



UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA WRESTLING

11-1 Overall, 0-1 Big 12
IN THE POLLS
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2007-2008 SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME	SCORE
11/4	Missouri Valley/OCU/ Neosho CC	ALL DAY	47/44-0 50-3
11/10	at SUNY-Brockport Classic	ALL DAY	1st Place
11/15	North Carolina State	7 p.m.	W , 30-9
11/24	Oklahoma Open#	ALL DAY	
12/2 12/7	at Oklahoma State at Central Oklahoma	2 p.m. 7 p.m.	L , 9-21 W , 27-6
1/5	at Lone Star Duals (Navy/Cal-State/N. Carolina)	ALL DAY	W , 28-6 27-6, 27-6
1/12	MICHIGAN STATE/PITTSBURGH	2 p.m.	W , 29-7, 17-15
1/18 1/20	TENN.-CHATTANOOGA WISCONSIN \$	7 p.m. 6 p.m.	W , 21-13
1/25	IOWA STATE	7 p.m.	
2/1	ARIZONA STATE	7 p.m.	
2/8	at Missouri	7 p.m.	
2/10	at Nebraska	2 p.m.	
2/15	CAL POLY**	7 p.m.	
2/21	OKLAHOMA STATE	7 p.m.	
3/8	Big 12 Championships (Stillwater, Okla.)	ALL DAY	
3/20-22	NCAA Championships (St. Louis, Mo.)	ALL DAY	

KEY

All CAPS indicate home matches
Lloyd Noble Center
* Ford Center-Oklahoma City
** Lloyd Noble Center, Beauty and the Beast
\$ Ford Center, Oklahoma City

NO. 17 SOONERS AND NO. 13 BADGERS TO BATTLE IN OKC



OKLAHOMA
SOONERS
Ranked No. 17
(11-1 record)

PROBABLE STARTERS

125 - Joey Fio
133 - Brian Shelton
141 - Zack Bailey
149 - Will Rowe
157 - Chad Terry
165 - Max Dean
174 - Jeff James
184 - Joshua Weitzel
197 - Joel Flaggert
Hwt. - Nathan Fernandez



WISCONSIN
BADGERS
Ranked No. 13
(8-2-1 record)

PROBABLE STARTERS

125 - Collin Cudd
133 - Zach Tanelli
141 - Kyle Ruschell
149 - Kendall Vogel
157 - Craig Henning
165 - Jake Donar
or Dan Clum
174 - Justin Peterson
184 - Trevor Brandvold
197 - Dallas Herbst
285 - Kyle Massey

SETTING THE SCENE

Today's Schedule:
Match Begins at 6 p.m.

Date: Sunday, Jan. 20, 2008
Location: Oklahoma City
Venue: Ford Center
TV: ESPNU, Dave Armstrong (Play-by-Play) and Jeff Blatnick (Analyst)
Webcast: SoonerSports.com

PINNING IT DOWN

NORMAN, Okla. -- The Sooners are competing for their eighth straight win on the season versus No. 13 Wisconsin at the Ford Center in Oklahoma City at 6 p.m.

The match is set to be televised nationally by ESPNU with play-by-play man Dave Armstrong and analyst Jeff Blatnick covering the telecast. Blatnick was a heavyweight gold medalist at the 1984 Olympics.

Oklahoma has five wrestlers in its lineup ranked heading into the Sunday showdown. Zack Bailey is No. 11 at 141 pounds and Will Rowe is No. 9 at 149 pounds. Max Dean is No. 20 at 165 pounds, Joshua Weitzel is No. 7 at 184 pounds and Joel Flaggert ranks a season-best No. 3 nationally at 197 pounds.

Wisconsin boasts seven ranked wrestlers in its lineup, led by 157-pounder Craig Henning, ranked No. 2 in the country. Collin Cudd and Kyle Ruschell and both ranked eighth at 125 and 141 pounds, respectively. Zach Tanelli is ranked No. 12 at 133 pounds, Trevor Brandvold is No. 14 at 184 pounds and 197-pound Dallas Herbst is sixth. Heavyweight Kyle Massey rounds out the list at No. 13.

The Sooners lead the all-time series over the Badgers by a 10-9-1 mark. OU dominated the match by a score of 37-3 the last time the two schools met in 1999. Oklahoma went on to win the Big 12 conference title that season.

