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TODAY'S ACTION

UNIVERSITY PARK, Pa.; Feb. 5, 2019 -- No. 1 Penn State (10-0, 6-0 B1G) travels to Columbus, Ohio, to take on No. 2 Ohio State (9-1, 5-1 B1G) in Big Ten road action on Friday, Feb. 8. The dual begins at 8:30 p.m. and will air live nationally on the Big Ten Network. All rankings listed and used are InterMat Tournament Power Index (TPI) and InterMat individual as of Feb. 5.

The Nittany Lions are coming off a rousing 25-11 win over previously unbeaten and fifth-ranked Michigan on Friday in the annual BJC Dual. Penn State won seven of ten bouts in front of the sell-out crowd of nearly 16,000 to stay unbeaten on the year. The Lions won every match-up featuring ranked foes, getting ranked wins at 141, 157, 165, 174 and 285. The Lions improved to 10-0 overall, 6-0 in the Big Ten.

The Nittany Lions feature a talented line-up. Sophomore Devin Schnupp is 6-11 at 125 with half those wins coming in dual meets. True freshman Roman Bravo-Young is ranked No. 15 at 133 with a 15-2 record. Sophomore Nick Lee is 20-1 overall and ranked No. 5 at 141. Redshirt freshman Brady Berge is 14-2 and ranked No. 11 at 149. Senior Jason Nolf is 19-0 and ranked No. 1 at 157. Junior Vincenzo Joseph is 17-0 and ranked No. 1 at 165. Junior Mark Hall is 19-0 and ranked No. 1 at 174. Senior Shakur Rasheed is 15-0 and ranked No. 2 at 184. Senior Bo Nickal is 18-0 and ranked No. 1 at 197. Senior Anthony Cassar is 17-1 and ranked No. 3 at 285.

Ohio State enters the dual with a 9-1 record, 5-1 in the Big Ten. The Buckeyes won two road duals last weekend, beating Illinois 23-14 on Friday and Northwestern 27-15 on Sunday. The Buckeyes have a line-up that features nine ranked wrestlers. Luke Pletcher is 18-2 and No. 6 at 133. Joey McKenna is 14-0 and No. 2 at 141. Micah Jordan is 18-1 and No. 3 at 149. Ke-Shawn Hayes is 15-5 and No. 6 at 157. Te'Shan Campbell is 9-2 and No. 12 at 165. Ethan Smith is 14-5 and No. 18 at 174. Myles Martin is 13-0 and No. 1 at 197. Kollin Moore is 13-0 and No. 2 at 197. Chase Singletary is 15-4 and No. 19 at 285.

The Nittany Lions lead the all-time series with Ohio State 20-12, including the last three meetings. Penn State won 19-18 last year in Rec Hall on Feb. 3, 2019. The Nittany Lions won the last meeting in Columbus as well, winning 32-12 on Feb. 3, 2017.

Penn State loses out Big Ten action with a split weekend next weekend. The Lions host Michigan State on Friday, Feb. 15, at 7 p.m. in Rec Hall. Penn State then visits Illinois for a Sunday, Feb. 17, dual at 2 p.m. (Eastern).

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#1 PENN STATE NITTANY LIONS (10-0, 6-0 B1G)

WT	NAME	EL	HT/HS	REC	
125	Devin Schnupp	So.	Lititz, Pa./Warwick		6-11
133

133	#15 Roman Bravo-Young	Fr.	Tucson, Ariz./Sunny Side	15-2
141	#5 Nick Lee	So.	Evansville, Ind./Homeschool	20-1
149	#11 Brady Berge	Fr.	Mantorville, Minn./Kasson-Mantorville	14-2
	Jarod Verkleeren	Fr.	Greensburg, Pa./Hempfield	14-5
157	#1 Jason Nolf	Sr.	Yatesboro, Pa./Kittanning	19-0
165	#1 Vincenzo Joseph	Jr.	Pittsburgh, Pa./Central Catholic	17-0
174	#1 Mark Hall	Jr.	Apple Valley, Minn./Apple Valley	19-0
184	#2 Shakur Rasheed	Sr.	Coram, N.Y./Longwood	15-0
197	#1 Bo Nickal	Sr.	Allen, Texas/Allen	18-0
285	#3 Anthony Cassar	Sr.	Rocky Hill, N.J./Montgomery	17-1
	Nick Nevills	Sr.	Clovis, Calif./Clovis	8-2

