



UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA
WRESTLING

15-1 Overall, 1-1 Big 12
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2008-09 WRESTLING SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME	SCORE
11/8	Oklahoma/Brockport Classic	ALL DAY	FIRST
11/13	CENTRAL OKLAHOMA	7 PM	W, 39-0
11/20	OKLAHOMA CITY	7 PM	W, 47-0
11/23	OLD DOMINION	4 PM	W, 28-6
11/29	OKLAHOMA OPEN	ALL DAY	8 Champs
12/7	OKLAHOMA STATE	2 PM	W, 18-15
12/13	Big 12/Pac-10 Challenge (Cal-Bakersfield, Cal-Fullerton and Cal Poly)	ALL DAY	3 Wins
1/3	Lone Star Duals (North Carolina, Stanford, Appalachian State and Nebraska-Kearney)	ALL DAY	4 Wins
1/11	at Chattanooga	1 PM	W, 23-14
1/16	MARYLAND	7 PM	W, 22-15
1/18	at Arizona State	7 PM	W, 36-7
1/23	at Iowa State	7 PM	L, 15-23
1/30	NORTH CAROLINA STATE**	7 PM	W, 38-6
2/6	MISSOURI	7 PM	
2/8	NEBRASKA	2 PM	
2/15	at Michigan State	1 PM	
2/22	at Oklahoma State	2 PM	
3/7	Big 12 Championships (Lincoln, Neb.)	ALL DAY	
3/19-21	NCAA Championships (St. Louis, Mo.)	ALL DAY	

KEY

All CAPS indicate home matches
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OKLAHOMA GOES FOR SCHOOL RECORD 16-1 START VERSUS NO. 6 MIZZOU FRIDAY NIGHT



OKLAHOMA
SOONERS
Ranked No. ??
(15-1, 1-1)

PROBABLE STARTERS

- 125 - JOEY FIO
- 133 - BRIAN SHELTON
- 141 - SETH VERNON
- 149 - KYLE TERRY
- 157 - CHAD TERRY
- OR- WILL ROWE
- 165 - SHANE VERNON
- OR- RYAN SMITH
- 174 - JEFF JAMES
- 184 - PAT FLYNN
- 197 - ERIC LAPOTSKY
- 285 - NATHAN FERNANDEZ



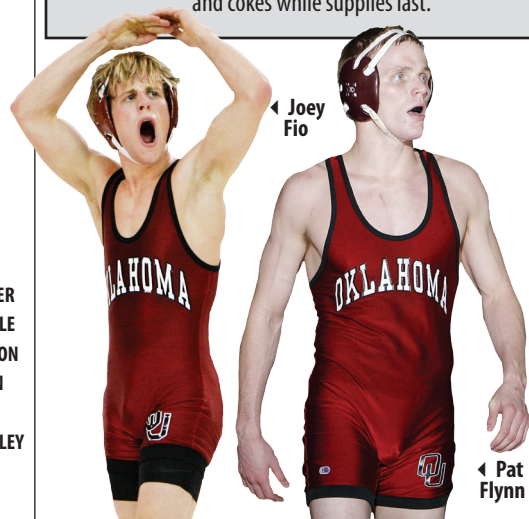
MISSOURI
TIGERS
Ranked No. ?
(15-3, 0-1)

PROBABLE STARTERS

- 125 - TROY DOLAN
- 133 - TODD SCHAVRIEN
- OR- TAYLOR CRANE
- 141 - MARCUS HOEHN
- 149 - ANDREW SHERRY
- 157 - MICHAEL CHANDLER
- 165 - NICHOLAS MARABLE
- 174 - DORIAN HENDERSON
- 184 - RAYMOND JORDAN
- 197 - MAX ASKREN
- 285 - DOMINIQUE BRADLEY
- OR- MARK ELLIS

SETTING THE SCENE

Today's Schedule: Match Begins at 7 PM
Date: Friday, Feb. 6
Location: Norman, Okla.
Venue: McCasland Field House (4,640)
Webcast: SoonerSports.com
Tickets: Match is free to the public
Promotions: Fans may enjoy 50-cent hot dogs and cokes while supplies last.



