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FRESNO, Calif. - Fresno State Wrestling revealed its 2019-20 schedule on Saturday evening as the slate features eight home duals.

"We are excited to keep growing and building the program this season and there are many opportunities to come see the Bulldogs in action," said head coach [Troy Steiner](#) on the 'Dogs exciting 2019-20 schedule.

Entering their third season back on the mat this winter and after ranking in the top 10 nationally in attendance each of the last two seasons, the 'Dogs will host eight duals at the Save Mart Center in 2019-20. The Bulldogs will host four Big 12 opponents as well as Rutgers out of the Big Ten, Cal Poly and CSU Bakersfield from the Pac-12 and Duke from the ACC.

The Bulldogs will also wrestle eight duals away from home, including four Big 12 foes, while also traveling to Big Ten foe Illinois and for a third year in a row, the 'Dogs will compete in the Battle on the Midway taking on Wisconsin, Navy and Army in San Diego.

The Bulldogs will get the season underway on Nov. 1 with the third installment of the Battle on the Midway squaring off with Big Ten opponent Wisconsin and both Navy & Army from the EIWA. Meeting the Badgers in dual meet action for the first time in program history, Wisconsin returns two All-Americans in junior Evan Wick at 165 pounds and redshirt sophomore heavyweight Trent Hillger and four NCAA Tournament qualifiers. South Dakota State graduate transfer Seth Gross, a two-time All-American and the 2018 NCAA champion at 133 pounds, has also been added to the Wisconsin squad this season.

Meanwhile, the Midshipmen bring back four NCAA Tournament qualifiers, including senior Jared Prince at 149 pounds who made the round of 12 at the 2019 NCAA Championships. Finally, the Black Knights return six NCAA Tournament qualifiers from a season ago and placed fourth at the 2019 EIWA Championships. Senior 174-pounder Ben Harvey, a two-time NCAA Tournament qualifier, returns to the lineup after reaching the round of 12 last season in Pittsburgh.

Fresno State returns home for its home opener on Nov. 15 welcoming Rutgers to the Save Mart Center. The Scarlet Knights are coming off a ninth-place finish at the 2019 NCAA Championships and return three NCAA Tournament qualifiers, including junior Nick Suriano, a two-time All-American and the 2019 NCAA champion at 133 pounds.

After a quick trip down to Bakersfield for the Roadrunner Open on Nov. 24, the 'Dogs return home for their Big 12 opener on Nov. 30 hosting Northern Colorado. Picking up a pair of wins over the Bears in Greeley, Colo., the last two seasons, the Bulldogs will host the Bears for the first time as Big 12 opponents.

The following weekend opens the month of December as the 'Dogs head to Las Vegas for the 37th Annual Cliff Keen Invite on Dec. 6-7. Annually one of the toughest individual tournaments in the regular season, the Bulldogs will compete in the Cliff Keen Invite for a third straight season.

The 'Dogs close out the 2019 calendar year returning to Nevada for the Reno Tournament of Champions on Dec. 15.

After a short break for the holidays, the Bulldogs open 2020 with two home duals on Jan. 2 welcoming Pac-12 foe Cal Poly to Fresno as well as Big 12 opponent Utah Valley to Fresno. The Bulldogs have won both meetings over the Mustangs over the last two seasons. Meanwhile, Utah Valley returns five NCAA Tournament qualifiers from a year ago as the 'Dogs defeated a nationally-ranked Wolverine team in a dual in Utah last season.

The following weekend takes the Bulldogs on the road to the Virginia Duals on Jan. 10-11 as the 'Dogs return to Hampton, Va., for a second time in the last three seasons.

A four-match homestand closes out the month of January and opens February. Returning from Virginia, the 'Dogs are back home on Jan. 17 for a contest against ACC foe Duke as the Blue Devils return three NCAA Tournament qualifiers.

After a two-week break, the 'Dogs are back home on Jan. 31 welcoming Big 12 foe Iowa State to Fresno. The Cyclones are coming off a runner-up finish at the 2019 Big 12 Championship and return eight NCAA Tournament qualifiers, including redshirt junior Jarrett Degen who placed seventh at 149 pounds.

