



# LEHIGH

## WRESTLING

### SCHEDULE/RESULTS

<b>Nov.</b>			
9	Sun.	No. 17 MARYLAND (Grace) W	21-15
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

<b>Dec.</b>			
5-6	Sat.-Sun.	at Las Vegas Invitational	all day
20	Sat.	at Rutgers*	2:00
20	Sat.	at Rider	8:00

<b>Jan.</b>			
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

<b>Feb.</b>			
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

<b>Mar.</b>			
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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#### On the Radio/Internet

Tonight's match will be broadcast in the Lehigh Valley on **WLVR-FM (91.3)** beginning at 6:45. Steve Lomangino will provide the commentary. The match can also be heard online at **Lehighsports.com** with streaming powered by Yahoo! Sports College Broadcast.

### No. 23 LEHIGH AT PITTSBURGH

**LEHIGH (1-0, 0-0 EIWA) at PITTSBURGH (0-0, 0-0 EWL)**  
**PETERSEN EVENTS CENTER (12,500) • PITTSBURGH, PA.**  
**NOVEMBER 15, 2008 • 7:00 PM**

#### SETTING THE SCENE

Lehigh takes to the road for the first time in its 100th season of wrestling as the Mountain Hawks head to the Steel City to face Pittsburgh. The Mountain Hawks are coming off a 21-15 upset of No. 17 Maryland on Sunday, a win which earned Lehigh a return to the national rankings at No. 23. One week after coaching against a Maryland team that he revitalized and led to an ACC title last year, Lehigh's Pat Santoro must now face his alma mater for the first time in his coaching career. Pittsburgh opens its dual season this evening after its contingent of wrestlers enjoyed a strong showing at the Michigan State Open last weekend. The Panthers finished 16th at the NCAA Championships last year and defeated Lehigh in dual competition for the first time since 1997.

#### FAST FACTS

- Lehigh re-entered the national rankings in a tie for 23rd this week as the Mountain Hawks return to the national rankings for the first time since March, 2007.
- Celebrating its 100th season of wrestling, Lehigh's all-time dual meet record stands at 786-379-22, which ranks seventh among all Division I wrestling programs.
- Lehigh head coach Pat Santoro wrestled for Pittsburgh where he won a pair of national titles, and became the Panthers only four-time All-American.

#### PROBABLE MATCHUPS

<u>LEHIGH</u>	<u>PITTSBURGH</u>
125 John McDonald (Fr., Rehoboth, Del.)	vs. Chris Albright (Fr., York, Pa.)
133 No. 19 Matt Fisk (Jr., Wyalusing, Pa.)	vs. No. 20 Jimmy Conroy (Jr., South Plainfield, N.J.)
141 Seth Ciasulli (Jr., Easton, Pa.)	vs. Tyler Nauman (Fr., Middletown, Pa.)
149 No. 14 Trevor Chinn (Sr., Canandaigua, N.Y.)	vs. Mark Powell (Sr., Washington, Pa.)
157 Sean Bilodeau (Fr., Harvard, Mass.)	vs. Jeff Warusz (Jr., Langhorne, Pa.) OR Adam Counterman (So., Nazareth, Pa.)
165 Mike Galante (Jr., Ocean City, N.J.)	vs. No. 20 Ethan Headlee (So., Waynesburg, Pa.)
174 No. 13 Alex Caruso (So., Green Brook, N.J.)	vs. David Sullivan (Jr., Dingmans Ferry, Pa.)
184 No. 17 David Craig (Jr., Brandon, Fla.)	vs. Zac Thomusseit (Fr., St. Paris, Ohio)
197 Joe Kennedy (Fr., Milford, Pa.)	vs. A.J. Hunte (Jr., Brookline, Mass.) OR Matt Wilps (Fr., Pittsburgh, Pa.)
285 Zach Rey (Fr., Hopatcong, N.J.)	vs. No. 7 Zach Sheaffer (Sr., Carlisle, Pa.)

(Rankings NWCA/InterMat: 11/11/08)

**34-TIME EIWA CHAMPIONS**  
**26 INDIVIDUAL NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS**

**IN THE POLLS**

**NWCA/INTERMAT RANKINGS**  
Top 25 (11/11/08)

1. Iowa
2. Iowa State
3. Ohio State
4. Cornell
5. Missouri
6. Nebraska
7. Penn State
8. Oklahoma State
9. Illinois
10. Michigan
11. Northwestern
- T12. Minnesota
- T12. Wisconsin
14. Boise State
15. Edinboro
16. Indiana
17. Central Michigan
18. Oklahoma
19. Old Dominion
20. Penn
21. Virginia
22. Northern Iowa
- T23. Lehigh
- T23. West Virginia
- T25. Harvard
- T25. Kent State
- T25. Maryland

