

(18/19) OLD DOMINION UNIVERSITY

MONARCH WRESTLING

VIRGINIA TECH



Dual Season Ends at VT

The Monarchs will conclude their regular season this weekend in Blacksburg, as they take on the Hokies of Virginia Tech in dual action. ODU (16-3) will look to improve on a season already marked as the second best, record-wise, in the last 40 years. Old Dominion is ranked higher than ever before at 18/19 in the nation and will look to drop Tech (7-8) for the third straight time.

The Hokies will be trying to pull back to .500 with a season record of 7-8 heading into their final home match of the season. The Hokies are expected to be without several starters due to injury.

ODU has won three of the last four matchups with Tech and hold an 18-13 lead in the all-time series. ODU has never lost to the Hokies under head coach Steve Martin and the Monarchs notched the first ever victory at the Ted Constant Convocation Center against the Blacksburg based team.

Leading the Nation

Redshirt sophomore Kaylen Baxter has backed up his success as a freshman with an even better second year. He is second in the nation in wins with 37 total and has only lost nine matches this season.

Just behind Baxter in the nationwide leaders in wins is teammate Ryan Williams, tied for fourth in the nation. The junior has totaled 34 wins and is leading the team in major decisions with 11.

Both wrestlers are in the program's top 20 in career wins. Williams ranks 9th with 93 total victories and Baxter is 18th with 71.

CAA Tournament

The CAA Tournament is being held at Hofstra University in Hempstead, New York this season two weeks after ODU closes out the regular season. Old Dominion will head north with goals of qualifying more Monarchs than ever before for nationals.

Last season ODU qualified three wrestlers for the NCAA Tournament including returners Nick Pullano and David Mendoza. In 2006, junior Ryan Williams qualified for the tournament as a freshman.

The CAA Tournament will begin Friday, March 7 and will conclude on Saturday, March 8.

Ranked Higher Than Ever Before

The Monarchs have continued adding milestones to the 2007-08 season by earning the programs first ever Top 20 ranking. W.I.N. Magazine currently lists ODU as the 18th best team in the nation while the Monarchs are coming in at 19th in the USA Today/InterMat/NWCA poll.

ODU earned its first national ranking since the 1990-91 season earlier this year as W.I.N. Magazine ranked the Monarchs 22nd in the nation. Since then, ODU has been a staple in the top 25 and has recently earned the programs best ever national ranking, at 19th in the nation by W.I.N.

The Monarchs are also ranked 20th in the nation in the USA Today/InterMat/NWCA rankings. Old Dominion has been in InterMat's Top 25 for nine straight rankings.

Nationally Ranked Individuals

Earlier this season and for the first time in school history, Old Dominion had six grapplers ranked nationally by Amateur Wrestling News. Much of the starting lineup has been in the national polls for the duration of the season.

All but four weights are currently ranked by at least one poll and only at 157 and Hwt have the Monarchs not been listed by a poll at least once this season.

Two Monarchs are ranked by all four national polls. James Nicholson (125) and Kyle Hutter (133) are ranked by InterMat, AWN, W.I.N. Magazine, and wrestlingreport.com.

Junior Ryan Williams (141) was in all four polls and ranked as high as 11th earlier this season while redshirt sophomore Chris Brown (165) was also ranked in all four national polls earlier in the season.

INDIVIDUAL RANKINGS

Here is how the Monarchs weigh in nationally in the most recent polls:

		INTERMAT	AWN	W.I.N.	WR*
TEAM		19		18	
125 -	JAMES NICHOLSON	10	13	14	13
133 -	KYLE HUTTER	17	17	15	20
141 -	RYAN WILLIAMS	--	--	--	23
149 -	KAYLEN BAXTER	--	--	--	21
165 -	CHRIS BROWN	18	19	--	18
184 -	JESSE STRAWN	--	--	--	28

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2007-08 ODU Schedule/Results (16-3/6-1)

Date	Opponent	Time/Results
11/9	Michigan State	20-16 W
11/11	MSU Open	1 Champ; 7 Placed
11/18	Missouri Open	1 Champ; 9 Placed
11/24	St. Edward's Duals: Findlay #3 Iowa Iowa Central	34-5 W 13-28 L 42-3 W
11/30-12/1	Las Vegas Invitational	Two Placewinners
12/1	Penn State Open	One Placewinner
12/29-12/30	Southern Scuffle	Four Placewinners
1/5	Virginia States	6 Champs; 10 Placed
1/8	Delaware State	48-0 W
1/11-1/12	Virginia Duals vs. Lock Haven vs. Virginia Tech vs. #17 Illinois vs. Virginia vs. Kent State	3rd Place 31-3 W 30-3 W 9-29 L 23-12 W 25-12 W
1/18-1/19	CAA Duals vs. Sacred Heart* vs. Drexel* vs. Binghamton* vs. Boston University* vs. #12 Hofstra*	39-6 W 31-6 W 23-15 W 24-18 W 19-22 L
1/27	Bucknell	30-6 W
2/3	George Mason* American	32-12 W 31-12 W
2/10	Rider*	32-7 W
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

