



# GENERAL INFORMATION

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## QUICK FACTS

### GENERAL INFORMATION

Name of School: University of Maryland  
 City/Zip: College Park, Md., 20742  
 Founded: 1856  
 Enrollment: 35,102  
 Nickname: Terrapins/Terps  
 School Colors: Red, White, Black and Gold  
 Arena (Capacity): Comcast Center Pavilion (1,500)  
 Affiliation: Division I  
 Conference: Atlantic Coast  
 President: C.D. Mote Jr. (California, '51)  
 Athletics Director: Deborah A. Yow (Elon, '74)  
 Athletics Web Site: www.umterps.com

### MEDIA INFORMATION

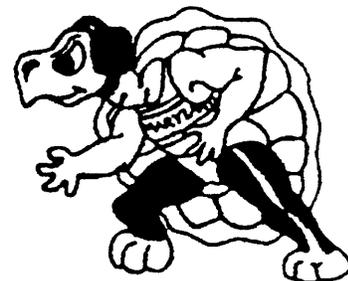
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### TEAM INFORMATION

2006-07 Dual Record: 17-5  
 Conference Record/Finish: 5-0/first  
 Starters Returning/Lost: 7/3  
 Letterwinners Returning/Lost: 13/4  
 NCAA Qualifiers: Jason Kiessling (165), Mike Letts (174), Hudson Taylor (197)  
 Top Returnees: Josh Haines (184), Hudson Taylor (197), Mike Letts (174), James Knox (125), Alex Krom (141), Charlie Pinto (141)

### COACHING STAFF

Head Coach: Pat Santoro (Pittsburgh, '92)  
 Record at School (Years): 32-37-1 (4)  
 Overall Record (Years): 32-37-1 (4)  
 Wrestling Office Phone: 301-314-6677  
 Best Time/Day to reach coach: Through SID  
 Assistant Coaches:  
 Todd Beckerman (Nebraska, 2001)  
 Brad Dillon (Lehigh, 2004)



## 2007-08 SCHEDULE

Day	Date	Opponent/Event	Location	Time
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>October 25</b>	<b>WRESTLE-OFFS</b>	<b>COLLEGE PARK, Md.</b>	<b>7:30 p.m.</b>
Saturday	November 3	vs. Army	Edinboro, Pa.	1:00 p.m.
		vs. Mercyhurst	Edinboro, Pa.	3:00 p.m.
		at Edinboro	Edinboro, Pa.	5:00 p.m.
Sunday	November 11	at Penn State	University Park, Pa.	1:00 p.m.
Saturday	November 17	at Body Bar Systems Invitational	Ithaca, N.Y.	All Day
Saturday	November 24	vs. Michigan	Troy, N.Y.	Noon
		vs. Appalachian State	Troy, N.Y.	2:30 p.m.
		vs. Central Michigan	Troy, N.Y.	4:30 p.m.
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>December 2</b>	<b>LEHIGH</b>	<b>COLLEGE PARK, Md.</b>	<b>2:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>December 8</b>	<b>RIDER</b>	<b>COLLEGE PARK, Md.</b>	<b>Noon</b>
		<b>RUTGERS</b>	<b>COLLEGE PARK, Md.</b>	<b>2:00 p.m.</b>
Saturday	December 29	at Southern Scuffle	Greensboro, N.C.	All Day
Sunday	December 30	at Southern Scuffle	Greensboro, N.C.	All Day
Thursday	January 10	at Navy	Annapolis, Md.	7:00 p.m.
Sunday	January 13	at North Carolina*	Chapel Hill, N.C.	1:00 p.m.
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>January 19</b>	<b>VIRGINIA TECH*</b>	<b>COLLEGE PARK, Md.</b>	<b>2:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>January 26</b>	<b>NC STATE*</b>	<b>COLLEGE PARK, Md.</b>	<b>2:00 p.m.</b>
		<b>DUKE*</b>	<b>COLLEGE PARK, Md.</b>	<b>4:00 p.m.</b>
Saturday	February 2	at Penn	Philadelphia, Pa.	1:00 p.m.
Sunday	February 3	at Columbia	New York, N.Y.	1:00 p.m.
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>February 10</b>	<b>AMERICAN</b>	<b>COLLEGE PARK, Md.</b>	<b>1:00 p.m.</b>
Saturday	February 23	at George Mason	Fairfax, Va.	1:00 p.m.
Sunday	February 24	at Virginia*	Charlottesville, Va.	1:00 p.m.
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>March 8</b>	<b>ACC CHAMPIONSHIP</b>	<b>COLLEGE PARK, Md.</b>	<b>All Day</b>
Thursday	March 20	NCAA Championship	St. Louis, Mo.	All Day
Friday	March 21	NCAA Championship	St. Louis, Mo.	All Day
Saturday	March 22	NCAA Championship	St. Louis, Mo.	All Day

