



Ryan Churella will join the Wolverine staff after recently wrapping up one of the greatest careers in U-M program history. Churella will continue to train in freestyle with aspiration of the 2008 Summer Olympic Games.

Churella earned three consecutive NCAA All-America citations and captured a trio of Big Ten titles, becoming just the eighth Wolverine wrestler to win three consecutive conference crowns. Perhaps most impressive, Churella climbed two weight classes between his sophomore and junior seasons without missing a beat. He lost just one dual match in his final two seasons, posting 35 straight wins in head-to-head team competition.

A two-time team captain, Churella registered a career mark of 117-18, ranking 15th all-time among the Wolverine wins leaders. His winning percentage of .867 lists sixth in U-m history. A bear on top, Churella twice led the team in falls and posted 35 career

pins to list ninth all-time in that category.

Prior to his arrival in Ann Arbor, Churella was a two-time state champion at Novi High School and the 2001 Senior National champion at 140 pounds.