



**Liberty University Wrestling Notes
NCAA National Wrestling Championship
Ann Arbor, Mich. – March 15-17, 2007**

This note package includes:

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- Updated Schedule and Results
- Updated Individual Records
- 2006-07 Liberty University Wrestling Team Roster
- Updated Profiles for NCAA Championship Participants
- Updated Participant Match-By-Match Results
- Flames Feature: Patrick Walker (Heavyweight)

A Brief Look At The Flames' History:

- The 2006-07 season marks the first season of competition for the wrestling program since 1994.
- Program was disbanded in 1994 after 20 years of competition due to University financial constraints.
- Program posted a combined 179-99-5 dual match record from 1975 to 1994, moving from the NCCAA level up to NCAA Division I competition in 1988.
- Liberty claimed five NCCAA National championships (1976-80).
- Posted a 45-55-2 record at the NCAA Division I level before program was disbanded.
- Liberty sent two individuals to the NCAA National Championship in 1994, with Aaron Bruce posting a 1-2 record at the event and Denny Orr finishing the event 0-2.

A Brief Look At This Season:

- Liberty posted a 16-8 dual match record in its first season back as a sport.
- Posted a perfect 5-0 record in home matches this year.
- Claimed the team title at the NCAA East Regional (86 team points).
- Liberty's four individuals at this year's NCAA National Championship marks the most individuals Liberty has sent to the national event in the program's history.

Team Tournament Finishes:

- Navy Classic (11/18) – Seventh out of 13 teams
- Spartan Invitational (12/2) – Seventh out of 11 teams (B Team competition)
- Reno Tournament of Champions (12/20) – 13th out of 29 teams
- Virginia State Intercollegiates (1/6) – Third out of seven teams
- East Regional Duals (2/4) – Second out of five teams
- NCAA East Regional (3/4) – First out of five teams

Liberty University
 2006-07 Wrestling Statistics
 Updated as of 3/6/07

Record: 16-8 **Home:** 5-0 **Away:** 2-4 **Neutral:** 9-4

Schedule and Results

11/5	vs. Anderson (Blacksburg, Va.)	W/ 37-3
	at Virginia Tech	L/ 6-40
	vs. James Madison (Blacksburg, Va.)	W/ 29-23
11/8	vs. Campbell (Raleigh, N.C.)	W/ 36-9
	at N.C. State	L/ 6-32
11/11	vs. George Mason (Charlottesville, Va.)	L/ 15-27
	at Virginia	L/ 9-31
	vs. Delaware State (Charlottesville, Va.)	W/ 60-0 (forfeit)
11/18	at Navy Classic (Annapolis, Md.)	7 th /13 teams
11/22	vs. Newberry	W/ 26-14
	vs. James Madison	W/ 29-14
	vs. Campbellsville	W/ 27-16
12/2	Spartan Invitational (York, Pa.)	7 th /11 teams
12/3	Penn State Open (State College, Pa.)	Not Team Scored
12/20	Reno Tournament of Champions (Reno, Nev.)	13 th /29 teams
1/6	Virginia State Intercollegiates (Norfolk, Va.)	3 rd /7 teams
1/13	The Virginia Duals (Hampton, Va.)	
	vs. Old Dominion	L/ 6-38
	vs. The Citadel	W/ 24-21
	vs. Arizona State	L/ 16-31
1/19	at Bucknell	W/ 25-24
1/20	at Messiah	W/ 36-9
	vs. Wilkes (Grantham, Pa.)	W/ 32-12
1/30	vs. King College	W/ 47-3
2/4	East Regional Duals (Dover, Del.)	
	vs. Millersville	W/ 28-18
	vs. Gardner-Webb	W/ 31-20
	vs. Duquesne	L/ 23-25
	vs. Delaware State	W/ 30-19
2/15	vs. VMI	W/ 30-13
2/21	at UNC Greensboro	L/ 9-24
3/4	NCAA East Regional (Pittsburgh, Pa.)	1 st /5 teams
3/15-17	NCAA National Championship (Ann Arbor, Mich.)	TBA

Home Matches in Bold

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Individual Records

WT	Wrestler	Season	Dual	Fall	TF	Major Dec.
125	Daniel Early	2-3	2-1	1-0	0-1	1-0
	Sean Katz	13-11	7-3	5-1	0-0	0-2
	Christian Smith	26-10	8-3	7-2	1-0	4-0
133	Dustin Hicks	0-2	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-0
	Zac McCray	4-13	2-8	0-1	0-0	0-4
	Sam Walters	20-14	8-4	5-1	0-0	3-3
141	Tim Harner	37-10	16-3	13-1	1-0	10-0
	Dustin Hicks	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0
	Zac McCray	1-0	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
	Ryan McDonnell	1-9	0-3	0-4	0-2	1-1
149	Tim Harner	0-2	0-2	0-1	0-0	0-0
	Brandon Holbert	0-4	0-0	0-2	0-0	0-2
	Aaron Kelley	20-20	10-11	8-3	1-1	4-2
157	Andrew Derr	0-2	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-0
	Taylor Hartsfield	0-2	0-0	0-2	0-0	0-0
	Shaun Smith	19-18	10-9	1-0	0-0	2-4
165	Chad Porter	33-11	18-4	12-1	1-0	10-2
	Joseph Son	3-7	0-3	0-2	0-0	0-4
174	Jonathan Campbell	5-15	0-9	4-11	0-1	0-1
	Joseph Son	0-8	0-4	0-3	0-1	0-0
	Kyle Walters	7-7	5-3	2-2	0-0	1-1
184	Rory Bosek	0-4	0-0	0-2	0-1	0-0
	Jonathan Campbell	3-3	3-3	1-3	0-0	0-0
	Chris Daggett	12-12	9-8	4-2	0-0	3-2
197	Rory Bosek	6-19	4-15	4-9	0-2	0-3
	Josh Moore	1-3	1-3	0-1	0-0	0-1
	Brian Nielson	0-2	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-0
	Michael Nielson	1-4	0-0	0-3	0-0	0-0
HWT	Edward Lynch	0-2	0-0	0-2	0-0	0-0
	Judson Miller	1-4	0-0	0-4	0-0	0-0
	Josh Pelletier	9-3	1-0	0-2	0-0	0-0
	Patrick Walker	28-6	18-2	10-1	0-0	6-0

