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LOCK HAVEN WRESTLING TRAVELS WEST FOR SUN DEVIL DUALS Bald Eagles Face Top-Level Competition in Minnesota, Arizona State and Embry-Riddle

LOCK HAVEN PROJECTED LINEUP

WT	LHU Lineup (Yr., Hometown/High School).....	'02-'03 Record
125	Leslie Morrow (Fr.-R, Canton, Ga./Sequoyah)..... Jim Collins (Fr.-R., Jonestown, Pa./Northern Lebanon)	(4-4) (7-8)
133	Justin Owens (Sr., Morrisdale, Pa./West Branch)..... Blair Tugman (Sr., Lincroft, N.J./Middletown South)	(6-5) (7-6)
141	#3/#4 Mike Maney (Jr., Clarence, Pa./Bald Eagle Area)	(13-1)
149	James LaValle (Sr., East Hanover, N.J./Hanover Park)	(6-4)
157	Charlie Brenneman (Jr., Hollidaysburg, Pa./Hollidaysburg).....	(9-4)
165	#19/nr Jason Gilligan (Jr., Brookville, Pa./Brookville)	(8-3)
	Chris Haines (Sr., Gettysburg, Pa./Gettysburg).....	(5-3)
174	Mike Greenberg (Jr., Canton, Pa./Canton).....	(5-5)
	Eric O'Connor (Sr., Elizabethtown, Pa./Elizabethtown)	(11-6)
184	Morgan Horner (Fr.-R, Hasbrouck Heights, N.J./Hasbrouck Heights) ..	(4-4)
	Daniel Riggs (So., Hanover, Pa./Delone Catholic)	(9-8)
197	Tim Boetsch (Jr., Lincolnville, Maine/Camden Rockport)	(4-7)
	Tim Meyers (Fr., Mill Hall/Central Mountain)	(2-6)
HWT	Steve Itterly (Sr., Bethlehem, Pa./Nazareth)	(6-7)

**InterMat/AWN rankings.

(Lock Haven, Pa.) - The Lock Haven University of Pennsylvania wrestling team travels across the country to compete in the Sun Devil Duals on Sunday, January 5, in Phoenix, Arizona. LHU will first match up against host and No. 9-ranked Arizona State University. The Bald Eagles then grapple against No. 3-ranked University of Minnesota and Embry-Riddle University.

Lock Haven is currently ranked 24th in the latest Amateur Wrestling News (AWN) poll, but is unranked in InterMat and National Wrestling Coaches Association (NWCA) polls.

The Series: The Bald Eagles are 1-3 against Arizona State, and will be looking to earn their first win against the Sun Devils since a 21-15 victory in the two squad's first meeting in 1973. Since then however, ASU has won three straight including the most recent 24-18 win in 1997.

The lead in the series record against Minnesota is at stake as the Bald Eagles enter the weekend with a 2-2 all-time ledger versus the Gophers. LHU's last victory against Minnesota came in 1992, a slim 18-17 decision. The Gophers won the most recent match-up in a 30-6 ruling in 1996.

The NAIAs Embry-Riddle University is a new opponent for the Bald Eagles.

On #9 Arizona State University: The Sun Devils are 2-2 in dual meets and own a No. 9-national team ranking. ASU competed in the Midlands tournament from Dec. 28-29, finishing 13th overall. Carrying five nationally ranked wrestlers, the Sun Devils boast three among the top-ten including 149 pound's No. 1-ranked Eric Larkin (13-0). Larkin, a three-time All-American and last year's runner-up at 141 pounds, won the individual medal at the Las Vegas Invite by defeating then-top ranked Jared Lawrence of Minnesota and then-No. 2 ranked Jesse Lantzen of Harvard. Arizona State is also strong at heavyweight and 141 pounds, where No. 5-ranked Kellan Fluckiger and No. 8-Dana Holland have been checking in with big performances. Fluckiger is 17-5 overall and most recently finished fourth at the Midlands. Holland is 19-4 and took second place at 141 pounds at the Midlands tournament. The Sun Devils' arsenal also includes a pair of No. 14-ranked wrestlers in 165-pounder Nick Frost (16-7) and 174-pounder Curtis Owen (9-5).

