



# SPRINGFIELD COLLEGE ATHLETICS

## Wrestling

### 2011-12



*junior quad-captain*  
**Joe Grippi**

### Fast Facts:

- ▼ In the last 15 seasons, the Pride has dominated the New England Wrestling Association (NEWA) conference, winning 10 championships.
- ▼ Head coach **Jason Holder** begins his first season at the helm of the Pride after four seasons as the assistant coach.
- ▼ Springfield College wrestling has produced 44 All-Americans, who have received All-America honors a total of 66 times—including **Jeff Blatnick** '79, who went on to capture the gold medal in Greco-Roman wrestling at the 1984 Summer Olympic Games in Los Angeles.
- ▼ Affiliations: National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Division III
- ▼ Conference: New England Wrestling Association (NEWA)
- ▼ Home Facility: Blake Arena; Field House



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# HEAD COACH Jason Holder



## ▼ Education

- Boston University '03, G'04

## ▼ Holder as a Student-Athlete

- Four-year starter
- Four-year captain
- Three-year All-Conference performer
- NCAA Division I National Qualifier in 2003

**Jason Holder** enters his first season as head wrestling coach for Springfield College in 2011. After spending the last four seasons as the Pride's assistant coach, Holder takes over a program fresh off its 10th New England Wrestling Association (NEWA) Conference Championship.

Holder previously served as varsity head wrestling coach at Plymouth State University for two years from 2005 through 2007. His teams finished seventh and eighth (of 15) in the NEWA end-of-season standings.

Holder had an outstanding career as a wrestler at Boston University, where he was a four-year starter and four-year captain of the wrestling team, as well as a three-year All-Conference athlete, and an NCAA Division I national qualifier in 2003. He was also a part of the Student Athlete

Advisory Committee at the school from 2001 through 2003.

Prior to college, Holder wrestled at Timberlane High School in New Hampshire, where he was a three-time state champion, a two-time New England champion, and a high school national All-American.

In addition, from 1997 to the present, Holder worked in various capacities — as a mental health counselor, a trip leader, and a camp counselor — at the Adventurelore Programs in Danville, N.H.

Holder earned his bachelor of arts degree in psychology in 2003, and his master's in education, health, physical education, and coaching in 2004. Holder is presently working towards his doctorate in physical education with a concentration in teaching and administration.

## Springfield College All-Americans

Name	Year	Weight	Finish	Name	Year	Weight	Finish
<b>Division I</b>							
Roger Leathers '34	1934	135	2	Daryl Arroyo '84	1984	118	6
Edward Amerantes '57	1955	123	3	Pat Allen '84	1984	167	8
Jeff Blatnick '79	1978	Hwt.	6	Tim Failing '90	1988	134	3
	1979	Hwt.	3	Shaun O'Hearn '90	1990	150	3
				Gregg Muscarella '89	1989	142	7
<b>Division II</b>							
Joe Cera '66	1966	177	3	John Maute '91	1991	158	7
Frank Peraino '67	1967	152	2	Jeff Butts '92	1991	167	7
Bob Waligunda '67	1967	142	2		1992	167	7
Joe Porell '68	1968	130	6	Sean Kiley '92	1992	142	5
Cam Sinclair '70	1970	134	2	Dan Transue '95	1994	Hwt.	6
Art Ziegler '70	1969	158	4	<b>Division III</b>			
	1970	158	3	Pat Kelley '96	1996	Hwt.	3
Stan Sotherdon '72	1972	150	4	Andy Goodwin '97	1996	142	3
Doug LeRoy '74	1973	167	4		1997	142	2
Tim Smith '74	1974	Hwt.	6	Eric Gould '97	1996	118	7
Nick Porillo '76	1975	167	6		1997	126	8
	1976	158	3	Ryan Kalman '97	1997	158	6
Rich Monroe '76	1973	150	6	Joe Gaboury '97	1998	275	5
	1974	150	6	Jim Balella '98	1998	126	2
	1975	150	5	Mike Gaydos '99	1998	190	6
	1976	150	6		1999	197	6
Jay Mulligan '77	1977	177	4	Craig Vedrani '99	1999	157	6
Jeff Blatnick '79	1977	Hwt.	2	John Roden '00	1999	174	4
	1978	Hwt.	1		2000	174	2
	1979	Hwt.	1	Calvin Johnson '01	2002	125	4
Matt Hawes '80	1979	118	7	Keith Poloskey '02	2000	141	3
	1980	118	2		2002	141	5
Herb Alamed '82	1979	190	8		2003	141	5
	1980	190	8	Mike Gaeta '07	2004	141	5
Joe Arrante '81	1981	126	6		2005	141	7
Greg Georges '82	1982	142	7		2006	141	5
Craig Kosinski '83	1983	126	6		2007	141	5
	1984	126	7	Elliot Smith '08	2008	184	7
Pat Hughes '84	1983	134	7				
	1984	134	2				

