

## WISCONSIN WRESTLING

68 NCAA All-Americans • 108 All-America Honors • 18 Individual National Titles • 69 Individual Big Ten Titles

The University

School Name: Wisconsin Location: Madison, Wis. Population: 243,344 Enrollment: 43,193

Chancellor: Rebecca M. Blank Athletic Director: Barry Alvarez Colors: Cardinal and White Nickname: Badgers Conference: Big Ten

Facility: UW Field House/6,012

Wrestling Staff

**Head Coach:** Barry Davis (Iowa, 1985) **School Record:** 217-154-11 (21 years)

Career record: Same Office: 608-262-3586 Assistant Coaches:

Kyle Ruschell (Wisconsin, 2010) Trevor Brandvold (Wisconsin, 2011) Volunteer Assistant Coach: Mitch Hull Program Assistant: Breanne Eoff Athletic Trainer: Gary Johnson

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### 2014-15 in Review

**2014-15 Dual Record:** 9-4 **2014-15 Conference Record:** 7-2

**2014-15 B1G Finish:** 8th/1 champion **2014-15 NCAA Finish:** 17th/3 All-Amer-

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Lettermen returning/lost: 16/9 2014-15 Starters Returning/Lost: 9/4 NCAA qualifiers Returning/Lost: 4/4 Qualifiers Returning: Isaac Jordan (2014/15), Ricky Robertson (2015), Rylan Lubeck (2014) and Ryan Taylor (2014/15).

### #15 WISCONSIN (0-0, 0-0) at Cliff Keen Invitational

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#### **WISCONSIN BADGERS**

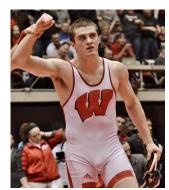
Rankings (Coaches/Flo)	15/14
Record (Big Ten)	1-0 (0-0)
Head Coach	Barry Davis
Record at Wisconsin (Years)	. 217-154-11 (22)

#### **Participating Teams**

Air Force, American, Arizona State, Army, Binghampton, Boise State, Brown, Bucknell, Cal Poly, California Baptist, CSU Bakersfield, Columbia, Cornell, Gateway Community College, Harvard, Hofstra, Iowa State, Kent State, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Navy, Newberry College, Nebraska Kearney, Noth Dakota State, North Idaho College, Northern Colorado, Northern Iowa, Ohio State, Oklahoma, Oregon State, Purdue, San Francisco State, The Citadel, Utah Valley, Virginia Tech, Virginia, West Virginia, Western Wyoming, Wisconsin

#### **BADGERS VOYAGE TO VEGAS**

- Wisconsin (1-0, 0-0 Big Ten) takes part in its third tournament of the year, as the Badgers travel to Las Vegas for the Cliff Keen Invitational, Dec. 4-5, at Cashman Center.
- Forty schools are set to compete at the event, including four other Big Ten teams--Minnesota, Ohio State, Purdue and Michigan.
- The Cliff Keen Invitational features a highly touted lineup, as 11 schools—nearly 30 percent—are ranked in the USA Today/NWCA Coaches poll. Cracking the top 25 is No. 3 Ohio State, No. 6 Virginia Tech, No. 7 Oklahoma, No. 9 Michigan, No. 15 Wisconsin, No. 17 Iowa State, No. 18 Minnesota, No. 19 Virginia, No. 23 Oregon State, No. 24 West Virginia and No. 25 (tie) Northern Iowa.



Isaac Jordan kicked off his campaign by sweeping the Navy Classic in route to winning the 165-pound event.

## **KEY NOTES TO CONSIDER**

- The Badgers return to action following a one-week hiatus. Wisconsin last competed at the Navy Classic in Annapolis, Maryland, Nov. 21, where nine of 13 Badgers placed in the top six of their respective weight classes.
- Three Wisconsin wrestlers appear in the InterMat and FloWrestling top-20 rankings. Isaac Jordan (165) is ranked third by InterMat and second by FloWrestling, while Ricky Robertson (174) sits at 13th and 18th, respectively. Ryan Taylor (133) is third in both polls.
- After missing the Badgers' first dual meet and two tournaments due to injury, Taylor returns to the mat at the Cliff Keen Invitational.
- Like Taylor, Jordan missed Wisonsin's matchup with UW-Whitewater and the MSU Open due to injury. He came back at the Navy Classic as strong as ever, though, sweeping the event to take first place at 165 pounds. In five matches, Jordan picked up two first-round falls (1:51 and 1:53). His toughest battle came in the quarterfinal, as he beat Michael Coleman of Navy by a score of 6-5.

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Wisconsin returns four of its 2015 NCAA qualifiers--Isaac Jordan, Rylan Lubeck, Ricky Robertson and Ryan Taylor. Jordan and Taylor both earned seventh-place finishes in their weight class, as the pair picked up All-American honors.

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Nine of Wisconsin's 13 wrestlers at the Navy Classic finished in the top six of their respective weight classes. Isaac Jordan (165) and Brock Horwath (HWT) were the top performers, as the pair combined for three pins in nine total matches to both place first.

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Nearly half of the Badgers 30-man roster is composed of freshman (nine true, five redshirt). The group is headlined by redshirt freshmen Jens Lantz (133) and Luke Rowh (141), who will make starts against Whitewater.

### USA Today/NWCA Coaches (Dec. 1)

Rank	Team (First)	Record
1	Penn State (11)	4-0
2	lowa	6-0
3	Ohio State (1)	3-0
4	Oklahoma State	2-1
5	Nebraska	5-0
6	Virginia Tech	3-1
7	Oklahoma	5-0
8	Missouri	2-0
9	Michigan	3-1
10	Rutgers	9-1
11	Illinois	8-0
12	Lehigh	4-1
13	NC State	7-0
14	Cornell	1-2
15	Wisconsin	1-0
16	North Carolina	4-1
17	Iowa State	2-2
18	Minnesota	4-4
19	Virginia	4-2
20	Ohio	3-0
21	Central Michigan	2-0
22	Old Dominion	2-1
23	Oregon State	2-3
24	West Virginia	4-2
25	Northern Iowa	1-3
	Princeton	1-2

**Receiving Votes:** Pittsburgh 7, Stanford 7, Chattanooga 4, Utah Valley 2, Edinboro 1

#### FloWrestling (Nov. 30)

Rank	Team	
1	Penn State	
2	Oklahoma State	
3	lowa	
4	Virginia Tech	
5	Ohio State	
6	NC State	
7	Missouri	
8	Michigan	
9	Cornell	
10	Nebraska	
11	Old Dominion	
12	Illinois	
13	Northern Iowa	
14	Wisconsin	
15	Edinboro	
16	Oklahoma	
17	North Carolina	
18	Stanford	
19	Lehigh	
20	Duke	

### **Badgers** in the Polls

Date	<b>NWCA Coaches</b>	FloWrestling
Nov. 4		14
Nov. 9		13
Nov. 16		13
Nov. 23		14
Dec. 1	15	14

## **LAST TIME OUT**

- Wisconsin had an impressive showing at the Navy Classic, as the Badgers picked up two first-, one second- and fourth-, three fifth- and two sixth-place finishes.
- Isaac Jordan took first at 165 pounds and Brock Horwath won at heavyweight, while 125-pounder Johnny Jimenez earned a second-place result.
- Horwath had arguably the most dominant showing, winning once by fall (1:38) and three times by at least five points. In the trio of decisions he allowed just two points in total.
- Ryan Christensen was fourth in the 184pound weight class. He won his first three
  matches of the tournament before dropping a result to No. 10 Abram Ayala of
  Princeton. Christensen responded by winning the consolation semifinal, but came up
  just short in the third-place match, losing,
  2-0, in sudden victory-1 to Kent State's No.
  19 Cole Baxter, who he had previously
- UW's fifth-place wrestlers were Luke Rowh (141), Jared Scharenbrock (157) and Seth Liegel (165).
- In sixth was Rylan Lubeck (149) and Jake Stilling (184). Christensen defeated Stilling by major decision in the in consolation semifinal.
- Andrew Crone (149), TJ Ruschell (157), Nic Veling (197) and Eric Peissig (197) competed but did not place at the Navy Classic.

