# **2017-18 OTTERBEIN WRESTLING**

WESTERVILLE, Ohio - Nov. 28, 2017

# UNIVERSITY OF MOUNT UNION PURPLE RAIDERS

**RAIDERS** 

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VS.

# OTTERBEIN UNIVERSITY CARDINALS



(3-1)

## **2017-18 SCHEDULE**

| Ithaca Invitational       | 4th of 16  |
|---------------------------|--|
| at Lourdes                | W 40-9   |
| vs. PSU-Behrend           | W 45-9   |
| vs. Lycoming              | L 23-18  |
| vs. Alfred State          | W 37-11  |
| Mount Union *             | 7:30 p.m.  |
| at ONU Invitational       | 9 a.m.   |
| at Muskingum *            | 7:30 p.m.  |
| vs. Akron                 | 1:30 p.m.  |
| at Kent State Tusc.       | 3 p.m.   |
| North Central (III.)      | 4 p.m.   |
| Heidelberg *              | 7:30 p.m.  |
| at Baldwin Wallace *      | 7:30 p.m.  |
| at Wheaton Invitational   | 10 a.m.  |
| at Ohio Northern *        | 7:30 p.m.  |
| John Carroll *            | 7:30 p.m.  |
| at Mid-States (Manchester | ) 8 a.m.   |
| NCAA Regionals            | TBD  |
| NCAA Championships        | TBD  |
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#### **HOME** events in bold

\* Denotes Ohio Athletic Conference dual

#### **DUAL PREVIEW:**

Otterbein takes the mat for its home opener, one of four duals scheduled to go inside the Rike Center this season.

The Cardinals enter fresh off a two-for-three performance at the John Carroll Duals, the only setback being a narrow 23-18 contest with Lycoming that went to the final match.

Otterbein has multiple wrestlers off to strong starters this year. Drew Kasper sits 9-2 and ranked 11th nationally at 197, while heavyweight Nate Temple is 8-2 with every win by pinfall.

Sophomore Willy Plaisir is 8-1 since moving up to 165 pounds this season, while Jackson Lakso (9-2) and Joey Tromba (7-3) are also at .700 or better.

Plaisir will have his hands full against Mount Union's Jesse Gross, who currently ranks No. 5 in the nation and holds a perfect 8-0 record so far. He is one of three wrestlers in the national rankings for Mount Union along with Alec Cotton (141) and Nick Mancini (125).

The Purple Raiders are unscathed as a group after taking down Greensboro, Wilkes, sixth-ranked Messiah, 24th-ranked Waynesburg and then Alma.

Mount Union posted a 26-15 dual win over the Cards last year in Alliance by claiming six of the 10 matches.





| Name                  | Yr. | Hometown/High School                  |
|-----------------------|-----|---------------------------------------|
| Austin Brooks         | Jr. | Carrollton / Carrollton               |
| Alex Carmody          | Jr. | Pittsburgh, Pa. / North Hills         |
| Cody Carr             | Sr. | Brookville / Brookville               |
| Robby Cobb            | Fr. | Oberlin / Elyria Catholic             |
| Leondre Cooley        | Fr. | Sandusky / Sandusky                   |
| Nick Corvo            | Jr. | Medina / Highland                     |
| Alec Cotton           | Sr. | Hartville / Lake                      |
| David Dumond          | Fr. | Owosso, Mich. / Corunna               |
| Trent Gill            | Sr. | Hilliard / Hilliard Davidson          |
| Brandon Gray          | Sr. | Gallup, N.M. / Miyamura               |
| Jesse Gross           | Sr. | Norwalk / Norwalk St. Paul            |
| Seth Hayes            | So. | Ravenna / Rootstown                   |
| Isaac Hendershot      | So. | Willoughby / South                    |
| Luke Hernandez        | Fr. | Nashport / Tri-Valley                 |
| Conner Homan          | So. | Loveland / Loveland                   |
| Jarrett Hylton        | So. | Lorain / Clearview                    |
| Kyle Jenkins          | So. | Stow / Stow-Munroe Falls              |
| AJ Kammeyer           | Sr. | Chippewa Falls, Wis. / Chippewa Falls |
| Taylor Komives        | So. | Mansfield / Ontario                   |
| George Lassnick       | Fr. | Painesville / Lake Catholic           |
| Nick Mancini          | Sr. | Boardman / Boardman                   |
| Grant Martin          | So. | Hartville / Lake                      |
| Dakota McCloskey      | Fr. | Girard / Girard                       |
| Michael McIntire      | Fr. | Wadsworth / St. Vincent-St. Mary      |
| Sean McKown           | Fr. | South Bloomfield / Teays Valley       |
| Thomas Moore          | Fr. | Cambridge / Cambridge                 |
| Tony Rupert           | Jr. | Alliance / Marlington                 |
| Austin Rush           | Sr. | Troy / Miami East                     |
| Anthony Scurry        | Fr. | Warrensville Hts. / Warrensville Hts. |
| Mike Sinclair         | Jr. | Ellwood City, Pa. / Lincoln           |
| John Staron           | So. | Troy, Mich. / Troy Athens             |
| Jake Taylor           | Sr. | Fairview Park / Fairview              |
| Rob Valenti           | Jr. | Hilliard / Darby                      |
| Isaiah Watson-Kirksey | So. | Alliance / Alliance                   |
|                       |     |                                       |

