

IOWA MENS WRESTLING FINAL NOTES



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SCHEDULE & RESULTS (14-1, 7-1 BIG)

NOVEMBER

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME/RESULT
2	at #23 Oregon State (FloWrestling)	W, 30-7
9	#20 Stanford (BTN)	W, 32-9
15	at Bellarmine (ESPN+)	W, 39-0
23	! #12 Iowa State (B1G+)	W, 21-15

DECEMBER

6	\$ vs. Princeton (UFC Fight Pass)	W, 39-3
6	\$ vs. Army (UFC Fight Pass)	W, 23-16
29-30	Soldier Salute (B1G+)	First/7 Champs

JANUARY

12	* at Wisconsin (B1G+)	W, 45-0
17	* #9 Illinois (BTN)	W, 28-6
25	* #4 Ohio State (BTN)	W, 24-13
31	* at #1 Penn State (BTN)	L, 8-30

FEBRUARY

2	* at #25 Maryland (B1G+)	W, 34-9
7	* #7 Nebraska (BTN)	W, 19-16
14	* at #6 Minnesota (BTN)	W, 23-11
16	* Northwestern (B1G+)	W, 37-3
23	#2 Oklahoma State (BTN)	W, 21-16

MARCH

8-9	^ at Big Ten Championships (BTN)	3rd/112
20-22	@ at NCAA Championships	4th/81

All times Central and subject to change.

! Iowa Corn Cy-Hawk Series

\$ Journeymen Wrestling "Uncivil War"

* Big Ten Conference dual

^ B1G Championships in Evanston, Illinois

@ NCAA Championships in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

ON THE MAT

2025 NCAA CHAMPIONSHIPS
MARCH 20-22, 2025
PHILADELPHIA
WELLS FARGO CENTER



STEPHEN BUCHANAN II
1ST PLACE • 197 POUNDS
Graduate | Loyal, Wis.
26-1 Season Record
124-26 Career Record
Four-time All-American



DRAKE AYALA
2ND PLACE • 125 POUNDS
Junior | Fort Dodge, Iowa
21-3 Season Record
65-16 Career Record
Two-time All-American



MICHAEL CALIENDO
2ND PLACE • 165 POUNDS
Junior | Geneva, Ill.
24-3 Season Record
81-14 Career Record
Three-time All-American



PATRICK KENNEDY
4TH PLACE • 157 POUNDS
Senior | Kasson-Mantorville, Minn.
18-7 Season Record
59-21 Career Record
First-time All-American



BEN KUETER
8TH PLACE • 285 POUNDS
R-Freshman | Iowa City, Iowa
21-9 Season Record
24-10 Career Record
First-time All-American

2025 NCAA CHAMPIONSHIPS

Rank	Team	SCORE	AA
1.	Penn State	177.0	10
2.	Nebraska	117.0	8
3.	Oklahoma State	102.5	6
4.	Iowa	81.0	5
5.	Minnesota	51.5	3
5.	Ohio State	51.5	2
7.	Cornell	50.0	3
8.	NC State	46.5	3
9.	Northern Iowa	45.5	2
10.	Illinois	44.5	1

TEAM RANKINGS

NCAA Division I Coaches Poll (FINAL)

Rank	Team (First)	Record	Pts.
1	Penn State (16)	(15-0)	400
2	Iowa	(14-1)	383
3	Oklahoma State	(13-1)	367
4	Northern Iowa	(14-1)	354
5	Nebraska	(11-3)	333
6	Minnesota	(10-2)	320
7	Ohio State	(13-3)	300
8	Virginia Tech	(9-2)	279
9	NC State	(11-2)	268
10	Cornell	(11-1)	252
11	Rutgers	(14-5)	233
12	Iowa State	(12-5)	232
13	South Dakota State	(14-4)	217
14	Illinois	(9-4)	196
15	Little Rock	(17-3)	181
16	North Carolina	(9-6)	147
17	Pittsburgh	(10-6)	145
18	Stanford	(10-5)	135
19	Michigan	(7-5)	114
20	Oklahoma	(8-4)	94
21	Lehigh	(7-4)	79
22	Indiana	(8-5)	57
23	Army West Point	(8-3)	47
24	West Virginia	(10-7)	23
25	Missouri	(5-10)	16

Others receiving votes: Penn 9, Wyoming 8, Campbell 6, Navy 2, Oregon State 2, Northern Colorado 1.

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2025 NCAA ALL-AMERICANS

125 lbs.

1. Vincent Robinson, NC State
2. Troy Spratley, Oklahoma State
3. Luke Lilledahl, Penn State
4. Matt Ramos, Purdue
5. Eddie Ventresca, Virginia Tech
6. Sheldon Seymour, Lehigh
7. Caleb Smith, Nebraska
8. Stevo Poulin, Northern Colorado

133 lbs.

1. Lucas Byrd, Illinois
2. **Drake Ayala, Iowa**
3. Zeth Romney, Cal Poly
4. Zan Fugitt, Wisconsin
5. Braeden Davis, Penn State
6. Connor McGonagle, Virginia Tech
7. Jacob Van Dee, Nebraska
8. Tyler Knox, Stanford

141 lbs.

1. Jesse Mendez, Ohio State
2. Brock Hardy, Nebraska
3. Beau Bartlett, Penn State
4. CJ Composto, Pennsylvania
5. Cael Happel, Northern Iowa
6. Josh Koderhandt, Navy
7. Jacob Frost, Iowa State
8. Vance VomBaur, Minnesota

149 lbs.

1. Ridge Lovett, Nebraska
2. Caleb Henson, Virginia Tech
3. Shayne Van Ness, Penn State
4. Dylan D' Emilio, Ohio State
5. Lachlan McNeil, North Carolina
6. Ethan Stiles, Oregon State
7. Sammy Alvarez, Rider
8. Gavin Drexler, North Dakota State

157 lbs.

1. Antrell Taylor, Nebraska
2. Joey Blaze, Purdue
3. Tyler Kasak, Penn State
4. Trevor Chumbley, Northwestern
5. Meyer Shapiro, Cornell
6. Vinny Zerban, Northern Colorado
7. Matty Bianchi, Little Rock
8. Caleb Fish, Oklahoma State

165 lbs.

1. Mitchell Mesenbrink, Penn State
2. **Michael Caliendo, Iowa**
3. Peyton Hall, West Virginia
4. Christopher Minto, Nebraska
5. Terrell Barraclough, Utah Valley
6. Hunter Garvin, Stanford
7. Cam Steed, Missouri
8. Cameron Amine, Oklahoma State

174 lbs.

1. Dean Hamiti, Oklahoma State
2. Keegan O' Toole, Missouri
3. Levi Haines, Penn State
4. **Patrick Kennedy, Iowa**
5. Simon Ruiz, Cornell
6. Cade DeVos, South Dakota State
7. Matthew Singleton, NC State
8. Danny Wask, Navy

184 lbs.

1. Carter Starocci, Penn State
2. Parker Keckeisen, Northern Iowa
3. Max McEnelly, Minnesota
4. Dustin Plott, Oklahoma State
5. Chris Foca, Cornell
6. Jaxon Smith, Maryland
7. Silas Allred, Nebraska
8. Donnell Washington, Indiana

197 lbs.

1. **Stephen Buchanan, Iowa**
2. Josh Barr, Penn State
3. AJ Ferrari, CSU Bakersfield
4. Jacob Cardenas, Michigan
5. Joseph Novak, Wyoming
6. Stephen Little, Little Rock
7. Mac Stout, Pittsburgh
8. Camden McDanel, Nebraska

285 lbs.