On #3 University of Minnesota: The University of Minnesota is 2-1 in dual meets and captured the team title at the 2002 Cliff Keen Las Vegas Invitational in its most recent action (Dec. 6-7). The Gophers open up the new year with the Ice Dual, a match-up against No. 1-ranked Oklahoma State University, on Friday, Jan. 3, before arriving in Phoenix, Ariz., for the Sun Devil Duals on Sunday, Jan. 5. Ranked third in the nation, Minnesota sports six ranked wrestlers including four among the country's top five. The Gophers are sparked by their pair of returning national champions in 149-pounder Jared Lawrence (7-1) and 157-pounder Luke Becker (8-0). Lawrence is ranked second at 149 pounds, most recently finishing second at the Las Vegas Invite. Becker owns the top slot in the rankings at 157 pounds after an individual victory at Las Vegas. Two more returning All-Americans include No. 3-ranked Jacob Volkman at 165 pounds and No. 3-ranked Ryan Lewis at 133 pounds. Lewis, last year's NCAA tourney runner-up, captured the individual crown at the Las Vegas Invite and is 7-1 on the season. Volkman is 8-1 on the season following a runner-up performance in Las Vegas. Others to watch for include No. 16-ranked Bob Lowe (4-4) at 125 pounds, No. 11-ranked Josh McLay (6-3) at 174 pounds, and returning All-Americans Damion Hahn (0-0) at 184 pounds and Garrett Lowney (0-1) at heavyweight.

On Embry-Riddle University: The Eagles of Embry-Riddle compete in the NAIA and most recently finished 22nd at the Reno Tournament of Champions. Currently ranked sixth among the nation's NAIA squads, the Eagles have wrestlers ranked in five weight classes including No. 3-ranked Nathaniel Augustson at 184 pounds. At No. 4 in the 149-pound class is Joe Calavitta, while Pat Cadwallader is fifth at 165 pounds. Others to watch include Brian Love at 133 pounds and Danny Cadwallader at 141 pounds.

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LOCK HAVEN UNIVERSITY	
Bald Eagle Wrestling Dual Meet Results	
(6-2 overall, 0-0 EWL#, 0-0 PSAC*)	
Nov. 21	.....at University of Buffalo .....L, 23-20
Nov. 23	.....vs. Iowa State University (Manheim Ctrl HS) ..W, 15-15**
Nov. 30	.....MAT TOWN USA INVITATIONAL .....4th/10 teams
Dec. 7	.....at Sheridan Duals (Lehigh University) ..W, 20-15
	.....vs. Rider University .....W, 23-21
	.....vs. Rutgers University .....W, 31-6
Dec. 15	.....at Clarion Duals (Clarion University) ..W, 31-9
	.....vs. University of Findlay .....W, 46-0
	.....vs. Kent State University .....L, 18-18**
Jan. 5	.....at Sun Devil Duals (Arizona State University) .....12 pm
	.....vs. Arizona State University .....2 pm
	.....vs. University of Minnesota .....5:30 pm
	.....vs. Embry-Riddle University .....TBA
Jan. 10-11	.....at Virginia Duals .....7:30 pm
Jan. 17	.....VIRGINIA TECH# .....All Day
Jan. 24-25	.....at PSAC Championships (Millersville, Pa.) .....7:30 pm
Jan. 31	.....at Cleveland State University# .....7:30 pm
Feb. 1	.....at Edinboro University of Pa.#* .....7:30 pm
Feb. 7	.....WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY# .....7:30 pm
Feb. 8	.....UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH# .....7:30 pm
Feb. 14	.....at Bloomsburg University of Pa.#* .....7 pm
Feb. 19	.....at Penn State University .....7 pm
Feb. 21	.....CLARION UNIVERSITY OF PA#* .....All Day
Mar. 8-9	.....at EWL Championships (West Virginia Univ) .....All Day
Mar. 20-22	.....at NCAA Division I National Tournament .....All Day
	.....(Kemper Arena-Kansas City, Mo.)

**Match decided by criteria - near fall points
BOLD CAPS indicates home meet. #EWL Match *PSAC Match

Below is the LHU weight-by-weight preview:

125: The Haven's pair of red-shirt freshmen, **Leslie Morrow (Canton, Ga./Sequoyah)** and **Jim Collins (Jonestown/Northern Lebanon)**, continue to hold down the responsibilities at 125 pounds. Collins, now 7-8 overall, went 1-2 in LHU's last action. He defeated Findlay's Donald Dew, 10-2, before falling 8-1 against Kent State's Jared Opfer. Morrow picked up a win that same day with a 15-0 technical fall over American's Matt Pellegrino to improve to 4-4 on the season.