OKLAHOMA QUICK FACTS

LOCATION: Norman, Okla.

FOUNDED: 1890

ENROLLMENT: 30,000

NICKNAME: Sooners

COLORS: Crimson and Cream

VENUE: Howard McCasland Fieldhouse

CAPACITY: 3,341

CONFERENCE: Big 12

PRESIDENT: David L. Boren

ATHLETIC DIRECTOR: Joe Castiglione

NWCA/InterMat Coaches Poll

Team
1. Iowa
2. Oklahoma State*
3. Nebraska*
4. Michigan
5. Minnesota
6. Ohio State
7. Penn State
8. Iowa State
9. Central Michigan
10. Northwestern
11. Missouri*
12. Hofstra
12. Wisconsin*
14. Edinboro
15. Illinois
16. Cornell
17. Indiana
117. Oklahoma
19. UT-Chattanooga*
20. Pittsburgh*
21. Maryland
22. Old Dominion
23. Navy*
24. Cal-State Fullerton*
25. Kent State

NOTE: * Indicates 2007-08 OU opponents

W.I.N Magazine Poll

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13. Illinois
14. Cornell
15. Indiana
16. Wisconsin
17. Edinboro
18. Oklahoma
19. Old Dominion
20. Pittsburgh
21. Boise State
22. UT-Chattanooga
23. Maryland
24. Kent State
25. Penn

LAST TIME OUT

No. 17 Oklahoma defeated No. 19 UT-Chattanooga by a final of 21-13 at the Howard McCasland Field House last Friday night, Jan. 18.

The victory marked the second straight dual the Sooners have topped at Top 20 squad. The Sooners downed No. 20 Pittsburgh on Jan. 12.

Among the highlights of the win Friday night were the two freshmen who opened the match versus the Mocs.

Joey Fio (125 pounds) and John Starzyk (133 pounds), who was making just his second start of the season, each recorded major decisions against the Mocs to give the Sooners an 8-0 lead to begin the dual.

SOONERS STREAKING

The Sooners, now 11-1 on the season, have won seven straight duals on the season.

The last loss came to the hands of in-state rival Oklahoma State on Dec. 2 in Stillwater. Since then, three of the seven Sooner wins have come against Top 20 foes.

Oklahoma has topped then-No. 21 Navy at the Lonestar Duals (1/5), No. 20 Pittsburgh (1/12) and No. 19 UT-Chattanooga (1/18).

The 11 wins the Sooners have racked up this season also matches the overall win total of last year's squad.

SOONERS VS. BADGERS HISTORY

This is the 21st meeting between the two schools. Oklahoma leads the all-time series 10-9-1, with the last meeting coming in 1999. The Sooners dominated Wisconsin by a final of 37-3.

That season, Oklahoma went on to an 18-5-1 record and won the Big 12 conference title.

UNDEFEATED SENIORS

Oklahoma has two undefeated seniors on the year. Joel Flaggert (17-0, 11-0 in duals) and Joshua Weitzel (18-0, 11-0 in duals) look to keep the streak alive versus the Badgers this evening.

OKLAHOMA ON TELEVISION

OU will appear on television three times during this year's regular dual season. The December match versus Oklahoma State, as well as today's match against Wisconsin (ESPNU) have featured the Sooners. The Bedlam showdown in Norman on Feb. 21 will also be televised to the state of Oklahoma.

STIFF COMPETITION

There are 12 ranked wrestlers in the lineups for both the Sooners and the Badgers combined.

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Brian Shelton is ranked No. 13 but is out of today's lineup due to injury.

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SPATES MILESTONE

Head coach Jack Spates' win total at Oklahoma stands at 195-84-11. The Sooner coach, now in his 15th season in Norman, is five wins shy of 200 victories.