← Joey Fio

← Pat Flynn

THE MATCH

Oklahoma (15-1, 1-1) looks to pick up its second win in the Big 12 Conference for the first time since the 2002-2003 season versus the Missouri Tigers Friday evening, Feb. 6, at 7 p.m., inside the McCasland Field House.

After claiming a win versus then-No. 9 Oklahoma State on Dec. 7, the Sooners suffered their first Big 12 loss on the road to Iowa State on Jan. 23 (23-15).

A win over the Tigers would move OU into a tie for second place in the conference. Currently, Iowa State leads the pack at 3-0, with Oklahoma and Nebraska both sport at 1-1 record. Mizzou is 0-1 and Oklahoma State owns a 0-2 record.

SOONERS AND TIGERS HISTORY

Since 1924, the Sooners own an impressive 39-7 series lead over Missouri. It was not until 1978, 54 years after the first matchup between the two, that the Tigers topped the Sooners.

Five of the Tigers' seven victories, however, have come in the past six seasons, including three straight. The last time OU defeated Missouri was in 2005 by an 18-14 triumph. Mizzou is outscoring Oklahoma by an average of 21-15 during that seven year span.

Last season, the Sooners traveled to Columbia, Mo., on Feb. 8 and was handed a 23-10 defeat. Jeff James (174 pounds) is the only Sooner in this year's lineup that recorded a win a year ago (Missouri has five).

OKLAHOMA QUICK FACTS

- LOCATION:** Norman, Okla.
- FOUNDED:** 1890
- ENROLLMENT:** 29,931
- NICKNAME:** Sooners
- COLORS:** Crimson and Cream
- VENUE:** Howard McCasland Field House
- CAPACITY:** 4,640
- CONFERENCE:** Big 12
- PRESIDENT:** David L. Boren
- ATHLETIC DIRECTOR:** Joe Castiglione

NWCA/InterMat Coaches Poll

- Team**
1. Iowa
 2. Iowa State*
 3. Cornell
 4. Nebraska*
 5. Missouri*
 6. Ohio State
 7. Lehigh
 8. Minnesota
 9. Illinois
 10. Central Michigan
 11. Boise State
 12. Edinboro
 13. Virginia Tech
 - 14. Oklahoma**
 15. Oklahoma State*
 16. Northwestern
 17. Wisconsin
 - T18. Michigan
 - T18. Old Dominion*
 - T18. Indiana
 21. Northern Iowa
 22. Penn State
 23. Hofstra
 24. Kent State
 25. Purdue
- NOTE: * Indicates 2008-09 OU opponents

W.I.N Magazine Poll

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 14. Illinois
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 16. Wisconsin
 17. Penn State
 18. Michigan
 19. Virginia Tech
 20. Old Dominion
 21. Kent State
 22. Hofstra
 23. Indiana
 24. Penn
 25. Northern Iowa

LAST TIME OUT

The Oklahoma Sooners reached 15 wins on the season (15-1, 1-1) with a dominant performance over the North Carolina State Wolfpack on Jan. 30. In front of 1,540 fans on hand to witness the second annual "Beauty and the Beast" spectacular, the wrestling squad shared the floor with the OU women's gymnastics team, who defeated Minnesota, 196.500-195.675.

OU won eight of 10 total bouts, including pins recorded by Joey Fio (125 pounds) and Pat Flynn (184).

Highlighting the night was No. 13 Kyle Terry's upset of No. 3 Darrion Caldwell. Leading the match 5-0 in the first, Caldwell was forced to end the match due to injury after his injury time expired. The win was Terry's 20th-straight this season. Also posting an upset was unranked Seth Vernon over No. 15 Joe Caramanica.

With the win, Oklahoma improved to a perfect 14-0 against out of conference foes this season.

