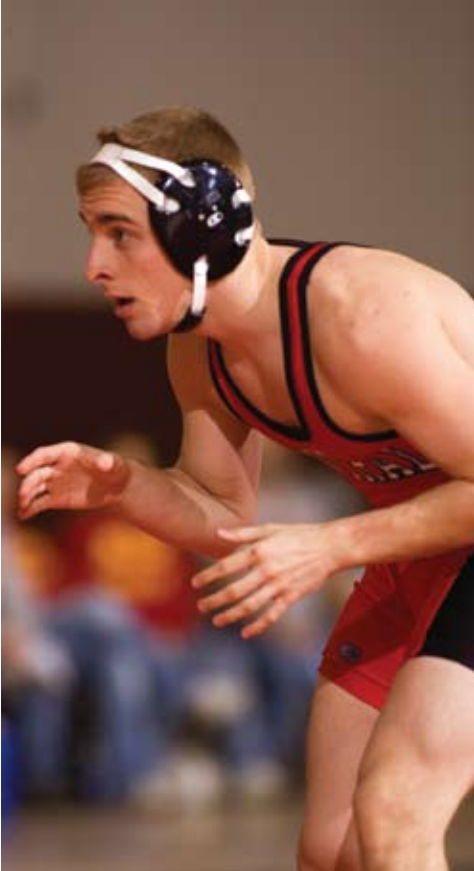

2007-08 WRESTLING

CENTRAL COLLEGE

MEDIA GUIDE





Founded —1853

Enrollment — 1,605

Affiliation — Reformed Church in America

President — Dr. David Roe

Membership — Iowa Intercollegiate Athletic Conference, National Collegiate Athletic Association, Division III

Founded in 1853, Central College is a four-year coeducational liberal arts college of the Reformed Church in America. Located 40 miles southeast of Des Moines, Central offers its 1,605 students learning opportunities not only on the Pella campus, but on branch campuses in London and Colchester, England; Merida, Yucatan, Mexico; Leiden, the Netherlands; and Carmarthen, Wales; and at study centers in Granada, Spain; Paris, France; and Vienna, Austria.

Central is a member of the National Collegiate Athletic Association, Division III, and the Iowa Intercollegiate Athletic Conference. Men compete in baseball, football, basketball, tennis, golf, wrestling, soccer, track and cross country while women compete in tennis, golf, track, softball, volleyball, cross country, soccer and basketball. Rugby is offered at the club level.

The A.N. Kuyper Athletics Complex

The A.N. Kuyper Athletics Complex is located at the corner of Independence Street and West Fifth Street in southwest Pella. The complex includes P.H. Kuyper Gymnasium (1970), H.S. Kuyper Fieldhouse (1987), Ron and Joyce Schipper Stadium (1977), the cross country course (2005) the baseball and softball fields (1978), Ryerson Golf Practice Range (2002), tennis courts (1992), soccer field (2005) and the Ron Schipper Fitness Center (1999). The complex also includes practice and intramural softball diamonds and football fields. Golf meets are held at the Bos Landen Golf Resort, two miles southwest of the campus on Highway T-15.

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Wrestling

2007-08 schedule

Date	Opponent	Location	Time
Nov. 9	Truman State (Mo.)	Kirkville, Mo.	7 p.m.
Nov. 14	Morningside/York (Neb.)	Sioux City	5 p.m.
Nov. 17	Augsburg (Minn.) Inv.	Minneapolis, Minn.	9 a.m.
Nov. 29	Coe	Cedar Rapids	7 p.m.
Dec. 1	Simpson Inv.	Indianola	9 a.m.
Dec. 4	Augustana (Ill.)	Rock Island, Ill.	7:30 p.m.
Dec. 18	Desert Duals	Las Vegas, Nev.	9 a.m.+
Jan. 4-5	Cornell Matman Inv.	Mount Vernon	4 p.m./9 a.m.
Jan. 11	St. Olaf (Minn.)	Pella	6 p.m.
Jan. 12	Central Inv.	Pella	9 a.m.
Jan. 17	Wartburg	Pella	7 p.m.
Jan. 26	Iowa Conference Duals	Decorah	9 a.m.
Feb. 2	Briar Cliff Inv.	Sioux City	9 a.m.
Feb. 5	Dubuque	Dubuque	7 p.m.
Feb. 12	Simpson	Pella	7 p.m.
Feb. 21	Iowa Conference tournament	Waverly	10 a.m.
March 7-8	NCAA Division III tournament	Cedar Rapids	10/11 a.m.

