apparel, housing and resource management.

O'Connor's Career Stats

Year	Overall	Dual	Leag.	M.Dec.	T.Fall	Falls	Time	Pts.
2006-07	3-10	3-8	1-4	1	0	0	-	10



**Matt
ROSEN**

**141 • Sophomore
Chesapeake, Va.
Great Bridge H.S.**

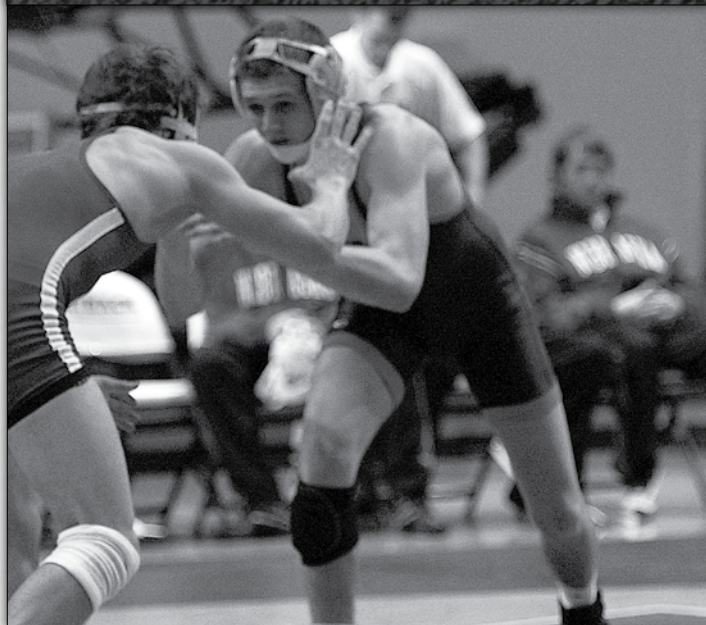
2006-07: Was a starter at two different weight classes as a true freshman ... Went 10-15 overall ... Posted an 8-7 mark at 133 pounds and a 2-8 record at 141 pounds ... Had one technical fall and one pin, which came at the 3:56 mark ... Won the Davidson Open at 133 pounds.

High School: Lettered four times for Coach Norm Smith ... Was a four-time placewinner at the state Group AAA tournament ... A four-time placewinner at the Ironman Tournament ... Placed seventh at the 2006 Beast of the East Tournament ... Was ranked the No. 126 product in the country by *InterMat*.

Personal: Matthew Christopher Rosen was born February 10, 1987 in Hampton, VA ... The son of Claudia and Whit Rosen ... Has two brothers, Thomas and Jeremy ... Enrolled in university studies.

Rosen's Career Stats

Year	Overall	Dual	Leag.	M.Dec.	T.Fall	Falls	Time	Pts.
2006-07	10-15	5-11	1-4	0	1	1	3:56	18



**Matt
RYAN**

**184 • Freshman
Eighty-Four, Pa.
Canon-McMillan H.S.**

High School: Lettered four times for Coach Chris Mary at Canon-McMillan High School ... A two-time state runner up ... WPIAL champion.

Personal: Matthew Alan Ryan was born on January 13, 1989 in Pittsburgh, PA ... The son of Daniel and Joyce Ryan ... Has two brothers, Mike and Colin ... Enrolled in food, science and technology.



Will SNYDER

**197 • Sophomore
Elizabeth, Pa.
Elizabeth Forward H.S.**

2006-07: Saw limited action as a true freshman ... Went 0-2 on the season with both matches coming at the East Stroudsburg Open ... Wrestled at 197 pounds.

High School: Lettered four times for coaches Rich Schevermann and Jeff Esper at Elizabeth Forward High ... Was a three-time All-Allegheny County wrestler ... Also was a three-year captain, winning 102 career matches ... Lettered four times in football ... Was captain his senior year, starting along the offensive and defensive lines for three seasons ... Started at center in the Foothills Classic, an all-star game ... Also ran track for four years, earning captain status his final season ... Named the CALU/Valley Independent Student-Athlete of the Year.

Personal: William Robert Snyder was born November 23, 1987 in Pittsburgh, PA ... The son of William and Bobbi Snyder ... Has one brother, Adam ... Majoring in industrial design.

Snyder's Career Stats

Year	Overall	Dual	Leag.	M.Dec.	T.Fall	Falls	Time	Pts.
2006-07	0-2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	-	0



Tommy SPELLMAN

**184 • Freshman
Newton, N.J.
Kittatinny H.S.**

High School: Lettered four times for Coach John Gill at Kittatinny Regional High School ... A four-time state placewinner... A four-time semifinalist ... Also played baseball and football.

Personal: Thomas Booth Spellman was born September 14, 1988 in Newton, NJ ... The son of Ken and Deb Spellman ... Has two sisters, Janessa and Danielle ... Enrolled in university studies.



Justin STAYLOR

**125 • r-Junior
Chesapeake, Va.
Great Bridge H.S.**

2006-07: Took a redshirt year to focus on his academics.

2005-06: Earned his first bid to the NCAA Championships by winning the 125-pound class at the ACC Championships ... Defeated UNC's Bobby Shaw in the finals to claim the berth ... Went 0-2 at the Championships ... Finished the season with a 25-12 record ... Went 11-5 in dual meets and 4-1 in ACC competition ... Picked up three major decisions, one technical fall and seven falls ... Fastest fall came at 30 seconds, against Javier Maldonado of Tennessee-Chattanooga ... Won the West Virginia Open ... Placed third at the Nittany Lion Open and seventh at the Southern Scuffle.

2004-05: Stormed onto the Virginia Tech wrestling scene in his rookie

campaign by winning six out of his first seven matches by fall ... Signature win was a 54-second pin over Nathan Costello of Ohio State, sparking the Hokies to their first-ever win over the Buckeyes ... Finished second on the team with 13 falls in 37 matches ... Finished 14-6 in dual matches, undefeated in Atlantic Coast Conference matches with a 5-0 record ... Was runner-up at 125 pounds in first ACC Tournament, earning All-ACC honors ... Recorded two major decisions and finished the season fourth on the team with 70 dual match points ... Defeated No. 14-ranked Joe Kemmerer of UNC Greensboro, 8-7, on Feb. 12 for his first career upset over a ranked opponent ... Fastest fall was 43-second pin over Donald Butler of Cumberland College in his first match of the Carolina-Irwin Open, fourth-fastest time on the Tech squad in 2005 ... Placed second at Navy Classic and third at the Carolina-Irwin Open.

High School: Lettered four times for Coach Steve Martin at Great Bridge High ... Won the 2004 Virginia AAA State title as a senior, going 49-5 ... Started two years at 103 pounds and two years at 119 ... Won the national title at the NHSCA Freestyle tournament in Birmingham, AL in 2000 ... Had a career prep record of 112-28.

Personal: Justin Jon Staylor was born August 10, 1985 in Norfolk, VA ... The son of John and Julie Staylor ... Brother, Jody, was an NCAA runner-up at North Carolina ... Brother, Christian, qualified for the NCAA Championships at Arizona State before transferring to Old Dominion and qualifying there ... Also has a sister, Carrie, and a younger brother, Casey, who wrestles at Great Bridge ... Majoring in liberal arts and human sciences.

Staylor's Career Stats

Year	Overall	Dual	Leag.	M.Dec.	T.Fall	Falls	Time	Pts.
2004-05	26-11	14-6	5-0	2	0	13	:54	70
2005-06	25-12	11-5	4-1	3	1	7	:30	47
2006-07	Was redshirted							
Totals	51-23	25-11	9-1	5	1	20	:30	117

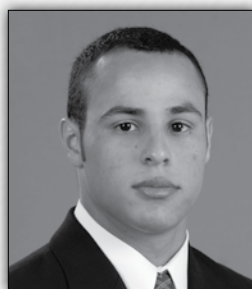


Anthony TRONGONE

**174 • Freshman
Glendora, N.J.
Camden Catholic H.S.**

High School: Lettered four times at Camden Catholic High School for Coach Pete DiPol ... New Jersey state champion ... A three-time district champion ... A two-time regional champion.

Personal: Anthony Trongone was born on December 18, 1987 in Voorhees, NJ ... The son of Tony and Linda Trongone ... Has two siblings, Tara and Nick ... Enrolled in university studies.



JOHN WITTENBURG

**133 • Sophomore
Mineral, Va.
Louisa County H.S.
(William Penn Univ.)**

High School: John lettered four times at the 119-weight class for Coach Chris Witlow at Louisa County High School ... A four-time district champion ... A one-time regional champion ... A one-time state champion.

College: Wrestled at the 133-pound weight class for Gary Garvis for one year at William Penn University.

Personal: John Wittenburg was born on July 24, 1988 ... The son of Wayne and Rosa Wittenburg ... Has two sisters, Mary and Sara ... Majoring in political science.

2006-07 IN REVIEW

The 2006-07 Virginia Tech wrestling squad, under new head coach Kevin Dresser, spent the year in transition. Gone was most of the highly regarded class from two years ago as most of them followed former coach Tom Brands to the University of Iowa. And with that, gone were the hopes of becoming a player on the national wrestling scene ... for now.

Under Dresser, the Hokies have been slowly building to get back to the promising future of just a few years ago. A top-five recruiting class, led by the nation's No. 1 overall prospect highlighted Dresser's first recruiting class and fueled the fire of great things to come.

In the meantime, the Tech grapplers had to scratch and claw for everything they got last year, often competing in weight classes they had no place being in, just to fill a spot in the lineup and prevent a forfeit. Through it all, however, Tech won six matches, had several wrestlers win individual tournaments, competed well in the ACC and had two athletes advance to the NCAA Championships.

The season, and Dresser's regime, started on a high note as Tech won all four matches at the Hokie Classic. The Hokies opened things up with a 41-6 win over James Madison, followed by a 40-6 win over Liberty, a 29-13 victory over Gardner-Webb and a 27-12 defeat of Anderson.

In Tech's second match of the day, it fell behind to a scrappy Liberty team 7-4 before five of the next six wrestlers picked up pins for the Hokies. Andre Johnson, Jon Bonilla-Bowman, Eric Decker, Steve Ratley and fourth-ranked Steve Borja picked up falls while Matt Epperly recorded a major decision to quickly put the match out of reach.

Against Gardner-Webb, the Bulldogs took a 10-4 lead after four matches, but the strong middle weights of the Hokies quickly closed that gap and gave Tech a big lead. After Bonilla-Bowman picked up a major decision, Epperly recorded his first collegiate pin, coming in just 46 seconds, followed by pins from Decker and Ratley and a hard-fought, come-from-behind victory by Borja.

In the final match, Tech and Anderson wrestled on two mats to speed up the long day. Robert Buck picked up his first collegiate win with a 5-2 decision while Borja picked up a pin in 16 seconds, by far the fastest of his career.

Ratley went 4-0, picking up four wins, all via pin. Borja went 4-0 with two pins and Epperly, a Christiansburg native, went 3-0. Decker went 3-0 with two pins and a technical fall while Bonilla-Bowman also went 3-0. It would be the last dual meet of the season for Epperly, who suffered a back injury and was sidelined for the remainder of the season, leaving a big hole in the middle of the lineup.

After a loss at Tennessee-Chattanooga, the Hokies dropped a home contest to 18th-ranked Nebraska on Nov. 24. It would be the last dual meet for the team until early January as the athletes headed to different tournaments around the region and nation.

Borja headed to Omaha, Neb., to compete in the prestigious Kaufman-Brand Open, where he took a strong third place at 184 pounds. That same weekend, numerous Tech athletes went to the East Stroudsburg Open in Pennsylvania. Decker won his 165-pound class while Bonilla-Bowman took third at 149 pounds to highlight the day.

The next weekend, half of the team went to the Davidson Open in North Carolina and the other half went to the Nittany Lion Open on the campus of Penn State.

At the Davidson Open, freshman Matt Rosen won his 133-pound class while Buck (165 pounds) and Jim Powers (heavyweight) took second in their respective classes and Johnson placed third at 141 pounds.

Up North, both Decker and Borja placed fourth in a tough event while Ratley took fifth. Following the Nittany Lion Open, Ratley was named the Atlantic Coast Conference's Co-Wrestler of the Week for his work over the previous two weeks.