RUNDOWN ON THE RANKINGS

The Sooners bolster seven wrestlers ranked in this week's InterMat poll. Joey Fio (125 pounds) and Jeff James (174) lead the way for Oklahoma, ranked seventh. Kyle Terry also hurdled into the top 10 this week, ranked No. 8 nationally among 149-pounders. Eric Lapotsky is No. 11 at 197 pounds and 157-pound Shane Vernon is ranked 15th. Heavyweight Nathan Fernandez jumped up three spots to No. 16 and Pat Flynn is No. 19 at 184 pounds.

Missouri placed six in this week's poll, all appearing in the top 10. The Tigers are led by No. 1 Mark Ellis at heavyweight. Max Askren is No. 4 at 197 pounds and Nick Marable (165 pounds) and Raymond Jordan (174) are fifth. Ranked eighth is Michael Chandler at 157 pounds and Marcus Hoehn rounds out the group at No. 10 among 141-pounders.

SPATES MILESTONE

Jack Spates picked up his 200th victory at Oklahoma with the 47-0 win over Oklahoma City on Nov. 20 and now owns a record of 213-88-11. Averaging 14 wins a season, Spates has led OU to 14 straight campaigns of 10 wins or more and is second in all-time victories by a head coach in OU wrestling history.

He became just the second coach in school history to notch 200 wins, joining Stan Abel (coached from 1973-93, 279 wins). Dating back to Cornell, Spates' career record stands at 286-103-12.

SOONERS STREAK BROKEN

Before last Friday versus Iowa State, the Sooners were on a 16 match winning streak dating back to last season. Oklahoma defeated Cal Poly and then-No. 3 Oklahoma State to end last season, and were 14-0 to begin this season. The loss also marked Oklahoma's first Big 12 defeat of the season.

SPATES TOUGH AT HOME

Now in his 16th season, OU Head Coach Jack Spates owns an 84-24-2 overall record (.771). During the 2001-02 year, he posted the most wins at home (10) in his tenure. Last season, the Sooners boasted a 7-2 mark, including the win over OSU. Oklahoma is 6-0 so far this season, with wins over Central Oklahoma, Oklahoma City, then-No. 20 Old Dominion, then-No. 9 Oklahoma State, Maryland and North Carolina State.

SPATES NOW THIRD IN WINNING PERCENTAGE

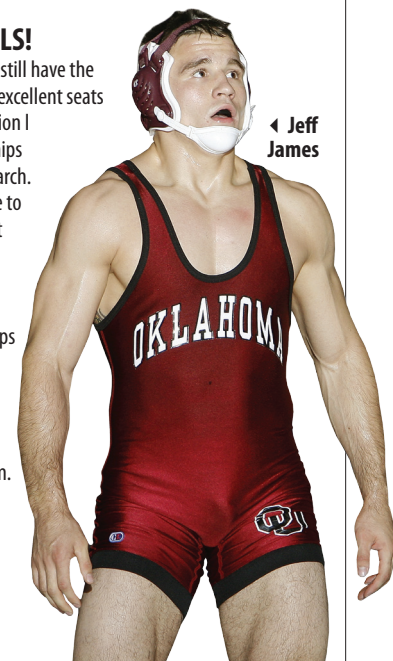
Head Coach Jack Spates has climbed to third all-time in winning percentage at Oklahoma with the successful start to the season. He now owns a .697 percentage, overtaking Stan Abel (.690).

Spates trails the legendary OU coaches Tommy Evans (.775) and Port Robertson (.750).

