



2016-17 SCHEDULE

NOVEMBER

Nov. 5	at Monarch Invitational	3rd Place; 2 Champions
	(Wilkes-Barre, PA - King's College)	
Nov. 12	at NY/PA Duals	
	NYU	Loss 14-22
	Hunter	Win 42-6
	Nassau CC	Win 40-6
	College of Mount Saint Vincent	Win 44-6
Nov. 19	at Muhlenberg Quad	
	Southern Virginia	Win 52-6
	Temple Wrestling Club	Win 41-12
	Muhlenberg	Win 32-12
11/27	at Grapple in the Garden	
	Merchant Marine	Win 32-15
	Stevens (@Madison Square Garden)	Loss 12-25

DECEMBER

Dec. 2 - Dec. 3	at Messiah Petrofes	3rd Place; 1 Champion
	(Grantham, PA - Messiah College)	
Dec. 22	Wilkes Open	No Team Score

JANUARY

Jan. 7	Shippensburg	Win 24-21
	Camden County	Win 24-21
	Delaware Valley	Win 25-13
	Cortland	Loss 6-31
Jan. 10	at Centenary	Loss 12-31
Jan. 14	at Will Able Tournament	2 Champions
Jan. 21	at Middle Atlantic Conference Championships	2nd Place
	(Grantham, PA - Messiah College)	
Jan. 28	Wilkes Quad	
	Oneonta	Win 22-18
	Keystone College	Win 55-0
	Washington & Jefferson	Win 42-8

FEBRUARY

Feb. 3	TCNJ	Win 27-16
Feb. 5	John Reese Duals	
	Scranton	Win 26-12
	RIT	Win 26-22
	West Virginia Tech	Win 34-9
Feb. 10	at Ithaca	Loss 12-34
Feb. 14	at Elizabethtown	7:00 p.m.
Feb. 16	at King's	7:00 p.m.
Feb. 25-26	at Mideast Regional	10:00 a.m.

MARCH

Mar. 10-11	at NCAA Championships	TBA
	(La Crosse, WI - La Crosse Center)	

No. 24 Wilkes (17-5) vs. Elizabethtown (2-12)



Tuesday, February 14

Start Time: 7:00 p.m.

Elizabethtown, Pa. • Thompson Gymnasium

Colonels Notebook

- Wilkes travels to Elizabethtown for a dual match scheduled for 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday night. Wilkes posted a 21-17 victory over the Blue Jays last season at the Marts Center.
- Wilkes bested TCNJ on senior night 27-16 before falling to No. 4 Ithaca 34-12 snapping a seven-match winning streak.
- The Colonels have went a perfect 6-0 in home quads posting wins over Oneonta (22-18), Keystone (55-0), W&J (42-8), Scranton (26-12), RIT (26-22) and West Virginia Tech (34-9).
- Wilkes finished second overall at the MAC Championships with eight Colonels earning medals including one champion.
- Wilkes went 3-1 at the North South Duals including wins over Shippensburg (24-21), Camden County (24-21) and MAC rival Delaware Valley (25-13).
- The Colonels took home third place at the Messiah Petrofes behind Matthew Grossmann's title at 141-pounds. Nine different Wilkes wrestlers finished in the top-seven at the event.
- Wilkes made its second consecutive appearance in the Grapple at the Garden event going 1-1 with a 32-15 win over Merchant Marine.
- The Colonels pushed their win streak earlier in the year to six matches going 3-0 at the Muhlenberg Quad. Wilkes recorded wins over Southern Virginia (52-6), Temple Wrestling Club (41-12) and Muhlenberg (32-12).
- Wilkes finished 3-1 at the NY/PA Duals with wins against Hunter College (42-6), Nassau CC (40-6) and College of Mount Saint Vincent (44-6).
- Wilkes finished in third place at the Monarch Invitational as two Colonels earned individual championships. Jessie Lopez won the 141-pound title going 5-0 while Josh Evans finished 5-0 with a title at 149-pounds. In total, six Colonels claimed top-six finishes.
- Wilkes features two ranked wrestlers in the latest NWCA individual rankings. Guesseppe Rea is ranked second at 125-pounds while Grossmann is tabbed second at 141-pounds.
- Sixteen Colonels have totaled 10 or more wins this season including seven wrestlers with 15 or more victories.