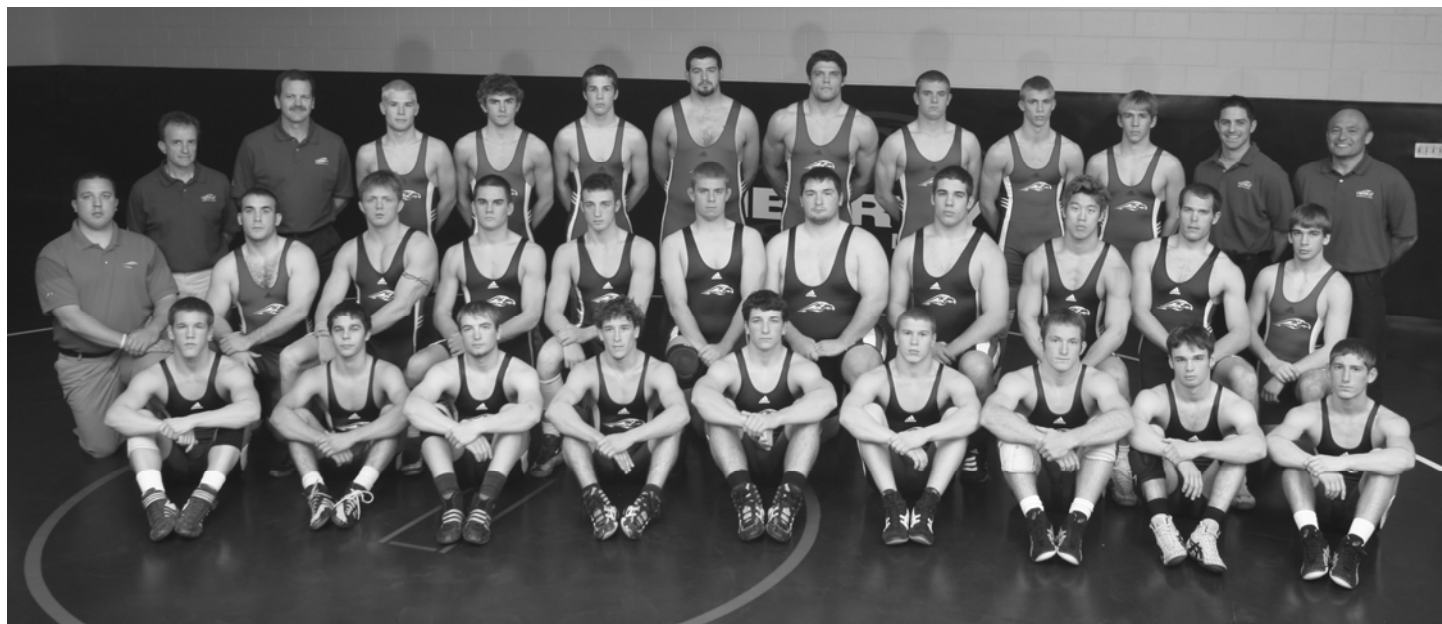
Liberty University Wrestling 2006-07 Alphabetical Roster