## **MSU OPEN**

- In its first tournament of the year at the MSU Open in East Lansing, Michigan, UW entered 23 wrestlers total, eight of which were unattached.
- Four of the eight unattached competitors placed fifth or better. Hunter Ritter won at 184 pounds, while Cole Martin finished third in the 141-pound bracket. Mason Reinhardt (184) and Eli Stickley (141) were behind their teammates in fifth.
- Johnny Jimenez was Wisconsin's top competitor, as the 125-pound grappler earned a second-place finish.
- Three Badgers had fourth-place results, including Rylan Lubeck (149), TJ Ruschell (157) and Ryan Christensen (184). Ruschell had the narrowest loss of the third-place matches, as Ohio's 12th-ranked Sparty Chino edged him, 3-2.
- Jake Stilling marked the fifth UW wrestler to in the top five of their weight class, as he finished at No. 5 in the 184-pound event.

### **LOOKING BACK AT 2014-15**

■ Wisconsin finished the season with a 9-4 conference dual record and finished in 17th place with 32.5 team points at the 2015 NCAA Wrestling Championships. UW boasted three All-Americans last season, the most in a single season since 2011. Isaac

- Jordan, Ryan Taylor and Connor Medbery all brought home All-America honors.
- ▶ Isaac Jordan, the Big Ten Conference's champion at 165 lbs., earned his second All-America honor as he placed seventh at the tournament. Taylor also finished in seventh at 133 pounds.
- ► Medbery was Wisconsin's highest placing wrestler. He made his way into the third place match and closed out the weekend in fourth place during his second NCAA appearance.
- ▶ Senior Frank Cousins (174 lbs.) wrestled to a 2-1 record in his only NCAA appearance as a Badger. Fellow senior Timmy McCall (197 lbs.) went 2-2 in his second consecutive trip to the tourament. In his first NCAA trip, freshman Ricky Robertson went for a 2-2 run.

#### **NOT A FRESHMAN ANYMORE**

- True sophomore Johnny Jimenez takes the reigns at 125 pounds during his sophomore season after becoming UW's starter last year.
- Jimenez finished the 2014-15 campaign with a 5-9 record and went 0-2 in the Big Ten Championships. He took first place at the Pointer Open last season.
- He is 7-2 on the season with both losses coming against Paul Petrov of Bucknell, who has been ranked all year.
- Jimenez won his lone dual match by fall (4:41) against UW-Whitewater's Logan Hanselman before taking second at the MSU Open and Navy Classic.

### ON POINT

- Wisconsin freshmen had a big showing at the Pointer Open on Nov. 7 after finishing with three first-place finishes, three runnerups and one third-place finisher.
- Eli Stickley, Eric Schmid and Izaec Quintanilla all brought home first-place crowns from the Pointer Open.
- Despite placing third, Hunter Ritter went 7-1 at the event, losing, 3-1, in a tight match that was decided in sudden victory-1.

  Combined with his results from the MSU Open, Ritter posts the team's best record at 10-1.

### **BADGERS IN THE POLLS**

- The Badgers have remained fairly steady in the USA Today/NWCA Coaches poll, moving between 14th and 15th so far this season
- UW is one of nine Big Ten schools ranked in the top 25. Also included in the poll is No. 1 Penn State, No. 2 Iowa, No. 3 Ohio State, No. 5 Nebraska, No. 9 Michigan, No. 10 Rutgers, No. 11 Illinois and No. 18 Minnesota.

## **2015-16 Badgers**



Santonio Cathery RS JR, 157



David Chadd FR 197



Ryan Christensen RS FR, 184



Andrew Crone RS SO, 149



Michael Cullen FR, 125



Jarod Donar



RS JR, 149



Jens Lantz RS FR, 133





Gahriel Grahek RS SO, 141



Brett Hochstaetter RS SR, 197



Brock Horwath RS SR, HWT

Cole Martin

FR, 141



Johnny Jimenez SO, 125



isaac Jordan RS JR, 165

Eric Peissig

RS SO, 197



Izaec Quintanilla FR, 165



Seth Liegel

RS SO, 165

Mason Reinhardt FR. 184



Rylan Lubeck

RS JR, 149

Hunter Ritter FR. 197



Ricky Robertson RS SO, 174



JJ McClelland

RS FR, 125

Luke Rowh RS FR, 141



TJ Ruschell RS JR, 157



Jared Scharenbrock RS FR, 157



Nic Veling RS JR, 197



Eric Schmid



Eli Stickley FR, 141



Jake Stilling RS SO, 184



Ben Stone FR, HWT



Ryan Taylor RS JR, 133



Billy Breider Strength Coach



Barry Davis Head Coach

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Kyle Ruschell Assistant Coach



Trevor Brandvold Assistant Coach



Mitch Hull Volunteer Asst.



## **By Weight Class**

125: Michael Cullen, Johnny Jimenez. JJ McClelland

133: Jens Lantz, Ryan Taylor

**141:** Gabriel Grahek, Cole Martin, Luke Rowh, Eli Stickley

149: Andrew Crone, Jarod Donar, Rylan Lubeck

157: Santonio Cathery, TJ Ruschell, Jared Scharenbrock, Eric Schmid

165: Isaac Jordan, Seth Liegel, Izaec Quintanilla

**174:** Ricky Robertson

184: Ryan Christensen, Mason Reinhardt, Jake Stilling

197: David Chadd, Brett Hochstaetter, Eric Peissig, Hunter Ritter, Nic Veling

**HWT:** Ben Stone. Brock Horwath

## **By Eliqibility**

**Seniors:** Hochstaetter, Horwarth

**Juniors:** Cathery, Donar, Jordan, Lubeck, Ruschell, Taylor, Veling

Jarod Donar- DUH-nar Gabriel Grahek- GRAY-heck Johnny Jimenez- JIM-in-ez Jens Lantz- JINZ- LAWNtz Seth Liegel- LEE-gull

Rylan Lubeck- LOO-beck Eric Peissig- PIE-sig Luke Rowh- rhymes with now T.J. Ruschell- ruh- SHELL Nic Veling- VEE-leeng

**Sophomores:** Crone, Grahek, Jimenez, Liegel, Peissig, Robertson, Stilling Freshmen: Chadd, Christensen, Cullen, Lantz, Martin, McClelland, Quintanilla,

Reinhardt, Ritter, Rowh, Scharenbrock, Schmid, Stickley, Stone

## **Head Coach Barry Davis**

Barry Davis begins his 22nd season officially at the helm of the Wisconsin wrestling program, but enters his 23rd season as part of the Wisconsin wrestling program after serving as interim head coach during the 1993-94 season. Davis has an overall dual record of 216-154-11.

