

Wrestling Facts

Wrestling Program History

Gettysburg's wrestling team has grappled with success throughout its 74 years of competition in the Middle Atlantic Conference and the Centennial Conference. The Bullets have won numerous conference championships and have made a significant impact on the national scene.

Gettysburg established its mat dominance at the end of the 1930s by capturing its first MAC Championship in 1938. The team added nine more team titles and numerous individual championships as a member of the MAC before joining the Centennial in 1993. Success followed the Orange & Blue into the new conference as 18 Bullets wrestlers have captured individual conference championships, making it one of only four teams with 10 or more individual titles. Gettysburg as a team was conference runner-up in 1996 and 2000, and earned a share of the regular season title in 2000.

The program has also experienced success at the national level, with three top-10 finishes in the NCAA Division III tournament, including program-best eighth-place finishes in 1965 and 1976. Beginning with Joseph Bavaro's '66 two national titles in 1965 and 1966, seven Bullet grapplers have earned All-America honors, including three-time winners Craig Helmuth '78, Robert Ortenzio '79, and Jake Dell '98. Helmuth captured a national title at 126 pounds in 1975, while Dell remains the highest-placing Centennial wrestler at the NCAA Tournament with a runner-up showing in 1997.

Centennial Conference

Gettysburg College is a charter member of the Centennial Conference.

The conference became official on April 29, 1992, when 11 college and university presidents agreed to a mission of purpose formalizing the all-sports conference. Ten of the charter members had held membership in the Middle Atlantic States Collegiate Athletic Conference (MAC) since that conference's origin in 1912.

Members of the Centennial Conference are Bryn Mawr College, Dickinson College, Franklin & Marshall College, Gettysburg College, Haverford College, Johns Hopkins University, McDaniel College, Muhlenberg College, Swarthmore College, Ursinus College and Washington College.

Gettysburg teams have enjoyed unprecedented success in the first 17 years of the Centennial Conference, having won more CC team championships than any other institution.

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school records

most wins - season	year	wins
jake dell	1997-98	40
matt shank	2004-05	40
jake dell	1994-95	34
jake dell	1996-97	34
matt shank	2006-07	33

most wins - career	years	wins
jake dell	1994-98	140
matt shank	2004-08	114
andrew goldstein	2005-09	100
steve kareha	1999-03	93
bob ortenzio	1975-79	90

most pins - season	year	pins
jake dell	1997-98	17
matt shank	2004-05	16
jamie binnall	1995-96	13
joe bavaro	1964-65	12
brandon ream	1994-95	12
chris beck	1999-00	12

most pins - career	years	pins
jake dell	1994-98	50
matt shank	2004-08	34
jamie binnall	1994-98	31
craig helmuth	1974-78	29
steve kareha	1999-03	28

all-time series records against 2010-11 opponents

opponent	1st meeting	w	l	t	last win	last loss
frank. & marsh.	1929-30	5	58	2	'98-99 (28-14)	'08-09 (13-35)
johns hopkins	1931-32	30	14	0	'06-07 (27-15)	'09-10 (22-28)
king's (pa.)	1994-95	0	14	0	----	'08-09 (9-43)
lycoming	1956-57	2	27	0	'58-59 (17-9)	'09-10 (3-54)
mcdaniel	1941-42	29	20	0	'07-08 (24-12)	'09-10 (12-29)
messiah	1972-73	14	15	0	'04-05 (24-23)	'09-10 (15-36)
muskingum	2010-11	0	0	0	----	----
merchant marine	1964-65	8	8	0	'75-76 (37-7)	'09-10 (0-46)
morrisville state	2010-11	0	0	0	----	----
scranton	1994-95	3	4	0	'00-'01 (36-12)	'04-'05 (21-27)
stevens	2006-07	1	3	0	'06-07 (27-21)	'09-10 (3-42)
ursinus	1929-30	10	19	1	'99-00 (22-12)	'09-10 (9-37)
wash. & jeff.	1978-79	6	10	2	'04-05 (34-21)	'09-10 (12-37)
wash. & lee	1993-94	6	7	0	'09-10 (21-17)	'08-09 (21-22)
york (pa.)	1978-79	5	28	0	'91-'92 (37-11)	'09-'10 (6-38)

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2010-11 schedule

date	opponent	time
november	6 at king's monarch invitational	10:00 a.m.
	10 at scranton	7:00 p.m.
	13 at ursinus fall brawl	9:00 a.m.
	20 at oneonta red dragon invitational	11:00 a.m.
december	3-4 at messiah petrofes tournament	12:00p.m./9:00 a.m.
	8 york	7:00 p.m.
january	8 at washington & jefferson	1:00 p.m.
	w/muskingum and washington & lee *	
	12 at mcdaniel *	7:00 p.m.
	15 at waynesburg invitational	9:00 a.m.
	22 at ursinus *	11:00 a.m.
	w/ johns hopkins *	
february	30 at wilkes quad	11:00 a.m.
	2 johns hopkins*	7:00 p.m.
	5 at messiah w/king's, suny-morrisville	tba
	9 at franklin & marshall	7:30 p.m.
	12 at stevens *w/usmma *	12:00 p.m.
	16 lycoming	7:00 p.m.
march	26 at cc championships (at washington & lee)	10:00 a.m.
	11-12 at ncaa div. iii champ. (at la crosse, wis.)	tba

