

Ersland Secures Another Top-25 Class for Purdue Wrestling

Boilermakers' 2018-19 roster will have nine top-100 recruits



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WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. – For the third time in as many years, Purdue head wrestling coach [Tony Ersland](#) has secured a nationally ranked recruiting class. FloWrestling ranks the Boilermakers' incoming class 18th and The Open Mat has the class at No. 25. A pair of top-100 recruits and three that closed out their high school careers nationally ranked at their weight class highlight the seven-member class.

“Since we only graduated two off our roster in [Jacob Morrissey](#) and [Luke Welch](#), our needs for this signing class were focused,” Ersland said. “Looking at the roster from a distance and seeing how it has taken shape the past four years, it really has come together the way we envisioned. Our program is on the verge of accomplishing great things and this class is going to play a part in taking Purdue wrestling to new heights.”

CLASS OF 2018				
NAME	HOMETOWN/HIGH SCHOOL	2017-18 WEIGHT	2017-18 RECORD	PROJECTED WEIGHT
Kendall Coleman	South Holland, Illinois/Mt. Carmel	145	41-6	149/57
Nate Cummings	Downers Grove, Illinois/Downers Grove North	113	39-7	125
Terrin Machart	Sterling Heights, Michigan/Utica Ford II	119	50-2	125/33
Zach Melloh	Indianapolis, Indiana/Cathedral	138	44-4	141

Thomas Penola	Zionsville, Indiana/Zionsville	170	46-4	184
Ethan Smiley	Beech Grove, Indiana/Beech Grove	125	33-5	125/33
Emil Soehrlen	Canton, Ohio/Massillon Perry	170	38-3	165/74
2017-18 COMBINED RECORD			291-31	

FloWrestling tabbed Coleman and Soehrlen as the Nos. 36 and 55 overall recruits, respectively, while InterMat listed them at Nos. 81 and 43. With resumes filled with placements at national and state tournaments, it is no surprise Coleman and Soehrlen were scattered around and near the top-10 at their weight throughout the final high school rankings.

COLEMAN NATIONAL RANKINGS

- Listed as the No. 36 overall recruit by FloWrestling (5/6)
- Listed as the No. 81 overall recruit by InterMat (4/24)
- Listed as the No. 9 prospect at 157 by FloWrestling (3/20)
- Ranked No. 7 at 145 by FloWrestling (4/10)
- Ranked No. 12 at 145 by InterMat (4/16)
- Ranked No. 11 at 145 by The Open Mat (5/17)
- Ranked No. 9 at 145 by WIN Magazine (April)

SOEHNLEN NATIONAL RANKINGS

- Listed as the No. 55 overall recruit by FloWrestling (5/6)
- Listed as the No. 43 overall recruit by InterMat (4/24)
- Listed as the No. 12 prospect at 174 by FloWrestling (4/4)
- Ranked No. 9 at 170 by FloWrestling (4/10)
- Ranked No. 6 at 170 by InterMat (4/16)
- Ranked No. 10 at 170 by The Open Mat at 170 (5/17)
- Ranked No. 6 at 170 by WIN Magazine (April)

Penola is the third incoming freshman to garner national ranking, with WIN Magazine having the two-time All-American at No. 19 at 195 pounds.

Over the past three years, Ersland's recruiting classes have been nationally ranked by at least two outlets. It is the third time in as many years that his recruiting class has been ranked in the top 20 nationally by FloWrestling. In the seven years prior to Ersland taking the helm in 2014, FloWrestling had twice ranked Purdue's recruiting class: No. 17 in 2011 and No. 13 in 2009.

Coleman and Soehrlen push the number of top-100 recruits on the Boilermakers' 2018-19 roster to nine, joining [Nate Limmex](#), [Christian Brunner](#), [Griffin Parriott](#), [Devin Schroder](#), [Shawn Streck](#), [Parker Filius](#) and [Max Lyon](#).

TOP-100 RECRUITS ON PURDUE'S 2018-19 ROSTER			
CLASS OF 2015			
INTERMAT			
Name	Rank		
Nate Limmex	31		
CLASS OF 2016			
FLOWRESTLING		INTERMAT	
Name	Rank	Name	Rank
Christian Brunner	90	Griffin Parriott	24

Griffin Parriott	7	Devin Schroder	78
Devin Schroder	99	Shawn Streck	29
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CLASS OF 2017			
FLOWRESTLING		INTERMAT	
Name	Rank	Name	Rank
Parker Filius	47	Parker Filius	57
Max Lyon	66	Max Lyon	54
CLASS OF 2018			
FLOWRESTLING		INTERMAT	
Name	Rank	Name	Rank
Kendall Coleman	36	Kendall Coleman	81
Emil Soehrlen	55	Emil Soehrlen	43

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