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Parker and Carr receive top-10 seeds.

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INDIANAPOLIS - The NCAA announced the seeds and brackets for NCAA Championships next week on Wednesday evening, revealing the first round matchups for the six Fighting Illini qualifiers. Redshirt senior [Emery Parker](#) leads the Illini with the No. 4 seed at 184-pounds. Redshirt sophomore [Mike Carr](#) joins Parker with a top-10 seed with the No. 6 seed at 141-pounds. Junior [Travis Piotrowski](#) is the No. 11 seed at 125-pounds, while redshirt junior [Eric Barone](#) is the No. 15 seed at 157-pounds. Rounding out the Illini qualifiers are No. 26 [Joey Gunther](#) (165) and No. 30 [Dylan Duncan](#) (133). All 33 wrestlers at each weight class received seeds.

Three-time NCAA qualifier [Emery Parker](#) receives the highest seed of his career at NCAA Championships with the No. 4 seed at 184-pounds. Parker enters the championships with an 18-3 overall record. Parker just finished third at Big Ten Championships last weekend, defeating Nebraska's Taylor Venz in a 5-1 decision in the third-place bout. Last year at NCAA Championships, Parker placed third at 184-pounds to claim All-American honors. Parker will be opposed by Virginia's Will Schany (29) in the opening round.

[Mike Carr](#) holds the six seed at 141-pounds after entering nationals last season as the No. 11 seed. Carr went 12-5 this season, including 7-0 in Big Ten duals. Carr will take on Binghamton's Anthony Sparacio (27) in the first round.

[Travis Piotrowski](#), a three-time NCAA qualifier, holds the No. 11 seed at 125-pounds for the 2019 NCAA Championships. Piotrowski finished as the team leader in wins with 20, finishing with a 20-10 overall record for the season. He's coming off a fifth-place finish at this year's Big Ten Championships. In the opening round, Piotrowski will face off against Northern Iowa's Jacob Schwarm (22).

[Eric Barone](#) qualifies for nationals for the second time in his career. The No. 15 seed at 157-pounds this season, Barone was a qualifier at 149-pounds in 2017. This season, Barone finished with an overall record of 18-14. Barone is set to wrestle No. 18 Logan Parks out of Central Michigan in the first round.

After qualifying for nationals in his first two seasons at Iowa, [Joey Gunther](#) qualifies for the third time of his career this season as a member of the Illini. Gunther finished the year with a record of 13-12. No. 26 Gunther will take on No. 7 Isaiah White of Nebraska in the opening round.

[Dylan Duncan](#) heads to Pittsburgh for his second-straight appearance at nationals. Duncan, who finished the year 13-12, is the No. 30 seed and is slated to take on No. 3 Nick Suriano in the first round.

NCAA Championships will be held on March 21-23 in Pittsburgh, Pa. For the third consecutive year NCAA Championships will be broadcast on the ESPN family of networks. Sessions 1 & 2 will be on Thursday, March 21, with Session 1 beginning at 11 a.m. CT on ESPNU and Session 2 starting at 6 p.m. CT on ESPN. Session 3 will begin at 10 a.m. CT on ESPNU, and Session 4 will air on ESPN at 7 p.m. CT. The final day of action will begin with Session 5 starting at 10 a.m. CT on ESPNU. The championship session will air at 6 p.m. CT on ESPN.

Illini First Round Matchups:

- 125: (11) [Travis Piotrowski](#) vs. (22) Jacob Schwarm (Northern Iowa)
133: (30) [Dylan Duncan](#) vs. (3) Nick Suriano (Rutgers)
141: (6) [Mike Carr](#) vs. (27) Anthony Sparacio (Binghamton)
157: (15) [Eric Barone](#) vs. (18) Logan Parks (Central Michigan)
165: (26) [Joey Gunther](#) vs. (7) Isaiah White (Nebraska)
184: (4) [Emery Parker](#) vs. (29) Will Schany (Virginia)

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