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### MATCH NOTES, MARCH 17, 2021 EDITION

#### #2 PENN STATE NITTANY LIONS (6-0, 6-0 B1G)

WT	NAME	EL	HT/HS	REC
125	#23 Robert Howard <i>(1-4 vs. the field, 0-0 all-time at NCAA tournament)</i>	Fr.	Cranford, N.J./Bergen Catholic	7-6
133	#2 Roman Bravo-Young <i>(4-0 vs. the field, 4-3 all-time at NCAA tournament)</i>	Jr.	Tucson, Ariz./Sunnyside	14-0
141	#2 Nick Lee <i>(5-1 vs. the field, 10-4 all-time at NCAA tournament)</i>	Sr.	Evansville, Ind./Home schooled	13-1
157	#12 Brady Berge <i>(2-2 vs. the field, 2-2 all-time at NCAA tournament)</i>	Jr.	Mantorville, Minn./Kasson-Mantorville	10-3
165	#23 Joe Lee <i>(2-4 vs. the field, 0-0 all-time at NCAA tournament)</i>	R-Fr.	Evansville, Ind./Mater Dei	6-7
174	#3 Carter Starocci <i>(4-2 vs. the field, 0-0 all-time at NCAA tournament)</i>	Fr.	Erie, Pa./Cathedral Prep	14-2
184	#1 Aaron Brooks <i>(5-0 vs. the field, 0-0 all-time at NCAA tournament)</i>	So.	Hagerstown, Md./North Hagerstown	14-0
197	#15 Michael Beard <i>(2-4 vs. the field, 0-0 all-time at NCAA tournament)</i>	R-Fr.	Pottstown, Pa./Malvern Prep	10-6
285	#9 Greg Kerkvliet <i>(2-2 vs. the field, 0-0 all-time at NCAA tournament)</i>	Fr.	Grove Heights, Minn./Simley	10-4

Rankings listed are official tournament seed (as of 3/10/21)

### 2020-21 SCHEDULE

#### JANUARY

Sat.	16	at #20 Rutgers* (B1GN)	ppd.
Sun.	24	#24 MICHIGAN STATE* (B1GN+)	ppd.
Sat.	30	vs. Indiana* (at Evanston, Ill.) (B1GN+) W, 24-15 at #16 Northwestern* (B1GN+) W, 29-13	

#### FEBRUARY

Tue.	2	at Wisconsin* (B1GN+)	W, 34-6
Fri.	12	#1 IOWA* (B1GN)	ppd.
Sun.	14	at #2 Michigan* (B1GN)	W, 18-13
Fri.	19	at #11 Ohio State*(B1GN)	W, 28-12
Mon.	22	MARYLAND* (B1GN)	W, 44-0

#### MARCH

Sa.-Sn. 6-7 B1G Championships 2nd -- 124.0  
*(Bravo-Young, 1st at 133; Brooks, 1st at 184; Nick Lee, 2nd at 141; Starocci, 2nd at 174; Kerkvliet, 4th at 285; Howard, 6th at 125; Berge, 6th at 157; Beard, 6th at 197; Joe Lee, 8th at 165; Bartlett, 1-2 at 149)*

Th.-Sa.18-20 2021 NCAA Championships  
 St. Louis, Mo. 2nd -- 113.5  
*(Bravo-Young, 1st at 133; Nick Lee, 1st at 141; Starocci, 1st at 174; Brooks, 1st at 184; Beard, 7th at 197; Kerkvliet, 7th at 285; Howard 2-2 at 125; Berge 2-1 at 157; Joe Lee 0-2 at 165)*

\* Big Ten Dual

#### THIS WEEK

Season complete

#### UP NEXT

Season complete

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 Radio online - Free all year via Lionvision at GoPSUsports.com  
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## FINAL RECAP (3/20/21 - NCAA Finals)

ST. LOUIS, Mo.; March 20, 2021 –The Penn State Nittany Lions (6-0, 6-0 B1G), under the direction of head coach Cael Sanderson, added four more national champions to its growing list of title-holders at the 2021 NCAA Wrestling Championships. Penn State went a perfect 4-0 in the NCAA finals, with all four individuals winning their first individual crowns. The Nittany Lions qualified nine for this year's tournament and the three-day event was held in the Enterprise Center in St. Louis, Mo.

Junior Roman Bravo-Young (Tucson, Ariz.), senior Nick Lee (Evanville, Ind.), freshman Carter Starocci (Erie, Pa.) and sophomore Aaron Brooks (Hagerstown, Md.) each won, marking the third time a Sanderson led Penn State team had four or more champions in one year.

Penn State now has 48 national champions in its long history, with 27 of them coming during Sanderson's tenure as head coach. Penn State finished as NCAA national runner-up, trailing only first-place Iowa in the final team standings. In Sanderson's 12 years, Penn State been NCAA Champion eight times, runner-up once (this year), and placed sixth and ninth in 11 total tournaments.