Name	Year	Ht.	Wt.	Class	Hometown/High School (Previous School)
Rory Bosek	So.	6-0	184		Standardsville, Va./Blue Ridge
Jonathan Campbell	Fr.	5-10	174		Glassboro, N.J./St. Augustine
Chris Daggett	So.	5-11	184		Parkersburg, W.Va./Parkersburg South
Andrew Derr	So.	5-10	157		Paxinos, Pa./Shamokin
Daniel Earley	Fr.	5-4	125		Columbus, Ohio/St. Francis DeSales
Anthony Emaná	Fr.	5-8	133		Lanexa, Va./New Kent
Colt Franklin	Fr.	5-9	149		Cape Coral, Fla./Evangelical Christian
Wyatt Graham	Fr.	5-8	165		Alberta, Canada/Holy Trinity Academy
Tim Harner	So.	5-11	141		Norristown, Pa./Norristown Area (Rider)
Taylor Hartsfield	So.	5-11	157		Covington, Va./Alleghany
Dustin Hicks	Fr.	5-7	133		Gainesville, Ga./Gainesville
Brandon Holbert	Fr.	5-7	149		Strasburg, Va./Strasburg
Sean Katz	Fr.	5-6	125		Chesapeake, Va./Hickory
Aaron Kelley	Fr.	5-11	149		Mineral Wells, W.Va./Parkersburg South
Zac McCray	Fr.	5-9	133		Vienna, W.Va./Parkersburg South
Ryan McDonnell	Fr.	5-9	141		Cooper City, Fla./Cooper City
Judson Miller	Fr.	6-2	HWT		Cottondale, Ala./American Christian
Michael Nielson	Fr.	6-2	197		Chester, Va./L.C. Bird
Josh Pelletier	Fr.	6-2	HWT		Charleston, Maine/Foxcroft Academy
Chad Porter	Fr.	5-11	165		Parkersburg, W.Va./Parkersburg South
Christian Smith	Jr.	5-7	125		Suffolk, Va./Western Branch (Virginia Tech)
Shaun Smith	So.	5-9	157		Washington, W.Va./Parkersburg South
Joseph Son	Fr.	6-0	165		Lawrenceville, Ga./Peachtree Ridge
Charles Staumbach	Fr.	5-5	133		Libson Falls, Maine/Lisbon
Corey Vasbinder	Fr.	5-6	184		Indiana, Pa./Indiana Senior
Patrick Walker	Fr.	6-3	HWT		Newark, Del./Newark
Kyle Walters	So.	5-10	174		Parkersburg, W.Va./Parkersburg South
Sam Walters	Fr.	5-9	133		Hereford, Pa./Upper Perkiomen

Head Coach: Jesse Castro

Assistant Coaches: Pat Sole and Robert Becker

Volunteer Assistant Coach: Paul Anthony



2006-07 Liberty University Wrestling Team Photo



Tim Harner
So., 5-11, 141
Norristown Area HS (Rider)
Norristown, Pa.

2006-07 (So.): Leads the squad with 37 individual match victories ... opened the season wrestling with two matches at 149 pounds (0-2 in the weight class) ... wrestled the remainder of the year at 141 pounds ... posted a 78.7 percent winning percentage at 141 pounds ... posted a 16-3 record in dual matches at 141 pounds ... placed in six different tournaments throughout the year, including weight class victories at the Virginia State Intercollegiates and the NCAA East Regional ... also led the team with 13 wins by fall ... posted a 13-1 record in matches decided by fall ... tied for the team lead with 10 major decision victories ... was a perfect 10-0 in matches decided by major decision ... recorded the longest individual match winning streak on the team this year with 11-straight victories ... finished 3-1 to place fourth at the Navy Classic ... finished the Nittany Lion Classic with a 5-2 record to place seventh at the prestigious event ... posted a 5-2 record at the Reno Tournament of Champions to finish fifth at the event ... was one of two Liberty wrestlers to be invited to the Midland Championships, posting a 3-2 record at the tournament ... was a perfect 4-0 at the Virginia State Intercollegiates, claiming the weight class championship and Most Outstanding Wrestler honors ... comes into the NCAA National Championship having won 13 out of his last 14 matches and 17 out of his last 19 matches.

Previous School: Transferred to Liberty from Rider ... posted a 26-15 record in his only year as a member of the Broncs' wrestling program ... was a national qualifier at 133 pounds ... ranked as high as 17th nationally during the year ... tied for the team lead in total wins ... placed first at the Keystone Classic ... finished third at the Beast of the East and the CAA ... sixth-place finish at the Mat Town championship.

Prep: Graduated from Norristown Area High School ... finished his high school career with a 167-15 record (91.8 winning percentage) ... started off his prep career with a 37-7 record at 103 pounds to qualify for the state championship ... posted a 39-4 record as a sophomore at 103 pounds ... finished fifth at the state championship and named a Fargo Junior National All-American ... posted a 40-3 record at 112 pounds as a junior ... placed third at the state tournament as a junior and was the NWCA Senior Open champion ... capped off his career with a stellar 51-1 record at 119 pounds ... finished third in the state tournament and ranked as high as seventh nationally by Wrestling USA Magazine ... broke the district record for wins in a season as a senior ... was a member of the National Honor Society as he posted a 3.55 GPA in high school.

Personal: Son of Mark and Sandy Harner ... birthday is on August 26 ... comes from a strong wrestling background as his father, Mark, wrestled at West Chester and his uncle, Steve Harner, wrestled at Clarion ... majoring in political science at Liberty.

Tim Harner
 So., 5-11, 141
 Norristown Area HS
 Norristown, Pa.

