

## Quick Facts

**Location:** Chapel Hill, N.C.  
**Chartered:** 1789  
**Enrollment:** 25,480 (15,844 undergraduate)  
**Chancellor:** James Moeser  
**Director of Athletics:** Dick Baddour  
**Senior Women's Administrator:** Dr. Beth Miller  
**Affiliation:** NCAA Division I  
**Conference:** Atlantic Coast  
**Nickname:** Tar Heels  
**Mascot:** Rameses the ram  
**School colors:** Carolina Blue (PMS 278) and White  
**Athletic department web site:** TarHeelBlue.com

## Carolina Wrestling

**Head Coach:** Bill Lam (Oklahoma '66)  
**Record at UNC:** 367-126-4 (29 years)  
**Overall record:** Same  
**Office phone:** (919) 962-5217  
**Office fax:** (919) 962-1646  
**Assistant Coach:** C.D. Mock (North Carolina '82)  
**Year at UNC:** 3rd  
**Assistant Coach:** Adem Kaya (Gazi University '97)  
**Year at UNC:** 2nd  
**Office phone:** (919) 962-5212  
**Home Arena:** Carmichael Auditorium  
**Arena Capacity:** 10,800  
**ACC Championships:** 14-1979, '80 '84, '85, '86, '87, '92, '93, '94, '95, '97, '98, '99, 2000  
**2002 Dual Meet Record:** 14-5  
**2002 ACC Record/Finish:** 4-1 (T-1st)  
**2002 ACC Tournament/Finish:** 2nd (72.5 points)  
**2002 NCAA Tournament/Results:** 37th (10 points)  
**Starters returning/lost:** 6/4  
**Letterwinners returning/lost:** 22/15  
**Athletic training staff:** Rob Schneider, head athletic trainer; Marc Norcross, second-year graduate assistant; Mike DiStefano, first-year graduate assistant; Quintin Sawyer, undergraduate assistant

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## TarHeelBlue.com

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TarHeelBlue.com offers schedules, rosters, results and more for all 28 of Carolina's varsity sports.



## Supporting UNC Wrestling

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**2002-03 UNC Wrestling Guide**

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# 2002-03 SCHEDULE

<u>Day</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Time (EST)</u>	<u>Site</u>
Sat.	Nov. 16	Blue/White Meet	4 p.m.	Chapel Hill
Sat.	Nov. 23	East Stroudsburg Open	All day	East Stroudsburg, Pa.
Sat.	Nov. 30	Sharpie Open	All day	Chapel Hill
Thu.	Dec. 19	Reno Invitational	All day	Reno, Nev.
Sat.-Sun.	Dec. 28-29	Midlands	All day	Evanston, Ill.
Fri.-Sat.	Jan. 10-11	Virginia Duals	All day	Hampton, Va.
Tue.	Jan 14	NC State*	7:30 p.m.	Raleigh, N.C.
Sat.	Jan. 18	UNC Greensboro	1 p.m.	Chapel Hill
		Anderson College	3 p.m.	Chapel Hill
Fri.	Jan. 24	Virginia*	7:30 p.m.	Chapel Hill
Sat.	Feb. 1	Maryland*	1 p.m.	Chapel Hill
Tue.	Feb. 4	Duke*	7:30 p.m.	Durham, N.C.
Sat.	Feb. 8	Navy	5 p.m.	Annapolis, Md.
Tue.	Feb. 11	NC State*	7 p.m.	Chapel Hill
Fri.	Feb. 14	Michigan State	7 p.m.	East Lansing, Mich.
Sat.	Feb. 15	Eastern Michigan	11 a.m.	Ypsilanti, Mich.
Sun.	Feb. 23	Appalachian State	2 p.m.	Boone, N.C.
Wed.	Feb. 26	Campbell	7 p.m.	Chapel Hill

\* Indicates regular-season Atlantic Coast Conference matches

All home matches played in Carmichael Auditorium

## 2003 Atlantic Coast Conference Tournament

Mar. 8 ACC Championship Boone, N.C.

## 2003 NCAA Tournament

Mar. 20-22 NCAA Championship Kansas City, Mo.

## TO REACH THE TAR HEELS' CARMICHAEL AUDITORIUM

**From the Raleigh Durham International Airport and points east:** Take I-40 West to exit 273B. Follow 54 West toward Chapel Hill. After passing under the 15-501 overpass, the road will go up a hill and into campus. Carmichael Auditorium will be on your left, adjacent to intramural playing fields and shortly after the traffic light at the corner of campus.

**From points north of Chapel Hill:** Follow I-85 South toward Durham. At exit 174, stay in the left-hand lane to get on 15-501 South. Follow 15-501 South to the Highway 54 junction, where you will exit to the right, following signs for the UNC campus. Proceed up the hill into campus. Carmichael will be on your left.

**From points west of Chapel Hill:** Take I-85 North to I-40 East. Follow I-40 East to exit 270, 15-501 South. Follow 15-501 South into Chapel Hill and follow directions from points north.

**From points south:** Take I-77 North to I-85 North, then follow directions from points west.

# 2002-03 ROSTER

Name	Wt.	Yr.	Ht.	Hometown (High School)
Ryan Adams	Hwt.	Jr.	5-8	Rock Hill, S.C. (Rock Hill)
Justin Annas	133	So.*	5-6	Hickory, N.C. (East Burke)
Matt Atkinson	184	Jr.*	5-8	Boone, N.C. (Watauga)
Garrett Atkinson	149	Fr.	5-9	Boone, N.C. (Watauga)
Brian Baglio	141	Fr.	5-9	York Haven, Pa. (Redland)
Andre Barden	165	Fr.	5-11	Raleigh, N.C. (Cary)
Keith Bolte	141	So.*	5-7	Greensboro, N.C. (NW Guilford)
Michael Booth	149	Jr.	5-7	Marlton, N.J. (Camden Catholic)
Mark Canty	174	So.*	5-8	Gahanna, Ohio (DeSales)
Greg Carr	157	So.	5-9	Charlotte, N.C. (Vance)
Chris Collins	141	Jr.*	5-6	Rock Hill, S.C. (Rock Hill)
David Dashiell	197	Fr.	5-9	Chesapeake, Va. (Great Bridge)
Chris DiGuseppe	157	Sr.*	5-6	Holland, Pa. (Council Rock)
Andrew Farrar	149	Fr.	5-10	Apex, N.C. (Episcopal)
Dustin Heist	184	So.*	5-10	Meadville, Pa. (Meadville)
Aaron Holt	149	Fr.*	5-9	Hillsborough, N.C. (Orange)
John Paul Igoe	141	Jr.*	5-8	Long Island, N.Y. (Chaminade)
Venroy July	197	So.*	6-0	Bronx, N.Y. (Toft School)
Warren Lamphiear	184	Sr.	6-0	Gastonia, N.C. (Ashbrook)
Joshua Lee	174	So.*	5-11	Dunn, N.C. (Triton)
Paul Llamas	174	Fr.	5-9	Durham, N.C. (Riverside)
Jimmy O'Connor	165	Sr.	5-11	Woodbine, Md. (Glenelg)
Gordon Oehmig	165	Fr.	5-7	Houston, Texas (Kinkaid)
Jacob Paul	141	Fr.	5-6	Fayetteville, N.C. (Terry Sanford)
Andrew Posil	165	Fr.	5-10	Towson, Md. (Towson)
Neil Ridge	Hwt.	Fr.*	6-0	Randleman, N.C. (Randleman)
Chris Rodrigues	125	So.*	5-4	Marietta, Ga. (The Walker School)
Nick Royer	149	So.*	5-7	Cary, N.C. (Cary)
Chris Sanders	157	Fr.	5-7	Winston-Salem, N.C. (Parkland)
Rick Seibold	149	Fr.*	5-6	Wilmington, N.C. (Hoggard)
Bobby Shaw	125	Fr.	5-7	Pike Creek, Del. (Pike Creek)
Evan Sola	133	So.	5-9	Wernersville, Pa. (Conrad Weiser)
Thomas Thekkekandam	157	So.	5-11	Greensboro, N.C. (High Point Central)
John Whitehead	174	Fr.	5-7	Wilmington, N.C. (Hoggard)

\* indicates a red-shirt season

**Head Coach:** Bill Lam (30th season)

**Assistant Coaches:** C.D. Mock (3rd season)  
Adem Kaya (2nd season)

**Manager:** Joe Flippin

ROSTER BREAKDOWN BY CLASS		Name	Wt.
<b>Seniors (3)</b>		Nick Royer	149 lbs.
Chris DiGuseppe	157 lbs.	Evan Sola	133 lbs.
Warren Lamphiear	184 lbs.	Thomas Thekkekandam	157 lbs.
Jimmy O'Connor	165 lbs.		
<b>Juniors (5)</b>			
Ryan Adams	Hwt.		
Matt Atkinson	184 lbs.		
Michael Booth	141 lbs.		
Chris Collins	141 lbs.		
John Paul Igoe	141 lbs.		
<b>Sophomores (11)</b>			
Justin Annas	125 lbs.		
Keith Bolte	133 lbs.		
Mark Canty	174 lbs.		
Greg Carr	157 lbs.		
Dustin Heist	165 lbs.		
Venroy July	197 lbs.		
Joshua Lee	174 lbs.		
Chris Rodrigues	125 lbs.		

ROSTER BREAKDOWN BY WEIGHT		Name	Wt.
<b>184 pounds</b>		Nick Royer	149 lbs.
<b>197 pounds</b>		Rick Seibold	149 lbs.
<b>174 pounds</b>		Mark Canty	174 lbs.
<b>165 pounds</b>		Andrew Posil	165 lbs.
<b>149 pounds</b>		Nick Royer	149 lbs.
<b>141 pounds</b>		Chris Collins	141 lbs.
<b>133 pounds</b>		Evan Sola	133 lbs.
<b>125 pounds</b>		Chris Rodrigues	125 lbs.
<b>125 pounds</b>		Bobby Shaw	125 lbs.
<b>117 pounds</b>		John Paul Igoe	141 lbs.
<b>109 pounds</b>		Justin Annas	133 lbs.
<b>101 pounds</b>		Chris DiGuseppe	157 lbs.
<b>93 pounds</b>		Bobby Shaw	125 lbs.
<b>85 pounds</b>		Chris Sanders	157 lbs.
<b>77 pounds</b>		ThomasThekkekandam	157 lbs.
<b>69 pounds</b>		Greg Carr	157 lbs.
<b>61 pounds</b>		Chris DiGuseppe	157 lbs.
<b>53 pounds</b>		Chris Sanders	157 lbs.
<b>45 pounds</b>		ThomasThekkekandam	157 lbs.