#2 OHIO STATE BUCKEYES (9-1, 5-1 B1G)

WT	NAME	EL	HT/HS	REC
125	Malik Heinselmann	Fr.	Castle Rock, Colo./Castle View	18-5
133	#6 Luke Pletcher	Jr.	Latrobe, Pa./Greater Latrobe	18-2
141	#2 Joey McKenna	Sr.	Towaco, N.J./Blair Academy	14-0
149	#3 Micah Jordan	Sr.	St. Paris, Ohio/St. Paris Graham	18-1
157	#6 Ke-Shawn Hayes	Jr.	Kansas City, Mo./Park Hill	15-5
165	Kaleb Romero	Fr.	Mechanicsburg, Ohio/Mechanicsburg	7-6
	#12 Te'Shan Campbell	Sr.	Pittsburgh, Pa./Penn Hills	9-2
174	#18 Ethan Smith	Fr.	Latrobe, Pa./Sparrows Point (Md.)	14-5
184	#1 Myles Martin	Sr.	Penns Grove, N.J./McDonogh School	13-0
197	#2 Kollin Moore	Jr.	Burbank, Ohio/Norwayne	13-0
285	#19 Chase Singletary	Fr.	Naples, Fla./Blair Academy	15-4

Rankings listed are InterMat TPI/InterMat Individual as of 2/5/19

THE MILESTONE WATCH LIST

A number of team and individual records and milestones are in play as the 2018-19 wrestling season begins to play itself out:

- * Career Wins: 100 win threshold -- **Nickal 108, Nolf 105**
- * Career Falls: Record WAS 53 (Retherford, Taylor, Moore) -- **Nolf new holder w/ 56, Nickal 53 is T3rd**
- * Career Dual Meet Wins: **Nickal 53 is 13th all-time, Nolf 50 is 19th**
- * Big Ten Dual Wins: **Cael Sanderson holds record with 71**

LIONS ROLL OVER #5 MICHIGAN IN SOLD OUT BJC DUAL

Top-ranked Penn State rolled over No. 5 Michigan in front of nearly 16,000 fans in the sold out Bryce Jordan Center in a marquee Big Ten wrestling dual. The Nittany Lions won seven of ten bouts to roll to the 25-11 victory over the visiting Wolverines and remain unbeaten on the year. The loss was Michigan's first of the season. Penn State posted a convincing 21-13 advantage in takedowns in the dual. The Nittany Lions picked up four bonus points off one pin (Bo Nickal at 197) and one major (Anthony Cassar at 285). The sellout crowd of 15,703 is the sixth highest indoor attendance figure in NCAA wrestling and the fifth highest at Penn State. The Nittany Lions own the top four indoor figures in NCAA history, including the all-time record of 15,998 set last year against Iowa on Jan. 10, 2018. Penn State has wrestled in front of 51 sell-outs in its last 53 home outings, including 46 straight in Rec Hall and five of seven in the BJC.

LEE, NOLF, JOSEPH, HALL AND CASSAR TAKE DOWN TOP TEN OPPONENTS IN BJC DUAL WIN OVER MICHIGAN

Penn State won all five match-ups featuring ranked opponents in the team's 25-11 victory over Michigan on Feb. 1. No. 7 Nick Lee dominated No. 5 Kanen Storr 10-4 at 141, No. 1 Jason Nolf controlled No. 5 Alec Pantaleo 9-2 at 157, No. 1 Vincenzo Joseph used a last second takedown to down No. 7 Logan Massa 4-2 in sudden victory at 165, No. 1 Mark Hall edged No. 3 Myles Amine 3-2 at 174 and No. 4 Anthony Cassar majored No. 8 Mason Parris 19-8 at 285.

