

# #TIGERSTYLE

2016-17 UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI WRESTLING MATCH NOTES

DUAL

Columbia, Mo.

1 P.M. (CT) - Sunday, Nov. 20

FloWrestling

Jesse Auditorium

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**VIRGINIA TECH** 

#### 2016-17 SCHEDULE

<b>L:</b> 1-0 <b>HOME:</b> 0-0	<b>AWAY:</b> 1-0
OPPONENT	SCORE/TIME (CT)
at Old Dominion*	36-3
Virginia Tech	1:00 P.M.
UNI Open	ALL DAY
at Ohio State	6:00 P.M.
at Ohio*	TBD
Kent State*	TBD
Appalachian State	TBD
Southern Scuffle	ALL DAY
at Oklahoma	2:00 P.M.
at Buffalo*	6:00 P.M.
at Cornell	NOON
at Eastern Michigan*	1:00 P.M.
Central Michigan*	1:00 P.M.
Oklahoma State	7:00 P.M.
Northern Illinois*	2:00 P.M.
Northern Iowa*	2:00 P.M.
SIU Edwardsville	TBD
NWCA National Duals	TBD
MAC Championships	ALL DAY
NCAA Championships	ALL DAY
	at Old Dominion* Virginia Tech UNI Open at Ohio State at Ohio* Kent State* Appalachian State Southern Scuffle at Oklahoma at Buffalo* at Cornell at Eastern Michigan* Central Michigan* Oklahoma State Northern Illinois* Northern Iowa* SIU Edwardsville NWCA National Duals MAC Championships

**Bold** denotes home // \* denotes MAC game

#### MIZZOU WRESTLING

#5



Head Coach: Kevin Dresser (11th season) Alma Mater: lowa, '86 Overall Record: 145-50 VT Record: 145-50

Alma Mater: Michigan State, '90 Overall Record: 238-92-3 MU Record: 238-92-3

Head Coach: Brian Smith (19th season)

#### MIZZOU OPENS HOME SCHEDULE WITH TOP-10 DUAL AT JESSE AUDITORIUM

- Mizzou Wrestling will open its 2016-17 home schedule with a top-10 matchup at Jesse Auditorium against No. 6 Virginia Tech at 1 p.m. (CT) on Sunday, Nov. 20. FloWrestling will provide an online broadcast of the event.
- Mizzou will wrestle on the stage inside Jesse Auditorum for the third time in four years. Last year, Mizzou needed a technical fall in the final match to seal a comeback over Cornell, 18-17, on Jan. 10, 2016. Senior 197-pounder J'den Cox bumped up to heavyweight to get the technical fall Mizzou needed to win, defeating Jeramy Sweany, 24-9. Mizzou also defeated Ohio, 23-10, on Dec. 6, 2013 in Jesse Hall.
- Mizzou returns all four of its NCAA All-Americans from last year's squad who finished the NCAA Championships in sixth-place. Cox captured his second NCAA Title last season following a win over topseeded Morgan McIntosh (Penn State) inside Madison Square Garden. Cox, one of two wrestlers in program history to win two NCAA Titles, seeks to become the program's first three-time National Champion this year. Also returning from the podium in New York is redshirt senior 149-pounder **Lavion Mayes**, who finished third, redshirt sophomore 165-pounder **Daniel Lewis**, who finished fourth, and redshirt junior 184-pounder Willie Miklus, who finished sixth.
- Nine returning All-Americans will wrestle on Sunday, as Virginia Tech brings five wrestlers who stood on the podium in New York City to Columbia. Solomon Chishko finished sixth at 133 pounds, David McFadden placed sixth at 165 pounds, Zach Epperly finished third at 174 pounds, Jared Haught finished sixth at 197 pounds and Ty Walz placed fourth at heavyweight.

#### **SERIES**

<b>ALL-TIME</b> 1-0	Mizzou
IN COLUMBIA	0-0
IN BLACKSBURG 1-0	Mizzou
NEUTRAL SITE	N/A
LAST MEETING V	V, 33-6
2004 (Blacksbur	g, Va.)

SMITH VS. VIRGINIA TECH1-0
DRESSER VS. MUN/A

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#### PROJECTED MIZZOU LINEUP





RS SO // MONETT, MO.

RECORD	DUALS
1-0	1-0



RS SO // BLUE SPRINGS, MO.

RECORD	DUALS
1-0	1-0



jaydin

RS FR // COLUMBIA, MO.

RECORD	DUALS
0-0	0-0



RS FR // WINCHESTER, VA

RECORD	DUALS
1-0	1-0



zach SYNON

141

RS SR // CARY, ILL

RECORD	DUALS
4-1	0-0



RS JR // ALTOONA, IOWA

RECORD	DUALS
0-1	0-1



RS SR // MASCOUTAH, ILL

RECORD

1-0

#3

**DUALS** 

1-0

lavion MAYES

157



RS JR // RENO. NEV.

RECORD	DUALS
1-0	1-0



SR // COLUMBIA, MO.

RECORD	DUALS
1-0	1-0



RS FR // ALEXANDRIA, KY.

RECORD	DUALS
1-0	1-0

#### PROJECTED VIRGINIA TECH LINEUP

125 JOEY DANCE (SR) No. 3 // 3-0 // 0-0

165 DAVID MCFADDON (SO)

0-0 // 0-0

133 DOMINIC LATONA (FR) 1-2 // 0-0

174 ZACH EPPERLY (RS JR) No. 1 // 3-0 // 0-0

141 DENNIS GUSTAFSON (RS JR) No. 19 // 3-0 // 0-0

184 ZACK ZAVATSKY (RS SO) No. 8 // 3-0 // 0-0

149 SOLOMON CHISHKO (RS SO) No. 6 // 3-0 // 0-0

197 JARED HAUGHT (RS JR) No. 3 // 3-0 // 0-0

157 SAL MASTRIANI (RS SR) No. 17 // 3-0 // 0-0

HWT TY WALZ (RS SR) No. 2 // 1-0 // 0-0

7 NATIONAL CHAMPIONS // 64 ALL-AMERICANS // 5 STRAIGHT CONFERENCE TITLES // 1 OLYMPIC BRONZE MEDALIST

#### QUICK FACTS

Location	Columbia, Mo.
Founded	
Enrollment	32,777
Nickname	Tigers
Colors	
Arena (Capacity)	Hearnes Center
Conference	
2015-16 Record	14-2
MAC Record (Finish)	8-0 (1st)
Starters Returning / Lost	7/3
Lettermen Returning / Lost	8/4

#### THE MIZZOU TIGERS

Head Coach	Brian Smith (19th season)
	Michigan State, 1990
Missouri Record	238-92-3 (19th season)
Associate Head Coach _	Alex Clemsen (Third season)
Assistant Coach	_Joe Johnston (Fifth season)
Volunteer Assistant	_Devin Mellon (First season)
Strength and Conditioning	]
	Mike Larson (Third Season)
Director of Operations	
Cody	Shoemaker (Second Season)

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#### **NOTABLE NOTES**

#### **EIERMAN TO MAKE HIGHLY-ANTICIPATED DEBUT**

- Mizzou's other Jaydin, redshirt freshman 133-pounder **Jaydin Eierman** is set to make his highly anticipated debut in the Black & Gold against Virginia Tech. Eierman won four state titles at Columbia's Father Tolton High School, finishing a perfect 158-0 in prep competition.
- Last season, as an unattached wrestler, Eierman went 22-2, claimed three open titles, and recorded eight falls, six technical falls and six major decisions.

#### **100 WINS FOR MAYES**

- Redshirt senior 149-pounder **Lavion Mayes** recorded his 100th career victory in Mizzou's season-opening dual against Old Dominion. Mayes defeated Michael Hayes by way of a 9-4 decision to reach the century milestone.
- ▶ Mayes becomes the 25th member of Mizzou's exclusive 100-win club and first to reach the mark since senior 197-pounder **J'den Cox** reached the mark last season in a 16-7 major decision win over Aaron Studebaker (Nebraska) on Feb. 21, 2016.
- Mayes currently owns a record of 100-21 and is ranked tied for fifth in program history in career major decisions with 25 and seventh in winning percentage for wrestlers with over 100 wins with a winning percentage of .826
- ▶ In a breakout sophomore campaign (2014-15), Mayes went 38-4 at 141 pounds, finishing as an All-American with a seventh-place performance at the NCAA Championships. Mayes went 20-1 in dual competion throughout the year (6-1 in MAC duals) and recorded nine major decisions.
- Last year, Mayes went 32-3 en route to his second striaght year on the podium, this time at 149 pounds. Mayes finished third at the weight class in New York City, defeating Anthony Collica (Oklahoma State) in the third place bout after falling to the Cowboy in the quarterfinals.

#### **DAZZLING DEBUTS**

- Two Tigers, redshirt freshman 174-pounder **Dylan Wisman** and redshirt freshman heavyweight **Austin Myers**, made their debut in the Black & Gold against Old Dominion. Wisman defeated Antonio Agee, 12-5, while Myers recorded a fall over Will Hillard at 3:19.
- **b** Both ranked in the top-40 in the Class of 2015 by FloWrestling, Wisman won the 2015 FloNationals at 183 pounds while Myers was a three-time National High School Coaches Association (NHSCA) National Champion at 220 pounds.

#### **MIZZOU SIGNS FIVE TO RECRUITING CLASS**

- Mizzou added five recruits to its program during the early signing period on Nov. 10. All five recruits have won either a state championship or national high school championship.
- ▶ **Jared Campbell** (Burbank, Ohio) captured two National Championships in the spring of 2016 following his junior campaign. The projected heavyweight stood atop the 220-pound podium at FloNationals and the NHSCA National Wrestling Championships. A two-time Ohio State runner-up, Campbell is currently the No. 4-ranked heavyweight recruit by FloWrestling (No. 34 overall) and chose Mizzou over Ohio State and Virginia Tech.
- Allan Hart (Uniontown, Ohio) captured a National Championship of his own at 126 pounds at the 2016 NHSCA National Wrestling Championships. Hart won a 113-pound Ohio State Championship as a sophomore and finished third as a junior at 126 pounds. Hart chose Mizzou over Pittsburgh, Ohio, Old Dominion and Virginia.
- A Fargo Junior Greco National Champion, **Dack Punke** (Washington, III.) joins Mizzou with three top-three finishes at the Illinois High School Association State Tournament. Punke improved each year, placing third as a freshman, second as a sophomore and finally a state championship at 113 pounds as a junior.
- Following a Wisconsin State Championship at 195 pounds last season, **Jake Raschka** (Peawaukee, Wis.) heads into his senior season at Pewaukee High School with a 155-11 record. Raschka earned All-America status at the Fargo Junior Cadet Nationals in 2014 and 2015, capturing the National Championship in 2015. At 195 pounds, Raschka finished fifth at the 2016 FloNationals and is the No. 58-ranked recruit by FloWrestling.
- A two-time state champion and three-time state finalist, **Lane Stigall** (Aurora, Ore.) joins Mizzou as Coach Smith's first recruit from the state of Oregon. After winning state at 152 pounds, Stigall went on to finish fourth at 138 pounds at the 2016 FloNationals. Stigall chose Mizzou over Stanford and Oregon State.