Bravo-Young, the No. 2 seed at 133, met No. 1 Daton Fix of Oklahoma State in the first finals bout of the evening as the session began at 133. Bravo-Young fought off a Fix shot at the 1:50 mark to keep the bout scoreless and a reset sent action back to the center circle. Bravo-Young's first shot was defended by Fix, a fast, low effort with :35 on the clock. The duo finished the period and neutral and the first period ended in a scoreless tie. Fix chose down to start the second stanza. Bravo-Young controlled the action from the top, maintaining control for over 1:20, turning Fix briefly. Fix rolled through but Bravo-Young maintained control and finished the period on top. Tied 0-0 but with 2:00 in riding time, Bravo-Young chose down to start the third period and Fix cut him loose to a 2-0 lead. The official hit Bravo-Young with two quick stalls in the final :40 to give Fix two points and a one-point lead. Bravo-Young's 1:58 riding time sent the action to sudden victory tied 2-2. In the extra time, however, Bravo-Young left no doubt. The Nittany Lion junior picked up his first national title with a fast, low double that tripped Fix to the mat. Bravo-Young collected both the Cowboy's feet and finished off the takedown for a 4-2 (sv) win. Bravo-Young became Penn State's 45th national champion. He went 5-0 with a major and a tech fall and finished the season 14-0.

Lee, the No. 2 seed at 141, met No. 1 Jaydin Eierman of Iowa in Penn State's second straight NCAA title bout. Lee set a fast early tempo, working his way in on a series of single legs that Eierman was forced to fight off. Lee's pressure forced the Hawkeye out of bounds numerous times over the first minute-plus. Eierman worked his way in on a single with :25 left and this time Lee defended the shot. Tied 0-0, Eierman chose down to start the second period and quickly escaped to a 1-0 lead. Lee fought off another Eierman shot at the 1:00 mark and action returned to the center circle. The duo finished the period on their feet and Lee trailed by one after two periods. Lee chose neutral to start the third period and quickly used a high single to take Eierman down and grab a 2-1 lead. Eierman escaped and the bout was tied 2-2 with 1:35 left in the match. Lee upped the pressure on Eierman, forced him into a stall at :35 and then nearly connected on a low single. Lee nearly won the bout in regulation with a late shot but Eierman's defense killed the clock and the match moved into extra time. Like his teammate in the match before, Lee left no doubt in the extra period. The Lion senior roared in towards Eierman early in the extra minute and finished off a high shot for a takedown and the win. Lee's 4-2 (sv) win earned him his first national title. Lee became Penn State's 46th national champion. He went 5-0 with two majors and a tech and finished the season 13-1.

Starocci, the No. 3 seed at 174, faced off against No. 1 Michael Kemerer of Iowa in the third finals bout for the Nittany Lions. Starocci battled the top-seeded Hawkeye in the center circle for the first minute-plus. Kemerer dove in on a shot with 1:25 on the clock that Starocci countered and action moved back up to neutral as time moved below 1:00. Starocci worked in on a single that turned into a :30 scramble but the action ended in a stalemate and the bout moved to the second period tied 0-0. Starocci chose down to start the second period and quickly escaped to a 1-0 lead. The Lion freshman stalked the middle of the mat, keeping action on the NCAA logo while looking for an opening on offense. Starocci worked his way in on a single leg with :15 and almost finished off the takedown, but time ran out on the Lion's effort and he led 1-0 after two. Kemerer chose down to start the third period and escaped to a 1-1 tie. The third period ended with neither man scoring and, like his teammates before him, Starocci would need extra time to win his title. And just like Bravo-Young and Lee, Starocci ended the match quickly in sudden victory. He worked in on a high shot, gained control of Kemerer at the waist and took the Hawkeye down for the 3-1 (sv) win, becoming a national champion as a freshman. Starocci became Penn State's 47th national champion. He went 5-0 at the tournament with a major and ends his first collegiate season with a 14-2 record.

Brooks, the No. 1 seed at 184, battled No. 2 Trent Hidlay of North Carolina State in the last of four title bouts for Penn State. Brooks was the aggressor early, forcing Hidlay backwards over the course of the first minute. The action continued in neutral for the next minute with neither wrestler finding an opening. With the clock moving to the :30 mark, Brooks forced Hidlay into a first stall warning. Tied 0-0, Brooks chose down to start the second period. Brooks worked his way into control of Hidlay's shoulders and turned him to his back for a reversal. The Lion bench challenged for two back points but none were given and Brooks led 2-1 at the 1:30 mark. Trailing by one, Hidlay chose down to start the third period. He escaped to a 2-2 tie at 1:40 and the bout continued in neutral. Brooks continued to pressure Hidlay in the center circle. The Lion took a 3-2 lead on another Hidlay stall and the clock moved down to :30. Brooks fought off a solid shot from Hidlay at the :20 mark and the North Carolina State bench challenged for a takedown. The no call stood and Brooks walked away with his first national title on the backs of a 3-2 win. Brooks became Penn State's 48th national champion. He went 5-0 at the tournament with a technical fall.

