



# WRESTLING

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## West Virginia vs. No. 24 Pitt



### 2018-19 SCHEDULE

|         |                           |           |
|---------|---------------------------|-----------|
| Oct. 26 | Wrestle-Offs              | NTS       |
| Nov. 1  | NORTHERN COLORADO*        | W, 22-14  |
| Nov. 4  | at Hokie Open+            | NTS       |
| Nov. 11 | at Journeymen Collegiate^ | 7th       |
| Nov. 17 | at No. 9 Cornell          | L, 15-20  |
| Nov. 18 | No. 14 NORTHERN IOWA*     | L, 19-27  |
| Dec. 15 | at Pitt                   | 7 p.m.    |
| Dec. 19 | VIRGINIA TECH             | 7 p.m.    |
| Dec. 29 | vs. Virginia%             | 11 a.m.   |
| Dec. 29 | vs. Michigan State%       | 1 p.m.    |
| Dec. 30 | vs. North Dakota State*%  | 11 a.m.   |
| Dec. 30 | vs. Purdue%               | 1 p.m.    |
| Jan. 4  | at Oklahoma*              | 7:30 p.m. |
| Jan. 13 | at NC State               | 1 p.m.    |
| Jan. 18 | OKLAHOMA STATE*           | TBA       |
| Jan. 20 | IOWA STATE*               | 1 p.m.    |
| Jan. 25 | vs. CSU Bakersfield       | 5 p.m.    |
| Jan. 25 | at Utah Valley*           | 9 p.m.    |
| Jan. 27 | at Wyoming*               | 3 p.m.    |
| Feb. 1  | ARMY                      | TBA       |
| Feb. 24 | South Dakota State*       | 7 P.M.    |
| Mar. 9  | at Big 12 Championship    | All Day   |
| Mar. 10 | at Big 12 Championship    | All Day   |
| Mar. 21 | at NCAA Championships     | All Day   |
| Mar. 22 | at NCAA Championships     | All Day   |
| Mar. 23 | at NCAA Championships     | All Day   |

Home matches in ALL CAPS

All times are Eastern and subject to change

\* Indicates Big 12 match

+ Roanoke, Va.

^ Troy, N.Y.

% South Beach Duals - Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.

Big 12 Championship - Tulsa, Okla.

NCAA Championships - Pittsburgh, Pa.

### WEST VIRGINIA

|                       |                |
|-----------------------|----------------|
| 2018-19 Record        | 1-2            |
| 2018-19 Big 12 Record | 1-1            |
| Head Coach            | Tim Flynn      |
| Alma Mater            | Penn State '90 |
| Record at WVU         | 1-2            |
| Season                | First          |
| Overall Record        | 224-97-5       |
| Season                | 22nd           |

### MATCH INFO

|           |                        |
|-----------|------------------------|
| Date      | Saturday, Dec. 15      |
| Time      | 7 p.m. ET              |
| Location  | Pittsburgh, Pa.        |
| Arena     | Fitzgerald Field House |
| Broadcast | ACC Network Extra      |
| Stats     | TrackWrestling         |

### No. 24 PITT

|                    |             |
|--------------------|-------------|
| 2018-19 Record     | 2-0         |
| 2018-19 ACC Record | 0-0         |
| Head Coach         | Keith Gavin |
| Alma Mater         | Pitt '08    |
| Record at Pitt     | 4-11        |
| Season             | Second      |
| Overall Record     | 4-11        |
| Season             | Second      |

### SERIES HISTORY

|                 |                 |
|-----------------|-----------------|
| All-Time Record | 27-34-2         |
| First Meeting   | 1934            |
| Last Meeting    | 2017            |
| Results         | WVU 24, Pitt 10 |
| Last WVU Win    | Dec. 9, 2017    |
| Score           | WVU 24, Pitt 10 |

### WEST VIRGINIA'S LINEUP

| Weight | Ranking | Name                | Class | Hometown             |
|--------|---------|---------------------|-------|----------------------|
| 125    | -/-/-   | KJ Fenstermacher    | r-Fr. | Northampton, Pa.     |
| 133    | -/-/-   | Caleb Rea           | Fr.   | Weirton, W.Va.       |
| 141    | -/-/-   | Luke Martin         | Fr.   | Parkersburg, W.Va.   |
| -OR-   | -/-/-   | Keegan Moore        | r-Jr. | Oklahoma City, Okla. |
| 149    | -/-/-   | Christian Monserrat | r-Sr. | Methuen, Mass.       |
| 157    | -/-/-   | Zachary Moore       | r-Jr. | Oklahoma City, Okla. |
| 165    | -/-/-   | Nick Kiussis        | So.   | Brunswick, Ohio      |
| 174    | -/-/-   | Josh Ramirez        | Fr.   | New Orleans, La.     |
| 184    | -/-/-   | Jackson Moomau      | Fr.   | Maysville, W.Va.     |
| 197    | -/-/-   | Noah Adams          | r-Fr. | Coal City, W.Va.     |
| HWT    | -/-/-   | David Smith         | r-Jr. | Charleston, W.Va.    |
| -OR-   | -/-/-   | Brandon Ngati       | Jr.   | Gaithersburg, Md.    |

