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SCOREBOARD

Record / 9-8 Big Ten Record / 3-6 Non-Conference Record / 6-2 Home Record / 2-4 Road Record / 5-3 Neutral Record / 2-1

Record vs. Ranked Teams / 1-6

November

| 7Eastern Michigan Duals^ |
|------------------------------|
| vs. Northern IllinoisW, 30-9 |
| vs. Central MichiganL, 18-16 |
| at Eastern MichiganW, 30-13 |
| 15Michigan State Open |
| 20W, 37-12 |
| 21 |
| at Lock HavenW, 31-9 |

December

4-5Cliff Keen Las Vegas Invitational& • Team / 15th / 52 pts • 165 / Chad Welch / 2nd 29-30Ken Kraft Midlands Championships%

• Team / 11th / 54.5 pts

• 165 / Chad Welch / 1st

| 8 | No. 1 Penn State* | L, 42-3 |
|----------|-----------------------|----------|
| 15 | .at Michigan State* | W, 27-15 |
| 17 | Maryland* | W, 32-6 |
| 22 | .at No. 2 lowa* | L, 39-4 |
| 24 | .at No. 23 Minnesota* | L, 23-18 |
| 31 | No. 9 Ohio State | L, 20-17 |
| | | |
| February | | |
| 7 | .at No. 20 Indiana* | W, 18-14 |
| 12 | .at No. 9 Michigan* | L, 30-11 |

14.....L, 24-15

19...... SIU Edwardsville...... W, 23-12 21.....L, 28-18

5-6Big Ten Championships**

- Team / 10th / 34 pts
- 141 / Danny Sabatello / 5th
- 165 / Chad Welch / 5th
- 197 / Drake Stein / 8th

17-19NCAA Championships^^

All times ET; Home duals in bold italic

^ Eastern Michigan Duals in Ypsilanti, Mich.

Lock Haven, Pa.

& Cliff Keen Las Vegas Collegiate Wrestling Invitational in Las Vegas, Nev. % Midlands Championships in Evanston, Ill.

* Big Ten dual

** Big Ten Championships in Iowa City, Iowa

^^ NCAA Championships in New York City

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PURDUE AT THE NCAA CHAMPIONSHIPS

- Danny Sabatello (141) and Chad Welch (165) received automatic berths to the NCAA Championships with fifthplace finishes at the Big Ten Championships ... Alex Griffin received one of six at-large berths awarded at 149 pounds to qualify for his first NCAA appearance.
- Danny Sabatello is a three-time NCAA Championships qualifier for the Boilermakers ... he is a two-time qualifier at 141 pounds (2014, 2016) ... last year he was an automatic qualifier at 133 pounds and was seeded 11th ... he is the 16th wrestler in Purdue history to qualify for three NCAA Championships.
- Chad Welch makes his third trip to the NCAA Championships, but his first at 165 pounds ... in 2013 and 2015 he qualified at 174 pounds ... he is the 17th wrestler in Purdue history to qualify for three NCAA Championships.
- Welch received the No. 8 seed at 165 ... he is the first 165-pounder of a dozen qualifiers in program history to earn a seed ... it's the highest seed for a Purdue wrestler since Cashé Quiroga was the No. 7 seed at 133 pounds in 2014.
- Purdue also had a trio of qualifiers in 2014, one of which was Danny Sabatello (141) ... that group finished 39th in the team standings with 7.5 points.
- Last season eight Boilermakers qualified for the NCAA Championships in St. Louis, Missouri ... it had been a dozen years since Purdue qualified eight to the NCAA Championships and it was only the third time in program history eight advanced ... the eight qualifiers were a program high that was previously accomplished in 1993 and 2003 and were the most since 2010 ... the group compiled a 6-16 record to finish 42nd as a team with 4.5 points.
- Five of the qualifiers in 2015 were seniors ... Sabatello and Welch are returning qualifiers from that group.
- A Purdue wrestler has received a seed 65 times, and of those that were seeded, 35 have gone on to earn All-America honors ... 19 unseeded Boilermakers have placed in the tournament ... Quiroga was the last to do so, placing sixth at 125 pounds in 2010.
- The last NCAA champion for the Boilermakers was Charles Jones, who won the 167 pound title in 1992 ... Ivan Lopouchanski was the last All-American, placing seventh at 149 pounds in 2013.
- Purdue has had three grapplers earn a national title ... Arnold Plaza is the only Boilermaker ever to win two titles, winning at 114.5 pounds in 1948, followed by a 121-pound championship in 1949 ... in 1950 Joe Patacsil took top-honors at 128 pounds.
- Forty Purdue wrestlers have captured All-America accolades for a total of 54 honors ... a trio of individuals have earned the distinction three times and there have been eight two-time All-Americans.

USA TODAY/NWCA COACHES POLL FEB. 23 - FINAL

| Team (First) | Record | Conf. Prvs. | |
|------------------------|--------|-------------|--|
| 1. Penn State (12) | 16-0 | . Big Ten 1 | |
| 2. NC State | . 23-1 | .ACC4 | |
| 3. Virginia Tech | . 16-2 | .ACC5 | |
| 4. lowa | | | |
| 5. Oklahoma State | . 13-3 | .Big 123 | |
| 6. Missouri | | | |
| 7. Ohio State | 11-3 | . Big Ten9 | |
| 8. Michigan | | | |
| 9. Lehigh | | | |
| 10. Rutgers | | | |
| 11. Oklahoma | | | |
| 12. Nebraska | | 3 | |
| 13. Illinois | | | |
| 14. North Carolina | | 3 | |
| 15. Kent State | . 15-3 | .MAC17 | |
| 16. Minnesota | | | |
| 17. Iowa State | | | |
| 18. Cornell | | | |
| 19. Central Michigan | | | |
| 20. Ohio | | | |
| 21. South Dakota State | | | |
| 22. Oregon State | | | |
| 23. Appalachian State | | | |
| 24. Arizona State | | | |
| 25. Chattanooga | | | |
| | | | |

Dropped Out No 20 Virginia, **No. 23 Purdue**, No. 24 Pittsburgh

Others Receiving Votes Pittsburgh 15, Virginia 13, **Purdue 12**, CSU Bakersfield 3, *Duke 2*, Stanford 1

Italic denotes 2015-16 opponents

PURDUE'S USA TODAY/NWCA COACHES POLL SEASON TRENDS

| Date | Rank | Pts. |
|-------|------|------|
| 10/27 | NR | |
| 11/10 | RV | .2 |
| 11/17 | NR | |
| 11/24 | NR | |
| 12/1 | NR | |
| 12/8 | 24 | .21 |
| 12/15 | 19 | .63 |
| 12/22 | 19 | .76 |
| 1/5 | 19 | .76 |
| 1/12 | 20 | .73 |
| 1/19 | 20 | .80 |
| 1/26 | 24 | .39 |
| 2/2 | RV | .16 |
| 2/9 | 23 | .29 |
| 2/15 | 23 | .29 |
| 2/23 | RV | .12 |

- The last time Purdue had multiple All-Americans was in 2006 with Chris Fleeger finishing as the 133-pound runnerup and Ben Wissel placing third at 184.
- Purdue has nine top-10 team finishes to its credit ... in 1950 the Boilermakers were the national runner-up with four All-Americans ... the last top-10 finish came in 1991, placing seventh with a program record 39.75 points.

NCAA CHAMPIONSHIPS HISTORY, SINCE 2000

| Year Location | Place | Points | Qualifiers | All-Americans |
|--------------------------|-------|--------|------------|---------------|
| 2000 St. Louis, Mo | 46 | 5 | 4 | 0 |
| 2001 Iowa City, Iowa | T-25 | 15.5 | 5 | 1 |
| 2002 Albany, N.Y | 15 | 32.5 | 5 | 2 |
| 2003 Kansas City, Mo | 14 | 38 | 8 | 2 |
| 2004 St. Louis, Mo | | | | |
| 2005 St. Louis, Mo | | | | |
| 2006 Oklahoma City, Okla | 20 | 34 | 4 | 2 |
| 2007 Auburn Hills, Mich | T-42 | 8 | 4 | 0 |
| 2008 St. Louis, Mo | | | | |
| 2009 St. Louis, Mo | | | | |
| 2010 Omaha, Neb | T-28 | 20.5 | 7 | 1 |
| 2011 Philadelphia, Pa | T-39 | 9 | 5 | 0 |
| 2012 St. Louis, Mo | T-28 | 17.5 | 6 | 0 |
| 2013 Des Moines, Iowa | | | | |
| 2014 Oklahoma City, Okla | | | | |
| 2015 St. Louis, Mo | | | | |

ALL-TIME ALL-AMERICANS

| No. |
|-----|
| 4 |
| 8 |
| 10 |
| 10 |
| 2 |
| 7 |
| 6 |
| 7 |
| 54 |
| |

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NICKELL

ANTHONY ABIDIN

ANTHONY ASHNAULT

JAVIER GASCA III

TOMMY THORN



ZACH FINESILVER

| Overall Record | |
|---------------------------|------|
| Dual Record | 9-8 |
| Big Ten Dual Record | 3-6 |
| Tournament Record | 10-7 |
| vs. Ranked Opponents | 4-6 |
| vs. NCAA Qualifiers | 7-10 |
| Overtime Matches (SV, TB) | 1-1 |
| Decisions | |
| Major Decisions | 4-4 |
| Technical Falls | |
| Falls | |
| Shutouts | 1-3 |
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2015-16 SCORING

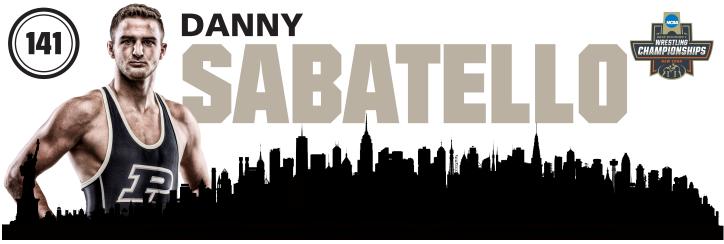
| | Sabatello | Opp. | |
|-----------------------|-----------|------|--|
| Score First (%) | 588 | | |
| First Period Points | | | |
| Second Period Points. | 52 | 58 | |
| Third Period Points | 63 | 69 | |
| Overtime Points | 2 | 2 | |
| Points/Match | | | |
| | | | |

2015-16 TOTALS

| | Sabatello | Орр. |
|----------------------|-----------|------|
| Takedowns | 67 | 44 |
| Reversals | 4 | 10 |
| Two-Point Nearfalls | 5 | 3 |
| Four-Point Nearfalls | | |
| Back Points | | |
| Stalling | | |
| Cautions | | |
| Riding Time | | |
| Riding Time Points | | |
| Points | | |

INDIVIDUAL SEASON RANKING TRENDS

| Week of | Amateur Wrestling News | ASICS FloWrestling | Gregg Henry | InterMat | TheOpenMat.com | WIN Magazine | NCAA Coaches | NCAA RPI |
|---------|---------------------------|-----------------------|-------------|----------|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------|
| | | | | | 12 (133) | | | |
| Oct. 26 | ^ | | ^ | ^ | | ^ | | |
| Nov. 1 | ^ | 13 | 14 | 15 | 12 (133) | ^ | | |
| Nov. 9 | ^ | 13 | | 17 | 15 | NR | | |
| Nov. 16 | 19 | | | | | NR | | |
| Nov. 23 | NR | 16 | 21 | 20 | 19 | 18 | | |
| Nov. 30 | NR | 16 | 22 | | 19 | | | |
| Dec. 7 | NR | NR | NR | NR | NR | NR | | |
| Dec. 14 | NR | NR | NR | | NR | NR | | |
| Dec. 21 | NR | | | | NR | | | |
| Dec. 28 | ^ | ^ | ^ | ^ | ^ | ^ | | |
| Jan. 4 | NR | NR | NR | NR | NR | 17 | | |
| Jan. 11 | NR | NR | NR | NR | NR | | | |
| Jan. 18 | NR | NR | NR | NR | NR | 17 | 27 | |
| Jan. 25 | NR | NR | | NR | | NR | | |
| Feb. 1 | NR | NR | NR | NR | | NR | | |
| Feb. 8 | NR | NR | | | NR | NR | 25 | 30 |
| Feb. 15 | NR | NR | | | NR | | | |
| Feb. 22 | NR | NR | NR - FINAL | NR | NR | NR | 24 | 27 |
| Feb. 29 | NR | | | NR | ^ | | | |
| March 7 | | | | | ^ | 16 | 19 | 27 |



