



UTAH VALLEY WOLVERINES



Utah Valley Wrestling releases 2017-18 schedule

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OREM, Utah - Utah Valley University head wrestling coach [Greg Williams](#) has released his team's 2017-18 schedule and it features a total of 14 dual meets, five tournaments, and Big 12 Conference home matches against Oklahoma, North Dakota State, South Dakota State and Northern Colorado.

"We are excited with our schedule for the year," said head UVU coach [Greg Williams](#). "With tournaments and duals in the east combined with our conference schedule and the Cliff Keen Invitational, we feel we will be prepared for our postseason run."

For the first time in program history, the Wolverines will welcome Big 12 power Oklahoma to Orem for a marquee conference dual meet on Feb. 2. The Big 12 match will mark one of Utah Valley's five home dates on the season.

"We are especially pleased to be able to host Oklahoma this season," Williams added. "They are a great program and it will be an exciting match for our fans to watch."

UVU will open the 2017-18 season on Nov. 3 at the Clarion Duals in Clarion, Pennsylvania. The Wolverines will face a trio of opponents at the event, including Big 12 foe West Virginia, Kent State and the host Clarion Golden Eagles before remaining in town to take part at the Clarion Open two days later on Nov. 5. Utah Valley will then return to the East Coast two weeks later to compete at the Wolfpack Duals on Nov. 17 and the Wolfpack Open on Nov. 19. UVU will face-off against the host NC State Wolfpack, UNC Pembroke and Reinhardt while in Raleigh, North Carolina.

In December, UVU will head to Las Vegas for the renowned Cliff Keen Las Vegas Invitational on Dec. 1-2. Following the CKLV Invite, the Wolverines will return to Orem for their first home match of the season when they welcome conference foe North Dakota State to town on Friday, Dec. 15. UVU knocked off the then 23rd-ranked Bison in Fargo a year ago by a score of 22-16. The Wolverines will then close the calendar year by heading to Reno, Nevada, for the Reno Tournament of Champions on Dec. 17.

Following the Christmas break, UVU will welcome fellow league foe South Dakota State to Orem on Friday, Jan. 12. The Jackrabbits had a strong season last year in which they spent the majority of the year nationally ranked en route to posting a third-place finish at the 2017 Big 12 Championships. The Big 12 Conference dual meet against SDSU will precede the annual UVU Open that will take place the following day, Jan. 13, at Lockhart Arena.

The Wolverines will then hit the road the following week for a pair of duals in California. UVU will first face new Big 12 addition and recently resurrected wrestling program Fresno State on Jan. 19 before taking on CSU Bakersfield of the Pac-12 Conference on Jan. 20. The Wolverines will then return home for their marquee Big 12 matchup against the Oklahoma Sooners on Friday, Feb. 2 prior to heading to the Front Range for conference contests at Wyoming on Feb. 9 and Air Force on Feb. 10. UVU will then close the regular season by hosting fellow league foe Northern Colorado on Friday, Feb. 16.

Following the conclusion of the regular season, UVU will then head to Tulsa, Oklahoma, for the 2018 Big 12 Championships on March 3-4. A year ago, soon-to-be-senior heavyweight [Dustin Dennison](#) became the first Wolverine to wrestle for the Big 12 title, as he finished second in his weight class on the way to punching his ticket to nationals.

The 2018 NCAA Championships will then conclude the season on March 15-17 at Quicken Loans Arena in Cleveland, Ohio. Dennison was one of two Wolverines to compete at the NCAAs last year, as rising sophomore 197-pounder [Tanner Orndorff](#) too wrestled at nationals for UVU in 2017.