



AIR FORCE MEN'S GYMNASTICS . 2018

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Overall Record: 13-12
Mountain Pacific Sports Federation: 0-0
Home: 8-7 | Road: 2-3 | Neutral: 3-2

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	Cancelled
01.26	at #12 Army West Point	W, 394.750-394.150
01.28	at #14 Springfield	W, 397.100-387.200
02.03	#7 Minnesota	L, 400.450-413.250
02.10	at All-Academy Championships	1st of 3 403.850
	#9 Navy	W, 403.850-400.200
	#14 Army West Point	W, 403.850-399.550
03.03	at Arnold Challenge	3rd of 3 390.250
	#5 Nebraska	L, 390.250-404.000
	#4 Ohio State	L, 390.250-401.600
03.09	at Illinois Triangular	2nd of 3 389.050
	#7 Illinois	L, 389.050-405.700
	#18 Illinois-Chicago	W, 389.050-359.900
03.11	at Iowa Triangular	3rd of 3 388.600
	#9 Iowa	L, 388.600-405.950
	#6 Minnesota	L, 388.600-400.750
03.30	USAG Championships Team	1st of 8 396.400
	#14 Arizona State	W, 396.400-393.350
	#15 William & Mary	W, 396.400-388.750
	#10 Navy	W, 396.400-388.700
	#16 Springfield	W, 396.400-371.900
	#17 Washington	W, 396.400-370.700
	#19 SC United	W, 396.400-336.500
	#20 Temple	W, 396.400-154.750
03.31	USAG Championships Event	NTS
04.07	MPSF Championships	4th of 4 392.550
	#1 Oklahoma	L, 392.550-414.050
	#4 Stanford	L, 392.550-404.150
	#12 California	L, 392.550-393.650
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

..... NCAA CHAMPIONSHIPS	
Date Time of National Qualifier	Friday, April 20 1:00 p.m. CT
Date Time of National Championships	Saturday, April 21 6:00 p.m. CT
Location Venue	Chicago, Ill. UIC Pavilion
Admission	\$30 Two-Day \$15 Single-Day
Video Streaming Live Stats	ncaa.com

The 11th-ranked Air Force men's gymnastics team wraps up the 2018 campaign this weekend, when it travels to Chicago for the NCAA Men's National Collegiate Gymnastics Championships on April 20-21. The Falcons, who are making their eighth-straight appearance at the championship site, will open competition in the first of two National Qualifiers on Friday, April 21.

MEET INFORMATION

The 2018 NCAA Men's Gymnastics Championships will be held at the UIC Pavilion on the University of Illinois at Chicago's campus. Two national qualifying sessions will be held on Friday, April 20, while the team and individual event finals will take place on Saturday, April 21. All-session passes are \$30 for adults and \$25 for youth, while single-day tickets are \$15 for adults and \$10 for youth. The NCAA is scheduled to provide live stats and video of all three sessions at ncaa.com.

LET'S MEET THE TEAMS

The afternoon session of the NCAA Qualifier will feature No. 2 Minnesota, No. 3 Michigan, No. 6 Stanford, No. 7 Nebraska, No. 10 Navy and No. 11 Air Force, while the evening session includes top-ranked Oklahoma, No. 4 Illinois, No. 5 Ohio State, No. 8 Penn State, No. 9 Iowa and No. 12 California. In addition, event specialists from William and Mary, Springfield, Illinois-Chicago and Army West Point will compete in one of the two qualifying sessions.

SCOUTING THE OPPONENTS

With a 409.463, Minnesota holds the highest National Qualifying Average of the first qualifier and is ranked second in the national standings. Michigan is ranked third with a NQA of 408.588, while Stanford and Nebraska are listed sixth (407.775) and seventh (407.175), respectively. Navy is 10th with a NQA of 401.550, while Air Force rounds out the session with a No. 11 ranking and a national qualifying average of 396.625. Individually, Michigan's Jacob Moore leads the nation on the floor exercise (14.638) and Nebraska's Anton Stephenson holds the top NQA on the vault (14.938).

