

1983-84 Wrestling Results

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California-Chico State in Las Vegas, NV	(L)	18	21
Mankato State in Las Vegas, NV at Caesar's Palace Invitational	(L)	19	21
	30th out of 48 teams		
at Ashland	(L)	11	41
Wright State in Ashland, OH	(L)	18	32
Waynesburg (PA) in Ashland, OH	(L)	13	32
NORTHERN MICHIGAN	(L)	14	28
LAKE SUPERIOR STATE	(L)	9	34
at Ferris State	(L)	15	32
at Grand Valley State	(L)	12	38
at Muskegon Community	(L)	6	39
at Ferris State	(W)	33	18
at Cuyhoga Community	(W)	22	15
at Southwestern	(W)	36	18
at Siena Heights Tournament	third place		
at Muskegon Team Tournament	fourth place		
at Eastern Michigan	(L)	8	40
at Siena Heights	(W)	won by default	
at GLIAC Championships	4th out of 4 teams		
NCAA Division II Mideast Regional	5th out of 8 teams		
NCAA Division II National Championships	21st overall with two All-Americans		

Record: 4-11

Individual Records

Name	Record		
	W	L	T
John Craig	10	7	1
Scott Kreitzbender	5	7	0
John Solomonson	9	10	0
Pat Stano	12	8	0
Jerry Umin	25	7	1
Matt Vondrasek	15	4	0
Kevin Waller	3	7	1
Brad Wilkinson	6	6	0
Dave Witgen	7	9	1

NCAA Division II 1983-84

Wrestling Championship Qualifiers

Name	Wt. Class	Nat'l. Finish
John Craig	134	8th
Jerry Umin	158	5th
Brad Wilkinson	126	did not place

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Wrestling All-Americans

Name	Wt. Class
John Craig	134
Jerry Umin	158

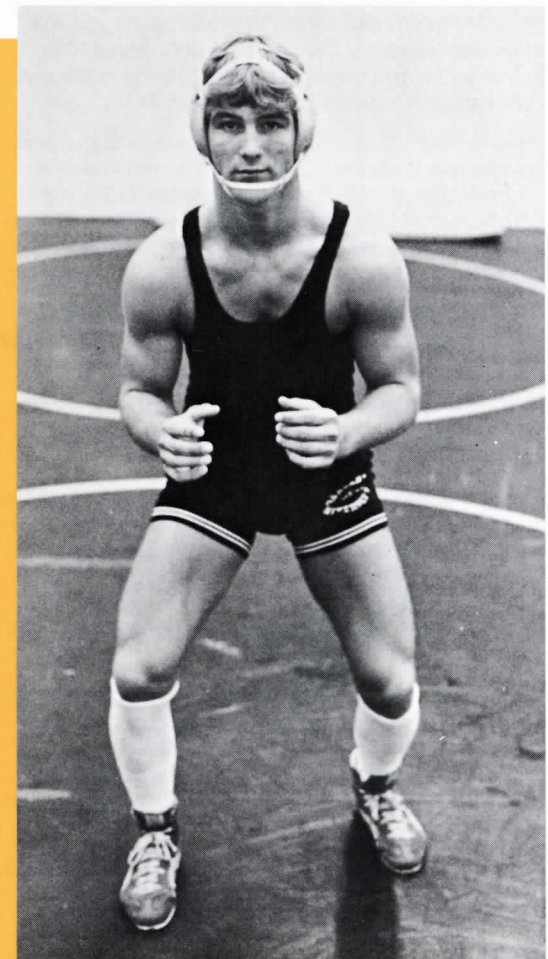
1984-85 Wrestling Schedule

Day	Date	Opponent	Time
Wed.	Nov. 28	at Wright State	4:00 p.m.
Sat.	Dec. 1	at University of Michigan Open	10:00 a.m.
Wed.	Dec. 5	Ashland and Eastern Michigan	5:00 p.m.
Sat.	Dec. 8	at Muskegon Open	10:00 a.m.
Fri.	Jan. 11-12	at Midwest Classic at Indiana Central in Indianapolis, IN	10:00 a.m.
Wed.	Jan. 16	Siena Heights	7:00 p.m.
Sat.	Jan. 19	at Siena Heights Tournament	10:00 a.m.
Wed.	Jan. 23	Ferris State	7:00 p.m.
Sat.	Jan. 26	at Muskegon Team Tournament	10:00 a.m.
Wed.	Jan. 30	Grand Valley State	6:00 p.m.
Fri.	Feb. 1	at Lake Superior State	6:30 p.m.
Sat.	Feb. 2	at Northern Michigan and Wisconsin-Parkside in Marquette, MI	1:00 p.m.
Fri.	Feb. 8	GLIAC Championships at Oakland in Rochester, MI	11:00 a.m.
Fri.	Feb. 15-16	NCAA Division II Mideast Regional (site to be announced)	TBA
Sat.	Mar. 2-3	NCAA Division II National Championships (site to be announced)	TBA

Oakland University General Information

Location	Rochester, Michigan
President	Dr. Joseph E. Champagne
Enrollment	12,000
Colors	Black, gold and white
Home matches	Lepley Sports Center
Athletic Director	Dr. Paul E. Hartman
1983-84 Results	21st, NCAA II; 4-11, dual meets
Wrestling Coach	Mike Ozga
Sports Information Director	Stan Blackford
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Oakland University 1984-85 Wrestling



Prospectus

After enjoying Oakland University's most successful season in 1983-84 by finishing 21st among National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Division II wrestling programs, the Pioneers will be tested this campaign under new coach Mike Ozga.

