



COACHES CORNER

First off I would like to thank all of our alumni, friends and supporters of Duke Wrestling for following us throughout the season. Looking back on our regular season we had some solid gains in the classroom and on the mat. The team finished the first semester with a 3.1 team GPA. This marks another outstanding team academic performance by your Duke Blue Devils. On the mat we had some solid wins over Northern Iowa, Maryland and Michigan State. These were good wins for the growth of the Duke wrestling program. As the season went on we showed more and more that we could compete on a consistent basis. Even in the losses our team showed improvement from week to week. The main thing we focused on as a program was to improve each week and to wrestle a complete match while maintaining our discipline. Now that the regular season is over it's time to implement what we've learned throughout the season. We have set ourselves up to have a great postseason. The potential of having multiple ACC finalists is very exciting for the direction of Duke Wrestling. I look forward to seeing all of our Blue Devil faithful at the Petersen Events Center for some exciting wrestling from your Duke Blue Devils.



Take care,
Glen Lanham

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CHECKING IN WITH THE 2015 SENIORS

Senior night is always a bittersweet moment for both the coaches and student-athletes. While we hate to see these outstanding gentlemen leave our program, we are incredibly proud of what they have accomplished during their time at Duke and can't wait to see everything they accomplish after Duke. For the seniors, it's sad for them to wrestle in their final home match, but we know they are excited to see what the next chapters of their lives bring. Each of our seniors took a moment to reflect on their careers at Duke and answer a few questions.

Here are the questions all six seniors will answer:

- What is next for you after graduation?
- How do you want to be remembered in the program?
- Up to this point, what is your favorite competitive experience as a Blue Devil? Could be a match, dual, or tournament.
- What is the key takeaway from the Duke Wrestling experience for you?

IMMANUEL KERR-BROWN

Duke's most improved wrestler over the course of his career, IKB has grown into a leader for the Blue Devils on and off the mat. IKB has anchored the 157-pound spot over the past few seasons and had a breakout junior campaign en route to qualifying for the NCAA Championships. He is 73-50 for his career and will graduate in May with a Bachelor of Science degree in mechanical engineering.

1. I am going to be attending grad school to receive an MBA and a Master's in sports administration or sports businesses management.
2. I want to be remembered as a teammate that cared about the betterment of his teammates as much as his own.
3. My favorite personal wrestling experience would probably have to be my major that I got at nationals over an opponent that beat me earlier in the season. My favorite team experience is without a doubt the win over NC State this year.
4. The big takeaway I have received from my Duke Wrestling experience would be that putting something bigger than yourself ahead of you can allow you to do great things. The biggest thing that I can takeaway from this program though is the new family I have.



BRENDAN FOWLER



A three-sport athlete at Duke, Brendan joined the wrestling team after a stellar lacrosse career. A native of Wantagh, N.Y., Brendan battled through injuries and provided great leadership in the wrestling room for the Blue Devils. A two-time All-American on the lacrosse field, he also lettered in football for three seasons before completing his eligibility with the wrestling squad. He will graduate with a Master of Management Studies degree from the Fuqua School of Business in May.

1. I will be playing professional lacrosse this summer then most likely enlisting in a special forces branch in the United States military.
2. I want to be remembered as somebody who worked hard during every workout.
3. Probably my first match at the App State open, it was my first time on the mat in five years which was a pretty awesome feeling to go out and get a win.
4. Duke wrestling has reinforced the hard work and discipline that it takes to be successful. It's the lesson I have learned while playing sports my whole life and experiencing the work I had to put in in the wrestling room has taken that understanding to an even higher level.

DYLAN RYAN

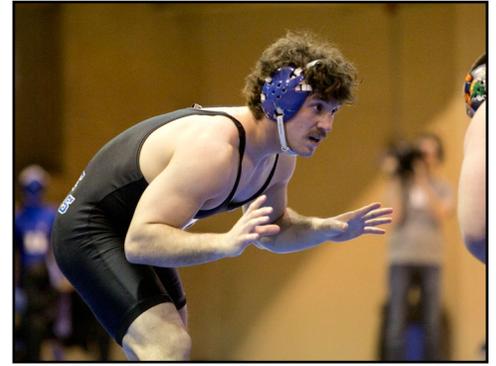
Better known around campus as Rhino, Dylan is a tireless worker in the wrestling room, classroom and community. A campus leader, the Brentwood, N.H., native was the driving force behind starting Duke's chapter of Athlete Ally and encouraging other student-athletes to get involved. Dylan is an exceptional student and is the epitome of the total student-athlete. He will graduate in May with a Bachelor of Science degree in biology.

