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2015-16 UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI WRESTLING MATCH NOTES

2015-16 SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE/TIME (CT)
N 20	at SIU-Edwardsville	W 36-7
N 28	at No. 25 Northern Iowa*	W 24-19
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D 12	vs. No. 3 Ohio State	7 P.M.
D 13	vs. No. 21 Ohio*	1 P.M.
D 20	at Kent State*	2 P.M.
J 8	vs. Buffalo*	7 P.M.
J 10	vs. No. 14 Cornell	1 P.M.
J 15	vs. Eastern Michigan*	7 P.M.
J 17	at No. 20 Central Michiga	an* 3 P.M.
J 22	at No. 9 Oklahoma State	7 P.M.
J 30	vs. No. 7 Oklahoma	2:30 P.M.
J 31	vs. No. 22 Old Dominio	n* 1 P.M.
F 7	at Northern Illinois*	1 P.M.
F 12	at Appalachian State	5:30 P.M.
F 14	at No. 5 North Carolina S	tate 1 P.M.
F 21	vs. NWCA National Dual	s ALL DAY
M 5	vs. MAC Championships	ALL DAY
M 06	vs. MAC Championships	ALL DAY
M 17	vs. NCAA Championships	ALL DAY
M 18	vs. NCAA Championships	ALL DAY
M 19	vs. NCAA Championships	ALL DAY
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DUAL

(3) OHIO STATE BUCKEYES AT (8) MIZZOU TIGERS

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2015 // 7 PM (CT) // HEARNES CENTER // COLUMBIA, MO.



2015-16 RECORD: 2-0 MAC RECORD: 1-0

HEAD COACH: BRIAN SMITH RECORD AT MIZZOU: 225-90-3 (.713)



LAST MEETING Mizzou, 20-19 . Dec. 14, 2014 (Columbus, Ohio)



. ESPN3.com/WatchESPNBeau Baehman (Play-by-Play)Paxton DiBlasi (Analyst) LIVE STATS..... trackwrestling.com

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2015-16 RECORD: 3-0

B1G RECORD: 0-0

HEAD COACH: TOM RYAN

RECORD AT SIUE: 116-42 (.734)

*Mizzou*storylines

- Mizzou and Ohio State will face off as reigning champions when they hit the mat. Mizzou won the NWCA National Duals last season, while Ohio State won the NCAA Championship.
- The last matchup between the Tigers and Buckeyes featured heavy drama. Mizzou came away victorious in the dual by a score of 20-19 after being rewarded a bonus point due to the fourth-criteria tiebreaker, which gives the team with the first takedown of the dual a point.
- There will be five ranked vs. ranked matches in the dual. Those matches will be at 125 pounds, 133 pounds, 141 pounds, 165 pounds, and 184 pounds.
- The last top-10 dual at the Hearnes Center was January 23, 2015, when No. 3 Mizzou beat No. 7 Oklahoma State, 22-10.

#TIGERSTYLE PROJECTED LINEUP

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RS FR // BLUE SPRINGS, MO.

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125 NATHAN TOMASELLO (RSo.) No. 1 // 9-0 // 3-0 DUALS

165 BO JORDAN (RSo.) No. 2 // 5-0 // 3-0 DUALS

133 JOHNNI DIJULIUS (RSr.) No. 5 // 9-0 // 3-0 DUALS

174 MYLES MARTIN (Fr.) 18-2 // 0-0 DUALS

#13

41 RS JR // PERRY, OKLA.

RECORD	DUALS
16-4	2-0



84 RS SO // ALTOONA, IOWA

RECORD	DUALS
6-2	2-0

141 MICAH JORDAN (RFr.) No. 8 // 12-0 // 2-0 DUALS

184 KENNY COURTS (RSr.) No. 11 // 10-3 // 1-0 DUALS



RS JR // MASCOUTAH, ILL.

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2-0	9-9	0-2

149 CODY BURCHER (RFr.) 10-4 // 1-2 DUALS

197 MARK MARTIN (Sr.) 12-3 // 1-0 DUALS

HWT NICK TAVANELLO (RJr.) No. 18 // 11-2 // 2-1 DUALS

No. 14 // 9-0 // 1-2 DUALS

157 JAKE RYAN (RFr.)

QUICK FACTS

INSTITUTIONAL	INFORMATION
Location	Columbia, Mo.
Founded:	1839
Enrollment:	
Nickname:	Tigers
Colors:	Old Gold and Black
Arena:	
Conference:	Mid-American
Interim System President:_	Mike Middleton
Interim Chancellor:	Hank Foley
Director of Athletics:	Mack Rhoades
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THE MIZZOU TIGERS Head Coach: ______ Brian Smith (18th season) ______ Michigan State, 1990 Missouri Record ______ 225-90-3 (18th season) Associate Head Coach: Alex Clemsen (Second season) Assistant Coach: _____ Joe Johnston (Fourth season) Volunteer Assistant: _Drake Houdashelt (First season) Strength and Conditioning: _____ Mike Larson (Second Season)

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2014-15 Record:

MAC Record (Finish):

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MIZZOU NOTABLES

5 FALLS FOR LEWIS

• Redshirt freshman 165-pounder Daniel Lewis (Blue Springs, Mo.) moved into the top-10 in the individual rankings this week after a dominating performance at the Cliff Keen Las Vegas Invitational. Lewis won the "Most Falls in Least Amount of Time" Award at the tournament after recording five firstperiod pins, the fastest at 0:41. Lewis placed third in the tournament after going 8-1. Lewis defeated three top-20 opponents in his final three matches to capture third, knocking off Cooper Moore of Northern Iowa (No. 10), George Pickett of Cornell (No. 13), and Clark Glass of Oklahoma (No. 11).

8 IN THE TOP-20

- Eight of Mizzou's 10 weight classes were represented in the latest round of top-20 individual rankings.
- No. 6 Barlow McGhee (125 pounds)
- No. 12 Zach Synon (133 pounds)
- No. 13 Matt Manley (141 pounds)
- No. 3 Lavion Mayes (149 pounds)
- No. 9 Daniel Lewis (165 pounds)
- No. 4 Blaise Butler (174 pounds)
- No. 6 Willie Miklus (184 pounds)
- No. 2 J'den Cox (197 pounds)

BY THE NUMBERS

30

24-0

3-0 (1st)

• Mizzou has won 30 consecutive duals, dating back Jan. 31, 2014. The last dual lost for Mizzou came by the hands of Oklahoma State, 680 days ago.

680

SCOUTING OHIO STATE

SCHEDULE RUNDOWN

- Ohio State last competed in the Cliff Keen Las Vegas Invitational, Dec. 4 and 5. The Buckeyes finished fifth overall in the team standings. Two Ohio State grapplers finished first in their respective weight classes, 125-pounder Nathan Tomasello and 141-pounder Micah Jordan.
- Ohio State is 3-0 so this season in duals, defeating Virginia and Arizona State at home and Cleveland State on the road. The Buckeyes have dominated their competition so far, outscoring opponents 88-33, in three duals.

7 WRESTLERS RANKED

- Ohio State's lineup features seven wrestlers ranked in the top-20 in the individual rankings.
- No. 1 Nathan Tomasello (125 pounds)
- No. 4 Johnni DiJulius (133 pounds)
- No. 6 Micah Jordan (141 pounds)
- No. 14 Jake Ryan (157 pounds)
- No. 2 Bo Jordan (165 pounds)
- No. 11 Kenny Courts (184 pounds)
- No. 18 Nick Tovanello (HWT)

#MAC STANDINGS

	MAC	PCT.	OVERALL	PCT.
Central Michigan	1-0	.000	4-0	1.000
MIZZOU	1-0	.000	2-0	1.000
Eastern Michigan	1-0	.000	5-1	.833
Ohio	0-0	.000	3-0	1.000
Kent State	0-0	.000	4-1	.800
Old Dominion	0-0	.000	2-1	.667
Buffalo	0-1	.000	4-2	.667
Northern Illinois	0-1	.000	2-3	.500
Northern Iowa	0-1	.000	1-3	.333



MORE ON MIZZOU

MAYES AND COX UNDEFEATED

- The #TigerStyle lineup features two starters with perfect records for 2015-16. Redshirt junior 149-pounder **Lavion Mayes** (Mascoutah, Ill.) and junior **J'den Cox** (Columbia, Mo.) have yet to drop a match this season, posting 11-0 and 12-0 records, respectively.
- Mayes, an NCAA All-American (7th place) a season ago at 141 pounds, has not had any struggles after being bumped up to 149 pounds at the beginning of the year. Mayes has captured two open championships this year, winning the Joe Parisi Open and the Cliff Keen Las Vegas Invitational. The final three wins at Cliff Keen came over opponents currently ranked in the top-20. The Illinois native has scored bonus points in six of 11 matches this season, tallying four major decisions and two falls.
- Cox, who followed a National Championship freshman campaign with a fifth-place-finish at nationals as a sophomore, appears to be even more focused on a championship run for his junior year. The #TigerStyle grappler has recorded bonus points in eight of 12 matches this season, earning three falls and five technical falls. Cox has also added two championships to his resume this season, winning at the Joe Parisi Open and the Cliff Keen Las Vegas Invitational. Cox defeated top-20 opponents in the semifinals and finals of Cliff Keen, besting Breff Pfarr of Minnesota in the finals by a score of 4-1.