+Mountain Standard Time

WRESTLING QUICK FACTS

2006-07 dual record: 0-18

Iowa Conference finish: ninth place

NCAA Div. III finish: none

Starters lost: 7 (125 - Tyrone Callendar; 141 - Andy Ohnemus; 149 - Nick Wordes; 157 - Ryan DeVriendt; 165 - Griffen Holden; 197 - Max Davis; 285 - Mark Trullinger)

Starters returning: 3 (133 - Nick Johnson; 174 Kevin Yeoman)

Letterwinners lost/returning: 8/2

Eric Van Kley

Head coach

Eric Van Kley, who started the wrestling program at the University of Great Falls (Mont.) in 2004 and turned it into an NAIA title contender, is in his first season as head wrestling coach at Central College.

Van Kley also served as the Great Falls athletics director in 2006-07.

"The potential of the wrestling program at Central is what attracted me," Van Kley said. "As I looked at the landscape, the outstanding quality of the athletic department and Central as a whole is extremely impressive. There are several strong athletic programs and a very proud tradition with Dutch athletics. Being able to join that is something that excites me."

A Rock Valley, Iowa native, Van Kley is an honors graduate of Minnesota State-Mankato where he was a three-time letterwinner for the NCAA Division II program. He served as captain for the 2000 team which placed sixth at the national meet and was a two-time Scholastic All-America honoree, while receiving the team's Maverick Achievement Award. Van Kley is completing a master's degree from Duquesne University (Pa.).

After three seasons as assistant wrestling coach at The Dalles High School in Oregon, he spent a year as assistant coach for Division I Millersville University (Pa.) while also serving as Leadership Program Coordinator for the National Wrestling Coaches Association. He worked with a Millersville squad that won the Eastern Regional dual meet title and placed second at the Virginia Duals.

At Great Falls Van Kley recruited a team with 45 athletes this past season. He compiled a 28-13 dual meet record over three seasons. His wrestlers earned NAIA all-America distinction 13 times with three top-10 national team finishes. In 2006-07 the Argos won the West Region championship and finished sixth at the NAIA national tournament. Van Kley was named the NAIA West Region coach of the year. His 2005-06 team received NAIA Top 10 academic distinction.

"Eric has all the qualities we were looking for in a leader for our wrestling program," athletics director Al Dorenkamp said. "He's done a great job of starting a program from scratch, he's proven he's a great recruiter and he fits in with the mission and values of Central College."

The Dutch are not strangers to wrestling success, with 10 top-20 NCAA Division III team finishes, including a second-place showing in 1983-84, four NCAA individual titles and four Iowa Conference team championships. Central wrestlers have received all-America honors 42 times.

Since 2005 Van Kley was also the Team Montana Junior and Cadet National Team Director, supervising a residential training camp with more than 100 wrestlers and a staff of 25 coaches and counselors. He was also elected as a board member for Montana USA Wrestling.

As the Great Falls athletics director he oversaw an 11-sport program and was named the university's staff employee of the year in 2006.

Van Kley and his wife Sarah, also an Iowa native, are the parents of a son, Jackson, born last summer.

Jason Zastrow

Assistant coach

Jason Zastrow is in his first season as assistant wrestling coach at Central College.

Zastrow was an NCAA Division III qualifier at 174 pounds in 2006-07 for Wartburg College, where he compiled a 53-27 career mark and placed third at the Iowa Conference tournament. A Blaine, Minn. native, Zastrow has served as a camp instructor.