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← Jeff James

OKLAHOMA (15-1, 1-1) PROBABLE STARTERS

WT.	NAME	YR.	HOMETOWN	HIGHSCHOOL	RECORD
125	Joey Fio (No. 7)	So.	Sandpoint, Idaho	Sandpoint HS	15-3
133	Brian Shelton	Jr.	El Reno, Okla.	El Reno HS	11-4
141	Seth Vernon	RFr.	Tulsa, Okla.	Union HS	13-6
149	Kyle Terry (No. 8)	RJr.	Midwest City, Okla.	Carl Albert HS	21-1
157	Chad Terry	RJr.	Midwest City, Okla.	Carl Albert HS	16-3
-or-	Will Rowe	Sr.	Arlington, Texas	Lamar HS	24-3
165	Shane Vernon (No. 15)	RFr.	Broken Arrow, Okla.	Broken Arrow HS	15-6
-or-	Ryan Smith	RFr.	Prinevill, Ore.	Crook County HS	12-6
174	Jeff James (No. 7)	RFr.	El Reno, Okla.	El Reno HS	20-1
184	Pat Flynn (No. 19)	RSo.	Quakertown, Pa.	Quakertown HS	21-3
197	Eric Lapotsky (No. 11)	Jr.	Mt. Carmel, Pa.	Mt. Carmel HS	21-3
HWT.	Nathan Fernandez (No. 16)	RSo.	Lawton, Okla.	MacArthur HS	19-5

Head Coach: Jack Spates (16th Season, 213-89-11 | 287-103-12 career record)

Assistant Coaches: Robbie Waller, Jeremy Spates and Michael Lightner

TIGERS (15-3, 0-1) PROBABLE STARTERS

WT.	NAME	YR.	HOMETOWN	RECORD
125	Troy Dolan	RFr.	Blairsville, Pa.	15-17
133	Todd Schavrien	So.	Poway, Calif.	11-7
-or-	Taylor Crane	Fr.	Columbia, Mo.	24-12
141	Marcus Hoehn (No. 10)	Sr.	Farmington, Mo.	25-9
149	Andrew Sherry	Sr.	Sewickley, Pa.	12-10
157	Michael Chandler (No. 8)	Sr.	High Ridge, Mo.	22-9
165	Nicholas Marable (No. 5)	Jr.	Collierville, Tenn.	18-5
174	Dorian Henderson	RFr.	Columbus, Ga.	18-9
184	Raymond Jordan (No. 5)	Sr.	New Bern, N.C.	26-2
197	Max Askren (No. 4)	Jr.	Hartland, Wis.	20-3
285	Dominique Bradley	RFr.	Blue Springs, Mo.	17-3
-or-	Mark Ellis (No. 1)	Jr.	Peculiar, Mo.	22-1

Head Coach: Brian Smith
Assistant Coaches: Shawn Charles and Lee Pritts

SCOUTING THE TIGERS

The Tigers sport a 15-3 overall record heading into Friday's matchup with the Sooners and are 0-1 in the Big 12. Mizzou was handed its first loss in the conference last week by Nebraska, who edged the Tigers 16-15 in Columbia, Mo. Missouri is 12-2 this season away from home, with its most impressive victory on Jan. 25 over then-No. 2 Cornell, winning 18-14.

MU is coached by Brian Smith, who is in his 11th season at the helm. The 1990 Michigan State graduate has compiled a 134-63-2 record at Missouri and has led his team to seven consecutive winning seasons (dating back to 2001-02 season). Inheriting a struggling program, Smith is now first in MU history in winning percentage and has built the program into a national contender. Last season he sent a record eight wrestlers to the NCAA Championships.

The Tigers and Sooners have competed against five common opponents this season in Old Dominion, Maryland, Cal-Fullerton, Cal-Bakersfield and Cal Poly. Both OU and MU went 5-0 against the foes. Oklahoma outscored them by a 28-9 margin and the Tigers bested the same opponents by a 30-9 margin.

THE MATCHUPS		1	2	3	OT/FINAL
125	TROY DOLAN (NCST) vs. NO. 7 JOEY FIO (OU)				
	TODD SHAVRIEN -or- TAYLOR CRANE (NCST) vs. BRIAN SHELTON (OU)				
141	NO. 10 MARCUS HOEHN (NCST) vs. SETH VERNON (OU)				
149	ANDREW SHERRY (MU) vs. NO. 8 KYLE TERRY (OU)				
157	NO. 8 MICHAEL CHANDLER (MU) vs. CHAD TERRY -or- WILL ROWE (OU)				
165	NO. 5 NICHOLAS MARABLE (MU) vs. NO. 15 SHANE VERNON -or- RYAN SMITH (OU)				
174	DORIAN HENDERSON (MU) vs. NO. 7 JEFF JAMES (OU)				
184	NO. 5 RAYMOND JORDAN (MU) vs. NO. 19 PAT FLYNN (OU)				
197	NO. 4 MAX ASKREN (MU) vs. NO. 11 ERIC LAPOTSKY (OU)				
HWT.	DOMINIQUE BRADLEY -or- NO. 1 MARK ELLIS (MU) vs. NO. 16 NATHAN FERNANDEZ (OU)				

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.