FOUR LIONS PLACE AT MESSIAH OPEN

Penn State had four wrestlers competing at the Messiah Open on Feb. 2, attached and unattached, and all four placed. Junior Patrick Higgins went 3-1 with two pins to place third at 133; true freshman Brandon Meredith went 3-1 with two majors for third at 125; true freshman Paul Feite went 3-3 with two majors for sixth at 157; and true freshman Konner Kraezig went 5-1 with a major, two techs and two pins for third at 165.

SCHNUPP GETS FIRST B1G DUAL WIN IN PENN STATE'S ROAD VICTORY AT INDIANA

Penn State finished off a Big Ten road weekend with another win, winning eight of ten bouts (and eight of nine contested) in a 35-9 victory over the Indiana Hoosiers on Jan. 27. The Lions had won at Purdue two nights earlier. Sophomore Devin Schnupp downed Liam Cronin 5-2 at 125 to pick up his first Big Ten dual meet victory. Bo Nickal, Jason Nolf and Vincenzo Joseph each had pins in the win as well.

LIONS ROLL OVER PURDUE IN WEST LAFAYETTE

Penn State rolled into West Lafayette on Jan. 25 and dominated the Boilermakers in a 30-10 victory. Wrestling shorthanded without two ranked wrestlers, Penn State won seven of ten bouts. Bo Nickal majored #12 Christian Brunner 17-6 and Mary Hall controlled #14 Dylan Lydy 6-2 to highlight the win. Jason Nolf and Vincenzo Joseph each picked up pins as well.

NOLF DOWNS #2 BERGER, JOSEPH DOWNS #6 WHITE AS LIONS ROLL OVER #7 NEBRASKA

Senior Jason Nolf and junior Vincenzo Joseph both posted big wins in anticipated match-ups as Penn State rolled over #7 Nebraska 25-6 on Jan. 20 in sold out Rec Hall. Nolf dominated #2 Tyler Berger 10-4 at 157, notching the bout's only four takedowns. Joseph shutout #2 Isaiah White 2-0 at 165 in his first match in two weeks. In all, Penn State won all six bouts featuring ranked opponents. Mark Hall downed #9 Mikey Labriola 5-3 at 174, Bo Nickal beat #11 Eric Schultz 8-6 at 197, Anthony Cassar beat #14 David Jensen 10-4 at 285 and Nick Lee downed #19 Chad Red 5-4 at 141.

CASSAR DOWNS #9 HILLGER AS LIONS TOP WISCONSIN

Heavyweight Anthony Cassar dominated #9 Trent Hillger 11-5 to lead the Penn State Nittany Lions to a 24-13 win over #19 Wisconsin in sold out Rec Hall on Jan. 13. Cassar's win was the highlight in a hard fought dual that included tech falls from Jason Nolf and Mark Hall.

PENN STATE ROLLS UP 51 TDS IN WIN AT #11 NORTHWESTERN

The Penn State Nittany Lions put on an offensive show in their first Big Ten road dual of the season, collecting 51 takedowns in a 33-8 win at #11 Northwestern on Jan. 11. The Nittany Lions only gave up 7 takedowns in the big victory. Jason Nolf won his 100th career match with a dominating 19-7 major over #3 Ryan Deakin at 157. Nolf had eight

takedowns, two stall points and a penalty point in the win, Deakin's only points were escapes. Anthony Cassar majored #19 Conan Jennings 12-3 at 285 as well.

NOLF DOMINATES #3 DEAKIN FOR 100TH CAREER VICTORY; EARNS B1G WRESTLER OF THE WEEK HONORS

Senior Jason Nolf won his 100th career bout in dominating fashion on Jan. 11, rolling to a 19-7 major decision over #3 Ryan Deakin in the Lions' dual at Northwestern. Nolf reeled off eight takedowns and forced Deakin into three stall warnings and a locked hands in the lopsided win. Deakin's only points came from escapes. Nolf, who won by tech fall two days later in a win over Wisconsin, was named Big Ten Wrestler of the Week for his efforts.