PROBABLE OKLAHOMA STARTERS

WT.	NAME	YR.	HOMETOWN	HIGHSCHOOL	RECORD
125	Joey Fio	Fr.	Sandpoint, Idaho	Sandpoint HS	15-4
133	John Starzyk	So.	El Reno, Okla.	El Reno HS	11-7
141	Zack Bailey (No. 11)	RFr.	Kansas City, Mo.	Oak Park HS	24-5
149	Will Rowe (No. 9)	Jr.	Arlington, Texas	Lamar HS	17-3
157	Chad Terry	So.	Midwest City, Okla.	Carl Albert HS	15-2
165	Max Dean (No. 20)	Sr.	Cincinnati, Ohio	Lakota West HS	16-3
174	Jeff James	RFr.	El Reno, Okla.	El Reno HS	14-5
184	Joshua Weitzel (No. 7)	Sr.	Lincoln University, Pa.	Oxford HS	18-0
197	Joel Flaggert (No. 3)	Sr.	Choctaw, Okla.	Choctaw HS	17-0
HWT.	Nathan Fernandez	RFr.	Lawton, Okla.	MacArthur HS	12-6

Head Coach: Jack Spates (15th Season, 195-84-11)
Assistant Coaches: Robbie Waller and Jeremy Spates

SCOUTING WISCONSIN

NO. 13 WISCONSIN PROBABLE STARTERS

WT.	NAME	YR.	HOMETOWN	RECORD
125	Collin Cudd (No. 18)	Sr.	River Falls, Wis.	14-3
133	Zach Tanelli (No. 12)	Jr.	Short Hills, N.J.	17-5
141	Kyle Ruschell (No. 8)	So.	Crittenden, Ky.	18-3
149	Kendall Vogel	Fr.	Westfield, Wis.	8-9
157	Craig Henning (No. 2)	Sr.	Chippewa Falls, Wis.	15-1
165	Jake Donar	Sr.	Cuba City, Wis.	8-6
	or Dan Clum	Sr.	Arvada, Colo.	
174	Justin Peterson	Jr.	Comstock, Wis.	16-10
184	Trevor Brandvold (No. 14)	So.	River Falls, Wis.	15-6
197	Dallas Herbst (No. 6)	Jr.	Winneconne, Wis.	19-1
285	Kyle Massey (No. 13)	Jr.	Champlin, Minn.	17-6

Head Coach: Barry Davis 149-97-10 (14th season)

Assistant Coaches: Bart Chelesvig and Donny Prtizlaff

No. 13 Wisconsin closes out its non-conference schedule against Oklahoma this evening. The Badgers are coming off a loss to Big 12's Iowa State last Friday night, Jan. 18., by a final of 24-18.

Season highlights include a 21-18 upset win over then-No. 8 Cornell, a second place finish at the Body Bar Invite and a fifth-place standing and the competitive Cliff Keen Invite.

Wisconsin has eight grapplers with 10 or more wins so far this season, and are led by junior Dallas Herbst at 197 lbs. Herbst has 10 pins already this year and needs just eight more to surpass Lee Kemp's school record of 47 career falls set from 1975-78.

Returning All-American and ranked No. 2 nationally, senior Craig Henning, also has a stellar 15-1 record at 157 lbs., with his lone loss of the season came against No. 1 Mike Poeta from Illinois.

With a win today against the Sooners, Wisconsin head coach Barry Davis would reach 150 career wins.

THE MATCHUPS		1	2	3	OT/FINAL
125	COLLIN CUDD (UW, 14-3) vs. JOEY FIO (OU, 15-4)				
133	ZACH TANELLI (UW, 17-5) vs. JOHNNY STARZYK (OU, 11-7)				
141	KYLE RUSCHELL (UW, 18-3) vs. ZACK BAILEY (OU, 24-5)				
149	KENDALL VOGEL (UW, 8-9) vs. WILL ROWE (OU, 17-3)				
157	CRAIG HENNING (UW, 15-1) vs. CHAD TERRY (OU, 15-2)				
165	JAKE DONAR (UW, 8-6) or DAN CLUM vs. MAX DEAN (OU, 16-3)				
174	JUSTIN PETERSON (UW, 16-10) vs. JEFF JAMES (OU, 14-5)				
184	TREVOR BRANDVOLD (UW, 15-6) vs. JOSHUA WEITZEL (OU, 18-0)				
197	DALLAS HERBST (UW, 19-1) vs. JOEL FLAGGERT (OU, 17-0)				
HWT.	KYLE MASSEY (UW, 17-6) vs. NATHAN FERNANDEZ (OU, 12-6)				

Scoring Key: Takedown- 2 pts., Escape- 1 pt., Reversal- 2 pts., Nearfall- 2-4 seconds 2 pts., 5 seconds 3 pts., Penalty - 1 pt., Two stalling calls - 1 pt.