Home matches in **BOLD CAPS**

\* ACC dual

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# THIS IS MARYLAN

2007 Atlantic Coast Conference Championships  
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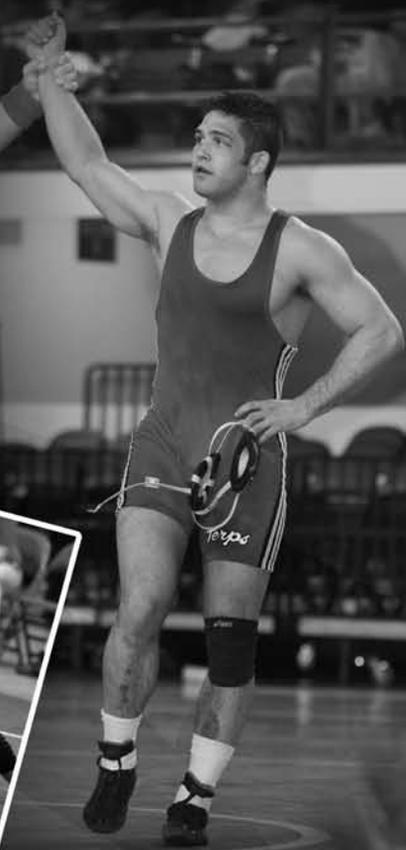
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## ACC CHAMPIONS

1 :: The Maryland wrestling program has begun to reach new heights in the Atlantic Coast Conference under head coach Pat Santoro.

Last season, Jason Klessling and Mike Letts won the ACC Championship at 165 and 174 pounds, respectively, while Hudson Taylor and James Knox both earned All-ACC honors after advancing to their respective finals.

Since Santoro took over in 2003-04, Maryland has had four ACC champions while 10 wrestlers have gained All-ACC status. Meanwhile, the Terps have gone 9-1 in conference duals the last two seasons to win consecutive dual championships.

## TOP ATTENDANCE

2 :: While bringing Maryland wrestling back to the national scene, Santoro has also attracted more and more fans to Comcast Pavilion, home of the Terrapins.

Last season, a capacity crowd of over 1,500 filled the stands as the Terps battled national power Nebraska in College Park. The Cornhuskers were ranked No. 18 in the nation at the time.

As a result of Maryland's rise to the top of the ACC, the Terps finished in the top 20 in the nation in home attendance last season.

## COACHING STAFF

3 :: The Maryland coaching staff is one of the best in the nation as all three full-time staff members were All-Americans as wrestlers in college.

Head coach Pat Santoro was a national champion at 142 pounds in 1988 and 1989 at Pittsburgh while earning All-America honors in all four of his years there. Santoro did not stop there as he went on to wrestle internationally for the United States National Team in 1995, 1996, 1998 and 1999, serving as an alternate for the 1996 Olympic Team and the 1999 World Team.

Assistant coach Todd Beckerman was a two-time All-American at Nebraska. He was the Nebraska Male Athlete of the Year in 2000-01 and was also named the Husker Power Lifter of the Year. Beckerman also competed internationally in 1999 and 2000 as a member of the Big 12 All-Star Wrestling Team.

Assistant coach Brad Dillon was also a two-time All-American wrestler under Santoro at Lehigh. Dillon finished fourth as a senior and fifth as a junior at 174 pounds in the NCAA Championship. The two-time captain was also an Academic All-American.

## TRADITION

4 :: The Terps have been the most dominant team in the ACC since competition began in 1954. Maryland has accumulated 20 conference championships (more than any other school), 181 ACC champions, and 15 All-Americans.

