



# AIR FORCE MEN'S GYMNASTICS . 2018

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Overall Record: 1-3  
Mountain Pacific Sports Federation: 0-0  
Home: 1-3 | Road: 0-0 | Neutral: 0-0

## SCHEDULE & RESULTS

- 01.13 Rocky Mountain Open .....  
#6 Nebraska ..... L, 389.950-407.700  
#3 Ohio State ..... L, 389.950-404.450  
#15 Arizona State ..... L, 389.950-390.950  
5280 Club ..... W, 389.950-375.000  
#18 Washington ..... W, 389.950-370.600
- 01.20 Oklahoma, with OU Club ..... USAF Academy, Colo.  
01.26 at Army West Point ..... West Point, N.Y.  
01.28 at Springfield ..... Springfield, Mass.
- 02.03 Minnesota ..... USAF Academy, Colo.  
02.10 at All-Academy Championships ..... San Antonio, Texas  
02.15 at Winter Cup Challenge ..... Las Vegas, Nev.  
02.17 at Winter Cup Challenge ..... Las Vegas, Nev.
- 02.24 Endowment Intrasquad ..... USAF Academy, Colo.  
03.03 at Arnold Challenge ..... Columbus, Ohio  
03.09 at Illinois, with Illinois-Chicago ..... Champaign, Ill.  
03.11 at Iowa, with Minnesota ..... Iowa City, Iowa
- 03.30 USAG Championships | Team ..... USAF Academy, Colo.
- 03.31 USAG Championships | Event ..... USAF Academy, Colo.
- 04.07 MPSF Championships ..... USAF Academy, Colo.  
04.20 at NCAA National Qualifier ..... Chicago, Ill.  
04.21 at NCAA Championships ..... Chicago, Ill.

Home meets (blue) will be held at Cadet West Gym

**WEEK ONE.....AIR FORCE VS OKLAHOMA, WITH OU CLUB TEAM**  
 Date..... Saturday, January 20  
 Time ..... 6:00 p.m. MT  
 Location | Venue..... USAF Academy, Colo. | Cadet West Gym  
 Admission ..... Free  
 Video Streaming..... GoAirForceFalcons.com

The 11th-ranked Air Force men's gymnastics team returns to action this weekend, when it hosts preseason favorite and conference opponent Oklahoma at 6:00 p.m., on Saturday, Jan. 20. The meet, which will be held at Cadet West Gymnasium, is free to the public.

### MEET INFORMATION

The meet will be streamed live on GoAirForceFalcons.com (a direct link is located on the schedule).

### SCOUTING THE SOONERS

Oklahoma, the preseason favorite and winner of the last three NCAA team titles, will be opening its season this weekend in Colorado after missing last weekend's Rocky Mountain Open. The Sooners return four All-Americans from last year's title winning team, including junior Yul Moldauer, a three-time NCAA champion, nine-time All-American and member of the U.S. Senior National Team. Members of the OU Club Team are also scheduled to compete.

### AIR FORCE IN THE RANKINGS

The Falcons are ranked 11th in the nation after one week of competition, with a team score of 389.950, and listed among the country's top 10 on the still rings (third, 69.000), parallel bars (fifth, 66.300) and vault (sixth, 69.900). Air Force also has three individuals ranked in the top 10 after the opening weekend, with Fletcher Braunton ranked second on the still rings (14.650), Lukas Texeira listed eighth on the high bar (13.650) and Michael Graft tied for top-10 spots in two events (vault: eighth tie, 14.350; still rings: 10th tie, 13.800).

### ON THE SIDELINES

Jeff Robinson is in his third season as the head coach of the Air Force men's gymnastics team. Robinson, who spent five seasons as an assistant coach with the Falcons' program prior to accepting the head coaching program in 2015, has been honored by USA Gymnastics six times during his tenure (four times as the USAG Assistant Coach of the Year and twice as the USAG Head Coach of the Year). He is joined in the gym by first-year assistant Dave Mickelson, who spent the past 16 seasons as a volunteer coach with the Falcons, and first-year assistant Levan Sisauri.

### WELCOME TO THE SHOW

Air Force welcomed eight freshmen to their roster for the 2018 season with the addition of Brandon Bzoskie, Ethan Esval, Scott McMurray, Logan Omer, Zach Polen, Allen Shadan, Frankie Valentin and Brian Waschak.

### LEADING THE WAY

Fletcher Braunton and Jonathan Fornoff will serve as captains for the 2018 season.

