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SCHEDULE & RESULTS (11-6, 4-3 BIG)

NOVEMBER

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME/RESULT
6	Bellarmine (B1G+)	W, 40-0
15	& #16 Missouri (Flo)	W, 34-3
15	& #15 Illinois (Flo)	W, 24-13
16	& #5 Oklahoma State (Flo)	W, 18-16
16	& #4 Ohio State	L, 12-27
21	#19 Pittsburgh (BTN)	W, 36-0
30	! at #6 Iowa State	L, 14-20

DECEMBER

12	\$ vs. Chattanooga (FloWrestling)	W, 37-6
12	\$ vs. Utah Valley (FloWrestling)	W, 33-7

JANUARY

3-4	at Soldier Salute (B1G+)	One Champion
9	* #18 Wisconsin (B1G+)	W, 23-12
16	* #1 Penn State (BTN)	L, 3-32
23	* at #6 Nebraska (BTN)	W, 22-14
30	* #9 Minnesota (B1G+)	L, 16-21

FEBRUARY

6	* at #2 Ohio State (BTN)	L, 9-24
8	* at Michigan State (B1G+)	W, 40-6
13	* #10 Michigan (BTN)	W, 19-17
15	* at Purdue (B1G+)	W, 32-3
22	at #3 Oklahoma State	L, 11-32

MARCH

7-8	^ at Big Ten Championships (BTN)	4th/87
19-21	@ at NCAA Championships	4th/92.5

All times Central and subject to change.

& National Duals Invitational in Tulsa, Oklahoma

! Iowa Corn Cy-Hawk Series

\$ Journeymen Wrestling "Uncivil War" in Hannibal, Missouri

* Big Ten Conference dual

^ B1G Championships in State College, Pennsylvania

@ NCAA Championships in Cleveland, Ohio

2026 NCAA ALL-AMERICANS



MICHAEL CALIENDO 2ND PLACE • 165 POUNDS

Senior | Geneva, Illinois
22-5 Season Record
103-19 Career Record
Four-time All-American



PATRICK KENNEDY 3RD PLACE • 174 POUNDS

Fifth | Kasson-Mantorville, Minnesota
23-5 Season Record
82-26 Career Record
Two-time All-American



DRAKE AYALA 5TH PLACE • 133 POUNDS

Senior | Fort Dodge, Iowa
18-10 Season Record
83-26 Career Record
Three-time All-American



BEN KUETER 5TH PLACE • 285 POUNDS

Sophomore | Iowa City, Iowa
14-9 Season Record
38-19 Career Record
Two-time All-American



RYDER BLOCK 6TH PLACE • 149 POUNDS

Sophomore | Waverly, Iowa
18-10 Season Record
20-18 Career Record
First-time All-American



ANGELO FERRARI 6TH PLACE • 184 POUNDS

R-Freshman | Melissa, Texas
14-5 Season Record
25-6 Career Record
First-time All-American



GABE ARNOLD 7TH PLACE • 197 POUNDS

Sophomore | Albany, Georgia
24-7 Season Record
51-16 Career Record
First-time All-American

2026 NCAA CHAMPIONSHIPS

Rank	Team	SCORE	AA
1.	Penn State	181.5	8
2.	Oklahoma State	131	8
3.	Nebraska	100.5	7
4.	IOWA	92.5	7
5.	Ohio State	84.5	5
6.	Stanford	67.5	4
7.	Michigan	66	4
8.	Iowa State	52	3
9.	Minnesota	48.5	3
10.	NC State	44.5	2

TEAM RANKINGS

NCAA Division I Coaches Poll (FINAL)

Rank	Team (First)	Record	Pts.
1	Penn State (16)	(15-0)	400
2	Ohio State	(18-1)	383
3	Oklahoma State	(15-1)	369
4	Iowa State	(12-2)	351
5	Nebraska	(13-6)	334
6	Virginia Tech	(11-3)	319
7	Iowa	(12-6)	295
8	NC State	(15-4)	293
9	Minnesota	(11-5)	272
10	Illinois	(12-5)	258
11	Rutgers	(14-5)	235
12	Michigan	(9-6)	216
13	Pittsburgh	(11-4)	187
14	Missouri	(12-8)	181
15	North Carolina	(9-5)	151
16	West Virginia	(11-5)	144
17	Northern Iowa	(11-8)	138
18	Stanford	(7-6)	135
19	Wisconsin	(12-5)	132
20	Indiana	(9-5)	89
21	South Dakota State	(12-5)	85
22	Wyoming	(8-5)	79
23	Oklahoma	(9-6)	48
24	Oregon State	(7-2)	41
25	Lehigh	(11-7)	24

Others receiving votes: Columbia 20, Rider 7, Purdue 4, Penn 4, SIU Edwardsville 3, Cornell 2.

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2026 NCAA ALL-AMERICANS

125 lbs.

1. Luke Lilledahl, Penn State
2. Marc-Anthony McGowan, Princeton
3. Nico Provo, Stanford
4. Vincent Robinson, NC State
5. Troy Spratley, Oklahoma State
6. Jacob Moran, Indiana
7. Jore Volk, Minnesota
8. Tyler Klinsky, Rider

133 lbs.

1. Jax Forrest, Oklahoma State
2. Ben Davino, Ohio State
3. Aaron Seidel, Virginia Tech
4. Marcus Blaze, Penn State
5. **Drake Ayala, Iowa**
6. Tyler Knox, Stanford
7. Jacob Van Dee, Nebraska
8. Lucas Byrd, Illinois

141 lbs.

1. Sergio Vega, Oklahoma State
2. Jesse Mendez, Ohio State
3. Luke Stanich, Lehigh
4. Brock Hardy, Nebraska
5. Carter Nogle, Air Force
6. Anthony Echemendia, Iowa State
7. CJ Composto, Penn
8. Wyatt Henson, Lock Haven

149 lbs.

1. Aden Valencia, Stanford
2. Shayne Van Ness, Penn State
3. Lachlan McNeil, Michigan
4. Chance Lamer, Nebraska
5. Collin Gaj, Virginia Tech
6. **Ryder Block, Iowa**
7. Cross Wasilewski, Penn
8. Casey Swiderski, Oklahoma State

157 lbs.

1. Landon Robideau, Oklahoma State
2. Antrell Taylor, Nebraska
3. PJ Duke, Penn State
4. Brandon Cannon, Ohio State
5. Kannon Webster, Illinois
6. Ty Watters, West Virginia
7. Cameron Catrabone, Michigan
8. Meyer Shapiro, Cornell

165 lbs.

1. Mitchell Mesenbrink, Penn State
2. **Michael Caliendo, Iowa**
3. Cesar Alvan, Columbia
4. Nicco Ruiz, Arizona State
5. Andrew Sparks, Minnesota
6. Joey Blaze, Purdue
7. Bryce Hepner, North Carolina
8. Paddy Gallagher, Ohio State

174 lbs.

