

## Keydet Upperclassmen



Sam  
Alvarenga

¥ Sophomore ¥ 149 lbs.  
¥ Springfield, Va  
¥ Thomas Edison

**2004-05:** Projected to start at the 149 lb. weight class.  
**2003-04:** The Keydets' most successful wrestler as a freshman...Won the Southern Conference's 149 lb. weight class and earned a trip to Nationals...Won 32 matches (32-15), most on the team...Recorded a 10-3 record in dual meets and a 3-2 SoCon record...Posted three wins by major decision and seven pins...Wrestled at 141 lbs and 149 lbs...Had second place finishes at 149 lbs. at the Virginia Intercollegiates and the All-Academy Championships.  
**High School:** Four-year letterwinner at Edison...A two-time Virginia AAA State placewinner and a state runner-up at 135 lbs. as a senior...Was the 2003 NWCA High School Open champion at 140 lbs. en route to posting a high school career record of 107-23 and earning the honor of first team All-Met as a senior...Majoring in Economics and Business.



Scott  
Buhman

¥ Junior ¥ 285 lbs.  
¥ Portage, Ind.  
¥ Portage

**2004-05:** Expected to start at heavyweight.  
**2003-04:** Posted 19 wins while wrestling at heavyweight... Won five matches by major decision and had four pins...Went 8-5 in dual meets and 4-1 in the SoCon...Turned in a second place finish at the Virginia Intercollegiates and third place finishes at the All-Academy and Southern Conference Championships.  
**2002-03:** Enjoyed a fine freshman campaign that was capped off by a second place finish at the SoCon Championships...Named first team all-conference...Placed third at All-Academy Championships and at Virginia Intercollegiates... Placed fourth at Keystone Classic...Took top honors at Keydet Invitational...Recorded a 22-15 overall record and a 4-1 SoCon record... Recorded four major decisions and two pins.  
**High School:** Four-time letterwinner at Portage...Placed fifth in the state...Champion of the Duneland Conference...Posted a record of 41-2 as a senior...As a junior, he was a sectional and regional champion...Won individual silver medal at Down Under Games in Australia...Also lettered three years in football...History and International Studies major.



John  
Burton

¥ Sophomore ¥ 157 lbs.  
¥ Arlington, Va  
¥ Yorktown

**2004-05:** Projected to provide depth at the Keydets' strong 157 lb. weight class.  
**2002-04:** Traveled to Chile for a two-year mission.  
**2001-02:** Wrestled in six matches at 149 lbs.  
**High School:** Four-year letterwinner at Yorktown...Two-time All-State wrestler... Earned Coaches' Award as a senior...International Studies major.



Jay  
Carter

¥ Sophomore ¥ 141 lbs.  
¥ Martinsville, Va  
¥ Martinsville

**2004-05:** Will serve as a solid back-up at 141 lbs.  
**2003-04:** Won three matches, all in tournaments, wrestling at 141 lbs... Two of those three wins by major decision.  
**High School:** Four-year letterwinner at Martinsville...Four-time district champion...Four-time regional champion...2002 regional champion...2002 state finalist...Two-time district MVP...Received Big M Award in 2002...Economics and Business major.



Jochen  
Granja

¥ Junior ¥ 133 lbs.  
¥ Lorton, Va  
¥ Hayfield

**2004-05:** Will compete for the starting spot at 133 lbs.  
**2003-04:** Won eight matches at 133 lbs., all in tournaments... Recorded one pin... Turned in a third place finish at the Keydet Invitational.  
**2002-03:** Won two matches on the season...Posted a major decision.  
**High School:** Two-year letterwinner at Hayfield...Two-time district champion...Regional champion and sixth place state finisher as a senior...Chemistry major.

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### Chris Hardy

¥ Junior ¥ 157 lbs.  
¥ Chesapeake, Va  
¥ Western Branch

**2004-05:** Projected to start at 157 lbs.

**2003-04:** Had a 17-14 record overall and a 6-6 record in dual meets... Posted a 2-3 SoCon record at 157 lbs... Won two matches by major decision and three by pinfall... Finished in second place at the Southern Conference Championships and fourth place at the All-Academy Championships.