CONFERENCE RANKINGS

SCHOOL	INTERMAT
Iowa State	No. 2
Nebraska	No. 4
Missouri	No. 5
Oklahoma	No. 14
Oklahoma State.....	No. 15

OKLAHOMA INDIVIDUAL RANKINGS

	InterMat	WIN
Joey Fio	7	8
Kyle Terry.....	8	11
Shane Vernon	15	17
Jeff James	7	9
Pat Flynn	19	16
Eric Lapotsky	11	10
Nathan Fernandez.....	16	13

MIZZOU INDIVIDUAL RANKINGS

	InterMat	WIN
Todd Schavrien	-	19
Marcus Hoehn	18	10
Michael Chandler	8	8
Nick Marable	5	7
Raymond Jordan	5	4
Dorian Henderson	-	18
Max Askren	4	4
Mark Ellis.....	1	2

WRESTLERS HONORED BY BIG 12

Oklahoma's Joey Fio and Nathan Fernandez have both been honored this season as Big 12 Wrestlers of the Week after impressive wins to begin the season.

Fernandez was awarded on Dec. 15 after a dominant performance at the Big 12/Pac-10 Challenge in San Luis Obispo, Calif. The Lawton, Okla., native recorded a three-match sweep at the California tournament, pinning two of three opponents, including No. 4-ranked Mitch Monteiro of Cal-Bakersfield early in the second period (3:19). The redshirt sophomore also recorded a fall versus Kelan Bragg (6:55) of Cal Poly and won by a 14-6 major decision over Kurt Klimek of Cal-Fullerton.

The Big 12 selected Fio on Jan. 19, after helping guide the then-11th-ranked Sooners to two victories over Maryland (22-15) and Arizona State (36-7). Highlighting his two victories was a pin over eighth-ranked and 2008 NCAA qualifier Anthony Robles of Arizona State. The sophomore needed only the first period to record the fall, posting his second this season with a time of 2:08.

STOUT 2008 RECRUITING CLASS

Oklahoma wrestling head coach Jack Spates signed five top-70 recruits in the early signing period to wrap up one of the most impressive recruiting classes at OU in recent years. Additionally, the Sooners will welcome a talented Kansas senior and a transfer from Old Dominion in January.

Headlining the class is Jake Kemerer from Hempfield Area, Pa., ranked No. 16 overall according to InterMat and rated No. 4 in the 171-pound class by Amateur Wrestling News. Also inked for next season is Alex Ekstrom from Palmyra-Macedonia, N.Y., ranked No. 31 overall and rated the third-best among 140-pounders.

Joining them are the Lester twins, Matt and Nick, ranked No. 33 and No. 38 overall, respectively. The two hail from Eureka, Mo., and each own Missouri state titles. Matt is ranked No. 2 overall among 152-pounders and is Nick No. 5 at 140 pounds.

Jarrod Patterson from Cushing, Okla., is a three-time Oklahoma state champion entering his senior year and ranked No. 6 in the 125 pound weight class nationally.

Kyle Detmer rounds out the group of seniors, garnering a 135-5 record in high school, including posting pins in 31 of 35 matches for Bishop Caroll High School in Wichita Kan., last season.

Derek Peperas, a transfer from Old Dominion, joined the Sooner program in January. The redshirt freshman is immediately eligible for OU upon arrival and will provide depth at 165 pounds. Winner of two New Mexico state championships, Peperas also was a two-time state runner-up.

