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Top 10 showdown on tap in Ann Arbor before return to Columbus to face the Spartans

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No. 5 Ohio State at No. 7 Michigan, vs. Michigan State

Dates: Jan. 27/29 , 2023

Times: 6/1 p.m.

Venue: Crisler Center/Covelli Center

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Match Notes/Lineups: [Ohio State](#) | [Michigan](#) | [Michigan State](#)

COLUMBUS, Ohio – No. 5 Ohio State (9-1, 3-0) travels north Friday to face No. 7 Michigan (8-1, 3-1) in a Top 10 Big Ten matchup at the Crisler Center in Ann Arbor before returning to the Covelli Center for a 1 p.m. Sunday match against Michigan State (7-4, 0-4).

- Tickets for the 2023 Big Ten Championships March 4-5 at the Crisler Center in Ann Arbor, Michigan, are currently on sale at mgoblue.com.
- The Buckeyes improved to 3-0 in the Big Ten and 9-1 overall with a 38-6 victory at Maryland Jan. 20. Ohio State won nine of 10 bouts in the win.
- Junior Isaac Wilcox, filling in at 174, won his match against the Terrapins 3-1 in sudden victory over Dominic Solis. Wilcox now has victories at 157, 165 and 174 this year.
- Sammy Sasso opened the match vs. Maryland with a 12-1 major decision win over No. 18 Ethan Miller. Sasso has won three of the last four matches by major decision with the other coming by fall. He is 29-0 in Big Ten duals heading into the match vs. No. 4 Michigan.
- Kaleb Romero defeated Chase Mielnik (UMD) for his 75th career victory. Romero won that match by technical fall, 22-7.
- Freshman Jesse Mendez entered the Top 10 in the Intermat rankings Jan. 16 and two days later he was named an Ohio State Black Shirt (1/18/23), the 13th Buckeye to be so honored. Following a vote of the other Buckeye Black Shirts and coaches, Mendez now will have the honor of wearing black at the Jennings Center. For more on the honor see the last two pages of these notes.
- Ohio State handled No. 19 Rutgers in the Big Ten Conference home opener 27-12 Jan. 15 behind a pin by Kaleb Romero (184), a technical fall win by Tate Orndorff (HWT) and a major decision victory by Sammy Sasso (149).
- The Buckeyes opened the 2023 Big Ten Conference season with a 26-13 win at Indiana. Sammy Sasso (149) and Kaleb Romero (184) both pinned their respective opponents to help secure the win. The Buckeyes improved to 52-34-2 all-time vs. the Hoosiers after

help secure the win. The Buckeyes improved to 22-3-2 all-time for the program with winning for the 12th consecutive time in Bloomington.

- Redshirt freshmen Andre Gonzales (125) and Mike Misita (HWT) finished second at the 2023 Edinboro-Kaufman Memorial Open Jan. 8 in Edinboro, Pa.
- Tom Ryan, head coach of the Buckeyes earned career dual victory No. 300 at the Collegiate Duals Dec. 20, 2022 in New Orleans. Ohio State defeated No. 21 Lehigh 23-12 for the historic win on the final day of the event. The Buckeyes also defeated Lock Haven, 39-3. No. 22 Northern Iowa earned a 19-13 win over Ohio State in the second dual of the competition.
- Ryan is 303-146-2 over his career, which includes 11 years at Hofstra (109-82-2) and 17 at Ohio State (194-64).
- The Buckeyes are 20-67-3 all-time vs the Wolverines. Ohio State has won four of the last five matches in Ann Arbor. Against the Spartans, Ohio State is 32-40-1 with a 16-1 record in the last 17 meetings, which includes a 12-match win streak. The Buckeyes have won the last eight meetings in Columbus.

No. 5 Ohio State Buckeyes..... No. 7 Michigan Wolverines

(InterMat Wrestling individual rankings used)

No. 10 Malik Heinselman (Sr.) 125.....	No. 20 Jack Medley (GR)
or Andre Gonazales (r-Fr.)	
No. 9 Jesse Mendez (Fr.)..... 133.....	No. 12 Dylan Ragusin (r-So.)
No. 18 Dylan D'Emilio (r-Jr.)..... 141.....	No. 23 Cole Mattin (r-Jr.)
No. 3 Sammy Sasso (r-Sr.)..... 149.....	No. 21 Chance Lamer (r-Fr.)
	or Fidel Mayora (r-So.)
No. 23 Paddy Gallagher (r-Fr.) 157	No. 10 Will Lewan (r-Sr.)
No. 9 Carson Kharchla (r-Jr.) 165	No. 6 Cameron Amine (r-Jr.)
or Isaac Wilcox (Jr.)	
No. 8 Ethan Smith (r-Sr.)..... 174.....	Max Maylor (r-Sr.)
	or Joseph Walker (r-So.)
No. 5 Kaleb Romero (r-Sr.)..... 184.....	No. 8 Matt Finesilver (GR)
No. 21 Gavin Hoffman (r-Sr.)..... 197.....	Brendin Yatooma (r-So.)
No. 16 Tate Orndorff (r-Sr.) HWT.....	No. 1 Mason Parris (5th)

No. 5 Ohio State Buckeyes..... Michigan State Spartans

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No. 10 Malik Heinselman (Sr.) 125.....	Tristan Lujan (Jr.)
or Andre Gonazales (r-Fr.)	or Benny Gomez (GR)
No. 9 Jesse Mendez (Fr.)..... 133.....	No. 18 Rayvon Foley (GR)
No. 18 Dylan D'Emilio (r-Jr.)..... 141.....	Jordan Hamdan (r-Jr.)
No. 3 Sammy Sasso (r-Sr.)..... 149.....	Peyton Omania (r-Jr.)
	or Braden Stauffenberg (Fr.)
No. 23 Paddy Gallagher (r-Fr.) 157	No. 13 Chase Saldate (Jr.)
No. 9 Carson Kharchla (r-Jr.) 165	Caleb Fish (Jr.)
or Isaac Wilcox (Jr.)	
No. 8 Ethan Smith (r-Sr.)..... 174.....	Ceasar Garza (Fr.)
No. 5 Kaleb Romero (r-Sr.)..... 184.....	No. 14 Layne Malczewski (r-Sr.)
No. 21 Gavin Hoffman (r-Sr.)..... 197.....	No. 14 Cameron Caffey (GR)
No. 16 Tate Orndorff (r-Sr.) HWT.....	Ryan Vasbinder (GR)

UP NEXT

Ohio State returns to Columbus to face Michigan State at 1 p.m. Sunday (B1G+) before playing host to No. 1 Penn State next Friday (7 p.m./BTN).

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