

Bout order announced for Final X in State College on June 16, with Taylor vs. Reenan set as the final match

USA Wrestling and FloWrestling have announced the order of the bouts for Final X in State College, which is set for Rec Hall on the campus of Penn State University on Saturday, June 16, starting at 6 p.m. ET.

The event will determine the 2018 U.S. Senior World Teams in men's and women's freestyle wrestling, featuring the nation's top two athletes in the six weight classes on the card. It will be a best-of-three series in each weight class, with the winner earning a spot on Team USA at the World Championships in Budapest, Hungary, October 20-28.

Tickets remain available. Fans should go to the tickets tab on the official Final X website at: www.FinalX.tv

The final match on the card will feature David Taylor of the Nittany Lion WC, a two-time NCAA champion and two-time Hodge Trophy winner for Penn State against young NC State All-American Nick Reenan at 86 kg in men's freestyle. Taylor, a three-time U.S. Open champion and two-time World Cup champion, still trains and lives in the State College area. Reenan, on a redshirt year with the Wolfpack, won the World Team Trials Challenge Tournament to earn his spot in Final X.

Fans won't want to arrive late, as the first bout on the card will be a dandy, a battle between workout partners at 65 kg in men's freestyle. Joey McKenna of the Titan Mercury WC, who completed his career at Ohio State as a two-time All-American, was the first in Final X at this weight by winning the 2018 U.S. Open. 2016 World champion Logan Stieber of the Titan Mercury WC, a four-time NCAA champion for Ohio State who trains at their Ohio Regional Training Center, earned his berth by winning the World Team Trials Challenge Tournament. Both had great age-group careers, with Stieber winning a Junior World silver medal and McKenna claiming World medals on the Junior and U23 age levels.

The second bout features two young women stars at 62 kg, two-time U.S. Open champion Kayla Miracle of the Sunkist Kids and 2017 U.S. World Team member Mallory Velte of the Titan Mercury WC. Miracle was a four-time WCWA national champion for Campbellsville, while Velte won three WCWA national titles for Simon Fraser. Miracle boasts age-group World medals on the Junior and Cadet levels.

Another intriguing women's freestyle match is third on the card, as 2015 World Team member Erin Clodgo of the Sunkist Kids battles college star Rachel Watters of the New York AC at 72 kg. Clodgo, a four-time U.S. Open champion, has a huge resume of success. Watters, a WCWA All-American at Oklahoma City, has made five U.S. age-group World Teams.

The fourth match features another four-time NCAA champion, as former Cornell star Kyle Dake of the Titan Mercury WC will square off with Arizona State's 2018 NCAA champion Zahid Valencia of the Sunkist Kids at 79 kg in men's freestyle. Dake, a two-time U.S. Open champion, has been No. 2 on the Freestyle National Team four times. Valencia was a Junior World silver medalist in 2017.

One of the greatest women's wrestlers in U.S. history will be featured in bout five, as three-time World champion and five-time World medalist Adeline Gray of the New York AC has drawn a rising young star, Korincha Bullock

and five-time world medalist Adeline Gray of the New York AC has drawn a rising young star, Norman Bullock of the McKendree Bearcat WC at 76 kg. Gray, a 2016 Olympian, has also won World gold medals on the Junior and University levels. Bullock, a WCWA All-American at McKendree, earned a spot on the 2018 U.S. U23 World Team.

As a best-of-three series, this order of bouts will be the same for the first round and the second round of competition. If any weight classes are forced to a deciding third match in their series, the bouts in round three will stay in order, with a minimum waiting time of 30 minutes from the end of bout two.

FloWrestling will provide exclusive live and on-demand coverage of the three-event Final X series. Watch the events across all screens by downloading the FloSports app on iOS, Roku, or Apple TV 4, as well as on desktop or mobile web via FloWrestling.com

The other two Final X competitions are Final X in Lincoln on June 9, and Final X at Lehigh on June 23. Tickets for all three Final X events can be purchased at www.FinalX.tv

FINAL X IN STATE COLLEGE

Saturday, June 16 at Rec Hall, starting at 6:00 p.m. ET

Bout Order

Bout One - Men's freestyle 65 kg

2018 U.S. Open champion - Joseph McKenna, Towaco, N.J. (Titan Mercury WC/Ohio RTC)

2018 WTT Challenge Tournament champion – Logan Stieber, Columbus, Ohio (Titan Mercury WC/Ohio RTC)

Bout Two - Women's freestyle 62 kg

2018 U.S. Open champion - Kayla Miracle, Campbellsville, Ky. (Sunkist Kids)

2018 WTT Challenge Tournament champion – Mallory Velte, Sacramento, Calif. (Titan Mercury WC)

Bout Three - Women's freestyle 72 kg

2018 U.S. Open champion - Erin Clodgo, Richmond, Vermont (Sunkist Kids)

2018 WTT Challenge Tournament champion – Rachel Watters, Ankeny, Iowa (New York AC/Aires WC)

Bout Four - Men's freestyle 79 kg

2018 U.S. Open champion - Kyle Dake, Ithaca, N.Y. (Titan Mercury WC)

2018 WTT Challenge Tournament champion – Zahid Valencia, Bellflower, Calif. (Sunkist Kids)

Bout Five - Women's freestyle 76 kg

2018 U.S. Open champion - Adeline Gray, Kingston, Pa. (New York AC)

2018 WTT Challenge Tournament champion – Korinahe Bullock, Cahokia, Ill. (McKendree Bearcat WC)

Bout Six - Men's freestyle 86 kg

2018 U.S. Open champion - David Taylor, State College, Pa. (Nittany Lion WC)

2018 WTT Challenge Tournament champion – Nick Reenan, Dallas, Texas (Titan Mercury WC/Wolfpack RTC)

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