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INDIANAPOLIS - A day removed from announcing the at-large selections to the NCAA Division I Wrestling Championships, the NCAA released official brackets and seeds on Wednesday for next week's national tournament that will be held March 21-23 at PPG Paints Arena in Pittsburgh.

With all 33 wrestlers being seeded in each bracket, all six Wolverines that qualified will enter the tournament seeded this season. The 2019 Big 12 Champion Demetrius Romero leads the way by being seeded ninth at 165 pounds. The two-time NCAA qualifier Romero (25-3) will open his 2019 NCAA Championship run against No. 24 Cael McCormick (18-8) of Army.

In all, all six Wolverines earned top-20 seeds as two-time NCAA qualifier Kimball Bastian is next by earning the No. 14 seed at 174 pounds. Redshirt freshman Tate Orndorff follows at No. 15 at heavyweight, while his older brother and three-time national qualifier Tanner Orndorff is seeded 19th at 197, and first-time qualifiers Matt Findlay (141) and Will Sumner (184) will both enter at No. 20 in their respective weight class.

The junior 174-pounder Bastian (18-10), who took fourth at the Big 12s last week, will take on No. 19 Ethan Smith of Ohio State (18-11) in his opening bout. Heavyweight Tate Orndorff (24-7) will face No. 18 Joseph Goodhart (33-7) of Drexel in his debut NCAA Championship match, while Tanner Orndorff (18-12) will face off against No. 14 Eric Schultz (21-11) of Nebraska, Findlay (14-2) will take on No. 13 Kyle Shoop (31-6) of Lehigh, and Sumner (21-11) will face No. 13 Nino Bonaccorsi (19-6) of Pitt in his opening-round match.

To view the 2019 NCAA Wrestling Championship brackets in their entirety, click [HERE](#).

The six national qualifiers is a program high for Utah Valley. Romero, Bastian, Sumner and the Orndorff brothers all punched their tickets to the 2019 NCAA Championships at last week's Big 12 Championships, while Findlay received an at-large bid earlier in the week.

The 2019 NCAA Wrestling Championships will run next Thursday to Saturday, March 21-23, at PPG Paints Arena and will be televised live on the ESPN family of networks. Each match of tournament will also be streamed live on ESPN 3.

UVU 2019 NCAA CHAMPIONSHIPS OPENING-ROUND MATCHES

141 - #20 Matt Findlay (UVU, 14-2) vs. #13 Kyle Shoop (Lehigh, 31-6)
165 - #9 Demetrius Romero (UVU, 25-3) vs. #24 Cael McCormick (Army, 18-8)
174 - #14 Kimball Bastian (UVU, 18-10) vs. #19 Ethan Smith (Ohio State, 18-11)
184 - #20 Will Sumner (UVU, 21-11) vs. #13 Nino Bonaccorsi (Pitt, 19-6)
197 - #19 Tanner Orndorff (UVU, 18-12) vs. #14 Eric Schultz (Nebraska, 21-11)
285 - #15 Tate Orndorff (UVU, 24-7) vs. #18 Joseph Goodhart (Drexel, 33-7)

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