Program Firsts:

Old Dominion is having one of the best seasons in program history and has notched several program firsts under head coach Steve Martin:

- The team is nationally ranked in the Top 20
- Six wrestlers were nationally ranked at the same time
- ODU defeated Michigan State, Lock Haven, Kent State and Bucknell
- Dropped a Big Ten foe for first time since 1990-91
- Shutout an opponent at The Ted

Champions Developing the Future

Head Coach Steve Martin has led the Monarchs to a 51-22-2 mark through the start of his fourth year at the helm. In the CAA the Monarchs have dominated with a 21-5-1 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.

All-Time Wins Leaders

The Monarchs have several wrestlers approaching the All-Time leaders in wins for a career:

1. Jeff Rusak	135-19
2. Buddy Lee	122-25-2
3. Adam Wright	120-31
4. Nick Hall	115-18-3
5. Rich Castano	104-31-6
6. Steve Sciandra	102-25-1
7. Erik Shaw	101-25-1
8. Tom Sinacore	95-38-2
9. Ryan Williams	93-35
T10. Jamie Kelly	90-38
T10. Nick Pullano	90-74
12. Carl Ragland	89-6-1
T13. Mike McCarthy	88-41
T13. Ben Ward	88-33-1
15. Noel Clavel	82-14-3
16. Christian Staylor	81-31
17. Wayne Gibson	77-20-4
18. Kaylen Baxter	71-32
T19. Chris Brown	70-27
T19. David Mendoza	70-38
20. Mark Billups	69-24-3
22. Wayne Bright	65-11
23. Randy Payne	61-33
T24. Paul Cote	57-7-1
T24. Jesse Strawn	57-34

Current wrestlers in bold

A Will To Win

Ryan Williams has been the most consistent wrestler under head coach Steve Martin since he took over the starting job midway through his freshman year. He's the go-to at 141 lbs and was an NCAA Qualifier in 2006, just missing his second trip a year ago as he dropped a decision to CAA Champion and NCAA All-American Charles Griffin.

He has a career .727 winning percentage with 93 wins through this point in his junior season. He is currently 9th all-time in wins and if he finishes his career with the same consistency, he has the potential to become the Monarchs all-time leader in wins, currently set at 135 by Jeff Rusak.

Alaskan At The Top

Kaylen Baxter, from Fairbanks, Alaska, has led the nation for much of the season and currently is second in wins with 37. He has a team-best 37-9 record, including a win of the 149-lb. weight class at the Michigan State Open and Virginia Intercollegiates and a placing effort at three other tournaments. He is ranked by four national polls and has 71 career victories in his first two years of wrestling for Old Dominion.

First Year Bookends

The Monarchs have been using youth to win for several years and 2007-08 is no exception. True freshman Andy Totusek and redshirt freshman James Nicholson will see the most time at the 285 and 125 weights respectively.

Totusek was wrestling unattached for much of the season until halfway through the season, when the coaches decided to pull him out of his redshirt. The true freshman responded with his first tournament win, going 2-0 at the Virginia Intercollegiates.

At the other end of the scale, James Nicholson is ranked higher than any Monarch not named Christian Staylor under head coach Steve Martin and is 28-9 in his first year. He was named the Most Outstanding Wrestler at the Virginia Intercollegiates and he's been named CAA Rookie of the Week three times. He has upset a top ten wrestler twice this season including an upset of the 9th ranked 125-pounder in the nation at the Southern Scuffle, where he finished 3rd for ODU.

Hometown Brown

Redshirt sophomore Chris Brown, from nearby Chesapeake, Virginia, has continued to impress as a second-year wrestler. He is 30-9 with nine major decisions and two pins. Brown already has 70 wins in his short career and has slid up to the 165-lb weight class this season. He has started this year much like he did a year ago, when he was named CAA Rookie of the Week three times. Brown leads the team in dual wins with 16 on the season.

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 recently inserted himself into the national rankings, as high as 14th by AWN, with wins over #13 Dan Mitcheff (Kent State), #15 Eric Albright (Virginia) and #15 David Marble (Bucknell). 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 has been ranked in the Top 20 this season. Cam Watkins has sufficient collegiate experience to step in and relieve Williams at any point during the season.

