



**Liberty University Wrestling Notes
NCAA National Wrestling Championship
St. Louis, Mo. – March 20-22, 2008**

This note package includes:

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A Brief Look at the Flames' History:

- The 2007-08 season marks the second year of competition for the wrestling program since 1994.
- Liberty finished the 2006-07 season with a 16-8 dual meet record, while claiming the title at the 2007 NCAA East Regional Championships.
- Liberty sent four wrestlers to the NCAA National Championship in 2007 – Christian Smith (125 pounds), Tim Harner (141 pounds), Chad Porter (165 pounds) and Patrick Walker (285 pounds).
- Program was disbanded in 1994 after 20 years of competition due to University financial constraints.
- Program posted a combined 179-99-5 dual match record from 1975 to 1994, moving from the NCCAA level up to NCAA Division I competition in 1988.
- Liberty claimed five NCCAA national championships (1976-80).
- Posted a 45-55-2 record at the NCAA Division I level before program was disbanded.
- Liberty sent two individuals to the NCAA National Championship in 1994, with Aaron Bruce posting a 1-2 record at the event and Denny Orr finishing the event 0-2.

A Brief Look at this Season:

- Liberty posted an 11-12-1 dual match record.
- The Flames posted a 4-2-1 record at home this year, including an 18-18 tie with 2007 ACC champion N.C. State.
- For the first time in Liberty's athletics department history, the University hosted an NCAA Championship event, when Liberty hosted the 2008 NCAA East Regional Wrestling Championship on March 9.
- For the second year in a row, Liberty claimed the title at the NCAA East Regional with 108.5 points.
- Head coach Jesse Castro was named the NCAA East Regional Coach of the Year for the second-consecutive season.
- Liberty's victory at the NCAA East Regional Wrestling Championship continued a run of success during the 2007-08 athletic season, as the Flames claimed team championships in seven different sports since the beginning of the year (volleyball, men's soccer, football, men's cross country, women's cross country, men's indoor track and field, wrestling and women's basketball).
- Liberty has had much success at the national level this year with Josh McDougal claiming the national championship at the NCAA Cross Country Championships, while the men's soccer, women's basketball and volleyball teams all advanced to various NCAA Tournaments.
- Liberty's six individuals at this year's NCAA National Wrestling Championship marks the most individuals Liberty has sent to the national event in the program's history.

Team Tournament Finishes:

- Brockport/Oklahoma Gold Tournament (11/10) – Seventh out of nine teams (70.9 points)
- Navy Classic (11/17) – Fifth out of 12 teams (80.5 points)
- Spartan Invitational (12/1) – Third out of 11 teams (59.0 points)
- Reno Tournament of Champions (12/18) – 19th out of 26 teams (16.5 points)
- Southern Scuffle (12/29-30) – 24th out of 29 teams (11.5 points)
- Midlands Championships (12/29-30) – 31st out of 52 teams (9.0 points)
- Virginia State Intercollegiates (1/5) – Third out of six teams (40.5 points)
- NCAA East Regional Championships (3/9) – First out of six teams (108.5 points)

Flames at a Glance

Christian Smith (133 pounds – Sr., 5-7, Suffolk, Va.)

2007-08 Record: 2-32 (includes 30 forfeited matches)

Career Record: 28-44

Previous NCAA Championship Experience:

2007 – 0-2 (L/fall [2:39) – Cornell's Troy Nickerson, L/major decision [1-9] – Oregon State's Eric Stevenson)

- Was 16-14 before the NCAA declared him ineligible midway through the season.
- Wrestled last year at 125 pounds, including at the NCAA National Championship.

Tim Harner (141 pounds – Jr., 5-11, Norristown, Pa.)

2007-08 Record: 30-10

Career Record: 67-25

Previous NCAA Championship Experience:

2007 – 0-2 (L/decision [2-5] – Oklahoma's Kyle Terry, L/fall [2:51] – Northern Iowa's C.J. Ettelson)

- Enters the NCAA National Championship riding a 13-match winning streak.
- Leads the team with 11 victories by fall on the year.

Chad Porter (165 pounds – So., 6-0, Washington, W.Va.)

2007-08 Record: 26-17

Career Record: 59-28

Previous NCAA Championship Experience:

2007 – 0-2 (L/decision [5-10] – Bakersfield's Daniel Atondo, L/decision [2-7] – UC Davis' Dustin Noack)

- Leads the Flames with 11 victories by major decision, giving him 21 during his Liberty career.
- Has won nine out of his last 10 bouts coming into the NCAA National Championship.

Aaron Kelley (174 pounds – So., 5-11, Mineral Wells, W.Va.)

2007-08 Record: 28-17

Career Record: 48-37

Previous NCAA Championship Experience:

None

- One of two Liberty grapplers making their first career appearance at the NCAA National Championships.
- Won his last six bouts to enter the NCAA National Championships, ranking him third on the team in victories.

Chris Daggett (184 pounds – Jr., 5-11, Williamsburg, W.Va.)

2007-08 Record: 12-15

Career Record: 24-27

Previous NCAA Championship Experience:

None

- One of two Liberty grapplers making their first career appearance at the NCAA National Championships.
- Wrestled at three different weight classes during the year.

Patrick Walker (285 pounds – So., 6-3, Newark, Del.)

2007-08 Record: 31-9

Career Record: 60-17

Previous NCAA Championship Experience:

2007 – 1-2 (L/decision [4-6/sv] – Drexel's Chris Cowen, W/fall [4:23] – Army's Nathan Thobaden, L/fall [1:48] – Cal Poly's

Cody Parker

- Enters the NCAA National Championship on a 14-match winning streak and ranked No. 16 nationally.
- Led the squad in total wins (31) and dual match victories (19).

Liberty University
 2007-08 Wrestling Statistics
 Updated as of 3/11/08

Record: 11-12-1 **Home:** 4-2-1 **Away:** 3-2-0 **Neutral:** 4-8-0

Schedule and Results

11/10	Brockport/Oklahoma Gold Tournament (Brockport, N.Y)	7 th /9 teams 70.9 points
11/17	Navy Classic (Hosted by Navy - Annapolis, Md.)	5 th /12 teams 80.5 points
11/24	Hoosier Duals (Hosted by Indiana - Bloomington, Ind.) vs. Ohio vs. Cumberland vs. Oregon at Indiana vs. Duke	L/ 7-28 L/ 17-22 L/ 12-28 L/ 9-34 L/ 7-33
12/1	Spartan Invitational (Hosted by York College – York, Pa.)	3 rd /11 teams 59.0 points
12/2	Nittany Lion Open (Hosted by Penn State – State College, Pa.)	Not team scored
12/8	Campbellsville Duals (Hosted by Campbellsville – Campbellsville, Ky.) vs. No. 7 (NAIA) Campbellsville vs. No. 9 (NCAA Division II) Newberry vs. Eastern Michigan	W/ 26-9 W/ 21-19 L/ 16-20
12/18	Reno Tournament of Champions (Reno, Nev.) (Reno, Nev.)	19 th /26 teams 16.5 points
12/29-30	Southern Scuffle (Hosted by UNC Greensboro – Greensboro, N.C.)	24 th /29 teams 11.5 points
12/29-30	Midlands Championship (Hosted by Northwestern – Evanston, Ill.)	31 st /52 teams 9.0 points
1/5	Virginia State Intercollegiates (Hosted by Virginia – Charlottesville, Va.)	3 rd /6 teams 40.5 points
1/12	vs. N.C. State	T/ 18-18
1/20	Wendy's Big Classic Duals (Hosted by Ashland – Ashland, Ohio) vs. Northern Illinois vs. No. 15 Illinois vs. Purdue	L/ 4-43 L/ 0-41 L/ 19-24
1/26	Liberty Quad (Hosted by Liberty – Lynchburg, Va.) vs. Davidson vs. Bucknell vs. Messiah vs. The Citadel	W/ 25-19 L/ 9-25 W/ 30-15 W/ 22-15
2/3	Eastern Regional Duals (Hosted by Millersville – Millersville, Pa.) vs. Duquesne vs. Gardner-Webb vs. Delaware State vs. Millersville	W/ 38-3 W/ 34-6 W/ 39-15 W/ 38-10
2/5	Liberty Tri-Match (Hosted by Liberty – Lynchburg, Va.) vs. George Mason vs. UNC Greensboro	L/ 18-19 W/ 21-15
2/13	at Appalachian State	L/ 9-30
2/22	at VMI	W/ 30-12
3/9	NCAA East Regional Qualifier (Hosted by Liberty – Lynchburg, Va.)	1st/6 teams 108.5 points
3/20-22	NCAA National Championship (Hosted by Missouri – St. Louis, Mo.)	

