



SCOTT GOODALE
Jackson Memorial HS/Rutgers State University
Wrestler & Wrestling Coach

11-year Rutgers head coach Scott Goodale has brought the Scarlet Knights to the forefront of collegiate wrestling in his tenure "On the Banks." After dominating at the high school ranks at Jackson Memorial, Goodale, joined by assistant coach John Leonardis, took over Rutgers wrestling in 2007-08 with a new vision for the program.

Over the past four seasons, Rutgers has achieved six All-Americans. Since 2009, RU has earned two top-10 finishes and six top-25 finishes in the USA Today/ NWCA Division I Coaches Poll. Under Goodale's watch, RU has produced three conference champions (Two Big Ten, One EIWA), 58 NCAA Championship bids, 18 Big Ten Conference Championships placemen and 42 placemen at the Eastern Intercollegiate Wrestling Association (EIWA) Championships. The program has tallied an impressive 153-55-1 record during his first 10 years "On the Banks."

Rutgers has had All-Americans in each of the last four seasons, as Anthony Ashnault (141) became the first three time All-American in program history when he finished sixth at the 2017 national championships in St. Louis. Ken Theobald also appeared on the podium at 149 in 2017, giving the program back-to-back seasons with two or more All-Americans for the first time ever. In 2014, the program earned its first All-American since 2002, as 157-pounder Anthony Perrotti finished eighth at NCAAs. Perrotti closed his career on the national podium at 165 pounds in 2016 in front of a local crowd at MSG, becoming the third two-time All-American in RU history.

The Scarlet Knights finished the 2016-17 dual campaign with a 12-5 record, which included an undefeated home slate (6-0) and 6-3 mark in Big Ten Conference action. The six conference wins were the most since Rutgers joined the league in 2014, while RU concluded its dual season ranked within the top-25 for the sixth time during Goodale's tenure.

The Jackson, N.J., native took over the Rutgers program following an impressive seven-year stint as head coach at his alma mater, Jackson Memorial High School. In seven seasons, Goodale compiled an overall record of 155-16, leading his squad to the top ranking in the state in 2006 and 2007. The legendary Jersey high school wrestling coach was inducted into the South Jersey Wrestling Hall of Fame on Nov. 7, 2009.

Goodale was named the New Jersey State Coach of the Year three times, while also earning District 21 and Region VI Coach of the Year accolades three times during his tenure with the Jaguars. Goodale coached four New Jersey State Champions and five New Jersey State runner-ups, along with 16 additional state placemen. In total, he has coached a total of 41 District 21 Champions and 10 Region VI Champions. Goodale led his teams to two Group IV State Championships, as well as four Central Jersey Group IV Sectional titles.

Each season Goodale spent with Jackson Memorial, the Jaguars were crowned District 21 Team Champions, as well as winning four Class A-South Shore Conference titles. During the 2005-06 season, the Jaguars finished ranked No. 10 in the country. The following year, Goodale and the Jaguars improved that performance, finishing the year ranked seventh nationally. In every year Goodale was at Jackson Memorial, he led his team to a top-10 finish in the New Jersey wrestling polls.

Goodale wrestled for Lock Haven University in Pennsylvania, earning his bachelor's degree in Health and Physical Education in 1995. He then went to New Jersey City University where he earned a certification in Special Education in 1997. As a collegiate wrestler, Goodale made three trips to the NCAA Championships, as well as placing second at the Eastern Wrestling League (EWL) Tournament twice in his career. During his time with the Bald Eagles, the team was ranked as high as ninth in the country. Goodale finished with 99 wins at Lock Haven. Goodale and his wife Lisa are the parents of Shelby and Zachary, and reside in Toms River.