

SCHEDULE/RESULTS

Nov.			
11	Sun.	No. 20 PITTSBURGH (Grace)	L 24-9
16	Fri.	at No. 14 Nebraska	8:30
17	Sat.	at UNO Kaufman-Brand Open	10:00
24	Sat.	vs. Virginia @	10:00
24	Sat.	vs. Central Michigan @	12:00
24	Sat.	vs. Binghamton @	2:00
24	Sat.	vs. Clarion @	4:00
30	Fri.	RUTGERS* (Grace)	7:00
Dec.			
2	Sun.	at Maryland	2:00
2	Sun.	at American *	6:00
7	Fri.	PENN STATE (Stabler)	7:00
30	Sun.	vs. Eastern Michigan #	12:00
30	Sun.	vs. Buffalo #	2:00
30	Sun.	at Michigan #	5:00
Jan.			
4	Fri.	STANFORD (Grace)	7:00
11-1	2 FriSa	nt.at Virginia Duals	TBD
19	Sat.	NAVY* (Grace)	7:00
26	Sat.	at Harvard*	11:00
26	Sat.	at Brown*	6:00
Feb.			
8	Fri.	HOFSTRA (Grace)	7:00
14	Thu.	RIDER (Grace)	7:00
17	Sun.	at Army*	4:00
24	Sun.	at Penn*	1:00
24	Sun.	at Drexel	4:00
Mar			
8-9		un,EIWA Championships (at F&M	
20-2	2ThuS	Sat.NCAA Championships	11:00
		(St. Louis, Mo.)	

- * EIWA Opponent
- @ Journeymen/Brute Duals (Troy, N.Y.)
- # Wolverine Quad (Ann Arbor, Mich)

MEDIA INFORMATION

Contact

On the Internet

Streaming video of tonight's match will be broadcast on the internet through the Nebraska athletics website at www. huskers.com.

LEHIGH

WRESTLING

LEHIGH AT No. 14 NEBRASKA

LEHIGH (0-1, 0-0 EIWA) AT NEBRASKA (1-0, 0-0 BIG XII) NU COLISEUM (4,030) • LINCOLN, NEB. NOVEMBER 16, 2007 • 8:30 PM (EST)

SETTING THE SCENE

Lehigh hits the road for the first time this season, as the Mountain Hawks make their first-ever trip to the Cornhusker State to face No. 14 Nebraska. The Mountain Hawks won just three bouts in a 24-9 loss to No. 20 Pittsburgh in Sunday's season opener and will have their hands full with a Nebraska team that has eight wrestlers ranked nationally. Lehigh received victories from juniors Kevin Vinh and Trevor Chinn, and sophomore Mike Galante versus the Panthers. Nebraska opened its season with a convincing 47-0 win over Wyoming on Friday, and added six individual titles at the Cowboy Open the following day.

FAST FACTS

- Lehigh will be wrestling a dual meet in the state of Nebraska for the first time in the program's 99-year history.
- The Mountain Hawks will look to avoid starting the season 0-2 in duals for the second straight year and just the third time in the last 16 years,
- Nebraska has individuals nationally ranked in eight of ten weight classes, led by returning 125 lb. national champion Paul Donahoe.

PROBABLE MATCHUPS

LEHIGH

NEBRASKA

125 Mitch Berger (Fr., Freehold, N.J.)

vs. No. 1 Paul Donahoe (Jr., Davison, Mich.)

133 Kevin Vinh (Jr., Nazareth, Pa.)

vs. Kenny Jordan (So., Frankfort, Ill.)

141 Kyle Rosser (Fr., Durand, Mich.)

vs. Robert Sanders (Jr., Blanding, Utah)

149 Trevor Chinn (Sr., Canandaigua, N.Y.)

vs. No. 11 Jordan Burroughs (So., Sicklerville, N.J.)

157 Dave Nakasone (Sr., Ellicott City, Md.) (14-11)

vs. No. 14 Chris Oliver (Jr., Omaha, Neb.)

165 Mike Galante (So., Ocean City, N.J.)

vs. No. 11 Stephen Dwyer (So., Rockton, Ill.)

174 Alex Caruso (Fr., Green Brook, N.J.)

vs. No. 10 Brandon Browne (Jr., Plattsmouth, Neb.)

184 No. 11 David Craig (So., Brandon, Fla.)

vs. No. 9 Vince Jones (Jr., Sicklerville, N.J.)

197 Alex Iacocca (So., Allentown, Pa.)

vs. No. 4 Craig Brester (So., Howells, Neb.)