Liberty University
2007-08 Wrestling Statistics (Updated as of 3/11/08)

Individual Records

WT	Wrestler	Season	Dual	Fall	TF	Major Dec.
125	Sean Katz	15-26	9-15	5-3	1-1	2-5
	Miles Negley	0-4	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-2
133	T.J. Mitchell	13-17	6-9	3-0	0-0	2-2
	Christian Smith *	2-32	0-8	0-0	1-0	1-1
	Ricky Wilbanks	1-2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
141	Scott Clymer	4-6	0-0	1-0	0-0	1-2
	Tim Harner	30-10	14-3	11-4	1-0	2-2
	Justin Krop	0-7	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-4
	Collin Lewis	11-8	4-2	0-1	1-1	3-3
	Ryan McDonnell	0-2	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-0
149	Scott Clymer	14-14	7-8	2-1	3-0	2-6
	Peter Crawford	2-5	0-1	2-2	0-0	0-3
	Collin Lewis	1-2	0-0	1-2	0-0	0-0
	Zac McCray	4-13	1-3	0-1	0-0	1-0
	Ryan McDonnell	0-2	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-0
	Sam Walters	1-8	1-3	0-2	0-0	0-1
157	Julian Colon	17-16	3-6	1-4	0-2	3-1
	Josh Duren	6-6	1-0	5-0	0-1	0-4
	Shaun Smith	14-16	7-7	0-0	0-0	3-2
165	Chad Porter	26-17	12-9	7-2	1-0	11-2
	Joseph Son	5-10	1-2	0-5	0-0	0-4
174	Chris Daggett	1-4	0-2	0-0	0-0	1-2
	Aaron Kelley	28-17	13-6	8-6	2-0	5-4
	Joseph Son	0-2	0-2	0-0	0-0	0-2
184	Joe Colella	2-5	2-1	0-0	0-0	0-3
	Chris Daggett	9-11	3-6	2-3	1-0	4-2
	Nick Knowles	10-13	6-6	2-2	0-0	0-3
	Corey Vasbinder	0-6	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-2
	Kyle Walters	2-3	2-1	1-0	0-1	0-0
197	Jonathan Campbell	2-10	0-5	1-3	0-0	1-1
	Chris Daggett	2-0	2-0	0-0	0-0	1-0
	Patrick Hogan	3-6	1-0	1-2	0-0	1-0
	Nick Knowles	0-7	0-5	0-1	0-0	0-4
	Jacobi Johnson	3-14	1-6	0-5	0-2	1-1
285	Jacobi Johnson	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0
	Patrick Walker	31-9	19-1	10-1	0-0	6-1

* - Christian Smith was declared ineligible for his first 30 matches of the year by the NCAA, resulting in forfeited matches during the time span (was 16-14 prior to the NCAA ruling). He was reinstated on Feb. 13, 2008.

Team Totals per Weight Class

WT	Season	Dual	Fall	TF	Major Dec.
125	15-30	9-15	5-3	1-2	2-7
133 *	16-51	6-17	3-0	1-0	3-3
141	45-33	18-6	12-6	2-1	6-11
149	22-44	9-15	5-9	3-0	3-10
157	37-38	11-13	6-4	0-3	6-7
165	31-27	13-11	7-7	1-0	11-6
174	29-23	13-10	8-6	2-0	6-8
184	23-38	13-14	5-6	1-1	4-10
197	10-37	4-16	2-11	0-2	4-6
285	31-10	19-2	10-1	0-0	6-1
Total	259-331	115-119	63-53	11-9	51-69
Winning Percentage	(43.9)	(49.1)	(54.3)	(55.0)	(42.5)

Liberty University Wrestling 2007-08 Alphabetical Roster

Name	Year	Ht.	Wt.	Class	Hometown/High School (Previous School)
Jonathan Campbell	So.	5-10	184		Glassboro, N.J./St. Augustine Prep
Scott Clymer	Fr.	5-9	141		Germansville, Pa./Northwestern Lehigh
Joe Colella	Fr.	5-11	184		New Britain, Conn./New Britain
Julian Colon	Fr.	5-9	157		East Petersburg, Pa./Hempfield
Peter Crawford	Fr.	5-7	141		Chesapeake, Va./Indian River
Shawn Crow	Sr.	5-10	165		Columbia, Mo./Mexico (Univ. of Missouri)
Chris Daggett	Jr.	5-11	174		Williamstown, W.Va./Parkersburg South (West Virginia)
Josh Duren	Fr.	5-9	149		Warrenton, Mo./Warrenton
Daniel Earley	Fr.	5-4	125		Columbus, Ohio/St. Francis DeSales
Anthony Emaná	So.	5-8	125		Lanexa, Va./New Kent
Tim Harner	Jr.	5-11	141		Norristown, Pa./Norristown Area (Rider)
Dustin Hicks	So.	5-7	133		Gainesville, Ga./Gainesville
Patrick Hogan	R-So.	6-2	184		Crawford, N.J./Crawford (Southern Maine)
Jacobi Johnson	Fr.	6-0	197		Goldsboro, N.C./Eastern Wayne
Sean Katz	So.	5-6	125		Chesapeake, Va./Hickory
Aaron Kelley	So.	5-11	165		Mineral Wells, W.Va./Parkersburg South
Nick Knowles	Fr.	5-9	174		Westminster, Calif./Calvary Chapel
Justin Krop	Fr.	5-10	141		Monrovia, Md./Urbana
Collin Lewis	Jr.	5-7	133		Brick, N.J./Brick Twp. (Hunter)
Zac McCray	So.	5-9	149		Vienna, W.Va./Parkersburg South
Ryan McDonnell	So.	5-9	141		Cooper City, Fla./Cooper City (Florida Atlantic)
T.J. Mitchell	Fr.	5-6	133		Hazlet, N.J./Raritan
Chad Porter	So.	6-0	165		Washington, W.Va./Parkersburg South
Chris Robbins	Fr.	5-7	141		Lynchburg, Va./E.C. Glass
Christian Smith	Sr.	5-7	133		Suffolk, Va./Western Branch (Virginia Tech)
Shaun Smith	So.	5-9	157		Washington, W.Va./Parkersburg South
Joseph Son	So.	6-0	157		Lawrenceville, Ga./Peachtree Ridge
Corey Vasbinder	So.	5-7	174		Indiana, Pa./Indiana Area Senior
Patrick Walker	So.	6-3	285		Newark, Del./Newark (Delaware)
Kyle Walters	Jr.	5-11	184		Parkersburg, W.Va./Parkersburg South (Marshall)
Sam Walters	So.	5-9	149		Hereford, Pa./Upper Perkiomen
Ricky Wilbanks	Fr.	5-7	133		Cleveland, Ga./White County

Head Coach: Jesse Castro

Assistant Coaches: Pat Sole and Robert Becker

Volunteer Assistant Coach: Paul Anthony



2007-08 Liberty University Wrestling Team Photo



Christian Smith
Sr., 5-7, 133
Western Branch HS (Virginia Tech)
Suffolk, Va.

Sr. (2007-08): One of six Liberty wrestlers to advance to the NCAA National Championships ... making his second-straight appearance at the NCAA National Championship ... missed most of the second half of the season due to being declared ineligible by the NCAA ... posted a 16-14 record prior to being declared ineligible by the NCAA, having to forfeit his first 30 matches due to the ruling ... regained his eligibility two dual matches prior to the NCAA East Regional Championship ... wrestled up a weight class this year, as he competed at 133 pounds, following last year at 125 pounds ... finished third at the Brockport/Oklahoma Gold Classic ... posted a 4-1 record at the event, finishing off the day with a 5-4 decision over Army's Whitt Dunning to claim third place ... finished fifth at the Navy Classic, posting a 3-2 mark ... faced three Navy grapplers during the event, opening the all-day tournament with a 14-2 major decision over Navy's Matt Pagan ... posted a 3-2 record at the Hoosier Duals, including a 5-0 blanking of Ohio's Quentin Keyes and a win by fall (2:23) over Duke's Chris Thurmen ... finished with a 1-2 record at the Nittany Lion Open, getting a win by fall (5:20) over Navy's Josh Sandoval ... was 2-2 at the Reno Tournament of Champions, posting victories over Great Falls' Jason Harrington (major decision/13-0) and Appalachian State's Terreyl Williams (decision, 11-9) ... finished with a 2-2 mark at the Midlands Championships ... claimed his second-straight title at the NCAA East Regional, posting a 2-0 record ... opened the event with a 22-4 technical fall victory (5:00) over Wagner's Nicholas Boghos ... claimed the regional title with a 10-2 major decision victory over Duquesne's Kevin Chapman.