Ozga, 27, replaces long-time coach Jack Gebauer, who resigned to devote more time to his private business. Gebauer took the Pioneers to a NCAA Division II 26th-place finish in 1982-83 and to last year's record-setting NCAA effort.

The backbone of the 1983-84 squad has graduated. Brad Wilkinson and John Craig both garnered All-American honors in their careers at Oakland. Tim Zipple and Matt Vondrasek were both regional qualifiers, but didn't compete in the nationals last year.

Despite these graduation losses, seven key players are returning this season. Sophomore Jerry Umin, an All-American at 158, John Kreitzbender (158), John Solomonson (177), Pat Stano (190) and Dave Witgen (134) should be major contributors this season.

Umin, 10-7-1 last year, took fifth place at the NCAA Division II meet to become the highest freshman finisher among last year's entries and the first Pioneer to achieve All-American status as a freshman.

"Jerry is an excellent athlete," Ozga said. "He works hard and came to preseason practice in great shape. I'm really impressed with his attitude."

One of the brightest newcomers is Rochester Adams High School product Scott Strickler, who should have an immediate impact on the program. He was a three-time National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) national qualifier and two-year captain for Saginaw Valley State College before its program was eliminated.

Russ Beebe (150), Lester Wells (heavyweight), Dennis Embree (126) and Scott Bair (158) should be the top newcomers this year. Wells is an All-State wrestler from Flint Northern High School and posted a 50-7 career record, while Beebe competed for two years at Muskegon Community College.

"We have some good young talent," Ozga said. "They will need time to develop, but the foundation is a good one."

The Pioneers open the season at Wright State University on November 28 and entertain Ashland College and Eastern Michigan University on December 5 at Lepley Sports Center to open the curtains of the home schedule.

Players to Watch

John Solomonson So., 177
Grayling, Michigan

Coming off an injury to his thumb which needed a pin in it ... finished 9-10 last year, competing in several classes ... has potential to be an excellent wrestler in the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) ... prepped at Grayling High School.

Scott Strickler Sr., 177
Pontiac, Michigan

Transferred from Saginaw Valley State College after its program was eliminated ... two-year captain for the Cardinals ... three-time National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) national qualifier ... played football and wrestling at Rochester Adams High School ... will have one season to play at Oakland University.

Pat Stano So., 190
Warren, Michigan

Posted 12-8 record as a freshman ... one of only four performers who recorded winning records last year ... should challenge for the GLIAC championship at 190 this season ... took fourth- and fifth-place finishes in last two years at Warren Tower High School.

Jerry Umin So., 167
Bellevue, Michigan

Top returning All-American wrestler at 158 ... earned fifth-place finish in 1983-84 Division II Championships to finish as an All-American ... performance was highest finish by a freshman at the championships ... compiled a 25-7-1 record, but came on strong in latter part of the season ... prepped at Monroe Catholic Central High School, where he was a four-time state qualifier, three-time regional champ and two-time class "B" champion.

Newcomers to Watch

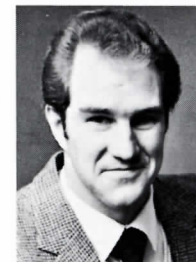
Lester Wells (Flint Northern High School) is an All-State performer with a career record of 50-7 ... Russ Beebe (Muskegon Community College) spent two years wrestling against performers from some of the top junior college programs in the area ... William Walker (Pontiac Central High School) was Central's most valuable player.

On the cover:
All-American Jerry Umin

1984-85 Wrestling Roster

Name	Cl.	Wt.	Cl.	Hometown
Scott Bair	Fr.	158		Lansing, MI
Russ Beebe	Jr.	150		Owosso, MI
Dennis Embree	Fr.	126		Gaylord, MI
Steve King	Jr.	Hwt.		Drayton Plains, MI
Scott Kreitzbender	So.	158		Pontiac, MI
Jon Johnston	Fr.	126		Port Huron, MI
Jon Lillemoen	Fr.	118		Highland, MI
Joseph Mocer	Fr.	167		Harper Woods, MI
Pat Stano	So.	190		Warren, MI
John Solomonson	So.	177		Grayling, MI
Scott Strickler	Sr.	177		Pontiac, MI
Jerry Umin	So.	167		Bellevue, MI
William Walker	Fr.	167		Pontiac, MI
Kevin Waller	So.	142		Flint, MI
Lester Wells	Fr.	Hwt.		Flint, MI
Dave Witgen	So.	134		Fraser, MI

Head coach: Mike Ozga



MIKE OZGA
Head Coach

Mike Ozga is entering his first season as Oakland University's wrestling coach. The 27-year-old Centerline, Michigan, native was a class "A" state finalist before attending Eastern Michigan University.

In his first season at Eastern Michigan, Ozga suffered a serious knee injury that ended his collegiate playing days.

In 1979 Ozga received an associate's degree from Macomb Community College and moved to Marquette, Michigan. He worked as an assistant wrestling coach at Marquette High School and at Marquette General Hospital in radiology for one year. Currently, he is employed by Basha Radiology in Royal Oak, Michigan, as a nuclear medicine technologist.

Ozga, who replaces long-time head coach Jack Gebauer, will be assisted by former Pioneer wrestling standouts Matt Vondrasek and Tim Zipple.