"The biggest thing Jason brings is a successful wrestling background," coach Eric Van Kley said. "He's got a terrific work ethic. His former coaches all speak of his determination and strong character. He's doing great things already."

Matt Diehl

Assistant coach

Matt Diehl is in his 16th season as a member of the Central staff, now a volunteer assistant after serving as the program's head coach from 1996-2004.

A former all-American for the Dutch, Diehl is a 1987 Central graduate. He received a master's degree in exercise and sport science at the Univ. of Wis.-La Crosse, where he also spent a year as assistant coach. He compiled a 36-76-1 head coaching record at Central.

Prior to returning to Central in 1991, Diehl was head coach at Iowa Falls High School for two years and was a junior high coach in Audubon for two years.

Diehl, an Osceola native, was a two-time NCAA Division III qualifier at 118 pounds, earning all-America honors and winning an Iowa Conference title in 1987, helping the Dutch place eighth in the nation.

2006-07 Central College results

Dual meet record: 0-18

Date	Opponent	Location	Result
Nov. 15	Truman St. (Mo.)	Pella	L, 38-9
	Morningside	Pella	L, 49-0
Nov. 18	Augsburg (Minn.) Inv.	Minneapolis, Minn.	no team scores
Nov. 29	Coe	Pella	L, 55-0
Dec. 2	Simpson Inv.	Indianola	13th of 16 teams
Dec. 7	North Central (Ill.)	Rock Island, Ill.	L, 32-0
	Augustana (Ill.)	Rock Island, Ill.	L, 25-14
Dec. 19	Desert Duals	Las Vegas, Nev.	
	Great Falls (Mont.)	Las Vegas, Nev.	L, 46-3
	Menlo (Calif.)	Las Vegas, Nev.	L, 52-0
	Apprentice (Va.)	Las Vegas, Nev.	L, 48-6
	Ohio Northern	Las Vegas, Nev.	L, 38-12
Jan. 5-6	Cornell Inv.	Mount Vernon	14th of 14 teams
Jan. 13	Central Inv.	Pella	no team scores
Jan. 20	Central Duals	Pella	
	Augustana (Ill.)	Pella	L, 41-9
	William Penn	Pella	L, 54-0
	Dubuque	Pella	L, 51-0
Jan. 24	Wartburg	Waverly	L, 49-0
Jan. 27	Iowa Conference Duals	Pella	
	Buena Vista	Pella	L, 41-12
	Cornell	Pella	L, 56-0
	Luther	Pella	L, 45-9
	Cornell	Pella	L, 48-3
Feb. 3	Briar Cliff Inv.	Sioux City	7th of 11 teams
Feb. 7	Simpson	Indianola	L, 36-15
Feb. 15	Iowa Conference Tournament	Dubuque	9th

2006-07 individual records and results

Wt.	Name	Record	Tournament finishes, honors
125	Tyrone Callender	5-27	6th, Silver Pool, Augsburg Open
133	Nick Johnson	6-25	3rd, Central Invitational; 8th, Iowa Conference
141-149	Nick Wordes	1-22	8th, Iowa Conference
141-149	Andy Ohnemus	11-13	3rd, Briar Cliff Invitational; 5th, Iowa Conference
149	Jeremiah Teeple	0-4	
157	Ryan DeVriendt	8-9	6th, Iowa Conference
157	Kevin Yeoman	0-13	
165	Griffin Holden	1-12	
174	Adam Foreman	2-9	
174	Josh Stutting	1-6	
184	Jess Welu	6-16	3rd, Silver Pool, Augsburg Open;
197	Max Davis	9-26	5th, Central Invitational; 8th, Iowa Conference
285	Trevor Hixon	1-1	
285	Nathan Stueve	3-9	
285	Mark Trullinger	4-10	2nd, Briar Cliff Invitational

2006-07 tournament standings

Augsburg Invitational at Minneapolis, Minn.