WT	Season	Dual	Fall	TF	Major Dec.
141	37-10	16-3	13-1	1-0	10-0
149	0-2	0-2	0-1	0-0	0-0
Total	37-12	16-5	13-2	1-0	10-0

Event-By-Event Results

Date	Opponent	School	Wt.	W/L	Results
11/5	Jon Bonilla-Bowman	Virginia Tech	149	L	Fall, 6:40
11/8	Joe Caramanica	N.C. State	149	L	Dec., 7-11
11/11	David Emison	George Mason	141	W	Dec., 9-4
11/11	Kellon Balum	Virginia	141	L	Dec., 4-5
11/18	Andrew Scannell	Bucknell	141	W	Fall, 1:28
11/18	Kyle Milanese	Rutgers	141	W	Dec., 7-0
11/18	David Emison	George Mason	141	W	Major dec., 11-2
11/18	Brad Canterbury	Navy	141	L	Dec., 5-7
Note: Placed fourth at the tournament (Navy Classic)					
11/22	Latra Collick	Newberry	141	W	Major dec., 8-0
11/22	Jimmy Mitchun	James Madison	141	W	Major dec., 12-3
11/22	MarcAntonio Macias	Campbellsville	141	W	Fall, 2:45
12/3	Cody Becker	Millersville	141	W	Dec., 4-2
12/3	Kyle Pardun	Old Dominion	141	W	Major dec., 14-2
12/3	Sal Lascari	Clarion	141	W	Fall, 3:36
12/3	Bryan Heller	Penn State	141	L	Dec., 2-5
12/3	Wes Kuser	Duke	141	W	Dec., 4-3
12/3	Brad Canterbury	Navy	141	L	Dec., 2-3
12/3	Mike Hurley	Cleveland State	141	W	Medical forfeit
Note: Placed seventh at the tournament (Nittany Lion Classic)					
12/20	Dan Herb	Southern Oregon	141	W	Major dec., 16-2
12/20	Jason Cook	Purdue	141	W	Dec., 8-6
12/20	Kyle Larson	Oregon	141	L	Dec., 1-7
12/20	Eric Kruger	Central Michigan	141	W	Dec., 7-5
12/20	Bennie Garcia	Cal State Fullerton	141	W	Dec., 5-2
12/20	Joey Deaguero	Adams State	141	L	Fall, 4:38
12/20	Efrain Ayala	Minnesota St. – Mankato	141	W	Default
Note: Placed fifth at the tournament (Reno Tournament of Champions)					
12/29	Mike Hurley	Cleveland State	141	L	Dec., 3-7
12/29	Jeff Rutledge	Nebraska-Keamey	141	W	Major dec., 11-0
12/29	Mitch Webber	Lincoln College	141	W	Fall, 2:34
12/29	John Gamble	Upper Iowa	141	W	Dec., 8-7
12/29	Nick Bertucci	Purdue	141	L	Dec., 7-8
Note: Competed as an individual at the Midlands Championship					
1/6	Josh Flint	Apprentice School	141	W	Fall, 1:27
1/6	Kyle Pardon	Old Dominion	141	W	TF, 6:45 (15-0)
1/6	Kellon Balum	Virginia	141	W	Dec., 12-7
1/6	Ryan Williams	Old Dominion	141	W	Dec., 3-2
Note: Placed first at the tournament (Virginia State Intercollegiates)					
1/12	Ryan Williams	Old Dominion	141	L	Dec., 4-9
1/12	Matt Bullwinkel	The Citadel	141	W	Fall, 1:56
1/13	Robert Galvan	Arizona State	141	W	Dec., 9-4
1/19	Zach Galligan	Bucknell	141	W	Fall, 6:16
1/20	Matt Gorkos	Messiah	141	W	Dec., 9-2
1/20	Peter George	Wilkes	141	W	Fall, 4:46
1/30	Shad Rissler	King College	141	W	Major dec., 10-2
2/4	Rick Via	Millersville	141	W	Fall, 4:25
2/4	Charles Frantz	Gardner-Webb	141	W	Major dec., 14-2
2/4	Jayk Cobbs	Duquesne	141	W	Fall, 1:22
2/4	Kyle Kinkenborg	Delaware State	141	W	Fall, 0:51
2/15	Brandon Franklin	VMI	141	W	Fall, 2:05
2/21	Chris Bencivenga	UNC Greensboro	141	L	Dec., 4-5
3/4	Rick Via	Millersville	141	W	Fall, 4:42
3/4	Charles Frantz	Gardner-Webb	141	W	Dec., 5-0
Note: Finished first at the tournament (NCAA East Regional)					



Chad Porter
Fr., 5-11, 165
Parkersburg South HS
Parkersburg, W.Va.

2006-07 (Fr.): Wrestled the entire season at 165 pounds ... ranks second on the team with 33 individual victories ... posted a 75.0 percent winning percentage (33-11) ... tied for the team lead with 10 victories by major decision ... posted a 10-2 record in matches decided by major decision ... ranks second on the team with 12 matches won by fall ... posted a 12-1 record in matches decided by fall ... leads the team with 18 victories in dual matches ... posted an 18-4 record in dual matches ... opened his collegiate career with three-straight victories at the Hokie Classic, including two wins by fall ... posted 5-2 record at the Navy Classic, finishing fifth in the event ... was 2-1 at the Virginia State Intercollegiates, finishing third at the event ... was 2-0 at the NCAA East Regional, with both victories coming via major decision ... enters the NCAA National Championship riding an 11-match winning streak and having won 13 out of his last 14 matches.