## 2002-03 OUTLOOK

### Tar Heels Look To Regain Swagger Atop ACC

The 2002-03 North Carolina wrestling team will attempt to regain possession of the ACC championship trophy that has been in its possession eight of the last 11 years. The Tar Heels have gone two years without winning the ACC Tournament and want to get the trophy back where they feel it belongs.

"Last year we fell five points short at the ACC Tournament," said head coach Bill Lam. "We set a goal every year to win both the regular season and the ACC Tournament, and this year is no different."

The difference might be that this season is the last campaign under Lam's guidance. The 29-year veteran is hanging them up at the end of his 30th season. That shouldn't change what he has always wanted for his Tar Heels.

"One of my biggest goals this year is to get back to where we belong nationally," said Lam. "We had it to a point where we were finishing in the Top 20 regularly, and even sometimes in the Top 10, but that has not been the case over the last three years.

"I think part of it is we lost some talented wrestlers due to transfers, or for academic reasons. We have firmed that up and have the ability to finish in the Top 20 this year."

Carolina returns a trio of sophomores that participated at the NCAA Championship a year ago. Chris Rodrigues (Marietta, Ga.) begins the season ranked eighth in the nation at 125 pounds, after earning All-America honors in 2002. Mark Canty (Gahanna, Ohio) and Evan Sola (Wernersville, Pa.) also wrestled for the Tar Heels at the NCAA Championship last season and now have a year of experience.

"It's a huge advantage when you can return three guys who have experience at the NCAA Championship," said Lam. "It's a completely different atmosphere, because everyone there is great and the electricity that the fans have is unbelievable."

In addition to the three talented sophomores, Carolina also returns three seniors in Chris DiGuissepe (Holland, Pa.), Warren Lamphiear (Gastonia, N.C.) and Jimmy O'Connor who are ready to compete for another ACC championship.



All-American Chris Rodrigues

"None of these guys have been with us all four years," said Lam. "But I do know that DiGuissepe, Lamphiear and O'Connor are poised to have great senior years. So I think they'll become solid leaders."

UNC also welcomes a talented freshman class. The Tar Heels brought in 13 new faces that have plenty of state and regional titles between them.

"We have a top eight recruiting class coming in," said Lam. "I feel like the depth they add to this program is tremendous and there're a couple of them who can start this year."

The Tar Heels will travel to the ESU Open in East Stroudsburg, Pa., on November 23rd and then host the Sharpie Open on November 30th. Carolina then hits the road and travels to Reno, Nev., to participate in the Reno Invitational, for the first time, on December 19th. The annual Midlands, in Evanston, Ill., and Virginia Duals, in Hampton, Va., are on the schedule again for the Tar Heels, December 28-29th and January 10-11th. Some other quality non-conference opponents the Tar Heels will face are Big Ten foe Michigan State, February 14th, in East Lansing, Mich., and Navy, February 8th, in Annapolis, Md.

"We're pretty excited about this year's schedule," says Lam. "We have always competed in Midlands and the Virginia Duals, which hosts some of the top teams in the country. But we've added the Reno Invitational, which will have teams like No. 1 Oklahoma State, Oregon, Fresno State and Cal Poly.

"We also travel to a Top 10 team in Michigan State and have Navy on the schedule. Not to mention the ACC will be the best it's ever been since I've been here."

The Tar Heels head into 2002-03 with a chip on their shoulder. It has been seven long seasons since they have cracked the Top 20 at nationals. Another two seasons have gone by since the Heels have won an ACC Tournament. That being said, UNC would love nothing more than to win another ACC championship and get back to where they have been so many times, inside the Top 20 at NAAs.



NCAAqualifier Evan Sola

**125 pounds** - All-American Chris Rodrigues will start for the Tar Heels for the second straight season after going 32-14 a year ago. He begins the season ranked eighth in his weight class and looks to improve on his eighth-place finish at NAAs. True freshman Bobby Shaw will also wrestle in this weight class. Shaw comes from Pike Creek High School, in Del., where he won a state championship in his senior season.

**133 pounds** - Evan Sola returns from a good freshman season that saw him qualify for the NCAA Tournament. He finished last season with an overall record of 25-11 and finished second at the 2002 ACC Tournament. Red-shirt sophomore Justin Annas comes off an 1-4 season.

**141 pounds** - One of the deepest weight classes for the Tar Heels this season. Juniors Chris Collins and John Paul Igoe will battle for the top spot. Collins finished 1-4 in 2001-02, while Igoe went 10-6. Sophomore Keith Bolte, Brian Baglio and Jacob Paul will all fight for time as well. Bolte participated in two events for the Tar Heels last season, going 1-4. Baglio and Paul are true freshmen for the Tar Heels. Baglio was ranked third nationally in his weight class in high school, while Paul is a North Carolina state champion.

**149 pounds** - Junior Michael Booth will get the start for the Tar Heels this season after a 12-7 record and 3-2 mark in the ACC. Also wrestling in this weight class will be Garrett Atkinson, Andrew Farrar, Aaron Holt, Nick Royer and Rick Seibold. Atkinson is coming off a state title in North Carolina last season and earned honorable mention All-America honors from U.S.A Wrestling Magazine. Farrar is a true freshman who won his conference championship in his senior season. Holt and Royer return for the Heels after wrestling in a couple events a year ago. Seibold was red-shirted last season, finishing 1-4.

**157 pounds** - Chris DiGuseppe wrestled at 157/165 last year and finished with a 12-14 record. He heads into his senior year as a full-time starter for the Heels. Greg Carr, Chris Sanders and Tom Thekkekandam will also compete in this weight class. Carr and

Sanders are true freshmen who both won conference and regional titles in high school. Thekkekandam, a sophomore, wrestled in two events in his freshman year.

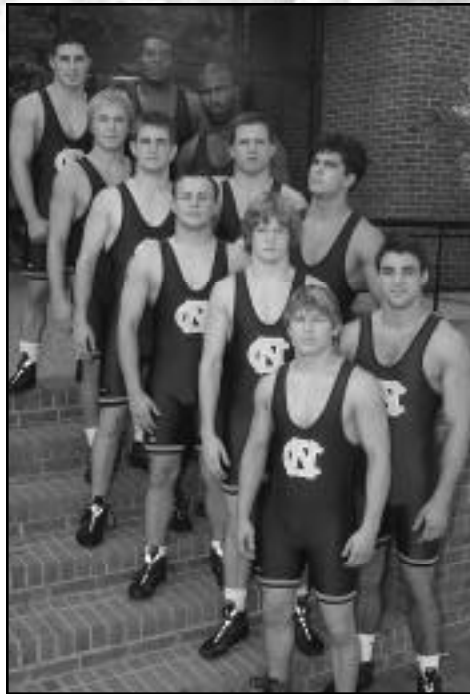
**165 pounds** - Jimmy O'Connor moves up a weight class in his senior season after finishing last year with a record of 12-10. Three true freshmen, Andre Barden, Gordon Oehmig and Andrew Posil will tangle in this weight class. Barden participated on the National United States Greco-Roman team, Oehmig won a state title in Texas and Posil won a state championship in Maryland, in their senior seasons.

**174 pounds** - Sophomore Mark Canty is another returning starter for the Tar Heels. He participated in the 2002 NCAA Championship and finished the year with a 16-14 record. Sophomore Joshua Lee, and true freshmen Paul Llamas and John Whitehead will also fight for time for Carolina. Lee went 1-4 last year, while Llamas won a regional title and Whitehead earned a North Carolina state title last year.

**184 pounds** - Sophomore Dustin Heist is the front runner for the Tar Heels in this weight division. Heist was 13-9 last season, including one pin. Matt Atkinson and Warren Lamphiear will compete for the Tar Heels at this weight. Atkinson red-shirted last year, while Lamphiear participated in two events for UNC.



**197 pounds** - Sophomore Venroy July returns to the Tar Heels poised to have a solid season. July wrestled in seven events for the Heels, finishing third at the ACC Tournament. True freshman David Dashiell will also see some time for the Heels. Dashiell was a three-time state champion in Virginia and a Senior High School national champion in 2002.

**Heavyweight** - Junior Ryan Adams gets his shot this season after watching four-time ACC champion Matt Kenny graduate. Adams had an impressive 3-1 record in ACC competition last year and ended the season with an overall record of 6-4. Freshman Neil Ridge will compete in this weight class for Carolina after being red-shirted last season.



**Bottom to top:** (1st row) Chris Rodrigues, Evan Sola, Chris Collins, John Paul Igoe, Mike Booth, Chris DiGuseppe. (2nd row) Jimmy O'Connor, Mark Canty, Dustin Heist, Venroy July and Ryan Adams.

**WRESTLING SUPPORT STAFF**

 Scott MacDonald Athletic Communications	 Greg Gatz Strength Coach
 Heather Murphy Academic Support	 Rob Schneider Head Trainer



**The Wrestlerettes**

**Back right:**

(top to bottom)  
Ruth Echevarria,  
Anna Stokes,  
Rhonda Dano

**Sitting down:**

(front to back)  
Kim Campbell,  
Jenny Blum

# HEAD COACH BILL LAM



A nine-time Atlantic Coast Conference Coach of the year, UNC head coach Bill Lam begins his 30th and final season as Carolina's head coach. In the last 11 years, Carolina has won eight ACC Tournament titles, finished atop the conference regular-season standings 10 times, gathered seven national Top-25, four Top-20 and two Top-10 finishes, earned 15 All-America honors and had the first individual three-time national champion in the history of the ACC.

In his 29 years in Chapel Hill, the Tar Heels have become the premier program in the ACC and one of the most respected in the entire country. He has won a total of 14 ACC Tournament titles and finished in first place 16 times in the regular season. Lam coached the National Wrestling Coaches Association All-Star team in 1996. He has guided the Tar Heels to a 367-126-4 overall record and a very impressive .742 winning percentage. Lam's wrestlers have competed in 29 consecutive NCAA Championships, have 14 Top 20 finishes and five Top 10 finishes, the most recent one coming in 1995.

Carolina wrestlers have won at least two weight classes at the ACC meet in 26 of 27 seasons and had at least one All-America in 18 of the last 22.

