

OLD DOMINION UNIVERSITY MONARCH WRESTLING

MISSOURI OPEN



Monarchs in Missouri

The Old Dominion Monarchs travel to its second tough tournament of the season as they travel to the Missouri Open. ODU opened with the Michigan State Open, featuring eight nationally ranked teams. The Missouri Open will not offer much break as nationally ranked grapplers from Missouri, Illinois, Northern Iowa, and Oklahoma are among those expected to compete.

ODU will look to nationally ranked David Mendoza (197) and Ryan Williams (141), as well as undefeated on the season Jesse Strawn (184) for big tournament showings

The Monarchs will return to the mat next Saturday, November 24 as they face three teams, including Iowa, at the St. Edward's Duals in Ohio.

Nationally Ranked

In the Intermat.com National Rankings, ODU is receiving more votes than any team not in the Top 25. They could potentially break into the Top 25 as soon as this week, with a good showing at the Missouri Open.

ODU redshirt sophomore Chris Brown (165) and junior David Mendoza (197) were ranked in several preseason polls. After the first week, Mendoza remains #19 in the Intermat.com national rankings and teammate Ryan Williams jumps in at #19 in the 141-lb. weight class.

Rankings:

Intermat.com - 11/13

141 - Ryan Williams (#19)

197 - David Mendoza (#19)

Amateur Wrestling News - (Preseason)

165 - Chris Brown (#19)

197 - David Mendoza (#16)

W.I.N. Magazine - (Preseason)

197 - David Mendoza (#20)

WrestlingReport.com - (Preseason)

125 - James Nicholson (#26)

165 - Chris Brown (#20)

184 - Jesse Strawn (#30)

197 - David Mendoza (#18)

TheWrestlingMall.com - (Preseason)

165 - Chris Brown (#18)

197 - David Mendoza (#17)

Last Weekend

ODU earned its first win of the 2007-08 season as it toppled a Big Ten opponent for the first time since 1990-91 season. The Monarchs defeated Michigan State 20-16, winning six weight classes including a 21-5 technical fall at 125 lbs from redshirt freshman James Nicholson

On Sunday, the Monarchs took part in the Michigan State Open, with one champ and seven placewinners. Kaylen Baxter (149) won his weight class, while Roy Dragon III (285) and Ryan Williams (141) both took second at the open tournament.

PROBABLE STARTERS

125 - (26) JAMES NICHOLSON/BILLY CHAMBERLAIN

133 - KYLE HUTTER

141 - (19) RYAN WILLIAMS

149 - KAYLEN BAXTER

157 - DAN RIVERA/TEL TODD

165 - (18) CHRIS BROWN

174 - NICK PULLANO

184 - JESSE STRAWN

197 - (16) DAVID MENDOZA

285 - ROY DRAGON III/ANDY TOTUSEK

HIGHEST CURRENT RANKINGS NOTED

2007-08 ODU Schedule/Results

Date	Opponent	Time/Results
11/9	Michigan State	20-16 W
11/11	MSU Open	1 Champ; 7 Placed
11/18	Missouri Open	All Day
11/24	St. Edward's Duals:	
	Findlay	11:30 am
	Iowa	2:30 pm
	Iowa Central	4:00 pm
11/30-12/1	Las Vegas Invitational	All Day
12/1	Penn State Open	All Day
12/29-12/30	Southern Scuffle	All Day
1/5	Virginia States	All Day
1/8	Delaware State	7:30 pm
1/11-1/12	Virginia Duals	All Day
1/18-1/19	CAA Duals	All Day
1/27	Bucknell	1:00 pm
2/3	George Mason American	12:00 pm TBA
2/10	Rider	5:00 pm
2/24	Virginia Tech	2:00 pm
3/7-3/8	CAA Tournament	All Day
3/20-3/22	NCAA Tournament	All Day

Home dates bold

Champions Developing the Future

Head Coach Steve Martin has led the Monarchs to a 36-19-2 mark through his third year at the helm. In the CAA the Monarchs have dominated with a 16-4-1 mark. Martin comes from a powerhouse of high school wrestling in Great Bridge High School in Chesapeake. In 14 years as head coach, the Great Bridge Wildcats won 13 state championships.

Martin is assisted by Mike Dixon, Jon Sioredas and Matt Storniolo. Dixon brings great recruiting skills and knowledge of the CAA coming from James Madison. He has experience coaching championship contenders while at the University of Indianapolis.

Sioredas is a second-year coach with a wealth of knowledge about the sport. Named an All-American and ranked as high as 2nd nationally at the University of Tennessee-Chattanooga, Sioredas is now using his skills to teach.

Storniolo is mirroring Sioredas' career, jumping right into coaching after graduation. He was a two-time All-American at the University of Oklahoma, as well as the Big East Rookie of the Year at Penn State.

All four coaches are wrestling champions in their own right and are building a championship future.

By Weight Class:

For the first time in Steve Martin's coaching tenure, there will be a former NCAA Qualifier, HS All-American, or FILA Cadet All-American starting at EVERY weight.