FORMER LION GREAT DAVID TAYLOR NAMED UWW FREESTYLE WRESTLER OF THE YEAR FOR 2018

Former Penn State great and current Nittany Lion Wrestling Club resident David Taylor was named the UWW Best Freestyle Wrestler of the Year for 2018. The award was based on the number of ranking points each wrestler attained over the course of the 2018 season. Petra Olli of Finland won the women's ward and Peter Bacsi of Hungary won the Greco-Roman award.

VERKLEEREN WINS HITCHCOCK MEMORIAL OPEN

Five members of the Penn State wrestling team competed at the Floyd 'Shorty' Hitchcock Memorial Classic at Millersville University on Saturday. Wrestlers competed both attached and unattached at the event. Redshirt freshman Jarod Verkleeren rolled through the field at 149, winning the title with a 4-0 mark. Verkleeren had two pins and a technical fall. Redshirt freshman Austin Hoopes went 2-2 at 184. Sophomore Justin Lopez competed 125 and picked up a victory as did true freshman Paul Feite at 157, whose win was a tech fall. Junior Aarif Asif competed at 165 as well for Penn State.

LIONS ROLL TO 8TH SOUTHERN SCUFFLE TITLE; 6 CHAMPS, NICKAL CLAIMS O.W. AND GORRIARAN

The Penn State Nittany Lions won their eighth Southern Scuffle title in their last eight visits on Jan. 1-2 in Chattanooga. Penn State crowned eight champs, had two runners-up and three third place finishes in a strong team showing. Twelve of Penn State's 18 competitors placed at the event. Nick Lee went 6-0 to win the 141-pound title, Jason Nolf went 5-0 with three pins to win at 157, Vincenzo Joseph went 5-0 with two pins to win at 165, Mark Hall went 5-0 with two tech falls to win at 174, Shakur Rasheed went 4-0 with a pin to win the crown at 184 and Bo Nickal went 5-0 with five pins to win at 197. Nickal was honored as the Outstanding Wrestler (his second such honor having won in 2016) and he won the Gorriaran Award with five pins in a total of 10:32 (Nickal wrestled only 10:32 of a potential 35:00 of total time). Marquee wins for Penn State's six champs included Vincenzo Joseph's 6-5 win over #3 Chance Marsteller of Lock Haven in the finals and Mark Hall's 5-1 win over Oklahoma State's Joe Smith in the finals.

LIONS PLACE 12 AT SOUTHERN SCUFFLE

In addition to Penn State's six champions at the 2019 Southern Scuffle on Jan. 1-2 in Chattanooga, Penn State had six other place winners at the event. Sophomore Bo Pipher lost in the finals to teammate Jason Nolf to finish second at 157 and Anthony Cassar dropped a 3-2 decision to #3 Derek White of Oklahoma State in the finals to place second at 285. Both Pipher and Cassar went 4-1 overall. True freshman Roman Bravo-Young went 5-1 to place third at 133 while redshirt freshman Brady Berge went 6-1 to finish third at 149. Senior Nick Nevills went 5-1 to finish third at 285. Redshirt freshman Mason Manville went 4-2 in placed seventh at 165.

NICKAL ECLIPSES 100-WIN MILESTONE AT SCUFFLE; GOES 5-0 WITH 5 PINS TO WIN B1G WRESTLER OF THE WEEK

Senior Bo Nickal became the 34th member of the 100-wins at Penn State club, eclipsing the mark during his 5-0 run to the Southern Scuffle title on Jan. 1-2 in Chattanooga. Nickal went 5-0 with five pins, with the fifth pin his 50th career fall. Nickal was named tournament OW and won the Gorriaran Award having five pins in just 10:32. He was named Big Ten Wrestler of the Week for the week ending Jan. 6, 2019, for his efforts.

NOLF BECOMES PENN STATE'S ALL-TIME FALLS LEADER

Senior Jason Nolf went 5-0 with three pins to win the Southern Scuffle title on Jan. 1-2. His third pin, on Jan. 2, was historic as it was his 54th career fall and moved him into first place alone on Penn State's all-time pins list. Nolf broke the record of 53 held by Lion greats Josh Moore, David Taylor and Zain Retherford.

