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2005-06 MARYLAND WRESTLING

HEAD COACH PAT SANTORO

THIRD SEASON AT MARYLAND • PITT, 1992

*** 2003 NATIONAL ASSISTANT COACH OF THE YEAR**

Pat Santoro, a two-time NCAA national champion and four-time All-American, returns for his third season at the helm of the Maryland program. Santoro has already created a buzz around the Terrapin program after attracting a pair of nationally-ranked recruiting classes in his two seasons in College Park.

Top-notch recruits are attracted to the program because of Santoro's proven track record of success. In his nine seasons as an assistant coach at Lehigh University in Bethlehem, Pa., he helped the Mountain Hawks ascend on the national scene. In 2003, Santoro's last season with the program, Lehigh finished fourth in the team standings at the 2003 NCAA Division I Wrestling Championships and Santoro was named the national Assistant Coach of the Year by the National Wrestling Coaches Association. Lehigh had national top-10 finishes in three of the his last four seasons and has finished either first or second in the Eastern Intercollegiate Wrestling Association seven times in the last eight years, including four team championships. Santoro has also served as an assistant coach at Duquesne (1993-94) and Penn State (1991-93).

In his first season in College Park, the Terps were 4-9 in dual meet action. At the ACC Tournament, though, Maryland's Jason Kiessling (157) and Barry Stein (HWT) advanced to the finals and were named to the ACC All-Tournament team. In his next season he helped mentor Charlie Pinto to the ACC title at 141 pounds and a berth in the NCAA Tournament. In addition, Maryland earned the ACC Sportsmanship Award and the team compiled a GPA of 3.0498 ranking 12th-best in the country.

Santoro brings to Maryland credentials that include national success as both a coach and as a student-athlete. Santoro was an All-American wrestler at the University of Pittsburgh, earning that status each season from 1986 through 1989. He

won NCAA Division I individual national championships at 142 pounds in 1988 and 1989, and was a three-time individual champion in the Eastern Wrestling League. He was the recipient of Pittsburgh's Golden Panther Award in 1989, recognizing the outstanding athlete of the year.

"Right now we're building," Santoro said after the 2004-05 season. "We have a good recruiting class coming in and we're excited. We're fully funded now and we're starting to attract kids."

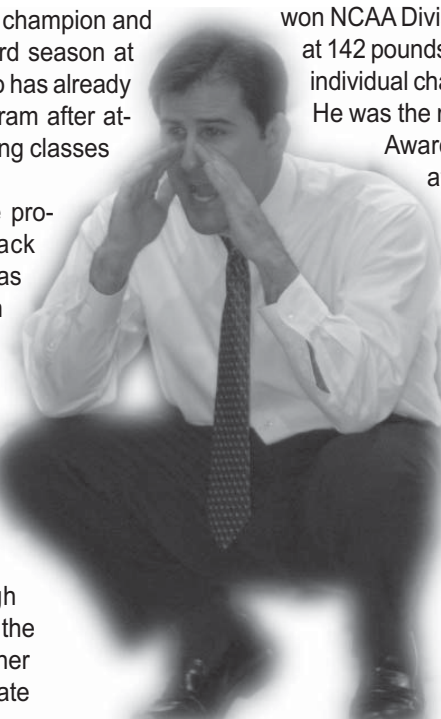
Following his success as a collegiate wrestler, Santoro went on to a stellar international career, being ranked among the nation's top wrestlers for more than a decade. He was a member of the U.S. National Team in 1995, 1996, 1998 and 1999, serving as an alternate for the 1996 Olympic Team and the 1999 World Team. He placed fourth at the 2000 U.S. Olympic Trials, third at the 1992 Trials and was runner-up at the U.S. Open Freestyle competition in 1992.

Santoro graduated with a bachelor's degree in psychology from Pittsburgh in 1992. While there he was a two-time team captain and a member of Athletes in Action and the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. He is a member of the EWL and District XI Wrestling halls of fame.

