

Baldwin-Wallace College Senior 165-Pounder Gino Russo Named as the OAC Wrestler of the Week for the Third Time This Season

BEREA, OHIO -- Baldwin-Wallace College senior 165-pounder **Gino Russo (Northfield Center/Nordonia)** is this week's Ohio Athletic Conference *Wrestler of the Week* and it marks the third time this season that he has claimed the award.

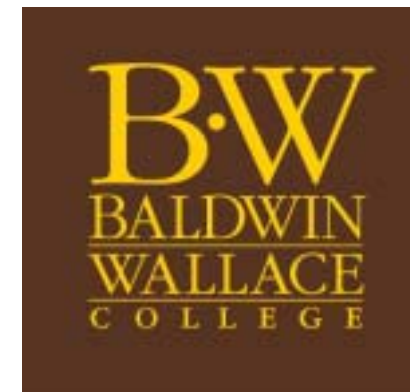
Russo, who is 22-0 overall this season and currently ranked second nationally at 165 pounds in Division III by the National Collegiate Wrestling Coaches Association (Jan. 8 poll), earned the honor for compiling a 4-0 record at last weekend's Lycoming College Bud Whitehall Division III Dual Match Tournament in Williamsport, Pennsylvania. With the four wins, **Russo** stretched his winning streak to 24 straight matches dating back to the 2007 NCAA Division III National Championship Meet.

Russo, an NCAA Division III All-American a year ago when he placed sixth at the 2007 NCAA Division III National Tournament and an OAC champion at 165 pounds, has a 87-25 career record with 10 falls. During the past three seasons, **Russo** has compiled an outstanding mark of 74-12. He also was the OAC runner-up at 157 pounds as a sophomore.

Russo earned his first OAC *Wrestler of the Week* accolade on December 3, 2007 following a 4-0 mark

and the 165-pound individual title at the Rochester Institute of Technology Tournament in Rochester, New York. He received his second *Wrestler of the Week* award on December 18 for compiling a 3-0 record, including a pair of technical falls and a pin, at the December 16 Florida Gator Duals in Longwood, Florida which were hosted by Luther (Iowa) College. For the 2007-2008 season, **Russo** has a team-leading 22 victories and 92 takedowns and is tied for the team lead with six falls.

"**Gino** is having an outstanding senior season," said veteran Yellow Jacket Head Coach Rich Fleming. "He is one of the best 165-pounders in Division III and our team leader. All season, **Gino** has been dominant on the mat."



The Yellow Jacket Wrestling Team

Hosts

the Mount College Purple Raiders



in an

Ohio Athletic Conference Dual Match

Baldwin-Wallace College Lou Higgins Center
 Rudolph Ursprung Gymnasium
 Tuesday, January 15, 2008
 Berea, Ohio at 7:30 p.m.

2007-2008

Yellow Jacket Results

| DATE | SITE/TOURNAMENT OR OPPONENT(S) | RESULT |
|------------|---|--|
| 11/10/07 | BALDWIN-WALLACE COLLEGE DUALS versus MT. ST. JOSEPH versus WAYNESBURG (Pa.) versus CASE WESTERN RESERVE | TIED, 21-21 WON, 48-6 WON, 35-7 |
| 11/17/07 | @Olivet (Mich.) College Comet Duals versus Rose-Hulman (Ind.) versus Tri-State (Ind.) versus Wisconsin LaCrosse versus Wisconsin Stevens Point | Won, 43-12 Lost, 26-11 Lost, 44-4 Lost, 36-13 |
| 11/27/07 | @ Muskingum * | Won, 39-4 |
| 12/1/07 | @ Rochester Institute of Technology Tournament in Rochester, New York | Fifth of 14 |
| 12/8/07 | @ Thiel (Pa.) | Lost, 30-9 |
| 12/16/07 | @ Florida Gator Duals hosted by Luther (Iowa) in Orlando, Fla.) versus Lakeland (Wisc.) versus Luther (Iowa) versus Roger Williams (R.I.) | Lost, 21-19 Lost, 40-9 Lost, 30-14 |
| 1/3/08 | @ Wilkes University Duals in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania versus Centenary (N.J.) versus Hunter (N.Y.) versus Wilkes (Pa.) versus SUNY-Oneonta (N.Y.) | Lost, 25-11 Lost, 26-18 Lost, 40-3 Lost, 24-15 |
| 1/8/08 | @ Heidelberg * | Lost, 28-12 |
| 1/11-12/08 | @ Lycoming College Duals in Williamsport, Pennsylvania versus SUNY-Cortland | Lost, 37-3 |
| 1/11/08 | versus Muskingum | Won, 33-9 |
| 1/12/08 | versus Springfield (Mass.) versus Saint John's (Minn.) | Lost, 20-17 Lost, 30-11 |