133: Senior **Justin Owens (Morrisdale/West Branch)** is 6-5 overall after dropping a one-point, 7-6, decision against Findlay's Joey Simcoe. **Blair Tugman (Lincroft, N.J./Middletown South)** went 1-1 at the Clarion Duals, posting a 17-1 technical fall against American's Dan Lobsenz before a 9-6 loss against his ranked Kent State opponent in Drew Opfer.

141: Junior **Mike Maney (Clarence/Bald Eagle Area)** maintained his No. 3-national ranking and is now 13-1 following a 3-0 performance at the Clarion Duals including a fall and a major decision. He pinned Findlay's Von Graham in 4:43 to open, then moved on to an 8-0 major decision over American's Tom Kniewseski. In the final dual meet of the day, Maney posted an 8-1 decision against Kent State's Ryan Simmons.

149: Like Maney, **James LaValle (East Hanover, N.J./Hanover Park)** also went 3-0 at the Clarion Duals, improving to 6-4 overall. LaValle collected the forfeit victory versus Findlay, then decisioned American's Aviv Bercovicz, 8-3. Against Kent State, he scored an 8-3 win against Jason Bake.

157: Junior **Charlie Brenneman (Hollidaysburg/Hollidaysburg)** had a strong outing as 2002 wound down, going 2-1 at the Clarion Duals. He scored two falls, wasting little time with both coming in the first-period against Findlay's Adam Morris (2:49) and American's Eric Fantigrossi (1:20). His only loss on the day was to No. 19-ranked Mike Tolar of Kent State, 7-2. On the season, Brenneman is now 9-4 overall.

165: **Jason Gilligan (Brookville/Brookville)** and **Chris Haines (Gettysburg/Gettysburg)** will again handle duties at 165 pounds. Gilligan

improved to 8-3 overall, earned PSAC Wrestler of the Week honors and broke into the national rankings at No. 19 after his 2-0 performance at the Clarion Duals. He defeated Lucas Mackesy, 6-3, in the Findlay dual, then scored an upset victory over No. 9-ranked Nick Nemeth of Kent State with a 6-3 decision over the Golden Flash grappler. Haines is 5-3 on the season, last notching an 18-3 (4:38) technical fall over American's Aaron Baker.

174: Two wrestlers are available at 174 pounds in junior **Mike Greenberg (Canton/Canton)** and senior **Eric O'Connor (Elizabethtown/Elizabethtown)**. Greenberg crept up to 5-5 overall after going 2-0 at the Clarion Duals, capturing wins over Findlay's Brandon Cooper (5-0) and Kent State's Mark Lensman (F, 2:44). O'Connor is now 11-6 overall after tucking away a first-period fall (1:56) over Adam Montgomery of American.

184: Red-shirt freshman **Morgan Horner (Hasbrouck Heights, N.J./Hasbrouck Heights)** and sophomore **Dan Riggs (Hanover/Delone Catholic)** have taken over ownership of most of the action at 184 pounds for the Bald Eagles. Horner is 4-4 on the season, most recently scoring a 10-4 win over Kent State's Ben Ring while wrestling up a weight class at 197 pounds. Riggs is 9-8, going 1-2 at the Clarion Duals. Riggs defeated American's Kyle Mason, 13-6, and lost in battles versus Findlay's Kris Klepacz (6-2) and Kent State's Alex Camargo (10-4).

197: Junior **Tim Boetsch (Lincolnton, Maine/Camden Rockport)** is now 4-7 overall following a 7-4 loss to Clint Salisbury of Findlay. Another potential candidate for action is local standout and freshman **Tim Meyers (Mill Hall/Central Mountain)**. Meyers picked up a win by forfeit against American in his first dual meet appearance of the season, and is currently 2-6 overall.

HWT: Bald Eagle junior **Steve Itterly (Bethlehem/Nazareth)** owns a 6-7 overall ledger following a 2-1 performance at the Clarion Duals. He posted back-to-back, 7-2, victories over Findlay's Chris Weidinger and American's Jared Hyman before giving up a fall against Kent State's Alex Rodriguez.

UP NEXT: Lock Haven remains on the road, next competing at the Virginia Duals on January 10-11. Included among the field of the National College Division are Brown University, Cal-State Bakersfield, Edinboro University, Hofstra University, Kent State University, Rider University, Lehigh University, Penn State University, Army, Virginia Tech, University of Illinois, University of North Carolina, Virginia Military Institute, University of Wyoming, and Lock Haven University. The Bald Eagles were the 2001 Virginia Duals team champion.