285 Justin Allen (So., Raleigh, N.C.)

vs. No. 5 Jon May (Sr., Hutchinson, Minn.)

(Rankings NWCA/InterMat: 11/13/07)

34-TIME EIWA CHAMPIONS
26 INDIVIDUAL NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

IN THE POLLS

NWCA/INTERMAT RANKINGS Top 25 (11/13/07)

- 1. Minnesota
- 2. Iowa State
- 3. Oklahoma State
- 4. Iowa
- 5. Michigan
- 6. Northwestern
- 7. Missouri
- 8. Cornell
- 9. Central Michigan
- 10. Penn State
- 11. Wisconsin
- 12. Hofstra
- 13. Chattanooga
- 14. Nebraska
- 15. Ohio State
- 16. Indiana
- 17. Edinboro
- 18. Illinois
- 19. Navy
- 19. Pittsburgh
- 21. Oklahoma
- 22. Harvard
- 23. Penn
- 24. Oregon State
- 25. American

W.I.N. Magazine Top 15 (Preseason)

- 1. Minnesota
- 2. Iowa State
- 3. Iowa
- 4. Cornell
- 5. Oklahoma State
- 6. Missouri
- 7. Nebraska
- 8. Ohio State
- 9. Michigan
- 10. Central Michigan
- 11. Northwestern
- 12. Penn State
- 13. Wisconsin
- 14. Illinois
- 15. Indiana
- 22. Lehigh

LAST TIME THEY MET FEBRUARY 16, 2007 - BETHLEHEM, PA. NEBRASKA 27 - LEHIGH 15

For the second time in three years, a team from the Big XII spoiled Lehigh's Sheridan Dual as No. 19 Nebraska won seven of ten bouts to knock-off No. 24 Lehigh inside Grace Hall. All three Lehigh wins earned bonus points, but several last second losses cost the Moutain Hawks. The dual started at 133 with freshman Seth Ciasulli starting things well for Lehigh with a fall over Patrick Aleksanyan. Nebraska rolled off five straight wins from there, before David Craig won by major decision over Levi Wofford. Nebraska clinched the dual when Craig Brester erased a 4-1 deficit to pin Matt Cassidy at 197. Eventual national champ Paul Donahoe also enjoyed a last second win over Matt Fisk.

133	Seth Ciasulli (LU)	Fall	Patrick Aleksanyan (NU	f) 4:40
141	Dominick Moyer (NU)	dec.	Matt Ciasulli (LU)	9-2
149	Jordan Burroughs (NU)	tech. fall	Jeff Santo (LU)	19-3, 6:21
157	Chris Oliver (NU)	maj. dec.	Dave Nakasone (LU)	15-5
165	Stephen Dwyer (NU)	dec.	Manuel Schubert (LU)	5-1
174	Mark Harwood (NU)	dec.	Dave Helfrich (LU)	7-4
184	David Craig (LU)	maj. dec.	Levi Wofford (NU)	11-2
197	Craig Brester (NU)	Fall	Matt Cassidy (LU)	1:10
285	Paul Weibel (LU)	tech. fall	Cameron Browne (NU)	19-4, 4:29
125	Paul Donahoe (NU)	dec.	Matt Fisk (LU)	10-8

LEHIGH HEAD COACH GREG STROBEL

Coach Strobel is in his 13th season guiding the Mountain Hawks. He currently holds a dual record of 177-70-1 (.716) and ranks second in career dual wins at Lehigh behind only the legendary Billy Sheridan. Strobel has guided Lehigh to six EIWA team championships and six top-ten NCAA tournament finishes in his first 12 years. He is a three-time EIWA Coach of the Year and was the 2004 National Coach of the Year. Since arriving at Lehigh, Strobel has coached 30 All-Americans, 27 EIWA Champions and two National Champions. The 1975 Oregon State graduate also coached the 2000 U.S. Olympic team.

NEBRASKA HEAD COACH MARK MANNING

Coach Manning is in his eighth season at Nebraska and his eleventh overall as a head coach. He has coached 17 Nebraska wrestlers to All-America honors, including 2007 National Champion Paul Donahoe. The Huskers finished 16th at last year's NCAA Championships and during Manning's tenure, Nebraska has finished in the top-15 four times and has won nearly 100 dual meets under Manning, who is a 1985 graduate of the University of Nebraska at Omaha.