Upcoming Matches

| | | |
|----------|--|------------|
| 1/15/08 | MOUNT UNION * | 7:30 P.M. |
| 1/19/08 | THIEL (Pa.) | 7:00 P.M. |
| 1/22/08 | @ Ohio Northern * | 7:30 p.m. |
| 1/29/08 | JOHN CARROLL * | 7:30 P.M. |
| 2/2/08 | 22nd ANNUAL JOHN SUMMA MEMORIAL TOURNAMENT | 10:00 A.M. |
| 2/12/08 | WILMINGTON * | 7:30 P.M. |
| 2/23/08 | @ OAC Championship Tournament at John Carroll * | 10:00 a.m. |
| 3/7-8/08 | @ NCAA Division III National Tournament in Cedar Rapids, Iowa | 11:00 a.m. |

KEY: * -- indicates Ohio Athletic Conference dual matches; CAPS and BOLD FACED TYPE denotes home events.

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2007-2008 Baldwin-Wallace College Yellow Jacket Wrestling Roster

| NAME | YR. | WEIGHT | HOMETOWN (HIGH SCHOOL)/ |
|-------------------|-----|---------|-----------------------------------|
| Arlon Brister * | So. | 174/184 | Pepper Pike (Orange) |
| Brian Bucher ** | Jr. | 133 | Ottawa hills (Avon Lake) |
| Paul Burger *\$ | Jr. | 197/285 | Mentor |
| Antonio Campea ** | Sr. | 174 | Hinckley (Parma Padua Franciscan) |
| Cody Connell | Fr. | 149/157 | Twinsburg |
| RayShawn Eatmon* | Sr. | 141 | East Cleveland (Shaw) |
| Tyler Erwin | Fr. | 125 | Granville (Watkins Memorial) |
| Jeremy Feador *** | Sr. | 174 | North Olmstead |
| Scott Haber * | Sr. | 157/165 | Brook Park (Parma Normandy) |
| Brian Haines *** | Sr. | 184 | Amanda (Teays Valley) |
| Chris Hamad ** | Sr. | 141 | Stow (Woodridge) |
| Joe Incorvaia ** | Jr. | 157 | Medina (Highland) |
| Korey Leonhard | Fr. | 157 | Kinsman (Pymatuning Valley) |
| Phillip Payne | Fr. | 133 | Woodmere (Orange) |
| Mike Pelton *** | Sr. | 285 | Valley Forge |
| Cody Quick | So. | 157/165 | Mt. Vernon |
| Gino Russo ***# | Sr. | 165 | Northfield Center (Nordonia) |
| Mo Salem ** | Jr. | 149 | Westlake |
| Andrew Scavuzzo | Fr. | 174 | Cuyahoga Falls (Woodridge) |
| Eric Schubert | So. | 141 | Oberlin |

* -- denotes varsity letters earned; #--denotes team captain; \$--denotes injured and out for the season; &--denotes out until winter semester.

HEAD COACH: Rich Fleming (20th Season)
ASSISTANT COACHES: Sean Folk '96 and Aldo Campea

The Yellow Jackets Host OAC Rival Mount Union College

BEREA, OHIO -- The Baldwin-Wallace College wrestling team hosts Ohio Athletic Conference rival Mount Union College tonight in the third of six OAC dual matches this winter. On Jan. 22, B-W is at Ohio Northern University and on both Jan. 29 and Feb. 12, the Yellow Jackets host John Carroll University and Wilmington College, respectively. All OAC dual matches begin at 7:30 p.m. The 2008 OAC Championship Tournament will take place at JCU on Feb. 23 and starts at 10:00 a.m. in the Tony DeCarlo Varsity Center.

