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Defending B1G champs bolster arsenal

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COLUMBUS, Ohio – The Ohio State University wrestling program added 13 newcomers to the 2017-18 roster, welcoming in a group of 10 freshmen and three transfers. Six different states are representing in the recruiting class, including a half dozen native Buckeyes from the great state of Ohio.

Te'Shan Campbell I Jr. I 165 lbs. I Pittsburgh, Pa.

- Two-time NCAA qualifier (2016, 2017) for the University of Pittsburgh
- 10-seed (165 lbs.) for the 2017 NCAA Championships
- 2017 ACC Champion at 165 lbs.
- Competed for the University of Pittsburgh from 2015-17
- Registered overall record of 40-16 as a Panther, including a 22-4 mark in 2016-17
- Accumulated 10 tech falls, seven major decisions and three falls in two seasons at Pitt
- Seeded 10th at 165 lbs. for the '17 NCAA Championships, advancing to the Round of 16 and splitting four matches overall
- Topped No. 11 Austin Matthews (Edinboro) in a dual on Nov. 13, 2016
- Pinned No. 10 Austin Reese (Ohio) at the 2016 Mountaineer Duals (Nov. 6)
- Defeated No. 16 Rickey Robertson (Wisconsin) via 13-5 major decision in dual (Dec. 12, 2015)
- Runner up in the 2015 Lock Haven Classic (Dec. 29) and 2016 Keystone Classic (Nov. 20)
- Also placed fifth in the '15 Keystone Classic (Nov. 22)
- 2015 PIAA state champion at 170 lbs, ending senior season undefeated
- Also played running back for the Penn Hills High football team

Ryan Ferro I Fr. I 157 lbs. I Warrick, N.Y.

- Two-time Division I New York state champion, 152 lbs. in 2016 and 160 lbs. in 2017
- Won more than 45 consecutive matches to cap of his high school career
- Four-time state qualifier and sectional champion
- Amassed 183 career high school victories
- Three-sport athlete for Warrick Valley High, also competing in football and baseball

Jaimen Hood I Fr. I 133 lbs. I Mason, Ohio

- Ohio high school state runner-up in 2017, capping a 43-5 senior season
- Also qualified for the state tournament as a junior

Brady Koontz | Fr. | 125 lbs. | Plover, Wis.

- WIAA Division I Wisconsin state champion (106 lbs.) in 2016, runner up in 2017 at 113 lbs.
- Spent entire senior season ranked No. 1 at 113 lbs. in Division 1 by Wisconsin Wrestling Online
- Finished his senior season 39-1 and won 83 of his last 85 high school matches (44-1 as a junior)
- Helped Steven Point Area Senior High win its first state team title since 1999 and first WVC Tournament crown in school history as a junior in 2015-16
- 2017 national greco roman runner-up
- UWW Cadet national champion and competed in the 2015 World Championships

Dylan Koontz | Fr. | 125 lbs. | Plover, Wis.

- WIAA Division I Wisconsin state champion (113 lbs.) in 2016, capping off a perfect 45-0 junior season
- Third-place finisher in 2017 at 120 lbs. with a season record of 39-3
- Fifth-place showing in 2015 to complete a 48-6 sophomore campaign
- Ranked No. 1 at 120 lbs. throughout entire senior campaign by Wisconsin Wrestling Online
- Runner up at the 2015 Junior Greco-Roman Nationals
- Four-time Fargo placer, including a finals appearance

Hunter Lucas | r-Fr. | 125 lbs. | Cridersville, Ohio

- Compiled nine wins while redshirting at the University of Maryland during the 2016-17 season
- Six victories included bonus points with three major decisions, two tech falls and a pin
- Two-time OHSAA state finalist for Lima Central Catholic High
- Three-time OHSAA state placer
- Finished senior season with an overall mark of 45-3
- Posted overall high school record of 104-9 in three seasons
- Placed fourth at Flo Nationals

Joey McKenna | Jr. | 141/149 lbs. | Towaco, N.J.