# The Program

Springfield College has one of the nation's most successful and respected wrestling programs, with an overall record of 927-421-35 (.692 winning percentage) since 1915.

In 2008, Springfield College became only the fourth program in the nation to win 900 matches, joining Division I powers Iowa State, Oklahoma State, and Oregon State in this elite group. The Pride has also won nine of the last 14 NEWA championships and has finished in the top 20 at the NCAA Division III championships six of the last 13 years, including five top-10 showings.

From 1915 to 1978, the College produced 153 individual New England champions and captured the New England team title 30 times, including a 20-year streak from 1951 to 1970. The New England tournament ended in 1978, and Springfield College wrestlers began competing in the NCAA Division II Northeast Regional Tournament. The Pride had 25 individual regional champions and won three team titles. Beginning with the 1995-96 season, Springfield College became a Division III member of the NCAA.

## 2011-12 Roster

Name	Cl.	Weight	Hometown/Previous School
Derek Adams	Fr.	133	Charlestown, R.I./Chariho
Matthew Artigliere	So.	174	Washington, NJ/Warren Hills
Andrew Balina	Jr.	174	Long Branch, N.J./Long Branch
Jason Barriault	Sr.	174	Portland, Maine/Deering
Devin Biscaha	So.	149	Jackson, NJ/Jackson
Jeff Brodeur	Sr.	184	Lanesboro, MA/Mt. Greylock
Jeremy Burns	Jr.	197	Hoosick Falls, N.Y./Hoosick Falls
Nicholas Camera	Jr.	184	North Massapequa, N.Y./Plainedge
Michael Case	So.	197	Cedar Run, NJ/Southern Regional
Tom Casper	So.	125	Bergenfield, NJ/Bergen Catholic
James Coutoumas	So.	157	Waltham, MA/Waltham
Victor Ekpenyong	So.	125	Middletown, Conn./Middletown
Michael Fish	Jr.	174	Middletown, N.J./Middletown North
Dylan Foley	Fr.	149	Southborough, Mass./Algonquin
John Gabordi	Sr.	285	Ledyard, CT/Ledyard
James Gendler	Fr.	149	Avon, Conn./Avon
Mark Gonzalez	Fr.	149	Tolland, Conn./East Catholic
Joseph Grippi	Jr.	141	Bedford Hills, N.Y./Fox Lane
Peter Grippi	Fr.	133	Bedford Hills, N.Y./Fox Lane
Eric Hamrick	Fr.	149	Collingswood, N.J./Collingswood
Jonny Kodsí	Sr.	149	Great Neck, NY/Great Neck North
Corey Kozimor	So.	141	Vienna, NJ/Hackettstown
Derrick Longo	Jr.	165	Ardsley, N.Y./Ardsley
Daniel Marom	Fr.	125	East Rockaway, N.Y./Lynbrook
Ryan McGilvray	Sr.	157	Manalapan, N.J./Manalapan
Val Moisand	Fr.	157	Arlington, Mass./Arlington
Gary Nevolis	Jr.	133	Long Valley, N.J./West Morris
Joe Ortiz	Jr.	149	Paramus, N.J./Paramus
Kim Pearce	So.	149	Seymour, CT/Oxford
Evan Popham	Fr.	133	Cranberry Lake, N.Y./Clifton-Fine Central
Will Richards	So.	125	Troy, NY/Lansingburgh
Jovan Rivera	Fr.	157	Bergenfield, N.J./Bergenfield
Jesse Sgaglione	Sr.	133	N. Massapequa, NY/Plainedge
Raymond Sturdy IV	Jr.	197	North Attleboro, Mass./North Attleboro
Joe Sulkowski	Sr.	165	Howell, N.J./Howell
Ronald Thompson	Sr.	165	Stamford, Conn./Westhill
Ricardo Vieux	Fr.	141	Boston, Mass./Catholic Memorial