1. Levi Haines, Penn State
2. Christopher Minto, Nebraska
3. **Patrick Kennedy, Iowa**
4. Carson Kharchla, Ohio State
5. Cam Steed, Missouri
6. Danny Wask, Navy
7. Beau Mantanona, Michigan
8. MJ Gaitan, Iowa State

184 lbs.

1. Max McEnelly, Minnesota
2. Rocco Welsh, Penn State
3. Aeoden Sinclair, Missouri
4. Caleb Campos, American
5. Brock Mantanona, Michigan
6. **Angelo Ferrari, Iowa**
7. Eddie Neitenbach, Wyoming
8. Zack Ryder, Oklahoma State

197 lbs.

1. Josh Barr, Penn State
2. Cody Merrill, Oklahoma State
3. Stephen Little, Little Rock
4. Joey Novak, Wyoming
5. Camden McDanel, Nebraska
6. Angelo Posada, Stanford
7. **Gabe Arnold, Iowa**
8. Branson John, Maryland

285 lbs.

1. Isaac Trumble, NC State
2. Yonger Bastida, Iowa State
3. Taye Ghadiali, Michigan
4. Konner Doucet, Oklahoma State
5. **Ben Kueter, Iowa**
6. AJ Ferrari, Nebraska
7. David Szuba, Arizona State
8. Christian Carroll, Wyoming

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Cleveland, Ohio | Rocket Arena
March 19-21, 2026

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Individual Champions

Wt.	Name, School
125	Luke Lilledahl, Penn State
133	Jax Forrest, Oklahoma State
141	Sergio Vega, Oklahoma State
149	Aden Valencia, Stanford
157	Landon Robideau, Oklahoma State
165	Mitchell Mesenbrink, Penn State
174	Levi Haines, Penn State
184	Max McEnelly, Minnesota
197	Josh Barr, Penn State
285	Isaac Trumble, NC State

Iowa's Qualifiers

Wt.	Name	Place
125	Dean Peterson	DNP
133	Drake Ayala	5th
141	Nasir Bailey	DNP
149	Ryder Block	6th
165	Michael Caliendo	2nd
174	Patrick Kennedy	3rd
184	Angelo Ferrari	6th
197	Gabe Arnold	7th
285	Ben Kueter	5th

Outstanding Wrestler

Mitchell Mesenbrink, Penn State

Coach of the Year

Chris Ayers, Stanford

Gorriaran Trophy

PJ Duke, Penn State

Hodge Trophy

Mitchell Mesenbrink, Penn State

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QUICK FACTS

School Information

Name: University of Iowa
Location: Iowa City, Iowa
Enrollment: 31,560
President: Barbara J. 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)
All-Time Record: 1,097-243-1

Team Information

Head Coach (Alma Mater, Yr.):
Tom Brands (Iowa, 1992)
School Record (Yrs.): 303-34-1 (20th year)
Overall Record (Yrs.): 320-54-1 (22nd year)
Associate Head Coach (Alma Mater, Year):
Terry Brands (Iowa, 1992)
Assistant Coaches (Alma Mater, Year):
Ryan Morningstar (Iowa, 2009)

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PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

Drake Ayala _____ eye-YELL-uh
Dru Ayala _____ eye-YELL-uh
Nasir Bailey _____ NAH-sear
Leister Bowling IV _____ LEE-ster
Michael Caliendo _____ cal-ee-en-DOH
Koye Grebel _____ coy GREE-bell
Keyan Hernandez _____ KEY-an
Ben Kueter _____ KEY-ter
Anthony Lavezzola _____ lah-veh-ZOH-luh
Kael Voinovich _____ voin-o-vich
Victor Voinovich _____ voin-o-vich

2026 NCAA CHAMPIONSHIP LINEUP

#7 IOWA HAWKEYES (11-6, 4-3 BIG TEN)

Wt.	Seed	Name	Yr.	Hometown/High School	2024-25 Overall Record
125	8	Dean Peterson	Sr.	Barnegat, New Jersey/Saint John Vianney	15-9
133	5	Drake Ayala	Sr.	Fort Dodge, Iowa/Fort Dodge	18-10
141	4	Nasir Bailey	Jr.	Park Forest, Illinois/Rich Township	12-9
149	8	Ryder Block	So.	Waverly, Iowa/Waverly-Shell Rock	18-10
165	2	Michael Caliendo	Sr.	Geneva, Illinois/Batavia	22-5
174	3	Patrick Kennedy	5th	Kasson-Mantorville, Minnesota/Kasson-Mantorville	23-5
184	8	Angelo Ferrari	R-Fr.	Melissa, Texas/Melissa	14-5
197	13	Gabe Arnold	So.	Albany, Georgia/Iowa City	24-7
285	10	Ben Kueter	So.	Iowa City, Iowa/Iowa City	14-9

Head Coach: Tom Brands

Associate Head Coach: Terry Brands

Assistant Coaches: Ryan Morningstar, Bobby Telford

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 172 All-Americans have earned All-America status 372 times, including three five-time, 23 four-time, 40 three-time and 43 two-time honorees.

NCAA TROPHIES

The Hawkeyes have earned a team trophy at the NCAA Championships 16 times in the last 18 championships. Iowa has won 16 team trophies in head coach Tom Brands' 20 seasons. (The 2020 season, in which Iowa was favored, was cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic).

- Iowa has won 50 team NCAA trophies in program history and have 71 top 10 finishes. The Hawkeyes have been the NCAA runner-up seven times.

CHASING THE HAWKEYES

Gary Kurldelmeier 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 (13), Oklahoma State (7), Minnesota (3), Iowa State (2), Ohio State (1) and Arizona State (1).

HAWKEYES IN THE FINALS

Michael Caliendo advanced to the 165-pound finals of the 2026 NCAA Championships to extend Iowa's streak of NCAA finals appearances to 35 consecutive tournaments.

- Iowa has had at least one wrestler in the NCAA finals every year since 1990, and in 50 of the last 51 tournaments dating back to 1975.

ALL-AMERICAN STREAK

The Hawkeyes have crowned at least one All-American in 55 consecutive tournaments, a stretch dating back to 1972. Iowa has totaled 339 All-America honors during that stretch.

2026 TEAM AWARDS

Mike Howard Award (Most Valuable):

Michael Caliendo

J. Donald McPike Award (Highest GPA):

Gage Marty

Mike J. McGivern (Most Courageous):

Gabe Arnold

John & Dorothy Sill (Most Dedicated):

Drake Ayala

Most Pins Award:

Harvey Ludington (5)

Coaches Appreciation Award:

Gage Marty, Sebastian Robles, Easton Fleshman

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NINE QUALIFIERS

The Hawkeyes sent nine wrestlers to the NCAA Championships. The Hawkeyes have sent at least nine wrestlers for 14 straight years and 18 times since 2007, Tom Brands first year as head coach.

