

2007-2008 PENN STATE WRESTLING

PENNSYLVANIA STATE UNIVERSITY

ENROLLMENT: 41,050

PRESIDENT: Dr. Graham Spanier

COLORS: Blue & White

DIRECTOR OF ATHLETICS: Tim Curley

NICKNAME: Nittany Lions

CONFERENCE: Big Ten

WRESTLING FACILITY (CAPACITY): Rec Hall (6,846)

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TEAM INFORMATION

HEAD COACH: Troy Sunderland (Penn State, '93)

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SCHOOL RECORD: 93-73 (10th year)

CAREER RECORD: same

ASSISTANT COACHES: Dave Hart (PSU, '93), John Hughes (PSU, '02), Matt Dernlan (Liberty, '96)

2006-07 RECORD: 14-5

2006-07 CONFERENCE RECORD: 5-3, T3rd

2006-07 CONFERENCE TOURNAMENT FINISH: 4th

2006-07 NCAA FINISH: 11th

FINAL NWCA DUAL RANKING: #11

LETTERMAN RETURNING/LOST: 12/4

STARTERS RETURNING/LOST: 9/3 (includes two part-time starters)

NCAA QUALIFIERS RETURNING/LOST: 5/2

ALL-AMERICANS RETURNING/LOST: 2/1

ALPHABETICALLY - TOP RETURNERS W/ STATS AND NOTES (YR./PROJECTED WEIGHT FOR 2007-08):

Phil Davis (Sr./197): Three-time All-American, 2007 All-American (5th); Undefeated in Big Ten Duals last year; 28-5 (16-1 in duals); 2006 NCAA Runner-Up (2nd), 2006 Big Ten Champion; 25-4 overall (8-0 Big Ten); 90-19 career (20-3 Big Ten); 2005 NCAA All-American (7th).

Bubba Jenkins (So./157): National qualifier as a freshman; 23-12 overall; 4-4 Big Ten duals.

Mark McKnight (Sr./125): Three-time national qualifier; 23-11 last year; Ranked as high as No.2 in 2006-07; 88-34 career record; Academic All-Big Ten last year.

David Rella (So./165): Started as a true freshman last year; 21-13 overall; 3-5 in Big Ten duals.

Jake Strayer (Jr./141): 2007 All-American at 133 (7th); Went 27-8 last year; 6-2 in Big Ten duals; 2006 NCAA Qualifier (Round of 12); 26-6 overall (6-2 Big Ten); 3rd Place 2006 Big Ten Tournament; Two-time Academic All-Big Ten; Two-time first team Academic All-American; 53-14 career record; 12-4 in Big Ten duals.

Dan Vallimont (So./149): National qualifier as red-shirt freshman last year; Advanced to 'Round of 12' at nationals, one win shy of All-American status; Went 22-12; 5-3 in Big Ten duals.

TOP NEWCOMERS/REDSHIRTS W/ STATS AND NOTES (YR./PROJECTED WEIGHT FOR 2007-08):

Tim Darling (Fr./157): Three-time PIAA State Champion; High School National Champion; High School All-American.

David Erwin (So./174): Started as true freshman at 165 in '05-06; Went 23-8 and 5-1 in Big Ten duals.

Tim Haas (Jr./133): Went 14-7 at 133 as a sophomore in '05-06; 17-8 career dual meet record.

Brad Pataky (So./125): Went 15-8 at 125 as a true freshman in '05-06; 2-1 in Big Ten duals.

John Laboranti (So./HWT): Transfer from Virginia Tech; Went 8-8 in 2005-06, 1-4 in ACC.

Frank Molinaro (Fr./141): Three-time New Jersey State Champ; High School Nationals Runner-Up and All-American.

Jared Platt (Fr./197): Two-time Prep National Champ; Junior Pan Am Gold Medalist (twice); High School All-American.

Stefan Tighe (Fr./HWT): Transferred from Nebraska prior to last year; went 8-3 in unattached action.

Cameron Wade (Fr./HWT): Two-time Ohio State Champion; Three-time finalist; High School All-American.

PENN STATE NITTANY LION WRESTLING 2007-08 SCHEDULE

(as of July 1, 2007)

NOVEMBER

Sun.	4	WRESTLE-OFFS	1 p.m.
Sun.	11	MARYLAND	1 p.m.
Sat.	17	HOFSTRA	1 p.m.

DECEMBER

Sun.	2	NITTANY LION OPEN	All Day
Fri.	7	at Lehigh	7 p.m.
Sun.	9	at Oklahoma State	TBA

JANUARY

Fri.	4	CORNELL	7 p.m.
Sat.-Sun.	12-13	National Duals, Cedar Rapids, Iowa <i>(2007 field: Penn State, Central Michigan, Cornell, Hofstra, Indiana, Iowa State, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, Northern Iowa, Northwestern, Ohio State, Oklahoma State and West Virginia)</i>	
Sun.	20	at Iowa*	TBA
Fri.	25	at Ohio State*	7 p.m.
Sun.	27	INDIANA*	1 p.m.

