

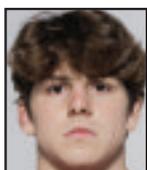
Top-10 Wrestlers to Watch at 133 pounds



L. Byrd



M. Blaze



B. Davino



E. Frost



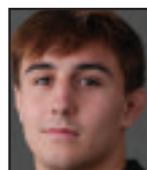
J. Forrest



A. Seidel



K. Larkin



D. Ayala



J. Van Dee



T. Knox

The following is a look at WIN's Top-10 ranked wrestlers, plus other notable wrestlers, at 133 pounds before the conference/NCAA qualifying tournaments. Go to WIN-Magazine.com for an updated NCAA preview after the qualifiers.

1. Lucas Byrd, Illinois, Sr., Cincinnati, Ohio

Note: Byrd is a seventh-year senior.
Season/Career Record: 17-0/113-16
2025/Career NCAA Resume: Postseason record of 19-6; NCAA champ in 2025; reached R12 in 2023; 5th in 2022; 5th in 2021.
Regular-season Notes: Has not lost since Jan. 17 of 2025 to Iowa's Drake Ayala; riding a 29-match winning streak heading into Big Ten Championships.

2. Marcus Blaze, Penn State, Fr., Perrysburg, Ohio

Note: 2025 U20 World gold medalist.
Season/Career Record: 19-0/19-0
2025/Career NCAA Resume: n/a
Regular-season Notes: Has won over four foes within the Top 10, including No. 3 Ben Davino, No. 8 Drake Ayala, No. 9 Jacob Van Dee and No. 10 Tyler Knox.

3. Ben Davino, Fr., Ohio State, South Elgin, Ill.

Note: 2023 U17 World Team member.
Season/Career Record: 21-1/21-1
2025/Career NCAA Resume: n/a
Regular-season Notes: Notched wins over No. 4 Evan Frost, No. 8 Drake Ayala (twice), No. 9 Jacob Van Dee and No. 11 Zan Fugitt.

4. Evan Frost, Iowa State, Jr., Metairie, La.

Note: First AA from Louisiana since UNI's David Bonin in 2013.
Season/Career Record: 12-1/56-14
2025/Career NCAA Resume: Postseason record of 7-5; R12 in 2025; 6th in 2024.
Regular-season Notes: Won CKLV title; lone

loss came to No. 3 Ben Davino at Journeymen Collegiate Duals in Nashville.

5. Jax Forrest, Oklahoma State, Fr., Johnstown, Pa.

Note: Originally a high school class of 2026 student-athlete, Forrest opted to graduate early and enroll at OK State in January; Forrest won a U23 World championship in October and represented Team USA on the Senior World Team in men's freestyle at the 2025 World Championships, where he finished fifth.
Season/Career Record: 9-0/9-0
2025/Career NCAA Resume: n/a
Regular-season Notes: Defeated No. 6 Aaron Seidel, 10-9, on Feb. 15; earned a tech over No. 8 Drake Ayala on Feb. 22.

6. Aaron Seidel, Virginia Tech, Fr., Fredricksburg, Pa.

Note: Until Feb. 15 loss to No. 5 Jax Forrest, Seidel started true-freshman season 13-0 with all 13 wins coming via bonus points.
Season/Career Record: 13-1/13-1
2025/Career NCAA Resume: n/a
Regular-season Notes: Seidel earned a 12-0 major over No. 10 Tyler Knox on Jan. 23. The Hokie freshman has registered 10 tech falls, two falls and a major decision heading into the ACC Championships.

7. Kyler Larkin, Arizona State, Fr., Gilbert, Ariz.

Note: Son of Eric Larkin, who was a four-time All-American, NCAA champion and Dan Hodge Trophy recipient (2003).
Season/Career Record: 16-1/16-1
2025/Career NCAA Resume: n/a
Regular-season Notes: Larkin's lone blemish was a medical forfeit to Evan Frost in the finals of the CKLV Invite in early December; notched wins over No. 10 Tyler Knox at CKLV Invite.

8. Drake Ayala, Iowa, Sr., Fort Dodge, Iowa

Note: Two-time returning NCAA finalist.

Season/Career Record: 9-7/67-23
2025/Career NCAA Resume: 9-4 postseason record: 2nd in 2025; 2nd in 2024; 1-2 in 2022.
Regular-season Notes: Ayala, having gone through a gauntlet of a schedule, has losses to No. 1 Lucas Byrd, No. 2 Marcus Blaze, No. 3 Ben Davino (twice), No. 4 Evan Frost and No. 5 Jax Forrest; defeated No. 9 Jacob Van Dee, 12-6, on Jan. 23.

9. Jacob Van Dee, Nebraska, Jr., Erie, Pa.

Note: Won four straight consolation matches at 2025 NCAAs to earn AA status.
Season/Career Record: 15-4/56-25
2025/Career NCAA Resume: Postseason record of 6-4; 7th in 2025; 1-2 in 2024.
Regular-season Notes: Compiled a 12-match win streak from Nov. 2 to Jan. 23.

10. Tyler Knox, Stanford, So., Groveland, Mass.

Note: 28-match winner as a freshman.
Season/Career Record: 12-4/40-13
2025/Career NCAA Resume: 8th in 2025.
Regular-season Notes: Medically forfeited out of CKLV Invite; notable wins over OK State's Richard Figueroa, NC State's Zach Redding and North Carolina's Ethan Oakley.

Others to Watch

• Wisconsin sophomore **Zan Fugitt** shocked the nation at the 2025 NCAAs, storming into the semifinals as a freshman and No. 14 seed. He would go on to finish fourth, losing only to Drake Ayala and Cal Poly's



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Zeth Romney. In 2025-26, the Badger heads into the Big Tens with a 16-4 season mark.

- Northern Colorado's **Dominick Serrano** is 14-1 in his senior campaign having won the Southern Scuffle in early January. His lone loss came at the hands of No. 4 Evan Frost, 7-1, on Jan. 23.
- Gardner-Webb sophomore **TK Davis** has put together an impressive campaign in 2025-26, entering the SoCon Championships with a 21-1 record. A 2025 NCAA qualifier, Davis' lone loss came at the Black Knight Invite to Army's **Ethan Berginc** on Nov. 23. Since then, the Runnin' Bulldog has won 17 matches in a row, 15 of which came via bonus points.
- West Virginia true freshman **Gunner Andrick** has put together an impressive 18-6 record in his inaugural collegiate season. After winning the Southeast Open in early November, Andrick won five matches at the CKLV Invite, where he placed fifth. ■

2025 All-American Matches at 133 (seed in parenthesis)

- 1st** - (1) Lucas Byrd (Illinois) dec. (2) Drake Ayala (Iowa), 3-2 TB-2
3rd - (4) Zeth Romney (Cal Poly) dec. (14) Zan Fugitt (Wisconsin), 7-3
5th - (8) Braeden Davis (Penn State) fall (6) Connor McGonagle (VT), 2:33
7th - (17) Jacob Van Dee (Nebraska) dec. (13) Tyler Knox (Stanford), 7-2

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