### PITT'S LINEUP

| Weight | Ranking      | Name             | Class | Hometown         |
|--------|--------------|------------------|-------|------------------|
| 125    | -/-/-        | Brendon Fenton   | Fr.   | Amherst, Ohio    |
| 133    | No. 6/5/6    | Micky Phillippi  | r-Fr. | Derry, Pa.       |
| 141    | -/-/-        | LJ Bentley       | Sr.   | Twinsburg, Ohio  |
| 149    | -/-/-        | Robert Lee       | Sr.   | Kaukauna, Wis.   |
| 157    | No. 11/11/10 | Taleb Rahmani    | r-Jr. | Marysville, Ohio |
| 165    | No. 18/17/-  | Jake Wentzel     | r-So. | South Park, Pa.  |
| 174    | -/-/-        | Gregg Harvey     | r-Jr. | Boyertown, Pa.   |
| 184    | No. 15/12/12 | Nino Bonaccorsi  | r-Fr. | Bethel Park, Pa. |
| 197    | -/-/-        | Kellan Stout     | r-Jr. | Pittsburgh, Pa.  |
| HWT    | No. 11/12/13 | Demetrius Thomas | Jr.   | Ferguson, Mo.    |

Rankings are listed as follows: The Open Mat/FloWrestling/Intermat

### SCOUTING THE PANTHERS

Pitt last competed at the 2018 Cliff Keen Las Vegas Invitational from Nov. 30 - Dec. 1, placing four individual wrestlers on the podium in their respective weight classes for a seventh-place team finish. No. 6 Micky Phillippi earned a runner-up finish at 133 pounds, while No. 13 Demetrius Thomas placed fourth in the heavyweight bracket. Additionally, No. 10 Taleb Rahmani finished fifth at 157 pounds, and No. 12 Nino Bonaccoris placed seventh at 184 pounds. As a team, Pitt finished seventh out of 43 teams, marking its best finish since 2008. Five Panthers check-in to the national rankings this week, with Phillippi ranking the highest at No. 6 via Interim. Of note, coach Keith Gavin is currently in his second year at the helm of his alma mater after taking over the program in April of 2017.

### SERIES VS. PITT

The Mountaineers and the Panthers meet for the 64th time on Saturday in the longest running series in WVU history. The two squads first squared off in 1934; 13 years after West Virginia started its program. The Panthers lead the all-time series, 36-25-2, and the two have tied on a pair of occasions. However, WVU has topped Pitt four times in the last five seasons, including last year.

### LAST MEETING VS. THE PANTHERS

West Virginia topped No. 25 Pitt, 24-10, in the wrestling version of the Backyard Brawl on Dec. 9, 2017, at the WVU Coliseum, in Morgantown. The Mountaineers claimed seven of 10 bouts in the win, earning a pin at 125 pounds and a pair of major decisions at 149 and 174 pounds. Redshirt junior Zachary Moore (157) and sophomore Nick Kiussis (165) each picked up wins over ranked opponents, defeating Taleb Rahmani and Jake Wentzel, respectively.

### LAST TIMEOUT

West Virginia suffered a 27-19 defeat at the hands of No. 14 Northern Iowa at the WVU Coliseum on Sunday, Nov. 18. The Mountaineers picked up a trio of bonus-point victories over the Panthers, including two wins by fall. True freshman Caleb Rea earned his first dual-match victory of the season with a pin at 133 pounds, while redshirt senior Christian Monserrat captured a major decision at 149 pounds to remain undefeated in dual action. Moore also won by fall at 157 pounds.

### LOOKING AHEAD

Following the Backyard Brawl, the Mountaineers welcome the Virginia Tech Hokies to the WVU Coliseum on Wednesday, Dec. 19, at 7 p.m., before the team departs for a holiday break. Wednesday is Dollar Night, and all tickets and select concessions will be available for \$1 each. Autographs also will take place after the match.

### A NEW ERA

WVU Director of Athletics and Associate Vice President Shane Lyons named Tim Flynn the school's ninth wrestling coach in April 2018. Flynn came to West Virginia from Edinboro, where he spent the past 21 years building the Fighting Scots into a wrestling powerhouse. He compiled a 223-95-5 career record at Edinboro to become the school's all-time winningest coach and a member of its Hall of Fame. His accomplishments at Edinboro totaled 150 national qualifiers, 38 All-Americans, 64 Eastern Wrestling League (EWL) champions and 97 Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference (PSAC) champions. He led the Fighting Scots to five top-10 finishes at the NCAA Wrestling Championships, 14 top-20 finishes and 18 top-25 finishes.

### JOURNEYMEN COLLEGIATE CLASSIC

Five Mountaineers took first place in their respective pools, as West Virginia collected 217 points for a seventh-place finish at the 2018 Journeymen MyHouse Collegiate Classic on Nov. 11, in Schenectady, New York. The tournament field featured competition from 17 universities, including six teams ranked inside the College NWCA/USA Today Top-25 Poll. Redshirt freshman Joey Thomas (125), Monserrat (149), Kiussis (165), redshirt freshman Noah Adams (197) and redshirt junior David Smith (HWT) each earned a first-place finish in their respective pools.

### HOKIE OPEN

West Virginia sent 16 wrestlers to compete in the 2018 Hokie Open, at Berglund Arena, in Roanoke, Virginia, on Nov. 4. Ten Mountaineers finished in the top five in their respective weight classes, with redshirt sophomore Matthew Schmitt (133) and Adams (197) winning division titles. Schmitt went 5-0 in the 133-pound open division to claim his first tournament win of his career. Adams also recorded a perfect 4-0 mark to capture the 197-pound freshman/sophomore division title. Additionally, Moore (157) and Kiussis (165) each earned third-place finishes

### UNIVERSITY INFORMATION

|                            |                                       |
|----------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Location.....              | Morgantown, W.Va.                     |
| Enrollment .....           | 31,442                                |
| Founded .....              | 1867                                  |
| Nickname .....             | Mountaineers                          |
| Colors ....                | Old Gold (PMS 124) and Blue (PMS 295) |
| Conference.....            | Big 12                                |
| President .....            | Dr. E. Gordon Gee                     |
| Alma Mater .....           | Utah '68                              |
| Director of Athletics..... | Shane Lyons                           |
| Ama Mater .....            | West Virginia '87                     |

