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#25 BALD EAGLE WRESTLERS OPEN EWL SCHEDULE WITH VIRGINIA TECH Lock Haven Looks To Add To 5-0-0 Series Lead Versus Hokies

#25 LOCK HAVEN PROJECTED LINEUP (9-6, 0-0 EWL)

WT	LHU Lineup (Yr., Hometown/High School)	'02-'03 Record
125	Leslie Morrow (Fr.-R, Canton, Ga./Sequoyah)(5-8) Jim Collins (Fr.-R., Jonestown, Pa./Northern Lebanon)(7-8) Dave Predko (Jr., Ridgway, Pa./Ridgway)(5-8)	
133	Justin Owens (Sr., Morrisdale, Pa./West Branch)(11-7) Blair Tugman (Sr., Lincroft, N.J./Middletown South).....(7-7)	
141	#6/#4/#8 Mike Maney (Jr., Clarence, Pa./Bald Eagle Area)(18-2)	
149	James LaValle (Sr., East Hanover, N.J./Hanover Park)(8-8)	
157	Charlie Brenneman (Jr., Hollidaysburg, Pa./Hollidaysburg)(10-10)	
165	Jason Gilligan (Jr., Brookville, Pa./Brookville)(11-6)	
174	Chris Haines (Sr., Gettysburg, Pa./Gettysburg)(7-8) Eric O'Connor (Sr., Elizabethtown, Pa./Elizabethtown).....(11-6)	
184	Mike Greenberg (Jr., Canton, Pa./Canton)(8-9) Daniel Riggs (So., Hanover, Pa./Delone Catholic)(9-8)	
197	<i>nr/#20/nr</i> Morgan Horner (Fr.-R, Hasbrouck Hts, N.J./Hasbrouck Hts) (9-5) Tim Meyers (Fr., Mill Hall/Central Mountain)(2-6)	
HWT	Steve Itterly (Jr., Bethlehem, Pa./Nazareth)(11-9)	

**InterMat/AWN/The Wrestling Mall rankings.

VIRGINIA TECH PROJECTED LINEUP (0-5, 0-0 EWL)

WT	VT Lineup (Yr., Hometown/High School)	'02-'03 Record
125	Geoff Head (Jr., Virginia Beach, Va./Ocean Lakes)5-7	
133	Dalton Head (So., Virginia Beach, Va./Ocean Lakes)4-4	
141	Jim Miller (Fr., Sparta, N.J./Sparta)1-4	
149	Reed Carpenter (So., Arlington, Va./Bishop O'Connell)5-6	
157	Chris Stith (So., Virginia Beach, Va./Cox)3-4	
165	Mike Cox (Sr., Galena, Ohio/Sandusky Perkins)0-7	
174	Steve Borja (Fr., Bowmansville, Pa./Garden Spot)3-4 Tomas Ovalle (So., Lorton, Va./Hayfield)0-5	
184	#16/#19/#20 Scott Justus (Sr., Grundy, Va./Grundy)5-3	
197	Canaan Prater (So., Grundy, Va./Grundy)4-6	
HWT	Kris Wiedegreen (Jr., Blacksburg, Va./Blacksburg)5-7 Pete Pool (Sr., Greshman, Ore./Greshman)0-1	

**InterMat/AWN/The Wrestling Mall rankings.

(Lock Haven, Pa.) - The Bald Eagle wrestlers (9-6 overall) will kick off their 2003 Eastern Wrestling League schedule on Friday, January 17, in a match-up against Virginia Tech. Match time is slated for 7:30 p.m. in Thomas Fieldhouse.

The Bald Eagles reappeared in the national rankings at No. 25 in the latest InterMat poll following a 2-2 performance at the Virginia Duals last weekend. Lock Haven scored wins against Army (21-16) and then-24th ranked Kent State (19-17). The Bald Eagles two losses came versus fourth-ranked Illinois (32-3) and 18th-ranked Hofstra (21-15).

Two LHU grapplers are currently nationally ranked. Junior 141-pounder Mike Maney ranges from fourth in the *Amateur Wrestling News* (AWN) poll, sixth in the *InterMat* rankings, to eighth in *The Wrestling Mall* ratings. Red-shirt freshman Morgan Horner makes his first-ever appearance among the national leaders, rated 20th in the latest edition of the AWN rankings.

LHU-Virginia Tech Series: The Bald Eagles own a 5-0-0 advantage in the series versus the Hokies. Lock Haven won, 32-9 in 1992, then next wrestled Virginia Tech in 1999 when the Hokies joined the EWL, resulting in a 38-6 win. The Haven was also victorious over the past three seasons of league action (31-14 in 2000, 26-14 in 2001, 23-18 in 2002).