The 2015 season saw Davis help sophomore Isaac Jordan earn his first Big Ten championship and second All-America honor. Davis also helped sophomore Ryan Taylor and junior Connor Medbery to claim their first All-America honors. Under Davis, three of the seven NCAA qualifiers clinched All-American status, tying for the fifth-most All-America honors in a single season and the most for the program since 2011.

In his 20th season at the pinnacle of the program, Davis' squad received multiple All-America honors for the first time since 2011. Senior Tyler Graff (133) became the program's fourth four-time All-American after a second-place finish at the NCAA champion-ships. Freshman Isaac Jordan (157) earned an All-America honor after seventh-place finish, becoming the fourth member of his family to acquire the accolade while wrestling at Wisconsin.

The 2013 season saw Davis help Tyler Graff earn the third, and highest, All-America honor of his career, placing third at 133 lbs. Under Davis, Graff became the ninth three-time All-American in Wisconsin history. Davis also helped Jackson Hein and Connor Medbery qualify for their first NCAA championships appearances.

In 2012, Davis helped Ben Jordan become an All-American at 165 lbs., joining his father, Jim Jordan, and uncle, Jeff Jordan, on the prestigious list.

Davis led the Badgers to their third-straight top 10 finish at the NCAA Division I Championships in 2011, and coached four of the seven wrestlers who qaulified to All-America honors.

In 2010, Davis won the biggest accolade of his coaching career when he was named the National Coach of the Year by the National Wrestling Coaches Association. Davis helped Wisconsin to a fourth place finish at the NCAA Division I Wrestling Championships, tying for best finish in school history and best under his reign. In addition, he helped aid then-sophomore Andrew Howe to his first NCAA Division I title at 165 lbs. and a perfect 37-0 overall

record.

His Badgers finished the 2008-09 dual season with a 9-8-0 overall mark and 3-5 mark in the Big Ten. The 2008-09 season marked the 11th time (and 10th-consecutive year) Davis's teams



have won at least nine duals. More impressive, Davis's 2008-09 squad finished ninth at the NCAA championships, tying for the best finish in his 15-year tenure. Five wrestlers qualified for the 2009 NCAA Championships and Wisconsin brought home three All-Americans including runner-up at 165 lbs., Andrew Howe, Kyle Ruschell (3rd at 149 lbs.) and Zach Tanelli (4th at 141 lbs.).

Davis reached a milestone during the 2007-08 season by recording his 150th career win with an 18-15 victory over Oklahoma on Feb. 21, 2008. This made him just the second UW coach to do so, joining George Martin who coached for 32 years and finished 182-163-12.

Davis was installed as the 15th head coach in Wisconsin history on March 4, 1994, after serving as the program's interim head coach for the 1993-94 season. In his 18 seasons leading the Badgers, Davis has firmly instilled his values of commitment, intensity, loyalty and energy on the UW program.

During his tenure, Davis has coached seven individuals to 11 Big Ten titles, including the latest, Andrew Howe, who captured the 165 lbs. title as a true freshman in 2009. Howe is the only true freshman during Davis's tenure to win a Big Ten title. Davis also coached Donny Pritzlaff (165 pounds, 1999, 2000, '01), Keith Davison (190 pounds, 1994), Matt Hanutke (118 pounds, 1994), Eric Jetton (126 pounds, 1997, '98) and Kevin Wilmot (167 pounds, 1997) Tom Clum (125 pounds in 2004 and 133 pounds in 2006) to conference championships.

Additionally, 21 of Davis' wrestlers have earned All-America honors while two have claimed NCAA titles. Pritzlaff won back-to-back national championships in 2000 and 2001 and Jeff Walter won the 1996 heavy-

weight title. Sixty-two wrestlers have qualified for the NCAA championships under Davis' direction, including current Badgers Tyler Graff, Jackson Hein, Connor Medbery and Cole Tobin.

## **CHAMPIONSHIP MENTALITY**

As a collegian at the University of Iowa, Davis was the winningest wrestler at the winningest program at the university level. Davis graduated in 1985 with a career record of 162-9-1 (.945). He still holds school records for wins in a season (46 in 1982) and career wins (162) and is fourth in career-winning percentage. For his accomplishments, Davis was inducted into the National Iowa Varsity Club Athletic Hall of Fame in September of 1998.

Davis competed at 118 pounds in 1981-82, at 126 pounds in both the 1982-83 and 1984-85 seasons, and was a redshirt during the 1983-84 season to compete in the Olympics. He dominated the Big Ten, becoming one of only nine wrestlers in history to win four league titles.

The lowa teams on which he competed were equally dominant, winning Big Ten championships in each of Davis' four years. The 1983 lowa team had an unprecedented nine Big Ten titlists. After his senior season, Davis was honored as the Big Ten's Athlete of the Year, one of only two wrestlers to win the prestigious award.

On the national level, Davis was a four-time All-American and a three-time NCAA champion. After placing seventh as a freshman, Davis won national titles in 1982, 1983 and 1985. Iowa won NCAA team titles all four years that Davis competed. Following the 1985 NCAA Championships, Davis was named Outstanding Wrestler of the Tournament.

### THE NEXT LEVEL

Taking a year off from collegiate competition paid off for the senior-to-be when he earned a silver medal (125.5 pounds) at the 1984 Olympic Games in Los Angeles. Davis was also a member of the 1988 U.S. Olympic team that competed in Seoul, South Korea. He attempted to make his third Olympic team in 1992, but was eliminated at the U.S. Trials. Davis was also runner-up at the 1987 World Championships after winning the Olympic Sports Festival.

## **COACH DAVIS' BEGINNING**

A 1985 graduate of the University of Iowa, Davis began his coaching career as a graduate assistant to legendary head coach Dan Gable from 1986-87. Davis was an assistant coach at Iowa from 1988-92, helping guide the Hawkeyes to four top-six finishes, including NCAA championships in 1991 and 1992. He coached former UW assistant coach Bart Chelesvig from 1987-92.

A native of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, where he captured three state titles and posted a 102-6-1 career record at Prairie High School, Davis was born on Sept. 17, 1961. He married the former Nan Doak in 1986. Nan is a former NCAA champion long distance runner at Iowa and was an alternate on the 1988 United States Olympic team (10,000 meters). Barry and Nan are the parents of two daughters, Amanda and Amy and the Davis family currently resides in Madison.

## **WRESTLING ACCOLADES**

**1981** All-American

**1982** NCAA Champion All-American

1983 Pan-Am Gold Medalist World Team Member NCAA Champion All-American

**1984** Olympic Silver Medalist (125.5 lbs.)

1985 NCAA Champion All-American Big Ten Athlete of the Year

**1986** World Bronze Medalist

**1987** World Silver Medalist **1988** Olympian

COACHING ACCOLADES

- Coached eight Big Ten champions
- Coached three NCAA champions
- Coached 63 wrestlers to a total of 91 NCAA appearances
- Second-most wins of any UW coach
- Distinguished Member of National Wrestling Hall of Fame (2007)
- Coached Badgers tie best NCAA finish in school history (fourth) in 2010
- NWCA National Coach of the Year (2010)

### WHAT THEY'RE SAYING...

"I would like to commend Barry Davis for his relentless pursuit of serving, promoting, and protecting the sport of amateur wrestling. He has been extremely supportive of many National Wrestling Coaches Association initiatives that have positioned amateur wrestling to thrive in this new Millennium."