### COACHING STAFF

|                           |                       |
|---------------------------|-----------------------|
| Head Coach .....          | Tim Flynn (First)     |
| Alma Mater .....          | Penn State '90        |
| Record at WVU.....        | 1-2 (First)           |
| Career Record .....       | 224-97-5 (22nd)       |
| Assistant Head Coach..... | Cliff Moore (First)   |
| Alma Mater .....          | Iowa '04              |
| Assistant Coach .....     | Mitchell Port (First) |
| Alma Mater .....          | Edinboro '15          |
| Volunteer Assistant.....  | Cody Walters (First)  |
| Alma Mater .....          | Ohio '16              |

### FACILITY INFORMATION

|                |              |
|----------------|--------------|
| Arena .....    | WVU Coliseum |
| Capacity ..... | 14,000       |
| Opened.....    | 1970         |

### WRESTLING HISTORY

|                              |            |
|------------------------------|------------|
| Season of Wrestling .....    | 95th       |
| First Year of Wrestling..... | 1921       |
| All-Time Record .....        | 610-470-17 |
| Conference Champions.....    | 85         |
| NCAA Champions .....         | Five       |
| All-Americans .....          | 31         |

### TEAM INFORMATION

|                                           |      |
|-------------------------------------------|------|
| 2017-18 Record .....                      | 6-7  |
| 2017-18 Big 12 Record .....               | 4-4  |
| 2017-18 Neutral Site Record.....          | 0-1  |
| 2017-18 Letterwinners Returning/Lost..... | 10/5 |
| 2018-19 Newcomers .....                   | 23   |

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in the open division, while Smith placed fifth in the heavyweight open division. Five Mountaineers also joined Adams on the podium in the freshman/sophomore division. Redshirt freshman KJ Fenstermacher (125) and freshman Josh Ramirez (174) each collected third-place finishes, while sophomore Hunter DeLong placed fourth at 184 pounds. Additionally, redshirt freshman Sean Mullican and Thomas each claimed a fifth-place finish in the 285-pound and 125-pound pool, respectively.

### Roster Breakdown by State

|                     |    |
|---------------------|----|
| California .....    | 1  |
| Louisiana .....     | 1  |
| Maryland.....       | 4  |
| Massachusetts ..... | 1  |
| Missouri .....      | 2  |
| Montana .....       | 1  |
| New Jersey .....    | 1  |
| New York .....      | 1  |
| Ohio .....          | 5  |
| Oklahoma .....      | 2  |
| Pennsylvania .....  | 10 |
| Texas .....         | 1  |
| Virginia .....      | 3  |
| West Virginia ..... | 8  |

### Roster Breakdown by Class

|                          |    |
|--------------------------|----|
| Freshman.....            | 19 |
| Redshirt Freshman .....  | 6  |
| Sophomore.....           | 2  |
| Redshirt Sophomore ..... | 4  |
| Junior.....              | 2  |
| Redshirt Junior .....    | 6  |
| Redshirt Senior.....     | 2  |

### SEASON-OPENING VICTORY

West Virginia topped Big 12 foe Northern Colorado, 22-14, in its 2018-19 season opener on Nov. 1, at the WVU Coliseum, in Morgantown. WVU won six of 10 bouts against UNC, including a win by fall at 285 pounds. Down 14-9 with four bouts remaining, Schmitt collected a huge 13-5 major decision over Christopher Sandoval at 133 pounds, cutting WVU's deficit to one at 14-13. Redshirt senior Joe Wheeling then pushed the Mountaineers in front with a 7-1 decision over Owen Lamb at 141 pounds. Monserrat helped WVU seal the deal with an 8-2 decision over Mason Hulse at 149 pounds, increasing the Mountaineers lead to five at 19-14. Moore capped the night for the Mountaineers, as he used a trio of takedowns, a reversal and four near fall points for a 12-8 decision over Jordan Robison at 157 pounds.

### TOUGH SLATE AHEAD

Flynn's inaugural season is highlighted with 18 dual matches, including six in front of the Mountaineer faithful at the WVU Coliseum. The Mountaineers will wrestle nine Big 12 duals and will face seven opponents that finished in the top 25 at the 2018 NCAA Division I Wrestling Championships.

### FRESH FACES

Twenty-three newcomers joined 10 letterwinners from last year's squad. Schmitt, a 2018 NCAA Qualifier, is the only Mountaineer to return to the lineup nationally ranked, sitting at No. 14 via the Open Mat and No. 20 via ntermat. Additionally, several true freshmen could see early action in Gold and Blue singlets.

### 125-POUND OUTLOOK

Fenstermacher notched a 2-0 record at wrestle-offs, winning the spot at 125 pounds over redshirt junior Devin Brown and Thomas. Fenstermacher, a native of Northampton, Pennsylvania, transferred to West Virginia from Pitt, taking a redshirt as a true freshman last season. Fenstermacher capped his high school career with an overall record of 160-17 at 120 pounds, earning back-to-back third-place finishes at the Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association (PIAA) Class A Wrestling Championships his junior and senior year. He also is a three-time Northeast Regional champion, as well as a three-time District II champion. Additionally, Fenstermacher was crowned a two-time National High School Coaches Association (NHSCA) All-American and a two-time FloNational All-American.

### 133-POUND OUTLOOK

Schmitt returns to the lineup after earning an automatic bid to the 2018 NCAA Division I Wrestling Championships for the first time in his career. The Platte City, Missouri, native also placed fourth at last year's Big 12 Championship. He finished the year with 23 wins to rank second on the team, collecting six major decisions, four pins and one technical fall on the year. Rea also is in the mix at 133. He was a four-time Ohio Valley Athletic Conference (OVAC) placer, capturing an OVAC title his senior year at 132 pounds. He finished his high school career with a 163-13 overall record, a school record for wins at Weir High, including a 40-6 mark during his senior season.