Freshman Michael Beard (Pottstown, Pa.), the No. 15 seed at 197, finished off his tournament with a sudden victory win in the seventh-place bout during the prior session. He ended the tournament with a 4-2 record that included three majors. The freshman All-American closed out his first season with a 10-6 mark. Freshman Greg Kerkvliet (Grove Heights, Minn.), the No. 9 seed at 285, also won his final match of the tournament, taking seventh-place in the prior session. Kerkvliet went 4-2 during his initial NCAA tournament run, including three majors and a tech fall. He went 10-4 over the course of the season and became a freshman All-American as well.

Junior Brady Berge (Mantorville, Minn.), the No. 12 seed at 157, was unable compete after being injured in the national quarterfinals ended his NCAA tournament run with a 2-1 record, including a major. Berge went 10-3 this year. True freshman Robert Howard (Cranford, N.J.), the No. 23 seed at 125, went 2-2 at 125 and had his tournament end during session three. Freshman Joe Lee (Evanville, Ind.), the No. 23 seed at 165, went 0-2 in his first tournament appearance.

The Nittany Lions went a perfect 4-0 in the finals, marking the third time Penn State has had four or more national champions in one season since Sanderson's arrival (five in 2017, four in 2018). It is the second time Penn State was perfect in the finals when having four or more finalists (5-0 in 2017).

Penn State's perfect final run gave the Lions a 31-9 final record here in St. Louis. The Lions tallied 17.0 bonus points off 11 majors and four tech falls. Penn State was also 4-0 in sudden victory bouts, including winning three in the finals. The Penn State now has 232 all-time All-Americans including this year's six, with 69 of those coming in Sanderson's 12 years. Lee is the 15th four-time All-American in Penn State wrestling history. Bravo-Young is the 32nd three-time All-American in Lion history.

Penn State has won eight of the last ten contested NCAA Championships with last year's being cancelled by the NCAA (all since Sanderson's arrival at Penn State and he just finished his 12th season this year). The Nittany Lions have won nine NCAA titles overall, owning a championship from 1953. Penn State won four-straight titles in 2016, '17, '18 and '19 and also won four-straight in 2011, '12, '13 and '14.

Penn State finished its dual meet schedule with a perfect 6-0 mark, 6-0 in the Big Ten, and earned a share of its seventh Big Ten Regular Season Championship with 5-0 Iowa. The Nittany Lions finished as Big Ten tournament runners-up two weekends ago.

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## 2020-21 INDIVIDUAL RECORDS (as of 3/21/21)

Name, Wt.	Record
Donovon Ball, 184/197	2-1
Terrell Barraclough, 149	2-2
Beau Bartlett, 141/149	8-3
Michael Beard, 197	10-6
Brady Berge, 157	10-3
Joey Blumer, 141/149	0-0
Austin Boone, 157	0-0
Roman Bravo-Young, 133	14-0
Aaron Brooks, 184	14-0
Keagan Carmenatty, 197/285	0-0
Aurelius Dunbar, 157/165	0-0
Creighton Edsell, 165/174	5-0
David Evans, 133/141	0-0
Paul Feite, 149	0-0
Luke Gardner, 149	4-1
Imran Heard, 141/149	0-0
Levko Higgins, 194/197	0-1
Austin Hoopes, 184/197	0-0
Robert Howard, 125	7-6
Konner Kraeszig, 165	3-1
Greg Kerkvliet, 285	10-4
Joe Kurtz, 197	0-0
Joe Lee, 165	6-7
Matt Lee, 149/157	0-0
Nick Lee, 141	13-1
Mason Manville, 165/174	0-0
Brandon Meredith, 125	0-1
Seth Nevills, 285	4-1
Scott Obendorfer, 141/149	0-0
Bo Pipher, 149/157	2-1
Baylor Shunk, 125	0-0
Eddie Smith, 184/197	0-0
Carter Starocci, 174	14-2
Jarod Verkleeren, 149	0-2
Marco Vespa, 125/133	0-0

*This includes records w/unattached results listed in current mark*

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# HEAD COACH CAEL SANDERSON

## THE PENN STATE YEARS

Cael's first season at Penn State was solid. Sanderson led Penn State to a 13-6-1 dual meet record, much improved over the prior year's 8-12-2 mark. After a year outside the top 10, Sanderson led the Lions back to their place among the nation's elite with a ninth-place finish at the NCAA Championships and a No. 10 final dual meet ranking from the NWCA Coaches. Sanderson picked up three more All-Americans (including a national finalist) and a Big Ten Champion in younger brother, Cyler Sanderson.

In 2010-11, Sanderson reached the pinnacle of the collegiate coaching mountain by guiding Penn State through a stunning season filled with records, championships and memories that thrilled the Penn State faithful. Sanderson led the Nittany Lions to their first-ever Southern Scuffle Co-Championship and first Virginia Duals Championship since 1991. While guiding Penn State to a 6-1-1 conference mark, Sanderson equaled the highest Big Ten dual meet wins in Penn State history (1998). He led Penn State to the school's first ever Big Ten Championship and was named 2011 Big Ten Coach of the Year. He became the first coach in NCAA history to be named both the Big Ten and Big 12 Coach of the Year. Saving the best for last, he led the Nittany Lions to the 2011 NCAA National Championship in Philadelphia, Penn State's first since 1953 and Sanderson's first as a collegiate head coach.