-Mike Moyer, National Wrestling Coaches Association

"What I like about Barry is he has a quiet intensity. I've never met anyone that appears to have as much energy as him. I believe Barry Davis and Wisconsin can win a national championship together."

-Pat Christenson, former UW NCAA champion

## **Biographies**



Santonio Cathery
RS JR • 5-8 • 157 • Chicago, III. (Loyola Academy)

**2014-15:** Recorded a 5-5 season while wrestling unattached in open tournaments ... went 3-2 at the Cowboy Open ... marked two victories and one loss at the Pat Flash Flanagan ... one by 9-4 decision, the other by fall ... 0-2 record at the UNI Open

**2013-14:** 7-9 record while competing unattached in open tournaments at 165 and 174 lbs. ... 2-2 record at the Grand View Open, including a one-minute pin, his fastest of the season ... 2-2 record at the Duhawk Open ... 1-2 record at the Loras Open ... 1-2 record at the Dan Gable Open

**2012-13:** Redshirt season ... 5-8 record in open tournaments at 157 and 165 lbs. ... fourth-place finish at 157 lbs., at the Loras Open with a 2-2 record ... 1-2 record at the Pointer Open ... 1-2 record at the Flash Flanagan Open ... 1-2 record at the Blugold Open at 165 lbs.

**High School:** Four year starter at Loyola Academy... two-time Illinois National Team member... 31-8 record and finished third at regionals in his senior season...also was CCL finalist and finished sixth at state in Freestyle and third in Greco-Roman that year...30-9 record in his junior season when he finished sixth in the Greco-Roman state competition ... 4-2 record at Fargo that season ... finished fifth at the sophomore state tournament his sophomore year ... also played football where he was a two-time defensive captain and his team's defensive MVP

What does it mean to be a Badger? "Passion, brotherhood, loyalty and dedication"



**David Chadd** FR • 6-2 • 197 • Lancaster, Wis. (Lancaster)

**High School:** Two-time state champion as a junior and senior ... finished his high school career with a 155-21 record ... went undefeated with a 42-0 record in his senior season ... earned Crossface first team all-state honors ... was the Folkstyle National Runner-Up ... as a junior, was named a Fargo Junior Greco All-American ... took third place at the state championships in his sophomore season and helped his team to win the Division III state championship ... was a state qualifier as a freshman ... also lettered three years in football and one year in baseball ... was named a first team all-state offensive lineman in football ... member of the National Honor Society and LEO club

**Why Wisconsin?** "Ever since I was a little kid I wanted to go to UW-Madison. My dad graduated from UW-Madison and he got be hooked on everything Wisconsin from a young age."



Ryan Christensen
RS FR • 5-11 • 184 • Woodinville, Wash. (Woodinville)

**2014-15:** Went 11-4 while wrestling unattached at 14 lbs. ... finished the Pointer Open with a 3-1 record ... went 6-1 at the Navy Classic ... ended the Pat Flash Flanagan Open after going 4-0 ... recorded three wins by tech fall, two 15-0 and one 18-0, and three wins by fall

**High School:** Finished first in districts, regional and state with a 35-0 record as a senior ... was named a three-time team MVP ... placed first in state, districts and regionals during his junior year ... notched a 42-1 record that season ... placed second in state after finishing his sophomore season with a 44-1 record and placing 11th at state with his team ... also played soccer

**Why Wisconsin?** "It has a good engineering program and good wrestling team. There's a great team atmosphere and great team chemistry."



Andrew Crone
RS SO • 5-9 • 149 • Delafield, Wis. (Arrowhead)

**2014-15:** Competed at 149 lbs. ... overall season record of 13-7 ... marked a 3-2 record at the Wyoming Open ... went 4-1 at the Pat Flash Flanagan ... went 4-0 at the UNI Open ... 1-2 record at Midland Championships ... started for Wisconsin in the Maryland dual where he marked a 7-5 decision over Shane Arechiga ... 2015 Recipient of the George Martin Scholarship Award, which is awarded to the undergrad with the highest cumulative GPA

**2013-14:** 23-6 record while competing unattached at open tournaments at 141 and 149 lbs. ... placed second in the Loras Open with a record of 3-1 ... won the Dan Gable Open at 141 lbs., while notching bonus-point victories in three of four matches ... 3-2 record at the Jim Fox Open ... 2-2 record in the Midlands Championships ... won the Grand View Open at 149 lbs. ... finished second in the Duhawk Open at 149 lbs. ... won the Blugold Open at 149 lbs., while gaining bonus-point victories in three of four matches

**High School:** State champion sophomore and senior seasons ... four-time conference champ ... finished sixth in Greco-Roman competition at the 2013 Fargo Cadet and Junior National Championships ... took third in Greco-Roman competition at the 2012 Fargo Championships ... placed second in freestyle and fourth in Greco-Roman at the 2011 Fargo Championships

Why Wisconsin? "Great wrestling program (coaches, facilities, etc.) and a great business school"



## Michael Cullen FR • 5-7 • 125 • Cary, III. (Cary Grove)

**High School:** Two-time 3A state champion at 120 lbs. ... finished his high school career with a 160-12 record ... three-time Illinois Freestyle State Champion ... Dvorak finalist as a senior ... ranked the No.7 wrestler in the country by WIN Magazine and Intermat ... three-time place winner in Illinois Folkstyle and two-time All-American in Junior and Cadet Freestyle ... the 2014 Class 3A champion at 120 lbs. ... 42-1 record as a senior ... compiled more than 70 pins by his junior season and was taken down only three times in his high school career ... took second place at sectionals as a junior ... ranked No. 12 by FloWrestling and No. 10 by WIN Magazine as a junior ... earned all-conference and all-state honors as a sophomore and junior ... 2013 conference, regional and sectional champion ... upset Kyle Atkins, the 2A state champion giving him his only loss of the year as a sophomore ... finished his sophomore campaign with a 45-3 record ... only one of his losses was by more than one point ... trained at the Overtime School of Wrestling as well as with Mike Poeta at Poeta Training



Jarod Donar RS SO • 5-10 • 149 • Cuba City, Wis. (Cuba City)

**2014-15:** Wiscsonsin's starter at 157 lbs. ... wrestled to a 12-12 season record with a 4-6 dual record ... finished the Wyoming Open with a 2-2 record ... 3-2 record at the Navy Classic ... tallied a 4-2 finish at Midland Championships ... concluded the season with a 4-5 Big Ten record

**2013-14:** Compiled a record of 11-9 while competing unattached in open tournaments at 157 lbs. ... went 3-0 at the Blugold Open before having to forfeit due to injury ... finished second at the Duhawk Open with a record of 3-1 ... 2-2 record at the Grand View Open ... 3-3 record at the Loras Open

High School: Compiled an undefeated record of 189-0 and was a four-time Wisconsin state champ ... totaled 104 falls ... earned a second place finish in Greco-Roman competition at the 2011 Fargo Cadet and Junior National Championships ... finished third in Greco-Roman competition at the 2010 Fargo Championships ... named team's MVP all four years