Wilkes University Colonels

Weight	Name	Rcd.
125	#2 Guesseppe Rea	24-4
133	Pankil Chander	24-7
141	#2 Matthew Grossmann	24-1
149	Kyle Medrow/Cory Fleming	33-11/14-10
157	Nicholas Racanelli	28-7
165	Michael Paskas	18-13
174	Justin Morel	11-20
184	Jacob Brook/Nasser McCummings	4-11/7-14
197	Jordan Nochimson	9-14
285	Alexis Santana-Quintana/John Austin	2-11/1-1

Head Coach Jon Laudenslager

Jon Laudenslager will begin his 14th season at the helm of the Wilkes University wrestling program in the 2016-17 season. During his thirteen years as head coach, Laudenslager has led Wilkes to a dual match record of 202-83-5 (.710), including twelve winning seasons, and has posted at least 13 wins ten times. Prior to appointment as head coach for the 2003-04 season, Laudenslager served as an assistant coach for the Colonels for three years.

Laudenslager coached his first-ever NCAA Division III National Champion in freshman Matthew Grossmann (133) in 2014-15. Grossmann became the Colonels 11th champion and the first Wilkes wrestler to capture a national title since 1975, earning several Freshman of the Year honors in the process.

Under Laudenslager's guidance, the Colonels have become a consistent force in Division III, ranking as high as 5th nationally during the 2013-14 season. Wilkes finished 18-3 capturing the program's first-ever East Regional championship while sending six wrestlers to NCAA's including All-American Mark Hartenstine (4th/149).

In 2012-13, the Colonels set a school record with 19-straight dual match wins breaking the previous mark of 18 set in 1979-80. Wilkes finished 19-3 sending four wrestlers to NCAA's including its second straight National Runner-Up Kris Krawchuk.

With six Metropolitan Conference place-winners, including two-time conference champion and National Runner-Up (two-time All-American) Anthony Dattolo, Laudenslager led Wilkes to a 19-4 record in 2011-12, the fifth straight year with at least 15 victories.

Climbing as high as 15th nationally during the 2009-10 season, the Colonels finished the year with a school record 22 wins and a second place Metropolitan Conference finish. Wilkes boasted seven place-winners, with Frank Heffernan and Zach Pizarro taking home individual titles, while Pizarro earned All-American status.

On January 30 of that season, Laudenslager earned his 100th career dual victory, the second to ever achieve the feat at Wilkes after legendary coach John Reese (514 career wins).

In 2008-09, Laudenslager guided the Colonels to a 17-6-2 record, winning the Metropolitan team championship. The Colonels placed seven wrestlers into the conference tournament finals, with 133 Josh Pauling, 149 Erik Smith and 197 Zach Pizarro claiming titles. The Colonels ranked as high as 12th in the NWCA polls that season, and qualified five wrestlers to the national tournament in Iowa.

In the summer of 2010, Laudenslager was selected by the NWCA as a mentor for the 2010 Leadership Academy. He also served on the Division III NCAA Committee from 2006-2010.

Laudenslager is a former standout wrestler for the Colonels, earning four varsity letters from 1994 to 1998 while wrestling at the Division I level. He broke onto the scene as a rookie when he fashioned an overall record of 24-7 while wrestling at both 126 and 134 pounds. Laudenslager finished fifth at the EIWA Championships and earned EIWA Rookie of the Year honors. His performance helped Wilkes fashion a dual match record of 14-10-1 and cop a tenth place finish at the EIWA Championships. He also ended his freshman season with a team-leading nine wins by fall.