The Yellow Jackets enter this match at 5-15 overall and 1-1 in the OAC and last competed on Friday and Saturday at the Lycoming College Budd Whitehall Division III Duals in Williamsport, Pennsylvania. B-W compiled a 1-3 mark as it lost in the second round (the Yellow Jackets received a first round bye) to eventual champ SUNY-Cortland (N.Y.), 37-3, then beat OAC rival Muskingum College, 33-9, before being eliminated in the consolation bracket by Springfield (Mass.) College, 20-17. In its final match, B-W lost to Saint John's (Minn.) University, 30-11. Individually, senior 165-pound Division III All-American and OAC champ **Gino Russo**, this week's OAC *Wrestler of the Week* (for the third time this winter), led the way with a 4-0 record. In addition, junior 133-pounder **Brian Bucher** was 3-1 with two falls and the trio of freshman 125-pounder **Tyler Erwin**, senior 174-pounder **Jeremy Feador** and freshman 184-pounder **Anthony Scavuzzo** each had a 2-2 record.

After 21 dual matches and one tournament, **Russo** tops the team with 22 victories and an impressive 22-0 record. He is ranked second nationally in Division III by the National Wrestling Coaches Association (Jan. 8 poll). **Russo** also tops B-W with 92 takedowns, is tied with **Feador** for the most falls with six and is fourth with 16 escapes. **Bucher** is second with 16 wins, a 16-5 record and first with 18 reversals and 50 near falls, including 38 three-point moves. Both **Feador**, at 11-9 overall, and **Scavuzzo**, at 15-11 overall and 10-9 at 184 pounds, have winning records. Freshman 141-pounder **Cody Connell** has the most escapes with 28.

Entering tonight's dual match, **Bucher** (2-0), **Russo** (2-0), **Feador** (2-0) and **Scavuzzo** (2-0) each are undefeated in OAC action, including wins against sixth-ranked Heidelberg College last Tuesday in Tiffin. Overall, the Yellow Jackets are 13-7 individually versus OAC competition. Prior to losing at Heidelberg on Jan. 8, B-W defeated Muskingum, 37-4, way back on November 27, 2007.

Look for veteran **Head Coach Rich Fleming**, the second winningest wrestling coach in school history as he trails only Ohio Wrestling Hall of Famer and legend John Summa, to start **Erwin** at 125 pounds, **Bucher** at 133 pounds, sophomore **Eric Schubert** at 141 pounds, senior **Scott Haber** at 149 pounds, junior **Joe Incorvaia** at 157 pounds, **Russo** at 165 pounds, **Feador** at 174 pounds, **Scavuzzo** at 184 pounds, senior **Brian Haines** at 197 pounds and senior **Mike Pelton** at 285 pounds. Junior All-OAC 149-pounder **Mo Salem** and senior 141-pounder **Chris Hamad** will both miss the match with injuries and junior 197-pound 2007 OAC champ **Paul Burger** is out for the season due to an injury suffered during football season.

B-W is home this Saturday, Jan. 19 when it hosts Thiel College of Pennsylvania at 7:00 p.m.

The Mount Union College Purple Raiders

| NAME | YR. | WT. | HOMETOWN |
|--------------------|-----|-----|---------------------|
| Cody Adkinson | Fr. | 165 | Bellevue |
| Nicholas Allerding | Sr. | 174 | Loudonville |
| Tim Campbell | So. | 157 | Sulpher Springs |
| Robert Creatore | Fr. | 149 | Boardman |
| Dennis Distelrath | Fr. | 184 | Conneaut |
| Sean Dreger | So. | 149 | Alliance |
| Jeff Goldsmith | So. | 197 | Charlotte, N.C. |
| Kyle Jordan | Fr. | 125 | Ravenna |
| Andrew Kallay | Fr. | 133 | Pepper Pike |
| Adam Lange | Sr. | 197 | Hudson |
| Jeremy Lookabaugh | Fr. | 125 | New Kensington, Pa. |
| Mike Manypenny | So. | 165 | Salem |
| Don McCraith | Sr. | 184 | Wickliffe |
| Shawn O'Neill | Fr. | 141 | Atwater |
| Tod Rogers | Fr. | 165 | Girard |
| Cody Schilling | Fr. | 125 | Mentor |