AIR FORCE IN THE RANKINGS

Air Force is ranked 11th in the NCAA with a National Qualifying Average of 396.625. The Falcons are listed among the nation's top 10 on the still rings (ninth, 67.650), parallel bars (10th, 65.650) and pommel horse (10th, 65.213). Individually, Lukas Teixeira is ranked sixth on the high bar with a NQA of 14.050 and Fletcher Braunton is listed 12th on the still rings with a mark of 13.988.

HISTORY 101

Air Force is making its eighth straight team appearance at the National Qualifier. Prior to 2011, the Falcons hadn't sent a full squad to any level of the national meet since 1998, when it qualified to the NCAA West Regional (the current Qualifier replaced the regional meets in 2000). Overall, Air Force had made 14 appearances at the NCAA Championships (1961-62-63-64, 1970, 1972-73, 2011-12-13-14-15-16-17), with its best finish (sixth) coming at the 1972 championship meet.

HISTORY 201

A total of 11 Falcons have claimed NCAA All-America status, including Jim Weaver (1962 tumbling), Doug Reynolds (1964 tumbling), Terry Higgins (1966 parallel bars), Bill Ritter (1972 floor exercise), John Tomich (1983 vault), Joel Miller (1992 rings), Tim Hess (1993 floor exercise), Greg Stine (2008 still rings, 2008 all-around), Tim Wang (2014 pommel horse, 2016 pommel horse, 2017 parallel bars, 2017 all-around), Denis Aurelius (2016 still rings) and Arinn Wade (2016 pommel horse).

AIR FORCE QUARTET NAMED ACADEMIC ALL-CONFERENCE

Four Falcons - Casey Branin, Fletcher Braunton, Jonathon Fornoff and Lukas Teixeira - were named to the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation All-Academic Scholar-Athlete Team on April 17. With his third-straight academic all-conference award, Fornoff became just the sixth Academy gymnast to earn that prestigious distinction in every year of eligibility.

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	buh-zoss-key
Ethan Esva	Fr.	5-7	PH-SR-PB	Roswell, Ga. Roswell	Atlanta School of Gymnastics	ess-vol
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	oh-mer
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	val-in-teen
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**

LocationUSAF Academy, Colo.
 Founded1954
 Enrollment4,000
 NicknameFalcons
 ColorsBlue and Silver
 AffiliationNCAA Division I
 ConferenceMountain Pacific Sports Federation
 Superintendent.....Lt Gen Jay Silveria
 Athletic DirectorJames Knowlton
 Home Venue.....Cadet West Gymnasium

COACHING & SUPPORT STAFF

Head CoachJeff Robinson
 Season at Air ForceThird
 Alma Mater.....University of Auburn, 1982
 Assistant CoachDave Mickelson
 Season at Air ForceFirst
 Alma Mater.....Iowa State University, 1981
 Assistant CoachLevan Sisauri
 Season at Air ForceFirst
 Alma Mater.....Georgian State Institute, 1991
 Athletic TrainerDeAnne Zamora

TEAM INFORMATION

2017 USAG Finish1st of 5 | 396.950
 2017 MPSF Finish4th of 4 | 402.900
 2017 Final NCAA Ranking10th
 Letterwinners R-L | All-Americans R-L.....11-4 | 0-1

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NATIONAL STANDINGS**NATIONAL RANKINGS | BY NATIONAL QUALIFYING AVERAGE**

RK	TEAM	NQA	AVE	HIGH
1	Oklahoma	414.713	416.019	429.550
2	Minnesota	409.463	405.540	419.100
3	Michigan	408.588	406.956	417.700
4	Illinois	408.463	406.450	413.900
5	Ohio State	408.350	407.025	414.900
6	Stanford	407.775	406.475	414.100
7	Nebraska	407.175	407.189	416.050
8	Penn State	407.038	405.440	417.400
9	Iowa	402.850	400.755	411.050
10	Navy	401.550	395.808	405.550
11	Air Force	396.625	394.295	403.850
12	California	395.275	392.981	398.950
13	William & Mary	394.025	388.810	399.850
14	Arizona State (c)	392.275	384.745	394.900
15	Army West Point	392.113	389.483	399.550
16	Springfield College	383.350	382.045	391.050
17	Washington (c)	369.850	369.358	372.150
18	Illinois-Chicago	369.650	365.306	377.250
19	SC United (c)	330.588	334.750	351.400
20	Temple (c)	192.863	202.425	292.800

