

COBBER MEETDAY 2008

Concordia vs. SW Minnesota St. – February 3, 2008

MEET #10

SW MINNESOTA STATE (0-6)

at

CONCORDIA COLLEGE (2-3)

February 3, 2008

Memorial Auditorium
Moorhead, MN

MEET TIME: 1 p.m.

LAST YEAR: Last year Concordia stumbled out of the gate and lost 21-15 to Southwest MN State in Marshall. The Cobbers trailed 12-0 after the opening four matches and wound up losing by six. Concordia dropped all four of the first matches by a decision and all four were high-scoring affairs. **Matt Nyvold** lost an 8-6 decision at 125 and **P.J. Mack** was handed a heart-breaking 7-6 loss at 141. **Logan Lunde** finally stopped the bleeding for the Cobbers when he pinned **Chris Fast** in the first period in their bout at 157. CC then dropped the next two matches, which proved to be the critical points in the match. The Cobbers then countered the Mustangs two wins with a pair of victories of their own. **Tony Neumann** pinned **Cody Chamblin** in the second period of their match at 184 and then **Theo Gagner** came up with a tough 10-7 win at 197. With Gagner's win, the Cobbers were only three points behind SMSU at 18-15 heading into the final match of the night at heavyweight. The match went the entire distance before CC's **Dustin Roggenbuck** lost 5-4 to David Marshall to bring the final team score to 21-15. Of the eight matches that were won by a decision, four were decided by two or fewer points. The Mustangs won all four of those pivotal matches.

NCAA DIII National Rankings

(as of Jan. 29)

1. Wartburg College (IA) (19-0)
2. Augsburg College (MN) (9-1)
3. UW-La Crosse (19-2)
4. Delaware Valley College (PA) (9-4)
5. Cortland State (NY) (9-0)
6. Heidelberg College (OH) (9-1)
7. Coe College (IA) (16-3)
8. UW-Stevens Point (12-5-1)
9. North Central College (IL) (14-2)
10. UW-Whitewater (9-8)
11. Buena Vista University (IA) (10-6)
12. Luther College (IA) (12-5)
13. Johnson & Wales University (RI) (13-7-1)
14. Rhode Island College (11-2)
15. New York University (9-1)
16. Elmhurst College (IL) (7-5)
17. US Merchant Marine Academy (8-4)
18. Loras College (IA) (6-13)
19. Wilkes University (PA) (15-5-1)
20. College of New Jersey (12-3)
21. Ithaca College (NY) (8-2)
22. SUNY-Brockport (3-1-1)
23. Oneonta State (NY) (10-2)

Today's Tentative Schedule

Note: The following match line-up is tentative and will be finalized at the weigh-in. The opening match of the meet will also be determined at that time.

- 125 – Alex Vosberg – CC vs. Open
- 133 – Joe Leacox – CC vs. Ed Reno – SWMS
- 141 – Ben Anderson – CC vs. L.J. Frazoni – SWMS
- 149 – Zach Schumack/Justin Berns – CC vs. Open
- 157 – Logan Lunde – CC vs. Logan McAlpin/Luke Giese – SWMS
- 165 – Lane Lunde – CC vs. C.D. Johnson – SWMS
- 174 – Phil Moenkedick – CC vs. Greg Frank – SWMS
- 184 – Cody Salo – CC vs. Tyler Johnson – SWMS
- 197 – Tony Neumann – CC vs. Cody Chamblin – SWMS
- 285 – Adam Westby/Nick Nadeau – CC vs. Open

CONCORDIA UPDATE

Concordia is coming off a 22-16 win over No.29-ranked St. John's on Wednesday. The win pushed the Cobbers' dual meet record to 2-3 on the season. Against the Johnnies, the Cobbers won three of the last four matches to rally and claim the six-point win. It was the first win over a full Johnnie varsity squad since the 1988-89 season. Concordia controlled the early part of the match and the final stages with St. John's holding the advantage heading into the last two weight classes. The match came down to the final bout of the night. Leading 19-16 heading into the 285 match, the Cobbers needed a win to claim the outright victory. CC freshman **Nick Nadeau** then produced one of the biggest highlights in recent Cobber wrestling history when he scored a 1-0 win over **Noel Meyer**.