**2002-03:** Took over as VMI's 149-pounder midway through the season... Won 12 matches... Placed fourth at SoCon Championships and Virginia Intercollegiates ... Took top honors at the Keydet Invitational... Had two pins and two major decisions.

**2001-02:** Took a redshirt season while posting a 5-3 record in tournaments as an unattached wrestler ... Placed second at the VMI Invitational.

**High School:** Four-year letterwinner at Western Branch ... Two-time placewinner at state championships... Placed second in the Tournament of Champions in Ohio... Team placed second in the state in his senior season... Psychology major.



### Jesse Hills

¥ Junior ¥ 149 lbs.  
¥ Terre Haute, Ind.  
¥ South Vigo

**2004-05:** Will provide depth at 149 lbs.

**2003-04:** Wrestled in two matches, both in tournaments.

**High School:** Four-year letterwinner at Terre Haute South Vigo... recipient of Mik Engle Award... International Studies/ History major.



### Aaron Kerkhof

¥ Sophomore ¥ 174 lbs.  
¥ Muncie, Ind.  
¥ Delta

**2004-05:** Will provide depth at 174 lbs.

**2003-04:** Won 10 matches at 174, including two in dual matches... Posted one pin... Took home a second place finish at the Keydet Invitational.

**High School:** Three-year letterwinner at Delta... Two-time Delaware County champion... Three-time state finalist... 2002 East Central Indiana Wrestler of the Year... Two-time Delta Most Valuable wrestler... Brother, Eric, wrestled at Purdue... Majoring in Economics and Business.



### John Lowery

¥ Sophomore ¥ 165 lbs.  
¥ Louisville, Ohio  
¥ Walsh Jesuit

**2004-05:** Projected to start at the Keydets' deepest weight class, 165 lbs.

**2003-04:** Finished the year with a 6-4 record, all in tournaments... Recorded one victory by major decision.

**2002-03:** Took a redshirt season and did not wrestle in dual meets... Took first place in 165 lb. bracket of Keydet Invitational... Posted six tournament wins and one pin.

**High School:** Four-year letterwinner at Walsh Jesuit... Two-time high school All-American... Placed sixth at NHSCA Senior Nationals... Helped Ohio team to win championship... Also lettered three years in football ... father John, was Olympic weightlifter... English major.



### David Metzler

¥ Sophomore ¥ 141 lbs.  
¥ Dayton, Va  
¥ Turner-Ashby

**2004-05:** Projected to start at 141 lbs.

**2003-04:** One of only two Keydet wrestlers to post 30 wins as a freshman last year... Finished 24-13 in tournament matches... Went 6-6 in dual meets, 1-4 in the SoCon... Recorded six wins by major decision and eight pins... Finished second at the All-Academy Championships, third at the SoCon Championships and Virginia Intercollegiates and fourth at the Rubbermaid Open.

**High School:** Four-year letterwinner at Turner Ashby... Four-time district and regional champion ... Placed in top six of state championships all four years, twice capturing the state championship... Valley District Most Valuable Wrestler as a senior... Biology major.

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### Corry Murray

¥ Sophomore ¥ 184 lbs.  
¥ Tully, N.Y.  
¥ Tully

**2004-05:** Will be counted on to start at the Keydets' thinnest weight class, 184 lbs...Team Captain.

**2003-04:** Posted an 18-15 overall record, including a 7-5 record in dual meets... Went 3-2 in SoCon matches... Recorded three major decisions, three technical falls and four pins... Came in second place at the Virginia Intercollegiates and the SoCon Championships.

**2002-03:** Took a redshirt season and did not wrestle in dual meets... Went 7-4 in tournaments, taking the 174 lb. bracket in the Keydet Invitational.

**High School:** Four-year letterwinner at Tully...Named most outstanding wrestler... Placed second in New York Sectionals as a senior and third as a junior... Recorded most wins and pins in school history... Also lettered four years in football and two years in lacrosse...Psychology major.



