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Matt Ruppel '92

- 1990 All American 1st Team (190)
- 1990 EIWA Champion (190)
- 1990 NWCA All-Star Classic (190)
- 1989 Champion Cliff Keen Las Vegas Invitational (190)
- 1988 Freshman of Year EIWA
- 1988 3rd in EIWA Tournament
- 1989 2nd in EIWA Tournament

One of Lehigh's all-time greats, Matt placed 3rd, 2nd and 1st in the EIWA which featured a rivalry with future NCAA champ Mark Kerr, Syracuse.

In his junior year, he fashioned a perfect season: 13-0-1 in duals, East-West All-Star win, EIWA title and an NCAA finals win, 6-5, over Iowa's Brook Simpson. During the stretch run to his 38-0-1 season (LU's only unbeaten season since 1983), he earned a perfect 4.0 GPA in the school of business.




A congenital back problem forced an unfortunate early end to his wrestling career, after just 3 bouts his senior year.

Year	Bouts	Wins	Falls	Losses
1991	3	2	0	1
1990	39	38	3	0
1989	30	23	1	6
1988	32	25	2	6

		Lehigh
Total Wins (Season)	38	2nd
Undefeated Season Total Wins (Season)	38	1st

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### Matt Ruppel stat sheet

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Ruppel joined some of the top wrestlers in Montana in travelling to various tournaments across the country, including the Southwest Regional freestyle tournament where he earned a first-place finish. He was also the silver medal winner at the junior world championships in West Germany.



His physicality led to many of his victories, but coaches credited Ruppel's mentality, which many attributed to his Deer Lodge coach, the late Ron Fuhrman, an ex-Marine. Ruppel's work in Montana and in tournaments across the country led to him being highly recruited out of Deer Lodge, but academics were also a major factor in his decision to attend Lehigh University.

Ruppel's freshman season proved he belonged on the national scene. With a record of 25-6-1, he was named the freshman of the year in the Eastern Intercollegiate Wrestling Association and finished third in the EWIA tournament.

The following season he posted a 23-6-1 campaign and was runner-up at the EIWA tournament, but it was his junior year that truly put him on the map.

Ruppel set Lehigh records, including the single-season wins record, after going 37-0-1. He captured the EIWA conference championship and became an undefeated NCAA national champion at 190 pounds. He remains one of only three Montanans to win a national title at the NCAA Division I level.


Expectations remained high heading into his final season, winning two of his first three matches. The NCAA granted him an extra year of eligibility due to an injury in the 1990-91 season, but an announcement in 1991 shocked the wrestling world when Ruppel was forced to retire early due to spondylolisthesis, a back ailment where a vertebra slides forward over the bone below it.

Ruppel appeared to be on a fast track to breaking Lehigh's all-time wins record set by Pete Yozzo in the late 1980s (100-13-3). The Deer Lodge standout would finish his collegiate career with a record of 87-13-3, tied for fourth in the program's history at the time of his retirement.

He was awarded the 1990 Montana AAU Little Sullivan Award.

### ... on Matt Ruppel

Former Butte High wrestling coach Jim Street: "Oh yeah, I knew right away that the mental attitude he had was going to take him anywhere he wanted to go. I think that's where Matt got his work ethic was from Ron Fuhrman, his coach, an ex-Marine."

"Most of his accomplishments are in the record books, but when he first started wrestling freestyle, that caught the eyes of college coaches around the nation. At some of those national and regional tournaments that Matt went to, sometimes along with our Butte kids, he impressed a lot of coaches by beating people in freestyle tournaments just by taking them down. He didn't know much about turns and stuff at that particular time, so that made people impressed with his ability on his feet. 

"I'm not quite sure how Matt ended up picking Lehigh over some of the other schools, other than the academics in the Ivy League and the fact they always had really, really tough, big guys. Lehigh was noted for having really solid people up top. When you watched him wrestle around Montana, he was so dominant that you didn't get to see how good he really was until you followed him elsewhere and saw him do the same things to people around the country.

"(His undefeated national title) was at 190 pounds. There were some good people in that weight class in his time. You know who was in his weight class and I don't think even placed? That MMA guy, Randy Couture. He had come back from the Marine Corps and was wrestling at Oklahoma State at that time.

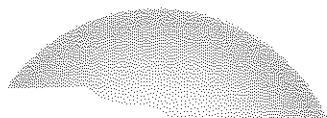
"(His college coach) made a statement that he was hesitant on what to think of Matt when he first got there as a freshman because he was in the wrestling room with the sophomores, juniors and seniors and telling them all to pick up the pace. He was impressed Matt kept doing it and didn't talk the talk without walking the walk. For a freshman to be helping lead a college program when you're new on the scene, having the courage to get out there and show them that he wanted to get better and that everyone else can get better, too. I think he was the only national champion Lehigh had his junior year. He was impressed with Matt, thought he was a great young man."



### Richie Melby

A Hi-line native, Richie Melby enjoys telling the stories of Montana athletes, coaches and teams. Richie got his start in TV at KTVQ in Billings and worked as the Sports Director at KRTV. After a couple of years in Tucson, Ariz., Richie returned to his home state as the Sports Director at KTVH.

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# LEHIGH'S RUPPEL FORCED TO END CAREER

By The Morning Call  
THE MORNING CALL

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**M**att Ruppel's quest to become Lehigh University's all-time wrestling winner has ended with his announcement that he's retiring from the mats because of a recurring back ailment known as spondylolisthes.

This is caused by a slipped vertebrae which results in nerve pressure and pain in the lower back and legs.

Ruppel, an NCAA champion in 1990 at 190 pounds, is a fifth-year senior from Deer Lodge, Mont., and Powell County High School, who had been granted an extra year of eligibility by the NCAA after being sidelined early in the 1990-91 season after winning twice in three starts.

The victories came over Mike Manganiello of Iowa Nov. 28, 1990, in his final appearance at Stabler Center, 12-4, giving the Engineers their only points of the meet. Two days later he beat Steve Hiner of Indiana in the Las Vegas Hall of Fame Invitational, 9-3, before losing 10-8 to Rick Evans of Brigham Young, injuring an ankle in the process and dropping out of the tournament.

That loss ended a 23-bout winning streak and a string of 40 bouts without a loss. He then missed time undergoing Rhodes Scholar interviews and, as lower back problems became acute, never again wrestled competitively. His decision to retire permanently followed a comeback effort this winter.

In his 1989-90 championship season he set Lehigh records for victories in one campaign (37-0-1), triumphs during a regular schedule (28) and wins without a defeat, en route to EIWA and NCAA crowns. The lone blemish was a 3-3 draw against Jim Nelson of Iowa State in an early-season dual.

He was 23-6-1 during 1988-89 competition, as a sophomore, and 25-6-1 in 1987-88 action when he was voted Freshman of the Year in the EIWA.

His pair of triumphs last winter gives him an overall total of 87, against 13 losses and three ties, and ties him with Colin Kilrain (87-8 from 1978 through 1982) for fourth place among Lehigh's all-time winners.

Pete Yozzo ranks No. 1 with a 100-13-3 mark from 1984 through 1987. Mike Brown was 95-12 from 1976 through 1980 and Darryl Burley 94-5-1 from 1979 through 1983. Ruppel, after his junior season, was in a position to challenge Yozzo for all-time No. 1 honors.

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end and admire his efforts and perseverance in  
rect choice for all of the right personal reasons."

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Hutchinson adds: "This is a very sad day for our program, and for me personally. Matt has been a valuable contributor and his decision, I know, was a very difficult one. Fortunately he wants to stay in the practice room and continue working with the squad."

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