Prep: Graduated from Parkersburg South High School ... finished his high school career with a 134-27 record (83.2 winning percentage) ... finished his freshman year with a 27-12 record at 119 pounds, helping him place second at the state championship ... posted a 27-5 record as a sophomore at 135 pounds en route to a state championship ... finished second at the state championship as a junior with a 37-6 record at 152 pounds ... also placed sixth at the Ironman Championship during his junior year ... posted a 43-4 record as a senior at 152 pounds en route to a state championship ... finished second at the Reno Tournament of Champions as a senior and seventh at the Ironman Championship, which enabled him to finish the season ranked nationally ... in other high school action, he was a two-time NHSCA Open champion.

Personal: Son of Gary and Tammy Porter ... birthday is on June 9 ... is a pre-med major at Liberty ... would like to pursue a career in radiology after graduation.

Chad Porter
 Fr., 5-11, 165
 Parkersburg South HS
 Parkersburg, W.Va.

WT	Season	Dual	Fall	TF	Major Dec.
165	33-11	18-4	12-1	1-0	10-2
Total	33-11	18-4	12-1	1-0	10-2

Event-By-Event Results

Date	Opponent	School	Wt.	W/L	Results
11/5	Matt Godwin	Anderson	165	W	Dec., 5-4
11/5	Jon DiVello	James Madison	165	W	Fall, 6:42
11/8	Brent Poynter	Campbell	165	W	Fall, 4:03
11/8	Obie Simpson	N.C. State	165	L	Dec., 5-6
11/11	Daniel Cook	George Mason	165	W	Fall, 2:58
11/11	Damian Johnson	Virginia	165	L	Dec., 4-10
11/18	Rickey Schmelyun	Bloomsburg	165	L	Major dec., 3-11
11/18	Joseph Son	Liberty	165	W	Dec., 10-3
11/18	Kevin Cook	Davidson	165	W	Major dec., 10-1
11/18	Andrey Ivashchenko	Navy	165	W	Dec., 10-3
11/18	Eric Connolly	West Virginia	165	W	Dec., 6-2
11/18	Rickey Schmelyun	Bloomsburg	165	L	Dec., 2-9
11/18	Cody Midlam	Duquesne	165	W	Dec., 7-0
Note: Finished fifth in the tournament (Navy Classic)					
11/22	Brandon Kelly	Newberry	165	W	Dec., 3-0
11/22	Jeff Jacobs	James Madison	165	W	Major dec., 10-2
11/22	James Linker	Campbellsville	165	W	TF, ??? (18-3)
12/3	Nathan Kmetz	Cleveland State	165	W	Fall, 2:36
12/3	Eric Decker	Virginia Tech	165	L	Dec., 0-2
12/3	Nick Shafer	Michigan State	165	W	Major dec., 9-0
12/3	Dennis Galante	Lehigh	165	L	Dec., 5-9
12/20	Brett Arand	Oregon	165	L	Major dec., N/A
12/20	Cody Ponder	Southern Oregon	165	W	Fall, 2:00
12/20	Kyle Morrow	Wyoming	165	W	Fall, 3:36
12/20	Daniel Atondo	Cal State Bakersfield	165	W	Dec., 11-5
12/20	Luke Smith	Boise State	165	W	Fall, 3:06
12/20	Greg Hagel	Northwestern	165	L	Dec., 2-7
1/6	Nick Pullano	Old Dominion	165	L	Dec., 4-8
1/6	Joseph Son	Liberty	165	W	Major dec., 12-0
1/6	John Burton	VMI	165	W	Major dec., 9-1
Note: Finished third at the tournament (Virginia State Intercollegiates)					
1/12	Nick Pullano	Old Dominion	165	L	Dec., 3-10
1/12	Zachary Filter	The Citadel	165	W	Fall, 4:35
1/13	Cam Smith	Arizona State	165	W	Fall, 3:20
1/19	Andy Rendos	Bucknell	165	L	Fall, 4:47
1/20	Derek Ricker	Messiah	165	W	Major dec., 10-2
1/20	Andrew Rock	Wilkes	165	W	Major dec., 13-4
1/30	Josh Hardin	King College	165	W	Fall, 1:43
2/4	Josh Evans	Millersville	165	W	Dec., 5-0
2/4	David Pelsang	Gardner-Webb	165	W	Fall, 1:30
2/4	Rob Dempsey	Duquesne	165	W	Major dec., 11-2
2/4	Derrick Loper	Delaware State	165	W	Fall, 2:14
2/15	Unknown	VMI	165	W	Forfeit
2/21	Mark Ring	UNC Greensboro	165	W	Dec., 9-3
3/4	Derrick Evans	Millersville	165	W	Major dec., 8-0
3/4	Matthias Piasecki	Gardner-Webb	165	W	Major dec., 16-5
Note: Finished first at the tournament (NCAA East Regional)					



Christian Smith
Jr., 5-7, 125
Western Branch HS (Virginia Tech)
Suffolk, Va.

