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This Week in ACC Wrestling

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (theACC.com) – For the second consecutive week, all six ACC wrestling teams will be in action, including in a pair of top-25 matchups with No. 5 Virginia Tech hosting No. 8 Ohio State on Friday, Nov. 10, on ACC Network Extra, and No. 3 NC State facing off with No. 25 Purdue on Saturday, Nov. 11, at the Journeymen Wranglemania in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania.

Three ACC teams were ranked in the top 25 in the first 2023-24 NWCA Division I Coaches Poll, as NC State remained at No. 3. Virginia Tech stayed at No. 5 overall, while Pitt came in at No. 16 for the second straight week. North Carolina also received votes.

Upcoming Schedule

Friday, Nov. 10

#8 Ohio State at #5 Virginia Tech | 7 p.m. | ACCNX

Saturday, Nov. 11

Virginia at the App State Open | All Day

North Carolina vs. Buffalo | 12 p.m.

#3 NC State vs. Bloomsburg | 12 p.m.

#3 NC State vs. #25 Purdue | 4 p.m.

North Carolina vs. #13 Arizona State | 4 p.m.

Sunday, Nov. 12

#16 Pitt vs. VMI | 12 p.m.

Duke vs. Kent State | 1 p.m.

#16 Pitt vs. Morgan State | 1:30 p.m.

#16 Pitt at Navy | 3 p.m.

Duke vs. Cleveland State | 3 p.m.

American vs. #5 Virginia Tech | 4 p.m. | ACCNX

Duke at West Virginia | 5 p.m. | ESPN+

#3 NC State at the Journeymen Collegiate Classic | All Day

ACC Wrestling Takedowns

- The ACC opened up the 2023-24 season in the first week of November with success across both dual meet and tournament action across the country.

- In dual meet action, the nationally-ranked No. 3 NC State Wolfpack went 2-0 with dominating wins over Presbyterian (48-0) at the Battle at Fort Liberty and at Appalachian State (40-3) in Boone, North Carolina. UNC went 2-1 at the Carolina Duals, recording commanding wins at home over Queens (41-10) and Greensboro College (48-3), yet suffering a tough loss to No. 20 Oregon State (24-13).

- The Duke Blue Devils went to the West Coast to open its 2023-24 season, taking on No. 15 Rutgers out of the Big Ten and both Cal Poly and Stanford of the Pac-12. The Blue Devils fell to all three schools during the West Coast swing - No. 15 Rutgers (47-0), Cal Poly (38-6), and Stanford (41-0) - but saw two wrestlers pick up their first career wins as Blue Devils in Connor Barket (165) and Aidan Wallace (285).
- At the 2023 Southeast Open, the Virginia Tech Hokies and Virginia Cavaliers both excelled on the mat to start their season, as the two teams combined to have 17 wrestlers place on the day - nine for Virginia Tech and eight for Virginia. VT had five grapplers secure titles in their respective weight classes at the Southeast Open - Logan Frazier (133), Hunter Mason (141), Luke Robie (149), and Rafael Hipolito (157) in the Freshman/Sophomore Division, and Caleb Henson (149) in the Open Division. Virginia had five wrestlers place in the Open Division of the event with a trio of third-place finishers, while three wrestlers placed in the Freshman/Sophomore Division at the one-day event.
- The Pitt Panthers had four wrestlers advance to the individual finals and two were crowned as champions at the Clarion Open. Reece Heller (184) was the Clarion Open Champion at 184 pounds with a 5-0 record, winning two matches by fall, two by technical fall and another by forfeit for bonus points in all five of his matches, while Mac Stout (197) took home the title at 197 pounds, winning all five bouts without being taken down.
- In the latest InterMat NCAA Individual rankings, the ACC has 35 wrestlers among the top 33 of their respective weight classes after one week of competition, highlighted by the addition of three grapplers breaking into the rankings this week - No. 32 Spencer Moore (125) of North Carolina, No. 22 Caden McCrary (133) of North Carolina, and No. 24 Finn Solomon (149) of Pitt. Making the biggest leap up the rankings this week was Vinnie Santaniello of Pitt, who moved up from No. 33 to No. 10 at 133 pounds with his 3-0 record on the week.

ACC Wrestlers of the Week

- Virginia Tech's Caleb Henson and Pitt's Mac Stout were named the ACC Co-Wrestlers of the Week following the first week of the season, Oct. 30-Nov. 5.
- The Hokies' Henson (No. 4) picked up where he left off after a phenomenal freshman campaign last year as he claimed his third Southeast Open title to lead Virginia Tech in Salem, Virginia, last week. The sophomore was impressive all day at 149 pounds, as he went 5-0 with four bonus point victories without giving up a single takedown en route to his first-place finish. His day included a 5-1 victory over multiple-time NCAA qualifier Shannon Hanna of Campbell and a pair of falls over Luca Errico of Virginia (1:41) and Callum Sitek of Campbell (1:33).
- Pitt's Stout (No. 16) opened his redshirt freshman season by defending his 197-pound title at the Clarion Open last week. Stout went 5-0 to start his 2023-24 campaign, including wins over two Michigan State wrestlers in Kael Wisler (8-2) and Remy Cotton (11-2), a win by a fall over Ohio State's Mike Misita (3:11), a win over Jack Wehmeyer (5-2) from Columbia, and a 3-0 shutout victory over Cornell's Michael Dellagatta in the finals. On his way to the championship, Stout did not concede a single takedown and won two matches with bonus points.



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