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Championships ... finished third in Greco-Roman competition at the 2010 Fargo Championships ... named team's MVP all four years



**Gabriel Grahek**RS SO • 5-10 • 141 • Milwaukee, Wis. (Marquette)

**2014-15:** Compiled a 12-6 record on the season while competing at 141 lbs. ... went 3-1 at the Pat Flash Flanagan Open ... 2-2 record at the Navy Classic ... finished with a 1-2 record at the Wyoming Open ... 6-1 record at the UNI Open, with one win by major decision and one by fall

**2013-14:** Went 15-8 while competing unattached in open competition at 141 lbs. ... 3-2 record at the Blugold Open ... 4-2 record at the Duhawk Open ... 2-2 record at the Grand View Open ... finished second at the Jim Fox Open with a 3-1 record ... finished second at the Dan Gable Open with a 3-1 record

**High School:** Went 48-1 and had a third place finish at state as a senior ... two-time Greater Metro Conference Wrestler of the Year ... placed seventh at Folkstyle Nationals during senior year ... placed fifth in state in both sophomore and junior seasons ... three-time Greco-Roman state champ ... two-time Freestyle state champ ... finished fourth in state as a freshman ... placed fourth in the Folkstyle Nationals during freshman and sophomore seasons

What does it mean to be a Badger? "It means I'm part of a strong family tradition."



## Brett Hochstaetter RS SR • 5-9 • 184 • South Milwaukee, Wis. (South Milwaukee)

Awards and Honors: 2014 Academic All-Big Ten

**2014-15:** Went 8-2 while competing unattached at 184 lbs. ... finished with a 3-2 record at the Pointer Open ... went 2-1 at the Dan Gable Open ... recorded a 3-1 finish at the Pat Flash Flanagan Open

**2013-14:** 0-2 record in dual competition at 174 lbs. ... 4-4 record in open tournament while competing unattached at 174 lbs. ... 3-2 record at the Jim Fox Open ... 1-2 record at the Loras Open

2012-13: 1-2 record in open tournaments at 174 lbs. ... 1-2 record at Blugold Open ... Academic All-Big Ten honoree

**2011-12:** Has a 3-4 record at 165 lbs. in open tournaments .. went 0-2 at the Stevens Point Open ... went 3-2 at the Luther Open

**High School:** Had a 27-16 record his sophomore year ... had a 39-3 record and was the Woodland Conference champion his junior year ... took fifth in state with a 45-4 record his senior year

**Why Wisconsin?** "Loved the atmosphere of the campus and how much the students care about the athletic teams here."



**Brock Horwath**RS SR • 6-5 • HWT • Stillwater, Minn. (Stillwater Area)

**2014-15:** Competed unattached at 285 lbs. ... compiled an overall season record of 10-2 ... went 3-1 at the Hokie Open ... finished the Dan Gable Open with a 3-0 record ... marked a 4-1 record at the Blugold Open ... recorded three wins by fall on the season ... fastest fall was 1:28 over Zach Tooley at the Blugold Open

**2013-14:** Finished third at the Hokie Open with a 3-1 record ... went 7-1 in open competition while competing unattached ... placed second at the Blugold Open with a record of 4-1 ... won the Dan Gable Open with 3-0 record

**2012-13:** 14-6 record in open tournaments at heavyweight ... finished second at the Loras Open with a 3-1 record that included two wins by fall ... finished second at the Pointer Open with a 2-1 record ... finished second at the Flash Flanagan Open with a 3-1 record ... 3-2 record at the Grand View Open ... finished fifth at the Blugold Open with a 3-1 record.

**2011-12:** has a 5-4 record in open tournaments at heavyweight ... took fifth place at the Stevens Point Open with a 4-2 record ... went 2-2 at the Luther Open

High School: All-Conference his junior year ... All-Conference and All-State his senior year ... also played football

Why Wisconsin? "I have wanted to be a Badger since I was a little kid."



## **Johnny Jimenez** \$0 • 5-5 • 125 • St. Charles, III. (Marmion Academy)

**2014-15:** Wrestled three matches unattached before becoming Wisconsin's starter at 125 lbs. ... Big Ten record of 1-3 ... 5-9 overall record on the season ... competed in his first Big Ten Championships ... finished 0-2 ... took first place at the Pointer Open for 125 lbs. ... marked an 11-3 major decision in the semifinal and an 11-1 major decision in the first place match

**High School:** Went 158-10 at Marmion Academy ... as a freshman was a state champion, took 4th place at the Ironman and 1st at the Dvorak ... was a state champion and a Cadet FS All-American as a sophomore ... in his junior year was a state champion, took 3rd at the Ironman and took 2nd at the Dvorak ... as a senior was a state champion, placed 5th at the Ironman and took 1st at the Dvorak ... high school coach was Ryan Cumbee

**What does being a Badger mean?** "Taking responsibility for your actions and being a role model for those around you"



# **Isaac Jordan**RS JR • 5-11 • 165 • Urbana, Ohio (St. Paris Graham)

**Honors and Awards:** 2015 Big Ten champion at 165 lbs. ... 2015 All-American at 165 lbs., (seventh place) ... Big Ten Wrestler of the Week (12/16/14) ... 2014 All-American at 157 lbs., (seventh place) ... USA Wrestling Athlete of the Week (2/24/14) ... Big Ten Wrestler of the Week (2/25/14)

**2014-15:** Wisconsin's starter at 165 lbs. ... earned second All-America honor at 165 lbs. at the NCAA Championships with a seventh place finish after going 4-1 ... took his first Big Ten title as he won the 165 lbs. championship over No. 1 ranked Bo Jordan of Ohio State with a 3-0 tournament record ... compiled a season record of 26-4 ... recorded seven pins throughout the season ... took first place at the Navy Classic with a 3-0 record ... marked a technical fall against Rutgers to tie the Badgers for the overtime victory ... named Big Ten Wrestler of the Week on December 16 ... finished the season with a perfect 9-0 mark in Big Ten competition ... ranked in the top ten for the entire season ... highest rank was No. 2

**2013-14:** Wisconsin's starter at 157 lbs. ... earned first All-America honor at 157 lbs., at the NCAA Championships with a 4-2 record to place seventh ... finished third at the Big Ten Championships with a 3-1 record ... entered regular season ranked seventh and finished second ...31-7 overall record on the season, including a 17-0 record in dual competition and a 7-0 mark in the Big Ten ... named Big Ten Wrestler of the Week on Feb. 25 after posting wins over each of the top-two ranked wrestlers at 157 lbs. ... 5-2 record against ranked wrestlers in regular season ... recorded six pins in the regular season ... 3-3 record at Midlands ... finished second at the Navy Classic with a 4-1 record

**2012-13:** Redshirt season ... 23-2 record wrestling unattached at 157 and 165 lbs. ... won the Loras Open at 165 lbs., with a 5-0 record that included three pins and two major decisions ... won the Pointer Open at 165 lbs., with a 4-0 record with two pins and a major decision ... finished third at the UNI Open with a 5-1 record ... finished third at the 2012 Midlands Championships at 157 lbs., with a 5-1 record ... won the Flash Flanagan Open at 165 lbs., with a 4-0 record

**High school:** Three-time Ohio state champion at Graham High School ... put together a 154-9 record over four years at Graham ... went undefeated (43-0) during his senior season in which he was ranked among the top high school wrestlers nationally ... finished third at state during his freshman season

