



WRESTLING MATCH NOTES

#19 Pitt Panthers (6-3, 1-0 ACC) vs. #8 Virginia Tech Hokies (5-4, 0-1 ACC)

Sunday, January 30, 2022 • 2 p.m.
Fitzgerald Field House • Pittsburgh, Pa.
ACC Network Extra • Watch on the ESPN app

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2021-22 SCHEDULE

11/7	Clarion Open	Completed
11/12	at Buffalo (ESPN3)	W, 21-12
11/13	at Edinboro (FloWrestling)	W, 28-20
11/21	at Lehigh (FloWrestling)	L, 9-26
11/22	MARYLAND (ACCNX)	W, 26-7
12/12	at #7 Ohio State (BTN+)	L, 7-30
12/29-30	Illinois MatMen Open#	1st, 121.5
1/7	PENN (ACCNX)	CANCELED
1/9	ARMY WEST POINT (ACCNX)	W, 29-10
1/9	#3 MICHIGAN (ACCNX)	L, 12-29
1/14	#6 ARIZONA STATE (ACCNX)	W, 24-19
1/21	VIRGINIA* (ACCNX)	W, 25-10
1/30	#7 VIRGINIA TECH* (ACCNX)	2 P.M.
2/4	at North Carolina*	7 P.M.
2/6	COLUMBIA+	2 P.M.
2/11	NC STATE* (ACCN)	7 P.M.
2/18	at Duke*	TBA
3/6	ACC Championship^	All Day
3/18-20	NCAA Championships&	All Day

HOME DUALS IN BOLD

* Denotes ACC dual

NOW Arena (Hoffman Estates, Ill.)

+ Petersen Events Center (Pittsburgh, Pa.)

^ Charlottesville, Va. (hosted by Virginia)

& Detroit, Mich. (Little Caesars Arena)

All times are Eastern Time Zone



#18 Pitt Panthers

2021-22 Record (ACC)6-3 (1-0)
2021 NCAA Championships11th, 40.5
2021 ACC Championships5th, 45.0

Head Coach..... Keith Gavin (Pitt, '08)
Pitt Record36-25 (Fifth Season)
Career Record..... same as Pitt

PITT PROBABLES

Wt.	Rk.	Name	Yr.	21-22	Total
125	31	Gage Curry	RS-Sr.+	11-6	125-56
133	7	Micky Phillippi	RS-Sr.	10-3	108-22
141	18	Cole Matthews	RS-Jr.	10-2	53-22
149	-	Luke Kemerer	RS-Jr.	7-8	29-28
157	21	Elijah Cleary	RS-Sr.+	9-4	64-38
165	14	Jake Wentzel	RS-Sr.+	10-4	72-37
174	-	Hunter Kernan	RS-Jr.	7-7	27-21
OR	-	James Lledo	RS-Fr.	12-7	16-9
184	31	Gregg Harvey	RS-Sr.+	6-4	77-59
197	8	Nino Bonaccorsi	RS-Sr.	9-2	89-22
285	-	Jake Slinger	Jr.	10-9	30-32

Rankings from InterMat (1/25)

RS indicates Redshirt

+ indicates extra year of eligibility provided by NCAA (COVID)



#7 Virginia Tech Hokies

2021-22 Record (ACC)5-4 (0-1)
2021 NCAA Championships15th, 36.5
2021 ACC Championships2nd, 65.5

Head Coach..... Tony Robie (Edinboro '97)
Virginia Record48-15 (Fifth Season)
Career Record..... same as Virginia Tech

VIRGINIA TECH PROBABLES

Wt.	Rk.	Name	Yr.	21-22	Total
125	21	Sam Latona	RS-So.	7-6	41-11
133	5	Korbin Myers	RS-Sr.+	11-1	118-47
141	-	Collin Gerardi	RS-Jr.	8-4	43-22
149	-	Sam Hillegas	So.	4-3	9-8
157	23	Connor Brady	RS-So.	11-2	27-11
165	-	Clayton Ulrey	So.	13-10	19-11
174	3	Mekhi Lewis	RS-Jr.	13-0	79-6
184	12	Hunter Bolen	RS-Sr.	16-2	86-20
197	33	Dakota Howard	RS-Jr.	7-4	35-21
285	14	Nathan Traxler	RS-Sr.+	13-1	91-29

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THE SERIES

All-Time SeriesPitt leads 12-6
At PittPitt leads 9-2
Last Meeting.....2/12/21, A, VT won 27-12
Current StreakVT has won 1

HEAD COACH KEITH GAVIN

Fifth Season | Career Record: 36-25 | Pitt, '08



Nobody knows what it takes to win in wrestling at the University of Pittsburgh better than **Keith Gavin**.

