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#### **MID-AMERICAN CONFERENCE NAMES THREE WRESTLING POSTSEASON AWARDS**

*Buffalo's Stutzman Wins Coach of the Year, Missouri's Eierman Named Wrestler of the Year and Missouri's Mauller Named Freshman of the Year*  
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**Cleveland, Ohio** – The Mid-American Conference announced today three wrestling postseason awards for the 2019 season. Buffalo's John Stutzman was named MAC Coach of the Year, while Missouri's Jaydin Eierman was selected as MAC Wrestler of the Year for the second consecutive year and teammate Brock Mauller was named MAC Freshman of the Year.

All three awards were voted on by the conference's head wrestling coaches following the conclusion of the 2019 NCAA Wrestling Tournament.

Buffalo head coach John Stutzman completed his sixth season in leading the Bulls wrestling program and finished with a 12-5 overall record, 5-2 in the MAC. Stutzman enjoyed his finest year as he led the Bulls to 12 dual wins in 2018-19, tying the school record for most dual wins in a season since returning to the Division I ranks in 1998.

Buffalo won a school-record five MAC duals and placed second at the MAC Championships, its highest ever finish. Two Bulls won individual titles at the 2019 MAC Championships, including Troy Keller (165) and Brett Perry (197). Buffalo had six national qualifiers this year, its most since 2011.

Missouri junior Jaydin Eierman wrestled to a third-place finish at 141 pounds at the 2019 NCAA Wrestling Championships to earn his third consecutive All-America honor. His only loss at the NCAA Tournament came to top-seeded and two-time national champion Yianni Diakomihalis of Cornell in a 6-5 decision.

A native of Columbia, Mo., Eierman's third-place finish earned him his third All-America honor in three seasons and it was his best finish ever at the NCAA Championships. Eierman finished his junior season with a 27-4 overall record with a team-high 17 falls. He now has 38 pins in his three years as a Tiger. He also claimed his third MAC Championship this season.

Missouri true freshman Brock Mauller won the 149-pound 2019 MAC Championship and earned his first career All-American honor with a sixth-place finish at the 2019 NCAA Wrestling Championship. After burning his redshirt midway through his true freshman season, replacing injured All-American Grant Leeth, Mauller led all Mizzou wrestlers with 32 wins, the most by a Mizzou true freshman since four-time national champion J'den Cox had 38 in 2013-14.

A native of Columbia, Mo., Mauller earned his first career MAC title and posted an incredible 28-2 mark en route to earning the No. 4 seed at the NCAA Championships. His only two losses during the regular season came against Iowa State's Jarrett Degen, and Mauller defeated Degen when it mattered the most, earning a win at the NCAA Championships. Mauller finished sixth at the NCAA Championships and closed his true freshman season with a 32-5 overall record, earning his first career All-America honor.

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