The home schedule wraps up on Feb. 2 as the 'Dogs host two duals taking on Big 12 opponent Air Force and Pac-12 foe CSU Bakersfield. It will be the Falcons' first visit to Fresno after meetings the last two seasons have both come on the road. The Roadrunners bring back a pair of NCAA Tournament qualifiers in redshirt senior Russell Rohlfing (149 lbs.) and redshirt junior Dominic Ducharme (184 lbs.).

The rest of February takes the Bulldogs on the road traveling to Wyoming on Feb. 6 and North Dakota State on Feb. 8. The 'Dogs are coming off a 21-12 dual win over the Cowboys at home last year when Wyoming was ranked No. 11 in the nation. Two days later, the Bulldogs will face the Bison for the first time in Fargo.

The following weekend sends the 'Dogs back to the Midwest heading to Big 12 foe South Dakota State on Feb. 15. Fresno State won the first meeting between the two programs a year ago, 38-3 in Fresno.

The regular season concludes on the road the next weekend as the 'Dogs head to Champaign, Ill. on Feb. 21 to take on Illinois at Huff Hall before a trip to Oklahoma two days later on Feb. 23. The Illini return five NCAA Tournament qualifiers from a year ago while the Sooners bring back four national qualifiers, including All-American Dom Demas at 141 pounds.

The month of March brings the postseason as the 'Dogs return to Tulsa, Okla., for the 2020 Big 12 Championship on March 7-8 at the BOK Center. Fresno State finished fifth at the 2019 Big 12 Championship with six 'Dogs finishing in the top six at their weight. The 2020 NCAA Championships will be hosted in Minneapolis, Minn. on March 19-21 at U.S. Bank Stadium.

2019-20 season tickets and individual match tickets will be available soon at GoBulldogs.com or by calling 559-278-DOGS.

2019-20 Fresno State Dual Meet Opponents

vs. Wisconsin

Date: Friday, Nov. 1, 2019

Location: San Diego, Calif.

Time: 9 A.M. PT

All-Time Record: First meeting

2018-19 Result vs. Fresno State: N/A

2019 Dual Meet/Big Ten Championships Finish: 9-6/7th

2019 NCAA Tournament Qualifiers/All-Americans Returning: 4/2 (Tristan Moran, 141 lbs.; Cole Martin, 149 lbs.; Evan Wick, 165 lbs. (4th in 2019); Trent Hillger, Hwt. (8th in 2019). Seth Gross, 133 lbs. (2018 NCAA champion at South Dakota State & 2017 All-American. 2019 NCAA Championships Finish: 21st/ 27 pts.

vs. Navy

Date: Friday, Nov. 1, 2019

Location: San Diego, Calif.

Time: 11 A.M. PT

All-Time Record: Fresno State leads 1-0

2018-19 Result vs. Fresno State: N/A

2019 Dual Meet/EIWA Championships Finish: 6-4/5th

2019 NCAA Tournament Qualifiers/All-Americans Returning: 4/0 (Jared Prince, 149 lbs.; Tanner Skidgel, 165 lbs., Spencer Carey, 174 lbs.; Joshua Roetman, 197 lbs.)

2019 NCAA Championships Finish: T-37th/7 pts.

vs. Army

Date: Friday, Nov. 1, 2019

Location: San Diego, Calif.

Time: 6:30 P.M. PT

All-Time Record: First meeting

2018-19 Result vs. Fresno State: N/A

2019 Dual Meet/EIWA Championships Finish: 8-3/4th

2019 NCAA Tournament Qualifiers/All-Americans Returning: 6/0 (Trey Chalifoux, 125 lbs.; Corey Shie, 141 lbs.; Lucas Weiland, 157 lbs.; Cael McCormick, 165 lbs.; Ben Harvey, 174 lbs.; Noah Stewart, 184 lbs.)