During the 2011-12 season, the nation watched as Sanderson led Penn State to a 13-1 dual mark, including a school record 7-1 Big Ten dual record to earn a share of the 2012 Big Ten dual meet championship. Sanderson then made it two in a row by leading Penn State to the 2012 Big Ten Championship at Purdue. He was named 2012 Big Ten Coach of the Year, earning the honor for the second-straight season. Two weeks later, Sanderson led Penn State to a second-straight NCAA crown, helping Penn State to become the fifth team in NCAA history to win back-to-back titles. He was named NWCA National Coach of the Year for the second time in his career at the conclusion of the championships in Des Moines.

In 2012-13, Penn State posted an identical 13-1 mark, 7-1 Big Ten dual record and won its third-straight Big Ten Championship in Illinois in March. Sanderson earned his third-straight Big Ten Coach of the Year honor (co) in the process. Two weeks after that, Sanderson guided Penn State to a thrilling third-straight NCAA crown, helping Penn State to become just the third team in NCAA history to win three-straight team titles. At the tournament's end, he was named NWCA National Coach of the Year.

In 2013-14, Penn State went 15-1 overall and won a share of the Big Ten dual meet title with a 7-1 record. The Nittany Lions won their fourth-straight Big Ten Championship in Madison, Wisconsin, helping Sanderson win his fourth-straight Big Ten Coach of the Year honor. Two weekends later, the Nittany Lions won their fourth-straight NCAA title, becoming the third team in NCAA history to win four-straight NCAA titles.

In 2014-15, Sanderson led Penn State to an 11-4 dual meet record, a fifth-straight Southern Scuffle title, garnering five All-Americans and another individual National Champion at the NCAA Championships.

In 2015-16, he added a sixth-straight Southern Scuffle championships, a third Big Ten dual meet title (co-) and the 2016 NWCA National Dual Series championship. He led Penn State to its fifth Big Ten Championship in six years in Iowa City and followed that up with his fifth NCAA National Championship in six years in New York City's Madison Square Garden.

In 2016-17, Sanderson led Penn State to its second-straight NCAA title and sixth in seven years. Penn State posted a perfect 14-0 dual meet record, won the 2017 Big Ten regular season (dual meet) title and the NWCA Dual Championship Series crown for the second-straight season. Sanderson's team posted a gaudy 35-6 record at NCAAs and won five-straight individual championships to close out the national finals.

In 2017-18, Sanderson led Penn State to its seventh NCAA title in eight years and third-straight. Penn State posted a perfect 14-0 dual meet record and won the Big Ten regular season (dual meet) title yet again. Sanderson's team posted a superb 39-9 record at NCAAs. Penn State ended the season riding a 45-dual win streak and set an NCAA record for attendance at an indoor dual meet with 15,998 in the BJC for a win over Iowa.

In 2018-19, Sanderson closed out a decade as Penn State's mentor by leading Penn State to its eighth NCAA title in nine years and fourth-straight for the second time in his first ten years as head coach. Penn State posted a perfect 14-0 dual meet record for the fourth-straight year, won the Big Ten regular season (dual meet) and Big Ten tournament championship. Sanderson's team posted a 35-11 record at NCAAs and had the team title clinched before the finals began Saturday night. Penn State ended the season riding a 59-dual win streak. Sanderson was named Big Ten Coach of the Year and InterMat National Coach of the Year.

In 2019-20, the Lion mentor led the team to a 12-2 overall record and a near-perfect 8-1 Big Ten dual meet mark. Penn State crowned two more Big Ten Champions in true freshman Aaron Brooks and senior Mark Hall. Brooks was named Big Ten Freshman of the Year. The Nittany Lions advanced seven wrestlers to the 2020 NCAA Championships before the NCAA canceled the event in reaction to the COVID-19 virus' outbreak. The NWCA named the top eight seeds at each weight First Team All-Americans after the tournament was canceled, giving Sanderson five more All-Americans.

In 2020-21, Sanderson guided Penn State through a season that was shortened and altered by the NCAA's reaction to a virus. The Nittany Lions went a perfect 6-0 in dual meets (all in the Big Ten) and earned a share of their seventh Big Ten dual meet title. Roman Bravo-Young and Aaron Brooks won Big Ten titles in the BJC and Carter Starocci was named Big Ten Freshman of the Year. Penn State took nine wrestlers to nationals and the Nittany Lions went a perfect 4-0 in the NCAA finalst in St. Louis, with Bravo-Young, Nick Lee, Starocci and Brooks all claiming their first individual titles. Freshmen Michael Beard and Greg Kerkvliet each placed seventh to give Sanderson six All-Americans for the year.

