

# Duke, Finesilvers Head to Colorado for Tri-Meet

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## DUKE BLUE DEVILS vs. CSU BAKERSFIELD

SUNDAY, JANUARY 14 | 1 P.M.

BANK OF COLORADO ARENA | GREELEY, COLO.

### DUKE BLUE DEVILS

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2017-18 RECORD (ACC) 0-3, 0-0  
USA TODAY/NWCA COACHES POLL NR

HEAD COACH GLEN LANHAM (OKLAHOMA '88)  
CAREER RECORD/SEASON 36-50/6TH SEASON

### DUKE PROBABLES

<i>WT.</i>	<i>RK.</i>	<i>NAME</i>	<i>YR.</i>	<i>RECORD</i>
125	-	THAYER ATKINS	Sr.	7-8
133	-	JOSH FINESILVER	Fr.	14-9
141	-	JEREMIAH REITZ	Fr.	4-11
149	-	BRANDON LEYNAUD	R-So.	3-10
157	11	MITCH FINESILVER	R-Jr.	16-2
165	-	ZACH FINESILVER	R-Jr.	10-6
174	-	MATT FINESILVER	Fr.	13-6
184	-	KADEN RUSSELL	Fr.	6-10
197	-	ALEC SCHENK	R-Jr.	14-8
285	5	JACOB KASPER	R-Sr.	21-2

\* RANKINGS ARE INTERMAT (1/9)

### CAL STATE BAKERSFIELD ROADRUNNERS

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2017-18 RECORD (PAC 12) 3-5, 0-1  
USA TODAY/NWCA COACHES POLL NR

HEAD COACH MANNY RIVERA (MINNESOTA '08)  
CAREER RECORD/SEASON 5-7/2ND SEASON

### CSU BAKERSFIELD PROBABLES

<i>WT.</i>	<i>RK.</i>	<i>NAME</i>	<i>YR.</i>	<i>RECORD</i>
125	-	SERGIO MENDEZ	R-Sr.	12-5
133	-	SEAN NICKELL	R-Jr.	10-5
141	-	RUSSELL ROHLFING	R-So.	13-5
149	-	KALANI TONGE	So.	6-12
157	17	COLEMAN HAMMOND	R-Sr.	14-8
165	-	LORENZO DE LA RIVA	R-So.	9-6
174	-	BRYAN BATTISTO	R-Jr.	7-9
184	-	DOMINIC DUCHARME	R-Fr.	6-10
197	14	MATT WILLIAMS	R-Sr.	17-2
285	-	JARROD SNYDER	R-Fr.	3-8
OR		DOMINIC BALMER	R-So.	5-4

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## DUKE BLUE DEVILS vs. NORTHERN COLORADO

SUNDAY, JANUARY 14 | 3 P.M. | CET

BANK OF COLORADO ARENA | GREELEY, COLO.

### NORTHERN COLORADO BEARS

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2017-18 RECORD (ACC) 0-3, 0-0  
USA TODAY/NWCA COACHES POLL NR

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HEAD COACH  
CAREER RECORD/SEASON

TROY NICKERSON (CORNELL '10)  
11-23/4TH SEASON

### NORTHERN COLORADO PROBABLES

<i>WT.</i>	<i>RK.</i>	<i>NAME</i>	<i>YR.</i>	<i>RECORD</i>				
125	-	MICHAEL JOHNSON	R-FR.	-				
OR	-	SEAN CANNON	SO.	-				
133	-	RICO MONTOYA	JR.	-				
141	-	BEN POLKOWSKE	SR.	-				
OR	-	OWEN LAMB	R-FR.	-				
149	-	JIMMY FATE	SO.	-				
157	-	TYLER KINN	R-SR.	-				
OR	-	MACOY FLANAGAN	R-FR.	-				
165	-	KEILAN TORRES	R-SO.	-				
174	-	SETH BOGULSKI	R-FR.	-				
184	-	DYLAN GABEL	R-JR.	-	197	-	TANNER DAVIS R-SR.	-
285	-	ROBERT WINTERS	R-FR.	-				
OR	-	BRIAN BARNES	FR.	-				

### DUKE THE NUMBERS

90 – Career wins for redshirt senior heavyweight Jacob Kasper, 15 shy of becoming the fourth Blue Devil to amass 100 career victories.

4 – True freshmen in the starting lineup for the Blue Devils

5 – Finish for Duke at the prestigious Southern Scuffle, the highest finish in school history by seven spots

8 – Duals the Blue Devils will wrestle in 22 days in the month of January

12 – Of Kasper's 21 wins that have come by major decision, technical fall or pin this season

14 – Wins for Alec Schenk this season, two more than he had all of last year

### HOW TO FOLLOW THE ACTION

„ Duke's match against Northern Colorado will be televised locally on CET - Comcast Entertainment Television. The match also will be streamed live on PlutoTV, a free app for any smart device. Live scoring will be available on trackwrestling.com

### SERIES HISTORIES

„ Duke will be facing both programs for the first time this weekend. The Blue Devils are 0-3 against Big 12 opponents - 0-1 vs. North Dakota State and 0-2 versus Wyoming.

