
Wrestling

1963 - 1964



Dick Scorese, left — 147 lb.
Defending State College and
NAIA National Champion
with Coach Houk

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INFORMATION

BLOOMSBURG STATE COLLEGE
Bloomsburg **Pennsylvania**

GENERAL INFORMATION



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

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Student Statistician

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 ----- 2178

WRESTLING OUTLOOK 1963-1964

With eight lettermen returning, Coach Russ Houk is quite optimistic about his 1963-64 grappling team. Due to the loss of the two champion heavyweights, Bill Garson and Robert Hall, the team may not be as strong as last year's squad which had a 13-0 record and won the Pennsylvania State College Conference championship, the Wilkes Tournament, and placed second in NAIA. The annual warmup practice meet with the United States Naval Academy, scheduled for the latter part of November, was cancelled due to the death of President John Kennedy.

After a week of close intersquad eliminations, the following are the probable varsity starters for the season:

115 lbs.—Jerry Fortne, a senior from Forty Fort—defending State champion and placed third in last year's Wilkes Tourney, undoubtedly the best leg wrestler on the squad. 123 lbs.—Joel Melitski, a senior from Somerville, N. J.—competed in five varsity matches last year and was undefeated, slated to fill the shoes of Bill Hughes who graduated and is now coaching at Palisades, Pa. 130 lbs.—Bill Robb, a sophomore from Lock Haven—placed second in the Wilkes Tourney, third in the State College Conference, losing in both instances to Fred Powell, Lock Haven S. C. 137 lbs.—Ed Taylor, a junior from Hughesville—second in the State College Conference, last year, showing up much improved in practice. 147 lbs.—Dick Scorese, a senior from Kenilworth, N. J.—defending State College and NAIA National champion, showing up outstanding and has proved leadership of the squad. 157 lbs.—Bill Paule, a junior from Hollidaysburg, defending State College champion and last year third in Wilkes and fourth in NAIA. Already looks in mid-season form. 167 lbs.—Jim Lewis, a sophomore from Danville, back in action after a broken collar bone, had the closest elimination match with Rocco Forte. He lacks experience but is expected to improve.

177 lbs.—Dave Stumpfle, a senior from South Williamsport placed fourth in Wilkes Tournament last year, third in Conference, and has extreme potential; he should be one of the better boys. 191 lbs.—Tom Vargo, a sophomore from Danville, placed fifth in NAIA last year at this weight, third in State College Conference at 167 lbs. and weighs around 175. He is extremely strong and will be used as a utility team member. Hwt.—John Owens, a senior from East Smithfield. Although he only weighs 175 lbs., his tremendous effort has earned him a starting berth and should do well against the big opponents.

All the above varsity squad members with the exception of Jim Lewis were lettermen last year.

This year's schedule is the toughest yet facing a BSC wrestling team. All of the new opponents (West Point, Rutgers and Lehigh) are reported to have excellent teams. The University of Southern Illinois is back on the schedule along with the perennial strong opponents from Lock Haven State College and Waynesburg College.



Front row (left to right)
 Dick Scorese, Ed Taylor,
 Bill Robb, Joe Melitski,
 Jerry Fortney,
 Coach Russ Houk.

Second row
 Bill Paule, Jim Lewis,
 Dave Stuempfle, Tom
 Vargo, John Owen

BLOOMSBURG STATE COLLEGE WRESTLING SQUAD

Name	Class	Age	Wt.	Ht.	Hometown
Jerry Fortney	Sr.	22	115	5'5	Forty Fort
Joel Melitski	Sr.	21	123	5'8	Somerville, N. J.
John Owen	Sr.	21	Hwt.	5'10	East Smithfield
Richard Scorese	Sr.	27	147	5'7	Kenilworth, N. J.
David Stuempfle	Sr.	20	177	5'11	South Williamsport
David Weaver	Sr.	21	130	5'4	Lewisburg
Rocco Forte	Jr.	22	167	5'7	Raritan, N. J.
William Paule	Jr.	20	157	5'8	Hollidaysburg
Robert Pierce	Jr.	20	147	5'9	Bellefonte
William Puglia	Jr.	19	157	5'10	Delhaas
Edward Taylor	Jr.	20	137	5'8	Hughesville
Mike Bierbower	So.	19	137	5'7	Mechanicsburg
Francis Decembrino	So.	19	123	5'4	Ambler
David Evans	So.	19	123	5'7	Cornwells Heights
Robert Gibble	So.	19	130	5'6	Manheim
James Lewis	So.	18	167	5'11	Danville
William Robb	So.	23	130	5'9	Lock Haven
James Rolley	So.	19	137	5'9	Clearfield
Don Smith	So.	20	115	5'6	Northumberland
Thomas Vargo	So.	18	177	5'11	Danville
Thomas Bell	Fr.	18	130	5'6	Clearfield
Bill Berger	Fr.	18	157	6'	Hazleton
Reginald Berlin	Fr.	19	123	5'7	Mechanicsburg
James Campbell	Fr.	18	137	5'9	Newport
Louis Centrell	Fr.	18	157	5'8	Upper Darby
James Hess	Fr.	23		6'	St. Clair
Ron Jackson	Fr.	18	123	5'4	Andalusia
Mike Mellinger	Fr.	17	137	5'8	Harrisburg
Neil Rapaduski	Fr.	19	191	6'	Hanover
Roy Resavage	Fr.	19	130	5'6	Ashland
Grant Stevens	Fr.	18	177	5'10	Levittown
Jay Tiley	Fr.	17	115	5'5	South Williamsport
Daniel Timms	Fr.	18	130	5'5	Hanover
William Tracey	Fr.	17	147	5'10	Georgetown, Delaware
Donald Ulrich	Fr.	18	123	5'4	Selinsgrove
Lee Viard	Fr.	18	177	5'11	Clearfield
Roy Zimmerman	Fr.	18	157	6'	Mifflinburg

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 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 State College. 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 1958-1959 and 1959-1960 seasons, the Huskies amassed a string of 15 consecutive victories. In 1960-1961, the record was 11-1 while 1961-1962 resulted in a dual meet record of 10-1, topped with the Pennsylvania State College team championship and NAIA team championship. Last year, the Houkmen had a perfect slate of 13-0 also winning the Pennsylvania State College Conference, the Wilkes Tournament, and second place in the NAIA. This gives the Huskies four State College Conference championships in the last five years and two NAIA championships along with a second and fifth finish in the last four years. Coach Houk has an overall record of 58 wins and 5 losses in his six years at Bloomsburg.

WRESTLING SCHEDULE

Dec. 6-7—	Quadrangular Meet—West Point	.....	A
Dec. 14—	Quadrangular Meet—Appalachian, Indiana State, Lock Haven	.....	H
Dec. 30-31—	Wilkes Tournament		
Jan. 11—	Millersville	.....	A
Jan. 17—	So. Illinois University	.....	H
Jan. 25—	Rochester I. T.	.....	A
Feb. 1—	East Stroudsburg	.....	H
Feb. 6—	Lincoln University	.....	A
Feb. 7—	Waynesburg	.....	H
Feb. 14—	Shippensburg	.....	H
Feb. 19—	West Chester	.....	A
Feb. 22—	Lock Haven	.....	A
Mar. 7—	Lehigh University	.....	A
Mar. 19-20-21—	NAIA Meet	.....	Bloomsburg
Mar. 19-20-21—	NAIA Meet	.....	Spearfish, S. D.
Mar. 26-27-28—	NCAA Meet	.....	Cornell University