In 12 years as Penn State's coach, Sanderson led the Nittany Lions to eight Southern Scuffle titles, seven B1G dual meet titles, six Big Ten Championships, eight NCAA Championships, collected 64 All-Americans, 27 National Champions, including an NCAA record-tying five in 2017, four Gorriaran winners, five NCAA Tournament Outstanding Wrestlers, one CoSIDA Academic All-American of the Year, one NCAA Elite 89 winner, one NCAA Top 10 Award winner and five Hodge Trophy winners. Sanderson, who has coached 84 total All-Americans and 29 total National Champions (including his three years at Iowa State), grabbed his 100th win as Penn State's head coach in its 36-6 victory over Stanford in Rec Hall on 11/13/16.

## Sanderson's Career Coaching Record

Season	Record	%	B1G Dual	B1G Trn.	NCAA	Qual.	AA	NC
2006-07	13-3-0	.813	---	1st	2nd	10	4	1
2007-08	16-4-0	.800	---	1st	5th	10	7	0
2008-09	15-3-0	.833	---	1st	3rd	10	4	1
2009-10	13-6-1	.675	5-3-0	5th	9th	6	3	0
2010-11	17-1-1	.921	6-1-1	1st	1st	8	5	1
2011-12	13-1-0	.929	7-1-0	1st	1st	9	6	3
2012-13	13-1-0	.929	7-1-0	1st	1st	10	5	2
2013-14	15-1-0	.938	7-1-0	1st	1st	10	7	2
2014-15	11-4-0	.733	6-3-0	5th	6th	7	5	1
2015-16	16-0-0	1.000	9-0-0	1st	1st	9	6	2
2016-17	14-0-0	1.000	9-0-0	2nd	1st	9	6	5
2017-18	14-0-0	1.000	9-0-0	2nd	1st	9	8	4
2018-19	14-0-0	1.000	9-0-0	1st	1st	9	7	3
2019-20	12-2-0	.857	8-1-0	4th	#	7	5	#
2020-21	6-0-0	1.000	6-0-0	2nd	2nd	9	6	4
<b>Career</b>	<b>202-26-2</b>	<b>.883</b>	<b>88-11-1</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>132</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>29</b>

*Italics are at Iowa State // # 2020 NCAA Championship was cancelled in reaction to a virus*

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# NOTES

## PENN STATE PERFECT IN NCAA FINALS

The Penn State Nittany Lion wrestlers stole the show on the final night of the 2021 NCAA Wrestling Championships. Head coach Cael Sanderson and his Lions went a perfect 4-0 in the national finals, becoming the only team with multiple champions. All four Penn Staters - Roman Bravo Young at 133, Nick Lee at 141, Carter Starocci at 174 and Aaron Brooks at 184 - won their first individual titles and the Nittany Lions ended the year as national runners-up.

## NICK LEE BECOMES PENN STATE'S 15TH 4X ALL-AMERICAN; WINS HIS FIRST NATIONAL TITLE AT 141

Senior Nick Lee won his first NCAA title at 141 and became Penn State's 15th four-time All-American at the 2021 NCAA Wrestling Championships in St. Louis. Lee went 5-0 with a tech and two majors. He beat #3 Sebastian Rivera of Rutgers 9-3 in the NCAA semifinals and then downed #1 Jaydin Eierman of Iowa 4-2 in sudden victory in the national finals. Lee's win was the second in Penn State's perfect 4-0 run in title bouts. Lee ended the campaign with a 13-1 overall record.

## ROMAN BRAVO-YOUNG BECOMES 3X ALL-AMERICAN; WINS HIS FIRST NATIONAL TITLE AT 133

Junior Roman Bravo-Young won his first NCAA individual title at 133 and became a three-time All-American in the process at the 2021 NCAA Wrestling Championships in St. Louis. Bravo-Young went 5-0 with a major and a tech fall. He took care of #3 Korbin Myers 5-3 in the semifinals and then beat #1 Daton Fix of Oklahoma State 4-2 in sudden victory in the NCAA title bout. Bravo-Young's win was the first of a perfect 4-0 run in the finals for Penn State. Bravo-Young ended the year with a 14-0 record and was a Hodge Trophy finalist.

## AARON BROOKS BECOMES 2X ALL-AMERICAN; CLAIMS HIS FIRST NCAA CROWN AT 184

Sophomore Aaron Brooks won his first NCAA individual title at 184 and became a two-time All-American at the 2021 NCAA Wrestling Championships in St. Louis. Brooks went 5-0 with a tech fall. He beat #4 Parker Keckeisen of Northern Iowa 6-4 in the national semifinals and then downed #2 Trent Hiday of North Carolina State 3-2 in the championship bout, capping off a perfect 4-0 run in the NCAA finals for the Nittany Lions. Brooks ended the season with a 14-0 record and was a Hodge Trophy finalist.

## CARTER STAROCCI IS AN ALL-AMERICAN AS A FRESHMAN; WINS NCAA TITLE AT 174

Freshman Carter Starocci won an NCAA title at 174 in his first trip to the NCAA tournament, becoming a national champion at the 2021 NCAA Wrestling Championships in St. Louis. Starocci went 5-0 with a major. He beat #2 Demetrius Romero of Utah Valley 2-0 in the national semifinals to reach the title bout. He took care of #1 Michael Kemerer of Iowa 3-1 in sudden victory to become a freshman national champion. Starocci ended the season with a 14-2 overall record.