2006-07 (Jr.): Had to sit out the first part of the season due to NCAA transfer rules ... competed as an individual prior to becoming eligible for team competition on Dec. 16 ... ranks fourth on the team with 26 individual victories ... posted a 26-10 record at 125 pounds this year (72.2 winning percentage) ... comes into the NCAA National Championship having posted a 7-2 record in matches decided by fall ... ranks fifth on the team with seven wins by fall ... placed in four tournaments throughout the year, including individual weight class championships in three different tournaments ... opened the year with a perfect 5-0 record competing as an individual at the East Stroudsburg Open, claiming the championship at 125 pounds ... picked up two wins by major decision, one by technical fall and another by fall at the East Stroudsburg Open ... posted a 5-3 record at the Nittany Lion Classic to place eighth at the event ... was one of two Liberty wrestlers to compete at the Midland Championship, posting a 2-2 record at the event ... posted a perfect 3-0 record at the Virginia State Intercollegiates to claim the championship at 125 pounds ... claimed two of his three victories at the event by fall ... was a perfect 2-0 at the NCAA East Regional to claim the title at 125 pounds ... named Co-Most Outstanding Wrestler at the event ... enters the NCAA National Championship having won nine out of his last 10 matches.

Previous Schools: Transferred to Liberty from Virginia Tech ... sat out his only season at Virginia Tech after suffering a preseason injury ... transferred to Virginia Tech from Duke where he was a two-year member of the Blue Devils' squad ... posted a 42-17 record at Duke ... started off his collegiate career with a 30-12 record as a freshman, going undefeated in ACC action to claim a conference championship at 125 pounds ... was a NCAA Tournament qualifier ... was named Duke's Freshman of the Year ... tied for the nation's lead in falls at 125 pounds ... posted a 12-5 record as a sophomore before being granted a medical redshirt ... placed second at the West Virginia Open and claimed the championship at UNC Pembroke.

Prep: Graduated from Western Branch High School ... finished his four-year career with a 176-16 record (91.7 winning percentage) ... posted a 21-1 record as a freshman at 103 pounds ... three-time state champion (103 pounds as a sophomore, 112 pounds as a junior and 119 pounds as a senior) ... named a High School All-American as a senior by USA Wrestling Magazine ... ranked as high as fourth nationally by Wrestling USA Magazine as a senior.

Personal: Son of Daniel Wayne and Shelia Smith ... birthday is on November 1 ... has a previous tie to the program as his father wrestled for Liberty from 1975-77 ... Daniel Smith was a two-time NCCAA national champion (118 pounds in 1976 and 126 pounds in 1977) ... majoring in business management at Liberty ... is interested in pursuing a career in business management, coaching wrestling or youth ministries after graduation.

Christian Smith
 Jr., 5-7, 125
 Western Branch HS (Virginia Tech)
 Suffolk, Va.

WT	Season	Dual	Fall	TF	Major Dec.
125	26-10	8-3	7-2	1-0	4-0
Total	26-10	8-3	7-2	1-0	4-0

Event-By-Event Results

Date	Opponent	School	Wt.	W/L	Results	
11/18	Casey Marwine	Maryland	125	W	TF, 4:51 (15-0)	(Unattached)
11/18	Lance Penhale	Army	125	W	Major dec., 9-0	(Unattached)
11/18	Craig Morton	East Stroudsburg	125	W	Fall, 1:15	(Unattached)
11/18	Davey Mason	Army	125	W	Major dec., 19-4	(Unattached)
11/18	James Nicholson	Old Dominion	125	W	Dec., 7-0	(Unattached)
Note: Finished first at the tournament (East Stroudsburg Open) as an unattached athlete						
12/3	Greg Sill	Edinboro	125	W	Dec., 7-0	(Unattached)
12/3	Adam Shemon	Navy	125	W	Dec., 2-1	(Unattached)
12/3	Fernando Martinez	Army	125	L	Dec., 3-9	(Unattached)
12/3	Toby Seger	Clairon	125	W	Dec., 6-5	(Unattached)
12/3	Jeff Oldham	Maryland	125	W	Major dec., 11-0	(Unattached)
12/3	Obenson Blanc	Lock Haven	125	W	Medical forfeit	(Unattached)
12/3	Alex Ustics	Navy	125	L	Dec., 3-5	(Unattached)
12/3	Fernando Martinez	Army	125	L	Dec., 1-3	(Unattached)
Note: Finished eighth at the tournament (Nittany Lion Classic) as an unattached athlete						
12/20	Ryan Dunn	Oregon	125	L	Dec., 3-9	
12/20	Jamie Hernandez	Cal State Fullerton	125	W	Major dec., 8-0	
12/20	Richard Byrd	Embry-Riddle	125	L	Dec., 2-5	
12/29	Brandon Precin	Northwestern	125	L	Fall, 4:48	
12/29	Jason Borshoff	American	125	W	Dec., 6-2	
12/29	Ryan Riggs	Cleveland State	125	W	Dec., 4-3	
12/29	Rollie Peterkin	Pennsylvania	125	L	Fall, 3:55	
Note: Competed as an individual at the Midlands Championship						
1/6	Thang Ho	James Madison	125	W	Fall, 1:55	
1/6	Joe Coughlin	George Mason	125	W	Fall, 3:40	
1/6	Ross Gitomer	Virginia	125	W	Dec., 3-2	
Note: Finished first at the tournament (Virginia State Intercollegiates)						
1/12	vs. Kyle Hutter	Old Dominion	125	L	Dec., 3-6	
1/12	Tyler Sim	The Citadel	125	W	Dec., 6-4	
1/13	John Espinoza	Arizona State	125	L	Dec., 2-5	
1/19	Greg Hart	Bucknell	125	W	Dec., 9-4	
1/20	Shaun Farnham	Wilkes	125	W	Fall, 1:37	
1/30	P.J. Puriefoy	King College	125	W	Fall, 4:35	
2/4	Cortney Roberts	Gardner-Webb	125	W	Fall, 2:38	
2/4	Jonathan Bittinger	Duquesne	125	W	Dec., 9-4	
2/4	Unknown	Delaware State	125	W	Forfeit	
2/15	Jonathan Pope	VMI	125	W	Dec., 13-8	
2/21	Jeff Hedges	UNC Greensboro	125	L	Dec., 7-8	
3/4	Brett Skonieczny	Duquesne	125	W	Dec, 8-2	
3/4	Cortney Roberts	Gardner-Webb	125	W	Fall, 1:10	
Note: Finished first at the tournament (NCAA East Regional)						