2015-16

Tournaments

- Placed third at Michigan State Open (unattached) (11/15)
- Competed at Cliff Keen Las Vegas Invitational (12/4) as the No. 6 seed
- Competed at Midlands Championships (12/29-30)
- Placed fifth at Big Ten Championships (3/5-6) as the No. 7 seed

Season Notes

- Received an automatic bid to his third NCAA Championships with a fifth-place finish at the Big Ten Championships ... is the 16th wrestler in Purdue history to qualify for three NCAA Championships.
- Went 3-2 as the No. 7 seed for his best outing in his three Big Ten Championships ... opened with consecutive wins to advance to the semifinals ... shut out Gabe Grahek of Wisconsin 4-0 in his first match and followed by upsetting Minnesota's second-seeded Tommy Thorn ... raced out to a 6-2 lead in the first period vs. Thorn thanks to a pair of takedowns and a two-point nearfall ... added a takedown in the second and third periods on his way to an 11-6 decision.
- Was denied in the semifinals by third-seeded Anthony Ashnault of Rutgers, the eventual Big Ten champion, 8-4 ... both wrestlers scored two takedowns, but a reversal by Ashnault late in the second period and his second takedown in the third was the edge for the Scarlet Knight.
- Sabatello avenged a Jan. 15 dual loss to Michigan State's Javier Gasca III with a 3-2 decision for fifth place ... 1:47 of riding time accumulated in the first and early in the second periods was the difference maker in the match ... Sabatello blasted Gasca with a double-leg takedown in the opening period ... the win marked the 80th of Sabatello's career.
- Has seven wins over NCAA qualifiers: Zach Horan of Central Michigan (6-3), Jameson Oster of Northwestern (MF), Dan Neff of Lock Haven (149) (12-10 SV2), Anthony Abidin of Nebraska (15-4), Zach Finesilver of Duke (13-5), Thorn and Gasca.
- Over 30 percent of his matches this season have been against NCAA qualifiers.
- Six takedowns away from matching career best in a season (73) set as a redshirt sophomore.
- Appears on the final edition of InterMat rankings for a second consecutive season ... closed out the 2014-15 season ranked 17th at 133 pounds.
- Team leader in takedowns with 67 ... his 2.0 takedowns per match and 212 total points rank second ... 1 of 2 Purdue wrestlers to score over 200 points this season, the other being Chad Welch (240).
- Ranks among the top two on the team in period-by-period scoring ... he's second in the first (86), second in the second (52) and tied for the lead in the final period (63).
- Is one of six wrestlers averaging six or more points per match among those that have 20 or more matches this season ... has averaged six or more points per match every season of his career.

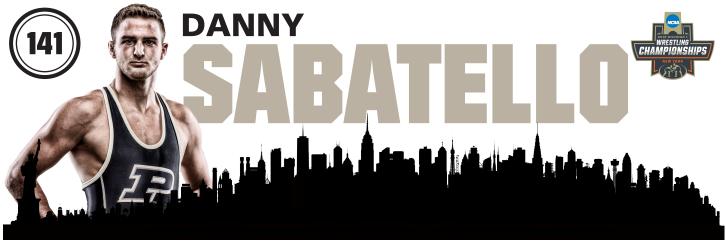
- Closed out the regular season winning four of his last five matches, including two by major decision.
- Season long winning streak was four straight from Nov. 20 to Dec. 4 with two decisions and two falls.

CAREER NOTES

- Continued to ascend the career record lists for takedowns and back points while at the Big Ten Championships ... tallied seven takedowns and a two-point nearfall in five matches ... has 262 career takedowns, ranking 12th ... has 142 career back points to rank 14th.
- Three-time NCAA Championships qualifier (133 pounds 2015; 141 pounds 2014, 2016) ... automatic qualifier in 2015 and 2016 ... at-large selection in 2014 ... has a 2-4 NCAA record.
- Two-time Big Ten Championships placewinner for the Boilermakers at 141 pounds ... as a redshirt sophomore in 2014 he took eighth.
- Has wrestled in 127 matches during his career and has 80 wins ... 34 percent of his wins have been with bonus points (11 MD, 7 TF, 9 F).
- First Purdue wrestler to twice earn Big Ten Wrestler of the Week honors in his career (12/2/2014; 1/20/2015).
- He is the last Purdue wrestler to win 15 or more consecutive matches ... he won 16 straight last season from early-November to the end of December 2014.
- Team awards: 2014-15 Most Outstanding Wrestler, 2013-14 Most Improved Wrestler

BASICS

| Full Name | Daniel Anthony Sabatello |
|-------------|---|
| Year | Redshirt Senior |
| | Law and Society |
| Minor | Organizational Leadership and Supervision |
| Hometown | Long Grove, Illinois |
| High School | Stevenson |
| | Greg and Nancy Sabatello |
| Notes | Both older brothers, Joe and Vince, attended Purdue |



| Overall Record | 80-47 |
|-----------------------------|-------|
| Dual Record | 41-19 |
| Big Ten Dual Record | 15-15 |
| Tournament Record | 39-28 |
| Record vs. Ranked Opponents | 14-27 |
| Decisions | 51-28 |
| Major Decisions | 11-11 |
| Technical Falls | 7-2 |
| Falls | 9-6 |
| Shutouts | 7-8 |

CAREER MATCH-BY-MATCH

| 2015-16 / REDSHIRT SENIOR / 141 / 19-15 | |
|---|---|
| 11/7 15NR Steve Bleise, Northern Illinois | |
| 11/7 1511 Zach Horan, Central Michigan | |
| 11/7 15 NRKyle Springer, Eastern Michigan | |
| 11/15 17 NRSal Marandino, Ohio State | W, F, 3:39 |
| 11/15 17 NRKeVon Powell, Unatt. (Ohio) | W, MD, 11-3 |
| 11/15 17 NRMichael Labry, Unatt. (Ashland) | W, D, 9-4 |
| 11/15 17 NR Steve Bleise, Northern Illinois | L, D, 11-6 |
| 11/15 17 NR Jameson Oster, Northwestern | W, MF |
| 11/20 20 NRAdam Barrick, Bloomsburg | |
| 11/21 20 NRKarl Lightner, Shippensburg | W, D, 13-7 |
| 11/21 20 17 Dan Neff, Lock HavenV | |
| 12/4 NR NRJake Velarde, Boise State | W, F, 4:12 |
| 12/4 NRNR lan Nickell, CSU Bakersfield | L, D, 5-3 (SV1) |
| 12/4 NR NRTrevor Jauch, Northern Iowa | L, D, 7-5 |
| 12/29 NR NR Noah Teaney, Oklahoma | W, F, 4:21 |
| 12/29 NR17 Anthony Abidin, Nebraska | W, MD, 15-4 |
| 12/29 NR NRAndrew Long, Grand View | L, F, 6:09 |
| 42/20 ND 2 Authorit Ashirotta District | |
| 12/30 NR2 Anthony Ashnault, Rutgers | L, MD, 10-0 |
| 1/8 NR NRKade Moss, Penn State | |
| | L, MD, 11-3 |
| 1/8 NR NRKade Moss, Penn State | L, MD, 11-3 |
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| 1/8 NR NR Kade Moss, Penn State | L, MD, 11-3 L, F, 5:51 W, D, 9-3 L, D, 6-0 |
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2014-15 / REDSHIRT JUNIOR / 133 / 28-10

11/2 NR .. NR Hermilo Esquivel, Michigan State W, F, 4:16

| 11/2 W W VV, I, 4.10 |
|---|
| 11/2 NR NRJordan Northrup, Northern Illinois L, D, 8-4 |
| 11/2 NRNRChristian Monserrat, Unatt. (W.Va.)W, MD, 11-3 |
| 11/14 NR NRCal Poly |
| 11/16 NR NRJack Hogan, Unatt. (Menlo) |
| 11/16 NR NRVito Pasone, Appalachian StateW, MD, 13-3 |
| 11/16 NR NRIan Nickell, CSU Bakersfield |
| 11/16 NR NRJoey Palmer, Unatt. (Oregon State) |
| 11/23 NR NRBrett Yarbrough, Indiana Tech |
| 11/23 NR 15Levi Wolfensperger, Northern Iowa |
| 11/29 NR NR David White, Binghamton |
| 11/29 NR 12Matt Manley, Missouri |
| 11/29 NR NRMichael Hayes, Old Dominion |
| 12/6 NR NRPatrick Myers, SIU Edwardsville |
| 12/12 19 14Nick Soto, Chattanooga |
| 12/13 19 NRMatt Williams, North Carolina |
| 12/29 17 NRJohn Coukos, Northwestern W, TF, 20-5 (6:08) |
| 12/29 17 NR Caleb Richardson, Penn |
| 12/29 17 4Cory Clark, Iowa L, F, 2:12 |
| 12/30 17 NR Dominick Malone, Northwestern L, D, 9-7 (SV1) |
| 1/9 NR NREric Montoya, Nebraska |
| 1/11 NR 14Ryan Taylor, WisconsinL, MD, 18-6 |
| 1/16 20 19Dominick Malone, NorthwesternW, MD, 10-2 |
| 1/18 20 7Jimmy Gulibon, Penn State |
| 1/30 14 7Johnni DiJulius, Ohio State |
| 2/1 144Zane Richards, Illinois |
| 2/8 11 NRZebulon Hilyard, Michigan |
| 2/15 11NRGarth Yenter, Michigan StateW, MD, 8-0 |
| 2/20 11 NRAlonzo Shepherd, Indiana W, TF, 19-4 (6:25) |
| 3/7 12 17Scott Delvecchio, Rutgers |
| 3/7 12 3Ryan Taylor, Wisconsin L, D, 8-1 |
| 3/7 12 15Eric Montoya, Nebraska |
| 3/7 12 NRGeoffrey Alexander, Maryland |
| 3/8 12 17Scott Delvecchio, Rutgers L, F, 6:34 |
| 3/19 17NR Zach Synon, Missouri |
| 3/19 17 Earl Hall, Iowa StateL, D, 11-5 |
| 3/20 17NR Kevin Norstrem, Virginia Tech |
| 3/20 17 10 Rossi Bruno, MichiganL, D, 5-2 |
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2013-14 / REDSHIRT SOPHOMORE / 141 / 22-14