149: Kaylen Baxter is second in the nation in wins with 37 and also has a history of knocking off top competition. He had wins against four nationally ranked wrestlers and seven NCAA qualifiers as a RS freshman and is already among the career leaders in wins as a RS sophomore. In the wings will be returner Joey Metzler and newcomer Buffy Okigbo.

157: Redshirt freshman Dan Rivera has been the go-to this season at 157, but true freshman Tel Todd and Lester France will also press for mat time. Rivera was named CAA Rookie of the Week earlier this season with a 5-1 effort in duals. He earned a takedown against the #1 grappler in the nation from Illinois, Mike Poeta. 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 was nationally ranked by four polls earlier this season and has already tallied 70 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 continues to match his success from a year ago with 29 wins headed into this weekend. He had 11 pins as a true freshman and is tied for the team lead with six this season. 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 faced stiff competition early in the year and will look to make a run in the second half of the season.

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 (2-19-2008)

	Conference	Overall	CAA Ranked Wrestlers
1. Hofstra University	6-0-0	13-8-0	10
2. Old Dominion University	6-1-0	16-3-0	9
3. Rider University	3-3-0	6-12-0	9
4. George Mason University	5-3-0	11-4-0	8
5. Binghamton University	4-4-0	12-11-0	8
5. Drexel University	4-4-0	10-13-0	6
7. Boston University	2-5-0	6-8-1	7
8. Campbell University	1-5-0	2-19-1	1
9. Sacred Heart University	0-6-0	1-11-0	2

125:

1. Dave Tomasette, Hofstra
2. Steve Mytych, Drexel
- 3. James Nicholson, ODU**
4. Brian Wright, GMU
5. Ilyass Elmasouri, Rider
6. Tyler Malmberg, Binghamton

133:

1. Lou Ruggirello, Hofstra
- 2. Kyle Hutter, ODU**
3. Joe Coughlin, GMU
4. Tommy Lorenzo, Rider
5. John McDermot, Drexel
6. Pat Feely, Sacred Heart

141:

1. Charles Griffin, Hofstra
- 2. Ryan Williams, ODU**
3. Kelvin Bidelsbach, Campbell
4. Joey Whitaker, Boston Univ.
5. Ryan McGarity, Binghamton
6. Fred Rodgers, Rider

149:

1. Don Fisch, Rider
2. Kyle Fried, Binghamton
3. Mike Roberts, Rider
- 4. Kaylen Baxter, ODU**
5. Mitch Smith, Hofstra
6. Brandon Bucher, GMU

157:

1. Jon Bonilla-Bowman, Hofstra
2. Ryan Hluschak, Drexel
3. Nate Patterson, Binghamton
4. Frankie McLaughlin, GMU
- 5. Dan Rivera, ODU**
6. Rob Morrison, Rider

165:

1. Ryan Patrovich, Hofstra
2. A.J. Detwiler, Boston Univ.
- 3. Chris Brown, ODU**
4. Jason Lapham, Rider
5. Billy Haydt, Drexel
6. Brett Nelson, Binghamton

174:

1. Alton Lucas, Hofstra
2. Josh Patterson, Binghamton
- 3. Nick Pullano, ODU**
4. Randy Oates, GMU
5. Blake Fusilier, Boston Univ.
6. Scott Hunter, Drexel

184:

1. Doug Umbehauer, Rider
- 2. Jesse Strawn, ODU**
3. Justin Danz, Hofstra
4. Justin Wieller, Drexel
5. Ricky Eichenlaub, Sacred Heart
6. Bill Widener, GMU

197:

1. Joe Rovelli, Hofstra
2. Cayle Byers, GMU
3. T.J. Morrison, Rider
- 4. David Mendoza, ODU**
5. John Hall, Boston Univ.
6. Corey Waite, Binghamton

285:

1. Harry Zander, GMU
2. Eddie Bordas, Rider
- 3. Andy Totusek, ODU**
4. Tom Daddino, Hofstra
5. Jim Connors, Boston Univ.
6. Mike Patterson, Binghamton

2007-2008 Season Results

ODU at Michigan State 11/9/07

20-16 Win

Final Results

165 - Brown (ODU) def. Kendle (MSU)	10-6
174 - Pullano (ODU) def. Murphy (MSU)	8-6 OT
184 - Strawn (ODU) def. Palmieri (MSU)	3-1
197 - Williams (MSU) def. Mendoza (ODU)	3-11 MD
HWT - O'Dennell (MSU) def. Dragon III (ODU)	2-3
125 - Nicholson (ODU) def. Trombly (MSU)	21-5 TF
133 - Gomez (MSU) def. Hutter (ODU)	3-8
141 - Williams (ODU) def. Wimberley (MSU)	4-2
149 - Baxter (ODU) def. Skowneski (MSU)	8-5
157 - Fulger (MSU) def. Rivera (ODU)	1:04 fall

The Monarchs defeated a Big Ten opponent for just the third time in program history with the 20-16 victory. ODU never trailed in the dual and got a technical fall from James Nicholson (125) in his first collegiate dual appearance. The win helped ODU separate from the Spartans, who had cut the lead down to two, 9-7, at the halfway point. Kaylen Baxter (149) sealed the victory for Old Dominion with an 8-5 win over Eddie Skowneski.

