



2014 BIG 12 WRESTLING CHAMPIONSHIP

March 8, 2013 | McCasland Field House | Norman, Okla.

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SCHEDULE

Doors Open: 1:30 p.m.

Semifinals: 3 p.m.

Consolation Round: 5 p.m.

Championship Round: 7 p.m.

TICKETS

Lower Level Reserved - \$25

Upper Level Reserved - \$15

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BIG 12 NOTES

The 2014 Big 12 Wrestling Championship will be held on Saturday, March 8, at McCasland Field House in Norman, Okla. Doors open at 1:30 p.m. CT, with the semifinal round beginning at 3 p.m. All four league squads will be in action for the 18th annual event.

The event's semifinal matches as well as the consolation round beginning at 5 p.m. will be shown live on the Big 12 Digital Network powered by Campus Insiders on Big12Sports.com. Championship rounds will be broadcast live on FOX Sports Oklahoma Plus beginning at 7:00 p.m.

The 2014 event will be the second hosted by Oklahoma and the first since 2010. Oklahoma State won last year's title in Stillwater and leads the conference with 12 overall league crowns. All-session lower level reserved tickets are available for \$25 while upper level tickets are available for \$15. Fans interested in purchasing tickets can visit SoonerSports.com or call 405-325-2424. Tickets will be made available at the event on the day of competition if availability exists at the McCasland Field House box office.

McCasland Field House on the campus of the University of Oklahoma is located in the heart of campus. The venue provides the Sooners' men's gymnastics, volleyball and wrestling programs with a first-class training and competition venue.

OUTSTANDING WRESTLER

An Outstanding Wrestler will be selected by a vote of the head coaches at the conclusion of the championship matches. Coaches will vote for three wrestlers, in rank order, awarding points on a 3-2-1 basis.

TEAM SCORING

Points will be awarded as follows:

First place 10 points

Second place 6 points

Third place 3 points

Fourth place 0 points

2013-14 BIG 12 WRESTLERS OF THE WEEK/MONTH

November	Travis Rutt, Oklahoma, RS-Sr., 197
Dec. 9	Andrew Howe, Oklahoma, RS-Sr., 174
Dec. 16	Chris Perry, Oklahoma State, Sr., 174
Jan. 6	Jon Morrison, Oklahoma State, Sr., 133
Jan. 13	Justin DeAngelis, Oklahoma, RS-Jr., 157
Jan. 20	Colin Johnston, West Virginia, Sr., 141
Jan. 27	Alex Dieringer, Oklahoma State, So., 157
Feb. 2	Mike Morales, West Virginia, Jr., 149
Feb. 10	A.J. Vizcarondo, West Virginia, So., HWT
Feb. 17	Chris Perry, Oklahoma State, Sr., 174
Feb. 24	Kyven Gadson, Iowa State, Jr., 197



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TEAM-BY-TEAM PREVIEWS



Iowa State University

Head Coach: Kevin Jackson
9-7 Overall, 1-2 Big 12

The Cyclones finished the dual season 9-7 overall and 1-2 in the Big 12. Last season, the Cyclones had seven finalists at the Big 12 Championship and finished second. Iowa State is led by top-ranked 197-pounder Kyven Gadson. A 2013 All-American, Gadson is the reigning Big 12 champion at 197 pounds and has gone undefeated in dual matches each of the last two seasons. All-American Michael Moreno is poised for a run at the podium. Moreno, ranked ninth at 165 pounds in the latest InterMat poll, finished the regular season leading the 2013-14 Cyclones in wins (25), bonus point wins (12) and dual takedowns (39). Tanner Weatherman (174 pounds) was the runner up in that weight class last season and is 21-13.



University of Oklahoma

Head Coach: Mark Cody
11-5 Overall, 2-1 Big 12

The 14th-ranked Sooners started the season 7-0 before injuries forced changes in the starting lineup. Oklahoma finished 11-5 overall with a 2-1 record in Big 12 dual competition and is coming off a fourth-place finish in the NWCA Division I National Duals. OU continues to show improvement under third-year coach Mark Cody. The Sooners feature six returning All-Americans, including redshirt senior Andrew Howe, who is ranked No. 1 at 174 pounds and concluded the regular season with a perfect 23-0 record. In addition to Howe, Oklahoma has the following wrestlers ranked nationally in the top 10: Jarrod Patterson (125 pounds), Cody Brewer (133 pounds), Kendric Maple (149 pounds) and Travis Rutt (197 pounds).



