

HEAD COACH PAT SANTORO

**FOURTH SEASON AT MARYLAND • PITTSBURGH, 1992
2003 NATIONAL ASSISTANT COACH OF THE YEAR**

Pat Santoro, a two-time NCAA national champion and four-time All-American, returns for his fourth season at the helm of the Maryland program. Santoro is looking to build on last season's success which saw the Maryland squad finish first in the Atlantic Coast Conference in duals for the first time since 1974.

The success that Santoro built last year points to the progress that both the program and individuals have made since he took the helm in 2003. Andrew Schlaffer captured the ACC title at 149 pounds and Brendan Byrne (133) and Adam James (157) both advanced to the finals of their respective weight classes.

In addition to their recent success on the mat, the Terps have flourished in other areas under Santoro. For the second-straight season, Maryland earned the ACC Sportsmanship Award and three student-athletes were recognized for their efforts in the classroom. Schlaffer, James Knox, and Adam DeCosmo were all placed on the inaugural All-ACC Academic Wrestling Team last season.

Santoro has also proved he can bring some of the most talented wrestlers to College Park. This year's incoming class was ranked 13th in the nation, which was the highest among all ACC schools. Top-notch recruits are attracted to the program because of Santoro's proven track record of success. In his nine seasons as an assistant coach at Lehigh University in Bethlehem, Pa., he helped the Mountain Hawks ascend on the national scene. In 2003, Santoro's last season with the program, Lehigh finished fourth in the team standings at the 2003 NCAA Division I Wrestling Championships and Santoro was named the national Assistant Coach of the Year by the National Wrestling Coaches Association. Lehigh had national top-10 finishes in three of his last four seasons and has finished either first or second in the Eastern Intercollegiate Wrestling Association seven times in the last eight years, including four team championships. Santoro has also served as an assistant coach at Duquesne (1993-94) and Penn State (1991-93).

In his first season in College Park, the Terps were 4-9 in dual meet action. At the ACC Tournament, though, Maryland's Jason Kiessling (157) and Barry Stein (HWT) advanced to the finals and were named to the ACC All-Tournament team. In his next season he helped mentor Charlie Pinto to the ACC title at 141 pounds and a berth in the NCAA Tournament.

Santoro brings to Maryland credentials that include national success as both a coach and as a student-athlete. Santoro was an All-American wrestler at the University of Pittsburgh, earning that status each season from 1986 through 1989. He won NCAA Division I individual national championships at 142 pounds in 1988 and 1989, and was a three-time individual champion in the Eastern Wrestling League. He was the recipient of Pittsburgh's Golden Panther Award in 1989, recognizing the outstanding athlete of the year.

Following his success as a collegiate wrestler, Santoro went on to a stellar international career, being ranked among the nation's top wrestlers for more than a decade. He was a member of the U.S. National Team in 1995, 1996, 1998 and 1999, serving as an alternate for the 1996 Olympic Team and the 1999 World Team. He placed fourth at the 2000 U.S. Olympic Trials, third at the 1992 Trials and was runner-up at the U.S. Open Freestyle competition in 1992.

Santoro graduated with a bachelor's degree in psychology from Pittsburgh in 1992. While there he was a two-time team captain and a member of Athletes in Action and the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. He is a member of the EWL and District XI Wrestling halls of fame.

WHAT THEY'RE SAYING ABOUT PAT SANTORO

"Santoro has the resume to prove that he is the man to lead Maryland's wrestling program to national prominence. Before coming to Maryland, Santoro was the assistant coach at perennial power Lehigh for nine seasons, where he was honored as the national Assistant Coach of the Year in 2003. As a competitor, his credentials are equally as impressive."
— Andrew Hipps, *The Wrestling Mall*

"He's really become a very good coach — in all departments. He's always been a good teacher. I could see Pat being in the top 20 real soon." — Greg Strobel, *Lehigh head coach*





TODD BECKERMAN
ASSISTANT COACH
NEBRASKA '01
SECOND SEASON AT MARYLAND

Former Nebraska All-American Todd Beckerman is in his second season on the Maryland Terrapin staff. A native of Crofton, Md., Beckerman was added to the staff in September of 2005.

Beckerman spent two seasons as an assistant coach at the Naval Academy before coming to College Park. In 2004, the team posted its best dual record since 1993 and had a school-record eight wrestlers post 25-win seasons.

A four-year letterwinner and two-time All-America at Nebraska, Beckerman came to Navy from Lincoln, Neb., where he spent the 2002-03 season as a volunteer assistant coach for the Huskers. Beckerman coached primarily the lower weight classes and helped coordinate and assist in the Husker recruiting efforts.