MPSF RANKINGS | BY NATIONAL QUALIFYING AVERAGE

RK	TEAM	NQA	AVE	HIGH
1	Oklahoma	414.713	416.019	429.550
2	Stanford	407.775	406.475	414.100
3	Air Force	396.625	394.295	403.850
4	California	395.275	392.981	398.950

USAG VARSITY RANKINGS | BY NATIONAL QUALIFYING AVERAGE

RK	TEAM	NQA	AVE	HIGH
1	Navy	401.550	395.808	405.550
2	Air Force	396.625	394.295	403.850
3	William & Mary	394.025	388.810	399.850
4	Army West Point	392.113	389.483	399.550

COACHES' POLL | PRESEASON

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	Air Force	191
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	SoCal United	25

TOP INDIVIDUAL SCORES**FLOOR EXERCISE**

14.400..... Casey Branin | 02.10
 14.200..... Ryan Girouard | 02.10
 14.000..... Jonah Urlaub | 02.03

POMMEL HORSE

14.200..... Fletcher Braunton | 01.28
 13.700..... Casey Branin | 02.10
 13.600..... Jonah Urlaub | 03.03
 13.600..... Scott McMurray | 01.28

STILL RINGS

14.650..... Fletcher Braunton | 01.13
 13.900..... Frankie Valentin | 02.10
 13.800..... Michael Graft | 2x, last 02.10

VAULT

14.400..... Jonah Urlaub | 03.30
 14.350..... Christian Kalustian | 02.10
 14.350..... Michael Graft | 2x, last 02.03

PARALLEL BARS

13.900..... Jonathon Fornoff | 2x, last 03.30
 13.650..... Ethan Esval | 03.09
 13.600..... Casey Branin | 2x, last 03.03
 13.600..... Allen Shadan | 01.13

HIGH BAR

14.150..... Lukas Texeira | 02.03
 13.700..... Eric Klein | 03.03
 13.300..... Christian Kalustian | 02.03

ALL-AROUND

79.700..... Jonah Urlaub | 03.30

TOP TEAM SCORES**FLOOR EXERCISE**

68.550..... at All-Academy Championships | 02.10
 67.850..... USAG Championships | 03.30
 67.650..... vs Minnesota | 02.03

POMMEL HORSE

68.000..... at Springfield College | 01.28
 67.750..... at All-Academy Championships | 02.10
 66.050..... vs Minnesota | 02.03

STILL RINGS

69.000..... Rocky Mountain Open | 01.13
 68.950..... at All-Academy Championships | 02.10
 68.200..... MPSF Championships | 04.07

VAULT

70.000..... MPSF Championships | 04.07
 70.000..... at All-Academy Championships | 02.10
 69.950..... at Arnold Challenge | 03.03

PARALLEL BARS

66.300..... at Iowa Triangular | 03.11
 66.300..... Rocky Mountain Open | 01.13
 65.650..... USAG Championships | 03.30

HIGH BAR

65.250..... vs Minnesota | 02.03
 65.250..... at Army West Point | 01.26
 65.150..... at Arnold Challenge | 03.03

TOTAL SCORE

403.850..... at All-Academy Championships | 02.10
 400.450..... vs Minnesota | 02.03
 396.400..... USAG Championships | 03.30

HONORS & AWARDS**CASEY BRANIN**

04.17..... Academic All-Conference

FLETCHER BRAUNTON

02.12..... Air Force Cadet-Athlete of the Week
 03.31..... USAG Champion | PH
 03.31..... USAG All-American | PH
 04.17..... Academic All-Conference

