

WYOMING WRESTLING QUICK FACTS 2004-05



General Information

School: University of Wyoming
Location: Laramie, Wyo.
Enrollment: 13,162
Founded: 1886
Nickname: Cowboys
Colors: Brown and Gold
National Affiliation: NCAA Division I
Conference: West Regional
Home Arena: MultiPurpose Gymnasium (1,200)
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Wrestling Staff

Head Coach: Steven Suder
Alma Mater: Wyoming, '79
Record at Wyoming: 103-102-2 (15 years)
Career Record: Same
Assistant Coach: Matt Johnson
Alma Mater: Wyoming, '96
Assistant Coach: KC Rock
Alma Mater: Boise State, '01

Team Information

2003-04 Dual Meet Record: 10-5
Postseason Results: 2nd/NCAA West Regional
NCAA Championships: 38th
Letterwinners Returning/Lost: 9/5
Starters Returning/Lost: 6/4
Top Returners:

Sam Wendland, Jr., 184, 17-15
West Regional Champion, NCAA Qualifier

Dusty Hoffschneider, Jr., Hwt, 13-6
West Regional Champion, NCAA Qualifier

Bryce Leonhardt, Jr., 125, 20-3
Ended season on a 14 match win streak
(injury left him out of post-season)

Key Losses:

Levi Prevost, 165, 24-6, NCAA Qualifier
Blake Gunter, 141, 24-10, NCAA Qualifier
Kevin Kessner, 197, 13-4, NCAA Qualifier
Andrew Shuler, 157, 29-7, NCAA Qualifier

Top Newcomers:

Kyle Dye, 133/141, (Casper, Wyo.)
Cody Grant, 125, (Torrington, Wyo.)
Chet Slevin, 184/197, (Blaine, Wash.)
Preston Pavich, 184/197, (Spearfish, S.D.)

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2004-05 COWBOY WRESTLING ROSTER

NAME	YEAR	WEIGH	HOMETOWN
Dan Barrone	Freshman	165	El Prado, N.M.
Danny Clum	Redshirt Freshman	157	Arvada, Colo.
Gary Dack	Sophomore	165	Arvada, Colo.
Garrett Desmond	Freshman	133	Mill Hall, Penn.
Carter Downing	Redshirt Freshman	141	Evanston, Wyo.
Barret Duell	Sophomore	133	Burlington, Colo.
Kyle Dye	Redshirt Freshman	149	Casper, Wyo.
John George	Freshman	Hwt.	Virginia Beach, V.A.
Cody Grant	Freshman	125	Torrington, Wyo.
Malcolm Havens	Junior	197	Parker, Colo.
Dusty Hoffschneider	Junior	Hwt.	Denver, Colo.
Bryce Leonhardt	Junior	125	Casper, Wyo.
Jason Oliver	Freshman	149	Torrington, Wyo.
Preston Pavich	Freshman	184	Spearfish, S.D.
Dustin Rock	Redshirt Freshman	125	Morgan, Utah
Avery Rogers	Freshman	197	Marshall Town, Iowa
Chase Rogers	Freshman	184	Marshall Town, Iowa
Drew Severn	Junior	Hwt.	Glendale, Ariz.
Jake Severn	Sophomore	197	Glendale, Ariz.
Brady Shatto	Redshirt Freshman	133	Douglas, Wyo.
Tyson Shatto	Junior	133	Douglas, Wyo.
Patrick Shuler	Junior	149	Madison Heights, V.A.
Chet Slevin	Freshman	184	Blaine, Wash.
Jason Still	Redshirt Freshman	Hwt.	Aurora, Colo.
Clint Stout	Redshirt Freshman	149	Corsica, Penn.
Tye Wagner	Freshman	125	Hillsbroug, N.J.
Sam Wendland	Junior	184	Bozeman, Mont.
Mike White	Freshman	141	Brighton, Colo.

Weight Class Breakdown

125- Junior Bryce Leonhardt has recovered from a season ending injury and looks to return to late season form, which included a 19-match win streak and a win over eventual National Champion Jason Powell of Nebraska. Leonhardt will be pushed by redshirt freshman Dustin Rock and newcomers Cody Grant, a four-time state champ from Torrington, Wyo. and New Jersey high school standout Tye Wagner.

133- Good battle shaping up here in this weight class with junior Tyson Shatto, who placed fourth in regionals in 2003. Shatto will have to step it up to keep his spot from sophomore Barret Duell, who placed second at the West Regionals in the 125 weight division and has bulked up during the off season. Newcomer Garrett Desmond from Pennsylvania will add depth to the lower weights.