1. Wyatt Hendrickson, Oklahoma State
2. Gable Steveson, Minnesota
3. Cohlton Schultz, Arizona State
4. Isaac Trumble, NC State
5. Owen Trephan, Lehigh
6. Greg Kerkvliet, Penn State
7. Joshua Heindselman, Michigan
8. **Ben Kueter, Iowa**

2025 NCAA CHAMPIONSHIPS REVIEW

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania | Wells Fargo Center
March 20-22, 2025

Place	Team	Score
1.	Penn State	177.0
2.	Nebraska	117.0
3.	Oklahoma State	102.5
4.	Iowa	81.0
5.	Minnesota	51.5
5.	Ohio State	51.5
7.	Cornell	50.0
8.	NC State	46.5
9.	Northern Iowa	45.5
10.	Illinois	44.5

Individual Champions

Wt.	Name, School
125	Vincent Robinson, NC State
133	Lucas Byrd, Illinois
141	Jesse Mendez, Ohio State
149	Ridge Lovett, Nebraska
157	Antrell Taylor, Nebraska
165	Mitchell Mesenbrink, Penn State
174	Dean Hamiti, Oklahoma State
184	Carter Starocci, Penn State
197	Stephen Buchanan II, Iowa
285	Wyatt Hendrickson, Oklahoma State

Iowa's Qualifiers

Wt.	Name	Place
125	Joey Cruz	DNP
133	Drake Ayala	2nd
149	Kyle Parco	DNP
157	Jacori Teemer	DNP
165	Michael Caliendo	2nd
174	Patrick Kennedy	4th
184	Gabe Arnold	DNP
197	Stephen Buchanan II	2nd
285	Ben Kueter	8th

Outstanding Wrestler

Carter Starocci, Penn State

Coach of the Year

Mark Manning, Little Rock

Gorriaran Trophy

Cam Steed, Missouri

Hodge Trophy

Wyatt Hendrickson, Oklahoma State

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QUICK FACTS

School Information

Name: University of Iowa
Location: Iowa City, Iowa
Enrollment: 32,199
President: Barbara Wilson
Director of Athletics: Beth Goetz
Colors: Black & Gold (PMS 116)
Nickname: Hawkeyes
Mascot: Herky the Hawk
Conference: Big Ten
Facility (Capacity): Carver-Hawkeye Arena (14,847)

Team Information

Head Coach (Alma Mater, Yr.):

Tom Brands (Iowa, 1992)
School Record (Yrs.): 291-28-1 (19th year)
Overall Record (Yrs.): 308-48-1 (21st year)

Associate Head Coach (Alma Mater, Year):

Terry Brands (Iowa, 1992)

Assistant Coach (Alma Mater, Year):

Ryan Morningstar (Iowa, 2009)

Assistant Coach (Alma Mater, Year):

Bobby Telford (Iowa, 2015)

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PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

Drake Ayala _____ eye-YELL-uh
Dru Ayala _____ eye-YELL-uh
Will Carano _____ kuh-RAHN-oh
Koye Grebel _____ Coy GREE-bell
Keyan Hernandez _____ KEY-an
Ben Kueter _____ KEY-ter
Anthony Lavezzola _____ lah-veh-z-oh-luh
Kyle Parco _____ par-KO
Caleb Rathjen _____ ROTCHIE
Cullan Schriever _____ SHREE-ver
Leif Schroeder _____ SHROW-der
Jacori Teemer _____ ja-CORE-ee
Kael Voinovich _____ voin-o-vich
Victor Voinovich _____ voin-o-vich
Jesse Ybarra _____ ee-BAR-uh

2025 NCAA CHAMPIONSHIP LINEUP

#2 IOWA HAWKEYES (14-1, 7-1 BIG TEN)

2024-25 Overall

Wt.	Seed	Name	Yr.	Hometown/High School	Record
125	29	Joey Cruz	So.	Fresno, California/Bullard	16-14
133	2	Drake Ayala	Jr.	Fort Dodge, Iowa/Fort Dodge	21-3
149	5	Kyle Parco	Sr.	Danville, California/De La Salle	21-5
157	18	Jacori Teemer	Grad.	Long Beach, New York/Long Beach	8-6
165	3	Michael Caliendo	Jr.	Geneva, Illinois/Batavia	24-3
174	11	Patrick Kennedy	Sr.	Kasson-Mantorville, Minnesota/Kasson-Mantorville	18-7
184	11	Gabe Arnold	R-Fr.	Albany, Georgia/Iowa City	19-7
197	2	Stephen Buchanan II	Grad.	Loyal, Wisconsin/Loyal	26-1
285	5	Ben Kueter	R-Fr.	Iowa City, Iowa/Iowa City	21-9

Head Coach: Tom Brands

Associate Head Coach: Terry Brands

Assistant Coaches: Ryan Morningstar, Bobby Telford

ON THE MAT

The University of Iowa wrestling team finished the 2024-25 season with a 14-1 overall record and a 7-1 Big Ten mark. The Hawkeyes placed third at the Big Ten Championships and fourth at the NCAA Championships. Iowa had five All-Americans. The program had 10 Academic All-Big Ten selections.

BUCHANAN WINS NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

Grad student Stephen Buchanan II won the 197-pound title at the 2025 NCAA Wrestling Championships in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on March 22.

- The title was Buchanan's first after finishing in third in both 2024 and 2022. He is a four-time All-American and the first wrestler to earn All-America honors at three different schools. He outscored his opponents, 64-15, winning twice by decision, and once via major decision, and twice via technical fall. He scored 24 team points.
- Buchanan opened the national tournament with a 22-9 major decision over Remy Cotton (Michigan State) and a tech fall in the second round over Joseph Novak (Wyoming).
- After a technical fall over Seth Shumate (Ohio State) and a decision over AJ Ferrari (CSUB), Buchanan defeated Penn State's Josh Barr in the final, 5-2.
- Buchanan is the first Hawkeye to win a national title at 197-pounds since the weight class was introduced in 1999.
- His title is the 86th individual NCAA title in school history.

HAWKEYE WRESTLING HISTORY

The Hawkeyes have won 24 national titles and 37 Big Ten titles.

- Iowa's 56 NCAA Champions have won a total of 86 NCAA individual titles, crowning seven three-time and 16 two-time champions.
- The Hawkeyes' 118 Big Ten champions have combined for 210 conference titles. There have been eight four-time, 20 three-time and 31 two-time Big Ten champions from Iowa.
- Iowa's 169 All-Americans have earned All-America status 372 times, including two five-time, 25 four-time, 38 three-time and 42 two-time honorees.

NCAA TROPHIES

The Hawkeyes have earned a team trophy at the NCAA Championships 15 times in the last 17 championships. Iowa has won 15 team trophies in head coach Tom Brands' 18 seasons. (The 2020 season, in which Iowa was favored, was cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic).

• Iowa has won 49 team NCAA trophies in program history and have 70 top 10 finishes. The Hawkeyes have been the NCAA runner-up seven times.

CHASING THE HAWKEYES

Gary Kurdelmeier led Iowa to its first NCAA Championship in 1975, and in the 49 years since, the Hawkeyes have accumulated 24 team titles, more than any other school -- Penn State (12), Oklahoma State (7), Minnesota (3), Iowa State (2), Ohio State (1) and Arizona State (1).

HAWKEYES IN THE FINALS

Drake Ayala advanced to the 133-pound finals of the 2025 NCAA Championships to extend Iowa's streak of NCAA finals appearances to 35 consecutive tournaments. Michael Caliendo also made the 165 pound-final and Stephen Buchanan II was in the 197-pound final.

• Iowa has had at least one wrestler in the NCAA finals every year since 1990, and in 49 of the last 50 tournaments dating back to 1975.

ALL-AMERICAN STREAK

The Hawkeyes have crowned at least one All-American in 54 consecutive tournaments, a stretch dating back to 1972. Iowa has totaled 332 All-America honors during that stretch.

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NINE QUALIFIERS

The Hawkeyes sent nine wrestlers to the NCAA Championships. The Hawkeyes have sent at least nine wrestlers for 13 straight years and 17 times since 2007, Tom Brands first year as head coach.

- Eight of Iowa's nine qualifiers earned automatic bids to the NCAA tournament at the 2025 Big Ten Championships. Joey Cruz got an at-large bid at 125 pounds.
- Iowa is one of 10 schools sending 9 wrestlers to the national tournament.
- Iowa has sent at least eight athletes to the NCAA Championships in each of head coach Tom Brands' 18 seasons.