Ratley defeated Nebraska's Casey Roberts on Nov. 24 by fall in 1:22 and then went 7-1 at the Nittany Lion Open. Of Ratley's seven wins, six were by fall with an average pin time of 2:04. Ratley began the Open with a pin (3:55) of Michigan State's Blake Mesyn followed by his only loss of the tournament to Navy's Mark Stolpinsky, ranked No. 20 nationally, by an 11-4 decision. The Arlington, Va., native bounced right back in his next match, earning a technical fall shutout, downing Jeff Blowers of Buffalo 15-0. Ratley closed

DATE	OPPONENT	LOCATION	RESULT/SCORE
11/5/06	James Madison	Blacksburg, Va.	W, 41-6
	Liberty	Blacksburg, Va.	W, 40-6
	Gardner-Webb	Blacksburg, Va.	W, 29-13
	Anderson	Blacksburg, Va.	W, 27-12
11/11/06	Tennessee-Chattanooga	Chattanooga, Tenn.	L, 9-29
11/24/06	No. 18 Nebraska	Blacksburg, Va.	L, 9-34
1/3/07	Ohio University	Athens, Ohio	L, 9-37
1/12/07	No. 12 Edinboro	Hampton, Va.	L, 0-43
	Wyoming	Hampton, Va.	W, 20-17
1/13/07	Bloomsburg	Hampton, Va.	L, 6-39
1/20/07	Maryland *	Blacksburg, Va.	L, 9-30
1/27/07	North Carolina *	Chapel Hill, N.C.	L, 15-25
1/28/07	Virginia *	Richmond, Va.	L, 9-25
1/31/07	UNC Greensboro	Greensboro, N.C.	L, 15-27
2/8/07	Old Dominion	Norfolk, Va.	L, 10-31
2/10/07	Duke *	Christiansburg, Va.	W, 28-12
2/16/07	No. 2 Iowa State	Blacksburg, Va.	L, 3-42
2/18/07	NC State *	Raleigh, N.C.	L, 6-41

* - denotes ACC Match

out the tournament with five straight first-period pins, including a fall in the fifth-place match.

Following a break for the Holidays, the Hokies re-convened for the Southern Scuffle in Greensboro, N.C. It wasn't the best of results as Decker's sixth-place finish was the high for the Hokies. At the event, Ratley wasted little time in breaking the school's single-season pin record, picking up his 16th pin of the season in his first match of the day. After recording three first-period pins on Friday, Ratley got the record-breaker 18 seconds into the second period, sticking Michael Metzger of Lock Haven at the 3:18 mark. Ratley surpassed Sean Gray (2001-02) and David Hoffman (2004-05) for the school's single-season pins mark of 15 and finished the season with 18.

After a loss on the road to Ohio University, Tech headed east for the Virginia Duals, one of the longest-running team wrestling tournaments in the nation. Tech lost its opener to No. 12 Edinboro, but bounced back to take out Wyoming 20-17 in an exciting match. Each team won five matches, but Tech used an unexpected technical fall from Derek Gallagher to spark a comeback from an 11-0 deficit.

Gallagher used a late flurry to pick up a 22-7 technical fall over Alex Rieder. The freshman from Chesapeake, Va., picked up two takedowns in the last 15 seconds, including one at the final buzzer to pick up the 22-7 win and thus earning five team points for the Hokies. That would be the last win for a while for the young squad as it went on a six-match losing streak, including three to start ACC action.

That streak was broken on Feb. 10 as Tech got things together to post a 28-12 conference win over Duke at Christiansburg High School, a place where Dresser had incredible success as a coach before making the move to the collegiate ranks.

With the match still in the balance, Tech's upper weights came through in a big way to put the match away. At 197 pounds, Kevin O'Connor downed Patrick Keenum 3-1 to seal the victory and Powers picked up a 7-4 victory over Mike Tunick to account for the final score.

A loss to No. 2 Iowa State and Olympic champion Cael Sanderson concluded the Hokies' home schedule and a loss at NC State wrapped up the dual meet slate.

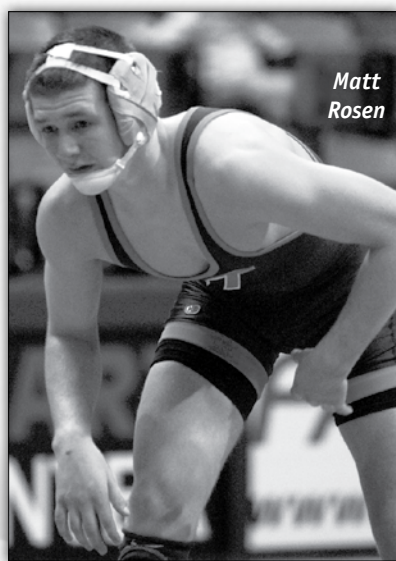
At the ACC Championships, two athletes made surprising runs to earn bids to the NCAA meet. Bonilla-Bowman bumped up a class and won the 157-pound bracket while the freshman Decker took second place one class higher and earned his bid via an at-large selection by the league coaches.

Bonilla-Bowman went 0-2 at the event to finish his season at 20-13. For Decker, things went a little better. After a first-round loss, the New York native came back to beat Stanford's Brian Perry 9-4 in the consolation bracket, but fell to Minnesota's Tyler Safratowicz to end his season at 24-17.

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Individual Results and Statistics

	Records			Major Dec.	Tech Fall	Fall	Fastest Time	Points own/opp.	ACC Pts own/opp.	Career Overall	Career Duals
	Overall	Dual	ACC								
Eddie Baughan	6-6	0-1	0-0	0	0	3	2:32	0/6	0/0	6-6	0-1
Jon Bonilla-Bowman	20-13	9-8	3-2	3	1	2	3:00	43/25	9/6	20-13	9-8
Steve Borja	27-8	15-3	5-0	5	0	5	:16	63/12	19/0	86-46	45-22
Robert Buck	7-4	1-0	0-0	2	0	0	-	3/0	0/0	7-4	1-0
Mark Czarny	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	-	0/0	0/0	0-25	0-17
Eric Decker	24-17	8-9	2-3	0	2	5	2:25	32/25	6/13	24-17	8-9
Matt Epperly	3-1	3-1	0-0	2	0	1	:46	14/4	0/0	3-1	3-1
Derek Gallagher	6-13	2-9	1-3	1	2	1	:30	9/40	4/10	6-13	2-9
Eric Hillgartner	1-3	0-1	0-0	0	0	0	-	0/6	0/0	0-2	0-1
Andre Johnson	6-14	4-9	0-1	1	0	1	2:39	16/39	0/5	6-14	4-9
Tucker Michels	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	-	0/0	0/0	4-8	3-6
Tim Miller	4-8	2-4	0-0	0	0	2	1:21	6/18	0/0	4-8	2-4
Sheridan Moran	11-12	8-8	4-1	5	0	0	-	30/36	15/3	18-33	10-21
Kevin O'Connor	3-10	3-8	1-4	1	0	0	-	10/42	3/21	3-10	3-8
Jim Powers	7-20	3-15	1-4	1	0	2	2:25	10/67	3/17	7-20	3-15
Steve Ratley	23-17	8-9	1-4	1	2	18	:39	42/32	6/16	45-32	14-15
Tyler Robey	1-2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	-	0/0	0/0	1-2	0-0
Matt Rosen	10-15	5-11	1-4	0	1	1	3:56	18/40	3/16	10-15	5-11
Will Snyder	0-2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	-	0/0	0/0	0-2	0-0
Justin Staylor	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	-	0/0	0/0	51-23	25-11
Jimmy Young	2-5	0-1	0-0	0	0	1	3:47	0/3	0/0	2-5	0-1
Zack Zitzos	0-2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	-	0/0	0/0	0-2	0-0
Team Totals	161-172	71-97	19-26	22	8	42	:16	296/398	68/103		
Opponent	172-161	97-71	26-19	26	7	45	:51	396/296	103/68		



Matt Rosen

2006-07 Tournament Results

Kaufman-Brand Open
Nov. 18 • Omaha, Neb.
Steve Borja • 3rd at 184 pounds

East Stroudsburg Open
Nov. 18 • East Stroudsburg, Pa.
Eric Decker • 1st at 165 pounds
Jon Bonilla-Bowman • 3rd at 149 pounds
Robert Buck • 6th at 165 pounds
Eddie Baughan • 8th at 165 pounds
Jimmy Young • 8th at 184 pounds

Davidson Open
Dec. 2 • Davidson, N.C.
Matt Rosen • 1st at 133 pounds
Robert Buck • 2nd at 165 pounds
Jim Powers • 2nd at heavyweight
Andre Johnson • 3rd at 141 pounds
Derek Gallagher • 4th at 157 pounds

Nittany Lion Open
Dec. 3 • State College, Pa.
Eric Decker • 4th at 165 pounds
Steve Borja • 4th at 184 pounds
Steve Ratley • 5th at 174 pounds

Southern Scuffle
Dec. 29-30 • Greensboro, N.C.
Eric Decker • 6th at 165 pounds
Steve Ratley • 8th at 174 pounds

ACC Championships
March 3 • Raleigh, N.C.
Jon Bonilla-Bowman • 1st at 157 pounds
Eric Decker • 2nd at 165 pounds
Steve Borja • 3rd at 184 pounds
Sheridan Moran • 4th at 133 pounds

Records by Weight

	125	133	141	149	157	165	174	184	197	Hwt.
Eddie Baughan	-	-	-	-	-	6-5	0-1	-	-	-
Jon Bonilla-Bowman	-	-	-	16-9	4-4	-	-	-	-	-
Steve Borja	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	27-8	-	-
Robert Buck	-	-	-	-	-	7-4	-	-	-	-
Mark Czarny	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Eric Decker	-	-	-	-	-	24-17	-	-	-	-
Matt Epperly	-	-	-	-	3-1	-	-	-	-	-
Derek Gallagher	-	-	-	-	6-13	-	-	-	-	-
Eric Hillgartner	-	-	-	1-3	-	-	-	-	-	-
Andre Johnson	-	-	5-10	1-4	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tucker Michels	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tim Miller	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4-8	-
Sheridan Moran	6-4	5-8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Kevin O'Connor	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3-10	-
Jim Powers	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7-20
Steve Ratley	-	-	-	-	-	23-17	-	-	-	-
Tyler Robey	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1-2
Matt Rosen	-	8-7	2-8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Will Snyder	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0-2	-
Justin Staylor	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jimmy Young	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2-5	-
Zack Zitsos	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0-2	-	-
Team Totals	6-4	13-15	7-18	18-16	13-18	37-26	23-18	27-10	9-25	8-22
Opponent	4-6	15-13	18-7	16-18	18-13	26-37	18-23	10-27	25-9	22-8

Eric Decker

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THE HOKIES' RECORD BOOK

Team Records

Season Wins	256	2004-05
Dual Wins	128	2004-05
Dual Team Wins	16	2004-05
Major Decisions	38	1979-80
Technical Falls	17	2000-01
Falls	63	2004-05
Points	740	1979-80



David Hoffman is one of five four-time NCAA qualifiers from Virginia Tech.

NCAA Championships Participants

Alfred Carson		1956
Armand Taylor		1956
John Wright		1956
Sherman Vandevender	(0-1)	1956, 58
Mike Grandstaff	(2-4)	1959, 61, 62
Bob Bowman	(0-1)	1959
Brandon Glover	(3-1)	1959
Joe Heller	(0-2)	1958, 59
Bob Hatcher	(0-1)	1962
Bill Pfeffer	(1-2)	1977
Chuck Broderick	(0-2)	1979
Mark Miller	(0-2)	1978, 79, 80
Rick Stageberg	(1-2)	1984
Jason Diggs	(0-1)	1983
Chuck Broderick	(0-2)	1979
Mark Miller	(0-5)	1978, 79, 80
Rob Fair	(1-2)	1986
Dante Winslow	(0-3)	1991, 93
Josh Feldman	(7-6)	1991, 92, 93
John Dattalo	(2-4)	1996, 97
Eric Hall	(4-6)	1997, 98, 00, 01
Chris Martin	(7-8)	1997, 98, 00, 01
Sean Gray	(13-7)	1998, 00, 01, 02
David Inkman	(0-2)	1998
Mike Akers	(0-2)	2000
Scott Justus	(8-8)	2000, 01, 02, 03
David Hoffman	(10-9)	2002, 04, 05, 06
Chris Stith	(1-2)	2004
Reed Carpenter	(0-2)	2005
Steve Borja	(1-2)	2005
Tyde Prater	(3-2)	2005
Mike Faust	(5-4)	2005, 06
Justin Staylor	(0-2)	2006
Jon Bonilla-Bowman	(0-2)	2007
Eric Decker	(1-2)	2007

NCAA Championships Results

1956	Stillwater, Okla.	T-19th	5.0 pts
1959	Iowa, City, Iowa	T-19th	7.0 pts
1962	Stillwater, Okla.	T-30th	2.0 pts
1967	Kent, Ohio	T-44th	2.0 pts
1968	State College, Pa.	T-67th	1.0 pt
1970	Evanston, Ill.	T-40th	2.0 pts

1977	Norman, Okla.	T-51st	1.0 pt
1984	Princeton, N.J.	T-66th	.5 pts
1986	Iowa City, Iowa	T-73rd	1.0 pt
1992	Norman, Okla.	T-60th	1.5 pts
1993	Ames, Iowa	T-62nd	1.0 pt
1994	Chapel Hill, N.C.	T-47th	4.5 pts
1998	Cleveland, Ohio	T-48th	7.0 pts
2000	St. Louis, Mo.	19th	27.5 pts
2001	Iowa City, Iowa	T-23rd	19.0 pts
2002	Albany, N.Y.	44th	6.5 pts
2003	Kansas City, Mo.	T-46th	4.0 pts
2004	St. Louis, Mo.	41st	7.5 pts
2005	St. Louis, Mo.	T-42nd	7.0 pts
2006	Oklahoma City, Okla.	29th	18.5 pts
2007	Auburn Hills, Mich.	T-60th	1.0 pt

ACC Tournament Team Results

2005	Second	66.5 pts
2006	Fifth	44.5 pts
2007	Fifth	34.5 pts

ACC Tournament Individual Champions

Tyde Prater	2005	149 lbs.
Mike Faust	2005, 2006	HWT
David Hoffman	2006	141 lbs.
Justin Staylor	2006	125 lbs.
Jon Bonilla-Bowman	2007	157 lbs.

