

DWU Wrestling

Seasons Win-Loss Records

Year	W-L-T	SDIC	GPAC	REG	NAIA	Coach
1963-64	1-7-0	—	—	—	—	Gary Barnes
1964-65	0-9-0	—	—	—	—	Gordon Zapp
1965-66	0-12-0	—	—	—	—	Larry Lienemann
1966-67	8-12-0	5th	—	—	—	Joe Lopour
1967-68	15-6-0	4th	—	—	—	Joe Lopour
1968-69	12-7-1	4th	—	—	—	Joe Lopour
1969-70	1-17-0	6th	—	—	—	Joe Lopour
1970-71	2-21-1	7th	—	—	—	Joe Lopour
1972-95	<i>No team was sponsored.</i>					
1995-96	2-2-0	—	—	7th	—	Steve Butkie
1996-97	3-3-0	—	—	3rd	—	Steve Butkie
1997-98	6-3-0	—	—	4th	—	Steve Butkie
1998-99	5-2-0	—	—	6th	20th	Steve Butkie
1999-00	1-8-0	—	—	6th	18th	Mike Schadwinkel
2000-01	3-7-0	—	—	4th	12th	Mike Schadwinkel
2001-02	5-8-0	—	—	5th	14th	Mike Schadwinkel
2002-03	5-11-0	—	—	5th	16th	Mike Schadwinkel
2003-04	2-15-0	—	—	5th	18th	Bill Rincker
2004-05	1-10-0	—	—	5th	25th	Sean Ahrar
2005-06	2-13-0	—	—	8th	22nd	Josh Hardman
2006-07	5-8-1	—	4th	6th	26th	Josh Hardman
2007-08	4-8-0	—	6th	9th	23rd	Josh Hardman
2008-09	4-6-0	—	T-4th	7th	23rd	Josh Hardman

NAIA All-Americans

1967	Mel Melcher	177	6th
1971	Pete Buatti	118	5th
2001	Justin Portenier	125	4th
2001	Brandon Hays	157	8th
2001	Chad Johnson	285	7th
2002	Justin Portenier	125	1st
2003	Justin Portenier	125	2nd
2004	Jared Digmann	125	8th
2004	Scott Loveless	165	8th
2006	Lionel Riley	285	8th
2008	Tony Duarte	165	4th
2009	Jordan Harer	141	6th

NAIA All-America Scholar-Athletes

2000 Jason Grindstaff

NWCA-NAIA All-Academic Team

National Wrestling Coaches Association

Top Team Recognition

2007	3rd	3.170 Team GPA
2008	4th	3.064 Team GPA
2009	4th	3.120 Team GPA

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Top Individual Recognition

2007	Jordan Harer
	Thomas Konechne
2008	Jordan Harer
	Malik Stewart
2009	Jordan Harer
	Malik Stewart
	Ray Rickenbach

All-GPAC Performers

Lionel Riley	HWT	2007	First Team
Thomas Konechne	149	2007	Second Team
Spencer Novotny	157	2007	Second Team
Jeff Holmes	125	2008	Second Team
Tony Duarte	165	2008	Second Team
Jordan Harer	141	2009	Second Team
Danny Hutcheson	149	2009	Honorable Mention

NAIA National Qualifiers

Yr.	Name	Wt.	Reg. Place	Nat'l's
1996	Chris Saylor	HWT	3rd	—
1997	Lance Struve	142	3rd	—
	Danny White	167	4th	—
	Jody Childs	177	2nd	—
	Tony Wagner	190	3rd	—
	Chris Saylor	HWT	3rd	—
1998	Jason Grindstaff	142	4th	—
	Terry Grindstaff	158	4th	—
	Danny White	167	4th	—
	Jody Childs	177	3rd	—
	Tony Wagner	190	3rd	—
	Justin Ebert	HWT	4th	—
1999	Travis Kyte	133	4th	—
	Jason Grindstaff	141	3rd	—
	Zach Lanka	141	4th	—
	Jody Childs	184	4th	—
	Tony Wagner	190	3rd	—
2000	Justin Portenier	125	3rd	—
	Jason Grindstaff	141	4th	—
2001	Justin Portenier	125	1st	4th
	Mario Flores	133	3rd	—
	John Miller	141	3rd	—
	Jared Grindstaff	141	4th	—
	Jason Grindstaff	149	2nd	—
	Brandon Hays	157	3rd	8th
	Doug Michael	165	4th	—
	David Cole	174	4th	—
	Ben Vavra	184	4th	—
	Chad Johnson	285	4th	7th
2002	Justin Portenier	125	1st	1st
	Brandon Hays	157	3rd	—
	Scott Loveless	165	4th	—
	Adam Janecek	197	4th	—
	Chad Johnson	285	2nd	—
2003	Justin Portenier	125	2nd	2nd
	Wes Fergen	125	4th	—
	Justin Hood	149	4th	—
	David Cole	165	2nd	—
	Scott Loveless	165	3rd	—
2004	Jared Digmann	125	3rd	8th
	Dennis Lewis	157	4th	—
	Scott Loveless	165	—	8th
	Scott Halouska	184	3rd	—
	Steven Wood	197	3rd	—
2005	Spencer Novotny	141	—	—
	Thomas Konechne	149	—	—
	Tony Duarte	165	4th	—
	Scott Halouska	184	3rd	—
	Steven Wood	197	1st	—
	A.J. Strensrud	HWT	4th	—

