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Gwiazdowski to Wrestle at Final X Saturday Night

Reigning World medalist vies for another spot on U.S. World Team

RALEIGH, N.C. - Former NC State two-time national champion, and also two-time World bronze medalist, Nick Gwiazdowski will be in action this weekend, taking on Gable Steveson Saturday night at Final X from Rutgers.

The winner of the best-of-three championship format will earn a spot on the U.S. World Team and compete at the 2019 World Championships Sept. 14-22 in Nur-Sultan, Kazakhstan.

Action starts at 6 p.m., and all the matches will be streamed on FloWrestling.

Gwiazdowski received an automatic bid to the Final X as a reigning World medalist (for the second straight year), as he captured the bronze at 125 kg last year in Hungary at the World Championships. Gwiazdowski is coming off of a gold medal performance at the Pan American Championships earlier this spring. He won all four matches by tech fall, outscoring his foes 41-1 en route to the Gold.

Steveson claimed his spot on Final X after taking home top honors at the World Team Trials, held in Reynolds Coliseum. In the best-of-three finals, he downed Adam Coon 13-3 and then 8-1. As a true freshman this past collegiate season at Minnesota, he placed third at the NCAA Championships and was ranked No. 1 nationally at heavyweight heading into the post season.

Final X - Rutgers Schedule

Session One – Noon ET

Bout 1: Men's GR 87 kg – Joe Rau (Titan Mercury WC/Chicago RTC) vs. Ben Provisor (New York AC/Nittany Lion WC)

Bout 2: Women's FS 72 kg – Alyvia Fiske (Titan Mercury WC) vs. Victoria Francis (Titan Mercury WC)

Bout 3: Men's GR 82 kg – Kendrick Sanders (New York AC) vs. John Stefanowicz (U.S. Marine Corps)

Bout 4: Men's GB 55 kg – Max Newmy (U.S. Army WCAD) vs. Brady Koontz (Ohio

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Bout 5: Men's GR 67 kg – Ellis Coleman (U.S. Army WCAP) vs. Jamel Johnson (U.S. Marine Corps)

Bout 6: Women's FS 57 kg – Becka Leathers (Titan Mercury WC/Tar Heel RTC) vs. Jenna Burkert (U.S. Army WCAP)

Session Two – 6:00 p.m.

Bout 1: Women's FS 65 kg – Forrest Molinari (Titan Mercury WC/Hawkeye WC) vs. Maya Nelson (Sunkist Kids/OTC)

Bout 2: Men's GR 77 kg – Kamal Bey (Sunkist Kids/OTC) vs. Pat Smith (Minnesota Storm)

Bout 3: Women's FS 68 kg – Tamyra Mensah-Stock (Titan Mercury WC/OTC) vs. Alexandria Glaude (Titan Mercury WC/McKendree Bearcat WC)

Bout 4: Women's FS 50 kg – Whitney Conder (U.S. Army WCAP) vs. Victoria Anthony (Sunkist Kids)

Bout 5: Men's FS 125 kg – Nick Gwiazdowski (Titan Mercury WC/Wolfpack RTC) vs. Gable Steveson (Minnesota RTC)

Bout 6: Men's FS 65 kg – Yianni Diakomihalis (Titan Mercury WC/Finger Lakes RTC) vs. Zain Retherford (Nittany Lion WC)

Bout 7: Men's FS 92 kg – J'den Cox (Titan Mercury WC/OTC) vs. Bo Nickal (Nittany Lion WC)

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