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COLUMBUS, Ohio -- Ohio State opens the 2023 Big Ten Championships this weekend at Crisler Center in Ann Arbor, Michigan, with four Buckeyes earning Top four seeds in their respective weight classes.

Three Buckeyes will be making their first conference tournament appearance. Andre Gonzales will be making his debut as a redshirt freshman at 125. He replaces senior Malik Heinselman, who withdrew from the tournament with injury.

True freshman Jesse Mendez (133) and redshirt freshman Paddy Gallagher (157) also will be wrestling in their first league championship.

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No. 6 Ohio State Buckeyes

(InterMat Wrestling individual rankings used)

InterMat Rk/2023 BT Seed	2022-23 Record (as of 2/27/23)	at Big Ten Championships (Rcd/Best Finish-Yr.)	at NCAA Championships (Rcd/Best Finish-Yr.)
125 NR/14 Andre Gonzales (r-Fr.)	16-8	1st	
133 8/2 Jesse Mendez (Fr.)	13-3	1st	
141 19/9 Dylan D'Emilio (r-Jr.)	13-10	3rd (5-4/5th-2022)	2 (1-2)
149 3/1 Sammy Sasso (r-Sr.)	22-3	4th (7-2/1st-2021)	3* (8-3/2nd-2021)
157 25/12 Paddy Gallagher (r-Fr.)	10-6	1st	
165 12/5 Carson Kharchla (r-Jr.)	9-4	2nd (2-2/4th-2022)	1 (4-3/7th-2022)
174 5/3 Ethan Smith (r-Sr.)	15-6	5th (15-7/2nd-2021)	4* (9-5/5th-2021)
184 5/2 Kaleb Romero (r-Sr.)	19-4	4th (11-6/4th-2020&22)	3* (6-5/6th-2022)
197 19/7 Gavin Hoffman (r-Sr.)	15-5	3rd (3-5/8th-2022)	1 (3-3/6th-2022)
HWT 16/7 Tate Orndorff (r-Sr.)	10-7	3rd (5-6/6th-2021)	4* (9-7/8th-2021)

* Includes qualifying for the 2020 NCAA Championships (canceled/COVID)

Big Ten Wrestling Championships Viewing Schedule

Day	Date	Session Coverage	Platform	Time (ET)
Saturday	March 4	Session 1	BTN	10 a.m.
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Saturday	March 4	Session 2 – Wrestlebacks	B1G+	5:30 p.m.
Saturday	March 4	Semifinals	BTN	7:30 p.m.
Sunday	March 5	Session 3 – Consolation Semis	B1G+	1 p.m. ET
Sunday	March 5	Championships – Session 4	BTN	4:30 p.m.
Sunday	March 5	Session 4 – 3rd and 5th place	B1G+	4:30 p.m.

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