After years of competing as a professional on the international stage while building his reputation as a coach, Gavin returned to his alma mater in 2017 with the goal of helping young men at Pitt achieve what he did in 2008: win a national championship.

Since being named the 11th head coach of the Pitt wrestling program by Director of Athletics **Heather Lyke**, Gavin's leadership has seen the Panthers return to the upper echelon of the ACC – and nationally.

Pitt's progress on the mat was on full display for all of college wrestling to see during the 2021 NCAA Championships. Two Panthers – **Jake Wentzel** (165) and **Nino Bonaccorsi** (197) – followed up their ACC titles by advancing to the national finals and securing NCAA All-America status at the national tournament in St. Louis. All five Panthers that qualified for NCAAs won at least won match and helped Pitt finish with 40.5 points, placing 11th in the nation – its best team finish at NCAAs since 1970 – largely thanks to the program placing two Panthers into national finals in the same year for the first time since 1963.

For his role in leading the Panthers to historic success at nationals in 2021, Gavin was named the **ACC Co-Coach of the Year**. The awards continued to roll in after the season, with four Pitt wrestlers being named to the All-ACC Academic Team and three Panthers honored as Scholar All-Americans by the NWCA. Bonaccorsi followed up his ACC and NCAA accolades by emerging on the freestyle scene; the Bethel Park native won the UWW U23 Nationals title at 92 kg and represented Team USA at the 2021 U23 World Championships in Serbia.

The 2019-20 campaign, Gavin's third in charge of the Panthers, saw Pitt continue to take improve dramatically as a wrestling program. While hosting the conference tournament at the Petersen Events Center, the Panthers crowned three ACC champions – **Micky Phillippi** (133), **Jake Wentzel** (165) and **Demetrius Thomas** (285) – and challenged NC State to the wire for the conference title before earning second place with 77 team points. Pitt qualified seven athletes for the 2020 NCAA Championships, which were cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic. However, Pitt's trio of ACC champions and **Nino Bonaccorsi** (184) were all named All-Americans by the NWCA following the season.

In Gavin's second season as head coach, Pitt earned a fourth-place finish (41 team points) in the ACC Championship, with two Panthers earning ACC titles in **Micky Phillippi** (133) and **Demetrius Thomas** (285) and another two placing second in their respective weight classes (**Taleb Rahmani**, 157 and **Nino Bonaccorsi**, 184). Redshirt junior **Kellan Stout** (197) rounded out the group of Panthers that punched their tickets to the NCAA Division I Wrestling Championship, which was held in Pittsburgh for the first time since 1957. Pitt placed 34th in the nation, with three Panthers competing in the Round of 12.

During the regular season, Gavin helped the Panthers flip their record from 4-11 (2-3 ACC) to 13-3 (3-2 ACC) in just one season. This record marked the fifth time in program history and the first time since the 2013-14 season where the Panthers were able to finish with 13 wins on the year. Likewise, Gavin led four Panthers to earn a spot on the All-ACC Wrestling Team that season. During his first season at the helm of his alma mater, Gavin saw three Panthers earn a third-place finish at the ACC Championships while four competed at NCAAs.

At the end of the year, he was awarded the **Amateur Wrestling News Rookie Coach of the Year** for his efforts in the improvements the Panthers made throughout the season. Gavin also oversaw a program-best four wrestlers make it on the All-ACC Academic team and would help prepare Pitt to serve as host institution for the 2019 NCAA Wrestling Championships at PPG Paints Arena.

Gavin, a 2008 graduate of the University of Pittsburgh, stepped into his first head coaching role and returned to his alma mater after spending a year with Oklahoma as an assistant as well as three years at Virginia also as an assistant.

As a Panther, Gavin was the **2008 174-pound NCAA champion** and a **two-time All-American**. His 120 career wins rank eighth in program history. Gavin is a two-time EWL champion, two-time EWL Wrestler of the Year and is a member of the **EWL Hall of Fame**.

Gavin was a member of the **U.S. national team** for over six years, placing third at the 2012 U.S. Olympic Trials before capturing the U.S. National Championship in 2013 and 2014.

Gavin leads a historic Pitt wrestling program that has produced 82 All-Americans and 16 national champions.