#### **OLYMPIC BRONZE MEDALIST**

- ▶ Senior J'den Cox earned an Olympic bronze medal in men's freestyle wrestling at 86 kg at the 2016 Rio Summer Olympics on Aug. 20. Coc defeated Cuba's Reineris Salas Perez to earn bronze, capping a highly impressive day where he didn't give up a single takedown.
- ▶ With the medal, Cox becomes the seventh University of Missouri athlete to win a medal at the Olympics and the first since 2008 joining Brutus Hamilton, Jackson Scholz, Dan Pippin, Dick Cochran, Natasha Kaiser (Brown) and Christian Cantwell in the exclusive club.



#### INDIVIDUAL RANKINGS RUNDOWN

	MIZZ	OU				
	WT	Name	Intermat	W.I.N. Magazine	The Open Mat	FloWrestling
1	125	Chase Brennan		-		
1	133	Jaydin Eierman	11	16	10	11
1	141	Zach Synon				
	149	Lavion Mayes	4	4	3	4
	157	Joey Lavallee	10	9	6	9
	165	Daniel Lewis	3	4	3	3
	174	Dylan Wisman				
	184	Willie Miklus	11	11	13	12
	197	J'den Cox	1	1	1	1
1	HWT	Austin Myers				
	VIRG	INIA TECH				
	125	Joey Dance	3	3	3	3
	133	Dominic Latona				
	141	Dennis Gustafson			19	
	149	Solomon Chishko	6	8	6	7
	157	Sal Mastriani			17	
	165	Dave McFadden				
	174	Zach Epperly	2	1	1	2
	184	Zack Zavatsky	9	8	8	10
	197	Jared Haught	3	3	3	3
	HWT	Ty Walz	3	3	2	3
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#### **SCOUTING VIRGINIA TECH**

#### SCHEDULE RUNDOWN

- Virginia Tech enters the dual coming off a 27-10 win over No. 22 Northern lowa on Friday night. The Hokies currently own a 4-0 record and are ranked No. 6 in the NWCA Coaches' Poll and No. 5 in the Intermat Tournament Rankings.
- Virginia Tech already own two wins over ranked opponents, beating the Panthers and No. 24 Chattanooga, 29-6, on Nov. 13.
- The Hokies opened the season with wins over Edinboro and VMI on Nov. 5.

#### EIGHT HOKIES RANKED

- Eight of Virginia Tech's 10 weight classes are ranked in at least one of the four sites which ranks individual wrestlers.
- Three wrestlers are ranked in the top-five across the board, 125-pounder Joey Dance, 197-pounder Jared Haught and heavyweight Ty Walz.

#### **USA TODAY/NWCA POLL**

Rank 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22	Team Oklahoma State (11) Penn State (5) lowa Ohio State MIZZOU Virginia Tech Nebraska Cornell N.C. State Rutgers Michigan Lehigh Illinois Central Michigan Stanford Minnesota Oklahoma Wisconsin Arizona State South Dakota State Pittsburgh Northern lowa	Record 1-0 2-0 0-0 0-0 1-0 3-0 0-0 0-0 3-0 0-0 1-0 1-0 1-1 0-0 0-0 1-0 1-0 1-0 1	Points 395 385 359 350 <b>339</b> 325 302 275 269 257 239 208 164 161 160 128 126 112 93 82
21	Pittsburgh	3-0	82

Others Receiving Votes

North Carolina (31), North Dakota State (23), Edinboro (5), American (2), Rider (2), Navy (1)



#### INTERMAT TOURNAMENT

1	Oklahoma State	120.0
2	lowa	102.0
3	Ohio State	93.0
4	Penn State	90.5
5	Virginia Tech	81.0
6	MIZZOU	78.0
7	Cornell	62.5
8	Illinois	60.0
9	Nebraska	56.0
10	Lehigh	49.5
11	Michigan	45.5
12	Wisconsin	39.0
13	Stanford	38.5
14	Rutgers	35.5
15	Minnesota	34.5
16	Iowa State	29.5
17	N.C. State	29.0
18	Arizona State	28.5
19	Northern Iowa	25.0
20	Princeton	24.0
21	South Dakota State	22.5
22	Penn	20.5
23	Rider	18.0
24	Oklahoma	16.0
25	Wyoming	15.5
	,	10.0



#### #MAC STANDINGS

	MAC	PCT.	OVERALL	PCT.
#5 MIZZOU	1-0	.000	1-0	.000
#22 Northern Iowa	0-0	.000	2-0	.000
#14 Central Michigan	0-0	.000	1-0	.000
Eastern Michigan	0-0	.000	1-0	.000
Northern Illinois	0-0	.000	2-1	.000
Buffalo	0-0	.000	0-0	.000
Kent State	0-0	.000	0-0	.000
Ohio	0-0	.000	1-2	.333
Old Dominion	0-1	.000	0-1	.000



#### RECORD WATCH

		ALL-TIME WI	NS	
Rank	Wrestler	Wins	Win%	Years
1	Ben Askren	153	.950	2003-07
2	Alan Waters	136	.907	2010-15
3	Drake Houdashelt	134	.854	2010-15
4	Wes Roper	131	.780	1978-82
T-5	Shaon Fry	127	.779	1990-94
T-5	Kenny Liddell	127	.743	1990-95
7	Raymond Jordan	123	.809	2005-09
8	Matt Pell	122	.777	2003-07
9	Kenny Burleson	119	.777	1999-04
10	Nick Marable	116	.823	2006-10
11	Brent Haynes	113	.769	2009-13
12	Tyron Woodley	110	.743	2001-05
T-13	Brad Cieleski	109	.784	2001-05
T-13	J'DEN COX	109	.956	2013-Present
T-15	John Kopinsky	106	.741	1997-02
T-15	Jeremy Spates	106	.736	1999-04
17	Dom Bradley	105	.875	2007-13
18	Max Askren	104	.867	2006-10
T-19	Joe Spinazzola	102	.739	1979-84
T-19	Dave Young	102	.723	1978-82
T-21	Mike Larson	101	.673	2010-13
T-21	Jeff Urban	101	.673	1996-00
T-23	Michael Chandler	100	.714	2005-09
T-23	Rick Romeo	100	.680	1979-82
T-23	LAVION MAYES	100	.835	2012-Present

#### TOP-10 CAREER WINNING PERCENTAGE (Minimum 100 wins)

Rank	Wrestler	Win%	Wins	<u>Years</u>
1	J'DEN COX	. <b>956</b>	109	2013-Present
2	Ben Askren	.950	153	2003-07
3	Alan Waters	.907	131	2010-15
4	Dom Bradley	.875	105	2007-13
5	Max Askren	.867	104	2006-10
6	Drake Houdashelt	.854	129	2010-15
7	LAVION MAYES	. <b>826</b>	100	2012-Present
8	Nick Marable	.823	116	2006-10
9	Raymond Jordan	.809	123	2005-09
10	Brad Cieleski	.784	109	2001-05

#### **TOP-10 CAREER TECHNICAL FALLS**

Rank	Wrestler Ted	chnical Falls	Years
1	Drake Houdash	elt 21	2010-Present
2	Alan Waters	17	2010-Present
3	Ben Askren	15	2003-07
4	J'DEN COX	14	2013-Present
5	Brent Haynes	13	2009-13
6	Sam Henson	11	1991-92
T-7	Tyron Woodley	10	2001-05
T-7	Kenny Burleson	10	1999-04
T-9	Dorian Henders	on 9	2008-12
T-9	Jeff Foust	9	2003-06
T-9	Johnny Ehlen	9	2010-15

#### **TOP-10 CAREER MAJOR DECISIONS**

<u>Rank</u>	Wrestler	Major Decisio	<u>ns Years</u>
1	Drake Houdashelt	39	2010-15
2	Raymond Jordan	38	2006-09
3	Tyron Woodley	28	2001-05
4	Shaon Fry	26	1990-94
T-5	Jeremy Spates	25	1999-04
T-5	LAVION MAYES	25 2	013-Present
7	J'DEN COX	24 2	013-Present
T-8	Todd Porter	23	2009-13
T-8	Johnny Eblen	23	2010-15
T-10	Matt Pell	22	2003-07
T-10	Kyle Bradley	22	2010-14