Why Wisconsin? "Barry Davis"



**Jens Lantz**RS FR • 5-6 • 133 • Ellsworth, Wis. (Ellsworth)

**2014-15:** Redshirt season ... compiled a season record of 11-2 ... competed unattached at 133 lbs. ... took first place by going 4-0 at the Pointer Open ... marked a 3-2 record at the UNI Open ... finished the Pat Flash Flanagan Open with a 4-0 record ... largest victory margin was a 15-0 tech fall over Jonathan Flores at the Pat Flash Flanagan Open

**High School:** Four-time state champion at Ellsworth High School ... was an All-American as a sophomore ... coach was Chad Steldt

**Why Wisconsin?** "The coaches, it is the best place to reach my potential and the team comradery."



**Seth Liegel**RS SO • 5-11 • 157 • Spring Green, Wis. (River Valley)

**2014-15:** Three-time starter for the Badgers at 157 lbs. ... compiled a 4-6 season record ... went 1-2 while competing against Maryland, Rider and Purdue ... recorded a 0-2 finish at the Navy Classic ... marked a 3-1 finish at Midland Championships

**2013-14:** 20-4 record in open competition while competing unattached at 165 lbs. ... won the Blugold Open while notching bonus-point victories in three out of five matches ... finishedthird at the Grand View Open while going 4-1 ... finished third at the Jim Fox Open ... won the Dan Gable Open after going 3-0 ... took fifth place at the Loras Open with a record of 4-2

**High School:** Two-time state champion ... won state as a senior after compiling a record of 46-0 ... was also perfect as a junior and won state after going 45-0 ... finished second at state as a sophomore after going 40-3 ... placed fifth in state as a freshman and went 45-6 ... took eighth place in freestyle competition at the 2013 Fargo Cadet and Junior National Championships ... finished with a fifth place finish in freestyle competition at the 2012 Fargo Championships

Why Wisconsin? "Best place for me to succeed both academically and athletically. It's one big family here."



## Rylan Lubeck RS JR • 5-7 • 149 • Vesper, Wis. (Lincoln)

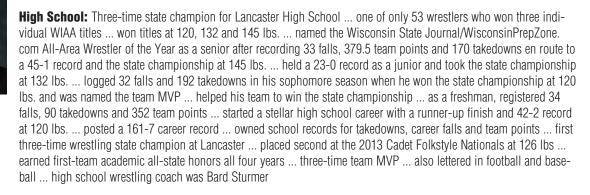
**2014-15:** Wisconsin's starter at 141 lbs. ... overall season record of 10-12 ... compiled a dual record of 4-6 and Big Ten record of 4-4 ... went 2-2 at the Wyoming Open ... marked wins over Maryland and Rider .... finished the season as Wisconsin's starter at 149 lbs. ... posted victories in conference duals versus Indiana, Nebraska, Purdue and Michigan State ... went 3-2 at Midlands Championships ... tallied a 1-3 finish at Big Ten Championships ... placed sixth at the Big Ten Championships with a 2-3 record ... 14-14 overall record on the season, including a 1-4 mark in dual competition and a 1-4 mark in the Big Ten ... 3-3 record at Midlands

**2012-13:** Redshirt season ... 25-6 record wrestling unattached at 141 lbs. ... finished second at the Loras Open with a 3-1 record ... won the Pointer Open with a 4-0 record ... finished fifth at the UNI Open with a 6-2 record ... 3-2 record at the Midlands Championships ... finished third at the Flash Flanagan Open with a 5-1 record ... won the Blugold Open

**High school:** State champion for Lincoln High School in his senior season and state runner-up in both his sophomore and junior seasons ... four-time regional champion ... three-time conference and sectional champion ... wrestled in the 2010 Cadet Pan American Games in Manaus, Brazil and for the 2010 Greco World Duals USA All-Star Team ... also played football and was an all-conference honorable mention running back ... was a scholar athlete and on the Wisconsin Wrestling All-State Academic Team all four years ... earned a Presidential Academic Education Award his freshman and senior years

**What does it mean to be a Badger?** "Representing the university and your sport in a responsible and respectful way, while giving 100% effort as you are proud to wear the motion 'W'"





**Why Wisconsin?** "Wisconsin is where I felt the most comfortable. I really thought the coaches and athletes had a very good connection. Also I knew many other students and athletes who go or were going to go there. But overall Wisconsin felt like the best choice athletically and academically."



JJ McClelland RS FR • 5-6 • 133 • Viroqua, Wis. (Viroqua)

2014-15: Redshirt season ... wrestled unattached at the Pat Flash Flanagan Open at 133 lbs. ... 1-2 season record

**High School:** State qualifier and Greco National Runner-Up as a sophomore ... state champion at 113 pounds and Greco All-American in his junior year... Fifth place finish at state as a senior ... high school coach was Eric Anderson ... was a team state qualifier in cross country ... participated in track and field as a freshman ... also involved in 4-H, National Honors Society, FFA, FBLA, and Student Council

What does it mean to be a Badger? "To be on a team that acts as a family"



## **Eric Peissig**RS SO • 5-10 • 197 • Menomonie, Wis. (Menomonie)

**2014-15:** Wrestled unattached at 197 lbs. ... compiled a 7-4 season record ... went 2-2 at the Wyoming Open ... finished 2-2 at the Navy Classic ... won all three matches at the Pat Flash Flanagan Open

**2013-14:** Finished the season 10-7 in open tournaments while competing unattached at 197 lbs. ... placed second in the Blugold Open ... went 2-3 at the Grand View Open ... won the Jim Fox Open by going 3-0 ... placed second at the Dan Gable Open ... went 0-2 at the Loras Open

**High School:** Finished 49-0 as a senior and was state champion ... was a state qualifier as a junior after going 36-8 ... also qualified for state as a sophomore after going 37-7 ... went 26-12 as a freshman ... competed with the Wisconsin

freestyle team at the 2012 Fargo Cadet and Junior National Championships... also played football and was an all-region and all-conference linebacker and guard ... was class valedictorian (4.0 GPA)

**What does it mean to be a Badger?** "When I think of a Badger, I think of three characteristics: Relentless, brave and creative. These descriptions ecompass what it means to be a Badger."



Izaec Quintanilla FR • 5-8 • 165 • Spokane, Wash. (North Central)

**High School:** No. 91 recruit according to FLO Wrestling ... three-time Washington state champion for North Central High School ... three-time Tri State Tournament champion ... finished senior season with a 49-0 record and took first place in the state championship, the Rockwell rumble and tri-state in addition to being named a USAW Scholastic All-American ... as a junior, finished in first place at the state championships and in tri-state ... placed fourth at the Rocky Mountain rumble and notched a 48-2 record ... tallied a 48-2 record as a sophomore en route to his first state champion crown and first place in tri-state ... took fifth at the state championships with a 40-8 record as a freshman ... named to the honor roll as a junior ... high school coach was Luke Leifer

**Why Wisconsin?** "I thought it was a great fit for a school and athletics after visiting three times and I believe it is a beautiful city."