ODU at Michigan State Open 11/11/07

Seven Placewinners, One Champ

Final Results

1 st - Kaylen Baxter (149)
2 nd - Ryan Williams (141)
2 nd - Roy Dragon III (Hwt.)
3 rd - Jesse Strawn (184)
4 th - Chris Brown (165)
5 th - David Mendoza (197)
6 th - Billy Chamberlain (125)

ODU started their tour of difficult national tournaments with the Michigan State Open and did not disappoint, bringing home seven placewinners. Kaylen Baxter (149) took home the championship in his weight class with a 4-0 effort, followed by Ryan Williams (141) and Roy Dragon III (Hwt.) taking runner-up honors. Eight nationally ranked programs were represented at the Michigan State Open Tournament, giving the Monarchs much needed experience against top-tier competition early in the season. Jesse Strawn notched two major decisions at the event and was just one point shy of a third as he went 4-1 en route to a 3rd place finish.

ODU at Missouri Open 11/18/07

Nine Placewinners, One Champ

Final Results

1 st - Roy Dragon III (Hwt.)
2 nd - James Nicholson (125)
2 nd - Kyle Hutter (133)
2 nd - Ryan Williams (141)
2 nd - Kaylen Baxter (149)
2 nd - Jesse Strawn (184)
3 rd - Chris Brown (165)
4 th - David Mendoza (197)
5 th - Nick Pullano (174)

Roy Dragon III earned his first collegiate title as he won the heavyweight division at the Missouri Open. Five more Monarchs were in the championship bout, including the second appearance of the season in the title bout for Ryan Williams and Kaylen Baxter. Four of the five title bouts were lost to nationally ranked opponents including a slim two-point loss for James Nicholson to the No. 11 ranked 125 in the nation. Nine of the ten probable starters for ODU placed in the Missouri Open.

St. Edward's Duals Cleveland, Ohio 11/24/07

ODU vs. Findlay (D-II)

34-5* Win

Final Results

125 - Nicholson (ODU) def. Corpus (Findlay)	1:23 fall
133 - Hutter (ODU) def. Espinoza (Findlay)	17-6 MD
141 - Williams (ODU) def. Falk (Findlay)	4-1
149 - Baxter (ODU) def. Vasquez (Findlay)	12-2 MD
157 - Guerra (Findlay) def. Rivera (ODU)	0-5
165 - Brown (ODU) def. Shannon (Findlay)	14-4 MD
174 - Pullano (ODU) def. Havelka (Findlay)	17-5 MD
184 - Strawn (ODU) def. Smith (Findlay)	10-2 MD
197 - Mendoza (ODU) def. Stevenson (Findlay)	15-0 TF
HWT - Clark (Findlay) def. Dragon III (ODU)	3-9

*One team point was deducted from Findlay after the 184-pound match

ODU improved to 2-0 in dual competition after dropping Findlay 34-5. They returned to the mat to face #3 Iowa and Iowa Central Junior College later in the day.

St. Edward's Duals Cleveland, Ohio 11/24/07
ODU vs. Findlay (D-II)
34-5* Win
Final Results
125 - Nicholson (ODU) def. Corpus (Findlay) 1:23 fall
133 - Hutter (ODU) def. Espinoza (Findlay) 17-6 MD
141 - Williams (ODU) def. Falk (Findlay) 4-1
149 - Baxter (ODU) def. Vasquez (Findlay) 12-2 MD
157 - Guerra (Findlay) def. Rivera (ODU) 0-5
165 - Brown (ODU) def. Shannon (Findlay) 14-4 MD
174 - Pullano (ODU) def. Havelka (Findlay) 17-5 MD
184 - Strawn (ODU) def. Smith (Findlay) 10-2 MD
197 - Mendoza (ODU) def. Stevenson (Findlay) 15-0 TF
HWT - Clark (Findlay) def. Dragon III (ODU) 3-9
*One team point was deducted from Findlay after the 184-pound match

