

BIG 10 CHAMPIONS PENN STATE WRESTLING

THE SEVEN MINUTE CHALLENGE – MANO A MANO

COLLEGE PARK MARYLAND WAS THE SITE FOR THE 2024 BIG TEN CHAMPIONSHIP AND PENN STATE WRESTLERS CAME TO GAIN THE PRIZE, THEIR EIGHTH CONFERENCE TITLE.



2023 NCAA CHAMPIONS

COACH CAEL SANDERSON HAS AGAIN BROUGHT NEW AND SEASONED WRESTLERS TO THIS YEAR'S BIG 10 MATCH UP. THE TEAM HAD A POTENTIAL OF 190 POINTS AS THE CHAMPIONSHIP ROUND BEGAN. PENN

STATE SCORED 170.5 POINTS IN THE END WITH THEIR CLOSEST RIVAL MICHIGAN WITH 123.5 POINTS. PENN STATE'S NEXT CHALLENGE WILL BE AT THE NCAA NATIONALS.



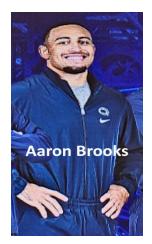
INDIVIDUAL AWARD WINNERS AT BIG TEN CHAMPIONSHIP



CAEL SANDERSON - COACH OF THE YEAR
PSU HAS WON 10 OF THE PAST 12 NATIONAL TITLES UNDER SANDERSON



MITCHELL MESENBRINK – 165 FRESHMAN OF THE YEAR



AARON BROOKS – 197 WRESTLER OF THE YEAR WRESTLER OF THE CHAMPIONSHIP

PENN STATERS WHO QUALIFIED FOR THE NCAA - MARCH 21-23 IN KANSAS CITY ARE:

BRAEDEN DAVIS 125-BIG TEN CHAMPION

AARON NAGAO 133

BEAU BARTLETT 141

Tyler Kasak 149

LEVI HAINES 157-BIG TEN CHAMPION

MITCHELL MESENBRINK 165-BIG TEN CHAMPION

CARTER STAROCCI 174 – POTENTIAL AT-LARGE SPOT

BERNIE TRUAX 184

AARON BROOKS 197-BIG TEN CHAMPION

GREG KERKVLIET HEAVYWEIGHT-BIG TEN CHAMPION



CARTER STAROCCI'S TOP RANKED WRESTLER AT 174 TOOK AN INJURY DEFAULT AT THE BIG TEN CHAMPIONSHIP. THE KNEE INJURY TOOK PLACE IN THE BOUT WITH EDINBORO AT REC HALL AT THE END OF SEASON. THE DEFAULT HAS NOT ALLOWED HIM TO EARN A QUALIFYING SPOT FOR THE NCAA BUT GIVEN HIS RECORD OF A 64-BOUT WINNING STREAK, COACH SANDERSON BELIEVED HE COULD RECEIVE AN "ATLARGE BID." THE QUESTION AS OF THIS ARTICLE IS, WILL CARTER STAROCCI WRESTLE AT THE NATIONALS?

THE QUALIFIERS



125 **BRAEDEN DAVIS TRUE FRESHMAN BIG TEN CHAMPION**

BELLEVILLE, MICHIGAN

133 **AARON NAGAO SOPHOMORE**

La Habra, California



141 **BEAU BARTLETT**

SENIOR

TEMPE, ARIZONA



149
TYLER KASAK
TRUE FRESHMAN

DOYLESTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA



157
LEVI HAINES
BIG TEN CHAMPION
SOPHOMORE

ARENDTSVILLE, PENNSYLVANIA



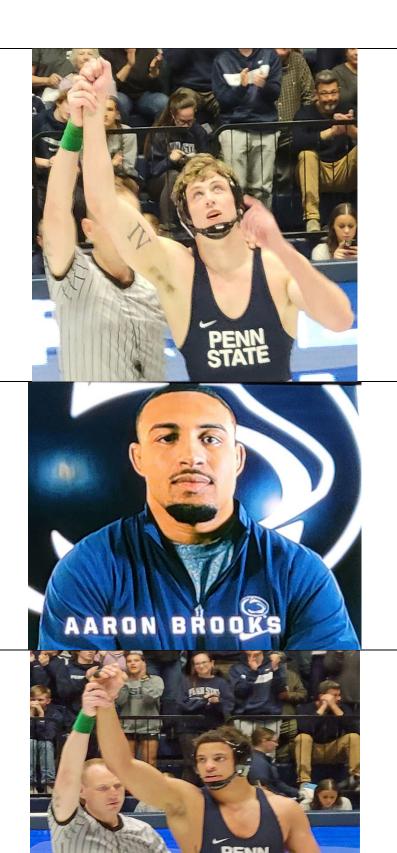
165 MITCHELL MESENBRINK BIG TEN CHAMPION REDSHIRT FRESHMAN

HARTLAND, WISCONSIN



174
CARTER STAROCCI
SENIOR
(NEEDS AN AT-LARGE SPOT)

ERIE, PENNSYLVANIA



184 BERNIE TRUAX GRADUATE STUDENT

OCEANSIDE, CALIFORNIA

197
AARON BROOKS
BIG TEN CHAMPION
SENIOR+

HAGERSTOWN, MARYLAND

HEAVYWEIGHT
GREG KERKVLIET
BIG TEN CHAMPION
SENIOR

INVER GROVE HEIGHTS, MICHIGAN