Jr. (2006-07): Named to the Big South Presidential Honor Roll ... selected to the VaSID academic all-state team ... named to the NWCA All-Academic team, an honor bestowed upon the top student-athlete wrestlers in the country ... was one of three Liberty wrestlers to garner regional rankings during the course of the season, as listed by WrestlingReport.com ... one of four Liberty wrestlers to advance to the NCAA National Championships ... had to sit out the first part of the season due to NCAA transfer rules ... competed as an individual prior to becoming eligible for team competition on Dec. 16 ... ranked fourth on the team with 26 individual victories ... posted a 26-12 record at 125 pounds on the year (68.4 winning percentage) ... posted an 8-3 record in dual matches ... 7-3 in matches determined by fall ... ranked fifth on the team with victories by fall ... placed in four tournaments throughout the year, including individual weight-class championships in three different tournaments ... opened the year with a perfect 5-0 record competing as an individual at the East Stroudsburg Open (11/18), claiming the championship at 125 pounds ... picked up two wins by major decision, one by technical fall and another by fall at the East Stroudsburg Open ... posted a 5-3 record at the Nittany Lion Classic to place eighth at the event (12/3) ... was one of two Liberty wrestlers to compete at the Midland Championships (12/28), posting a 2-2 record at the event ... posted a perfect 3-0 record at the Virginia State Intercollegiates to claim the championship at 125 pounds (1/6) ... claimed two of his three victories at the event by fall, while claiming the weight class championship with a 3-2 decision over Virginia's Ross Gitomer ... 2-2 at the Virginia Duals (1/12-13), including decision victories over The Citadel's Tyler Sim (6-4) and Bucknell's Greg Hart (9-4) ... 3-0 at the East Regional Duals (2/4), opening with a win by fall (2:38) over Gardner-Webb's Cortney Roberts ... was a perfect 2-0 at the NCAA East Regional to claim the title at 125 pounds (3/4) ... bested Gardner-Webb's Roberts again by fall (1:10) to claim the weight class championship ... named Co-Most Outstanding Wrestler at the event ... entered the NCAA National Championship having won nine out of his last 10 matches.

Previous Schools: Transferred to Liberty from Virginia Tech ... sat out his only season at Virginia Tech after suffering a preseason injury ... transferred to Virginia Tech from Duke where he was a two-year member of the lue Devils' squad ... posted a 42-17 record at Duke ... started off his collegiate career with a 30-12 record as a freshman, going undefeated in ACC action to claim a conference championship at 125 pounds ... was a NCAA Tournament qualifier ... was named Duke's Freshman of the Year ... tied for the nation's lead in falls at 125 pounds ... posted a 12-5 record as a sophomore, before being granted a medical redshirt ... placed second at the West Virginia Open and claimed the championship at UNC Pembroke.

Prep: Graduated from Western Branch High School ... finished his four-year career with a 176-16 record (91.7 winning percentage) ... posted a 21-1 record as a freshman at 103 pounds ... three-time state champion (103 pounds as a sophomore, 112 pounds as a junior and 119 pounds as a senior) ... named a High School All-American as a senior by USA Wrestling Magazine ... ranked as high as fourth nationally by Wrestling USA Magazine during senior year.

Personal: Son of Daniel Wayne and Shelia Smith ... birthday is on Nov. 1 ... has a previous tie to the program as his father wrestled for Liberty from 1975-77 ... Daniel Smith was a two-time NCCAA national champion (118 pounds in 1976 and 126 pounds in 1977) ... majoring in business management at Liberty ... completed his undergraduate degree in business during the spring of 2007 ... currently pursuing his master's in business administration.

Smith's Career Statistics at Liberty:

Year (WT)	Overall	Dual	Fall	TF	Major Dec.
2006-07 (125)	26-12	8-3	7-3	1-0	4-1
2007-08 (133)	2-32	0-8	0-0	1-0	1-1
Total	28-44	8-11	7-3	2-0	5-2

Christian Smith
 Sr., 5-7, 133
 Western Branch HS (Virginia Tech)
 Suffolk Va.

WT	Season	Dual	Fall	TF	Major Dec.
133	2-32	0-8	0-0	1-0	1-1
Total	2-32	0-0	0-0	1-0	1-1

Event-By-Event Results

Date	Opponent	School	Wt.	W/L	Results	Note
11/10	Paul Grogan	Rutgers	133	W	Dec., 7-1	Match Forfeited/L *
11/10	Dan Hilt	Rutgers	133	W	Dec., 2-1	Match Forfeited/L *
11/10	Dan Mitcheff	Kent State	133	L	Fall, 6:14	Match Forfeited/L *
11/10	Clayton Stark	Kent State	133	W	Major dec., 11-2	Match Forfeited/L *
11/10	Whitt Dunning	Army	133	W	Dec., 5-4	Match Forfeited/L *
Note: Placed third in the tournament (Brockport-Oklahoma Gold Classic)						
11/17	Matt Pagan	Navy	133	W	Major dec., 14-2	Match Forfeited/L *
11/17	Jason Guffey	Bloomsburg	133	W	Dec., 7-2	Match Forfeited/L *
11/17	Joe Baker	Navy	133	L	Dec., 5-11	Match Forfeited/L *
11/17	Matt Pagan	Navy	133	L	Dec., 1-3 (SV)	Match Forfeited/L *
11/17	Jason Guffey	Bloomsburg	133	W	Dec., 4-1	Match Forfeited/L *
Note: Placed fifth in the tournament (Navy Classic)						
11/24	Quentin Keyes	Ohio	133	W	Dec., 5-0	Match Forfeited/L *
11/24	Tim Mitchem	Cumberlands	133	W	Major dec., 9-1	Match Forfeited/L *
11/24	Ryan Dunn	Oregon	133	L	Dec., 4-8	Match Forfeited/L *
11/24	Andrae Hernandez	Indiana	133	L	Major dec., 0-11	Match Forfeited/L *
11/24	Chris Thumen	Duke	133	W	Fall, 2:23	Match Forfeited/L *
12/2	Abby Rush	Boston	133	L	Dec., 2-4	Match Forfeited/L *
12/2	Josh Sandoval	Navy	133	W	Fall, 5:20	Match Forfeited/L *
12/2	Aaron Ely	Edinboro	133	L	Major dec., 1-10	Match Forfeited/L *
12/8	Andrew Young	Newberry	133	W	Dec., 4-0	Match Forfeited/L *
12/8	Sean Clair	Eastern Michigan	133	L	Dec., 2-3 (SV)	Match Forfeited/L *
12/18	Jason Harrington	Great Falls	133	W	Major dec., 13-0	Match Forfeited/L *
12/18	Terreyl Williams	Appalachian State	133	W	Dec., 11-9	Match Forfeited/L *
12/18	Filip Novachkov	Cal Poly	133	L	Dec., 1-4	Match Forfeited/L *
12/18	Raymond Dunning	Adams State	133	L	Major dec., 4-12	Match Forfeited/L *
12/29	Joey Morrison	Nebraska-Kearney	133	W	Fall, 6:25	Match Forfeited/L *
12/29	Pat Castillo	Northern Illinois	133	L	Major dec., 2-11	Match Forfeited/L *
12/29	Tyler Halverson	Iowa	133	W	Dec., 5-2	Match Forfeited/L *
12/29	Steve Hromada	Tennessee-Chattanooga	133	L	Dec., 4-11	Match Forfeited/L *
2/13	Terreyl Williams	Appalachian State	133	L	Major dec., 6-15	
2/22	Tyler Anthony	VMI	133	L	Dec., 2-4	
3/9	Nicholas Boghos	Wagner	133	W	TF, 22-4 (5:00)	
3/9	Kevin Chapman	Duquesne	133	W	Major dec., 10-2	
Note: Placed first at the tournament (NCAA East Regional)						

* - Smith was declared ineligible by the NCAA following competition at the Midlands Championship (12/29-30), resulting in forfeited matches for his first 30 matches of the 2007-08 season (was 16-14 prior to the NCAA ruling). Smith was reinstated and declared eligible by the NCAA on Feb. 13, just prior to Liberty's dual with Appalachian State.



Tim Harner
Jr., 5-11, 141
Norristown Area HS (Rider)
Norristown, Pa.

Jr. (2007-08): One of six Liberty wrestlers to advance to the NCAA National Championships ... making his second-straight appearance at the NCAA National Championship ... enters the NCAA National Championship with a 75.0 winning percentage at 141 pounds (30-10) ... ranks second on the squad with 30 victories ... leads the team with 11 victories by fall (11-4) ... finished the year ranked second on the team in dual match victories (14-3) ... has won 13-straight matches coming into the NCAA National Championship ... posted a 2-2 record at the Brockport/Oklahoma Gold Tournament ... won both his matches at the event with first-period falls over Brown's Richard Bailey (2:54) and Bloomsburg's Alex Laughenberger (1:35) ... placed fourth at the Navy Classic with a 5-2 record ... picked up two wins by major decision and another by fall at the Navy Classic ... led the Flames at the Hoosier Duals, posting an impressive 4-0 record ... all four victories came by decision ... recorded a 3-2 mark at the Nittany Lion Open ... won his opening-round match over Maryland's Dex Lederer in overtime (3-1) ... placed second at the Virginia State Intercollegiates, marking his second-consecutive year to place at the Commonwealth event ... posted a 3-1 record at the tournament ... dropped a narrow 4-3 decision to Illinois Ryan Prater, who was ranked No. 19 in the nation, at the Wendy's Classic Duals, marking his last defeat ... started his 13-match winning streak by claiming five-straight matches by fall, including all three at the Liberty Quad ... claimed his second-straight title at 141 pounds at the NCAA East Regional Championship with two wins by decision and one by fall ... opened the home event with a win by fall (2:25) over Gardner-Webb's Charles Fanz ... followed with a 10-6 victory over Duquesne's Jayk Cobbs ... claimed the title with a 4-1 decision victory over Millersville's Mike Greck.