As a junior Laudenslager concluded the season with an overall record of 17-10 at 134 pounds. He posted six wins by fall and came close to knocking off EIWA champion Carl Keske from Cornell University, dropping a hard-fought 11-9 decision. He also earned a second-place finish at the West Point Open, while claiming the team's Shawn Galbreath Academic Coaches Award.

A graduate of Wilkes with a degree in Psychology, Laudenslager is only the seventh head coach in the long and storied history of the Colonels wrestling program.

2016-17 Wilkes University Roster

<u>Wrestler</u>	<u>Yr.</u>	<u>Wt.</u>	<u>Hometown / High School</u>
Denzel Tovar	Fr.	125	Wall, NJ / Wall
Spencer Reed	Fr.	125	Leesburg, VA / Tuscarora
Guesseppe Rea	Sr.	125	Stroudsburg, PA / Stroudsburg
Bryce Bernardine	Fr.	133	Jericho, VT / Mt. Mansfield Union
Richard Gilson	So.	133	Thompstontown, PA / Juniata
Cory Fleming	Sr.	133	Long Valley, NJ / West Morris
Pankil Chander	Sr.	133	Cedarhurst, NY / Lawrence
Edwin Fiscal	Sr.	133	Bogota, NJ / Bogota
Kyle Medrow	Fr.	141	West Chester, PA / West Chester Henderson
Nicholas Moullette	Fr.	141	Pompton Lakes, NJ / Pompton Lakes
Jake DiMarsico	Jr.	141	Thiells, NY / North Rockland
Matthew Grossman	Jr.	141	Lancaster, PA / Manheim Twp.
Jessie Lopez	So.	141	Everett, WA / Everett
Morgan Fuller	Jr.	149	Hamlin, PA / Western Wayne
Josh Evans	Jr.	149	Palmerton, PA / Palmerton
Cole Walters	So.	157	Mifflintown, PA / Juniata
Michael Brown	Fr.	157	Plains, PA / Coughlin
John Ritter	So.	157	Bethlehem, PA / Liberty
Ashton Gyenizs	So.	157	Wolcott, CT / Daniel Hand
Nicholas Raccanelli	Jr.	157	West Creek, NJ / Southern
Justin Morel	Fr.	165	Corona, NY / Mt. St. Michael Academy
Brett McGill	Fr.	165	Collegeville, PA / Spring-Ford
Sean Kshir	Fr.	165	Mansfield, PA / Mansfield
Matthew Judge	So.	165	Eynon, PA / Valley View
Michael Paskas	Gr.	165	Rutherford, NJ / Rutherford
Tyler Green	Fr.	174	Schuylerville, NY / Schuylerville
Ricky Fornaciari	Fr.	174	Easton, PA / Nazareth
Alexis Santana-Quintana	Fr.	184	San Jose, CA / Prospect
Nasser McCummings	Fr.	184	Stafford, VA / North Stafford
Tanner Kelly	Fr.	184	Jackson, NJ / Jackson
Jacob Brook	Sr.	184	Layton, NJ / Kittatiny
Zachary Faust	So.	197	Wilkes-Barre, PA / GAR
Jordan Nochimson	Sr.	197	Nutley, NJ / Nutley
Dane Tarantelli	Fr.	285	Ashland, PA / North Schuylkill
Jacob Huling	So.	285	Jersey Shore, PA / Jersey Shore
John Austin	Jr.	285	Glenmoore, PA / Downingtown West