In 2001-02, Lam led the Tar Heels to his 29th consecutive winning season as Carolina finished 14-5. UNC tied with in-state foe NC State in the regular season with a 4-1 mark in league matches. The Tar Heels took second at the ACC Tournament in Raleigh, N.C., tallying 72.5 points. Four-time All-ACC performer, and recent graduate, Matt Kenny, won the heavy-weight division for the fourth straight time. Five UNC wrestlers qualified for the NCAA Championship in Albany, N.Y. Chris Rodrigues (125) finished eighth earning All-America honors, while teammates Brad Byers (141), Mark Canty (174), Kenny (Hwt.) and Evan Sola (133) collected a total of 10 points, as the Tar Heels finished 37th.

Carolina won four straight ACC Tournaments from 1997-2000 and collected its 14th in 2000 under Lam's direction. The Tar Heels made four consecutive appearances in the NCAA Championship, having their best finish in 1997, 24th. Carolina went 50-23 for a .685 winning-percentage. In 1996, UNC ended the regular season with a 14-3-1 record, 5-0 in the ACC, but fell short at the ACC Tournament placing second. Carolina finished in 21st place at the NCAA Championship, its highest since 1993.

In 1995, five Tar Heels won individual weight classes at the ACC Tournament and went on

to an eighth-place finish at the NCAA Championship. T.J. Jaworsky completed a dream season and storied career by winning his third straight NCAA title at 134 pounds. Jaworsky won all 38 of his collegiate matches in 1995 and captured virtually all of the major awards, including the Dan Hodge Award given to the National Wrestler of the Year, the NCAA Tournament Most Outstanding Wrestler, the Most Outstanding Wrestler at the National Duals, the Most Outstanding Wrestler at the ACC Tournament and the ACC Wrestler of the Year awards.

UNC had a tremendous season in 1994, hosting the NCAA Championship and finishing sixth in the nation. Carolina amassed a remarkable 107 team points, won five of the 10 weight classes and outdistanced the field by a staggering 58 points in winning the 1994 ACC title. Eight Tar Heels reached the finals, thereby automatically qualifying them for a trip to the NCAA Championship. Two additional wrestlers then earned wild card bids to the national tournament. Carolina was the only school in the nation to qualify a wrestler in each of the 10 weight classes at the 1994 NCAA Tournament.

The NCAA Championship was held in the Dean E. Smith Center in March 1994. More than 64,000 fans were in attendance over six sessions, including a wildly enthusiastic crowd of nearly 12,000 for the championship finals. The fact that the NCAA brought the tournament to the South for just the second time, and to North Carolina for the first time ever, is true testament to the hard work and dedication Lam has shown in helping put collegiate wrestling on the map in the Tar Heel State.

In 1994, paced by Jaworsky's repeat national title and All-America performances by Stan Banks (eighth at 167), Shane Camera (sixth at

## LAM'S RECORD AT CAROLINA (1974-PRESENT)

Year	Overall Record	Overall Pct.	ACC Record	ACC Pct.	ACC Tourney	ACC Champs	NCAA Finish	All-Americas	NCAA Champs
1974	11-2-1	.821	2-2-1	.500	5th	1	—	0	0
1975	8-6-0	.571	2-3-0	.400	3rd	1	—	0	0
1976	12-6-0	.667	5-1-0	.833	2nd	3	—	0	0
1977	11-5-0	.688	5-1-0	.833	2nd	3	—	0	0
1978	9-2-0	.818	4-2-0	.667	2nd	2	—	0	0
1979	15-1-0	.938	6-0-0	1.000	1st	4	17th	1	0
1980	12-0-0	1.000	7-0-0	1.000	1st	3	—	0	0
1981	10-5-0	.667	5-2-0	.714	3rd	2	13th	2	0
1982	12-4-0	.750	4-2-0	.667	2nd	2	5th	5	1
1983	12-5-0	.706	4-2-0	.667	2nd	2	17th	1	0
1984	12-6-0	.667	4-2-0	.667	1st	4	—	1	0
1985	13-7-0	.650	4-2-0	.667	1st	3	19th	2	0
1986	17-3-1	.833	6-0-0	1.000	1st	4	6th	2	0
1987	18-5-0	.783	6-0-0	1.000	1st	5	7th	3	0
1988	15-5-0	.750	4-2-0	.667	2nd	2	16th	1	1
1989	18-4-1	.783	5-1-0	.833	2nd	3	18th	2	0
1990	13-7-0	.650	5-1-0	.833	4th	2	16th	1	0
1991	14-7-0	.667	5-1-0	.833	2nd	3	23rd	2	0
1992	15-5-0	.750	4-2-0	.667	1st	2	18th	1	0
1993	12-6-0	.667	5-1-0	.833	1st	2	15th	1	1
1994	15-3-0	.833	6-0-0	1.000	1st	5	6th	4	1
1995	15-2-0	.882	6-0-0	1.000	1st	5	8th	4	1
1996	14-3-1	.806	5-0-0	1.000	2nd	4	21st	1	0
1997	12-2-0	.857	5-0-0	1.000	1st	5	24th	1	0
1998	12-4-0	.750	4-1-0	.800	1st	5	32nd	0	0
1999	11-5-0	.688	4-1-0	.800	1st	3	32nd	0	0
2000	7-6-0	.538	2-3-0	.400	1st	4	30th	0	0
2001	8-5-0	.615	4-1	.800	3rd	3	66th	0	0
2002	14-5-0	.737	4-1	.800	2nd	1	37th	1	0
<b>29 years</b>	<b>367-126-4</b>	<b>.742</b>	<b>132-34-1</b>	<b>.793</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>-----</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>5</b>

## COACHING STAFF



177) and Justin Harty (eighth at heavyweight), the Tar Heels placed sixth at NCAAs with 39 points. It was the second-highest national finish ever by a Carolina team.

Lam has led the Tar Heels to 14 ACC championships and finished in the national Top 20 on 14 occasions, including Top-20 finishes in 10 of the last 18 seasons.

He has been named the ACC Coach of the Year nine times—1986, 1987, 1992, 1994, 1995, 1997, 1998, 1999 and 2000. He was named the National Coach of the Year by the National Wrestling Coaches Association and Man of the Year by Amateur Wrestling News in 1982. That year he led the Tar Heels to a fifth-place finish at the NCAA Tournament.

Lam is the winningest dual meet coach in ACC history, in terms of both wins and winning percentage. Carolina has posted a 367-126-4 record under Lam since he took over the program in 1973-74, a winning percentage of .742.

Carolina has won an even greater percentage of its matches within the ACC as Lam's teams have a 132-34-1 record against the rest of the conference. That is a percentage of .793, the best of any coach in league history.

The Tar Heels have won ACC championships under Lam in 1979, 1980, 1984, 1985, 1986, 1987, 1992, 1993, 1994, 1995, 1997, 1998, 1999 and 2000. He is one of only three coaches in league history to have won more than three titles. A total of 54 different Carolina wrestlers have won individual ACC weight class titles a total of 88 times under Lam.

Lam has coached three Tar Heels to five NCAA championships, including C.D. Mock (134) in 1982, Rob Koll (158) in 1987 and Jaworsky (134) in 1993, 1994 and 1995. Jaworsky is the only Tar Heel male athlete to ever repeat an NCAA individual championship.

Four other Carolina wrestlers, Dave Cooke (126) in 1981, Al Palacio (118) in 1986, Doug Wyland (118) in 1989 and Justin Harty (Hwt.) in 1996 have been NCAA runner-ups. Under Lam, 20 Carolina wrestlers have earned 36 All-America honors.

Lam took over a program which went 2-11 the year before he became

head coach and promptly guided UNC to a 11-2-1 season. At the time, the 11 wins were a school record. Subsequently, Lam's team have broken the record for wins in a season five other times, including an all-time high of 18 wins in 1987 and 1989.

In 1979, Lam led the Tar Heels to their first-ever national Top-20 finish as they placed 17th. After a 13th-place showing in 1981, Carolina soared to fifth in 1982. That is the highest an ACC team has ever finished at the national championship. UNC also was sixth at the NCAA meet in 1986 and 1994, seventh in 1987 and eighth in 1995.

Lam was born on May 18, 1943, in Mayor Island, Calif., and grew up in Boulder, Colo. He earned high school All-America honors and accepted a scholarship to wrestle at the University of Oklahoma under legendary head coach Tommy Evans. Lam earned All-America honors at 157 pounds in 1964 and 1965, finishing third and second in the country, respectively. As a senior in 1966, Lam was undefeated and ranked number one in the nation. However, he suffered broken ribs at the Big 8 Championship and was unable to compete at the NCAA Championship. He set the Sooners' record for career victories. A special education major, he received his bachelor's degree from OU in 1966 and also earned his master's degree in 1968 at OU in counseling and guidance.

Lam began his coaching career as a graduate assistant at his alma mater and then became the head coach at Norman (Okla.) High School, where he coached from 1967-72. Norman won six league titles, two regional championships and finished second in the state on three occasions with Lam as coach. He was named Oklahoma Coach of the Year in 1971.

Lam coached the East team in the 1982 All-Star Matches and was the head coach of the United States AAU team which competed in the 1982 Struga Perl Tournament in Struga, Yugoslavia. A year later he coached an NCAA all-star team which competed in Romania. He was the wrestling commissioner at the 1987 United States Olympic Festival.

He is a former member of the NWCA Wrestling Executive Committee and the NCAA Rules Committee.

Lam has two sons, Travis and Kurt. Travis wrestled at UNC from 1990-94 and now works for Computer Intelligence Inc. (CII) in Raliegh, N.C. Kurt wrestled for the Tar Heels from 1993-96 and is a district manager for Paychex in Nashville, Tenn.

Lam is married to Marilyn Yates Lam, a district manager for Paychex, at The Research Triangle.

### Assistant Coach Adem Kaya

Adem Kaya is entering his second season at Carolina. Kaya joined the staff midway through last season. He will assist in the day-to-day Carolina wrestling operations.

Before coaching at UNC, Kaya was a volunteer coach at Lock Haven University, in Lock Haven, Pa. He helped out while he was completing one year of Foreign Language Studies from 2000-01.

Kaya wrestled for the Turkish National Team from 1991-2000. He won a bronze medal at the World Goodwill Games in New York in 1998. He won a Gold Medal in the Turkish Senior Championship in 1999 and earned a Silver Medal in 2000. In the World Cup, he took the Bronze Medal in Atlanta, Ga., in 1995, and fourth place in Toronto, Canada, in 1994. Kaya attended Gazi University Licence Diplome in Akara, Turkey, and received his degree in 1997.