- All of Iowa's nine qualifiers earned automatic bids to the NCAA tournament at the 2026 Big Ten Championships.
- Iowa was one of eight 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' 20 seasons.

ACADEMIC ALL-BIG TEN

12 Hawkeye wrestlers were among the 48 University of Iowa student-athletes named to the 2025-26 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 Dru Ayala, Ryder Block, Angelo Ferrari, Easton Fleshman, Koye Grebel, Patrick Kennedy, Anthony Lavezzola, Gage Marty, Jace Rhodes, Brody Sampson, Kael Voinovich and Victor Voinovich III.

GENTLEMEN AND SCHOLARS

Four Hawkeyes were named NWCA Scholar All-Americans on April 1, including Drake Ayala, Ryder Block, Angelo Ferrari and Patrick Kennedy. To be eligible, student-athletes must meet one of the following criteria: maintain a 3.0 grade-point average and be an All-American, have a 3.2 GPA and be a National Qualifier, or have a 3.5 GPA and win 60 percent of their matches or represent their team at a conference tournament.

FRESHMAN TRACKER

Four Hawkeye freshman have competed as attached competitors during the 2025-26 season. Under 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 2025-26: Harvey Ludington (5), Leister Bowling IV (2), Leo DeLuca (1), Ty Miller (1).

BRANDS WINS #300 AT IOWA

Head coach Tom Brands recorded his 300th win at Iowa in the victory at Nebraska. Brands ranks second all-time in program history in overall wins and winning percentage.

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.

STARTING AT 125

In the 337 matches that Iowa has wrestled under head coach Tom Brands the Hawkeyes have started at 125 pounds 281 times. Iowa is 249-31-1 in those matches.

- Iowa is 53-3 under Brands when not starting at 125.
- Since 2003, Iowa is 256-35-1 when starting at 125 and 71-12 when starting at a different weight.

NATIONAL DUALS INVITATIONAL

- The Hawkeyes finished as runners-up at the National Duals Invitational earning \$170,000 in prize money.
- Iowa defeated #16 Missouri, #15 Illinois and #5 Oklahoma State before falling to #4 Ohio State in the finals.
- Iowa placed second at National Duals for the fifth time in program history (1994, 1997, 1998, 2015, 2025).

ALL-AMERICANS

The Hawkeyes have five past All-Americans on the 2025-26 roster in Drake Ayala (125/133), Nasir Bailey (133), Michael Caliendo (165), Patrick Kennedy (174), and Ben Kueter (285).

- 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.

FOUR HAWKS WIN JIM KOCH OPEN TITLES

The University of Iowa wrestling program earned four titles and eight top-five finishes at the Jim Koch Wisconsin Open.

- Keyan Hernandez claimed the 125-pound crown with a 4-0 record and a major dec.
- Kale Petersen won the 141-pound title, posting two technical falls and two decisions.
- Gabe Arnold captured the 184-pound championship with two technical falls and a pin.
- Harvey Ludington added a title at 197 pounds, recording a technical fall, a pin and a major decision.

BIG

2025-26 BIG STANDINGS

	Conf.	Overall
Penn State	8-0	15-0
Ohio State	7-1	18-1
Rutgers	5-3	14-5
Illinois	5-3	12-5
Iowa	5-3	12-5
Minnesota	5-3	11-5
Nebraska	5-3	13-6
Wisconsin	4-4	12-5
Indiana	4-4	9-5
Michigan	4-4	9-6
Purdue	2-6	9-7
Michigan State	1-7	4-10
Northwestern	1-7	3-9
Maryland	0-8	5-9

BIG WRESTLER OF THE WEEK

Date	Wrestler (Wt., School)
Nov. 6	Koy Hopke (285, Minnesota)
Nov. 13	Stoney Buell (157, Purdue)
Nov. 20	Angelo Ferrari (184, Iowa)
Nov. 28	Massoma Endene (197, Iowa)
Dec. 4	Ryder Block (149, Iowa)
Dec. 11	Joey Blaze (165, Purdue)
Dec. 18	Carson Kharchla (174, Ohio State)
Dec. 23	Shayne Van Ness (149, Penn State)
Jan. 8	Josh Barr (197, Penn State)
Jan. 15	Zan Fugitt (133, Wisconsin)
Jan. 22	Rocco Welsh (184, Penn State)
Jan. 30	Nick Feldman (285, Ohio State)
Feb. 5	Joseph Zargo (149, Wisconsin)
Feb. 12	Nic Bouzakis (125, Ohio State)
Feb. 26	Derek Gilcher (174, Indiana)

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THREE HAWKS WIN LUTHER OPEN TITLES

The University of Iowa wrestling program claimed three titles at the Luther Open.

- Easton Fleshman won the Elite 285-pound division, posting a perfect 4-0 record with four decision victories, including a 2-0 win over Brody Perry of Wisconsin-Eau Claire in the finals and Kale Petersen captured the Elite 141-pound crown with five bonus-point wins, including three technical falls and a pin.
- Harvey Ludington added a title in the Silver 197-pound division, recording three pins and a technical fall en route to first place.

NEWCOMERS

The Hawkeyes have seven newcomers on the 2025-26 roster, including three transfers.

- Nasir Bailey was a two-time NCAA qualifier at Little Rock and was an All-American in 2024 finishing in fourth at 133 pounds at the NCAA Championships. He is a two-time PAC-12 Champion.
- Dean Peterson was a three-time NCAA Qualifier at Rutgers at 125 pounds. He has finished in seventh (2023), sixth (2025), and fifth (2024) at the Big Ten Championships.
- Jordan Williams was a two-time NCAA Qualifier at 149 pounds at Oklahoma State and Little Rock. He was the Big 12 Runner-Up in 2024 and a Pac-12 Champion in 2025.

TV TIME

Eight University of Iowa men's wrestling duals will be televised during the 2025-26 season.

- Iowa's BTN appearances include home duals against Pittsburgh, Penn State and Michigan, and road duals at Nebraska and Ohio State.
- Iowa was on ESPN2 at the National Duals Invitational and was on ESPN when they were at Iowa State and will be on ESPN when they travel to Oklahoma State.
- Sessions I, II and IV of the Big Ten Championships will also be televised on BTN.
- The entirety of the Soldier Salute, Session III of the Big Ten Championships and Iowa's duals against Bellarmine, Wisconsin (7 p.m.), Minnesota (7 p.m.), Michigan State (TBA) and Purdue (TBA) will be streamed on B1G+ (subscription required).

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 hour following the conclusion of the meet.

A LOOK BACK

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.

CALIENDO WINS U23 NATIONALS

University of Iowa wrestler Michael Caliendo won a U23 National Title at 74 KG and Kael Voinovich finished in sixth at 70 KG at the Spire Institute on June 1 in Geneva, Ohio.