LEHIGH HEAD COACHING LEGACY

Coach Frank Lynch	Seasons 1910-11	Record 2-4-1
Billy Sheridan	1910-11	222-86-8
•	1912-32	161-38-4
Gerry Leeman		
Thad Turner	1971-88 1989-94	171-104-5
Tom Hutchinson		29-62-3
Bob Latessa	1994-95	11-2-0
Greg Strobel	1996-present	177-70-1

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SERIES HISTORY

Tonight's match marks just the sixth ever meeting between Lehigh and Nebraska. The Mountain Hawks are visiting the Cornhusker state for the first time ever, after Nebraska visited Bethlehem in February. Lehigh and Nebraska squared off in the finals of the Virginia Duals in 2003 and 2004. The Mountain Hawks won the initial meeting in 2003, with the Huskers gaining revenge a year later.

	Meets	Record	First	Most recent
Lehigh vs. Nebraska	5	3-2-0	1939	2007 (Feb.)

Lehigh vs. Nebraska All-Time Series

1/11/39 (at Lehigh)	Lehigh 22 Nebraska 10
1/20/01 (Nat'l Duals at Penn State)	Lehigh 24 Nebraska 18
1/11/03 (Va. Duals Finals)	Lehigh 34 Nebraska 7
1/10/04 (Va. Duals Finals)	Nebraska 25 Lehigh 13
2/16/07 (at Lehigh)	Nebraska 27 Lehigh 15

Lehigh vs. the Big XII	Meets	Record	First	Most recent
vs. Iowa State	29	3-25-1	1961	2003 (Nov.)
vs. Missouri	1	1-0-0	2005	2005
vs. Oklahoma	15	2-12-1	1960	2005 (Dec.)
vs. Oklahoma State	8	0-8-0	1986	2005 (Dec.)

NCAA CHAMPIONS

Twenty Lehigh Wrestlers have won 26 NCAA championships, ranking fifth nationally. Troy Letters was victorious in 2004 at 165, notching Lehigh's most recent title.

Rank	<u>School</u>	Championships
1.	Oklahoma State	132
2.	Iowa	73
3.	Oklahoma	65
4.	Iowa State	64
5.	Lehigh	26
6.	Michigan State	24
7.	Northern Iowa	21
8.	Penn State	20
	Illinois	20
10.	Michigan	19
	Minnesota	19
12.	Wisconsin	
13.	Pittsburgh	15
14.	Oregon State	12
15.	Ohio State	11

ALL-AMERICAN HEROES

Only four schools in the last 54 NCAA tournaments have had All-Americans in 49 or more championships, Oklahoma St., Oklahoma, Iowa St. and Lehigh. Lehigh teams have finished in the top five a remarkable 16 times.

Rank	School	All-Americans
1.	Oklahoma State	413
2.	Iowa State	266
2.	Iowa	265
4.	Oklahoma	255
5.	Michigan	164
6	Penn State	157
7.	Minnesota	134
8.	Michigan State	132
9.	Lehigh	127
10.	Northern Iowa	111

SCOUTING THE CORNHUSKERS

With eight wrestlers ranked in InterMat's preseason poll, Nebraska should prove to be a very formidable test for Lehigh. The 14th-ranked Cornhuskers were dominant in a 47-0 throttling of Wyoming in their dual opener on Friday. The following day Nebraska entered a contingent of wrestlers into the Cowboy Open in Laramie, Wyo. and came away with six individual champions. The Cornhuskers are led by junior Paul Donahoe, the defending national champion who is ranked No. 1 at 125. Four additional Husker grapplers are ranked in the top ten including Craig Brester (fourth at 197) and Jon May (fifth at 285). Nebraska's projected starting lineup also features a pair of New Jersey natives in Jordan Burroughs (149) and Vince Jones (184).

GIVE IT UP FOR THE NEW GUYS

True freshman Mitch Berger and deferred freshman Alex Caruso each made their varsity debuts against Pittsburgh. Both wrestlers impressed despite losing. Berger led Brad Gentzle 4-3 midway through the second period at 125 before being taken down and cradled for a fall. Caruso stood toe-to-toe with top-ranked Keith Gavin at 174, taking the defending NCAA runner-up into overtime before falling 4-2 in the second 30 second tiebreak period.

RANK AND FILE

In InterMat's latest rankings, Lehigh has just one ranked wrestler. Sophomore David Craig is ranked 11th at 174, despite competing at 184 on Sunday. Seth Ciasulli dropped out of the NWCA rankings, but is still ranked in the W.I.N. and A.W.N. polls. Dave Nakasone is also ranked by Amateur Wrestling News.