MIZZOU SELECTED TO WIN MAC

 As voted on by the conference head coaches, Mizzou was picked to win the Mid-American Conference, sitting atop the preseason poll with 20.0 points. #TigerStyle wrestlers were represented in seven of the 10 individual weight class rankings, with junior 133-pounder Zach Synon (Cary, III.) and junior 197-pounder J'den Cox (Columbia, Mo.) leading the way at the top of their respective weight classes. Redshirt junior **Lavion Mayes** (Mascoutah, III.) and redshirt sophomore 184-pounder Willie Miklus (Altoona, Iowa), and redshirt senior Blaise Butler (Belvidere, III.) were all ranked second in their respective weight classes. Redshirt freshman 165-pounder Daniel Lewis (Blue Springs, Mo.) was ranked third in his weight class, while redshirt sophomore 125-pounder Barlow McGhee (Rock Island, III.) was ranked fourth.

USA TODAY/NWCA POLL

Rank	Team	Record	Points
1	Penn State	4-0	300
2	lowa	7-0	288
3	Ohio State	3-0	266
4	Nebraska	5-0	258
5	N.C. State	9-0	237
6	Virginia Tech	3-1	236
7	Oklahoma	5-0	229
8	MIZZOU	2-0	225
9	Oklahoma State	2-2	203
10	Michigan	3-1	185
11	Rutgers	9-1	183
12	Illinois	8-0	175
13	Lehigh	6-1	174
14	Cornell	1-2	143
15	Wisconsin	1-0	118
16	North Carolina	4-1	110
17	Minnesota	4-4	93
18	Virginia	4-2	87
19	Iowa State	2-2	86
20	Central Michigan	4-0	79
21	Ohio	3-0	74
22	Old Dominion	2-1	46
23	Oregon State	2-3	22
24	Purdue	5-1	21
25	West Virginia	4-2	20

Others Receiving Votes

Eastern Michigan (15), Pittsburgh (9), Stanford (6), Chattanooga (4), Northern Iowa (4), Princeton

(3), Edinboro (1)



INTERMAT TOURNAMENT

1	Penn State	110.5
2	Oklahoma State	100.5
3	lowa	88.5
4	Cornell	73.0
5	Virginia Tech	72.0
6	Ohio State	67.0
7	MIZZOU	64.5
8	N.C. State	60.5
9	Nebraska	55.0
10	Michigan	49.5
11	Old Dominion	42.0
12	Illinois	39.5
13	Oklahoma	36.0
14	Rutgers	35.5
15	Wisconsin	32.0
16	Stanford	27.5
17	Kent State	26.0
18	Minnesota	25.5
19	Oregon State	24.0
20	Lehigh	23.5
21	North Carolina	24.5
22	Central Michigan	20.5
23	Northern Iowa	20.0
24	Duke	18.5
25	Penn	17



TIGER RECORDS

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Wt.	Wrestler	Season	Dual	Career
125	Barlow McGhee	10-3	1-1	31-14
133	Zach Synon	10-3	2-0	68-15
141	Matt Manley	16-4	2-0	50-24
149	Lavion Mayes	11-0	2-0	78-18
157	Luke Fortuna	12-4	0-1	12-4
165	Daniel Lewis	11-2	1-0	11-2
174	Blaise Butler	6-1	1-0	62-23**
184	Willie Miklus	6-2	2-0	39-11
197	J'den Cox	12-0	2-0	87-4
HWT	James Romero	9-9	0-2	9-9
Wt.	Wrestler	Season	Dual	Career
125	Aaron Assad	7-3	0-0	17-16
125	Boomer Boyd	0-0	0-0	15-12
125	Chase Brennan	3-3	0-0	15-12*
125	Chandler Fohey	6-3	0-0	6-3*
133	Cole Baumgartner	6-4	0-0	43-27
133	Jaydin Eierman	8-1	0-0	8-1
133	John Erneste	7-2	0-0	7-2
133	Nick Nasenbeny	5-4	0-0	5-4
133	Sam Ritchie	7-4	0-0	7-4*
133	Quinn Smith	5-0	0-0	5-0
141	Le'Roy Barnes	6-2	0-0	28-10
141	Kevin Kissane	12-5	0-0	12-5*
141	Will Roark	11-4	0-0	11-4*
149	Alex Butler	14-4	0-0	14-4*
149	Austin Eveler	9-3	0-0	9-3*
149	Grant Leeth	0-0	0-0	0-0
149	Blake Pepper	0-0	0-0	26-12
157	Phyllip DeLoach	10-6	0-0	10-6*
157	Matt Lemanowicz	4-3	0-1	37-24
157	Joey Lavallee	6-2	0-0	60-26*
157	Keegan McCormic	k 11-2	0-0	11-2*
165	Nicholas DeLoach	6-3	0-1	6-3
165	Taylor Watkins	9-6	0-0	9-6*
174	Jon Goerke	2-4	0-0	18-25
174	Cody Johnston	0-0	0-0	39-16
174	Tim Miklus	6-5	0-0	6-5
174	Matt Striegel	8-6	0-0	8-6*
174	Dalton Voyles	9-5	0-0	9-5*
174	Dylan Wisman	8-4	0-0	8-4*
184	Jayden Bears	7-3	0-0	7-3
184	Nicholas Scherer	1-6	0-0	1-6*
197	Seth Pesek	6-4	0-0	6-4*
HWT	Wood Mancuso	0-0	0-0	0-0
HWT	Mike Monaghan	1-6	0-0	1-6
*- Com	peting as an unattac	hed wrestl	er	

^{*-} Competing as an unattached wrestler

^{**- 56-22} at Virginia

LASTTIME OUT

Mizzou Wrestling Wins Cliff Keen Las Vegas Invitational; Cox and Mayes Win Championships

#TigerSytle places seven in the top-four, finishes 41 points ahead of second-place

Mizzou Wrestling departed Sin City as the 2015 Cliff Keen Las Vegas Invitational Team Champions. The Tigers finished the tournament with 154 team points, 41 points ahead of second-place Cornell. #Tigerstyle had seven wrestlers place in the top-four, headlined by individual championships from junior 197-pounder **J'den Cox** (Columbia, Mo.) and redshirt junior 149-pounder **Lavion Mayes** (Mascoutah, III)

Redshirt freshman 165-pounder **Daniel Lewis** (Blue Springs, Mo.) and redshirt senior 174-pounder **Blaise Butler** (Belvidere, III.) finished the tournament with third-place finishes. Lewis earned the "Most Falls in the Least Amount of Time" Award after posting five first-period pins over the tournament.

"With a lot of new faces in the lineup, this was a good way to find out about where we are as a team," said Head Coach Brian Smith. "We had a lot of good wins and wrestled at or above our seeds in many matches. Extremely happy to come home with a team title. Most importantly, we found out a lot about our team and what improvements we need to make. Looking forward to next weekend and the big home-opening duals and to see all of our fans come out and support #TigerStyle."



In a rematch of the Joe Parisi Open Championship, Cox defeated Jacob Smith of West Virginia by way of decision, 9-3, in the semifinals to advance to the finals.

Cox defeated Brett Pfarr of Minnesota in the finals by way of decision, 4-1, to win the 197-pound championship. Cox scored a takedown in the first, an escape in the third, and a riding time point for the four points. Cox finished a perfect 5-0 on the weekend. Mayes defeated Davion Jeffries of Oklahoma by decision, 5-4, in the semifinals to advance to the finals. In the 149-pound Championship, Mayes beat Jake Short of Minnesota by decision, 8-6.

Lewis began his day with his fifth first-period pin when he put Tyrel White of Columbia on his back at 2:20. Lewis picked up two more wins by decision to advance to the third-place match, where he bested Clark Glass of Oklahoma with an 8-2 decision. After dropping his semifinals match, Butler rebounded in the consolation semifinals, picking up an 18-3 technical fall on his way to the third-place match. Butler matched up with Jadaen Bernstein of Navy in the 174-pound third place match, where he came away with an 8-3 decision.

Redshirt sophomore 125-pounder **Barlow McGhee** (Rock Island, III.), redshirt junior 141-pounder **Matt Manley** (Perry, Okla.), and redshirt sophomore 184-pounder **Willie Miklus** (Altoona, Iowa) all finished fourth in the tournament.



