

JANUARY 13-14, 2006

BLOOMSBURG UNIVERSITY

WRESTLING

MATCH NOTES

HUSKIES

The Huskies come into today's opening match against the Old Dominion Monarchs with a dual match record of 6-4, 1-0 in the EWL. Bloomsburg is coming off a two-dual match weekend rebounding with a 26-14 win over Rider on Saturday, after a tough 18-17 loss to Drexel on Friday night.

In Friday's loss, with the match starting at 141 pounds, Brad Forbes got the Huskies off to a strong start with a 9-0 major decision win over Ed Giosa. At the 149-pound bout, George Hickman put another four points on the board for Bloomsburg as he won an 11-3 major decision win over the Dragons' Chris Renniger.

"I want the team to see the best competition that we can and the Virginia Duals will help us prepare for the post season. Anytime you make weight and compete it helps you prepare for the ultimate goal which is the NCAA Championships."

- John Stutzman

Drexel's Ryan Hlushcak cut the Huskies' lead to five with an 8-4 decision win over Aric Fuhrman at the 157-pound bout. The Dragons took a one-point lead as Scott Hunter, despite a 6-1 deficit against Jim Bertulis, got a pin at the 6:40 mark.

Nick Kozar recorded the Dragon's third-straight bout win with a 2-1 decision over Frank Beasley at 174 pounds.

At the 184-pound bout, Nate Shirk cut the lead to one with a decision win over Justin Terhune, 9-5.

In the next match, Jon Oplinger used a decision win over Jesse Hasseman to give the Dragons a 15-11 lead going into the final three bouts.

The Huskies got consecutive wins from two of their 2005 NCAA qualifiers in Mike Spaid and Mike Sees.

At the heavyweight bout, Spaid recorded a 4-2 decision to again cut the lead to one. Sees followed up Spaid's win with another decision by the same score going into the final bout of the match.

Drexel's Zach Makovsky and

Ricky Donald battled one another for the match, but Makovsky came out on top, 6-5, to lift the Dragons to the win.

The following night, the Huskies rebounded with a 26-13 victory over Rider.

Starting with the 125-pound bout, Sees got the Huskies off to a 3-0 start with a 13-6 win over Rider's Ryan Smith. At 133 pounds, Donald rallied from Friday night's defeat, recording a 3-2 decision win over Zack Cunliffe.

Forbes gave the Huskies a six-point boost, giving them a 12-0 lead in the match with a pin at the 4:22 mark over the Broncs' Mike Palma.

"Brad is a guy, when healthy, can compete with anyone in the country" Stutzman said. "He provides us with leadership and all the guys look up to him...He has battled through adversity his whole career this just shows his determination and his work ethic is paying off."

At the 149-pound match, the Broncs scored their first points of the match as Michael Kessler recorded an 8-2 win over the Huskies' Hickman.

Rider got their second straight win at 157 pounds as Ryan Cunningham edge out Fuhrman in a 7-6 decision to cut the Bloomsburg lead to 12-6.

The streak was quickly ended at 165 pounds as Beasley gave the Huskies a little more cushion with a technical fall win over Chris Marold at the end of the second period.

CAA Rookie of the Week Doug Umbehauer put the Broncs in position for a comeback when he won a 12-1 major decision over Bloomsburg's Andrew Jordan at the 174-pound bout.

Nate Shirk sealed the win for the Huskies at 184 pounds with a pin at the 2:21 mark against Joe Maroney. En route to the pin, Shirk tallied a takedown and six backpoints.

At 197 pounds, T.J. Morrison won a tight 4-1 decision over Hasseman, but Spaid won his second match of the weekend to finish the match for the Huskies. With the score tied at 1-1 at the end of regulation, Spaid got a takedown in the first overtime period to end the match for Bloomsburg.

"I thought the win over Rider was huge, especially after the heartbreaking loss to Drexel. It just showed our guys that our work ethic is paying off and that we can compete with anyone in the country. Our guys really believe that they can beat anyone."

-First-year head coach
John Stutzman



TODAY'S MATCH

VIRGINIA DUALS
FIRST ROUND

9:00 a.m.
#8 Bloomsburg
vs.
Old Dominion



PREVIOUS MATCHES:

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| L | vs. Drexel | 18-17 |
| W | vs. Rider | 26-13 |

Wrestlers with wins in
both matches:

Mike Sees
Brad Forbes
Nate Shirk
Mike Spaid



Dual Match Record:
Bloomsburg: 6-4, 1-0 EWL

COACHING notes

HEAD COACH • JOHN STUTZMAN

John Stutzman, in his first year as head coach, travels with the Huskies for the first time to the Virginia Duals. The Huskies opened their season with Stutzman's first dual-match win over EWL-rival Pittsburgh. The win was the first for Stutzman as a head coach at the collegiate level after spending the past three years as the top assistant for the Huskies. The following weekend, Bloomsburg went 2-1 at the Buffalo Duals with a win over Findlay and also a victory over Gardner-Webb in the teams' first dual match against the Bulldogs in school history.

