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### CAA 2010 Wrestling Championship Preview

LAWRENCEVILLE, NJ--Rider University's Alumni Gymnasium will be the site of the 2010 Colonial Athletic Association Wrestling Championship tournament March 5-6.

Old Dominion (10-5-1, 4-0-1 CAA) is ranked 24<sup>th</sup> in the nation and is the pre-tournament favorite, with Rider (15-6, 6-1 CAA), Binghamton (14-7-2, 4-1-2 CAA), Drexel (9-13, 3-4 CAA) and Hofstra (6-12-2, 4-3 CAA) all in the running for a conference title. George Mason (3-10-1, 1-4-1 CAA) was the last CAA team to win a conference title (2001) before Hofstra's eight-year run. Boston University (4-14-1, 2-5 CAA) and Sacred Heart (2-19, 0-6 CAA) complete the eight-team field.

The quarterfinals begin Friday at 1:00 pm. The consolations are at 4:00 pm and the semifinals begin at 7:00 pm. On Saturday the second round of consolations begin at 10:00 am and the consolations and finals begin at 1:00 pm.

Eight former CAA champions will be competing this weekend, and a total of 21 wrestlers who have finished in the top four in past CAA Championships will be competing.

The 2010 CAA Championship field includes:

--**at 125**, two time champion James Nicholson of Old Dominion, currently ranked seventh in the nation, and Brian Wright of George Mason, who has placed third and fourth at past CAAs.

--**at 133**, Drexel's Steve Mytych, currently ranked 15<sup>th</sup>, has brought home CAA gold and silver in his career, and Rider's Jimmy Kirchner placed third in the CAA as a rookie last year.

--**at 141** Anwar Goeres of Binghamton has placed third and fourth in past CAAs

--**at 149** Rider's Mike Kessler has twice been a CAA runner-up after placing third in the CAAs as a rookie

--**at 157** Jon Bonilla-Bowman of Hofstra, ranked 17<sup>th</sup>, is a two-time CAA champion.

--**at 165** ODU's Chris Brown is a two-time CAA champion, Hofstra's Paul Gillespie is a former 149 lb. CAA champion, Rider's Robbie Morrison placed fourth in the 2007 CAAs and Mason's Frankie McLaughlin placed fourth in the CAAs last year at 157.

--**at 174** Bagna Tovuujav of George Mason, ranked 12<sup>th</sup>, is the defending CAA champion, while Josh Patterson of Binghamton, ranked 14<sup>th</sup>, won the 184 lb. CAA title and has placed both second and third in the CAA at 174.

--**at 184** Hofstra's Ben Clymer has placed third in the CAAs and ODU's Joe Budi has placed fourth.

--**at 197** ODU's Jessie Strawn, ranked 12<sup>th</sup>, has been a CAA runner-up and has twice placed third.

--**at heavyweight** Rider's Eddie Bordas, ranked 20<sup>th</sup>, is a two-time CAA champion, Drexel's Kyle Frey is a CAA runner-up and Binghamton's Corey Waite has placed fourth in the CAAs.