| 11/9 NR NR . | Wismit Moinius, Lindsey Wilson | W, D, 2-0 |
|---------------|---------------------------------|--------------------|
| 11/9 NR NR . | Trevor Moody, Indiana | W, D, 8-1 |
| 11/9 NR 2 | Mitchell Port, Edinboro | L, D, 9-6 |
| 11/9 NR NR . | Joe Locksmith, Navy | W, D, 13-7 |
| 11/9 NR NR . | Brian Gibbs, Michigan State | W, MD, 19-6 |
| 11/9 NR NR . | Nick Lawrence, Purdue | W, D, 2-1 (TB2) |
| 11/16 NR NR . | Xaviel Ramos, Duke | W, D, 12-5 |
| | Chris Dardanes, Minnesota | |
| 11/24 NR NR . | Drew Vrbenec, SIU Edwardsville | W, D, 13-7 |
| | Terrance McKinney, North Idaho | |
| 12/6 NR NR . | Tyson Dippery, Rutgers | W, D, 7-5 |
| | Logan Stieber, Ohio State | |
| 12/7 NR NR . | Gabe Moreno, Iowa State | L, D, 8-4 |
| 12/15 NR NR . | Austin Sams, Chattanooga | W, D, 9-7 (SV1) |
| | Gustavo Martinez, Grand View | |
| | Laike Gardner, Lehigh | |
| | Nick Lawrence, Purdue | |
| | Jameson Oster, Unatt | |
| | Rick Durso, Franklin & Marshall | |
| | Josh Dziewa, Iowa | |
| | Angelo Latora, Michigan | |
| | Zain Retherford, Penn State | |
| | Tyler Argue, Northern Illinois | |
| 1/19 NR NR . | Bobby Mason, Ashland | W, TF, 19-4 (7:00) |
| | | |

| 1/26 NR NRColton McCrystal, Nebraska | W, F, 6:53 |
|--|-----------------|
| 1/31 NR NRTrevor Moody, Indiana | W, D, 6-4 |
| 2/3 NR 3Logan Stieber, Ohio State | L, MD, 13-3 |
| 2/7 NR 8Steven Rodrigues, Illinois | W, D, 10-6 |
| 2/16 NR 14Joey Lazor, Northern Iowa | W, D, 14-10 |
| 3/8 19 NR Brian Gibbs, Michigan State | W, D, 10-5 |
| 3/8 19 5Chris Dardanes, Minnesota | L, D, 10-9 |
| 3/8 19 NR Pasquale Greco, Northwestern | W, D, 3-2 |
| 3/8 19 NRSteven Rodrigues, Illinois | L, D, 4-0 |
| 3/9 19 NRJesse Thielke, Wisconsin | L, MD, 18-6 |
| 3/20 NR5 Chris Dardanes, Minnesota | L, D, 5-3 (SV1) |
| 3/20 NRNR Sam Speno, NC State | L, D, 8-6 |
| | |

2012-13 / REDSHIRT FRESHMAN / 133 / 11-8

| ZOIZ 13 / KEDSIIIKI TIKESIINIAN / 133 / TI | 0 |
|--|-------------|
| 11/3 NRNRZ. Hilyard, Michigan | L, D, 5-0 |
| 11/3 NR NRS. Troyer, Findlay | W, TF, 23-6 |
| 11/3 NR NRQ. Leadbeter, Navy | W, D, 11-7 |
| 11/3 NR NRLuke Schroeder, Purdue | W, TF, 24-8 |
| 11/3 NR NRM. Carlone, Cleveland State | W, D, 11-7 |
| 11/10 NR 9Nathan McCormick, Missouri | L, D, 11-5 |
| 11/17 NR NRN. Steger, Loras | W, MD, 12-3 |
| 11/17 NR NRA. Hawkins, Calumet of St. Joseph | W, TF, 18-3 |
| 11/17 NR NRT. Twyner, Northern Illinois | W, D, 10-5 |
| 11/24 NR NRJ. Thome, Army | L, F, 2:04 |
| 12/16 NR NR Garcia, Iowa Western CC | W, TF, 21-5 |
| 12/16 NR NRP. Meyers, SIU Edwardsville | W, D, 8-2 |
| 12/29 NR 3S. Sentes, Central Michigan | L, D, 6-0 |
| 12/29 NR NRD. Steeley, Binghamton | W, D, 12-5 |
| 12/29 NR NRT. Keselring, Central Michigan | L, MD, 9-1 |
| 1/6 NR 2Tony Ramos, Iowa | L, MD, 13-4 |
| 1/11 NR NRL. Arlis, Illinois | W, D, 11-4 |
| 1/20 NR NRJordan Conaway, Penn State | L, MD, 13-4 |
| 1/28 NR 5Tyler Graff, Wisconsin | L, TF, 21-5 |
| | |

KEY

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Matches against 2016 NCAA qualifiers denoted in **red** Career NCAA Championships matches denoted in **blue**













JUSTIN OLIVER

NICK BARBER

GEO ZAIN BRANDON MARTINEZ RETHERFORD SORENSEN

JAKE SHORT

JASON TSIRTSIS

| Overall Record | 14-7 |
|---------------------------|------|
| Dual Record | 9-2 |
| Big Ten Dual Record | 5-2 |
| Tournament Record | 5-5 |
| vs. Ranked Opponents | 2-3 |
| vs. NCAA Qualifiers | |
| Overtime Matches (SV, TB) | 2-0 |
| Decisions | 8-5 |
| Major Decisions | 3-1 |
| Technical Falls | 3-1 |
| Falls | |
| Shutouts | 4-2 |
| | |

2015-16 SCORING

| | Grittin | Орр. |
|----------------------|---------|------|
| Score First (%) | 571 | |
| First Period Points | | |
| Second Period Points | 51* | 24 |
| Third Period Points | 35* | 26 |
| Overtime Points | 4* | 0 |
| Points/Match | 6.7 | 3.7 |

2015-16 TOTALS

| | Griffin | Орр. |
|----------------------|---------|-------|
| Takedowns | 20 | 23 |
| Reversals | 1 | 2 |
| Two-Point Nearfalls | 7 | 0 |
| Four-Point Nearfalls | 13* | 2 |
| Back Points | 66* | 8 |
| Stalling | 8 | 5 |
| Cautions | 2 | 5 |
| Riding Time | 24:45 | 15:50 |
| Riding Time Points | 6* | 5 |
| Points | | |

^{*}denotes career high

INDIVIDUAL SEASON RANKING TRENDS

| Week of | Amateur | ASICS | Cross Honey | IntovMat | The Open Mat sam | WIN | NCAA | NCAA |
|---------|----------------|--------------------|-------------|------------|------------------|----------------|---------|------|
| | Wrestling News | FloWrestling NR | Gregg Henry | | | Magazine NR | Coaches | RPI |
| | ^ | | ^ | | ^ | ^ | | |
| Nov. 1 | Λ | NR | 22 | NR | NR | ^ | | |
| Nov. 9 | ^ | NR | 23 | | NR | | | |
| Nov. 16 | NR | NR | 26 | NR | NR | NR | | |
| Nov. 23 | NR | NR | 21 | 20 | | | | |
| Nov. 30 | NR | 16 | | | NR | NR | | |
| Dec. 7 | NR | 16 | 17 | 19 | NR | NR | | |
| Dec. 14 | NR | 15 | 16 | | | NR | | |
| Dec. 21 | NR | 16 | 17 | 17 | NR | NR | | |
| Dec. 28 | ^ | | | ^ | ^ | ^ | | |
| Jan. 4 | NR | | 25 | | | NR | | |
| Jan. 11 | NR | 20 | 27 | NR | NR | | | |
| Jan. 18 | NR | 20 | 27 | NR | | | 26 | |
| Jan. 25 | NR | 18 | 20 | NR | NR | | | |
| Feb. 1 | NR | 18 | | | | | | |
| Feb. 8 | 20 | 19 | 21 | NR | | | | 18 |
| Feb. 15 | NR | 19 | 21 | NR | NR | NR | | |
| Feb. 22 | NR | 20 | 22 - FINAL | | | NR | 21 | 20 |
| Feb. 29 | NR | | | | ^ | | | |
| March 7 | NR | NR | | NR - FINAL | ^ | NR | 24 | 28 |

2015-16

Tournaments

- Competed in Cliff Keen Las Vegas Invitational (12/4-5) as the No. 9 seed
- Competed in Midlands Championships (12/29) as the No. 9 seed
- Competed in Big Ten Championships (3/5) as the No. 6 seed

Season Notes

- Received an at-large bid to his first NCAA Championships.
- Has three wins over NCAA qualifiers ... opened season beating Justin Oliver of Central Michigan (7-6) and Eastern Michigan's Nick Barber (3-1 SV1) ... used sudden victory to defeat Jake Short of Minnesota (4-2).
- Finished the Big Ten Championships with a 1-2 record ... his win was a 16-0 technical fall of Michigan State's Kaelan Richards ... the shutout was his fourth of the season and 12th of his career ... the technical fall was third of season and 10th of career.
- Has posted 10 or more points in five matches.
- His 66 back points are second on the team ... he is one point shy of landing on the season record list.
- Tied with Chad Welch for most two-point nearfalls with seven and most technical falls with three ... ranks second in four-point nearfalls with 13.
- His 6.7 points per match is the highest average on the team among those that have 20 or more matches this season.
- Missed the last four duals of the season due to a leg injury ... won his three matches prior.
- Recorded the biggest upset of his career by beating Minnesota's ninth-ranked Jake Short 4-2 in sudden victory (1/24) ... it was his second win over a ranked opponent of the season and the third of his career.
- At the Cliff Keen Las Vegas Invitational he bounced back from narrow 6-5 loss to eighth-seeded Geo Martinez of Boise State by shutting out Virginia Tech's third-seeded and 13th-ranked Sal Mastriani with an 8-0 major decision ... it was the second dominating upset of his career ... last season he posted an 8-1 upset of No. 11 Alexander Richardson of Old Dominion in dual action.
- Started the season 5-0 to match his career-best winning streak.

CAREER NOTES

- Ranks 11th on Purdue's back points list ... has 152 back points through three seasons.
- Team awards: 2013-14 Outstanding Freshman, Co-Bonus Points (2 Falls, 4 TF, 5 MD)

HIGH SCHOOL

• Placed third at the Indiana High School Athletic Association championships as a senior, going 45-1 ... set the single-season back point record as a senior with 180 ... named McCutcheon's MVP wrestler.

BASICS

| Full Name | James Alexander Griffin |
|-----------|----------------------------------|
| | Redshirt Junior |
| Major | Building Construction Management |
| Hometown | Lafayette, İndiana |
| | McCutcheon |
| | Doug and Kristy Griffin |
| | Has two brothers, Tyler and Will |
| | |



| Overall Record | 45-25 |
|-----------------------------|-------|
| Dual Record | 17-7 |
| Big Ten Dual Record | 6-6 |
| Tournament Record | 28-18 |
| Record vs. Ranked Opponents | 3-10 |
| Decisions | 21-20 |
| Major Decisions | 10-1 |
| Technical Falls | 10-1 |
| Falls | 4-1 |
| Shutouts | 12-3 |

CAREER MATCH-BY-MATCH

| 2015-16 / KEDSHIKT JUNIOK / 149 / 14-7 | |
|---|--------------------|
| 11/7 NRNR Justin Oliver, Central Michigan | W, D, 7-6 |
| 11/7 NRNR Nick Barber, Eastern Michigan | W, D, 3-1 (SV1) |
| 11/21 NR NRColin Ochs, Shippensburg | W, D, 6-0 |
| 11/21 NR NRCody Wheeler, Lock Haven | W, MD, 10-1 |
| 12/4 19 NRMark Marchetti, Army | W, D, 4-1 |
| 12/4 19NR Geo Martinez, Boise State | L, D, 6-5 |
| 12/4 19 13Sal Mastriani, Virginia Tech | W, MD, 8-0 |
| 12/4 19 NRTom Page, American | W, D, 6-1 |
| 12/29 18 NR Kyle Gilva, North Dakota State | W, D, 10-3 |
| 12/29 18 NR Ken Theobald, Unatt. (Rutgers) | L, MD, 8-0 |
| 12/29 18 NRSam Speno, Unatt. (NC State) | L, D, 9-4 |
| 1/8 NR1 Zain Retherford, Penn State | L, TF, 17-1 (6:09) |
| 1/15 NR NRKaelan Richards, Michigan State V | /, TF, 17-0 (5:00) |
| 1/17 NR NRWade Hodges, Maryland | |
| 1/22 NR2 Brandon Sorensen, Iowa | |
| 1/24 NR9 Jake Short, Minnesota | W, D, 4-2 (SV1) |
| 1/31 NR NRMike Hozan, Ohio StateV | V, TF, 18-2 (6:22) |
| 2/7 19 NRLuke Blanton, Indiana | |
| 3/5 NR NRLuke Blanton, Indiana | L, D, 4-3 |
| 3/5 NR NR Kaelan Richards, Michigan State V | |
| 3/5 NR5 Jason Tsirtsis, Northwestern | L, D, 4-0 |
| | |

