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Duo represent Ohio State wrestling greatness

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COLUMBUS, Ohio – Wrestlers Dan Whitacre and Logan Stieber represent different eras of Ohio State Wrestling history and both have been recognized for their stellar contributions with induction into the Ohio State Athletics Hall of Fame, Class of 2022.

Whitacre competed at heavyweight for Ohio State from 1925-1927. He was a two-time Big Ten Champion (1926, 1927) and the second Buckeye to win multiple conference titles in Ohio State history. The first, Perry Martter, is in the Ohio State Hall of Fame.

George Bolles (the third), Bryce Keough (4th), Kevin Randleman (5th), Mitch Clark (6th) and Tommy Rowlands (7th) also are Ohio State Hall of Famers.

Whitacre was a pioneer Ohio State wrestler. The team first competed in 1921. There were only three Ohio State wrestling teams before he entered school.

After earning his degree from Ohio State, Whitacre attended and graduated from the Ohio State University Medical School and was a Columbus physician for the rest of his life. He provided free medical care for Ohio State wrestlers for many years. His son competed and was a captain for the OSU Buckeyes in the 1950s.

Stieber is one of the most accomplished collegiate wrestlers in the history of the NCAA. As a Buckeye he won four NCAA Division I national championships, four Big Ten Conference championships and the Dan Hodge Trophy.

Stieber became only the fourth wrestler in NCAA history and the first in the Big Ten to win four individual national championships. He did so March 21, 2015. That same year, he led Ohio State to its first team national championship for wrestling in school history.

Stieber finished his NCAA career with a record of 119-3, boasting the highest winning percentage (.975) in school history.

Two of his NCAA titles were at 133 pounds (2012-2013) and two were at 141 pounds (2014-2015). As a senior, he was 29-0. Over four years as a Buckeye, 96 of his wins were bonus point victories, 50 of those were by fall. He ended his collegiate career on a 50-match win streak.

As a high school wrestler at Monroeville, he won four Ohio High School Division III individual titles and helped the Eagles to the team title in 2010.

Internationally, Stieber was a freestyle world champion in 2016 as well as a World Cup and Pan American Champion in 2018.

Stieber is currently an assistant coach with the Buckeyes.

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