**Head Coach:** Jason Holder (first season)

**Assistant Coaches:** Tyler Branham, Marques Gales, Nate Russell, Pierre Bondoc

**Captains:** Ryan McGilvray '12, Nicholas Camera '13, Joe Grippi '13, Derrick Longo '13

**Managers:** Morgan Taylor, Geoff Toal

## 2010-11

### Honors and Awards

▼ **NEWA All-New England:**

Dru Thomas, 125; Eddie Giron, 133; Joe Grippi, 141; Ryan McGilvray, 149; Steve Flathers, 157; John Archambeau, 165; Derrick Longo, 174; Jeremy Burns, 197; Ron Fusco, 285

▼ **National Wrestling Coaches Association DIII Scholar All-American:**

John Archambeau, Blaze Chatham, Steve Flathers, Ron Fusco, Eddie Giron, Ryan McGilvray, Brandon Sundwall

▼ **Maroon Club Athlete of the Week:**

Nov. 22-John Archambeau, Dec. 13- Steve Flathers, Feb. 28-Ron Fusco

▼ **NEWA Head Coach of the Year:**

Daryl Arroyo

▼ **NEWA Assistant Coach of the Year:**

Jay Holder



*junior quad-captain  
Derrick Longo*



# Facilities

The wrestling team competes in Blake Arena, located on the main level of the Physical Education Complex. With a seating capacity of 2,000, Blake Arena is also the home for basketball, volleyball, and gymnastic events. The 5,000-square foot Wrestling Room serves as the training facility to the wrestling team. Located in the Winston Paul Academic Center on the lower level of the Physical Education Complex, the Wrestling Room is one of the best facilities of its kind in the nation, with two full-size wrestling areas. It is also a teaching station for judo and other combative sports and related skills classes, and for relaxation courses.

## 2011-12 Season Preview

Coming off capturing the 2011 NEWA championship and sending a pair of wrestlers to the NCAA championships, the future of Springfield College wrestling is bright. Couple that with the excitement that first-year head coach **Jason Holder** brings to the program and it's easy to see the upcoming potential for the Pride.

Junior **Joe Grippi** has been to the NCAA championships in his first two seasons and has established himself as one of the top grapplers in the country.

Three other returning teammates earned All-New England honors in 2011, including senior **Ryan McGilvray**, and juniors **Jeremy Burns** and **Derrick Longo**. As a team, the Pride landed nine wrestlers in the top four of their respective weight classes en route to winning their 10th NEWA title.



junior  
**Jeremy Burns**

## 2011-12 Schedule

### November

4	Fri.	at Ithaca Invitational	10 am
5	Sat.	at Ithaca Invitational	10 am
19	Sat.	<b>Doug Parker Invitational</b>	10 am

### December

2	Fri.	at Messiah Petrofes Invitational	12:00 pm
3	Sat.	at Messiah Petrofes Invitational	9:00 am
7	Wed.	at WPI	7:00 pm

### January

7	Sat.	at Williams Invitational	TBA
13	Fri.	at Budd Whitehill Duals	9:00 am
14	Sat.	at Budd Whitehill Duals	9:00 am
18	Wed.	at Norwich	7:00 pm
22	Sun.	<b>NEWA Duals</b>	10:00 am
28	Sat.	at Wesleyan	11:00 am
29	Sun.	<b>TCNJ</b>	12:00 pm

### February

1	Wed.	at American International	4:00 pm
1	Wed.	vs. Western New England	4:00 pm
1	Wed.	vs. STCC	4:00 pm
4	Sat.	at Trinity	12:00 pm
4	Sat.	vs. Johnson and Wales	TBA
11	Sat.	<b>Williams</b>	1:00 pm
19	Sun.	at NEWA Futures	TBA
25	Sat.	at NEWA Championships	10:00 am
26	Sun.	at NEWA Championships at Wesleyan University	10:00 am

### March

9	Fri.	NCAA Championships	TBA
10	Sat.	NCAA Championships at Wisconsin-Lacrosse	TBA

Home meets in **bold**