ALL-AMERICAN: DRAKE AYALA

- Earning his second career All-America honors with a runner-up finish at 133, Ayala opened the national tournament with a 21-5 major decision over Kade Moore (Missouri) and a tech fall in the second round over Julian Farber (Northern Iowa).
- Ayala defeated Nic Bouzakis (Ohio State) and Zan Fugitt (Wisconsin) before falling to Illinois' Lucas Byrd in the final.
- Ayala entered as the No. 2 seed this season. He scored 19.5 team points.
- Ayala is a Fort Dodge, Iowa, native.

ALL-AMERICAN: MICHAEL CALIENDO

- With a runner up finish at 165, Caliendo picked up the third All-American honors of his career. He was seventh at 165 as a freshman at North Dakota State and fourth a year ago for the Hawkeyes.
- Caliendo's path at the NCAA Championships this season included an 11-3 major decision win over Aiden Riggins (Iowa State) and a major decision against Jack Thomsen (Northern Iowa). A decision over Michigan's Beau Mantanona and a decision over Peyton Hall (West Virginia) set up his finals match with Mitchell Mesenbrink (Penn State).
- He entered the week seeded third and scored 18 team points.

ALL-AMERICAN: PATRICK KENNEDY

- Kennedy placed fourth at 174, becoming an All-American for the first time in his career.
- Kennedy had lost in the consolations in his previous two trips to the championships.
- An 11 seed at this year's tournament Kennedy won five matches via decision and scored 12.5 team points.

ALL-AMERICAN: BEN KUETER

- Kueter became an All-American for the first time, placing eighth at 285. Kueter a redshirt freshman was competing at his first NCAA Championship.
- The No. 5 seed in the heavyweight bracket he scored 5.5 team points.
- The Iowa City, Iowa, native finished his season with a record of 21-9, with all nine of his losses coming to seniors or fifth years.

ACADEMIC ALL-BIG TEN

- 10 Hawkeye wrestlers were among the 56 University of Iowa student-athletes named to the 2024-25 Big Ten Winter Academic All-Conference Team.
- To be eligible for Academic All-Big Ten status, students must be on a varsity team, as verified by being on the official squad list as of March 1 for winter sports, who have been enrolled fulltime at the institution for a minimum of 12 months and carry a cumulative grade-point average of 3.0 or higher.
 - The list of honorees includes Ryder Block, Nelson Brands, Easton Fleshman, Koye Grebel, Gage Marty, Charles Matthews, Aidan McCain, Jace Rhodes, Cullan Schriever and Victor Voinovich.

NWCA SCHOLAR ALL-AMERICANS

Two University of Iowa wrestlers – Stephen Buchanan II and Kyle Parco – were named 2025 National Wrestling Coaches Association Division I Scholar All-Americans.

- NWCA DI Scholar All-Americans excel on the mat and in the classroom. To be eligible, a student-athlete must have a 3.0 GPA and be an All-American, have a 3.2 GPA and be a National Qualifier, or have a 3.5 GPA and represent their team at the conference tournament or win 60 percent of their matches.
- Iowa has received 64 NWCA academic honors since Tom Brands was named head coach in 2006.

A PERFECT (BIG) TEN

Stephen Buchanan II (8-0) finished the Big Ten duals season with perfect conference record.

- Since 2007, Tom Brands' first season as Iowa head coach, a wrestler has navigated a perfect Big Ten regular season 24 times.
- From 2014-15 to 2020-21 when the conference went to a nine-dual regular season schedule, eight Hawkeyes posted perfect 9-0 records: Spencer Lee, Kaleb Young, and Michael Kemerer in 2019-20, Alex Marinelli did it in 2018-19, Thomas Gilman did it three times (2015, 2016, 2017), and Alex Meyer, Brandon Sorensen, and Sam Stoll were all 9-0 in 2015-16.
- Austin DeSanto and Jayden Eierman had perfect 5-0 records during the Big Ten only season. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic the Hawkeyes had three duals cancelled that season.
- Since the conference switched back to eight duals in 2020-21 two Hawkeyes have gone a perfect 8-0 (Buchanan this season and Lee in 2022-23)

FRESHMAN TRACKER

Eight Hawkeye freshman competed as attached competitors during the 2024-25 season. Under new NCAA guidelines, freshmen can compete in five dates of competition during the student-athlete's initial year of collegiate enrollment without using a season of competition.

- Here is a list of competitions for Iowa's freshmen in 2024-25: Miguel Estrada (8), Angelo Ferrari (5), Kael Voinovich (4), Keyan Hernandez (3), Dru Ayala (2), Brady Benham (2), Anthony Lavezola (1) and Brody Sampson (1)

ALL-AMERICANS

The Hawkeyes had six past All-Americans on the 2024-25 roster in Drake Ayala (125), Kyle Parco (149), Jacori Teemer (165), Michael Caliendo (165), Nelson Brands (174), Stephen Buchanan (197).

- The Hawkeyes have crowned at least one All-American in 53 consecutive tournaments, a stretch dating back to 1972. Iowa has totaled 327 All-America honors during that stretch.

TV TIME

Seven University of Iowa men's wrestling duals were televised on BTN during the 2024-25 season.

- Iowa's BTN appearances included home duals against Stanford, Illinois, Ohio State, Nebraska and Oklahoma State and road duals at Penn State and Minnesota.
- The duration of the Big Ten Championships, held March 8-9 in Evanston, Illinois, was also televised on BTN.
- Iowa's duals against Iowa State, Wisconsin, Maryland and Northwestern were streamed on B1G+ (subscription required). The Journeymen Wrestling "Uncivil War" against Princeton and Army was streamed on UFC Fight Pass

BIG

2024-25 BIG STANDINGS

	Conf.	Overall
Penn State	8-0	12-0
Iowa	7-1	14-1
Minnesota	6-2	10-2
Nebraska	6-2	11-3
Ohio State	5-3	13-3
Rutgers	5-3	14-5
Illinois	4-4	9-4
Purdue	3-5	10-6
Indiana	3-5	8-5
Michigan	3-5	7-5
Maryland	3-5	9-10
Northwestern	2-6	4-7
Wisconsin	1-7	5-12
Michigan State	0-8	4-10

BIG WRESTLER OF THE WEEK

Date	Wrestler (Wt., School)
Nov. 7	Joseph Walker (174, Michigan)
Nov. 14	Matt Ramos (125, Purdue)
Nov. 21	Ridge Lovett (149, Nebraska)
Nov. 27	Mitchell Messenbrink (165, Penn State)
Dec. 5	Max McEnelly (184, Minnesota)
Dec. 12	Antrell Taylor (157, Nebraska) Matt Ramos (125, Purdue)
Dec. 19	Beau Bartlett (141, Penn State)
Dec. 27	Jesse Mendez (141, Ohio State)
Jan. 9	Kyle Parco (149, Iowa)
Jan. 16	Jaxon Smith (184, Maryland) Greg Kerkvliet (285, Penn State)
Jan. 23	Drake Ayala (133, Iowa) Ridge Lovett (149, Nebraska)
Jan. 30	Lucas Byrd (133, Illinois) Dean Peterson (125, Rutgers)
Feb. 5	Tyler Kasak (157, Penn State)
Feb. 12	Gable Steveson (285, Minnesota)
Feb. 20	Beau Bartlett (141, Penn State)
Feb. 26	Angelo Ferrari (184, Iowa)*

*Ferrari was also named B1G Freshman of the Week

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STARTING AT 125

In the 320 matches that Iowa has wrestled under head coach Tom Brands the Hawkeyes have started at 125 pounds 268 times. Iowa is 240-27-1 in those matches.

- Iowa is 50-1 under Brands when starting at a weight other than 125.
- Since 2003, Iowa is 251-32-1 when starting at 125 and 68-10 at when starting at a different weight.

SOLD OUT X 4

Iowa wrestling's season ticket allotment at Carver-Hawkeye Arena sold out for a fourth straight season. The Hawkeyes have led the nation in attendance every year since 2006-07. Iowa set an NCAA record, averaging 14,905 fans in 2021-22.

BROTHERHOOD

Drake and Dru Ayala, Joey and Patrick Kennedy and Victor and Kael Voinovich are the latest sets of brothers to compete for Iowa men's wrestling.

