

CLEVELAND STATE VIKINGS WRESTLING

West Virginia (Senior Day)

Sunday, Feb. 24, 1:00 p.m.
Woodling Gymnasium
Cleveland, Ohio

2007-08 Wrestling Schedule/Results

November

3	at Eastern Michigan Open	NTS
11	at Michigan State Open	NTS
17	at Ashland Open	NTS
20	JOHN CARROLL(Alumni Day)	W, 34-3

December

2	Nittany Lion Open	NTS
15	CSU OPEN	NTS
29-30	at Midlands Invitational (at Northwestern, Evanston, Ill.)	28th, 12.5

January

<i>at Buffalo Duals</i>		
5	vs. Mercyhurst	W, 19-17
	vs. West Liberty State	W, 23-16
	vs. Buffalo	L, 15-16
8	at Kent State	L, 6-25
12	EASTERN MICHIGAN	L, 12-22
<i>at Ashland Duals</i>		
20	vs. Illinois	L, 0-37
	vs. Ashland	W, 21-13
	vs. Northern Illinois	L, 9-31
25	PITTSBURH*	L, 5-32

February

1	at Lock Haven*	L, 13-28
2	at Bloomsburg*	L, 12-23
9	EDINBORO*	L, 15-26
14	at Clarion*	L, 7-30
24	WEST VIRGINIA* (Sr. Day)	1:00 p.m.

March

8	at EWL Championships	All Day
20-22	at NCAA Championships	All Day

All times Eastern (EST).

* Eastern Wrestling League match.

Home matches in **BOLD CAPS**.

All home matches at Woodling Gymnasium.

SETTING THE SCENE: Cleveland State (4-10, 0-5 EWL) hosts EWL opponent West Virginia (7-4, 3-1 EWL) in a Senior Day dual meet at Woodling Gymnasium on Sunday, Feb. 24 at 1:00 p.m. EST. The Vikings will attempt to snap a six-meet losing streak.

RECAPING LAST WEEK: The Vikings faced Clarion on the road on Thursday, Feb. 14 in Clarion, Pa. Here is a brief look at how the Vikings fared last week.

Clarion 30, Cleveland State 7 (Feb. 14 at Tippin Gym, Clarion Pa.)

Marcus Effner (5-3 decision at 165 pounds) won the first bout of the evening, but the Vikings lost eight of the next nine bouts as Clarion secured their firstleague win of the season. Rashard Goff also won a match for the Vikings with a 13-2 major decision over Roman Husam.

PREVIEWING THE VIKINGS: Cleveland State is led by its middleweights this season, as its wrestlers from 157-174 pounds have all reached at least 20 wins. Junior Marcus Effner (24-8 at 165 pounds) leads the team in overall wins, dual meet wins (10) and dual meet points (36). Freshman Robbie Michaels (23-8 at 157 pounds) is second in wins despite losing his last four matches in his second season with the Vikings. Junior JT Miller (21-15 at 174 pounds) is third in wins and second on the team with seven pins. Miller is in his first year as a starter. The Vikings also have plenty of talent at the other weight classes. Heavyweight Rashard Goff (18-8 at 285 pounds) is ranked 18th in the nation. Senior

co-captain Ryan Hurley (13-10 at 149 pounds) has started every match of the season at 149 pounds, and is second on the team with seven dual meet wins. Seniors Ryan Riggs (co-captain, 12-12 at 125) and Mike Hurley (6-10 at 141) provide leadership with their years of experience. This leadership is needed as the Vikings have true freshmen starting at the remaining three weight classes. Freshman Alek Hughes (14-14 at 197 pounds) has had the most success of the trio, leading all true freshmen in wins. Hughes, who is sidelined with a sprained ankle, will be spelled by either Chris Hahn (0-1) or Benny Balogh (9-9) this week. Freshmen Josh Palivoda (9-18 at 133 pounds) and Derek Cummins (9-21 at 184 pounds) have been competitive in most of their matches despite their loss totals. Freshman Eric Schwartz (15-10) rounds out the starting lineup as a spot starter at heavyweight.

CSU'S PROBABLE STARTERS

125 - Ryan Riggs - Sr.	(12-12)
133 - Josh Palivoda - Fr.	(9-18)
141 - Mike Hurley - Sr.	(6-10)
149 - Ryan Hurley - Sr.	(13-10)
157 - Rob Michaels - Fr.	(23-8)
165 - Marcus Effner - Jr.	(24-8)
174 - JT Miller - Jr.	(21-15)
184 - Derek Cummins - Fr.	(9-21)
197 - Benny Balogh - So.	(9-9)
197 - Chris Hahn - Jr.	(0-1)
285 - Rashard Goff - Jr.	(18-8)
285 - Eric Schwartz - Fr.	(15-10)

CSU Dual Meet Points Leaders

Wt.	Name (Record)	Pts.	Dual Rec.
165	Marcus Effner (24-8)	36	10-3
149	Ryan Hurley (13-10)	24	7-7
174	JT Miller (21-15)	22	6-5
285	Eric Schwartz (15-10)	18	5-1
157	Rob Michaels (23-8)	18	5-4
197	Alek Hughes (14-14)	18	4-7

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