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St. Edward's Duals Cleveland, Ohio 11/24/07
ODU vs. Iowa Central (JuCo)
42-3 Win
Final Results
125 - Nicholson (ODU) def. Young (IC) 8-0 MD
133 - Hutter (ODU) def. Hassani (IC) 2:04 fall
141 - Williams (ODU) def. Greenwald (IC) 14-1 MD
149 - Baxter (ODU) def. Burns (IC) 12-2 MD
157 - Banks (IC) def. Rivera (ODU) 4-5
165 - Brown (ODU) def. Overton (IC) 14-3 MD
174 - Pullano (ODU) def. Motely (IC) 20-1 TF
184 - Strawn (ODU) def. Willard (IC) 1:18 fall
197 - Mendoza (ODU) def. Hawes (IC) 3:45 fall
HWT - Dragon III (ODU) def. Sixta (IC) 7-3

The Monarchs defeated the top-ranked JuCo in the nation handily, as they lost just one bout in the match. ODU tallied three pins, four major decisions and one technical fall en route to the 42-3 victory. The win wrapped up a 2-1 performance at the St. Edward's Duals in Cleveland, Ohio.

St. Edward's Duals Cleveland, Ohio 11/24/07
ODU vs. #3 Iowa
13-28 Loss
Final Results
125 - Falck (Iowa) def. Nicholson (ODU) 4-6
133 - Slaton (Iowa) def. Hutter (ODU) 14-6 MD
141 - Williams (ODU) def. LeClere (Iowa) 6-2
149 - Metcalf (Iowa) def. Baxter (ODU) 26-11 TF
157 - Morningstar (Iowa) def. Rivera (ODU) 0-8 MD
165 - Brown (ODU) def. Perry (Iowa) Disq (5:30)
174 - Borschel (Iowa) def. Pullano (ODU) 19-3 TF
184 - Keddy (Iowa) def. Strawn (ODU) 3-2
197 - Mendoza (ODU) def. Loera (Iowa) 8-0 MD
HWT - Fields (Iowa) def. Dragon III (ODU) 18-8 MD

The Monarchs dropped their first dual of the season to the third-ranked Hawkeyes, but Chris Brown notched one of the biggest individual victories in ODU program history. Brown was ahead of #1 Mark Perry by 12 points when the Iowa grappler was disqualified for flagrant misconduct. Brown's win propelled him into the nation's Top 15.

ODU at Las Vegas Invitational 11/30-12/1/07
Two Placewinners
Final Results
Team Finish: 17th of 50
6th - Ryan Williams (141)
8th - Kaylen Baxter (149)

ODU placed two grapplers at the prestigious Cliff Keen Las Vegas Invitational Tournament and finished among the top twenty teams at the event. Ryan Williams and Kaylen Baxter have placed in all three tournaments they entered this season. Five ODU wrestlers were still alive in the tournament on the second day, but Chris Brown, Jesse Strawn and Kyle Hutter all were stopped by nationally ranked opponents in the tourney.

ODU at Penn State Open 12/1/07
Final Results

Billy Chamberlain was the only wrestler for ODU not wrestling unattached. He was eliminated in the opening round by Pittsburgh's Ryan Bosso.

ODU at Southern Scuffle 12/29-30/07
Four Placewinners
Final Results

Team Finish: 10th of 30
3rd - James Nicholson (125)
4th - Kaylen Baxter (149)
7th - Ryan Williams (141)
7th - Chris Brown (165)

The Monarchs were in fourth place after the first day of the tournament, but slipped to 10th on the second. James Nicholson inserted himself into the national rankings with a huge upset of Dave Tomasette (Hofstra) at 125 lbs. Tomasette was ranked as high as 9th in the nation and is the top-ranked CAA grappler at the weight. Williams and Baxter placed again, for the fourth time in as many tournaments this season. The two are tied for the team lead in wins with 20.

ODU at Virginia Intercollegiates 1/5/07
10 Placewinners, Six Champs
Final Results

Team Finish: 1st of 6
1st - James Nicholson (125)
1st - Kyle Hutter (133)
1st - Ryan Williams (141)
1st - Kaylen Baxter (149)
1st - Jesse Strawn (184)
1st - Andy Totusek (Hwt.)
3rd - Billy Chamberlain (125)
3rd - Nick Pullano (174)
3rd - David Mendoza (197)
3rd - Roy Dragon III (Hwt.)

ODU won its third straight Virginia Intercollegiate State Tournament with six champions in the ten weight classes and at least one placewinner in eight of the nine weights ODU entered a wrestler. Ryan Williams and Kaylen Baxter placed in every tournament they wrestled in this season. James Nicholson was named the tournament's Most Outstanding Wrestler after sweeping the 125 class for the win.