#### TIGER RECORDS

	IIGEA	nec						
Wt.	Wrestler :	Season	Dual	Career				
125	Chase Brennan	1-0	1-0	13-9				
133	Jaydin Eierman	0-0	0-0	0-0				
141	Zach Synon	4-1	0-0	78-37				
149	Lavion Mayes	1-0	1-0	100-21				
157	Joey Lavallee	1-0	1-0	55-24				
165	Daniel Lewis	1-0	1-0	30-6				
174	Dylan Wisman	1-0	1-0	1-0				
184	Willie Miklus	0-1	0-1	54-18				
197	J'den Cox	1-0	1-0	109-5				
HWT	Austin Myers	1-0	1-0	1-0				
Wt.	Wrestler :	Season	Dual	Career				
125	Aaron Assad	0-0	0-0	27-19				
125	Chandler Fohey	0-0	0-0	0-0				
125	Barlow McGhee	0-0	0-0	45-20				
133	John Erneste	1-0	1-0	18-6				
133	Quinn Smith	0-0	0-0	5-0				
141	Alex Butler	4-2	0-0	4-2				
141	Grant Leeth	0-0	0-0	0-0				
141	Matt Manley	1-0	1-0	63-28				
141	Nick Nasenbeny	1-2	0-0	7-8				
141	Sam Ritchie	0-0	0-0	0-0				
141	Will Roark	0-0	0-0	0-0				
149	Austin Eveler	0-0	0-0	0-0				
149	Ethan Karsten	4-0	0-0	4-0*				
149	Kevin Kissane	1-2	0-0	1-2				
157	Phyllip DeLoach	4-0	0-0	4-0				
157	Luke Fortuna	3-2	0-0	17-12				
157	Sean Hosford	3-1	0-0	3-1*				
157	Keegan McCormic	k 1-2	0-0	1-2				
157	Blake Pepper	0-2	0-0	26-15				
165	Connor Flynn	3-0	0-0	17-18**				
174	Jon Goerke	0-0	0-0	21-29				
174	Canten Marriott	4-1	0-0	4-1*				
174	Tim Miklus	0-0	0-0	12-9				
174	Matt Striegel	0-0	0-0	0-0				
174	Dalton Voyles	0-0	0-0	0-0				
174	Taylor Watkins	5-1	0-0	5-1				
184	Jayden Bears	0-0	0-0	0-0				
197	Wyatt Koelling	4-1	0-0	4-1*				
197	Wood Mancuso	0-0	0-0	0-0				
197	Seth Pesek	0-0	0-0	0-0				
HWT	Jake Bohlken	4-0	0-0	4-0*				
HWT	Rodrigo Diaz	0-0	0-0	0-0				
HWT	Dante Jiovenetta	5-1	0-0	5-1*				
HWT	James Romero	2-2	0-0	13-21				
	ently competing as a							
	8 at West Virginia							



#### CHASE BRENNAN Monett, Mo.

Monett HS RS So. \\ 125

SEASON RECORD: 1-0 **DUAL RECORD:** 1-0 CAREER RECORD: 13-9

BRENNAN INDIVIDUAL RANK	INGS
ntermat	
W.I.N. Magazine	NR
The Open Mat	NR
FloWrestling	NR

#### **2015-16 (SOPHOMORE)**

- Went 6-5 and competed in three open tournaments at 125 pounds during redshirt
- · Placed third at the Maryville Kaufman Brand Open (Nov. 14), earning two major decisions in 3-1 performance at the tournament.

#### **2014-15 (FRESHMAN)**

- Went 12-9 overall in first year as an attached wrestler, including three dual starts at 125 pounds.
- First collegiate win came on Nov. 8, 2014 at Harold Nichols Cyclone Open, defeating Eric McKoy (Midland).
- First career dual start on Jan. 17, 2015 against Central Michigan.
- Defeated Blake Caudill (Eastern Michigan) via 9-3 decision on Feb. 8, 2015 for first career dual victory.
- Three of his 12 season victories produced bonus points with his lone pin occurring on Nov. 22, 2014 against Leslie Williams (Lincoln).
- · Competed in three tournaments, placing in two of them (finishing fourth at Harold Nichols Cyclone Open and sixth at UCM Open).
- Season best five match winning streak took place at 2014 Cyclone Open.

#### **MONETT HS (MONETT, MO.)**

- Won state titles three times in high school, including his senior year to close out a perfect 49-0 season at 120 pounds.
- Went 46-4 as a junior at 113 pounds, 46-4 as a sophomore at 106 pounds and 35-5 his freshman year at 103 pounds. Brennan took home the state crown both his junior and freshman seasons, and took third place his sophomore campaign.
- Set the Monett High School all-time record for career victories with 174.
- Recognized as Missouri's Outstanding Class 2 Wrestler in 2014.
- Was named to the wrestling Academic All-State team in 2014.
- Took seventh at Senior Nationals in 2014 to earn All-American status.
- · Was a 10-time letter winner in high school. All four years for both wrestling and football, while also earning two letters in track.
- Academically, was on the Honor Roll all four years of school.
- Graduated Summa Cum Laude and was a four time academic letter winner.

# **PERSONAL**

· Chase Brennan was born to Raquel and Kelly Maldonado on June 3, 1996 in Monett, Mo.

· Has two older siblings, Jeremy and Alex, and one younger sibling, Tate. • His older brother Jeremy played football and



#### **BRENNAN 2016-17 MATCH-BY-MATCH**

Date Opponent School W/L Score Record Nov. 13 Steven Simpson Old Dominion\* MD, 13-4

\* - MAC Dual



#### **JAYDIN EIERMAN**

Columbia, Mo. Father Tolton HS RS Fr. \\ 133

SEASON RECORD:	0-0
DUAL RECORD:	0-0
CAREER RECORD:	0-0

IERMAN	<b>INDIVIDUAL</b>	<b>RANKINGS</b>
		1

Intermat	11
W.I.N. Magazine	16
The Open Mat	10
FloWrestling	11

#### **2015-16 (FRESHMAN)**

- Completed a highly impressive redshirt season at 133 pounds with a 22-2 record, placing first at three open tournaments and third at two events.
- Won the Roger Denker Open (Jan. 24), recording two technical falls, a fall and a major decision in a 4-0 performance.
- Placed third at the Reno Tournament of Champions (Dec. 20), recording three technical falls, two falls and a major decision in the tournament.
- Won the UNI Open (Dec. 12), recording three falls and a major decision in the tournament.
- Won the Joe Parisi Open (Nov. 21) with a fall and two major decisions en route to the title.
- Took third at the Michigan State Open (Nov. 15), earning a fall, a technical fall and a major decision. Earned first collegiate win in 13-1 major decision over Luke Welch (Purdue).

#### **FATHERTOLTON HS (COLUMBIA, MO.)**

- $\bullet$  Completed high school as the second undefeated, four-time state champion in Missouri history
- Went 158-0 at Father Totlon, including a 53-0 senior season that finished with him being the 25th four-time champion in Missouri history
- Two-time Fargo All-American
- Ranked the No. 39 2015 recruit nationally by FloWrestling

#### **PERSONAL**

- Son of Heather Selsor and Mike Eierman
- Father was a freshman All-American and an alternate on the 2000 Olympic team

#### **EIERMAN 2016-17 MATCH-BY-MATCH**

Date Opponent School W/L Score Record





Carv, III.. Prairie Ridge HS RS Sr. \\ 141

SEASON RECORD: 4-1 0-0 **DUAL RECORD: CAREER RECORD:** 79-37

#### **SYNON INDIVIDUAL RANKINGS**

Intermat	NF
W.I.N. Magazine	NF
The Open Mat	NF
FloWrestling	. NF

#### **CAREER HONORS**

- 2016 NCAA Championships Qualifier (133 lbs.)
- 2016 Academic All-Mac Team
- 2015 NCAA Championships Qualifier (133 lbs.)
- 2015 MAC Champion (133 lbs.)
- 2015 Academic All-MAC team

#### **2015-16 (RS JUNIOR)**

- Posted a 16-14 record while qualifying for the NCAA Championships for the second consecutive season at 133 pounds.
- Defeated Corey Keener (Central Michigan) in overtime, 5-4, to help Mizzou extend its dual win streak to 37 straight duals.
- Was named MAC Wrestler of the Week on Dec. 16 after defeating No. 5 Johnni DiJulius (Ohio State) via fall at 5:59, helping Mizzou knock off then-No. 3 Ohio State.
- Earned a 2-1 decision win over No. 17-ranked Josh Alber, helping Mizzou narrowly escape with a 24-19 victory over Northern Iowa.
- Began the season on a nine-match winning streak, placing first at the Maryville Brand Kaufman Open (Nov. 14) and second at the Joe Parisi Open.

#### **2014-15 (RS SOPHOMORE)**

- Went 31-13 overall in breakout campaign, recording a 133 pound MAC Championship and clinching first trip to NCAA Championships.
- With only one automatic bid at 133 pounds available, recorded a perfect 3-0 record at 2015 MAC Championships to secure his first career visit to NCAA Championships.
- His 31 season victories marked a new single season career high, passing his 27 victories during the 2013-14 campaign.
- After making just one dual start in 2013-14, jumped up to 13 starts this season, finishing with an 8-5 record (3-0 in MAC duals).
- After beginning the season behind teammate Matt Manley at 133 pounds, earned the last 11 starts for the Tigers lineup.
- 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 best winning streak of six matches came between 2014 Cyclone Open & UCM

#### SYNON 2016-17 MATCH-BY-MATCH

Date	Opponent	School	W/L	Score	Record						
Maryville Brand Kaufman Open (3rd Place - 141 Elite)											
Nov. 12	Angelo Silvestro	SIU Edwardsville	W	Dec., 3-0	1-0						
Nov. 12	Mousa Jodeh	Illinois	W	Dec., 2-0	2-0						
Nov. 12	Nate Rodriguez	Maryville	L	Dec., 4-1	2-1						
Nov. 12	Alex Butler	Mizzou	W	MD, 8-0	3-1						
Nov. 12	Mousa Jodeh	Illinois	W	Dec., 8-0	4-1						

#### **2013-14 (RS FRESHMAN)**

- In his first season as an attached wrestler for, Synon competed in six tournaments and earned his first career dual start against Central Michigan.
- Won six-of-eight matches at the Warren Williams / Daktronics Open for a fourth place
- Named the Champion at the UCM Open after winning five straight matches including a 5-0 decision over Connor Cline (Oklahoma St.) in the finals.
- Finished in fifth and sixth at the Joe Parisi Open and Southern Scuffle, respectively. Between the two tournaments, Synon won 10-of-15 matches.
- At the Kaufman-Brand Open, won his three matches by either fall or major decisions.
- Lost in the finals to Dylan Peters (UNI) at the UNI Open for a second place finish.
- Earned his first career dual against No. 12 Corey Keener (Central Michigan) on Jan. 19.

#### 2012-13 (FRESHMAN)

- Competed with his redshirt on in five tournaments.
- Picked up his first NCAA win against Oklahoma State's Gunnar Woodburn by major decision, 8-0, at the UCM Open.
- · Synon went on to take second place at the UCM Open, losing only to Eddie Kilmara (Oklahoma St.) in the finals.

• Took fifth place at both the Kaufman-Brand and Grand View Opens.

• Won three-of-four matches at the Roger Denker Open to land a second place finish.

• Had 19 wins to eight losses on the year, with 14 of those victories coming by major decision or pin.

## PRAIRIE RIDGE HS (CARY, ILL.)

• His senior year, finished third place at state at 126 pounds.

• Had a combined record of 87-5 during his junior and senior seasons.

· Was a state champion in Greco in 2010 and 2011.

• Finished eighth at Fargo Cadet and Junior Nationals in Freestyle in 2011.