In Kaya's final year of high school, he won a Gold Medal at the World Cadet Championship in 1991. He graduated from Afsin High School in Kahramanmaras, Turkey, that following year. Adem Kaya was born on March 3, 1975, in Kahramanmaras, Turkey.



# ASSISTANT COACH C.D. MOCK



C.D. Mock, a 1982 Carolina graduate, was named the next head coach at North Carolina on September 30th. He will assume the duties when Bill Lam retires at the end of the 2002-03 season. Mock is entering his third year as an assistant coach at UNC and assists in all aspects of Carolina wrestling.

In 1982, Mock became Carolina's first NCAA champion and was one of the leaders on a Tar Heel team that finished fifth in the NCAA tournament. Mock finished that season a perfect 35-0 en route to his NCAA championship at 134 pounds. Mock also received the prestigious Patterson Medal, which is presented to the UNC senior student-athlete that demonstrates athletic excellence.

Mock won three ACC titles while at Carolina and was a two-time All-America. He has a career record of 108-9, good for a career winning percentage of .923, third all-time in Carolina history. Mock also has a career record of 64-4 in ACC competition.

Mock returned to his alma mater from Newtown, Pa., where he was the president of Equity Consultants Company and the wrestling coach at Council Rock High.

Mock wrestled for four seasons at Council Rock High School, in Newtown, Pa. He became a state champion in his senior season and graduated from Council Rock in 1978.

## A Q & A WITH NEXT YEAR'S HEAD COACH C.D. MOCK

### WHEN AND WHY DID YOU GET INTO WRESTLING?

"I'm from Pennsylvania. I am an oddity because I started wrestling very, very late relative to most Pennsylvanians. Most of the kids go through a youth program where they start wrestling as early as second grade. I didn't start wrestling until ninth grade. Which is very rare.

"I would say in many respects that wrestling saved my life. I was associating with the wrong people, and then I made some friends that were on the wrestling team. They ended up going to the wrestling coach and encouraged him to ask me to come out for the team. The coach came down to the cafeteria the next day and invited me to try out for the team.

"I was impressed that someone would take that kind of interest in me, so I went out for the team. From that point it pretty much dominated my life. I was playing football, and I quit that to focus on wrestling. I had a natural gift at it; I picked things up quickly, had good teachers, and had good success. I made the team right away and went undefeated in my freshman year. The early success made me work harder and harder because I enjoyed being good at something.

"My father didn't talk to me for two weeks because I quit football. He came to his first wrestling tournament around Christmas of that year, and from that point on, he was a diehard wrestling fan. The whole family came into the wrestling world together."

### DID YOU THINK AFTER YOUR FRESHMAN YEAR THAT YOU MIGHT HAVE A POSSIBILITY TO EARN A SCHOLARSHIP IN COLLEGE?

"I really had one goal. It wasn't really associated with college, although maybe it was in the back of my mind. My goal was to be a Pennsylvania state champion. Pennsylvania is arguably the best high school wrestling state in the country. For me to be a state champion was the ultimate. I knew that if I accomplished that, I would have an opportunity to wrestle in college."

### WHAT MADE YOU CHOOSE NORTH CAROLINA?

"I started wrestling late, so up until my senior year in high school, I wasn't recruited at all. Nobody was recruiting me because I hadn't done anything exceptional. I had worked camps for Chris Poff and got to know some people out there. One of the persons I met was Shorty Hitchcock, who was Bill Lam's assistant coach. He got to know me before my senior year and he told coach Lam that he needed to come and take a look at me.

"So Bill Lam communicated with me after he watched me in a qualifier at states. He came up to me and said I'm going to take all the pressure off you, I like what I see, I think you can do well in college, and I am going to be in line to offer you a full scholarship when you are done. Whether you win states or not, I want you at North Carolina. Well I went onto become a state champion.

"I then wrestled in one of the most prestigious matches in the country, the Pennsylvania All-Stars versus the rest of the United States All-Stars. I wrestled

against the top wrestler in the country, who was undefeated since the ninth grade. Nobody gave me a prayer's chance, but I ended up beating this kid. Then everybody came out of the woodwork and offered me a scholarship. I scheduled five official visits, but Carolina was third on my list and I came here and told coach Lam that I was canceling the rest of my trips. He believed in me when nobody else did, and that made a huge difference in my life."

### WHAT DID YOU DO AFTER YOU GRADUATED?

"I had no intentions of wrestling after college. I had to work extremely hard to do well and other guys were phenoms. I red-shirted my junior year and took a semester off. I got my securities license and my intent was to keep that possibility open after I finished college.

"When I left school, I went to work with my father for a year and then started my own business. So from 1985 until 2000, I owned and operated an investor broker dealer, with another partner.

"I started volunteer coaching at my alma mater, Council Rock, and worked out with the guys, helping out whenever I could. After awhile, I started getting hooked. My former coach called me to his house for dinner and told me he was retiring and wanted me to take over. Council Rock is a big school for wrestling, so this was a big responsibility. I had no intention of coaching because I wanted to be a businessman. But it was definitely in my blood and after he sat me down I realized it. He told me that he felt that I missed my calling and that business was not going to provide me with long-term satisfaction. He said that he felt I had some gifts in terms of being able to motivate the young people, and said some nice things that can't help but get you thinking.

"I went home and told my wife, who was a gymnastics coach, and she said she'd always felt that I would be back in coaching. I took the job and from that moment on, I never looked back."

### WHAT MADE YOU DECIDE TO RETURN TO NORTH CAROLINA?

"I had several businesses and was pretty successful. I was working with a lot of successful people. Working with these people I got to know them very well. I saw these people with all kinds of money and no happiness.

"I found out that I would wake up in the morning, and the first thing on my mind was the kid who was struggling in school, or the kid who was having troubles at home. Those were the things that were dominating my life instead of my business. So with the encouragement of my wife, and my family, I began to think of coaching full-time.

"I was bringing my teams down to North Carolina for camp. So one time I stayed after and went out to dinner with Coach Lam to convey my interest in coaching year round. I asked him what he thought. He said I don't think your crazy at all and if you are willing to make the commitment, you should do it. Over the next couple years we talked a lot over the phone, and finally I came down here. I made up my mind that I wanted to live in Chapel Hill, and if I was going to coach in college, it had to be at Carolina, or I wasn't going to do it.

"There were no other big-time Division I schools with coaches willing to hire C.D. Mock, coming out of the business world. That was unheard of. I owe a great deal of this to Bill Lam for giving me this opportunity. And that is twice he has taken a risk on me, and so those are things I will never forget."

### WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE THE NEXT HEAD COACH AT NORTH CAROLINA?

"It's an awesome responsibility. Taking over for a guy who has done this for 30 years and is the Dean Smith of wrestling in the south. Nobody appreciates you until you're gone, and I think that when he is gone, there is going to be a lot that comes out about him creating a high level of wrestling here in the south.

"It's huge to be in a position to be taking a program over from that kind of a legend, and is a big responsibility. The responsibility is to the guys that have gone through this program, and the guys who are going through the program now. The Carolina wrestling alumni is the best in the country. They live and die Tar Heel wrestling. No matter where they are, they keep up with Carolina wrestling, even if they are living in Canada. They've built this program, and with the success it has had intermittently, is huge. This is the only program in the southeast that has ever won Midlands. We have done some wonderful things here and those alumni are proud of that.

"I am not being hired to maintain status quo. I've been hired to take this program to the next level and that is what I am going to try and do. I'm humbled by the confidence that Bill Lam and the administration has displayed in me, but I am challenged by the opportunity."

# MEET THE CAROLINA WRESTLERS



**Ryan Adams (Hwt.)**  
**5-8, Junior**  
**Rock Hill, S.C. (Rock Hill)**

**As a Sophomore (2001-02)** ... Participated in six events for the Tar Heels and wrestled in the heavyweight division ... he finished the season with a 6-4 dual record ... began the season with consecutive victories in the Sharpie Open, finishing third ... he defeated Maryland's Jeremy Duncan (5-2), Duke's

Levi Karnehm (F 4:53) and NC State's Ngozi Collins (6-2) to finish the conference year with a 3-1 record.

**As a Freshman (2000-01)** ... Had a 10-8 record for the season, and was 2-4 in dual meet competition ... finished in second place in the heavyweight division at the Cornell Invitational, losing to Tar Heel teammate, Matt Kenny ... placed third at the VerticalNet Open and sixth at the Penn State Open.

**Prep** ... Two-time state champion ... Cliff Keen All-America ... four-time regional champ ... three-time upper state champ ... team captain and MVP ... Herald Wrestler of the Year ... earned three varsity letters for the football team ... school and region 2AAAAAthlete of the Year.

**Off the Mat** ... Ryan Adams is the son of Alonzo and Phyllis Adams ... born July 6, 1982, in Rock Hill, S.C. ... majoring in education and plans to become a teacher.

#### Adams' Career Record

Year	Overall	Dual	Falls
2001-02	6-4	3-3	1
2000-01	10-8	2-4	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>16-12</b>	<b>5-7</b>	<b>1</b>



**Justin Annas (133 lbs.)**  
**5-6, Sophomore**  
**Hickory, N.C. (East Burke)**

**As a Freshman (2001-02)** ... Participated in two events for the Tar Heels ... ended the season with a 1-4 dual record ... picked up his only pin of the season in the ESU Open against Maryland's Tim Callaway in 2:26.

**In 2000-01** ... Finished sixth at the UNC Pembroke Wrestling Classic, 4-2 at 125 pounds ... finished 1-2 at the VerticalNet Open, pinning Syracuse's Sean Carrol in 4:43 ... was red-shirted.

**Prep** ... Four tournament championships (individual) ... two-time state qualifier ... elected team captain ... earned two varsity letters in baseball.

**Off the Mat** ... Justin Britt Annas is the son of Rick and Patty Annas ... born May 14, 1982, in Hickory, N.C. ... majoring in political science ... is a member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

#### Annas' Career Record

Year	Overall	Dual	Falls
2001-02	1-4	0-0	1
2000-01	5-4	0-0	1
<b>Totals</b>	<b>6-8</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>2</b>



**Matt Atkinson (184 lbs.)**  
**5-8, Junior**  
**Boone, N.C. (Watauga)**

**In 2001-02** ... Did not participate in any matches for the Tar Heels ... was red-shirted.

**As a Sophomore (2000-01)** ... Did not participate in any regular-season matches.

**As a Freshman (1999-2000)** ... Wrestled in two events for Carolina at 149 pounds ... finished 3-3 at the Sharpie Open and 1-1 at the Penn State Open.