Prior to returning to his alma mater, Beckerman worked during the 2001-02 season as an administrative assistant in the Penn State wrestling office, where he worked one-on-one with student-athletes and played a large role in directing summer camps. Beckerman also implemented the Todd Beckerman All-American Wrestling Camp, which was held for six-straight summers at Nebraska beginning in 1997.

At the 2000 and 2001 NCAA Championships, Beckerman wrestled to All-America status as well as Academic All-Big 12 honors in both seasons. He was the 2000-01 Nebraska Male Athlete of the Year, as well as the Husker Power Lifter of the Year. The 2000-01 team captain also competed internationally in 1999 and 2000 as a member of the Big 12 All-Star Wrestling Team.

Beckerman graduated in 2001 with a degree in human resources and family sciences.



JASON NAGLE
VOLUNTEER ASSISTANT
PENNSYLVANIA '00
THIRD SEASON AT MARYLAND

Jason Nagle enters his third year at the University of Maryland as a volunteer assistant coach.

A native Marylander, Nagle attended Centennial High School in Ellicott City where he was a state finalist. In college, Nagle was a four-year starter, wrestling at Penn State University before transferring to the University of Pennsylvania. At Penn, he advanced to the finals of the EIWA tournament two times, winning the tournament once.

After graduating in 2000 with a degree in biology, Nagle worked as an equity and index options trader before returning to the classroom in the fall of 2004. He is currently a second year student at the University of Maryland School of Pharmacy.



BRAD DILLON
ASSISTANT COACH
LEHIGH '04
THIRD SEASON AT MARYLAND

Brad Dillon, an All-American on the mat and in the classroom at Lehigh, begins his third season as an assistant coach at the University of Maryland. Dillon wrestled and flourished under head coach Pat Santoro's direction while at Lehigh.

In his first season with the Terps, Dillon was involved in helping land a nationally ranked recruiting class and helping Charlie Pinto to the ACC title at 141 pounds.

A four-year starter for the Mountain Hawks, Dillon finished fourth at the NCAA Tournament as a senior and fifth as a junior at 174 pounds to earn All-America honors. In addition, he was a two-time team captain and captured a pair of Eastern Intercollegiate Wrestling Association (EIWA) titles. He finished his career with over 100 victories and set school records for career dual meet victories (67), season dual meet victories (24) and most takedowns in a season (145).

Off the mat, Dillon was named an Academic All-American and was a recipient of the Lehigh University Scholar Athlete Award as a senior.

"I am excited for the opportunity to work with Pat," Dillon commented when he was hired. "He was instrumental in my accomplishments and I am familiar with his coaching system and philosophies. I am very confident in my ability to help the student-athletes at Maryland become better wrestlers and well-balanced individuals."

"Brad brings a lot to our program," Santoro said. "He has always been an excellent technician and a very hard worker. He also relates very well to the guys. He's very versatile because he can work with anyone on the team. He spends a lot of the morning in the wrestling room working with anyone from 125 to 197. He has been a great asset."



KEVIN KEARNS
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT
MARYLAND '75
30TH SEASON

Former Terrapin letterwinner Kevin Kearns enters his 30th season on the Maryland staff, his third as an administrative assistant after spending 27 years as an assistant coach. In 1970, while a captain of the wrestling team, Kearns was drafted

into the United States Army. He served with the 101st Airborne Division in a Recon Team in Vietnam in 1971 and 1972.

Upon his completion of military duty, Kearns returned to the Maryland wrestling program in 1972-73 and assisted Coach McHugh and the team. Wrestling during this time for the Baltimore Central YMCA, Kearns won the national YMCA Greco championship, the prestigious New York Athletic Club Greco championship and two South Atlantic AAU freestyle championships.

After receiving his degree, he moved to Minnesota to train and wrestle for the United States Greco Roman team. Returning to Maryland in 1976, Kearns was named head coach at Dulaney High School in Timonium, Md. In 1977, he was selected to take the head coaching position at Johns Hopkins University, but returned to Maryland in 1980, where he has served as an assistant coach for 27 years before moving to an administrative position in 2004.



2006-07 SEASON OUTLOOK

On the heels of last year's regular season ACC co-championship, the Terps look to build on that momentum and reach a new level of success. Veterans will mix with an increasingly more talented pool of newcomers to combine for what could be a year to remember in Maryland wrestling.

