

# 2009-2010



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**W**ildcat Wrestling Club Head Coach Greg Vander Weil says year two is going to be bigger and better, primarily because of its affiliation with the National Collegiate Wrestling Association (NCWA).

The young team has several returning wrestlers but also adventurous freshmen training for their time on the mat.

"Drawing upon the experiences of last season, the first year learning curve was very good, and returning wrestlers know what to expect," Vander Weil said. "The addition of Coach Sean Smalley is a tremendous asset to the program, and a good group of freshmen and some upperclassmen who have decided to give wrestling another shot will help the program grow."

Smalley is responsible for the club's association with the NCWA. He is a four-year letter winner and graduate of Morningside College in Sioux City, Iowa. Smalley is currently working toward a master's degree in sports management at Wayne State.

"I feel like I have been put into a situation where I can learn more about myself as a coach. I also really like the fact that Greg has given me a lot of say when it comes to running practices and I hope that by giving it my all, that it will help the guys reach the goals that they have personally set for themselves," Smalley said.

Last year, national wrestling champion Jake Stevenson from Morningside led three practices where he introduced several drills and techniques to the Cats. This season, UNL wrestling graduates will conduct some of the practices.

"This year we've already stepped up the level of preparation, and unfortunately not everyone will be a national qualifier, but everybody deserves to practice like one," Vander Weil said.

Vander Weil, an industrial technology professor at WSC, is also a former collegiate wrestler and competed for Wayne State before the program ended in the early 1980s. He considers giving this generation of athletes the opportunity to compete rewarding and a pleasure.

The team was allocated money from the WSC Student Senate this year, but the most sizeable donation has come from the support of Sand Creek Post & Beam's Len Dickinson and Jule Goeller.

"Len had a great club experience as a young wrestler growing up in Lincoln and simply wants to provide the same opportunity to young men attending WSC.

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## Wayne State Wrestling Club

### tentative schedule

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**Nov. 13 York College Dual, Rice Auditorium, 6 p.m.**

Nov. 14 Dakota Wesleyan Open, Mitchell, SD, all day

Nov. 21 Kaufman/Brand Open, Omaha, NE, all day

Dec. 12 Loper Open, Kearney, NE, all day

Jan. 2 Dana Open, Blair, NE, all day

Jan. 8 York College Dual, York, NE, 6 p.m.

Jan. 9 Hastings Open, Hastings, NE, all day

Jan. 16 Worthington Open, Worthington, MN, all day

Jan. 23 York Open, York, NE, all day

Jan. 30 Winona Club Invite, Winona, MN, all day

Feb. 6 Briar Cliff Open, Sioux City, IA, all day

Feb. 27 NCC, Grand Valley State, MI

March 11-13 NCWA National Tourney, Hampton, VA

**\*Home meet in bold (This is the first college wrestling dual at WSC in 28 years. All WSC wrestling alumni are invited to attend. No admission charge.)**

## WSC Wrestling Club tentative roster

Weight	Name	Year	High School
125	Brent Kleinschmidt	Fr.	Cross County
133	Marcus Martin	Fr.	DC West
141	Trent Brichacek	So.	West Point Central Catholic
	Alex Sheldon	Fr.	Grand Island Sr. High
149	Matthew Peters	Fr.	O'Neill High School
	Allyn Gonsor	So.	Fremont Sr. High School
157	Myles Butt	So.	Central City
	Paul Dolezal	Fr.	Norfolk Sr. High School
165	Cory Devine	Fr.	Cozad
174	Shawn Vinson	Sr.	Osmond
184	Rob Peter	So.	O'Neill High School
197	AJ Peters	So.	DeWitt
	Trevor Wiebelhaus	Fr.	Creighton
HWT	Ricky Lewis	So.	Neligh
	Jon Mullen	Fr.	Laurel-Concord



Last year, the Wildcats began practicing on a 20x20 mat left at the school from the 1970s. The team later received another used mat. They had four to five competitions, and WSC supported the travel. Fundraising and Sand Creek Post & Beam's support funded lodging, registration at the meets and singlets.

This year, Sand Creek Post & Beam has continued to support the team with warm-up jackets. Faculty at the college have been encouraged to support a wrestler to help with expenses. The team is still seeking more mat space, a team scale for weight checks and additional funding for competitions, including the NCWA membership fees.



Cael Sanderson (left), four-time, undefeated NCAA national champion and Olympic gold medalist is pictured with Trent Brichacek, Ricky Lewis, Jeff Mills, Brad Hanzlik, Brandon Timm, Myles Butt and Rob Peters at last year's Briar Cliff Open.

### WSC Wrestling Club stats 2008-2009:



\*Myles Butt, freshman, 157 lbs., Central City, NE.

-6 wins, 4 losses; Outstanding Wrestler Award and \$300 scholarship winner, 22 team points; Moves from the bottom (escapes and reversals), 20 points

\*Jeff Mills, freshman, 174 lbs., Grand Island Northwest

-4 wins, 6 losses; Takedown record – 16

\*Ricky Lewis, freshman, HWT, Neligh-Oakdale High School

-2 wins, 4 losses; Most pins – 2

\*Rob Peters, freshman, 174 lbs., O'Neill High School

-1 win, 2 losses