Mason Reinhardt FR • 5-10 • 184 • Merrill, Wis. (Merrill)

High School: Three-time state place winner ... two-time conference champion ... three-time regional champion ... qualified for state tournament all four years ... three-time Folkystyle Nationals All-American and two-time Fargo Greco All-American ... two-time team captain ... as a senior, tallied most pins and most team points on the team ... recognized as team's Outstanding Wrestler for the second time and also claimed the Legion Award ... named to the Channel 9 All-Stars first team ... sectional champion ... earned academic all-state three years ... also lettered two years in football ... earned first-team all-conference honors as a senior and second-team all-conference as a junior ... two-time team captain ... named team MVP and conference offensive player of the year in his senior season ... garnered the Beacon Player of the Game award as both a junior and senior ... earned two letters in baseball ... named the varsity hit man as a sophomore and junior ... claimed second-team all-district accolades as a sophomore and was named first-team all-conference as a junior



**Hunter Ritter** FR • 5-10 • 197 • Perryville, Md. (John Carroll)

**High School:** No. 18 overall recruit in the country by FLO Wrestling ... ranked No. 3 in the country by InterMat at 195 lbs. ... 2014 state champion ... Super 32 champion ... Freestyle Cadet National Greco champion with a third place finish in Freestyle ... took first in national preps as a senior ... third place at Beast of the East as both a junior and senior ... as a junior, picked up his second state championship ... Cadet World Team member and Prep National runner-up ... in his sophomore season, collected his first state championship ... FILA Cadet Freestyle National champion ... as a freshman, finished fifth in the state championships and was named a National Prep All-American

Why Wisconsin? "Just the first time I came out here for a wrestling camp I knew this where I wanted to be."



Ricky Robertson
RS S0 • 5-11 • 174 • Tinley Park, III. (Carl Sandburg)

**2014-15:** Wisconsin's starter at 184 lbs. ... 2-2 record at the NCAA Championships ... 2-2 record at the Big Ten Championships to take fifth place ... dual record of 11-2 and 8-1 in Big Ten competition ... 27-10 overall season record ... 3-2 finish at the Wyoming Open ... seventh place finish at the Midland Championships with a 4-2 record ... 5-0 record at the Navy Classic for a first place finish ... unranked to begin the season, but moved up to No. 18 at its close

**2013-14:** Went 21-5 in open competition while competing unattached at 184 and 197 lbs. ... won the Blugold Open, Duhawk Open and Jim Fox Open ... placed second at the Grand View Open with a record of 3-1 ... went 3-3 at the Midlands Championships ... finished second at the Dan Gable Open ... placed second at the Loras Open with a record of 2-1

**High School:** State champ as a senior and state runner-up as a junior ... double All-American at the 2012 ASICS University a FILA Cadet Nationals after finishing second in both freestyle and Greco-Roman competition ... double All-American at the 2012 Fargo Cadet and Junior National Championships after finishing fourth in both styles ... double All-American at the 2011 Fargo Championships after finishing first in freestyle competition and second in Greco-Roman competition ... competed with Team Illinois for Izzy Style School of Wrestling



**Luke Rowh**RS FR • 5-6 • 141 • Hastings, Minn. (Hastings)

**2014-15:** Redshirt season ... wrestled unattached at 141 lbs. ... compiled a 12-2 record on the season ... went 4-0 at the Pointer Open ... compiled a 4-2 record at the Blugold Open ... took first place at the Pat Flash Flanagan Open with a 4-0 record

**High School:** Took runner-up at state in his senior year ... was runner-up at the Minnesota Christmas Tournament ... named the Section 1 Outstanding Wrestler and earned team MVP honors ... compiled the most takedowns on the team ... notched 157 career wins ... was team captain in both his junior and senior seasons ... finished third at state in his junior year ... acquired third place at the Minnesota Christmas Tournament ... went 5-0 at the Clash National Duals ... placed sixth at both the Junior Western Regionals and at the FILA Cadet Nationals ... was named the team's MVP and collected the most takedowns on the team ... finished fifth in state in both his freshman and sophomore seasons ... as a sophomore, was a double champion at Southern Plains and grabbed third place the Fargo Cadet Nationals ... accumulated the most takedowns on the team

**Why Wisconsin?** "I chose to attend Wisconsin for its great academics, tradition in wrestling and supportive coaches and staff."



TJ Ruschell RS JR • 5-10 • 157 • Crittenden, Ky. (Ryle)

Awards and Honors: 2014 Academic All-Big Ten

**2014-15:** Eight-time starter at 149 lbs. ... compiled a season record of 15-11 ... went 4-1 at the Wyoming Open to claim the third place spot ... finished 1-2 at the Navy Classic ... finished 3-1 at the UNI Open ... finished the Midlands Championships with a 2-2 record ... took second place at the Pat Flash Flanagan Open with a 2-1 record ... placed fourth in consolation rounds at the Big Ten Championships with a 1-3 finish

**2013-14:** 13-time starter for Wisconsin at 149 lbs., and a one-time starter at 157 lbs. ... finished regular season with a 14-11 overall record ... 7-7 record in dual competition ... 2-2 mark in the Big Ten ... placed fifth at the Navy Classic with a 5-2 record ... 2-2 record at Midlands

**2012-13:** Redshirt season ... 15-2 record in open tournaments at 141 and 149 lbs. ... won the Loras Open at 141 lbs., with a 4-0 record ... placed second at 141 lbs., at the Pointer Open with a 3-1 record ... placed third at 149 lbs., at the

Flash Flanagan Open with a 4-1 record ... won the Blugold Open at 149 lbs., with a 4-0 record

**High school:** Compiled a 209-21 in four seasons of competition for Ryle High School... four-time state placer, including a state championship in his junior season... four-time regional champion

What does it mean to be a Badger? "To wear the 'W' with pride"



Jared Scharenbrock
RS FR • 5-10 • 157 • Sun Prairie, Wis. (Sun Prairie)

**2014-15:** Redshirt season ... competed unattached at 157 lbs. ... compiled a season record of 7-1 ... took first place at the Pointer Open with a 4-0 record ... placed fourth at the Blugold Open with a 5-2 record ... went 3-1 at the Pat Flash Flanagan Open for a third place finish

**High School:** Two-time state champion for Sun Prairie High School ... Had an undefeated season as a senior going 50-0 ... took third at Folkstyle Nationals ... Went undefeated with a record of 46-0 in his junior year and placed seventh at Folkstyle Nationals ... As a sophomore, he went 49-1 and placed second at the state tournament ... also was named as a Wisconsin dual team member ... Finished his freshman season with a record of 46-1 ... took second place at Folkstyle Nationals and fourth at Greco Nationals in Fargo, North Dakota



**Eric Schmid** FR • 5-7 • 157 • Verona, Wis. (Verona Area)

**High School:** At 145 lbs., was a conference champion as a senior with a 29-4 record ... finished junior season as the state runner-up conference champion at 145 lbs. with a 47-5 record ... earned All-America honors at Junior Nationals in Virginia Beach, Virginia with a sixth-place finish ... state runner-up at 145 lbs. with a 46-8 record as a sophomore ... crowned the conference champion and regional champion at 138 lbs. with a 46-5 record and was a state qualifier in his freshman season ... exceeded 100 pins in career ... also lettered in football and baseball ... high school coaches were Bob Wozniak and Jason Ott

Why Wisconsin? "The academics, atmosphere and athletics are top-notch."