WIN LEADERS

Concordia has three wrestlers with at least 26 wins on the year and another with 24. Leading the way is freshman **Justin Berns** who has 28. He is currently 28-13 on the year. Fellow freshman **Phil Moenkedick** is 26-4 and owns the best win/loss percentage for the Cobbers. Moenkedick is joined by **Lane Lunde** with 26 wins. It marks the first time in recent history that Concordia has had a trio of wrestlers with at least 25 wins on the year. **Tony Neumann** could join that club today as he is 24-10 on the season.

UP NEXT

Today's dual meet is the second of five dual meets in the next six outings for Concordia. The only non-dual meet left this season before regionals is the North Country Invite at SJU on Feb. 9. After today's dual with the Mustangs CC will travel Jamestown College on Feb. 7, the University of Mary on Feb. 13 and St. Olaf on Feb. 15.

SW MINNESOTA STATE UPDATE

Southwest Minnesota State is recovering from a 50-0 loss at the hands of No.16-ranked St. Cloud State last night. The loss drops the Mustangs' season record to 0-6. In the meet against the Huskies, SWMS lost three bouts by a pin fall and two others by major decision. Before the loss at SCSU, the Mustangs had six wrestlers place at the Jamestown Open. Leading the way were **Luke Giese** and **Tyler Johnson**, who each placed third in their respective weight classes. Giese went 4-1 at 157, while Johnson was also 4-1 at 184. In addition, **Logan McAlpin** went 2-2 to finish in fifth place at 157 and **Greg Frank** went 2-2 for fifth at 174. **C.D. Johnson** finished 4-3 on the day, good for a sixth place finish at 165. Redshirt **Tony Klosterboer** also placed fourth, with a 3-2 record, wrestling unattached at 165. Fellow redshirt **Tanner Skillings** went 1-2 at 149.

PRESEASON PICKINGS

Southwest Minnesota State was picked to finish fourth in the NSIC Preseason Coaches Poll. Upper Iowa was picked first and received 74 points. SMSU received 25 points.

THIS DATE IN HISTORY

In an effort to offer fans a little trivial knowledge this year, the MD staff has decided to use the bottom of each program to let everyone know what happened in history on today's date.

February 3

1690 – First paper money in America issued

1882 – Circus owner **PT Barnum** buys his world famous elephant Jumbo

1967 – "Purple Haze" recorded by **Jimi Hendrix**

1979 – Minnesota Twins trade **Rod Carew** to California for 4 players

1987 – Expos trade **Jeff Reardon** to Twins for **Neal Heaton**

2007-08 COBBER STATS

2007-08 Cobber Results

Nov. 10	at Bison Open	
Nov. 16	ST. OLAF	Ppd to 2/15
Nov. 17	COBBER OPEN	9 a.m.
Dec. 1	at Dragon Open	
Dec. 5	at MSU Moorhead	L 7-30
Dec. 8	at St. Cloud State Husky Open	
Jan. 5	at Blue Hawk Classic	3rd Place
Jan. 12-13	at National Duals - Cedar Falls, Iowa	
Jan. 12	vs. #3 UW-La Crosse	L 7-31
Jan. 12	vs. #15 Cornell (Iowa)	W 25-20
Jan. 12	vs. #5 Luther	L 7-39
Jan. 19	at Elmhurst (Ill.) Invite	2nd Place
Jan. 26	at Jamestown Open	
Jan. 30	#29 ST. JOHN'S	W 22-16

2007-08 Cobber Individual Records

Name	Yr.	Wt	W	L	Pins
Jason Brill	Fr	125	9	11	3
Alex Vosberg	Fr	125	2	12	2
Joe Leacox	So	133	14	14	2
Todd Reynolds	Fr	133	5	15	3
PJ Mack	Jr	141	8	3	0

2007-08 Cobber Individual Records

Name	Yr.	Wt	W	L	Pins
Josiah Simburger	So	141	22	14	4
Justin Horne	So	141	15	11	5
Ben Anderson	Fr	141	15	10	2
Justin Berns	Fr	149	28	13	6
Zach Schumack	Sr	149	15	11	11
Alex Burkel	Fr	149	12	9	4
Joe Meinert	Fr	149	8	14	4
Justin Lehmann	So	149	4	7	2
Trevor Novacek	Fr	149	3	10	1
Logan Lunde	Sr	157	5	6	0
Lane Lunde	So	165	26	15	4
Spencer Lund	Jr	165	9	11	2
Ross Dankers	Fr	165	10	14	2
Phil Moenkedick	Fr	174	26	4	10
Dj Ringquist	So	174	5	9	0
Luke Vetsch	So	184	10	8	0
Cody Salo	Jr	184	9	9	3
Tanner Jorud	So	184	11	9	3
Tony Neumann	Jr	197	24	10	6
Adam Westby	Sr	285	10	14	3
Nick Nadeau	Fr	285	9	14	4

