

Olympic Sports Recap: Wrestling Falls to Michigan, Both Tennis Teams Dominate



The third week of January caused some trouble for some of Ohio State's best athletic programs. While the pistol team, women's track and field team, women's gymnastics team, men's and women's tennis teams, and men's swimming and diving team all continued their dominant performances, the wrestling team, men's volleyball team and men's gymnastics team struggled. Below our brief recaps of how the elite Olympic sports teams at Ohio State fared this past week with links to the press releases.

WRESTLING

The No. 2 Ohio State University wrestling team (7-1, 3-1 Big Ten) dropped its first dual of the season, falling 19-17 in a rivalry match with No. 5 Michigan (9-0, 5-0 Big Ten). Redshirt junior Kollin Moore and the seniors Micah Jordan, Myles Martin and Joey McKenna all won, with the three seniors earning bonus points for a total of 14 team points.

WOMEN'S TENNIS

The Ohio State women's tennis team defeated No. 13 Georgia Tech, 4-0, to open its dual match season in Atlanta.

The Ohio State women's team took down another ranked opponent, No. 25 Kentucky, 4-1, to claim the ITA Kick-Off Weekend title in Atlanta. The victory will send the Buckeyes to their fourth ITA National Team Indoor Championship from Feb. 8-11 at the Nordstrom Tennis Center and Seattle Tennis Club in Washington.

MEN'S TENNIS

The Ohio State men's tennis team dominated Virginia Commonwealth on its way to a 4-0 victory to put the Buckeyes in the ITA Weekend Final.

The Ohio State men's tennis team defeated Arkansas, 4-1, crowning them ITA Kick-Off Weekend champions. The victory earned the Buckeyes their spot at the ITA Division 1 National Team Indoor Championships in Chicago from February 15-17.

The Ohio State men's tennis team continued its solid run with a dominant performance in an innerstate matchup with Toledo. The Buckeyes took the lead through doubles play and finished strong with some great singles play, defeating the Rockets, 4-0.

MEN'S AND WOMEN'S TRACK & FIELD

The Ohio State women's team won the Dr. Sander Columbia Challenge, and the men's team took second place. The women finished with 74 points and the men 65. Sade Olatoye set the meet record in the weight throw at 22.92 meters, ranking No. 1 in the nation. Julia Rizk and Abby Nichols set personal records in the one-mile run, while taking first and second place. Eric Harrison won the 200-meter dash with a time of 21.15 and Nick Gray won the 60-meter dash at 6.71.

MEN'S AND WOMEN'S SWIMMING & DIVING

The No. 13 Ohio State men's swimming and diving team finished first at the Shamrock Invitational, winning 11 events overall. The No. 15 Ohio State women's swimming and diving team took third with 873.5 points, behind No. 23 Notre Dame (826.5) and Akron (960.5) and ahead of Iowa (434.5). The men's team totaled 1,397 points to defeat No. 23 Notre Dame (826.5), Iowa (780.5) and Missouri State (407) at the Rolfs Aquatic Center in Notre Dame, Ind.

MEN'S VOLLEYBALL

The No. 12 Ohio State men's volleyball team (3-4) fell to No. 13 Ball State in four sets in its conference opener. The Cardinals (4-4) overcame an excellent first set by Ohio State (25-14), and won three straight (25-20, 25-22, 25-22) to take the match.

WOMEN'S GYMNASTICS

The No. 14 Ohio State women's gymnastics team won its third consecutive road meet, with 196.200 against Michigan State at Jenison Field House in East Lansing, Mich. The Buckeyes improved to 3-1 on the season and 2-0 in the Big Ten. against conference opponents. Michigan State scored a season-high 195.225, but it was not enough to top the Scarlet and Gray.

MEN'S GYMNASTICS

The No. 8 Ohio State men's gymnastics team fell to the defending national champion No. 1 Oklahoma, 423.95-395.40. Alec Yoder had the only event win for the Buckeyes, with a score of 14.750 on the pommel horse.

PISTOL

The Ohio State pistol team defeated Akron in the Open 6,409 (2,223 air; 2,011 free; 2,175 standard) to 6,107 (2,178 air; 1,889 free; 2,040 standard), while the women's team aggregate was uncontested.

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