

AIR FORCE

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2017-18 SCHEDULE

1-1, 1-0 BIG 12
HOME 0-0 | AWAY 0-1 | NEUTRAL 1-0

Date	Event	Time
Nov. 4	Cowboy Open	NTS
Nov. 12	#6 Minnesota	L, 29-6
Nov. 16	BLACK AND BLUE	NTS
Nov. 18	Holiday Inn Open	NTS
Nov. 21	Fresno State~	W, 24-12
Dec. 1	Cliff Keen Invite	NTS
Jan. 1	Southern Scuffle	9:00 a.m.
Jan. 2	Southern Scuffle	10:00 a.m.
Jan. 6	Borah Duals	ALL DAY
Jan. 12	Long Island-Post	4:00 p.m.
Jan. 12	Hofstra	6:00 p.m.
Jan. 14	SOUTH DAKOTA STATE*	11:00 a.m.
Jan. 21	CAL POLY	12:00 p.m.
Jan. 27	All Academy Championships	10:00 a.m.
Feb. 2	WEST VIRGINIA*	7:00 p.m.
Feb. 4	North Dakota State*	12:30 p.m.
Feb. 10	UTAH VALLEY*	7:00 p.m.
Feb. 16	WYOMING*	7:00 p.m.
Feb. 21	Northern Colorado*	7:00 p.m.
Mar. 3	Big 12 Tournament	9:00 a.m.
Mar. 4	Big 12 Tournament	9:00 a.m.
Mar. 15	NCAA Championships	9:00 a.m.
Mar. 16	NCAA Championships	10:00 a.m.
Mar. 17	NCAA Championships	10:00 a.m.

HOME matches are in **BOLD CAPS**

FREE ADMISSION to all home matches

All times are local to site

*Denotes Big 12 Conference Match

~Battle on the Midway - San Diego, CA

§Denotes Tracy Borah Duals - Gunnison, CO

AIR FORCE QUICK FACTS

Location:	Colorado Springs, CO
Enrollment:	4,000
Founded:	1954
Stadium:	Clune Arena
Capacity:	5,858
Conference:	Big 12 Conference
Head Coach:	Sam Barber (Upper Iowa '95)
Career Dual Record/Yrs.:	21-21/ 4
Asst. Coaches	Bart Horton, Chris Heilman
Vol. Asst. Coach	Kallen Kleinschmidt
First Year	1956
All-Time Record	419-325-6
NCAA Champions	1 (Don Henderson, 1967)
All-Americans	8
NCAA Div. I Qualifiers	90
NCAA Qualifiers R/L	1/0
2016-17 Record:	6-6, 1-4 Big12
2016-17 Letterwinners R/L:	12/5
2016-17 Starters R/L:	8/2

SOUTHERN SCUFFLE

MON., JAN. 1-TUES, JAN. 2 | ALL DAY
UT-CHATTANOOGA | CHATTANOOGA, TN

IN THE NEW YEAR: Air Force is slated to compete for titles at the Southern Scuffle, hosted by UT-Chattanooga, Jan. 1-2. NCAA Champion Penn State, along with representatives from nine teams who finished in the top 25 at last year's NCAA Tournament are making their way to Chattanooga for the New Year's event.

The Nitnany Lions lead this group that includes Ohio State (2), Oklahoma State (3), Michigan (10), Lehigh (12), Virginia (15), N.C. State (17), Northern Iowa (18) and Stanford (24).

Individually, there could be as many as seven individual NCAA Champions on the mat. Over 70 of the competitors qualified for last year's NCAA Tournament, while 21 were All-Americans.

COMING UP: Air Force returns to the dual slate at the Tracy Borah Duals, Jan. 6. The Falcons will compete against a number of teams in a round-robin day of duals hosted by Western State University.

LAST TIME OUT: Air Force sent its top wrestlers to compete amongst over 100 ranked at the Cliff Keen Las Vegas Invitational, Dec. 1-2. Zen Ikehara and Isaac Jimenez led the Falcons with a pair of wins apiece.

A QUICK LOOK AT AIR FORCE: The Falcons are led by Alec Opsal (141) and Anthony McLaughlin (197) who are 2-0 apiece on the dual slate. McLaughlin is 8-0 in duals dating back to last season where he concluded at 6-0. Opsal has recorded the only bonus points in dual meet action thus far.