WHAT THEY'RE SAYING ABOUT PAT SANTORO

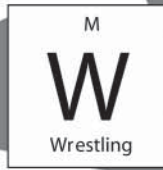
"Santoro has the resume to prove that he is the man to lead Maryland's wrestling program to national prominence. Before coming to Maryland, Santoro was the assistant coach at perennial power Lehigh for nine seasons, where he was honored as the national Assistant Coach of the Year in 2003. As a competitor, his credentials are equally as impressive." – Andrew Hipps, The Wrestling Mall

"He's really become a very good coach -- in all departments. He's always been a good teacher. I could see Pat being in the top 20 real soon." – Greg Strobel, Lehigh head coach



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ASSISTANT COACH TODD BECKERMAN

1ST SEASON AT MARYLAND • NEBRASKA, 2001



Former Nebraska All-American Todd Beckerman is in his first season on the Maryland Terrapin staff. A native of Crofton, Md., Beckerman spent the last two seasons as an assistant coach at the Naval Academy.

Last season at Navy, the team posted its best dual record since 1993 and had a school-record eight wrestlers post 25-win seasons.

A four-year letterwinner and two-time All-America at Nebraska, Beckerman came to Navy from Lincoln, Neb., where he spent the 2002-03 season as a volunteer assistant coach for the Huskers. Beckerman coached primarily the lower weight classes and helped coordinate and assist in the Husker recruiting efforts.

Prior to returning to his alma mater, Beckerman worked during

the 2001-02 season as an administrative assistant in the Penn State wrestling office, where he worked one-on-one with student-athletes and played a large role in directing summer camps. Beckerman also implemented the Todd Beckerman All-American Wrestling Camp, which was held for six-straight summers at Nebraska beginning in 1997.

At the 2000 and 2001 NCAA Championships, Beckerman wrestled to All-America status as well as Academic All-Big 12 honors in both seasons. He was the 2000-01 Nebraska Male Athlete of the Year, as well as the Husker Power Lifter of the Year. The 2000-01 team captain also competed internationally in 1999 and 2000 as a member of the Big 12 All-Star Wrestling Team.

Beckerman graduated in 2001 with a degree in human resources and family sciences.

ASSISTANT COACH BRAD DILLON

2ND SEASON AT MARYLAND • LEHIGH, 2004



Brad Dillon, an All-American on the mat and in the classroom at Lehigh, begins his second season as an assistant coach University of Maryland. Dillon wrestled and flourished under head coach Pat Santoro's direction while at Lehigh.

In his first season with the Terps, Dillon was involved in helping land a nationally ranked recruiting class and

helping Charlie Pinto to the ACC title at 141 pounds.

A four-year starter for the Mountain Hawks, Dillon finished fourth at the NCAA Tournament as a senior and fifth as a junior at 174 pounds to earn All-America honors. In addition, he was a two-time team captain and captured a pair Eastern Intercollegiate Wrestling Association (EIWA) titles. He finished his career with over 100 victories and set school records for

career dual meet victories (67), season dual meet victories (24) and most takedowns in a season (145).

Off the mat, Dillon was named an Academic All-American and was a recipient of the Lehigh University Scholar Athlete Award as a senior.

"I am excited for the opportunity to work with Pat," Dillon commented when he was hired. "He was instrumental in my accomplishments and I am familiar with his coaching system and philosophies. I am very confident in my ability to help the student-athletes at Maryland become better wrestlers and well-balanced individuals."

"Brad brings a lot to our program," Santoro said. "He has always been an excellent technician and a very hard worker. He also relates very well to the guys. He's very versatile because he can work with anyone on the team. He spends a lot of the morning in the wrestling room working with anyone from 125 to 197. He has been a great asset."

JASON NAGLE

VOLUNTEER ASSISTANT • 2ND SEASON PENNSYLVANIA, 2000



Jason Nagle enters his second year at the University of Maryland as a volunteer assistant coach.

A native Marylander, Nagle attended Centennial High School in Ellicott City where he was a state finalist. In college, Nagle was a four-year starter, wrestling at Penn State University before transferring to the University of Pennsylvania.

At Penn, he advanced to the finals of the EIWA tournament two times, winning the tournament once.

After graduating in 2000 with a degree in Biology, Nagle worked as an equity and index options trader before returning to the classroom in the fall of 2004. He is currently a first year student at the University of Maryland School of Pharmacy.