OU TAKEDOWN LEADERS IN DUALS

WRESTLER (WEIGHT)	TAKEDOWNS
Kyle Terry (149)	52
Jeff James (175)	43
Nathan Fernandez (HWT)	47
Joey Fio (125)	26
Pat Flynn (184)	25

OU INDIVIDUAL FALL LEADERS

WRESTLER (WEIGHT)	FALLS
Eric Lapotsky (197)	10
Pat Flynn (184)	8
Kyle Terry (149)	6
Ryan Smith (165)	5
Nathan Fernandez	5

KNOW THE SCORING SYSTEM?

INDIVIDUAL SCORING

Takedown	2 Points
Escape	1 Point
Reversal	2 Points
Near Fall	2, 3 or 4 Points
Riding Time	1 Point
First Offense	Warning
Second Offense	1 Point
Third Offense	1 Point
Fourth Offense	2 Points
Fifth Offense	Disqualification

TEAM SCORING

Fall	6 Points
Default, DQ or Forfeit	6 Points
Technical Fall (no nearfall)	4 Points
Major Decision	4 Points
Decision	3 Points

FORMER SOONER CHAMPION JOINS STAFF

Former Sooner wrestler Michael Lightner joined the staff this season as the volunteer assistant coach. The Marlow, Okla., native claimed the national title in 2001 and was crowned Big 12 champion four times at 141 pounds.

Lightner can be found in various OU records, including second in career wins with a 144-16 record. His 37-0 record during his senior campaign led him to the national title and he became the 13th Sooner in school history to go undefeated in a season.

◀ **MICHAEL LIGHTNER**



THE OKLAHOMA PROGRAM

Dating back to the 1920's, Oklahoma's overall record stands at 821-334-29 (.705). OU had its most successful decade in the 1950's with a 69-10-6 record.

The Sooners own seven national championships (1936, 1951, 1952, 1957, 1960, 1963 and 1974) and have produced 256 All-Americans and 65 individual national champions.

The OU program has recorded 23 conference championships, with the most recent in 2002.

SOONERS STREAKING

Three Sooners own impressive win streaks heading into this weekend's matches, led by Kyle Terry at 149 pounds. The Midwest City, Okla., native is a winner of 19 straight, dating back to Nov. 13. In that span, he has recorded five falls and recorded a win over No. 3 Darrion Caldwell of North Carolina State.

Jeff James, ranked No. 7 nationally at 174 pounds, has been victorious in his last 18 matches dating back to Nov. 8, the first tournament of the season. Included in those wins are four major decisions and two technical falls. The El Reno, Okla., native's top victory during the streak came against No. 8 Duke Burk of Iowa State.

Lastly, Joey Fio is a winner of 10 straight, dating back to Dec. 13. The Sandpoint, Idaho, native owns a team-high two victories over top 10 opponents during that winning span. Fio defeated then-No. 8 Anthony Robles of Arizona State and then-No. 6 Tyler Shinn of Iowa State, back-to-back.

YOU CAN'T MISS SUNDAY!

The Sooners return to the Howard McCasland Field House this Sunday, Feb. 8, at 2 p.m., when they host the No. 4-ranked Nebraska Cornhuskers.

The Sooner squad hopes fans will attend the Big 12 battle to also help honor two wrestlers on "Senior Night." Will Rowe and David Armstrong will be honored, as well as many other special events.

Legendary Sooner wrestler Danny Hodge will be on hand to sign his newly released book, *The Oklahoma Shooter: The Dan Hodge Story*. Do not miss your chance to meet, get an autograph and take pictures with this historic figure in the history of wrestling.

The Oklahoma wrestling team and coaches will also be on hand at the conclusion of the match to sign autographs and take pictures with Sooner fans.

OPPONENT CONNECTIONS

Oklahoma assistant coach Jeremy Spates will face his alma-mater Friday evening against Missouri.

Spates attended the University of Missouri from 1999-04 and graduated with a bachelor's in business. Now in his fifth season as an assistant at OU, Spates was an All-American for the Tigers his senior year in 2004.

