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# Wrestling

## 1962 - 1963

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BLOOMSBURG STATE COLLEGE

Bloomsburg

Pennsylvania

## GENERAL INFORMATION



Dr. Harvey A. Andruss  
President, Bloomsburg State College

Russell Houk, Lock Haven S.C., '52  
Athletic Director and Varsity Wrestling Coach

Lee Jackson, Bloomsburg S. C., '63  
Student Coach

Boyd F. Buckingham, Bloomsburg S.C., '43  
Director of Public Relations

Michael E. Flanagan, Lock Haven S.C., '48  
Assistant - Sports Publicity

## ATHLETIC INFORMATION

Member ..... NCAA, PSCAC, NAIA  
Colors ..... Maroon and Gold  
Team Name ..... Huskies  
Home Court ..... Centennial Gymnasium  
Capacity ..... 1,000  
Press Table ..... Accomodations for 12 persons  
Radio Facilities are available  
Telephone, Sports Publicity --- 784-4660 Ext. 18

## COLLEGE INFORMATION

Denomination ..... Non-Denominational  
Conducted by --- Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
Year Founded ..... 1839  
Enrollment ..... 1,976

## WRESTLING OUTLOOK 1962 - 1963

For the first time in six years at Bloomsburg there is a good likelihood that no freshman will be a varsity starter during the year. The reason — 10 returning lettermen and a large corps of seasoned reserves from last year's jayvee squad. (The only varsity starter lost was Don Poust, 177 pound conference champ, who graduates in January, 1963.)

Approximately 45 men reported for practice in mid-October, and after several weeks of intensive practice, 34 remain on the squad.

At the moment, the ten lettermen have the inside track on starting assignments. Included are: Jerry Fortney, 115 pounds, who placed second in the conference last March; at 123, Joel Melitski rolled up a 5-1 record last year and was an outstanding replacement for Bill Hughes who was sidelined with injuries during the first six meets; Bill Hughes has moved up to the 130 pound division this year; in his 3 years at Bloomsburg, Hughes has been second only to Lock Haven's NCAA champ Gray Simons who graduated last May; Ed Taylor, at 137, placed second in the state conference meet and fourth in NAIA competition; Dick Scorese, 147 pound bracket, was the squad's top point-getter last year and took second in both the state conference and the NAIA meets, at 157, Bill Paule, was runnerup in the state conference last year; Gene Dixon, rugged 167 pounder, hopes to regain the state conference and NAIA titles which he won in his sophomore year; Dave Stuempfle has moved up to 177 after losing only 1 match in the 157 pound bracket; Bob Hall, who is the strongest man on the squad, will compete in weight classes from 167-191; last year, he won both the 191 pound conference crown and the 167 NAIA title; Bill Garson, at his heaviest weight in four years, will be defending the title he won for the past two years in both state conference and NAIA competition.

New opponents on this year's schedule include some of the outstanding colleges and universities in the nation. Among these are the University of Nebraska, University of Wisconsin, Indiana State (Terre Haute), and the University of Southern Illinois. These have been added to perennially strong opponents such as Lock Haven S. C. and Waynesburg College.

With a schedule that is nothing less than "rough", Coach Houk is making no predictions. Some indication of what lies ahead will be revealed on November 24 when the Husky varsity and jayvee squads journey to Annapolis for a pre-season scrimmage with the "Middies" of the Naval Academy.



Kneeling (left to right)

Jerry Fortney, 115 lbs.; William Hughes, 130 lbs.; Dick Scorese, 147 lbs.; Gene Dixon, 167 lbs.; Bob Hall, 191 lbs.

Standing (left to right)

Lee Jackson, Student Coach; Joel Melitski, 123 lbs.; Ed Taylor, 137 lbs.; William Paule, 157 lbs.; Dave Stuempfle, 177 lbs.; Bill Garson, Heavyweight; Coach Russ Houk.