KEVIN KEARNS

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT • 29TH SEASON MARYLAND, 1975



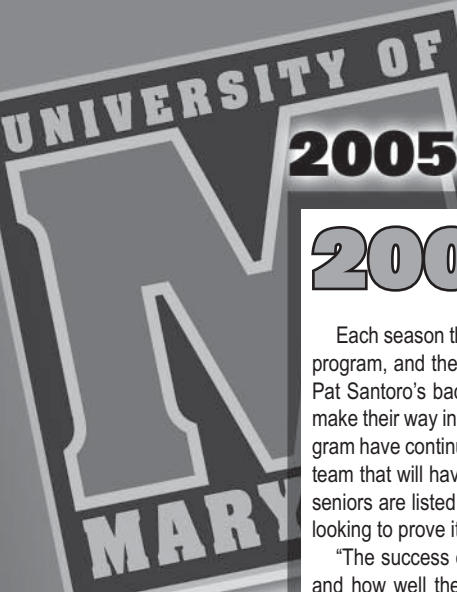
Former Terrapin letterwinner Kevin Kearns enters his 29th season on the Maryland staff, his second as an administrative assistant after spending 27 years as an assistant coach. In 1970, while a captain of the wrestling team, Kearns was drafted into the United States Army. He served with the 101st Airborne Division in a Recon Team in Vietnam in 1971 and 1972.

Upon his completion of military duty, Kearns returned to the Maryland wrestling program in 1972-73 and assisted Coach McHugh and the team.

Wrestling during this time for the Baltimore Central YMCA, Kearns won the national YMCA Greco championship, the prestigious New York Athletic Club Greco championship and two South Atlantic AAU freestyle championships.

After receiving his degree, he moved to Minnesota to train and wrestle for the United States Greco Roman team. Returning to Maryland in 1976, Kearns was named head coach at Dulaney High School in Timonium, Md. In 1977, he was selected to take the head coaching position at Johns Hopkins University, but returned to Maryland in 1980, where he has served as an assistant coach for 27 years before moving to an administrative position in 2004.





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2005-06 SEASON OUTLOOK

Each season the Maryland Terrapins continue to pour more talent into the program, and the 2005-06 season is no different. Some of the members of Pat Santoro's back-to-back nationally ranked recruiting classes will start to make their way into the lineup, and the veterans that have been with the program have continued to improve under Santoro. The Terps still have a young team that will have to adjust to the highs and lows of a full season (just five seniors are listed on the roster), but will be a competitive and hungry group looking to prove itself.

"The success of the team is going to depend on some of the new faces and how well they can step up," Santoro says. "We also have some key sophomores and juniors, and if they can wrestle like they're capable of wrestling, we should improve our results from a year ago."

One of the motivational sources for the team was the success of Charlie Pinto last season. Pinto started last season third on the depth chart, but worked his way to an ACC championship and a berth in the NCAA Tournament.

"I think everyone saw his work ethic last year and realized that here's a guy that came in and worked himself to get into the position to be an ACC champion," Santoro says. "He didn't come here as a guy with national accolades that was supposed to win, he made himself into that. It's important that he's returning, too, because a lot of times your top guy is a senior and he still has two more seasons."

Heading into the season, very few weight classes have clear-cut favorites. The Terps will use early season practices, wrestle-offs and tournaments to formulate a regular lineup for when they get into the meat of their dual schedule beginning in January. Maryland will face elite competition throughout the year at large tournaments and with duals against perennial powers. This scheduling represents Santoro's philosophy of preparing his team to peak at the end of the season to compete for championships. Now that the program is fully funded, there has never been a better time to pursue those goals.

Here's a weight-by-weight breakdown for 2005-06:

125 – Last season, Kevin Vinh saw most of the action at 125, with Jeff Oldham also competing at that weight. The two will again be battling for that position this year as Oldham has come off a strong summer. Oldham went 10-10 a season ago (wrestling up at 133 at times), while Vinh went 9-13, including a 4-7 record in duals.

"It's going to be a battle back-and-forth between those guys," Santoro says. Freshman James Knox, a high school state champion out of Dulaney High in Baltimore, will also compete for time.

133 – Sean Carr was Maryland's regular starter a season ago and returns for his sophomore season bringing more experience to the mat. Ryan Brown, a third year sophomore, won the wrestle-off last season against Carr but missed the season with a knee injury and will again push for that spot.

A pair of freshmen, Brendan Byrne and Stephen Bell could also compete for the starting spot at 133, but may also redshirt the season. The decision on their eligibility will likely come after the wrestle-offs in November.

141 – The front-runner for the weight class is obviously Charlie Pinto, who last year became the first Terps to win an ACC title since 2002. One of the team's two captains for this season, the junior steadily improved throughout the season, closing the year winning nine of his last 11 matches and posting a 26-11 record.