Overall, freshman 184-pounder Jimmy Weaver leads the Falcons with 12 wins to his credit. Freshman classmate Lenny Petersen leads the team in bonus points with 36 after recording four falls at the UNK-Holiday Inn Open. Petersen leads the squad with six falls. Air Force has seen two tournament champions this season. Opsal claimed the title at the Cowboy Open (elite), while Noah Irons was champion at the UNC Open.

WELCOME BACK: Air Force wrestling returns 30 wrestlers from the 2016-17 roster. Air Force is led by eight seniors, including 2016 NCAA qualifier, Drew Romero (125), and 2016 Big 12 Championships place-winner, Michael Billingsley (174). The 2017-18 lineup boasts three Big 12 Championship placers; Romero (2016, 7th), Billingsley (2016, 6th), and Alex Mossing (2017, 4th). The dual meet lineup returns eight starters, to include junior Anthony McLaughlin who recorded a perfect 6-0 dual meet record.

MOSSING AGAINST THE WORLD: Junior Alex Mossing became Air Force's first-ever U23 World Team Trials Champion, after going 4-0 en route to the championship title of the Greco-Roman 71 kg class, Oct. 8, at the Mayo Civic Center, Rochester, Minn. Mossing won the title in the first two matches (best of 3) over Colin Schubert (NYAC/NMU), including a phenomenal four-point throw in the waning seconds of the first match. Mossing, a native of Toledo, Ohio, was one of eight athletes to represent Team USA's Greco-Roman team.

RECRUITING LEADERS: The Air Force wrestling staff has rounded up some of the nation's top recruits to build the program's second consecutive top-20 recruiting class according to W.I.N Magazine's early-season recruiting rankings. The feat marks the first time in program history the Falcons have had back-to-back top-20 recruiting rankings. The class of 2021 is comprised of 13 wrestlers; four of which were nationally ranked in W.I.N's national high schools polls. The newcomers boast 14 state championships, 29 state medals and are the top recruiting class of all of the service academies.

THE CHAIN OF COMMAND: Head wrestling coach Sam Barber enters his fourth season at the helm of the Air Force wrestling team. Barber first joined Air Force wrestling as an assistant coach under head coach Joel Sharratt in 2009. He is assisted by Bart Horton (11th season) and Chris Heilman (fourth season). The volunteer assistant coach for this season is Kallen Kleinschmidt. Kleinschmidt is a 2016 Olympic Trials qualifier.

Zen Ikehara has been named team captain for the 2017-18 season. Last season, Ikehara started in all 10 of Air Force's dual meets in the 184 class. The Mililani, Hawaii, native's credentials include third-place at the All-Academy Championships (2014-15, 2016-17), first-team, Academic All-Big 12 (2016-17), first-place at the UNK-Holiday Inn open (2014-15), first-place at the Cowboy Open (2013-14) and WWC All-Academic (2014-15).

GOING BIG IN THE BIG 12: The Falcons were part of six wrestling programs (Northern Colorado, North Dakota State, South Dakota State, Utah Valley and Wyoming), all formerly comprised of the Western Wrestling Conference, which have agreed to become a part of the Big 12 starting in the 2015-16 season. Last year, the Big 12 Conference announced the addition of two more teams in the University of Northern Iowa and Fresno State.

AIR FORCE WRESTLING NOTES

GOING BIG IN THE BIG 12: The Falcons will see Big 12 dual action against Utah Valley, Wyoming, South Dakota State, North Dakota State, Northern Colorado, West Virginia and Fresno State this season. Last season the Falcons met with Big 12 foes Wyoming, North Dakota State, South Dakota State, Utah Valley and Northern Colorado; picking up a win against Northern Colorado.

THE ROAD TO THE NCAA CHAMPS: The Falcons will see action in 14 dual meets and numerous national tournaments en route to the Big 12 Conference tournament in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Six events will be hosted at USAFA; the annual Black and Blue exhibition and five dual meets will all take place in Clune Arena. The Falcons will be sending wrestlers to compete in the prestigious Cliff Keen Las Vegas Invitational and the Southern Scuffle; considerably two of the toughest national invites of the regular season.