**Prep** ... Two-time North Carolina state champion ... four Most Outstanding Wrestler awards in 1998-99 season ... compiled a 44-1 record during final season ... Academic All-America ... National Honor Society in 1998-99.

**Off the Mat** ... Matthew James Atkinson is the son of Chris and Jim Atkinson ... most admired athlete is Muhammad Ali ... brother, Garrett, is a freshman on the Carolina team ... majoring in communications.

#### Atkinson's Career Record

Year	Overall	Dual	Falls
2001-02	red-shirted		
2000-01	no matches		
1999-00	4-4	0-0	4



**Garrett Atkinson (149 lbs.)**  
**5-9, Freshman**  
**Boone, N.C. (Watauga)**

**Prep** ... Named 2002 Conference Wrestler of the Year ... 2002 U.S.A. Wrestling Magazine All-America honorable mention ... holds high school record with a career record of 163-22 ... placed at regionals all four years ... finished fourth at the state championship in 2000 and second in 2001 ... won a state title in 2002 ... played four years of soccer and two years as a pole vaulter in track ... National Honor Society and Beta Club.

**Off the Mat** ... Born Garrett Ervin Atkinson on April 28, 1984, in Boone, N.C. ... parents are Chris and Jim Atkinson ... brother, Matt, is a junior on Carolina's wrestling team ... undecided on a major.



**Brian Baglio (141 lbs.)**  
**5-9, Freshman**  
**York Haven, Pa. (Redland)**

**Prep** ... Lettered for four years under coach Craig Helmuth ... ranked third nationally in his weight class ... three-time state qualifier finishing sixth in 2001 and winning the state title in 2002 ... selected as the conference 3A Wrestler of the Year in senior season ... elected first team ASICS Tiger All-America ... lettered in football for two years as a quarterback ... named all-conference first team in senior year and participated in the East/West All-Star game ... played baseball for four seasons at shortstop ... batted .332 for his high school career ... senior class secretary and Spanish Club member in freshman and sophomore years.

**Off the Mat** ... Born Brian Anthony Baglio on October 23, 1983, in Pittsburgh, Pa. ... parents are Judy and Anthony Baglio ... enjoys playing golf ... undecided on a major.



**Andre Barden (165 lbs.)**  
**5-11, Freshman**  
**Raleigh, N.C. (Cary)**

**Prep** ... Earned three varsity letters in wrestling under coaches Jerry Winterton and Stan Chambers ... won six tournaments in senior season ... named school's most valuable wrestler after tallying 60 pins and a 28-0 record in senior season ... participated on the National United States Greco-Roman team ... Shawn Mouney Memorial Award Winner in 2002 ... two-time Cougar Duals champ and a regional runner-up in senior season ... National Junior Champion in ninth grade and two-time Southern National Champ in freshman and sophomore seasons ... 106-15 career record ... played football as a freshman and sophomore ... National Honor Society, senior class treasurer, speaker at graduation, Cross Club, Psychology Club and Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

**Off the Mat** ... Born Andre Vaughn Bernard Barden on October 7, 1984, in East Orange, N.J. ... parents are Glendora and Bernard Barden ... enjoys listening to music ... undecided on a major.

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**Keith Bolte (141 lbs.)**  
**5-7, Sophomore**  
**Greensboro, N.C. (NWGuilford)**

**As a Freshman (2001-02)** ... Participated in two events for the Tar Heels ... began the season with a victory over Boston College's Nate Poole, 6-1 ... ended the season with a dual meet record of 1-4.

**In 2000-01** ... Participated in the UNC Pembroke Wrestling Classic ... was red-shirted.

**Prep** ... Team captain and MVP... ranked second in school history for most pins (24) in a season ... 1999 regional and conference champ ... three-time all-conference.

**Off the Mat** ... Keith Paul Bolte is the son of Terry and Keith Bolte ... born on September 1, 1982, in Greensboro, N.C. ... majoring in biology.

### Bolte's Career Record

Year	Overall	Dual	Falls
2001-02	1-4	0-0	0
2000-01	0-2	0-0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>1-6</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>0</b>



**Michael Booth (149 lbs.)**  
**5-7, Junior**  
**Cherry Hill, N.J. (Camden Catholic)**

**As a Sophomore (2001-02)** ... Participated in 17 events for the Tar Heels ... ended the season with a 12-7 record ... took second at the ACC Tournament, defeating Virginia's Paul Dunstan, 5-3 and earning second team All-ACC honors ... went undefeated at the Virginia Duals picking up victories against Virginia Tech, Indiana and Army ... had a record of 3-2

in league competition with wins over NC State's Dave Miller, 3-1, Virginia's Paul Dunstan, 5-2, and Maryland's Adam James, 8-3.

**As a Freshman (2000-01)** ... Had a 9-18 record wrestling at 141 pounds ... took sixth place at the VerticalNet Open, going 3-1 ... finished sixth at the Cornell Invitational ... ended the season 3-10 in dual meet competition.

**Prep** ... Won a state championship ... four-time district and regional champ ... placed at the state tournament in four straight years ... two-time first team All-South Jersey... played baseball for three years.

**Off the Mat** ... Michael Jack Booth is the son of Patricia and Robert Booth ... born July 12, 1982, in Philadelphia, Pa. ... enjoys running, swimming and rowing.

### Booth's Career Record

Year	Overall	Dual	Falls
2001-02	12-7	10-4	0
2000-01	9-18	3-10	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>21-25</b>	<b>13-14</b>	<b>0</b>



**Mark Canty (174 lbs.)**  
**6-0, Sophomore**  
**Gahanna, Ohio (Columbus Desales)**

**As a Freshman (2001-02)** ... Appeared in 18 events for the Tar Heels and tallied a 16-14 record ... qualified for the NCAAChampionship ... took second at the ACC Tournament with a victory over Virginia's Brian Muir, 5-3, earning second team All-ACC accolades ... won five straight matches beginning on January 26, 2002 and ending February 13, 2002 ...

finished second at the Sharpie Open held in Chapel Hill tallying a record of 3-1.

**In 2000-01** ... Finished the season with a 6-4 record ... wrestled at the Cornell Invitational and the VerticalNet Open ... finished fourth at Cornell, going 3-2, and fifth at the VerticalNet Open, going 3-2 as well ... was red-shirted.

**Prep** ... Was an All-America selection and had a third-place finish at nationals ... state champion and Wrestler of the Year in 1999 ... four-time league champion ... all-metropolitan selection.

**Off The Mat** ... Mark Andrew Canty is the son of Jane Brook and Mitch Canty ... has a brother that plays baseball at Ohio Wesleyan ... made the ACC Honor Roll in the 2001-02 academic year and Dean's List ... plans to major in communications.

### Canty's Career Record

Year	Overall	Dual	Falls
2001-02	16-14	9-7	1
2000-01	6-4	0-0	1
<b>Totals</b>	<b>22-18</b>	<b>9-7</b>	<b>2</b>



**Gregory Carr(157 lbs.)**  
**5-9, Sophomore**  
**Charlotte, N.C. (Vance)**

### Walked onto the Carolina Wrestling team this season

**Prep** ... Earned four varsity letters in wrestling under coach Aaron Smith ... all-conference in junior and senior years ... won Mecklenburg Country Duals, Bandys Duals and Myers Park Duals in senior season ... elected team captain ... voted as

the Most Outstanding Wrestler ... Ken Charton Academic All-America ... career record of 80-30 ... ran cross country in junior and senior seasons ... played lacrosse for four seasons ... National Honor Society, Vice President of Yearbook and newspaper sports editor in junior and senior years ... participated on student council for three years.

**Off the Mat** ... Born Gregory James Carr on April 26, 1983, in Charlotte, N.C. ... parents are Julee and Greg Carr ... enjoys playing the guitar ... undecided on a major.



**Chris Collins (141 lbs.)**  
**5-6, Junior**  
**Rock Hill, S.C. (Rock Hill)**

**In 2001-02** ... Participated in two events for the Tar Heels ... wrestled at the ESU Open where he defeated Maryland's Jason Gribshaw, 11-7 ... also participated in the Sharpie Open ... was red-shirted.

**As a Sophomore (2000-01)** ... Finished the season with a 13-11 record, 6-6 in dual meet competition ... took fourth place at the Cornell Invitational with a 2-2 mark ... finished third at the VerticalNet Open, going 4-1 at the tournament ... finished in third place at the ACC Tournament, defeating Maryland's Joe Guzzio, 9-4, in the third-place bout ... had four wins by pinfall, the quickest in 1:08.

**As a Freshman (1999-00)** ... Wrestled at 133 pounds at the Carolina Open going 3-2, including two wins by pin.

**Prep** ... First team Academic All-American ... named South Carolina Most Outstanding Wrestler ... member of North/South team ... holds state record for most wins ... newspaper editor and member of student council ... graduated with highest honors.

**Off the Mat** ... Christopher Scott Collins is the son of Janet and Billy Collins ... born June 14, 1981 ... majoring in exercise and sports science ... plans to be a sports attorney.

### Collins' Career Record

Year	Overall	Dual	Falls
2001-02	1-4	0-0	0
2000-01	13-11	6-6	4
1999-00	3-3	0-0	2
<b>Totals</b>	<b>17-18</b>	<b>6-6</b>	<b>6</b>

# MEET THE CAROLINA WRESTLERS



**David Dashiell (197 lbs.)**  
**5-9, Freshman**  
**Chesapeake, Va. (Great Bridge)**

**Prep** ... Earned four varsity letters in wrestling under coach Steve Martin ... three-time state champion and earned all-region honors for four consecutive years ... Senior High School national champion ... ranked No. 1 in the nation in his weight class ... played football in freshman and sophomore seasons on the defensive line.

**Off the Mat** ... Born David Alan Dashiell on December 16, 1983, in Chesapeake, Va. ... parents are Cindi and John Dashiell ... undecided on a major.



**Chris DiGuiseppe (157 lbs.)**  
**5-6, Senior**  
**Holland, Pa. (Council Rock)**

**As a Junior(2001-02)** ... Appeared in 13 meets for the Tar Heels ... ended the season with an overall record of 12-14 ... went 3-2 in the ESU and Sharpie Opens ... picked up victories over Cumberland's Jason Moody, 6-5, and UNC-Greensboro's Nate Parmenter, 4-2 ... largest margin of victory came against Drexel's Mike Wernett, 14-3.