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2006-07 (Fr.): Ranks third on the team with 28 individual victories ... posted an 82.4 winning percentage on the year, marking the best winning percentage on the team ... tied for the team lead with 18 dual match victories ... posted an 18-2 record in dual matches, marking the best dual match winning percentage on the squad ... ranks third on the team with 10 wins by fall ... posted a 10-1 record in matches decided by fall ... comes into the NCAA National Championship having won 10 out of his last 11 matches and 12 out of his last 14 ... missed two tournaments throughout the year due to injuries (Navy Classic and the Virginia State Intercollegiates) ... opened his collegiate wrestling career with three-straight wins at the Hokie Classic ... posted a 6-2 record at the Nittany Lion Classic, finishing sixth at the event ... recorded a 3-2 record at the Reno Tournament of Champions ... claimed the title at the NCAA East Regional with a win by fall in the championship round.

Prep: Graduated from Newark High School ... finished his four-year career with the Yellowjackets with a 111-33 record ... dropped just three matches during his junior and senior seasons (at 189 pounds) ... posted a 20-17 record as a freshman at 152 pounds ... finished his sophomore season with a 22-13 record at 171 pounds ... claimed the Delaware state championship at 189 pounds as a junior, finishing the year with a 34-2 record ... was undefeated in his senior year before dropping the Delaware State championship match to finish his final prep season with a 35-1 record.

Personal: Birthday is on May 14 ... majoring in pastoral leadership ... would like to pursue the ministry after graduation.

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 Newark HS
 Newark, Del.

WT	Season	Dual	Fall	TF	Major Dec.
HWT	28-6	18-2	10-1	0-0	6-0
Total	28-6	18-2	10-1	0-0	6-0

Event-By-Event Results

Date	Opponent	School	Wt.	W/L	Results
11/5	Aaron Lambert	Anderson	HWT	W	Major dec., 9-0
11/5	Zack Winfrey	James Madison	HWT	W	Fall, 2:57
11/5	Jim Powers	Virginia Tech	HWT	W	Dec. 5-1
11/8	Jeremiah Fennell	Campbell	HWT	W	Fall, 3:17
11/8	Jainor Palma	N.C. State	HWT	L	Dec., 5-9
11/11	Ryan Kittrick	George Mason	HWT	W	Dec., 10-4
11/11	Scott Smith	Virginia	HWT	W	Dec., 3-1 (SV1)
11/22	Cy Wainwright	Newberry	HWT	W	Fall, 6:53
11/22	Patrick Finch	James Madison	HWT	W	Fall, 0:48
11/22	Chad Brown	Campbellsville	HWT	W	Major dec., 8-0
12/3	Mike Patterson	Binghamton	HWT	W	Medical forfeit
12/3	Mario Lucien	Falcon Mat Club	HWT	W	Fall, 2:22
12/3	Mike Spaid	Bloomsburg	HWT	L	Dec., 2-6
12/3	Jon Neese	Pittsburgh-Johnstown	HWT	W	Major dec., 12-1
12/3	Alan O'Donnell	Michigan State	HWT	W	Dec., 6-5
12/3	Matt Guhn	Michigan	HWT	W	Medical forfeit
12/3	Scott Buhman	VMI	HWT	W	Dec., 6-4
12/3	Scott Steele	Navy	HWT	L	Dec., 2-3
Note: Finished sixth at the tournament (Nittany Lion Classic)					
12/20	Clay Wunder	Southern Wyoming	HWT	W	Dec., 8-1
12/20	Cody Parker	Cal Poly	HWT	L	Fall, 1:36
12/20	Jeff Schoosow	Adams State	HWT	W	Major dec., 8-0
12/20	A.J. Brooks	Clarion	HWT	W	Fall, 1:48
12/20	Andy Patrick	Boise State	HWT	L	Dec., 3-5
1/12	John Buck	The Citadel	HWT	W	Dec., 5-0
1/19	George Hingson	Bucknell	HWT	W	Fall, 4:23
1/20	Keith Altieri	Wilkes	HWT	W	Major dec., 14-1
1/30	Unknown	King College	HWT	W	Forfeit
2/4	Keith McDonald	Millersville	HWT	W	Fall, 2:54
2/4	Nick Roehrick	Gardner-Webb	HWT	W	Fall, 1:33
2/4	Joseph Dorsie	Duquesne	HWT	W	Major dec., 10-1
2/4	Unknown	Delaware State	HWT	W	Forfeit
2/15	Leon Barrow	VMI	HWT	W	W, 3-1
2/21	Joe Sheffield	UNC Greensboro	HWT	L	L, 2-5
3/4	Joe D'Orsie	Duquesne	HWT	W	Fall, 1:23

Note: Finished first at the tournament (NCAA East Regional)

A Ready Warrior

Wrestling has played an integral part in the history of mankind. The sport is as old as time itself. It was one of the original Olympic events and it's the first sport mentioned in the Bible.