PENN STATE COMPETES AT WILKES AND F&M OVER BREAK

A handful of Nittany Lions competed at the Wilkes Open in late December and the Franklin and Marshall Open in early January, wrestling both attached and unattached. Top performers included Brian Friery, placing fourth at Wilkes at 157 with a 3-2 mark and Scott Stossel going 3-2 at Franklin and Marshall to finish T-7th at 133.

HALL AND JOSEPH'S TOP-FIVE WINS LEAD LIONS

TO BIG VICTORY OVER #9 ARIZONA STATE

Juniors Mark Hall and Vincenzo Joseph notched impressive top-five victories to spark Penn State to a dominating 41-3 win over #9 Arizona State in sold out Rec Hall on Dec. 14. Hall took down previously unbeaten and top-ranked Zahid Valencia at 174, posting a 4-0 shutout with 4:24 in riding time. Joseph majored No. 5 Josh Shields at 165, rolling to a convincing 11-2 major. Their two wins were two of Penn State's nine in the dual victory.

BRAVO-YOUNG, BERGE, NOLF WITH RANKED WINS

IN DUAL VICTORY OVER ARIZONA STATE

With Hall and Joseph notching top-five wins, three other Nittany Lions posted victories over ranked wrestlers in Penn State's dual meet win over the Sun Devils. True freshman Roman Bravo-Young dominated seventh-ranked 125-pounder Ryan Millhof, who moved up to 133 in the dual. Bravo-Young was untouched, posting a 14-1 major over the returning All-American. Brady Berge made his Rec Hall dual debut and posted a solid 5-4 win over #11 Josh Maruca at 149. Senior Jason Nolf majored #16 Christian Pagdilao 18-3 at 157, giving the Nittany Lions a sweep of all five matches against a ranked Sun Devil.

HALL EARNS B1G AND USA WRESTLING WoW HONORS

Junior Mark Hall was named both Big Ten Wrestler of the Week and USA Wrestling National Wrestler of the Week for the week ending Dec. 16, 2018. Hall earned the honor after his impressive 4-0 shutout win, including 2:41 in riding time, over then No. 1 Zahid Valencia in Penn State's 41-3 dual victory over Arizona State on Dec. 14.

PENN STATE SHUTS OUT #10 LEHIGH IN SOLD OUT REC HALL

Penn State won all ten bouts in a 42-0 shutout win over #10 Lehigh in sold out Rec Hall on Dec. 2. The win over the short-handed Mountain Hawks was highlighted by three ranked wins for the Lions and sophomore Devin Schnupp's first dual victory in Rec Hall. Mark Hall posted a 6-2 win over No. 7 Jordan Kutler at 174, Bo Nickal teched No. 15 Jake Jakobsen 25-10 at 107 and Anthony Cooper notched a 12-2 major over No. 6 Jordan Wood at 285. Schnupp dominated

Jakobson 23-10 at 197 and Anthony Cassar notched a 12-3 major over No. 6 Jordan Wood at 265. Schnupp downed Luke Resnick 6-1 at 125 for his first dual victory in Rec Hall.

PENN STATE AND BUCKNELL COMPETE IN HISTORIC DUAL MEET AT STOJKA PAVILION

The Penn State Nittany Lions and Bucknell Bison competed in an historic dual meet in Lewisburg, Pa., on Nov. 30. The dual, won by Penn State 42-3, was the first-ever trip for Penn State to Bucknell for a dual and was wrestled in BU's Stojka Pavilion. A sellout crowd of 4,279 witnessed the Lion win, a Bucknell wrestling record and the third highest in the building's history. Key wins for Penn State included sophomore Devin Schnupp getting his first dual victory at 125 and redshirt freshman Brady Berge making his Lion dual debut with a technical fall win at 149.