### P J Neumann

¥ Senior ¥ 157 lbs.  
¥ Chesapeake, Va  
¥ Great Bridge

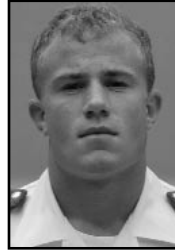
**2004-05:** Will provide depth at the 157 lb. weight class... Will be counted on to provide leadership as team's only senior.

**2003-04:** Started for the Keydets at 165 lbs... Won six matches and finished 2-10 in dual meets, including 0-5 in the SoCon.

**2002-03:** Won three matches, two by major decision.

**Gloucester Community College:** Redshirted the 2000-01 season...Wrestled in the 2001-02 season...Helped lead his team to an NJCAA National Championship.

**High School:** Four-year letterwinner at Great Bridge ...Placed third and fourth in the state...Psychology major.



### Stephen Partin

¥ Sophomore ¥ 157 lbs.  
¥ Colonial Heights, Va  
¥ Thomas Dale

**2004-05:** Will provide depth at the 157 lb. weight class.

**2003-04:** Finished the season 2-6, all in tournaments... Recorded one victory by major decision.

**High School:** Four-year letterwinner at Thomas Dale... Four-time district champion... Three-time state qualifier... Regional runner-up and champion while at Thomas Dale... Posted career record of 101-24... Team MVP junior and senior seasons... Business & Economics major.



### Jeff Sale

¥ Junior ¥ 174 lbs.  
¥ Alexandria, Va  
¥ Edison

**2004-05:** Expected to back up Bryan Wells at 174 lbs.

**2003-04:** Won two of the three matches he competed in, all in tournament competition.

**2002-03:** Won three matches in tournaments...Took third place in Keydet Invitational.

**High School:** Three-year letterwinner at Edison... Received Rookie of the Year honors...Named Most Improved wrestler...Two-time district champion... Placed 12th at Eastern Nationals...Named varsity captain in his senior season...Freestyle and Greco-Roman Virginia State Qualifier...Computer Science major.



### Chris Smith

¥ Sophomore ¥ 157 lbs.  
¥ Rocky Mount, Va  
¥ Franklin County

**2004-05:** Will provide depth at 157 lbs.

**2003-04:** Went 5-3 on the season, all in tournaments... Recorded one technical fall and one pin... Turned in a third place finish at the Keydet Invitational in 149 lbs.

**2002-03:** Redshirted after winning three tournament matches... Placed third at Keydet Invitational.

**High School:** Four-year letterwinner at Franklin County...Placed fifth in the state during his senior season...Placed first at Disney Duals Nationals...Civil Engineering major.

## Keydet Upperclassmen/Newcomers



**Brian  
Yannetti**

¥ Junior ¥ 285 lbs.  
¥ Chesapeake, Va  
¥ Great Bridge

**2004-05:** Will provide depth at heavyweight.

**2003-04:** Wrestled in two tournament matches at heavyweight.

**2002-03:** Won two matches in tournaments, finishing the season at 2-4.

**High School:** Three-year letterwinner at Great Bridge... Two-time district champion... Placed second in the region and fifth in the state his senior season... Freestyle state champion... Electrical Engineering major.



**Jeremy  
Adams**

¥ Freshman ¥ 125 lbs.  
¥ Manassas, Va  
¥ Osbourn Park

**2004-05:** Will provide depth at 125 lbs.

**High School:** Holds the school record at Osbourn Park for most career wins, 127... Named Team MVP as a senior... Finished his career with a 127-17 record... As a senior placed first in district and regionals and third in state... Two-time district and regional winner... Placed fifth in state as a sophomore... Biology major.