So. (2006-07): Named to the Big South Presidential Honor Roll ... one of four Liberty wrestlers to advance to the NCAA National Championships ... led the squad with 37 individual match victories ... opened the season wrestling with two matches at 149 pounds (0-2 in the weight class) ... wrestled the remainder of the year at 141 pounds ... posted a 74.0 percent winning percentage at 141 pounds (37-13) ... posted a 15-3 record in dual matches at 141 pounds ... placed in six different tournaments throughout the year, including weight-class victories at the Virginia State Intercollegiates and the NCAA East Regional ... also led the team with 13 wins by fall ... posted a 13-3 record in matches decided by fall ... second on the team with nine major decision victories ... was 9-1 in matches decided by major decision ... recorded the longest individual match winning streak on the team during the year with 11-straight victories ... was one of three Liberty wrestlers to garner regional rankings during the course of the season, as listed by WrestlingReport.com ... finished 3-1 to place fourth at the Navy Classic (11/18) ... finished the Nittany Lion Classic with a 5-2 record to place seventh at the prestigious event (12/3) ... posted a 5-2 record at the Reno Tournament of Champions to finish fifth at the event (12/20) ... was one of two Liberty wrestlers to be invited to the Midland Championships (12/28), posting a 3-2 record at the tournament ... was a perfect 4-0 at the Virginia State Intercollegiates (1/6), helping him claim the weight-class championship and Most Outstanding Wrestler honors ... went into the NCAA National Championship having won 13 out of his previous 14 matches and 17 out of his previous 19 matches.

Previous School: Transferred to Liberty from Rider ... posted a 26-15 record in his only year as a member of the Broncs' wrestling program ... was a national qualifier at 133 pounds ... ranked as high as No. 17 nationally during the year ... tied for the team lead in total wins ... placed first at the Keystone Classic ... finished third at the Beast of the East and the CAA ... sixth-place finish at the Mat Town championship.

Prep: Graduated from Norristown Area High School ... finished his high school career with a 167-15 record (91.8 winning percentage) ... started off his prep career with a 37-7 record at 103 pounds to qualify for the state championship ... posted a 39-4 record as a sophomore at 103 pounds ... finished fifth at the state championship and named a Fargo Junior National All-American ... posted a 40-3 record at 112 pounds as a junior ... placed third at the state tournament as a junior and was the NWCA Senior Open champion ... capped off his career with a stellar 51-1 record at 119 pounds as a senior ... finished third in the state tournament and ranked as high as seventh nationally by Wrestling USA Magazine ... broke the district record for wins in a season as a senior ... was a member of the National Honor Society as he posted a 3.55 GPA in high school.

Personal: Son of Mark Harner ... birthday is on Aug. 26 ... comes from a strong wrestling background as his father, Mark, wrestled at West Chester and his uncle, Steve Harner, wrestled at Clarion ... majoring in sport management at Liberty.

Harner's Career Statistics at Liberty:

WT	Overall	Dual	Fall	TF	Major Dec.
2007 (141/149)	37-15	15-5	13-3	1-0	9-1
2008 (141)	30-10	14-3	11-4	1-0	2-2
Total	67-25	29-8	24-7	2-0	11-3

Tim Harner
 Jr., 5-11, 141
 Norristown Area HS (Rider)
 Norristown, Pa.

WT	Season	Dual	Fall	TF	Major Dec.
141	30-10	14-3	11-4	1-0	2-2
Total	30-10	14-3	11-4	1-0	2-2

Event-By-Event Results

Date	Opponent	School	Wt.	W/L	Results
11/10	Richard Bailey	Brown	141	W	Fall, 2:54
11/10	Zach Bailey	Oklahoma	141	L	Dec., 4-7
11/10	Alex Laughenberger	Bloomsburg	141	W	Fall, 1:35
11/10	Matt Kyler	Army	141	L	Fall, 5:31
11/17	Eric Harris	Bucknell	141	L	Fall, 5:55
11/17	Justin Krop	Liberty	141	W	Major dec., 9-0
11/17	Ben Beitler	Navy	141	W	Major dec., 12-4
11/17	Alex Laffenburger	Bloomsburg	141	W	Dec., 9-7
11/17	Brandon Bucher	George Mason	141	W	Dec., 3-2
11/17	Eric Harris	Bucknell	141	W	Fall, 1:32
11/17	Glen Shober	Navy	141	L	Fall, 4:32
Note: Placed fourth in the tournament (Navy Classic)					
11/24	Germane Lindsey	Ohio	141	W	Dec., 11-7
11/24	Cody Moulton	Oregon	141	W	Dec., 6-3
11/24	Scott Kelly	Indiana	141	W	Dec., 3-1
11/24	A.J. Guardado	Duke	141	W	Dec., 10-7
12/2	Dex Lederer	Maryland	141	W	Dec., 3-1 (SV)
12/2	Kyle Rosser	Lehigh	141	W	Dec., 11-4
12/2	Matt Kyler	Army	141	L	Fall, 5:56
12/2	Reggie Parker	Rutgers	141	W	Dec., 5-1
12/2	Adam Koballa	Old Dominion	141	L	Dec., 3-4
12/8	Tony Washington	Newberry	141	L	Dec., 4-7
12/8	David Pienaar	Eastern Michigan	141	L	Major dec., 2-11
1/5	Zach Anderson	Virginia	141	W	Fall, 2:07
1/5	George Powars	George Mason	141	W	Dec., 6-4
1/5	Kellon Balum	Virginia	141	W	Dec., 1-0
1/5	Ryan Williams	Old Dominion	141	L	Major dec., 4-13
Note: Placed second in the tournament (Virginia State Intercollegiates)					
1/20	No. 19 Ryan Prater	Illinois	141	L	Dec., 3-4
1/20	Matt Redmond	Purdue	141	W	Fall, 2:44
1/26	Jack Templeton	Davidson	141	W	Fall, 4:13
1/26	Luke Chohany	Bucknell	141	W	Fall, 1:57
1/26	Mike Fenton	The Citadel	141	W	Fall, 2:12
2/3	Jayk Cobbs	Duquesne	141	W	Fall, 5:59
2/3	Chas Franz	Gardner-Webb	141	W	TF, 17-2
2/5	Will Powars	George Mason	141	W	Dec., 7-3
2/5	Ben Wilmore	UNC Greensboro	141	W	Dec., 10-5
2/13	Mark Maya	Appalachian State	141	W	Dec., 5-3
2/22	David Metzler	VMI	141	W	Fall, 4:20
3/9	Charles Franz	Gardner-Webb	141	W	Fall, 2:25
3/9	Jayk Cobbs	Duquesne	141	W	Dec., 10-6
3/9	Mike Greck	Millersville	141	W	Dec., 4-1
Note: Placed first at the tournament (NCAA East Regional)					



Chad Porter
So., 6-0, 165
Parkersburg South HS
Parkersburg, W.Va.

So. (2007-08): One of six Liberty wrestlers to advance to the NCAA National Championships ... making his second-straight appearance at the NCAA National Championship ... has posted a 60.5 winning percentage on the mats this year (26-17) ... enters the NCAA National Championship having won nine out of 10 matches ... leads the team with 11 victories by major decision (11-2) ... ranks third on the squad with seven victories by fall (7-2) ... finished the year ranked fourth on the team in dual match victories (12-9) ... placed third at the Brockport/Oklahoma Gold Classic, finishing the event with a 5-1 record ... picked up three wins by major decision and fourth by fall at the season-opening event ... placed second at the Navy Classic, marking his second-straight year to place at the event ... posted a 4-1 record at the Navy Classic, winning four straight before falling, 5-4, to Bucknell's Andrew Rendos in the championship bout ... was 3-2 at the Nittany Lion Classic, which included a 7-1 decision over Army's Brian Rowan and a win by fall (2:54) over Old Dominion's T.J. Pendleton ... posted a 2-1 record at the Campbellsville Duals, including a 10-0 major decision blanking over Eastern Michigan's Justin Brandel ... helped the Flames to an 18-18 tie against defending ACC Champion N.C. State with a 9-5 decision victory over Jalil Dozier ... posted an 8-5 victory over Purdue's Jason Martin at the Wendy's Big Classic Duals ... was a perfect 3-0 at the Eastern Regional Duals, including a win by technical fall (20-5) over Duquesne's Matt Gregg and a victory by fall over Gardner-Webb's Brendan Couture (2:50) ... claimed his second-straight title at the NCAA East Regional Championships with a 2-0 record ... opened with a 13-5 major decision victory over Brendan Couture of Gardner-Webb ... took home the title with a third-period pin (6:24) over Delaware State's Brandon Gardner.