KEITH GAVIN YEAR-BY-YEAR

	Overall		ACC		ACC Championships		NCAA Championships			vs. Non-Conf.		vs. Top 25	
Year	W-L	%	W-L	%	Place	Champs	QF	Place	AA's	W-L	%	W-L	%
2017-18	4-11	.267	2-3	.400	6th, 33.5	-	4	31st, 10.5	-	2-7	.222	1-8	.111
2018-19	13-3	.812	3-2	.600	4th, 41.0	2	5	34th, 9.5	-	10-1	.909	4-3	.571
2019-20	10-4	.714	3-2	.600	2nd, 77.0	3	7	Canceled	4	7-2	.778	2-3	.400
2020-21	3-4	.429	1-4	.200	5th, 45.0	2	5	11th, 40.5	2	2-0	1.000	1-3	.250
2021-22	6-3	.667	1-0	1.000	-	-	-	-	-	5-3	.625	1-2	.333
TOTAL	36-25	.590	10-11	.476	-	7	21	-	6	26-13	.667	9-19	.321



2022 WRESTLING INDIVIDUALS

Name	Wt.	Year	Season	for Pitt	Career	Dual	ACC	MD	TF	Pins	Fastest Pin	Streak
Luca Augustine	174	Fr.	8-4	0-0	8-4	0-0	0-0	1-1	0-0	0-0	-	L1
Tyler Badgett	157	So.	10-6	0-0	13-11	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	3-1	1:54	L1
#8 Nino Bonaccorsi	197	RS-Sr.	9-2	9-2	89-22	6-1	1-0	2-0	1-0	1-0	2:26	W2
Colton Camacho	125	RS-So.	11-5	1-1	29-16	1-1	0-0	3-1	3-0	2-0	1:22	L1
Jake Cherry	141	RS-Sr.	0-2	0-0	14-20	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	-	L2
#21 Elijah Cleary	157	RS-Sr.+	9-4	9-4	64-38	5-4	1-0	1-0	0-0	1-0	2:47	W1
#31 Gage Curry	125	RS-Sr.+	11-6	7-5	125-56	4-3	1-0	2-1	1-0	1-0	2:12	W1
Ethan Finch	197	Fr.	4-6	0-0	4-6	0-0	0-0	0-1	1-0	2-3	1:15	W1
Kolby Flank	197	RS-Fr.	1-4	0-0	1-4	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	1-0	0:56	L3
#31 Gregg Harvey	184	RS-Sr.+	6-4	6-4	77-59	3-2	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-1	-	L1
Cole Hivnor	184	Fr.	5-6	0-0	5-6	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	2-3	2:46	W1
Luke Kemerer	149	RS-Jr.	7-8	2-4	29-28	1-4	0-1	0-2	0-1	1-1	1:03	L1
Hunter Kernan	174	RS-Jr.	7-7	2-7	27-21	2-5	0-0	1-1	1-1	2-2	2:50	L7
James Lledo	174	RS-Fr.	12-7	1-4	16-9	1-4	0-1	1-4	0-0	7-0	0:51	L1
Geoff Magin	197	RS-Fr.	3-6	0-2	4-11	0-2	0-0	1-1	0-1	0-1	-	L1
Dan Mancini	149	RS-So.	11-8	2-6	20-15	0-4	0-0	3-1	1-0	1-2	1:46	L2
#18 Cole Matthews	141	RS-Jr.	10-2	10-2	58-22	6-1	1-0	1-0	0-0	4-0	0:55	W6
Collin McCorkle	157	Fr.	5-5	0-0	5-5	0-0	0-0	2-1	0-0	1-1	3:31	L2
Brock McMillen	149	Fr.	2-0	0-0	2-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	0-0	0-0	-	W2
Nicholas Meglino	184	RS-So.	2-5	0-1	7-19	0-1	0-0	0-1	0-0	1-2	1:18	L1
Ryan Michaels	141	RS-Fr.	2-4	0-2	3-9	0-2	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-1	6:33	L3
Antonio Petrucelli	157	So.	0-0	0-0	2-3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	-	L1
#7 Micky Phillippi	133	RS-Sr.	10-3	10-3	108-22	7-2	1-0	3-0	2-0	0-1	-	W1
Jake Slinger	285	Jr.	10-9	7-8	30-32	5-4	1-0	0-5	1-0	4-1	0:49	W1
Emory Taylor	149	Fr.	2-6	0-0	2-6	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-1	0-0	-	L2
Cooper Warshel	149	Fr.	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	-	-
Tye Weathersby	165	RS-Fr.	8-9	0-0	8-10	0-0	0-0	1-0	2-0	1-0	4:22	L1
#13 Jake Wentzel	165	RS-Sr.+	10-4	10-4	72-37	6-3	1-0	2-0	0-0	0-0	-	W1

Note: Career Record includes all collegiate matches wrestled unattached and for other schools. All other records are 2021-22 only.