ON THE MAT AND IN THE BOOKS: Air Force wrestling added eight cadets to the Academic All-Big 12 list last season. Sixty-two student-athletes have been named to the team in total. Parker Hines, Connor Hedash, Dylan Hyder, Zen Ikehara and Anthony McHugh earned spots on the first team, while Conor O'Hara, Jerry McGinty and Anthony McLaughlin were added to the second team. The honors mark Hines' and Hyder's second time making the first-team in as many in the conference. In the 2015-16 season, four Falcons made the first team while two made the second. First team members consist of those who have maintained a 3.20 or better GPA while the second team selections hold a 3.00 to 3.19 GPA. Tyler Wiederholt, who led the Falcons with 22 wins on the season, earned NWCA All-Academic honors.

AT THE FINAL WHISTLE: Air Force concluded the 2016-17 wrestling season at 6-6 for a .500 mark in dual action and a 1-4 mark in Big 12 duals. Eight Falcons earned individual tournament titles, while the team posted 54 place-winning finishes over nine tournaments this season. Head coach Sam Barber now holds a 20-20 career record at the conclusion of his third season at the helm of Air Force wrestling.

The Falcons met with four top-25 programs and five Big 12 Conference foes on the dual slate. Air Force posted dual meet wins over UNC-Pembroke, Simon Fraser, Cal Baptist, Western State, Cal Poly and Northern Colorado. Cal Poly and Northern Colorado brandished five top-20 wrestlers. Air Force fell to No. 9 NC State, Utah Valley, No. 20 South Dakota State, No. 21 Stanford, Wyoming and No. 25 North Dakota State.

2016-17 SEASON AT A GLANCE:**Overall Record: 6-6****Big 12 Record: 1-4****Team Captain:** Jerry McGinty**2016-17 Awards and Honors****Outstanding Wrestler**

Jerry McGinty

Commitment to Excellence Award

Parker Hines

Scholar Athlete Award

Dylan Hyder

Anthony McHugh

Coaches Appreciation Award**Zen Ikehara**

Kerry Powers

Most Improved Wrestlers**Anthony McLaughlin**

Dylan Hyder

Frank "Bruiser" Bryant Award**Alex Mossing****Wayne Baughman A-10 Warthog Award:****Alex Lopouchanski****Iron Bolt Award**

Connor Hedeash

Most Falls**Alec Opsal (7)****Academic All-Big 12 First Team:**

Parker Hines, Connor Hedash, Dylan Hyder,

Zen Ikehara and Anthony McHugh**Academic All-Big 12 Second Team:**Conor O'Hara, Jerry McGinty, **Anthony Mc-****Laughlin****NWCA Academic All-American:**Parker Hines, **Tyler Wiederholt*****BOLD** names indicate active wrestlers