**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**  
**NOVEMBER 11, 2007 - BETHLEHEM, PA.**  
**PITTSBURGH 24 - LEHIGH 9**

No. 20 Pittsburgh picked up its first win over Lehigh in ten years, winning seven bouts to down the Mountain Hawks in the season opener for both teams. Freshman Alex Caruso made his varsity dual debut, pushing top-ranked Keith Gavin into overtime before falling 4-2, while juniors Kevin Vinh, Trevor Chinn and sophomore Mike Galante picked up wins for the Brown and White. After the Panthers raced to an early 6-0 lead, Vinh picked up Lehigh's first bout win of the new season, scoring two first period takedowns to hold off Jimmy Conroy at 133. Chinn won his rubber match with Joey Ecklof by the same 7-6 score at 149, while Galante downed Sean Richmond 6-2 at 165.

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
197	A.J. Hunte (Pitt)	dec.	Alex Iacocca (LU)	5-3
285	Zach Sheaffer (Pitt)	dec.	Justin Allen (LU)	7-0

**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.

**PITTSBURGH HEAD COACH RANDE STOTTLEMYER**

Coach Stottlemeyer is in his 30th season at Pittsburgh, where he has mentored among others Lehigh head coach Pat Santoro. Stottlemeyer has coached 27 NCAA All-Americans, 120 national qualifiers and 32 Eastern Wrestling League Champions. His 247 dual wins are the most in school history. Last season, Stottlemeyer guided the Panthers to a 16th place finish at the NCAA Championships and guided Keith Gavin to Pittsburgh's 16th individual NCAA wrestling title. Stottlemeyer, a three-time All-American at Pitt, has a Lehigh connection as well. His daughter Tara is a 2007 Lehigh graduate who earned All-Patriot League honors on the soccer field for the Brown and White.

**PAT SANTORO AND THE UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH**

One week after opening his career as head coach at Lehigh with a match against the team he coached for the last five years, Pat Santoro's first road dual at Lehigh takes him to Pittsburgh to face off against his alma mater. Santoro wrestled for the Panthers from 1985-1989, under the guidance of head coach Rande Stottlemeyer. Pittsburgh's only four-time All-American, Santoro amassed a 167-13 record in four seasons for the Panthers, and won national championships at 142 in 1988 and 1989. A three-time EWL Champion, Santoro is also the Panthers' career leader with 43 falls and posted an incredible 97-3 record over his final two seasons.

**SERIES HISTORY**

The Lehigh-Pittsburgh series dates back to 1916, with the Mountain Hawks holding a 36-15-2 edge in the series. These two schools have met every season since 1991, with Pittsburgh's 24-9 victory last season snapping a ten match Lehigh winning streak in the series. Pat Santoro has never faced his alma mater in a dual meet.

	<u>Meets</u>	<u>Record</u>	<u>First</u>	<u>Most recent</u>
Lehigh vs. Pittsburgh	53	36-15-2	1916	2007

Last Lehigh win: 12/9/06 Lehigh 29 Pittsburgh 10 (at Pitt)  
 Last Pittsburgh win: 11/11/07 Pittsburgh 24 Lehigh 9 (at LU)  
 Last Pitt win at Lehigh: 2/23/97 Pittsburgh 20 Lehigh 17

**STARTING IN STYLE**

Lehigh's victory over Maryland was its first season-opening dual win since a 26-15 win over Rider in November, 2005. The Mountain Hawks enter tonight's match looking to start the season 2-0 for the first time since 2005-06 and the fifth time in the last ten years.

**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.	<b>Lehigh</b>	<b>26</b>
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.	<b>Lehigh</b>	<b>127</b>
10.	Northern Iowa	112

**SCOUTING THE PANTHERS**

Tonight's match marks the dual opener for Pittsburgh, which sent more than 20 wrestlers to the Michigan State Open last weekend. Nine Panther wrestlers placed in the event, led by Zac Thomusseit (184) and Eric Albright (141) who both took second in their respective weight classes. Pittsburgh has three wrestlers ranked in the latest polls, led by heavyweight Zach Sheaffer, who is ranked seventh. Jimmy Conroy (No. 20 at 133) and Ethan Headlee (No. 20 at 165) are also nationally ranked. The Panthers finished 16th at last year's NCAA Championships, led by Keith Gavin's individual national title at 174.

**DAZZLING DEBUTS**

Four Mountain Hawks made their Lehigh debuts last week against Maryland. Deferred freshmen bookends John McDonald (125) and Zach Rey (285) helped the Brown and White start and finish strong, with wins by decision in the dual's opening and final bouts. Sean Bilodeau (157) and Joe Kennedy (197) will be in search of their first varsity dual wins here this evening.