## MICHAEL BEARD TAKES 7TH AT 197; EARNS ALL-AMERICAN LAURELS AS A FRESHMAN

Freshman Michael Beard became an All-American during his first trip to nationals. Beard went 4-2 with three majors to place seventh. He downed the #18, #31 and #13 seeds to earn All-America laurels and then beat #8 Stephen Buchanan of Wyoming in the seventh place match. Beard ended his season with a 10-6 overall record and was one of six Penn State All-Americans.

## GREG KERKVLIT FINISHES 7TH AT 285; BECOMES ALL-AMERICAN AS A FRESHMAN

Freshman Greg Kerkvliet capped off his shortened rookie season by becoming an All-American in his first trip to nationals. Returning to training and competition one day before Penn State's final dual of the season, Kerkvliet went 4-2 with three majors and a tech fall to place seventh in St. Louis. He majored the #24 and #8 ranked wrestlers before dropping a 7-4 decision to #1 Gable Steveson of Minnesota in the quarterfinals. He picked up a major over Oklahoma State's Austin Myers and majored #21 Tate Orndorff of Ohio State in the seventh-place bout. Kerkvliet went 10-4 on the year.

## ROBERT HOWARD AND BRADY BERGE GRAB TWO WINS EACH; JOE LEE MAKES FIRST TRIP TO NCAAS

Junior Brady Berge won his first two matches at 157 at the 2021 NCAA Championships before suffering a tournament-ending injury in the quarterfinals to #4 Jesse Dellavecchio of Rider. The injury ended Berge's quest for All-America status with a 2-1 record. True freshman Robert Howard also picked up two wins at 125 in his first trip to nationals, going 2-2 with his two losses coming to eventual All-Americans. Freshman Joe Lee rounded out Penn State's nine-person contingent in St. Louis, competing at 165 for the Nittany Lions.

## BROOKS WINS SECOND STRAIGHT BIG TEN TITLE AT 184

Sophomore Aaron Brooks rolled through the conference field to win a second straight title at the 2021 Big Ten Wrestling Championships held in Penn State's Bryce Jordan Center. The Nittany Lion sophomore went 3-0 at 184 to make it two in a row for the Hagerstown native. Brooks downed #16 Nelson Brands of Iowa 14-8 in the quarterfinals, majored #18 John Poznanski of Rutgers in the semifinals, and took care of #14 Taylor Venz of Nebraska in the finals. Brooks is now 6-0 all-time in the Big Ten Championships. He earned first-team All-Big Ten with his conference crown.

## 2020-21 BIG TEN STANDINGS (FINAL as of 3/2/21)

Pl. Team	Big Ten		Overall	
	W-L-T	PCT	W-L-T	PCT
<b>1. +PENN STATE</b>	<b>6-0-0</b>	<b>1.000</b>	<b>6-0-0</b>	<b>1.000</b>
+Iowa	5-0-0	1.000	5-0-0	1.000
3. Nebraska	7-1-0	.875	7-1-0	.875
4. Michigan	5-1-0	.833	5-1-0	.833
5. Minnesota	7-2-0	.778	7-2-0	.778
6. Illinois	5-3-0	.625	5-3-0	.625
7. Ohio State	5-4-0	.556	5-4-0	.556
8. Purdue	4-5-0	.444	4-5-0	.444
9. Michigan State	2-4-0	.333	2-4-0	.333
10. Indiana	2-6-0	.250	2-6-0	.250
11. Northwestern	2-6-0	.250	2-6-0	.250
12. Wisconsin	1-6-0	.143	1-6-0	.143
13. Rutgers	0-4-0	.000	0-4-0	.000
14. Maryland	0-8-0	.000	0-8-0	.000

+2021 Big Ten Regular Season (dual meet) Co-Champions

## BIG TEN WRESTLERS OF THE WEEK

1/12	Dylan Ragusin, Michigan
1/19	Spencer Lee, Iowa Patrick McKee, Minnesota
1/26	Spencer Lee, Iowa Eric Barnett, Wisconsin
2/2	DJ Washington, Indiana
2/9	Tony Cassioppi, Iowa Sammy Sasso, Ohio State
<b>2/16</b>	<b>CARTER STAROCCI, PENN STATE</b>
2/23	Payton Omania, Michigan State

## 2020-21 ATTENDANCE

TBA	N/A in 2020-21	N/A
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*Please note that Penn State will not be allowing fans into dual meets. We will not be tracking attendance in the 2020-21 season due not being allowed to have fans and/or sell tickets. Our attendance records will resume in 2021-22.*

**AVG. N/A**  
(Penn State has wrestled in front of 61 of 63 sell-outs at home, including 55 straight in Rec Hall and 6 of 8 in the Bryce Jordan Center)