2014-15 / REDSHIRT SOPHOMORE / 149 / 13-5 W MD. 13-1

| 11/2 NR NRMickey Bennett, West Virginia |
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| 11/2 NR NRJake Ryan, Unatt. (Ohio State) L, F, 4:21 |
| 11/2 NR NRWilliam Jenkins, West Virginia |
| 11/2 NR NRJames Jenkins, Unatt W, TF, 15-0 (6:32) |
| 11/2 NR NRJames Dekrone, West Virginia |
| 11/2 NR NRJake Ryan, Unatt. (Ohio State) L, D, 7-4 |
| 11/14 NR NRJacob Leon, Cal Poly W, TF, 17-0 (4:51) |
| 11/16 NR NRJose Espinoza, Roadrunner WC |
| 11/16 NR NRJoey Moon, North Carolina |
| 11/16 NR NRHunter Hodges, Unatt |
| 11/16 NR 10Dylan Cottrell, Appalachian State L, D, 8-6 (TB1) |
| 11/16 NR NRJoey Moon, North Carolina |
| 11/16 NR NRBrandon Nelsen, Purdue L, D, 3-1 |
| 11/23 NR NRThomas Garty, Indiana Tech W, TF, 15-0 (3:30) |
| 11/23 NR NRZach Witte, Northern IowaW, D, 7-5 (TB1) |
| 11/29 NR 6Drake Houdashelt, MissouriL, D, 7-2 |
| 11/29 NR 11 Alexander Richardson, Old Dominion W, D, 8-1 |
| 12/14 NR NRJoey Moon, North Carolina |
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2013-14 / REDSHIRT FRESHMAN / 149/57 / 18-14

| 11/9 NRNREric Roach, Indiana |
|---|
| 11/9 NR NRJoseph Johnson, Michigan State W, TF, 18-3 (7:00) |
| 11/9 NR NRHunter Stieber, Unatt L, D, 8-1 |
| 11/9 NR NRlan Paddock, Unatt |
| 11/22 NR 3Nick Dardanes, MinnesotaL, D, 8-4 |
| 11/24 NR NR Karsten Van Velsor, SIU Edwardsville W, F, 3:12 |
| 12/14 NR NR Chris Rau, Eastern Michigan W, TF, 16-0 (5:00) |
| 12/14 NR NRLukas Kern, Kent StateW, MD, 11-0 |
| 12/14 NR NRAlex Parker, Cleveland State W, TF, 18-0 (3:00) |
| 12/14 NR NR L, D, 7-1 |
| 12/14 NR NRColin Heffernan, UnattL, ID |
| 12/29 NR NRGabe Morse, Northern IllinoisW, MD, 12-4 |
| 12/29 NR NRJake Short, UnattL, D, 10-3 |
| 12/29 NR NRAndrew Crone, Unatt |
| 12/29 NR NREric Roach, Indiana |
| 12/30 NR NRRylan Lubeck, Wisconsin |
| 1/5 NRNRArlen Mase, Gannon |
| 1/5 NR NRAbel Avila, Notre Dame (Ohio) |
| 1/5 NRNRNeal Molloy, Indiana |
| 1/5 NRNRRJ LaBeef, Cleveland State |
| 1/5 NR Garrett Smith, Gannon |
| 1/26 NR 1James Green, Nebraska |
| 1/31 NR 7Taylor Walsh, IndianaL, D, 5-2^ |
| 2/3 NRNRRandy Languis, Ohio State |
| 2/7 NR 13Zac Brunson, Illinois |
| 2/16 NR Jarrett Jensen, Northern Iowa |
| 3/8 NR 13Brian Murphy, Michigan |
| 3/8 NR NRZach Brunson, Illinois |
| 3/8 NR NRRoger Wildmo, Michigan State |
| INN L, ID (1:33)/ |

[^] denotes match wrestled at 157

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SETH THOMAS

COOPER MOORE CLARK GLASS

ISAAC JORDAN

TANNER WIGHTMAN WEATHERMAN JORDAN

во

ANTHONY PERROTTI

PATRICK RHOADS

STEVEN RODRIGUES

| 2015-16 RECORDS | |
|---------------------------|------|
| Overall Record | 30-7 |
| Dual Record | 12-3 |
| Big Ten Dual Record | 6-3 |
| Tournament Record | |
| vs. Ranked Opponents | 6-5 |
| vs. NCAA Qualifiers | 8-5 |
| Overtime Matches (SV, TB) | |
| Decisions | |
| Major Decisions | 10-1 |
| Technical Falls | 3-0 |
| Falls | 6-4 |
| Shutouts | 8-1 |
| | |

| 2015-16 SCORING | i | |
|----------------------|-------|------|
| | Welch | Орр. |
| Score First (%) | 662 | |
| First Period Points | 131* | 34 |
| Second Period Points | 41* | 17 |
| Third Period Points | 52* | 18 |
| Overtime Points | 0 | 0 |
| Points/Match | 6.5* | 2.0 |

| Welch | Opp. |
|--------|--------------------------------------|
| 48* | 18 |
| 9* | 6 |
| 7 | 2 |
| 17 | 1 |
| 82* | 8 |
| 5 | 9 |
| | |
| 62:00* | 13:12 |
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| | |
| | Welch 48* 9* 7 17 82* 5 1 62:00* 16* |

^{*}denotes career high

INDIVIDUAL SEASON RANKING TRENDS

| Week of Verstling News FloWrestling Gregg Henry InterMat TheOpenMat.com Magazine Coaches RPI Preseason 14 20 22 NR 16 .19 (174) < | |
|---|--|
| Oct. 26. ^ 18 ^ ^ ^ ^ ^ ^ Nov. 1 16 _ ^ Nov. 1 Nov. 2 NR 15 13 (174) 13 (174) 15 13 (174) 15 15 15 16 _ NR 15 15 13 (174) 15 16 _ NR 15 15 16 _ NR 15 15 13 (174) _ NR 15 15 13 (174) _ | |
| Nov. 1 18 22 NR 16 Nov. 9 20 23 NR 15 13 (174) | |
| Nov. 9 | |
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| Nov. 23 | |
| Nov. 30 | |
| Dec. 7 | |
| Dec. 14 | |
| Dec. 21 | |
| Dec. 28 | |
| Jan. 4 | |
| Jan. 11 | |
| Jan. 189 | |
| Jan. 25 | |
| Feb. 1 | |
| Feb. 8 | |
| Feb. 15 | |
| Feb. 22 | |
| Feb. 29 | |

2015-16

Tournaments

- Michigan State Open runner-up (unattached) (11/15)
- Cliff Keen Las Vegas Invitational runner-up (12/4-5) as the No. 10 seed
- Midlands Championships champion (12/29-30) as the No. 3 seed
- Placed fifth at Big Ten Championships (3/5-6) as the No. 5 seed

Season Notes

- Received an automatic bid to his third NCAA Championships with a fifth-place finish at the Big Ten Championships ... is the 17th wrestler in Purdue history to qualify for three NCAA Championships.
- As the No. 8 seed, he is the first 165-pounder of a dozen qualifiers in program history to earn a seed ... it's the highest seed for a Purdue wrestler since Cashé Quiroga was the No. 7 seed at 133 pounds in 2014.
- Welch wrestled true to his seed at the Big Ten Championships ... he went 4-2 with two bonus point victories and he received a medical forfeit ... in his three matches wrestled, Welch outscored his opponents 26-0.
- Welch pushed his bonus point victories total to 19 with a technical fall and a major decision ... in his opening round 16-0 technical fall of Michigan's Jordan Amine, Welch racked up 14 back points in 2:27 ... it was the first time he had won by technical fall in the first period and the fastest technical fall for the Boilermakers this season ... the technical fall was the third of the season and sixth of his career ... the major decision was the 10th of the season and 14th of his career.
- His 2-0 win over eighth-seeded Patrick Rhoads of Iowa in the wrestleback quarterfinals was the 80th win of his career.
- Welch received a medical forfeit from fourth-seeded Anthony Perrotti of Rutgers in the fifth-place match ... the two also met in the second round with the Scarlet Knight slipping into a defensive pin at the 4:49 mark with the match tied 4-4 ... Perrotti injury defaulted in the semifinals and medically forfeited the next two matches.
- Has seven wins over NCAA qualifiers, including two major decisions and two falls ... has faced Perrotti three times and Oklahoma's Clark Glass twice.
- With a winning percentage of .811, he's eyeing a spot on the season record list ... his 82 back points this season rank 11th all-time at Purdue ... Welch is averaging 2.2 back points per match ... he'll earn a spot on the career falls list with his next pin.
- Has established career highs across the board in nearly every statistical category for win types and scoring.
- Leads the team in nearly all categories ... is tied with Alex Griffin for most two-point nearfalls with seven and most technical falls with three ... finished the dual season tied for most dual points scored (49).

- His 6.5 points per match ranks second on the team among those that have 20 or more matches this season ... it is also over one point higher than his previous career best set during his rookie season.
- Won four straight matches by major decision from Jan. 15 to 24 to become the first Purdue grappler to win three or more straight major decisions since A.J. Kissel in November 2010 ... won his fourth straight with an 11-0 shutout of Minnesota's Brad Dolezal (1/24) ... outscored the opposition 53-11 during the stretch.
- Was ranked among the top 10 by InterMat for 13 consecutive polls ... his run is the longest a Purdue wrestler has been ranked among the top 10 since Quiroga, who was ranked among the top 10 at 133 for the entire 2011-12 season.
- His career-high ranking of No. 5 in the Jan. 4 edition was the highest for an individual since Kissel was fifth at 184 on Nov. 23, 2010.
- Became Purdue's second-ever Midlands Championships titlist and the program's first since Dave Gibson in 1963 ... pinned lowa State's Tanner Weatherman in 3:54 in the finals ... outscored his competition 47-8 in five matches, including points scored in two pins ... his other wins included one decision, one major decision, one tech and he received one medical forfeit.
- Became Purdue's first Cliff Keen Las Vegas Invitational finalist since Logan Brown at 197 pounds in 2010 ... entered the tournament unranked and knocked off three ranked opponents, including two in the top 10 ... his 2:25 pin of No. 4 Cooper Moore of Northern lowa in the quarterfinals stands as the highest ranked opponent a Purdue wrestler has defeated this season ... edged No. 9 Clark Glass 2-1 in the semifinals ... major decisioned No. 13 Seth Thomas of Oregon State (11-2) in the second round.