Fr. (2006-07): Named to the Big South Presidential Honor Roll ... one of four Liberty wrestlers to advance to the NCAA National Championships ... wrestled the entire season at 165 pounds ... ranked second on the team with 33 individual victories ... posted a 71.7 percent winning percentage (33-13) ... led the team with 10 wins by major decision ... posted a 10-2 record in matches decided by major decision ... ranked second on the team with 12 matches won by fall ... posted a 12-1 record in matches decided by fall ... led the team with 18 victories in dual matches ... posted an 18-4 record in dual matches ... opened his collegiate career with three-straight victories at the Hokie Classic (11/5), including two wins by fall ... posted a 5-2 record at the Navy Classic (11/5), finishing fifth in the event ... finished off his run at the Navy Classic with a 7-0 blanking of Duquesne's Cody Midlam ... 3-0 at the Liberty Quad, including a 10-2 major decision win over James Madison's Jeff Jacobs (11/22) ... 2-2 at the Nittany Lion Classic (12/3), including a 9-0 major decision over Michigan State's Nick Shafer ... 4-2 at the Reno Tournament of Champions (12/20), with three of his four victories coming by fall ... was 2-1 at the Virginia State Intercollegiate, finishing third at the event ... closed out the event with back-to-back major decision victories, including a 9-1 win over VMI's John Burton for third place ... 2-1 at the Virginia Duals (1/12-13), including wins by fall over The Citadel's Zachary Filter (4:35) and Arizona State's Cam Smith (3:20) ... was 2-0 at the NCAA East Regional, with both victories coming via major decision ... entered the NCAA National Championship riding an 11-match winning streak and having won 13 out of his last 14 matches.

Prep: Graduated from Parkersburg South High School ... finished his high school career with a 134-27 record (83.2 winning percentage) ... finished his freshman year with a 27-12 record at 119 pounds, helping him place second at the state championship ... posted a 27-5 record as a sophomore at 135 pounds en route to a state championship ... finished second at the state championship as a junior with a 37-6 record at 152 pounds ... also placed sixth at the Ironman Championship during his junior year ... posted a 43-4 record as a senior at 152 pounds en route to a state championship ... finished second at the Reno Tournament of Champions as a senior and seventh at the Ironman Championship, which enabled him to finish the season ranked nationally ... in other high school action, he was a two-time NHSCA Open champion.

Personal: Son of Gary and Tammy Porter ... birthday is on June 9 ... is a biology major at Liberty, with a pre-med focus ... would like to pursue a career in radiology after graduation.

Porter's Career Statistics at Liberty:

WT	Season	Dual	Fall	TF	Major Dec.
2006-07 (165)	33-11	18-4	12-1	1-0	10-2
2007-08 (165)	26-17	12-9	7-2	1-0	11-2
Total	59-28	30-13	19-3	2-0	21-4

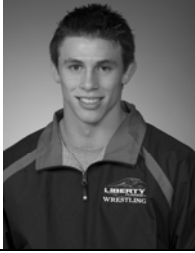
Chad Porter
 So., 6-0, 165
 Parkersburg South HS
 Washington, W.Va.

WT	Season	Dual	Fall	TF	Major Dec.
165	26-17	12-9	7-2	1-0	11-2
Total	26-17	12-9	7-2	1-0	11-2

Event-By-Event Results

Date	Opponent	School	Wt.	W/L	Results
11/10	Jason Trembley	Brockport	165	W	Fall, 1:15
11/10	Jake Jackson	Oklahoma	165	L	Dec., 8-11
11/10	John Drew	Army	165	W	Major dec., 13-0
11/10	John Pycraft	Kent State	165	W	Major dec., 14-2
11/10	Shaheim Bradshaw	Brockport	165	W	Major dec., 14-3
11/10	Chris Musser	Brown	165	W	Dec., 6-5
Note: Placed third in the tournament (Brockport-Oklahoma Gold Classic)					
11/17	Corey Beall	McDaniel	165	W	Major dec., 13-0
11/17	Greg Scott	George Mason	165	W	Fall, 4:15
11/17	Jason Coyne	Navy	165	W	Fall, 2:52
11/17	Rickey Schmelyun	Bloomsburg	165	W	Dec., 3-1
11/17	Andrew Rendos	Bucknell	165	L	Dec., 4-5
Note: Placed second in the tournament (Navy Classic)					
11/24	Jacob Ison	Ohio	165	L	Major dec., 0-8
11/24	Robert Germaine	Cumberland	165	L	Dec., 3-4
11/24	Zack Frazier	Oregon	165	L	Dec., 3-4
11/24	Matt Coughlin	Indiana	165	L	Dec., 6-13
11/24	Addison Nuding	Duke	165	L	Dec., 1-4
12/2	Brian Rowan	Army	165	W	Dec., 7-1
12/2	Quentin Wright	Team Wright	165	L	Dec., 0-6
12/2	T.J. Pendleton	Old Dominion	165	W	Fall, 2:54
12/2	Zach Lundgren	UPJ	165	W	Major dec., 13-0
12/2	Dave Rella	Penn State	165	L	Dec., 8-10
12/8	Dallas Hesselstine	Campbellsville	165	W	Major dec., 11-2
12/8	Alonso Azumendi	Newberry	165	L	Dec., 4-9
12/8	Justin Brandel	Eastern Michigan	165	W	Major dec., 10-0
12/18	Mack Lewnes	Cornell	165	L	Major dec., 1-10
12/18	Teddy Bristol	Cal State Fullerton	165	L	Fall, 6:59
12/29	Tim Palmer	UW LaCrosse	165	L	Dec., 4-8
12/29	Steve Crozier	Air Force	165	L	Dec., 2-4
1/12	Jalil Dozier	N.C. State	165	W	Dec., 9-5
1/20	R. Smith-Bergsrud	Illinois	165	L	Dec., 2-6
1/20	Jason Martin	Purdue	165	W	Dec., 8-5
1/26	Kevin Cook	Davidson	165	W	Fall, 2:43
1/26	No. 19 Andy Rendos	Bucknell	165	L	Dec., 4-9
1/26	Brendan Prince	The Citadel	165	W	Major dec., 8-0
2/3	Matt Gregg	Duquesne	165	W	TF, 20-5
2/3	Brendan Couture	Gardner-Webb	165	W	Fall, 2:50
2/3	Dave Morey	Millersville	165	W	Dec., 10-3
2/5	Tyler Tisdell	George Mason	165	W	Major dec., 16-3
2/5	Byron Sigmon	UNC Greensboro	165	W	Dec., 8-1
2/13	Tommy Hutchinson	Appalachian State	165	L	Fall, 3:39
2/22	Jayne Gordon	VMI	165	W	Major dec., 16-8
3/9	Brendan Couture	Gardner-Webb	165	W	Major dec., 13-5
3/9	Brandon Gardner	Delaware State	165	W	Fall, 6:24

Note: Placed first at the tournament (NCAA East Regional)



Aaron Kelley
So., 5-11, 174
Parkersburg South HS
Mineral Wells, W.Va.

So. (2007-08): One of six Liberty wrestlers to advance to the NCAA National Championships ... one of two Liberty wrestlers making their first career appearance at the NCAA National Championship ... has posted a 62.2 winning percentage on the year (28-17) ... wrestling up three weight classes this year, following his freshman season at 149 pounds ... ranked third on the squad in victories ... also ranked third on the team in bouts decided by fall (8-6) and in dual matches (13-6) ... enters the NCAA National Championship riding a six-match winning streak and the victor in 10 out of his last 11 bouts ... opened the year by placing fifth at the Brockport/Oklahoma Gold Classic with a 4-2 record ... claimed two wins by fall and two more by major decision at the season-opening event ... posted a 3-3 record to finish sixth at the Navy Classic ... was 2-2 at the Nittany Lion Classic ... opened the event with a first-period pin over VMI's Dustin McCabe (2;49) ... was a perfect 3-0 at the Campbellsville Duals, posting three-straight wins by decision ... finished with a 3-2 mark at the Reno Tournament of Champions, including major decision victories over Oregon's Ron Lee (24-11) and Appalachian State's Neal Martin (15-5) ... dropped back-to-back major decision bouts to nationally ranked opponents at the Wendy's Big Classic Duals before claiming a win by fall (1:44) over Purdue's Nick Corpe ... posted a 2-1 record at the Liberty Quad, winning his last two bouts by decision ... finished with a perfect 3-0 record at the NCAA East Regional Championship to claim his first career regional title ... opened with a technical fall victory (18-2/5:55) over Wagner's Peter Morano ... followed with a 16-5 major decision victory over Duquesne's Scott Black ... punched his ticket to St. Louis with a third-period fall (6:28) over Millersville's Jeremy Brooks.