Nov. 18

No team scores

Individual placewinners

125—6. (Silver Pool) Tyrone Callender; 184—3. (Silver Pool) Jess Welu.

Simpson Invitational at Indianola

Dec. 2

Team standings

1. Wartburg 153; 2. Dana (Neb.) 144; 3. Coe 122.5; 4. St. John's (Minn.) 103; 5. Central Missouri State 80; 6. Truman State (Mo.) 67; 7. Augustana (Ill.) 33.5; 8. Northwestern 31.5; 8. Simpson 31.5; 10. Williams (Mass.) 28; 11. Waldorf 20; 12. Pacific University (Ore.) 15.5; **13. Central 12.5**; 14. Missouri Baptist 10; 15. NW Missouri State 6.5; 16. Briar Cliff 5.5.

Cornell Matman Invitational at Mount Vernon

Jan. 5-6

Team standings

1. Buena Vista 140.5; 2. William Penn 135.5; 3. Coe 112; 4. Cornell 82.5; 5. Wartburg 71.5; 6. Univ. of Chicago (Ill) 53; 7. Morningside 49; 7. Wis.-Oshkosh 49; 9. Wis.-Eau Claire 45; 10. Luther 40.5; 11. St. John's (Minn.) 26; 12. York (Neb.) 16.5; 13. MacMurray (Ill.) 15.5; **14. Central 0**.

Central Invitational at Pella

Jan. 13

No team scores

Individual placewinners

133—3. Nick Johnson; 197—5. Max Davis.

Briar Cliff Invitational at Sioux City

Feb. 3

Team standings

1. York (Neb.) 126.5; 2. Morningside 117; 3. Northwestern 104; 4. Minnesota West 78; 5. Briar Cliff 76; 6. Jamestown (N.D.) 52; **7. Central 43**; 8. Bacone (Okla.) 38; 9. Sioux Falls (S.D.) 32; 10. Central Washington 28; 11. Waldorf 31.

Individual placewinners

141—3. Andy Ohnemus; 285—2. Mark Trullinger.

Iowa Conference tournament at Dubuque (Univ. of Dubuque)

Feb. 15

Team standings

1. Wartburg 181; 2. Luther 160; 3. Coe 130; 4. Buena Vista 112.5; 5. Loras 103; 6. Cornell 81.5; 7. Simpson 64.5; 8. Dubuque 64; **9. Central 32.5**.

Individual placewinners

125--7. Tyrone Callender; 133--8. Nick Johnson; 141--5. Andy Ohnemus; 149--8. Nick Wordes; 157--6. Ryan DeVriendt; 197--8. Max Davis.

2006-07 team awards

Most Valuable Wrestler Award - Ryan DeVriendt
Most Improved Wrestler Award—Nick Johnson
Lawrence Award (hardest worker)—Nick Wordes
Most Valuable Freshman Award—Max Davis
2006-07 captains—Ryan DeVriendt, Nick Johnson

School records

Individual

Most wins, season - Kevin Azinger, 49, 1985-86
Most wins, career - (tie)123, Jon McGovern, 1988-92, Jeremy Hendricks, 1998-2002
Highest winning percentage, season - .958, Jon McGovern, 1991-92 (46-2)
Most pins, season - 21, Jon McGovern, 1991-92
Most falls (pins and tech. falls), season - 24, Jon McGovern, 1991-92
Most pins, career - Steve Paris, 47, 1971-73
Fastest pin, dual - Bill Plein, :23, 1976-77
Fastest pin, tourney - Dave Daughton, :15, Cornell Invitational, 1980
Most near falls, season - Kevin Azinger, 78, 1985-86
Most takedowns, season - Kevin Azinger, 210, 1985-86
Most reversals, season - Tim Hackel, 57, 1986-87
Most points, dual - Dave Smith, 37, 1981
Most points, tourney - Bill Plein, 23, 1977-78