MEET THE 2007-08 MUSTANGS

2007-08 SW MN State Schedule

NOVEMBER

10 at Dakota Wesleyan Open
17 at Augsburg Open

DECEMBER

1 at MSU Moorhead Open
4 **AUGSBURG** L 3-41
8 at St. Cloud St. Husky Open

JANUARY

11 at Augustana (S.D.) L 3-45
16 **ST. JOHN'S** L 6-38
19 **UNIV. OF MARY** L 16-21
25 at Jamestown L 6-30
26 at Jamestown Invite

FEBRUARY

2 at St. Cloud State L 0-50
3 at Concordia College 1 p.m.
7 at MSU Moorhead 7 p.m.
9 at North Country Inv. 9 a.m.
13 **NORTHERN STATE** 7 p.m.
16 **MSU MANKATO** 7 p.m.
22 at Upper Iowa 7 p.m.

MARCH

2 at NCAA North Regional Noon
14 at NCAA Championships
15 at NCAA Championships

Name	Wt.	Yr.	Hometown/High School
Michal Barrie	133	Sr.	Westbrook, Minn./Adrian
Cody Chamblin	197	Sr.	Flandreau, S.D./Flandreau
Pat Cusack	125	Fr.	Wheatfield, Ind./Kankakee Valley
Greg Frank	174	Sr.	Foley, Minn./Foley
L.J. Franzoni	133	Fr.	Eagan, Minn./Burnsville
Luke Giese	149	So.	Slayton, Minn./Murray County Central
Nathan Jacob	HWT	Fr.	Garvin, Minn./Tracy Area
C.D. Johnson	165	So.	LeRoy, Mich./Pine River
Tyler Johnson	184	Jr.	Harrisburg, S.D./Harrisburg
Tony Klosterboer	165	Fr.	Montevideo, Minn./Montevideo
Jeremy Loch	133	Rf.	St. Joseph, Minn./St. Cloud Apollo
Logan McAlpin	157	Fr.	Woodbury, Minn./Woodbury
Ed Reno	133	Fr.	Utica, Mich./Utica
Tanner Skillings	141	Fr.	Minneota, Minn./Minneota
Alex Streff	133	Fr.	Savage, Minn./Burnsville
Nick Wulf	157	Fr.	Sioux Falls, S.D./Lincoln

Head Coach: Jesse Nelson (1st season)

Assistant Coach: John Koons (1st season)

Meet Head Coach Jesse Nelson

Jesse Nelson took over the head coaching duties for the Southwest Minnesota State wrestling team on Aug. 22, 2007, replacing John Sterner, who resigned in July. Nelson comes to SMSU after five years as the head wrestling coach at Ridgewater College in Willmar, Minn. A native of St. James, Minn., Nelson brings an impressive list of accomplishments to Southwest from his young career at the junior college level. He guided Ridgewater College to top-five finishes nationally in each of his five seasons there. Included was a national championship in 2004-05 and a second-place finish in 2003-04.

In addition to the team success, Nelson coached numerous student-athletes to individual success as well. During his five years at Ridgewater, he coached 13 All-Americans, four national finalists and one national champion. Nelson racked up many awards in his five years at Ridgewater. He was named Minnesota Community College Conference Coach of the Year following each season and was named NJCAA Region XIII Coach of the Year in 2003 and 2004.

Nelson has also enjoyed success at the high school level as a coach, where he coached Greenbush-Middle River/Badger High School in Badger, Minn. In one year at GMRB, he coached five state tournament place winners and two state champions. He has a well-rounded background in coaching. In addition to coaching wrestling at Ridgewater and GMRB, Nelson has coached freestyle wrestling and Minnesota Junior National Greco-Roman wrestling with Minnesota USA Wrestling. He was also an assistant football coach at Ridgewater for five years. At the high school level, he was a head fastpitch softball coach and a junior high and VFW baseball coach in the Montevideo (Minn.) School District.