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**It's Final X week in State College, as 12 Olympic-caliber stars to wrestle at Rec Hall on June 16**

Final X in State College will be held in 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](http://www.FinalX.tv)

**The match-up order for Final X in State College**

Bout One - Men's freestyle 65 kg - Joseph McKenna, Towaco, N.J. (Titan Mercury WC/Ohio RTC) vs. Logan Stieber, Columbus, Ohio (Titan Mercury WC/Ohio RTC)

Bout Two - Women's freestyle 62 kg - Kayla Miracle, Campbellsville, Ky. (Sunkist Kids) vs. Mallory Velte, Sacramento, Calif. (Titan Mercury WC)

Bout Three - Women's freestyle 72 kg - Erin Clodgo, Richmond, Vermont (Sunkist Kids) vs. Rachel Watters, Ankeny, Iowa (New York AC/Aires WC)

Bout Four - Men's freestyle 79 kg - Kyle Dake, Ithaca, N.Y. (Titan Mercury WC) vs. Zahid Valencia, Bellflower, Calif. (Sunkist Kids)

Bout Five - Women's freestyle 76 kg - Adeline Gray, Kingston, Pa. (New York AC) vs. Korinahe Bullock, Cahokia, Ill. (McKendree Bearcat WC)

Bout Six - Men's freestyle 86 kg - David Taylor, State College, Pa. (Nittany Lion WC) vs. Nick Reenan, Dallas, Texas (Titan Mercury WC/Wolfpack RTC)

**Local hero David Taylor featured in highlighted final match in Final X in State College**

David Taylor of the Nittany Lion WC, a two-time NCAA champion and two-time Hodge Trophy winner for Penn State will wrestle 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, an All-American on a redshirt year with the Wolfpack, won the World Team Trials Challenge Tournament to earn his spot in Final X.

**Every match has at least one athlete with connection to the Eastern time zone**

Bout One – McKenna hails from New Jersey, where he went grew up and attended high school and attended Ohio State. Stieber grew up in Ohio, attended high school there and college at Ohio State

Bout Two – Miracle lives in Kentucky and attended college there at Campbellsville.

Bout Three – Clodgo grew up in Vermont, and currently lives there.

Bout Four – Dake went to high school in New York, attended Cornell, and trains there now.

Bout Five – Gray lives in Pennsylvania, where she is an assistant coach at Wyoming Seminary.

Bout Six – Taylor went to high school in Ohio, went to Penn State, and lives and trains in State College area. Reenan attends NC State.

**Seven spots on the U.S. World Team were set in Lincoln last weekend**

Final X in Lincoln on June 9 placed seven athletes on the U.S. World Team, four men and three women. They are:

Men's freestyle: 57 kg – Thomas Gilman; 70 kg – James Green; 74 kg – Jordan Burroughs; 97 kg – Kyle Snyder

Women's freestyle: 55 kg – Jacarra Winchester; 59 kg – Alli Ragan; 68 kg – Tamyra Mensah-Stock

**Media who wish to attend must act right away**

Any media who has not yet applied for credentials must do so immediately. It takes a few days for the USA Wrestling background check to clear, and it takes a little over one hour to complete the required SafeSport training. If you still seek accreditation, contact Gary Abbott right away at 719-659-9637 or via email at

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