## AVERAGE ATTENDANCE SINCE 2009-10 UNDER CAEL

YEAR	AVG	Best
2009-10	4,343	4,833 vs. Illinois, 1/22/10
2010-11	5,455	6,686 vs. Iowa, 1/30/11
2011-12	6,481	6,796 vs. Iowa, 1/22/12
2012-13	6,411	6,618 vs. Nebraska, 1/27/13
2013-14	7,646	15,996 vs. Pitt, 12/8/13
2014-15	7,747	15,967 vs. Iowa, 2/8/15
2015-16	8,756*	15,983 vs. Ohio St., 2/15/16
2016-17	7,833	15,424 vs. Lehigh, 12/4/16
2017-18	7,693	+15,998 vs. Iowa, 2/10/18
2018-19	7,715	15,703 vs. Michigan, 2/1/19
2019-20	7,604	15,995 vs. Ohio State, 2/15/20
2020-21	N/A	No public allowed

\* all-time Penn State record  
+ all-time Penn State record, all-time NCAA indoor dual meet record

## BRAVO-YOUNG WINS FIRST BIG TEN TITLE AT 133

Junior Roman Bravo-Young took down the field at 133 to win his first-ever Big Ten title at the 2021 Big Ten Wrestling Championships held in Penn State's Bryce Jordan Center. The Arizona-native went 3-0 overall to claim the championship. He beat Purdue's Jacob Rundell 9-3 in the quarterfinals, Nebraska's Chris Cannon 8-3 in the semifinals, and took down #3 Austin DeSanto of Iowa 5-2 in the title bout. He earned first-team All-Big Ten with his conference crown.

## STAROCCI BIG TEN RUNNER-UP AT 174, NAMED 2021 BIG TEN FRESHMAN OF THE YEAR

Freshman Carter Starocci went 3-1 in his first-ever Big Ten Championship, advancing the conference finals at 174 before losing to #1 Michael Kemmerer of Iowa, and earning runner-up status and a trip to the NCAA Championships. Starocci pinned Maryland's Phillip Spadafora in the first round, beat #6 Kaleb Romero of Ohio State 2-0 in the quarters, and took down #2 Mike Labriola of Nebraska 3-1 (sv) in the semis. Starocci was named the 2021 Big Ten Freshman of the Year after the tournament ended, becoming Penn State's seventh overall and second straight (Brooks earned the title last year).

## NICK LEE TAKES BIG TEN RUNNER-UP SPOT AT 141

Senior Nick Lee went 2-1 at the 2021 Big Ten Championships, advancing to the 141-pound finals where he fell in a thrilling 6-5 bout to #1 Jaydin Eierman of Iowa. Lee posted a 16-1 technical fall over Ohio State's Dylan D'Emilio in the quarterfinals and the beat #3 Sebastian Rivera of Rutgers 8-6 (sv) in the semifinals. The runner-up tag made Lee a four-time NCAA qualifier.

## FIVE NITTANY LIONS EARN QUALIFYING SPOTS IN NCAA CHAMPIONSHIPS AS FRESHMEN; BERGE EARNS SECOND

While Penn State's four Big Ten tournament finalists all earned NCAA qualifier spots, five other Nittany Lions placed at the event as well to punch their tickets to St. Louis for nationals. Junior Brady Berge took sixth at 157 with a 3-2 record and earned his second trip to nationals. Penn State entered the Big Ten tournament with six freshmen in the line-up. Carter Starocci advanced to the finals (see note above) to earn a trip. True freshman Robert Howard went 3-3 at 125 and took sixth place to earn a trip; freshman Joe Lee went 2-3 to take sixth at 165 to earn his spot; and freshman Michael Beard went 3-3 at 197 to grab a bid. Freshman Greg Kerkvliet went 4-2 at 285 in his first Big Ten tournament, placing fourth and earning a trip to nationals. He downed #13 Trent Hillger and #12 Christian Lance in the process. His two losses were to #2 Mason Parris and #3 Tony Cassioppi.

## BEAU BARTLETT MOVES UP TO 149 FOR BIG TOURNAMENT

True freshman Beau Bartlett moved up from 141 to 149 to compete in his first Big Ten Championships in the Bryce Jordan Center on March 6-7, 2021. Bartlett went 1-2 in his debut outing, pinning Maryland's Michael North for his victory. He dropped a heart-breaking 7-5 (sv) decision to #17 Yahya Thomas to bow out of the event.

## PENN STATE WINS SHARE OF 2021 REGULAR SEASON TITLE

Penn State claimed a share of the 2021 Big Ten Dual Meet Championship, the seventh regular season crown for the Lions since head coach Cael Sanderson's arrival in Happy Valley. The Nittany Lions went 6-0 in the conference and shared the title with 5-0 Iowa.

## SIX NITTANY LION FRESHMEN MAKE REC HALL DUAL DEBUTS IN 44-0 SHUTOUT OF MARYLAND

Penn State closed out the 2021 dual meet season by shutting out Maryland 44-0 on Feb. 22. The Lions featured a line-up that had seven underclassmen; one sophomore and six freshmen. All six freshmen won in their Rec Hall dual debuts. Greg Kerkvliet saw his first action of the season, getting a pin in both the dual meet and extra bouts. Beau Bartlett also went 2-0, winning in the dual and extras at 149. Robert Howard won at 125; Joe Lee won at 165; Carter Starocci won at 174 and Michael Beard won at 197.

