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No. 8 Buckeyes Head West for Cliff Keen Invite

Ohio State has won three of last four team titles

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No. 8 Ohio State at Cliff Keen Invitational

Dates: Dec. 3-4, 2021

Time: All Day

Ohio State Tickets: [1-800-Go-Bucks](#)

Venue: Las Vegas -- LV Convention Center

Watch: [FloWrestling.com](#) (\$)

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Match Notes: [Ohio State](#)

COLUMBUS, Ohio -- Ohio State is one of 27 teams competing for the 2021 Cliff Keen Las Vegas Invitational title Friday and Saturday. Ohio State finished in the No. 2 spot behind Nebraska in the 2019 event, the last to be held. Schools are permitted to enter one wrestler in each weight class, simulating postseason competition.

Of the 27 teams scheduled to participate in the 39th annual event, 10 are ranked among the Top 25. The Buckeyes enter the event as the No. 8 team nationally (InterMat). The other ranked teams: Michigan (6), Nebraska (9), Cornell (11), Wyoming (13), Oklahoma (14), Minnesota (15), Northwestern (16), Purdue (19) and Oregon State (24).

Ohio State has six team titles since 2009 at the CKLVI including three-consecutive (2016, 17, 18). The Buckeyes have placed outside the Top 5 just once in the past decade and own nine Top 3 finishes.

The last time Ohio State travel to Las Vegas, the Buckeyes had two wrestlers crowned champions, the only school to do so. Luke Pletcher claimed the title at 141 while Kollin Moore took the top spot on the podium at 197.

2021 EVENT COVERAGE & SCHEDULE

Live video: [FloWrestling.com](#) (\$)

Live results: [FloArena](#) (free) and on Twitter ([@wrestlingbucks](#)).

Friday (Dec. 3)

Noon ET | early rounds

9 p.m. ET | Quarterfinals and consolation rounds

Saturday (Dec. 4)

Noon ET | consolation rounds

1 p.m. ET | Semifinals, consolation and 5th-8th place matches
6 p.m. ET | Finals & 3rd place matches

BUCKEYE LINEUP

Rk	Name	Wt. Cl	2021-22 Recd
No. 9	Maik Heinselman (Sr.)	125 lbs	7-0
	Dylan Koontz (r-Sr.)	133 lbs	2-3
No. 20	Dylan D'Emilio (r-So.)	141 lbs	10-1
No. 2	Sammy Sasso (r-Jr.)	149 lbs	7-0
No. 25	Bryce Hepner (So.)	157 lbs	1-1 (8-1 Unat.)
No. 9	Carson Kharchla (r-So.)	165 lbs	7-0
No. 6	Ethan Smith (r-Sr.)	174 lbs	6-1
	Kaleb Romero (r-Sr.)	184 lbs	0-0
No. 21	Gavin Hoffman (r-Jr.)	197 lbs	5-0
No. 6	Tate Orndorff (r-Sr.)	HWT	7-0

VEGAS WINNINGS

- Ohio State has won the team title six times since 2009 (2009, 11, 12, 16, 17, 18)
- Ohio State has finished in the Top-5 nine consecutive seasons

CKLVI CAREER RECORDS

Malik Heinselman (2-1), Dylan Koontz (3-2), Sammy Sasso (4-1/2nd in 2019), Ethan Smith (4-2 at 165, 1-2 at 174), Kaleb Romero (1-3), Gavin Hoffmann (2-1 at 184).

UP NEXT

The Buckeyes return to dual competition at the Covelli Center Dec. 12 (1 p.m.) vs. No. 22 Pittsburgh.

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