On Virginia Tech: Under the guidance of seventh-year mentor Keith Mourlam, the Hokies of Virginia Tech are 0-5 in dual meet action. In most recent competition at the Virginia Duals, Tech lost to Hofstra, 34-6, in the first round and Brown, 21-9, in the consolation bracket. The Hokies are led by senior and returning EWL champion Scott Justus. Justus, ranked 16th in the nation at 184 pounds, suffered through early season injuries but is now 5-3 on the season after a 1-1 stint at the Virginia Duals. Other Tech mainstays include Reed Carpenter (149 lbs.; 5-6), Geoff Head (125 lbs.; 5-7), Kris Wiedegreen (HWT; 5-7), Canaan Prater (197 lbs.; 4-6) and transfer Chris Stith (157 lbs.; 3-4).

Below is the LHU weight-by-weight preview:

125: A trio of wrestlers continue to battle for the starting nod at 125 pounds with red-shirt freshmen **Leslie Morrow (Canton, Ga./Sequoyah)** and **Jim Collins (Jonestown/Northern Lebanon)** along with junior **Dave Predko (Ridgway/Ridgway)** all vying for the mat time. Morrow is now 5-8 after losing two bouts at the Virginia Duals, including a loss to Illinois' No. 14-ranked Kyle Ott. Predko earned starting duties at 125 pounds in day two of the Duals, but also dropped two straight to fall to 5-8 on the season. Collins last took the mat in a starting capacity in December at the Clarion Duals and is 7-8 on the season.

133: Senior **Justin Owens (Morrisdale/West Branch)** was 3-1 at the Virginia Duals, his only loss coming against Illinois' No. 13-ranked Mark Jayne. Owens piled up wins versus Bernard Gardner of Army (F 5:28), Drew Opfer of Kent State (4-3) and Nicholas Garuccio of Hofstra (10-3) to improve to 11-7 overall. Also a potential starter for the Bald Eagles is senior **Blair Tugman (Lincroft, N.J./Middletown South)**. Tugman is 7-7 following a loss to Illinois' No. 19-ranked Cal Ferry while wrestling up a weight class at 141 pounds.

Bald Eagles Open EWL Schedule With Virginia Tech ... 2 of 2.

LOCK HAVEN UNIVERSITY
Bald Eagle Wrestling Dual Meet Results
(9-6 overall, 0-0 EWL#, 0-0 PSAC)*

Nov. 21at University of BuffaloL, 23-20
 Nov. 23vs. Iowa State University (Manheim Ctrl HS) ..W, 15-15**
Nov. 30MAT TOWN USA INVITATIONAL4th/10 teams
 Dec. 7at Sheridan Duals (Lehigh University)
 vs. Rider UniversityW, 20-15
 vs. Rutgers UniversityW, 23-21
 vs. Drexel UniversityW, 31-6
 Dec. 15at Clarion Duals (Clarion University)
 vs. University of FindlayW, 31-9
 vs. American UniversityW, 46-0
 vs. Kent State UniversityL, 18-18**
 Jan. 5at Sun Devil Duals (Arizona State University)
 vs. Arizona State UniversityL, 21-16
 vs. University of MinnesotaL, 31-7
 vs. Embry-Riddle UniversityW, 54-3
 Jan. 10-11at Virginia Duals
 vs. ArmyW, 21-16
 vs. University of IllinoisL, 32-3
 vs. Kent State UniversityW, 19-17
 vs. Hofstra UniversityL, 21-15
Jan. 17VIRGINIA TECH#7:30 pm
 Jan. 24-25at PSAC Championships (Millersville, Pa.)All Day
 Jan. 31at Cleveland State University#7:30 pm
 Feb. 1at Edinboro University of Pa.#*7:30 pm
Feb. 7WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY#7:30 pm
Feb. 8UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH#7:30 pm
 Feb. 14at Bloomsburg University of Pa.#*7:30 pm
 Feb. 19at Penn State University7
Feb. 21CLARION UNIVERSITY OF PA#*7:30 pm
 Mar. 8-9at EWL Championships (West Virginia Univ)All Day
 Mar. 20-22at NCAA Division I National Tournament
(Kemper Arena-Kansas City, Mo.)All Day

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

141: The Bald Eagles' headliner and No. 6-ranked **Mike Maney (Clarence/Bald Eagle Area)** is now 18-2 overall following a 2-1 outing in Hampton, Va. Maney opened the weekend's competition with a big win in a 6-4 decision over No. 7-ranked Phillip Simpson of Army, then lost for only the second time this season in the Kent State dual, giving up a 3-0 decision to Ryan Simmons. He bounced back quickly, pinning Hofstra's Matt Homenick in 1:32 in LHU's final match of the tournament.

149: James LaValle (East Hanover, N.J./Hanover Park), now 8-8, will be looking to rebound after a 1-3 venture at the Virginia Duals which included two losses versus ranked opponents. LaValle's two bouts against ranked opponents included a close 8-5 decision against Illinois' No. 14-ranked Tony Pedrosa before a 16-5 major decision versus No. 19-ranked Jon Masa of Hofstra. His one win was a 2-1 decision over Nate Daughtery of Kent State.