141 -Exciting newcomer Carter Downing from Evanston, Wyo., looks to make an immediate impact for the Cowboy program coming off his 20 win redshirt campaign. Downing will be backed up by freshman state champ Mike White, from Brighton Colo.

149 - Some tough competition brewing for the start at this weight. Junior Patrick Shuler, a fourth place finisher at the West Regional, will lead a three way battle with freshman Clint Stout from Pennsylvania, and newcomer Kyle Dye from Casper, Wyo.

157- Freshman Dan Clum from Arvada Colo., will bring loads of talent to a young Cowboy line-up. Look for Clum to get some big wins for UW in his first year out.

165- Sophomore Gary Dack also from Arvada Colo., saw limited action last season but is ready to step up and add toughness to a young Cowboy line-up. Two-time state champ from New Mexico, Dan Barrone will add depth and brings very successful high school credentials and could see action at 174.

174- Wide open weight class with the loss of starter Trevor Murray and injured Josh Prevost. Look for Clint Stout, Dan Barrone, or Chet Slevin to step up to be the starter of this weight class.

184- West Regional Champion Sam Wendland from Bozeman Mont. will be counted on to anchor the experienced upper weights. Needs to improve in a couple of areas to go further in the NCAA tournament. Chet Slevin, three time Washington state champ, will look to make the move to Division I wrestling from high school.

197- A starter in 2001, Malcom Havens from Parker Colo. will be the front runner at this class. He did a great job filling in last year and will be ready for a starting role again this year. Freshmen Preston Pavich from S.D. and Avery Rodgers of Iowa will also look to make the move to Division I wrestling.

HWT - Junior Dusty Hoffschneider from Denver Colo., a Regional Champion and an #11 seed at the NCAA tournament last year, will look to join the Cowboys after football season in January. Dusty starts at nose-tackle for the Cowboys and brings intensity and great work ethic to the wrestling room. Look for freshman Jason Still of Colorado, to lead the Cowboys for the first half of the season and may get a starting role later in the season also. Junior Drew Severn from Arizona, also on the Cowboy football team will join the squad in January. Severn will push for the starting job and use three years of experience at this level to get it done.



2004-05 COWBOY WRESTLING SCHEDULE

<u>Date</u>	<u>Meet/Dual</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Time</u>
Fri., Nov. 5	Intrasquad Tournamnet	Laramie	5:00 p.m.
Fri., Nov. 12	Oregon	Laramie	7:30 p.m.
Sun., Nov. 14	Cowboy Open	Laramie*	All Day
Sat., Nov. 20	Nebraska-Omaha Open	Omaha, Neb.	All Day
Sat., Nov. 20	Northern Colorado Open	Greeley, Colo.	All Day
Fri.-Sat., Dec. 3-4	Las Vegas Invitational	Las Vegas, Nev.	All Day
Sat., Dec. 18	Husker Duals	Lincoln, Neb.	All Day
Sat., Jan. 8	Ohio State Buckeye Duals	Columbus, Ohio	All Day
Fri., Jan. 14	Oregon State	Laramie	7:00 p.m.
Sat., Jan. 15	Cowboy Duals	Laramie	10:00 a.m.
	California Davis		
	Western Wyoming		
	Northwest Wyoming		
Sat., Jan. 22	Boise State	Laramie	7:00 p.m.
Fri., Jan. 28	South Dakota State	Laramie	7:00 p.m.
Sat., Jan. 29	Fresno State	Laramie	7:00 p.m.
Sat., Feb. 12	Utah Valley State	Orem, Utah	TBA
Sun., Feb. 13	California State Fullerton	Fullerton, Calif.	1:00 p.m.
Sat., Feb. 19	North Dakota State	Laramie	7:00 p.m.
Wed., Feb. 23	Air Force	Colorado Springs, Colo.	7:00 p.m.
Thurs., Feb. 24	Northern Colorado	Greeley, Colo.	7:00 p.m.
Sat., Mar. 5	NCAA West Regional	Fresno, Calif.	All Day
Thu.-Sat., Mar. 17-19	NCAA National Championships	St. Louis, Mo.	All Day

