



# DUKE WRESTLING NEWSLETTER SEPTEMBER 2013



## PROGRAM HEADLINE NEWS

- Facility Renovation
- Jake Patacsil joins staff
- Blue Blood Wrestling Club (BBWC)

## COACHES CORNER

We are very excited about the freshmen we have added to our roster. I feel like from top to bottom this is one of the better classes Duke Wrestling has recruited in a while. We are going to need all of that talent to compete with the type of schedule we have put together this year. Just a quick look at our schedule and you can see we will be wrestling some of the nation's best. We have duals against the likes of Big Ohio State, Purdue, Indiana and Northwestern out of the Big 10 in addition to Stanford out of the Pac 12 and our traditional ACC opponents. I believe our wrestlers will be more than battle tested when ACCs and NAAs roll around. It is my hope to see our entire Duke wrestling fan base at all seven of our home matches this year. Thanks again for your support of "Your" Duke Blue Devil Wrestling Team.



## FACILITIES!!!

The program has exciting and long anticipated news to release in the near future. The dedication to this program gets stronger and stronger every day and we couldn't be more excited to be part of this change. Special thanks to the benefactors of Duke wrestling for the generous support they have provided to make the continued growth of the program possible.



## JAKE PATACSIL

A 2009 Purdue graduate and All- American, Jake also was awarded the Big Ten Medal of Honor award for his academics success, athletic performance, and community services during his time at Purdue.

He worked as an assistant coach at The College of Notre Dame where he coached several Division II All-Americans and played an integral role in the team title and runner-up finishes the past two seasons

with the Falcons.

Jake will play a major role in the development of light to middle weight classes and making major coaching contributions with his forte of top wrestling.

## BBWC

This was the first year, sanctioned under NUWAY - America's Premier Wrestling Association - that Duke will have a wrestling club. The BBWC will help the Duke wrestling program create opportunities to grow with the changing times of collegiate athletics by adding another facet to the program.

The training camp provides opportunities and another avenue to reach marquee prospects, build community relations through the sport and attract members of the Duke student body to the Duke wrestling program through club opportunities.

Jake Patacsil will spearhead the efforts to grow the BBWC beyond the immediate impacts it has already provided.

## 2013-14 SCHEDULE

### Highlights of the Schedule

- Seven home dual meets
- Four Big Ten opponents
- Pittsburgh joins the ACC



This year's strength of schedule has increased from last season which was a substantial increase from previous years. In the current format for NCAA tournament selection it has become more important than ever to give the Duke wrestlers the best opportunity to qualify for the NCAA tournament. Therefore, the right regular season schedule will better allow the opportunity to meet competition during the regular season that will be most productive. Check out the schedule [HERE](#)



## HIGHLIGHTED RULE CHANGES TO NOTE 2013-14 SEASON

In an effort to inform the Duke wrestling supporters and spectators, you may view the video breakdown of rule changes on the Duke wrestling Facebook page by clicking [HERE](#).

1. A takedown will be awarded immediately when both legs are secured.
2. Neck bow now classified as a potentially dangerous move.
3. When gaining control from neutral position and the opponent's hand touches the mat, the takedown is awarded. Reaction time is irrelevant.
4. Back points and pins will now be called on the bottom wrestler when the shoulders are out of bounds.

## TEAM AND INDIVIDUAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Please visit GoDuke.com and get a closer look inside the wrestling program by visiting the Duke Wrestling Facebook page.

- Team Academics
- Academic All Americans
- Marcus Cain (Worldskills)
- True freshmen vying for varsity time

## TEAM GPA

The 2012-13 squad finished 9th nationally in academic performance among Division I wrestling teams this past season. The NWCA recognizes the efforts and emphasizes the important role academics plays in our sport's future success by conducting the All-Academic Team Award. Duke finished with an outstanding 3.36 second semester GPA.



## ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICANS (PAST TO PRESENT)

2004	Levi Craig
2005	Levi Craig, Steven Smith
2007	Aaron Glover, Daniel Shvartsman
2008	Addison Nuding, Kellan McKeon, Michael Degli Obizzi, John Barone
2009	Addison Nuding, John Barone
2010	John Barone, Peter Terrezza
2013	Brandon Gambucci, Conner Hartmann



## WORLDSKILLS CHALLENGE - MARCUS CAIN

Follow the links to read and view video about North Carolina native Marcus Cain. He posted an outstanding performance at the 42nd annual Worldskills competition in Germany over the summer.



Read the Worldskills news release on Marcus [HERE](#)

Watch Interview and competition coverage [HERE](#)

## FRESHMAN CLASS

This freshman class will likely have individuals challenging for varsity time or starting positions for the 2013- 14 season.

Take a look at the individuals from the freshman class. Those highlighted will be looking to challenge for starting positions this season. Visit Duke wrestling on Facebook to get to know the freshman class better.

Name	State	Weight
Alex Tanzman	NY	125
*Alex Elsea	TN	125
Joey Abbate	CA	133
*Xavier Ramos	MD	141
*Conner Bass	IL	149
William Hahn	MO	157
Alex Belaia	OH	165
Tyler Patrick	MD	174
Spencer Neff	MD	197
*Jacob Kasper	OH	184