ACC Wrestler of the Year

Mike Faust	2006	HWT
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EWL Tournament Team Results

1999	Eighth	5.5 pts
2000	Third	91.0 pts
2001	Fifth	85.0 pts
2002	Seventh	48.5 pts
2003	Seventh	44.5 pts
2004	Eighth	44.5 pts

EWL Coach of the Year

Keith Mourlam	1999-00
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EWL Tournament Individual Champions

Chris Martin	1999-00	165
Sean Gray	1999-00	141
Sean Gray	2000-01	141
Sean Gray	2001-02	141
Scott Justus	2001-02	184

CAA Tournament Team Results

1991-92	Fourth	43 pts
1992-93	First	63 pts
1993-94	Fifth	38.75 pts
1994-95	Fourth	42.5 pts
1995-96	Fourth	48.5 pts
1996-97	Fourth	61.0 pts
1997-98	First	93.5 pts

CAA Coach of the Year

Jerry Cheynet	1992-93
Keith Mourlam	1997-98

CAA Tournament Individual Champions

Josh Feldman	1992, 93, 94	HWT
Dante Winslow	1995	158 lbs.
John Dattalo	1996	177 lbs.
John Dattalo	1997	167 lbs.
Eric Hall	1997, 98	158 lbs.
Sean Gray	1998	134 lbs.
David Inkman	1998	142 lbs.

CAA Wrestler of the Year

John Dattalo	1997	167 lbs.
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CAA Rookie of the Year

Eric Hall	1997	158 lbs.
Sean Gray	1998	134 lbs.

SoCon Tournament Team Championships

1954-55	42.0 points
1955-56	82.0 points
1957-58	85.0 points
1959-60	74.0 points
1960-61	73.0 points
1961-62	71.0 points
1962-63	73.0 points

SoCon Tournament Individual Champions

Al Carson	1955	130 lbs.
Jim Lock	1955	HWT
Armand Taylor	1955, 57	137 lbs.
Joe Heller	1956, 58, 59, 60	137 lbs.
Armand Taylor	1956	147 lbs.
John Wright	1956	167 lbs.
Sherman Vandevender	1956, 59	157 lbs.
Sherman Vandevender	1957, 58	147 lbs.
Brandon Glover	1957, 58, 59, 60	130 lbs.
Tom Westfall	1957, 58	123 lbs.
Don Vaughan	1957	167 lbs.
Tom Burrus	1958	177 lbs.
Bob Bowman	1959, 60	123 lbs.
Buddy Sanders	1960	177 lbs.
Mike Grandstaff	1961	123 lbs.
Mike Grandstaff	1962	130 lbs.
Frank Kirk	1961	177 lbs.
Bob Robinson	1961	137 lbs.
Gene Breen	1962	HWT
Don Ellerman	1962, 63, 64	137 lbs.
Bob Hatcher	1962	157 lbs.
Ernie Venturino	1962, 63	123 lbs.
Charles Callahan	1963	157 lbs.
Don Marks	1963	HWT
Henry Seymour	1964, 65	123 lbs.
Mickey Jarrell	1965	130 lbs.
Ken Cole	1965	137 lbs.
Ken Jenkins	1965	167 lbs.

NCAA Eastern Regional Team Results

2nd Place	1979, 1980
3rd Place	1973, 1978
4th Place	1977
5th Place	1981, 1982

NCAA Eastern Regional Individual Champions

Bill Pfeffer	1977
Mark Miller	1978, 79, 80
Chuck Broderick	1979
Jason Diggs	1983
Rick Stageberg	1984

Tech Wrestling Conference Affiliations

1920-1929:	Independent
1929-1965:	Southern Conference
1965-1991:	Independent
1991-1998:	Colonial Athletic Association
1998-2004:	Eastern Wrestling League
2004-present:	Atlantic Coast Conference

Virginia State Championships

1st Place	2000, 2002
2nd Place	1979, 1980, 1998
3rd Place	1983

Virginia State Champions

Steve Brown	(126)	1976
Bill Pfeffer	(HWT)	1978, 1980
Mark Miller	(190)	1979
Chuck Broderick	(158)	1979
Chuck Taylor	(134)	1980
Joe Oleszewski	(158)	1982
Rick Stageberg	(150)	1982
Richard Coates	(126)	1983
Vic Amada	(167)	1984
Rob Fair	(167)	1985
Matt Burlingame	(150)	1992
Dante Winslow	(158)	1992, 1994
Josh Feldman	(HWT)	1994
David Inkman	(142)	1996
John Dattalo	(167)	1997
Mike Mercado	(118)	1997
Christian Basnight	(197)	2000
Doug Easlick	(HWT)	2000
Sean Gray	(141)	2000, 2002
Eric Hall	(174)	2000
Chris Martin	(165)	2000
Geoff Head	(125)	2002
David Hoffman	(133)	2002
Scott Justus	(184)	2002
Canaan Prater	(197)	2002

Virginia State Coach of the Year

Keith Mourlam	2000, 2002
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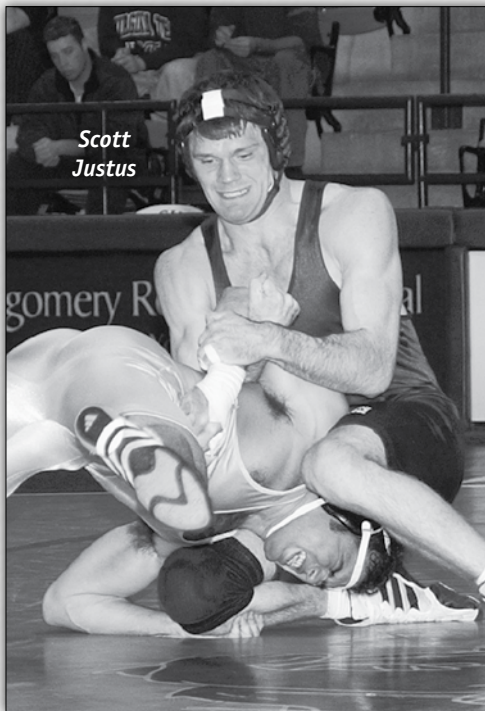
Career Individual Wins

1. Sean Gray (1997-02)	133-19-0
2. Chris Martin (1996-01)	126-25-0
3. David Hoffman (2001-06)	116-32-0
4. Eric Hall (1996-01)	113-39-0
5. Scott Justus (1998-03)	98-31-0
6. Rob Fair (1981-85)	93-29-6
7. Jason Diggs (1979-83)	88-32-2
8. Steve Borja (2002-07)	86-46-0
9. Josh Feldman (1989-94)	85-23-1
10. Dante Winslow (1989-94)	84-29-2
Matt Mogel (1992-96)	84-39-1
12. Mark Miller (1976-80)	82-24-0
Bill Aschenbach (1988-92)	82-44-1
14. Chris Taylor (1979-83)	77-38-1
15. Jeff Lally (1989-92)	73-39-1
Reed Carpenter (2001-05)	73-51-0

Top 15 Career Winning Percentages

(at least two seasons and 60 wins)

Name	Years	Pct.	Record
1. Sean Gray	(1997-02)	.875	133-19-0
2. John Dattalo	(1995-97)	.857	72-12-0
3. Mike Faust	(2004-06)	.838	67-13-0
4. Chris Martin	(1996-01)	.824	126-27-0
5. David Hoffman	(2001-05)	.784	116-32-0
Josh Feldman	(1989-94)	.784	85-23-1
7. Mark Miller	(1976-80)	.773	82-24-0
8. Scott Justus	(1998-03)	.760	98-31-0
9. Rob Fair	(1981-85)	.750	93-29-6
10. Eric Hall	(1996-01)	.743	113-39-0
11. Dante Winslow	(1989-94)	.739	84-29-2
12. Jason Diggs	(1979-83)	.730	88-32-2
13. Baird Kilpatrick	(1987-91)	.728	72-25-6
14. Matt Mogel	(1992-96)	.681	84-39-1
15. Bo O'Dea	(1986-90)	.677	66-31-2



Career Dual Meet Wins

1. Chris Martin (1996-01)	58-5-0
Sean Gray (1997-02)	58-3-0
3. David Hoffman (2001-06)	55-10-0
4. Eric Hall (1996-01)	51-11-0
5. Baird Kilpatrick (1987-91)	49-11-6

Single-Season Wins

1. John Dattalo (1996-97)	43-6-0
2. Eric Hall (1996-97)	41-10-0
3. Sean Gray (1999-00)	40-3-0
4. Mike Faust (2005-06)	37-6-0
5. Rob Fair (1984-85)	35-3-0
6. Chris Martin (1999-00)	34-5-0
7. David Hoffman (2001-05)	33-7-0
Steve Borja (2004-05)	33-10-0
9. Chris Martin (1996-97)	32-8-0
Sean Gray (1997-98)	32-8-0
Chris Martin (1997-98)	32-9-0
12. Sean Gray (2001-02)	31-5-0
Chris Stith (2003-04)	31-13-0
David Hoffman (2005-06)	31-10-0
15. Scott Justus (2001-02)	30-2-0
Sean Gray (2000-01)	30-3-0
Mike Faust (2004-05)	30-7-0

Single-Season Dual Meet Wins

1. Baird Kilpatrick (1989-90)	19-1-0
Mike Faust (2004-05)	19-1-0
3. John Dattalo (1996-97)	18-0-0
David Hoffman (2001-05)	18-2-0
5. Eric Hall (1996-97)	17-1-0
Chris Martin (1996-97)	17-1-0
Steve Borja (2004-05)	17-3-0
Bill Aschenbach (1989-90)	17-4-0
9. Josh Feldman (1991-92)	16-0-1
Sean Gray (1999-00)	16-1-0
Sean Gray (2000-01)	16-0-0
Mark Miller (1978-79)	16-1-0
Bo O'Dea (1990-91)	16-3-0

Career Pin Leaders

1. Sean Gray (1998-2002)	45
2. David Hoffman (2004-06)	37
3. Steve Brown (1973-77)	29
4. Mark Miller (1976-80)	26
5. Chris Martin (1996-2001)	25
6. Josh Feldman (1989-94)	23
7. Scott Justus (1998-03)	22
Baird Kilpatrick (1987-91)	22
9. Eric Hall (1996-2001)	21
10. Bill Pfeffer (1976-80)	20
Rick Stageberg (1980-1985)	20
Justin Staylor (2004-)	20

Single-Season Pin Leaders

1. Steve Ratley (2006-07)	18
2. Sean Gray (2001-02)	15
David Hoffman (2001-05)	15
4. Sean Gray (1997-98)	14
5. Justin Staylor (2004-05)	13
6. Steve Borja (2004-05)	12
7. Steve Brown (1974-75)	11
8. Bill Pfeffer (1979-80)	10
9. John Dattalo (1996-97)	9
Eric Hall (2000-01)	9
Sean Gray (1999-2000)	9
David Hoffman (2001-02)	9
Steve Brown (1976-77)	9
14. Seven tied with eight pins	

Fastest Fall

9 seconds, Tomas Ovalle vs. Chris Cottrell (Navy)
Nov. 21, 2004 (197 pounds)



Sean Gray is Virginia Tech's all-time leader in career winning percentage.

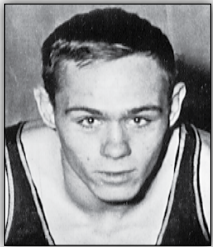
Top 15 Single-Season Winning Percentages

(at least 24 wins)

Name	Year	Pct.	Record
1. Scott Justus	(2001-02)	.938	30-2-0
2. Sean Gray	(1999-00)	.930	40-3-0
3. Dante Winslow	(1993-94)	.929	26-2-0
4. Rob Fair	(1984-85)	.921	35-3-0
5. Sean Gray	(2000-01)	.909	30-3-0
6. John Dattalo	(1996-97)	.878	43-6-0
7. Chris Martin	(1999-00)	.872	34-5-0
8. Bill Pfeffer	(1979-80)	.871	27-4-0
Sean Gray	(2001-02)	.861	31-5-0
10. Bob Pincus	(1973-74)	.857	24-4-0
11. Josh Feldman	(1991-92)	.843	29-5-1
12. David Hoffman	(2004-05)	.825	33-7-0
13. John Dattalo	(1995-96)	.829	29-6-0
14. Mike Faust	(2005-06)	.822	37-8-0
15. Mike Faust	(2004-05)	.811	30-7-0

VIRGINIA TECH'S ALL-AMERICANS

Brandon GLOVER 1959 All-American

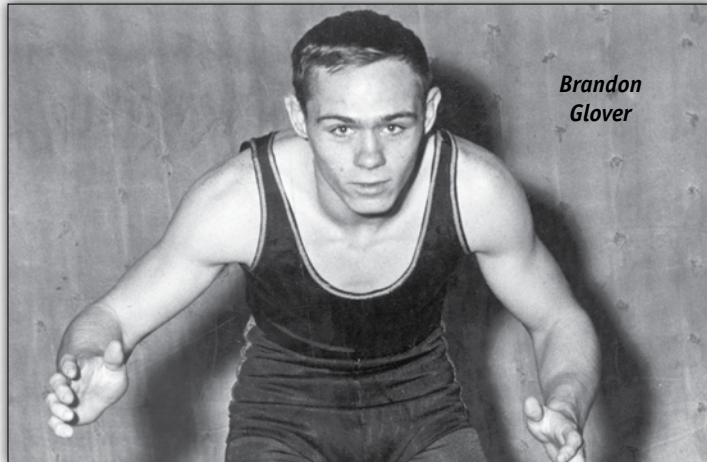


130 pounds
Site: Iowa City, Iowa

Brandon Glover, from Norfolk, Va., became Tech's first All-American in wrestling when he took third place in the 130-pound weight class at the 1959 NCAA Championships in Iowa City.

