



LEHIGH

WRESTLING

SCHEDULE/RESULTS

Nov.			
9	Sun.	No. 17 MARYLAND (Grace)	1:00
15	Sat.	at Pittsburgh	7:00
21	Fri.	MICHIGAN (Stabler)	7:00
23	Sun.	PRINCETON* (Grace)	1:00
29	Sat.	vs. Oklahoma State@	9:15
29	Sat.	vs. UNC Greensboro@	1:15
29	Sat.	vs. Binghamton@	3:15
29	Sat.	vs. Appalachian State@	5:15
Dec.			
5-6	Sat.-Sun.	at Las Vegas Invitational	all day
20	Sat.	at Rutgers*	2:00
20	Sat.	at Rider	8:00
Jan.			
2	Fri.	at West Virginia	7:00
4	Sun.	at Penn State	1:00
9-10	Fri.-Sat.	at Virginia Duals	all day
17	Sat.	at Navy*	7:00
23	Fri.	DREXEL (Grace)	7:00
24	Sat.	HARVARD* (Grace)	1:00
24	Sat.	BROWN* (Grace)	3:00
Feb.			
6	Fri.	BUCKNELL* (Grace)	7:00
14	Sat.	ARMY* (Grace)	1:00
14	Sst.	F&M* (Grace)	3:00
22	Sun.	PENN* (Grace)	1:00
Mar.			
7-8	Sat.-Sun.	EIWA Championships (at Penn)	
19-21	Thu-Sat.	NCAA Championships (at St. Louis, Mo.)	
* - EIWA Opponent			
@ - Journeyman/Brute Duals (Troy, N.Y.)			

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LEHIGH VS. No. 17 MARYLAND

MARYLAND (1-1-1, 0-0 ACC) AT LEHIGH (0-0, 0-0 EIWA)
 LEEMAN-TURNER ARENA AT GRACE HALL (2,130) • BETHLEHEM, PA.
 NOVEMBER 9, 2008 • 1:00 PM

SETTING THE SCENE

The 100th season of Lehigh wrestling officially gets underway this afternoon as the Mountain Hawks host No. 17 Maryland. Pat Santoro returns home for his first match as Lehigh's head coach and will do so against the program he rebuilt and guided over the last five seasons. Lehigh will be looking to bounce back from a 12-14 dual campaign last year and 41st place finish at the NCAA Championships. Maryland comes into the dual ranked 17th in the nation and is off to a 1-1-1 start to the season after opening last weekend at the Fighting Scot Duals. Former Lehigh assistant coach Kerry McCoy is in his first year guiding a Terrapin squad that has five nationally ranked grapplers, led by Hudson Taylor, who is ranked No. 2 at 197.

FAST FACTS

- Lehigh has won at least 12 duals in each of the last nine seasons.
- After 99 seasons, Lehigh's all-time dual meet record stands at 785-379-22, which ranks seventh among all Division I wrestling programs.
- Pat Santoro is just the eighth head coach in Lehigh wrestling history in this, the 100th year of wrestling at Lehigh.
- Maryland posted a 16-4 dual record last year and captured its first ACC Championship since 1972. The Terrapins finished in the top-25 at the NCAA Championships and crowned their first All-American (Hudson Taylor) since 1997.

PROBABLE MATCHUPS

<u>LEHIGH</u>	<u>MARYLAND</u>
125 John McDonald (Fr., Rehoboth, Del.)	vs. Brendan Byrne (Jr., Cape May, N.J.)
133 No. 20 Matt Fisk (Jr., Wyalusing, Pa.)	vs. No. 12 Steven Bell (Jr., Connelsville, Pa.)
141 No. 20 Seth Ciasulli (Jr., Easton, Pa.)	vs. Alex Krom (Jr., Easton, Pa.)
149 No. 15 Trevor Chinn (Sr., Canandaigua, N.Y.)	vs. No. 14 Eric Medina (So., Millville, N.J.)
157 Sean Bilodeau (Fr., Harvard, Mass.)	vs. Kyle John (Fr., Coopersburg, Pa.)
165 Mike Galante (Jr., Ocean City, N.J.)	vs. Corey Peltier (Fr., Exeter, R.I.)
174 No. 13 Alex Caruso (So., Green Brook, N.J.)	vs. Patrick Klenkel (So., Centreville, Md.)
184 David Craig (Jr., Brandon, Fla.)	vs. Ryan Gray (Fr., Denver, Colo.)
197 Joe Kennedy (Fr., Milford, Pa.)	vs. No. 2 Hudson Taylor (Jr., Pennington, N.J.)
285 Zach Rey (Fr., Hopatcong, N.J.)	vs. Patrick Gilmore (So., Richboro, Pa.)