**As a Sophomore (2000-01)** ... Transferred from Pittsburgh University ... finished the season at 11-10 wrestling at 157 pounds ... had a 6-7 dual meet record ... took first place at 157 pounds in the VerticalNet Open wrestling unattached ... finished 3-2 in ACC competition ... took third place at the ACC Tournament, defeating Maryland's Rob Booth, 3-0, in the third-place match.

**At Pittsburgh (1998-00)** ... Was a starter at 141 pounds his freshman year ... was red-shirted in 1999-00.

**Prep** ... Three-time state qualifier ... All-America at Junior Nationals ... All-Pennsylvania Academic wrestling team ... all-league catcher in baseball.

**Off the Mat** ... Christopher John DiGuiseppe is the son of Christine and James DiGuiseppe ... born May 20, 1980, in Newtown, Pa. ... made the ACC Honor Roll in the 2001-02 academic year ... majoring in communications.

#### DiGuiseppe's CareerRecord

<u>Year</u>	<u>Overall</u>	<u>Dual</u>	<u>Falls</u>
2001-02	12-14	5-6	2
2000-01	11-10	6-7	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>23-24</b>	<b>11-13</b>	<b>2</b>

**Andrew Farrar(149 lbs.)**  
**5-10, Freshman**  
**Apex, N.C. (Episcopal)**



**Prep** ... Four-year letterwinner in wrestling under coach Steve Castle ... Inter-state Athletic Conference champion and placed at states in senior season ... earned all-conference honors in 2002 ... two-time place winner at St. Albans Regional Tournament ... three-year letterwinner in lacrosse, scoring 22 goals in senior season ... played wide receiver in football, earning two varsity letters.

**Off the Mat** ... Born Andrew Scott Farrar on October 3, 1983, in Roanoke, Va. ... parents are Linda and Scott Farrar ... attending Carolina on a Coker-Fox scholarship ... loves fly fishing and playing video games ... grandfather, Bob Koonts, played football at Carolina from 1946-49 ... undecided on a major.



**Dusty Heist (184 lbs.)**  
**5-10, Sophomore**  
**Meadville, Pa. (Meadville)**

**As a Freshman (2001-02)** ... Transferred from Indiana University ... wrestled in 12 events for the Tar Heels ... ended the season with a 13-9 overall record and two pins ... had third-place finishes at the ESU and Sharpie Opens ... finished the year with four straight victories over Duke's Frank

Cornely, 18-8, NC State's Jon Godwin, 9-5, Drexel's Xenio Yearwood, 5:40 TF, and Gardner-Webb's Michael Mays, 9-3.

**At Indiana (2000-01)** ... was red-shirted.

**Prep** ... Was a 2000 Pennsylvania State wrestling champion ... also played football.

**Off The Mat** ... Dusty Wayne Heist was born may 23, 1981, in York, Pa. ... is the son of Cathy and Bob Heist ... plans to major in political science and attend law school.

#### Heist's CareerRecord

<u>Year</u>	<u>Overall</u>	<u>Dual</u>	<u>Falls</u>
2001-02	13-9	5-3	1



**Aaron Holt (149 lbs.)**  
**5-9, Freshman**  
**Hillsborough, N.C. (Orange)**

**In 2001-02** ... Wrestled at the ESU and Sharpie Opens for the Tar Heels ... scored his first fall as a Tar Heel at the Sharpie Open over UNC Pembroke's Wendall Davis, 3:30 into the match ... earned a 3-2 victory in his second match before dropping the next two ... ended the season with a 2-4 overall

record ... was red-shirted.

**Prep** ... A two-time state qualifier ... finished fifth in the North Carolina state tournament ... elected captain of the wrestling team ... a North Carolina scholar.

**Off The Mat** ... Aaron Teer Holt is the son of Sarah and Mike Holt ... born March 3, 1983, in Kileen, Texas ... hobbies include tennis, biking and water sports ... undecided on a major ... plans to pursue a career in physical therapy.

#### Holt's CareerRecord

<u>Year</u>	<u>Overall</u>	<u>Dual</u>	<u>Falls</u>
2001-02	2-4	0-0	1



**John Paul Igoe (141 lbs.)**  
**5-8, Junior**  
**Long Island, N.Y. (Chaminade)**

**As a Sophomore (2001-02)** ... Wrestled in six events for the Tar Heels ... took fourth place at the ESU Open after winning four consecutive matches ... his only pin of the season came against Gardner-Webb at 5:33 over Eli West ... ended the season with an overall record of 10-6.

**As a Freshman (2000-01)** ... Had a 10-6 record wrestling at 133 pounds ... finished fifth at the VerticalNet Open with a 4-2 mark ... took sixth place at the Penn State Open with a 4-2 record ... had two pins on the season with the fastest one coming in 1:45.

**In 1999-00** ... Competed at 133 pounds in the East Stroudsburg Open going 3-2 ... wrestled at 133 pounds in the Carolina Open and the Penn State Open ... had an overall record of 5-5 ... was red-shirted.

**Prep** ... Four-year letterwinner ... also ran track as a sophomore ... two-time state private school wrestling champion ... placed fourth in New York public high school state tournament ... first-ever private school wrestler from New York to qualify for nationals ... Academic All-America choice ... elected team captain

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and MVP as a senior ... set Chaminade single-season record for most victories and matches wrestled in his career ... only two-time winner of Chaminade's Brian Stapleton team award ... a four-year honor roll student ... National Honor Society.

**Off the Mat** ... John Paul Gerard Igoe was born on June 13, 1981 ... parents are Kathy and John Igoe ... is the youngest of Kathy and John's six sons ... made the ACC Honor Roll in the 2001-02 academic year ... Dean's List for the fall semester 2000 ... majoring in political science ... aspires to be either a politician or a lawyer.

## Igoe's Career Record

Year	Overall	Dual	Falls
2001-02	10-6	2-1	0
2000-01	10-6	1-0	2
1999-00	5-5	0-0	2
<b>Totals</b>	<b>25-17</b>	<b>3-1</b>	<b>4</b>



**Venroy July (197 lbs.)**  
**6-0, Sophomore**  
**Bronx, N.Y. (Toft School)**

**As a Freshman (2001-02)** ... Appeared in seven events for the Tar Heels ... finished in third place at the ACC Tournament after defeating Virginia's Andrew DeMartino and Maryland's Bob Vorhies ... had a 10-4 victory against Appalachian State's Jared Linderman ... finished the year with an overall record of 3-8.

**In 2000-01** ... Finished the season with a 7-5 overall record wrestling at 184 and 197 pounds ... was red-shirted.

**Prep** ... Was a New England champion ... had a third-place finish at the National Prep Tournament ... won a state wrestling championship ... became a state champion in the 200m in track ... all-state in wrestling, football and track.

**Off the Mat** ... Venroy K. July is the son of Doltin Blake-July and Venroy July ... made the ACC Honor Roll in the 2001-02 academic year ... majoring in political science and economics ... plans a career in corporate law ... born February 14, 1983, in Jamaica.

## July's Career Record

Year	Overall	Dual	Falls
2001-02	3-8	1-2	0
2000-01	7-5	0-0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>10-13</b>	<b>1-2</b>	<b>0</b>



**Warren Lamphiear (184 lbs.)**  
**6-0, Senior**  
**Gastonia, N.C. (Ashbrook)**

**As a Junior (2001-02)** ... Wrestled at the ESU and Sharpie Opens for the Tar Heels ... had a 0-4 record.

**As a Sophomore (2000-01)** ... Walked onto the wrestling team after participating on the crew club team in 1999-00 ... went 2-4 at the UNC Pembroke Wrestling Classic and 0-2 at the VerticalNet Open.

**Prep** ... Was a conference champion ... two-time state qualifier ... two-time all-conference ... Academic Athletic Attitude Award ... also earned varsity letters in soccer, football and track.

**Off the Mat** ... Warren Michael Lamphiear is the son of Lana and Mark Lamphiear ... made the ACC Honor Roll in the 2001-02 academic year ... majoring in business with plans to be a lawyer ... named to the Dean's List ... is a member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes and is an Associate Attorney General ... is a Carolina ACT member.

## Lamphiear's Career Record

Year	Overall	Dual	Falls
2001-02	0-4	0-0	0
2000-01	2-4	0-0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>2-8</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>0</b>



**Joshua Lee (174 lbs.)**  
**5-11, Sophomore**  
**Dunn, N.C. (Triton)**

**As a Freshman (2001-02)** ... Wrestled in three events for the Tar Heels ... had a victory over UNC teammate Josh Howes in the Sharpie Open ... ended the season 1-4.

**In 2000-01** ... Wrestled at the UNC Pembroke Wrestling Classic and the VerticalNet Open, compiling a 2-4 record ... was red-shirted.

**Prep** ... Fourth in State Conference Championship his senior year ... won a conference championship ... two-time all-conference ... elected captain of the football team ... a member of the Beta Club and on the Honor Roll.

**Off the Mat** ... Joshua Blaze Lee is the son of Karen and Jerry Lee ... made the ACC Honor Roll in the 2001-02 academic year ... is a Carolina ACTmentor ... enjoys camping, hiking and chess ... majoring in psychology and plans to work with kids ... born on April 23, 1982, in Fayetteville, N.C.

## Lee's Career Record

Year	Overall	Dual	Falls
2001-02	1-4	0-1	0
2000-01	2-4	0-0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>3-8</b>	<b>0-1</b>	<b>0</b>



**Paul Llamas (174 lbs.)**  
**5-9, Freshman**  
**Durham, N.C. (Riverside)**

**Prep** ... Lettered in wrestling for four years under coach Walter Tolarchyk ... made it to the state final in senior season after winning the regional championship ... named to the Academic All-America team in 2002 ... four-time all-conference ... three-time state qualifier and earned academic excellence honors from 2000-02 ... two-time USA Wrestling freestyle and Roman-Greco state champion ... had a record of 73-4 in 2002 and a career record of 178-59 ... National Honor Society, Spanish Honor Society and a member of the school newspaper.

**Off the Mat** ... Born Paul Andrew Llamas on December 8, 1983, in Durham, N.C. ... parents are Terri and Wayne Llamas ... enjoys watching movies, reading comic books, reading novels and eating ... grandfather attended Carolina ... undecided on a major.



**Jimmy O'Connor (165 lbs.)**  
**5-11, Senior**  
**Woodbine, Md. (Glenelg)**

**As a Junior (2001-02)** ... Transferred from James Madison ... wrestled in 13 events for the Tar Heels ... finished the ACC regular season with a 3-2 record ... went 2-1 at the Virginia Duals ... tallied a third-place finish at the ACC Tournament ... finished the season with an overall record of 12-10.