**RANK AND FILE**

In InterMat's latest 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 Seth Ciasulli, 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	19	18	18
141	Seth Ciasulli	----	17	16
149	Trevor Chinn	14	17	16
174	Alex Caruso	13	15	14
184	David Craig	17	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 currently 1-0 against ranked teams this season and are scheduled to face six additional teams ranked in the top 25:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Rank (Then)</u>	<u>Current Rank</u>	<u>Result</u>
11/9	Maryland	17	T-25	W 21-15

**Upcoming opponents**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>'08 NCAA Finish</u>
11/21	Michigan	10	T-7
11/29	Oklahoma State	8	T-5
1/2	at West Virginia	T-23	31
1/4	at Penn State	7	3
1/24	Harvard	T-25	33
2/22	Penn	20	34

Lehigh could also face current No. 15 Edinboro, No. 17 Central Michigan, No. 19 Old Dominion and No. 21 Virginia, plus Oklahoma State 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.

**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](http://www.lehighsports.com/sports/wrestling/100Years.asp)



**A FRESH START**

Freshman Joe Kennedy is the latest in a recent string of true freshmen who have earned starting spots in the Lehigh lineup. Since the start of the 2005-06 season, seven true freshmen have started duals for the Brown and White, including four last season. Four of the seven have started at least five duals in one season. Here's how that group fared:

Season	Wrestler	Wt.	W-L	Dual W-L	EIWA
2005-06	Matt Fisk	125	16-11	11-6	2nd*
2006-07	David Craig	184	31-11	17-5	4th*
2007-08	Mitch Berger	125	3-25	2-20	dnp
2007-08	Kadeem Samuels	184	1-14	0-11	n/a

\* NCAA tournament qualifier

**RETURNING IN GRAND STYLE**

Junior David Craig's first period fall over Maryland's Ryan Gray delivered the bonus points necessary to knock-off the 17th-ranked Terrapins. The match marked the return to the mats for Craig, who missed the second half of last season due to academics. Craig reached the Round of 12 at the NCAA Championships as a true freshman, but was just 6-4 in early season action as a sophomore. His one-minute, 53-second fall, the 12th of Craig's career, put Lehigh up 18-9 with two bouts remaining. Twenty of Craig's 38 career victories have earned bonus points.

**LEHIGH DUALS BY MONTH...**

November:.....1-0  
 December:.....0-0  
 January:.....0-0  
 February: .....0-0

**LEHIGH IN DUALS DECIDED...**

By 5 points or fewer:.....0-0  
 By 6-9 points: .....1-0  
 By 10-20 points .....0-0  
 By over 20 points:.....0-0

**LEHIGH BY THE NUMBERS...**

Dual matches at home: .....1-0  
 At Grace Hall .....1-0  
 At Stabler Arena.....0-0  
 Duals on the road:.....0-0  
 Duals at a neutral site:.....0-0  
 Duals in Pennsylvania:.....1-0  
  
 Day Matches: .....1-0  
 Night Matches: .....0-0  
  
 When winning opening bout: .....1-0  
 When losing opening bout:.....0-0  
  
 When leading after five bouts: .....0-0  
 When trailing after five bouts:.....1-0

**LEHIGH DUALS BY WEIGHT CLASS...**

125 (McDonald): .....1-0  
 133 (Fisk):.....0-1  
 141 (Ciasulli): .....0-1  
 149 (Chinn):.....1-0  
 157 (Bilodeau): .....0-0  
 165 (Galante): .....1-0  
 174 (Caruso): .....1-0  
 184 (Craig): .....1-0  
 197 (Kennedy):.....0-1  
 285 (Rey): .....1-0

**2008-09 RESULTS**

November 9, 2008  
 Leeman-Turner Arena at Grace Hall  
 Lehigh 21, Maryland 15

- 125 - John McDonald (LU) dec. Brendan Byrne (MD), 9-8
- 133 - Steve Bell (MD) dec. Matt Fisk (LU) 7-2
- 141 - Alex Krom (MD) dec. Seth Ciasulli (LU) 4-1
- 149 - Trevor Chinn (LU) dec. Eric Medina (MD) 8-6
- 157 - Kyle John (MD) dec. Sean Bilodeau (LU) 9-6
- 165 - Mike Galante (LU) dec. Brian Letters (MD) 8-4
- 174 - Alex Caruso (LU) dec. Corey Peltier (MD) 5-3
- 184 - David Craig (LU) Fall Ryan Gray (MD) 1:53
- 197 - Hudson Taylor (MD) Fall Joe Kennedy (LU) 4:30
- 285 - Zach Rey (LU) dec. Patrick Gilmore (MD) 5-3

**ON DECK...**

Lehigh returns home for a pair of matches next weekend as the Mountain Hawks will meet No. 10 Michigan in the Sheridan Dual at Stabler Arena on Friday night and then will face Chris Ayres' Princeton Tigers Sunday afternoon at Grace Hall.