125: RS freshmen James Nicholson and Billy Chamberlain will platoon at 125. Nicholson was an alternate on the FILA Jr. World Team this summer and compiled a 23-8 record unattached a year ago. Chamberlain will also see time, as he was ranked as high as 4th in the nation in high school.

133: Kyle Hutter will bump up a weight class and be the go-to starter at 133 lbs. He was ranked second in the conference for much of the 06-07 campaign and finished 3rd at the CAA Tournament. Hutter knocked off nationally ranked Chad Sportelli (Kent State) at the Southern Scuffle. He'll be backed by Justin Belanger, the Rhode Island Wrestler of the Year in 2006-07, and Zeke Donahay, a Florida state finalist.

141: Ryan Williams has been the most dependable starter in the lineup since taking over the job at 141 as a freshman. He was an NCAA Qualifier in 2006 and is already ranked in the Top 20 this season. It is one of the deepest weight classes for the Monarchs, as returners Adam Koballa and Cam Watkins both have sufficient collegiate experience to step in and relieve Williams at any point during the season.

149: Kaylen Baxter has already sealed one championship this season, at the MSU Open, and has a history of knocking off top competition. He has wins against four nationally ranked wrestlers and seven NCAA qualifiers. He's started the season with a 5-0 mark to lead the team. In the wings will be returner Joey Metzler and newcomer Buffy Okigbo.

157: In a void left by Chris Brown bumping up to 165, this weight class is still open for the taking. Redshirt freshman Dan Rivera and true freshman Tel Todd are the frontrunners as Lester France will also press for mat time. Rivera was a FILA Cadet world team member in high school and wrestled at 149 lbs unattached last season. Todd was ranked as high as 8th in the nation in high school as a Montana state champion, while France coupled an enormous 217 wins with just 13 losses in his prep career.

165: Chris Brown, the team leader in wins and major decisions in 2006, will wrestle at this slot. He is nationally ranked in the preseason and has already tallied 40 wins in his young career. Newcomer Derek Peperas will back up Brown.

174: 2007 NCAA Qualifier and ODU's lone senior, Nick Pullano, will bump up to the 174-lb. weight. He'll look to return to the tournament after a very successful junior campaign, leading the team in technical falls with seven. T.C. Pendleton and Sam Hunt will vie for mat time at this weight as well.

184: Jesse Strawn is one of just three Monarchs to get five wins in the opening weekend. He had 11 pins as a true freshman and finished 3rd at the CAA Tournament. Scott Cust will provide depth at 184, and will push Strawn to maintain success throughout the season.

197: Junior David Mendoza will strive to make the NCAA Tournament for a second consecutive season, as he went 32-12 last season, including leading the team in pins. He's currently nationally ranked in all the major polls and will face stiff competition early in the year.

HWT: True freshmen Roy Dragon III and Andy Totusek will battle for the starting job at 285. Dragon went 148-12 with 111 pins in high school while Totusek was 132-31 in high school.

Colonial Athletic Association

CAA Wrestling Preseason Rankings (October 2007)

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

125:

1. Dave Tomasette, Hofstra
2. Steve Mytych, Drexel
3. **James Nicholson, ODU**
4. Brian Wright, GMU
5. Fred Santaite, Boston Univ.
6. Mitch Fenton, Rider

133:

1. Lou Ruggirello, Hofstra
2. Zac Cunliffe, Rider
3. Billy Martin, Drexel
4. **Kyle Hutter, ODU**
5. Paul Galipeau, Sacred Heart
6. Will Powars/Joe Coughlin, GMU

141:

1. Charles Griffin, Hofstra
2. Don Fisch, Rider
3. **Ryan Williams, ODU**
4. Joey Whitaker, Boston Univ.
5. Cory Dunn, Sacred Heart
6. Dave Gilio, Drexel

149:

1. Mike Roberts, Boston Univ.
2. Kyle Fried, Binghamton
3. **Kaylen Baxter, ODU**
4. Mitch Smith, Hofstra
5. Chris Davis, Sacred Heart
6. Aaron Nestor, Rider

157:

1. Ryan Hluschak, Drexel
2. Jon Bonilla-Bowman, Hofstra
3. Rob Morrison, Rider
4. Nate Patterson, Binghamton
5. Mike Cubillos, Boston Univ.
6. Frankie McLaughlin, GMU

165:

1. **Chris Brown, ODU**
2. Billy Haydt, Drexel
3. Jason Lapham, Rider
4. Ryan Patrovich, Hofstra
5. Tyler Tisdell, GMU
6. A.J. Detwiler, Boston Univ.