· Was an Academic All-Conference and Honor Roll Member.

#### **PERSONAL**

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





# LAVION MAYES Mascoutah, III. Mascoutah HS RS Sr. \\ 149

SEASON RECORD: 1-0
DUAL RECORD: 1-0
CAREER RECORD: 100-21

#### **MAYES INDIVIDUAL RANKINGS**

ntermat	4th
W.I.N. Magazine	4th
The Open Mat	
FloWrestling	4th

#### **CAREER HONORS**

- 2016 NCAA All-American (3rd place 149 lbs.)
- 2015 NCAA All-American (7th place 141 lbs.)
- 2014 NCAA Championships Qualifier (141 lbs.)

#### 2015-16 (RS JUNIOR)

- Earned NCAA All-America honors for the second consecutive season, finishing in third place at 149 pounds in the NCAA Championships.
- Went 32-3 on the season, the second-highest win total on the team and 15-1 in dual competition, tied for the most dual wins.
- · Posted a team-high nine major decisions and 50 dual points, fourth-highest.
- Began the season on a 24-match win streak, defeating six ranked opponents.
- Went 6-1 at the NCAA Championships to finish third. Defeated five ranked opponents in tournament, including a fall over No. 5 Alec Pantaleo (Michigan) in consolation semifinals. Avenged quarterfinals loss to No. 11 Anthony Collica (Oklahoma State) with a 3-2 win over Collica in third-place match.
- Took fourth at the MAC Championships after 2-1 showing.
- Three wins over ranked opponents in dual competition, including a 5-2 decision win over No. 9-ranked Anthony Collica (Oklahoma State).
- Defeated three ranked opponents to capture championship at the Cliff Keen Las Vegas Invitational, including an 8-6 decision win over No. 9 Jake Short (Minnesota) in the finals.
- Placed first at the Joe Parisi Open, earning bonus points in three of four matches, including a 15-3 technical fall over John Fahy (SIU Edwardsville) to win the Championship.

#### **2014-15 (RS SOPHOMORE)**

- In breakout campaign, 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).
- Started in 21 duals, compared to just 10 matches a season before.
- In his 20 dual wins, racked up 73 points for the Tigers in his victories.
- Began the 2014-15 season with a 21 match winning streak. After suffering his first loss, finished the year on a 17-3 run en route to All-American status.
- 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 (No. 6 Josh Dziewa Iowa, No. 8 Anthony Abidin Nebraska, No. 9 Anthony Ashnault Rutgers and No. 17 Dante Rodriguez Iowa State).
- Secured second career NCAA Championships spot after earning automatic bid at 2015 MAC Championships (3rd place finish).
- Claimed 141 pound event championships at 2014 Harold Nichols Cyclone Open and 2015 Southern Scuffle.
- Took home 11 wins over nationally ranked 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 FRESHMAN) • Farned "Most Improved Wrestler" honor

- Earned "Most Improved Wrestler" honor by Mizzou wrestling coaching staff.
- Competed in five tournaments as an attached wrestler and held a starting spot on the lineup at 141 pounds.
- Placed second at both the UCM and UNI Opens, picking up seven wins between the two tournaments.
- Won all five of his matches at the Joe Parisi Open, as he defeated Anthony Collica (Oklahoma St.) in the finals with a pin at 6:47.
- First collegiate dual start was against Noah Forrider (Ohio) and would win by major decision, 12-3.
- First win over a ranked opponent came by way of a 6-4 decision over No. 15 Nick Lester in the dual against Oklahoma.
- At the 2014 MAC Championships, defeated Tyler Small (Kent St.) and Nick Flannery (Buffalo) for a fourth place finish.

#### 2012-13 (FRESHMAN)

- Redshirted during his first year with the Tigers.
- Competed in three tournaments 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, beginning the day with a technical fall, 17-0, over Tre Ponting (Bethany).

• Earned another second place finish at the Kaufman-Brand Open, picking up a pair of decision wins, a 17-6 major decision and a pin at 2:29.

• Overall, had 13 wins and six losses on the season.

## MASCOUTAH HS (MASCOUTAH, ILL.)

Won the state title his senior year, going 43-1 overall.
Went 41-8 as a junior, taking third place at state.

 Overall, finished high school with a record of 138-35.

 Took sixth at 2012 state championships in Freestyle.

• In addition to his four wrestling letters, he also earned one letter in football.

#### **PERSONAL**

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

## **MAYES 2016-17 MATCH-BY-MATCH**

Date Opponent School W/L Score Record Nov. 13 Michael Hayes Old Dominion\* W Dec., 9-4 1-0

\* - MAC Dual



#### JOEY LAVALLEE Reno, Nev. Reno HS RS Jr. \\ 157

SEASON RECORD: 1-0 **DUAL RECORD:** 1-0 **CAREER RECORD:** 55-24

### LAVALLEE INDIVIDUAL RANKINGS

Intermat	10th
W.I.N. Magazine	9th
The Open Mat	6th
FloWrestling	9th

#### **CAREER HONORS**

- 2015 NCAA Championships Qualifier (157 lbs.)
- 2015 Academic All-MAC Team
- 2014 NCAA Championships Qualifier (157 lbs.)
- 2014 SEC First-Year Honor Roll

#### 2015-16 (JUNIOR)

- In redshirt season, went 10-3 while posting two top-six finishes in open tournaments.
- Took sixth place at Reno Tournament of Champions (Dec. 20), going 4-1 in the tournament.
- Placed second at the Michigan State Open (Nov. 15) after posting 3-1 record at the

#### **2014-15 (SOPHOMORE)**

- Received an automatic bid to 2015 NCAA Championships in St. Louis, Mo., following a second place finish at 2015 MAC Championships.
- Posted an overall record of 24-13, including a 13-7 dual record (6-1 MAC competitions).
- In his first two seasons at Mizzou, Lavallee has put together an impressive 11-2 record in Mid-American Conference duals.
- His 13 dual season victories was a new career high, topping his previous record of five from a season ago.
- Solid contributor for Tiger lineup all season long, producing 40 dual points within his 14
- · Racked up five wins over nationally ranked opponents this season, highlighted by defeating the No. 13 ranked foe twice (Justin DeAngelis - Oklahoma & Cody Pack - South Dakota State).
- Had an outstanding first two months of the 2014-15 season, putting together a 9-1 record and 2nd place finish at 2014 Harold Nichols Cyclone Open.

• Crowned the champion at the Harold Nichols Cyclone Open. • Finished in second place at the Joe Parisi Open, losing in the finals to Alex Dieringer (Oklahoma St.) by a three point decision.

· Competed as an unattached wrestler for five tournaments before having his redshirt

• Took fourth place at the Warren Williams / Daktronics Open after winning the first three

- Took the title at the Kaufman-Brand Open, defeating MU's Matt Lemanowicz in the final, 3-2.
- . Became the third true freshman to enter the Tigers lineup in dual competition, going against No. 20 Luke Smith (Central Michigan).
- Won his first collegiate dual match by a 4-1 decision over Jarrett Jensen (UNI) the following weekend.
- Got his first ranked win after defeating No. 19 Alex Richardson (Old Dominion), 7-2.
- At the 2014 MAC Championships, finished in third place after three more wins, which included a decision win over No. 19 Brandon Zeerip (Eastern Michigan).
- Fell one match short of All-American round at 2014 NCAA's, winning three-of-five matches, including a technical fall over Johnny Greisheimer (Edinboro) and a 14-4 major decision over Paul Hancock (Army).

· Had 30 wins in his first year at Mizzou, with six major decisions, seven pins and three technical falls.

#### **LAVALLEE 2016-17 MATCH-BY-MATCH**

Date Opponent School Score Old Dominion\* Nov. 13 Shane Jones MD. 12-4 1-0

\* - MAC Dual

#### **RENO HS (RENO, NEV.)**

2013-14 (FRESHMAN)

collegiate matches of his career.

taken off for the remainder of the season.

• Earned "Most Pins" honor among Mizzou wrestlers.

• Put up a record of 206-12 in his four seasons at Reno High School.

• Took home Nevada state titles all four years.

• Took third place at Fargo in 2010.

• In 2011, made noise nationally after winning the FILA Cadet National Freestyle title at 63

#### **PERSONAL**

• Joey Lavallee was born to Joe and Renee Lavallee on March 16, 1994 in Gilroy, Calif.

 Has an older sister, Megin, and \ a younger brother, Justin.

• Was tabbed as the No. 57 wrestling recruit in the nation going into the 2013-14 season.



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#### **DANIEL LEWIS**

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

SEASON RECORD: 1-0
DUAL RECORD: 1-0
CAREER RECORD: 30-6

#### **LEWIS INDIVIDUAL RANKINGS**

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

#### **CAREER HONORS**

- 2016 NCAA All-American (4th Place 165 lbs.)
- 2016 MAC Champion (165 lbs.)
- 2016 MAC Freshman of the Year

#### **2015-16 (RS FRESHMAN)**

- In first year as an attached wrestler, went 29-6 and finished in fourth place at 165 pounds at the NCAA Championships (March 19), earning All-America status while also capturing a MAC Championship (March 6).
- Was awarded the Most Pins and Outstanding Freshman Award at end-of-the-year banquet.
- Recorded 10 falls, tied for most on the team and had eight first-period falls.
- Went 4-2 at NCAA Championships on the way to All-America honors, recording two falls, including one over No. 6-ranked Sean Rodriguez (Illinois) to advance to the thirdplace match.
- Won MAC Championship following an 8-3 win over Dakota Juarez (Eastern Michigan) in championship bout. In three matches, outscored opponents 30-3 with two major decisions in the quarterfinals and semifinals.
- Went 12-2 in dual competition and 6-0 in MAC duals, scoring 47 dual points, fifth most on the team.
- Back-to-back wins over top-10 opponents, defeating No. 6-ranked Max Rohskopf (N.C. State), 6-1 (Feb. 14), and No. 9-ranked Austin Wilson (Nebraska), 4-0 (Feb. 21).
- Defeated Cornell's No. 17-ranked Duke Pickett in overtime, TB-1 3-2, to help Mizzou upend the Big Red, 18-17 (Jan. 10).
- Placed third at the Cliff Keen Las Vegas Invitational (Dec. 5) and won the "Most Falls in the Least Amount of Time" Award after posting five first-period pins. Defeated four ranked opponents over the tournament, including wins over No. 5-ranked Cooper Moore (Northern Iowa), 8-2, and No. 6-ranked Clark Glass (Oklahoma), 8-2, in the third place match.
- Opened dual season with a first-period pin, defeating SIU Edwardsville's Eric Travers at 0:58 (Nov. 20).