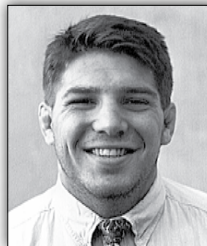
A four-time Southern Conference champion (1957-60), Glover went undefeated in his career except in the semifinals of those Championships.

For his career, the Granby High graduate went 26-0 in career dual meets and was a 1988 inductee into the Virginia Tech Sports Hall of Fame.



Brandon Glover

Josh FELDMAN 1994 All-American

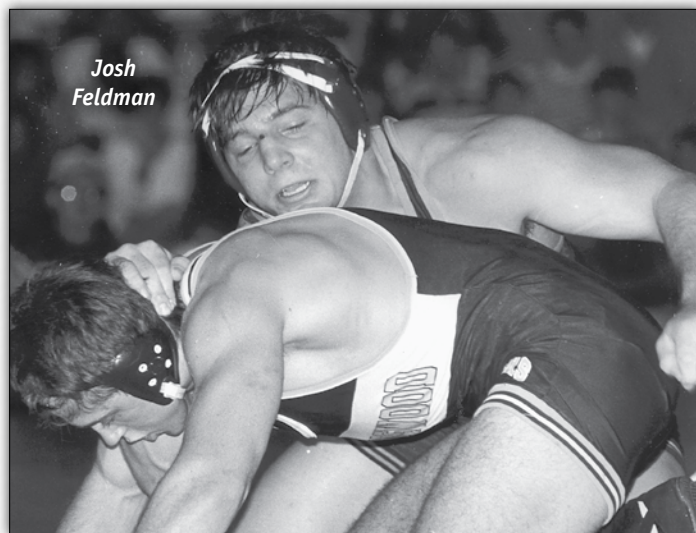


Heavyweight
Site: Chapel Hill, North Carolina

Josh Feldman became Tech's second All-American in wrestling when he took seventh place in the 1994 NCAA Championships at the heavyweight division in Chapel Hill, N.C.

A three-time Colonial Athletic Association champion (1992-94), the native of Dunwoody, Ga., is currently fifth all-time at Tech in career pins with 23 and sixth in all-time wins.

The graduate of Dunwoody High posted a career record of 85-23-1 for the Hokies.



Josh Feldman

Chris MARTIN 2000 All-American



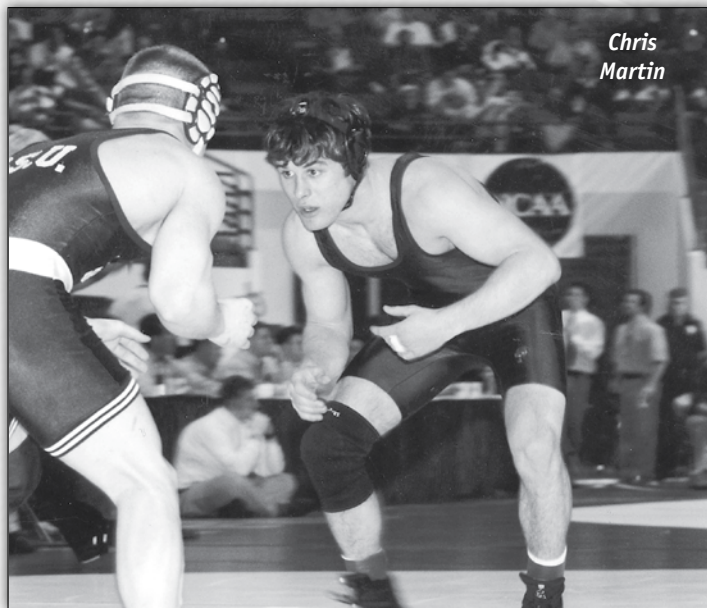
165 pounds
Site: St. Louis, Missouri

Chris Martin became Virginia Tech's third All-American in wrestling when he took fourth place at the 2000 NCAA Championships at 165 pounds in St. Louis.

Also an Eastern Wrestling League Champion in 2000, the native of Norfolk, Va., posted a career record of 126-25, second-best all-time at Tech.

He is tied for the career dual meet wins mark at Tech with 58 victories and is fifth all-time at Tech in career pins with 25.

The graduate of Granby High is also fourth in career winning percentage, finishing with a .824 clip.



Chris Martin



Sean GRAY

2000, 2001 All-American

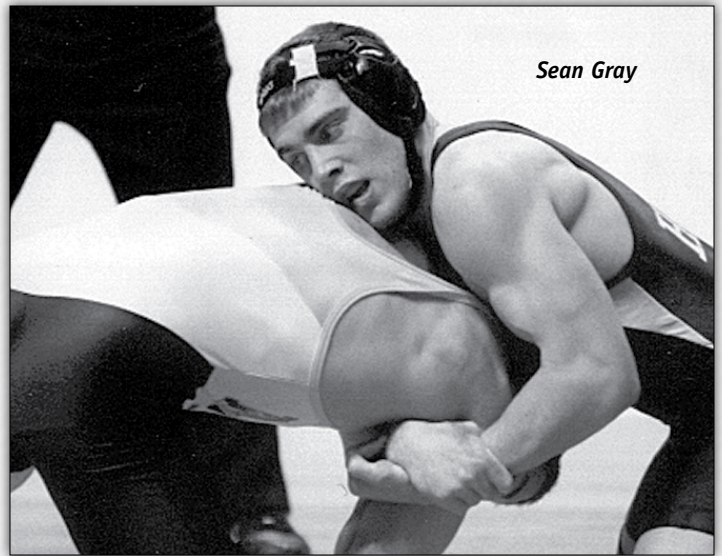
141 pounds
Site: St. Louis, Missouri (2000)
Site: Iowa City, Iowa (2001)

Sean Gray became Tech's first two-time All-American in wrestling when he finished seventh at 141 pounds at the 2001 NCAA Championships in Iowa City.

He became Tech's fourth All-American when he placed sixth at the 2000 Championships in St. Louis.

The Flemington, N.J., native was a three-time EWL Champion and holds the school record for career wins (133), career winning percentage (.875), pins in a season (15) and career pins (45).

For his career, the graduate of Blair Academy posted a career record of 133-19. He also finished his career tied for the most career dual meet wins at Tech with 58 victories.



Sean Gray



Mike Faust



Mike FAUST

2006 All-American

Heavyweight
Site: Oklahoma City, Okla.

Mike Faust became Virginia Tech's fifth All-American in wrestling when he took fifth place at the 2006 NCAA Championships at the heavyweight class in Oklahoma City.

Also an Atlantic Coast Conference Champion in both 2005 and 2006, the native of Baltimore, Md., posted a two-year career record of 67-13. Combined with his two year at the University of Pennsylvania before he transferred, he concluded his collegiate career with 99 wins.

That mark of 67-13 is good for a winning percentage of .838, third-best ever all-time at Virginia Tech.

Faust, the 2006 ACC Wrestler of the Year, went 5-2 at the 2006 NCAA Championships, wrestling four overtimes matches, including three that went all six overtimes. Competing in over 61 minutes, he wrestled the most minutes of any wrestler at the 2006 event.

The graduate of Gilman Prep was also named an Academic All-American.



David HOFFMAN

2006 All-American

141 pounds
Site: Oklahoma City, Okla.

David Hoffman became Virginia Tech's sixth All-American in wrestling when he took eighth place at the 2006 NCAA Championships at 141 pounds in Oklahoma City.

Also an Atlantic Coast Conference Champion in 2006, the native of Spring City, Pa., posted a career record of 116-32. The 116 wins are the third-most in Virginia Tech wrestling history. He also racked up 37 career pins, the second-most in Tech history.

Hoffman, a Hill School graduate, dropped his opening match at the 2006 NCAA Championships, before bouncing back to win four straight, including a last-second win, to earn All-America honors. Need a win to assure himself of a top-eight finish, Hoffman trailed No. 5 seed Josh Churella of Michigan 6-5 with five seconds left in the match. With the two neutral and in the middle of the mat, Hoffman shot in and got a takedown as the horn sounded to pick up a dramatic win and seal his place in Tech wrestling history as an All-American.



David Hoffman

YEAR-BY-YEAR RESULTS

Year	Record	Coach	Year	Record	Coach	Year	Record	Coach	Year	Record	Coach
2006-07	6-12	Dresser	1975-76	12-4-0	Cheynet	1957-58	6-1-0	Teske	1937-38	2-3-0	Tilson
2005-06	1-16-0	Brands	1974-75	6-9-0	Cheynet	1956-57	7-0-0	Teske	1936-37	0-4-1	Tilson
2004-05	16-4-0	Brands	1973-74	5-9-1	Teske	1955-56	7-0-0	Teske	1935-36	1-4-0	Tilson
2003-04	6-12-0	Mourlam	1972-73	4-9-0	Teske	1954-55	8-0-0	Teske	1934-35	2-3-0	Tilson
2002-03	0-13-0	Mourlam	1971-72	1-9-0	Teske	1953-54	1-6-1	Teske	1933-34	2-3-0	Tilson
2001-02	5-10-0	Mourlam	1970-71	3-7-0	Teske	1952-53	6-1-1	Teske	1932-33	2-3-0	Herring
2000-01	8-7-1	Mourlam	1969-70	4-15-0	Teske	1951-52	5-8-0	Teske	1931-32	3-2-0	Herring
1999-00	10-7-0	Mourlam	1968-69	7-5-1	Teske	1950-51	4-5-0	Learned	1930-31	2-3-0	Herring
1998-99	2-13-0	Mourlam	1967-68	8-4-0	Teske	1949-50	7-4-0	Learned	1929-30	3-4-0	Herring
1997-98	9-4-0	Mourlam	1966-67	9-1-0	Teske	1948-49	3-4-1	Learned	1928-29	3-4-0	Anderson
1996-97	10-8-0	Mourlam	1965-66	7-2-0	Teske	1947-48	1-7-0	Altman	1927-28	6-1-0	Herring
1995-96	6-9-0	Cheynet	1964-65	5-6-0	Teske	1946-47	0-6-0	Altman	1926-27	6-0-1	Herring
1994-95	6-10-0	Cheynet	1963-64	4-5-1	Teske	1943-46	no team for three years		1925-26	3-3-0	Herring
1993-94	6-7-0	Cheynet	1962-63	2-7-1	Teske	1942-43	1-6-1	Altman	1924-25	6-0-0	Herring
1992-93	9-1-0	Cheynet	1961-62	7-2-0	Teske	1941-42	4-3-0	Altman	1923-24	2-2-1	Herring
1991-92	9-7-1	Cheynet	1960-61	6-3-0	Teske	1940-41	1-5-0	Altman	1922-23	1-2-0	Cubbage
1990-91	9-12-0	Cheynet	1959-60	4-1-0	Teske	1939-40	2-4-0	Altman	1921-22	2-0-0	Sutton
1989-90	14-7-0	Cheynet	1958-59	6-1-0	Teske	1938-39	1-5-0	Tilson	1920-21	0-1-0	Herring
1988-89	12-7-1	Cheynet									
1987-88	7-7-0	Cheynet									
1986-87	8-6-0	Cheynet									
1985-86	4-10-0	Cheynet									
1984-85	8-10-0	Cheynet									
1983-84	6-13-1	Cheynet									
1982-83	2-9-1	Cheynet									
1981-82	5-15-0	Cheynet									
1980-81	11-5-1	Cheynet									
1979-80	14-4-0	Cheynet									
1978-79	14-5-1	Cheynet									
1977-78	11-5-0	Cheynet									
1976-77	9-5-0	Cheynet									

Jerry Cheynet



All-Time Virginia Tech Wrestling Record (84 seasons):
453-466-18 (.493)

All-Time Coaching Records (by wins)

Record	Coach	Years	Years Coached	Win %	Best Year
188-167-6	Jerry Cheynet	22	1974-96	.529	14-4/1979-80
122-102-6	Frank Teske	23	1951-74	.543	8-0/1954-55
50-74-1	Keith Mourlam	8	1996-97	.404	10-7/1999-00
33-19-2	George Herring	10	1920-21, 24-28, 30-33	.630	6-0/1924-25
17-20-0	Tom Brands	2	2004-2006	.459	16-4/2004-05
14-13-1	Allan Learned	3	1948-51	.518	7-4/1949-50
9-31-1	William Altman	6	1939-48	.232	4-3/1941-42
8-22-1	C.E. Tilson	6	1933-39	.274	2-3/1934,35,38
6-12-0	Kevin Dresser	1	2006-	.333	6-12
3-4-0	G.C. Anderson	1	1928-29	.429	3-4
2-0-0	S.B. Sutton	1	1921-22	1.000	2-0
1-2-0	Ben Cubbage	1	1922-23	.333	1-2

VIRGINIA TECH SPORTS HALL OF FAME

The Virginia Tech Sports Hall of Fame was established in 1982 to honor and preserve the memory of athletes, coaches, administrators and staff members who have made outstanding contributions to athletics at the university. A total 126 individuals have been inducted to the Tech Hall of Fame during special ceremonies held each fall. Some of the following were inducted for other sports, but all have ties to Virginia Tech wrestling.



