



AIR FORCE MEN'S GYMNASTICS . 2018

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Overall Record: 5-6
Mountain Pacific Sports Federation: 0-0
Home: 1-4 | Road: 2-1 | Neutral: 2-1

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, 389.950-375.000
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, 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

.....**AIR FORCE @ ILLINOIS, WITH ILLINOIS-CHICAGO**
Date..... Friday | March 9
Time 7:00 p.m. CT
Location | Venue..... Champaign, Ill. | Huff Hall
Admission Free
Live Stats FightingIllini.com
Video Streaming..... BTN2go

.....**AIR FORCE @ IOWA, WITH MINNESOTA**
Date..... Sunday | March 11
Time 1:00 p.m. CT
Location | Venue..... Iowa City, Iowa | Carver-Hawkeye Arena
Admission Adults: \$5 | 18-Under: Free
Live Stats TBA
Video Streaming..... TBA

The 11th-ranked Air Force men's gymnastics team travels to the Midwest this weekend for a pair of triangular meets. The Falcons open the weekend in Champaign, Ill., for a meet against No. 7 Illinois and No. 18 Illinois-Chicago on Friday, March 9, before traveling to Iowa City, Iowa, to close out the regular season against No. 6 Minnesota and No. 9 Iowa on Sunday, March 11.

MEET INFORMATION

Friday's meet at Illinois is slated to begin at 7:00 p.m. (CT) and will be held at Huff Hall. Live stats will be available for the meet and the competition will be streamed on BTN2go (direct links to both can be found on the Falcons' schedule page). Sunday's 1:00 p.m. (CT) meet at Iowa will be held at Carver-Hawkeye Arena. Any links to live stats and/or video streaming will be posted to the Falcons' schedule page once available.

SCOUTING THE OPPONENTS

The Falcons will face three top-10 opponents this weekend. Minnesota is currently ranked sixth in the national standings with a three-score average of 409.050, while Illinois and Iowa are listed seventh (408.917) and ninth (402.917), respectively, in the NCAA. Illinois-Chicago, the final Air Force opponent, is currently ranked 18th in the Top-20 poll with a three-score average of 369.033. Individually, Minnesota freshman Shane Wiskus currently leads the nation on the floor exercise with a three-score mark of 14.650, while Illinois' Brandon Ngai and Alex Diab are listed second on the pommel horse (15.117) and still rings (14.750), respectively.

YOU LOOK FAMILIAR

Air Force hosted Minnesota at the Academy in early February, as they registered their first "400" of the season during a 413.250-400.450 loss to the (then) seventh-ranked Gophers.

AIR FORCE IN THE RANKINGS

The Falcons, ranked 11th in the nation with a three-score average of 400.467, are ranked among the nation's top 10 on the pommel horse (sixth, 67.267), still rings (sixth, 68.350), vault (ninth, 69.950) and high bar (10th tie, 65.217). Individually, Lukas Teixeira is ranked sixth on the high bar with a three-score mark of 14.117, while Fletcher Braunton is ranked seventh on the still rings (14.317) and 10th on the pommel horse (14.117).

BRAUNTON LEADS FALCONS AT ARNOLD CHALLENGE

Highlighted by a runner-up score on the still rings (13.800), Fletcher Braunton collected a pair of top-five finishes in a triangular meet that included a pair of top-five teams 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.

WHAT'S AHEAD FOR THE FALCONS

With the regular season complete, the Falcons begin the championship portion of 2018 on March 30-31, when they host the USA Gymnastics Collegiate National Championships at the Academy.