**At James Madison (1998-01)** ... Finished third at the CAA Tournament in his freshman and sophomore seasons ... had a record of 39-26 in his two seasons at JMU.

**Prep** ... Twice named All-Metro Wrestler of the Year ... became a two-time Maryland state wrestling champion ... 1998 Army National Guard Scholar-Athlete Award winner.

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**Off The Mat** ... Jimmy Michael O'Connor was born September 27, 1980 ... the son of Martha and Danny O'Connor ... his aunt Allison was an All-America cross country runner at Virginia ... plans to major in management in society.

## O'Connor's Career Record

Year	Overall	Dual	Falls
2001-02	12-10	7-5	0
2000-01	red-shirted		
1999-00	22-13	6-5	2 (at James Madison)
1998-99	17-13	4-5	2 (at James Madison)
<b>Totals</b>	<b>51-36</b>	<b>17-15</b>	<b>4</b>



**Gordon Oehmig (165 lbs.)**  
**5-7, Freshman**  
**Houston, Texas (Kinkaid)**

**Prep** ... Four-year letterwinner under coach Steve Leisz ... won a state title in senior year ... became a three-time state finalist in 2002 ... earned all-conference four times and won four conference championships ... ended his career with 116 pins and a record of 162-24 ... ran track for four seasons ... played football for four seasons and earned all-conference honors in 2001.

**Off the Mat** ... Born Gordon Daniel Oehmig on May 25, 1983, in Houston, Texas ... parents are Peggy and Billy Oehmig ... enjoys playing the drums ... undecided on a major.



**Jacob Paul (141 lbs.)**  
**5-6, Freshman**  
**Fayetteville, N.C. (Terry Sanford)**

**Prep** ... Lettered in wrestling for four seasons under coach Matt Lynch ... earned all-conference, all-region and all-state in senior season ... won the North Carolina state championship in 2002 ... 125-14 career record, including an undefeated senior season at 25-0 ... ran cross country for three seasons earning all-conference in senior year ... lettered in track for three seasons and earned all-conference honors in the 4x800, one mile and two mile ... academic honors include A/B Honor Roll and Student Council.

**Off the Mat** ... Born Jacob Allen Paul on August 2, 1984, in Seoul, South Korea ... parents are Sandy and Jeff Paul ... brother Tim attends Arizona State ... loves to play all sports ... undecided on a major.



**Andrew Posil (165 lbs.)**  
**5-10, Freshman**  
**Towson, Md. (Towson)**

**Prep** ... Four-year letterwinner under coaches Waive Gibson and Mike Rossotsky ... selected as the Towson Times Athlete of the Year and Towson High School Male Athlete of the Year in 2002 ... finished his senior year with a 42-0 record and a state title ... elected team captain for wrestling, football and lacrosse in senior year ... earned first team all-conference, all-metro, all-county and all-state in wrestling ... won five championship tournaments in 2002 ... played football all four years ... led team in tackles in senior season and was named as the team's most valuable defensive player ... participated in the senior All-Star game ... played three years of lacrosse and earned all-state and all-conference honors ... Honor Roll student.

**Off the Mat** ... Born Andrew Jacob Posil on December 4, 1983, in Baltimore, Md. ... parents are Carol and Carl Silverman ... enjoys astrology ... undecided on a major.



**Neil Ridge (Hwt.)**  
**6-1, Freshman**  
**Randleman, N.C. (Randleman)**

**In 2001-02** ... Participated in two events for the Tar Heels ... wrestled at the ESU and Sharpie Opens ... won his lone match at the ESU Open against Davidson's Brandon Ziegler by pinning him in 5:43 ... ended the season with an 1-4 record en route to being red-shirted.

**Prep** ... Named to the North Carolina all-state wrestling team ... twice earned all-conference honors ... earned all-county honors as well ... elected team captain of wrestling and football teams ... named all-county and all-conference in football.

**Off The Mat** ... Jonathon Neil Ridge was born September 30, 1983, in Greensboro, N.C. ... the son of Meredith and Phillip Ridge ... enjoys golf, computers and books ... plans to major in business.

## Ridge's Career Record

Year	Overall	Dual	Falls
2001-02	1-4	0-0	0



**Chris Rodrigues (125 lbs.)**  
**5-4, Sophomore**  
**Marietta, Ga. (The Walker School)**

**As a Freshman (2001-02)** ... Transferred from Michigan ... wrestled in all 20 events for the Tar Heels ... earned All-America honors after finishing eighth at the NCAA Championship ... selected the ACC Wrestler of the Year ... was second at the ACC Tournament ... took first place at the Sharpie Open, winning four straight matches ... had wins over three top 10 opponents in the NCAA Tournament (#10 A.J. Grant, Michigan, #2 Leroy Vega, Minnesota, #8 Shaun Williams, Oregon) ... tallied 10 pins for the season and had streaks of four and three, respectively ... quickest pin came against Brad Ragan in 59 seconds of action ... finished with an overall record of 32-14.

**At Michigan (2000-01)** ... Finished second at the Carolina Open wrestling at 125 pounds ... won the Sunshine Open at 125 pounds ... was red-shirted.

**Prep** ... A three-time prep national champion ... had a first-place finish at the Junior World trials ... finished first and second at the open Olympic regionals ... placed fifth at the World Youth Games ... a four-time Georgia state champion and a four-time area champion ... named to the Dapper Dan team ... completed high school with an 172-1 overall record ... named Old Spice Athlete of the Month in Sports Illustrated.

**Off The Mat** ... Christopher Scott Rodrigues is the son of Kim and Dave Rodrigues ... Born June 1, 1982 ... plans to major in business.

## Rodrigues' Career Record

Year	Overall	Dual	Falls
2001-02	32-14	14-5	10
2000-01	16-5	0-0	3 (at Michigan)
<b>Totals</b>	<b>48-19</b>	<b>14-5</b>	<b>13</b>



**Nick Royer (149 lbs.)**  
**5-7, Sophomore**  
**Cary, N.C. (Cary)**

**As a Freshman (2001-02)** ... Participated in one event for the Tar Heels ... wrestled against Gardner-Webb in a dual meet where he fell to Brian Dixon 8-2.

**In 2000-01** ... Competed at the UNC Pembroke Wrestling Classic, going 2-1 ... was red-shirted.

**Prep** ... Was a North Carolina state champion ... captain of school wrestling team ... a member of the North Carolina national team ... wrestled all four years of high school ... earned Academic all-conference honors three times.

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**Off the Mat** ... Nicholas Adam Royer is the son of Jeanne and Sid Royer ... majoring in psychology ... enjoys fishing and hunting ... born April 22, 1982, in Austin, Texas.

## Royer's Career Record

Year	Overall	Dual	Falls
2001-02	0-1	0-1	0
2000-01	2-1	0-0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>2-2</b>	<b>0-1</b>	<b>0</b>



**Chris Sanders (157 lbs.)**  
5-7, Freshman  
Winston-Salem, N.C. (Parkland)

**Prep** ... Four-year letterwinner under coach Keith Shields ... four-time all-conference performer ... named all-state in junior and senior seasons ... named Wrestler of the Year twice (2001-02) ... two-time regional champion ... earned two varsity letters in football ... selected to the all-conference team in

senior season ... named Academic all-state four times in high school.

**Off the Mat** ... Born Christopher Meinung Sanders on November 1, 1983, in Winston-Salem, N.C. ... parents are Elizabeth and Carl Sanders ... grandfather and father both attended Carolina ... enjoys skiing, snow boarding and surfing ... undecided on a major.



**Rick Seibold (149 lbs.)**  
5-6, Freshman  
Wilmington, N.C. (Hoggard)

**In 2001-02** ... Wrestled in two events for the Tar Heels ... had four matches in the ESU and Sharpie Opens ... was red-shirted.

**Prep** ... Was a two-time conference champion ... became a regional champion in 2001 ... a four-time Greco-Roman state champion ... qualified for states for two straight seasons ... elected team captain in senior season and set a school record for single-season wins (54) ... also set Hoggard's single-season pin record with 40, which is the third highest total in North Carolina state history ... played defensive back on the football team and ran track ... National Honor Society and Beta Club ... president of Into The Deep Christian Club.

**Off The Mat** ... Richard Oscar Seibold is the son of Lori and Robert Seibold ... born April 16, 1983, in New Brunswick, N.J. ... enjoys rock climbing, going to church and athletics ... plans to major in communications and pursue a career in broadcasting.

## Seibold's Career Record

Year	Overall	Dual	Falls
2001-02	0-4	0-0	0



**Bobby Shaw (125 lbs.)**  
5-7, Freshman  
Pike Creek, Del. (Pike Creek)

**Prep** ... Lettered in wrestling all four years under coach Steve Bastianelli ... won first state championship in 2002 ... state runner-up from 1999-01 ... 1999 Beast of East champion ... four-time conference champion ... all-state in senior year ... All-America honorable mention ... three-time freestyle state champion ... wrestled in Delaware vs. New Jersey All-Star match ... played freshman football as a strong safety ... four-time Academic all-state, National Honor Society, student council and Blue Gold Committee honoree.

**Off the Mat** ... Born Robert Roland Shaw III on October 5, 1983, in Wilmington, Del. ... parents are Michele and Robert Shaw ... undecided on a major.



**Evan Sola (133 lbs.)**  
5-9, Sophomore  
Wernersville, Pa. (Conrad Weiser)

**As a Freshman (2001-02)** ... Wrestled in 18 events for the Tar Heels ... qualified for the NCAA Championship ... finished second at the ACC Tournament ... had a stretch of 15 consecutive victories that ran from January 11, 2002, to March 9, 2002 ... went undefeated (5-0) in ACC regular-season dual matches ... scored three pins over the course of the season with the fastest time coming in 2:32 over Duke's Stuart Holzer ... ended the season 25-11.

**Prep** ... Finished first in the Pennsylvania State Tournament as a senior and junior ... finished fifth as a sophomore and third as a freshman in the Pennsylvania State Tournament ... a four-time sectional, district and regional champion ... posted a 160-7 all-time career record, third-highest win total in state history ... ran cross country in junior and senior seasons.

**Off The Mat** ... Evan Michael Sola is the son of Linda and Mike Sola ... made the ACC Honor Roll in the 2001-02 academic year ... born July 14, 1982, in Reading, Pa. ... Evan's brother, Derek, wrestles for Millersville University ... plans to major in psychology.