CAREER NOTES

- At the Big Ten Championships, he jumped to No. 10 on the career back points list with 157.
- \bullet Three-time NCAA qualifier ... in 2013 and 2015 he advanced at 174 pounds ... has a 1-4 NCAA record.
- Two-time Big Ten Championships placewinner, with both finishes coming at different weights ... as a redshirt freshman in 2013 he placed eighth at 174 pounds.
- Team awards: 2012-13 Outstanding Freshman

BASICS

| Full NameYear | |
|---|--|
| | |
| Major | |
| Hometown | Newburgh, Indiana |
| High School | Castle |
| Parents | Curt and Dawn Welch |
| Notes | One minute older than twin |
| brother Doug older brother to Luke also | has an older sister, Courtney he hopes |
| to pursue a career in business or law enforce | ement after graduation in May |



| Overall Record | 81-53 |
|-----------------------------|-------|
| Dual Record | 36-26 |
| Big Ten Dual Record | 12-19 |
| Tournament Record | 45-27 |
| Record vs. Ranked Opponents | 13-36 |
| Decisions | 39-25 |
| Major Decisions | 14-15 |
| Technical Falls | 6-2 |
| Falls | 16-11 |
| Shutouts | 17-8 |
| | |

CAREER MATCH-BY-MATCH

| | SHIRT SENIOR / 165 / 30-7 | |
|--|---|--|
| | Andrew Scott, Northern Illinois | |
| | Jordan Wohlfert, Central Michigai | |
| 11/7 NR NR | Derek Davison, Eastern Michigan | W, F, 2:43 |
| | Kyle Nixon, Davenport | |
| 11/15 NR NR | Austin Geerlings, Grand Valley Sta | ateW, D, 7-1 |
| | Jordan Wohlfert, Central Michigai | |
| 11/15 NR NR | Rob Schlitt, Bucknell | W, D, 8-1 |
| 11/15 NR NR | Logan Massa, Unatt. (Michigan) . | L, F, 1:09 |
| 11/20 NR NR | Mathew Carr, Bloomsburg | W, F, 4:44 |
| | Cody Cordes, Lock Haven | |
| 12/4 NR NR | Alex Lopouchanski, Air Force | W, MD, 11-2 |
| | Seth Thomas, Oregon State | |
| | Cooper Moore, Northern Iowa | |
| | Clark Glass, Oklahoma | |
| | Isaac Jordan, Wisconsin | |
| | Robbie King, Franklin & Marshall | |
| | Brendan Burnham, Maryland | |
| | Judd Ziegler, Princeton | |
| 12/20 6 12 | | |
| | Clark Glass, Oklahoma | |
| 12/30 6NR | Mitch Wightman, American | W, MD, 15-2 |
| 12/30 6NR 12/30 615 | Mitch Wightman, American Tanner Weatherman, Iowa State | W, MD, 15-2 |
| 12/30 6NR 12/30 615 1/8 5NR | Mitch Wightman, American Tanner Weatherman, Iowa State Shakur Rasheed, Penn State | W, MD, 15-2 W, F, 3:54 L, F, 1:56 |
| 12/30 6NR 12/30 615 1/8 5NR 1/15 7NR | Mitch Wightman, American Tanner Weatherman, Iowa State Shakur Rasheed, Penn State Dean Vettese, Michigan State | W, MD, 15-2 W, F, 3:54 L, F, 1:56 W, MD, 13-4 |
| 12/30 6 NR 12/30 6 15 1/8 5 NR 1/15 7 NR | Mitch Wightman, American Tanner Weatherman, Iowa StateShakur Rasheed, Penn State Dean Vettese, Michigan State Brendan Burnham, Maryland | W, MD, 15-2 W, F, 3:54 L, F, 1:56 W, MD, 13-4 W, MD, 14-3 |
| 12/30 615 12/30 615 1/8 5 NR 1/15 7 NR 1/17 7 NR 1/22 7 NR | Mitch Wightman, American Tanner Weatherman, Iowa State Shakur Rasheed, Penn State Dean Vettese, Michigan State Brendan Burnham, Maryland Burke Paddock, Iowa | W, MD, 15-2 W, F, 3:54 L, F, 1:56 W, MD, 13-4 W, MD, 14-3 W, MD, 15-4 |
| 12/30 6NR 12/30 615 1/8 5 NR 1/15 7 NR 1/17 7 NR 1/22 7 NR 1/24 7 NR | Mitch Wightman, American | |
| 12/30 6 NR 12/30 6 15 1/8 5 NR 1/15 7 NR 1/17 7 NR 1/22 7 NR 1/24 7 NR | Mitch Wightman, American Tanner Weatherman, Iowa State Shakur Rasheed, Penn State Dean Vettese, Michigan State Brendan Burnham, Maryland Burke Paddock, Iowa Brad Dolezal, Minnesota Bo Jordan, Ohio State | |
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| 12/30 6 NR 12/30 6 15 1/8 5 NR 1/15 7 NR 1/17 7 NR 1/22 7 NR 1/24 7 NR 1/31 7 2 2/12 7 NR | Mitch Wightman, American | W, MD, 15-2W, F, 3:54V, F, 1:56W, MD, 13-4W, MD, 14-3W, MD, 11-0W, MD, 13-0W, D, 3-0W, D, 7-6 |
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| 12/30 6 NR 12/30 6 15 1/8 5 NR 1/15 7 NR. 1/17 7 NR. 1/22 7 NR. 1/24 7 NR 1/31 7 2 2/17 7 NR 2/14 7 NR 2/19 8 NR 3/5 8 NR 3/5 8 NR | Mitch Wightman, American | W, MD, 15-2W, F, 3:54L, F, 1:56W, MD, 13-4W, MD, 15-4W, MD, 15-4W, MD, 13-0W, D, 3-0W, D, 7-6L, F, 1:35W, D, 6-3W, T, 16-0 (2:27)L, F, 4:49 |
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2014-15 / REDSHIRT JUNIOR / 174 / 21-18 11/2 NR ...NRDylan Zivcic, Lake Erie College

...W, D, 6-3

| 11/2 NR NRTrace Engelkes, Northern Illinois | W, D, 4-2 |
|---|---------------|
| 11/2 NR NRBrandon Hill, Michigan | W, D, 3-1 |
| 11/2 NR 9Cody Walters, Ohio | L, D, 6-1 |
| 11/2 NR NRJohnny Sebastian, Unatt. (Northwestern |) L, D, 6-3 |
| 11/14 NR NRDominic Kastl, Cal Poly | L, D, 5-1 |
| 11/16 NR NR Jacob Maas, Unatt W, TF, | 15-0 (3:09) |
| 11/16 NR NR Gabe Fuentes, San Francisco State W, TF | , 16-1 (3:00) |
| 11/16 NR 20John Staudenmayer, North Carolina | W, D, 4-1 |
| 11/16 NR 6Bryce Hammond, CSU Bakersfield | L, MD, 8-0 |
| 11/16 NR 18Joe Lantham, Oregon State | |
| 11/16 NR 20John Staudenmayer, North Carolina | W, F, 6:54 |
| 11/23 NR NR Curt Maas, Northern Iowa | L, D, 5-1 |
| 11/29 NR NRSteven Schneider, Binghamton | W, D, 3-2 |
| 11/29 NR 15Mikey England, Missouri | |
| 11/29 NR NRAustin Coburn, Old Dominion | |
| 12/6 NR NRJake Residori, SIU Edwardsville | |
| 12/12 NR NRLevi Clemons, Chattanooga | |
| 12/13 NR NRJohn Staudenmayer, North Carolina | W, D, 3-2 |
| 12/29 NR NRBryce Gorman, Northern Illinois | |
| 12/29 NR NRJacob Davis, Unatt. (Eastern Michigan) | |
| 12/29 NR 2Mike Evans, Iowa | |
| 12/29 NR NRAlex Meyer, Iowa | |
| 1/9 NR 1Robert Kokesh, Nebraska | |
| 1/11 NR 18Frank Cousins, Wisconsin | |
| 1/16 NRNRNorthwestern | |
| 1/18 NR 4Matt Brown, Penn State | |
| 1/30 NR 13Mark Martin, Ohio State | |
| 2/1 NR 9Zac Brunson, Illinois | |
| 2/8 NR NRJake Salazar, Michigan | |
| 2/15 NRNRNick Proctor, Michigan State | |
| 2/20 NR 15Nate Jackson, IndianaW, | |
| 3/7 18 19Nate Jackson, IndianaL, | |
| 3/7 18 13Taylor Massa, Michigan | |
| 3/7 18NRJosh Snook, Maryland | |
| 3/8 18 19Nate Jackson, Indiana | |
| 3/19 NRNR Frank Cousins, Wisconsin | |
| 3/19 NR1Robert Kokesh, Nebraska | |
| 3/20 NRNR Pete Renda, NC State | L, D, 4-2 |
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2013-14 / REDSHIRT SOPHOMORE / 165 / 8-13

| TT/T6 NR NRWarcus Cain, Duke | VV, D, 5-4 |
|--|--------------|
| 11/22 NR 16 Danny Zilverberg, Minnesota | L, MD, 10-2 |
| 11/24 NR NRJake Vitale, SIU Edwardsville | W, F, 0:56 |
| 12/6 NR NRRaymond Waters, Arizona StateW, [|), 5-3 (SV1) |
| 12/6 NR 17Chris Moon, Virginia Tech | W, MF |
| 12/6 NR 8Dan Yates, Michigan | L, F, 1:19 |
| 12/7 NR NR Payton Walsh, Navy | L, D, 9-5 |
| 12/15 NR 7Corey Mock, Chattanooga | L, D, 6-0 |
| 12/29 NR NR Devon Gobbo, Harvard | W, F, 4:23 |
| 12/29 NR 14 Cooper Moore, Northern Iowa L, TF, | 15-0 (7:00) |
| 12/29 NR NRCurt Maas, Northern Iowa | L, F, 1:46 |
| 1/5 NR NRJacob Hosking, Lake Erie College | W, F, 3:50 |
| 1/5 NRNRCasey Fuller, Edinboro | W, D, 3-1 |
| 1/5 NRNRMatt Vanderqueer, Lake Erie College | W, F, 3:59 |
| 1/5 NRNRBo Jordon, Ohio State | L, D, 7-1 |
| 1/10 NR 7Dan Yates, Michigan | L, D, 8-4 |
| 1/12 NR 1David Taylor, Penn State | L, F, 2:23 |
| 1/19 NRNRShaun'Qae McMurtry, Northern Illinois | L, D, 6-3 |
| 1/26 NRNRAustin Wilson, Nebraska | |
| 1/31 NRNRRyan LeBlanc, Indiana | |
| 2/7 NR 13Jackson Morse, Illinois | L, MD, 18-5 |
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2012-13 / REDSHIRT FRESHMAN / 174 / 22-15

| 11/3 NR NRZ. Green, Lake Erie College | W, MD, 13-2 |
|---|----------------|
| 11/3 NR NRD. Zivcic, Lake Erie College | W, F, 6:31 |
| 11/3 NR NR C. Busson, Northern Illinois | W, D, 3-1 (SV) |
| 11/3 NR NRN. Proctor, Michigan State | W, D, 5-2 |
| 11/3 NR NRM. Miller, Navy | L, F, 4:18 |
| 11/10 NR NRB. Curling, Old Dominion | W, D, 6-2 |
| 11/10 NR 19Todd Porter, Missouri | L, D, 11-5 |
| 11/17 NR NRS. Birt, Loras | W, F, 3:00 |
| 11/17 NR NRCalumet of St. Joseph | W, FOR |
| 11/17 NR NRMatt Mougin, Northern Illinois | W, D, 8-5 |
| 11/24 NR NRR. Tompkins, Army | W, D, 6-2 |
| 11/24 NR 2J. Asper, Maryland | L, MD, 16-4 |
| 11/24 NR NRJ. John, Hofstra | |
| 12/8 NR NRE. Wilson, Ellsworth | |
| 12/8 NR NRK. Klapprodt, Iowa | |
| 12/8 NR NRB. Eichmann, Minnesota State | W, D, 4-0 |
| 12/8 NR NRD. Azinger, Wartburg | |
| 12/8 NR 19Cody Caldwell, Northern Iowa | |
| 12/16 NR NRD. White, SIU Edwardsville | |
| 1/4 NR NRJ. Wohlfert, Michigan State | |
| 1/6 NR 11Mike Evans, Iowa | |
| 1/11 NR 5Jordan Blanton, Illinois | |
| 1/28 NR NRScott Liegel, Wisconsin | |
| 2/1 NR 9Lee Munster, Northwestern | |
| 2/3 NR 10Dan Yates, Michigan | |
| 2/11 NRNRIndiana | |
| 2/17 NR NRL. Helbig, Wyoming | |
| 2/17 NR 12Todd Porter, Missouri | |
| 2/23 NRNRJared Lux, Buffalo | |
| 2/23 NR NR Colin Gironda, Franklin & Marshall | |
| 3/9 NR 8Lee Munster, Northwestern | |
| 3/9 NR 2Mike Evans, Iowa | |
| 3/9 NR NRScott Liegel, Wisconsin | |
| 3/10 NR 4Robert Kokesh, Nebraska | |
| 3/10 NR 1Logan Storley, Minnesota | |
| 3/20 NRNR Cody Walters, Ohio | |
| 3/20 NRNR lan Korb, Penn | L, MD, 12-4 |
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KEY

NR = Not Ranked Unatt. = Unattached FOR = Forfeit
MF = Medical Forfeit ID = Injury Default

Information listed as follows: date of match, the Purdue wrestler's InterMat ranking at the time of the match, the opponent's InterMat ranking at the time of the match, the opponent's name, their affiliation and the match result. Rankings of non-DI opponents not included.