2019 NCAA Championships Finish: 36th/7.5 pts.

vs. Rutgers

Date: Friday, Nov. 15, 2019

Location: Fresno, Calif.

All-Time Record: Rutgers leads 1-0

2018-19 Result vs. Fresno State: L, 30-6 at Rutgers, 11/3/18

2019 Dual Meet/Big Ten Championships Finish: 12-6/8th

2019 NCAA Tournament Qualifiers/All-Americans Returning: 3/1 (Nick Suriano, 133 lbs., 2019 NCAA Champion, 2018 All-American (2nd, 125 lbs.); Peter Lipari, 141 lbs.; Joseph Grello, 174 lbs.)

2019 NCAA Championships Finish: 9th/51.5 pts.

vs. Northern Colorado

Date: Saturday, Nov. 30, 2019

Location: Fresno, Calif.

All-Time Record: Series tied 3-3

2018-19 Result vs. Fresno State: W, 34-4 at Northern Colorado, 11/11/18

2019 Dual Meet/Big 12 Championships Finish: 4-10/12th

2019 NCAA Tournament Qualifiers/All-Americans Returning: 2/0 (Chris Sandoval, 133 lbs.; Jacob Seeley, 197 lbs.)

2019 NCAA Championships Finish: T-49th/1.5 pts.

vs. Cal Poly

Date: Thursday, Jan. 2, 2020

Location: Fresno, Calif.

All-Time Record: Cal Poly leads 27-18-1

2018-19 Result vs. Fresno State: W, 41-6 at Cal Poly, 2/9/19

2019 Dual Meet/Pac-12 Championships Finish: 0-9/5th

2019 NCAA Tournament Qualifiers/All-Americans Returning: 1/0 (Tom Lane, 197 lbs.)

2019 NCAA Championships Finish: 48th/2 pts.

vs. Utah Valley

Date: Thursday, Jan. 2, 2020

Location: Fresno, Calif.

All-Time Record: Series tied 1-1

2018-19 Result vs. Fresno State: W, 26-10 at No. 23 Utah Valley, 1/18/19

2019 Dual Meet/Big 12 Championships Finish: 10-14/6th

2019 NCAA Tournament Qualifiers/All-Americans Returning: 5/0 (Matt Findlay, 141 lbs.; Demetrius Romero, 165 lbs.; Kimball Bastain, 174 lbs.; Tanner Orndorff, 197 lbs.; Tate Orndorff, Hwt.)

2019 NCAA Championships Finish: T-29th/11.5 pts.

vs. Duke

Date: Friday, Jan. 17, 2020

Location: Fresno, Calif.

All-Time Record: First meeting

2018-19 Result vs. Fresno State: N/A

2019 Dual Meet/ACC Championships Finish: 2-9/5th

2019 NCAA Tournament Qualifiers/All-Americans Returning: 3/0 (Josh

Finesilver, 141 lbs.; Benjamin Anderson, 157 lbs.; Matt Finesilver, 174 lbs.)

2019 NCAA Championships Finish: 24th/19 pts.

vs. Iowa State

Date: Friday, Jan. 31, 2020

Location: Fresno, Calif.

All-Time Record: Iowa State leads 8-0

2018-19 Result vs. Fresno State: L, 31-6 at No. 21 Iowa State, 1/13/19

2019 Dual Meet/Big 12 Championships Finish: 10-4/2nd

2019 NCAA Tournament Qualifiers/All-Americans Returning: 8/1 (Alex Mackall, 125 lbs.; Austin Gomez, 133 lbs.; Ian Parker, 141 lbs.; Jarrett Degen, 149 lbs. (7th in 2019); Chase Straw, 157 lbs.; Marcus Coleman, 174 lbs.; Sam Colbray, 184 lbs.; Gannon Gremmel, Hwt.)

2019 NCAA Championships Finish: 16th/32 pts.

vs. Air Force

Date: Sunday, Feb. 2, 2020

Location: Fresno, Calif.