Delaware State at ODU 1/8/08
48-0 Win
Final Results

125 - Chamberlain (ODU) def. Bromall (DSU)	9-1 MD
133 - Hutter (ODU) wins by forfeit	
141 - Williams (ODU) wins by forfeit	
149 - Baxter (ODU) wins by forfeit	
157 - Rivera (ODU) def. Robinson (DSU)	6-2
165 - Brown (ODU) def. Gardner (DSU)	med. for
174 - Pullano (ODU) def. Skinner (DSU)	15-5 MD
184 - Strawn (ODU) def. Loper (DSU)	4:01 fall
197 - Mendoza (ODU) def. Nowrey (DSU)	12-1 MD
HWT - Dragon III (ODU) def. Davis (DSU)	2-1 TB

The Monarchs continued to streak at home, winning their sixth straight in Norfolk as they shutout the Hornets from Delaware State. ODU got bonus point victories in eight of the ten bouts, including a pin by sophomore Jesse Strawn at 184 lbs. Billy Chamberlain stepped in at 125 lbs and earned his first collegiate dual victory. The 48-0 victory was the first shutout ever in The Ted Constant Center.

Virginia Duals **Hampton, Va. 1/11/08-1/12/08**
3rd Place Overall

ODU vs. Lock Haven	31-3 Win
ODU vs. Virginia Tech	30-3 Win
ODU vs. #17 Illinois	9-29 Loss
ODU vs. Virginia	23-12 Win
ODU vs. Kent State	25-12 Win

ODU finished in 3rd place at the Virginia Duals, going 4-1 at the event. The Monarchs defeated Lock Haven and Kent State for the first time in program history and suffered its only loss to nationally ranked Illinois. ODU also defeated Virginia Tech and Virginia at the Duals to bump their season record to 8-2 as they prepare for the conference Duals this weekend. Kaylen Baxter went 5-0 on the weekend to earn his 30th win on the season; he now leads the country in wins in Division-I wrestling.

Bucknell at ODU **1/8/08**
30-6 Win

Final Results

125 - Nicholson (ODU) def. Hart (BU)	11-3 MD
133 - Hutter (ODU) def. Marble (BU)	5:38 fall
141 - Williams (ODU) def. Chohany (BU)	11-1 MD
149 - Baxter (ODU) def. LeValley (BU)	5-3
157 - Hooks (BU) def. Rivera (ODU)	3-7
165 - Brown (ODU) def. Rendos (BU)	5-3 SV
174 - Riccio (BU) def. Pullano (ODU)	2-4
184 - Strawn (ODU) def. Thompson (BU)	7-0
197 - Mendoza (ODU) def. Hahn (BU)	13-3 MD
HWT - Totusek (ODU) def. Hingson (BU)	3-2 TB

Old Dominion dropped Bucknell in their first meeting since 1987 and for the first time in program history. Kyle Hutter notched a victory over #15 ranked David Marble at 133 lbs, to insert himself into the national rankings. Marble was the third nationally ranked opponent Hutter defeated in the last three events. Chris Brown, at 165 lbs, also dropped a nationally ranked foe as he beat Bison leader Andy Rendos in the first sudden victory period.

CAA Duals **Fairfax, Va. 1/18/08-1/19/08**

ODU vs. Sacred Heart	39-6 Win
ODU vs. Drexel	31-6 Win
ODU vs. Binghamton	23-12 Win
ODU vs. Boston University	21-12 Win
ODU vs. #12 Hofstra	19-22 Loss

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ODU at George Mason **2/3/08**
32-12 Win

Final Results

125 - Nicholson (ODU) def. Hart (BU)	11-3 MD
133 - Hutter (ODU) def. Marble (BU)	5:38 fall
141 - Williams (ODU) def. Chohany (BU)	11-1 MD
149 - Baxter (ODU) def. LeValley (BU)	5-3
157 - Hooks (BU) def. Rivera (ODU)	3-7
165 - Brown (ODU) def. Rendos (BU)	5-3 SV
174 - Riccio (BU) def. Pullano (ODU)	2-4
184 - Strawn (ODU) def. Thompson (BU)	7-0
197 - Mendoza (ODU) def. Hahn (BU)	13-3 MD
HWT - Totusek (ODU) def. Hingson (BU)	3-2 TB

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Bucknell at ODU**1/8/08****30-6 Win****Final Results**

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133 - Hutter (ODU) def. Marble (BU)	5:38 fall
141 - Williams (ODU) def. Chohany (BU)	11-1 MD
149 - Baxter (ODU) def. LeValley (BU)	5-3
157 - Hooks (BU) def. Rivera (ODU)	3-7
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174 - Riccio (BU) def. Pullano (ODU)	2-4
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CAA Duals**Fairfax, Va.****1/18/08-1/19/08**

ODU vs. Sacred Heart	39-6 Win
ODU vs. Drexel	31-6 Win
ODU vs. Binghamton	23-12 Win
ODU vs. Boston University	21-12 Win
ODU vs. #12 Hofstra	19-22 Loss