Updated: 1/27/22

RS indicates that redshirt season has been used.

+ indicates that athlete is currently using an extra season of eligibility provided by the NCAA due to the COVID-19 pandemic.



2022 WRESTLING BREAKDOWN

DUAL MEET STARTING LINEUPS

Opponent	125	133	141	149	157	165	174	184	197	285
Buffalo	Camacho (W)	Phillippi (W)	Michaels (L)	Mancini (L)	Cleary (W)	Wentzel (W)	Kernan (W)	Lledo (L)	Magin (L)	Slinger (W)
Edinboro	Curry (W)	Phillippi (W)	Michaels (L)	Mancini (L)	Cleary (W)	Wentzel (W)	Kernan (W)	Lledo (L)	Magin (L)	Slinger (W)
Lehigh	Camacho (L)	Phillippi (L)	Matthews (W)	Kemerer (L)	Cleary (L)	Wentzel (L)	Kernan (L)	Harvey (W)	Bonaccorsi (W)	Slinger (L)
MARYLAND	Curry (W)	Phillippi (W)	Matthews (W)	Kemerer (W)	Cleary (W)	Wentzel (W)	Kernan (L)	Lledo (L)	Bonaccorsi (W)	Slinger (W)
Ohio State	Curry (L)	Phillippi (W)	Matthews (L)	Kemerer (L)	Cleary (L)	Wentzel (L)	Kernan (L)	Harvey (L)	Bonaccorsi (W)	Slinger (L)
ARMY	Curry (W)	Phillippi (W)	Matthews (W)	Kemerer (L)	Cleary (W)	Wentzel (W)	Kernan (L)	Harvey (W)	Bonaccorsi (W)	Slinger (W)
MICHIGAN	Curry (L)	Phillippi (W)	Matthews (W)	Mancini (L)	Cleary (L)	Wentzel (W)	Kernan (L)	Meglino (L)	Bonaccorsi (L)	Slinger (L)
ARIZONA STATE	Curry (L)	Phillippi (L)	Matthews (W)	Mancini (L)	Cleary (L)	Wentzel (L)	Lledo (W)	Harvey (W)	Bonaccorsi (W)	Slinger (L)
VIRGINIA	Curry (W)	Phillippi (W)	Matthews (W)	Kemerer (L)	Cleary (W)	Wentzel (W)	Lledo (L)	Harvey (L)	Bonaccorsi (W)	Slinger (W)
VIRGINIA TECH	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
North Carolina	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
COLUMBIA	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
NC STATE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Duke	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

DUAL MEET POINTS BREAKDOWN

Opponent	125	133	141	149	157	165	174	184	197	285	Team
Buffalo	3-0	3-0	0-3	0-3	3-0	3-0	3-0	0-3	0-3	6-0	21-12
Edinboro	3-0	5-0	0-6	0-6	6-0	3-0	5-0	0-3	0-5	6-0	28-20
Lehigh	0-3	0-6	3-0	0-4	0-3	0-3	0-3	3-0	3-0	0-4	9-26
MARYLAND	5-0	3-0	3-0	3-0	3-0	3-0	0-4	0-3	3-0	3-0	26-7
Ohio State	0-3	4-0	0-3	0-5	0-3	0-3	0-5	0-4	3-0	0-4	7-30
ARMY	4-0	4-0	6-0	0-4	3-0	3-0	0-6	3-0	3-0	3-0	29-10
MICHIGAN	0-4	3-0	3-0	0-3	0-3	6-0	0-6	0-6	0-3	0-4	12-29
ARIZONA STATE	0-3	0-3	6-0	0-4	0-3	0-3	6-0	6-0	6-(-1)	0-4	24-19
VIRGINIA	3-0	5-0	4-0	0-3	3-0	4-0	0-4	0-3	3-0	3-0	25-10
VIRGINIA TECH	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
North Carolina	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
COLUMBIA	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
NC STATE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Duke	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	18-13	27-9	25-12	3-32	18-12	22-9	14-28	12-22	21-10	21-16	181-163