### HOME SWEET HOME

Highlighted by the USA Gymnastics Collegiate Nationals and the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation Championships, Air Force will compete at the Academy six times this season. Following the Rocky Mountain Open on Jan. 13, the Falcons will welcome Oklahoma (Jan. 20) and Minnesota (Feb. 3) to the Cadet West Gym during the regular season, before hosting the USAG Championships on March 30-31 and the MPSF Championships on April 7. In addition to it collegiate competition, Air Force will also host an intrasquad meet on Feb. 24.

### WHAT'S AHEAD FOR THE FALCONS

The Falcons travel to the East Coast next week for a pair of meets. Air Force will face academy rival Army West Point on Friday, Jan. 26, before heading to Springfield College on Sunday, Jan. 28.

**2018 AIR FORCE MEN'S GYMNASTICS ROSTER**

NAME	YR	HT	EVENTS	HOMETOWN   HIGH SCHOOL	CLUB TEAM	PRONUNCIATION
Casey Branin	Jr.	5-7	FX-PH-SR-V-PB-HB	Irvine, Calif.   Woodbridge	New Hope	bran-in
Fletcher Braunton	Sr.	5-6	PH-SR-V	Olympia, Wash.   North Thurston	Black Hills	brawn-tun
Brandon Bzoskie	Fr.	5-9	FX-PH-SR-V-PB-HB	Thousand Oaks, Calif.   Westlake	Victory Gymnastics Academy	
Ethan Esva	Fr.	5-7	PH-SR-PB	Roswell, Ga.   Roswell	Atlanta School of Gymnastics	ess-vell
Jonathon Fornoff	Sr.	6-0	FX-PB	Bartlett, Ill.   Bartlett	Premier West	--
Ryan Girouard	Jr.	5-10	FX-PH-V-HB	Burlington, Mass.   Burlington	Gymnastics and More	jer-ard
Michael Graft	Sr.	5-8	PH-SR-PB	Barrington, Ill.   Barrington	Aerial Gymnastics	--
Alexander Hess	Jr.	5-10	FX-PH-PB	Ebro, Fla.   J.R. Arnold	Gallagher's	--
Christian Kalustian	Jr.	5-8	FX-V-PB-HB	Sacramento, Calif.   Rio Americano	Elevate Gymnastics Academy	kahl-oooh-stee-in
Eric Klein	Jr.	5-8	FX-SR-V-PB-HB	West Brookfield, Mass.   Quaboag Regional	Daggett	--
Scott McMurray	Fr.	5-6	FX-PH-SR-V-PB-HB	North Salt Lake, Utah   Woods Cross	USA Gymnastics World	--
Logan Omer	Fr.	5-6	FX-PH-SR-V-PB-HB	Orlando, Fla.   Timber Creek	Orlando Metro Gymnastics	--
Zach Polen	Fr.	5-7	FX-PH-PB-HB	Dallas, Texas   Home School	Texas Champions	poe-len
Hayden Sasser	So.	5-11	FX-PH-SR-V-PB-HB	El Segundo, Calif.   El Sagundo	Broadway School of Gymnastics	--
Allen Shadan	Fr.	5-7	FX-PH-SR-V-PB-HB	Orange County, Calif.   Tesoro	Azarian	shaw-dawn
Lukas Teixeira	Jr.	5-9	SR-V-HB	Waukesha, Wis.   Waukesha West	Salto	teh-share-uh
Jonah Urlaub	Jr.	5-8	FX-PH-SR-V-PB-HB	Huntington Beach, Calif.   Marina	SCATS	urr-lawb
Frankie Valentin	Fr.	5-6	FX-PH-SR-V-PB-HB	East Hartford, Conn.   Two Rivers	Tri-Town Gymnastics	--
Brian Waschak	Fr.	5-8	FX-PH-SR-V-PB-HB	Saugus, Calif.   Saugus	Waller's Gym Jam Academy	wahs-chack

**QUICK FACTS**

**AIR FORCE ACADEMY**

Location .....USAF Academy, Colo.  
 Founded .....1954  
 Enrollment .....4,000  
 Nickname .....Falcons  
 Colors .....Blue and Silver  
 Affiliation .....NCAA Division I  
 Conference .....Mountain Pacific Sports Federation  
 Superintendent.....Lt Gen Jay Silveria  
 Athletic Director .....James Knowlton  
 Home Venue.....Cadet West Gymnasium