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Rider* at ODU**2/10/08****32-7 Win****Final Results**

125 - Nicholson (ODU) def. Trivisanno (Rider)	19-4 TF
133 - Hutter (ODU) def. Lorenzo (Rider)	24-9 TF
141 - Williams (ODU) def. Rodger (Rider)	9-2
149 - Baxter (ODU) def. Renelt (Rider)	19-5 MD
157 - Rivera (ODU) def. R. Morrison (Rider)	6-4
165 - Brown (ODU) def. Lapham (Rider)	9-4
174 - Pullano (ODU) def. Ferber (Rider)	5:24 fall
184 - Umbehauer (Rider) def. Strawn (ODU)	3-1
197 - TJ Morrison (Rider) def. Cust (ODU)	12-1 MD
HWT - Totusek (ODU) def. Reid (Rider)	5-2

The Monarchs continued adding milestones to their historic season with the first ever CAA victory at the Ted Constant Convocation Center. The win was the 16th for ODU, the second most in program history and most wins since the 1983-84 season. Senior night was kind to Nick Pullano, the Monarchs lone senior, as he earned a pin for his 90th career victory in his final home match, inserting him into the programs top ten in career victories.



Dual Records for 2007-08 16-3/6-1

Overall Team Bout Record: 132-58
at Michigan State: 6-4 (W 20-16)
at Findlay: 8-2 (W 34-5)
at #4 Iowa: 3-7 (L 13-28)
at Iowa Central CC: 9-1 (W 42-3)
vs. Delaware State: 10-0 (W 48-0)
vs. Lock Haven: 9-1 (W 31-3)
vs. Virginia Tech: 9-1 (W 30-3)
vs. #17 Illinois: 3-7 (L 9-29)
vs. Virginia: 7-3 (W 23-12)
vs. Kent State: 7-3 (W 25-12)
vs. Sacred Heart*: 8-2 (W 39-6)
vs. Drexel*: 8-2 (W 31-6)
vs. Binghamton*: 6-4 (W 23-15)
vs. Boston University*: 5-5 (W 24-18)
vs. #12 Hofstra*: 5-5 (L 19-22)
vs. Bucknell: 8-2 (W 30-6)
at George Mason*: 7-3 (W 32-12)
at American: 6-4 (W 31-12)
vs. Rider*: 8-2 (W 32-7)

125: 16-3
133: 15-4
141: 15-4
149: 16-3
157: 8-11
165: 16-3
174: 12-7
184: 14-5
197: 11-8
Hwt: 9-10

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Tournament Records for 2007-08

Overall Team Bout Record: 127-95
at MSU Open: 30-22
at Missouri Open: 31-16
at Las Vegas Invitational: 23-22
at Penn State Open: 10-14
at Southern Scuffle: 33-21
at VA Intercollegiates: 27-8

125: 21-15
133: 15-11
141: 19-11
149: 21-9
157: 4-11
165: 15-9
174: 14-13
184: 17-8
197: 12-9
Hwt: 16-7

Stat Leaders for 2007-08:
(Not including unattached results)

Win %: Kaylen Baxter (37-9, .804)

Wins: Kaylen Baxter (37)

Pins: Kyle Hutter & Jesse Strawn (6)

Major Decisions: Ryan Williams (11)

Technical Falls: Kaylen Baxter, Nick Pullano, Kyle Hutter
& David Mendoza (5)

Decisions: Kaylen Baxter & Ryan Williams (20)



2007-08 Old Dominion Wrestling Statistics

(Including Tournament Results)

Season Dual Record: 16-3

CAA Record: 6-1

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	37-9	16-3	5-2	17-6	9	5	3
Justin Belanger	Fr	133	1-6	0-0	0-0	1-6	1	0	0
Chris Brown	RS So	165	30-9	16-3	6-1	14-7	9	0	2
Billy Chamberlin	So	125	9-9	1-0	0-0	8-9	3	0	1
Derek Coffey	So	174	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Scott Cust	Fr	184	0-1	0-1	0-1	0-0	0	0	0
Zeke Donahay	Fr	141	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Roy Dragon III	Fr	285	12-11	2-5	1-1	10-6	1	0	4
Lester France	Fr	149	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sam Hunt	Fr	174	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Kyle Hutter	So	133	29-11	15-4	6-1	14-7	9	2	6
David Mendoza	Jr	184	23-13	11-5	4-2	12-9	6	5	4
Joey Metzler	RS Fr	141	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
James Nicholson	RS Fr	125	28-9	15-3	6-1	13-6	6	5	1
Buffy Okigbo	Fr	149	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
T.C. Pendleton	Fr	165	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nick Pullano	RS Sr	174	23-16	12-7	4-3	11-9	8	5	1
Dan Rivera	RS Fr	165	12-21	8-11	3-4	4-10	1	0	0
Jesse Strawn	So	184	29-11	14-5	5-2	15-6	8	2	6
Tel Todd	Fr	157	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Andy Totusek	Fr	285	22-13	7-5	3-2	17-8	1	0	3
Cam Watkins	RS So	141	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ryan Williams	Jr	141	34-11	15-4	5-2	16-7	11	1	2