- There have been 48 sets of brothers to come through the Iowa wrestling program, including head coach Tom Brands and associate head coach Terry Brands.
- Terry and Nelson Brands are the ninth father son duo and Tom and Nelson are the fifth uncle nephew duo to wrestle for Iowa.

CAMBUS SHUTTLE

Free parking is available in the Hancher Auditorium Parking Lot on dates where no performances are scheduled. When the Hancher Auditorium Lot is available, complimentary Cambus shuttles to Carver-Hawkeye Arena will begin 90 minutes prior to the start of the meet and run until one (1) hour following the conclusion of the meet.

A NEW HOME FOR IOWA WRESTLING

Construction on the \$31 million Goschke Family Wrestling Training Center finished in May 2024. The 38,000-square-foot facility is the new training home of the Iowa men's and women's wrestling programs. The wrestling room on the south end of the building is connected by underground tunnel to Carver-Hawkeye Arena.

- The two-level building features a Hall of Champions that pays homage to the history of Iowa wrestling. The main entrance welcomes visitors with trophy displays celebrating Iowa's All-Americans and national champions. The lower-level includes locker rooms, while the upper-level houses student-athlete lounges and coaches' offices that overlook the wrestling room.
- The facility's largest space, the Bob and Kathy Nicolls Wrestling Room, features 30-foot-high ceilings with nearly twice as much practice space as the former room. An adjacent strength and conditioning room on the lower level flows seamlessly into the wrestling room.

WRESTLETOWN, USA

Iowa City, Iowa, was dubbed Wrestletown, USA by NBC Sports when hosting the 2016 Olympic Team Trials.

- The University of Iowa men's wrestling program led the nation in attendance for the 17th straight year last year.
- The Hawkeyes drew an average of 14,847 fans per home date during the 2023-24 season with 89,082 fans entering the doors of Carver-Hawkeye Arena. Iowa drew capacity crowds of 14,847 in all six of its home duals.
- Iowa has led the nation in attendance in each season of head coach Tom Brands' tenure (attendance totals weren't tracked during the 2020-21 season due to most venues having no-spectators due to the COVID-19 pandemic). This was the 15th straight year the Hawkeyes have averaged more than 8,000 fans.

NCAA EXPERIENCE

The Hawkeyes had nine wrestlers on the roster with NCAA Championships experience entering the 2024-25 season. Drake Ayala was the 2024 runner up at 125 pounds. Caleb Rathjen (2024) and Victor Voinovich III (2023) have both qualified once at 149 pounds. Kyle Parco (149) and Jacori Teemer (157) are both four-time All-Americans. Parco's highest finish came in 2023 when he finished fourth and Teemer was the runner up in 2024. Michael Caliendo (165) is a two-time All-American and finished fourth in 2024. Patrick Kennedy is a two-time national qualifier at 165 and 174 pounds. Nelson Brands (174/184) is a two-time All-American and finished fifth in 2023 at 174. Stephen Buchanan (197) is a three-time All-American finishing 3rd in both 2022 and 2024.

SOLDIER SALUTE CHAMPS

Iowa tallied 248 team points to win the 2024 team title at the Soldier Salute. It is the third straight year the Hawkeyes won the title.

- Seven Hawkeyes won individual titles at the tournament. Drake Ayala (133), Kyle Parco (149), Michael Caliendo (165), Caleb Rathjen (149), Jared Franek (157), Michael Caliendo (165), Gabe Arnold (174-Unattached) and Zach Glazier (197).

HAWKEYES RETAIN DAN GABLE TROPHY

The University of Iowa wrestling team defeated No. 12 Iowa State, 21-15, on Nov. 23 in Carver-Hawkeye Arena in the Iowa Corn Cy-Hawk Series. The win was Iowa's 20th straight in the series and awarded Iowa possession of the Dan Gable Traveling Trophy for 13th consecutive year. Iowa has owned the Dan Gable Traveling Trophy every year since its inception in 2010.

SPENCER LEE THE OLYMPIAN

Former University of Iowa All-American and three-time National Champion Spencer Lee won a silver medal at the 2024 Paris Olympics, becoming the 11th Hawkeye wrestler in school history to medal at the Olympic Games

HAWKEYES AND CARVER-HAWKEYE ARENA

Iowa is 138-14 (.907) at Carver-Hawkeye Arena since Tom Brands took over the program prior to 2006-07. The Hawkeyes are 287-27 (.914) all-time at Carver-Hawkeye Arena since moving from the UI Field House in 1983. Iowa went 5-1 in Carver in 2023-24.

- Carver-Hawkeye Arena has hosted two United States Olympic Team Trials, four Big Ten Championships (1983, 1994, 2005, 2016) and four NCAA Championships (1986, 1991, 1995, 2001). The Hawkeyes have won five tournament titles on their home mat, including the 1983 and 1994 Big Ten Championships, and the 1986, 1991 and 1995 NCAA Championships.

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Welsh-Ryan Arena

Place	Team	Score
1.	Penn State	181.5
2.	Nebraska	137
3.	Iowa	112
4.	Minnesota	108.5
5.	Illinois	105.5
6.	Ohio State	95.5
7.	Michigan	71
8.	Maryland	54
9.	Rutgers	46
10.	Purdue	44.5
11.	Indiana	33
12.	Northwestern	21.5
13.	Wisconsin	19
14.	Michigan State	11.5

Individual Champions

Wt.	Name, School
125	Luke Lilledahl, Penn State
133	Lucas Byrd, Illinois
141	Brock Hardy, Nebraska
149	Ridge Lovett, Nebraska
157	Tyler Kasak, Penn State
165	Mitchell Messenbrink, Penn State
174	Levi Haynes, Penn State
184	Carter Starocci, Penn State
197	Jacob Cardenas, Michigan
285	Gable Steveson, Minnesota

Iowa's Placewinners

Wt.	Name	Place
125	Joey Cruz	DNP
133	Drake Ayala	2nd
141	Cullan Schriever	DNP
149	Kyle Parco	4th
157	Jacori Teemer	7th
165	Michael Caliendo	2nd
174	Patrick Kennedy	5th
184	Gabe Arnold	5th
197	Stephen Buchanan	2nd
285	Ben Kueter	3rd

Big Ten Awards

Coach of the Year: Cael Sanderson, Penn State

Freshman of the Year: Max McEnelly, Penn State

Wrestler of the Year: Carter Starocci, Penn State

Wrestler of the Championship: Gable Steveson, Minnesota

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TOM BRANDS

Head Coach

University of Iowa, 1992

Five-time Big Ten and three-time NWCA Coach of the Year Tom Brands completed his 19th season as head wrestling coach at the University of Iowa in 2024-25. A 1996 Olympic gold medalist and member of wrestling's Hall of Fame, Brands is only the eighth head wrestling coach at the University of Iowa. The former Hawkeye wrestler was a four-time All-American and three-time national champion (1989-92) at Iowa. He has a 291-28-1 (.912) overall and 140-15 (.914) Big Ten coaching

record at Iowa. He has a 308-48-1 (.861) career mark and a 140-14 (.907) record at Carver-Hawkeye Arena.

In 19 seasons as Iowa's head coach, the Sheldon, Iowa, native has led the Hawkeyes to four NCAA and six Big Ten team titles, crowning 14 NCAA champions, 26 Big Ten champions and 109 All-Americans. Iowa has had 200 Academic All-Big Ten recipients, including a school-record 20 in 2023-24. The Hawkeyes have qualified 185 wrestlers for the NCAA Championships in the last 18 years, sending the entire 10-man lineup in 2010, 2014, 2015, 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023. Iowa has won or shared the Big Ten regular season title 12 times in Brands' 17 seasons.

The program set the national collegiate dual meet attendance record of 42,287 when No. 3 Iowa defeated top-ranked Oklahoma State, 18-16, on Nov. 14, 2015 at the Grapple on the Gridiron at Kinnick Stadium. Iowa has led the nation in attendance every year since Brands became head coach in 2006-07, setting an NCAA all-time attendance average of 14,905 in 2021-22.

Brands has been named NWCA National Coach of the Year three times. He was first honored in 2008 after leading the Hawkeyes to their first NCAA team title since 2000. He was recognized in 2020 when the top-ranked Hawkeyes won Big Ten regular season and tournament championships and entered the NCAA Championships as the favorite to win the team title. The tournament was canceled due to the COVID-19 pandemic. He most recently won the award in 2021 when Iowa won Big Ten and NCAA team titles.