### BLOOMSBURG STATE COLLEGE WRESTLING SQUAD

Name	Class	Age	Wt.	Ht.	Hometown
Bierbower, Michael	Fr.	18	137	5'9	Mechanicsburg
Colt, John	Fr.	17	177	5'10	Williamsport
Decembrino, Francis	Fr.	18	123	5'6	Ambler
Dewire, David	Fr.	18	167	5'9	Hughesville
Derr, Stanley	So.	19	Hwt.	6'	Mechanicsburg
*Dixon, Gene	Sr.	21	167	5'8	Philipsburg
Evan, Barry	Jr.	20	137	5'7	Harvey's Lake
Forte, Rocco	So.	21	147	5'6	Raritan, N. J.
*Fortney, Gerald	Jr.	21	123	5'4	Forty Fort
*Garson, William	Sr.	21	Hwt.	6'1	Williamsport
Gibble, Robert	Fr.	18	123	5'6	Manheim
Gillung, Tom	So.	18	177	5'9	DuBois
*Hall, Robert	Sr.	21	177	6'	Hughesville
*Hughes, William	Sr.	21	123	5'6	Muncy
Masenor, Gary	Fr.	18	130	5'8	Washington, N. J.
*Melitski, Joel	Jr.	19	123	5'8	Somerville, N. J.
Miller, James R.	Fr.	18	147	5'7	Clearfield
Owen, John	Jr.	20	157	5'8	Wellsburg, N. Y.
*Paule, William	So.	18	167	5'7	Hollidaysburg
Pelton, Alfred	Fr.	18	Hwt.	5'8	Athens
Pierce, Robert	So.	19	147	5'10	Bellefonte
Puglia, William	So.	19	157	5'10	Bristol
Richie, Larry	So.	18	177	5'11	Elysburg
Robb, William	Fr.	21	130	5'8	Lock Haven
Rolley, James	Fr.	18	137	5'8	Clearfield
Rossi, Carmine	Jr.	21	123	5'6	Port Morris, N. J.
*Scorese, Richard	Jr.	26	147	5'6	Kenilworth, N. J.
Sholley, Don	So.	19	123	5'7	Selinsgrove
*Stuempfle, David	Jr.	19	177	5'10	S. Williamsport
*Taylor, Ed	So.	19	137	5'7	Hughesville
Vargo, Tom	Fr.	17	167	5'10	Danville
Weaver, Dave	Jr.	20	123	5'5	Lewisburg

\*Lettermen

Jackson, Lee, Student Coach	Sr.	21	123	5'6	Andalusia
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## RUSSELL E. HOUK

### VARSITY WRESTLING COACH

Russell E. Houk, a native of Ellwood City, and an outstanding coach of high school grapplers, joined the college faculty in September, 1957, as head wrestling coach, assistant football coach, and athletic director. A stellar performer on the Lincoln High School gridiron squad at Ellwood City, Houk also had an outstanding record in both football and wrestling at Lock Haven S. C. He received his Bachelor of Science degree at Lock Haven in May, 1952, and the Master of Science degree at Bucknell University in 1957.

While coaching at both South Williamsport and Muncy High Schools, he had a very successful tenure; several of his charges captured first and second places in State Championship meets. In 1957-1958, his first year as head wrestling coach at BSC, Houk compiled a record of five wins and two losses. The next year, 1958-1959, the Huskies won 9 dual meets and lost only 1 - to Lock Haven S. C. In addition, they took the first place team championship in the annual Teachers College Championship Tourney. In March, 1960, the Bloomsburg team completed the 1959-1960 campaign undefeated in 10 outings before going on to their second consecutive team championship in the Pennsylvania State College Tournament and first place in the NAIA Tournament (the first national championship in Bloomsburg's history.) During the 1958-59 and 1959-60 seasons, the Huskies amassed a string of 15 consecutive victories. In 1960-61, their record was 11-1. Last year, the squad had a dual meet record of 10-1, and topped the season by winning the Pennsylvania State College Team Championship and the NAIA team championship. Coach Houk has an overall record of 45 wins and 5 losses in his five years at Bloomsburg.

### LEE JACKSON, STUDENT COACH

A senior from Andalusia, Pennsylvania, Lee participated in 3 years of varsity competition at Bloomsburg under Coach Houk. A hard worker and a good student, both in academic and sports activities, he will be a valuable assistant in the freshman and jayvee programs. Lee plans to continue coaching when he begins teaching in September, 1963.

### WRESTLING SCHEDULE

Dec. 1—	Nebraska University, Wisconsin University, Indiana State .....	A
Dec. 8—	C. W. Post .....	H
Dec. 27-28—	Wilkes Tournament	
Jan. 9—	Millersville .....	H
Jan. 12—	So. Illinois University .....	H
Jan. 26—	Rochester I. T. ....	H
Jan. 31—	East Stroudsburg .....	A
Feb. 2—	Waynesburg .....	A
Feb. 7—	Lincoln University .....	H
Feb. 13—	Shippensburg .....	A
Feb. 20—	West Chester .....	H
Feb. 23—	Lock Haven .....	H
March 1, 2—	State Meet .....	Shippensburg
March 14, 15, 16—	NAIA Tournament ...	Bloomsburg
March 21, 22, 23—	NCAA Tournament ...	Kent State