However, Pinto will be pushed by Jason Gribschaw who is fully recovered from a back injury that kept him out of competition last season. Gribschaw was the starter two seasons ago and won 17 matches while in the lineup.

"We have quality people at this weight, and Charlie will have a tough wrestle-off," Santoro says. "We also have freshmen Alex Krom and Steve Mineo, but they will probably redshirt this year."

149 – Andrew Schlaffer is the early favorite to be the starter at this weight. Schlaffer moved up to 149 at the end of last season but has now put the weight on to more adequately compete at the weight class. A good athlete,

Schlaffer wrestles at a high pace and works well on his feet to generate offense.

"He's talented, and he's done a great job to work himself into a 149-pounder," Santoro says. "When he figures things out, he could have a break-out season."

Redshirt freshman Kyle Harger is also in the mix at 149. Harger is a dangerous wrestler who is good on top, which could give Schlaffer problems in the wrestle-off.

157 – The team's deepest weight class features several talented wrestlers who could be the Terp starter. Jerad Villocco, one of the two team captains, is the early front-runner, but senior Adam James will push for the starting spot by the time the second semester rolls around. Carlo Mercadante, who transferred back to Maryland this fall, is also in the running to be the starter. Spencer Hollerith redshirted last season gives people trouble with his size and style. Freshmen Mike McGill and Mason Krumholtz were high school state champions could also be in the mix if they decide not to redshirt.

"This is our deepest weight, and I really don't know who the best guy is," Santoro says. "We have the early tournaments where we can send a couple of guys in each weight, and we'll see how they do against other competition and it will sort itself out that way."

165 – Heading into the season, this weight is up for grabs between three athletes: Adam DeCosmo, Eli Black and Ryan Kennett. DeCosmo, a local product, had a strong summer of training and which has put him in a position to challenge Black for the position. Kennett redshirted last season and is also a candidate to be the starter.

174 – Luke Stauffer is the returning starter after winning seven matches as a sophomore, but Rob Parker has moved up from 165 to challenge him for the spot. Other challengers will be Mike Maceroli, who filled a valuable role for the team competing at several weight classes last season, and transfer Dominic Buckman, who comes to Maryland after spending two seasons at Appalachian State.

"It's another weight where any one of the guys could step up and take that spot," Santoro says.

184 – Unlike the previous weight classes, redshirt freshman Josh Haines has distinguished himself as the front-runner at this weight. The highly touted wrestler won 17 matches during his redshirt season a year ago and placed in every tournament in which he competed.

"He had a really good redshirt year and he made the most of it," Santoro says of Haines. "He's more of a complete wrestler. When he came in he was a strong guy who won a lot in high school. He's picked up a lot of things working with [assistant coach] Brad [Dillon] to complement his style. He has the whole package, it's just a matter of him going out there and having fun and wrestling like he knows how to wrestle."

Haines will be backed up by senior Adam Beytin.

197 – Junior Jerry Afari battled a knee injury over the past year and a half, but is now completely healthy and could have a break-out year.

"Jerry wrestled well at the end of last year, he just needs more mat time," Santoro says. "He's strong and in good shape, and the more he's on the mat the better he's going to be."

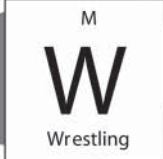
Yony Noy will push Afari for the starting spot. Noy was Maryland's utility wrestler a season ago, competing anywhere from 174 through heavyweight. Hudson Taylor, one of the nation's best incoming recruits, will redshirt the season to gain more experience.

HWT – A problem spot for the Terps last year, Maryland has brought in freshman Bryan Reiss to man the spot this year. A 270-pound heavyweight, Reiss combines hard work with good athleticism and will be a tough competitor for the Terps at this weight class.