1. Next year I will be attending medical school where I eventually plan to reach my goal to be a successful and respected physician. My current interest would be to become a radiologist, but that could easily change once I delve further into the different specialties of medicine. I have been admitted to a few great schools and am currently undecided on where I will attend.

2. I hope to be remembered as someone committed to being a great teammate, leader, and scholar both on and off the mat. I hope my commitment to all aspects of trying to be a total student athlete will be my legacy, and I hope I helped my teammates reach the goals they planned to achieve by choosing to attend Duke University.

3. I have two. Team wise it would be being part of Coach Lanham's first ACC dual victory over North Carolina State. I had struggled greatly on the mat that season, yet won with a comeback victory by being inspired by teammates though I had injured both of my knees that very day. The other would have to be, with the support of my teammates, being able to step up and wrestle heavyweight against Virginia. It was a great experience for me and I believe my teammates and friends greatly respected me for asking to have that opportunity.

4. What first comes to mind is how far in my four years this program has come. From my freshman year to our team having zero points at the NCAA tournament, to seeing Conner become an All-American and our team being ranked top 25 by InterMat, it just makes me proud to see what I've been a part of. I will forever cherish the moments I've had with my teammates and the lessons I've learned that will carry over into my career in medicine.



MARCUS CAIN



A native of Winston-Salem, Marcus has been a steady force in the middle weights for the Blue Devils during his career. He holds a 47-34 career record and has earned four top-five tournament finishes. Marcus, a talented engineering student, is equally successful off the mat. He was picked to compete in the 2013 WorldSkills International computer networking competition for Cisco Systems in Germany, helping the United States to one of its best finishes. He will graduate in May with a Bachelor of Science degree in electrical and computer engineering.

1. I will be working in Raleigh as a Network Engineer for Fidelity Investments. I will also be spending as much time as possible around Jordan Lake and Falls Lake hunting and fishing. I'll be working to save money to buy enough land to raise livestock.

2. I want to be remembered as a simple southern Christian man with old southern gentlemen values. I want to be remembered as the traditional man and for my love of family and my love for my faith and values.

3. My favorite competitive memory is having my brother wrestle with me in the room during my freshman year. We were so competitive in the room and we pushed each other harder than anyone else. We always ended practice with a bloody lip. I knew I had a great practice if I was the person leaving with the bloody lip because that meant I out-wrestled him enough for him to get mad and punch me in the face.

4. The key takeaway from the Duke wrestling experience is that there are so many opportunities to be successful here. Whether it's wrestling, building your career, or strengthening your faith, all of which help develop you into a man, I have taken from the Duke experience. All of those are things all young men and boys should strive for.

BRANDON GAMBUCCI

Headlining Duke's lineup at 133 pounds for much of his career, Brandon Gambucci has been a leader for the Blue Devils since day one. A 2013 NCAA qualifier and ACC runner-up, the Mansfield, Ohio native is 51-24 for his career and recorded eight top-five tournament finishes. Brandon will graduate in May with a Master of Management Studies degree from the Fuqua School of Business.

1. After graduation, I will be off to start my job at the enterprise software company, SAP in Chicago. In addition, I'll hopefully be helping coach at a local high school and maybe taking up Jiu-Jitsu on the side.

2. I most want to be remembered as a good friend and a person that the team trusted and could count on.

3. My favorite competitive experience was most likely my sophomore year at the ACC tournament. I was wrestling against the 10th ranked wrestler in the country in the semifinals and started off the match with a huge 5-point throw and ended the match with a major decision. It was a truly awesome time as it clinched my berth in the NCAA tournament, and the general atmosphere I was wrestling in was so fun and so intense.

4. My key takeaway from Duke Wrestling is that you can be whatever you set your mind to be. Duke Wrestling gives you the resources and ability to be a wrestler at the highest level, but more importantly, Duke Wrestling helped me become the best person I could possibly be.



TANNER HOUGH

A native of Johnstown, Pa., Tanner is one of two Duke wrestlers to qualify for the NCAA Championships as a true freshman. Wrestling at 141 pounds for his career, he owns four top-four tournament finishes and advanced to the 2012 NCAA Championships. A biology major, Tanner will graduate in May with a Bachelor of Science degree.