<u>Weight</u>	<u>Wrestler</u>	<u>NWCA</u>	<u>W.I.N.</u>	<u>A.W.N.</u>
133	Seth Ciasulli		17	13
157	Dave Nakasone			17
184	David Craig	11 (174)	7	12

ANYONE, ANYTIME, ANYWHERE

Head coach Greg Strobel has once again put together one of the nation's toughest dual meet schedules. The Mountain Hawks are scheduled to face eight of the top 20 finishers in last year's NCAA tournament and ten teams ranked in the preseason top 25:

Date	Opponent	Rank	'07 NCAA Finish	Result
11/11	Pittsburgh	19	20	L 24-9
11/16	at Nebraska	14	16	
11/24	vs. Central Mich.	9	15	
12/2	at American	25	17	
12/7	Penn State	10	11	
12/30	at Michigan	5	6	
1/19	Navy	19	18	
1/26	at Harvard	22	22	
2/8	Hofstra	12	7	
2/24	at Penn	23	25	

Lehigh could also face current No. 3 Oklahoma State, No. 18 Illinois and No. 24 Oregon State at the Virginia Duals in January.

THE CAPTAIN OF THE SHIP

Junior Matt Fisk was named team captain for the 2007-08 season, despite his likely intentions to defer eligibility while he moves up a weight class. Fisk qualified for the NCAA tournament in each of his first two seasons and led the Mountain Hawks with 12 falls last season.

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UNCHARTED TERRITORY

When considering some of the places Lehigh has traveled for a dual meet in its 99-year wrestling history, it's hard to believe that this weekend Lehigh will make its first-ever foray into Nebraska for a dual meet. Lehigh will have wrestled in 21 states, plus the District of Columbia after tonight's match. Of the five previous duals with Nebraska, two were in Bethlehem, one was at the National Duals at Penn State and two were at the Virginia Duals. Nebraska joins Oregon (Dec. 1995) and Hawaii (Nov. 2003) as states in which Lehigh has wrestled just one dual meet.

NO ONE-AND-DONE TRIP

There's more to Lehigh's trip to Nebraska than tonight's dual. On Saturday, Lehigh heads to Omaha to compete in the Kaufman-Brand Open, hosted by Nebraska-Omaha at Sapp Fieldhouse. The nation's largest single-day collegiate meet features over 650 wrestlers from more than 40 schools from all classifications. Action begins at 9 a.m. local time (10 a.m. EST) and will continue all day.

COMING UP NEXT...

The Mountain Hawks will be right back on the road next weekend. Lehigh will head to Troy, N.Y. for the Journeymen/Brute Northeast Duals. Fourteen teams are scheduled to appear, with Lehigh slated to wrestle four duals beginning at 10 a.m. The Mountain Hawks will face Virginia, No. 9 Central Michigan, Binghamton and Clarion on the afternoon.

2007-08 RESULTS

November 11, 2007 Leeman-Turner Arena at Grace Hall Pittsburgh 24, Lehigh 9

125 - Brad Gentzle (Pitt) fall Mitch Berger (LU) 4:37 133 - Kevin Vinh (LU) dec. Jimmy Conroy (Pitt) 7-6 141 - Drew Headlee (Pitt) dec. Jeff Santo (LU) 7-2 149 - Trevor Chinn (LU) dec. Joey Ecklof (Pitt) 7-6 157 - Matt Kocher (Pitt) dec. Dave Nakasone (LU) 12-6 165 - Mike Galante (LU) dec. Sean Richmond (Pitt) 6-2 174 - Keith Gavin (Pitt) dec. Alex Caruso (LU) 4-2, t.b. 184 - Dave Sullivan (Pitt) dec. David Craig (LU) 6-2

LEHIGH DUALS BY MONTH... November:.....

November	
December:	0-0
January:	0-0
February:	

LEHIGH IN DUALS DECIDED...

By 5 points or fewer:	0-0
By 6-9 points:	
By 10-20 points	
By over 20 points:	

LEHIGH BY THE NUMBERS.

LEHIGH BY THE NUMBERS						
	Dual matches at home:0-1					
	At Grace Hall0-1					
	At Stabler Arena0-0					
	Duals on the road:0-0					
	Duals at a neutral site:0-0					
	Duals in Pennsylvania:0-0					
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	Day Matches:0-1					
	Night Matches:0-0					
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	When winning opening bout:0-0					
	When losing opening bout:0-1					
	When leading after five bouts:0-0					
	When trailing after five bouts:0-1					

LEHIGH DUALS BY WEIGHT CLASS...