ETHAN ESVAL

03.31..... USAG All-American | SR

JONATHON FORNOFF

04.17..... Academic All-Conference

RYAN GIROUARD

03.31..... USAG All-American | FX

SCOTT McMURRAY

03.31..... USAG All-American | PH

JEFF ROBINSON

03.31..... USAG Head Coach of the Year

LUKAS TEXEIRA

03.31..... USAG Champion | HB
 03.31..... USAG All-American | HB
 04.02..... MPSF Gymnast of the Week
 04.17..... Academic All-Conference

JONAH URLAUB

03.30..... USAG Champion | AA
 03.31..... USAG All-American | FX
 03.31..... USAG All-American | V
 03.31..... USAG All-American | AA

FRANKIE VALENTIN

03.31..... USAG All-American | SR

FALCONS EARN FOUR TOP-FIVE MARKS AT MPSF CHAMPIONSHIPS

Highlighted by a pair of top-five marks from Jonah Urlaub, Air Force collected four top-five finishes at the MPSF Championships on April 7. Urlaub tied for fourth on the floor exercise and fifth on the vault, while Scott McMurray finished fifth on pommel horse and Fletcher Braunton earned the same place on the still rings.

TEXEIRA NAMED MPSF GYMNAST OF THE WEEK

Following a weekend that included a USAG title on the high bar, Lukas Texeira was named the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation Gymnast of the Week on April 3. Reaching the 14-point mark for the fourth time this season, Texeira scored a 14.000 to win the high bar title by 0.750 points. His individual title came one day after he registered a 13.650 to finish first out of 39 gymnasts – bettering the field by 0.650 points – and help Air Force to its ninth team title in as many years. Texeira's first career award is also the first of the year for the Falcons.

ROBINSON NABS THIRD USAG COACHING AWARD

After leading Air Force to its ninth consecutive USAG team title, Jeff Robinson was selected as the USAG Varsity Head Coach of the Year. It is his third-straight head coaching award - and the sixth overall, as Robinson also captured the the USAG Assistant Coach of the Year award during the 2011, 2012, 2013 and 2015 seasons.

THREE FALCONS CLAIM USAG EVENT TITLES

Fletcher Braunton and Lukas Texeira captured USAG titles on the pommel horse (13.400) and high bar (14.000), respectively, on March 31, while Jonah Urlaub finished first among Varsity competitors in the all-around (79.700) on March 30. The three titles are the most for Air Force at one USAG meet since 2015.

AIR FORCE COLLECTS NINE USAG ALL-AMERICAN ACCOLADES

Backed by event titles from Fletcher Braunton (pommel horse), Lukas Texeira (high bar) and Jonah Urlaub (all-around), Air Force collected a total of nine USAG All-America awards at the Collegiate Nationals on March 30-31. By placing within the top six of the individual event finals, Urlaub added another pair of USAG All-America honors on the floor exercise and vault, while Ethan Esval (still rings), Ryan Girouard (floor exercise), Scott McMurray (pommel horse) and Frankie Valentin (still rings) all claimed their first awards.

FIRST-PLACE FINISHES

CASEY BRANIN.....
02.10..... Floor Exercise

FLETCHER BRAUNTON
01.26..... Pommel Horse, Still Rings
01.28..... Pommel Horse
02.03..... Still Rings
02.10..... Pommel Horse, Still Rings
03.30..... Pommel Horse (tie)
03.31..... Pommel Horse

JONATHON FORNOFF.....
01.26..... Parallel Bars
03.30..... Parallel Bars

RYAN GIROUARD
01.26..... Floor Exercise
01.26..... Floor Exercise

CHRISTIAN KALUSTIAN
01.28..... Vault

SCOTT McMURRAY
03.30..... Pommel Horse (tie)

LUKAS TEXEIRA.....
01.26..... High Bar
01.28..... High Bar
03.11..... High Bar
03.30..... High Bar
03.31..... High Bar

JONAH URLAUB
03.30..... All-Around

FRANKIE VALENTIN.....
03.30..... Still Rings

AIR FORCE CAPTURES NINTH-STRAIGHT USAG TEAM TITLE

With a score of 396.400, Air Force claimed its ninth-straight USAG Varsity title on March 30. The Falcons, who have captured every USAG title since 2010, bettered the three other Varsity teams by more than seven points.