"If we stay healthy and continue to do the right things, it could be a really exciting year," head coach Pat Santoro said. "It could be a great year for Maryland wrestling. Our goals: we want to win the ACC and we want to finish in the top 20 nationally. Our goal has always been that we want national champions and All-Americans and now is the time I think our guys are starting to believe that can happen."

It will start with junior Andrew Schlaffer, who won the ACC title at 149 pounds last season and advanced to the NCAA Tournament. He finished the season with a team-high 25 wins. Schlaffer is not the only one with postseason accomplishments, though, as Charlie Pinto returns after his 2005-06 season ended due to injury at the Avalon Duals in the first meet of the season. Pinto won the ACC championship at 141 pounds two years ago and also competed in the NAAs.

Redshirt freshman Hudson Taylor, who spent the entire 2005-06 season on the sidelines, will be in the lineup this season and was ranked No. 13 in the nation at 197 pounds in the preseason. He was 15-2 last season with seven of his victories coming by way of fall. Senior Jason Kiessling also spent time off the mat last year and will look to make a strong impact at 165 pounds while sophomore Josh Haines, ranked No. 19 in the preseason, will start at 184 pounds.

"This is the year we have been pointing to as our young guys in the lineup develop and we start taking a lot of guys out of redshirt," Santoro said. "Four guys that were not in the lineup last year will be in it this year with additional freshman in the lineup that could make an impact."

Looking ahead at the competition in the Atlantic Coast Conference, defending the program's first regular season title since 1974 will not be an easy task. Virginia,

Here is a weight-by-weight breakdown for 2006-07:

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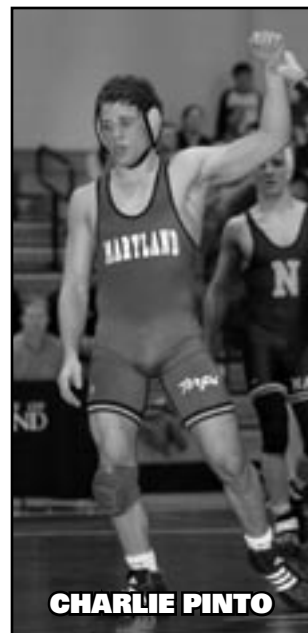
Sophomore James Knox saw most of the action last season as he went 13-15 and 8-9 in dual competition. Senior Jeff Oldham will also be looking for a starting spot. Freshman Casey Marwine and Lou Ruland will also add to the intensity to gain the starting spot.

Marwine was a three-time Maryland state placer and a Maryland state runner-up. He was named to the All-Gazette second team selection in 2006. Ruland was a two-time National Prep placer, a three-time MIAA Placer, and a MIAA Champion.

133

One of the deeper weight classes for the Terps, sophomore Brendan Byrne spent the majority of the time in the spot going 10-7 in dual action last season. He will be pushed by junior Ryan Brown and redshirt freshman Stephen Bell and by a couple of newcomers.

Jon Kohler and Chris Laidley, both Maryland natives, will push for the starting



CHARLIE PINTO

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NC State, and North Carolina, the tournament champions last season, will all vie for the conference crown in 2006-07.

"It's a very competitive ACC. There are four teams that think they can win the ACC tournament this year so it should be a lot of fun. We have to be that team that works harder than everybody and is smarter than everybody."



PAT SANTORO

spot as well. Kohler has an impressive high school resume, as he is a three-time MIS and MIAA champion. Laidley compiled a 126-36 record in high school and was also a state champion.

141

Charlie Pinto will regain his starting spot for this season after an injury at the Avalon Duals claimed his season last year in the first action of the season. Pinto was the ACC champion at 141 pounds in 2004-05 and will look to regain that status in 2006-07.

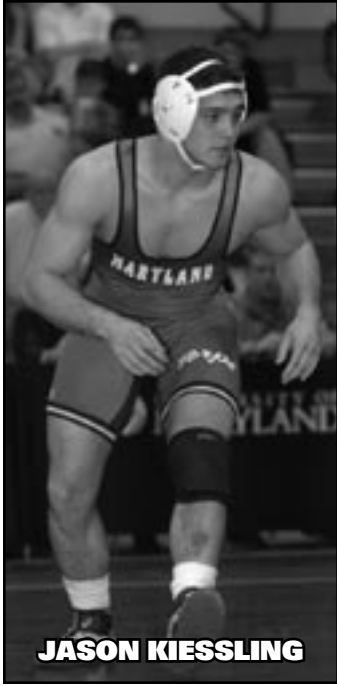
Sophomore Alex Krom was a great success filling in for Pinto last season, going 20-12 overall and 7-4 in dual competition. He placed third at the ACC Championship.