(Rankings NWCA/InterMat: Preseason)

34-TIME EIWA CHAMPIONS
26 INDIVIDUAL NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

IN THE POLLS

NWCA/INTERMAT RANKINGS
Top 25 (Preseason)

1. Iowa
2. Iowa State
3. Cornell
4. Ohio State
5. Missouri
6. Nebraska
- T7. Penn State
- T7. Oklahoma State
9. Illinois
10. Michigan
11. Northwestern
12. Minnesota
13. Wisconsin
14. Boise State
15. Edinboro
16. Indiana
17. Maryland
18. Central Michigan
19. Old Dominion
20. Oklahoma
- T21. Navy
- T21. Penn
23. Virginia
24. Northern Iowa
25. West Virginia

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

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

LAST TIME THEY MET
DECEMBER 2, 2007 - COLLEGE PARK, MD.
MARYLAND 25 - LEHIGH 9

Lehigh saw its three match winning streak come to an end as Maryland won seven of ten bouts to pick up its first win over Lehigh since 1993. David Craig defeated Josh Haines 7-4 in a battle of nationally ranked wrestlers at 184, but the Terrapins rolled off four straight wins from 197-133 including a fall by Hudson Taylor at 197 and a major decision by Brendan Byrne at 125 to take command of the dual. Jeff Santo stopped the run with an 8-6 win over Jon Kohler at 141, while Mike Galante was the only other Mountain Hawk to win, as he earned an 8-3 decision over Mike McGill at 165. Justin Allen, Trevor Chinn and Alex Caruso all had chances to win their respective matches, but fell just short.

184	David Craig (LU)	dec.	Josh Haines (MD)	7-4
197	Hudson Taylor (MD)	Fall	Alex Iacocca (LU)	4-31
285	Patrick Gilmore (MD)	dec.	Justin Allen (LU)	3-2
125	Brendan Byrne (MD)	maj. dec.	Mitch Berger (LU)	24-10
133	Stephen Bell (MD)	dec.	Kevin Vinh (LU)	8-2
141	Jeff Santo (LU)	dec.	Jon Kohler (LU)	8-6
149	Eric Medina (MD)	dec.	Trevor Chinn (LU)	5-3
157	Brian Letters (MD)	dec.	Dave Nakasone (LU)	8-2
165	Mike Galante (LU)	dec.	Mike McGill (MD)	8-3
174	Mike Letts (MD)	dec.	Alex Caruso (LU)	6-3

LEHIGH HEAD COACH PAT SANTORO

Coach Santoro returns to his native Bethlehem for his first season as head coach of the Mountain Hawks. He returns to Lehigh after spending the last five years as the head coach at Maryland where he helped resurrect the Terrapins program, which in 2008 captured its first ACC title in 35 years; a feat which earned Santoro ACC Coach of the Year honors. Santoro posted a 48-41-1 record in five seasons at College Park, including an impressive 33-9 dual mark the last two years. Prior to his stint at Maryland, Santoro spent nine seasons as an assistant coach at Lehigh, including eight as Greg Strobel's top assistant. He was named NWCA Assistant Coach of the Year in 2003 after helping guide the Brown and White to its third EIWA title in four years, and a fourth place finish at the NCAA Championships. A 1992 graduate of the University of Pittsburgh, Santoro won a pair of NCAA titles and is the Panthers only four-time All-American.

MARYLAND HEAD COACH KERRY MCCOY

Coach McCoy is in his first season at Maryland, where he replaced his good friend Pat Santoro as head coach. McCoy spent the previous three seasons as the head coach at Stanford and the five years before that as a volunteer assistant coach at Lehigh under Greg Strobel. He compiled a 29-19 record in three seasons on The Farm, and guided the Cardinal to a 19th place finish at last year's NCAA Championships, the second best finish in program history. While at Lehigh, McCoy also served as Director of Wrestling and Head Coach for the Lehigh Valley Athletic Club. On the mats, McCoy won a pair of NCAA titles competing for Penn State, and represented the United States in freestyle wrestling in the 2000 and 2004 Olympics.

THE GREG STROBEL COACHING TREE

Pat Santoro and Kerry McCoy are two of five men who served as an assistant coach at Lehigh under Greg Strobel, before moving on to a Division I head coaching job.

Name	Yrs. as Asst.	Head Coaching Job(s)
Pat Santoro	1994-2003	Maryland (2003-08), Lehigh (2008-present)
Joel Sharratt	1996-1998	Air Force (2006-present)
Kerry McCoy	2000-2005	Stanford (2005-08), Maryland (2008-present)
Chris Ayres	2001-2006	Princeton (2006-present)
Jason Kutz	2003-2006, 07-08	East Stroudsburg (2006-2007)

SERIES HISTORY

Lehigh leads the all-time series against Maryland, having won 12 of the previous 16 meetings. Maryland's three victories came in 1969, 1993 and last December. The teams wrestled to a 16-16 tie in December 1971. Lehigh is a perfect 7-0 against Maryland in duals contested in Bethlehem.