home matches in bold; * centennial conference opponent

2009-10 results

date	opponent	result
november	7 at king's monarch invitational	8th of 10
	14 at ursinus fall brawl	no team score
	18 at no 22. lycoming	l, 3-54
	21 at oneonta red dragon invitational	11th of 12
december	4-5 at messiah petrofes tournament	10th of 13
	january 7 at centenary	l, 4-40
january	9 at washington & lee *	w, 21-17
	vs. washington & jefferson	l, 12-37
	vs. penn state dubois	w, 31-12
	16 at elizabethtown	l, 12-40
	vs. new york university	l, 12-32
	23 at johns hopkins *	l, 22-28
	vs. muhlenburg *	w, 31-17
	vs. ursinus *	l, 9-37
	30 at no 15. wilkes	l, 21-29
	vs. plymouth state	l, 10-34
vs. no 16. kutztown	l, 16-35	
february	3 mcdaniel *	l, 12-29
	13 stevens institute of technology *	l, 3-42
	vs. no 13. u.s. merchant marine academy *	l, 0-46
march	20 at cc championships (hoboken,n.j.)	8th of 8
	5-6 at ncaa div. III champ.	tba

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2010-11 wrestling

Bullets
Gettysburg College

coaching staff



Andy Vogel
Head Coach • 4th Season
Messiah '03

Andy Vogel is entering his fourth year as the head coach of the Gettysburg wrestling program and the athletic department's compliance officer. In his opening three seasons, Vogel's program has produced one All-American, three national qualifiers, and three conference champions.

Vogel's teams have dealt with major injuries to top performers over the last three seasons, but the Bullets have overcome the obstacles to place fifth and sixth at the 2008 and 2009 Centennial Conference Championships, respectively. Gettysburg claimed two individual conference titles in 2008, while capturing one individual crown and sending three grapplers overall to the podium in 2009. Gettysburg has had three national qualifiers under Vogel's tutelage with 2009 graduate Andrew Goldstein becoming the school's first All-American in a decade when he placed eighth in 2008.

Prior to Gettysburg, Vogel served as an assistant coach at Wheaton (Ill.) College. He was involved in planning practices and conditioning sessions for the Thunder's NCAA Division III wrestling program. He was also involved in the recruiting process and handled administrative duties.

Vogel, a 2003 graduate of Messiah, was a three-time All-American at 149 pounds, finishing as the NCAA Division III national runner-up in 2001 and earning seventh-place in 2002 and 2003. A three-time Middle Atlantic Conference (MAC) Champion, he posted a school-record 157 wins over his tenure with the Falcons and was named both the school's Senior Athlete of the Year and the Senior Male Sportsmanship Award recipient.

An outstanding student, Vogel graduated from Messiah with a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering. He was a member of Messiah's Honors Program and was tabbed an Academic All-American in each of his final three seasons at the school. In addition, Vogel was named the MAC Winter Male Scholar Athlete of the Year and received a postgraduate scholarship from the NCAA in 2003.

Aside from his collegiate activities, Vogel has been active in the wrestling community for many years, including founding a website completely devoted to NCAA Division III wrestling (www.d3wrestle.com). He has served as a teacher and instructor at various wrestling camps at his undergraduate alma mater as well as the Ken Chertow Gold Medal Training Camp

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2010-11 returning letterwinners

Name	Cl.	Ht.	Wt.	Hometown/High School
Bobby Christopher ***+Sr.		6-1	285	Ft. Lauderdale, Fla./Cardinal Gibbons
Abe Evans **	Jr.	5-6	125	Dover, Pa./Dover
Adam Finkelstein *	So.	5-11	165	Purdys, N.Y. / Somers
Joe Fiore *	So.	5-8	157	Hicksville, N.Y. / Kellenberg Memorial
DJ Neri ***+	Sr.	5-10	165	Fairfax, Va./W.T. Woodson
Kevin Poplaski *	So.	5-8	285	North Reading, Mass. / St. John's Prep
Marshall Puls *	So.	6-2	197	New York, N.Y. / Hotchkiss
Branden Strohl *	So.	5-11	285	Catasauqua, Pa. / Catasauqua

* **Varsity Letters Earned;** + **Team Captain**

all-americans

Name	Wt	Year (Finish)
Joseph Bavaro ^	147	1965 (1st)
	152	1966 (1st)
Jake Dell	167	1996 (6th), 1997 (2nd), 1998 (4th)
Andrew Goldstein	157	2008 (8th)
Craig Helmuth	126	1975 (1st), 1976 (2nd), 1978 (5th)
H. Scott Higgins	145	1966 (2nd)
Bob Ortenzio	118	1976 (6th), 1977 (5th)
	126	1979 (3rd)
Brian Smith	134	1975 (5th)