### 141-POUND OUTLOOK

Wheeling is one of two fifth-year seniors on this year's squad. The Waterford, Pennsylvania, native has proven himself to be a tough competitor in years past, but he was plague with injuries last season and only competed against Utah Valley in West Virginia's season opener. Wheeling looks to get back on track this year, as he previously earned a fifth-place finish at the 2017 Big 12 Wrestling Championship.

### College NWCA/USA Today Rankings

| Rank      | Team                    | Record     | Pts.       | Prev.     |
|-----------|-------------------------|------------|------------|-----------|
| 1         | Penn State (16)         | 3-0        | 400        | 1         |
| 2         | Ohio State              | 4-0        | 382        | 2         |
| <b>3</b>  | <b>Oklahoma State</b>   | <b>4-0</b> | <b>368</b> | <b>3</b>  |
| 4         | Iowa                    | 6-0        | 352        | 4         |
| 5         | Michigan                | 3-0        | 334        | 5         |
| 6         | Missouri                | 4-0        | 321        | 6         |
| <b>7</b>  | <b>NC State</b>         | <b>5-0</b> | <b>303</b> | <b>7</b>  |
| <b>8</b>  | <b>Cornell</b>          | <b>2-0</b> | <b>285</b> | <b>8</b>  |
| 9         | Minnesota               | 3-1        | 277        | 9         |
| 10        | Wisconsin               | 6-1        | 253        | 10        |
| 11        | Nebraska                | 4-1        | 233        | 11        |
| 12        | North Carolina          | 3-0        | 225        | 12        |
| <b>13</b> | <b>Purdue</b>           | <b>2-1</b> | <b>203</b> | <b>13</b> |
| <b>14</b> | <b>Virginia Tech</b>    | <b>1-2</b> | <b>181</b> | <b>14</b> |
| 15        | Arizona State           | 1-2        | 173        | 15        |
| <b>16</b> | <b>Northern Iowa</b>    | <b>1-1</b> | <b>147</b> | <b>17</b> |
| 17        | Illinois                | 1-1        | 123        | 18        |
| <b>18</b> | <b>Wyoming</b>          | <b>3-2</b> | <b>117</b> | <b>21</b> |
| 19        | Lock Haven              | 1-0        | 96         | 20        |
| 20        | Lehigh                  | 0-4        | 85         | 16        |
| <b>21</b> | <b>North Dakota St.</b> | <b>4-1</b> | <b>78</b>  | <b>19</b> |
| <b>22</b> | <b>Utah Valley</b>      | <b>5-2</b> | <b>75</b>  | <b>22</b> |
| <b>23</b> | <b>Iowa State</b>       | <b>1-1</b> | <b>62</b>  | <b>23</b> |
| <b>24</b> | <b>Pittsburgh</b>       | <b>2-0</b> | <b>54</b>  | <b>24</b> |
| 25        | Rutgers                 | 5-1        | 29         | NR        |

**Others Receiving Votes:** Princeton 22, Old Dominion 13, Northwestern 4, Appalachian State 4.

**\*Bold indicates West Virginia opponent\***

### 149-POUND OUTLOOK

Flynn will look at Monserrat to step into the 149-pound slot, as he moves up one weight class from last season. A native of Methuen, Massachusetts, Monserrat competed at 141 pounds as a redshirt junior, recording an 18-16 overall mark, with five major decisions, two tech. falls and one pin. Redshirt sophomore Kyler Rea also will look to make a break in the lineup this season. The Neosho, Missouri, native started at 149 last season, earning a 14-14 overall mark, with one major decision.

### 157-POUND OUTLOOK

Moore boasts the most experience at this weight class, but redshirt sophomore Hunter Jones also has worked hard in the offseason to put himself in the mix at 157. Moore, a native of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, put together a 14-12 overall mark last season. Jones also gained some valuable experience, as he stepped up in Moore's absence down the stretch, competing in four consecutive matches to close out the regular season. Jones, a native of Charleston, West Virginia, finished the year with 11 wins. Freshman Brock Godzin also showed some good characteristics during wrestle-offs. A native of Belle Vernon, Pennsylvania, Godzin finished in fifth place at the 2017 PIAA Class AAA Wrestling Championships. He also was a three-time sectional champion.

## TRACKING THE MOUNTAINEERS

### Media Services

The WVU athletic communications office will be available throughout the 2018-19 wrestling season to accommodate any media requests. Members of the media wishing to interview a wrestler or member of the coaching staff during the week should contact the wrestling SID Amy Salvatore at (304) 293-2821 or by email at alsalvatore@mail.wvu.edu.

### WVUsports.com

WVUsports.com is the place for media and fans to go for the latest news on Mountaineer wrestling. Streamed audio and video broadcasts will be available on WVU's official athletic website, along with live stats to keep track of every point. Match notes are made available in PDF format one day prior to gameday.

### Big 12 Digital Media

Fans can track Big 12 wrestling action on Twitter (@Big12Conference), Facebook (Facebook.com/Big12), Instagram (@Big12Conference) and YouTube (YouTube.com/Big12Conference).

### 165-POUND OUTLOOK

Kiussis will be held to a higher standard this season, as he enters the year with a wealth of experience starting as a true freshman last year. The Brunswick, Ohio, native compiled a 14-14 overall mark, as well as a 4-4 record in Big 12 action. He finished the year tied for the team lead in pins, with five. Kiussis also helped WVU beat Pitt four times in the last five seasons, with an 8-3 decision over the Panthers' Jake Wentzel, who was ranked as high as No. 16 via FloWrestling.

### 174-POUND OUTLOOK

Flynn will turn to Ramirez to take over at 174 pounds. The New Orleans, Louisiana, native arrived in Morgantown as a four-time state champion and was a seven-time All-American. He also finished his high school career with a 130-9 overall record at 160 pounds.