Class	Name	Wt.	Overall W-L	Dual W-L	Big 12 W-L	Dec.	MD	TF	Fall	Bonus Points	Fastest Fall	Wins by Default
So.	Marcus Amico	157	2-4			1	1			4		
Fr.	Justin Becci	133	2-5	0-1			1		1	10	2:06	
Jr.	Beau Billingsley	174	2-5			2						
Sr.	Michael Billingsley	174	5-4	1-1	1-0	5						
Jr.	Luke Boyle	157	9-6			3	2	2	2	30	2:41	
Fr.	Trace Carello	165	8-5			2		1	5	35	2:39	
Fr.	Tony DeCesare	125	5-4	1-1	1-0	5						
Jr.	Josh Giorgio	141	3-3			1	1	1		9		
Sr.	John Hagey	174	6-6			5			1	6	4:03	
Fr.	Joe Hensley	285	7-5			7						
Sr.	Zen Ikehara	184	5-3	1-1	1-0	5						
Sr.	Noah Irons	174	9-4			7	1		1	10	2:57	
Fr.	Brock Jennings	165	7-3			2	1		4	28	0:35	
Jr.	Isaac Jimenez	133	5-2	1-0	1-0	2	2		1	14	4:41	
Fr.	Tanner Johnson	165	2-4			2						
Fr.	Casey Jumps	197	9-4			6	1		2	16	0:51	
Fr.	Mario Kastl	141	0-2									
Sr.	Sam Kreimier	157										
So.	Jake Kurzhals	149	5-4			4			1	6	0:58	
Jr.	Alex Lopouchanski	165	1-1	1-1	1-0	1						
Fr.	Adama Mbaye	157	0-6									
Jr.	Anthony McLaughlin	197	3-3	2-0	1-0	3						
So.	Randy Meneweather	174										
Jr.	Alex Mossing	157										
Jr.	Josh Mossing	165	2-3			2						
So.	Garrett O'Shea	133	8-4			3	2	1	2	25	1:39	
So.	Alec Opsal	133	6-2	2-0	1-0	2		1	2	17	3:50	
So.	Ricky Padilla	165										
Jr.	Adam Pelter	157	2-6			1			1	6	4:14	
Fr.	Terrence Perkins	157	6-6			3	2		1	14	6:40	
Fr.	Lenny Petersen	141	6-3						6	36	1:07	
Fr.	Cole Phelps	197	1-6									1
Sr.	Lyle Plummer	141	5-4			3	1		1	10	1:49	
So.	Kerry Powers	285										
Sr.	Dane Robbins	157	3-5	0-2	0-1	3						
Sr.	Drew Romero	125										
Sr.	Toby Ryals	184	2-2			1	1					
Fr.	Parker Simington	157										
Fr.	Tommy Stager	149	5-2	0-1		2		1	2	17	0:54	
Jr.	Colt Stowe	141	0-2									
Fr.	Cody Surratt	184										
Jr.	John Twomey	141	3-2			2		1		4		
Fr.	Zachary Van Alst	141										
So.	Matt Wagner	285	4-5	0-2	0-1	3			1	6	3:27	
Sr.	Robert Walker	149										
Fr.	Jacoby Ward	165	4-5	0-1	0-1	1	1	2		10		
Fr.	Jimmy Weaver	184	12-4			8			3	18	1:24	1
So.	Tyler Wiederholt	165	6-3			2		2	2	22	4:51	

MATCH RESULTS

DATE	OPPONENT	RESULTS
Nov. 12	@ #6 Minnesota	L, 29-6
Nov. 21	vs. Fresno State*	W, 24-12

*Big 12 Conference

OVERAL SEASON LEADERS

WINS

Jimmy Weaver - 12
 Luke Boyle - 9
 Noah Irons - 9

BONUS POINTS

Lenny Petersen - 36
 Trace Carello - 35
 Luke Boyle - 30

FALLS

Lenny Petersen - 6
 Trace Carello - 5

TECHNICAL FALLS

Luke Boyle - 2
 Jacoby Ward - 2
 Tyler Wiederholt - 2

MAJOR DECISIONS

Luke Boyle - 2
 Garrett O'Shea - 2
 Terrence Perkins - 2

FASTEST FALL

Brock Jennings - 0:35

DUAL MEET SEASON LEADERS

WINS

Opsal - 2
 McLaughlin - 2

FALLS

Opsal - 1

TECHNICAL FALLS

MAJOR DECISIONS

FASTEST FALL

Opsal - 3:50

BONUS POINTS

Opsal - 6

TOURNAMENT PLACE WINNERS

COWBOY OPEN, Nov 4

Alec Opsal - 1st (elite)
 Zen Ikehara - 2nd (elite)
 Anthony McLaughlin - 2nd (elite)
 Dane Robbins - 2nd (elite)
 Michael Billingsley - 3rd (elite)
 Tony DeCesare - 3rd (elite)
 Matt Wagner - 3rd (elite)
 Toby Ryals - 4th (elite)
 Jimmy Weaver - 2nd (amateur)
 Casey Jumps - 3rd (amateur)
 Tommy Stager - 3rd (amateur)
 Joe Hensley - 4th (amateur)
 Jacoby Ward - 4th (amateur)

NORTHERN COLORADO OPEN, Nov 11

Noah Irons - 1st
 Josh Giorgio - 2nd
 Tyler Wiederholt - 2nd
 Luke Boyle - 3rd
 Garrett O'Shea - 3rd
 John Hagey, 4th
 Lyle Plummer - 4th
 Brock Jennings - 6th
 Isaac Jimenez - 6th
 Lenny Petersen - 6th
 Jimmy Weaver - 6th