100 victory club

Jeremy Hendricks	123	1998-2002
Jon McGovern	123	1988-92
Chad Beck	113	1987-91
Kelly McGovern	111	1982-86
Bruce Kuennen	110	1989-93
Kevin Azinger	109	1982-86
Dale Lawrence	108	1981-85
Duane Lawrence	106	1981-85
Bryant Hancock	104	1980-84

Team

Most wins, season - 22 (5 losses), 1990-91
Most consecutive wins - 20, Jan. 12, 1991-Jan. 11, 1992
Highest winning percentage (minimum 10 matches) - .895, 1991-92, (21-2-1)
Most pins, season - 123, 1985-86
Most match wins, season - 314, 1985-86

Season records

Year	Record	NCAA finish	Coach
1966-67	0-13		Jim Danks
1967-68	6-5		Jim Danks
1968-69	6-9		Jim Danks
1969-70	4-9-1		Jim Danks
1970-71	11-5		Lowell Bauer
1971-72	4-6-1	52nd	Steve Bancroft
1972-73	0-8-1		Norm Ryerson
1973-74	4-6-1	45th	Norm Ryerson
1974-75	6-8-2		Norm Ryerson
1975-76	10-9-1		Norm Ryerson
1976-77	13-4	71st	Norm Ryerson
1977-78	14-3	42nd	Norm Ryerson
1978-79	7-4-1	48th	Ralph Manning
1979-80	7-1-1	35th	Ralph Manning
1980-81	7-3	21st	Ralph Manning
1981-82	6-3-2	68th	Ron Johnson
1982-83	8-2	48th	Ron Johnson
1983-84	9-2-1	15th	Ron Johnson
1984-85	9-0	2nd	Ron Johnson
1985-86	12-3	8th	Ron Johnson
1986-87	8-6	8th	Greg Lonning

Year	Record	NCAA finish	Coach
1987-88	8-7	45th	Greg Lonning
1988-89	8-1	5th	Greg Lonning
1989-90	12-8	7th	Kevin Azinger
1990-91	22-5	4th	Kevin Azinger
1991-92	21-2-1	6th	Kevin Azinger
1992-93	11-7	11th	Kevin Azinger
1993-94	14-7-2	20th	Kevin Azinger
1994-95	11-5	24th	Kevin Azinger
1995-96	6-7	45th	Kevin Azinger
1996-97	2-13	33rd	Kevin Azinger
1997-98	1-16		Matt Diehl
1998-99	3-12	35th	Matt Diehl
1999-00	5-10-1		Matt Diehl
2000-01	12-8	43rd	Matt Diehl
2001-02	5-12	22nd	Matt Diehl
2002-03	6-16	28th(tie)	Matt Diehl
2003-04	9-14	31st (tie)	Matt Diehl
2004-05	4-14		Eric Reed
2005-06	2-15		Eric Reed
2006-07	0-18		Eric Reed

Iowa Conference champions in **bold**

Central's Iowa Conference team championships

1984 1989 1985 1992

Past Iowa Conference champions

1948	Wartburg
1949	Wartburg
1950	Wartburg
1951	Wartburg
1952	St. Ambrose
1953	Luther
1954	Luther, Wartburg
1955-59	No tournament
1960	Upper Iowa, Wartburg
1961	Luther
1962	Luther
1963	Luther
1964	Luther
1965	Luther
1966	Luther
1967	Luther
1968	Upper Iowa
1969	Upper Iowa
1970	Upper Iowa
1971	Upper Iowa
1972	Upper Iowa
1973	Upper Iowa
1974	Wartburg
1975	Luther
1976	Wartburg
1977	Wartburg
1978	Wartburg
1979	Luther
1980	Buena Vista

1981	Buena Vista
1982	Buena Vista
1983	Buena Vista
1984	Central
1985	Central
1986	Buena Vista
1987	Buena Vista
1988	Buena Vista
1989	Central
1990	Buena Vista
1991	Simpson
1992	Central
1993	Wartburg
1994	Wartburg
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2003	Wartburg
2004	Wartburg
2005	Wartburg
2006	Wartburg
2007	Wartburg