HEAD COACH: Mark Hawald

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Tonight's Match Reults

A match story and aggate results (results of each match) will be available later tonight on the Baldwin-Wallace College athletics Web site at:

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Yellow Jacket Winter Sports Notes

Women's Basketball Update

The 17th-ranked women's basketball team is 13-1 overall and leads the Ohio Athletic Conference at 6-1 prior to hosting John Carroll University tomorrow night in the Ursprung Gymnasium at 7:30 p.m. B-W beat Muskingum College last Saturday, 78-54, for its season-high seventh straight win. Senior guard **Selena Budge (Beachwood)** led B-W with 17 points and tops the team in scoring at 12.2 points per game. The victory was No. 370 for **Head Coach Cheri Harrer**. The women play at Marietta College this Saturday at 3:00 p.m.

Men's Basketball Update

The men's basketball team is 5-8 overall and 2-4 in the OAC and plays at JCU tomorrow night at 7:00 p.m. Fans can listen to both the men's and women's games versus JCU on the WBWC Internet Web site at www.wbwc.com. The men's game also will be on radio at 88.3 FM and be televised throughout Ohio on SportsTime Ohio at 10:30 p.m. that night. Replays of the game are on Thursday (Jan. 17) at 12:00 noon and on Friday (Jan. 18) at 5:00 a.m. To date, sophomore forward **Kyle Brown (Strongsville)** leads the team in scoring at 18.3 ppg. Last Saturday, in a 97-91 loss at Muskingum, sophomore guard **Louis Tumblin (Elyria)** had career-highs of 26 points and 12 rebounds. On Saturday, the men are at home and play Marietta College in the Ursprung Gym at 3:00 p.m.

The Swimming and Diving Update

The men's and women's swimming & diving teams return to action this Saturday, Jan. 19 when they host OAC rival Ohio Northern University on Seniors' Day in the B-W Natatorium at 1:00 p.m. It is the final home meet of the season. Last Saturday, in a meet versus Westminster (Pa.) College, freshman **Todd Richert (North Royalton)** broke his own school and pool record in the one-meter optional diving event with 179.40 points. To date, **Richert** already owns three records and has qualified for the Division III National Championship Meet in March.

The Indoor Track Update

The men's and women's track teams will begin the season when they host the Mid-January Meet on Friday, January 25 on the Harrison Dillard Indoor Track in the Lou Higgins Center at 5:00 p.m. It is the first of four home indoor meets this winter, including the B-W Invitational on February 8 and the Greater Cleveland College Meet on Feb. 22.

Miscellaneous Information

The Yellow Jacket fall sport teams combined for an outstanding 219-95-8 overall record with a .693 winning percentage...Seven of eight fall teams had winning marks and the other was at .500...Two Yellow Jacket fall student-athletes, men's soccer forward **Matt Pietro (Canfield)** and football punter **Kevin Soflkiancs (Middleburg Heights)** were named as *ESPN THE MAGAZINE* Academic All-Americans...**Soflkiancs** also earned Division III All-America honors for the third time, was a Woody Hayes National Scholar-Athlete Award finalist, is a National Football Foundation Scholarship recipient and was named as the Cleveland Touchdown Club Charities Presidential Scholar-Athlete Award winner...Four student-athletes were named OAC players-of-the-year. They were senior **Meggie Marten (Bowling Green)** as the Volleyball *Libero of the Year*, senior **Todd Alexander (Hudson)** as the Men's Soccer *Defender of the Year*, senior **Michelle Neff (Strongsville)** as a two-time Women's *Goalie of the Year* and senior **Lindsay Brickner (Lisbon)** as the Women's Cross Country individual champion and *Co-Runner of the Year*...Head Cross Country Coach **Bill Taraschke** and Assistant Coach **Steve Virgilio** were named as the OAC Women's Cross Country *Coaching Staff of the Year*...