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 Three-Score Average | March 6, 2018

RK	TEAM	3SCORE	AVE	HIGH
1	Oklahoma	422.133	419.513	429.550
2	Stanford	411.767	407.800	414.100
3	Penn State	410.617	406.117	417.400
4	Ohio State	410.000	407.150	414.900
5	Nebraska	409.600	406.567	411.750
6	Minnesota	409.050	403.158	413.250
7	Illinois	408.917	406.457	412.500
8	Michigan	408.617	405.188	411.850
9	Iowa	402.917	398.857	404.050
10	Navy	401.467	396.019	402.900
11	Air Force	400.467	396.058	403.850
12	Army West Point	395.133	389.142	399.550
13	California	393.600	391.363	395.150
14	Arizona State (c)	392.817	383.229	394.900
15	William & Mary	390.333	385.425	398.200
16	Springfield College	389.650	382.407	391.050
17	Washington (c)	370.850	370.213	372.150
18	Illinois-Chicago	369.033	363.760	372.250
19	SC United (c)	348.600	334.313	351.400
20	Temple (c)	252.633	211.960	292.800

CONFERENCE RANKINGS

By Three-Score Average | March 6, 2018

RK	TEAM	3SCORE	AVE	HIGH
1	Oklahoma	422.133	419.513	429.550
2	Stanford	411.767	407.800	414.100
3	Air Force	400.467	396.058	403.850
4	California	393.600	391.363	395.150

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	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	SC 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

14.350..... Christian Kalustian | 02.10
 14.350..... Michael Graft | 2x, last 02.03
 14.250..... Eric Klein | 2x, last 03.03

PARALLEL BARS

13.850..... Jonathon Fornoff | 01.26
 13.600..... Casey Branin | 2x, last 03.03
 13.600..... Allen Shadan | 01.13

HIGH BAR

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

TOP TEAM SCORES

FLOOR EXERCISE

68.550..... at All-Academy Championships | 02.10
 67.650..... vs Minnesota | 02.03
 67.150..... at Springfield College | 01.28

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
 67.100..... vs Minnesota | 02.03

VAULT

70.000..... at All-Academy Championships | 02.10
 69.950..... at Arnold Challenge | 03.03
 69.900..... Rocky Mountain Open | 01.13

PARALLEL BARS

65.050..... at Springfield College | 01.28
 66.300..... Rocky Mountain Open | 01.13
 65.100..... at Army West Point | 01.26

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
 394.750..... at Army West Point | 01.26

HONORS & AWARDS

FLETCHER BRAUNTON

02.12..... Air Force Cadet-Athlete of the Week

FIVE UP, FIVE COUNT

With Winter Cup complete, NCAA scoring moves into the “five up, five count” portion of the season. Under these guidelines, squads produce a five-man lineup for each event and all five scores count (previous scoring involved a six-man lineup and the ability to drop the lowest score).

BRAUNTON EARNS AIR FORCE AWARD

After guiding Air Force to the All-Academy title on Feb. 10, Fletcher Braunton was named the Air Force Cadet-Athlete of the Week. Braunton won the pommel horse (14.000) and still rings (13.950), as he collected two of the Falcons’ three individual event titles.

AIR FORCE NABS EIGHTH-STRAIGHT ALL-ACADEMY TITLE

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

FALCONS CRACKS 400 AGAINST MINNESOTA

Air Force became the ninth NCAA team to break the 400-points this season, as it tallied a 400.450 against Minnesota on Saturday, Feb. 3. In addition to being their highest team total of the season, that score is also the ninth-highest mark under the current scoring 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). 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, 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 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 newcomers to their roster for 2018 with the addition of freshmen Brandon Bzoscik, Ethan Esval, Scott McMurray, Logan Omer, Zach Polen, Allen Shadan, Frankie Valentin and Brian Waschak.

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

JONATHON FORNOFF

01.26..... Parallel Bars

RYAN GIROUARD

01.26..... Floor Exercise

01.26..... Floor Exercise

CHRISTIAN KALUSTIAN

01.28..... Vault

LUKAS TEXEIRA

01.26..... High Bar

01.28..... High Bar

HOME SWEET HOME

Highlighted by the USAG 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.

LEADING THE WAY

Fletcher Braunton and Jonathan Fornoff will serve as 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 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.