- Caliendo won the 74 kg division winning eight of his nine matches to make the world team. Caliendo defeated Daniel Cardenas of the California RTC and Stanford in the best-of-three finals. Caliendo fell 7-2 in the first match before taking the second match, 15-8, and the final match, 14-6, against Cardenas.
- Voinovich finished in sixth at 70 KG winning five matches before falling in the semifinals. Voinovich medical forfeited his next two matches.

20256 BIG TEN CHAMPIONSHIPS REVIEW

State College, Pennsylvania | Bryce Jordan Center
March 7-8, 2026

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

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125	Luke Lilledahl, Penn State
133	Ben Davino, Ohio State
141	Jesse Mendez, Ohio State
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157	PJ Duke, Penn State
165	Mitchell Mesenbrink, Penn State
174	Levi Haines, Penn State
184	Rocco Welsh, Penn State
197	Josh Barr, Penn State
285	Taye Ghadiali, Michigan

Iowa's Placemen

Wt.	Name	Place
125	Dean Peterson	5th
133	Drake Ayala	3rd
141	Nasir Bailey	3rd
149	Ryder Block	DNP
157	Victor Voinovich III	DNP
165	Michael Caliendo	2nd
174	Patrick Kennedy	4th
184	Angelo Ferrari	8th
197	Gabe Arnold	DNP
285	Ben Kueter	4th

BIG TEN AWARDS

Wrestler of the Year: Jesse Mendez, Ohio State
Freshman of the Year: Ben Davino, Ohio State
Coach of the Year: Tom Ryan, Ohio State
Wrestler of the Championships: PJ Duke, Penn State

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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 for the men's and women's teams, 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 wrestling 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 18th straight year last year.
- The Hawkeyes drew an average of 13,640 fans per home date during the 2024-25 season with 95,481 fans entering the doors of Carver-Hawkeye Arena. Iowa drew capacity crowds of 14,847 in two 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 16th straight year the Hawkeyes have averaged more than 8,000 fans.

HAWKEYE DEBUTS

Three Hawkeyes made their Iowa and Carver-Hawkeye Arena debuts in the 40-0 win over Bellarmine on Nov. 6 -- Nasir Bailey, Dean Peterson and Jordan Williams.

NCAA EXPERIENCE

The Hawkeyes have 10 wrestlers on the roster with NCAA Championships experience. Dean Peterson is a three-time national qualifier at 125 pounds (2023-2025), while Joey Cruz qualified once at the same weight in 2025. Drake Ayala is a three-time qualifier (2022, 2024-24) at 125/133 pounds and was the NCAA runner-up in both 2024 and 2025. Nasir Bailey is a two-time qualifier (2024-2025) and earned All-American honors in 2024. Jordan Williams (2024-2025) and Victor Voinovich III (2023) have both qualified at 149 pounds. Michael Caliendo is a three-time All-American at 165 pounds and finished as the national runner-up in 2025. Patrick Kennedy is a three-time national qualifier at 165 and 174 pounds and placed fourth in 2025 to earn All-American honors. Gabe Arnold qualified at 184 pounds in 2025, and Ben Kueter was an All-American at heavyweight, finishing eighth in 2025.

2025-26 SCHEDULE

Nine of Iowa's 15 dual opponents are ranked in the top 25 and six in the top 10 in the NWCA Preseason Coaches' Poll. They include Penn State (1), Nebraska (2), Ohio State (4), Oklahoma State (5), Iowa State (6), Minnesota (9), Michigan (11), Missouri (18), Pittsburgh (21).

- Purdue and Wisconsin received votes.
- Iowa's schedule includes one regular season tournament, 14 duals and the National Duals Invitational, six home dates and two postseason events -- Big Ten Championships (Mar. 7-8), and NCAA Championships (Mar. 19-21).

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.

HAWKEYES AND CARVER-HAWKEYE ARENA

Iowa is 140-16 (.907) at Carver-Hawkeye Arena since Tom Brands took over the program prior to 2006-07. The Hawkeyes are 289-29 (.914) all-time at Carver-Hawkeye Arena since moving from the UI Field House in 1983. Iowa went 7-0 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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TOM BRANDS

Head Coach

University of Iowa, 1992

Five-time Big Ten and three-time NWCA Coach of the Year Tom Brands completed his 20th season as head wrestling coach at the University of Iowa in 2025-26. 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 303-34-1 (.912) overall and 146-18 (.914) Big Ten coaching

record at Iowa. He has a 319-54-1 (.861) career mark and a 144-16 (.907) record at Carver-Hawkeye Arena.

In 20 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 116 All-Americans. Iowa has had 212 Academic All-Big Ten recipients, including a school-record 20 in 2023-24. The Hawkeyes have qualified 194 wrestlers for the NCAA Championships in the last 19 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
2025-26	11-6	4-3	4th	4th	0	0	7	9	12
Total	303-34-1	146-18			26	14	116	194	212

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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: 320-54-1 (22 years) | Iowa: 303-34-1 (20 years) | Big Ten: 146-18

- Ranks second all-time in program history in overall wins (303)
- 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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2025-26 DUAL MEET RESULTS

#3 Iowa 40, Bellarmine 0

197 – #17 Massoma Endene (I) dec. Andrew Liber (B), 3-0
285 – #5 Ben Kueter (I) dec. #28 Daulton Mayer (B), 8-2
125 – #10 Dean Peterson (I) dec. Damion Ryan (B), 5-1
133 – #2 Drake Ayala (I) tech. fall Trayce Eckman (B), 19-4
141 – #10 Nasir Bailey (I) dec. AJ Rallo (B), 7-1
149 – Kael Voinovich (I) dec. Zac Cowen (B), 7-3
157 – #11 Jordan Williams (I) pinned Jeb Prechtel (B), 1:44
165 – #2 Michael Caliendo (I) tech. fall Noah Hall (B), 22-6
174 – #2 Patrick Kennedy (I) tech. fall Grant O'Dell (B), 19-4
184 – #3 Angelo Ferrari (I) tech. fall Gavin Ricketts (B), 21-5

Attendance: 10,971

Officials: Jaime George, Clark Conover

#3 Iowa 34, #16 Missouri 3

125 – Leo DeLuca (I) dec. No. 28 Mack Mauger (M), 2-0
133 – #2 Drake Ayala (I) pinned #20 Kade Moore (M), 3:57
141 – #9 Nasir Bailey (I) dec. #19 Zeke Seltzer (M), 2-0
149 – Ryder Block (I) dec. #6 Josh Edmond (M), 2-1 TB1
157 – #11 Jordan Williams (I) dec. Seth Mendoza (M), 8-1
165 – #2 Michael Caliendo (I) major dec. #13 Maxx Mayfield (M), 11-3
174 – #2 Patrick Kennedy (I) dec. #13 Cam Steed (M), 6-4
184 – #3 Angelo Ferrari (I) dec. #8 Aoeden Sinclair (M), 3-2 TB1
197 – #16 Massoma Endene (I) pinned #15 Evan Bates (M), 2:20
285 – #25 Jarrett Stoner (M) dec. Gage Marty (I), 2-0