# **LEWIS 2016-17 MATCH-BY-MATCH**

Date Opponent School W/L Score Record
Nov. 13 (11) Seldon Wright Old Dominion\* W MD, 8-0 1-0

\* - MAC Dual

#### 2014-15 (FRESHMAN)

- 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.

#### **BLUE SPRINGS HS (BLUE SPRINGS, MO.)**

- Won four straight state titles: Freshman season at 103 pounds, sophomore season at 126 pounds, junior season at 138 pounds, and senior season at 160 pounds.
- Had an overall high school career record of 186-4.
- In his perfect 45-0 senior season, every win was either a pin or a technical fall, with none of the matches reaching the third period.

Was the first wrestler in Blue Springs history to win four state championships, and was only the second in state history to win in four different weight classes (first being Mizzou's J'den Cox).

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 Was named The Star's All-Metro Wrestler of the Year for the 2013-14 season.
 Had a porfets junior season as well going 46-0 and

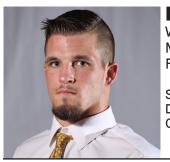
 Had a perfetc junior season as well, going 46-0 and winning The Examiner's 2012-13 Wrestler of the Year. Lewis was named The Examiner's Wrestler of the Year for the 2013-14 season as well.

• Had a third place finish and was a Fargo All-American at 145 pounds his junior season.

 Finished seventh at the 2014 FILA Junior Freestyle National Championships.

• Lettered all four years in wrestling.





# **DYLAN WISMAN** Winchester, Va.

Millbrook HS RS Fr. \\ 174

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

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#### 2015-16 (FRESHMAN)

- In redshirt season, went 19-8 while competing in five open tournaments at 174 pounds, placing in four tournaments.
- Of 19 wins, seven came via fall and three came via major decision.
- Placed fifth at the Edinboro Open (Feb. 6), going 4-1 in the tournament and scoring two falls and a major decision.
- Took second at the Roger Denker Open (Jan. 24), scoring a fall during a 3-1 performance.
- Earned fourth place finishes at the Nittany Lion Open (Dec. 6) and Michigan State Open (Nov. 15).

#### **MILLBROOK HS (WINCHESTER, VA.)**

- Finished high school ranked No. 40 on FloWrestling's High School Big Board (No. 11 at 182 pounds)
- Went 161-19 overall in high school
- Secured back-to-back Virginia state titles as a junior and a senior
- •Four-time Virginia state qualifier
- 2014 NHSCA Junior Nationals champion
- 2014 FloNationals 182 pound champion
- 2015 NHSCA Junior Nationals champion

#### **PERSONAL**

- 2015 Honor Roll
- · Loves fishing and hunting

#### WISMAN 2016-17 MATCH-BY-MATCH

DateOpponentSchoolW/LScoreRecordNov. 13Antonio AgeeOld Dominion\*WDec., 12-51-0

\* - MAC Dual





WILLIE MIKLUS
Altoona, Iowa
Southeast Polk HS
RS Jr. \\ 184

SEASON RECORD: 0-1
DUAL RECORD: 0-1
CAREER RECORD: 54-18

#### **MIKLUS INDIVIDUAL RANKINGS**

11th
11th
13th
12th

#### **CAREER HONORS**

- 2016 NCAA All-American (6th Place 184 lbs.)
- 2016 Academic All-MAC Team
- 2015 NCAA All-American (7th Place 184 lbs.)
- 2015 MAC Freshman of the Year
- 2015 Academic All-MAC Team
- 2014 SEC First-Year Honor Roll

#### **2015-16 (RS SOPHOMORE)**

- Earned NCAA All-America status for the second-straight season, finishing in sixth place at 184 pounds in the NCAA Championships (March 19).
- Finished season with a 21-8 record, 11-2 in dual competition and 6-0 in MAC duals.
- Scored 53 dual points, second-most on the team.
- Had seven major decisions (tied for second-most) and seven falls (tied for eighth-most).
- Placed third at the MAC Championships (March 6), defeating Joe Ariola (Buffalo), 10-3, in third-place match.
- Picked up a 5-4 decision win over No. 6-ranked T.J. Dudley (Nebraska) in Mizzou's NWCA National Dual Series victory (Feb. 21), scoring a takedown with less than five seconds remaining to preserve the win.
- Earned a fall at 3:55 over No. 20-ranked Cole Baxter (Kent State) (Dec. 20).
- Named USA Wrestling Athlete on Dec. 14 after picking up wins over No. 11-ranked Kenny Courts (Ohio State) via 15-0 technical fall (Dec. 12) and a 9-3 decision win over Andrew Romanchik (Ohio) (Dec. 13).
- Placed fourth at the Cliff Keen Las Vegas Invitational (Dec. 5), defeating two ranked opponents, including a 13-5 major decision over No. 9-ranked Kenny Courts (Ohio State).
- Earned falls in his first two dual wins, defeating SIU Edwardsville's Derek Nagel (2:49) (Nov. 20) and Northern Iowa's Cody Caldwell (1:22) (Nov. 28).

#### **2014-15 (RS FRESHMAN)**

- 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.
- F inished 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),

# **MIKLUS 2016-17 MATCH-BY-MATCH**

Date Opponent School W/L Score Record Nov. 13 (13) Jack Dechow Old Dominion\* L Dec., 6-5 0-1

\* - MAC Dual

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

#### 2013-14 (FRESHMAN)

- 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 Mizzou'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 Justin Heberlie.

 Another third place finish came from 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.

# SOUTHEAST POLK HS (ALTOONA, IOWA)

• Took second place at state his freshman and sophomore seasons at 119 and 145 pounds, respectively.

 Won state titles his junior and senior seasons at 171 and 220 pounds, respectively.

• Had a perfect senior season campaign, going 47-0 with a total of 368 takedowns on the season.

• In 2011, was the Folkstyle Nationals runner up at 171 pounds. Took eighth palce at 189 pounds at Junior Freestyle Nationals.

• Lettered all four years in wrestling.

• Miklus trained at the Olympic Training Center for the year immediately following high school (2011-12) before joining Mizzou.

#### **PERSONAL**

- Willie was born to Garry and Luann Miklus on July 16, 1993 in Des Moines, Iowa.
- Has three younger siblings: Tim, who is a freshman on the Tiger wrestling squad for the upcoming season, as well as Erin and Sean.





J'DEN COX Columbia, Mo. Hickman HS Sr. \\ 197

SEASON RECORD: 1-0 **DUAL RECORD:** 1-0 CAREER RECORD: 109-5

COX INDIVIDUAL RANKIN	NGS
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W.I.N. Magazine	
The Open Mat	1st
FloWrestling	1st

#### **CAREER HONORS**

- 2016 Olympic Bronze Medalist
- 2016 NCAA National Champion (197 lbs.)
- 2015 NCAA All-American (5th place 197 lbs.) 2015 MAC Champion (197 lbs.)
- 2014 NCAA National Champion (197 lbs.)
- 2016 MAC Wrestler of the Year
- 2014 MAC Freshman of the Year
- 2016 MAC Champion (197 lbs.)
- 2014 MAC Champion (197 lbs.)
- 2014 MAC Wrestler of the Year

#### 2015-16 (JUNIOR)

- Captured his second NCAA National Championship at 197 pounds in a 4-2 win over No. 1-ranked Morgan McIntosh (Penn State), earning All-America Honors for the third consecutive season.
- One of two Mizzou wrestlers to win two NCAA titles (Ben Askren 2006-07).
- Fourth three-time All-American in program history, joining Ben Askren (4x, 2004-07), Max Askren (2008-10) and Drake Houdashelt (2013-15).
- Was awarded the "Most Outstanding Wrestler" at end-of-the-year banquet, earning the honor for the second time in career (2014).
- Ranked first on the team in wins (33), dual wins (15), dual points (65) and technical falls (7).
- Ranked second on the team in falls (9) and major decisions (7).
- Among program records, ranks first in career winning percentage (.958, 108-5), fourth in career technical falls (14), tied for fifth in technical falls in a season (7), sixth in career major decisions (24) and 14th in career wins (108).
- Won his third consecutive MAC title with a 9-1 major decision over Phil Wellington (Ohio). Was named Most Outstanding Wrestler for tournament following two pins and a major decision en route to the title.
- Became the fastest wrestler in program history to reach 100 wins in a 16-7 major decision over No. 10-ranked Aaron Studebaker (Nebraska), doing so in 105 matches.
- Bumped up to heavyweight against Cornell, scoring a 24-9 technical fall over Jeramy Sweany to secure an 18-17 victory for Mizzou.
- Placed first at the Cliff Keen Las Vegas Invitational, defeating three ranked opponents en route to the title, including a 22-7 technical fall over No. 20-ranked Derek Thomas (Utah Valley) in the quarterfinals round.
- Won the Championship at the Joe Parisi Open, defeating No. 10-ranked Jacob Smith (West Virginia), 2-0, to capture the title.

#### **2014-15 (SOPHOMORE)**

- Finished the season with a 37-2 total record, including a perfect 21-0 dual record (6-0 in MAC duals) and a fifth-place finish at Nationals.
- 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.
- · Heading into 2015 NCAA's, his 36 consecutive victories included a 197 pound championship at the Cyclone Open, a 197 pound title at the Southern Scuffle, and 197

#### pound top honors at the MAC Wrestling Championships.

- 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.
- Highest ranked wins included 2-1 decision over No. 4 Morgan McIntosh (Penn State), 6-1 decision over No. 5 Conner Hartmann (Duke), 4-3 decision over No. 6 Nathan Burak (Iowa) and 3-2 decision over No. 8 Max Huntley (Michigan.
- Two-time MAC Wrestler of the Week (Nov. 24-30 and Dec. 29 Jan. 4).

#### **2013-14 (FRESHMAN)**

- Keeping his redshirt off for the year, Cox had the most successful season on the Tigers squad, picking up 38 wins and both a conference and national title at 197 pounds.
- In his first ever collegiate match, defeated Colt Castlebury of North Dakota State by major decision, 14-4.
- Claimed tournament titles at the Warren Williams / Daktronics, Joe Parisi and UNI Opens. Won all 13 of his matches across the three tournaments.
- Finished in third place at the Southern Scuffle, picking up his first three ranked wins including two over No. 3 Morgan McIntosh (Penn State).
- At the 2014 MAC Championships, defeated Ohio's Wellington in the finals to claim the conference title at 197 pounds by way of a major decision, 10-1.