125 (Berger):	0-1
133 (Vinh):	
141 (Santo, M. Ciasulli):	0-1
149 (Chinn):	
157 (Nakasone):	
165 (Galante):	1-0
174 (Caruso):	0-1
184 (Craig):	0-1
197 (Iacocca):	
285 (Allen):	

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2007-08 LEHIGH WRESTLING ROSTER

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Name	Yr./El.		Hometown/High School	Major
Justin Allen	So./So.		Raleigh, N.C./Millbrook	Civil Engineering
Kellen Aura	Fr./Fr.	125	Pleasanton, Calif./Foothill	Arts and Sciences
Mitchell Berger	Fr./Fr.	125	Freehold, N.J./Freehold	Arts and Sciences
Sean Bilodeau	Fr./Fr.	149/157	Harvard, Mass./Brooks School	Arts and Sciences
Tim Buirkle	So./Fr.	157	Mahwah, N.J./Mahwah	Bioengineering
Alex Caruso	So./Fr.	174	Green Brook, N.J./Watchung Hills	Business
Trevor Chinn	Sr./Jr.	149	Canandaigua, N.Y./Canandaigua	Physics
David Chirichello	So./Fr.	165	Manalapan, N.J./Christian Bros. Academy	Materials Science & Engineering
Seth Ciasulli	Jr./So.	133	Easton, Pa./Easton	Design Arts
David Craig	So./So.	174/184	Brandon, Fla./Brandon	Business
Matt Croshal	So./Fr.	149	Centennial, Colo./Araphoe	Mechanical Engineering
Matt Fisk	Jr./Jr.	133	Wyalusing, Pa./Wyalusing	Biology
Mike Galante	Jr./So.	165	Ocean City, N.J./Blair Academy	Finance
Brandon Hatchett	Fr./Fr.	165/174	Winter Springs, Fla./Oviedo	Business
Greg Hilbert	So./Fr.	149	Akron, Ohio/Revere	Business
Alex Iacocca	Jr./So.	197	Allentown, Pa./Emmaus	Finance
Andy Knerr	Jr./So.	184	Norristown, Pa./Norristown	Mechanical Engineering
Michael Margherita	Fr./Fr.	125	Chesterfield, Mo./Lafayette HS	Arts and Sciences
Ben Marich	Fr./Fr.	149/157	Kempton, Pa./Northwestern Lehigh	Arts and Sciences
Connor McDonald	Fr./Fr.	125	Rehoboth, Del./Sussex Central	Arts and Sciences
David Nakasone	Sr./Sr.	157	Ellicott City, Md./Centennial	Finance
Jamie O'Dowd	Jr./Jr.	197	Cherry Hill, N.J./Cherry Hill West	Behavioral Neuroscience
Zach Rey	Fr./Fr.	285	Hopatcong, N.J./Hopatcong	Arts and Sciences
Kyle Rosser	Fr./Fr.	141	Durand, Mich./Corunna	Engineering
Kadeem Samuels	Fr./Fr.	184	Bronx, N.Y./Fordham Prep	Engineering
Jeff Santo	Sr./Sr.	141	Wind Gap, Pa./Pen Argyl	Design Arts
Manuel Schubert	Jr./So.	174	Westland, Mich./Livonia Churchill	Biology
Stephen Seemuller	Sr./Jr.	141	Cinnaminson, N.J./Cinnaminson	Mechanical Engineering
Edward Silverman	Sr./Sr.	174	Gladwynne, Pa./The Hill School	English
Samir Soriano	Sr./Jr.	174	Plainview, N.Y./Plainview-Old Bethpage-JFK	Design Arts
Nate Spangler	So./Fr.	141	Concord, Calif./De La Salle	Civil Engineering
Brian Tanen	Fr./Fr.	157	Souderton, Pa./Souderton	Business
Eddie Valentino	Jr./So.	174	Huntingdon Valley, Pa./La Salle College HS	Business
Kevin Vinh	Sr./Jr.	133	Nazareth, Pa./Nazareth (Maryland)	Finance
Greg Wolbrette	Sr./Sr.	125	Hummelstown, Pa./Hershey	Design Arts

Lawrence White '64 Head Coach: Greg Strobel (Oregon State '75), 13th season **Harmon-Rauch Assistant Coach:** Tim Dernlan (Purdue '98), second season

Assistant Coach: Jon Trenge (Lehigh '05), second season **Volunteer Coach:** Jason Kutz (Lehigh '96), first season

PRONUNCIATION GUIDE:

Kellen Aura (ORE-uh) Sean Bilodeau (bill-OH-doe) Seth Ciasulli (Cha-SOOL-ee) Alex Iacocca (EYE-uh-COKE-uh) Dave Nakasone (KNOCK-uh-so-NEE)