Lavion Mayes wins the 149-pound Championship



J'den Cox wins the 197-pound Championship

LAST DUAL

Butler and Miklus Vault Mizzou to 24-19 Win Over UNI

#TigerSytle win gives Mizzou its 30th straigh dual competition win

Match-By-Match Results vs. SIU Edwardsville

Match-By-Match Results

125: Dylan Peters [UNI] def. Barlow McGhee [MIZ] by 7-5 decision

133: Zach Synon [MIZ] def. Josh Alber [UNI] by 2-1 decision

141: Matt Manley [MIZ] def. Trevor Jauch [UNI] by 4-3 decision

149: Lavion Mayes [MIZ] def. Gunnar Wolfensperger [UNI] by 9-3 decision

157: Bryce Steiert [UNI] def. Luke Fortuna [MIZ] by fall (3:32)

165: Cooper Moore [UNI] def. Nick DeLoach [MIZ] by 15-0 technical fall

174: Blaise Butler [MIZ] def. Kyle Lux [UNI] by fall (6:37)

184: Willie Miklus [MIZ] def. Cody Caldwell [UNI] by fall (1:22)

197: J'den Cox [MIZ] def. Jared Bartel [UNI] by 8-3 decision

HWT: Blaize Cabell [UNI] def. James Romero [MIZ] by 25-10 technical fall

Two falls from redshirt senior 174-pounder **Blaise Butler** (Belvidere, III.) and redshirt sophomore 184-pounder Willie Miklus (Altoona, lowa) gave No. 9 Mizzou Wrestling the lead it needed to defeat No. 25 Northern Iowa Nov. 28 by a score of 24-19. Heading into the 174-pound match, the Tigers trailed the Panthers 14-9, but the two pins gave Mizzou a 21-14 lead, one it did not relinquish again. The win marked the 30th consecutive dual victory for the Tigers.

Redshirt junior 133-pounder Zach Synon (Cary, III.) picked up the first win of the night for Mizzou, besting Josh Alber by a score a 2-1. The match was 1-1 as time expired, but Synon was awarded a second point from riding time. The 2-1 decision tied the match score at 3-3. The win started a run for Mizzou, which took the next two matches by way of decision. First, redshirt junior 141-pounder Matt Manley (Perry, Okla.), defeated Trevor Jauch, 4-3. Then, redshirt junior 149-pounder Lavion Mayes (Mascoutah, III.) beat Gunnar Wolfensperger by a score of 9-3 to give Mizzou a 9-3 lead in the dual.

After Northern Iowa tied the score, 9-9, with a fall in the 157-pound matchup and grabbed the lead with a technical fall in the 165-pound matchup, 14-9, Butler regained the lead for the Tigers with his pin in the third period (6:37) over Kyle Lux. In his first match as a Tiger after transferring from Virginia, Butler came away with a massive debut win for #Tigerstyle. Butler led, 14-4, in the third period when he put both of Lux's shoulders on the mat for six points.

Miklus followed up the Butler pin with one of his own, pinning Cody Caldwell in the first period (1:22). Wrestling in front of family and friends, Miklus looked up into the stands following the win to acknowledge those who made the short drive to support him.

Junior 197-pounder J'den Cox (Columbia, Mo.) picked up the final win of the night for #Tigerstyle when he beat Jared Bartel by way of decision, 8-3. The win gave Mizzou three points and clinched the victory.







BARLOW MCGHEE

Rock Island, III. Rock Island HS RS So. \\ 125

SEASON RECORD:	10-3
DUAL RECORD:	1-1
CAREER RECORD:	31-14

MCGHEE INDIVIDUAL	RANKINGS
Intermat	8th
W.I.N. Magazine	6th
The Open Mat	9th
FloWrestling	9th

CAREER ACCOLADES:

2014 SEC First-Year Honor Roll

2015-16 (RS So.):

- Placed fourth at the Cliff Keen Las Vegas Invitaional, posting a 5-2 record over the tournament
- Won the Championship at Joe Parisi Open, defeating last year's NCAA runner-up Zeke Moisey (West Virginia in the finals)

2014-15 (RS Fr.):

- Took his redshirt season, following a successful first-year 2013-14 campaign in
- Compiled a 14-5 overall record as unattached competitor.
- Four of his 14 season wins resulted in bonus points, including one Major Decision and three Tech. Falls.
- Competed in five tournaments this past season, highlighted by a Championship at 2015 Roger Denker Open.
- Also placed 3rd at 2014 Harold Nichols Cyclone Open, 2nd at 2014 UCM Open, and 2nd at 2014 Joe Parisi Open.
- Placed in four tournaments overall, T-2nd most among his Tiger teammates.

2013-14 (Fr.):

- Kept his redshirt off for his freshman season, competing at 125 pounds for the Tigers in dual competition as well as in three tournaments.
- His first collegiate win came at the North Dakota State dual over Hunter Weber, 5-2

- of his seven matches, 4-3. • Had a fourth place finish at the Joe Parisi Open.
- Took third at the UNI Open after defeating Da'Wayne Robertson of Ellsworth in a rematch to earn his spot in the third-place match.

• Earned a third-place finish at the Warren Williams/Daktronics Open, losing only one

 Competed at the 2014 MAC Championships where he finished in sixth place after picking up one win for the Tigers over Del Vinas of Kent State.

PERSONAL:

- Was born to Barlow and Danielle McGhee on January 15, 1995 in Topeka, Kan.
- Has two younger siblings his sister Vilgie and brother Daniel.





6 NATIONAL CHAMPIONS // 6 ALL-AMERICANS



ZACH SYNON

Cary, III. Prairie Ridge HS RS Jr. \\ 133

SEASON RECORD:	10-3
DUAL RECORD:	2-0
CAREER RECORD:	68-15

SYNON INDIVIDUAL RANKINGS

Intermat	14th
W.I.N. Magazine	17th
The Open Mat	12th
FloWrestling	N/R

CAREER ACCOLADES:

- 2015 MAC Champion (133)
- 2015 NCAA Nationals Qualifier (133)
- 2015 Academic All-MAC Team

2014-15 (RS Jr.):

 Won the Maryville Brand Kaufman Open and finished in second at the Joe Parisi Open

2014-15 (RS So.):

- Went 31-13 overall, recording a 133 pound MAC Championship and clinching first trip to NCAA Championships.
- His 31 season victories marked a new single season career high, passing his 27 victories during the 2013-14 campaign.
- Made 13 dual starts, finishing with an 8-5 record (3-0 in MAC duals).
- Competed in five tournaments before taking over 133 pound starting spot, placing in 4-of-5 events.
- Took home 3rd place at 2014 Harold Nichols Cyclone Open, 2nd place at 2014 UCM Open, 3rd place at 2014 Joe Parisi Open and 3rd place at 2014 UNI Open.
- Signature win of the season came on Jan. 10, 2015, as he defeated No. 3 (125 lbs.) Nahshon Garett (Cornell) by 6-2 decision.
- Accumulated six different winning streaks of three matches or better throughout the season. Season best winning streak of six matches came between 2014 Cyclone Open & UCM Open.

2013-14 (RS Fr.):

- In his first season as an attached wrestler for the Tigers, Synon competed in six tournaments and earned his first career dual start against Central Michigan's No. 12 Corey Keener on Jan. 19
- Named champion at UCM Open after winning five straight matches including a 5-0 decision over Connor Cline (Oklahoma St.) in the finals

2012-13 (Fr.)

- In his redshirt season, competed in five tournaments
- Picked up first collegiate win against Gunnar Woodburn (Oklahoma State) by 8-0 major decision
- Took second place at UCM Open, losing only to Eddie Klimara (Oklahoma State) in the finals

PERSONAL:

- Zach Synon was born on May 4, 1994 to Dan and Michelle Synon in Barrington, III.
- · Has one younger brother, Max.
- His uncle, Ryan Geist, wrestled at Illinois State.
- · Chose Mizzou over Northwestern and Iowa.

SYNON 2015-16 MATCH-BY-MATCH W/I Record Date Opponent School Score Maryville Kaufman Brand Open (1st Place // 133) Nov. 14 Andrew Rettke McKendree W TF. 19-2 1-0 TB-1, 4-3 Nov. 14 John Erneste W 2-0 Missouri Nov. 14 **Hunter Haralson** Lindenwood Dec., 7-1 3-0 Nov. 20 Dakota Leach SIU Edwardsville W MD, 10-2 4-0 Joe Parisi Open (2nd Place // 133) Cody Pae Purdue W Dec., 7-0 5-0 Nov. 21 Nov. 21 Joe Wheeling West Virginia W Dec., 5-0 6-0 Nov. 21 Jordan Olfus Graceland W TF, 16-1 7-0 John Erneste Nov. 21 Missouri W 8-0 Dec., 4-2 Nov. 21 Jaydin Eierman Missouri Dec., 5-3 8-1 L Josh Alber Northern Iowa W 9-1 Nov. 28 Dec., 2-1 **Cliff Keen Las Vegas Invitational** W MD, 8-0 Dec. 4 Grimaldi Gonzalez Bucknell 10-1 Dec. 4 George DiCamillo Virginia ı MD. 12-4 10-2 Daniel DeShazer Nebraska-Kearney L SV-3, 6-4 Dec. 4 10-3





MATT MANLEY

Perry, Okla. Perry HS RS Jr. \\ 141

SEASON RECORD:	16-4
DUAL RECORD:	2-0
CAREER RECORD:	50-24

MANLEY INDIVIDUAL	RANKINGS
Intermat	13th
W.I.N. Magazine	15tł
The Open Mat	15tł
FloWrestling	16th

CAREER ACCOLADES:

• 2014 NCAA Nationals Qualifier (133 pounds)

2015-16 (RS Jr.):

• Placed in second place at the Maryville Brand Kaufman Open, third place at the Joe Parisi Open, and fourth place at the Cliff Keen Las Vegas Invitational

2014-15 (RS So.):

- Finished with a 10-4 overall record, including a 6-4 mark in dual competitions.
- Crowned 2014 Harold Nichols Cyclone Open 133 pound Champion, winning four matches, two by major decision.
- Opened the season with an eight match winning streak, racking up five bonus points victories during that span.
- Tallied two pins this season with his fastest coming in 1:23 (Nov. 15, 2014 against Truman State's Ethan Retschler).