Jacob's night-long wrestling encounter with a "man" in Genesis 32 helped shape history. The outcome of the match resulted in Jacob receiving a new name, Israel, which would later become the name of God's blessed nation.

Even military units throughout time have used wrestling as a form of training, preparing their warriors for combat on the battlefield. However, for Liberty University freshman wrestler Patrick Walker, the reverse is true as the military helped prepare Walker for his collegiate wrestling experience.

After graduating from Newark High School in his hometown of Newark, Del., Walker was unsure about college, so he chose to enlist in the armed forces as an Army Ranger.

"I remember during my senior year, I really had no idea where I was going to go to college," stated Walker. "I hadn't applied anywhere and I didn't know what I was going to do with my life. I had a lot of questions and something just pointed me towards the military."

However, Walker's transition to military life wasn't a gradual one. He was quickly thrown into basic training. He made the decision to join the armed forces during the summer, but his enlist date was Sept. 19, 2001, just eight short days after the tragic events which are now simply known to all Americans as "9/11".

After nearly nine months of grueling training at an army base in Fort Benning, Ga., Walker completed his instruction, graduating to his Ranger unit in May 2002.

But once again, Walker had no time to get acclimated to his new surroundings as he was swept into active duty. Two weeks after joining the group, his unit was deployed to Afghanistan.

"I had to learn everything you need to know in a unit quickly," reflected Walker on his rapid transition to the front lines. "I had to learn how to function with other guys, as well as how to operate different weapon systems and learn tactical skills while I was overseas in a combat zone."

As Army Rangers, Walker and his unit specialized in small-scale operations, like airfield seizures. They would parachute into enemy territory, gain control of the land and clear the fields of any obstruction, so the military could start landing planes to deploy ground forces.

"When we started the war with Iraq, the Rangers were one of the first groups to go in and gain control of the land," explained Walker of his duties.

All-in-all, Walker, who finished as an E-5 Sergeant after four years of active service, and his unit were deployed four times – twice to Afghanistan and twice to Iraq – with each deployment lasting roughly 100 days.

But it was during this time, Walker grew – physically, emotionally and, more importantly, spiritually – helping shape the man and the athlete he is today.

"I found that being athletic was certainly beneficial during my military training," commented Walker. "In fact, the military taught me combat skills, allowing me to excel better than most around me because of my wrestling background."

When asked to reflect on his decision to enlist in the military rather than enroll in college straight out of high school, Walker knows God truly pointed him in the right direction.

"I think it was a very wise decision to take four years off before school," said Walker. "I see a lot of 18 and 19-year-old freshmen who don't know what they want to do. They end up changing their major three or four times.

"I think that building my character and discipline during those subsequent years allowed me to get to the point where I would be successful in major college experiences. The military was beneficial for my growth as a person. The impact the military structure had on me as an individual truly prepared me for school."

However, make no mistake, Walker's current success as one of the Flames' top wrestlers is not simply a product of his military training. Walker comes from Delaware as a highly decorated prep athlete, including a combined 69-3 record as a junior and senior – years which saw him earn state runner-up and championship honors, respectively.

The one thing his military training accomplished for Walker was to add size, strength and agility to someone who wrestled at 189 pounds his final prep season. Walker never lifted a weight in high school and it wasn't until his days as a Ranger that he was educated in area of weight training.

"I met a gentleman in the military by the name of James Havins, who was about 10 years old than me, and he taught me how to lift weights," remembered Walker of this influential fellow combatant. "I gained about 25-

30 pounds during my first year at the gym, but more importantly, my character grew as I learned from him how to be a leader.”

And now Walker is putting the athletic and leadership skills learned during his military days to use as he is part of a very young wrestling roster. The Flames’ wrestling program was recently reinstated and is in its inaugural season after a 12-year hiatus. And leadership is one thing head coach Jesse Castro needs as all but two of his 28-man roster are underclassmen.

“I enjoy being a bit older and having come from an organized structure. I know how to perform things in a successful way so I can act as a go-between with the coaches and the rest of the team,” stated the 23-year-old student-athlete. “I view myself as an athlete and a college student just like them. I feel like I can bond at their level, but I can also step up and represent the team when needed.”

Although Walker is just a freshman, he knows his time at Liberty won’t be long and four-short years from now he will face another crossroad – life after college. With his decision to follow God’s leading after high school working out so well, Walker has vowed he will follow suit after his days at Liberty.

“Rather than think about where I want to go, I want to go wherever God wants to send me,” remarked the pastoral leadership major. “He can call me to a prison, to the military or to a church. My goal is to develop a Christ-like character so that He can call me anywhere and I will be ready for it, no matter the type of ministry.”

And if his track record follows years past, his training in college will certainly prepare him to follow the Lord’s leading. Patrick Walker has always been a warrior properly readied for battle in whatever circumstances life might bring.

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