Mizzou head coach Brian Smith also has a connection with Oklahoma. He was an assistant for a brief time under current OU head coach Jack Spates at Cornell.

INTELLIGENT SOONERS

Eighteen wrestlers were recently named to the Big 12 Commissioner's Honor Roll. To be named to the list, a student-athlete must record a 3.0 GPA or better the previous semester. Headlining the grappler group are Nathan Fernandez and Josh Hinton, who each scored a perfect 4.0 in the fall of 2008.

WRESTLERPLANNED MAJOR

- Marcus Armato..... Undecided
- Zack Bailey..... Human Relations
- Nathan Fernandez*..... Human Relations
- Pat Flynn..... Entrep/Venture Management
- Josh Hinton*..... Human Relations
- Richard Immel..... Zoology
- Jeff James..... Pre-HSS
- Blake Mangum..... Undecided
- Kayton Marshall..... Undecided
- Steve Nijoka..... Chemical Engineering
- Henry Roman..... Chemistry/Pre-Med
- Will Rowe..... Communication
- Brian Shelton..... International Business
- Austin Spires..... Geology
- Chad Terry..... Economics
- Kyle Terry..... Health and Exercise Science
- Seth Vernon..... Religious Studies
- Shane Vernon..... Multidisciplinary Studies

*Denotes 4.0 GPA in fall 2008

LAST TIME OKLAHOMA...

- Won two Big 12 matches in a season2002
- Defeated Missouri2005
- Won in Norman vs. NC State (1/30/09)
- Lost in Norman..... vs. Iowa State (2/1/08)
- Defeated a ranked opponent..... vs. OSU (12/9/08)
- Scored 20+ Points..... vs. Maryland (1/16/09)
- Scored 30+ Points..... vs. NC State (1/30/09)
- Scored 40+ Points..... vs. Appalachian State (1/3/09)
- Scored 50+ Points..... vs. Neosho CC (11/04/07)
- Allowed 20-29 Pointsat Iowa State (1/23/09)
- Allowed 30-39 Points vs. Iowa State (1/25/08)
- Allowed 40-49 Points vs. Oklahoma State (1992)
- Allowed 50+ Points Never
- Won a Big 12 Championship2002
- Had a 16-1 record through 17 matches Never

OU VERSUS MU...

- Most points scored vs. Mizzou 43 (1986)
- Most points allowed vs. Mizzou 25 (2003)
- Longest win streak vs Mizzou..... 15 (Twice)
- Longest losing streak vs. Mizzou..... 3 (2006-Current)
- Total Oklahoma Big 12 titles.....23
- Total Missouri Big 12 titles0
- Total Oklahoma ranked wrestlers7
- Total Mizzou ranked wrestlers6



JACK SPATES

HEAD COACH | 16TH SEASON

SPATES QUICKLY

Birth date: July 20, 1952
 Hometown: Smithtown, N.Y.
 High School: Smithtown HS
 College: Slippery Rock & Baptist Bible Seminary

Family: wife, Barby
 sons, Jeremy (29) and Justin (27)
 daughters, Jessica (34) and Jenilyn (25)

COACHING HISTORY

1993-Present head coach, Oklahoma
 1988-1993 head coach, Cornell

WRESTLING EXPERIENCE

1973-77 Slippery Rock
 four-time conference champion
 1973 NCAA National Champion
 1974 NCAA Runner-up

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

2006 National Coach of the Year
 2002 Big 12 Coach of the Year
 1999 and 2006 Co-Big 12 Coach of the Year
 1999 New York State Wrestling Hall of Fame
 1999 Western Pennsylvania Wrestling Hall of Fame
 1993 New York State Coach of the Year
 1992 Eastern Inter. Wrestling Assoc. Coach of the Year

Jack Spates enters his 16th season as the leader of one of the elite wrestling powerhouses in the nation.

Spates has been recognized with numerous coaching awards including three Big 12 Coach of the Year awards and 2006 National Coach of the Year. He has coached two Big 12 conference team titles, 49 All-Americans and six national champions.