TOM BRANDS
Three-time NCAA Champion
University of Iowa, 1990, 1991, 1992

Brands At Iowa

Year	Overall Dual Record	Big Ten Dual Record	Big Ten Place	NCAA Place	Big Ten Champions	NCAA Champions	All-Americans	NCAA Qualifiers	Academic All-Big Ten
2006-07	14-5	5-3	3rd	8th	1	1	3	8	4
2007-08	21-1	8-0	1st	1st	1	2	7	9	6
2008-09	24-0	8-0	1st	1st	2	0	5	9	9
2009-10	23-0	8-0	1st	1st	2	3	8	10	5
2010-11	15-0-1	8-0	2nd	3rd	2	0	5	9	10
2011-12	14-4	6-2	3rd	3rd	2	1	6	8	12
2012-13	20-3	8-0	3rd	4th	0	1	4	9	7
2013-14	15-2	7-1	2nd	4th	1	1	6	10	8
2014-15	17-1	9-0	T-1st	2nd	0	0	6	10	9
2015-16	16-1	9-0	2nd	5th	2	0	6	9	10
2016-17	13-2	8-1	3rd	4th	2	1	5	9	9
2017-18	12-3	6-3	4th	3rd	0	1	5	9	10
2018-19	14-1	9-0	3rd	4th	1	1	6	9	13
2019-20	13-0	9-0	1st	x	3	x	10	10	17
2020-21	5-0	5-0	1st	1st	4	1	7	10	13
2021-22	14-1	7-1	3rd	3rd	1	0	5	10	14
2022-23	15-1	7-1	2nd	2nd	2	0	6	10	14
2023-24	11-2	6-2	4th	5th	0	0	4	9	20
2024-25	14-1	7-1	3rd	4th	0	1	5	9	10
Total	291-28-1	140-15			26	14	109	185	200

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Brands was named Big Ten Coach of the Year in 2008, 2009, 2010, 2020 and 2021. He is the only coach in program history to earn the award five times.

Brands served as head coach at Virginia Tech University for two seasons (2005-06), recording a 17-20 dual mark. In his first season with the Hokies, Brands led the team to the 2005 regular season Atlantic Coast Conference title, set a school record for dual meet wins (16) and had a school-record five wrestlers qualify for the NCAA Championships.

Prior to taking the helm at Virginia Tech, Brands was an assistant coach at Iowa for 12 seasons (1993-2004). He helped the Hawkeyes to a 177-27 dual record, seven NCAA and eight Big Ten team titles, while crowning 23 NCAA champions, 73 All-Americans and 36 Big Ten champions. He was named the National Wrestling Coaches Association Assistant Coach of the Year in 2000.

In 2004, he was one of three coaches for the U.S. Olympic freestyle wrestling team, participating in Athens, and in 2016 he was named a volunteer coach of the United States Olympic team in Rio. Brands also served as assistant coach for the U.S. Freestyle World Teams in 2001, 2002, 2003, 2013, 2014, and 2015. He was named Freestyle Coach of the Year by USA Wrestling in 2002 and 2003. He has coached a number of other U.S. teams in international competition.

As a competitor, Brands won the 1996 Olympic freestyle gold medal at 136.5 pounds in Atlanta, Georgia. He also won a gold medal at the 1993 World Championships in Toronto, two World Cup gold medals (1994, 1995) and was the 1995 Pan American Games champion. He won four U.S. National titles (1993-96) and made four straight U.S. World or Olympic teams (1993-96). Along with his twin brother, Terry, Tom was named 1993 USA Wrestling Athlete of the Year, the 1993 John Smith Outstanding Freestyle Wrestler, and 1993 Amateur Wrestling News Man of the Year. He was inducted into wrestling's Hall of Fame in 2001.

Brands was a four-time All-American at Iowa (1989-92). During his Hawkeye career, he won three NCAA titles and was named Outstanding Wrestler of the 1992 NCAA Championships. Also a three-time Big Ten champion, Brands won 95 percent of his matches at Iowa. His career mark of 158-7-2 includes an undefeated season in 1991 (45-0).

The Sheldon, Iowa, native was born April 9, 1968. He earned his B.S. degree in physical education from Iowa in 1992. He and his wife, Jeni, have three adult children, Madigan, Kinsee and Tommy.



TOM BRANDS
Three-time NWCA Coach of the Year
University of Iowa, 2008, 2020, 2021

Coaching Career

TEAM	POSITION, YEARS
Iowa	Head Coach, 2006-present
Virginia Tech	Head Coach, 2004-06
Iowa	Assistant, 1993-2004
Team USA	Coach, 2016 Rio Olympics
Team USA	Coach, 2015 World Championships
Team USA	Coach, 2014 World Championships
Team USA	Coach, 2013 World Championships
Team USA	Coach, 2004 Athens Olympics
Team USA	Coach, 2003 World Championships
Team USA	Coach, 2002 World Championships
Team USA	Coach, 2001 World Championships

Career Record

Overall: 308-48-1 (19 years) | Iowa: 291-28-1 (17 years) | Big Ten: 140-15

- Ranks second all-time in program history in overall wins (291)
- Ranks second all-time in winning percentage (.912)
- 17-20 mark at Virginia Tech, winning 2005 conference dual title, and crowning five conference champions and two All-Americans

Coaching Honors

- 2008, 2009, 2010, 2020, 2021 Big Ten Coach of the Year. First coach in conference history to win the honor in three consecutive seasons.
- 2008, 2020, 2021 NWCA Coach of the Year
- 2000 NWCA Assistant Coach of the Year
- 2002 and 2003 USA Wrestling Freestyle Coach of the Year
- 2002 Walter Camp national Coach of the Year
- 2000 NWCA Assistant Coach of the Year

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#2 Iowa 30, #23 Oregon State 7

- 125 – #27 Max Renteria (O) dec. Joey Cruz (I), 6-4
- 133 – #7 Drake Ayala (I) tech. fall Damion Elliot (O), 26-10
- 141 – Ryder Block (I) dec. Nash Singleton (O), 5-4
- 149 – #4 Kyle Parco (I) dec. Victor Jacinto (O), 5-1
- 157 – Ethan Stiles (O) major dec. Caleb Rathjen (I), 12-3
- 165 – #2 Michael Caliendo (I) tech. fall Kekana Fouret (O), 18-3
- 174 – Nelson Brands (I) dec. #32 Sean Harman (O), 2-1
- 184 – Gabe Arnold (I) tech. fall TJ McDonnell (O), 20-5
- 197 – #2 Stephen Buchanan (I) dec. #7 Trey Munoz (O), 9-5
- 285 – #11 Ben Kueter dec. Brett Mower (O), 10-4

Attendance: 4,273
Officials: Chris Bettineski, Scott Hall

#2 Iowa 32, #20 Stanford 9

- 125 – #31 Kale Petersen (I) won via forfeit.
- 133 – #23 Tyler Knox (S) dec. #7 Drake Ayala (I), 15-10
- 141 – Aden Valencia (S) dec. #31 Ryder Block (I), 11-6
- 149 – #4 Kyle Parco (I) tech fall. #12 Jaden Abas (S), 15-0
- 157 - #1 Jacori Teemer (I) major dec. Gregor Cholakyan (S), 13-3
- 165 – #2 Michael Caliendo (I) dec. #7 Hunter Garvin (S), 17-12
- 174 – #17 Lorenzo Norman (S) dec. #6 Nelson Brands (I), 4-1
- 184 – #7 Gabe Arnold (I) major dec. Tye Montiero (S), 14-3
- 197 – #2 Stephen Buchanan (I) tech. fall #17 Nick Stemmet, 17-1
- 285 – #11 Ben Kueter (I) tech. fall Jackson Mankowski (S), 19-4