**COACHING & SUPPORT STAFF**

Head Coach .....Jeff Robinson  
 Season at Air Force .....Third  
 Alma Mater.....University of Auburn, 1982  
 Assistant Coach .....Dave Mickelson  
 Season at Air Force .....First  
 Alma Mater.....Iowa State University, 1981  
 Assistant Coach .....Levan Sisauri  
 Season at Air Force .....First  
 Alma Mater.....Georgian State Institute, 1991  
 Athletic Trainer .....DeAnne Zamora

**TEAM INFORMATION**

2017 USAG Finish .....1st of 5 | 396.950  
 2017 MPSF Finish .....4th of 4 | 402.900  
 2017 Final NCAA Ranking .....10th  
 Letterwinners R-L | All-Americans R-L.....11-4 | 0-1

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**NATIONAL STANDINGS**

**NATIONAL RANKINGS**

By Total Season Average | January 16, 2018

RK	TEAM	AVERAGE	HIGH
1	Nebraska	407.700	407.700
2	Penn State	406.850	406.850
3	Ohio State	404.450	404.450
4	Illinois	404.300	404.300
5	Stanford	402.150	402.150
6	Minnesota	401.400	401.400
7	Navy	395.050	395.050
8	Iowa	393.200	393.200
9	Arizona State	390.950	390.950
10	California	390.600	390.600
11	<b>Air Force</b>	<b>389.950</b>	<b>389.950</b>
12	Army West Point	380.350	380.350
13	William & Mary	378.300	378.300
14	Washington	370.600	370.600
15	Springfield College	369.250	369.250
16	Illinois Chicago	356.800	356.800
17	SC United	291.450	291.450
18	Temple	223.050	223.050

**COACHES POLL**

Preseason | Nov. 29, 2017

RK	TEAM (FPV)	PTS
1	Oklahoma (14)	371
2	Stanford (2)	352
3	Ohio State (2)	346
4	Minnesota	321
5	Illinois	314
6	Nebraska	274
7	Penn State	268
8	Iowa	245
9	Michigan	243
10	California	198
11	<b>Air Force</b>	<b>191</b>
12	Navy	174
13	William & Mary	148
14	Army West Point	135
15	Arizona State	107
16	Springfield	99
17	Illinois Chicago	84
18	Washington	59
19	Temple	36
20	SC United	25

**TOP INDIVIDUAL SCORES**

**FLOOR EXERCISE**.....  
13.750.....Frankie Valentin | 01.13  
13.500.....Jonathon Fornoff | 01.13  
12.650.....Eric Klein | 01.13

**POMMEL HORSE**.....  
12.800.....Jonah Urlaub | 01.13  
12.150.....Scott McMurray | 01.13  
12.000.....Fletcher Braunton | 01.13

**STILL RINGS**.....  
14.650.....Fletcher Braunton | 01.13  
13.800.....Michael Graft | 01.13  
13.750.....Frankie Valentin | 01.13

**VAULT**.....  
14.350.....Michael Graft | 01.13  
14.200.....Eric Klein | 01.13  
14.100.....Brandon Bzoskie | 01.13

**PARALLEL BARS**.....  
13.600.....Allen Shadan | 01.13  
13.500.....Michael Graft | 01.13  
13.450.....Jonah Urlaub | 01.13

**HIGH BAR**.....  
13.650.....Lukas Texeira | 01.13  
13.100.....Zach Polen | 01.13  
12.500.....Brandon Bzoskie | 01.13

**TOP TEAM SCORES**

**FLOOR EXERCISE**.....  
63.250.....Rocky Mountain Open | 01.13

**POMMEL HORSE**.....  
60.200.....Rocky Mountain Open | 01.13

**STILL RINGS**.....  
69.000.....Rocky Mountain Open | 01.13

**VAULT**.....  
69.900.....Rocky Mountain Open | 01.13

**PARALLEL BARS**.....  
66.300.....Rocky Mountain Open | 01.13

**HIGH BAR**.....  
61.300.....Rocky Mountain Open | 01.13

**ALL-AROUND**.....  
389.950.....Rocky Mountain Open | 01.13

**FALCONS MATCH BEST PRESEASON RANKING**

Air Force matched its highest preseason ranking in program history, as was selected 11th in the annual Preseason Coaches' Poll. It is the 10th-straight year that the Falcons have earned that preseason placement and received the highest ranking among the three service academies.