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ROSTER INFORMATION

ALPHABETICAL

Name	Wt.	Class	Hometown/HS
Jerry Afari	197	Jr.	Columbia, Pa./Columbia
Stephen Bell	133	Fr.	Connellsville, Pa./Connellsville
Keith Bernard	149	So.	Clifton Park, N.Y./Shenendehowa
Adam Beytin	184	Sr.	Reisterstown, Md./Owings Mills
Eli Black	165	R-Fr.	Mechanicsville, Md./Chopticon
Ryan Brown	133	So.	Baltimore, Md./Lansdowne
Dominic Buckman	174	Jr.	Jacksonville, Fla./N.B. Forrest
Brendan Byrne	133	Fr.	Cape May, N.J./Blair Academy
Sean Carr	133	So.	Whitehall, Pa./Whitehall
Adam DeCosmo	165	Sr.	Baltimore, Md./Old Mill
Jason Gribschaw	141	Sr.	Horsham, Pa./Hatboro-Horsham
Eric Grida	157	Fr.	Hellertown, Pa./Saucon Valley
Josh Haines	184	R-Fr.	Walnutport, Pa./Northampton
Kyle Harger	149	R-Fr.	Loveland, Ohio/Brooks School
Spencer Hollerith	157	R-Fr.	Montville, N.J./Montville
Adam James	157	Sr.	Silver Spring, Md./Paint Branch
Chad Jeronimo	141	R-Fr.	Bethesda, Md./Bethesda-Chevy Chase
Ryan Kennett	165	R-Fr.	West Chester, Pa./The Haverford School
Jason Kiessling	165	Sr.	La Plata, Md./McDonogh School
James Knox	125	Fr.	Baltimore, Md./Dulaney
Alex Krom	141	Fr.	Easton, Pa./Easton
Mason Krumholtz	157	Fr.	Baltimore, Md./Kenwood
Mike Maceroli	174	Jr.	Chatham, N.J./Chatham
Mike McGill	157	Fr.	Hagerstown, Md./Williamsport
Carlo Mercandante	157	So.	Wilkes-Barre, Pa./Elmer L. Meyers
Steve Mineo	141	Fr.	Scotch Plains, N.J./Scotch Plains Fanwood
Mike Moor	125	So.	Seaford, N.Y./Seaford
Yony Noy	184/197	So.	Fair Lawn, N.J./Fair Lawn
Jeff Oldham	125	So.	Bethel, Conn./Bethel
Rob Parker	174	So.	Northport, N.Y./Northport
Charlie Pinto	141	Jr.	Stockholm, N.J./Walkkill Valley Regional
Bryan Reiss	285	Fr.	Emmaus, Pa./Emmaus
Matt Rothstein	157	Jr.	Potomac, Md./Winston Churchill
Andrew Schläffer	149	So.	Baltimore, Md./Dulaney
Luke Stauffer	174	Jr.	Mount Joy, Pa./Elizabethtown
Clint Stout	157	So.	Corsica, Pa./Commodore Perry
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TERPS BY STATE

- Connecticut (1):** Jeff Oldham
- Florida (1):** Dominic Buckman
- Maryland (12):** Adam Beytin, Eli Black, Ryan Brown, Adam DeCosmo, Adam James, Chad Jeronimo, Jason Kiessling, James Knox, Mason Krumholtz, Mike McGill, Matt Rothstein, Andrew Schläffer
- New Jersey (8):** Brendan Byrne, Spencer Hollerith, Mike Maceroli, Steve Mineo, Yony Noy, Charlie Pinto, Hudson Taylor, Jared Villecco
- New York (3):** Keith Bernard, Mike Moor, Rob Parker
- Ohio (1):** Kyle Harger
- Pennsylvania (13):** Jerry Afari, Stephen Bell, Sean Carr, Jason Gribschaw, Eric Grida, Josh Haines, Ryan Kennett, Alex Krom, Carlo Mercandante, Bryan Reiss, Luke Stauffer, Clint Stout, Kevin Vinh

TERPS BY ELIGIBILITY

- Seniors (5):** Adam Beytin, Adam DeCosmo, Jason Gribschaw, Adam James, Jason Kiessling
- Juniors (7):** Jerry Afari, Dominic Buckman, Mike Maceroli, Charlie Pinto, Matt Rothstein, Luke Stauffer, Jared Villecco
- Sophomores (11):** Keith Bernard, Ryan Brown, Sean Carr, Carlo Mercandante, Mike Moor, Yony Noy, Jeff Oldham, Rob Parker, Andrew Schläffer, Clint Stout, Kevin Vinh
- Redshirt Freshmen (6):** Eli Black, Josh Haines, Kyle Harger, Spencer Hollerith, Chad Jeronimo, Ryan Kennett
- Freshmen (11):** Stephen Bell, Brendan Byrne, Eric Grida, James Knox, Alex Krom, Mason Krumholtz, Mike McGill, Steve Mineo, Bryan Reiss, Hudson Taylor

