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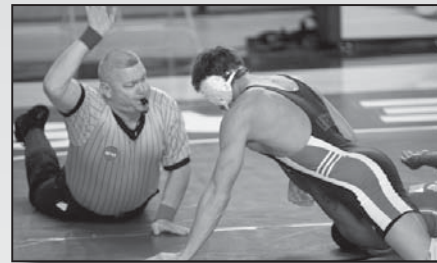
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UNIVERSITY QUICK FACTS

City/Zip Lynchburg, Va. 24502

Founded 1971

Enrollment..... 11,500 (Resident); 41,500 (Total)

Nickname Flames

School Colors Red, White and Blue

Affiliation NCAA Division I

Conference Independent (NCAA East Regional)

Founder Dr. Jerry Falwell

Chancellor Jerry Falwell, Jr.

Exec. Vice President..... Dr. Ronald Godwin

Director of Athletics Jeff Barber

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WRESTLING QUICK FACTS

Head Coach Jesse Castro (Liberty, ‘81)

Record at Liberty 27-20-1 (Two Years)

Career Record 130-67-1 (12 years)

Assistant Coach Pat Sole (Liberty, ‘83)

Graduate Assistant Coach..... Chris Gibbs (West Liberty State, ‘08)

Wrestling Office Phone (434) 582-7463

2007-08 Record 11-12-1

Arena Vines Center (8,085)

First Year of Wrestling 1974

All-Time Record 206-117-6

..... 179-97-5 (1975-94)

..... 27-20-1 (2007-08)

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VISION

Liberty University Wrestling is headed for greatness. It is the overriding objective of this coaching staff to produce an NCAA Division I national power. To be consistently ranked in the top ten in the country, to produce All Americans, and to be competitive with the best teams in the country in dual competitions for the Glory of God. Liberty Wrestling will accomplish these objectives by attracting highly accomplished wrestlers with a like vision willing to pay the price required in fulfilling these objectives. To field a team of Christian wrestlers with a singleness of purpose totally committed to propelling Liberty University to the highest level of collegiate wrestling, and making an impact for the Kingdom along the way.

MISSION STATEMENT

In achieving the highest level wrestling success we intend to develop Christ-centered leaders with a heart to impact the culture in which they live. The sport of wrestling will serve as our platform in developing men who understand their position as AMBASSADORS, recognize their ministry as messengers of TRUTH, and who are proactive in spreading the message of RECONCILIATION through the grace of God. (II Cor. 5:18-20)
A true leader has the confidence to stand alone, the courage to make hard decisions, and the compassion to listen to the needs of others. He does not set out to be a leader, but becomes one by the quality of his actions and the integrity of his intent. In the end, leaders are much like EAGLES..... they don't flock, you find them one at a time. To develop such leadership is the goal of Liberty Wrestling. (Isaiah 40:31)

PHILOSOPHY

It is the goal of Liberty University wrestling to produce CHAMPIONS FOR CHRIST on and off the mat. It is the belief of this coaching staff that the chief end of man is to bring honor and glory to his Creator. It is to this end that our program will strive. It will be our primary objective to reflect the Lord Jesus Christ in all that we say and do, knowing that we work unto the Lord and not unto man.

To achieve a high level of success in any endeavor is to be totally committed to excellence. This will be attained if we care more than others think is wise. Risk more than others think is safe. Dream more than others think is practical. Expect more than others think is possible.

DESIRE – DEVOTION – DEDICATION – DETERMINATION – DISCIPLINE. These are to be the basic tenants of the Liberty Wrestling philosophy. These are the essential ingredients required in developing a nationally ranked division I team. This program seeks highly talented athletes who possess a heart for God, committed to a Biblical worldview, and are willing to embrace these tenants as so required in the pursuit of excellence.

This will be the philosophical framework that our program will be established. We expect every wrestler on this team to make wrestling a priority in conjunction with his academics and spiritual life. We expect each wrestler to "count the cost"! To be willing to sacrifice the unimportant for the important, the short term for the long term. As a coaching staff, we are intent on making sure that each of our wrestlers succeed in these priorities.

COMMITMENT will be the hallmark of this program. To be committed is to stand fast in the face of adversity when feelings pull one way but principle pulls the other. It is for this reason that our commitment rests upon our interdependence on each other as well as our complete and utter dependence on the Lord. Ultimately, it is "not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit saith the Lord of Hosts" (Zech. 4:6)