174:

1. Josh Patterson, Binghamton
2. Alton Lucas, Hofstra
3. **Nick Pullano, ODU**
4. Randy Oates, GMU
5. Alex Brown, Boston Univ.
6. Dillon Landi, Campbell

184:

1. Joe Rovelli, Hofstra
2. Doug Umbehauer, Rider
3. **Jesse Strawn, ODU**
4. Ryan Malo, Boston Univ.
5. Justin Wieller, Drexel
6. Bill Widener, GMU

197:

1. **David Mendoza, ODU**
2. T.J. Morrison, Rider
3. Kevin Fox, Sacred Heart
4. Corey Waite, Binghamton
5. Cayle Byers, GMU
6. Jeff Siciliano, Hofstra

285:

1. Eddie Bordas, Rider
2. Harry Zander, GMU
3. Mike Patterson, Binghamton
4. Jeremiah Fennell, Campbell
5. Bryant Deinhardt, Drexel
6. **Roy Dragon III, ODU**



2007-08 Old Dominion Wrestling Final Statistics

(Including Tournament Results)

Season Dual Record: 1-0

CAA Record: 0-0

CAA Finish: TBD

Name	Cl.	Wt.	Overall W-L	Dual W-L	CAA W-L	Tourn. W-L	Maj. Dec.	Tech. Fall	Pins
Kaylen Baxter	RS So	149	5-0	1-0	0-0	4-0	0	0	0
Justin Belanger	Fr	133	1-2	0-0	0-0	1-2	1	0	0
Chris Brown	RS So	165	5-2	1-0	0-0	4-2	0	0	1
Billy Chamberlin	So	125	2-3	0-0	0-0	2-3	0	0	0
Derek Coffey	So	174	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Scott Cust	Fr	184	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Zeke Donahay	Fr	141	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Roy Dragon III	Fr	285	3-2	0-1	0-0	3-1	0	0	1
Lester France	Fr	149	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sam Hunt	Fr	174	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Kyle Hutter	So	133	1-3	0-1	0-0	1-2	0	0	0
Adam Koballa	So	133	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
David Mendoza	Jr	184	3-3	0-1	0-0	3-2	0	0	0
Joey Metzler	RS Fr	141	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
James Nicholson	RS Fr	125	3-2	1-0	-	2-2	0	1	0
Buffy Okigbo	Fr	149	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
T.C. Pendleton	Fr	165	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nick Pullano	RS Sr	174	3-2	1-0	0-0	2-2	0	0	0
Dan Rivera	RS Fr	165	1-3	0-1	0-0	1-2	0	0	0
Jesse Strawn	So	184	5-1	1-0	0-0	4-1	2	0	0
Tel Todd	Fr	157	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Andy Totusek	Fr	285	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cam Watkins	RS So	141	0-2	0-0	0-0	0-2	0	0	0
Ryan Williams	Jr	141	4-1	1-0	0-0	3-1	1	0	1

Tournament Highlights:

Michigan State Open (Nov. 11, 2006)

125 lbs: 6th - Billy Chamberlain

141 lbs: 2nd - Ryan Williams

149 lbs: 1st - Kaylen Baxter

165 lbs: 5th - Chris Brown

184 lbs: 3rd - Jesse Strawn

197 lbs: 5th - David Mendoza

285 lbs: 2nd - Roy Dragon III

Dual Results:

Nov. 9 at Michigan State W 20-16
 Nov. 24 St. Edward Duals
 vs. Findlay
 vs. Iowa
 vs. Iowa Central

Jan. 8 vs. Delaware State

Jan. 11 Virginia Duals
 Jan. 12 Virginia Duals
 Jan. 18 CAA Duals*
 Jan. 19 CAA Duals*

Jan. 27 vs. Bucknell

Feb. 3 at George Mason*
 Feb. 3 at American

Feb. 10 vs. Rider*

Feb. 24 at Virginia Tech

*Conference Matches

ODU Starters Career Records:

125: James Nicholson 3-2
 Billy Chamberlain 2-3
 133: Kyle Hutter 25-18
 141: Ryan Williams 63-25
 149: Kaylen Baxter 39-23
 157: Dan Rivera 1-3
 165: Chris Brown 45-19
 174: Nick Pullano 65-59
 184: Jesse Strawn 33-24
 197: David Mendoza 50-27
 Hwt: Roy Dragon III 3-2

2006-07 Statistical Leaders:

Wins: Three tied with 5

Pins: Five tied with 1

Major Decisions: Jesse Strawn (2)

Technical Falls: James Nicholson (1)

Decisions: Kaylen Baxter (5)

ODU Starter 2006-07 Statistical Breakdown:

<u>Wt.</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Maj. Dec.</u>	<u>Tech. Fall</u>	<u>Pins</u>	<u>Decisions</u>
		<u>By/Against</u>	<u>By/Against</u>	<u>By/Against</u>	<u>By/Against</u>
125	James Nicholson	0/0	1/0	0/0	2/2
	Billy Chamberlain	0/0	0/0	0/0	2/3
133	Kyle Hutter	0/0	0/0	0/1	1/2
141	Ryan Williams	1/0	0/0	1/1	2/0
149	Kaylen Baxter	0/0	0/0	0/0	5/0
157	Dan Rivera	0/0	0/1	0/1	1/1
165	Chris Brown	0/0	0/0	1/1	4/1
174	Nick Pullano	0/0	0/0	0/1	3/1
184	Jesse Strawn	2/0	0/0	0/0	3/2
197	David Mendoza	0/0	0/0	1/1	2/1
285	Roy Dragon III	0/0	0/0	1/1	2/1