1. I plan on staying in North Carolina for the summer and working at the North Carolina State Veterinary School, while I finish up some prerequisite courses to apply next spring.
2. I want to be remembered as one of the guys who helped to start turn the Duke program in the right direction and as a competitor who even when he wasn't on the mat was pushing guys in the room. Most importantly I want to be remembered as a brother to my teammates.
3. For myself personally, it was the ACC Tournament my freshman year when I upset a few guys to earn a berth in the NCAA Championships in St. Louis. As a member of the team, my favorite experience was watching Evan Botwin tear up Sam Speno to win the NC State dual this year.
4. Family, I have one biological older brother but after this experience I have thirty or forty brothers around the country.



NOTES FROM THE 2014-15 REGULAR SEASON

DUKE ENDS REGULAR SEASON WITH 11 WINS

The Blue Devils upended Michigan State 19-13 a week ago to post their 11th win of the season ... Duke last registered 11 wins in a season during the 2007-08 campaign and have done so just three times now since 1990-91 ... Included in the 11 wins are a pair of Big Ten foes Maryland and Michigan State and an upset of a ranked NC State squad.

BLUE DEVILS WRESTLING TRENDING UP UNDER LANHAM

The numbers are all pointing in the right direction for the Blue Devils with head coach Glen Lanham at the helm ... For the first time in program history, Duke defeated a pair of Big Ten opponents, had five wrestlers earn spots in the NCAA Coaches Panel rankings and a program-high six in the RPI rankings ... Prior to the 2013-14 season, Duke had wrestled just two Big Ten teams overall. Under Lanham, Duke has now competed against seven and the newest member Maryland to make eight overall ... Seven of 10 of Duke's starters have double-digit wins, while eight are above .500 for the year, an improvement from the respective six and four numbers from the 2013-14 campaign.

TOUGH SCHEDULE

Duke's 2014-15 schedule was a challenging one that featured seven top 25 foes, three Big Ten teams and 12 road duals ... The Blue Devils went 1-6 against ranked teams, upsetting No. 25 NC State and nearly upending No. 25 North Carolina ... It marks the second straight year Duke has faced seven ranked opponents in the season ... Under Lanham, the Blue Devils' schedule has ramped up significantly ... The two seasons prior to Lanham, Duke wrestled just three ranked opponents, while under his watch the Blue Devils have wrestled 18 in three seasons.

BLUE DEVILS IN THE RANKINGS

A program-best six wrestlers are listed in the latest NCAA RPI rankings. Conner Hartmann leads the way in the No. 11 spot at 197 pounds, while Immanuel Kerr-Brown is 13th at 157. Jacob Kasper is 23rd at 184 and Marcus Cain is 26th in his return to 149 pounds. Rookie Mitch Finesilver is 32nd from 133 pounds and Brian Dorsey rounds out the group at No. 33 in his first year as a starter at 165.

DUKE WITH ANOTHER EXCELLENT SEMESTER IN THE CLASSROOM

The team had a great performance in the classroom for the fall semester. The Blue Devils once again finished with a team GPA over 3.0. Duke ranked sixth nationally last year with a 3.304 grade point average and is on its way to making the list again.

NCAA RPI

133 - No. 32 Mitch Finesilver
149 - No. 26 Marcus Cain
157 - No. 13 Immanuel Kerr-Brown
165 - No. 33 Brian Dorsey
184 - No. 23 Jacob Kasper
197 - No. 11 Conner Hartmann

NCAA Coaches Panel

149 - No. 31 Marcus Cain
157 - No. 26 Immanuel Kerr-Brown
165 - No. 30 Brian Dorsey
184 - No. 26 Jacob Kasper
197 - No. 7 Conner Hartmann

Conner Hartmann



Mitch Finesilver



Duke went 1-4 in ACC dual competition, beating a ranked NC State squad in a thrilling dual and narrowly losing to No. 25 North Carolina 16-15.

at No. 14 NC State - W, 18-17 - [Recap](#) | at No. 9 Pittsburgh - L, 15-20 - [Recap](#) | at No. 14 Virginia - L, 9-30 - [Recap](#) | vs. North Carolina - L, 15-16 - [Recap](#)
 at Virginia Tech - L, 15-22 - [Recap](#)

SURPRISE! Preseason predictions to postseason starting line-up

133 - True freshman Bailey Jack was the starter until the midway point in the season until Mitchell Finesilver, another true freshman, earned the position as starter in January for the remainder of the season. Mitch has gone on to a 9-6 record, including upsetting No. 17 Kevin Norstrem of Virginia Tech.