„ Duke is 1-3 against Pac 12 wrestling programs with the win coming over Cal Poly in 2016.

### LOOKING AT THE DUKE LINEUP

„ The Blue Devils head to Colorado after going 0-3 at the Carolina Duals. Duke dropped a tough contest to Army West Point, 23-20, and suffered setbacks to Wyoming and American.

„ Duke features four true freshmen in its lineup and just two seniors in Thayer Atkins and Jacob Kasper at 125 and HWT, respectively. Kasper is tops on the team with 21 wins, while Mitch Finesilver has 16. Rookie 184-pounder Kaden Russell grabbed his first dual victory as a Blue Devil against American this past Sunday. The Medina, Ohio native earned bonus points with a 13-4 major decision.

### SCOUTING THE ROADRUNNERS

„ Cal State Bakersfield enters the weekend with a 3-5 record and 0-1 mark in Pac 12 competition. The Roadrunners own victories over Buffalo, Bucknell and Fresno State. They have three losses to top 25 foes and a narrow 18-16 setback to conference opponent Stanford. Most recently, CSU Bakersfield placed five on the podium at the Southern Scuffle, with Coleman Hammond taking fourth.

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### LOOKING AT THE BEARS

„ Northern Colorado hosts the Blue Devils with a 1-2 overall record after posting a 22-20 victory over Iowa State to open Big 12 wrestling. The Bears' two losses are against Oklahoma State and Northwestern. The win over the Cyclones was the first in program history. At the Southern Scuffle, the Bears placed two on podium with Rico Montoya finishing a program-best fourth at 133. Keilan Torres took seventh at 165.

„ Torres is ranked 19th by InterMat and is 11-7 overall. Montoya is 14-8 at 133 pounds, while Dylan Gabel is 12-6 at 184 and had a crucial pin against Iowa State in the final 10 seconds.

### JACOB KASPER CHASING 100

„ Redshirt senior heavyweight Jacob Kasper is hunting 100 career victories this season. He is at 90 currently, needing just 10 more to become the fourth Blue Devils to reach the century mark.

„ John Barone holds the record with 112. Kasper has 11 regular-season bouts remaining and the ACC and NCAA Championships. He has the potential to finish second all time at Duke in victories at his current pace of winning.

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#### *KASPER AIMS FOR SINGLE SEASON MARK*

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„ Kasper aims to join John Barone as the lone Duke wrestler to post two 30-win seasons. Barone owns the top two marks at 36 and 35. Kasper had 30 last season and is on pace to surpass that this year. Only 12 Duke wrestlers have amassed 30 wins in a season.

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#### *ALEC SCHENK OFF TO STRONG START*

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„ Redshirt junior Alec Schenk’s hard work over the summer has paid off for the 197-pounder. The Perry, Ohio native is 14-8 overall this season, surpassing his wins total from a year ago already. In fact, the 14 wins match his combined total from the previous two seasons.

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#### *FINESILVER FOUR HOMECOMING*

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„ Duke features what is believed to be an NCAA first with four brothers in the starting lineup. The quartet of Finesilver brothers all are wrestling for the Blue Devils, ranging from 133 to 174 pounds.

„ Josh and Matt Finesilver are twin brothers and earned the starting nod as rookies at 133 and 174, respectively.

„ The older set of twins, Mitch and Zach, are redshirt juniors and wrestle at the respective 157 and 165 weights. Mitch is a two-time NCAA qualifier, while Zach has advanced once.

„ All four were stellar high school wrestlers for Cherry Creek High School, combining for 14 State Championship tournament appearances and four state titles.

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#### *MATCHUPS TO WATCH*

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„ There is a selection of bouts to keep your eye on Sunday against the CSU Bakersfield Roadrunners. At 197 pounds, Schenk will have a solid test in No. 14 Matt Williams. Mitch Finesilver, ranked 11th, also will have his hands full against 17th-ranked Coleman Hammond of the Roadrunners. Senior Thayer Atkins looks to resume his winning ways against a tough Sergio Mendez, who finished sixth at the Southern Scuffle. Josh Finesilver also will be going up against a placewinner from the Scuffle in Sean Nickell.

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#### *DUKE IN THE RANKINGS*

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„ The Blue Devils climbed to 24th in the InterMat team rankings after a strong showing in the early season tournaments. Duke remains 25th currently, while Kasper is fifth at heavyweight and Mitch 11th at 157 according to InterMat.

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#### *DUKE RETURNS TO CAMERON IN 2018*

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„ Duke, after having wrestled in Card Gymnasium for five seasons, returns to wrestle in historic Cameron Indoor Stadium. Five of Duke’s six home duals will be in Cameron, while the matchup with Gardner-Webb will be in Card Gym due to a scheduling conflict with basketball.

„ Cameron Indoor Stadium will allow the Blue Devils to use the video board as well as the ribbon boards on the side to create an outstanding atmosphere for wrestling.

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