### 184-POUND OUTLOOK

DeLong moves down from 197 pounds, as he looks to make a break in the lineup at 184. The Parkersburg, West Virginia, native wrestled in a pair of dual matches early last season, but closed the year competing at several different tournaments. He compiled a 12-17 overall mark, notching two major decisions, two tech. falls and two wins by fall. Freshman Jackson Moomau also

is in the mix at 184. Moomau, a native of Maysville, West Virginia, won back-to-back state titles his junior and senior year at Petersburg High. He also was named a FloNationals All-American (2018) and an NHSCA All-American (2015).

### 197-POUND OUTLOOK

Adams redshirted his first season in Morgantown, gaining valuable experience while wrestling unattached in several tournaments. Adams came to West Virginia ranked No. 2 in the nation at 220 pounds. He was a three-time national champion at both FloNationals and NHSCA Nationals, as well as a three-time West Virginia state champion. The Coal City, West Virginia, native also won a pair of Gold medals at the 2016 Cadet Pan American Games in Peru.

### HEAVYWEIGHT OUTLOOK

Junior Brandon Ngati, Smith and Mullican have all proven to be tough competitors at the heavyweight bout. Ngati, a native of Gaithersburg, Maryland, earned the starting role for West Virginia the past two seasons. Most notably, he pinned Iowa State's Jon Scanlon in 4:28 to lead WVU to its first-ever Big 12 win on Feb. 12, 2017, in Morgantown. However, Smith earned himself a spot in the starting lineup at wrestle-offs, going 2-0 on the day. The Charleston, West Virginia, native gained valuable experience wrestling at several different tournaments last season, earning a 17-15 overall mark.

### BIG 12 ADDS AFFILIATE MEMBERS

The Big 12 Conference added Fresno State and Northern Iowa in July of 2017 as affiliate members to give the league a 12-team field. The new additions joined Air Force, Iowa State, Northern Colorado, North Dakota State, Oklahoma, Oklahoma State, South Dakota State, Utah Valley, West Virginia and Wyoming.

### AWESOME ATTENDANCE

Nine Big 12 wrestling programs placed in the top 25 of an attendance report released last April. West Virginia was listed at No. 16 with an average attendance of 1,415 Mountaineer fans.

## 2018-19 LEADERS

|                              |                               |
|------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| <b>Overall</b> .....         | 10, Joey Thomas (125)         |
| .....                        | 9, Caleb Rea (133)            |
| .....                        | 9, Nick Kiussis (165)         |
| .....                        | 8, Zachary Moore (157)        |
| .....                        | 8, Noah Adams (197)           |
| .....                        | 8, Sean Mullican (HWT)        |
| .....                        | 7, Christian Monserrat (149)  |
| .....                        | 7, Hunter Jones (157)         |
| .....                        | 7, David Smith (HWT)          |
| <b>Dual Wins</b> .....       | 3, Christian Monserrat (149)  |
| .....                        | 2, Zachary Moore (157)        |
| .....                        | 2, Nick Kiussis (165)         |
| .....                        | 2, Noah Adams (197)           |
| .....                        | 2, David Smith (HWT)          |
| <b>Pins</b> .....            | 5, David Smith (HWT)          |
| .....                        | 4, Zachary Moore (157)        |
| .....                        | 3, Josh Ramirez (174)         |
| <b>Tech. Falls</b> .....     | 3, Devin Brown (125)          |
| .....                        | 2, Caleb Rea (133)            |
| .....                        | 2, Alex Hornfeck (149)        |
| <b>Major Decisions</b> ..... | 4, Joey Thomas (125)          |
| .....                        | 4, Hunter Jones (157)         |
| .....                        | 3, Matthew Schmitt (133)      |
| .....                        | 3, Noah Adams (197)           |
| <b>Match Points</b> .....    | 10, Christian Monserrat (149) |
| .....                        | 9, Zachary Moore (157)        |
| .....                        | 9, David Smith (HWT)          |
| .....                        | 6, Nick Kiussis (165)         |
| .....                        | 6, Caleb Rea (133)            |
| .....                        | 6, Noah Adams (197)           |
| .....                        | 4, Matthew Schmitt (133)      |
| .....                        | 3, Joe Wheeling (141)         |
| .....                        | 3, KJ Fenstermacher (125)     |
| <b>Dual Takedowns</b> .....  | 8, Christian Monserrat (149)  |
| .....                        | 8, Noah Adams (197)           |
| .....                        | 6, Nick Kiussis (165)         |
| .....                        | 5, Matthew Schmitt (133)      |
| .....                        | 5, David Smith (HWT)          |
| <b>Quickest Falls</b> .....  | 0:29, Zachary Moore (157)     |
| .....                        | 0:40, Zachary Moore (157)     |
| .....                        | 0:51, Josh Ramirez (174)      |
| .....                        | 0:53, Zachary Moore (157)     |

## BIG 12 WRESTLING

### CHAMPIONSHIP ANNOUNCED

The 2019 Big 12 Wrestling Championship will be held at the BOK Center in Tulsa, Oklahoma, from March 9-10, for the third year in a row. Tickets are on sale now. Conference institutions hosted the wrestling championships on campus from 1997-2015. The 2016 event was held in Kansas City's Sprint Center.

### KENNY RITCHIE NAMED BIG 12 COORDINATOR OF OFFICIALS

Kenny Ritchie was named the Big 12 Conference Coordinator of Wrestling Officials during the offseason. Ritchie is a 28-year member of the National Wrestling Officials Association and was inducted into the National Wrestling Hall of Fame in 2015. He has officiated 17 NCAA Division I National Championships, including 14 championship final matches. Ritchie's role with the Big 12 will include identifying and training potential wrestling officials, as well as assigning officials to contests held at Conference and affiliate members' facilities. He also will evaluate the roster of wrestling officials, among other responsibilities.