141 - This weight had great depth to start the season and Evan Botwin simply outlasted two returning NCAA qualifiers at the weight in Tanner Hough and Brandon Gambucci this year to claim the starting spot for post season competition.

165 - Brian Dorsey and Jake Faust wrestled off for the spot at ACC Championships after battling the whole season for the starting spot. Faust won the wrestle off to take the starting role. A great testament to the depth and talent the Blue Devils are cultivating.

What does this all mean? It means Duke wrestling is beginning to make strides in the depth chart at select weights. It is exciting to see the possibility that we could have multiple NCAA qualifiers at one weight competing for the starting spot. The future is bright!

BLUE DEVIL SPOTLIGHT

MITCH FINESILVER

DUKE WRESTLING

BY THE NUMBERS

<p>11</p> <p>WINS by the Blue Devils in 2014-15, the most since 2007-08 and just the third time to reach the benchmark since the 1990-91 season</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Wins over BIG TEN OPPONENTS this season, marking the first time in Duke wrestling history to do so</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Duke wrestlers ranked in the latest NCAA RPI rankings heading into ACC Championships</p>
<p>75</p> <p>CAREER WINS for senior Immanuel Kerr-Brown, 46 of which have come in the past two seasons</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Wins for JACOB KASPER this season - a team-high & eight more than his rookie campaign</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Wins for redshirt sophomore Evan Botwin at 133 pounds, 12 more than he had all of last season and eight more than he had his previous two years combined</p>

DUAL	ACC	OVERALL
6-5	1-3	9-5

True freshman Mitch Finesilver joined the starting lineup at 133 pounds Jan. 11 at the Pitt Duals and has since gone 9-5. Finesilver most recently picked up a big-time victory, upsetting No. 17 Kevin Norstrem of Virginia Tech to earn his first ranked win of his career. That win combined with his 6-5 dual record has launched him into the No. 32 spot of the latest RPI rankings.

2014-15 SCHEDULE & RESULTS

Date	Opponent/Tournament	Location	Result/Score	Overall	ACC	H	A	N
Nov. 9	at Hokie Open	Blacksburg, Va.	NTS					
Nov. 16	at Wolfpack Open	Raleigh, N.C.	NTS					
Nov. 22	Nebraska	Durham, N.C.	L, 3-45	0-1		0-1		
Dec. 6	at Shorter	Rome, Ga	W, 19-18	1-1			1-0	
Dec. 21	vs. Northern Iowa	New York, N.Y.	W, 21-16	2-1				1-0
Dec. 21	vs. George Mason	New York, N.Y.	W, 24-9	3-1				2-0
Dec. 21	vs. Maryland	New York, N.Y.	W, 24-9	4-1				3-0
Jan. 1-2	at Southern Scuffle	Chattanooga, Tenn.	18th of 31, 32.5					
Jan. 7	at NC State	Raleigh, N.C.	W, 18-17	5-1	1-0	0-1	2-0	3-0
Jan. 11	vs. Eastern Michigan	Pittsburgh, Pa.	L, 13-22	5-2				3-1
Jan. 11	vs. Pittsburgh	Pittsburgh, Pa.	L, 15-20	5-3	1-1		2-1	
Jan. 16	at Virginia	Charlottesville, Va.	L, 9-30	5-4	1-2	0-1	2-2	3-1
Jan. 24	at Appalachian State Open	Boone, N.C.	NTS					
Jan. 31	Drexel	Durham, N.C.	W, 24-13	6-4	1-2	1-1	2-2	3-1
Jan. 31	American	Durham, N.C.	W, 30-9	7-4	1-2	2-1	2-2	3-1
Jan. 31	Appalachian State	Durham, N.C.	W, 24-17	8-4	1-2	3-1	2-2	3-1
Feb. 4	at Gardner-Webb	Boiling Springs, N.C.	W, 25-15	9-4	1-2	3-1	3-2	3-1
Feb. 7	Sacred Heart	Durham, N.C.	W, 29-14	10-4	1-2	4-1	3-2	3-1
Feb. 11	North Carolina	Durham, N.C.	L, 15-16	10-5	1-3	4-2	3-2	3-1
Feb. 14	at Virginia Tech	Blacksburg, Va.	L, 15-22	10-6	1-4	4-2	3-3	3-1
Feb. 20	at Michigan State	East Lansing, Mich.	W, 19-13	11-6	1-4	4-2	4-3	3-1
Feb. 21	at Michigan	Ann Arbor, Mich.	L, 7-33	11-7	1-4	4-2	4-4	3-1
Mar. 8	at ACC Tournament	Pittsburgh, Pa.						