2013-14 (RS Fr.):

- In his second season with the Tigers, Manley competed in four tournaments for the Tigers.
- Won five straight matches at the Warren Williams/Daktronics open to claim the title.
- His first career dual start and win occurred against Kagan Squire of Ohio, 1-0
- His first win over a ranked opponent was at the Southern Scuffle where he defeated No. 5 Ryan Mango (Stanford) 8-6 in sudden victory.
- Represented Missouri at 133 pounds at the 2014 MAC Championships. Manley finished in sixth place.

• Went 1-2 in matches at Nationals, with his win coming against No. 16 Mack McGuire, evening out their season series against each other to 2-2.

2012-13 (Fr.):

- In his redshirt season on the team, Manley competed in three tournaments at 125 pounds.
- Finished in second place at the UCM Open after picking up his first five collegiate wins, including a tournament opener against Jeramy Griffen (Labette CC) by fall at 6:05
- Manley picked up 13 wins on the season, four of which came by either fall or major decision.

PERSONAL:

- Matthew Manley was born to Brian and Abby Manley.
- Has three siblings Crystal, Coy, and Steve.

MANLEY 2015-16 MATCH-BY-MATCH

Date	Opponent	School W/I		Score	Record			
Maryville Brand Kaufman Open (2nd Place // 141)								
Nov. 14	Dante Padilla	Williams Baptist	W	Fall, 2:17	1-0			
Nov. 14	Andrew Frey	Indianapolis	W	Fall, 2:44	2-0			
Nov. 14	Le'Roy Barnes	Missouri	W	Dec., 2-1	3-0			
Nov. 14	Nate Rodriguez	Maryville	L	Dec., 3-2	3-1			
Nov. 20	Angelo Silvestro	SIU Edwardsville	W	MD, 16-4	4-1			
	Open (3rd Place // 1							
Nov. 21	Eli Stickley	Wisconsin	W	Dec., 9-3	5-1			
Nov. 21	Tyler Tustin	Cen. Oklahoma	W	MD, 11-1	6-1			
Nov. 21	Steve Bleise	Northern Illinois	W	Dec., 9-2	7-1			
Nov. 21	Le'Roy Barnes	Missouri	L	Dec., 6-4	7-2			
Nov. 21	Tristian Moran	Oklahoma State	W	Dec., 10-3	8-2			
Nov. 21	Dusty Hone	Oklahoma State	W	Dec., 3-2	9-2			
Nov. 28	Trevor Jauch	Northern Iowa	W	Dec., 4-3	10-2			
	Las Vegas Invitation							
Dec. 4	Austin Solari	Newberry	W	MD, 11-3	11-2			
Dec. 4	Jack Hathaway	Oregon State	W	Dec., 6-3	12-2			
Dec. 4	Tony DeAngelo	West Virginia	W	MD, 11-3	13-2			
Dec. 4	Tommy Thorn	Minnesota	L	Dec., 6-5	13-3			
Dec. 5	Mitchell Bengston	North Dakota St.	W	Dec., 11-6	14-3			
Dec. 5	lan Nickell	CSU Bakersfield	W	TF, 16-1	15-3			
Dec. 5	Solomon Chishko	Virginia Tech	W	Fall, 3:54	16-3			
Dec. 5	Tommy Thorn	Minnesota	L	Dec., 11-5	16-4			



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Lester in the dual against Oklahoma.



LAVION MAYES

Mascoutah, III. Mascoutah HS RS Jr. \\ 149

SEASON RECORD:	11-0
DUAL RECORD:	2-0
CAREER RECORD:	78-18

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W.I.N. Magazine	3rd
The Open Mat	6th
FloWrestling	4th

CAREER ACCOLADES:

- 2015 NCAA All-American (7th Place 141 pounds)
- 2014 NCAA Championships Qualifier (141 pounds)

2015-16 (RS Jr.):

- Won Championships at the Joe Parisi Open and the Cliff Keen Las Vegas Invitational
- Has started the season on an 11-match win streak

2014-15 (RS So.):

- Compiled a 38-4 overall record, including a 20-1 dual record (6-1 MAC competitions).
- His 38 victories marked a new career high, upping his previous season best by nine wins (29 a season ago).
- In his 20 dual wins, racked up 73 points for the Tigers in his victories.
- 19 of his season dual starts came at 141 pounds, while two came at 149 pound weight class.
- Began the 2014-15 season with a 21 match winning streak.
- Earned first career All-American honors (7th place) after going 5-2 at 2015 NCAA Championships.
- Four of his five wins at NCAA's were against nationally ranked opponents.
- Claimed 141 pound event championships at 2014 Harold Nichols Cyclone Open and 2015 Southern Scuffle.
- Took home 11 wins over nationally ranked 141 pound opponents, including five over top-10 foes.
- Earned MAC Wrestler of the Week honors for the week of Jan. 19-25, 2015.

2013-14 (RS Fr.):

- Earned "Most Improved Wrestler" Honors by Mizzou wrestling coaching staff.
- Competed in five tournaments as an attached wrestler and held a starting spot on the lineup at 141 pounds, helping him make his way to his first NCAA Championship.
- Placed second at both the UCM and UNI Opens, picking up seven wins between the two tournaments.
- Won all five matches at the Joe Parisi for his first tournament title in collegiate competition. Defeated Anthony Collica (Okla. State) in the finals with a pin at 6:47.
- First collegiate dual start was against Noah Forrider of Ohio. Mayes won by major decision, 12-3.

His first win over a ranked opponent came by way of a 6-4 decision over No. 15 Nick

• Represented Missouri at the 2014 MAC Championships, where he had a fourth-place finish and earned an automatic bid to the 2014 NCAA National Championships.

2012-13 (Fr.):

- Competed in three tournaments as a redshirt at 149 pounds.
- Took second place at the UCM Open, picking up his first collegiate win against Devin Patterson (McKendree), 9-6.
- Also finished second at the Joe Parisi Open, opening the day with a technical fall, 17-0, over Tre Ponting (Bethany).
- Earned another second-place finish at the Kaufman-Brand Open, picking up two decision wins, a 17-6 major decision, and a pin at 2:29.
- Overall, had 13 wins and six losses on the season.

PERSONAL:

- Lavion is the son of Clarence Mayes and Christina Whitson.
- Was born in Breese, III., on July 6, 1994.
- Has one older sister, Desiree.
- Chose to be a Tiger because it offered the best tools to help him become a National Champion.
- Picked Mizzou over Northern Illinois.

MAYES 2015-16 MATCH-BY-MATCH

Date	Opponent	School	W/L	Score	Record
Nov. 20	John Fahy	SIU Edwardsville	W	Dec., 11-6	1-0
Joe Parisi	Open (Champion //	149)			
Nov. 21	Greg Jacquez	Lindenwood	W	Fall, 6:23	2-0
Nov. 21	Isaac Reinemann	Illinois	W	Dec., 10-4	3-0
Nov. 21	Jake Smith	West Virginia	W	MD, 9-0	4-0
Nov. 21	John Fahy	SIU Edwardsville	W	MD, 15-3	5-0
Nov. 28	Gunnar Wolfensperg	jer Northern Iowa	W	Dec., 9-3	6-0
Cliff Keen	Las Vegas Invitation	nal (Champion //	149)		
Dec. 4	Rylan Lubeck	Wisconsin	W	Fall, 6:39	7-0
Dec. 4	Tom Page	American	W	MD, 14-5	8-0
Dec. 4	Geordan Martinez	Boise State	W	MD, 13-5	9-0
Dec. 5	Davion Jeffries	Oklahoma	W	Dec., 5-4	10-0
Dec. 5	Jake Short	Minnesota	W	Dec., 8-6	11-0







LUKE FORTUNA

Glen Ellyn, III.