## 2018-19 WVU WRESTLING ROSTER

| NAME                | WEIGHT | CLASS | CITY                 | HIGH SCHOOL/PREVIOUS SCHOOL          |
|---------------------|--------|-------|----------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Noah Adams          | 197    | r-Fr. | Coal City, W.Va.     | Independence High                    |
| Trey Anderson       | 149    | Fr.   | Virginia Beach, Va.  | Floyd E. Kellam High                 |
| Devin Brown         | 125    | r-Jr. | Export, Pa.          | Franklin Regional High               |
| Hunter DeLong       | 174    | So.   | Parkersburg, W.Va.   | Parkersburg South High               |
| KJ Fenstermacher    | 125    | r-Fr. | Northampton, Pa.     | Northampton High/Pitt                |
| Marco Frederico     | 133    | Fr.   | Cobb Island, Md.     | La Plata High                        |
| Brock Godzin        | 157    | Fr.   | Belle Vernon, Pa.    | Belle Vernon High                    |
| JD Gregory          | 133    | r-Jr. | Hanover, Va.         | Hanover High                         |
| Seth Hogue          | 149    | Jr.   | Masury, Ohio         | Reynolds High/Bucknell               |
| Alex Hornfeck       | 149    | Fr.   | Mars, Pa.            | Mars Area High                       |
| Tim Hritsko         | 141    | Fr.   | Canonsburg, Pa.      | Canon-McMillan High                  |
| Hunter Jones        | 157    | r-So. | Charleston, W.Va.    | George Washington High               |
| Nick Kiussis        | 165    | So.   | Brunswick, Ohio      | Brunswick High                       |
| Matthew Liberato    | 157    | Fr.   | Florham Park, N.J.   | Hanover Park High                    |
| Wyatt Lutz          | 133    | Fr.   | Montoursville, Pa.   | Montoursville Area High              |
| Logan Macri         | 125    | Fr.   | Canonsburg, Pa.      | Canon-McMillan High                  |
| Jack Malone         | 197    | Fr.   | Sagamore Hills, Ohio | Wake Forest High                     |
| Kyle Marshall       | 174    | r-Fr. | San Clemente, Calif. | San Clemente High                    |
| Luke Martin         | 141    | Fr.   | Parkersburg, W.Va.   | Parkersburg South High               |
| Christian Monserrat | 149    | r-Sr. | Methuen, Mass.       | Methuen High                         |
| Jackson Moomau      | 184    | Fr.   | Maysville, W.Va.     | Petersburg High                      |
| Keegan Moore        | 141    | r-Jr. | Oklahoma City, Okla. | Putnam City High                     |
| Zachary Moore       | 157    | r-Jr. | Oklahoma City, Okla. | Putnam City High                     |
| Caleb Morris        | 141    | Fr.   | Waynesburg, Pa.      | Waynesburg Central High              |
| Sean Mullican       | 285    | r-Fr. | Myersville, Md.      | Middletown High                      |
| Tucker Nadeau       | 165    | Fr.   | Bigfork, Mont.       | Flathead High                        |
| Brandon Ngati       | 285    | Jr.   | Gaithersburg, Md.    | South Hagerstown High                |
| Matthew Raines      | 149    | r-Jr. | Warrenton, Va.       | Fauquier High/George Mason           |
| Josh Ramirez        | 174    | Fr.   | New Orleans, La.     | Wahlert Catholic High                |
| Caleb Rea           | 133    | Fr.   | Weirton, W.Va.       | Weir High                            |
| Kyler Rea           | 149    | r-So. | Neosho, Mo.          | Neosho High                          |
| Matthew Schmitt     | 133    | r-So. | Platte City, Mo.     | Platte County High                   |
| Lucas Seibert       | 133    | Fr.   | Westerville, Ohio    | Westerville North High               |
| David Smith         | 285    | r-Jr. | Charleston, W.Va.    | George Washington High               |
| Luke Sorboro        | 157    | r-Fr. | Rootstown, Ohio      | Rootstown High                       |
| Jacob Starkey       | 165    | Fr.   | Ripley, W.Va.        | Ripley High                          |
| Joey Thomas         | 125    | r-Fr. | Mount Airy, Md.      | South Carroll High                   |
| Anthony Welsh       | 165    | r-So. | Fredericktown, Pa.   | Bethlehem Center High/Pitt-Johnstown |
| Joe Wheeling        | 141    | r-Sr. | Waterford, Pa.       | General McLane High                  |
| Jackson Wrobel      | 141    | Fr.   | Pawling, N.Y.        | Pawling High                         |
| James Wujek         | 174    | Fr.   | Prosper, Texas       | Prosper High                         |

## COACHING STAFF

**Head Coach:** Tim Flynn (First Season, Penn State '90)  
**Assistant Coach:** Cliff Moore (First Season, Iowa '04)  
**Assistant Coach:** Mitchell Port (First Season, Edinboro '15)  
**Volunteer Assistant:** Cody Walters (First Season, Ohio '16)  
**Graduate Assistant:** Amanda Mitchell (First Season, Central Michigan '16)

## PRONUNCIATIONS

KJ Fenstermacher ..... Fen-stir-MOCK-er  
 Seth Hogue ..... Like "Vogue"  
 Tim Hritsko ..... Ritz-GO  
 Nick Kiussis ..... Q-sis  
 Logan Macri ..... Mac-REE  
 Christian Monserrat ..... Mon-SIR-ott  
 Jackson Moomau ..... MOO-maw  
 Tucker Nadeau ..... Nay-DEW  
 Brandon Ngati ..... Nah-GOTT-ee  
 Caleb Rea ..... RAY  
 Kyler Rea ..... RAY  
 Luke Sorboro ..... sore-boar-OH  
 Jackson Wrobel ..... ROW-bull  
 James Wujek ..... WOO-jek

