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WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. - The 20th-ranked Purdue wrestling team has its home opener Sunday, hosting the 2021 Boilermaker Duals at Holloway Gymnasium with action scheduled to begin at 9 a.m. ET. The Boilermakers welcome Bellarmine, Brown, Duke and Northern Illinois to town, and will face the latter three teams in dual competition, with all three duals airing on B1G+.

PURDUE LINEUP & RANKINGS

Purdue held its national ranking on No. 20 in the NWCA Coaches Poll this week, and seven of the 10 Boilermaker starters have earned recognition in at least one of the national polls. Gerrit Nijenhuis made the biggest jump this week, elevating to No. 13 in the country at 174 pounds via FloWrestling. Devin Schroder, Kendall Coleman and Thomas Penola all continue to hold their top-15 spots nationally, while Parker Filius edged his way into the top-15 at 141 pounds, also via FloWrestling.

Wt.	Wrestler	Record	FloWrestling	InterMat	TheOpenMat	WIN
125	Devin Schroder (R-Sr.)	3-0	13	11	12	12
	Nate Cummings (R-Jr.)	0-0	--	--	--	--
133	Matt Ramos (R-Fr.)	3-0	HM	26	--	--
141	Parker Filius (R-Jr.)	3-0	15	16	17	17
	Michael Leveille (R-So.)	0-0	--	--	--	--
149	Trey Kruse (So.)	1-1	--	--	--	--
	Ethan Smiley (R-Jr.)	0-0	--	--	--	--
157	Kendall Coleman (R-Jr.)	1-1	11	11	10	13
	Brennan Doyle (Jr.)	1-2	--	--	--	--
165	Emil Soehnen (R-So.)	1-2	--	--	--	--

174	Gerrit Nijenhuis (So.)	2-1	13	20	17*	--
184	Max Lyon (R-Sr.)	2-1	17	23	19	19
	Mitch Hutmacher (So.)	2-2	--	--	--	--
	Macartney Parkinson (So.)	0-1	--	--	--	--
197	Thomas Penola (R-Jr.)	3-0	15	14	13	12
285	Michael Woulfe (R-Sr.)	3-0	--	--	--	--
	Tristan Ruhlman (Fr.)	4-0	--	--	--	--

* - ranked at 165

LAST TIME OUT

Purdue picked up another dual victory last weekend, venturing to Cleveland State University for a 39-7 victory over the Vikings. CSU forfeited a pair of weights and the Boilermakers picked up bonus points in five of their six match victories. Michael Woulfe picked his third straight fall at heavyweight, while Devin Schroder and Thomas Penola each put technical falls on the board. Parker Filius and Gerrit Nijenhuis each scored major decisions and Brennan Doyle earned his first collegiate win in his first varsity start for the Boilermakers.

PURDUE NOTES

- Head coach Tony Ersland is in his eighth season at Purdue and is 63-50 in dual competition with the Boilermakers.
- Ersland wrestled for the University of Iowa from 1992-97, qualifying for the NCAA Tournament at 177, and competing on the highest scoring team at the NCAA Championships in history (170).
- Purdue's season-opening win at Drexel marks eight straight seasons that the Boilermakers have won their first dual of the year under Ersland.
- The Boilermakers won their last two duals of 2021, earning a 21-12 win at Michigan State and posting a 38-3 win over Indiana, and carry a five-dual win streak into the weekend.
- [Devin Schroder and Max Lyon capitalized on the NCAA's COVID extension waiver, returning for an extra year of eligibility in 2021-22.](#)
- Schroder ranks second in program history in back points, collecting 444 to date, and is tied for 17th all-time at Purdue with a .721 win percentage (80-31).
- 41 of Schroder's 80 career wins have come with bonus points (.513), including 22 technical falls, while 33 of his career victories are shutouts (.413).
- Matt Ramos won the 2018 Cadet Freestyle World Championship for the U.S., capturing the 51 kg title in Zagreb, Croatia.
- Ramos's two wins to open the season were his first official folkstyle matches since his senior year of high school at Lockport HS (Illinois) in 2019, winning by technical fall and fall in the two bouts.
- The Boilermakers first three weights are a combined 9-0 through three duals

The Boilermakers met three opponents and a combined 10 through three years, accounting for two falls, two technical falls and a major decision.

- Thomas Penola is off to a 3-0 start at 197 pounds, posting a 22-7 technical fall Sunday at Cleveland State over defending MAC runner-up Ben Smith.
- Michael Woulfe is wrestling his first collegiate season since 2016 after serving in the United States Navy for the last five years and has picked up right where he left off, earning career falls No. 25, 26 and 27 after posting 17 falls in his final year at Navy.
- Freshman Tristan Ruhlman won the Freshman/Sophomore division at the Michigan State Open, scoring a pair of falls on his way to the title.
- The Boilermakers are a perfect 4-0 in overtime matches this season.