Montini Catholic HS

Fr. \\ 157

SEASON RECORD: 12-4 DUAL RECORD: 0-1 CAREER RECORD: 12-4

2015-16 (Fr.):

- Has placed at two tournaments, third place at the UCM Open and first place at the Joe Parisi Open
- Made his first dual start on Nov. 28 vs. Bryce Steiert of Northern Iowa

HIGH SCHOOL

- Class 2A Illinois state champion at 152 pounds as a senior
- Went 48-1 during his senior campaign
- Was 109-41 prior to last year
- Finished second at the 2014 Illinois state championships
- Four-time Illinois state qualifier
- Four-time all-conferece selection
- Junior Freestyle All-American

FORTUNA 2015-16 MATCH-BY-MATCH

Date	Opponent	School	W/L	Score	Record		
UCM Ope	UCM Open (3rd Place // 157)						
Nov. 7	Zane Heiter	Central Missouri	W	Fall, 2:13	1-0		
Nov. 7	Isaiah Kemper	McKendree	L	Dec., 3-1	1-1		
Nov. 7	Kendrick Rivera	Baker	W	MD, 16-3	2-1		
Nov. 7	Cambdon Peper	Labette CC	W	Dec., 7-1	3-1		
Nov. 7	Phyllip DeLoach	Missouri	W	Dec., 3-2	4-1		
Nov. 7	Kevin Cooper	McKendree	W	Dec., 5-2	5-1		
Joe Parisi	Open (Champion //	157 Amateur)					
Nov. 21	Hayden Cregg	Davenport	W	Dec., 8-2	6-1		
Nov. 21	Trey Norton	Lindsey Wilson	W	TF, 15-0	7-1		
Nov. 21	J.D. Waters	Indianapolis	W	MD, 8-0	8-1		
Nov. 21	K. Holguin-Mendez	NE Oklahoma	W	Dec., 4-1	9-1		
Nov. 21	Keegan McCormick	Missouri	W	Dec., 3-2	10-1		
Nov. 28	Bryce Steiert	Northern Iowa	L	Fall, 3:32	10-2		
Cliff Keen	Las Vegas Invitation	nal					
Dec. 4	Raider Lofthouse	Utah Valley	L	Dec., 4-0	10-3		
Dec. 4	Logan Kerlin	Bucknell	W	Dec. 8-4	11-3		
Dec. 4	Jordan Amine	Michigan	W	Dec., 4-3	12-3		
Dec. 4	Andrew Atkinson	Virginia	L	TF, 16-0	12-4		





DANIEL LEWIS

Blue Springs, Mo. Blue Springs HS RS Fr. \\ 165

SEASON RECORD:	11-2
DUAL RECORD:	1-0
CAREER RECORD:	11-2

LEWIS INDIVIDUAL RANKINGS

Intermat	9th
W.I.N. Magazine	
The Open Mat	14th
FloWrestling	12th

2015-16 (Fr.):

• Placed third at the Cliff Keen Las Cegas Invitational and won the "Most Falls in the Least Amount of Time" Award after posting five first-period pins

2014-15 (Fr.):

- In his redshirt campaign, the first-year Tiger finished his 2014-15 season with a solid 21-8 record.
- Of his 21 season victories, an incredible 15 of those resulted in pins. The 15 falls ranked first among all 2014-15 Tiger grapplers.
- In his first 13 wins of the season, 10 came by falls with the fastest pin coming in just 0:28.
- Competed in five total tournaments this season, placing in four of them. Took home 165 pound top honors at 2014 UCM Open, going a perfect 5-0. Best streak of season resulted in wins in 14-of-15 matches (Nov. 16, 2014 Dec. 13, 2014).
- His season best winning streak of nine matches came between Joe Parisi Open and UNI Open. Of those nine wins, six resulted in falls.

PERSONAL:

• Born to Christy and Craig Lewis on May 19, 1995 in Salina, Kan.

LEWIS 2015-16 MATCH-BY-MATCH

Date	Opponent	School	W/L	Score	Record
Nov. 20	Eric Travers	SIU Edwardsville	W	Fall, 0:58	1-0
Joe Parisi	Open				
Nov. 21	Clayton Monebrake	Indianapolis	W	Fall, 0:55	2-0
Nov. 21	Ross Renzi	West Virginia	W	Dec., 6-0	3-0
Nov. 21	Dmitri Willis	Maryville	L	Fall, 4:15	3-1
Cliff Keen	Las Vegas Invitation	nal (3rd Place // 1	65)		- 1
Dec. 4	Jade Lloyd	Gateway Bible	W	Fall, 0:50	4-1
Dec. 4	Jacen Peterson	Arizona State	W	Fall, 2:42	5-1
Dec. 4	Dave McFadden	Virginia Tech	L	Dec., 8-4	5-2
Dec. 4	Isaac Deaton	Nebraska-Kearne	y W	Fall, 1:00	6-2
Dec. 4	Adam Fierro	CSU Bakersfield	W	Fall, 0:41	7-2
Dec. 5	Tyrel White	Columbia	W	Fall, 2:20	8-2
Dec. 5	Cooper Moore	Northern Iowa	W	Dec., 8-2	9-2
Dec. 5	George Pickett	Cornell	W	Dec., 4-2	10-2
Dec. 5	Clark Glass	Oklahoma	W	Dec., 8-2	11-2





BLAISE BUTLER

Belvidere, III. University of Virginia RS Sr. \\ 174

SEASON RECORD:	6-1
DUAL RECORD:	1-0
CAREER RECORD:	62-23

BUTLER INDIVIDUAL RANKINGS

Intermat	6th
W.I.N. Magazine	4tł
The Open Mat	8tł
FloWrestling	8th

2015-16 (RS Sr.):

- Placed third at the Cliff Keen Las Vegas Invitaitonal
- Posted his first #TigerStyle win in his devuting, pinning Kyle Lux of Northern Iowa on Nov. 28

2014-15 (RS Jr. at Virginia):

- Posted a 21-6 individual mark at 174 pounds, including a 13-2 dual record
- Racked up 56 total points in a season for the second consecutive campaign
- Finished 2nd at the ACC Tournament

2013-14 (RS So. at Virginia)

- Went 22-8 as a redshirt junior and 15-5 in duals
- Captured the ACC title at 157 pounds
- Collected three major decisions and three pins
- Fastest pin came in 1:20
- Secured nine wins against eventual NCAA qualifiers

2012-13 (RS Fr. at Virginia)

- Went 13-6, competing at both 157 pounds and 165 pounds during teh season
- Snagged three major decisions and two pins

2011-12 (Fr. at Virginia)

- During his redshirt season, he went 20-9 as an unattached wrestlers in open tournaments
- Placed at four tournaments, winning the Appalachian Open title

BUTLER 2015-16 MATCH-BY-MATCH

Date Nov. 28	Opponent Kyle Lux	School Northern Iowa	W/L W	Score Fall, 6:37	Record 1-0
Cliff Keen	Las Vegas Invitation	nal (3rd Place // 1	74)		
Dec. 4	Rustin Barrick	Bucknell	W	MD, 13-3	2-0
Dec. 4	Drew Foster	Northern Iowa	W	Dec., 3-1	3-0
Dec. 4	Ricky Robertson	Wisconsin	W	Fall, 0:54	4-0
Dec. 5	Bryce Hammond	CSU Bakersfield	L	Dec., 10-7	4-1
Dec. 5	Brian Harvey	Army	W	TF, 18-3	5-1
Dec. 5	Jadaen Bernstein	Navy	W	Dec., 8-3	6-1

PERSONALSon of Mari

- Son of Martin and Debra Butler
- · Has two brothers, Tyler and Alex
- Younger brother Alex is a freshman on the Mizzou Wrestling team
- Comes from a wrestling pedigree as his father wrestled at Amherst College



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WILLIE MIKLUS

Altoona, Iowa Southeast Polk HS RS So. \\ 184

SEASON RECORD:	6-2
DUAL RECORD:	2-0
CAREER RECORD:	39-11

MIKLUS INDIVIDUAL RANKINGS

Intermat	6th
W.I.N. Magazine	8th
The Open Mat	8th
FloWrestling	6th

CAREER ACCOLADES:

- 2015 NCAA All-American (7th Place 184)
- 2015 MAC Freshman of the Year
- 2015 Academic All-MAC Team
- 2014 SEC First-Year Honor Roll

2015-16 (RS So.):

• Placed fourth at the Cliff Keen Las Vegas Invitational

2014-15 (RS Fr.):

- Went from preseason unranked grappler to nationally ranked and NCAA All-American at 184 pounds. Went 33-9 overall including an 18-3 dual (6-0 MAC) record.
- Finished in 7th place at 2015 NCAA Championships, producing a 5-2 record along the way.
- At NCAA's, defeated No. 6 Taylor Meeks (Oregon State), No. 7 Lorenzo Thomas (Penn), No. 14 Richard Robertson (Wisconsin) and No. 15 Timothy Dudley (Nebraska) nationally ranked opponents in the country.
- Had 18 starts at 184 pounds for the Tigers and three starts at 197 pounds.
- Began the 2014-15 season with an 18-0 record, highlighted by a win over No. 2 Jack Dechow (Old Dominion) on Nov. 23, 2014.
- 24 of his 33 season wins resulted in bonus points, good enough for .727 perctange of his overall victories.
- In his 18 dual victories this season, accumulated 82 points (2nd most on Mizzou, only trailed J'den Cox's 87).