Jan. 20, 2008

WRESTLING RULES AND DEFINITIONS

WRESTLING POSITIONS

•**Starting Positions**- There are four starting positions in wrestling. Here are the four and their definitions:

1. Neutral Position- The match will start with both contestants standing opposite each other with their lead foot on the green or red area of the starting lines and their other foot even with or behind the lead foot. This is the neutral position in which neither wrestler has control.

2. Defensive Wrestler- The defensive wrestler takes a stationary position at the center of the mat with both hands and knees on the mat, as directed by the referee.

3. Offensive Wrestler- The offensive wrestler shall be on the right or left side of the opponent with at least one knee on the mat and head on or above the midline of the opponent's back.

4. Optional Offensive Starting Position-The offensive wrestler may choose to take a position on either side or to the rear of the defensive wrestler with both hands on the opponent's back, thumbs touching. The wrestler must indicate his intent to the referee.

•Stalemates

When the contestants are interlocked in a position other than a pinning situation in which neither wrestler can improve position, the referee shall stop the match as soon as possible and wrestling will be resumed.

•Position of Advantage

This is a situation in which a contestant is in control and maintaining restraining power over the opponent. Control is the determining factor. The offensive wrestler is entitled to this advantage until the opponent gains a neutral position or a reversal.

•In Bounds

Contestants are considered to be in bounds if the supporting parts of either wrestler are inside the inside edge of the boundary lines. These supporting parts, such as the knees, the side of the thigh, the buttocks and the hands, bear the wrestler's weight. Wrestling will continue as long as the supporting parts of either wrestler remain in bounds.

•Resumption of Wrestling After Out of Bounds

The contestants at the resumption of a match shall be in the neutral or the starting position on the mat as determined by the position held upon going out of bounds.

SCORING OPPORTUNITIES

•Takedown

A takedown shall be awarded when, from the neutral position, a contestant gains control and places the opponent's supporting points down on the mat beyond reaction time.

•Escape

A defensive wrestler is awarded an escape when the offensive wrestler loses control of the opponent while the supporting points of either wrestler are in bounds.

•Reversal

A reversal occurs when the defensive wrestler comes from underneath and gains control of the opponent, either on the mat or in a rear-standing position.

•Near Fall

A near fall is a position in which the offensive wrestler has the opponent in a controlled pinning situation. When the following criteria are met for two seconds, two points are awarded. When met for five uninterrupted seconds, three points are awarded. The criteria are as follows: 1) the wrestler is held in a high bridge or on both elbows, 2) one shoulder or the head is touching the mat and the other shoulder is held at an angle of 45 degrees or less to the mat, or 3) any part of both shoulders or both scapulae are held within four inches of the mat.

•Time Advantage

The offensive wrestler who has control in an advantage position is gaining time advantage. If the contestant with the greater time advantage has less than one minute of net time advantage, no point is awarded. If a contestant has one minute or more of net time advantage, that wrestler is awarded one point.

END OF MATCH

•Fall

Any part of both shoulders or part of both scapulae of either wrestler held in contact with the mat for one second constitutes a fall. The one-second count (one-thousand-one) shall be a silent count by the referee and shall start only after the referee is in position to observe that a fall is imminent.

•Technical Fall

A technical fall occurs when a wrestler has earned a 15-point advantage and a near fall over the opponent.

•Major Decision

A major decision occurs when the margin of victory after three periods is eight through 14 points.

•Decision

A decision occurs when the margin of victory is fewer than eight points. A decision also is credited to the wrestler who is awarded the first point in an overtime match that does not end with a fall, default or disqualification.

•Default

A default is awarded in a match when one of the wrestlers is unable to continue wrestling for any reason. A default should be included as a win or loss in each wrestler's season record.

•Disqualification

A disqualification is a situation in which a contestant is banned from participation in accordance with a pre-determined penalty table. A disqualification shall be included as a win or loss in each wrestler's season record.

•Forfeit

A forfeit is received by a wrestler when the opponent, for any reason, fails to appear for the match. In order to receive a forfeit or medical forfeit, the nonforfeiting wrestler must be dressed in a wrestling uniform and appear on the mat. A forfeit or medical forfeit shall be included as a win in the victor's season record. In the event of injury or illness, a contestant may declare a medical forfeit, which counts as a win but not as a loss on the record.