He has also led 25 Oklahoma wrestlers to individual Big 12 titles. Most impressively, Coach Spates and the Sooners have accepted six team trophies at the NCAA Tournament in the past nine seasons.

When Spates became the University of Oklahoma's 12th head wrestling coach in 1993, he inherited a proud, but struggling program. OU's average finish at the NCAA Championships was 23rd in the three years prior to Spates' arrival.

His Sooner teams have placed in the nation's top four in six of the past nine seasons, including third-place finishes in 2002, 2003, 2005 and 2006.

Spates' teams have also won the Big 12 Championship two of the last ten years. Their 1999 title was the Sooners' first in more than a decade (1985). They also were crowned champions in 2002. Both years, Spates was honored as the Big 12 Coach of the Year.

During his tenure as Sooner head coach, Spates has developed 22 All-America wrestlers who have earned the prestigious honor a total of 49 times.

Spates' dedication to education is still evident today as his program regularly produces Academic All-Big 12 and Academic All-America selections including Sam Hazewinkel, who was named to the 2007 ESPN The Magazine Academic All-America men's at-large first team.

The most important role of Spates' life is that of father. He is the proud father of four children: Jessica, Jeremy, Justin and Jenilyn. Jeremy is a current assistant on the Sooner staff.

Jack Spates and his wife, Barby, are proud to call Norman their home.



OU'S ALL-TIME WINNINGEST COACHES

Head coach Jack Spates is among the all-time leaders in career wins and winning percentage by OU coaches. The two-time Big 12 Coach of the Year ranks second in career wins and fourth in winning percentage.

COACH	YEARS COACHED	RECORD
1. Stan Abel	(1973-93)	279-123-8
2. Jack Spates	(1993-Present)	213-89-11
3. Tommy Evans	(1960-61, 1963-72)	140-40-2
4. Port Robertson	(1947-59, 1962)	88-27-7
5. Paul V. Keen	(1928-39)	51-34-3

CAREER WINNING PERCENTAGES

1. Tommy Evans	(1960-61, 1963-72)	.775
2. Port Robertson	(1947-59, 1962)	.750
3. Jack Spates	(1993-Present)	.697
4. Stan Abel	(1973-93)	.690
5. James Tolbert	(1924)	.600

SPATES' CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ National Coach of the Year, 2006
- ▶ Big 12 Coach of the Year, 2002
- ▶ Co-Big 12 Coach of the Year, 1999, 2006
- ▶ New York State Wrestling Hall of Fame, 1999
- ▶ Western Pennsylvania Wrestling Hall of Fame, 1999
- ▶ New York State Coach of the Year, 1993
- ▶ Coach of the Year by the Eastern Intercollegiate Wrestling Association, 1992

SPATES AT OKLAHOMA

49	ALL-AMERICANS
25	INDIVIDUAL CONFERENCE CHAMPIONS
6	INDIVIDUAL NATIONAL CHAMPIONS
2	TEAM CONFERENCE TITLES

SPATES' YEAR-BY-YEAR RECORD AT OU

Year	Overall			Conf.			NCAA
	W	L	T	W	L	T	
1993-94	5	5	0	1	4	0	Eighth
1994-95	7	7	2	1	3	1	Seventh
1995-96	15	4	0	4	1	0	17th
1996-97	11	8	1	1	4	0	Seventh
1997-98	16	5	0	3	3	0	15th
1998-99	18	5	1	2	4	1	Sixth
1999-00	17	4	1	3	3	1	Fourth
2000-01	18	5	1	2	4	0	Fourth
2001-02	19	5	0	4	2	0	Third
2002-03	11	7	2	2	5	0	Third
2003-04	14	8	0	0	6	0	Ninth
2004-05	11	7	2	1	4	0	Third
2005-06	11	6	1	1	4	0	Third
2006-07	11	7	0	0	5	0	22nd
2007-08	14	5	0	1	4	0	39th
2008-09	15	1	0	0	0	0	
Total	213	89	11				

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.