157: Another wrestler hoping to jump back onto the winning track is 157-pounder **Charlie Brenneman (Hollidaysburg/Hollidaysburg)**. Brenneman faced ranked wrestlers in three of his four matches this weekend, going 0-4 on the trip to move to 10-10 overall.

165: Jason Gilligan (Brookville/Brookville) recorded a 2-1 ledger at the Virginia Duals, moving his overall mark to 11-6 on the season. Gilligan posted wins against Army's Kurt Pryor (5-3) and Kent State's Mark Lensman (7-1), and lost by just one point, 9-8, to No. 7-ranked Noel Thompson of Hofstra.

174: Chris Haines (Gettysburg/Gettysburg) is the probable starter at 174 pounds for the Bald Eagles. Haines had a rough weekend at the Virginia Duals, going 0-4 including losses to two top-20 ranked grapplers. Since he moved up from 165 pounds two weekends ago, he has posted a 2-5 ledger and is 7-8 on the season. At 11-6 overall and 2-0 in dual meets, **Eric O'Connor (Elizabethtown/Elizabethtown)** could also fill in the starting role at 174 pounds.

184: Junior **Mike Greenberg (Canton/Canton)** will take the mat at 184 pounds. Greenberg is 3-4 since the switch up from 174 pounds, and is 8-9 on the season. At the Virginia Duals, he got by Brad Christie of Hofstra, 5-4, and Matt Bernard of Army, 4-0. A loss to a ranked Illinois opponent and the close 9-7 loss versus Alex Camargo of Kent State put his weekend mark at 2-2. **Dan Riggs (Hanover/Delone Catholic)**, a sophomore, could also earn wrestling rights versus Virginia Tech. Riggs is 9-8 on the season.


197: Perhaps benefiting the most from the re-shuffling of the lineup is red-shirt freshman **Morgan Horner (Hasbrouck Heights, N.J./Hasbrouck Heights)**, who is 9-5 on the season. Horner's overall mark includes a 6-1 ledger since moving up to 197 pounds two weeks ago, and the freshman has also earned a No. 20 ranking in the latest A/WN poll. At the Virginia Duals, Horner scored an 8-5 decision against Army's Joe Forsman followed up with LHU's only win in the Illinois match, a 3-2 victory over #19-ranked Tyrone Byrd of Illinois. In the second day of action he losing by major decision to Hofstra's No. 4-ranked Chris Skretkowitz.

posted a 12-1 major decision against Kent State's Ben Rings before

HWT: Bald Eagle junior **Steve Itterly (Bethlehem/Nazareth)** was 3-1 at the Virginia Duals, scoring the deciding points in the Kent State win with a fall in 2:58 over Wilbur Leonard. He also posted a 6-1 decision versus No. 17-ranked John Paxton of Army and a 5-4 win against Dan Garay of Hofstra. His only loss came in the Illinois match-up, a 5-2 decision versus Chris Little. Itterly's season record stands at 11-9 overall.

UP NEXT: Following the Virginia Tech dual, the Bald Eagles will prepare themselves for the Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference Wrestling Championships being held Friday through Saturday, January 24-25, at Millersville University. Action gets underway at 5 p.m. on Jan. 24 and 11 a.m. on Jan. 25. Lock Haven was the team runner-up at the 2002 PSAC Tournament.

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THE LAST TIME...

Lock Haven and Virginia Tech opened up EWL competition with each other last season at Tech's Cassell Coliseum in early January... LHU emerged with the 23-18 victory... A late surge in the upper weights by the Hokies could not out-do the early lead mounted by the Bald Eagles.

Lock Haven 23, Virginia Tech 18
Jan. 4, 2002 - at Cassell Coliseum - Blacksburg, Va.

			LHU		VT
125	#18 Trap McCormack (LHU) maj. dec. David Freidman (VT), 14-5	4			0
133	David Hoffman (VT) dec. Chris Spealler (LHU), 11-7	4			3
141	#3 Sean Gray (VT) dec. #5 Mike Maney (LHU), 7-3	4			6
149	#2 JaMarr Billman (LHU) wbtf Reed Carpenter (VT), 4:03	9			6
157	Jason Gilligan (LHU) dec. Mike Cox (VT), 4-3	12			6
165	Charlie Brenneman (LHU) wbtf Shaun Guttridge (VT), 7:00	17			6
174	Ed Pawlak (LHU) wbf Tomas Ovalle (VT), 0:54	23			6
184	#5 Scott Justus (VT) dec. #17 Josh Millard (LHU), 6-5	23			9
197	Canaan Prater (VT) wbf Mike Greenberg (LHU), 3:41	23			15
HWT	Pete Pool (VT) dec. Tim Boetsch (LHU), 3-1	23			18

