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- The ACC will send a league-record tying 41 wrestlers to the 2019 NCAA Division I Wrestling Championships, which begin Thursday and continue through Saturday at PPG Paints Arena in Pittsburgh.
- ACC champion NC State and runner-up Virginia Tech lead the conference's six wrestling schools with nine NCAA selections each, and North Carolina has eight.
- The ACC received a league-record 37 automatic bids to this year's NCAA Wrestling Championship, and qualifying for those slots was determined by the results of the 2019 ACC Championships held March 9 at Virginia Tech. In addition to those automatic qualifiers, the ACC was awarded four at-large berths.
- The ACC's 41-wrestler contingent is led by a pair of No. 3 seeds in Duke's Mitch Finesilver at 149 pounds and Virginia Tech's Zack Zavatsky at 184 ... Finesilver's No. 3 seeding is the best ever for a Blue Devil in the NAAs ... ACC Wrestling Championship MVP Micky Phillippi drew the No. 4 seed at 133 pounds, while Virginia's Jack Mueller is No. 5 at 125, and NC State's Hayden Hidlay followed suit at 15 ... A total of 12 ACC wrestlers are seeded among the top 10 in their respective weight classes.
- For the second consecutive year, Mitch Finesilver will join his three Duke teammate brothers – Josh at 141 pounds, Zach at 165 and Matt at 174 – in qualifying for the NCAA Championships . Last year marked the first time in history that four brothers had advanced to the NAAs.
- Pitt is hosting the ACC Wrestling Championships for the first time since 1957 ... This will mark the sixth time an ACC member school has hosted the event and the first time since North Carolina hosted in 1994.
- NC State claimed the 2019 ACC Wrestling Championship before a record crowd of 3,742 on March 9 at Virginia Tech's Cassell Coliseum ... The title is the 16th for the Wolfpack overall and the second under seventh-year head coach Pat Papolizio.
- Two-time ACC Wrestler of the Week Micky Phillippi of Pitt outlasted NC State's Tariq Wilson, 4-1, to claim the ACC individual title at 133 pounds ... Phillippi, who also edged Virginia Tech's formidable Korbin Myers in the semifinals, was voted the Championship MVP by the league's six head coaches.



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