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**Senior Day: #8 @PackWrestle Hosts #16 Pitt Sunday Afternoon**  
*Pack looking for its first undefeated home slate since 1991-92*

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**RALEIGH, N.C.** – The No. 8 NC State wrestling team will compete in Reynolds on final time this season, as the Wolfpack will host ACC foe No. 16 Pitt on Sunday at 1 p.m.

	#8 NC State (14-2) vs. #16 Pitt (8-3)
<b>Date</b>	Sunday, Feb. 10
<b>Time</b>	1:00 p.m.
<b>Location</b>	Raleigh, N.C.
<b>Arena</b>	<a href="#">Reynolds Coliseum</a>
<b>Tickets</b>	<a href="#">\$5 youth, \$7 adults</a>
<b>Streaming</b>	<a href="#">ACC Network Extra</a>
<b>Live Stats</b>	<a href="#">TrackWrestling.com</a>
<b>Social Media</b>	<a href="#">@PackWrestle</a>

**QUICK TAKEDOWNS**

- NC State has won four straight vs. Pitt, and has won both previous matchups in Raleigh (27-12 in 2015 and 23-15 in 2017).
- NC State in 9-0 in home duals this season, and vying for the first undefeated home campaign since 1991-92 (27 seasons).
- Since Reynolds underwent its \$35 million renovation prior to 2016-17, the Wolfpack is 6-0 in home ACC duals, outscoring conference foes 164-62.
- NC State has won seven straight ACC duals, and 15 of its last 17.
- NC State has won nine of its last 10 ACC home duals.

- NC State is ranked #8 in the Coaches' Poll this week, 54 straight polls ranked in the top-10.
- Over the last four seasons, NC State has won 65 of its 71 duals (90.3 percent). The winning percentage sits fourth-best in the NCAA, and the 65 wins leads the nation.

## PROBABLE LINEUPS

*#8 NC State (14-2, 2-0 ACC)*

125: #12 R-Sr. [Sean Fausz](#) (8-1) –OR- R-Fr. [Zurich Storm](#) (12-4)

133: #7 R-So. [Tariq Wilson](#) (12-2) –OR- R-Fr. [John Devine](#) (7-6)

141: R-Sr. [Jamel Morris](#) (18-3)

149: #8 Gr. [Justin Oliver](#) (13-3)

157: #4 R-So. [Hayden Hidlay](#) (15-2)

165: R-So. [Thomas Bullard](#) (16-6)

174: #20 R-So. [Daniel Bullard](#) (16-6)

184: #3 R-So. [Nick Reenan](#) (11-1)

197: #20 R-Sr. [Malik McDonald](#) (14-7)

285: Fr. [Colin Lawler](#) (15-9) –OR- [Deonte Wilson](#) (15-8)

*#16 Pitt Panthers (8-3, 0-2 ACC)*

125: Fr. Brendon Fenton (4-9)

133: #5 R-Fr. Micky Phillippi (14-2)

141: Sr. LJ Bentley (13-6)

149: Sr. Robert Lee (8-9)

157: #11 R-Jr. Taleb Rahmani (13-4)

165: Jr. Curtis Decker (2-5) –OR- So. Tommy O'Brien (11-7)

174: R-Jr. Gregg Harvey (7-7)

184: #13 R-Fr. Nino Bonaccorsi (13-5)

197: R-Jr. Kellan Stout (10-4)

285: #14 Jr. Demetrius Thomas (21-3)

Note – Pitt's records are prior to duals at Davidson and Gardner-Webb on 2/9

## FEATURED MATCHUPS

*157: #4 [Hayden Hidlay](#) vs. #11 Taleb Rahmani*

A battle of the ACC's two ranked wrestlers and the two last ACC champions at 157 pounds, the rivalry extends back before college. Hidlay has won 10 in a row, eight for bonus points, and is 11-0 all-time vs. ACC opponents. Rahmani was the ACC Champion in 2017, and is 2-0 in ACC action thus far. The two faced off three times last year, with Hidlay taking all three: a major in the dual, an OT win at the ACC Championships, and a two-point win at the NAAs.

*184: #3 [Nick Reenan](#) vs. #13 Nino Bonaccorsi*

Reenan returned to action for the first time since Jan. 6 with a first-period pin at UVA last week. Reenan is 3-1 vs. ranked foes this year, with a pair of top-6 wins. Bonaccorsi sits 13-5 on the season, as is coming off a 7-5 decision over #14 Ness of UNC last weekend.

## SERIES VS. PITT

Sunday's dual marks just the sixth meeting between NC State and Pittsburgh.

After the Panthers won the first matchup at home in 2014, the Pack has won the past four ACC battles, including last year at Pitt 23-9.

### **LAST YEAR VS. PITT**

NC State jumped out to a 17-0 lead, winning the first five bouts, and went on to a 23-9 win at Pitt. The Wolfpack won seven of the 10 matches, and also came away with a pair of upsets over ranked Panthers.

*How NC State's Probables Fared:*

133: #11 Dom Forys (Pitt) dec. #13 [Tariq Wilson](#); 7-5

141: [Jamel Morris](#) (NCSU) dec. #19 Nick Zanetta; 12-8

157: #3 [Hayden Hidlay](#) (NCSU) major dec. Taleb Rahmani; 18-7

174: [Daniel Bullard](#) (NCSU) major dec. Tommy O'Brien; 9-0

### **SENIOR DAY**

NC State will recognize eight members of the Pack competing in their final home dual:

**SEAN FAUSZ**

*Alexandria, Ky.*

Wolfpack's starter at 125 pounds ... Ranked in the top-15 in every major poll ... A three-time NCAA Qualifier (2016, 2017, 2018) ... 2018 ACC Champion ... 2018 silver medalist at the U23 World Championships ... Two-time academic All-American, two-time ACC Academic Honor Roll ... Majoring in Electrical Engineering.

**MALIK MCDONALD**

*Hope Mills, N.C.*

Wolfpack's starter at 197 pounds ... Ranked in the top-20 by both InterMat and FloWrestling ... A 2017 NCAA Qualifier ... Named to the 2017-18 ACC Academic Honor Roll ... Majoring in Social Work.

**SAM MELIKIAN**

*Mohegan Lake, N.Y.*

Wrestled in four different weight classes during his career ... Named to the ACC Academic Honor Roll three times ... Majoring in Paper Science and Engineering.

**JAMEL MORRIS**

*Fort Lauderdale, Fla.*

Wolfpack's starter at 141 pounds ... Finished fifth nationally last year with 10 technical fall wins ... Majoring in Science, Tech, and Society.

**JUSTIN OLIVER**

*Davison, Mich.*

Wolfpack's starter at 149 pounds ... Ranked in the top-10 in every major poll ... A 2016 All-American ... Three-time NCAA Qualifier (2016, 2017, 2018) ... Earned his undergrad degree in Organizational Administration from Central Michigan and currently pursuing a grad certification from NC State in Applied Science and Data Management

management.

*WILL CLARK*

*Cary, N.C.*

Went 2-2 at 65 kg at the U23 World Team Trials this past spring ... Majoring in Business Administration – Marketing.

*TYLER JOHNSON*

*Lockport, Ill.*

Named to the ACC Academic Honor Roll twice ... Majoring in Sport Management.

*RODERICK DAVIS*

*Powder Springs, Ga.*

Pack's starter at 184 pounds in multiple duals this season ... Majoring in Accounting.

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