149

Junior Andrew Schlaffer will stay at the 149 pound weight class, looking to defend his 2006 ACC title. Schlaffer posted the most wins on the team last season going 25-14 and he was just one of four wrestlers with 10 or more wins in dual competition. He wrestles at a high pace and works extremely well on his feet.



ANDREW SCHLAFER



JASON KIESSLING

The other two wrestlers listed at 149 are junior Keith Bernard and sophomore Kyle Harger, who will both battle for time on the mat.

157

This will probably be the most hotly contested weight class this season for the Terps with eight student-athletes in the slot. With the loss of Adam James who went 14-9 last year, Maryland is looking for a new starter.

Santoro has a wide variety of wrestlers to choose from, starting with seniors Jerad Villecco and Matt Rothstein and junior Clint Stout. Also in the class are sophomores Spencer Hollerith, Ryan Kennett, and Mike McGill, redshirt freshman Eric Grida, and newcomer Andrew Bradley.

The Terrapins may use different wrestlers at different points of the season to iron out who will be the man heading into the postseason.

165

The lone wrestler listed at 165 is senior Jason Kiessling, who spent last season off the mat but went an impressive 20-4 in open competition. He notched four top-three tournament finishes and won the Edinboro Open. It was the second-straight season that Kiessling had compiled 20 wins in a season.

174

The 174 pound weight class is one of the younger ones on the team but it is not limited on talent. Senior Mike Maceroli split time with Adam DeCosmo last year as the starter, but any number of wrestlers could compete for that spot in 2006-07.

Sophomore Eli Black will also be up for the spot heading into the season. Freshman Mike Letts is one of the favorites to be the starter as well. Letts was a two-time Pennsylvania state champ and Outstanding Wrestler. He pinned or

teched every match to win the state title his senior year to cap off an undefeated season.

Bradley Nielson, another freshman, earned a 134-16 overall record in his high school career and he led his team to the PA independent school state championship.

184

Sophomore Josh Haines, who spent last year off the mat, will return this season to take the starting spot. Haines, who won 26 matches two seasons ago during his redshirt, is ranked No. 19 in the nation in the weight class by Internat.

He will be backed up by freshman Rich DiPietro who won over 80 matches in his high school career.

197

Redshirt freshman Hudson Taylor will start here for the Terps and was ranked No. 13 in the nation at 197 by Internat. He had an impressive 15-2 record last season in open competition while redshirting.

Another freshman will back up this position in Patrick Gilmore. He placed fourth at the PCAAs and wrestled in the AAA states as a senior.

HEAVYWEIGHT

Senior Jerry Afari bulked up over the summer and moved to this spot after wrestling at 197 last season and is expected to become the starter right away. Afari is one of the most experienced grapplers on the team and went 16-13 overall last season.

Two others are featured at heavyweight, including sophomore Bryan Reiss who had an 11-12 season last year as a freshman. Freshman John Price also joins the Terps at the spot. He earned all-state, All-South Jersey, all-conference, and all-county accolades as a junior and senior. Price went 39-5 as a senior and finished third in the state.