Fr. (2006-07): Finished the year with a 20-20 overall record at 149 pounds ... one of six wrestlers to record 20 or more victories on the year ... 10-11 in dual matches ... posted an 8-3 record in matches determined by fall ... ranked fourth on the squad with wins by fall ... 4-2 in matches decided by major decision ... opened his collegiate career with a 4-0 blanking of Anderson's T.J. Selke at the Hokie Classic (11/5) ... posted a 3-2 record at the Navy Classic, including a win by fall (3:18) over Bucknell's Anthony Deleo (11/18) ... 2-2 at Nittany Lion Open (12/3), including a win by fall (3:30) over Cornell's Tim Ironman and a 5-4 decision over Rutgers' Jack Barrett ... opened the Reno Tournament of Champions with an 8-0 blanking of Adams College's Joe Kelso (12/20) ... placed fifth at the Virginia State Intercollegiates (1/6) with a 3-2 record ... two victories during the Commonwealth event were by fall (Old Dominion's Joey Metzler – 1:08 and Apprentice School's Matt Perry – 3:22) and the third was a technical fall (7:00) over VMI's Randy Phillips ... defeated Arizona State's Chris Remsen by major decision, 16-7, at the Virginia Duals (1/12-13) ... pinned King College's Marty Erickson at 4:05 to help the Flames to a 47-3 home dual match victory (1/30) ... 2-2 at the East Regional Duals (2/3) ... both victories were by fall over Gardner-Webb's Josh Lowe (1:48) and Duquesne's Brandon Baldini (4:43) ... one of three Liberty wrestlers to pick up a victory at UNC Greensboro (2/21) with a 9-6 victory over Marcus Hannah ... posted a win by fall (4:55) over Duquesne's Brandon Baldini at the NCAA East Regionals.

Prep: Graduated from Parkersburg South High School ... finished his high school career with a 122-39 record (75.8 winning percentage) ... finished fourth in the state as a freshman with a 32-12 record at 103 pounds ... posted a 24-12 record at 125 pounds as a sophomore to place third in the state ... helped his team to a state championship as a junior with a 21-9 individual record ... finished third in the state at 140 pounds as a junior ... his high school career culminated with a 45-5 season at 145 pounds, helping him claim the West Virginia State Championship ... placed third at the Ironman Invitational and fourth at the Reno Tournament of Champions as a senior.

Personal: Son of Bill and Debbie Kelley ... birthday is on Jan. 20 ... majoring in aviation at Liberty.

Kelley's Career Statistics at Liberty:

WT	Season	Dual	Fall	TF	Major Dec.
2006-07 (149)	20-20	10-11	8-3	1-1	4-2
2007-07 (174)	28-17	13-6	8-6	2-0	5-4
Total	48-37	23-17	16-9	3-1	9-6

Aaron Kelley
 So., 5-11, 174
 Parkersburg South HS
 Mineral Wells, W.Va.

WT	Season	Dual	Fall	TF	Major Dec.
174	28-17	13-6	8-6	2-0	5-4
Total	28-17	13-6	8-6	2-0	5-4

Event-By-Event Results

Date	Opponent	School	Wt.	W/L	Results
11/10	Chris DeVilbiss	Oklahoma	174	L	Fall, 4:22
11/10	Chris Estep	Kent State	174	W	Fall, 5:39
11/10	Greg Heinz	Kent State	174	W	Major dec., 13-0
11/10	McPaul Ogbanna	Rutgers	174	W	Fall, 1:45
11/10	Chris Devilbiss	Oklahoma	174	L	Fall, 1:12
11/10	Dean Gaier	Army	174	W	Major dec., 19-11
Note: Placed fifth in the tournament (Brockport-Oklahoma Gold Classic)					
11/17	Randy Oates	George Mason	174	W	Dec., 10-8
11/17	Justin Herbert	F & M	174	L	Fall, 2:26
11/17	McPaul Ogbonna	Rutgers	174	W	Dec., 12-5
11/17	Jay Hahn	Bucknell	174	W	Fall, 2:06
11/17	Shane Riccio	Bucknell	174	L	Dec., 2-6
11/17	Rob Waltko	Bucknell	174	L	Dec., 4-6
Note: Placed sixth in the tournament (Navy Classic)					
11/24	Ryan Knapp	Ohio	174	L	Dec., 4-7
11/24	Damion Stephenson	Cumberland	174	W	TF, 17-1
11/24	Ronnie Lee	Oregon	174	L	Dec., 3-8
12/2	Dustin McCabe	VMI	174	W	Fall, 2:49
12/2	Steve Anceravage	Cornell	174	L	Forfeit
12/2	A.J. Brentzel	Pittsburg	174	W	Dec., 5-1
12/2	Colin McDonald	Cornell	174	L	Major dec., 2-17
12/8	Johnny Sinchok	Campbellsville	174	W	Dec., 7-6
12/8	Bryan Blanton	Newberry	174	W	Dec., 6-5
12/8	Derek Foore	Eastern Michigan	174	W	Dec., 9-3
12/18	Dan Barrone	Wyoming	174	W	Dec., 6-1
12/18	Ron Lee	Oregon	174	W	Major dec., 24-11
12/18	Michael Kummer	Great Falls	174	L	Major dec., 2-12
12/18	Neal Martin	Appalachian State	174	W	Major dec., 15-5
12/18	John Wilcox	Oklahoma City	174	L	Fall, 3:46
12/29	Steve Anceravage	Cornell	174	L	Fall, 1:54
12/29	Kevin Owen	North Carolina	174	L	Dec., 5-6
1/12	Randy Goodman	N.C. State	174	W	Dec., 6-2
1/20	No. 13 Duke Burke	Northern Illinois	174	L	Major dec., 2-11
1/20	No. 17 John Dergo	Illinois	174	L	Major dec., 2-13
1/20	Nick Corpe	Purdue	174	W	Fall, 1:44
1/26	Shane Riccio	Bucknell	174	L	Dec., 0-4
1/26	David Jones	Messiah	174	W	Dec., 6-2
1/26	Derek Sickel	The Citadel	174	W	Dec., 6-4
2/3	Scott Black	Duquesne	174	W	Dec., 10-3
2/3	Chad Davis	Gardner-Webb	174	W	Dec., 8-2
2/5	Randy Oats	George Mason	174	L	Fall, 1:56
2/5	Mikal McKee	UNC Greensboro	174	W	Fall, 1:48
2/13	Neal Martin	Appalachian State	174	W	Dec., 4-3
2/22	John Horn	VMI	174	W	Fall, 1:40
3/9	Peter Morano	Wagner	174	W	TF, 18-2 (5:55)
3/9	Scott Black	Duquesne	174	W	Major dec., 16-5
3/9	Jeremy Brooks	Millersville	174	W	Fall, 6:28

Note: Placed first at the tournament (NCAA East Regional)



Chris Daggett
Jr., 5-11, 184
Parkersburg South HS
Williamstown, W. Va.

Jr. (2007-08): One of six Liberty wrestlers to advance to the NCAA National Championships ... one of two Liberty wrestlers making their first career appearance at the NCAA National Championship ... enters the NCAA National Championship riding a four-match winning streak and having won seven out of his last eight bouts ... wrestled at three different weight classes during the year, posting victories at 174, 184 and 197 pounds ... was most successful at his NCAA Championship weight of 184 pounds (9-11) ... wrestled five out of his first six matches at 174 pounds (1-4) ... only victory at 174 pounds came in a 12-1 major decision win over Brockport's Eric Van Patten at the Brockport/Oklahoma Gold Classic ... won his first match of the year at 184 pounds with a 19-2 technical fall win (3:28) over Hofstra's Jon Rothman at the Navy Classic ... posted a win by fall over Campbellsville's Josh Young to help Liberty to a 26-9 victory over the seventh-ranked NAIA program ... placed second at the Virginia State Intercollegiates with a 1-1 record at 184 pounds ... opened the Commonwealth event with an 8-0 major decision blanking over VMI's Curtis Moore ... posted his first victory at 197 pounds with a 3-2 decision win over Gardner-Webb's Dustin Porter at the Eastern Regional Duals ... defeated VMI's Moore again, 12-1, in a major decision victory at 197 pounds ... posted a perfect 3-0 record at 184 pounds to claim the title at the NCAA East Regional Championship ... opened the home event with a win by fall (3:50) over Wagner's Edward Broderick ... closed out the championship event with a pair of major decision wins over Gardner-Webb's Matthias Piasecki (11-2) and Duquesne's Ryan Sula (16-6).

So. (2006-07): Named to the Big South Presidential Honor Roll ... finished the year with a 12-12 overall record at 184 pounds ... posted a 9-8 mark in dual matches ... was 4-2 in matches decided by fall ... 3-2 in matches determined by major decision ... ranked sixth on the team with victories in dual matches ... posted his first collegiate victory with a win by fall (1:37) against James Madison's Dan Rafeedie at the Liberty Quad (11/22) ... was 2-2 at the Reno Tournament of Champions (12/20) ... posted major decision wins over Stanford's Zack Gleson (15-5) and Duke's Dan Fox (9-1) ... picked up an 11-8 decision over Bucknell's George Mann to help Liberty to a 25-24 dual match victory (1/19), while starting an individual six-match winning streak ... posted two wins by fall in a tri-match at Wilkes (1/30) ... 2-2 at the Eastern Regional Duals (2/4) ... picked up a 13-2 major decision over Millersville's Steve Funk and a 10-9 decision over Gardner-Webb's Brandon Beach ... defeated Beach again by 6-4 decision, at the NCAA East Regional (3/4), helping the Flames pick up the team championship at the event.