## WEIGHT-BY-WEIGHT BREAKDOWN

|                                 |                                |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| <b>125</b> .....Devin Brown     | <b>157</b> .....Brock Godzin   |
| .....KJ Fenstermacher           | .....Hunter Jones              |
| .....Logan Macri                | .....Matthew Liberato          |
| .....Joey Thomas                | .....Zachary Moore             |
| <b>133</b> .....Marco Frederico | .....Luke Sorboro              |
| .....JD Gregory                 | <b>165</b> .....Nick Kiussis   |
| .....Wyatt Lutz                 | .....Tucker Nadeau             |
| .....Caleb Rea                  | .....Jacob Starkey             |
| .....Matthew Schmitt            | .....Anthony Welsh             |
| <b>141</b> .....Tim Hritsko     | <b>174</b> .....Hunter DeLong  |
| .....Luke Martin                | .....Kyle Marshall             |
| .....Keegan Moore               | .....Josh Ramirez              |
| .....Caleb Morris               | .....James Wujek               |
| .....Joe Wheeling               | <b>184</b> .....Jackson Moomau |
| .....Jackson Wrobel             | <b>197</b> .....Noah Adams     |
| <b>149</b> .....Trey Anderson   | .....Jack Malone               |
| .....Seth Hogue                 | <b>HWT</b> .....Sean Mullican  |
| .....Alex Hornfeck              | .....Brandon Ngati             |
| .....Christian Monserrat        | .....David Smith               |
| .....Matthew Raines             |                                |
| .....Kyler Rea                  |                                |

## 2018-19 SEASON STATS

### 1-2 OVERALL, 1-1 BIG 12

#### **STARTERS**

| Name                | Wt  | Season | Career | Dual | Big 12 | Tourn. | MD | TF | Pin | TD |
|---------------------|-----|--------|--------|------|--------|--------|----|----|-----|----|
| KJ Fenstermacher    | 125 | 5-5    | 5-5    | 1-2  | 0-2    | 4-3    | 1  | -  | -   | 2  |
| Matthew Schmitt     | 133 | 6-0    | 30-14  | 1-0  | 1-0    | 5-0    | 3  | 1  | -   | 5  |
| Luke Martin         | 141 | 6-5    | 6-5    | 0-2  | 0-1    | 6-3    | 2  | 1  | -   | 1  |
| Christian Monserrat | 149 | 7-3    | 53-37  | 3-0  | 2-0    | 4-3    | 2  | -  | -   | 8  |
| Zachary Moore       | 157 | 8-2    | 37-30  | 2-0  | 2-0    | 6-2    | -  | 1  | 4   | 4  |
| Nick Kiussis        | 165 | 9-2    | 24-16  | 2-1  | 1-1    | 7-1    | 1  | -  | 2   | 6  |
| Josh Ramirez        | 174 | 6-5    | 6-5    | 0-3  | 0-2    | 6-2    | 1  | -  | 3   | 2  |
| Jackson Moomau      | 184 | 3-8    | 3-8    | 0-3  | 0-2    | 3-5    | 1  | -  | -   | -  |
| Noah Adams          | 197 | 8-2    | 8-2    | 2-1  | 1-1    | 6-1    | 3  | -  | 1   | 8  |
| David Smith         | HWT | 7-4    | 25-19  | 2-1  | 1-1    | 5-3    | -  | -  | 5   | 5  |

#### **RESERVES**

| Name          | Wt  | Season | Career | Dual | Big 12 | Tourn. | MD | TF | Pin | TD |
|---------------|-----|--------|--------|------|--------|--------|----|----|-----|----|
| Devin Brown   | 125 | 4-1    | 20-27  | -    | -      | 4-1    | -  | 3  | -   | -  |
| Joey Thomas   | 125 | 10-4   | 10-4   | -    | -      | 10-4   | 4  | 1  | 1   | -  |
| Caleb Rea     | 133 | 9-3    | 9-3    | 1-1  | 1-0    | 8-2    | 2  | 2  | 2   | 2  |
| Joe Wheeling  | 141 | 1-4    | 21-25  | 1-0  | 1-0    | 0-4    | -  | -  | -   | 1  |
| Kyler Rea     | 149 | 3-2    | 17-16  | -    | -      | 3-2    | 1  | -  | -   | -  |
| Hunter Jones  | 157 | 7-7    | 18-20  | 0-1  | -      | 7-6    | 4  | -  | -   | -  |
| Luke Sorboro  | 157 | 0-4    | 0-4    | -    | -      | 0-4    | -  | -  | -   | -  |
| Hunter DeLong | 184 | 3-7    | 15-24  | -    | -      | 3-7    | -  | -  | 1   | -  |
| Sean Mullican | HWT | 8-4    | 8-4    | -    | -      | 8-4    | 1  | -  | 1   | -  |
| Brandon Ngati | HWT | 4-4    | 9-46   | -    | -      | 4-4    | -  | 1  | -   | -  |