Attendance: 5,968

Officials: Patrick Frank, Scott Bricker

#3 Iowa 24, #15 Illinois 13

125 – #10 Dean Peterson (IA) dec. #23 Spencer Moore (IL), 4-2
133 – #1 Lucas Byrd (IL) dec. #2 Drake Ayala (IA), 7-2
141 – #9 Nasir Bailey (IA) tech. fall Joey Ruzic (IL), 17-2
149 – Kael Voinovich (IA) dec. Danny Nini (IL), 2-1
157 – #10 Kannon Webster (IL) major dec. #11 Jordan Williams (IA), 11-2
165 – #2 Michael Caliendo (IA) dec. #8 Braeden Scoles (IL), 9-4
174 – #2 Patrick Kennedy (IA) dec. Colin Kelly (IL), 5-3
184 – #3 Angelo Ferrari (IA) dec. #26 Chris Moore (IL), 7-3
197 – #16 Massoma Endene (IA) major dec. Cade Lutt (IL), 14-4
285 – #8 Luke Luffman (IL) inj. default Gage Marty (IA), 3:22

Attendance: 6,103

Officials: Jimmy Rivello, Patrick Frank

#3 Iowa 18, #5 Oklahoma State 16

125 – #10 Dean Peterson (I) dec. #2 Troy Spratley (O), 5-4
133 – #2 Drake Ayala (I) dec. Ronnie Ramirez (O), 7-4 SV1
141 – #20 Sergio Vega (O) dec. #9 Nasir Bailey (I), 3-0 SV1
149 – Ryder Block (I) dec. #3 Casey Swiderski (O), 5-3
157 – #5 Landon Robideau (O) major dec. Victor Voinovich III, 16-5
165 – #6 LaDarion Lockett (O) dec. #2 Michael Caliendo (I), 7-3
174 – #2 Patrick Kennedy (I) dec. #17 Alex Facundo (O), 4-1 SV1
184 – #3 Angelo Ferrari (I) dec. #4 Zack Ryder (O), 4-2
197 – #16 Massoma Endene (I) dec. #10 Cody Merrill (O), 4-3
285 – #9 Konnor Doucet (O) forfeit Iowa

Attendance: 6,306

Officials: Matt Sorochinsky, Titus Godbolt

#4 Ohio State 27, #3 Iowa 12

125 – Nic Bouzakis (O) pinned #10 Dean Peterson (I), 1:34
133 – #9 Ben Davino (O) dec. #2 Drake Ayala (I), 10-4
141 – #1 Jesse Mendez (O) tech. fall #9 Nasir Bailey (I), 17-1
149 – #9 Ethan Stiles (O) dec. Ryder Block (I), 3-2
157 – #8 Brandon Cannon (O) major dec. Victor Voinovich III (I), 14-2
165 – #2 Michael Caliendo (I) dec. #12 Paddy Gallagher (O), 3-1 SV1
174 – #2 Patrick Kennedy (I) dec. #9 Carson Kharchla (O), 4-1 SV1
184 – #3 Angelo Ferrari (I) vs. #7 Dylan Fishback (O), 4-1 SV1
197 – #16 Massoma Endene (I) dec. Seth Schumate (O), 8-3
285 – #6 Nick Feldman (O) forfeit Iowa

Attendance: 5,088

Officials: Josh Briscoe, Matt Sorochinsky

#3 Iowa 36, #19 Pittsburgh 0

125 – #7 Dean Peterson (I) dec. Tyler Chappell (P), 4-1 SV1
133 – #3 Drake Ayala (I) major dec. #32 Evan Tallmadge (P), 13-4
141 – #8 Nasir Bailey (I) dec. Anthony Santaniello (P), 4-2
149 – #10 Ryder Block (I) major dec. #20 Kade Brown (P), 12-2
157 – Victor Voinovich III (I) dec. Vince Bouzakis (P), 11-6
165 – #3 Michael Caliendo (I) tech. fall #25 Dylan Evans (P), 22-6
174 – #2 Patrick Kennedy (I) major dec. #14 Luca Augustine (P), 11-2
184 – Gabe Arnold (I) major dec. Chase Kranitz (P), 15-5
197 – #8 Massoma Endene (I) dec. #4 Mac Stout (P), 5-4
285 – #6 Ben Kueter (I) dec. #12 Dayton Pitzer (P), 2-0

Attendance: 11,424

Officials: Angel Rivera, Jaime George

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2025-26 DUAL MEET RESULTS

#6 Iowa State 20, #3 Iowa 14

285 – #1 Yonger Bastida (ISU) dec. #6 Ben Kueter (Iowa), 11-4
125 – #7 Dean Peterson (Iowa) dec. #9 Stevo Poulin (ISU), 4-2
133 – #6 Evan Frost (ISU) dec. #3 Drake Ayala (Iowa), 11-5
141 – #6 Anthony Echemendia (ISU) major dec. #7 Nasir Bailey (Iowa), 15-2
149 – #10 Ryder Block (Iowa) dec. #2 Paniro Johnson (ISU), 2-1 TB1
157 – #3 Vinny Zerban (ISU) major dec. #12 Jordan Williams (Iowa), 11-3
165 – #3 Michael Caliendo (Iowa) tech fall. #22 Connor Euton (ISU), 20-5
174 – #11 M.J. Gaitan (ISU) dec. #2 Patrick Kennedy (Iowa), 9-8 TB1
184 – #1 Angelo Ferrari (Iowa) dec. #10 Issac Dean (ISU), 2-1
197 – #2 Rocky Elam (ISU) dec. #4 Massoma Endene (Iowa), 8-2

Officials: Titus Godbolt, Matt Sorochinsky

Attendance: 12,292

#4 Iowa 37, Chattanooga 6

125 – #6 Dean Peterson (I) tech. fall #18 Cooper Flynn (C), 20-4
133 – Bryce Luna (C) dec. Joey Cruz (I), 4-1
141 – #9 Nasir Bailey (I) dec. Hunter Mason (C), 4-1
149 – #8 Ryder Block (I) tech. fall Yuta Otero (C), 20-5
157 – Victor Voinovich III (I) major dec. Cavarius Liddie (C), 11-3
165 – #3 Michael Caliendo (I) pinned Tavian Camper (C), 1:55
174 – #4 Patrick Kennedy (I) tech. fall Kamdyn Munro (C), 21-5
184 – #1 Angelo Ferrari (I) tech. fall Landon Jones (C), 20-4
197 – Gabe Arnold (I) major dec. Kade Rule (C), 17-4
285 – Ethan Vergara (C) dec. Easton Fleshman (I), 4-2