JERRY AFARI



ROSTER INFORMATION

ALPHABETICAL

| Name | Wt. | Class | Hometown/HS |
|-------------------|-----|-------|--|
| Jerry Afari | 285 | Sr. | Columbia, Pa./Columbia |
| Stephen Bell | 133 | R-Fr. | Connellsville, Pa./Connellsville |
| Keith Bernard | 149 | Jr. | Clifton Park, N.Y./Shenendehowa |
| Eli Black | 174 | So. | Mechanicsville, Md./Chopticon |
| Andrew Bradley | 157 | Fr. | Wilmington, Del./St. Mark's |
| Ryan Brown | 133 | Jr. | Baltimore, Md./Lansdowne |
| Brendan Byrne | 133 | So. | Cape May, N.J./Blair Academy |
| Rich DiPietro | 184 | Fr. | Silver Spring, Md./Blake |
| Steve Fehnel | 141 | Jr. | Reading, Pa./Schuylkill Valley |
| Patrick Gilmore | 197 | Fr. | Richboro, Pa./Council Rock South |
| Mookie Golden | 125 | R-Fr. | Voorhies, N.J./Eastern Regional |
| Eric Grida | 157 | R-Fr. | Hellertown, Pa./Saucon Valley |
| Josh Haines | 184 | So. | Walnutport, Pa./Northampton |
| Spencer Hollerith | 157 | So. | Montville, N.J./Montville |
| Ryan Kennett | 157 | So. | West Chester, Pa./The Haverford School |
| Jason Kiessling | 165 | Sr. | La Plata, Md./McDonogh School |
| James Knox | 125 | So. | Baltimore, Md./Dulaney |
| Jon Kohler | 133 | Fr. | Annapolis, Md./Mount St. Joseph |
| Alex Krom | 141 | So. | Easton, Pa./Easton |
| Mike Letts | 174 | Fr. | Parkesburg, Pa./Octorara |
| Mike Maceroli | 174 | Sr. | Chatham, N.J./Chatham |
| Casey Marwine | 125 | Fr. | Frederick, Md./Linganore |
| Mike McGill | 157 | So. | Hagerstown, Md./Williamsport |
| Bradley Nielson | 174 | Fr. | Frederick, Md./Walkersville |
| Jeff Oldham | 125 | Sr. | Bethel, Conn./Bethel |
| Charlie Pinto | 141 | Jr. | Stockholm, N.J./Walkkill Valley Regional |
| John Price | 285 | Fr. | Turnersville, N.J./Washington Township |
| Bryan Reiss | 285 | So. | Emmaus, Pa./Emmaus |
| Matt Rothstein | 157 | Sr. | Potomac, Md./Winston Churchill |
| Lou Ruland | 125 | Fr. | Annapolis, Md./St. Mary's |
| Andrew Schlaffer | 149 | Jr. | Baltimore, Md./Dulaney |
| Clint Stout | 157 | Jr. | Corsica, Pa./Commedore Perry |
| Hudson Taylor | 197 | R-Fr. | Pennington, N.J./Blair Academy |
| Jerad Villecco | 157 | Sr. | Mickleton, N.J./Kingsway Regional |

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WEIGHT CLASS

| Name | Wt. | Class | Hometown/HS |
|-------------------|-----|-------|--|
| Mookie Golden | 125 | R-Fr. | Voorhies, N.J./Eastern Regional |
| James Knox | 125 | So. | Baltimore, Md./Dulaney |
| Casey Marwine | 125 | Fr. | Frederick, Md./Linganore |
| Jeff Oldham | 125 | Sr. | Bethel, Conn./Bethel |
| Lou Ruland | 125 | Fr. | Annapolis, Md./St. Mary's |
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| Ryan Brown | 133 | Jr. | Baltimore, Md./Lansdowne |
| Brendan Byrne | 133 | So. | Cape May, N.J./Blair Academy |
| Jon Kohler | 133 | Fr. | Annapolis, Md./Mount St. Joseph |
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| Alex Krom | 141 | So. | Easton, Pa./Easton |
| Charlie Pinto | 141 | Jr. | Stockholm, N.J./Walkkill Valley Regional |
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| Eric Grida | 157 | R-Fr. | Hellertown, Pa./Saucon Valley |
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TERPS BY STATE

Connecticut (1): Jeff Oldham

Delaware (1): Andrew Bradley

Maryland (12): Eli Black, Ryan Brown, Rich DiPietro, Jason Kiessling, James Knox, Jon Kohler, Casey Marwine, Mike McGill, Bradley Nielson, Matt Rothstein, Lou Ruland, Andrew Schlaffer

New Jersey (8): Brendan Byrne, Mookie Golden, Spencer Hollerith, Mike Maceroli, Charlie Pinto, John Price, Hudson Taylor, Jerad Villecco

New York (1): Keith Bernard

Pennsylvania (11): Jerry Afari, Stephen Bell, Steve Fehnel, Patrick Gilmore, Eric Grida, Josh Haines, Ryan Kennett, Alex Krom, Mike Letts, Bryan Reiss, Clint Stout

TERPS BY ELIGIBILITY

Seniors (6): Jerry Afari, Jason Kiessling, Mike Maceroli, Jeff Oldham, Matt Rothstein, Jerad Villecco

Juniors (6): Keith Bernard, Ryan Brown, Steve Fehnel, Charlie Pinto, Andrew Schlaffer, Clint Stout

Sophomores (9): Eli Black, Brendan Byrne, Josh Haines, Spencer Hollerith, Ryan Kennett, James Knox, Alex Krom, Mike McGill, Bryan Reiss

Redshirt Freshmen (4): Stephen Bell, Mookie Golden, Eric Grida, Hudson Taylor

Freshmen (9): Andrew Bradley, Rich DiPietro, Patrick Gilmore, Jon Kohler, Mike Letts, Casey Marwine, Bradley Nielson, John Price, Lou Ruland