The Maryland wrestling program has produced such alums as (from left to right):

- Gobel Kline - 1969 NCAA Champion and two-time All-American
- Ernie Fischer - All-American and 1956 U.S. Olympian
- Bob Kopnisky - 1965 NCAA Champion and two-time All-American

# COMCAST CENTER



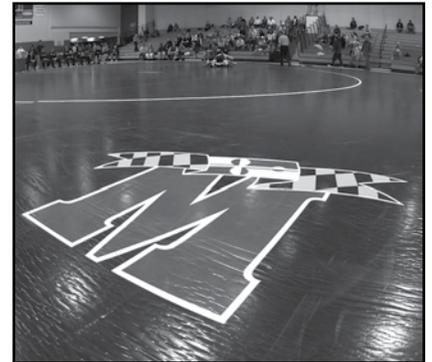
## HOME OF THE TERRAPINS

Maryland's new student activities building and home of Maryland Athletics was completed in fall 2002. Comcast Center's main arena provides a seating capacity of 17,950 fans for basketball, and serves as a campus site for university special events and select community events.

An additional 1,500-seat gym serves as home to the Terps' wrestling, gymnastics and volleyball teams, and the Sprint Heritage Hall multi-purpose room (capacity 400) is equipped to host banquets, press conferences, large meetings and serve as a pregame restaurant suite overlooking the competition arena.

The Comcast Center also houses the university's athletics administration offices and includes a 7,000-square-foot Academic Support Center, providing an enhanced study atmosphere for the school's 700 student-athletes on 27 teams.

Comcast Center is an excellent place for alumni and fans to enjoy their favorite sports and share their common Terrapin spirit. Visitors will learn about the men and women who have made Maryland Athletics great as they stroll through the dramatic Terrapin Walk of Fame and History. And the Terrapin Team Store, located just off the soaring three-level atrium lobby, allows visitors to outfit their pride. Maryland has once again reclaimed the status of having the best student activities center and athletics home in the country.





# FRIENDS OF MARYLAND WRESTLING

Friends of Maryland Wrestling is a sport-specific fundraising group that provides a tangible and consistent way to focus fan enthusiasm and support into specific initiatives to benefit Maryland Wrestling. Members of Friends of Maryland Wrestling include former wrestlers, parents of current wrestlers, faculty and staff, and fans of wrestling.

Your support enables us to pursue our top priorities: (1) additional travel to face top competition, (2) sending individuals to freestyle wrestling events, including the University Nationals Fila Junior Nationals and (3) giving athletes additional opportunities for elite training.

Other initiatives of Friends of Maryland Wrestling are to: (1) raise money for special projects and services for the wrestling program not provided for in the annual athletic department budget; (2) sponsor and conduct activities which foster a positive family atmosphere and spirit; and (3) ensure good communication and exchange of information between the coaching staff and its core group of supporters. All funds earned through Friends of Maryland Wrestling are managed by the University of Maryland College Park Foundation, Inc., for the benefit of Maryland Wrestling.

Our success is directly related to your support.

Please contact the Maryland Wrestling coaching staff at 301-314-6677 for information on how you can become a Friend of Maryland Wrestling. Together, we are returning Maryland wrestling to national prominence and causing all of our opponents to Fear the Turtle.



# FEAR THE TURTLE... WRESTLING FULLY FUNDED

The Fear the Turtle campaign was launched in the Fall of 2003 with the goal of raising \$1.2 million to annually fund scholarships for the eight men's teams at the University of Maryland that historically have not had the maximum number of scholarship allowed by the NCAA.

*Maryland Athletics and the wrestling coaching staff would like to extend their sincere appreciation to all letterwinners and friends of the program who have contributed to the Fear the Turtle campaign. Your generosity has provided Maryland Wrestling with 5.9 additional scholarships, bringing our total to 9.9 full scholarships! We are now a fully funded program.*

MARYLAND WRESTLING SCHOLARSHIPS		
2003-04	2004-05	2005-06
5.0	9.0	9.9

## FULL SCHOLARSHIP GIFTS

Mr. William Chesley

## HALF SCHOLARSHIP GIFTS

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Mr. and Mrs. Andy Gribschaw

## QUARTER SCHOLARSHIP GIFTS

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Alan and Amy Meltzer Family Foundation

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