Home meets/duals in bold

**** Denotes matches will be held in War Memorial Fieldhouse***

2003-04 SEASON STATISTICS



	<u>Overall</u>	<u>Tourney</u>	<u>Dual</u>	<u>Pins</u>	<u>TF</u>	<u>MD</u>
Danny Clum	3-2	3-2		3		
Gary Dack	16-10	13-9	3-1	2	3	2
Barret Duell	7-14	6-10	1-4	2		
Carter Dowing	15-5	15-5		6	3	2
Josh Geary	11-5	11-5		1	1	2
Blake Gunter	24-10	13-8	11-2	4		5
Malcolm Havens	7-8	5-4	2-4	1	1	1
Dusty Hoffschneider	13-6	3-2	10-4	3		2
Kevin Kessner	13-4	4-3	9-1	2	1	4
Bryce Leonhardt	20-3	10-3	10-0	1		5
Trevor Murray	13-15	6-7	7-8			3
Levi Prevost	24-6	20-5	4-1	4	1	5
Dustin Rock	5-6	5-6		4		
Jake Severn	4-4	4-4		1		1
Tyson Shatto	14-15	6-8	8-7			2
Andrew Shuler	29-7	16-7	13-0	1		5
Patrick Shuler	5-15	2-8	3-7	1	1	
Jason Still	8-10	8-10		1		
Clinton Stout	6-8	6-8		1	1	
Sam Wendland	17-15	10-7	7-8	1		3

Returnees in Bold

2003-04 Wyoming Wrestling Results

<u>DATE</u>	<u>MEET</u>	<u>Result</u>
November 7	Intrasquad Tourn.	non-scoring
November 15	Cowboy Open	non-scoring
November 22	Nebraska-Omaha Open	non-scoring
December 5-6	Las Vegas Invitational	16th, 43.5 pts
December 29-30	Midland Championships	did not place
January 9-10	Virginia Duals	
	#20 Purdue	L 17-19
	Lockhaven	W 25-9
	#22 Edinboro	W 23-16
	Rider	L 16-27
January 17	#2 Nebraska	L 9-33
January 24	Cowboy Duals	
	Northwest Wyo	W 38-9
	Western Wyo	W 33-6
January 30	Portland State	W 45-0
January 31	#22 Oregon State	W 17-16
February 6	Northern Colorado	W 33-13
February 13	Boise State	L 11-24
February 15	Cal-State Fullerton	W 21-21 (6-4)
February 20	Fresno State	L 17-18
February 21	California Davis	W 20-19
February 25	Air Force	W 31-9
March 6	NCAA West Regional	2nd, 80 pts
March 18-20	NCAA Championships	38th, 9 pts

Home Meets in Bold

TEAM LEADERS

Victories

Andrew Shuler	29
Blake Gunter	24

Pins

Brad Steele	9
Kevin Kessner	8
(four tied with 3)	

Dual Wins

Levi Prevost	14
Brad Steele	13
Kevin Kessner	13
Blake Gunter	10

Major Decisions

Levi Prevost	7
Kevin Kessner	5
Trevor Murray	3
Sam Wendland	3
Tyson Shatto	3

Technical Falls

Kevin Kessner	3
Blake Gunter	2

2004 POST SEASON



2004 West Regional Recap

March 6, 2004
Colorado Springs, Ill.

Final Team Scores

1. Northern Iowa 90.5
2. Wyoming 80
3. Fresno State 66.5
4. Air Force 39
5. Eastern Illinois 31.5

Championship Matches

- 125 - **Chris Helgeson (UNI) defeated Barrett Duell (WYO), 7-6**
 133- Pat Dowty (EIU) defeated Brandon Strong (AFA), Fall 6:37
 141- **Dylan Long (UNI) defeated Blake Gunter (WYO), 9-2**
 149- Casey Olson (FSU) defeated Chris Nissen (AFA), 8-7
 157- **Andrew Shuler (WYO) defeated Nick Baima (UNI), 4-1**
 165- **Levi Prevost (WYO) defeated Hesston Johnson (UNI), 2-1**
 174- Eric Haun (UNI) defeated Tony Rubalcava (FSU), 17-7 MD
 184- **Sam Wendland (WYO) defeated Greg Gifford (FSU), forfeit**
 197- Sean Stender (UNI) defeated Marcio Botelho (FSU), 15-5 MD
 HWT- **Dusty Hoffschneider (WYO) defeated Clint Walbeck (FSU), 3-1**

Wyoming NCAA Qualifiers

- 141 - Blake Gunter*
 157 - Andrew Shuler
 165 - Levi Prevost
 184 - Sam Wendland
 197 - Kevin Kessner*
 Hwt - Dusty Hoffschneider

*notes wild card selection

2004 NCAA Championships Recap

March 18-20, 2004
St. Louis, Mo.