HOLIDAY INN OPEN, Nov 18

Garrett O'Shea - 2nd (elite)
 Casey Jumps - 2nd (amateur)
 Lenny Petersen - 3rd (amateur)
 Jimmy Weaver - 4th (amateur)
 Terrence Perkins - 5th (amateur)
 Brock Jennings - 6th (amateur)

MATCH-BY-MATCH STARTING LINEUPS

DATE	OPPONENT	125	133	141	149	157	165	174	184	197	285
Nov. 12	@ #6 Minnesota	DeCesare	Becci	Opsal	Stager	Robbins	Lopouchanski	Billingsley	Ikehara	McLaughlin	Wagner
Nov. 21	vs. Fresno State*	DeCesare	Jimenez	Opsal	Ward	Robbins	Lopouchanski	Billingsley	Ikehara	McLaughlin	Wagner

DUAL TEAM POINTS BY WEIGHT

DATE	OPPONENT	125	133	141	149	157	165	174	184	197	285	TOTAL
Nov. 12	@ #6 Minnesota	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	6
Nov. 21	vs. Fresno State*	3	3	6	-	-	3	3	3	3	-	24

DUAL RECORD BY WEIGHT

125	133	141	149	157	165	174	184	197	285
1-1	1-1	2-0	0-2	0-2	1-1	1-1	1-1	2-0	0-2

DUAL FALLS BY WEIGHT

125	133	141	149	157	165	174	184	197	285
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DUAL TECHNICAL FALLS BY WEIGHT