Before coming to Bloomsburg, Stutzman was previously an assistant coach at both the University at Buffalo and Northern Illinois. As an assistant coach he has had the opportunity to coach over 22 Division I NCAA Division I national qualifiers, two Division I All-Americans, and one Olympic Trials Participant. He has also had the opportunity to coach for the New York Athletic Club at the 2004 Canada Cup as well as the 2004 US Olympic Freestyle Trials.

Over the past five years as the recruiting coordinator at both Northern Illinois University and Bloomsburg, Stutzman has been able to bring in four nationally-ranked recruiting classes with the 2003 Bloomsburg recruiting class ranked as high as 14th nationally by Intermat.

A 1998 graduate of the University of Buffalo, Stutzman was 95-27 in a three-year career for the Bulls and left as the school's all-time leader in career wins. His best year for the Bulls was the 1996-97 season when he posted a mark of 35-4. He was two-time captain at Buffalo, a three-time East Coast Wrestling Association place-winner and a two-time alternate for the Division I championships.



ASSISTANT COACH • PHIL MANSUETO

Phil Mansueto begins his first year as assistant wrestling coach after spending two years as a graduate assistant coach at his alma mater Cleveland State.

At Cleveland State, Mansueto assisted with recruiting, practice and skill development for the Vikings. He also served as an assistant youth club coach at University School and head coach of Westshore Kids Club during 2003.

As a wrestler, Mansueto was a three-time NCAA Division qualifier at Cleveland State winning the 133 pound Eastern Wrestling League title in 2002. During his career he compiled a career record of 98-37 and finished his run as a Viking at the 2003 NCAA Championships. As both a junior and a senior he fell just one win shy of becoming an All-American. Mansueto also excelled in the classroom, earning Academic All-American honors as a senior.



The Middletown, New York native was a high school state champion as a junior, runner-up as both a sophomore and senior, and sixth as a freshman.

Mansueto graduated from Cleveland State in 2003 with a degree in special education and is pursuing his master's in sports management.

ASSISTANT COACHES BRYCE HASSEMAN • EDDIE PAWLAK

projected line-up



- 125-Mike Sees
- 133-Ricky Donald
- 141-Brad Forbes, Joe Hasseman
- 149-George Hickman, Darren Kern
- 157-Aric Fuhrman, Jason Crawford
- 165-Jim Bertulis, Frank Beasley
- 174-Andrew Jordan
- 184-Nate Shirk
- 197-Jesse Hasseman
- 285-Mike Spaid



BLOOMSBURG TEAM STATISTICAL LEADERS

pins

- 4 • Darren Kern
- 3 • Jim Bertulis
- Jesse Hasseman

technical falls

- 3 • Mike Sees
- 2 • Frank Beasley

major decisions

- 3 • Brad Forbes
- 2 • Jim Bertulis
- Alex Conover

wins

- 15 • Mike Sees
- 12 • Brad Forbes
- 11 • Aric Fuhrman
- 10 • Frank Beasley
- 10 • Darren Kern
- 10 • Mike Spaid

Bloomsburg, 6-4, will wrestle at the Virginia Duals on Friday and Saturday.

around the EWL...

SEES WINS SECOND WRESTLER OF THE WEEK AWARD

Bloomsburg University wrestler Mike Sees earned Eastern Wrestling League (EWL) honors for the second time this season. Sees was also awarded Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference (PSAC) Wrestler of Week honors for competition last week.

Sees, at 125 pounds for the Huskies, recorded a 2-0 record last week. On Friday, he won a 4-2 decision over Drexel's Steve Mytych, and the following night, helped the Huskies to a win over Rider with a 13-6 decision over Ryan Smith.

"Sees' role on the team is bring a lot energy to the guys on the team. [Energy is also created through] what he brings to the mat, the way he wrestles, his aggressiveness. What he brings to the mat when we start at 125 [has a big impact on the team], we get him rolling and he scores alot of points. It's always a boost of energy for us and he has a great attitude and personality.

-Bloomsburg assistant coach Phil Mansueto

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In addition to playing the role of a spark plug for the Huskies, Sees has also served as a mentor for freshman 133-pounder Ricky Donald.

"Mike has had a big affect on him," Mansueto said. "They wrestle each other every day. The more and more they wrestle, the better he gets and the better Sees gets."

In addition to his 2-0 record last week, Sees also recorded a win over 14th-ranked Nebraska, defeating Phil Donahoe, 13-7.

Earlier in the season, he won the Slippery Rock Open and took second at the Oklahoma Gold Classic, falling to the Sooners' Sam Hazelwinkel, one of five Oklahoma wrestlers to win titles.

At the Buffalo Duals, Sees recorded technical fall wins for the Huskies against Findlay and Buffalo.

| EWL STANDINGS | | |
|-----------------|-----|-------|
| Team | EWL | Total |
| Bloomsburg | 1-0 | 6-4 |
| Edinboro | 0-0 | 4-0 |
| Cleveland State | 0-0 | 2-2 |
| Lock Haven | 0-0 | 3-6 |
| West Virginia | 0-0 | 0-2 |
| Clarion | 0-0 | 0-8 |
| Pittsburgh | 0-1 | 0-3 |

The redshirt sophomore is currently ranked 9th by NWCA and will look to return to the NCAA Championships after winning the 2005 EWL crown at 125 pounds last year.