Attendance:13,158
Officials: Conrad Duffy, Josh Hatfield

#2 Iowa 49, Bellarmine 0

- 125 – #31 Kale Petersen (I) tech. fall Jack Parker (B), 26-6
- 133 – #9 Drake Ayala (I) major dec. Trayce Eckman (B), 14-6
- 141 – #32 Ryder Block (I) tech. fall David Mayora (B), 19-4
- 149 – #4 Kyle Parco (I) tech. fall Zac Cowan (B), 21-4
- 157 – #1 Jacori Teemer (I) pinned Gray Ortis (B), 0:24
- 165 – #2 Michael Caliendo (I) tech. fall Cole Nance (B), 21-6
- 174 – #10 Nelson Brands (I) tech. fall Grant O'Dell (B), 20-5
- 184 – #8 Gabe Arnold (I) dec. Devan Hendricks (B), 5-3
- 197 – #2 Stephen Buchanan (I) tech. fall Andrew Liber (B), 16-1
- 285 – #12 Ben Kueter (I) pinned Daulton Mayer (B), 0:32

Attendance: 2,285
Officials: Pete Mankowich, Ryan Strophe

#2 Iowa 21, #12 Iowa State 15

- 125 – Adrian Meza (ISU) dec. #27 Kale Petersen (IA), 5-1
- 133 – #9 Drake Ayala (IA) dec. #5 Evan Frost (ISU), 11-7
- 141 – Zach Redding (ISU) dec. #31 Ryder Block (IA), 5-4
- 149 – #4 Kyle Parco (IA) dec. #7 Anthony Echemendia (ISU), 4-3
- 157 – #10 Paniro Johnson (ISU) inj. default #1 Jacori Teemer (IA), 3:32
- 165 – #2 Michael Caliendo (IA) dec. Connor Euton (ISU), 12-7
- 174 – Patrick Kennedy (IA) tech. fall Aiden Riggins (ISU), 19-4
- 184 – Angelo Ferrari (IA) dec. #15 Evan Bockman (ISU), 8-2
- 197 – #2 Stephen Buchanan (IA) major dec. #20 Christian Carroll, 10-0
- 285 – #4 Yonger Bastida (ISU) dec. #13 Ben Kueter (IA), 7-2

Attendance: 14,847
Officials: Curt Frost, Derek Lark

No. 2 Iowa 39, Princeton 3

- 125 | Joey Cruz (I) dec. #30 Ethan Rivera (P), 6-1
- 133 | #6 Drake Ayala (I) major dec. Daniel Jones (P), 13-2
- 141 | Eligh Rivera (P) dec. Cullan Schreiver (I), 4-2
- 149 | #4 Kyle Parco (I) tech. fall Christopher Martino (P), 17-2
- 157 | Miguel Estrada (I) tech. fall Cody Tavoso (P), 21-6
- 165 | #2 Michael Caliendo tech. fall Hudson Hightower, 19-3
- 174 | #8 Nelson Brands (I) tech. fall Xavier Giles (P), 20-4
- 184 | #8 Gabe Arnold (I) major dec. #27 Michael Squires (P), 19-6
- 197 | #2 Stephen Buchanan (I) tech. fall #18 Luke Stout (P), 18-3
- 285 | #13 Ben Kueter (I) dec. #33 Sebastian Garibaldi (P), 8-2

Officials: Pete Mankowich, Matt Zeitz

No. 2 Iowa 23, Army West Point 16

- 125 | #22 Charles Farmer (A) major dec. Joey Cruz (I), 8-0
- 133 | #6 Drake Ayala (I) dec. #23 Ethan Berginc (A), 7-3
- 141 | #29 Braden Basile (A) dec. Cullan Schreiver (I), 11-6
- 149 | #4 Kyle Parco (I) major dec. #26 Trae McDaniel (A), 14-5
- 157 | Dakota Morris (A) pinned Kael Voinovich (I), 6:00
- 165 | #2 Michael Caliendo (I) major dec. #13 Gunner Flipowicz (A), 11-2
- 174 | Patrick Kennedy (I) tech. fall #31 Dalton Harkins (A), 21-4
- 184 | #8 Gabe Arnold (I) dec. Andrew Christie (A), 11-7
- 197 | Stephen Buchanan (I) tech. fall Wolfgang Frable (A), 20-4
- 285 | #27 Lucas Stoddard (A) dec. Easton Fleshman (I), 2-0
- *Iowa was deducted a team point during the 165-pound bout.

Officials: Matt Zeitz, Pete Mankowich

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#2 Iowa 45, Wisconsin 0

125 – Joey Cruz (I) dec. #18 Nicolai Rivera (W), 8-2
133 – #4 Drake Ayala (Iowa) tech. fall #24 Zan Fugitt (W), 21-6
141 – Jace Rhodes (I) dec. Brock Bobzien (W), 6-3 SV1
149 – #4 Kyle Parco (I) tech. fall Royce Nilo (W), 19-3
157 – Miguel Estrada (I) dec. Luke Mechler (W), 10-4
165 – #2 Michael Caliendo (I) tech. fall Gavin Model (W), 21-6
174 – #5 Patrick Kennedy (I) tech. fall #31 Luke Condon (W), 19-4
184 – #5 Gabe Arnold (I) pinned Dylan Russo (W), 1:27
197 – #2 Stephen Buchanan (I) pinned Niccolo Colucci (W), 0:40
285 – #12 Ben Kueter (I) major dec. Gannon Rosenfeld (W), 8-0

Attendance: 3,377

Officials: Curt Frost, Michael Frederiksen

#2 Iowa 28, #9 Illinois 6

125 – #28 Joey Cruz (IA) major dec. Caelan Riley (IL), 13-3
133 – #4 Drake Ayala (IA) dec. #2 Lucas Byrd (IL), 4-2
141 – #12 Danny Pucino (IL) dec. #30 Ryder Block (IA), 4-3
149 – #3 Kyle Parco (IA) dec. #12 Kannon Webster (IL), 1-0
157 – Miguel Estrada (IA) vs. #20 Jason Kraisser (IL), 3-2
165 – #2 Michael Caliendo (IA) tech fall. #11 Braeden Scoles (IL), 20-4
174 – #5 Patrick Kennedy (IA) dec. #21 Danny Braunagel (IL), 5-0
184 – #5 Gabe Arnold (IA) dec. #10 Edmond Ruth (IL), 5-1
197 – #2 Stephen Buchanan (IA) major dec. #18 Zac Braunagel (IL), 13-2
285 – #11 Luke Luffman (IL) dec. #12 Ben Kueter (IA), 3-1

Attendance: 12,746

Officials: Jason Wedgebury, Michael Frederiksen

#2 Iowa 24, #4 Ohio State 13

125 – #28 Joey Cruz (I) dec. #16 Brendan McCrone (O), 6-5
133 – Ben Davino (O) tech. fall Keyan Hernandez (I), 19-4
141 – #1 Jesse Mendez (O) tech. fall #31 Ryder Block (I), 19-2
149 – #2 Kyle Parco (I) dec. #9 Dylan D'Emilio, 8-3
157 – #1 Jacori Teemer (I) dec. #17 Sammy Sasso (O), 10-5
165 – #2 Michael Caliendo (I) major dec. #9 Paddy Gallagher (O), 11-3
174 – #6 Carson Kharchla (O) dec. #5 Patrick Kennedy (I), 7-3
184 – #5 Gabe Arnold (I) dec. #19 Ryder Rogotzke (O) 4-1, SV1
197 – #1 Stephen Buchanan (I) tech. fall #17 Seth Shumate (O), 18-1
285 – #11 Ben Kueter (I) dec. #6 Nick Feldman (O), 5-4

Attendance: 13,356

Officials: Matt Sorochinsky, J.R. Blöse

#1 Penn State 30, #2 Iowa 8

125 – #7 Luke Liledahl (P) tech fall. #26 Joey Cruz (I), 22-6
133 – #3 Drake Ayala (I) tech. fall Kurt McHenry (P), 19-4
141 – #3 Beau Bartlett (P) dec. Cullan Schrieffer (I), 7-3
149 – #4 Shayne Van Ness (P) major dec. #2 Kyle Parco (I), 17-6
157 – #3 Tyler Kasak (P) dec. #1 Jacori Teemer (I), 5-2
165 – #1 Mitchell Mesenbrink (P) tech. fall #2 Michael Caliendo (I), 19-4
174 – #2 Levi Haynes (P) dec. #6 Patrick Kennedy (I), 10-3
184 – #2 Carter Starocci (P) dec. Angelo Ferrari (I), 2-1
197 – #1 Stephen Buahanan II (I) dec. #4 Josh Barr (P), 5-1
285 – #2 Greg Kerkvliet (P) major dec. #11 Ben Kueter (I), 12-2