MILTON ANDES
(inducted in 1994)

A 125-pound wrestling champion of 1920s who went on to fame as a National AAU champion.



BRANDON GLOVER
(inducted in 1988)

An All-America wrestler, he was a four-time SoCon champion who lost only one match in his career.



FRANK TESKE
(inducted in 1995)

He led Tech to seven Southern Conference wrestling championships in a 23-year coaching stint.



SHERMAN VANDEVENDER
(inducted in 2001)

A four-time SoCon wrestling champion who advanced to the final Olympic tryouts in 1956.



GENE BREEN
(inducted in 2002)

A heavyweight champion of the Southern Conference in the 1960s.



DON OAKES
(inducted in 2001)

A wrestler for Tech in the late 1950s who went on to a successful career as a pro football player.



ARMAND TAYLOR
(inducted in 2005)

A three-time SoCon champion who helped Tech to a 19th-place finish in the 1956 NCAA Tournament.



KEN WHITLEY
(inducted in 1990)

A dynamic football star and heavyweight wrestler of the 1960s.

AGAINST ALL OPPONENTS

Team	Record	First	Last	Team	Record	First	Last	Team	Record	First	Last
American	9-4-0	1980	2005	Lafayette	1-0-0	1975	1975	Princeton	1-1-0	1978	1991
Anderson	4-1-0	1995	2006	Lehigh	0-1-0	2000	2000	Purdue	0-1-0	1965	1965
Appalachian State	12-13-2	1947	2004	Liberty	6-2-0	1977	2006	Quantico Marines	2-0-0	1949	1950
Army	0-1-0	1991	1991	Livingstone	1-2-0	1986	1988	Richmond	3-1-0	1974	1980
Ashland	1-0-0	1997	1997	Lock Haven	1-6-0	1992	2004	Rider	1-0-0	2000	2000
Auburn	8-0-0	1959	1967	Longwood	7-1-0	1985	1987	Salisbury State	3-0-0	1978	1987
Ball State	0-2-0	1972	1982	Loyola	1-0-0	1987	1987	Shippensburg	2-2-0	1981	1981
Bloomsburg	3-4-0	1999	2007	Marshall	9-3-0	1955	1982	Slippery Rock	2-3-0	1988	1996
Brockport	2-1-0	1988	1996	Maryland	5-11-0	1942	2007	South Carolina State	2-0-0	1985	1988
Brown	0-1-0	2003	2003	Maryville	3-0-0	1976	1977	Southern Connecticut	1-0-0	1979	1979
Cal-Davis	0-1-0	2006	2006	Massachusetts	1-0-0	1984	1984	Stetson	1-0-0	1984	1984
California (PA)	2-0-0	1984	1995	Michigan	0-2-0	2000	2001	SUNY Binghamton	0-1-0	1975	1975
Camp Lejeune	1-1-0	1950	1951	Middle Tennessee State	2-0-0	1975	1979	Tennessee	1-8-0	1973	1985
Campbell	6-2-0	1982	2004	Millersville	1-2-0	1986	1992	Tenn.-Chattanooga	1-7-0	1974	2006
Carson-Newman	12-10-1	1979	2003	Minnesota	0-3-0	2001	2005	The Citadel	9-2-0	1950	1999
Central Florida	1-0-0	1981	1981	Missouri	0-1-0	2004	2004	Towson	2-0-0	1980	1981
Central Michigan	0-1-0	2005	2005	Morehead State	1-0-0	1976	1976	Troy	1-0-0	1967	1967
Clarion	1-5-0	1999	2004	Morgan State	4-3-0	1980	1996	University of the South	1-0-0	1975	1975
Clemson	0-1-0	1987	1987	Navy	0-13-0	1928	1994	Virginia	30-26-1	1922	2007
Cleveland State	1-6-0	1972	2004	Nebraska	0-2-0	2006	2006	Virginia Commonwealth	6-0-0	1969	1981
Cincinnati	1-0-0	1979	1979	N.N. Apprentice	6-1-0	1939	1988	VMI	25-35-4	1923	2004
Colgate	2-1-0	1973	1977	Norfolk State	2-0-0	1983	1984	Virginia State	2-0-0	1988	1989
Coppin State	2-0-0	1990	1992	North Carolina	27-30-2	1924	2007	Wake Forest	1-0-0	1957	1957
Cornell	0-1-0	1992	1992	North Carolina A&T	1-0-0	1982	1982	Washington & Lee	15-22-3	1921	1925
Cumberland (KY)	1-0-0	2005	2005	NC Greensboro	5-1-0	1995	2007	West Chester State	1-1-0	1976	1981
Cumberland (TN)	1-0-0	2004	2004	NC Preflight School	0-1-0	1943	1943	West Virginia	6-11-0	1951	2004
Davidson	29-3-1	1924	2004	North Carolina State	18-30-1	1926	2007	Western Maryland	1-0-0	1928	1928
Dayton	1-0-0	1989	1989	Northern Iowa	0-2-0	2005	2005	William & Mary	5-8-0	1965	1995
Delaware	1-0-0	1989	1989	Notre Dame	2-0-0	1979	1981	Wilkes	1-5-0	1977	1988
Delaware State	2-0-0	1990	1991	Old Dominion	9-19-0	1966	2007	Wisconsin	1-0-0	1968	1968
Drexel	1-0-0	1992	1992	Ohio	1-8-0	1990	2007	Wyoming	1-0-0	2007	2007
Duke	17-12-1	1927	2007	Ohio State	1-8-0	1964	2006				
Duquesne	1-0-0	1996	1996	Oswego State	0-1-0	1984	1984				
East Carolina	3-0-0	1979	1981	Pembroke State	6-4-0	1974	1986				
Eastern Illinois	1-0-0	2005	2005	Penn State	0-3-0	1962	1965				
Eastern Michigan	0-1-0	1996	1996	Pfeiffer	1-0-0	1967	1967				
Edinboro	0-6-1	1998	2007	Pittsburgh	0-9-0	1965	2004				
Elon	1-0-0	1986	1986	Pitt-Johnstown	0-3-0	2001	2005				
Ferrum	4-0-0	1985	1988								
Findlay	1-0-0	2000	2000								
Florida International	1-0-0	1978	1978								
Franklin & Marshall	0-1-0	1982	1982								
Furman	2-0-0	1989	1990								
Gannon	1-0-0	1989	1989								
Gardner-Webb	5-0-0	2000	2006								
George Mason	5-9-0	1976	1990								
George Washington	2-0-0	1988	1989								
Georgia	3-1-0	1966	1974								
Georgia Tech	5-1-0	1966	1975								
Hampden-Sydney	1-0-0	1925	1925								
Harvard	1-0-0	2000	2000								
Hofstra	0-1-0	2003	2003								
Howard	3-0-0	1995	2001								
Illinois State	0-1-0	1973	1973								
Indiana	0-4-0	1972	2006								
Iowa	0-2-0	1968	2005								
Iowa State	0-3-0	2003	2007								
Ithaca	1-0-0	1990	1990								
James Madison	12-9-0	1976	2006								
Kansas State	0-1-0	1941	1941								
Kent State	0-1-0	2004	2004								

- Virginia Tech had no wrestling squad from 1943-46 due to World War II
- No results or incomplete data exists for the 1961-62, 1962-63, 1969-70, 1970-71 and 1971-72 seasons

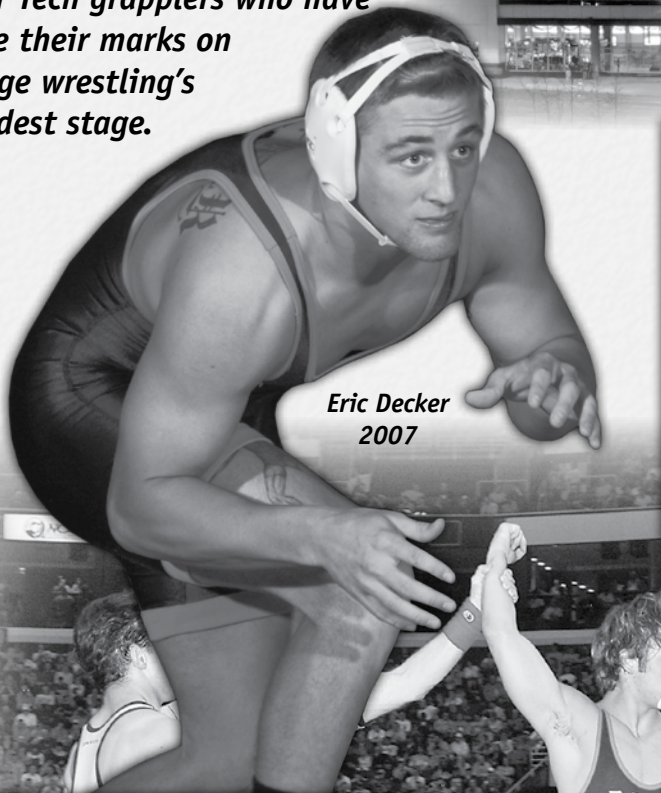


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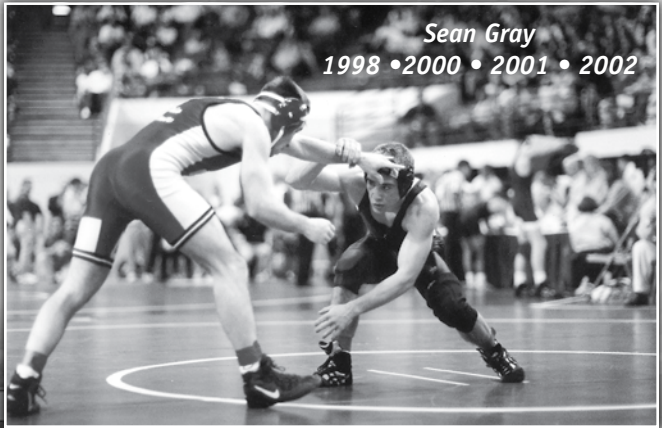
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NCAA EXCITEMENT

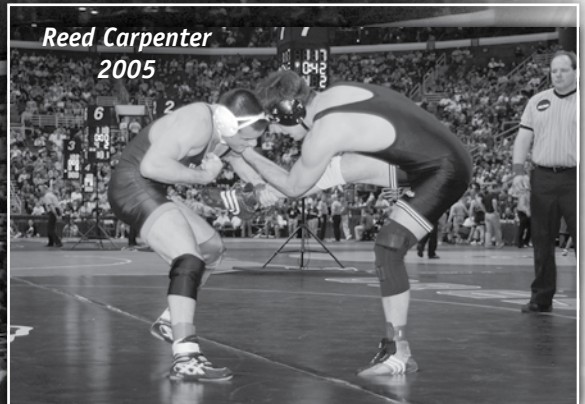
Virginia Tech wrestlers will be working this year toward competing in the NCAA Wrestling Championships at the Scottrade Center in St. Louis, Mo. They'll be looking to join other Tech grapplers who have made their marks on college wrestling's grandest stage.