#### **UNATTACHED WRESTLERS**

| Name            | Wt      | Season | Career | Dual | Big 12 | Tourn. | MD | TF | Pin | TD |
|-----------------|---------|--------|--------|------|--------|--------|----|----|-----|----|
| Wyatt Lutz      | 133     | 1-4    | -      | -    | -      | 1-4    | -  | -  | -   | -  |
| Lucas Seibert   | 133     | 2-4    | -      | -    | -      | 2-4    | -  | -  | -   | -  |
| Marco Frederico | 141     | 0-2    | -      | -    | -      | 0-2    | -  | -  | -   | -  |
| Tim Hritsko     | 141     | 0-2    | -      | -    | -      | 0-2    | -  | -  | -   | -  |
| Caleb Morris    | 141     | 4-3    | -      | -    | -      | 4-3    | -  | -  | -   | -  |
| Trey Anderson   | 141/149 | 1-4    | -      | -    | -      | 1-4    | -  | -  | -   | -  |
| Alex Hornfeck   | 149     | 5-3    | -      | -    | -      | 5-3    | 2  | 2  | -   | -  |
| Jackson Wrobel  | 149     | 3-3    | -      | -    | -      | 3-3    | -  | -  | -   | -  |
| Seth Hogue      | 149/157 | 5-4    | -      | -    | -      | 5-4    | 1  | -  | 2   | -  |
| Brock Godzin    | 157     | 1-2    | -      | -    | -      | 1-2    | -  | 1  | -   | -  |
| Tucker Nadeau   | 165     | 6-7    | -      | -    | -      | 6-7    | 2  | -  | 1   | -  |
| Jacob Starkey   | 165     | 1-2    | -      | -    | -      | 1-2    | -  | -  | 1   | -  |
| James Wujek     | 174     | 1-5    | -      | -    | -      | 1-5    | -  | -  | -   | -  |
| Jack Malone     | 197     | 0-2    | -      | -    | -      | 0-2    | -  | -  | -   | -  |

## STARTERS BY MATCH

| Opponent          | 125               | 133         | 141          | 149           | 157          | 165         | 174         | 184        | 197       | HWT       |
|-------------------|-------------------|-------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|------------|-----------|-----------|
| Northern Colorado | Fenstermacher (L) | Schmitt (W) | Wheeling (W) | Monserrat (W) | Z. Moore (W) | Kiussis (W) | Ramirez (L) | Moomau (L) | Adams (L) | Smith (W) |
| Cornell           | Fenstermacher (W) | Rea (L)     | Martin (L)   | Monserrat (W) | Jones (L)    | Kiussis (W) | Ramirez (L) | Moomau (L) | Adams (W) | Smith (W) |
| Northern Iowa     | Fenstermacher (L) | Rea (W)     | Martin (L)   | Monserrat (W) | Z. Moore (W) | Kiussis (L) | Ramirez (L) | Moomau (L) | Adams (W) | Smith (L) |

## 2018-19 MATCH-BY-MATCH RESULTS

### West Virginia 22, Northern Colorado 14

**Nov. 1, 2018 | WVU Coliseum | Morgantown, W.Va.**

**165:** Nick Kiussis dec. Macoy Flanagan, 7-6  
**174:** Seth Bogulski dec. Josh Ramirez, 3-1  
**184:** Dalton Robertson tech. fall Jackson Moomau, 17-1 [TF – 5:37]  
**197:** No. 20/-/20 Jacob Seely dec. Noah Adams, 12-9  
**HWT:** David Smith wins by fall Robert Winters, F 4:50  
**125:** Sean Cannon dec. KJ Fenstermacher, 4-1  
**133:** No. 18/19/20 Matthew Schmitt major dec. Chris Sandoval, 13-5  
**141:** Joe Wheeling dec. Owen Lamb, 7-1  
**149:** Christian Monserrat dec. Mason Hulse, 8-2  
**157:** Zachary Moore dec. Jordan Robison, 12-8



### No. 9 Cornell 20, West Virginia 15

**Nov. 17, 2018 | Newman Arena | Ithaca, N.Y.**

**197:** Noah Adams (WVU) dec. No. -/-/18 Ben Honis (Cornell), 13-7  
**285:** David Smith (WVU) dec. Brendan Furman (Cornell), 10-6  
**125:** KJ Fenstermacher (WVU) dec. Dominic LaJoie (Cornell), 7-3  
**133:** Vito Arujau (Cornell) major dec. Caleb Rea (WVU), 17-3  
**141:** No. 12/-/15 Chas Tucker (Cornell) dec. Luke Martin (WVU), 6-2  
**149:** Christian Monserrat (WVU) dec. Hunter Richard (Cornell), 8-7  
**157:** Fredy Stroker (Cornell) major dec. Hunter Jones (WVU), 11-1  
**165:** Nick Kiussis (WVU) dec. Milik Dawkins (Cornell), 7-1  
**174:** No. 16/16/16 Brandon Womack (Cornell) dec. Josh Ramirez (WVU), 6-4  
**184:** No. 8/8/9 Max Dean (Cornell) wins by fall over Jackson Moomau (WVU), F 2:46



### No. 14 Northern Iowa 27, West Virginia 19

**Nov. 18, 2018 | WVU Coliseum | Morgantown, W.Va.**

**125:** No. 20/20/- Jacob Schwarm (UNI) wins by fall KJ Fenstermacher (WVU), F 2:48  
**133:** Caleb Rea (WVU) wins by fall Jacob Schipper (UNI), F 6:43  
**141:** No. 8/9/9 Josh Alber (UNI) dec. Luke Martin (WVU), 6-3  
**149:** Christian Monserrat (WVU) major dec. Derek Holschlag (UNI), 10-2  
**157:** Zachary Moore (WVU) wins by fall Patrick Schoenfelder (UNI), F 2:23  
**165:** No. 8/7/9 Bryce Steiert (UNI) dec. Nick Kiussis (WVU), 9-6  
**174:** No. 9/9/9 Taylor Lujan (UNI) wins by fall Josh Ramirez (WVU), F 2:51  
**184:** No. 9/11/10 Drew Foster (UNI) tech. fall Jackson Moomau (WVU), 19-0 [TF – 2:57]  
**197:** Noah Adams (WVU) dec. Izaak Shedenhelm (UNI), 12-5  
**285:** Carter Isley (UNI) major dec. David Smith (WVU), 10-1