Iowa Conference championships in **bold**

Central's Iowa Conference MVPs

1973 - Steve Paris

1986 - Kelly McGovern

1992 - Jon McGovern

Central's team MVPs

1969 - Mark Furlane
 1970 - Bill Jewett
 1971 - Tony Wilson
 1972 - John Burt
 1973 - Steve Paris
 1974 - Tim Ettleson
 1975 - Wayne McDaniel
 1976 - Kevin Braner
 1977 - Tom Smalley
 1978 - Bill Plein
 1979 - Tom Plein
 1980 - Bill Plein
 1981 - Tom Plein
 1982 - Todd Staats
 1983 - Scot Storzjohann

1984 - Bryant Hancock
 1985 - Duane Lawrence
 1986 - Kevin Azinger
 1987 - Tim Hackel
 1988 - Chris Hoffman
 1989 - Eric Stewart
 1990 - Steve Weers
 1991 - Chad Beck
 1992 - Jon McGovern
 1993 - Bruce Kuennen
 1994 - Chad Jensen
 1995 - Brian Reece
 1996 - Brent Dunlap, Brent
 Lawrenson
 1997 - Greg Breeding

1998 - Jim Rotert, Ben Schulte
 1999 - Ryan Cunningham
 2000 - Jeremy Hendricks
 2001 - Dmitry Tarasov
 2002 - Jeremy Hendricks
 2003 - Dustin Roland
 2004 - Kevin Owens
 2005 - Ryan DeVriendt
 2006 - Josh Porter
 2007 - Ryan DeVriendt

Central's All-America honorees (43)

Year	Name	Wt.	Place	Year	Name	Wt.	Place
1981	Stacy Bandy	190	4th	1990	Steve Weers	150	5th
1984	Bryant Hancock	118	7th		Jon McGovern	158	4th
	Murray Anderson	126	7th		Joe Stutting	167	3rd
	Kelly McGovern	158	7th	1991	Chad Beck	126	1st
	Dale Lawrence	190	7th		Jon McGovern	126	1st
1985	Ed Ergenbright	134	3rd	1992	Brad Kreiner	150	8th
	Duane Lawrence	177	5th		Joel Marsden	158	7th
	Dale Lawrence	190	2nd		Jon McGovern	167	1st
	Scot Storzjohann	Hwt.	2nd		Bruce Kuennen	177	3rd
1986	Tim Hackel	126	2nd	1993	Brian Reece	118	4th
	Kevin Azinger	150	3rd		Bruce Kuennen	177	2nd
	Kelly McGovern	158	5th	1994	Dan Gabrielson	126	2nd
1987	Matt Diehl	118	7th	1995	Dan Gabrielson	134	5th
	Tim Hackel	126	1st	1996	Brent Lawrenson	158	8th
	Paul Veak	134	5th	1997	Greg Breeding	142	6th
	Jay McGovern	167	7th	1999	Ryan Cunningham	125	8th
1988	Brad Eggers	190	8th	2001	Dmitry Tarasov	157	8th
	Chris Hoffman	118	7th	2002	Jeremy Hendricks	125	6th
1989	Chris Hoffman	118	5th		Dustin Roland	157	7th
	Chad Beck	126	4th	2003	Dustin Roland	157	6th
	Eric Stewart	158	2nd	2004	Kevin Owens	141	8th
	Scot Dierks	Hwt	2nd		National champions in bold		