Matches against 2016 NCAA qualifiers denoted in red Career NCAA Championships matches denoted in blue

STAT LEADERS / THE LAST TIME...

2015-16 SEASON STAT LEADERS INDIVIDUAL

| II | NDIVIDUAL | |
|----|------------------------------------|---|
| M | ost Matches | |
| M | ost Wins | |
| M | ost Dual Wins | |
| M | ost Big Ten Dual Wins | 6 / Chad Welch |
| M | ost Non-Conference Dual Wins | |
| M | ost Tournament Wins | |
| M | ost Wins in a Single Tournament | 6 / Chad Welch |
| Hi | ghest Ranked Opponent Defeated | |
| M | ost Ranked Opponents Defeated | |
| | | |
| | | |
| M | ost Major Decisions | |
| | | 3 / Kyle Ayersman, Alex Griffin, Jonathan Marmolejo, Chad Welch |
| M | ost Falls | 8 / Drake Stein |
| M | ost Bonus Point Wins | |
| M | ost Shutouts | 8 / Chad Welch |
| Fa | stest Fall | |
| Fa | stest Technical Fall | |
| M | ost Points Scored in a Match | |
| La | rgest Margin of Victory in a Match | |
| | | |
| | | |
| Lo | ongest Dual Winning Streak | |
| | | |

SEASON TOTAL

| Most Times Scored First in a Match | |
|---|-------------------------------|
| Most Points Scored in the Second Period | |
| Most Points Scored in the Third Period | |
| Most Points Scored in Overtime | 10 / Luke Welch |
| Most Overtime Matches | |
| Most Wins in Overtime | |
| Most Takedowns | |
| Most Reversals | 9 / Chad Welch |
| Most Two-Point Nearfalls | |
| Most Four-Point Nearfalls | 17 / Chad Welch |
| Most Back Points | 82 / Chad Welch |
| Most Riding Time Points | 16 / Chad Welch |
| Most Accumulated Riding Time | 62:00 / Chad Welch |
| Most Total Points Scored | 240 / Chad Welch |
| Most Dual Points Scored | 49 / Tanner Lynde, Chad Welch |

TEAM

| Highest USA Today/NWCA Division I Coaches' Poll Ranki | ng No. 19 / Three times (Dec. 15, Dec. 22, Jan. 5) |
|---|---|
| Most Points Scored in a Dual | 37 / Bloomsburg |
| Most Bonus Point Wins in a Dual | .5 / Bloomsburg (1 MD, 4 F); Maryland (3 MD, 1 TF, 1 F) |
| Most Points Allowed in a Dual | 42 / Penn State |
| Most Bonus Point Wins Allowed in a Dual | |

THE LAST TIME...

TEAM

| ILAW | |
|---|--|
| Won a Home Dual | |
| Won a Home Big Ten Dual | Jan. 17, 2016 / Maryland / 32-6 |
| Won a Road Dual | Feb. 7, 2016 / No. 20 Indiana / 18-14 |
| Won a Road Big Ten Dual | Feb. 7, 2016 / No. 20 Indiana / 18-14 |
| Won a Neutral Site DualNo | |
| Won a Neutral Site Big Ten DualJan | . 28, 2013 / No. 20 Wisconsin @ Hinsdale, Ill. / 22-14 |
| Lost a Home Dual | |
| Lost a Home Big Ten Dual | Feb. 14, 2016 / No. 14 Rutgers / 24-15 |
| Lost a Road Dual | Feb. 12, 2016 / No. 9 Michigan / 30-11 |
| Lost a Big Ten Road Dual | Feb. 12, 2016 / No. 9 Michigan / 30-11 |
| Lost a Neutral Site Dual | 7, 2015 / Central Michigan at Ypsilanti, Mich. / 18-16 |
| Lost a Neutral Site Big Ten Dual | |
| Shutout an Opponent | |
| Shutout a Big Ten Opponent | |
| Shutout by an Opponent | Jan. 15, 2012 / No. 4 Minnesota / 40-0 |
| Shutout by a Big Ten Opponent | |
| Scored 30+ Team Points | |
| Scored 40+ Team Points | |
| Scored 50+ Team Points | |
| | Nov. 17, 2012 / Calumet College of St. Joseph / 59-0 |
| Allowed 30+ Team Points | |
| Allowed 40+ Team Points | |
| Allowed 50+ Team Points | |
| Appeared in the USA Today/NWCA Division I Coaches' Poll | Feb.15, 2016 / No. 23 |
| Beat a Ranked Opponent | Feb. 7. 2016 / No. 20 Indiana / 18-14 |
| Beat a Top-10 Ranked Opponent | |
| Won Consecutive Big Ten Duals | |
| Tron consecutive and rem a data minimum. | at Michigan State 25-17 / Maryland 32-6 |
| Won a Big Ten Championship | |
| Placed in Top Three at Big Ten Championships | |
| Placed in Top Six at Big Ten Championships | |
| Season with the Most Big Ten Placewinners | |
| Season with the Most NCAA Qualifiers | |
| Placed in Top 10 at NCAA Championships | |
| Placed in Top 25 at NCAA Championships | |
| riacca in 10p 25 at NCAA Championships | 2003 / 23 / 24.3 politis |
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INDIVIDUAL LONGEST CONSECUTIVE STREAKS

| Won 10 or More Matches | Nov. 2 - Dec. 29, 2014 / Danny Sabatello / 16 |
|-------------------------------|---|
| Won 15 or More Matches | Nov. 2 - Dec. 29, 2014 / Danny Sabatello / 16 |
| Won 20 or More Matches | Nov. 3, 2012 - Feb. 11, 2013 / Ivan Lopouchanski / 20 |
| Won 30 or More Matches | Nov. 30, 2002 - March 21, 2003 / Chris Fleeger / 32 |
| Three or More Major Decisions | Jan. 15-24, 2016 / Chad Welch / 4 |
| Three or More Technical Falls | Dec. 20, 2009 / Logan Brown / 4 |
| Three or More Falls | Nov. 26, 2011 / Matt Fields / 3 |
| | Nov. 9, 2013 / Brandon Nelsen / 3 |
| Six or More Falls | Nov. 1 - Dec. 5, 2008 / A.J. Kissel / 7 |
| Five or More Bonus Point Wins | Dec. 9-29, 2011 / Braden Atwood / 6 (2 MD, 4 Falls) |

INDIVIDUAL

| III DIVIDO/IE | |
|--|---|
| Ranked in the Top 10 | March 8, 2016 / Chad Welch / 165 / No. 8 |
| Beat a Top-10 Opponent March 5, 2016 / Danny Sab | atello def. No. 7 Tommy Thorn, Minnesota / D, 11-6 |
| Scored 15+ PointsMarch 5, 2016 / Alex Griffin de | ef. Kaelan Richards, Michigan State / TF, 16-0 (4:18) |
| No. 8 Chad \ | Welch def. Jordan Amine, Michigan / TF, 16-0 (2:27) |
| Scored 20+ Points Feb. 19, 2016 / Luke Welch d | ef. Dakota Leach, SIU Edwardsville / TF, 23-8 (6:23) |
| Scored 25+ PointsDec. 29, 2013 / Cashé Quiroga d | lef. Johnny Coukos, Northwestern / TF, 25-10 (7:00) |
| Earned Big Ten Wrestler of the Week Honors | Jan. 20, 2015 / Danny Sabatello / 133 |
| Won a Big Ten Championship | 2004 / Ryan Lange / 174 |
| Earned Big Ten Wrestler of the Year | 1975 / Joe Corso / 126 |
| Earned Big Ten Wrestler of the Championships | |
| Earned All-America Status | 2013 / Ivan Lopouchanski / 149 |
| Won an NCAA Championship | |

Note Individual rankings are via InterMat at the time of the match; team rankings are via USA Today/INWCA Division I Coaches Poll at the time of the dual

SEASON RECORDS

| | EASUN KI | EGUKI | П2 | |
|-----|---------------------------|--------|--------|--------|
| WI | NS Name | Seasor | , | No. |
| 1. | Luke Manuel | | - | |
| 2. | Alex Coriano | | | |
| ۷. | Tony Vaughn | | | |
| 4. | Dave Walter | | | |
| 5. | Matt Lindley | | | |
| ٥. | Frank Laccone | | | |
| | Ben Wissel | | | |
| | Jake Patacsil | | | |
| 9. | Joe Urso | | | |
| 10. | Scott Hinkel | | | |
| | Tony Vaughn | | | |
| 12. | Scott Hinkel | | | |
| | Calvin Vande Hoef. | 1988 | | 35 |
| | Ryan Lange | | | |
| | Ryan Lange | | | |
| 16. | Dave Lilovich | 1986 | | 34 |
| | Charles Jones | | | |
| | Tim McClellan | 1991 | | 34 |
| | Jason Silverstein | 1999 | | 34 |
| | Chris Fleeger | 2002 | | 34 |
| | Nathan Moore | 2006 | | 34 |
| | Jake Patacsil | | | |
| WI | N PERCENTAGE [*] | k | | |
| | Name | | Record | Pct. |
| 1. | Charles Jones | . 1992 | 33-0 | .1.000 |
| 2. | Chris Fleeger | . 2003 | 32-1 | 970 |
| 3. | Tony Vaughn | | | |
| 4. | Charles Jones | . 1991 | 34-4 | 895 |
| | | | 24.4 | |

| | Name | Season | Record | Pct. |
|-----|--------------------------|--------|--------|-------|
| 1. | Charles Jones | . 1992 | 33-0 | 1.000 |
| 2. | Chris Fleeger | . 2003 | 32-1 | 970 |
| 3. | Tony Vaughn | . 1995 | 18-2 | 900 |
| 4. | Charles Jones | | | |
| | Chris Fleeger | . 2002 | 34-4 | 895 |
| 6. | Aaron Moran | | | |
| | Tony Vaughn | . 1996 | 40-5 | 889 |
| | Ivan Lopouchanski. | | | |
| 9. | Bernie Barrile | | | |
| | Ryan Lange | . 2004 | 35-5 | 875 |
| 11. | Luke Manuel | | | |
| 12. | Ben Wissel | . 2006 | 38-6 | 864 |
| 13. | Mike McHenry | . 1989 | 30-5 | 857 |
| 14. | Frank Patacsil | | | |
| | Jon Bush | . 2002 | 16-3 | 844 |
| 16. | Calvin Vande Hoef. | . 1988 | 35-7 | 833 |
| | Ryan Lange | . 2003 | 35-7 | 833 |
| 18. | Alan Housner | . 1974 | 29-6 | 829 |
| | Tim Dernlan | . 1996 | 29-6 | 829 |
| | Jacob Vercelli | . 2002 | 29-6 | 829 |
| | | | | |
| End | End of season watch list | | | |

| FA | LLS | | |
|------|----------------|--------|-----|
| | Name | Season | No. |
| 1. | A.J. Kissel | 2008 | 19 |
| 2. | A.J. Kissel | 2009 | 17 |
| 3. | Dave Lilovich | 1986 | 15 |
| 4. | Clovis Crane | 2003 | 14 |
| 5. | Frank Patacsil | 1981 | 13 |
| | Scott Hinkel | 1984 | 13 |
| 7. | Scott Hinkel | 1985 | 12 |
| | Joe Lilovich | 1986 | 12 |
| 9. | Dave Lilovich | 1984 | 11 |
| | Scott Hinkel | 1986 | 11 |
| | Scott Hinkel | 1987 | 11 |
| | Jake Patacsil | 2007 | 11 |
| 13. | Dave Lilovich | 1985 | 10 |
| | Joe Lilovich | 1987 | 10 |
| | Matt Lindley | 1989 | 10 |
| | Tony Vaughn | 1994 | 10 |
| | Matt Fields | | |
| 17. | Derek Grimwood | 1983 | 9 |
| | Frank Patacsil | 1984 | 9 |
| | Jon Bush | 2001 | 9 |
| | Jacob Vercelli | | |
| | Chris Fleeger | 2003 | 9 |
| | A.J. Kissel | 2011 | 9 |
| | Brandon Nelsen | 2012 | 9 |
| | Brandon Nelsen | | |
| | Braden Atwood | 2014 | 9 |
| | | | |
| Clos | ing in | | |