	<u>Meets</u>	<u>Record</u>	<u>First</u>	<u>Most recent</u>
Lehigh vs. Maryland	15	12-3-1	1967	2007

Last Lehigh win: 2/4/06 - Lehigh 36 Maryland 6 (at Grace)
 Last Maryland win: 12/2/07 - Maryland 25 Lehigh 9 (at Md.)

LET'S GET IT STARTED

Today's dual marks the season opener for the Mountain Hawks. Lehigh has dropped its last two season openers, losing at Rider 24-14 in 2006 and falling at home to Pittsburgh 24-9 last year. The Mountain Hawks will try to avoid losing three straight season openers for the first time since the 1992-93 season. Pat Santoro was 3-2 in season-opening dual meets during his five years as head coach at Maryland.

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.

<u>Rank</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Championships</u>
1.	Oklahoma State	133
2.	Iowa	75
3.	Oklahoma	65
4.	Iowa State	64
5.	Lehigh	26
6.	Michigan State	24
7.	Northern Iowa	21
	Penn State	21
9.	Illinois	20
10.	Michigan	19
	Minnesota	19
12.	Wisconsin	17
13.	Pittsburgh	16
14.	Ohio State	13
15.	Oregon State	12

ALL-AMERICAN HEROES

Only four schools in the last 55 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.

<u>Rank</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>All-Americans</u>
1.	Oklahoma State	417
2.	Iowa State	273
	Iowa	273
4.	Oklahoma	255
5.	Michigan	168
6.	Penn State	161
7.	Minnesota	138
8.	Michigan State	133
9.	Lehigh	127
10.	Northern Iowa	112

SCOUTING THE TERRAPINS

Maryland brings one of its strongest teams in recent memory into today's dual. The Terrapins opened their season last week by going 1-1-1 at the Fighting Scot Duals in Edinboro, Pa. Maryland picked up a win over Division II Findlay 37-12, tied Army 19-19 and fell to the host Fighting Scots 23-14. The Terrapins feature five nationally-ranked grapplers, led by Hudson Taylor who is ranked second at 197 and last year became Maryland's first All-American since 1997 with a third place finish. Juniors Steve Bell (133) and Mike Letts (174) and sophomores Eric Medina (149) and Brian Letters (157) round out the stable of ranked wrestlers for first year head coach Kerry McCoy.

GIVE IT UP FOR THE NEW GUYS

It's likely that four Mountain Hawks will make their varsity dual debuts this afternoon. Three deferred freshmen, John McDonald (125), Sean Bilodeau (157) and Zach Rey (285) all won their respective wrestle-offs and should earn the starting nod at their respective weight classes. In addition, true freshman Joe Kennedy beat junior Alex Iacocca in their wrestle-off at 197 and could receive a starting nod as well.

RANK AND FILE

In InterMat's preseason rankings, Lehigh has wrestlers ranked in four of ten weight classes. Sophomore Alex Caruso leads the way for the Mountain Hawks at No. 13 at 174. A fifth Lehigh wrestler, junior David Craig, is not ranked by the NWCA, but is ranked by both W.I.N. Magazine and Amateur Wrestling News.

<u>Weight</u>	<u>Wrestler</u>	<u>NWCA</u>	<u>W.I.N.</u>	<u>A.W.N.</u>
133	Matt Fisk	20	18	18
141	Seth Ciasulli	20	17	16
149	Trevor Chinn	15	17	16
174	Alex Caruso	13	15	14
184	David Craig	----	14	12

ANYONE, ANYTIME, ANYWHERE

The Mountain Hawks will once again face one of the nation's toughest dual meet schedules. The Mountain Hawks are scheduled to face five of the top 20 finishers in last year's NCAA tournament and seven teams ranked in the preseason top 25:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>'07 NCAA Finish</u>
11/9	Maryland	17	T-21
11/21	Michigan	10	T-7
11/29	Oklahoma State	T-7	T-5
1/2	at West Virginia	25	31
1/4	at Penn State	T-7	3
1/17	at Navy	T-21	18
2/22	Penn	T-21	34

Lehigh could also face current No. 15 Edinboro, No. 18 Central Michigan, No. 19 Old Dominion and No. 23 Virginia, plus Oklahoma State, Navy and Penn at the Virginia Duals.

THE (CO-)CAPTAINS OF THE SHIP

Senior Trevor Chinn (**Canandaigua, N.Y.**) and junior Matt Fisk (**Wyalusing, Pa.**) will serve as co-captains for the 2008-09 season. Both wrestlers enter this season as two-time NCAA qualifiers and one-time EIWA runner-ups. Fisk also captained the Mountain Hawks last season, while deferring his eligibility.