PENN STATE PINS ITS WAY TO KEYSTONE CLASSIC TITLE

Penn State won the 2018 Keystone Classic on Nov. 18, rolling up a lofty 192.0 points and crowning eight champions. This marks the third straight year that Penn State has claimed the crown, wrestled in the University of Pennsylvania's historic Palestra. A total of 18 Nittany Lion wrestlers competed at the event. At a weight where the Lions had more than one athlete competing, the top point scorer at that weight had his points tallied into the team score. The entire Penn State contingent tasted success at the event, with every Nittany Lion collecting at least one victory and 14 of the 18 Penn Staters competing placing. Penn State crowned eight champions at the event. All-in-all, Penn State had 14 place winners: eight champions, one runner-up, one third, one fourth, one fifth and two sixths. Penn State posted a gaudy 60-16 overall record, including 10 majors, 11 technical falls and 21 pins.

LIONS CROWN 8 CHAMPS AT KEYSTONE CLASSIC

Penn State had eight wrestlers win titles at the Keystone Classic on Nov. 18 in Philadelphia. Roman Bravo-Young went 3-0 with a pin and a technical fall to win at 133; Nick Lee went 5-0 with a pin, three techs and a major to win at 141; Jason Nolf went 4-0 with three pins and a major to win at 157; Vincenzo Joseph went 5-0 with four pins and a tech to win at 165, earning OW honors; Mark Hall went 4-0 with two pins to win at 174; Shakur Rasheed went 4-0 with three pins and a tech to win at 184; Bo Nickal went 3-0 with two pins and a major to win at 197; and Anthony Cassar went 3-0 with a pin and a major to win at 285.

BLUMER LEADS PENN STATE CONTINGENT AT MAT-TOWN

Six members of the Penn State Nittany Lion wrestling team competed at the Mat-Town Open today at Lock Haven University. Three Nittany Lions placed at the event as wrestlers competed both attached and unattached. Redshirt freshman Joey Blumer led Penn State with a runner-up finish at 149. Blumer went 2-1, advancing to the finals before losing in the title bout. Sophomore Brian Friery picked up a win at 157, placing fourth. His victory was a major. Redshirt freshman Scott Obendorfer placed fourth at 141 as well, going 2-2.

LIONS USE SEVEN PINS TO DOMINATE #24 KENT STATE

Penn State opened up the 2018-19 season in stellar fashion, rolling to a 52-3 victory over #24 Kent State in sold out Rec Hall on Nov. 11. The Lions won nine of ten bouts, including seven pins and two technical falls. Penn State got pins from two freshmen in their collegiate debuts. True freshman Roman Bravo-Young got a pin at 133 and redshirt freshman Jarod Verkleeren got a fall at 149. Also picking up pins were Jason Nolf at 157, Vincenzo Joseph at 165, Mark Hall at 174, Shakur Rasheed at 184 and Bo Nickal at 197. Nick Lee (141) and Anthony Cassar (285) got the tech falls.

GARDNER AND MANVILLE PLACE AT BEARCAT OPEN

Seven members of the Penn State Nittany Lions competed at the 2018 Bearcat Open in Binghamton, N.Y., today. Two Nittany Lions came away as place-winners at the day-long event at Binghamton. Wrestlers competed both attached and unattached at the open tournament. Sophomore Luke Gardner and freshman Mason Manville led the Nittany Lions, each placing fourth at their respective weight classes. Gardner went 4-2 with a major and a pin to finish fourth at 149. Manville went 3-2 at 174, earning fourth place as well. Sophomore Bo Pipher went 2-2 with a pin at 157 as well.

5 LIONS OPEN TOURNEY SEASON AT CLARION

Five members of head coach Cael Sanderson's Nittany Lion wrestling team competed at the Clarion Open today, officially opening up the 2018-19 open tournament season. Every Nittany Lion competing came away with at least one victory. Sophomore Alex Nicholas posted the most victories for Penn State, going 3-2 with a technical fall at 285. Sophomore Brian Friery went 2-2 with a tech fall at 157 as well. Sophomore Justin Lopez posted a 2-2 mark at 125 while red-shirt freshman Scott Obendorfer went 1-2 with a pin 141. Redshirt freshman Austin Hoopes went 1-2 at 184.

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