Chad Welch......6

| TAKEDOWNS | | | |
|-----------|-------------------|--------|-----|
| | Name | Season | No. |
| 1. | Ben Wissel | 2006 | 188 |
| 2. | Ryan Lange | 2003 | 182 |
| 3. | Alex Coriano | | |
| 4. | Ryan Lange | 2004 | 135 |
| 5. | Mike McHenry | 1990 | 129 |
| 6. | Cashé Quiroga | | |
| 7. | Willie Wineberg | 1998 | 123 |
| 8. | Ryan Lange | 2002 | 113 |
| 9. | Frank Laccone | | |
| 10. | Willie Wineberg | 1997 | 109 |
| | Jason Silverstein | | |
| 12. | Scott Hinkel | | |
| 13. | Tony Vaughn | 1996 | 107 |
| 14. | Frank Laccone | | |
| 15. | Logan Brown | 2010 | 101 |
| | Luke Manuel | 2010 | 101 |
| 17. | | | |
| | Tim McClellan | | |
| 19. | Tim Dernlan | | |
| | Cashé Quiroga | | |
| | | – | |

REVERSALS

| | Name | Season | No. |
|-----|-------------------|--------|-----|
| 1. | Dave Lilovich | 1986 | 32 |
| 2. | Joe Lilovich | 1986 | 27 |
| 3. | Dave Lilovich | 1985 | 26 |
| 4. | Dave Lilovich | 1984 | 20 |
| 5. | Bob Picciotti | 1984 | 19 |
| 6. | Justin Fraga | 2007 | 18 |
| 7. | Kurt Angell | | |
| | Mike McHenry | | |
| | Dan Keenan | | |
| | Jon Bush | 2001 | 17 |
| 11. | Dave Lilovich | 1982 | 16 |
| | Craig Kuhr | 1987 | 16 |
| | Josh Hutchens | | |
| 14. | Scott Hinkel | | |
| | Clovis Crane | | |
| | Jake Patacsil | | |
| | Tommy Churchard | 2012 | 15 |
| | Matt Fields | | |
| | Tommy Churchard | | |
| 18. | Calvin Vande Hoef | | |
| | Dave Walter | | |
| | Jake Patacsil | | |
| | Kyle Mosier | | |
| | Camden Eppert | | |
| | Brandon Nelsen | | |

BACK POINTS

| Name | Season | Pts. |
|---|-------------------------------------|--|
| Jake Patacsil | 2009 | 293 |
| Jake Patacsil | 2008 | 226 |
| Jake Patacsil | 2007 | 190 |
| Frank Patacsil | 1984 | 150 |
| Chris Fleeger | 2003 | 143 |
| Scott Hinkel | 1984 | 117 |
| Scott Hinkel | 1985 | 115 |
| Scott Hinkel | 1986 | 99 |
| Frank Patacsil | 1983 | 97 |
| Jake Patacsil | 2006 | 94 |
| | | |
| Chad Welch | | |
| | 2016 | 82 |
| Chad Welch | 2016 2005 | 82 |
| Chad Welch Doug Withstandley | 2016 2005 2010 | 82 80 |
| Chad Welch Doug Withstandley Sam Patacsil Kurt Angell | 2016 2005 2010 1984 | 82 80 79 |
| Chad Welch | 2016 | 827977 |
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| Chad Welch | | |
| | Jake Patacsil | Name Season Jake Patacsil 2009 Jake Patacsil 2008 Jake Patacsil 2007 Frank Patacsil 1984 Chris Fleeger 2003 Scott Hinkel 1984 Scott Hinkel 1985 Scott Hinkel 1986 Frank Patacsil 1983 Jake Patacsil 2006 |

Closing in...

^{*} Minimum of 18 season matches required

| WINS | | | |
|------|-------------------|-----------|-----|
| | Name | Years | No. |
| 1. | Ryan Lange | 2001-04 | 136 |
| 2. | Scott Hinkel | | |
| 3. | Jake Patacsil | 2006-09 | 120 |
| 4. | Luke Manuel | 2008-11 | 118 |
| 5. | Tony Vaughn | 1993-96 | 115 |
| | Ben Wissel | 2003-06 | 115 |
| 6. | Dave Lilovich | 1983-86 | 112 |
| 8. | Dave Walter | 1988-91 | 111 |
| | Nathan Moore | 2004-07 | 111 |
| 10. | Frank Laccone | 1993-97 | 110 |
| 11. | Logan Brown | 2008-11 | 109 |
| 12. | Tim Dernlan | 1995-98 | 104 |
| 13. | Joe Lilovich | 1985-88 | 102 |
| | Joe Urso | 1985-88 | 102 |
| 15. | Matt Lindley | 1987-91 | 101 |
| 16. | Tim McClellan | 1989-92 | 100 |
| 17. | Mike McHenry | 1988-91 | 95 |
| 18. | Eric Douglas | 1994-98 | 94 |
| 19. | Jacob Vercelli | 1999-2002 | 91 |
| | Braden Atwood | 2011-15 | 91 |
| 20. | Willie Wineberg | 1996-99 | 88 |
| | Doug Withstandley | 2003-06 | 88 |

WIN PERCENTAGE*

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|-----------------|--------------------|-------------|-----------|------|
| | Name | Years | Record | Pct. |
| 1. | Charles Jones | | | |
| 2. | Chris Fleeger | . 2002-06 | 86-9 | 905 |
| 3. | Ryan Lange | . 2001-04 | 130-31 | 807 |
| 4. | Tony Vaughn | 1993-96 | 115-28 | 804 |
| 5. | Joe Corso | 1974-75 | 49-12 | 803 |
| 6. | Ivan Lopouchanski. | . 2012-13 | 48-12 | 800 |
| 7. | Aaron Moran | | | |
| 8. | Alan Housner | 1973-76 | 59-17 | 776 |
| 9. | Willie Wineberg | 1996-99 | 88-26 | 772 |
| 10. | Mike McHenry | | | |
| 11. | Bernie Barrile | 1973-76 | 66-21 | 759 |
| 12. | Luke Manuel | 2008-11 | 118-40 | 747 |
| 13. | Jake Patacsil | 2006-09 | 120-41 | 745 |
| 14. | Dave Lilovich | 1983-86 | 112-41-2. | 733 |
| 15. | Matt Lindley | 1987-91 | 102-38 | 729 |
| 16. | Tim Dernlan | 1995-98 | 104-40 | 722 |
| 17. | Jason Silverstein | . 1999-2001 | 75-29 | 721 |
| 18. | Scott Hinkel | 1984-87 | 127-50 | 718 |
| 19. | Jacob Vercelli | . 1999-2002 | 91-36 | 717 |
| 20. | Frank Laccone | | | |

^{*} Minimum of 60 career matches required

| FALLS | | | |
|-------|-------------------|---------|-----|
| | Name | Years | No. |
| 1. | Scott Hinkel | 1984-87 | 47 |
| | A.J. Kissel | 2008-12 | 47 |
| 3. | Dave Lilovich | 1983-86 | 46 |
| 4. | Joe Lilovich | 1985-88 | 31 |
| | Braden Atwood | 2011-15 | 31 |
| 6. | Brandon Nelsen | 2011-15 | 30 |
| 7. | Frank Patacsil | 1981-84 | 29 |
| 8. | Tony Vaughn | 1993-96 | 27 |
| | Jacob Vercelli | | |
| 10. | Jake Patacsil | 2006-09 | 25 |
| 11. | Clovis Crane | 1999-03 | 23 |
| | Nathan Moore | 2004-07 | 23 |
| 13. | Matt Lindley | 1987-91 | 22 |
| | Jon Bush | | |
| | Matt Fields | 2009-12 | 22 |
| 16. | Drake Stein | 2012-16 | 19 |
| 17. | Israel Blevins | 2001-04 | 18 |
| | Nick Bertucci | 2007-10 | 18 |
| 19. | Calvin Vande Hoef | 1985-88 | 17 |
| | Chris Fleeger | | |
| | Doug Withstandley | | |
| | Jason Cook | | |
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TAKEDOWNS

Closing in...

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| | Name | Years | No. |
| 1. | Ryan Lange | 2001-04 | 523 |
| 2. | | 2003-06 | |
| 3. | Willie Wineberg | 1996-99 | 387 |
| 4. | Cashé Quiroga | 2010-14 | 383 |
| 5. | Frank Laccone | 1993-97 | 362 |
| 6. | Alex Coriano | 1993-96 | 340 |
| 7. | Logan Brown | 2008-11 | 335 |
| 8. | Eric Douglas | 1994-98 | 297 |
| 9. | Luke Manuel | 2008-11 | 276 |
| 10. | Dan Jankowski | 2001-04 | 272 |
| 11. | Shane Hanson | 1994-97 | 270 |
| 12. | Danny Sabatello | 2012-present | 262 |
| 13. | Tim Dernlan | 1995-98 | 268 |
| 14. | Scott Hinkel | 1984-87 | 263 |
| 15. | Tony Vaughn | 1993-96 | 254 |
| 16. | Oscar Santiago | 2000-03 | 243 |
| 17. | Evan Robinson | 1998-2001 | 230 |
| 18. | Colton Salazar | 2004-11 | 224 |
| 19. | Nick Corpe | 2006-10 | 216 |
| 20. | | 2009-12 | |
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Chad Welch......16

REVERSALS

| | Name | Years | No. |
|-----|-------------------|---------|-----|
| 1. | Dave Lilovich | 1983-86 | 94 |
| 2. | Jake Patacsil | 2006-09 | 51 |
| 3. | Joe Lilovich | 1985-88 | 47 |
| 4. | Brandon Nelsen | 2011-15 | 45 |
| 5. | Camden Eppert | 2010-14 | 42 |
| 6. | Bob Picchiotti | 1983-86 | 40 |
| 7. | Craig Kuhr | 1985-88 | 36 |
| | Calvin Vande Hoef | | |
| | Nick Bertucci | 2007-10 | 36 |
| | Matt Fields | 2009-12 | 36 |
| | A.J. Kissel | 2008-12 | 36 |
| 12. | Scott Hinkel | 1984-87 | 35 |
| 13. | Nathan Moore | 2004-07 | 33 |
| 14. | Jon Bush | 2001-03 | 32 |
| | Tommy Churchard | 2010-13 | 32 |
| 16. | Dan Jankowski | 2001-04 | 31 |
| | Ben Wissel | 2003-06 | 31 |
| 18. | Kyle Mosier | 2011-14 | 30 |
| 19. | Josh Hutchens | | |
| | Jason Cook | | |
| | Doug Welch | | |
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BACK POINTS

