

Top-10 Wrestlers to Watch at 174 pounds



L. Haines



S. Ruiz



C. Minto



C. Kharchla



P. Kennedy



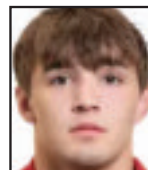
M. Singleton



D. Wask



A. Facundo



C. Schubert



C. Steed

The following is a look at WIN's Top-10 ranked wrestlers, plus other notable wrestlers, at 174 pounds before the conference/NCAA qualifying tournaments. Go to WIN-Magazine.com for an updated NCAA preview after the qualifiers.

1. Levi Haines, Penn State, Sr., Arendtsville, Pa.

Note: 2025 Senior World silver medalist at 79 kg.
Season/Career Record: 18-0/90-4
2025/Career NCAA Resume: 3rd in 2025; 1st in 2024; 2nd in 2023.

Regular-Season Notes: Black Knight Open champ; 16 bonus-point victories, including five falls and nine tech falls; earned a fall over No. 9 Carter Schubert in the season opener; narrowly defeated No. 3 Christopher Minto, 8-6, in a dual on Jan. 30.

2. Simon Ruiz, Cornell, So., Morristown, N.J.

Note: Missed action from Nov. 15-Jan. 10.
Season/Career Record: 14-0/40-7
2025/Career NCAA Resume: 5th in 2025.
Regular-Season Notes: Won against Lenny Pinto of Rutgers at the 2025 NWCA All-Star Classic exhibition; earned a 2-0 decision over No. 8 Alex Facundo at National Duals Invitational; took down No. 6 Matthew Singleton of NC State, 8-6, in a dual meet on Feb. 20.

3. Christopher Minto, Nebraska, So., Cape Coral, Fla.

Note: Moved up from 165 pounds last season.
Season/Career Record: 18-4/37-11
2025/Career NCAA Resume: 4th in 2025.
Regular-Season Notes: Navy Classic champ, where he defeated No. 7 Danny Wask; suffered two losses at National Duals Invitational against No. 4 Carson Kharchla and No. 8 Alex Facundo; avenged loss against Kharchla on Jan. 25; fell to Iowa's No. 5 Patrick Kennedy, 2-1 TB, on Jan. 23.

4. Carson Kharchla, Ohio State, Sr., Powell, Ohio

Note: Seventh-year senior looking to earn AA honors for first time since freshman campaign in 2022.
Season/Career Record: 14-3/65-19
2025/Career NCAA Resume: 0-2 in 2025; R12 in 2023; 7th in 2022.
Regular-season Notes: Started season by going 3-1 at National Duals Invitational, earning a big win over No. 3 Christopher Minto but falling in sudden victory to Iowa's No. 5 Patrick Kennedy; lost to Kennedy again on Feb. 6; lost to Minto in

a rematch on Jan. 25; defeated Michigan's 2025 Blood-Rounder Beau Mantanona, 9-6, on Feb. 1.

5. Patrick Kennedy, Iowa, Sr., Kasson-Mantorville, Minn.

Note: The sixth-year Hawkeye earned AA honors for the first time in 2025, placing fourth as a No. 12 seed.
Season/Career Record: 15-2/71-21
2025/Career NCAA Resume: 4th in 2025; R12 in 2024; R16 in 2023.
Regular-Season Notes: Notched wins over No. 3 Christopher Minto, No. 4 Carson Kharchla (twice), No. 8 Alex Facundo (twice), and No. 10 Cam Steed; losses came against Iowa State's MJ Gaitan and Michigan's Beau Mantanona.

6. Matthew Singleton, NC State, Jr., Moreland, Ga.

Note: Former U20 World Team representative in Greco-Roman.
Season/Career Record: 13-3/45-18
NCAA Resume: 7th in 2025.
Regular-Season Notes: Pinned No. 8 Alex Facundo at National Duals Invitational; pinned two-time Blood-Round finisher Lenny Pinto (Rutgers); dropped final two bouts heading into ACC Championships against Pitt's Luca Augustine and No. 2 Simon Ruiz of Cornell.

7. Danny Wask, Navy, Jr., Wantage, N.J.

Note: Three-time National Prep champion for Blair Academy.
Season/Career Record: 18-3/66-25
2025/Career NCAA Resume: 8th in 2025; R16 in 2024.
Regular-Season Notes: Navy Classic runner-up, falling to No. 3 Christopher Minto, 11-3; CKLV Invite runner-up, falling to No. 9 Carter Schubert of Oklahoma, 5-4; Soldier Salute champion; other loss came against Bucknell's Myles Takats, 9-8 TB2, on Feb. 8.

8. Alex Facundo, Oklahoma State, Jr., Essexville, Mich.

Note: Transferred from Penn State.
Season/Career Record: 14-5/37-11
2025/Career NCAA Resume: 0-2 in 2023.
Regular-Season Notes: Went 1-3 at National Duals Invitational against a gauntlet of formidable opponents, falling to No. 2 Simon Ruiz, No. 5 Patrick Kennedy and No. 6 Matthew Singleton while defeating No. 3 Christopher Minto; SIUE Cougar Clash champ; only other losses came in rematches against Kennedy and Minto; defeated No. 9 Carter Schubert, 7-2, in Bedlam dual and took down No. 10 Cam Steed, 2-1, on Jan. 23.

9. Carter Schubert, Oklahoma, So., Marion, N.Y.

Note: Transferred from Cal Baptist in 2024.
Season/Career Record: 15-4/18-7
2025/Career NCAA Resume: n/a
Regular-Season Notes: Burst onto the scene by winning the CKLV Invite with notable wins over No. 7 Danny Wask and over No. 10 Cam Steed at the Tiger Style Invite; defeated Iowa State's MJ Gaitan and UNI's Jared Simma.

10. Cam Steed, Missouri, Jr., Collinsville, Okla.

Note: Bumped up from 165 pounds; won Gorriaran Award for most falls in least time at 2025 NCAA's.
Season/Career Record: 11-5/34-13
2025/Career NCAA Resume: 7th in 2025.
Regular-Season Notes: Lost three of first five matches on the season but has rebounded since, winning seven of final eight.

Others to Watch

- Pitt's Luca Augustine, the 2025 NCAA Elite 90 Award winner for possessing the highest GPA at last year's Championships, lost a heart-breaker in the Blood Round against Iowa's eventual fourth-place finisher Patrick Kennedy last



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season. Augustine is 11-4 and recently defeated North Carolina State's No. 6 Matthew Singleton, 7-2 SV.

- Iowa State's MJ Gaitan, a two-time NCAA qualifier and 2024 Blood-Round finisher, has a win over No. 5 Patrick Kennedy to his credit and is always a high-flying dangerous draw.
- Myles Takats of Bucknell has pulled off multiple big wins this year, including over No. 7 Danny Wask of Navy, No. 9 Carter Schubert of Oklahoma and Pitt's Luca Augustine. ■

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2025 All-American Matches at 174 (seed in parenthesis)

- 1st - (3) Dean Hamiti (OK St.) dec. (1) Keegan O'Toole (Missouri), 4-1 SV
3rd - (3) Levi Haines (Penn State) maj. (11) Patrick Kennedy (Iowa), 11-3
5th - (5) Simon Ruiz (Cornell) dec. (13) Cade DeVos (SDSU), 2-1
7th - (14) Matthew Singleton (NC State) dec. (7) Danny Wask (Navy), 3-1