Bold caps denotes home contest

* ACC match

2014-15 INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

2013-2014 DUKE INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Wt.	Wrestler	All Matches		Duals		Tourn.	Ranked	Overtime		Dec.	MD	TF	Fall	For/Def
		Season	Career	All	ACC	All	Opp.	SV	TB					
125	Thayer Atkins	4-14	4-14	4-12	1-4	0-2	0-6			3-6	0-4	0-2	0-2	1-0
133	Mitch Finesilver	9-6	9-6	6-6	1-3	3-0	1-2			5-2	2-3	1-1	1-0	0-0
133	Bailey Jack	4-9	4-9	2-5	0-1	2-4	0-0			2-3	1-4	0-1	0-1	0-0
141	Evan Botwin	17-12	21-31	7-5	3-2	10-7	1-4			8-8	3-1	1-1	4-1	2-0
141	Brandon Gambucci	8-5	55-27	3-3	0-0	5-2	0-1			4-3	0-2	0-0	4-0	0-0
141/149	Tanner Hough	0-6	30-38	0-4	0-0	0-2	0-0	0-1		0-5	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0
141	Xavier Ramos	0-0	8-22	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0			0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
149	Joey Abbate	1-7	1-7	0-1	0-0	1-6	0-0			1-4	0-0	0-1	0-2	0-0
149	Marcus Cain	18-6	51-34	9-4	3-2	9-2	0-1			12-3	3-2	1-0	2-1	0-0
149	Zach Finesilver	11-4	0-0	0-0	0-0	11-4	0-0	1-0		3-0	4-2	1-1	3-1	0-0
149	Grant Leeth	14-4	0-0	0-0	0-0	14-4	0-2			8-3	0-1	2-0	4-0	0-0
157	Connor Bass	10-3	18-20	0-0	0-0	10-3	0-0	0-0		5-3	2-0	0-0	2-0	1-0
157	Logan Day	7-5	0-0	0-0	0-0	7-5	0-0			4-4	2-1	0-0	1-0	0-0
157	Will Hahn	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0			0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
157	Immanuel Kerr-Brown	21-9	76-52	12-6	3-2	8-3	1-4	0-1	1-0	13-6	6-3	0-0	1-0	1-0
165	Andrew DeHart	4-6	17-22	0-0	0-0	4-6	0-1			2-3	0-0	1-0	1-3	0-0
165	Brian Dorsey	17-10	33-17	5-5	0-3	13-5	0-3	1-0		10-7	1-2	1-1	5-0	0-0
165	Jake Faust	12-7	30-14	5-2	2-0	7-5	1-2	2-1		9-5	1-2	1-0	0-0	1-0
165	Michael Wright	2-3	3-13	0-1	0-0	2-2	0-0			1-0	1-1	0-2	0-0	0-0
174	Trey Adamson	14-7	54-36	9-5	0-4	5-2	0-2	1-0		6-6	4-0	2-0	2-1	0-0
174	Alex Belaia-Martiniouk	2-7	2-7	0-1	0-0	2-6	0-0			1-5	0-0	1-1	0-1	0-0
174	Luke Farinaro	7-5	0-0	0-0	0-0	7-5	0-0			4-4	2-1	0-0	0-0	1-0
174	Randy Roden	5-4	30-52	0-1	0-1	5-3	0-2	1-0		5-1	0-0	0-2	0-1	0-0
184	Jacob Kasper	23-9	38-25	11-5	3-2	12-4	0-6			13-5	5-1	1-1	2-2	2-0
184	Tyler Patrick	6-7	6-7	0-1	0-0	6-6	0-0			4-4	0-0	0-1	2-2	0-0
184	Dylan Ryan	1-3	7-31	0-1	0-0	1-2	0-0			0-3	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
184	Alec Schenk	8-4	0-0	0-0	0-0	8-4	0-0			6-2	0-1	0-0	2-1	0-0
197	Conner Hartmann	16-2	63-24	12-1	5-0	4-1	3-1			11-2	3-0	0-0	2-0	0-0
197	Spencer Neff	4-11	4-11	1-3	0-0	3-8	0-1			2-5	1-4	0-1	1-1	0-0
197	Brendan Fowler	1-3	1-3	0-1	0-0	1-2	0-0			1-3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
HWT	Brendan Walsh	9-16	20-34	6-11	1-3	3-4	0-7	0-1	0-1	3-11	2-2	2-0	2-3	0-0