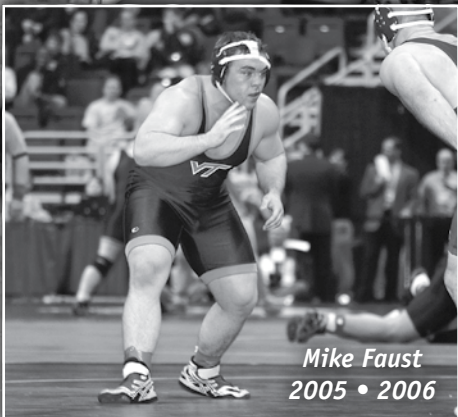
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2007



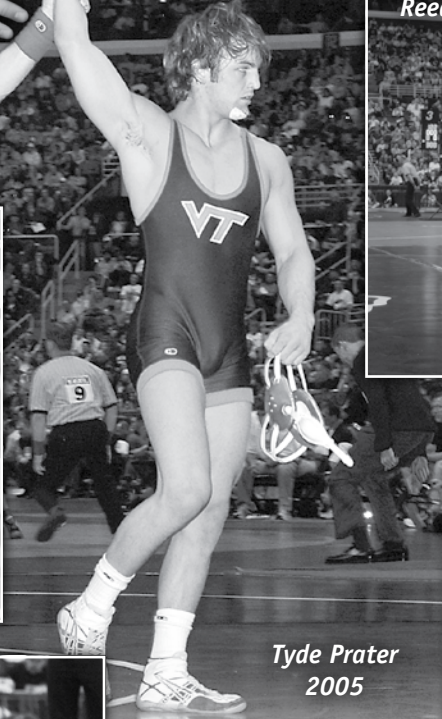
Sean Gray
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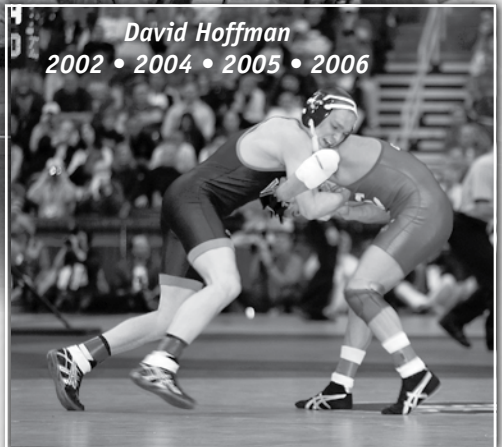
Reed Carpenter
2005



Mike Faust
2005 • 2006



Tyde Prater
2005



David Hoffman
2002 • 2004 • 2005 • 2006



Steve Borja
2005

Two Hokies made the NCAA Championships last season, and Tech will be looking to qualify more this season.

NCAA EXCITEMENT

THE ACC

The Tradition

Consistency. It is the mark of true excellence in any endeavor.

However, in today's intercollegiate athletics, competition has become so balanced and so competitive that it is virtually impossible to maintain a high level of consistency.

Yet the Atlantic Coast Conference has defied the odds. Now in its 55th year of competition, the ACC has long enjoyed the reputation as one of the strongest and most competitive intercollegiate conferences in the nation. And that is not mere conjecture, the numbers support it.

Since the league's inception in 1953, ACC schools have captured 105 national championships, including 56 in women's competition and 49 in men's. In addition, NCAA individual titles have gone to ACC student-athletes 139 times in men's competition and 86 times in women's action.

The sport of wrestling has played an integral role in the ACC's Tradition of Excellence since the league's inception in 1953. In the 54-year history of ACC wrestling, nine schools have sponsored the sport including Clemson, Duke, Georgia Tech, Maryland, North Carolina, NC State, Virginia, Virginia Tech and Wake Forest. The Terrapins lead all schools with 20 conference championships, all of them coming in succession from 1954-1973. North Carolina is second with 17 ACC titles. NC State has been crowned league champs 14 times, while Virginia has laid claim to three conference titles. Entering its 55th season, six schools, Duke, Maryland, North Carolina, NC State, Virginia and Virginia Tech, will vie for the title of ACC Champion.

At the NCAA Championship, ACC schools have registered 12 top 10 finishes including a league-high five top 10 finishes by the University of North Carolina. The Tar Heels posted the league's best finish at the national tournament with a tie for fifth place in 1982. NC State owns four top 10 finishes in school history with a team-best seventh-place showing in 1993. Clemson, Maryland and Virginia have each finished in the top 10 once.

The ACC has garnered 14 individual national champions including one three-time champion and one two-time champion. T.J. Jaworsky of North Carolina captured three straight titles at 134 pounds from 1993 to 1995, including the 1994 title in Chapel Hill at the Dean E. Smith Center. Jaworsky was also named the NCAA Championship Meet Most Outstanding Wrestler in 1995. Clemson's Scott Henson won back-to-back titles at 118 pounds in 1993 and 1994. At the 1988 NCAA Championship at Iowa State University, Scott Turner of NC State was named Most Outstanding Wrestler after capturing the individual title at 150 pounds. North Carolina head coach C.D. Mock, now in his fourth season with the Tar Heels, won Carolina's first individual title back in 1982 at 134 pounds. Bob Koprinsky of Maryland won the league's first individual national title back in 1965 at 157 pounds. UNC leads all league schools with five NCAA individual champions. NC State has claimed four individual titles, while Clemson has won three and Maryland one.

In 2007, NC State captured its 14th conference championship and first since 2004. NC State wrestlers claimed five individual conference titles, including the championship's Co-Outstanding Wrestler Ryan Goodman in the 197-pound weight class and ACC Wrestler of the Year Darrion Caldwell in the 141-pound weight class.

2006-07 in Review

The 2006-07 academic year concluded with league teams capturing five national team titles and 24 individual NCAA crowns. In all, the ACC has won 39 national team titles over the last 11 years. The ACC has won two or more NCAA titles in 25 of the past 27 years.

A total of 137 ACC teams placed in NCAA post-season competition in 2006-07. League teams compiled a 109-70-7 (.605) mark against non-conference opponents in NCAA championship competition. In addition, the ACC had 181 student-athletes earn first team All-America honors this past year. Overall, the league had 250 first, second or third team All-Americans. In addition, the ACC produced nine national Player of the Year and six national Coach of the Year honorees.

2006-07 National Championships

Field Hockey	Maryland
Women's Soccer	North Carolina
Women's Tennis	Georgia Tech
Women's Golf	Duke
Men's Track & Field	Florida State

The Championships

The conference will conduct championship competition in 24 sports during the 2007-08 academic year - 12 for men and 12 for women.

The first ACC championship was held in swimming on February 25, 1954. The conference did not conduct championships in cross country, wrestling or tennis during the first year.

The 12 sports for men include football, cross country, soccer, basketball, swimming, indoor and outdoor track, wrestling, baseball, tennis, golf and lacrosse. Fencing, which was started in 1971, was discontinued in 1981 women's sports were initiated in 1977 with the first championship meet being held in tennis at Wake Forest University.

Championships for women are currently conducted in cross country, field hockey, soccer, basketball, swimming, indoor and outdoor track, tennis, golf, lacrosse, softball and rowing.

A History

The Atlantic Coast Conference was founded on May 8, 1953, at the Sedgefield Inn near Greensboro, N.C., with seven charter members - Clemson, Duke, Maryland, North Carolina, North Carolina State, South Carolina and Wake Forest - drawing up the conference by-laws.

The withdrawal of seven schools from the Southern Conference came early on the morning of May 8, 1953, during the Southern Conference's annual spring meeting. On June 14, 1953, the seven members met in Raleigh, N.C., where a set of bylaws was adopted and the name became officially the Atlantic Coast Conference.

Suggestions from fans for the name of the new conference appeared in the region's newspapers prior to the meeting in Raleigh. Some of the names suggested were: Dixie, Mid South, Mid Atlantic, East Coast, Seaboard, Colonial, Tobacco, Blue-Gray, Piedmont, Southern Seven and the Shoreline.

Duke's Eddie Cameron recommended that the name of the conference be the Atlantic Coast Conference, and the motion was passed unanimously. The meeting concluded with each member institution assessed \$200.00 to pay for conference expenses.

On December 4, 1953, conference officials met again at Sedgefield and officially admitted the University of Virginia as the league's eighth member. The first, and only, withdrawal of a school from the ACC came on June 30, 1971, when the University of South Carolina tendered its resignation.

The ACC operated with seven members until April 3, 1978, when the Georgia Institute of Technology was admitted. The Atlanta school had withdrawn from the Southeastern Conference in January of 1964.

The ACC expanded to nine members on July 1, 1991, with the addition of Florida State University.

The conference expanded to 11 members on July 1, 2004, with the addition of the University of Miami and Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University. On October 17, 2003, Boston College accepted an invitation to become the league's 12th member starting July 1, 2005.

BATTLING FOR A TRIP TO ST. LOUIS

The six ACC schools that sponsor wrestling as a varsity sport - Duke, North Carolina, North Carolina State, Maryland, Virginia and Virginia Tech - will convene on the campus of Maryland in College Park, Md., on Saturday, March 8, 2008 for the annual ACC/SoCon Mat Jam, to determine the team and individual champions in both the Atlantic Coast Conference and Southern Conference.

For the ACC, the 10 weight class winners, plus four wildcards to be selected by the head coaches, will head to the 2008 NCAA Wrestling Championships, to be held March 20-22 at St. Louis' Scottrade Center.



THIS IS VIRGINIA TECH

A Research University in Action

Beginning in 1872 with 132 students and two programs of study, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, popularly known as Virginia Tech, has evolved into a comprehensive university of national and international prominence. With about 26,000 full-time students in Blacksburg and more than 2,000 other students statewide, the university produces world-class scholarship in a challenging academic environment. University tradition is firmly rooted in our motto, *Ut Prosim* (That I May Serve), and our historic land-grant mission is brought to life through learning, discovery, and engagement.

Learning

Virginia Tech's challenging academic standards attract high-achieving students. Our eight colleges (Agriculture & Life Sciences, Architecture & Urban Studies, Engineering, Liberal Arts & Human Sciences, Natural Resources, Pamplin Business, Science, and Virginia-Maryland College of Veterinary Medicine) and Graduate School offer more degree programs than any other university in the state. Virginia Tech is one of the nation's leaders in developing and using instructional technologies. More than 85 percent of our departments offer e-learning courses, which have attracted more than 96,000 enrollments (credit and noncredit) since 1998. During this time, more than 3,500 different courses have been offered by more than 700 different faculty members.

Discovery

The university's groundbreaking research transforms lives and communities. With annual research expenditures of nearly \$322 million, Virginia Tech is ranked 56th among research universities in the United States. The university, which has more than 100 research centers, also consistently ranks among the top institutions in industry-supported research and near the top 10 in the number of patents issued each year. The university's nationally and internationally recognized faculty and motivated students are involved in

more than 3,500 research projects in fields ranging from biotechnology to materials, from the environment and energy to food and human health, and from transportation to computing information.

Engagement

As part of our outreach mission and in adherence to our motto, we serve and engage the citizens of the commonwealth, the nation, and the world. Virginia Tech is involved in a multitude of economic and community development projects. These efforts focus on education and the dissemination of knowledge to the global society in which we live.

Professionals, organizations, and communities tap Virginia Tech's vast resources, expertise, and research results through hundreds of continuing and professional education programs and five campus centers located throughout the state. Virginia Tech has a long history of providing innovative distance-learning techniques to meet the various needs of working adults and other nontraditional students.

The Inn at Virginia Tech & Skelton Conference Center on campus and The Hotel Roanoke & Conference Center in Roanoke, both owned by Virginia Tech, support the university's outreach mission by working with faculty to plan and host conferences and continuing education and professional programs.

Virginia Tech manages more than \$30 million in funded economic development projects in 27 countries and encourages faculty members to develop global course content and study abroad opportunities for students. In 2006-07, about 1,850 students from more than 100 foreign countries studied at Tech, while more than 800 Virginia Tech students studied abroad.

Virginia Cooperative Extension, operated jointly in the commonwealth by Virginia Tech and Virginia State University, has been helping people improve their economic, cultural, and social well being for more than 90 years. With 107 city/county offices, tens of thousands of volunteers, and programs across the state, Extension reaches and teaches millions of Virginians annually.

THIS IS VIRGINIA TECH



Burruss Hall



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Virginia Tech at a Glance

- Located in Blacksburg, Virginia
- Eight colleges and Graduate School
- 60 bachelor's degree programs
- Approximately 140 master's and doctoral degree programs
- About 28,000 students, most full-time
- 16:1 student-faculty ratio
- Main campus includes more than 100 buildings, 2,600 acres, and an airport
- Computing and communications complex for worldwide information access
- Ranked 56th in university research expenditures in the United States
- Has adjacent Corporate Research Center

Interesting Facts

- The university's annual budget is about \$970 million.
- Virginia Tech has about 198,000 living alumni from every state and about 100 countries.
- All campus facilities, including residence halls, have high-speed connections to voice, data and video communications.
- Virginia Tech is one of three public universities in the country that offers the combined advantages of a military-style leadership development program – here it is through the Virginia Tech Corps of Cadets – and a traditional academic and social life.
- U.S. News & World Report ranked Virginia Tech's undergraduate program 34th among national public universities. Of all universities – public or private – it ranked Tech 77th.
- Kiplinger Magazine ranked Virginia Tech the 20th-best value in public higher education in the nation.
- The National Science Foundation ranked Tech 11th in the nation in agricultural and natural resources research expenditures.
- The university's undergraduate engineering program is 17th among the nation's engineering schools and eighth among public universities, according to U.S. News & World Report. Seven individual programs ranked in the top 25.
- U.S. News & World Report ranked the College of Engineering's graduate program 30th nationally, with seven individual programs in the top 30.
- The Corporate Research Center was cited for best practice of technology transfer in a national study.
- The Pamplin College of Business undergraduate program was ranked 37th in the nation and 22nd among public schools in the latest U.S. News & World Report rankings. The M.B.A. program was rated 63rd in the world by Financial Times.
- Virginia Tech consistently ranks among the top 15 schools in the nation in number of patents received.
- In its 2007 report, DesignIntelligence, the only national college ranking survey focused exclusively on design, ranked Virginia Tech's undergraduate architecture program fourth nationally and first among public universities. It also ranked the university's undergraduate interior design program seventh in the nation. In addition, it ranked the graduate architecture program 10th in the nation and the graduate interior design program fifth.

