

# Winston, Cooley To Join SIUE Wrestling

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EDWARDSVILLE, Ill. – SIUE wrestling Head Coach [Jeremy Spates](#) received commitments from two top-level competitors.

[Devin Winston](#), of Park Hill, Missouri, is eligible immediately after transferring from Minnesota. Austin Cooley, of Piedmont, Oklahoma, will join the Cougars in the fall of 2020.

Spates said both wrestlers will strengthen the team's depth in the upper weights.

Winston, who will compete at 184 or 197 pounds, is a two-time state finalist in Missouri, including a state title in 2017.

"He's pretty long and lanky for his weight class," said Spates. "He does some different things on his feet and does well on top. He's from a good club and high school as well so he knows how to wrestle in most areas."

Winston was ranked No. 1 at the 182-pound weight class by FloWrestling coming out of high school. He placed third at the Ironman and won the Kansas City Stampede.

Cooley is a two-time state place winner with a third-place finish in the state of Texas and a second-place finish in Oklahoma. He figures to step in at 197 pounds.

"Austin is tough," said Spates. "He went to Fargo and won a lot of matches. He has a lot of potentials and is a great athlete. He trains hard and wrestles hard so we think we'll see some big things from him. I think he's just scratched the surface of what he can do."