**Tyler  
Anthony**

¥ Freshman ¥ 133 lbs.  
¥ Canton, Ohio  
¥ Glen Oak

**2004-05:** Will compete for the starting spot at 133 lbs.

**High School:** Holds school records at Glen Oak most takedowns, most wins, most pins and best record... Compiled a 135-25 career record while wrestling at 103, 119 and 125... Finished third at the 2002 Freestyle State Championships and turned in third and fourth place finishes at State... Named All-Ohio three times and Academic All-Ohio... Was named Team MVP in baseball after hitting .470... Lettered one year in football, playing cornerback... International Studies major.



**Vince  
Cole**

¥ Freshman ¥ 141 lbs.  
¥ Richmond, Va  
¥ L.C. Bird

**2004-05:** Expected to provide depth at 141 lbs.

**High School:** Four-year letterwinner at L.C. Bird... Participated in the Junior Greco Nationals... A member of the Southside Wrestling Club... Also ran cross country... Civil Engineering major.

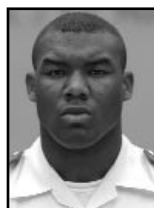


**Tommy  
Cunningham**

¥ Freshman ¥ 149 lbs.  
¥ Columbus, Ohio  
¥ Groveport-Madison

**2004-05:** Expected to compete for a starting spot at either 149 lbs. or 157 lbs.

**High School:** Placed in State four times, as high as runner-up... Named District MVP as a junior... Won the NHSCA Virginia Beach Nationals and the Ironman Tennessee competition... Compiled a 113-13 career record... Also lettered three years in football... Valedictorian... Mechanical Engineering major.



**Bryan  
Evans**

¥ Freshman ¥ 197 lbs.  
¥ Manassas, Va  
¥ Forest Park

**2004-05:** Expected to start at 197 lbs.

**High School:** AAA state champion, went 44-0 as a senior... Named first team All-State... Top 20 at NHSCA senior nationals... Winningest wrestler at Forest Park... 149-33 career record... Started 40 consecutive football games, three-time All-District selection... Brother Sid plays football at James Madison... Economics and Business major.



**Olen  
Johnson**

¥ Freshman ¥ 141 lbs.  
¥ Cary, N.C.  
¥ Cary

**2004-05:** Expected to provide depth at 141 lbs.

**High School:** Three-year letterman at Cary... Regional Champion and finished in eighth place in state championships... Captain of JROTC Field Team... Brother David wrestles for UNC Greensboro... Psychology major.

## Keydet Newcomers



Lam  
Ly

¥ Freshman ¥ 125 lbs.  
¥ Woodbridge, Va  
¥ C.D. Hylton

**2004-05:** Expected to compete for the starting spot at 125 lbs. in the second semester.

**High School:** Three-time regional place winner and two-time district champion...Took fifth place in state as a junior... Was the first state placer for C.D. Hylton in six years... Finished his high school career with a 110-25 record...Civil Engineering major.



Tim  
Neal

¥ Freshman ¥ 133 lbs.  
¥ Cary, N.C.  
¥ Green Hope

**2004-05:** Will provide depth at 133 & 141 lbs.

**High School:** Recorded over 100 career wins... Holds the record for most technical falls in a season... Placed second in Regionals as a senior... Two-year letterman in cross country... Brother Jon wrestles at Gardner-Webb... Electrical Engineering major.



Tony  
Martinez

¥ Freshman ¥ 125 lbs.  
¥ Fort Belvoir, Va  
¥ Mount Vernon

**2004-05:** Expected to provide depth at 125 lbs.

**High School:** Two-time All-State performer and two-time regional champion... Career record of 141-24... Holds the school record for most wins in a season and career... Also holds the single season and career marks for pins and takedowns... A two-time member of the Virginia Greco Roman National team ...Psychology major.



Erik  
Olson

¥ Freshman ¥ 285 lbs.  
¥ Springfield, Va  
¥ Hayfield

**2004-05:** Could push for starting time at heavyweight

**High School:** Two-year letterman at Hayfield as a heavyweight... Competed at "The Clash" and received the National High School Duals Academic Award... Received honorable mention in state science fair... Psychology major.