• In a battle that came down to the last second against No. 1 Nick Heflin (Ohio State), Cox claimed the national championship with a 2-1 decision. • His national title was the fifth individual championship in Mizzou

wrestling history and became only the fourth Tiger overall to claim the prestigious honor.

· Racked up postseason awards, winning the 2014 MAC Freshman of the Year and MAC Wrestler of the Year awards

 Earned two Mizzou wrestling program awards: Most Outstanding Wrestler Award and Marshall Esteppe Most Outstanding Freshman Award.

#### HICKMAN HS (COLUMBIA, MO.)

- Finished with an overall record of 205-3, including a perfet 56-0 record his senior year.
- Was the first state of Missouri wrestler to accomplish the feat of claiming four state titles in four different weight classes. Cox began at 171 pounds his freshman year and worked his way up each year jumping to 215 pounds, 220 pounds and finally HWT his senior campaign.
- · Lettered in both wrestling and football all four years at Hickman.
- · Claimed All-State honors as a linebacker for the Hickman football team his junior year.

#### **PERSONAL**

- 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 2016-17 MATCH-BY-MATCH

Date Opponent School Record Old Dominion\* Nov. 13 (9) Kevin Beazley Dec., 5-0

\* - MAC Dual



# AUSTIN MYERS Alexandria, Ky.

West Virginia
RS Fr. \\ HWT

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

Intermat	NF
W.I.N. Magazine	NF
The Open Mat	NF
FloWrestling	NF

#### **2015-16 (FRESHMAN AT WEST VIRGINIA)**

- Went 21-8 in five open tournaments during redshirt season.
- Recorded three falls and a major decision.
- Finished second at the Clarion Open following a 4-1 performance.

#### **CAMPBELL COUNTY HS (ALEXANDRIA, KY.)**

- Won four Kentucky High School State Championships while never being defeated, ending with a perfect 189-0 record
- Led Campbell High School to four straight conference and region titles, and a State Championship in 2012.
- Three-time North Kentucky Wrestler of the Year
- 2015 Cincinnati Athlete of the Year
- Four-time member of the Kentucky National Team
- Three-time National High School Coaches Association (NHSCA) National Champion
- 2015 NHSCA Wrestling Athlete of the Year
- Four-time Regional Champion
- Three-time Fargo All-American
- 2015 FloWrestling Nationals 220-pound Champion
- Ranked No. 25 in the class of 2015 by FloWrestling.

#### **MYERS 2016-17 MATCH-BY-MATCH**

Date Opponent School W/L Score Record Nov. 13 Will Hillard\* Old Dominion W Fall, 3:19 1-0

#### **PERSONAL**

- Born on September 23, 1995.
- Son of Chris and Jennifer Myers
- Plans to major in Sports Marketing at Mizzou

<sup>\* -</sup> MAC Dual

# **2016-17 MIZZOU STATISTICS**

Name	Wt.	Overall W-L	Duals (MAC) W-L	Dual Points	Tournament (MAC/NCAA)	Dec.	MD	TF	Fall	Forfeit	OT Matches	Fastest Fall
Aaron Asaad	125	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Jayden Bears	184	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Jake Bohlken	HWT	4-0	0-0	0	4-0	4	0	0	0	0	0	
Chase Brennan	125	1-0	1-0 (1-0)	4	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	
Alex Butler	141	4-2	0-0	0	4-2	1	1	0	1	1	0	5:40
J'den Cox	197	1-0	1-0 (1-0)	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	
Phyllip DeLoach	157	4-0	0-0	0	4-0	3	1	0	0	0	0	
Rodrigo Diaz	HWT	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Jaydin Eierman	133	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
John Erneste	133	1-0	1-0 (1-0)	6	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	3:35
Austin Eveler	149	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Connor Flynn	165	3-0	0-0	0	3-0	1	0	2	0	0	0	
Chandler Fohey	125	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Luke Fortuna	157	3-2	0-0	0	3-2	3	0	0	0	0	0	
Jon Goerke	174	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Sean Hosford	157	3-1	0-0	0	3-1	0	0	0	3	0	0	0:14
Dante Jiovenetta	HWT	5-1	0-0	0	5-1	2	0	0	3	0	0	0:22
Ethan Karsten	149/157	4-0	0-0	0	4-0	1	1	0	2	0	0	0:59
Kevin Kissane	149	1-2	0-0	0	1-2	1	0	0	0	0	1	
Wyatt Koelling	197	4-1	0-0	0	4-1	2	0	1	1	0	0	1:09
Joey Lavallee	157	1-0	1-0 (1-0)	4	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	
Daniel Lewis	165	1-0	1-0 (1-0)	4	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	
Matt Manley	141	1-0	1-0 (1-0)	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	
Canten Marriott	174	4-1	0-0	0	4-1	0	1	1	2	0	0	2:05
Lavion Mayes	149	1-0	1-0 (1-0)	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	
Keegan McCormick	157	1-2	0-0	0	1-2	0	0	0	1	0	0	5:54
Barlow McGhee	125	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Tim Miklus	174	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Willie Miklus	184	0-1	0-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Austin Myers	HWT	1-0	1-0 (1-0)	6	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	3:19
Nick Nasenbeny	141	1-2	0-0	0	1-2	0	0	0	1	0	0	5:44
Blake Pepper	157	0-2	0-0	0	0-2	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Seth Pesek	197	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Sam Ritchie	141	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Will Roark	141	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
James Romero	HWT	2-2	0-0	0	2-2	0	0	0	2	0	0	1:40
Matt Striegel	174	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Zach Synon	141	4-1	0-0	0	4-1	3	1	0	0	0	0	
Dalton Voyles	174	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Taylor Watkins	174	5-1	0-0	0	5-1	3	1	0	1	0	0	2:07
Dylan Wisman	174	1-0	1-0 (1-0)	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	
TOTAL	-	61-21	9-1 (9-1)	36	52-22	25	9	4	19	1	1	0:14

## 2016-17 MIZZOU MISC. STATISTICS

			Ind	ividual [	Dual Red	cord by \	Neiaht			
125	133	141	149	157	165	174	184	197	HWT	Total
1-0	1-0	1-0	1-0	1-0	1-0	1-0	0-1	1-0	1-0	9-1
				Dual	Pins by	Weight				
125	133	141	149	157	165	174	184	197	HWT	Total
0-0	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	2-0
			D	ual Tech	nical Fa	lls by We	eight			
125	133	141	149	157	165	174	184	197	HWT	Total
0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
			Du	ıal Majoı	r Decisio	ons by W	/eight			
125	133	141	149	157	165	174	184	197	HWT	Total
1-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	3-0
				Dual De	ecisions	by Weig	ıht			
125	133	141	149	157	165	174	184	197	HWT	Total
0-0	0-0	1-0	1-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	0-1	1-0	0-0	4-1
			Dual Di	isqualific	cations/	Forfeits	by Weigh	nt		
125	133	141	149	<b>1</b> 57	165	174	184	197	HWT	<u>Total</u>
0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
			Team	n Record	at Dual	Starting	y Weight			
125	133	141	149	157	165	174	184	197	HWT	Total
1-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0

# **Team Ranking Week-By-Week**

	NWCA	InterMat (Tourn.)	Intermat (Dual)	WIN (TPI)	TrackWrestling	FloWresting (Team)	FloWrestling (Dual)
Nov. 2	5th	5th	3rd		4th	5th	
Nov. 8	5th	5th	3rd		6th	6th	
Nov. 15	5th	6th	3rd	6th	6th	5th	

### MISC. STATS CONT...

**Match-By-Match Missouri Lineup** 

Date	Opponent	125	133	141	149	157	165	174	184	197	HWT
Nov. 13	at Old Dominion	Brennan	Erneste	Manley	Mayes	Lavallee	Lewis	Wisman	Miklus	Cox	Myers
Nov. 20	Virginia Tech										
Dec. 8	at Ohio State										
Dec. 10	at Ohio										
Dec. 20	Kent State										
Dec. 20	Appalachian State										
<u>Jan. 8</u>	at Oklahoma										
<u>Jan. 12</u>	at Buffalo										
<u>Jan. 14</u>	at Cornell										
<u>Jan. 15</u>	at Eastern Michigan										
<u>Jan. 22</u>	Central Michigan										
<u>Jan. 27</u>	Oklahoma State										
Feb. 4	Northern Illinois										
Feb. 12	Northern Iowa										
Feb. 15	SIU Edwardsville										
Feb. 18	NWCA National Duals										

# **Dual Team Points Scored by Weight**

0рр.		125	133	141	149	157	165	174	184	197	HWT	Total
Nov. 13	at Old Dominion	4	6	3	3	4	4	3	0	3	6	36
Nov. 20	Virginia Tech											
Dec. 8	at Ohio State											
Dec. 10	at Ohio											
Dec. 20	Kent State											
Dec. 20	Appalachian State											
<u>Jan. 8</u>	at Oklahoma											
<u>Jan. 12</u>	at Buffalo											
<u>Jan. 14</u>	at Cornell											
<u>Jan. 15</u>	at Eastern Michigan											
<u>Jan. 22</u>	Central Michigan											
<u>Jan. 27</u>	Oklahoma State											
<u>Feb. 4</u>	Northern Illinois											
<u>Feb. 12</u>	Northern Iowa											
Feb. 15	SIU Edwardsville											
Feb. 18	NWCA National Duals											

# **BRIAN SMITH**

# **HEAD COACH • 19TH SEASON**



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 18 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 Missouri's first-ever NCAA 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 15 consecutive seasons with a dual record at or above .500, beginning with the 2001-02 season, Smith has coached 22 All-Americans to 42 top-eight performances and five Tigers to seven national championships.

The winningest coach in program history, Smith has compiled a 237-92-3 record at Missouri over his 18 season tenure. On Nov. 15, 2014 in the team's season opener, Smith and his Tigers claimed a 54-0 victory over Truman State and gave the legendary coach his 200th career win at Mizzou. Smith's 100th career victory came on Dec. 9, 2006 in Mount Pleasant, Mich., as the team bested then-No. 11 Central Michigan, 31-9. The win made Smith just the second Tiger wrestling coach to reach the 100-win plateau.