Tournament Highlights:

Michigan State Open (Nov. 11, 2007)

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

Missouri Open (Nov. 18, 2007)

125 lbs: 2nd - James Nicholson
133 lbs: 2nd - Kyle Hutter
141 lbs: 2nd - Ryan Williams
149 lbs: 2nd - Kaylen Baxter
165 lbs: 3rd - Chris Brown
174 lbs: 5th - Nick Pullano
184 lbs: 2nd - Jesse Strawn
197 lbs: 4th - David Mendoza
285 lbs: 1st - Roy Dragon III

Las Vegas Invitational (Nov. 30-Dec. 1, 2007)

141 lbs: 6th - Ryan Williams
149 lbs: 8th - Kaylen Baxter

Penn State Open (Dec. 2, 2007)

285 lbs: 4th - Andy Totusek (Unattached)

Southern Scuffle (Dec. 29-30, 2007)

125: 3rd - James Nicholson
141: 7th - Ryan Williams
149: 4th - Kaylen Baxter
165: 7th - Chris Brown

VA Intercollegiates (Jan. 5, 2007)

125 lbs: 1st - James Nicholson*
125 lbs: 3rd - Billy Chamberlain
133 lbs: 1st - Kyle Hutter
141 lbs: 1st - Ryan Williams
149 lbs: 1st - Kaylen Baxter
174 lbs: 3rd - Nick Pullano
184 lbs: 1st - Jesse Strawn
197 lbs: 3rd - David Mendoza
285 lbs: 1st - Andy Totusek
285 lbs: 3rd - Roy Dragon III

*Most Outstanding Wrestler

Dual Results:

Nov. 9 at Michigan State W 20-16
 Nov. 24 St. Edward Duals
 vs. Findlay W 34-5
 vs. #3 Iowa L 13-28
 vs. Iowa Central W 42-3
Jan. 8 vs. Delaware State W 48-0
 Jan. 11 Virginia Duals
 vs. Lock Haven W 31-3
 vs. Virginia Tech W 30-3
 Jan. 12 Virginia Duals
 vs. #17 Illinois L 9-29
 vs. Virginia W 23-12
 vs. Kent State W 25-12
 Jan. 18 CAA Duals*
 vs. Sacred Heart* W 39-6
 vs. Drexel* W 31-6
 Jan. 19 CAA Duals*
 vs. Binghamton* W 23-12
 vs. Boston University* W 21-12
 vs. #12 Hofstra* L 19-22
Jan. 27 vs. Bucknell W 30-6
 Feb. 3 at George Mason* W 32-12
 Feb. 3 at American W 31-12
Feb. 10 vs. Rider* W 32-7
 Feb. 24 at Virginia Tech

*Conference Matches

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	6/0	5/0	1/1	16/8
	Billy Chamberlain	2/0	0/0	1/2	6/8
133	Kyle Hutter	9/1	2/0	6/3	12/7
141	Ryan Williams	11/1	1/0	2/2	20/8
149	Kaylen Baxter	9/1	5/1	3/1	20/6
157	Dan Rivera	1/4	0/1	0/1	11/15
165	Chris Brown	9/0	0/0	2/1	19/8
174	Nick Pullano	7/3	5/2	1/3	10/8
184	Jesse Strawn	8/0	2/0	6/1	13/10
197	David Mendoza	6/2	5/1	4/1	8/9
285	Roy Dragon III	1/1	0/0	4/2	7/8
	Andy Totusek	1/0	0/0	3/1	18/12

ODU Starters Career Records:

125: James Nicholson 28-9
 Billy Chamberlain 12-11
 133: Kyle Hutter 53-26
 141: Ryan Williams 93-35
 149: Kaylen Baxter 71-32
 157: Dan Rivera 12-21
 165: Chris Brown 70-26
 174: Nick Pullano 90-74
 184: Jesse Strawn 57-34
 197: David Mendoza 70-38
 Hwt: Roy Dragon III 12-11
 Andy Totusek 22-13

2006-07 Statistical Leaders:**Wins:** Kaylen Baxter (37)**Pins:** Kyle Hutter & Jesse Strawn (6)**Major Decisions:** Ryan Williams (11)**Technical Falls:** Four tied with (5)**Decisions:** Kaylen Baxter & Ryan Williams (20)