OPPONENT NOTES

- Brown returns to dual competition for the first time since the 2019-20 season after the Ivy League opted out of the 2020-21 season.
- Purdue is 4-1 all-time against the Bears, last facing Brown in 2006 at the Lone Star Duals (W 20-16), and winning four straight in the series. Brown last topped the Boilermakers in 1993, earning a 25-12 win at Cornell University.
- Bellarmine elevated its athletics to NCAA Division I in 2020, and enters its first season as a DI wrestling program. Purdue will not face the Knights on Sunday.
- Sunday marks the fourth all-time meeting with Duke and Purdue, with the Boilermakers holding a 2-1 edge in the series.
- Duke won the last meeting in the series, upsetting the No. 23 Boilermakers in 2016 with a 28-18 win in West Lafayette.
- Duke head coach Glen Lanham and assistant coach Tom Erikson are both former Boilermaker assistants, as Lanham spent three seasons in West Lafayette, while Erikson called Purdue home for 13 years.
- Northern Illinois returns to the Boilermaker Duals, and will face Purdue for the 32nd time in series history. Purdue leads the Huskies 22-8-1 all-time, including eight straight wins over the last 14 seasons.
- Northern Illinois last topped Purdue in 2004, posting a 29-9 upset over the No. 20 Boilermakers in LaGrange, Illinois.

DUALS SCHEDULE (all times approximate, will roll into next round as previous ends)

9 AM: Northern Illinois vs. Brown / Duke vs. Bellarmine

11 AM: Purdue vs. Brown (B1G+) / Duke vs. Northern Illinois

1 PM: Purdue vs. Duke (B1G+) / Bellarmine vs. Northern Illinois

3 PM: Purdue vs. Northern Illinois (B1G+) / Bellarmine vs. Brown

OPPONENTS PROBABLES

Bellarmino

125: Jack Parker (Fr.) – 1-4

or Brandon Lucas (Sr.) – 0-0

133: Max Dansereau (Jr.) – 1-4

141: Logan Hoskins (So.) – 0-5

149: Mitch Collica (Jr.) – 1-3

or Chase Yost (So.) – 0-1

157: Cole Nance (Fr.) – 3-2

or Alex Rivera (Jr.) – 0-1

165: Devan Hendricks (Jr.) – 2-2

174: Eric Beck (Sr.) – 3-2
184: Sam Woolf (Sr.) – 0-0
or Sam Schroeder (So.) – 1-4
197/285: Bryant Wilkinson (Fr.) – 0-4
or Charlie Cadell (Sr.) – 0-5

Brown

125: Hunter Adrian (Fr.) – 3-2
or Reese Fry (Jr.) – 2-2
133: Timmy Levine (Fr.) – 0-2
or Nicky Cabanillas (Jr.) – 0-0
141: Justin Bierdumpefel (So.) – 3-2
or Sam McMonagle (Fr.) – 1-2
149: Ricky Cabanillas (Jr.) – 2-2
or Blake Saito (Fr.) – 3-2
157: Jack Bokina (Jr.) – 3-2
or Mason Spears (Fr.) – 3-2
165: Keegan Rothrock (Fr.) – 1-2
174: AJ Pedro (Sr.) – 0-0
or Harrison Trahan (Fr.) – 1-2
184: Drew Clearie (Fr.) – 2-2
197: Cade Wilson (Sr.) – 4-2
or Tony Pray (Fr.) – 1-2
285: Lear Quinton (So.) – 3-1

Duke

125: Logan Agin (So.) – 4-2
133: Drake Doolittle (R-So.) – 0-4
141: Patrick Rowland (R-So.) – 3-4
149: No. 13 Josh Finesilver (R-Sr.) – 6-1
157: Wade Unger (Jr.) – 4-4
165: Bryson Neace (Jr.) – 1-4
or Brandon LaRue (R-So.) – 4-3
174: No. 7 Matt Finesilver (R-Sr.) – 7-0
or Conor Becker (So.) – 1-2
184: Vincent Baker (Jr.) – 4-3
197: Kaden Russell (R-Sr.) – 4-3
285: Jonah Niesenbaum (Jr.) – 6-2

Northern Illinois

125: Bryce West (R-Sr.) – 2-2
133: Mikey Kaminski (So.) – 1-2
141: Jaivon Jones (Jr.) – 2-3
or Nathan Young (So.) – 1-2
149: Anthony Cheloni (Sr.) – 3-3
157: Anthony Gibson (R-Jr.) – 4-2
or Alec Rees (Jr.) – 0-2
165: No. 18 Izzak Olejnik (R-Jr.) – 4-1
174: No. 28 Mason Kauffman (R-Sr.) – 3-2
184: No. 8 Brit Wilson (R-Sr.) – 4-0

197: Tristin Guaman (Sr.) – 1-3
285: Terrese Aaron (R-Jr.) – 0-3

Rankings listed InterMat

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