Eli Stickley
FR • 5-8 • 141 • Urbana, Ohio (St. Paris Graham)

**High School:** 2014 Ohio Division II state champion with a 50-3 record ... tabbed as the No. 10 120-pounder by FLO Wrestling and Intermat ... ranked as the No. 78 overall wrestling by FLO Wrestling ... state placer with a 50-3 record as a senior ... member of the 2015 national champions, state tournament champions, state dual meet champions and 2014 Walsh Ironman champions team ... finished in fourth place in the Super 32 ... took sixth place in the Super 32 and was the Iron Man champion as a sophomore ... clinched first place in Ohio Freestyle and was a state placer with a 50-3 record ... as a freshman, was a state placer for the first time with a 35-12 record and finished in third in the Ohio Freestyle State tournament ... member of National Honor Society

**What does it mean to be a Badger?** "To be a Badger means so much to me because it is where I've wanted to go since my Uncle Jim, who won two NCAA titles at Wisconsin, introduced me to wrestling when I was young."



Jake Stilling
RS SO • 5-11 • 174 • Elkhorn, Wis. (Elkhorn Area)

**2014-15:** Competed unattached at 174 lbs. ... 9-5 overall season record ... finished the Wyoming Open with a 4-2 record ... went 1-2 at the Blugold Open ... compiled a 4-1 record at the Pat Flash Flanagan Open

**2013-14:** Compiled a record of 19-6 in open competition while competiting unattached at 174 lbs. ... closed out the season with wins in the Blugold Open and Duhawk Open at 174 lbs. ... went 3-2 at the Grand View Open ... took third at the Jim Fox Open by going 4-1 ... won the Dan Gable Open with a record of 3-0 ... 2-3 record at the Loras Open

**High School:** Two-time state champion ... All-American at the USA Wrestling Junior Folkstyle Championships in 2013 ... took fifth place in state as a sophomore ... Cadet All-American in all three styles as a sophomore ... Cadet folk style and freestyle All-American as a freshman ... competed in the 2010 Cadet Pan Am Games in Capmeche, Mexico

Why Wisconsin? "It has a good mix of academics and athletics, I liked the coaches and it was close to home."



# **Ben Stone** FR • 6-3 • HWT • Cumberland, Wis. (Cumberland)

**High School:** As a senior, claimed the 2015 Division III State Wrestling Title ... finished senior season with a 46-1 record ... clinched sectional and regional championships ... was named Northern Badger champion ... tallied second most career wins for a Cumberland wrestler with 140 ... holds school record for most pins in a single season with 33 ... set the school record for most career team points with 1028 ... had a school record 43 wins in a single season and most team points in a season with 335 ... ended his career as the school record holder for most career pins (99) ... as a junior, awarded team MVP ... honored as team captain ... placed third in state tournament ... finished first in team points with a school record 308 points ... named Northern Badger champion ... named conference, regional and sectional champion ... most wins on team with 41 (school record) ... most take downs with 55 ... most pins (school record) ... fastest pin (5 seconds) ... won academic award with a 3.733 GPA ... as a sophomore, placed third in conference ... regional and sectional champion ... most wins by a sophomore with 36 ... third in team points with 259 ... as a freshman, finished with a record of 23-9 ... graduated with High Honors and finished in the top 10 percent of his class ... four year letter winner in soccer ... three year letter winner in track and field ... was a member of National Honor Society, the marching band, orchestra, Youth Group, Boy Scouts, Students Offering Support and drama club

**Why Wisconsin?** "Ever since I was little I had wanted to attend the University of Wisconsin-Madison. I guess there was always something very appealing about being a Badger."



Ryan Taylor
RS JR • 5-4 • 133 • Fayette County, Ohio (St. Paris Graham)

Awards and Honors: 2015 All-American

**2014-15:** Wisconsin's starter at 133 lbs. ... 2015 All-American ... seventh place finish at the NCAA Championships with a 4-1 record ... 9-0 record in Big Ten competition ... held a 12-1 record in dual competition ... 27-4 overall season record ... 3-1 record at Big Ten Championships ... second place finish ... 6-1 record at Midlands ... started the season unranked and finished as high as No. 3 ... won four matches by fall and five matches each by technical fall and major decision

2013-14: Wisconsin's starter at 125 lbs. ... 2-2 record at the NCAA Championships ... placed third at the Big Ten Championships with a 3-1 record ... started season unranked but finished regular season at No. 9 (125 lbs.) ... 19-6 overall record on the season... finished 10-3 in dual competition and 5-2 in the Big Ten ... posted first career win over ranked opponent against Ohio State's Nick Roberts (No. 17) on Jan. 10... won the Navy Classic with a 4-0 record (11/23)

**2012-13:** Redshirt season ... did not compete

**High School:** Competed for four years at St. Paris Graham High School in St. Paris, Ohio ... won three-straight state titles at 120 lbs., in his sophomore, junior and senior seasons for the Falcons ...helped St. Paris Graham to four-straight Div. II Ohio state titles during his high school career



## Nic Veling RS JR • 5-11 • 184 • Brookfield, Wis. (Brookfield Central)

Awards and Honors: 2014 Academic All-Big Ten

**2014-15:** 6-5 season record while competing unattached at 184 lbs. ... went 3-2 at the Pointer Open to take fifth place ... 1-1 record at the Navy Classic ... finished the UNI Open 2-2

**2013-14:** 9-9 record in open tournaments while competing unattached at 174, 184 and 197 lbs. ... 3-2 record at the Duhawk Open ... 1-2 record at the Grand View Open ... 1-2 record at the Jim Fox Open ... placed second at the Dan Gable Open with a record of 3-1... 1-2 record at the Loras Open

**2012-13:** 7-13 record in open tournaments at 174 lbs. ... placed fifth at the Loras Open with a 2-2 record ... 1-2 record at the Pointer Open ... 0-2 record at the UNI Open ... 3-3 record at the Flash Flanagan Open ... 1-2 record at the Grand View Open ... 0-2 at the Blugold Open

**High School:** Four-year varsity team member at Brookfield Central High School ... team captain junior and senior years ... named team MVP in his senior season ... member of the Team Wisconsin National Team ... also competed in football and cross country ... graduated with honors and won a Scholar Athlete Award ... awarded the Bob Petruska Award, given to the Brookfield Central athlete who best displays leadership, sportsmanship and determination

What does it mean to be a Badger? "Being a leader in your community, representing Wisconsin in everything you do, and having a winning mindset"



## 2015 WISCONSIN WRESTLING SCHEDULE



October 24

**Red-White Dual** 

4 p.m.



November 12

**UW-Whitewater** 

7 p.m.



November 15

MSU Open

All Day



November 21

Navy Classic

All Day



December 4-5

Cliff Keen Invite

All Day



December 12

at Pittsburgh

**TBD** 



December 13

at Penn State

12 p.m.



December 29-30 Midlands

All Day



January 8

**NEBRASKA** 

7 p.m.



January 15

**IOWA** 

**TBA** 



January 22

at Rutgers

6 p.m.



January 24

at Maryland

11 a.m.



January 31

ILLINOIS

12 p.m.



February 7

**MINNESOTA** 

12 p.m.



February 12

at Ohio State

6 p.m.



## 2015 WISCONSIN WRESTLING SCHEDULE



**February 18** at Central Michigan 6 p.m.



February 21 Northwestern 12 p.m.



March 5-6 Big Ten Championships All Day



March 17-19 NCAA Championships All Day