- Spent first two collegiate seasons competing for Stanford University
- All-American (2016; third place)
- Two-time Pac-12 Champion (2016, 2017)
- Pac-12 Freshman/Newcomer of the Year (2016)
- NWCA Academic All-America (2017)
- Pac-12 All-Academic First Team (2017)
- Compiled an overall record of 58-6 (21-1 dual record) which included 15 falls and four tech falls
- Placed third (141 lbs.) in the 2016 NCAA Championships hosted at Madison Square Gardens
- Crowned Pac-12's 141-pound champion in both seasons at Stanford
- Champion of the 2016 Cliff Keen Las Vegas Invite (Dec. 2-3), 2016 Roadrunner Open (Nov. 20) and 2015 Hokie Open (Nov. 8)
- Placed third in the 2017 Southern Scuffle (Jan. 1-2)
- Racked up 15 victories over nationally-ranked opponents while at Stanford
- Named a team captain for sophomore season
- Pushed Blair Academy (N.J.) to three consecutive national titles (2012-14)

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- Three-time prep national champion (2011, 2012, 2013)
- Two-time Beast of the East champion (2012, 2014), runner up in 2011
- Ironman Champion (2013), runner up in 2011
- Three-time Fargo champion (greco-roman) in 2010, 2011 and 2013
- Two-time Fargo runner up (freestyle) in 2012 and 2013
- Two-time U.S. Junior World Team member (freestyle), capturing a silver medal in 2014
- 2012 U.S. Cadet World Team member (freestyle)

Braken Mead | Fr. | 125 lbs. | Powell, Ohio

- Division I Ohio high school state champion at 113 lbs. as a senior with a season record of 45-4
- Competed at 106 lbs. in 2015 and 2016, placing second and third, respectively
- Led Olentangy Liberty High to a third-place showing in the team standings of the 2017 state championships
- Corralled an overall high school record of 165-22
- Finished sixth in the 2016 Walsh Ironman and 2015 Fargo freestyle
- Third place at the sophomore nationals in 2015

Luke Mendicino | Fr. | 157 lbs. | Granville, Ohio

- Three-time Ohio state qualifier, including a sixth-place finish in 2016 as a junior
- Posted an overall high school mark of 141-24
- Placed fourth in the Ohio freestyle

Kaleb Romero | Fr. | 174 lbs. | Mechanicsburg, Ohio

- Four-time Ohio state champion
- Compiled 202 career wins (202-3), including a flawless 52-0 record in both his junior and seasons
- Did not yield an offensive point his entire senior year
- Won by fall in 52 seconds in the state finals hosted at the Schottenstein Center
- Led Mechanicsburg High to its first-ever team state title in 2017
- Division III Most Outstanding Wrestler
- Ohio's 2017 Dave Schultz High School Excellence Award recipient
- Ranked No. 12 overall nationally by InterMat and No. 1 at 170 pounds
- Top-ranked 'pound-for-pound' senior in Ohio
- Undefeated at both the NWCA Scholastic Duals and AAU Scholastic Duals
- First Team All-Ohio quarterback

Chase Singletary | Fr. | HWT | Naples, Fla.

- Ranked as the top 220-pound recruit in the country
- Slotted No. 5 overall nationally by FloWrestling and No. 6 according to InterMat
- New Jersey's 2017 Dave Schultz High School Excellence Award recipient
- Posted a 167-8 overall high school record, including a 88-1 marks as an upperclassman
- ASICS All-America First Team selection
- Two-time Walsh Ironman champion
- Placed first in back-to-back prep nationals
- Beast of the East champion
- NHSCA Nationals champion

Ethan Smith | Fr. | 184 lbs. | Latrobe, Pa.

- Back-to-back Maryland state champion concluding high school career with 83

Back to back Maryland state champion, concluding high school career with 66 consecutive victories

- 42-0 as a senior and 41-0 during junior season
- Placed fifth in the Flo Nationals

Zach Steiner | Fr. | 184 lbs. | Creston, Ohio

- Two-time Division III Ohio high school state champion, capturing the 170-pound crown as a junior and the 182-pound title to close out senior season
- Posted a combined record of 78-4 as an upperclassman (40-2/senior; 38-2/junior)
- Overall high school mark of 172-16
- Four-time state qualifier
- Ranked as the top 182-lbs. wrestler in Ohio and among the top-5 'pound-for-pound' grapplers in the state
- Medina Invitational Tournament champion
- High school teammate with fellow Buckeye Kollin Moore
- Also a wide receiver/safety for Norwayne High's football squad, earning All-Ohio honors twice

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