Tallied 14 pins throughout the season, tops among Tiger Style starters for the 2014-15 campaign.

• Took down six nationally ranked foes at 184 pounds, including four alone at 2015 NCAA Championships.

Named MAC Freshman of the Year by the league office on April 7, 2015.

2013-14 (Fr.):

- Took his redshirt in his first season with the Tigers and competed in five tournaments at 197 pounds
- Finished in fourth place at the Warren Williams / Daktronics Open, picking up his first collegiate win by a Fall at 4:09 against North Dakota State's Tommy Peterson
- Took third place at the Joe Parisi Open, winning five-of-six matches including a 6-4 decision over Missouri's Justin Heberlie
- Was crowned the champion at the Kaufman-Brand Open after winning his first two matches by Fall, followed by another win over Missouri's Heberlie
- Another third place finish came at the UNI Open with his only loss coming against Mizzou's J'den Cox
- Miklus picked up 17 wins this season with nine of them coming by Fall, the fastest of which occurred 0:50 into the match

PERSONAL:

- Willie was born to Garry and Luann Miklus on July 16, 1993 in Des Moines, Iowa.
- Has three younger siblings Tim, who is also on the Tiger wrestling squad, Erin and Sean

MIKLUS 2015-16 MATCH-BY-MATCH

Date Nov. 20 Nov. 28	Opponent Derek Nagel Cody Caldwell	School SIU Edwardsville Northern Iowa	W	Score Fall, 2:49 Fall, 1:22	Record 1-0 2-0
Cliff Keen	Las Vegas Invitation	nal (4th Place // 1	84)		
Dec. 4	Samson Imonode	Army	W	MD, 14-2	3-0
Dec. 4	Huston Evans	Newberry	W	Fall, 3:29	4-0
Dec. 4	Hayden Zillmer	North Dakota St.	W	Dec., 3-2	5-0
Dec. 5	Gabriel Dean	Cornell	L	Dec., 3-2	5-1
Dec. 5	Kenny Courts	Ohio State	W	MD, 13-5	6-1
Dec. 5	Zack Zavatsky	Virginia Tech	L	Dec., 9-4	6-2



MIZZOU



J'DEN COX Columbia, Mo. Rock Bridge HS Jr. \\ 197

SEASON RECORD:	12-0
DUAL RECORD:	2-0
CAREER RECORD:	87-4

Intermat	2nd
W.I.N. Magazine	2nd
The Open Mat	2nd
FloWrestling	2nd

CAREER ACCOLADES:

- 2015 NCAA All-American (5th Place 197)
- 2015 MAC Champion (197)
- 2014 NCAA National Champion (197)
- 2014 MAC Champion (197)
- 2014 MAC Wrestler of the Year
- 2014 MAC Freshmen of the Year
- 2014 SEC First-Year Honor Roll

2015-16 (Jr.):

• Won Championships at the Joe Parisi Open and Cliff Keen Las Vegas Invitational

2014-15 (So.):

- Earned All-American honors for the second straight year and cemented himself as one of the top 197 pound wrestlers in the country.
- Finished the season with a 37-2 total record, including a perfect 21-0 dual record (6-0 in MAC duals).
- Concluded the regular season with an unblemished 30-0 record, and stretched his perfect record well into NCAA Championships.
- Suffered his first season loss on March 20, 2015 in the 197 pound NCAA Championships semifinals matchup. Before the loss, had put together a 36-0 record and an NCAA leading 56 consecutive victories dating back to the end of his 2013-14 season.
- His perfect 3-0 record and 197 pound title at the MAC Wrestling Championships was his second straight crown.
- During his perfect 21-0 regular season dual record, he tallied 87 total dual points which led all Mizzou grapplers.
- Of his 37 season wins, 19 of those produced bonus points for the team (seven MD, four TF, and eight Falls).
- Defeated 12 nationally ranked wrestlers on the season, including two up a weight class at HWT.

2013-14 (Fr.):

- Picked up 38 wins his first year with the Tigers en route to a conference and national championship at 197 pounds
- At the 2014 MAC Championships, defeated No. Phil Wellington (Ohio) via major decision, 10-1
- At NCAA Nationals, Cox entered his bracket as the No. 2 seed and on the way to the title defeated No. 14 Chris Penny (Virginia Tech) with a 4-1 decision in the semifinals and then faced No. 1 Nick Heflin (Ohio State) in the finals
- In a match that came down to the wire, Cox defeated Heflin by decision, 2-1, and became the fourth Tiger wrestler to claim a national championship, giving Mizzou its fifth individual crown since '06.

PERSONAL:

- J'den was born to Michael and Cathy Cox on March 3, 1995 in Columbia, Mo.
- Is the third of four children, with two older brothers, Zach and Drae, and sister, Chai.
- Brother, Drae, wrestled for Lindenwood University.

COX 2015-16 MATCH-BY-MATCH

Date	Opponent	School	W/L	Score	Record
Nov. 20	Jake Tindle	SIU Edwardsville	W	TF, 25-10	1-0
Joe Parisi	Open (Champion //	197)			
Nov. 21	Greg Wilson	Cen. Oklahoma	W	TF, 22-7	2-0
Nov. 21	Derrick Hawkins	Grand View	W	Fall, 1:27	3-0
Nov. 21	Austin Schafer	Oklahoma State	W	TF, 21-5	4-0
Nov. 21	Ryan Beltz	Maryville	W	TF, 25-10	5-0
Nov. 21	Jacob Smith	West Virginia	W	Dec., 2-0	6-0
Nov. 28	Jared Bartel	Northern Iowa	W	Dec., 8-3	7-0
Cliff Keen	Las Vegas Invitation	nal (Champion //	197)		
Dec. 4	Mark Tracy	Binghamton	W	Fall, 3:46	8-0
Dec. 4	Augustus Marker	Brown	W	Fall, 4:49	9-0
Dec. 4	Derek Thomas	Utah Valley	W	TF, 22-7	10-0
Dec. 5	Jacob Smith	West Virginia	W	Dec., 9-3	11-0
Dec. 5	Brett Pfarr	Minnesota	W	Dec., 4-1	12-0



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JAMES ROMERO Albuquerque, N.M. Atrisco Heritage Academy HS

Fr. \\ HWT

SEASON RECORD: 9-9 **DUAL RECORD:** 0-2 CAREER RECORD: 9-9

2015-16 (Fr.):

• Placed third at the UCM Open, tallying four falls and a technical fall in the tournament

HIGH SCHOOL

- Two-time New Mexico state champion as a heavyweight
- Finished high school with a 114-17 career record
- Finished fifth as a freshman and second as a sophomore before clinching back-to-back state titles
- Won the 2015 Rocky Mountain Nationals heavyweight title
- Placed fourth at the USAW Junior Folkstyle Nationals

ROMERO 2015-16 MATCH-BY-MATCH

Date	Opponent	School	W/L	Score	Record
UCM Ope	n (3rd Place // HWT)				
Nov. 7	Chance Schooler	Labette CC	W	Fall, 0:38	1-0
Nov. 7	Scott Kleinert	Neosho CC	W	Fall, 0:26	2-0
Nov. 7	Nick Lovejoy	Central Missouri	W	Fall, 1:12	3-0
Nov. 7	Jacob Borgmeyer	Lindenwood	L	Dec., 6-3	3-1
Nov. 7	Christian Boyles	McKendree	W	Fall, 2:10	4-1
Nov. 7	Nick Lovejoy	Central Missouri	W	TF, 15-0	5-1
Maryville	Kaufman Brand Ope	en			
Nov. 14	Kris Rahn	Baker	L	Fall, 1:25	5-2
Nov. 14	Brian Snyder	Indianapolis	L	Fall, 2:19	5-3
Nov. 20	Chris Johnson	SIU Edwardsville	L	Dec., 5-0	5-4
Joe Parisi	Open				
Nov. 21	Chance Cooper	[Unattached]	W	Fall, 0:35	6-4
Nov. 21	Cory Barnett	Northern Illinois	W	Fall, 1:05	7-4
Nov. 21	Dylan Faulkenberg	Indianapolis	W	Fall, 0:26	8-4
Nov. 21	Dalonte Holland	Ellsworth CC	L	Dec., 7-5	8-5
Nov. 21	Robert Schneider	[Unattached]	W	Fall, 0:22	9-5
Nov. 21	Dylan Faulkenberg	Indianapolis	L	MD, 12-2	9-6
Nov. 28	Blaize Cabell	Northern Iowa	L	TF, 25-10	9-7
Cliff Keen	Las Vegas Invitation	nal			
Dec. 4	Stephen Suglio	Kent State	L	Fall, 6:08	9-8
Dec. 4	Marcus Malecek	Air Force	L	MD, 10-2	9-9



