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Pair of Top 10 individual bouts highlight first road dual of the season

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No. 8 Ohio State at No. 10 Virginia Tech

Date: Nov. 19, 2021

Time: 7 p.m.

Venue: Blacksburg, Virginia – Cassell Coliseum

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COLUMBUS, Ohio – No. 8 Ohio State travels to take on No. 10 Virginia Tech Friday (7 p.m.) in Blacksburg, Virginia, in the first road dual of the season. Both teams will have seven ranked individuals in the lineup in the Top 10 dual.

No. 6 Ethan Smith of Ohio State and No. 4 Makhi Lewis for the Hokies in the 174-pound match highlights the competition. No. 2 Sammy Sasso (OSU) and No. 9 Bryce Andonian also features a Top 10 matchup at 149.

- Ohio State opened the season with a dual vs. No. 14 North Carolina. Ohio State built a 17-0 lead started with the 165 match and the debut of Carson Kharchla. The No. 8 Buckeyes won the match 23-12.
- Several Buckeyes earned titles at the Ohio Intercollegiate Open Sunday in Tiffin, Ohio. Ohio State earned titles in the Open Division at 125 (Malik Heinselman), at 141 (Dylan D’Emilio), at 149 (Sammy Sasso), at 157 (Bryce Hepner), at 165 (Carson Kharchla), at 174 (Ethan Smith), at 197 (Gavin Hoffman) and at 285 (Tate Orndorff). In the Freshman/Sophomore Division, the Buckeyes won at 157 (Paddy Gallagher) and at heavyweight (Mike Misita).
- According to Intermat Wrestling, the Buckeyes enter the match Friday with seven Buckeyes ranked among the Top 25 in their respective weight classes. They are: Malik Heinselman (No. 14/125); Sammy Sasso (No. 2/149); Carson Kharchla (No. 10/165); Ethan Smith (No. 6/174); Rocky Jordan (No. 21/184), Gavin Hoffman (No. 24/197) and Tate Orndorff (No. 7/HWT).
- Sasso finished the 2021 season as the NCAA Runner-up at 149 with a 16-1 overall record and a 9-0 mark in duals. He recorded a 9-1 record vs. ranked opponents and had five pins, one technical fall and one major decision on the year. He is 5-0 this season with a Top 5 win vs. No. 5 Zach Sherman of North Carolina.
- Several Buckeyes competed at the Michigan State Open Nov. 6 in East Lansing. Freshman Andre Gonzalez earned the title in the freshman/sophomore division at 133 for a 4-0 record

Andre Gonzales earned the title in the freshman/sophomore division at 155 for a 4-0 record. Classmate Mike Misita finished No. 2 in the heavyweight bracket with a 3-1 record. In all, seven Buckeyes were among the Top six in their respective brackets.

- On Nov. 10, Tom Ryan, head coach of the Buckeyes, signed the top-ranked recruiting class in the country, including the Top 3 overall recruits.
- Broderick Harris was included in the signing class as an honorary member. Broderick, who aspired to wrestle for the Buckeyes and in the Olympics, was a tireless and fierce competitor. He tragically died in a house fire at age 11 in 2014.
- Ohio State will next compete against Notre Dame College in a dual at the Covelli Center Nov. 23 (7 p.m.). For tickets call 1-800-Go-Bucks or visit ohiostatebuckeyes.com.

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