All-Time Record: Air Force leads 2-1

2018-19 Result vs. Fresno State: L, 15-19 at Air Force, 11/11/18

2019 Dual Meet/Big 12 Championships Finish: 7-6/11th

2019 NCAA Tournament Qualifiers/All-Americans Returning: 0/0

2019 NCAA Championships Finish: T-56th/0.5 pts.

vs. CSU Bakersfield

Date: Sunday, Feb. 2, 2020

Location: Fresno, Calif.

All-Time Record: CSU Bakersfield leads 17-11

2018-19 Result vs. Fresno State: L, 18-12 at CSU Bakersfield, 2/9/19

2019 Dual Meet/Pac-12 Championships Finish: 7-9/4th

2019 NCAA Tournament Qualifiers/All-Americans Returning: 2/0 (Russell Rohlfing, 149 lbs.; Dominic Ducharme, 184 lbs.)

2019 NCAA Championships Finish: T-41st/5 pts.

at Wyoming

Date: Thursday, Feb. 6, 2020

Location: Laramie, Wyo.

All-Time Record: Fresno State leads 12-1

2018-19 Result vs. Fresno State: W, 21-12 vs. No. 11 Wyoming, 2/3/19

2019 Dual Meet/Big 12 Championships Finish: 16-4/7th

2019 NCAA Tournament Qualifiers/All-Americans Returning: 6/0 (Cole Verner, 125 lbs.; Montorie Bridges, 133 lbs. (2018 All-American, 8th); Sam Turner, 141 lbs.; Hayden Hastings, 174 lbs.; Tate Samuelson, 184 lbs.; Brian Andrews, Hwt.)

2019 NCAA Championships Finish: T-34th/9.5 pts.

at North Dakota State

Date: Saturday, Feb. 8, 2020

Location: Fargo, N.D.

All-Time Record: North Dakota State leads 1-0

2018-19 Result vs. Fresno State: L, 20-21 vs. No. 20 North Dakota State, 11/16/18

2019 Dual Meet/Big 12 Championships Finish: 10-6/8th

2019 NCAA Tournament Qualifiers/All-Americans Returning: 3/0 (Cam Sykora, 133 lbs.; Andrew Fogarty, 165 lbs.; Lorenzo De La Riva, 174 lbs.)

2019 NCAA Championships Finish: 39th/6.5 pts.

at South Dakota State

Date: Saturday, Feb. 15, 2020

Location: Brookings, S.D.

All-Time Record: Fresno State leads 1-0

2018-19 Result vs. Fresno State: W, 38-3 vs. South Dakota State, 1/20/19

1/20/19

2019 Dual Meet/Big 12 Championships Finish: 3-10/10th
2019 NCAA Tournament Qualifiers/All-Americans Returning: 1/0 (Henry Pohlmeier, 149 lbs.)
2019 NCAA Championships Finish: T-63rd/0 pts.

at Illinois

Date: Friday, Feb. 21, 2020
Location: Champaign, Ill.

All-Time Record: Illinois leads 3-0
2018-19 Result vs. Fresno State: N/A

2019 Dual Meet/Big Ten Championships Finish: 2-9/11th
2019 NCAA Tournament Qualifiers/All-Americans Returning: 5/0 (Travis Piotrowski, 125 lbs.; Dylan Duncan, 133 lbs.; Mike Carr, 141 lbs.; Eric Barone, 157 lbs.; Joey Gunther, 165 lbs.)
2019 NCAA Championships Finish: 26th/16 pts.

at Oklahoma

Date: Sunday, Feb. 23, 2020
Location: Norman, Okla.

All-Time Record: Oklahoma leads 19-5
2018-19 Result vs. Fresno State: L, 16-25 vs. No. 22 Oklahoma, 2/17/19

2019 Dual Meet/Big 12 Championships Finish: 10-6/4th
2019 NCAA Tournament Qualifiers/All-Americans Returning: 4/1 (Christian Moody, 125 lbs.; Dom Demas, 141 lbs. (4th in 2019); Justin Thomas, 157 lbs.; Jake Woodley, 197 lbs.)
2019 NCAA Championships Finish: 25th/18.5 pts.

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