Officials: Matt Sorochinsky, J.R. Johnson

Attendance: 15,988

#2 Iowa 34, #25 Maryland 9

125 – #26 Joey Cruz (I) major dec. Tyler Garvin (M), 20-6
133 – #11 Braxton Brown (M) pinned Kale Petersen (I), 5:57
141 – Cullan Schrieffer (I) dec. Dario Lemus (M), 6-5
149 – #2 Kyle Parco (I) tech. fall Michael Pizzuto (M), 17-1
157 – #6 Ethen Miller (M) dec. Miguel Estrada (I), 4-2
165 – #2 Michael Caliendo (I) tech. fall Alex Uryniak (M), 26-10
174 – #6 Patrick Kennedy (I) tech fall. Branson John (M), 22-6
184 – #5 Gabe Arnold (I) dec. #11 Jaxon Smith (M), 2-1 TB1
197 – #1 Stephen Buchanan (I) pinned Chase Mielnik (M), 2:50
285 – #11 Ben Kueter (I) dec. #12 Seth Nevills (M), 5-4

Attendance: 2,000

Officials: Jimmy Chen, Nick Grosso

#3 Iowa 19, #7 Nebraska 16

125 – #8 Caleb Smith (N) dec. #26 Joey Cruz (I), 2-1
133 – #3 Drake Ayala (I) dec. #15 Jacob Van Dee (N), 4-2
141 – #6 Brock Hardy (N) major dec. Cullan Schrieffer (I), 14-3
149 – #4 Kyle Parco (I) dec. #2 Ridge Lovett (N), 3-2
157 – #4 Antrell Taylor (N) dec. Miguel Estrada (I), 4-2
165 – #2 Michael Caliendo (I) dec. #8 Christopher Minto (N), 5-1
174 – #14 Lenny Pinto (N) dec. #6 Patrick Kennedy (I), 18-11
184 – #8 Silas Allred (N) dec. #5 Gabe Arnold (I), 4-1 SV1
197 – #1 Stephen Buchanan (I) pinned #20 Camden McDanel (N), 6:52
285 – #11 Ben Kueter (N) dec. #21 Harley Andrews (N), 8-0

Officials: Angel Rivera, Reynaldo Santiago

Attendance: 13,720

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#3 Iowa 23, #6 Minnesota 11

- 125 – #26 Joey Cruz (I) dec. #13 Cooper Flynn (M), 7-4 SV1
- 133 – #3 Drake Ayala (I) dec. #19 Tyler Wells (M), 9-5
- 141 – #8 Vance VomBaur (M) dec. Cullan Schrieffer (I), 14-10
- 149 – #3 Kyle Parco (I) dec. #29 Drew Roberts (M), 5-0
- 157 – #3 Jacori Teemer (I) dec. #8 Tommy Askey (M), 4-1
- 165 – #2 Michael Caliendo (I) tech fall. #11 Andrew Sparks (M), 21-5
- 174 – #11 Patrick Kennedy (I) dec. #22 Clayton Whiting (M), 8-4
- 184 – #4 Max McEnelly (M) dec. #8 Gabe Arnold (I), 4-1 SV1
- 197 – #1 Stephen Buchanan (I) dec. #8 Isaiah Salazar (M), 5-1
- 285 – #1 Gable Steveson (M), #11 Ben Kueter (I), 22-3

Officials: Jeron Quincy, Jay Cox
Attendance: 5,307

#3 Iowa 37, Northwestern 3

- 157 – #9 Trevor Chumbley (N) dec. Miguel Estrada (I), 4-1 SV1
- 165 – #2 Michael Caliendo (I) tech. fall #18 Maxx Mayfield (N), 19-4
- 174 – Nelson Brands (I) tech fall. Aiden Vandenbush (N), 21-5
- 184 – #8 Gabe Arnold (I) major dec. Jon Halvorsen (N), 13-2
- 197 – #1 Stephen Buchanan (I) tech. fall #14 Evan Bates (N), 18-2
- 285 – #11 Ben Kueter (I) tech. fall Dirk Morley (N), 20-4
- 125 – #26 Joey Cruz (I) dec. Dedrick Navarro (N), 6-1
- 133 – Jesse Ybarra (I) dec. Massey Odiotti (N), 7-3
- 141 – Cullan Schrieffer (I) major dec. Luis Bazan (N), 9-0
- 149 – #3 Kyle Parco (I) dec. #25 Sam Cartella (N), 9-2

Officials: Peter Mankowich, Jay Cox
Attendance: 12,807

#3 Iowa 21, #2 Oklahoma State 16

- 125 – #4 Troy Spratley (O) major dec. #16 Joey Cruz (I), 17-3
- 133 – #2 Drake Ayala (I) major dec. Rin Sakamoto (O), 11-1
- 141 – #5 Tagen Jamison (O) major dec. Jace Rhodes (I), 8-0
- 149 – #3 Kyle Parco (I) dec. #18 Carter Young (O), 7-1
- 157 – #3 Jacori Teemer (I) dec. #14 Caleb Fish (O), 10-6
- 165 – #2 Michael Caliendo (I) major dec. #6 Cameron Amine (O), 10-1
- 174 – #3 Dean Hamiti Jr. (O) dec. Nelson Brands (I), 8-1
- 184 – Angelo Ferrari (I) dec. #3 Dustin Plott (O), 6-3 SV1
- 197 – #1 Stephen Buchanan (I) major dec. #6 Luke Surber (O), 10-1
- 285 – #3 Wyatt Hendrickson (O) tech. fall #11 Ben Kueter (I),

