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### **13 Wolverines earn All-Big 12 Academic Honors**

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**IRVING, Texas** - The Big 12 announced the 2023 Winter Academic All-Big 12 Team this afternoon. Utah Valley had 13 wrestlers named to the team in total while [Kainalu Estrella](#) and [Demetrius Romero](#) were selected for the fourth time in their UVU careers.

To qualify, student-athletes must maintain a 3.00 GPA or higher, either cumulative or the two previous semesters, and must have participated in 20 percent of their team's scheduled contests. Freshmen and transfers are not eligible in their first year of academic residence. Senior student-athletes who have participated for a minimum of two years and meet all the criteria except percent of participation are also eligible.

[Jack Forbes](#) and [Mahonri Rushton](#) were the only two Wolverines with a perfect 4.0 and two of 58 throughout all winter Big 12 sports.

Estrella and Romero were selected to the first team and joined by three-time honoree [James Emmer](#). [Hunter Morse](#) earned first-team honors for the second time at UVU, alongside teammate [Jaxon Garoutte](#). The first team was rounded out with [Tyson Humpherys](#), [Kase Mauger](#), [Merrell Morley](#), and [Cameron Haddock](#) all being selected for the first time.

[Ty Smith](#) and [Tanner Lofthouse](#) were named to the second-team All-Big 12 after having a 3.00-3.19 GPA. It is the third selection for Smith and the second for Lofthouse.

The Wolverines have had 97 wrestlers honored since joining the Big 12 for the 2015-2016 season.

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