FEBRUARY

Fri.	1	at Northwestern*	7 p.m.
Sun.	3	at Illinois*	1 p.m.
Fri.	8	MICHIGAN*	7 p.m.
Fri.	15	MICHIGAN STATE*	7 p.m.
Sun.	17	PURDUE*	1 p.m.
Sat.	23	at Lock Haven	7:30 p.m.

MARCH

Sat.-Sun.	8-9	Big Ten Championships, Minneapolis, Minn.	All Day
Thu.-Sat.	20-22	NCAA Championships, St. Louis, Mo.	All Day

* Big Ten Match • All Times Eastern • Home Events in CAPS

2007-08 NITTANY LION WRESTLING ROSTER

Name	Wt.	Yr./El.	Ht.	Hometown/High School
Nathan Andrews	197	So.-Fr.	6-2	Spring Mills, Pa./Penns Valley
Micah Bollinger	157/165	Fr.-Fr.		Mifflinburg, Pa./Mifflinburg
Philip Bomberger	184	Sr.-Jr.	5-10	Port Royal, Pa./Juniata
Neil Bretz	184	Sr.-Jr.	5-8	Carlisle, Pa./Cumberland Valley
J.R. Brown*	184/197	Fr.-Fr.		Bellefonte, Pa./Bellefonte
Eric Caschera	125	So.-Fr.	5-4	South Williamsport, Pa./S. Williamsport
Jonathan Clemens	157	Sr.-Jr.	5-7	McVeytown, Pa./Mount Union
Tim Darling	157	Fr.-Fr.		Nazareth, Pa./Nazareth
Philip Davis	197	Sr.-Sr.	6-1.5	Harrisburg, Pa./Harrisburg
Jack Decker	174	Sr.-Jr.	6-0	Roseland, N.J./Seton Hall Prep
Mike Eagan	141	So.-Fr.	5-7	Wharton, N.J./Morris Knolls
David Erwin	174	Jr.-So.	6-0	Urbana, Ohio/St. Paris Graham
Shane Everett	149	Fr.-Fr.		Saylorsburg, Pa./Pleasant Valley
Pat Flynn	184	So.-Fr.		Quakertown, Pa./Quakertown
Mark Friend	165	Sr.-Jr.	6-0	Libertyville, Ill./Libertyville
Tim Haas	133	Sr.-Sr.	5-3	Camp Hill, Pa./Cedar Cliff
Christian Harr	149	So.-Fr.	5-9	Holidaysburg, Pa./Holidaysburg
Justin Hepburn	197	So.-Fr.	6-1	Williamsport, Pa./Loyalsock
Brendan Herlihy	Hwt.	Jr.-So.	6-2	Fairfield, Conn./Fairfield Warde
Matt Jacobs	141	Fr.-Fr.		Phoenix, Md./Dulany
Bubba Jenkins	157	So.-So.	5-8	Virginia Beach, Va./First Colonial
John Laboranti	Hwt.	Jr.-So.	6-1	Scranton, Pa./Pittston
Eric Lapotsky	197	So.-So.		Mt. Carmel, Pa./Mt. Carmel
Michael Lorenzo	165	So.-Fr.	5-10	Bellefonte, Pa./Bellefonte
Adam Lynch	133	Fr.-Fr.		Mifflinburg, Pa./Mifflinburg (Navy Prep)
Mark McKnight	125	Sr.-Sr.	5-4	McDonald, Pa./South Fayette
Chad Mitchell	125	Fr.-Fr.		Lilburn, Ga./Parkview
Frank Molinaro	141	Fr.-Fr.		Barnegat, N.J./Southern Regional
Desmond Moore	125	Fr.-Fr.		Easton, Pa./Easton
Craig Owsiany	157	Jr.-So.	5-7	Phoenixville, Pa./St. Pius X
Brad Pataky	125	Jr.-So.	5-3	Clearfield, Pa./Clearfield
Colby Pisani	141/149	Fr.-Fr.		Ridgway, Pa./Ridgway
Jared Platt	197	Fr.-Fr.		Blairtown, N.J./Blair Academy
Dave Rella	165	So.-So.	5-8	Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio/Walsh Jesuit
Garrett Scott	141	So.-Fr.		Alexandria, Pa./Juniata Valley
Adam Smetana	125	So.-Fr.	5-4	Valencia, Pa./Mars
Jake Strayer	141	Sr.-Jr.	5-7	South Fork, Pa./Forest Hills
Stefan Tighe	HWT	Jr.-So.	6-2	Erie, Pa./Cathedral Prep
Dan Vallimont	149	Jr.-So.	5-7	Lake Hopatcong, N.J./Jefferson Twp.
Cameron Wade	HWT	Fr.-Fr.		Twinsburg, Ohio/St. Peter Chanel
Mike Ward	184	Jr.-So.	5-11	Mayfield, Ohio/Mayfield Village

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MANAGERS: Scott Ely, Eileen Gibbons, TBA

* -- J.R. Brown to join squad in January of 2008