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|-----|-------------------|------------------|------|
| | Name | Years | Pts. |
| 1. | Jake Patacsil | 2006-09 | 803 |
| 2. | Scott Hinkel | 1984-87 | 391 |
| 3. | Chris Fleeger | 2002-06 | 304 |
| 4. | Frank Patacsil | 1981-84 | 285 |
| 5. | Dave Lilovich | 1983-86 | 236 |
| 6. | Tim Dernlan | 1995-98 | 203 |
| | Doug Withstandley | 2003-06 | 203 |
| 8. | Matt Fields | 2009-12 | 201 |
| 9. | Sam Patacsil | 2007-11 | 199 |
| 10. | Chad Welch | 2012-present | 157 |
| 11. | Alex Griffin | | |
| 12. | Frank Laccone | 1993 - 97 | 148 |
| 13. | Jason Silverstein | 1999-2001 | 141 |
| 14. | Danny Sabatello | 2012-present | 142 |
| 15. | Jason Cook | | |
| 16. | Oscar Santiago | 2000-03 | 133 |
| 17. | Nathan Moore | | |
| 18. | Mickey Griffin | | |
| 19. | Ryan Lange | | |
| 20. | Brandon Nelsen | | |
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COACHING STAFF



TONY ERSLAND

Head Coach / Second Season





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During his 18 years as a Division I wrestling coach, Tony Ersland has played an integral role in developing student-athletes that are accomplished on the mat and nationally recognized. He has had 94 wrestlers qualify for the NCAA Championships, with 28 earning All-America honors and four finishing at the top of the podium. Two of his pupils, Jordan Burroughs and Jake Herbert, earned the highest honor a collegiate grappler can receive in the Dan Hodge Award. Ersland continued to develop

Burroughs on the international stage as he claimed the 2011 and 2013 World titles at 74 kg. In 2012, Burroughs claimed Olympic gold in London.

In his first season at Purdue, Ersland qualified eight to the 2015 NCAA Championships, the most among 13 Division I coaches that were spending their first season at the helm of their respective program. Five of his wrestlers earned a spot on the podium at the Big Ten Championships. His squad spent seven weeks on the USA Today/NWCA Division I Coaches Poll, finishing the season ranked 23rd. Five of his grapplers were ranked by InterMat during the course of the 2014-15 season, two of which pushed into the top 10 at their respective weight.

The 2014-15 dual season saw Ersland's Boilermakers win 10 duals, including six at home and three over ranked teams. The six duals won in Holloway Gymnasium were the most since the 2005-06 season.

Ersland came to Purdue after serving as an assistant coach at Nebraska for eight seasons. While on staff, the Huskers tallied a 102-41-2 dual record, recorded seven top-20 team finishes at the NCAA Championships and grapplers earned 17 All-America honors.

Prior to his post at Nebraska, Ersland coached the Cyclone Wrestling Club in Ames, Iowa. Ersland worked with Iowa State NCAA champions Trent Paulson (157) and David Zabriskie (285) among other multiple NCAA qualifiers and All-Americans.

His familiarity with the Big Ten extends beyond his time at Nebraska. From 2000-05, Ersland was the head assistant wrestling coach at Northwestern, and he also served as a coach and board member for the Wildcat Wrestling Club.

He was the head assistant wrestling coach at Northern Illinois in 1999 and 2000 after getting his start as a graduate assistant at Central Michigan from 1997 to 1999.

On the mat, Ersland wrestled for the University of Iowa under legendary coach Dan Gable and was a part of three-straight NCAA team championships (1995-97) and four Big Ten Championships (1994-97). During his senior season in 1997, Ersland finished one match shy of All-America honors at 177 pounds.

The Humboldt, Iowa, native excelled in the classroom as a four-time Academic All-Big Ten selection and Board of Control Athletics Award winner, and was bestowed with lowa wrestling's J. Donald McPike Award, given to the senior on the team with the highest grade-point average.

Ersland earned his Bachelor of Arts degree in psychology from Iowa (1997) and a Master of Arts in athletic administration from Central Michigan (1999).

Ersland and his wife, Carolyn, have twin sons, Mason and Jaxon.



ZACH TANELLI

Assistant Coach / Second Season



@ZachTanelli



@ztanelli

During his first season as an assistant coach, Zach Tanelli coached eight Boilermakers to the 2015 NCAA Championships and five to podium finishes at the Big Ten Championships. Purdue spent seven weeks on the USA Today/NWCA Division I Coaches Poll, finishing the season ranked 23rd. Individually, five Boilermakers were ranked by InterMat during the course of the 2014-15 season, two of which pushed into the top 10 at their respective weight.

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Tanelli joined the Boilermaker wrestling program after a five-year coaching stint at Hofstra. During his tenure, Tanelli worked his way up the coaching ranks and most recently served as interim head coach. He was the head assistant coach for the two previous seasons after spending his first three years as an assistant coach with the Pride.

The former Badger made an impact throughout Hofstra's lineup, particularly in the lower weights. Tanelli coached four All-Americans in Steve Bonanno (125), Lou Ruggirello (133), Justin Accordino (149) and P.J. Gillespie (165). The Pride won threestraight Colonial Athletic Association (CAA) team titles (2011-13) before moving to the Eastern Intercollegiate Wrestling Association (EIWA) in 2013-14, where they placed fourth with two finalists, including the 165-pound champion, Joseph Booth.

While in the CAA, seven Hofstra grapplers claimed tournament crowns under the guidance of Tanelli, including a pair of two-time champs in Bonanno and 184-pounder Ben Clymer. Jamie Franco (133), Luke Vaith (141), Gillespie (165), Ryan Patrovich (174) and Paul Snyder (HWT) were also titlists for Tanelli.

Tanelli wrestled the first three years of his Badger career at 133 pounds and bumped up to 141 for his senior campaign in 2009. He was a two-time NCAA qualifier at 133 and earned a spot on the 141 podium with a fourth-place finish for All-America accolades. During his senior season, Tanelli went on a blaze, owning a 31-6 record. including a spotless 7-0 mark against Big Ten foes. He was ranked No. 1 at his weight for the second half of the 2008-09 season after winning the 141-pound Midlands Championships title and was bestowed with the Champion of Champions Award.

Tanelli was a three-time Big Ten Championships placewinner and improved upon his finish each year. As a sophomore, he placed eighth at 133, followed by a fifth-place finish as a junior. Tanelli then took second at 141 as a senior.

During his career at Wisconsin, Tanelli compiled an 88-31 record with a blistering .967 winning percentage. He won 44 percent of his matches with bonus points, registering 15 major decisions, 13 falls and 11 technical falls.

A native of Millburn, New Jersey, Tanelli earned his Bachelor of Arts degree in Sociology from Wisconsin in 2009 and his master's degree in higher educational leadership and policy studies from Hofstra in 2012.

COACHING STAFF / QUICK FACTS



TYREL TODD

Assistant Coach / Second Season



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Tyrel Todd brings a standard of excellence into the Boilermaker wrestling room. The decorated collegiate wrestler with high caliber national and international freestyle experience enters his second season as an assistant coach at Purdue.

During his first season on staff, Todd coached eight Boilermakers to the 2015 NCAA Championships and five to podium finishes at the Big Ten Championships. Purdue spent seven weeks on the USA Today/NWCA

Division I Coaches Poll, finishing the season ranked 23rd. Individually, five Boilermakers were ranked by InterMat during the course of the 2014-15 season, two of which pushed into the top 10 at their respective weight.

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Todd came to Purdue after serving as an assistant coach at Cal Poly (2010-11) and Arizona State (2013-14). While on staff at Cal Poly, Todd coached four NCAA qualifiers (141, 157, 165, 197), including a runner-up finish from Borislav Novachkov at 141. The following season Ryan DesRoches earned All-America honors at 174.

In July 2013, Todd was named an assistant coach at Arizona State where he worked hands on daily with the upper-weights, including Blake Staffer, who earned All-America honors at 184 pounds with a third-place finish at the 2015 NCAA Championships. Todd's work at ASU focused on recruiting, coordinating practices, developing training schedules and organizing team travel.

From August 2011 - July 2013, Todd trained alongside his former teammates, while also mentoring and aiding in their individual development, at the Cliff Keen Wrestling Club in Ann Arbor, Michigan. His position allowed him to spend extensive time training alongside the top freestyle wrestlers in the country and to tour and compete in Russia, Chechnya and Ukraine.

A three-time All-American and 2009 Big Ten champion at Michigan, Todd made his mark on the Wolverine program wrestling at 184 and 197 pounds. In his first three seasons at 184, Todd posted an 82-24 record while placing fifth, third and second at the Big Ten Championships and earning as many trips to the NCAA Championships. Todd earned a spot on the podium his sophomore and junior campaigns, placing fifth and third, respectively.

Bumping up to 197 pounds in his final season, Todd registered a 25-3 record en route to a Big Ten title and a fourth-place showing at the NCAA Championships. He finished with a career record of 121-30, with his 121 wins ranking 16th all-time at Michigan. In four NCAA appearances, Todd compiled a 16-7 mark, which ranks seventh in program history. He is also tied for third all-time with a 13-4 career record at the Big Ten Championships.

Todd's pursuit of excellence extended beyond the mat and into the classroom. He was an All-Big Ten Academic selection and Athletic Academic Achievement Award winner in 2006, received the Snip Nalan Scholarship for Wrestling in 2008-09 and was named the team's Distinguished Scholar in 2009.

Todd also found success wrestling freestyle at 84 kg. He took fifth at the 2007 ASICS U.S. National Championships, eighth in 2008 and was seventh in 2011. In 2008, Todd placed fourth at the Olympic Trials, narrowly missing a bid for the Olympic Games in Beijing.

Todd is a native of Bozeman, Mont., and hails from a six-generation dairy farming operation. He received his bachelor's degree in secondary education from Michigan in 2009, majoring in history and minoring in psychology. He and his wife, Loni, have a daughter, Jacy Clair.

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| Morgan J. Burke |
| Calvin Williams, Associate Athletics Director |
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| Boilermakers |
| Big Ten Conference |
| Holloway Gymnasium / 2,288 |
| Blake Wrestling Training Center |
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TEAM INFORMATION

| TEANT IN ORIGINATION | |
|---|-------------------------------------|
| 2014-15 Overall Record | |
| 2014-15 Home Record | 6-2 |
| 2014-15 Road Record | 2-4 |
| 2014-15 Neutral Record | 2-2 |
| 2014-15 Big Ten Record | 3-6 |
| 2014-15 Big Ten Championships Finish / Points | 10 th / 37.5 |
| 2014-15 NCAA Finish / Points | 42 nd / 4.5 |
| 2014-15 NCAA Qualifiers (Returning/Lost) | 3/5 |
| Returning NCAA Qualifiers (Weight / Year)Danny Sa | abatello (141 / 2014; 133 / 2015) |
| | Doug Welch (157 / 2015) |
| Chac | d Welch (174 / 2013; 174 / 2015) |
| Starters (Returning/Lost) | 9/7 |
| ReturningLuke Welch, Danny Sabatello, Alex | Griffin, Doug Welch, Chad Welch, |
| Jacob Morrissey, Tai | nner Lynde, Drake Stein, Tyler Kral |
| LostAaron Assad | , Nick Lawrence, Brandon Nelsen, |
| Pat Robinson, Patrick Kissel, | Braden Atwood, Gelen Robinson |
| Final USA Today/NWCA Coaches Poll Ranking | No. 23 |
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COACHING STAFF

| Head Coach / Alm | a Mater | Tony Ersland / Iowa, 1997 |
|---------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Ersland Overall Re | cord / Record at Purdue | 10-8 / 10-8 |
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