| Name               | Yr. | Wt. | Hometown/High School                     |
|--------------------|-----|-----|--|
| Denver Aydelott    | Fr. | 165 | Ellettsville, Ind. / Edgewood            |
| Shawn Boyle        | Fr. | 174 | Philadelphia, Pa. / Lower Moreland       |
| Christian Chalmers | Fr. | 174 | Greenville / Greenville                  |
| Donny Didion       | So. | 174 | Westerville / North                      |
| Santino DiSabato   | So. | 133 | Westerville / North (Notre Dame College) |
| Trent Duffy        | So. | 141 | Washington CH / Miami Trace              |
| Michael Duzzny     | Fr. | 149 | Columbus / Worthington Kilbourne         |
| Nick Friedman      | Fr. | 157 | Seven Hills / Normandy                   |
| Hayden Heilshorn   | Jr. | 165 | Lewis Center / Olentangy Orange          |
| Luke Hess          | So. | 184 | New Albany / Gahanna-Lincoln             |
| Bryce Hessler      | Fr. | 165 | Marion / River Valley                    |
| Drew Kasper        | So. | 197 | Mansfield / Lexington (Indiana Tech)     |
| Connor Knabe       | Fr. | 184 | Copley / Copley                          |
| Christian Koch     | Fr. | 157 | Richwood / North Union                   |
| Jackson Lakso      | So. | 125 | Grove City / Central Crossing            |
| Chris Martinez     | So. | 285 | Delaware / Hayes                         |
| Bradley Minnard    | Fr. | 197 | Lancaster / Amanda-Clearcreek            |
| Willy Plaisir      | So. | 165 | Dublin / Coffman                         |
| Alex Scotton       | Sr. | 285 | Independence / Independence              |
| Sam Shalvey        | Fr. | 174 | Westerville / South                      |
| Tamagne Shiferaw   | Fr. | 141 | Columbus / Whitehall-Yearling            |
| David Staten       | Fr. | 125 | West Jefferson / West Jefferson          |
| Jared Stevens      | Fr. | 141 | Gallipolis / Gallia Academy              |
| Hunter Stoffer     | Fr. | 165 | Magnolia / Sandy Valley                  |
| Adi Tamarapoo      | Fr. | 141 | Powell / Olentangy Liberty               |
| Nate Temple        | So. | 285 | Lexington / Lexington (Wheeling Jesuit)  |
| Rick Thomas        | Fr. | 184 | Butler / Clear Fork                      |
| Joey Tromba        | Rf. | 174 | Cleveland / VASJ                         |
| Jake Vaughan       | Jr. | 149 | Johnstown / DeSales (Ohio State)         |
| Kevin Wirges       | Sr. | 174 | Virginia Beach, Va. / Landstown          |
| Michael Wright     | So. | 157 | Riverview / Huron                        |
|                    |     |     |  |

### **COACHING STAFF**

**Head Coach:** Josh Malave - 2nd Season

**Assistant Coaches:** Nate Skonieczny

### **COACHING STAFF**

**Head Coach:** Brent Rastetter - 2nd season

**Assistant Coaches:** Doug Short

Matt Stoll Matt Alltop Kevin Rieman