2015-16 MIZZOU STATISTICS

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Name	Wt.	W	L	W	L	Points	Dec.	MD	Fall	TF	Forfeit	Matches	Fall
Aaron Asaad	125	7	3	0	0	0	4	2	0	0	1	0	
Le'Roy Barnes	141	6	2	0	0	0	3	0	2	1	0	0	1:51
Cole Baumgartner	133	6	4	0	0	0	1	0	3	2	0	0	1:22
Jayden Bears	184	7	3	0	0	0	1	1	4	0	1	0	1:32
Chase Brennan	125	3	3	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	
Alex Butler	149	14	4	0	0	0	11	1	0	1	1	3	
Blaise Butler	174	6	1	1	0	6	2	1	2	1	0	0	6:37
J'den Cox	197	12	0	2	0	8	4	0	3	5	0	0	1:27
Nicholas DeLoach	165	6	3	0	1	0	2	2	1	0	1	0	1:30
Phyllip DeLoach	157	10	6	0	0	0	6	1	1	2	0	1	5:28
Jaydin Eierman	133	8	1	0	0	0	2	3	2	1	0	0	2:06
John Erneste	133	7	2	0	0	0	3	2	1	0	1	1	2:45
Austin Eveler	149	9	3	0	0	0	5	0	3	1	0	1	0:54
Chandler Fohey	125	6	3	0	0	0	4	0	2	0	0	0	0:58
Luke Fortuna	157	12	4	0	1	0	8	2	1	1	0	0	2:13
Jon Goerke	174	2	4	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1:45
Kevin Kissane	141	12	5	0	0	0	7	2	2	0	1	0	4:11
Joey Lavallee	157	6	2	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	
Matt Lemanowicz	157	4	3	0	1	0	2	0	1	1	0	0	3:00
Daniel Lewis	165	11	2	1	0	6	4	0	7	0	0	0	0:41
Matt Manley	141	16	4	2	0	7	8	4	3	1	0	0	2:17
Lavion Mayes	149	11	0	2	0	6	5	4	2	0	0	0	6:23
Keegan McCormick	157	11	2	0	0	0	2	3	4	1	1	0	1:39
Barlow McGhee	125	10	3	1	1	4	4	2	1	2	1	2	6:04
Tim Miklus	174	6	5	1	0	4	0	1	5	0	0	0	1:50
Willie Miklus	184	6	2	2	0	12	1	2	3	0	0	0	1:22
Mike Monaghan	HWT	1	6	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	
Nick Nasenbeny	133	5	4	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	1	0	3:53
Seth Pesek	197	6	4	0	0	0	2	1	1	2	0	0	3:50
Sam Ritchie	133	7	4	0	0	0	4	1	1	1	0	0	3:00
Will Roark	141	11	4	0	0	0	2	1	4	4	0	0	1:14
James Romero	HWT	9	9	0	2	0	0	0	8	1	0	0	0:26
Nicholas Scherer	184	1	6	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	4:06
Quinn Smith	133	5	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	1	1	0	2:57
Matt Striegel	174	8	6	0	0	0	5	2	0	0	1	0	
Zach Synon	133	10	3	2	0	7	6	2	0	2	0	2	
Dalton Voyles	174	9	5	0	0	0	3	4	2	0	0	1	0:34
Taylor Watkins	165	9	6	0	0	0	6	1	1	1	0	2	3:36
Dylan Wisman	174	8	4	0	0	0	5	1	2	0	0	0	6:54
TOTAL	-	303	135	14	6	60	133	49	78	32	11	13	

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Individual	Dual	Record	R	Weight
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125	133	141	149	157	165	174	184	197	HWT	Total
1-1	2-0	2-0	2-0	0-2	1-1	2-0	2-0	2-0	0-2	14-6

Dual Pins By Weight

125	133	141	149	157	165	174	184	197	HWT	Total
0	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	0	0	4

Dual Technical Falls By Weight

125	133	141	149	157	165	174	184	197	HWT	Total
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1

Dual Major Decisions By Weight

125	133	141	149	157	165	174	184	197	HWT	Total
1	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	4

Dual Decisions By Weight

125	133	141	149	157	165	174	184	197	HWT	Total
0	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	5

Team Record At Dual Starting Weight

125	133	141	149	157	165	174	184	197	HWT	Total
2-0	2-0	2-0	2-0	2-0	2-0	2-0	2-0	2-0	2-0	2-0

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Match-By-Match Starting Lineups											
Date	Opponent	125	133	141	149	157	165	174	184	197	HWT
Nov. 20	SIU-Edwardsville	McGhee	Synon	Manley	Mayes	Lemanowicz	Lewis	T. Miklus	W. Miklus	Cox	Romero
Nov. 28	Northern Iowa	McGhee	Synon	Manley	Mayes	Fortuna	N. DeLoach	B. Butler	W. Miklus	Cox	Romero
Dec. 12	Ohio State										
Dec. 13	Ohio										
Dec. 20	Kent State										
Jan. 8	Buffalo										
<u>Jan. 10</u>	Cornell										
<u>Jan. 15</u>	Eastern Michigan										
<u>Jan. 17</u>	Central Michigan										
<u>Jan. 22</u>	Oklahoma State										
<u>Jan. 30</u>	Oklahoma										
<u>Jan. 31</u>	Old Dominion										
<u>Feb. 7</u>	Northern Illinois										
Feb. 12	Appalachian State										
Feb. 14	North Carolina State										
Feb. 21	NWCA National Duals										

Dual Team Points Scored By Weight

0рр.	125	133	141	149	157	165	174	184	197	HWT	Total
SIU-Edwardsville	4	4	4	3	0	6	4	6	5	0	36
Northern Iowa	0	3	3	3	0	0	6	6	3	0	24
Ohio State											
<u>Ohio</u>											
Kent State											
Buffalo											
Cornell											
Eastern Michigan											
Central Michigan											
Oklahoma State											
Oklahoma											
Old Dominion											
Northern Illinois											
Appalachian State											
North Carolina State											
NWCA National Duals											
TOTAL	4	7	7	6	0	6	10	12	8	0	60



Brian Smith Head Coach 18th Year At Mizzou

Alma Mater

• Michigan State, 1990

Playing Experience

- Michigan State, 1986-1990
- 3x All-Big Ten wrestler
- Team's Most Outstanding Wrestler, 1990
- 84 Career Victories

Coaching Experience

- Cornell University
- 1992-97
- Assistant Coach
- Syracuse University
- 1997-98
- Head Coach
- University of Missouri,
 - 1998-present
 - Head Coach

Mizzou Coaching Record

- Overall
- 225-90-3 (.711)
- 14 consecutive seasons with .500 or better record
- 13-of-17 years at Mizzou with double digit victories

Coaching Awards

- 2015 MAC Coach of the Year
- 2014 MAC Coach of the Year • 2013 MAC Coach of the Year
- 2012 Big 12 Coach of the Year
- 2007 Dan Gable Coach of the Year

Misc. Accolades

- 2010-12 NWCA President
- Wrestling Commissioner for the Show-Me-State Games

HEAD COACH **Brian Smith**

Beginning his career as Missouri's seventh Head Wrestling Coach, Brian Smith sat down with his team and made a list of goals that he hoped would help the 1998 squad and future Tiger teams. Over the past 16 years, Smith and the many men that have come through the varsity program have slowly but surely checked items off that original list. Individual Big 12 and MAC Conference Champions, improved grade-point averages, record-setting attendances, a No. 1 national ranking and MU's first-ever National Champion in wrestling were all on Smith's "to-do" list. His unique "Tiger Style" training program has molded today's team into a national powerhouse that looks to contend for the program's first team NCAA title.

Since being introduced as Missouri's Head Wrestling Coach May 5, 1998, Smith has demanded nothing but the best from himself, his coaches and his wrestlers. Owning 13 consecutive seasons with a dual record at or above .500, beginning with 2001-02, Smith has coached 20 All-Americans to 33 top-eight performances and four Tigers to five national titles.

Additionally, Smith aided in two-time National Champion Ben Askren's run through the 2008 Olympics in Beijing, China. During Askren's Tiger career, Smith guided the 174-pound grappler Askren to the program's first back-to-back National Championship titles (2006 and 2007). On March 21, 2009, Mark Ellis became the second MU wrestler in program history to collect top honors. At heavyweight, Ellis bested his opponent, 3-2, in overtime with Smith coaching from the corner. In March 2010, Max Askren became the third Tiger Style national champion in the history of the program, as he dominated the No. 1 seed in the 184-pound weight class by a 10-3 score. Finally, true freshman J'den Cox claimed the program's fifth national title in 2013-14 after defeating Ohio State's Nick Heflin, 2-1.

The past 2014-15 Mizzou wrestling campaign will arguably go down as the best season in program history. Under Smith's guidance, the Tigers finished with a perfect 24-0 regular season, marking only the second undefeated season in program history (joining 1967-68 Tiger squad). Dating back to the 2013-14 season, the Tigers have reeled off 28 straight dual wins, marking the longest winning streak in program history.