The Bloomsburg coaching staff is pleased with the effect Sees has impacted the team with his enthusiasm and energy on the mat.

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Mike Sees looks to get backpoints during the Huskies match against Pittsburgh in November. Sees recorded an 18-2 technical fall win in Bloomsburg's 17-16 win over the Panthers.

USA Today/NWCA NCAA Coaches Dual Meet Poll Ranked by NWCA (1/10/06)

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|---------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Oklahoma State | 9. Missouri | 17. Edinboro |
| 2. Minnesota | 10. Penn State | 18. Arizona State |
| 3. Oklahoma | 11. Lehigh | 19. Hofstra |
| 4. Illinois | 12. Cornell | 20. Cal-Poly |
| 5. Michigan | 13. Northwestern | 21. Navy |
| 6. Iowa | 14. Nebraska | 22. Wisconsin |
| 7. Central Michigan | 15. Indiana | 23. Northern Illinois |
| 8. Iowa State | 16. Michigan State | 24. Northern Iowa |
| | | 25. Pennsylvania |

Bloomsburg Wrestlers in the NCAA Division I Rankings

125-Mike Sees

NWCA (1/10/2006): 9th
W.I.N. Magazine (1/3/06): 12th
WrestlingMall.com (1/3/2006): 13th\

165-Jim Bertulis

W.I.N. Magazine (1/3/06): 16th
WrestlingMall.com (1/3/06): 14th

Other teams receiving votes (alphabetically): Boise State, Kent State, North Carolina, Oregon State, Purdue, Tennessee Chattanooga, West Virginia

Huskies

History at the Virginia Duals



1984-1985 • Second Place

| | |
|----------------------|-------|
| W Virginia | 32-3 |
| W North Carolina St. | 19-18 |
| W Tennessee | 26-13 |
| L Louisiana St. | 30-9 |

1985-1986 • Third Place

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|-----------------|-------|
| W Virginia | 36-9 |
| W Syracuse | 27-17 |
| L Iowa State | 31-9 |
| W Oklahoma | 31-15 |
| W Northern Iowa | 20-18 |
| L Clarion | 33-10 |

1986-1987

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|-----------------|-------|
| W Wyoming | 29-9 |
| W Arizona St. | 24-13 |
| L Penn State | 21-15 |
| W Wisconsin | 20-17 |
| L Northern Iowa | 19-16 |

1987-1988

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|----------------------|-------|
| W Lock Haven | 20-19 |
| L Northern Iowa | 26-6 |
| L Minnesota | 19-15 |
| W Clarion | 25-12 |
| W Millersville | 23-11 |
| W North Carolina St. | 21-14 |

1994-1995

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|----------------|-------|
| L Pennsylvania | 22-10 |
| L Cornell | 31-4 |

The Huskies had a brief run of showings at the Virginia Duals, spanning from 1984 to 1988.

Bloomsburg's best performance came in their first appearance during the 1984-85 season where the Huskies finished second. Bloomsburg beat Virginia, North Carolina State and Tennessee en route to a championship-match appearance where they fell to Louisiana State, 30-9.

The 1984-85 season also boasted a win at the Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference (PSAC) Championships and a 10th-place finish at the NCAA Championships.

In the next year, the Huskies finished in third-place, going 4-2 in the tournament. Bloomsburg, again, got a win over the University of Virginia, followed by a 27-17 win over Syracuse. After a 31-9 loss to Iowa State, the Huskies rallied with two wins over Oklahoma, 31-15, and a close victory over Northern Iowa, 20-18. In their final match, Bloomsburg fell to Clarion, 33-10.

Bloomsburg finished with a record of 12-5, taking second at the PSAC Championships prior to a third-place finish at the Eastern Wrestling League (EWL) tournament. The Huskies also recorded their first top-10 finish at the NCAA Championships, taking seventh place.

The Huskies recorded three wins at the 1987 Virginia Duals with wins over Wyoming, Arizona State, and Wisconsin. The Huskies fell in their last match of the tournament in a tough 19-16 loss to Northern Iowa.

The 1986-87 season brought more success to the Huskies through the post-season as they finished third at the EWL tournament and recorded their highest-ever finish at the NCAA Championships, taking fifth place.

In the following year, Bloomsburg again recorded a strong performance going 4-2 in the duals tournament. In the first round, the Huskies knocked off Lock Haven in a close 20-19 win, before two consecutive losses to Northern Iowa and Minnesota.

Bloomsburg finished up the tournament with three straight wins over Clarion, Millersville and North Carolina State to finish the tournament. That season, they finished second in the PSAC and took third in the EWL en route to a 14th-place finish at the NCAA Championships.

In their most recent showing at the Virginia Duals, the Huskies turned in their least successful performance, losing two straight matches to be eliminated from the tournament. In the first round, Bloomsburg dropped a match to the University of Pennsylvania, 22-10. In the consolation round, the Huskies lost to Cornell, 31-4 to be eliminated.