National Wrestling Coaches Association Scholar All-America team

1968

Chris Hoffman

1992

Lynn Silver
 Brad Kreiner

2001

Jeremy Hendricks

1989

Chris Hoffman
 Shaun Van Wyk

1996

Brent Dunlap

2005

Peter Howard

2007-08 roster

Name	Wt.	Yr.	Hometown/High school
Brandon Rose	125	Fr.	Lonedell, Mo./Sullivan
Curtis Hobbs	141	Fr.	Grinnell, Iowa/Grinnell
*Nick Johnson	141	So.	San Antonio, Texas/James Madison
Lance Jones	149	Fr.	St. Charles, Iowa/I35
Kyle Ray	157	Fr.	Greenfield, Iowa/Nodaway Valley
Jeremiah Teeple	157	So.	Lincoln, Neb./Pius X
*Kevin Yeoman	165	So.	San Antonio, Texas/Judson
Josh Stutting	174	So.	Clintonville, Wis./Clintonville
David Zachary	174	So.	Des Moines, Iowa/Dowling
Anthony Rollins	184	Fr.	Dyersville, Iowa/Western Dubuque
Josh Stutting	174-184	So.	Clintonville, Wis./Clintonville
Jeremy Swafford	184	Jr..	Oswego, Ill./Oswego
Chris Keeran	197	Fr.	Redfield, Iowa/Panorama
Tim Hintze	197	Fr.	LeClaire, Iowa/Pleasant Valley
Nick Mercial	285	Fr.	Grinnell, Iowa/Grinnell
Jim Siddall	285	So.	Montgomery, Ill./Oswego

*letters earned

Outlook

Having already built a wrestling program from scratch, new Central College coach Eric Van Kley is embarking on an equally ambitious project.

Unlike his previous job at Great Falls University (Mont.), at Central Van Kley is working with a program with a powerful tradition. The Dutch have posted seven top-10 NCAA Division III team finishes, including national runner-up in 1984-85. Central wrestlers have earned all-America distinction 42 times, capturing four individual national titles while bringing home four Iowa Conference team championships.

Yet preparing for the 2007-08 season at Central, where the Dutch have faltered in recent years, feels a bit like starting over for Van Kley. At Great Falls, just three years after the program's debut Van Kley had aggressively recruited a squad of 45 wrestlers that rocketed to first place in the NAIIA West Region and placed sixth at the national tournament. At Central, Van Kley inherits the remnants of a squad that endured a 0-18 season in 2006-07 and there are no juniors or seniors going through fall workouts

"It feels exactly the same," Van Kley said. "We're saying much the same thing we said at Great Falls: It's not a bad thing to be starting a program. There's a lot of excitement and enthusiasm and there's a willingness to give new things a try. If you've got a lot of people who've been around, they're more likely to say 'We've tried that before.'

"At the same time, the challenge is you don't have that upperclass leadership to point the way. But I couldn't be more pleased with the attitude the guys have shown so far."

Just two letterwinners return from last year's team. But even though Van Kley didn't arrive on the scene until the start of summer, he quickly assembled a squad of 15 wrestlers, and the enthusiasm he's injected into the program is growing.

Much like a start-up program, there's precious little experience.

Returning letterwinners include sophomore Nick Johnson, who finished eighth in the Iowa Conference at 133 pounds and sophomore Kevin Yeoman, who is moving up to 165 pounds after a season at 157.

Competing in the nationally prominent Iowa Conference, Van Kley knows the kind of overnight success his program enjoyed at Great Falls is unlikely at Central.

"Obviously the Iowa Conference is far and away the toughest conference in the country," he said. "Our youth will make it difficult for us. But our goal this year is to just improve every week. The Iowa Conference is not getting any weaker, but we love it. We know that if we can compete in the Iowa Conference, we can compete anywhere in the country.

"We haven't set any kind of a timeline. It may be a long process. But at the same time we've got a staff and a team that are excited about the challenge."

125-133

Numbers are scarce in the lower weights. Freshman Brandon Rose of Lonedell, Mo. will likely go at 125 pounds and there's no wrestler listed at 133.

"Brandon's very tall with an unorthodox style," Van Kley said. "His strongest position is on top as he showed by getting a lot of pins in high school."

141

Johnson moves up a weight after placing eighth at the Iowa Conference meet last year and posting a 6-25 mark. He'll be joined by freshman Curtis Hobbs of Grinnell.