TEXEIRA, URLAUB PACE FALCONS ON MIDWEST ROAD TRIP

Lukas Teixeira captured a first-place finish on the high bar (13.950) during the Falcons' third-place finish at the Iowa Triangular on March 11, while Jonah Urlaub recorded top-three marks on the floor exercise (13.800) and vault (14.200) as Air Force finished second at the Illinois Triangular on March 9.

BRAUNTON LEADS FALCONS AT ARNOLD CHALLENGE

Highlighted by a runner-up score on the rings (13.800), Fletcher Braunton collected a pair of top-five finishes in a triangular meet at the Arnold Challenge on March 3. Braunton, who paced Air Force to a two-three finish on the rings (Frankie Valentin, 13.500), added a fourth-place score of 14.150 on the pommel horse.

FIVE UP, FIVE COUNT

Scoring moved into "five up, five count" on Feb 23. Under these guidelines, squads produce a five-man lineup for each event and all scores count (previous scoring involved six men and the ability to drop the lowest score).

BRAUNTON EARNS AIR FORCE AWARD

After guiding the Falcons to the All-Academy team title, Fletcher Braunton was named the Air Force Cadet-Athlete of the Week on Feb. 12. Braunton won the pommel horse (14.000) and still rings (13.950), as he collected two of the Falcons' three individual event titles during the annual service academy showdown.

AIR FORCE NABS EIGHTH-STRAIGHT ALL-ACADEMY TITLE

Backed by a season-high 403.850, Air Force easily defeated Navy (400.200) and Army West Point (399.550) for its eighth consecutive All-Academy title on Feb. 10 in San Antonio. Fletcher Braunton (pommel horse, rings) and Casey Branin (floor) combined for three individual titles, while Air Force earned eight podium finishes.

FALCONS CRACKS 400 AGAINST MINNESOTA

Air Force became the ninth team to break 400 in 2018, as it tallied a 400.450 against Minnesota on Feb. 3. In addition to it being their highest score of the season, it is also their ninth-best total under the current system.

FALCONS PERFECT ON EAST COAST ROAD TRIP

Backed by nine event titles, Air Force posted a perfect 2-0 record during its East Coast road swing to Army West Point (394.750-394.150) and Springfield (397.100-387.200) over the Jan. 26-28 weekend. Fletcher Braunton collected three event titles, as he won the pommel horse during both meets and added a first place finish on the still rings at Army West Point, while Ryan Girouard (floor exercise) and Lukas Teixeira (high bar) captured first-place finishes on their respective events both days. In addition, Jonathon Fornoff added a first-place finish on the parallel bars against Army West Point and Christian Kalustian won the vault title at Springfield.

ON THE SIDELINES

Jeff Robinson is in his third season as head coach of the men's gymnastics team. Robinson, who spent five seasons as an assistant 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 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 newcomers to their roster for 2018 with the addition of freshmen Brandon Bzoscie, Ethan Esval, Scott McMurray, Logan Omer, Zach Polen, Allen Shadan, Frankie Valentin and Brian Waschak.

HOME SWEET HOME

Highlighted by the USAG Collegiate Nationals and the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation Championships, the Falcons will compete at the Academy six times in 2018. Following the Rocky Mountain Open on Jan. 13, Air Force will welcome Oklahoma (Jan. 20) and Minnesota (Feb. 3) to Cadet West Gym during the regular season, before hosting the USAG Collegiate Nationals on March 30-31 and the MPSF Championships on April 7.

LEADING THE WAY

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

FALCONS MATCH BEST PRESEASON RANKING

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