With a .718 career winning percentage, Smith holds the highest winning percentage in Mizzou wrestling history. Smith has taken home five consecutive conference Coach of the Year honors dating back to 2012, including four straight awards by the MAC league office. Additionally, in May 2007, Smith was honored with the Dan Gable Coach of the Year Award, presented by W.I.N. Magazine.

Five Tiger wrestlers have reached the pinnacle of collegiate wrestling, collecting seven NCAA Championships under Smith's tenure, beginning with Ben Askren. 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 Missouri wrestler in program history to collect top honors. Wrestling at heavyweight, Ellis bested his opponent, 3-2, in overtime with Smith coaching from the corner. In March 2010, Max Askren became the third 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. After a four-year drought, true freshman J'den Cox claimed the program's fifth national title in 2013-14 after defeating Ohio State's Nick Heflin, 2-1. A year later, redshirt senior Drake Houdashelt concluded his historical Tiger Style career with a 149 pound National Championship at 2015 NCAA's. On March 19, 2016, Cox returned to the top of the podium at Madison Square Garden, becoming the second two-time NCAA Champ in program history. Cox defeated No. 1 seed Morgan McIntosh (Penn State), 4-2, to capture the title at 197 pounds.

Additionally, Smith has helped guide two wrestlers to the Olympics. Ben Askren was the first wrestler in program history to compete in the summer games with an appearance in the 2008 Beijing Summer Olympics, followed by J'den Cox, who won bronze at the 2016 Rio Summer Olympics this past summer. The whirlwind summer for Cox included trips to lowa City, New York City, Los Angeles, Mongolia and Germany, all serving as qualifying or tune-up tournaments leading up to Rio. In four Olympic matches, Cox was not taken down once, an incredible feat for a wrestler who had under five months to prepare for freestyle competition after the completion of the folkstyle wrestling season.

Cox narrowly missed out on the opportunity to wrestle for gold, falling 2-1 in the semifinals before defeating Cuba's Reineris Salas Perez in the bronze medal match. Cox was awarded a two-point takedown in the closing seconds of the match after a video review. The match concluded after Perez failed to return to the mat after the video review, resulting in a disqualification.

In 2015-16, Mizzou captured its fifth consecutive conference title and seventh NCAA top-10 finish in program history, finishing the 2016 NCAAs in sixth place. Four Tigers (Lavion Mayes, Daniel Lewis, Willie Miklus and J'den Cox) earned All-America honors inside the world's most famous arena, Madison Square Garden. Cox became the second twotime National Champion and fourth three-time All-American in program history with his NCAA Title at 197 pounds, while Mayes and Miklus earned All-American honors for the second time in their careers.

Mizzou swept the MAC endof-the-year honors for the third straight season, as Smith was named Coach of the Year, J'den Cox Wrestler of the Year and Daniel Lewis Freshman of the Year. Dating back to the 2013-14 season, the Tigers reeled off 37 straight dual wins, marking the longest winning streak in program

history, before falling to Oklahoma State, 23-9, on Jan. 22, 2016.

# THE SMITH FILE

#### **COACHING HONORS**

2016 MAC Coach of the Year
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
2010-12 NWCA President
2007 Dan Gable Coach of the Year

#### COACHING CAREER

Cornell, assistant coach	1992-97
Syracuse, head coach	1997-98
Missouri, head coach1998-	present

#### SYRACUSE, HEAD COACH

1997-98

#### MISSOURI, HEAD COACH

1998-99	4-9-0
1999-00	(NCAA 41st) 11-11-0
2000-01	(NCAA 38th) 7-10-1
2001-02	(NCAA 17th) 18-3-0
2002-03	(NCAA 16th) 15-6-0
	(NCAA 13th) 15-3-0
2004-05	(NCAA 11th) 15-6-0
2005-06	(NCAA 15th) 13-4-1
2006-07	(NCAA 3rd) 12-2-0
	(NCAA 11th) 9-4-1
2008-09	(NCAA 7th) 18-4-0
	(NCAA 10th) 7-7-0
2010-11	(NCAA 19th) 15-9-0
2011-12	(Big 12 Champs T; NCAA 26th) 14-4-0
2012-13	(MAC Champs T; NCAA 7th) 16-3-0
2013-14	(MAC Champs R/T; NCAA 14th) 10-2-0
2014-15	(MAC Champs R/T; NCAA 4th) 24-0-0
2015-16	(MAC Champs R/T; NCAA 6th) 14-2-0
Totals	237-92-3

The 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). As the only unbeaten program in Division I wrestling in 2014-15, 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 2013-14 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 with two more All-Americans (Houdashelt and Cox) and the program's fifth all-time individual National Champion.

In 2012-13, after the University of Missouri departed from the Big 12 Conference, Smith

		COAC	CH SMITH'S I	NCAA AI	LL-AMERI	CANS		
Scott Baker	2002	6th (197)	Nick Marable	2008	3rd (165)	Drake Houdashelt	2013	6th (149)
Tyron Woodley	2003	8th (165)	Raymond Jordan	2008	5th (184)	Mike Larson	2013	8th (184)
Scott Baker	2003	2nd (184)	Max Askren	2008	7th (197)	Dom Bradley	2013	4th (HWT)
Jeremy Spates	2004	5th (149)	Michael Chandler	2009	5th (157)	Drake Houdashelt	2014	5th (149)
Kenny Burleson	2004	7th (157)	Nick Marable	2009	7th (165)	J'den Cox	2014	1st (197)
Ben Askren	2004	2nd (174)	Raymond Jordan	2009	3rd (174)	Alan Waters	2015	3rd (125)
Tyron Woodley	2005	7th (165)	Max Askren	2009	5th (197)	Lavion Mayes	2015	7th (141)
Ben Askren	2005	2nd (174)	Mark Ellis	2009	1st (HWT)	Drake Houdashelt	2015	1st (149)
Matt Pell	2005	7th (184)	Max Askren	2010	1st (184)	Willie Miklus	2015	7th (184)
Tyler McCormick	2006	7th (133)	Mark Ellis	2010	6th (HWT)	J'den Cox	2015	5th (197)
Ben Askren	2006	1st (174)	Todd Schavrien	2011	6th (141)	Lavion Mayes	2016	3rd (149)
Tyler McCormick	2007	6th (133)	Dom Bradley	2011	3rd (HWT)	Daniel Lewis	2016	4th (165)
Matt Pell	2007	3rd (165)	Alan Waters	2013	4th (125)	Willie Miklus	2016	6th (184)
Ben Askren	2007	1st (174)	Nathan McCormick	2013	8th (133)	J'den Cox	2016	1st (197)

would do it all again. This time 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 reign by the Chippewas from Central Michigan. His squad posted a total of 136.0 team points, which shattered the then 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.

In 2011-12, the program reached several feats that had never been touched in the 67 years of Missouri wrestling. First, the team won the program's first conference championship ever, placing first at the 2012 Big 12 Championships with 77.0 points in front of their hometown fans at the Hearnes Center. They sent eight of their 10 wrestlers to the championship bout and crowned four individual champions while qualifying nine grapplers for that year's NCAA Championship. For their success at the Big 12 Championship, Smith was named Big 12 Coach of the Year for the first time in his career.

A few days later, the Tigers learned their 10th wrestler, redshirt freshman heavyweight Devin Mellon, earned a wild card bid to the NCAA Championship, marking the first time in program history that Mizzou had qualified all 10 of their starters. Additionally, it was announced that the Tigers were the only team in the country to qualify every starter for NCAA's in 2012. At least one Tiger grappler has been selected to compete at the NCAA Championship event in each of Smith's 18 seasons at Missouri and his squads have finished among the top-20 programs at the NCAA Championships in 13 of the last 14 seasons. In 2008-09 and 2014-15, Missouri set the bar higher with a program-high five Tigers earning All-American accolades, the previous high, three, had been set on four occasions.

Smith's teams have made a remarkable turnaround. Inheriting a program that had not seen a winning record since the 1991-92 campaign, the Tigers are now continuously ranked among the top-10 in the nation, reaching as high as No. 1 during both the 2006-07 and 2014-15 campaigns. On Dec. 12, 2006, the Missouri wrestling team became just the 11th wrestling program in history to earn a No. 1 ranking. Only a loss to eventual National Champion Minnesota forced the Tigers down in the polls. On Feb. 14, 2015, following their National Duals Finals Championship and clinching of an undefeated season, the Tigers once again reached the top spot in the USA Today / NWCA Division I Coaches Poll. The 2010-11 squad also accomplished something that no other Tiger team had done before, as they took home the team title at the 2010 Midlands Championships. Despite not having a single finalist, the Tigers cruised past the rest of the field with 103.5 points, beating out Wisconsin (93.5), Lehigh (93.0) and Iowa (91.0).

Building excitement and interest for the sport of wrestling, not only in Columbia but across the nation, Smith and his team have helped turn out record crowds in the Hearnes Center, On Feb. 11, 2007, competing against lowa State, the Tigers packed in 2,772 fans with several thousand more watching the dual live on the Mizzou Sports Network (MSN). The mark bested the previous high by 644 spectators, a record set one year prior against Oklahoma State, Jan. 22, 2006. With record numbers of fans attending Missouri's duals during the 2006-07 season, the Tigers ranked fifth in the nation for attendance.

The demands that Smith puts on his wrestlers extend well beyond the mat. In the fall

of 2002, his team had a grade-point average of 2.81, the highest GPA for a Missouri wrestling team under Coach Smith. In 2010, Smith had eight wrestlers with GPA's over 3.0. In all, 21 wrestlers have been recognized by the National Wrestling Coaches Association (NWCA), Big 12 and CoSIDA for their academic achievements since he took the reins in 1998. Among that list is Tyler McCormick, a 2008 graduate and two-time All-American. In 2006, McCormick headlined the Big 12 All-Academic first team as the only grappler in the conference to post a 4.0 grade-point average. The Tiger All-American went on to become the first wrestler since Shaon Fry (1993) to earn ESPN The Magazine Academic All-America first team accolades and was later awarded one of 29 prestigious NCAA Postgraduate Scholarships in 2008. Away from the mat and outside of the classroom, Smith's squad is committed to giving back to the community. Over the past seven years, four Tiger grapplers have served on the Student Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) as president.