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Damian Salas
Webmaster



Kellie Tatum
Student Trainer

By the Way, What Is a Hokie?

That's the most often-asked question in Virginia Tech athletics. The answer leads all the way back to 1896 when Virginia Agricultural and Mechanical College changed its name to Virginia Polytechnic Institute. With the change came the necessity for writing a new cheer and a contest for such a purpose was held by the student body. Senior O.M. Stull won first prize for his "Hokie" yell, which still is used today. Later, when asked if "Hokie" had any special meaning, Stull explained the word was solely the product of his imagination and was used only as an attention-getter for his yell. It soon became a nickname for all Tech teams and for those people loyal to Tech athletics. The official school colors - Chicago maroon and burnt orange - also were introduced in 1896. They were chosen because they made a "unique combination" not worn elsewhere at the time.



SPORTS MEDICINE

The Virginia Tech Sports Medicine Department is an ever-changing and developing unit that strives to provide the most current and comprehensive care to all student-athletes. The department is constantly evolving to incorporate new ideas and state-of-the-art resources for the betterment of student-athletes.

Under the leadership of Mike Goforth, assistant director of athletics for athletic training, the department is constantly evolving to incorporate new ideas and state-of-the-art resources for the betterment of student-athletes.

Their team of certified athletic trainers, orthopaedic surgeons, Board Certified primary care physicians, chiropractors, physical therapists, sport psychologists, nutritionists, massage therapists and orthotists are available on site to manage the health care needs of Tech athletes. The staff continually looks for ways to enhance the services provided for their athletes as evidence by their participation in local and national projects pertaining to related topics such as concussion management, prevention of antibiotic resistant types of staph infection, high ankle sprains and collegiate health care management strategies.

As part of the evolution, Tech recently completed its sixth full year in the 4,300-square-foot Eddie Ferrell Memorial Training Room. This area consolidated the training rooms that existed in the Merryman Center and Cassell Coliseum. The facility gives the training staff a centralized area to care for the needs of all Virginia Tech student-athletes. There is top-of-the-line equipment and a unique style of architecture, developed by Glenn Reynolds, AIA and Larry Perry as the consulting engineer.

The Ferrell Training Room nearly doubles the size of the former Merryman Center facility. With its completion, Virginia Tech now has more than 10,000 square feet dedicated to sports medicine, placing Tech in the top five percent nationally. The \$10 million Merryman Center includes 2,400 square feet of medical space and a physician's suite. The suite is equipped with a new state-of-the-art X-ray system, fluoroscopy unit and minor procedure room, while the training room has offices for the staff, dozens of training tables, two cold tubs, whirlpools, an underwater treadmill, a Biodex System 3 and various other pieces of rehabilitation equipment and treatment modalities.

In addition, a training room has been constructed in Rector Field House to serve teams when they practice indoors and the Gordon Family Mobile Sports Medicine Unit is a new portable training room that can be transported to various venues.

"If our strength and conditioning is so important, and it is, then we owe it to our athletes to provide them with the necessary resources to keep them actively participating," Goforth said. "We basically adopt the attitude that our mission is to keep them participating on the field and during the other times of the year, it is our job to keep them participating in our strength



Trainer Sean Collins works closely with the Tech wrestling team to provide top-notch care.

and conditioning program."

Their programs consist of strengthening, stretching and – most importantly – movement pattern analysis and training to help prevent the re-occurrence of injuries.

A vital part of student-athlete medical services is access to the Montgomery Regional Hospital's SWVA Center for Orthopaedics and Schiffert Student Health Center. Both facilities are staffed with qualified physicians and staff, and have a wide variety of technologies designed to increase the level of care available to our athletes.

If physical therapy is needed, student-athletes can be seen by therapist Mark Piechoski in the Ferrell Training Room. Piechoski, who is a certified athletic trainer, physical therapist and strength and conditioning specialist plays a large role in the overall program developed to return the injured athlete back to 100 percent. In addition, staff sport psychologist Gary Bennett is available to all student-athletes for personal and performance issues. Virginia Tech also has the services of Dr. Greg Tilley, team chiropractor. Tilley provides Tech athletes with specialized treatment for spine-related conditions and also plays a huge role in performance enhancement through various chiropractic techniques.

Team orthopaedic surgeons Dr. Marc Siegel, Dr. Jim LeBolt and Dr. Demian Yakel bring a wealth of experience and skills to assist when athletes need orthopaedic consultation for certain types of sports-related injuries that occur from time to time.

Tech also maintains a special relationship with Montgomery Regional Hospital. Montgomery Regional Hospital is the choice for state-of-the-art equipment to perform surgeries, diagnostic imaging and processing of laboratory requests.

Sean Collins, in his second season at Virginia Tech, works with the Hokie wrestling program.

ATHLETIC PERFORMANCE

Strength and Conditioning



Terry Mitchell

One of the most important aspects of a successful college wrestling program is its strength and conditioning program. Before the lights ever come on, before the first whistle is blown and before the first match is wrestled, college wrestlers work on getting themselves physically prepared for the rigors of a five-month season.

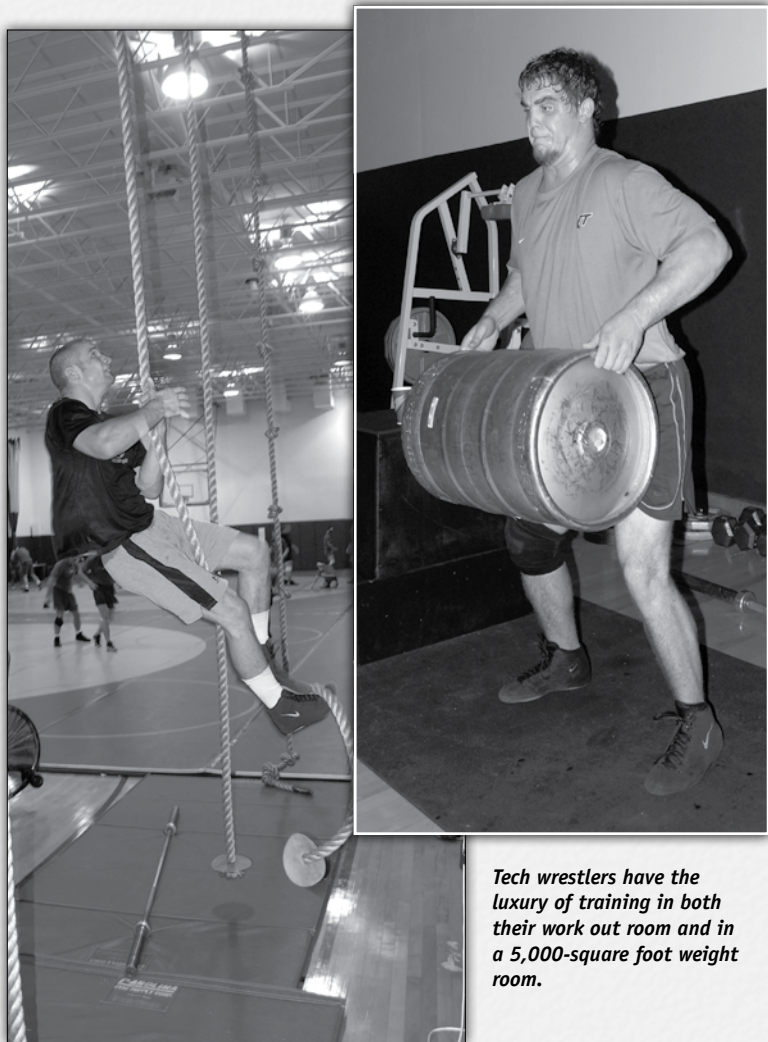
Thanks to the direction of Assistant Athletics Director for Athletic Performance Mike Gentry, the Virginia Tech strength and conditioning program is among the best in the nation, helping to make the wrestling program one of the best as well.

One of the main support centers of Tech wrestling is the strength and conditioning program.

The wrestling team trains in the Jim "Bulldog" Haren Weight Room. Located in Jamerson Athletic Center, the 5,000-square foot weight room was officially dedicated in September 1985 to Haren, a former Hokie player and long-time supporter of the Virginia Tech Athletics Department.

Gentry is in his 21st season as the Hokies' director of strength and conditioning. As assistant athletics director for athletic performance, his duties include overseeing the strength and conditioning training of athletes in all 21 varsity sports at Virginia Tech.

Assisting Gentry in the weight room this year are four full-time assistant strength and conditioning coaches: Terry Mitchell, director of strength and conditioning, coordinators Jarrett Ferguson and Keith Short, and Jamie Meyer, coordinator of strength and conditioning for Olympic sports.



Tech wrestlers have the luxury of training in both their work out room and in a 5,000-square foot weight room.

Mitchell, who handles the strength and conditioning for Tech's wrestling team, has experience in the Texas Rangers farm system. He graduated from Lee (Tenn.) College in 1994 and earned a master's in health promotions at Tech in 2004.

He is married to the former Terri Thompson and this is his sixth year with the Hokie wrestling program.

Sport Psychology



Dr. Gary Bennett

Virginia Tech also offers another important service to all its student-athletes – sport psychology.

Dr. Gary Bennett coordinates the sport psychology department, which offers psychological and performance enhancement services for student-athletes.

Bennett, who is in his eighth year as the sport psychologist for the Virginia Tech Athletics Department, also works closely with the Cook Counseling Center.

Bennett meets with student-athletes on an individual basis for personal counseling and to discuss the mental aspects of the game. He also works on team building, communication and performance enhancement.

The sport psychology department also offers an injury group to afford injured athletes the opportunity to meet with other injured athletes and talk about their recovery process.

Injured athletes may also meet individually with the sport psychologists if they do not feel comfortable in the group or cannot make the sessions.

One of the sport psychology resources is the Dynavision 2000, a unique conditioning and training program designed to increase focus and concentration, improve coordination and visuomotor reactions and increase peripheral awareness. Virginia Tech is privileged to be one of only a handful of schools with this cutting-edge technology.

Sports Nutrition



Amy Freel

Eating healthy and choosing nutritious diets are important aspects of a Virginia Tech student-athlete's life, and that's why in July 2002, the athletics department implemented the sports nutrition program. Amy Freel serves as the director.

Freel, who is in her sixth year as the sports nutritionist in the Virginia Tech Athletics Department, works individually with student-athletes to provide them with information they need on their diet. She also provides individual players with diet counseling on issues such as gaining lean muscle mass, losing body fat, and eating choices to improve performance.

The sports nutritionist works with the "Training Edge," a dining option for health-conscious students and athletes, to design menus for training tables and daily menu selections.

Also in July 2002, the Virginia Tech Athletics Department purchased the BOD POD body composition system. Tech is one of a handful of college athletic departments using this type of technology. The BOD POD is found in many professional training facilities, such as the NFL and Major League Baseball. It accurately measures body composition (percent of body fat, lean muscle mass and fat mass) through air displacement within five minutes. Research has shown that an increase in lean muscle mass will increase athletic performance. The Sports Nutrition Program has helped countless Tech athletes maximize their athletic performance.

Freel received her undergraduate degree in dietetics in 1996 from Ball State University.

She became a registered dietitian in 1997 and earned her master's degree in dietetics from Ball State in 1998.

STUDENT LIFE

Led by the Virginia Tech Student Athlete Advisory Committee, Hokie student-athletes volunteered over 1,400 hours in the local community in the past year. In addition, over 400 Virginia Tech student-athletes earned a 3.00 grade point average during one or both semesters in 2006. The accomplishments are even more amazing in the context of the 2006-2007 athletic seasons being some of the most successful in Virginia Tech history.

The Virginia Tech Athletics Office of Student Life is under the direction of Patricia Lovett, who came to Tech from Murray State. The programs and services implemented by the Virginia Tech Athletics Office of Student Life are inspired by the NCAA/CHAMPS Life Skills Program. The program was honored for its commitment to serving the good of the student-athletes by the Division I-A Athletic Director's Association as a Program of Excellence.

Student Athlete Advisory Committee

Two members of each sport team serve on Virginia Tech Student Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) each academic year. The leadership team during 2006-2007 was Lindsay Pieper, lacrosse, president; Coleman Collin, men's basketball, vice-president and Samantha Ference, women's cross country, secretary.

Highlights of the 2006-2007 SAAC include the first student-athlete formal dance in January, a toy drive competition among the sports teams for the Montgomery County Christmas store collecting over 1,200 toys, a canned food drive competition versus University of Virginia's SAAC (donating over 4,000 canned foods to the local food banks) and participating in Virginia Tech's Relay for Life.