As the only unbeaten program in Division I wrestling this past season, the Tigers also racked up national accolades with a title at the 2015 National Duals Finals, and 2014-15 MAC Regular Season and Postseason Championships. The 8-0 record and first place honors during the MAC regular season was the first ever regular season title in Mizzou wrestling history.

After the team's fourth consecutive conference championship and new all-time MAC Championships team points record of 139.5, all 10 Tiger Style grapplers earned automatic bids to the 2015 NCAA Championships. Led by five All-Americans (Alan Waters, Lavion Mayes, Drake Houdashelt, Willie Miklus and J'den Cox) and the program's sixth all-time individual National Champion, the Tigers finished in fourth place overall. The team trophy finish gave Mizzou their fourth top-10 NCAAs finish in the past nine years, and their sixth top-10 NCAAs finish in program history.

During the 2014 season, Smith helped the Tigers claim their third consecutive conference championship, while also earning back-to-back MAC Coach of the Year honors. Mizzou sent eight wrestlers to 2014 NCAAs, and came away two more All-Americans in Drake Houdashelt and J'den Cox. With the two excellent individual performances in Oklahoma City, Okla., Tiger Style now holds 55 all-time All-Americans.

In 2013, after Mizzou departed from the Big 12 Conference, Smith would do it all again. In the new Mid-American Conference (MAC), he led the Tigers as an affiliate member, and took the conference crown by storm, ending an 11-year dominant reign by the Chippewas from Central Michigan. His squad posted a total of 136.0 team points, which shattered the MAC Championship record for team points. And again, all 10 of his wrestlers qualified for the NCAAs. He was named Mid-American Conference Coach of the Year for his accomplishments.

At least one Tiger grappler has been selected to compete at the NCAA Championship event in each of Smith's 16 seasons at Missouri and his squads have finished among the top-20 programs at the NCAA Championships in 12 of the last 13 years. The Florida native graduated from Michigan State with a degree in education and married the former Denise Dean in 1993. Brian and Denise, have three children, Quinn, Kylie and Braden.

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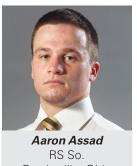
NAME	PRONUNCIATION	WEIGHT	YEAR	HOMETOWN/LAST SCHOOL
Aaron Assad	(acid)	125	RS So.	Brecksville, Ohio/ Purdue University
Le'Roy Barnes		141	RS Sr.	Belton, Mo. / Neosho County CC
Cole Baumgartner	(bomb-gart-ner)	133	RS Jr.	Jefferson City, Mo. / Jefferson City HS
Jayden Bears	_	184	Fr.	Staley, Mo. / Staley HS
Boomer Boyd		125	RS Jr.	Wilmington, N.C. / Cary HS
Chase Brennan		125	So.	Monett, Mo. / Monett HS
Alex Butler		149	Fr.	Rockford, III. / Boylan Catholic HS
Blaise Butler		174	RS Sr.	Belvidere, III. /University of Virginia
J'den Cox		197	Jr.	Columbia, Mo. / Hickman HS
Nicholas DeLoach		149	Fr.	Alton, III. /Alton HS
Phyllip DeLoach		157	Fr.	Alton, III. /Alton HS
Jaydin Eierman	(Air-man)	133	Fr.	Columbia, Mo./ Father Totlon HS
John Erneste	(earnest-E)	133	RS Fr.	Kansas City, Mo. / Park Hill HS
Austin Eveler	(ehv-eh-lurr)	149	Fr.	Lee's Summit, Mo./ Lee's Summit West
Chandler Fohey		125	Fr.	Hannibal, Mo. / Hannbial HS
Luke Fortuna		157	Fr.	Glen Ellyn, III. / Montini Catholic HS
Jon Goerke	(GOR-key)	174	Jr.	Union, III. / Marengo Community HS
Cody Johnston	•	174	RS Sr.	Warrensburg, Mo. / Warrensburg HS
Kevin Kissane	(kiss-eign)	141	Fr.	Wichita, Kan. / Maize South HS
Joey Lavallee	(luh-val-lee)	157	Jr.	Reno, Nev. / Reno HS
Grant Leeth	,	149	RS Fr.	Kearney, Mo. / Kearney HS
Matt Lemanowicz	(luh-man-oh-witz)	157	RS Jr.	Lee's Summit, Mo. / Lee's Summit HS
Daniel Lewis	,	165	RS Fr.	Blue Springs, Mo. / Blue Springs HS
Wood Mancuso		HWT	RS Fr.	Moorehead City, N.C. / West Carteret HS
Matt Manley		141	RS Jr.	Perry, Okla. / Perry HS
Lavion Mayes	(luh-VON)	149	RS Jr.	Mascoutah, III. / Mascoutah HS
Keegan McCormick	,	157	Fr.	Lee's Summit, Mo. / Lee's Summit North HS
Barlow McGhee		125	RS So.	Rock Island, III. / Rock Island HS
Tim Miklus		174	RS Fr.	Altoona, Iowa / Southeast Polk HS
Willie Miklus		184	RS So.	Altoona, Iowa / Southeast Polk HS
Mike Monaghan	(mahn-uh-han)	HWT	Sr.	Darien, Illinois/Downers Grove HS
Nick Nasenbeny	,	133	RS Fr.	Plainfield, III. / Plainfield Central HS
Blake Pepper		157	RS Jr.	Imperial, Mo. / Seckman HS
Seth Pesek		197	Fr.	Gardner, Kan. / Gardner Edgerton HS
Sam Ritchie		133	Fr.	St. Peters, Mo./Francis Howell North HS
Will Roark		141	Fr.	Seneca, Mo. / Seneca HS
James Romero		HWT	Fr.	Atrisco, N.M. / Atrisco Heritage Acaedey HS
Nicholas Scherer	(sheer-err)	184	Fr.	St. Louis, Mo. / MICDS High School
Quinn Smith	(6.1.55)	133	RS Fr.	Columbia, Mo. / Rock Bridge HS
Matt Striegel	(stree-gull)	174	Fr.	Belleville, III./Belleville East HS
Zach Synon	(sin-in)	133	RS Jr.	Cary, III. / Prairie Ridge HS
Dalton Voyles	(5	174	Fr.	Pacific, Mo. / Pacific HS
Taylor Watkins		165	Fr.	Columbus, Kan./Columbus HS
Dylan Wisman	(wize-man)	174	Fr.	Winchester, Va. / Millbrook HS
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Head Coach Associate Head Coach Assistant Coaches Brian Smith (Michigan State, 1990) 18th Season at Mizzou

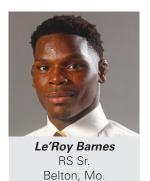
Alex Clemsen

Joe Johnston, Drake Houdsahelt and Mike Larson

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Brecksville, Ohio



Cole Baumgartner

RS Jr. Jefferson City, Mo.



Staley, Mo.



Boomer Boyd RS Jr. Wilmington, N.C.

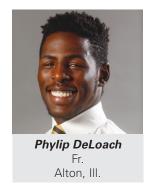






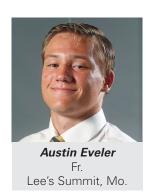
















Luke Fortuna Glen Ellyn, III.



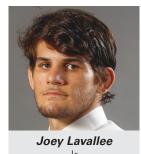
Union, III.



RS Sr. Warrensburg, Mo.



Wichita, Kan.



Jr. Reno, Nev.

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Grant LeethRS Fr.
Kearney, Mo.



Matt Lemanowicz RS Jr. Lee's Summit, Mo.



Daniel LewisRS Fr.
Blue Springs, Mo.



Wood Mancuso RS Fr. Moorehead City, N.C.





RS Jr.
Mascoutah, III.



Keegan McCormickFr.
Lee's Summit, Mo.



RS So.
Rock Island, III.



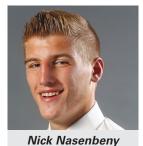
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Willie Miklus RS So. Altoona, Iowa



Mike Monagha RS Sr. Darien, III.



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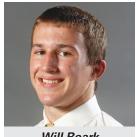
RS Jr. Imperial, Mo.



Seth Pesek Fr. Gardner, Kan.



Fr. St. Peters, Mo.



Will Roark Fr. Seneca, Mo.



James Romero Fr. Albuqueraue, N.M.



Nicholas Scherer
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St. Louis, Mo.



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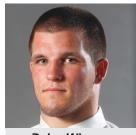
Zach Synon RS Jr. Cary, III.



Dalton VoylesFr.
Pacific, Mo.



Taylor WatkinsFr.
Columbus, Kan.



Dylan Wisman Fr. Winchester, Va.

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Brian Smith Head Coach



Alex Clemsen Associate Head Coach



Joe Johnston Assistant Coach



Drake HoudasheltVolunteer Assistant
Coach



Mike LarsonStrength &
Conditioning Coach