Officials: Matt Zeitz, J.R. Blöse

#4 Iowa 33, Utah Valley 7

125 – #6 Dean Peterson (I) dec. Bridger Ricks (U), 7-2
133 – Geronimo Rivera (U) dec. Joey Cruz (I), 8-3
141 – #9 Nasir Bailey (I) major dec. #17 Haiden Drury (U), 12-1
149 – #8 Ryder Block (I) pinned Kayd Craig (U), 0:53
157 – Victor Voinovich III (I) dec. Mark Takara (U), 10-3
165 – #3 Michael Caliendo (I) pinned Zyon Trujillo (U), 1:52
174 – #4 Patrick Kennedy (I) tech. fall Tanner Lofthouse (U), 20-5
184 – #1 Angelo Ferrari (I) dec. Caleb Uhlenhopp (U), 4-1
197 – Gabe Arnold (I) dec. Kael Bennie (U), 4-2
285 – Jack Forbes (U) major dec. Easton Fleshman (I), 17-4

Officials: J.R. Blöse, Matt Zeitz

No. 4 Iowa 23, No. 18 Wisconsin 12

197 – #28 Wyatt Ingham (W) dec. Harvey Ludington (I), 10-8
285 – #5 Ben Kueter (I) dec. #9 Braxton Amos (W), 4-1 SV1
125 – #11 Nicolar Rivera (W) dec. Keyan Hernandez (I), 11-4
133 – #14 Zan Fugitt (W) dec. #3 Drake Ayala (I), 6-5
141 – Kale Petersen (I) dec. Carson Exferd (W), 8-3
149 – #17 Joseph Zargo (W) #7 Ryder Block (I), 9-6 SV1
157 – #12 Jordan Williams (I) dec. #25 Luke Mechler (W), 4-2
165 – #3 Michael Caliendo (I) tech. fall #26 Cody Goebel (W), 21-6
174 – #3 Patrick Kennedy (I) major dec. Luke Condon (W), 14-3
184 – #1 Angelo Ferrari (I) tech. fall Caleb Dennee (W), 19-4

Officials: Conrad Duffy, Jeron Quincy

Attendance: 11,549

No. 1 Penn State 32, No. 4 Iowa 3

125 – #2 Luke Lilledahl (P) dec. #6 Dean Peterson (I), 11-5
133 – #4 Marcus Blaze (P) dec. #8 Drake Ayala (I), 4-2
141 – #11 Nasir Bailey (I) dec. #7 Braeden Davis (P), 3-2
149 – #1 Shayne Van Ness (P) major dec. #17 Ryder Block (I), 13-4
157 – #3 PJ Duke (P) dec. #12 Jordan Williams (I), 4-2
165 – #1 Mitchell Mesenbrink (P) major dec. #3 Michael Caliendo (I), 11-2
174 – #1 Levi Haynes (P) dec. Gabe Arnold (I), 4-2
184 – #4 Rocco Welsh (P) dec. #1 Angelo Ferrari (I), 2-1 TB1
197 – #1 Josh Barr (P) pinned Brody Sampson (I), 3:42
285 – #13 Cole Mirasola (P) dec. #5 Ben Kueter (I), 4-3

Officials: Nicholas Grosso, Michael Frederiksen

Attendance: 12,530

#4 Iowa 22, #6 Nebraska 14

125 – Joey Cruz (I) dec. Alan Koehler (N), 4-2
133 – #10 Drake Ayala (I) dec. #8 Jacob Van Dee (N), 12-6
141 – #3 Brock Hardy (N) dec. #10 Nasir Bailey (I), 1-0
149 – #17 Ryder Block (I) pinned #14 Chance Lamer (N), 5:51
157 – #5 Antrell Taylor (N) dec. #12 Jordan Williams (I), 2-1 SV1
165 – #3 Michael Caliendo (I) major dec. #7 LJ Araujo (N), 14-4
174 – #3 Patrick Kennedy (I) vs. #6 Christopher Minto (N), 2-1 TB1
184 – Gabe Arnold (I) vs. #7 Silas Allred (N), 4-1
197 – #9 Camden McDanel tech. fall Brody Sampson (I), 20-5
285 – #4 AJ Ferrari (N) dec. #8 Ben Kueter (I), 4-1

Officials: Angel Rivera, Conrad Duffy

Attendance: 7,891



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#9 Minnesota 21, #4 Iowa 16

125 – #10 Jore Volk (M) major dec. Joey Cruz (I), 8-0
133 – #9 Drake Ayala (I) tech fall. Chris Cannon (M), 21-6
141 – #9 Vance VomBaur (M) major dec. #11 Nasir Bailey (I), 10-1
149 – #24 Drew Roberts (M) dec. #16 Ryder Block (I), 4-2
157 – #21 Charlie Millard (M) major dec. #12 Jordan Williams (I), 13-3
165 – #3 Michael Caliendo (I) major dec. #10 Andrew Sparks (M), 18-5
174 – #3 Patrick Kennedy (I) major dec. #24 Ethan Riddle (M), 12-3
184 – #4 Max McEnelly (M) dec. Gabe Arnold (I), 4-1 SV1
197 – #30 Gavin Nelson (M) dec. Harvey Ludington (I), 4-3
285 – #8 Ben Kueter (I) dec. #10 Koy Hopke (M), 5-2

Officials: Nicholas Grosso, Frank Johnson Jr.
Attendance: 12,582

#2 Ohio State 24, #8 Iowa 9

157 – Victor Voinovich III (I) dec. Maddox Shaw (O), 5-0
165 – #3 Michael Caliendo (I) dec. e'Than Birden (O), 8-2
174 – #3 Patrick Kennedy (I) dec. #5 Carson Kharchla (O), 2-1
184 – #8 Dylan Fishback (O) dec. Gabe Arnold (I), 4-1 SV1
197 – #10 Luke Geog (O) major dec. Brody Sampson (I), 13-4
285 – #3 Nick Feldman (O) dec. #8 Ben Kueter (I), 3-2
125 – #2 Nic Bouzakis (O) dec. #6 Dean Peterson (I), 9-5
133 – #2 Ben Davino (O) dec. #9 Drake Ayala (I), 4-2
141 – #1 Jesse Mendez (O) tech. fall Kale Petersen (I), 21-3
149 – #7 Ethan Stiles (O) dec. #18 Ryder Block (I), 4-1 SV1

Officials: Jeron Quincy, Reynaldo Santiago
Attendance: 4,749

#8 Iowa 40, Michigan State 6

125 – #6 Dean Peterson (I) major dec. Nick Corday (M), 12-2
133 – #9 Drake Ayala (I) tech fall. Caleb Weiland (M), 21-4
141 – Kale Petersen (I) tech. fall Sean Larkin (M), 17-2
149 – #18 Ryder Block (I) tech. fall Clayton Jones (M) 21-6
157 – Victor Voinovich III (I) dec. Darius Marines (M), 7-3
165 – #3 Michael Caliendo (I) tech. fall DJ Shannon (M), 22-4
174 – #3 Patrick Kennedy (I) tech. fall Connor O'Neill (M), 19-4
184 – Gabe Arnold (I) tech. fall Ryan Boucher (M), 20-4
197 – #23 Kael Wisler (M) via forfeit
285 – #8 Ben Kueter (I) dec. Josh Terill (M), 7-1