^ *Joseph Bavaro '66 won the College Division title in his weight class in 1965 and 1966 and also finished runner-up in the University Division in both years, becoming one of a select few to own All-America honors in two divisions.*

centennial champs

Name	Wt	Year
Chris Beck	174	2000
Chris Clifford	158	1996
Jake Dell	158	1995
	167	1996, 1997, 1998
Andrew Goldstein	157	2007, 2008, 2009
Steve Kareha	133	2000
Keith Layman	167	1994
Mike Pattanite	285	2006
Sean Pickett	177	1995, 1996
Brandon Ream	285	1995
Mike Russo	141	2004
Marty Scarpato	126	1998
Matt Shank	149	2007, 2008

meet the wrestlers



Bobby Christopher
Senior • 285
Team captain...
Third-winnigest
heavyweight in school
history with career
record of 64-32. **2009-**

10: Led team with a 22-7 record, 10 pins, and 41 takedowns...Opened the year by winning the King's Monarch Invitational...Had a 12-match winning streak mid-season, including seven victories by pin. **2008-09:** Posted a record of 18-5...Finished third at CC Championships, posting a pair of pins in final two matches...Second on the team with seven falls...Had three pins of less than a minute, including a 44-second fall in the conference consolation finals. **2007-08:** Went 24-20 in first collegiate season...Finished fourth at conference championships.



Abe Evans
Junior • 125
Team's top light-
weight...Trained at
the Olympic Training
Center this summer.
2009-10: Bounced

back from slow start to win seven of final 10 matches, including a pair of pins...Posted 14 takeowns and one major decision...Went 4-1 against conference opponents. **2008-09:** Posted a record of 16-14, finishing fourth on the team in total victories...Tied for the team lead with five major decisions, including a 13-0 victory in the consolation semifinals of the CC Championships...Finished fourth overall at the conference meet...Recorded first career pin at the Ithaca Invitational.



DJ Neri
Senior • 174
Team captain and
returning starter
at 174. **2009-10:**
Squad's most im-
proved wrestler with

15 wins in 34 decisions...Posted four pins, four major decisions, and 26 takedowns...Did not lose a single match by fall...Lost in CC consolation semis in sudden victory. **2008-09:** Went 5-18 at 165 and 5-7 at 174...Competed at the conference meet and won opening match in sudden victory...Earned first career fall at the Oneonta Tournament. **2007-08:** Wrestled in 20 matches, primarily at 174...Earned first decision against Lycoming...Picked up a 4-3 decision against York.



Marshall Puls
Sophomore • 197
Returning starter at
197. **2009-10:** Tied
for second on the
team with 15 victo-
ries...Posted four

falls, two major decisions, and 28 takedowns...Finished tied for second with 32 escapes...Logged first collegiate win with a 10-3 decision at the King's Monarch Invitational...Posted a pair of pins en route to a sixth-place finish at the Red Dragon Invitational...Won four matches as part of a sixth-place effort at the Messiah Petrofes Tournament.

2009-10 season leaders

wins

Bobby Christopher	22-7
Luke Mitchell	15-17
DJ Neri	15-19
Marshall Puls	15-19

pins

Bobby Christopher	10
DJ Neri	4
Marshall Puls	4
Four wrestlers	2

technical falls

Patrick Doherty	1
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major decisions

Luke Mitchell	4
DJ Neri	4
Patrick Doherty	2
Marshall Puls	2

takedowns

Bobby Christopher	41
Luke Mitchell	34
Marshall Puls	28
DJ Neri	26

reversals

DJ Neri	8
Michael Slabinski	7
Four wrestlers	with 6

near-fall 2

DJ Neri	6
Luke Mitchell	5
Marshall Puls	4
Kevin Poplaski	3
Bobby Christopher	3
Patrick Doherty	2

near-fall 3

Patrick Doherty	4
DJ Neri	4
Joe Fiore	4
Luke Mitchell	3
Marshall Puls	2
Bobby Christopher	2

quickest pins

Bobby Christopher	Mike Daub, Elizabethtown	0:14
Bobby Christopher	Nick Pallotta, Muhlenberg	0:21
Bobby Christopher	Zak Colangelo, W&L	0:21
Bobby Christopher	James Lamonica, Oneonta	0:27
Bobby Christopher	Angelo Montante, RIT	0:30
Bobby Christopher	Chris Pike, Oneonta	0:40
Bobby Christopher	Mike Cunningham, NYU	0:59
Bobby Christopher	Rick Danilkowicz, JHU	1:09
Bobby Christopher	Justin Franiak, Wilkes	1:11
Marshall Puls	Andrew Rust, Morrisville	1:28
Abe Evans	Andrew Spicer, PSU-Dubois	1:35
Luke Mitchell	Vincent Termini, Stevens	1:42
Luke Mitchell	Andrew Senft, York	1:45

