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Much-anticipated matches will be featured online Sept. 17

**MADISON, Wis.** — A unique wrestling event will be held virtually next week with two Badgers in the spotlight.

Redshirt junior Trent Hillger and new Wisconsin assistant coach Seth Gross, who completed his collegiate career as a Badger last season, will compete in Beat The Streets' 2020 virtual event (<https://www.btsny.org/>) on Thursday, Sept. 17. Both wrestlers will take part in freestyle matches to be held live online as part of this annual fundraising event.

"It's great for Trent and Seth to participate in the Beat The Streets event, first because it is a wonderful organization that does some incredible things for the less fortunate in the wrestling world," said Chris Bono, Wisconsin wrestling head coach. "And second, they both have very strong opponents who they have to beat at some point of their careers to accomplish their goals."

Hillger will face Gable Steveson, who won Cadet World titles in 2015 and 2016, and followed with a Junior World title in 2017. Steveson also placed eighth in the 2018 Junior World Championships. He has made the U.S. Senior Freestyle National Team the last two years, rising to the No. 2 spot in the nation by reaching Final X in 2019. Steveson was third in the 2019 NCAA Championships for Minnesota and strong heading into the 2020 NCAA Championships, which were canceled due to COVID-19.

Hillger is a two-time NCAA qualifier for Wisconsin. He finished fourth at the 2020 Big Ten Championships and had received the No. 6 seed before the NCAA Championships were canceled. The NCAA named both Hillger and Steveson as 2020 Division I First Team All-Americans based upon their success in the 2019-20 season.

Gross will wrestle Joe Colon, who won a bronze medal at the 2018 World Championships in Budapest, Hungary. Colon won Pan American Championships titles in 2018 and 2019. He was an NCAA All-American for Northern Iowa and was an NJCAA national champion for Iowa Central.

Before becoming a Badger, Gross won an NCAA title for South Dakota State in 2018 and was a 2017 NCAA runner-up. He transferred to Wisconsin, where he was third in the Big Ten going into the 2020 NCAA Championships, which was canceled due to COVID-19. Gross won the 2019 Bill Farrell International, which has qualified him for the U.S. Olympic Team Trials.

"Colon is a world bronze medalist who is one of the favorites to make the 2021 Olympics, while Gable is the top-ranked collegiate heavyweight wrestler in the country and a contender to make the Olympic team. It should be a great event and I'm excited to watch our guys compete!"

The live matches will be held outdoors with no fans in the Tri-State area near New York.

The matches will be held with the safety of the participants as the first priority, following state and local health and government restrictions as well as the USA Wrestling Return to Events Guidelines.

As part of its partnership with Beat The Streets this year, FloWrestling will produce both portions of the Beat The Streets fundraiser this year. The virtual telethon will be free to view, while fans will need a FloPro subscription to view the live matches.

The decision to include live competition alongside this year's Beat The Streets fundraiser continues a tradition of 11 straight years of high-level competition held in numerous iconic locations. These unique and electrifying annual events have helped Beat The Streets, Inc. raise millions of dollars to support local youth wrestling programs which empower young people in New York City.

The first Beat The Streets competition was held in 2010. Previous locations for the matches have included the U.S.S. Intrepid aircraft carrier, Times Square, Grand Central Terminal, the Seaport District and the Hulu Theater in Madison Square Garden.

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