"They have pretty similar styles," Van Kley said. "They're both very aggressive. They both push the pace of the match. It's just a matter of getting them more experience."

149

Van Kley envisions good things for freshman Lance Jones of St. Charles at 149 pounds.

"He was very successful in high school and is going to develop into a solid college wrestler," Van Kley said. "He's very strong in all three positions. I think he has a bright future."

157

Sophomore Jeremiah Teeple joined the squad at the start of the second semester in January last year. He was 0-4 in limited action but is better prepared this year.

"Jeremiah's an older student so more than anything, he gives us some maturity," he said. "We're short of experience, so that's helpful. I like his attitude and his work ethic. We really enjoy having him around."

He'll be pushed for the 157-pound position by freshman Kyle Ray of Greenfield. He was a state placewinner for Nodaway Valley High School.

"Kyle's real strong and very aggressive," Van Kley said. "He's strong from the neutral position."

165

Yeoman is back and expecting improvement after enduring a 0-13 freshman campaign at 157.

"Kevin's been extremely focused all fall," Van Kley said. "He struggled a little over his weight last year at 157. I've been very pleased with his work ethic. He's established himself as a leader."

174-184

Sophomore Josh Stutting starts the year as the only candidate for 174 pounds, although the Dutch may pick up some help there from the football squad. That would allow Stutting to jump to 184 where he would go up against freshman Anthony Rollins of Dyersville.

"It's going to be real competitive," Van Kley said. "They have different styles but they both work hard and had a pretty good fall."

197

Freshman Chris Keeran of Redfield will get a quick orientation into college wrestling as Central's lone 197-pounder in the early going.

"Chris started (wrestling) late in high school, but what he lacks in experience, he makes up with effort," Van Kley said.

285

Sophomore transfer Jim Siddal and freshman Nick Meral of Grinnell will take over at 285 pounds.

"They'll both get time," Van Kley said.

While that's an admittedly thin lineup, Van Kley is hopeful that the Dutch will get a boost with 4-5 additional wrestlers once the football season is completed. Among the possibilities are sophomore David Zachary, who would probably compete at 174 pounds, and junior Jeremy Swafford, a likely fit at 184 pounds.

"It will be a big shot in the arm to have them join us," Van Kley said. "They'll be able to bring the work ethic, experience and success they've had in football to the team."

The Dutch open the 2007-08 campaign with a dual at Division II Truman State (Mo.) Nov. 9. Van Kley's home debut isn't until a Jan. 11 dual with St. Olaf (Minn.). The Central Invitational follows on Jan. 12.

Then Central enters the Iowa Conference slugfest, a trek that will assuredly leave scars. NCAA Division III title contender Wartburg will again be a heavy favorite, but eight league schools were nationally ranked most of the past season and likely will be again.

Van Kley is confident that Central's name will be prominent in those rankings again someday soon. Even though the Dutch have endured some disappointments in recent years, knowing that the program has a history of winning at the national level is an advantage.

"That really helps," Van Kley said. "We've got a lot of great alumni coaches out there and when they talk about Central, they know we've had success and know it can be done here. I think our alumni are excited about getting behind the program and we're getting a good reaction from coaches across the state. We just need to remind people that we've had a lot of all-Americans and some national champs here."

The journey to the top begins with the group presently toiling in the Dutch practice room. Van Kley is hitting the recruiting trail at a furious pace, but not with the notion that this year's wrestlers will be cast aside when help arrives.

"I'm very excited with how recruiting is going for next year," said Van Kley, whose track record of producing banner recruiting classes gives cause to trust his assessment. "But we definitely have a good core group of guys to start with here. They have the talent and the work ethic to start the kind of program we want. We just have to continue to build on that base as we bring in more guys."

Van Kley savors the challenge.

"We're not going to get the ship across the lake the first day, but we're headed in the right direction," he said. "I really like the attitude and effort I've seen in the room so far."