National Wrestling Coaches Association Division III

Team Ranking #7

February 8, 2017

<u>Ranking</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>Record</u>	<u>Prev Rank</u>
1.	Wartburg College (IA)	(19 - 0)	1
2.	Augsburg College (MN)	(10 - 2)	2
3.	Johnson & Wales University (RI)	(21 - 1)	3
4.	Ithaca College (NY)	(10 - 2)	4
5.	University of Wisconsin – La Crosse	(9 - 0)	5
6.	Stevens Institute of Technology (NJ)	(22 - 0)	6
7.	Roger Williams University (RI)	(18 - 1)	7
8.	Messiah College (PA)	(15 - 3)	8
9.	Baldwin Wallace College (OH)	(21 - 3)	9
10.	University of Wisconsin – Whitewater	(10 - 7)	10
11.	Olivet College (MI)	(11 - 7)	12
12.	Ferrum College (VA)	(12 - 6)	13
13.	New York University	(15 - 4)	14
14.	US Coast Guard Academy (CT)	(10 - 5)	16
15.	SUNY Cortland (NY)	(13 - 6)	17
16.	Loras College (IA)	(12 - 6)	21
17.	Cornell College (IA)	(8 - 6)	11
18.	York College (PA)	(13 - 4)	18
19.	Centenary College (NJ)	(9 - 2)	19
20.	Central College (IA)	(9 - 2)	22
21.	Coe College (IA)	(10 - 8)	23
22.	Wabash College (IN)	(7 - 2)	24
23.	SUNY Brockport (NY)	(5 - 1)	15
24.	Wilkes University (PA)	(17 - 4)	NR
25.	Concordia College – Moorhead (MN)	(9 - 7)	NR

Ranking Committee: Kevin Bratland (US Coast Guard Academy), Mike Howard (Oswego State), Corey Luce (New York University), Jon Laudenslager (Wilkes University), Eric Keller (Wartburg College), Phil Moenkedick (Concordia College - Moorhead), Joe Norton (North Central College)

Next Ranking: Wednesday, February 22, 2017

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1. Lucas Malmberg – *Messiah College* (sr)
2. Guesseppe Rea – *Wilkes University* (sr)
3. CJ Pestano – *Central College* (jr)
4. Victor Gliva – *Augsburg College* (fr)
5. Arnulfo Olea – *Wartburg College* (sr)
6. Carlos Fuentez – *Wheaton College* (jr)
7. Zac Denny – *UW Whitewater* (sr)
8. Jan Rosenberg – *Coe College* (sr)
9. Bobby Jordan – *Johnson & Wales University* (jr)
10. Jonathan Haas – *SUNY Brockport* (jr)

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1. Dustin Weinmann – *UW La Crosse* (sr)
2. Matt Grossmann – *Wilkes University* (jr)
3. Cross Cannone – *Wartburg College* (so)
4. Alec Cotton – *University of Mount Union* (jr)
5. David Flynn – *Augsburg College* (fr)
6. Josh Martin – *Cornell College* (jr)
7. Chase Wilson – *Manchester University* (jr)
8. Layten Binion – *North Central College* (sr)
9. Tim Ambacher – *Delaware Valley University* (jr)
10. Alvontae Drummond – *McDaniel College* (sr)

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1. Bobby Dierna – *SUNY Cortland* (sr)
2. Zach Joseph – *Springfield College* (sr)
3. Logan Thomsen – *Wartburg College* (jr)
4. Nick Bova – *Wabash College* (sr)
5. Christopher Sullivan – *US Coast Guard Academy* (jr)
6. Cole Sladek – *Concordia College – Moorhead* (jr)
7. Derek Arnold – *Ursinus College* (sr)
8. Thomas Poklikuha – *Stevens Institute of Technology* (so)
9. Logan Meister – *Ferrum College* (sr)
10. Alec Donovan – *Centenary College* (so)

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1. Ben Swarr – *Messiah College* (jr)
2. Eric Devos – *Wartburg College* (jr)
3. Richard Carlson – *UW La Crosse* (sr)
4. Sonnieboy Blanco – *Washington & Jefferson College* (sr)
5. Benjamin Schweiger – *Delaware Valley University* (sr)
6. Jon Goetz – *UW Platteville* (so)
7. John Messinger – *New York University* (sr)
8. Mason Mergener – *Concordia University – Wisconsin* (sr)
9. Logan Walkup – *Wheaton College* (sr)
10. Jake Voss – *Coe College* (so)