A 1990 graduate of Michigan State University, Smith's coaching career began at Western High School in Fort Lauderdale, Fla. From 1991-92, Smith led Western High to its first top-10 finish at the state tournament, claiming a second place finish in 1991 and a fourth place showing in 1992. Smith coached two state champions and led five wrestlers to top finishes at the Florida state tournament. Smith's collegiate coaching career began at Cornell University in 1992. While an assistant at Cornell, he put together two of the nation's top-10 recruiting classes, a feat he accomplished without athletic scholarships, (Ivy League schools do not offer athletic scholarships). Those recruiting classes helped Cornell take two lvy League Championships, a 10th-place finish at the 1993 NCAA Championships and a 17th-place finish in 1994. At the 1994 NCAA Championships, one of Smith's top athletes, David Hirsch, became Cornell's first national champion since 1960.

In 1997, Smith took over the head coaching position at Syracuse University, helping to stabilize a program that was nearly eliminated. Before leaving for Missouri in May of 1998, Smith coached Jason Gleasman (HWT) to All-America honors.

A competitor himself, Smith was a three-time All-Big Ten wrestler and a four-time letterman at Michigan State from 1986-1990. As a senior, he was selected as the Spartan's Most Outstanding Wrestler. Competing at 126-pounds, Smith finished fifth at the Big Ten Championships in 1988, third in 1989 and second in 1990. Smith stands among the top-25 on Michigan State's all-time wins list with 84 career victories as a Spartan. He also stands tied for 19th on MSU's single-season wins list with 32 victories in 1990.

A native of Fort Lauderdale, Fla., where his father coached football, Smith was a two-time wrestling state champion in 1984 with Oviedo High School and 1985 while competing at St. Thomas Aquinas High School. During the summer of 2003, Smith took 12 wrestlers, including graduates Austin DeVoe and Jeremy Spates, on the NWCA Collegiate All-Star International Tour. Smith served as head coach as the men competed in three cities in Greece; Athens, Thessaloniki and Larisa as well as Sophia, Bulgaria. Both DeVoe and Spates went 7-2 in their individual competitions. 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. In the spring of 2009, Smith received his Master's Degree in Athletic Administration from William Woods University.

#### COACH SMITH'S **COACHING TREE**

#### NAME (YEARS AT MIZZOU) Austin DeVoe (2003-06) Mark Ellis (2007-10) Mike Larson (2010-13) Nick Marable (2006-10) Ty Prazma (2010-15)

Jon Sioredas (2002-03)

Jeremy Spates (1999-2004)

SCHOOL, POSITION Colorado School of Mines, Head Coach Virginia, Assistant Coach Mizzou, Strength & Conditioning Coach West Virginia, Assistant Coach Northern Illinois, Assistant Coach Todd Schavrien (2008-11) Cal Poly, Head Assistant Coach/Recruiting Coordinator

Cal Poly, Head Coach SIUE, Head Coach **COACHES** NAME (YEARS AT MIZZOU) Bart Horton (1998-2007) Sammie Henson (2012-14) Lee Pritts (1998-2004, 07-10)

SCHOOL, POSITION Air Force, Assistant Coach West Virginia, Head Coach Arizona State, Assistant Coach

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RS JR

Brecksville, Ohio

Purdue



RS FR
Staley, Mo.
Staley HS



FR Smithville, Mo. Smithville HS

**JAKE BOHLKEN** 



RS SO

Monett, Mo.



ALEX BUTLER
RS FR

Rockford, III.

Boylan Catholic HS



J'DEN COX SR Columbia, Mo. Hickman HS



RS FR
Alton, III.
Alton HS



FR

Lafayette, La.



RS FR
Columbia, Mo.



JOHN ERNESTE

SO | G | 6-2 | 180

Fort Wayne, Ind.

Ranger College (Texas)



RS FR
Lee's Summit, Mo.
Lee's Summit West



SO

Dardenne Prairie, Mo.

West Virginia



RS FR
Hannibal, Mo.
Hannibal HS



SO
Glenn Elynn, III.
Montini Catholic HS



SR
Union, III.
Marengo Community HS

**CULLEN VANLEER** 



FR
Kansas City, Mo.
Park Hill HS



FR
Islamorada, Fla.

Coral Shores HS



FR
Platte City, Mo.

Platte County HS



RS FR
Wichita, Kan.
Maize South HS



FR

Kaysville, Utah

Davis HS

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RS JR

Reno, Nev.

Reno HS



RS SO

Kearney, Mo.

Kearney HS



RS SO

Blue Springs, Mo.

Blue Springs HS



WOOD MANCUSO
RS SO

Morehead City, N.C.



RS SR

Perry, Okla.



FR
Excelsior Springs, Mo.
Park Hill HS



RS SR Mascoutah, III. Mascoutah HS



RS FR
Lee's Summit, Mo.



RS JR

Rock Island, III.



RS SO

Altoona, Iowa
Southeast Polk HS



RS JR

Altoona, lowa
Southeast Polk HS



AUSTIN MYERS
RS FR
Alexandria, Ky.
West Virginia



RS SO
Plainfield, III.
Plainfield Central HS



RS SR
Imperial, Mo.
Seckman HS



RS FR

Gardner, Kan.

Gardner Edgerton HS

**SETH PESEK** 



RS FR
St. Peters, Mo.
Francis Howell North HS



WILL ROARK

RS FR

Seneca, Mo.

Seneca HS



SO
Albuquerque, N.M.
Atrisco Heritage Academy HS



QUINN SMITH

RS SO

Columbia, Mo.

South Dakota State



RS FR

Belleville, III.

Belleville East HS

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RS SR
Cary, III.
Prairie Ridge HS

**BRIAN SMITH** 

19th season



RS FR
Pacific, Mo.
Pacific HS



RS FR
Columbus, Kan.
Columbus HS



RS FR
Winchester, Va.
Millbrook HS



ALEX CLEMSEN
Third season



JOE JOHNSTON
Ninth season



**DEVIN MELLON**First season



MIKE LARSON
Third season



MITCH SWEE Second season



CODY SHOEMAKER
Second season

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<u>NAME</u>	PRONUNCIATION	WEIGHT	YEAR	HOMETOWN / LAST SCHOOL
Aaron Assad	(acid)	125	RS Jr.	Brecksville, Ohio / Purdue University
Jayden Bears		184	RS Fr.	Staley, Mo. / Staley HS
Jacob Bohlken	(bowl-kin)	HWT	Fr.	Smithville, Mo. / Smithville HS
Chase Brennan		125	RS So.	Monett, Mo. / Monett HS
Alex Butler		141	RS Fr.	Rockford, III. / Boylan Catholic HS
J'den Cox		197	Sr.	Columbia, Mo. / Hickman HS
Phyllip DeLoach		157	RS Fr.	Alton, III. / Alton HS
Rodrigo Diaz		HWT	Fr.	Lafayette, La. / Lafayette HS
Jaydin Eierman	(I-er-man)	133	RS Fr.	Columbia, Mo. / Father Tolton HS
John Erneste	(earnest-E)	133	RS So.	Kansas City, Mo. / Park Hill HS
Austin Eveler	(ehv-eh-lurr)	149	RS Fr.	Lee's Summit, Mo. / Lee's Summit West
Connor Flynn		165	So.	Dardenne Prairie, Mo. / West Virginia
Chandler Fohey	(Fo-he)	125	RS Fr.	Hannibal, Mo. / Hannibal HS
Luke Fortuna		157	So.	Glen Ellyn, III. / Montini Catholic HS
Jon Goerke	(GOR-key)	174	Sr.	Union, III. / Marengo Community HS
Sean Hosford		157	Fr.	Kansas City, Mo. / Park Hill HS
Dante Jiovenetta	(Gio-va-net-a)	HWT	Fr.	Islamorada, Fla. / Coral Shores HS
Ethan Karsten		149	Fr.	Platte City, Mo. / Platte County HS
Kevin Kissane	(kiss-eign)	149	RS Fr.	Wichita, Kan. / Maize South HS
Wyatt Koelling	(KOH-ling)	197	Fr.	Kaysville, UT / Davis HS
Joey Lavallee	(luh-val-lee)	157	RS Jr.	Reno, Nev. / Reno HS
Grant Leeth		141	RS So.	Kearney, Mo. / Kearney HS
Daniel Lewis		165	RS So.	Blue Springs, Mo. / Blue Springs HS
Wood Mancuso		197	RS So.	Morehead City, N.C. / West Carteret HS
Matt Manley		141	RS Sr.	Perry, Okla. / Perry HS
Canten Marriott		174	Fr.	Excelsior Springs, Mo. / Park Hill HS
Lavion Mayes	(luh-VON)	149	RS Sr.	Mascoutah, III. / Mascoutah HS
Keegan McCormick		157	RS Fr.	Lee's Summit, Mo. / Lee's Summit North HS
Barlow McGhee		125	RS Jr.	Rock Island, III. / Rock Island HS
Tim Miklus	(mick-les)	174	RS So.	Altoona, Iowa / Southeast Polk HS
Willie Miklus	(mick-les)	184	RS Jr.	Altoona, Iowa / Southeast Polk HS
Austin Myers		HWT	RS Fr.	Alexandria, Ky. / West Virginia
Nick Nasenbeny		141	RS So.	Plainfield, III. / Plainfield Central HS
Blake Pepper		157	RS Sr.	Imperial, Mo. / Seckman HS
Seth Pesek	(pesh-ick)	197	RS Fr.	Gardner, Kan. / Gardner Edgerton HS
Sam Ritchie		141	RS Fr.	St. Peters, Mo. / Francis Howell North HS
Will Roark	(row-arc)	141	RS Fr.	Seneca, Mo. / Seneca HS
James Romero		HWT	So.	Albuquerque, N.M./Atrisco Heritage Aca. HS
Quinn Smith		133	RS So.	Columbia, Mo. / Rock Bridge HS
Matt Striegel	(stree-gull)	174	RS Fr.	Belleville, III. / Belleville East HS
Zach Synon	(sin-in)	141	RS Sr.	Cary, III. / Prairie Ridge HS
Dalton Voyles		174	RS Fr.	Pacific, Mo. / Pacific HS
Taylor Watkins		174	RS Fr.	Columbus, Kan. / Columbus HS
Dylan Wisman	(wize-man)	174	RS Fr.	Winchester, Va. / Millbrook HS

**Head Coach** Brian Smith (Michigan State, 1990) 19th Season at Mizzou

Associate Head Coach Alex Clemsen

Assistant Coaches Joe Johnston and Devin Mellon

Strength & Conditioning Coach Mike Larson
Director of Operations Cody Shoemaker