Mike  
Maternick

¥ Freshman ¥ 165 lbs.  
¥ Fairfax Station, Va  
¥ Hayfield

**2004-05:** Expected to provide depth at 165 lbs.

**High School:** Two-year letterman at Hayfield... Also lettered two years in football and three years in lacrosse...Psychology major.



Patrick  
Schrafft

¥ Freshman ¥ 197 lbs.  
¥ Chesterfield, Va  
¥ Matoaca

**2004-05:** Will be a solid back-up at 197 lbs.

**High School:** Four-year letterman at Matoaca... Served as captain for two years while wrestling at the 215 lb. weight class... Also participated in football, rifle, cross country and track...Mechanical Engineering major.



Dustin  
McCabe

¥ Freshman ¥ 165 lbs.  
¥ Gloucester, Va  
¥ Gloucester

**2004-05:** Could compete for the starting spot at 165 lbs.

**High School:** Three-year captain...Career 116-37 record ...Fourth place in state (AAA), Greco State Champion and Richmond Invitational Champion as a senior...Twice finished third in region...Twice named All-District...Three-year starter on football team...Biology major.



Adam  
Sellwood

¥ Freshman ¥ 165 lbs.  
¥ Tully, N.Y.  
¥ Tully

**2004-05:** Could push for starts at 165 lbs.

**High School:** Finished sixth in state and compiled a 102-17 career record while receiving four letters...Four-time letterman in football, named first team four times while rushing for 1,380 yards... Also named first team four times in baseball... Economics and Business major.

## Keydet Newcomers



Robert  
Taylor

¥ Freshman ¥ 141 lbs.  
¥ Newport News, Va  
¥ Menchville

**2004-05:** Will provide depth at 141 lbs.  
**High School:** Four-year letterman while competing at four different weight classes... Graduated with high honors from Menchville... Mechanical Engineering major.



Bryan  
Wells

¥ Freshman ¥ 174 lbs.  
¥ Virginia Beach, Va  
¥ Tallwood

**2004-05:** Projected to start at 174 lb. weight class.  
**High School:** Holds school records for career wins, career near falls, career major decisions, career technical falls, season wins and season reversals... Lettered four years, team captain for three years... Ranked third and sixth in state... Regional champion at 160 lbs. as a senior... Economics and Business major.

## The "Thunderdome"

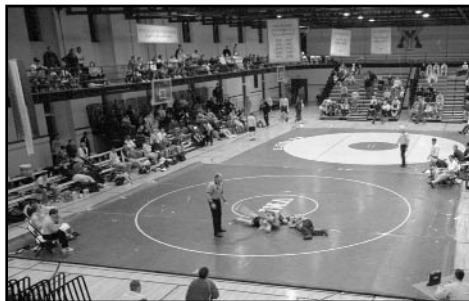
The home of VMI wrestling has been Cocke Hall since its construction in 1926. Since then, the old gym has been witness to 77 years of incredible memories in VMI wrestling.

In the winter of 1992, former assistant baseball coach Kenny Creehan dubbed Cocke Hall the "Thunderdome" in his public address duties and the name has stuck ever since.



The atmosphere at Cocke Hall for home dual meets is unrivalled anywhere on the east coast. The Corps of Cadets provide one of the most spirited and zealous home crowds, as they cheer on the Keydet wrestlers. Banners overhead trumpet the accomplishments of past VMI matmen, including 12 Southern Conference championships, and two All-Americans.

In recent years, crowds have come out in record numbers to support the Keydets, including a record attendance of 1,285 that crammed Cocke Hall to see VMI take down The Citadel in February of 2002. To accommodate the ever-growing popularity of VMI wrestling, the program brought in six new sets of bleachers (four with 11 rows and two with six rows) that were installed last season. The new bleachers have enlarged seating capacity from 300 to 700, with still plenty of room for individual seats and cadets to hang off the overhang.



The wrestling team moved into new locker room facilities in Cocke Hall in 1997, giving the Keydet wrestling program a new permanent home close to their practice and weight training facilities, as well as being only one floor below their arena for home dual matches. The Keydets play host to the 2004 Keydet Invitational on November 1 in Cocke Hall.