Oklahoma State University

Head Coach: John Smith
9-5 Overall, 3-0 Big 12

The Cowboys will seek their 46th conference title and will bring five defending Big 12 champions to the Championship. Oklahoma State got off to a rocky start, dropping three of its early-season duals by one point, but the Cowboys straightened out some kinks entering the second half of the year, winning six of their last seven matches. Oklahoma State capped its regular season with a 43-6 victory over American Sunday – a dual highlighted by wins from the four starting Cowboy seniors, three of which were falls. The Cowboys head into the Big 12 Championship with four wrestlers ranked in the top five in their respective weight classes, including a No. 1 ranking at 157 pounds for sophomore Alex Dieringer. Defending national champion Chris Perry has a 22-1 record this season and will try to win his fourth consecutive Big 12 title.



West Virginia University

Head Coach: Craig Turnbull
11-7 Overall, 0-3 Big 12

The Mountaineers are 11-7 in dual meets and went 0-3 in Big 12 action. The 11 victories are the most since 2002. Senior Colin Johnston (141) has won nine matches by fall and his 16-2 mark in dual matches leads the team. Sophomore Bubba Scheffel (174) has 15 wins by fall which broke the program's single season pin record. Scheffel is fifth in program history for wins by a sophomore with 29. Coming off a redshirt year, junior Mike Morales (149) has tallied a dual match record of 13-3, and is 2-3 against ranked opponents. Senior Nathan Pennesi (133) missed the first two weekends with a knee injury, but came back to take second at the Navy Classic on Nov. 23 and fourth at the Reno Tournament of Champions on Dec. 22.



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NATIONAL TEAM RANKINGS

Intermat

Updated: 3/4/14

1. Penn State
2. Iowa
3. Minnesota
- 4. OKLAHOMA STATE**
5. Cornell
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7. Edinboro
8. Michigan
9. Missouri
10. Nebraska
11. Northern Iowa
12. Ohio State
13. Wisconsin
14. Northwestern
- 15. IOWA STATE**
16. Maryland
17. Virginia
18. Indiana
19. Pittsburgh
20. Illinois
21. North Dakota State
22. Old Dominion
23. Central Michigan
24. North Carolina State
25. Lehigh
- 44. WEST VIRGINIA**

NWCA/USA Today

Updated: 2/25/14

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25. Central Michigan

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INDIVIDUAL NATIONAL RANKINGS

NCAA Division I - Coaches Panel (Feb. 13)

125 POUNDS

Jarrod Patterson, Oklahoma	7
Edward Klimara, Oklahoma State	14
Earl Hall, Iowa State	27

133 POUNDS

Jon Morrison, Oklahoma State	4
Cody Brewer, Oklahoma	7
Nathan Pennesi, West Virginia	24

141 POUNDS

Colin Johnston, West Virginia	15
Anthony Collica, Oklahoma State	17
Nick Lester, Oklahoma	20

149 POUNDS

Kendric Maple, Oklahoma	2
Joshua Kindig, Oklahoma State	9
Mike Morales, West Virginia	26

157 POUNDS

Alex Dieringer, Oklahoma State	3
Justin DeAngelis, Oklahoma	21

165 POUNDS

Tyler Caldwell, Oklahoma State	4
Michael Moreno, Iowa State	9
Clark Glass, Oklahoma	31

174 POUNDS

Chris Perry, Oklahoma State	2
Tanner Weatherman, Iowa State	8
Jakob Scheffer, West Virginia	26

184 POUNDS

Nolan Boyd, Oklahoma State	22
Lelund Weatherspoon, Iowa State	31

197 POUNDS

Kyven Gadson, Iowa State	1
Travis Rutt, Oklahoma	5
Blake Rosholt, Oklahoma State	18

HWT

Austin Marsden, Oklahoma State	18
Ross Larson, Oklahoma	21