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WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. - Purdue head coach Tony Ersland unveiled his team's 2022-23 non-conference schedule on Tuesday, announcing a trio of home dates to finish 2022 and three team tournament appearances. The season will kick off Sunday, November 6 as the Boilermakers will take the bulk of the team to the 2022 Clarion Open.

This year will mark Purdue's first trip as a team to the Clarion Open, as Ersland hopes to venture out of the Midwest to see some new opponents. "We see so many of the same people, year in and year out, and so to stick to the same schedule every year doesn't make much sense to me," said Ersland. "Being in the Big Ten, we rarely have any issues with strength of schedule, and with the importance of RPI in the NCAA Tournament, I want our guys to get a chance to see a variety of opponents."

With the new NCAA rules changes regarding freshmen competition and eligibility, expect to see Ersland bring the bulk of the Boilermakers' roster to Clarion. In addition to the varsity debut of redshirts Dustin Norris (133), Stoney Buell (165), Ben Vanadia (184), Hayden Copass (285), Tristan Ruhlman (285) and more, fans should also expect to see Purdue's collection of first-year athletes on the mat in the Old Gold & Black as well.

The Boilermakers open their home schedule Sunday, November 13, hosting Rider University for a dual in Holloway Gymnasium. Purdue visited the Broncs to start the 2021-22 campaign, posting a 33-3 victory over Rider in a raucous Alumni Gymnasium, improving to 2-1 all-time in the series.

Purdue remains home the following Sunday, welcoming Northern Illinois, Cleveland State and Chattanooga to Holloway Gymnasium for the Boilermaker Duals. The Huskies have been a regular at Purdue's annual home quad, while Cleveland State comes to West Lafayette after the Boilermakers went to Cleveland in 2021. Purdue topped Northern Illinois 28-10 last season, while dealing the Vikings a 39-7 defeat on the road. The quad will mark the first meeting between Purdue and Chattanooga since the 2014 season, as the Boilermakers aim to improve upon their 6-0 all-time record against the Mocs.

The Cliff Keen Las Vegas Invitational is set for December 2-3, as the Boilermakers return to Sin City for seventh straight season. Purdue has turned in three straight top-10 team performances at the annual event, including a fifth-place effort in 2019 and a sixth-place finish last season. The Boilermakers put a program-record seven individuals on the podium in 2021, including returners Matt Ramos, Parker Filius, Kendall Coleman and

Thomas Penola, in addition to eclipsing 80 team points for the fourth time in program history and second straight season in Vegas.

Purdue's final home event for 2022 will be another quad, welcoming Campbell, Drexel and Utah Valley to Holloway Gymnasium on Tuesday, December 20. The day will mark the first-ever meeting between Purdue and Campbell, making the Camels the 154th all-time opponent in program history. The Boilermakers host Drexel after traveling the Philadelphia in 2021, when they earned a 29-18 victory over the Dragons to open the season. Utah Valley comes to Purdue for the first time ever, facing the Boilermakers for the third time in program history. The two sides have split the first two meetings with Utah Valley taking a 28-11 win in Fort Lauderdale, Florida in 2018, and Purdue avenging that result with a 30-12 victory at Journeymen Duals in New York in 2019.

The Boilermakers will ring in the new year in a new fashion, heading to the Southern Scuffle for the first time in program history. Chattanooga hosts the annual holiday tournament on January 1-2, welcoming several of the nation's top programs to McKenzie Arena for the two-day event.

The Big Ten schedule is typically released in September, and will unveil the dates, times and location for Purdue's eight conference opponents. Seven of the eight matchups are already known for the Boilermakers, comprised of the other six Big Ten West schools and intrastate rival Indiana, while Purdue's eighth and final opponent is still to be announced.

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