2006	Andrew Leggott	125	—	—
	Ben Sevigny	125	—	—
	Thomas Konechne	149	—	—
	A.J. Strensrud	HWT	3rd	—
	Lionel Riley	HWT	4th	8th
2007	Andrew Leggott	125	4th	—
	Jordan Harer	133	—	—
	Ben Sevigny	133	—	—
	Thomas Konechne	149	2nd	—
	Spencer Novotny	157	6th	—
	Lionel Riley	HWT	6th	—
2008	Jeff Holmes	125	—	—
	Malik Stewart	125	5th	—
	Brandon Goodwin	133	—	—
	Jordan Harer	133	—	—
	Tony Duarte	165	6th	4th
2009	Brandon Goodwin	125	—	—
	Jeff Holmes	125	—	—
	Malik Stewart	133	—	—
	Jordan Harer	141	5th	6th
	Ray Rickenbach	141	6th	—
	Danny Hutcheson	149	5th	—
	Josh Geppert	184	—	—
	Todd Casselman	197	—	—

SDIC Placers

1966	Bob Lucas	130	3rd	
	John Weber	137	3rd	
	Mel Melcher	177	1st	
	Mike Denney	191	3rd	
1967	Dave Backlund	115	2nd	
	Bill Gran	123	4th	
	John Weber	145	4th	
	George Ryks	152	3rd	
	Greg Friebel	177	4th	
	Mike Denney	191	2nd	
1968	Dave Backlund	123	4th	
	Wayne Horsley	137	4th	
	George Ryks	145	2nd	
	John Weber	152	1st	
	Mike Denney	HWT	3rd	
1969	John Kreamelmeyer	142	4th	
	John Weber	150	1st	
	George Ryks	158	3rd	
1970	Pete Buatti	118	1st	
	Randy Jacobsen	126	4th	
	George Ryks	150	3rd	

All-Time Career Win Leaders

1.	Justin Portenier	94-34	.734	1999-03
2.	Tony Duarte	88-49	.642	2003-08
3.	Jordan Harer	77-54	.588	2006-pres.
4.	Thomas Konechne	71-52	.577	2004-08
5.	Chad Johnson	57-51	.528	1999-02
6.	Andrew Leggott	55-44	.555	2005-08
7.	Danny Hutcheson	50-36	.581	2007-pres.
8.	Clay Ewing	45-26	.634	1998-00
9.	Andrew Strensrud	44-76	.367	2001-05
10.	Spencer Novotny	42-51	.452	2004-07

Wrestling Individual Records

Season	Record	Athlete	Year
Wins	40	Tony Duarte	2008
Winning %	87.5	Mel Melcher	1966
Consecutive Wins	21	Mel Melcher	1966
Falls	19	Justin Portenier	2001
Technical Falls	5	Danny Hutcheson	2009
Fastest Fall	:09	Chad Johnson	2001
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Takedowns	112	Tony Duarte	2008
Reversals	27	Brandon Goodwin	2009
Escapes	73	Scott Loveless	2002
	73	Tony Duarte	2008
Near Falls	45	Danny Hutcheson	2009
Team Points Earned	78	Andrew Leggott	2006
Tournament Championships	4	Justin Portenier	2002

Career	Record	Athlete	Year
Wins	94	Justin Portenier	1999-03
Winning %	73.4	Justin Portenier	1999-03
Consecutive Wins	21	Mel Melcher	1966
Falls	55	Justin Portenier	1999-03
Technical Falls	5	Justin Portenier	1999-03
	5	Jeff Holmes	2006-pres.
	5	Danny Hutchson	2006-pres.
Takedowns	235	Andrew Leggott	2005-08
Reversals	36	Justin Portenier	1999-03
Escapes	135	Scott Loveless	2001-04
Near Falls	76	Justin Portenier	1999-03
Team Points Earned	249.5	Justin Portenier	1999-03
Tournament Championships	9	Justin Portenier	1999-03

Wrestling Team Records

Season	Record	Year
Dual Wins	15	1968
Winning %	71	1968
	71	1999
Team Points Earned	394	2003
Individual Wins	192	2007
Individual Winning %	47.7	2000
Takedowns	481	2008
Reversals	125	2009
Escapes	621	2007
Near Falls	191	2009
Falls	53	2007
	53	2009
Technical Falls	13	2009
Major Decisions	33	2009

Other Highlights

- In 1967, Mel Melcher (177) went undefeated during the regular season (21-0). He won the SDIC in his weight class and placed sixth in the NAIA National Meet.
- John Weber ended his career in 1969 as conference champ with a 15-1 record.
- In 1971, Pete Buatti won the SDIC and finished fifth in the NAIA National Meet.
- In 1997, DWU had eight national qualifiers, the most in university history. DWU also had eight national qualifiers in 2001.
- The 2001 DWU wrestling team finished 12th at the NAIA National Meet, marking the highest finish in university history.
- In 2002, Justin Portenier won the 125-pound weight class at the NAIA National Meet. Portenier became DWU's first-ever national champion in any sport.