Prep: Graduated from Parkersburg South School ... claimed a state championship at 160 pounds as a sophomore ... was named an All-American during his sophomore campaign.

Personal: Son of Tony and Pam Reubensprough ... birthday is on May 9 ... a general studies major at Liberty.

Daggett's Career Statistics at Liberty:

WT	Season	Dual	Fall	TF	Major Dec.
2007 (184)	12-12	9-8	4-2	0-0	3-2
2008 (174/184/197)	12-15	6-8	2-3	1-0	6-4
Total	24-27	15-16	6-5	1-0	9-6

Chris Daggett
 Jr., 5-11, 184
 Parkersburg South HS (West Virginia)
 Williamstown, W.Va.

WT	Season	Dual	Fall	TF	Major Dec.
174	1-4	0-2	0-0	0-0	1-2
184	9-11	3-6	2-3	1-0	4-2
197	2-0	2-0	0-0	0-0	1-0
Total	12-15	6-8	2-3	1-0	6-4

Event-By-Event Results

Date	Opponent	School	Wt.	W/L	Results
11/10	Dean Gaier	Army	174	L	Major dec., 8-18
11/10	Eric Van Patten	Brockport	174	W	Major dec., 12-1
11/10	McPaul Ogbanna	Rutgers	174	L	Dec., 2-4
11/24	Brysen French	Oregon	184	L	Dec., 4-5
11/24	Trevor Perry	Indiana	174	L	Major dec., 8-16
11/24	Ben Wales	Duke	174	L	Dec., 12-19
12/2	Matt Ryan	Virginia Tech	184	L	Fall, 2:35
12/2	Jon Rothman	Hofstra	184	W	TF, 19-2 (3:28)
12/2	Mike Corcetti	UPJ	184	L	Dec., 7-5
12/8	Josh Young	Campbellsville	184	W	Fall, ??
12/29	Kenneth Caldwell	Navy	184	L	Major dec., 2-10
12/29	Justin Danz	Hofstra	184	W	Dec., 9-6
12/29	Nick Tenpenny	North Carolina	184	L	Major dec., 4-12
1/5	Curtis Moore	VMI	184	W	Major dec., 8-0
1/5	Jesse Strawn	Old Dominion	184	L	Fall, 6:42

Note: Placed second in the tournament (Virginia State Intercollegiates)

1/20	David Gleissner	Illinois	184	L	Dec., 6-8
1/20	A.J. Kissel	Purdue	184	L	Fall, 4:02
1/26	David Thompson	Bucknell	184	L	Dec., 6-7
1/26	Darius Caldwell	The Citadel	184	L	Dec., 3-6
2/3	Dustin Porter	Gardner-Webb	197	W	Dec., 3-2
2/5	Bill Widener	George Mason	184	W	Major dec., 16-5
2/5	Jeremy Cannon	UNC Greensboro	184	W	Dec., 4-2
2/13	Austin Trotman	Appalachian State	184	L	Dec., 3-9
2/22	Curtis Moore	VMI	197	W	Major dec., 12-1
3/9	Edward Broderick	Wagner	184	W	Fall, 3:50
3/9	Matthias Piasecki	Gardner-Webb	184	W	Major dec., 11-2
3/9	Ryan Sula	Duquesne	184	W	Major dec., 16-6

Note: Placed first at the tournament (NCAA East Regional)



Patrick Walker
So., 6-3, 285
Newark HS
Newark, Del.

So. (2007-08): Enters the NCAA National Championship ranked No. 16 in the country at 285 pounds ... one of six Liberty wrestlers to advance to the NCAA National Championships ... making his second-straight appearance at the NCAA National Championship ... has posted a 77.5 winning percentage on the year (31-9) ... leads the squad in victories (31) and dual matches victories (19) ... ranks second on the team in matches won by fall (10) ... enters the NCAA National Championship having won 14-consecutive matches ... opened the year by placing fifth at the Brockport/Oklahoma Gold Classic ... posted a 2-2 record at the event with a win by fall over Army's Nathan Thobaden (1:11) and a major decision victory (13-1) over Rutgers' D.J. Rosso ... placed fourth at the Navy Classic with a 3-2 mark ... won his first two matches by major decision, including a second over Rutgers' Rosso (12-0) ... posted two-straight wins by fall at the Hoosier Duals, including a second-period pin (3:51) over Indiana's Justin Kuhn ... was a perfect 3-0 in three bouts at the Campbellsville Duals, including a 4-1 decision over Eastern Michigan's Jake Wood ... posted a 2-2 record at the Reno Tournament of Champions with wins by fall over Portland State's Zack Smith (2:32) and Southwestern Oregon's Ryan Hoover (6:13) ... has a 4-2 run at the Midlands Championships, including a victory over Iowa's Blake Rasing (decision, 10-4) ... last loss coming into the NCAA National Championship was a 15-3 major decision setback to No. 19 John Wise of Illinois at the Wendy's Big Classic Duals ... started his 14-match winning streak with a 11-0 blanking over Purdue's Chris Kasten at the Wendy's Big Classic Duals ... was a perfect 3-0 at the Liberty Quad ... helped Liberty sweep four victories at the Eastern Regional Duals by posting an unblemished 4-0 mark on the day ... claimed his second-straight title at the NCAA East Regional Championships with a 2-0 record at the home event ... opened with a first-period win by fall over Wagner's John Graeffe (2:52) ... claimed his second-consecutive championship with a 6-0 decision over Delaware State's Eric Sewell in the title bout.

Fr. (2006-07): Named to the Big South Presidential Honor Roll ... was one of three Liberty wrestlers to garner regional rankings during the course of the season, as listed by WrestlingReport.com ... one of four Liberty wrestlers to advance to the NCAA National Championships ... finished the year with a 29-8 overall record ... ranked third on the team with 29 individual victories ... posted an 78.3 winning percentage on the year, marking the best winning percentage on the team ... posted an 18-2 record in dual matches, marking the best dual match winning percentage on the squad ... tied for the team lead in dual match victories ... 11-2 in matches decided by fall, ranking third on the squad in total wins by fall ... perfect 6-0 in matches determined by major decision ... also ranked third on the squad in wins by major decision ... missed two tournaments throughout the year due to injuries (Navy Classic and the Virginia State Intercollegiates) ... won his first four matches of the year and was victorious during 11 of his first 12 trips to the mat ... began his collegiate career with a 9-0 major decision over Anderson's Aaron Lambert at the Hokie Classic (11/5) ... unbeaten (3-0) in Liberty's Quad (11/22), including two wins by fall and a major decision ... 6-2 at the Nittany Lion Classic to place sixth at the tournament (12/3) ... 3-2 at the Reno Tournament of Champions (12/20) ... started a nine-match winning streak, his longest of the year, with a 5-0 decision over The Citadel's John Buck at the Virginia Duals (1/12) ... closed the nine-match run with a 3-1 decision over VMI's Leon Barrow, helping the Flames defeat the Keydets, 30-13, in the dual match-up (2/15) ... pinned Duquesne's Joe D'Orsie (1:23) to claim the title at the NCAA East Regional (3/4) ... posted 1-2 record at the NCAA National Championship (3/15) ... pinned Army's Nathan Thobaben (4:23) at the national event.

Prep: Graduated from Newark High School ... finished his four-year career with the Yellowjackets with a 111-33 record ... dropped just three matches during his junior and senior seasons (at 189 pounds) ... posted a 20-17 record as a freshman at 152 pounds ... finished his sophomore season with a 22-13 record at 171 pounds ... claimed the Delaware state championship at 189 pounds as a junior, finishing the year with a 34-2 record ... was undefeated in his senior year before dropping the Delaware State championship match to finish his final prep season with a 35-1 record.

Personal: Birthday is on May 14 ... majoring in pastoral leadership ... would like to pursue the ministry after graduation.

Walker's Career Statistics at Liberty:

WT	Season	Dual	Fall	TF	Major Dec.
2006-07 (285)	29-8	18-2	11-2	0-0	6-0
2007-08 (285)	31-9	19-1	10-1	0-0	6-1
Total	60-17	37-3	21-3	0-0	12-1

Patrick Walker
 So., 6-3, 285
 Newark HS (Delaware)
 Newark, Del.