125	133	141	149	157	165	174	184	197	285

DUAL MAJOR DECISIONS BY WEIGHT

125	133	141	149	157	165	174	184	197	285

DUAL DECISIONS BY WEIGHT

125	133	141	149	157	165	174	184	197	285
1	1	1			1	1	1	2	

DUAL FORFEIT WINS BY WEIGHT

125	133	141	149	157	165	174	184	197	285

2017-18 AIR FORCE WRESTLING ROSTER

LAST	FIRST	CLASS	WT.	HOMETOWN(HIGH SCHOOL/PREVIOUS SCHOOL)
Marcus	Amico	So.	157	Anchorage, AK (Eagle River)
Justin	Becci	Fr.	133	Brentwood, TN (Brentwood Academy/USAFA Prep)
Michael	Billingsley	Sr.	174	Winnemucca, NV (Lowry/USAFA Prep)
Beau	Billingsley	Jr.	174	Winnemucca, NV (Lowry)
Luke	Boyle	Jr.	157	Rowley, MA (Triton)
Trace	Carello	Fr.	165	Aurora, IL (Marmion Academy/USAFA Prep)
Tony	DeCesare	Fr.	125	Northfield, OH (Padua Franciscan/USAFA Prep)
Josh	Giorgio	Jr.	141	Leesport, PA (Schuylkill Valley High)
John	Hagey	Sr.	174	Nashville, TN (Father Ryan)
Joe	Hensley	Fr.	285	Cincinnati, OH (Moeller/USAFA Prep)
Zen	Ikehara	Sr.	184	Mililani, HI (Kamehameha)
Noah	Irons	Sr.	174	Lake Mills, IA (Lake Mills)
Brock	Jennings	Fr.	165	Osage, IA (Osage)
Isaac	Jimenez	Jr.	133	El Paso, TX (Coronado/USAFA Prep)
Tanner	Johnson	Fr.	165	Tuttle, OK (Tuttle)
Casey	Jumps	Fr.	197	Platte City, MO (Platte County)
Mario	Kastl	Fr.	141	St. Paris, OH (Graham/USAFA Prep)
Sam	Kreimier	Sr.	157	Fort Collins, CO (Loveland/USAFA Prep)
Jake	Kurzahls	So.	149	Pearl River, NY (Pearl River)
Alex	Lopuchanski	Jr.	165	Fort Lauderdale, FL (Cardinal Gibbons)
Adama	Mbaye	Fr.	157	Stillwater, OK (Stillwater/USAFA Prep)
Anthony	McLaughlin	Jr.	197	Cleveland, OH (St. Ignatius/USAFA Prep)
Randy	Meneweather	So.	174	Washington, IL (Washington Community)
Alex	Mossing	Jr.	149	Toledo, OH (Central Catholic/USAFA Prep)
Josh	Mossing	Jr.	157	Toledo, OH (Central Catholic)
Garrett	O'Shea	So.	133	Butler, NJ (Butler)
Alec	Opsal	So.	125	New Fairfield, CT (New Fairfield)
Ricky	Padilla	So.	165	Covina, CA (Northview/USAFA Prep)
Adam	Pelter	Jr.	157	Matthews, NC (David W. Butler)
Terrence	Perkins	Fr.	149	Prattville, AL (Prattville/USAFA Prep)
Lenny	Petersen	Fr.	141	Village of Lakewood, IL (Crystal Lake Central)
Cole	Phelps	Fr.	197	Anchorage, AK (Service High School/USAFA Prep)
Lyle	Plummer	Sr.	141	Dayton, OH (Chaminade Julianne)
Kerry	Powers	So.	285	Sheridan, WY (Sheridan/USAFA Prep)
Dane	Robbins	So.	157	Fairfax, VA (Robinson)
Drew	Romero	Sr.	125	La Junta, CO (Broomfield/USAFA Prep)
Toby	Ryals	Sr.	184	Rainbow City, AL (Southside)
Parker	Simington	Fr.	157	Loveland, CO (Thompson Valley/USAFA Prep)
Tommy	Stager	Fr.	149	Longmont, CO (Niwot)
Colt	Stowe	Jr.	141	The Colony, TX (The Colony/USAFA Prep)
Cody	Surratt	Fr.	184	Wadsworth, OH (Wadsworth)
John	Twomey	Jr.	141	South Huntington, NY (Saint Anthony's/USAFA Prep)
Zachary	Van Alst	Fr.	141	Prattville, AL (Montgomery Catholic)
Matt	Wagner	So.	285	Mill Rift, PA (Delaware Valley/USAFA Prep)
Robert	Walker	Sr.	149	St. Mary's, IA (Martensdale-St. Mary's/USAFA Prep)
Jacoby	Ward	Fr.	165	Cincinnati, OH (Moeller/USAFA Prep)
Jimmy	Weaver	Fr.	184	Colorado Springs, CO (Coronado)
Tyler	Wiederholt	So.	165	Bellbrook, OH (Bellbrook-Sugarcreek)

COACHES

Sam Barber - Head Coach, Fourth Season
 Bart Horton - Asst. Coach, 11th Season
 Chris Heilman - Asst. Coach, Fourth Season
 Kal - Vol. Asst. Coach, First Season

SPORTS MEDICINE

Jerry McGinty - Athletic Physician, Fourth Season

MANAGERS

Patrick Butler
 Jonsen Crandall
 Austin Lininger
 Brock McArdle

MEDIA RELATIONS

Marcus Rodriguez - Sports Information Director

2017-18 DUAL RESULTS

AIR FORCE at #6 MINNESOTA, Nov. 12

125: #5 Ethan Lizak dec Tony DeCesare, 6-2 | Minn 3, AF 0
 133: #6 Mitch McKee fall (2:26) Justin Becci | Minn 9, AF 0
 141: Alec Opsal dec Gannon Volk, 4-0 | Minn 9, AF 3
 149: Hunter Marko maj dec Tommy Stager, 16-2 | Minn 13, AF 3
 157: #9 Jake Short dec Dane Robbins, 3-2 | Minn 16, AF 3
 165: #10 Nick Wanzek maj dec Alex Lopouchanski, 12-3 | Minn 20, AF 3
 174: Chris Pfarr dec Michael Billingsley, 7-3 | Minn 23, AF 3
 184: Owen Webster dec Zen Ikehara, 5-0 | Minn 26, AF 3
 197: Anthony McLaughlin dec Bobby Steveson, 7-4 | Minn 26, AF 6
 285: Rylee Streifel dec Matt Wagner, 2-1 | Minn 29, AF 6