Wyoming Final Team Score

38th, 9 pts

Blake Gunter, 141 pounds

Round 1: Scott Moore (Virg.) defeated Gunter (WYO), 11-3
 Wrestlebacks: Joey Rivera (Boston U.) defeated Gunter (WYO), 2-1

Andrew Shuler, 157 Pounds

Round 1: Ryan Bertin (Mich.) defeated Shuler (WYO), 14-5
 Wrestlebacks: Shuler (WYO) defeated Mike Kimberlin (Northwestern), 10-5
 Wrestlebacks 2: Matt Lee (W.V.) defeated Shuler (WYO), 3-2

Levi Prevost, 165 pounds

Round 1: Prevost (WYO) defeated Dustin Kawa (NC State), 10-2
 Round 2: Nick Passolano (Iowa St.) defeated Prevost (WYO), 14-4
 Wrestlebacks: Prevost (WYO) defeated Craig Pequignot (Millersville), 19-9
 Wrestlebacks 2: Prevost (WYO) defeated John Sioredas (UT-Chat), 6-1
 Wrestlebacks 3: John Clark (Ohio St.) defeated Prevost (WYO), 7-6

Sam Wendland, 184 Pounds

Round 1: Jake Rosholt (Olka St.) defeated Wendland (WYO), 5-4
 Wrestlebacks: Nick Ciarcia (Brown) defeated Wendland (WYO), 9-4

Kevin Kessner, 197 Pounds

Round 1: Kyle Smith (Michigan) defeated Kessner (WYO), 5-3
 Wrestlebacks: Kessner (WYO) defeated Stipe Miodic (Cleveland St.), 11-4
 Wrestlebacks 2: Justin Ruiz (Neb.) defeated Kessner (WYO), 3-1

Dusty Hoffschneider, Heavyweight

Round 1: Hoffschneider (WYO) defeated Marc Allemag (Duquense), 8-6
 Round 2: Greg Wagner (Mich.) defeated Hoffschneider (WYO), 3-2
 Wrestlebacks: Bill Stouffer (Central Mich.) defeated Hoffschneider (WYO), 5-3

The Tradition Continues

The University of Wyoming has had its share of wrestling success; 23 All-Americans, 151 conference championships and 19 conference championships. The 2004 post season marked the 30th consecutive year a Cowboy wrestler has competed at the NCAA Championships. Since 1974 the Wyoming Cowboy wrestling program has sent 130 participants to the highest stage of collegiate competition.



COWBOY COACHING STAFF



STEVEN SUDER, HEAD COACH, (WYOMING '79) 16TH YEAR



The 2004-'05 season marks the 16th year of Cowboy wrestling under head coach Steven Suder, an era of consistently competitive and winning teams.

In the fifteen years under Suder, the Wyoming wrestling team has become one of the premier programs in the western United States and is one of the most promising in the country.

Suder has coached 27 conference champions, six All-Americans and 16 Academic All-Americans. In 1990, he placed third in the balloting for NCAA Rookie Coach of the Year. He led the Pokes to two WAC titles, has been named WAC Coach of the Year four times and was named the 2001 West Regional Coach of the Year. The 2004-'05 season marked the 15th consecutive season that coach Suder has sent one or more wrestlers to the NCAA Championships. Overall 59 Wyoming wrestlers have competed at the NCAA's under Suder.

"Each year comes with its own unique challenges and sources of excitement," said Suder. "Working with first class student-athletes and people is rewarding. This program

has taken huge strides both academically and competitively, and yet that was all yesterday. Now our goals for the future are even higher."

During his collegiate years at Wyoming, Suder won two Cowboy Open titles and won the prestigious Las Vegas Invitational once. As a senior, Suder earned All-American honors by placing eighth at 150-pounds in 1979, becoming only the tenth Cowboy to do so.

The Littleton, Colo., native brought a wealth of coaching experience to Wyoming after being hired in 1989. Suder served as the head coach for Athletes in Action from 1985 to 1988 and also served as the associate athletic director for the organization in 1988 and 1989.

"My tenure with Athletes in Action and those international experiences greatly influenced my coaching style and philosophy," said Suder. "It shaped how I interact with people, how I run practices, the way we prepare to compete and my perspective on athletics."