WT	Season	Dual	Fall	TF	Major Dec.
285	31-9	19-1	10-1	0-0	6-1
Total	31-9	19-1	10-1	0-0	6-1

Event-By-Event Results

Date	Opponent	School	Wt.	W/L	Results
11/10	Nathan Thobaben	Army	285	W	Fall, 1:11
11/10	Nathan Fernandez	Oklahoma	285	L	Dec., 3-6
11/10	Mike Spaid	Bloomsburg	285	L	Fall, 2:32
11/10	D.J. Russo	Rutgers	285	W	Major dec., 13-1
Note: Placed fifth in the tournament (Brockport-Oklahoma Gold Classic)					
11/17	Joe Breaux	Navy	285	W	Major dec., 8-0
11/17	D.J. Russo	Rutgers	285	W	Major dec., 12-0
11/17	Scott Steele	Navy	285	L	Dec., 2-7
11/17	Nico Sommers	F & M	285	W	Dec., 5-2
11/17	Mike Spaid	Bloomsburg	285	L	Dec., 2-7
Note: Placed fourth in the tournament (Navy Classic)					
11/24	David Dierken	Cumberland	285	W	Fall, 1:13
11/24	Justin Kuhn	Indiana	285	W	Fall, 3:51
12/8	Chad Brown	Campbellsville	285	W	Dec., 7-1
12/8	Cy Wainwright	Newberry	285	W	Dec., 5-4
12/8	Jake Wood	Eastern Michigan	285	W	Dec., 4-1
12/18	Wade Sauer	Cal State Fullerton	285	L	Dec., 7-0
12/18	Zack Smith	Portland State	285	W	Fall, 2:32
12/18	Ryan Hoover	Southwestern Oregon	285	W	Fall, 6:13
12/18	Jim Powers	Cal Poly	285	L	Forfeit
12/29	Matt Fields	Iowa	285	L	Dec., 3-4
12/29	Brian Brooks	Southern Illinois	285	W	Fall, 1:23
12/29	Blake Rasing	Iowa	285	W	Dec., 10-4
12/29	Rashard Goff	Cleveland State	285	W	Dec., 5-2
12/30	Dan Goodson	Peacock WC	285	W	Dec., 6-1
12/30	Zach Sheaffer	Pittsburgh	285	L	Dec., 2-7
1/12	Bobby Isola	N.C. State	285	W	Dec., 10-4
1/20	No. 19 John Wise	Illinois	285	L	Major dec., 3-15
1/20	Chris Kasten	Purdue	285	W	Major dec., 11-0
1/26	George Hingson	Bucknell	285	W	Dec., 4-0
1/26	Eli Arbaiza	Messiah	285	W	Fall, 1:02
1/26	Aaron Brown	The Citadel	285	W	Dec., 8-1
2/3	Unknown	Duquesne	285	W	Forfeit
2/3	Evan Rhodes	Gardner-Webb	285	W	Fall, 1:52
2/3	Eric Sewell	Delaware State	285	W	Fall, 5:32
2/3	Unknown	Millersville	285	W	Forfeit
2/5	Harry Zander	George Mason	285	W	Major dec., 9-1
2/5	Ryan Hsu	UNC Greensboro	285	W	Dec., 3-1
2/13	Jared Campbell	Appalachian State	285	W	Dec., 6-0
2/22	Josh Wine	VMI	285	W	Major dec., 13-0
3/9	John Graeffe	Wagner	285	W	Fall, 2:52
3/9	Eric Sewell	Delaware State	285	W	Dec., 6-0

Note: Placed first at the tournament (NCAA East Regional)

Flames Feature: Chris Daggett

Transformation of Life

After a night of heavy drinking, 18-year-old Chris Daggett found himself passed out on a friend's couch in Parkersburg, W.Va. When Daggett woke up, his friend told him he had to leave.

Still intoxicated, he eventually got in his car and drove away. While driving, a sleep deprived Daggett kept dozing off behind the wheel, hitting three mailboxes in the process. Aware of the state he was in, he pulled over at a gas station and fell asleep in his car.

An officer, who happened to notice Daggett's car still running, approached the vehicle. When asked if he had been drinking, Daggett gave an honest answer and the officer cited him with public intoxication and under-age drinking.

Although such a situation is not a glorious moment for anyone, Daggett reminisces five years later, taking something very positive from the incident.

"I had to have fallen asleep more than five times while driving," said Daggett. "I could have killed myself. I could have killed anybody. Now realizing that God is part of my life, it's amazing to see how He has kept me safe. If it weren't for God, I know I would not have made it through all of that."

The days of run-ins with law enforcement are a thing of the past for the 23-year-old. Daggett is now a born-again Christian and a junior on Liberty University's wrestling team. Before arriving at his current destination, the grappler traveled down a road filled with overwhelming struggles and painful memories.

Under the tutelage of his two older brothers, Daggett developed a passion for wrestling at an early age. Each of the three brothers found success on the mat during their high school careers. During his sophomore year, Daggett earned high school All-America honors and captured a West Virginia state championship. Eventually, the accomplished grappler joined his brother, Casey, at West Virginia University.

Before making the transition from high school to collegiate wrestling, Daggett struggled with a situation bigger than any opponent he has ever faced on the mat. When Daggett was 15, his oldest brother, Todd, was killed in an accident after being thrown from the back of a pick-up truck just two days before he was to graduate from high school.

"Immediately after that happened, I did not care about anyone or anything," said Daggett. "I recall breaking down so often. It seemed so unrealistic."

Daggett's attitude toward others drastically changed following the death of his brother. After spending a year at West Virginia, he returned to his hometown. While working out in a local gym in Parkersburg, Daggett ran into his former high school coach, Pat Sole.

Prior to coaching Parkersburg South to 10 state championships, Sole wrestled for Liberty. During his collegiate career, Sole won 50 matches and captured a National Christian College Athletic Association individual championship.

Sole, who had practically watched Daggett grow up, convinced him to attend Liberty. Together, the two came to Lynchburg, where Sole helped his former teammate and current wrestling coach Jesse Castro reestablish the Flames' program.

While Sole enjoyed the atmosphere of his old stomping grounds, his pupil experienced much difficulty adjusting to the new surroundings. Like an alien trapped in a foreign land, Daggett struggled to adapt to the University's rules and regulations.

Daggett recalled meeting his resident assistant for the first time and cursing nonchalantly as the two carried on a conversation. Eventually, the cultural shock of RAs and morning convocations took its toll on Daggett; he began making plans to leave.

Amidst all of the chaos, something inside Daggett told him to pray and ask God for guidance. When he finished praying, Daggett opened his eyes and immediately felt a calm sensation come over him.

"I didn't immediately ask God to come into my life," said Daggett. "Two weeks later, I ended up accepting Jesus Christ as my Savior. Coach Castro, Patrick Walker and my RA, Ben Knotts, were all big contributors in my conversion."

The moment he accepted Christ as his Savior, Daggett's outlook on life underwent a complete transformation. Whenever the grappler returned home, he experienced a shock when interacting with old friends. Habits such as cursing, smoking and drinking were no longer attractive to him.

These days, Daggett sees wrestling as a ministry rather than a competition, as he tries to encourage those he encounters on the mat. Throughout most of his wrestling career, Daggett displayed high amounts of anger toward his opponents. With his new attitude, he no longer viewed those he grappled with as adversaries.

Due to his passion for the sport, Daggett identified himself as a wrestler for the majority of his life. As he continues to grow in his relationship with God, Daggett has discovered that wrestling is not his only passion.

“Witnessing is something I feel very strongly about,” said Daggett. “I can recall leading four people to Christ myself.”

On one particular occasion, Daggett’s two passions in life collided as he received an opportunity to share the story of Jesus Christ with his teammate, sophomore Aaron Kelley. Ironically, the two wrestlers grew up in the same town together, where Daggett had developed a somewhat notorious reputation. In this instance, however, the person who Kelley had heard stories about was now witnessing to him.

“We went to church that night” recalled Kelley. “We were back in the dorm talking about it and we sat down and prayed.”

Since then, Daggett has not ceased from telling others about Jesus Christ. Recently he traveled with a ministry team to the Republic of Cyprus where he encountered many natives who were predominantly Muslim and could not speak English.

Although that language barrier was certainly an obstacle for Daggett, he currently is facing an even bigger challenge in his hometown, as he tries to share Christ with members of his family. While some of his relatives take offense to the change in his life, there are others who are accepting of his relationship with God.

During winter break, Daggett’s family prayed aloud for the first time, before sharing Christmas dinner with one another. As Daggett recalled the unprecedented events that took place over the holidays, he remembers being blown away by his family’s willingness to say grace before eating.

“They actually were waiting for me to pray in order to eat,” said Daggett. “It was sweet!”

After his wrestling career at Liberty is over, Daggett hopes to combine his love for sports and witnessing by establishing a recreation center for inner-city children.

By making it free to the public, he wants to use the center as way to introduce Jesus Christ to young people who grow up in an environment similar to the one Daggett experienced. In the meantime, Daggett is not complacent with making his presence felt solely on the mats of Liberty. His mission is simple — impact the world for Christ, one life at a time.

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Liberty’s Chris Daggett