FINAL: MINNESOTA 29, AIR FORCE 6

AIR FORCE vs FRESNO STATE*, Nov. 21

125: Tony DeCesare (AF) def. Sean Williams (FS) – 3-2 | AF 3, FS 0
 133: Isaac Jimenez (AF) def. Trevor Williams (FS) – 6-5 SV1 | AF 6, FS 0
 141: Alec Opsal Fall Chris De Loza (FS) – 3:50 | AF 12, FS 0
 149: Khristian Olivas (FS) TF Jacoby Ward (AF) – 18-3 | AF 12, FS 5
 157: Greg Gaxiola (FS) MD Dane Robbins (AF) – 15-6 | AF 12, FS 9
 165: Alex Lopouchanski def. Isaiah Hokit (FS) – 7-2 | AF 15, FS 9
 174: Michael Billingsley (AF) def. Dominic Kincaid (FS) – 4-1 | AF 18, FS 9
 184: Zen Ikehara (AF) def. Angel Solis (FS) – 4-2 | AF 21, FS 9
 197: Anthony McLaughlin (AF) def. Richie Brandt (FS) 8-2 | AF 24, FS 9
 285: AJ Nevills (FS) def. Matt Wagner (AF) 4-2 | AF 24, FS 12

FINAL: AIR FORCE 24, FRESNO STATE 12

AIR FORCE vs LIU-POST, Jan. 12**AIR FORCE at HOFSTRA, Jan. 12****AIR FORCE vs. SOUTH DAKOTA STATE*, Jan. 14****AIR FORCE vs. CAL POLY, Jan. 21****AIR FORCE vs. WEST VIRGINIA*, Feb. 2****AIR FORCE at NORTH DAKOTA STATE*, Feb. 4****AIR FORCE vs. UTAH VALLEY*, Feb. 10****AIR FORCE vs. WYOMING*, Feb. 16****AIR FORCE vs. NORTHERN COLORADO*, Feb. 21**

HEAD COACH SAM BARBER

Sam Barber enters his fourth season at the helm of the Air Force wrestling program and his third season in the Big 12 wrestling conference. Barber has coached 15 national qualifiers at USAFA while also making his mark as a recruiter, rounding up some of the nation's top recruits to build the program's second consecutive top-20 recruiting class according to W.I.N Magazine's early-season recruiting rankings in 2016-17. The feat marks the first time in program history the Falcons have had back-to-back top-20 recruiting rankings. In 2015 Barber led the Falcons to an All-Academy Championship title for the first time in 12 years and the fifth time in program history.

Barber spent five years as a full-time assistant coach and recruiting coordinator for the Falcons after serving as a volunteer assistant during the 2008-09 season. With more than 21 years of coaching experience, Barber's resume also includes a pair of head coaching stints, as well as 12 years coaching at the international level. He served as the head coach at his alma mater, Upper Iowa, and at perennial DIII powerhouse Augsburg College (Minn.).

During his tenure at Augsburg, the Auggies never finished below third place at the NCAA Division III championships, winning national titles in 2002, 2005 and 2007. In 2006, Barber was named the Division III Co-National Assistant Coach of the Year by the National Wrestling Coaches Association. Additionally, he coached 16 national champions and 60 All-Americans prior to coaching at Air Force, including a spectacular 2005 season in which 10 Augsburg wrestlers earned All-America honors on their path to the national championship.

Barber's resume extends to the international stage where he was the head coach of the 2015 Junior Pan American Greco team, which finished second in competition. In 2012 he coached the FILA Cadet Pan American Freestyle team and the 2013 FILA Junior Pan American Freestyle team, which both captured gold medals; testament to his coaching ability across the wrestling arts. Barber is also responsible for coaching Jesus Wilson, who placed second in the 1999 World Team Trials.

Barber arrived at the Academy after working with USA Wrestling as the manager of the National Coaches Education Program. Prior to that, he spent seven years with the wrestling program at Augsburg College, spending four seasons as the head assistant coach before being promoted to associate head coach in 2005 and taking over the reins as head coach in 2007.

A 1995 graduate of Upper Iowa University, Barber served as the head assistant coach at his alma mater from 1995-99 before being named the head coach in 1999. Barber also spent the 2000-01 season as a graduate assistant coach at Minnesota State-Mankato, where he earned his master's degree in educational leadership and experiential education in 2004. While there, Barber helped lead the Mavericks to a fifth-place finish at the NCAA Division II Championships in 2001.

Barber and his wife, Danielle, currently reside in Colorado Springs, with their daughter, Aven.