

DAVIDSON, N.C. – The CLT Regional Training Center (CLT - RTC) proudly announces the appointment of Marcus Coleman as its inaugural resident athlete. Hailing from Iowa State and the Cyclone Regional Training Center in Ames, Iowa, Coleman brings with him a track record as a distinguished member of the Cyclone wrestling program.

"I am excited about the opportunity to become the first resident athlete of the CLT Regional Training Center," said Coleman. "The establishment of the RTC will provide me with valuable training and opportunities to engage with and inspire the local youth. It is a step in the right direction to building a high-level program."

With an overall record of 99-42, he has achieved the status of a five-time NCAA Qualifier and a two-time All-American. Most notably, Coleman concluded the 2022-23 season ranked an impressive fifth in Division I Wrestling.

Among his accolades, Coleman secured second place at the 2023 Big 12 Championship and fifth at the NCAA Championships at the weight class of 184 pounds. A testament to his dedication and prowess, he became only the second wrestler in Iowa State history to qualify for five NCAA Championships (2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023) in three different weight classes (174,184,197 pounds).

During the 2022 season, Coleman's standout performance earned him the title of Big 12 and NCAA Wrestler of the Week. He achieved this honor after defeating No.1 Aaron Brooks (Penn State) at the Collegiate Duals, handing Brooks his only loss of the season. Coleman's final season concluded with a remarkable 24-5 record and an astounding 15 wins against ranked opponents.

In the academic arena, Coleman graduated from Iowa State with a bachelor's degree in criminal justice and a minor in Family Services. His commitment to both athletics and academics led to his inclusion in ISU's Dean's List in 2020.

"I am very excited to have Marcus Coleman a part of our RTC, said Head Coach Nate Carr, Jr., Marcus is one of the top graduating prospects entering his first senior-level cycle, he is a world-class athlete, with domestic experience that will be extremely valuable as he sets his sights on the Olympic games in Paris. Not only does Marcus's presence enhance the CLT regional training center, but it also has a positive impact on the local wrestling community. His direct involvement with local clubs in the area will raise awareness and interest in the sport of wrestling."

Notably, in addition to his training and competition schedule, Coleman will join Nate Carr Jr. and Ty Eustice on the Davidson coaching staff for the 2023-24 campaign. This collaboration presents a unique opportunity for Coleman to contribute his expertise to the coaching team, further enhancing the CLT-RTC's commitment to excellence.

Furthermore, Coleman's journey to Davidson also holds a personal significance, as he will be reunited with his mother, Erica, who serves as the Director of Operations for the Wildcat wrestling program.

About CLT Regional Training Center: The CLT Regional Training Center is a facility dedicated to developing high-performance athletes in the sport of wrestling. Situated in Davidson, N.C., the center aims to inspire and nurture the next generation of wrestling champions while fostering a culture of excellence and growth. For more information visit the website at [www.clt-rtc.org](http://www.clt-rtc.org).