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1. Riley Lefever – *Wabash College* (sr)
2. Kyle Fank – *Wartburg College* (jr)
3. Devon Carrillo – *Wesleyan University* (sr)
4. Carlos Toribio – *Ithaca College* (sr)
5. AJ Kowal – *Stevens Institute of Technology* (jr)
6. Khamri Thomas – *Johnson & Wales University* (so)
7. Triston Engle – *SUNY Brockport* (so)
8. Kyle Koser – *Messiah College* (jr)
9. Mason Baumgartner – *Concordia – Wisconsin* (sr)
10. Guy Patron – *Loras College* (fr)

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1. Troy Stanich – *Stevens Institute of Technology* (fr)
2. Nathan Pike – *New York University* (sr)
3. Ryan Flynn – *York College* (sr)
4. Jay Albis – *Johnson & Wales University* (so)
5. Chris Williams – *Millikin University* (so)
6. Robert Cunningham – *Ferrum College* (sr)
7. Zach Bylykbashi – *Washington & Lee University* (so)
8. Ryan Weinmann – *UW La Crosse* (sr)
9. Jared Braun – *Elmhurst College* (jr)
10. Joe Broadman – *UW Whitewater* (sr)

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1. Kenny Martin – *Wartburg College* (sr)
2. Seth Lansberry – *Lycoming College* (sr)
3. Sam Schneider – *Ithaca College* (fr)
4. Daniel Del Gallo – *University of Southern Maine* (sr)
5. Sean Peacock – *SUNY Brockport* (jr)
6. Austin Kelly – *Olivet College* (sr)
7. Mason Geary – *UW La Crosse* (sr)
8. Ryan Epps – *Augsburg College* (fr)
9. Zach Wilhelm – *Stevens Institute of Technology* (jr)
10. Collin Saunders – *Ferrum College* (so)

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1. Logan Hermesen – *UW Stevens Point* (sr)
2. Ryan Vandall – *Central College* (sr)
3. Andrew Steiert – *Wartburg College* (sr)
4. Nick Velez – *Ithaca College* (jr)
5. Larry Cannon – *Messiah College* (sr)
6. Nolan Barger – *Lycoming College* (sr)
7. Stephen Jarrell – *Johnson & Wales University* (sr)
8. Connor Brummett – *Wabash College* (sr)
9. Nick Herring – *The College of New Jersey* (sr)
10. Troy Seymour – *Oswego State* (so)

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1. Owen Webster – *Augsburg College* (fr)
2. Christopher Chorzepa – *Williams College* (sr)
3. Jordan Newman – *UW Whitewater* (jr)
4. Jordan Bushey – *Oswego State* (fr)
5. Bryan Levsen – *Wartburg College* (sr)
6. Justin Kreiter – *Luther College* (sr)
7. Dillen Decker – *Heidelberg University* (so)
8. Grant Wedepohl – *UW Platteville* (so)
9. Alex Friedman – *UW La Crosse* (sr)
10. Jared Fekete – *Wheaton College* (sr)

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1. Zach Roseberry – *Delaware Valley University* (sr)
2. Lance Evans – *Wartburg College* (jr)
3. Donny Logendyke – *Augsburg College* (sr)
4. James Bethel – *Oneonta State* (so)
5. Kyle Foster – *Roger Williams University* (sr)
6. Adarios Jones – *Augustana College* (so)
7. Justice Davis – *Concordia College – Moorhead* (sr)
8. Paul Triandafilou – *Gettysburg College* (so)
9. Austin Bellile – *Milwaukee School of Engineering* (jr)
10. Matan Peleg – *Ursinus College* (sr)