Officials: Nicholas Grosso, Titus Godbolt
Attendance: 14,847

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Wrestler, Wt.	Career Record	2024-25 Record	Dual Record	B1G Dual Record	vs. Ranked Opp.	Win Streak	Career CHA Record	Career Dual Starts	Dual Pts. Scored	OT W-L	MD W-L	TF W-L	Pins W-L	Fastest Fall
Dru Ayala, 125	11-4/1-3*	11-4/1-3*	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	3-0	4-0	1-1	2:41
Joey Cruz, 125	25-24	16-14	7-5	6-2	4-11	--	3-3	13	23	1-1	4-5	0-1	--	--
Anthony Lavezzola, 125	2-2/0-6*	2-2/0-6*	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0-1/0-1	--/0-2	1-0/0-1	4:57
Kale Petersen, 125/133	8-5	5-3	2-1	0-1	0-2	--	1-2	4	11	--	1-0	1-1	1-1	6:17
Keyan Hernandez, 125/133	7-3/0-3*	7-3/0-3*	0-1	0-1	0-1	--	0-1	1	--	--	2-0	3-1	1-0	4:13
Drake Ayala, 133	65-16	21-3	11-1	5-0	12-3	--	10-4	31	42	0-1	5-0	7-0	0-1	--
Charles Matthews, 133	14-17	4-1	--	--	--	2	--	--	--	1-0	0-0	1-0	0-0	--
Jesse Ybarra, 141	14-13	2-2	1-0	1-0	--	1	2-2	8	3	--	--	--	--	--
Cullan Schriever, 141	39-25	6-10	2-5	2-3	0-7	--	4-7	24	7	0-1	1-1	2-0	--	--
Jace Rhodes, 141	24-11	5-3	1-1	1-0	0-2	--	0-1	3	3	2-0	1-1	--	--	--
Ryder Block, 141	2-4	2-4	2-4	0-2	0-2	--	0-4	6	8	--	--	1-0	--	--
Aidan Harris, 141	3-5/0-2*	3-1/0-2	--	--	--	--	0-2	4	--	--	--	--	1-0	3:42
Kyle Parco, 149	115-24	21-5	14-1	7-1	14-5	--	7-0	55	53	--	3-4	7-0	--	--
Koye Grebel, 149	11-5	3-3	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1-0	--	1-0	2:14
Kael Voinovich, 149	12-4/5-2*	12-4/5-2	0-1	--	--	1	--	--	--	--	5-0/1-0	--/1-0	2-1	0:50
Caleb Rathjen, 149/157	32-13	8-3	0-1	--	--	--	4-0	10	--	--	2-2	2-0	--	--
Miguel Estrada, 149/157	13-3/1-2*	13-3/1-2*	3-3	2-3	1-3	--	1-2	6	11	0-1	2-0/1-0	4-0	3-0	1:06
Jacori Teemer, 157	85-21	8-6	5-2	2-1	5-6	--	4-1	50	19	0-2	2-1	--	1-0	0:24
Isaiah Fenton, 157	9-5	4-4	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0-1	0-1	2-0	1-0	3:47
Michael Caliendo, 165	81-14	24-3	14-1	7-1	15-3	--	11-2	43	61	--	6-0	11-1	1-0	3:28
Brady Benham, 165	7-3/2-2	7-3/2-2	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1-1	1-0	1-0	1:05
Sebastian Robles, 165	4-4	4-4	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0-2	--	--	--
Patrick Kennedy, 174	59-21	18-7	6-3	4-3	11-7	--	14-5	34	26	1-0	1-1	8-0	1-0	1:59
Nelson Brands, 174	41-21	4-2	4-2	1-0	1-2	--	10-6	31	18	--	--	3-0	--	--
Gabe Arnold, 184	27-8	19-7	10-2	5-2	8-6	--	5-1	16	38	2-4	5-1	3-0	1-1	1:27
Angelo Ferrari, 184	11-1	11-1	2-1	0-1	3-1	1	2-0	3	6	1-0	3-0	4-0	--	--
Aidan McCain, 184	4-7	1-4	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0-1	--	0-1	--
Stephen Buchanan, 197	124-26	26-1	15-0	8-0	18-1	5	7-0	58	69	--	6-0	9-0	4-0	0:40
Brody Sampson, 197	4-1/5-4*	4-1/5-4	--	--	--	3	--	--	--	--	--/0-2	1-0/1-0	2-1/0-1	2:29
Easton Fleshman, 285	13-12	2-3	0-1	--	0-1	--	--	1	--	--	1-0	--	0-1	--
Ben Kueter, 285	24-10	21-9	9-5	5-3	7-6	--	5-4	18	36	--	3-2	2-2	2-1	0:32
Gage Marty, 285	14-11	1-3	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0-1	--	--

CHA - Carver-Hawkeye Arena | OT - overtime | MD - major decision | TF - technical fall

2024-25 records as attached wrestlers | *Competing unattached during 2024-25 season



IOWA MENS WRESTLING

2024-25 SEASON STATS



24 NATIONAL TITLES • 37 BIG TEN TITLES • 85 NCAA INDIVIDUAL TITLES • 210 BIG TEN INDIVIDUAL TITLES • 363 ALL-AMERICA HONORS

2024-25 HAWKEYE STATISTICAL LEADERS (attached competitors)

Overall Wins

1. Stephen Buchanan (197)	26
2. Michael Caliendo (165)	24
3. Kyle Parco (149)	21
Drake Ayala (133)	21
Ben Kueter (285)	21

Overall Winning Percentage

1. Stephen Buchanan (197)	.963
2. Michael Caliendo (165)	.889
3. Drake Ayala (133)	.875
4. Kyle Parco (149)	.840

Dual Wins

1. Stephen Buchanan (197)	15
2. Kyle Parco (149)	14
Michael Caliendo (165)	14
4. Drake Ayala (133)	11
5. Gabe Arnold (184)	10

Dual Winning Percentage

1. Stephen Buchanan (197)	1.000
2. Michael Caliendo (165)	.933
Kyle Parco (149)	.933

Dual Meet Tam Points Scored

1. Stephen Buchanan (197)	69
2. Michael Caliendo (165)	61
3. Kyle Parco (149)	53
4. Drake Ayala (133)	42
5. Gabe Arnold (184)	38

Big Ten Dual Wins

1. Stephen Buchanan (197)	8
2. Kyle Parco (149)	7
Michael Caliendo (165)	7
4. Joey Cruz (125)	6
5. Gabe Arnold (184)	5

Big Ten Dual Winning Percentage

1. 5 Wrestlers	1.000
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Falls

1. Stephen Buchanan (197)	4
2. Miguel Estrada (149/157)	3
3. Brody Sampson (197)	2
Ben Kueter (285)	2
5. 9 Wrestlers	1

Fastest Falls

1. Jacori Teemer (157)	0:24
2. Ben Kueter (285)	0:32
3. Stephen Buchanan (197)	0:40
4. Brady Benahm (165)	1:05
5. Miguel Estrada (149/157)	1:06
Stephen Buchanan (197)	1:06

Technical Falls

1. Michael Caliendo (165)	11
2. Stephen Buchanan (197)	9
3. Patrick Kennedy (174)	8
4. Kyle Parco (149)	7
Drake Ayala (133)	7

Major Decisions

1. Michael Caliendo (165)	6
Stephen Buchanan (197)	6
3. Drake Ayala (133)	5
Kael Voinovich (149)	5
Gabe Arnold (184)	5

Career Dual Starts

1. Stephen Buchanan (197)	58
2. Kyle Parco (149)	55
3. Jacori Teemer (157)	50
4. Michael Caliendo (165)	43
5. Patrick Kennedy (165)	34
6. Drake Ayala (133)	31
7. Victor Voinovich III (149)	23

Career Wins

1. ^Stephen Buchanan	124
2. *Kyle Parco (149)	115
3. ~Jacori Teemer (157)	85
4. !Michael Caliendo	81
5. Drake Ayala (133)	65

^ 98 wins at Wyoming/Oklahoma
*94 wins at Fresno State/Arizona State
~ 77 wins at Arizona State
! 29 wins NDSU

2024-25 IOWA DUAL STARTING LINEUPS

Opponent	125	133	141	149	157	165	174	184	197	285
at Oregon State	Cruz	Ayala	Block	Parco	Rathjen	Caliendo	Brands	Arnold	Buchanan	Kueter
Stanford	Petersen	Ayala	Block	Parco	Teemer	Caliendo	Brands	Arnold	Buchanan	Kueter
at Bellarmine	Petersen	Ayala	Block	Parco	Teemer	Caliendo	Brands	Arnold	Buchanan	Kueter
Iowa State	Petersen	Ayala	Block	Parco	Teemer	Caliendo	Kennedy	Ferrari	Buchanan	Kueter
vs. Princeton	Cruz	Ayala	Schriever	Parco	Estrada	Caliendo	Brands	Arnold	Buchanan	Kueter
vs. Army	Cruz	Ayala	Schriever	Parco	K. Voinovich	Caliendo	Kennedy	Arnold	Buchanan	Fleshman
at Wisconsin	Cruz	Ayala	Rhodes	Parco	Estrada	Caliendo	Kennedy	Arnold	Buchanan	Kueter
Illinois	Cruz	Ayala	Block	Parco	Estrada	Caliendo	Kennedy	Arnold	Buchanan	Kueter
Ohio State	Cruz	Hernandez	Block	Parco	Teemer	Caliendo	Kennedy	Arnold	Buchanan	Kueter
at Penn State	Cruz	Ayala	Schriever	Parco	Teemer	Caliendo	Kennedy	Ferrari	Buchanan	Kueter
at Maryland	Cruz	Petersen	Schriever	Parco	Estrada	Caliendo	Kennedy	Arnold	Buchanan	Kueter
Nebraska	Cruz	Ayala	Schriever	Parco	Estrada	Caliendo	Kennedy	Arnold	Buchanan	Kueter
at Minnesota	Cruz	Ayala	Schriever	Parco	Teemer	Caliendo	Kennedy	Arnold	Buchanan	Kueter
Northwestern	Cruz	Ybarra	Schriever	Parco	Estrada	Caliendo	Brands	Arnold	Buchanan	Kueter
Oklahoma State	Cruz	Ayala	Rhodes	Parco	Teemer	Caliendo	Brands	Ferrari	Buchanan	Kueter

Bolded names = match winners