For the first time in school history, SAAC has sponsored two members on Homecoming Court – Bryan Collier (men's soccer) and Jessica Botzum (women's swimming and diving).

Personal Development

Virginia Tech student-athletes obtain personal development education through workshops and mandatory speakers. Presentation topics include gambling, alcohol abuse, sexual violence and healthy relationships, media relations, and manners and etiquette dinners.

Virginia Tech student-athletes welcomed Michael Franzese to campus in November. Franzese, the son of a kingpin in New York's Columbo crime family, talked to student-athletes about the downfalls of gambling and the importance of integrity in themselves, their athletics and their community.

Career Development

Virginia Tech student-athletes are savoring their collegiate athletic experiences with the understanding that upon graduation, they will need to have a job secured.

Armbruster and Lovett work with Becca Scott in the Virginia Tech Career Services Center to create programs designed to teach student-athletes why they are much sought after for their transferable skills (resiliency, time-management, teamwork, competitiveness, ambition).

For the first time, student-athletes had the opportunity to participate in a mock interview night with company representatives from Wolseley North America, Northwestern Mutual Finance and Newell Rubbermaid. In addition to the mock interview night, student-athletes are offered workshops on topics such as resumé design, career fair etiquette, interview attire and mini-career fairs. Student-athletes are encouraged to participate in on-campus interviewing and eRecruiting along with securing internships and co-ops during their college careers.

Academic Excellence

The Virginia Tech Athletics Office of Student Life is responsible for nominating student-athletes for academic honors and awards. Athletes are nominated for on-campus, Atlantic Coast Conference and national awards. Student-athletes with a 3.0 GPA are rewarded each semester by being honored on the Athletic Director's Honor Roll. The 2006 calendar year listed 449 student-athletes with this honor, a 20 percent increase from the 2005 calendar year.

Andrew Montgomery (men's cross country) and Jessica Botzum (women's swimming and diving) received the Skelton Award for Academic Excellence in Athletics. The award is given to one male and one female student-athlete who demonstrate leadership, outstanding academic excellence and community involvement. The recipients of the award receive a \$5,000 scholarship donated by Dr. Bill and Peggy Skelton.

Athletic Excellence

The Virginia Tech Student Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) promotes effective communication between athletic administration and student-athletes. SAAC is comprised of two representatives from each sport. These representatives meet twice a month to discuss issues and concerns regarding their sports, department of athletics, ACC and NCAA legislation. The student-athletes encourage their teammates to get involved both on campus and in the community. Each year SAAC sponsors a canned food drive during the basketball season.

The representatives from the Tech wrestling squad are Tim Miller and Robert Buck.

Community Outreach



Patricia Lovett

As stated earlier, the Virginia Tech student-athletes were involved more than ever in the local community. Having volunteered over 1,400 hours in the schools, community groups and hospitals, the student-athletes are setting a high precedent for all involved with the program.

Under the "Hokies with Heart" umbrella, each sports team has a community partner with which it volunteers time and hosts at a home match to honor the partnership program.

This year, the Hokie wrestling squad is partnered with Falling Branch Elementary School and has participated in several events, including Reading Night at the school. In the past, the team has adopted a highway and cleaned it and has done autograph nights at various elementary schools.



Alex Grassi (left) and Will Snyder read to local elementary school students.

ACADEMIC SUPPORT

The success of Virginia Tech's wrestling program rests largely on the academic progress of each student-athlete. The academic performance of Tech student-athletes has improved each year due in part to the Student Athlete Academic Support Services (SAASS).

The Virginia Tech graduation rate for student-athletes has risen significantly in recent years and was a school-best 76 percent for 2007. This marks the fourth time in the last six years that Virginia Tech's student-athlete graduation rate has been 70 percent or better.

In addition to posting impressive graduation figures, current Virginia Tech student-athletes continue to excel in the classroom. For the 2006 calendar year, 449 3.0 GPAs were earned by student-athletes, student trainers, student managers, cheerleaders and HighTechs. These student-athletes and students from support areas were recognized at the Athletic Director's Honors Breakfast last spring.

Student-athletes are the most visible student component of a university. They entertain thousands of fans, students and alumni. Their athletic abilities and achievements are the primary focus for national media attention. Athletic events bring back not only faithful alumni, but are a welcome mat for potential new students.

Student-athletes devote many hours to practice, conditioning and training that are not required of all students. Due to their time commitment and their high visibility, it is an obligation and in the best interest of the university to supply these students with services which will allow them to maximize their academic potential.

The Virginia Tech SAASS office is committed to providing fundamental and supplemental programming, consistent with university and NCAA policy, aimed at enhancing each student-athlete's educational experience.

Stakeholders of the office's mission include student-athletes and their families, the university community, coaches and athletics administrators. SAASS seeks to develop relationships with its stakeholders that are founded on trust and respect, and provides the following services to accommodate their needs:

- University and NCAA information
- Orientation
- Academic assessment
- The development of an effective student life program
- Appropriate referrals
- Monitored study environments
- Tutorial programs
- State of the art technological learning assistance
- Student-athlete academic performance evaluations

The expectations of the Virginia Tech community are that each student-athlete achieves their maximum academic and athletic potential. With the proper assistance, facilities and encouragement, these potentials can become a reality.

SAASS provides programming for student-athletes from their freshman year through graduation. This includes a comprehensive orientation to Tech, study hall, mentoring, tutoring, academic monitoring, academic recognition and eligibility education. Additionally, student-athletes are referred to and encouraged to take advantage of other campus agencies charged with helping students in their academic pursuits.

In 2006, the SAASS office moved to the West Side of Lane Stadium. Here, student-athletes have access to state-of-the-art technology, quiet study facilities, individualized tutorial rooms and direct access to the SAASS staff. This complex is a focal point for the Athletics Department, both aesthetically and pragmatically, and provides a centralized place for student-athlete services.

The new facility features more than 18,000 square feet of space, 10 staff offices, 18 private tutor rooms, a state-of-the-art classroom, a 45-station computer lab, three reading/study rooms, a conference room and reference library.

Together, these spaces provide the student-athlete with a variety of study environments conducive to their success. Athletes can use these facilities between classes, after practice or in the evenings, with flexible hours tailored to make the most of a student-athlete's limited time.

Chris Helms, in his ninth year at Tech, is the director and is responsible for the development and leadership of the Student Athlete Academic Support Services office. He also oversees the academic progress of the wrestling team.

Colin Howlett is in his 11th year with Virginia Tech and serves as an associate director in the SAASS office.

Katie Ammons is an assistant director who is in her ninth year and works with the men's and women's basketball, men's and women's cross country and men's and women's track programs.

Sarah Armstrong, assistant director, is in her third year as a full-time member of the SAASS staff. She is responsible for providing academic programming for the freshman football students.

Jessica Hegr is in her third year with SAASS and works with baseball, softball, men's and women's swimming, men's and women's tennis, as well as the managers, trainers, cheerleaders and HighTechs.

Terrie Repass is in her 33rd year of service at Virginia Tech. She serves as the office secretary and "first contact" person for the SAASS. She is responsible for organizing special events and meetings for the office.

COMPUTER SERVICES

Another example of Virginia Tech's commitment to providing its student-athletes with the best academic resources possible is the presence of the Computer Services department, under the direction of Tommy Regan.

Because all Tech students are required to own computers, the Virginia Tech athletics department helps its scholarship athletes fulfill that requirement by providing them with state-of-the-art laptops equipped with the most recent software.

In addition to procuring laptops for the athletes, the office also addresses hardware and software needs for the student-athletes and the entire Virginia Tech athletics staff. Assisting Regan this year is Chris Mayer.



Chris Mayer

Tommy Regan

BLACKSBURG, VA

AND THE NEW RIVER VALLEY



One of America's best college towns, Blacksburg is a perfect setting for Virginia Tech. Located in Southwest Virginia on a plateau between the Blue Ridge and Alleghany Mountains, Blacksburg combines the laid-back lifestyle of a small town with the amenities one would expect to find in a major center of higher education. Together, the town and university have worked hard to create a progressive community that ranks among the nation's elite living environments.

Established in 1798 by John and William Black, the town is surrounded by scenic mountain views that accentuate the area. Today, the nearly 42,000 residents (including students) enjoy a variety of recreation areas in close proximity such as the Blue Ridge Parkway, Appalachian Trail, Claytor Lake and the New River.





**Matt
Rosen**

**Kevin
O'Connor**

2007-2008 VIRGINIA TECH WRESTLING SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Time	Location
Nov. 11	APPALACHIAN STATE	6 PM	Blacksburg
17	at East Stroudsburg Open	All Day	East Stroudsburg, Pa.
25	at Drexel	Noon	Philadelphia, Pa.
25	at Penn	5 PM	Philadelphia, Pa.
30	at Las Vegas Invitational	All Day	Las Vegas, Nev.
Dec. 1	at Las Vegas Invitational	All Day	Las Vegas, Nev.
2	at Penn State Open	All Day	State College, Pa.
28	at Southern Scuffle	All Day	Greensboro, N.C.
29	at Southern Scuffle	All Day	Greensboro, N.C.
Jan. 11	at Virginia Duals	TBA	Hampton, Va.
12	at Virginia Duals	TBA	Hampton, Va.
19	at Maryland *	2 PM	College Park, Md.
26	NORTH CAROLINA *	2 PM	Blacksburg

Rumble on the River at Deep Run HS

Jan. 27	vs. Virginia *	1 PM	Richmond, Va.
27	vs. VMI	3 PM	Richmond, Va.

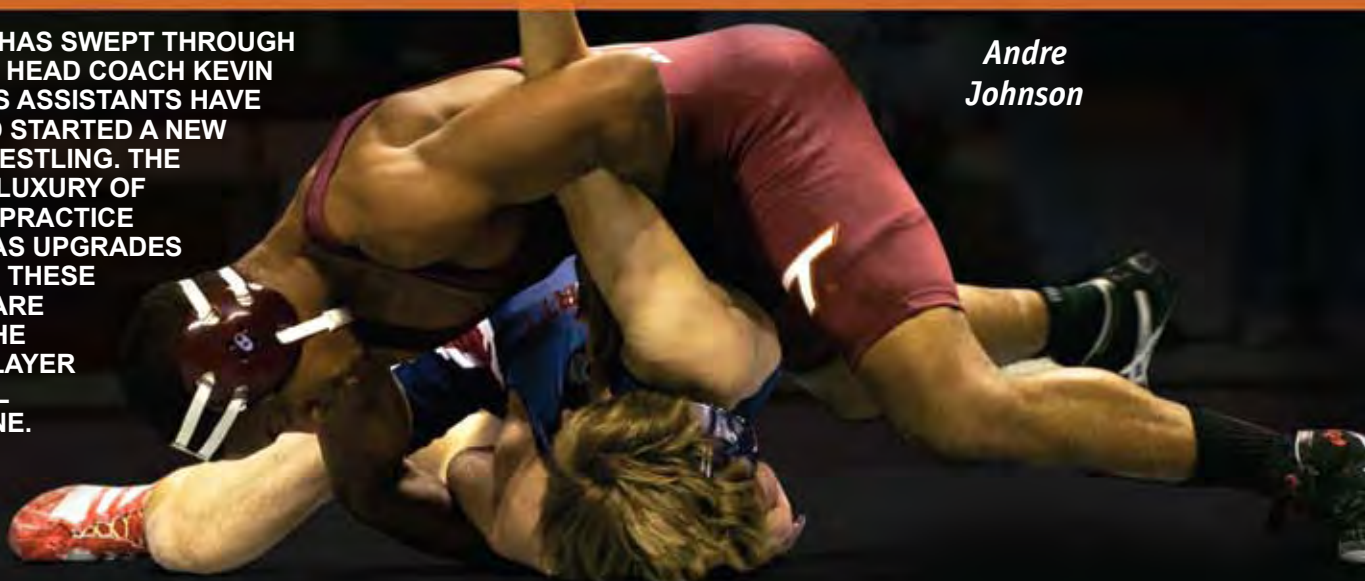
Feb. 1	OHIO UNIVERSITY	7 PM	Blacksburg
3	UNC GREENSBORO	2 PM	Blacksburg
9	TENNESSEE-CHATTANOOGA	7 PM	Blacksburg
15	at NC State *	7:30 PM	Raleigh, N.C.
16	at Duke *	1 PM	Durham, N.C.
24	OLD DOMINION	2 PM	Blacksburg
Mar. 8	at ACC Championships	All Day	College Park, Md.

NCAA Championships

20-22	at NCAA Championships	All Day	St. Louis, Mo.
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A NEW ATTITUDE HAS SWEEPED THROUGH BLACKSBURG AS HEAD COACH KEVIN DRESSER AND HIS ASSISTANTS HAVE TAKEN OVER AND STARTED A NEW ERA IN HOKIE WRESTLING. THE GROUP HAS THE LUXURY OF A MUCH LARGER PRACTICE ROOM, AS WELL AS UPGRADES IN OTHER AREAS. THESE IMPROVEMENTS ARE HELPING TURN THE HOKIES INTO A PLAYER ON THE NATIONAL WRESTLING SCENE.



**Andre
Johnson**