Although we finished the year 6-10 in duals, 2-5 in the CAA and we ended up 9th in the CAA Tournament, a closer look at this team, tells a different story. With between four and five freshmen cracking the line-up at one time or another throughout the year, the future is in place to move this Monarch team onward and upward. In fact, we had a big win against Sacred Heart with four freshman starters. Sacred Heart ended up second in the 11 team conference.

Our most accomplished freshman was Adam Wright (184). Wright finished the year 24-10 as a true freshman and was second in the VA Intercollegiates. Also, red-shirt freshman Chris Buckner (133), had a respectable 19-12 campaign and won the VA Intercollegiates. Other freshman who wrestled varsity matches included: Jon Stovich (141), Chad Sichak (149), Robby Gosnell (157), Matt Ulrey (165) who placed second in the Intercollegiates, and John Dolida (197).

CAA's
The Colonial Athletic Association Tournament was held March 7th and 8th in Hofstra, NY. Our highest place finisher was junior, Derrell Lorthridge, who placed 3rd. Lorthridge was seeded second in the tournament. He lost a heartbreaker in the semi finals to Carmelo Marrero of Rider in overtime sudden victory. Lorthridge demonstrated a lot of pride and fought back to place 3rd with a 3-1 record, and was chosen as an alternate for the NCAA Championships. Lorthridge had lost earlier in the year to the champion at 285 lbs., Mike Carroll of Drexel in over time ride-out. Lorthridge completed the year with a very good 28-6 record.

Our other place winner was senior Ben Summerlin (174). Summerlin placed 4th in a tough weight class and ended up 2-2 with two pins. The winner at this weight, Ralph Everett of Hofstra, defeated the returning NCAA Champion at nationals, Greg Jones of WVU. Summerlin finishes his senior year with a 29-8 record and 14 falls. In fact, he leads the country for falls in his weight class for the second consecutive year. Summerlin's career record stands at an outstanding 112-34.

Individual Records at the CAA's
John Starkes-(125), Junior, 2-2
Chris Buckner-(133), Freshman, 1-2
Jon Stovich-(141), Freshman *did not enter (injury)
Chad Sichak-(149),Freshman *did not enter (injury)
Dennis Whitby-(157), Junior, 1-2
Matt Ulrey-(165), Freshman, 1-2
Ben Summerlin-(174), Senior, 2-2
Adam Wright-(184), Freshman, 0-2
Gregg Gill-(197), Junior, 0-2
Derrell Lorthridge-(285), 3-1
Top CAA Team finish
1. Hofstra 124
2. Sacred Heart 65
3. Drexel 52
4. Boston University 51.5

Farewell Tour
We would like to wish the five seniors all the best in their future pursuits. We sincerely appreciate your contributions to the ODU Wrestling Team. Whether a regular, or part time starter, your efforts during practice sessions were invaluable. We would also like to thank your parents for their support at home and away matches. We salute these five seniors for participating in the most demanding of all sports: Charlie Busch (133), Tim Goodale (157), Dave Kaplan (165), Joe Wright (165), and Ben Summerlin (174).

Matt Stats
Most Pins: Ben Summerlin-14
           Derrell Lorthridge-9
           Dennis Whitby-5

Most Wins: Ben Summerlin-29
           Derrell Lorthridge-28
           Adam Wright-24
           Chris Buckner-19

Most Technical Falls: Chris Buckner-4
                      Adam Wright-3

Most Major Decisions: Adam Wright-6
                      Ben Summerlin-4
                      Dave Kaplan-3
                      Derrell Lorthridge-3

Most Takedowns: Adam Wright-84
                Ben Summerlin-60
                Derrell Lorthridge-52

Team Camp
The ODU Wrestling Team Camp will take place June 15th to the 19th in the Field House and Wrestling Room. The camp will include 60% technique and 40% live competition. Over the past two summers, we have had teams from: TN, AL, MO, NC, SC, KS, and VA. Individuals are welcome and will be placed on a team.

Monarch Mat Notes
*The Virginia Intercollegiates will take place at ODU next year. The date is Saturday, January 18th.

*Recruiting is going very well. We will have a complete report in the Fall issue of the ODU Wrestling Report. We have had numerous visits by quality kids.

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