Officials: Curt Frost, Jeron Quincy
Attendance: 778

#7 Iowa 19, #10 Michigan 17

141 – #26 Dylan Ragusin (M) major dec. Kale Petersen (I), 11-2
149 – #15 Lachlan McNeil (M) dec. #19 Ryder Block (I), 8-3
157 – #13 Cameron Catrabone (M) dec. #14 Jordan Williams (I), 5-4
165 – #3 Michael Caliendo (I) tech. fall Justin Gates (M), 21-6
174 – #11 Beau Mantanona (M) dec. #3 Patrick Kennedy (I), 6-3 SV1
184 – Gabe Arnold (I) vs. #7 Brock Mantanona (M), 3-2 TB1
197 – Harvey Ludington (I) dec. #19 Hayden Walters (M), 6-4
285 – #5 Taye Ghadiali (M) major dec. #8 Ben Kueter (I), 10-0
125 – #6 Dean Peterson (I) dec. #27 Diego Sotelo (M), 4-1 SV1
133 – #8 Drake Ayala (I) tech. fall Gauge Botero, 21-5

Officials: Matt Sorochinsky, Michael Frederiksen
Attendance: 11,483

#7 Iowa 32, Purdue 6

125 – #6 Dean Peterson (I) dec. Ashton Jackson (P), 9-2
133 – #8 Drake Ayala (I) tech. fall Blake Boarman (P), 19-4
141 – Kale Petersen (I) dec. Isaiah Schaefer (P), 7-4, SV1
149 – #19 Ryder Block (I) dec. #31 Gavin Brown (P), 5-0
157 – Victor Voinovich III (I) dec. #28 Stoney Buell (P), 5-0
165 – #4 Joey Blaze (P) dec. #3 Michael Caliendo (I), 7-4
174 – #3 Patrick Kennedy (I) inj. default Aidan Costello (P), 3:06
184 – Gabe Arnold (I) dec. #26 James Rowley (P), 4-1
197 – Harvey Ludington (I) pinned Noah Weaver (P), 4:23
285 – Hayden Filipovich (P) dec. Gage Marty (I), 4-1 SV1

Officials: Reynaldo Santiago, Bart Welch
Attendance: 1,210

#3 Oklahoma State 32, #7 Iowa 11

125 – #7 Troy Spratley (O) dec. #6 Dean Peterson (I), 5-2
133 – #6 Jax Forrest (O) tech. fall #9 Drake Ayala (I), 19-3
141 – #2 Sergio Vega (O) pinned Kale Petersen (I), 6:31
149 – #18 Ryder Block (I) tech. fall Kolter Burton (O), 19-4
157 – #5 Landon Robideau (O) dec. #14 Jordan Williams (I), 5-1
165 – #4 Michael Caliendo (I) dec. #2 Dee Lockett (O), 4-2
174 – #3 Patrick Kennedy (I) dec. #7 Alex Facundo (O), 8-3
184 – #9 Zach Ryder (O) dec. Gabe Arnold (I), 2-1 SV1
197 – #7 Cody Merrill (O) pinned Brody Sampson (I), 4:47
285 – #8 Konnor Doucet (O) pinned Gage Marty (I), 5:54

Officials: Eric McGill, Nicholas Grosso
Attendance: 12,629

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2025-26 INDIVIDUAL SEASON STATISTICS

Wrestler, Wt.	Career Record	2025-26 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	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Joey Cruz, 125	36-31	11-7	1-3	1-1	0-1	--	3-4	17	3	1-0	5-1	1-0	1-0	4:45
Leo DeLuca, 125	1-0	1-0	1-0	--	1-0	1	--	1	3	--	--	--	--	--
Anthony Lavezzola, 125	2-10	0-8	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0-2	0-3	0-1	--
Dean Peterson, 125	77-37	15-9	10-4	3-2	5-3	--	3-1	60	33	2-1	2-0	1-0	0-1	--
Kale Petersen, 125/133	26-5	18-4	3-3	3-2	2-3	--	2-3	10	11	1-0	2-1	6-1	1-1	2:27
Keyan Hernandez, 125/133	15-6/2-2*	8-3/2-2*	0-1	0-1	0-1	--	0-2	2	--	--	1-0	1-0/2-0*	--	--
Drake Ayala, 133	83-26	18-10	9-7	5-3	3-7	--	13-6	47	41	3-0	3-1	7-1	1-0	3:57
Nasir Bailey, 141	64-18	12-9	7-5	1-2	3-5	--	3-1	44	24	--	3-2	2-1	--	--
Ryder Block, 141	20-18	18-10	10-6	3-5	6-6	2	1-8	22	43	2-3	4-1	3-0	2-0	0:53
Jace Rhodes, 141	27-14	3-3	--	--	--	--	0-1	3	--	--	--	--	--	--
Koye Grebel, 149	11-5	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Kael Voinovich, 149	19-6	7-2	2-0	--	0-1	2	1-0	2	6	2-0	1-0	--	--	--
Miguel Estrada, 149/157	13-3/3-2*	--/3-2*	--	--	--	--	1-2	6	--	--	--	--/1-0*	--/1-0*	2:04*
Victor Voinovich III, 149/57	40-25	12-6	6-2	3-0	2-3	6	4-1	31	19	--	3-2	1-0	--	--
Isaiah Fenton, 157	22-9	13-4	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0-1	4-0	1-0	2-0	0:49
Joseph Kennedy, 157	9-5	9-5	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1-0	2-2	1-0	1-1	5:31
Jordan Williams, 157	51-22	8-7	3-7	1-4	2-7	--	2-3	36	12	0-1	0-3	0-0	3-0	1:07
Leister Bowling IV, 165	7-4/7-3*	7-4/7-3*	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1-0/1-0*	1-0	4-0	0-1	--
Michael Caliendo, 165	103-19	22-5	15-3	6-2	9-3	1	16-3	61	66	--	6-2	7-1	4-0	1:39
Sebastian Robles, 165	4-6	0-2	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Patrick Kennedy, 174	82-26	23-5	15-2	6-1	8-2	2	18-6	51	59	7-1	5-0	5-1	--	--
Ty Miller, 174/184	3-3	3-3	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1-0	1-2	1:38
Gabe Arnold, 184	51-16	24-7	5-4	4-3	3-5	3	7-3	27	25	4-4	2-0	5-0	1-0	2:01
Angelo Ferrari, 184	25-6	14-5	9-1	1-1	5-1	--	4-1	10	33	3-3	1-0	3-0	--	--
Jake Howell, 184/197	2-4	2-4	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0-1	1-2	5:50
Harvey Ludington, 197	10-2/7-2*	10-2/7-2*	2-2	2-2	3-2	2	1-2	4	9	--	1-0	2-0/3-0*	5-0/2-0*	0:21
Brody Sampson, 197	11-11	7-10	0-4	0-3	0-4	--	0-1	4	--	1-0	2-1	1-1	1-3	1:48
Easton Fleshman, 285	17-14	4-2	0-2	--	--	--	--	3	--	--	0-1	--	--	--
Ben Kueter, 285	38-19	14-9	5-5	3-4	3-5	--	9-6	28	15	3-0	0-1	--	--	--
Gage Marty, 285	14-15	0-4	0-4	0-1	0-3	--	--	4	--	0-1	--	--	0-1	--