LEHIGH HEAD COACHING LEGACY

Coach	Seasons	Record
Frank Lynch	1910-11	2-4-1
Billy Sheridan	1912-52	222-86-8
Gerry Leeman	1953-70	161-38-4
Thad Turner	1971-88	171-104-5
Tom Hutchinson	1989-94	29-62-3
Bob Latessa	1994-95	11-2-0
Greg Strobel	1996-08	189-84-1
Pat Santoro	2008-present	0-0-0

LEHIGH HEAD COACHING DEBUTS

Today's match marks Pat Santoro's dual meet debut as head coach at Lehigh. Santoro is just the eighth head coach in program history in this the 100th season of Lehigh wrestling. The previous seven coaches combined to go 4-2-1 in their dual debuts.

Coach	Date	Opponent	Result
Frank Lynch	1/15/10	at Cornell	L, 5-2
Billy Sheridan	2/3/12	Penn	T, 3.5-3.5
Gerry Leeman	12/13/52	Cornell	W, 18-10
Thad Turner	12/5/70	Lock Haven	W, 19-17
Tom Hutchinson	11/30/88	Iowa	L, 24-13
Bob Latessa	11/16/94	Drexel	W, 20-16
Greg Strobel	11/25/95	at Edinboro	W, 28-12

IT'S ALL RELATIVE

There are a number of interesting connections between the wrestlers and coaches squaring off in today's dual meet.

- Lehigh head coach Pat Santoro spent the last five seasons as head coach at the University of Maryland. For four of those five seasons, Lehigh assistant coach Brad Dillon served on Santoro's coaching staff.
- Santoro and Maryland head coach Kerry McCoy coached together on Greg Strobel's staff at Lehigh from 2000-2003.
- McCoy and Lehigh assistant coach John Hughes were teammates at Penn State from 1993-1996.
- Today's projected starters at 141, Seth Ciasulli of Lehigh and Alex Krom of Maryland, were teammates at Easton High School.
- Five members of the Terrapins roster, including four projected starters, wrestled for Blair Academy, as did Lehigh junior Mike Galante. Pat Santoro also took a post-graduate year at Blair Academy in the mid 1980s.
- Maryland has ten native Pennsylvanians on its roster, including four with Lehigh Valley ties. Lehigh has one wrestler from the state of Maryland, freshman Josh Fitch. The Mountain Hawks' most recent EIWA Champion, Dave Nakasone '08, also hailed from the Old Line State.
- Terrapins sophomore Brian Letters is a cousin of Troy Letters '06, who captured Lehigh's most recent National Championship with his title at 165 in 2004.

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT...

Lehigh Wrestle-Offs
November 2, 2008
Leeman-Turner Arena at Grace Hall

- 125 - John McDonald (Brown) dec. Mitch Berger (White), 12-5
- 133 - Matt Fisk (White) MD Mike Margherita (Brown), 16-3
- 141 - Seth Ciasulli (Brown) dec. Justin Koren (White), 3-2
- 149 - Trevor Chinn (White) dec. Matt Croshal (Brown), 18-6
- 157 - Sean Bilodeau (Brown) dec. Brian Tanen (White), 5-4
- 165 - Mike Galante (White) Fall Tim Buirkle (Brown), 1:08
- 174 - Alex Caruso (Brown) dec. Robert Hamlin (White), 12-5
- 184 - David Craig (White) MD Robert Prigmore (Brown), 11-1
- 197 - Joe Kennedy (Brown) dec. Alex Iacocca (White), 11-5
- 285 - Zach Rey (White) dec. Justin Allen (Brown), 8-5

IT'S A CELEBRATION!

The 2008-09 season marks the 100th season of wrestling at Lehigh. One of the nation's most storied wrestling programs; Lehigh holds a unique record of success that has helped the program become the premier program in Eastern college wrestling. Lehigh leads all Eastern schools with 26 individual NCAA Championships won, and ranks ninth nationally with 127 All-American medals won. Lehigh has also been the dominant program within the Eastern Intercollegiate Wrestling Association, with a league-best 193 individual EIWA championships and 34 team titles won.

For a complete timeline of the history of Lehigh wrestling, and more information on Lehigh's 100th season celebration, visit:

www.lehighsports.com/sports/wrestling/100Years.asp



ON DECK...

Lehigh takes to the road for the first time this season on Saturday when the Mountain Hawks head to the Steel City to face the Pittsburgh Panthers. The dual will pit Lehigh head coach Pat Santoro against his alma mater. Action gets underway at 7 p.m. from the Petersen Events Center.