## Sola's Career Record

Year	Overall	Dual	Falls
2001-02	25-11	14-1	3



**Tommy Thekkekandam (157 lbs.)**  
5-11, Sophomore  
Greensboro, N.C. (High Point Central)

**As a Freshman (2001-02)** ... Wrestled in three events for the Tar Heels ... competed in one match at the Sharpie Open and two more at the ESU Open ... dropped his final dual match against Gardner-Webb.

**Prep** ... Became a two-time North Carolina State Tournament qualifier ... earned regional runner-up honors twice ... ran cross country and track and was a two-time cross country regional qualifier ... National Honor Society.

**Off The Mat** ... Thomas Andrew Thekkekandam is the son of Andrew and Theresa Thekkekandam ... made the ACC Honor Roll and the Dean's List in the 2001-02 academic year ... born July, 28, 1982, in Greensboro, N.C. ... majoring in astronomy ... attends Carolina on the prestigious More Scholarship.

## Thekkakandam's Career Record

Year	Overall	Dual	Falls
2001-02	0-4	0-1	0



**John Whitehead (174 lbs.)**  
5-7, Freshman  
Wilmington, N.C. (Hoggard)

**Prep** ... Earned four varsity letters in wrestling under coach Dan Willis ... won two straight conference championships and a state title as a senior ... ended his junior year second in the state after winning his second regional championship ... conference runner-up in sophomore season where he won the regional title and finished fourth at states ... had a 56-2 record in 2002 ... went 172-32 over the course of his career ... ran coss country for one season ... National Honor Society and Beta Club.

**Off the Mat** ... Born John Lewis Whitehead on October 5, 1983 in Wilmington, N.C. ... parents are Anne and John Whitehead ... enjoys surfing in his free time ... undecided on a major.

## Carolina Ends Another Successful Season Under Lam's Direction

The 2001-02 season was coach Lam's 29th consecutive winning season as the Tar Heels finished with a 14-5 record and a 4-1 mark in the Atlantic Coast Conference. UNC placed second at the ACC Championship, hosted by NC State, with 72.5 points, five shy of the Wolfpack.

Carolina had nine wrestlers place at the championship and one ACC champion in Matt Kenny. Five wrestlers qualified for the NCAA Championship, including Matt Kenny (Hwt.), Brad Byers (141), Mark Canty (174), Evan Sola (133) and Chris Rodrigues (125). The Tar Heels finished in 37th place at the tournament, earning 10 points.

The season began at the East Stroudsburg and Sharpie/Carolina Opens on November 17th and 24th, 2001. The opens compiled no team scores but four Tar Heels finished in the top three at the ESU Open. Kenny (Hwt.) and Rodrigues (125) won their respective weight divisions. Byers (141) and Dusty Heist (174) took home third-place finishes. In the Sharpie/Carolina Open, Canty (174) and Byers (141) had second-place finishes, while teammates Ryan Adams (Hwt.) and Heist (174) ended up third.

UNC traveled to Las Vegas, Nev., for the Las Vegas Invitational November 30th-December 1st, 2001. The field carried many perennial powerhouses and Carolina finished 22nd. No wrestlers finished in the top two in any division. The Tar Heels then made their way to Evanston, Ill., for Midlands December 29th-30th, 2001. The Tar Heels finished 31st.

After the New Year, Carolina headed to the annual Virginia Duals. The Tar Heels picked up victories over Virginia Tech,

Indiana and Army in the tournament. Besting the Heels were #9 Missouri and MAC power Kent State.

Carolina began its quest for a 15th ACC championship against its biggest rival, NC State. The Tar Heels defeated the Wolfpack, 21-9, in



Chris DiGuiseppe

Carmichael Auditorium. The Heels then went on an eight-match winning streak, including three ACC victories over Virginia, Maryland and Duke. The win over Duke marked the 28th consecutive victory over the Blue Devils.

Navy put an end to UNC's winning ways with an 18-16 heartbreaker in Chapel Hill. The Wolfpack and Tar Heels met for the second time with the regular season ACC title on the line. Carolina would win the ACC regular season outright with a victory or NC State could tie with an upset. State won two of the final three matches and returned the earlier favor of defeat to UNC with a 22-12 victory. The two teams tied for the second consecutive season atop the ACC regular-season standings.

The final two matches for Carolina on the road were in Pennsylvania against Top 10 Lehigh and Drexel. Lehigh downed the Tar Heels, 32-7, avenging a loss in the previous season. UNC bounced back with a big win over Drexel, 26-8. (12-5)

The final two regular-season matches came in Chapel Hill versus in-state foes Appalachian State and Gardner-Webb. The Heels cruised to victory in both contests and finished the regular season 14-5.

At the ACC Tournament in Raleigh, N.C., the Tar Heels tried to win back the ACC title from NC State. The Heels and Wolfpack battled for first-place in five of the 10 weight divisions, but Carolina only won one, falling five points away from winning back the championship. Kenny was the only ACC champion, with eight other Tar Heels placing in the top three.

UNC was well represented at the NCAA Championship with five Tar Heels making the trip to Albany, N.Y. Kenny won his second round match but couldn't survive his third match of the tournament. Rodrigues made a charge, upsetting four Top 10 opponents and finishing eighth, earning All-America honors in his freshman season.

UNC made an appearance at the NCAA Championship for the 29th straight time under Coach Lam. The Tar Heels improved 29 spots from 2001 at the national tournament behind Rodrigues' amazing run. The Marietta, Ga., native became the 36th All-America that Coach Lam has tutored since taking over the program in 1974. In his 29 years, he has had an All-America in all but 10 seasons.



Ryan Adams

# 2001-02 RESULTS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>OPPONENT/EVENT</u>	<u>TIME/RESULT</u>
Nov. 17	ESU Open	no team scores
Nov. 24	Sharpie Carolina Open	no team scores
Nov. 30 - Dec. 1	Las Vegas Invitational	22nd
Dec. 29-30	Midlands	31st
Jan. 11	Virginia Tech	W, 30-12
Jan. 11	Missouri (No. 9)	L, 9-37
Jan. 12	Indiana	W, 23-21
Jan. 12	Army	W, 28-12
Jan. 12	Kent State	L, 19-20
Jan. 16	NC State	W, 21-9
Jan. 19	Ohio	W, 21-17
Jan. 19	Cumberland	W, 32-18
Jan. 26	Campbell	W, 43-3
	UNC Greensboro	W, 35-0
Feb. 1	Virginia	W, 31-9
Feb. 2	Maryland	W, 24-9
Feb. 5	Duke	W, 33-6
Feb. 9	Navy	L, 16-18
Feb. 13	NC State	L, 12-22
Feb. 16	Lehigh	L, 7-32
	Drexel	W, 26-8

**UNC Head Coach Bill Lam**  
1974-present, 29th year

**Career Record** - 367-126-4; 132-34-1 (ACC)  
**NCAA Champions** - 5; C.D. Mock (1982, 126 pounds);  
 Rob Koll (1988, 155 pounds); T.J. Jaworsky (1993, 1994, 1995, 134 pounds)  
**All-Americans** - 36  
**ACC Championships** - 14: 1979, 1980, 1984, 1985, 1986, 1987, 1992, 1993, 1994, 1995, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000  
**ACC Champions** - 88  
**National Coach of the Year** - 1982  
**ACC Coach of the Year** - 9; 1986, 1987, 1992, 1994, 1995, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000

Feb. 23	Appalachian State	W, 34-6
	Gardner-Webb	W, 27-19
March 8-9	ACC Tournament	2nd, 72.5 pts.
March 21-23	NCAA Tournament	37th, 10 points

## 2001-02 INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

<u>Individual</u>	<u>Weight</u>	<u>Record</u>	<u>Dual</u>	<u>ACC</u>	<u>Pins</u>	<u>TF</u>	<u>MD</u>
Ryan Adams	Hwt.	6-4	3-3	3-1	1-1	---	1-0
Justin Annas	125	1-4	---	---	1-1	---	---
Matt Atkinson	174	---	---	---	---	---	---
Keith Bolte	141	1-4	---	---	---	---	---
Michael Booth	149	12-7	10-4	3-2	---	---	2-2
Brad Byers	141	29-14	13-5	4-1	2-2	1-0	9-1
Mark Canty	174	16-14	9-7	3-2	1-0	---	3-2
Chris Collins	133	1-4	0-0	---	---	---	0-1
Billy Crafford	Hwt.	0-1	0-1	---	---	---	0-1
Chris DiGuseppe	157/165	12-14	5-6	0-3	2-0	---	2-4
Robert Dysart	165	2-4	---	---	1-0	---	1-0
Joe Flippin	149	0-2	---	---	---	---	0-2
Dustin Heist	174/184	13-9	5-3	2-2	1-1	1-0	3-1
Aaron Holt	149	2-4	---	---	1-1	0-1	---
Josh Howes	174	1-4	---	---	0-1	---	0-1
Ralph Hunter	141	0-1	---	---	---	---	0-1
John Paul Igoe	133	10-6	2-1	---	---	1-0	2-1
Venroy July	197	3-8	1-2	---	0-1	---	0-3
James Kehaya	149	---	---	---	---	---	---
Matt Kenny	Hwt.	22-9	11-1	1-0	5-2	1-0	7-1
James Kish	149	6-4	---	---	2-0	---	1-1
Warren Lamphiear	184	0-4	---	---	0-1	---	0-2
Josh Lee	174	1-4	0-1	---	---	---	0-1
Taylor McCay	165	0-2	---	---	---	---	---
Brandon Nibert	125	1-3	---	---	0-1	---	---
Jimmy O'Connor	157	12-10	7-5	3-2	0-2	---	4-1
Jake Reynolds	165	14-9	6-4	0-2	4-0	---	3-1
Nick Richmond	184/197	18-13	10-4	3-1	2-3	1-1	5-2
Neil Ridge	Hwt.	1-4	---	---	---	---	---
Chris Rodrigues	125	32-14	14-5	4-1	10-0	1-0	3-2
Nick Royer	149	0-1	0-1	---	---	---	---
Rick Seibold	141	0-4	---	---	---	0-1	0-2
Andrew Slack	149	6-8	3-2	---	1-0	---	1-2
Evan Sola	133	25-11	14-1	5-0	3-0	2-0	5-1
Mike Starkey	133	2-3	0-1	---	0-2	---	---
Thomas Thekkekandam	157/165	0-4	0-1	---	0-2	---	---
Austin Wall	197	8-11	6-7	2-0	2-2	0-1	1-1