Suder also coached U.S. International teams from 1983 to 1987, which took him to tournaments in South America, Latin America and Europe

In 1995, he was selected to coach the National Wrestling Coaches Association (NWCA) team in Italy, which placed second. The team was comprised of 1995 NCAA All-Americans. Suder also led a similar trip in 1996 to Germany. "It was obviously flattering to have been asked to coach those teams," said Suder. "On a trip like those, you don't have a great deal of input into the athletes' training, wrestling or their lives. Prior to the trips, the coaching that went on was more in the way of strategical value, and trying to get them ready."

In 1997, Suder was also selected as a board member of the National Wrestling Coaches Association (NWCA).

Steven and Deanna Suder have three children, Beau (19), Heidi (17) and Cody (15).

ALL-AMERICANS COACHED BY SUDER

<i>Dave Myers</i>	158-pounds	8th place	1992
<i>Reese Andy</i>	177-pounds	2nd place	1994
	177-pounds	6th place	1995
	177-pounds	2nd place	1996
<i>Brent Voorhees</i>	150-pounds	7th place	1996
<i>Brandon Alderman</i>	158-pounds	6th place	1996

ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICANS COACHED BY SUDER

<i>Jason Gregersen</i>	Honorable Mention	1992-95
<i>Tom Hickenlooper</i>	Second Team	1993-96
<i>Justin Martin</i>	First Team	1992
	Honorable Mention	1993, 95
<i>Shilo Mathill</i>	Honorable Mention	1994,95,97
<i>Darin Smith</i>	Honorable Mention	1994, 95
<i>Brandon Alderman</i>	Second Team	1996
	Honorable Mention	1997
<i>Brad Alderman</i>	Honorable Mention	1996
<i>Brandon Dansie</i>	Second Team	1998, 2000
	Honorable Mention	1999
<i>Corey Hamrick</i>	Second Team	1998, 2000
<i>Jeremy Sell</i>	Honorable Mention	1998-2000
<i>Jeff Tufano</i>	Honorable Mention	1998
<i>Matt Winner</i>	Honorable Mention	1999

COWBOY COACHING STAFF



MATT JOHNSON, HEAD ASSISTANT COACH, (WYOMING '96) 12TH YEAR



Matt Johnson enters his 12th year at Wyoming and his fourth as the top assistant. Johnson will be involved in all aspects of the Cowboy program.

Johnson, 35, brings a tremendously successful collegiate background to the Cowboy program. While wrestling for Iowa State University he won three Big Eight titles and earned three All-American honors in the 177-pound weight class. Johnson notched one second-place finish and two fourth-place finishes at the NCAA Tournament. At the 1991 NCAA Tournament Johnson won the Gregorian Award for pinning three opponents in 15:15 while advancing to the title match at 177-pounds. During his career he compiled a 120-27-1 record, including two 30-win seasons. Johnson also participated in three National Wrestling Coaches All-Star Meets, recording a 2-1 record. His three invitations is a Cyclone record. Internationally, Johnson has finished in the

top seven in the U.S. Open Freestyle Tournament three times.

A native of Brighton, Colo., Johnson won two Colorado state championships and four freestyle titles. Johnson finished high school with an overall record of 114-19. Johnson also finished second at the Junior Nationals in 1988.

Johnson graduated from the University of Wyoming in 1996 with a degree in history. Johnson married his wife Jodi in August of 1998. The couple had their first child, Sarah Marie, in Dec. of 2000 and welcomed a second daughter, Riley Lynn, in June, 2003.

KC ROCK, ASSISTANT COACH, (BOISE STATE '01) THIRD YEAR



KC Rock is entering his third year as an assistant coach with the Wyoming Cowboys. Rock, 28, was one of Boise State's dominate wrestlers during the 1999-2000 season that won the Pac-10 Conference Championship, and placed 12th at the NCAA National Championship Tournament. Rock claimed the 2000 Pac-10 title in the 125-pound weight class, and was named the Most Outstanding Wrestler of the Tournament. Rock won all four of his matches by in with the times 2:07, 6:36, 2:40 and 2:55. His final pin came in the title match against a number one seed, and then 10th ranked Michael Kawamura of Arizona State. Rock was a two-time NCAA qualifier with a record of 4-4. Rock's two year overall record at Bosie State was 42-29, including a 23-10 senior season.

Rock transferred to Boise State from Ricks College where he was one of the top junior college wrestlers in the country during his two years. Rock placed sixth at the NJCAA Championships in 1998.

Rock is a native of Morgan, Utah where he compiled an impressive high school career record of 100-21 at Morgan High School.

Rock married his wife Darelyn in June of 1998. The couple welcomed a son, Keller, on April 26, 2001 and a daughter, Emery, on July 9th, 2003.