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

2025-26 records as attached wrestlers | *Competing unattached during 2025-26 season





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2025-26 HAWKEYE STATISTICAL LEADERS (attached competitors)

Overall Wins

1. Gabe Arnold (184)	24
2. Patrick Kennedy (174)	23
3. Michael Caliendo (165)	22
4. Kale Petersen (125)	18
Drake Ayala (133)	18
Ryder Block (141)	18

Overall Winning Percentage

1. Leo DeLuca (125)	1.000
2. Harvey Ludington (197)	.833
2. Patrick Kennedy (174)	.821
3. Kale Petersen (125)	.818
4. Michael Caliendo (165)	.815

Dual Wins

1. Michael Caliendo (165)	15
Patrick Kennedy (174)	15
3. Dean Peterson (125)	10
Ryder Block (141)	10
5. Drake Ayala (133)	9
Angelo Ferrari (184)	9

Dual Winning Percentage

1. Leo DeLuca (125)	1.000
Kael Voinovich (149)	1.000
3. Angelo Ferrari (184)	.900
4. Patrick Kennedy (174)	.882
5. Michael Caliendo (165)	.833

Dual Meet Tam Points Scored

1. Michael Caliendo (165)	66
2. Patrick Kennedy (174)	59
3. Ryder Block (141)	43
4. Drake Ayala (133)	41
5. 2 Wrestlers	33

Big Ten Dual Wins

1. Michael Caliendo (165)	6
Patrick Kennedy (174)	6
3. Drake Ayala (133)	5
4. Gabe Arnold (184)	4
5. 4 Wrestlers	3

Big Ten Dual Winning Percentage

1. Victor Voinovich III (157)	1.000
2. Patrick Kennedy (174)	.857
3. Michael Caliendo (165)	.750
4. Drake Ayala (133)	.625
5. 2 Wrestlers	.600

Falls

1. Harvey Ludington (197)	5
2. Michael Caliendo (165)	4
3. Jordan Williams (157)	3
4. Ryder Block (141)	2
Isaiah Fenton (157)	2

Fastest Falls

1. Harvey Ludington (197)	0:21
2. Isaiah Fenton (157)	0:49
3. Ryder Block (141)	0:53
4. Jordan Williams (157)	1:07
5. Ty Miller (174)	1:38

Technical Falls

1. Michael Caliendo (165)	7
Drake Ayala (133)	7
3. Kale Petersen (125)	6
4. Patrick Kennedy (174)	5
Gabe Arnold (184)	5

Major Decisions

1. Michael Caliendo (165)	6
2. Joey Cruz (125)	5
Patrick Kennedy (174)	5
3. Isaiah Fenton (157)	4
5. 3 Wrestlers	3

Career Dual Starts

1. ! Michael Caliendo (165)	61
2. * Dean Peterson (125)	60
3. Patrick Kennedy (165)	51
4. Drake Ayala (133)	47
5. ^ Nasir Bailey (141)	44

! includes 14 duals at NDSU

* includes 46 duals at Rutgers

^ includes 23 duals at Little Rock

Career Wins

1. ! Michael Caliendo (165)	103
2. Drake Ayala (133)	83
3. Patrick Kennedy (174)	82
4. * Dean Peterson (125)	77
5. Nasir Bailey (141)	64

! includes 29 wins at NDSU

* includes 62 wins at Rutgers

^ includes 52 wins at Little Rock

2025-26 IOWA DUAL STARTING LINEUPS

Opponent	125	133	141	149	157	165	174	184	197	285
Bellarmine	Peterson	Ayala	Bailey	Voinovich	Williams	Caliendo	Kennedy	Ferrari	Endene	Kueter
vs. Missouri	DeLuca	Ayala	Bailey	Block	Williams	Caliendo	Kennedy	Ferrari	Endene	Marty
vs. Illinois	Peterson	Ayala	Bailey	Voinovich	Williams	Caliendo	Kennedy	Ferrari	Endene	Marty
vs. Oklahoma State	Peterson	Ayala	Bailey	Block	Voinovich III	Caliendo	Kennedy	Ferrari	Endne	--
vs. Ohio State	Peterson	Ayala	Bailey	Block	Voinovich III	Caliendo	Kennedy	Ferrari	Endne	--
Pittsburgh	Peterson	Ayala	Bailey	Block	Voinovich III	Caliendo	Kennedy	Arnold	Endene	Kueter
at Iowa State	Peterson	Ayala	Bailey	Block	Williams	Caliendo	Kennedy	Ferrari	Endene	Kueter
vs. Chattanooga	Peterson	Cruz	Bailey	Block	Voinovich III	Caliendo	Kennedy	Ferrari	Arnold	Fleshman
vs. Utah Valley	Peterson	Cruz	Bailey	Block	Voinovich III	Caliendo	Kennedy	Ferrari	Arnold	Fleshman
Wisconsin	Hernandez	Ayala	Petersen	Block	Williams	Caliendo	Kennedy	Ferrari	Ludington	Kueter
Penn State	Peterson	Ayala	Bailey	Block	Williams	Caliendo	Arnold	Ferrari	Sampson	Kueter
at Nebraska	Cruz	Ayala	Bailey	Block	Williams	Caliendo	Kennedy	Arnold	Sampson	Kueter
Minnesota	Cruz	Ayala	Bailey	Block	Williams	Caliendo	Kennedy	Arnold	Ludington	Kueter
at Ohio State	Peterson	Ayala	Petersen	Block	Voinovich III	Caliendo	Kennedy	Arnold	Sampson	Keuter
at Michigan State	Peterson	Ayala	Petersen	Block	Voinovich III	Caliendo	Kennedy	Arnold	--	Kueter
Michigan	Peterson	Ayala	Petersen	Block	Williams	Caliendo	Kennedy	Arnold	Ludington	Kueter
at Purdue	Peterson	Ayala	Petersen	Block	Voinovich III	Caliendo	Kennedy	Arnold	Ludington	Marty
at Oklahoma State	Peterson	Ayala	Petersen	Block	Williams	Caliendo	Kennedy	Arnold	Sampson	Marty

Bolded names = match winners