## PENN STATE ROLLS OVER OHIO STATE IN COLUMBUS

Carter Starocci took down #3 Kaleb Romero and Michael Beard's pin sealed the deal in Penn State's 28-12 win over #11 Ohio State in Columbus on Feb. 19. Starocci used a rideout in the tie-breaker to down Romero 2-1 and Beard pinned Gavin Hoffman at the 1:20 mark. Penn State won seven of ten bouts, getting victories from Roman Bravo-Young (133), Nick Lee (141), Brady Berge (157), Starocci (174), Aaron Brooks (184), Beard (197) and Seth Nevills (285).

## SANDERSON GETS 200TH CAREER COACHING WIN AS PENN STATE DOWNS #2 MICHIGAN ON THE ROAD

Penn State head coach Cael Sanderson earned his 200th career collegiate coaching victory on Feb. 14, 2021, when the Nittany Lions notched an 18-13 victory at #2 Michigan. Sanderson's victory total includes three seasons at Iowa State. His full and up-to-date coaching record can be found on page three off these notes.

## NATIONAL RANKINGS

### TEAM RANKINGS INTERMAT TPI (3/9/21)

- Iowa
- PENN STATE
- North Carolina State
- Oklahoma State
- Missouri
- Arizona State
- Virginia Tech
- Michigan
- Nebraska
- Iowa State
- Central Michigan
- Minnesota
- Pittsburgh
- Northwestern
- Ohio State
- North Carolina
- Utah Valley
- Rider
- Stanford
- Oklahoma
- Northern Iowa
- Appalachian St.
- Virginia
- Rutgers
- Purdue

### NWCA COACHES POLL (DUAL) (2/23/21)

- Iowa
- PENN STATE
- Virginia Tech
- Michigan
- Missouri
- Oklahoma St.
- North Carolina St.
- Nebraska
- Minnesota
- Arizona State
- Illinois
- Ohio State
- Iowa State
- North Carolina
- Northern Iowa
- Pittsburgh
- Navy
- Purdue
- Oklahoma
- Virginia
- Central Michigan
- Campbell
- Michigan State
- Rider
- Wisconsin

### INTERMAT (3/9/21)

Roman Bravo-Young	2nd/133
Nick Lee	2nd/141
Brady Berge	10th/157
Carter Starocci	3rd/174
Aaron Brooks	1st/184
Michael Beard	15th/197
Greg Kerkvliet	9th/285

### TRACKWRESTLING (3/9/21)

Robert Howard	13th/125
Roman Bravo-Young	2nd/133
Nick Lee	2nd/141
Brady Berge	11th/157
Joe Lee	26th/165
Carter Starocci	2nd/174
Aaron Brooks	1st/184
Michael Beard	16th/197
Greg Kerkvliet	9th/285

### 2020-21 RIDGE RILEY AWARD WINNERS (home)

2/22	Maryland	Aaron Brooks, 184
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### 2020-21 ERNIE LUCAS AWARD WINNERS (away)

1/30	vs. Indiana (Northwestern)	Seth Nevills, 285
1/30	at #16 Northwestern	Aaron Brooks, 184
2	at Wisconsin	Aaron Brooks, 184
2/14	at #2 Michigan	Carter Starocci, 174
2/19	at Ohio State	Michael Beard, 197

### vs. RANKED FOES

Check here throughout the season for Penn State's dual meet results against foes ranked in the InterMat Top 25 Team TPI.

1/16/21	at #20 Rutgers	ppd
1/24/21	vs. #24 Michigan State	ppd
1/30/21	at #16 Northwestern	W, 29-13
2/12/21	vs. #1 Iowa	ppd
2/14/21	at #2 Michigan	W, 18-13
2/19/21	at #11 Ohio State	W, 28-12

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# NOTES

## STAROCCI TAKES DOWN #2 MASSA IN PENN STATE'S WIN AT MICHIGAN; NAMED B1G WRESTLER OF THE WEEK

Freshman Carter Starocci used a four-point turn in the tie-breaker period to take down sixth-year senior Logan Massa of Michigan in Penn State's dual victory over the Wolverines. Starocci and No. 2 Massa ended regulation and sudden victory tied 1-1 before the Lion freshman used the back points to break away for a 7-1 (tb) win at 174. Starocci earned Big Ten Wrestler of the Week (2/16) honors for his efforts.

## FRESHMAN ROBERT HOWARD WINS COLLEGIATE DEBUT

Nittany Lion freshman Robert Howard made his Penn State and collegiate debut in Penn State's dual meet at Michigan on Feb. 14 and came away victorious. Howard picked up takedowns in the first and second period to down UM's Jack Medley 6-5 at 125. His win helped spark Penn State to an 18-13 victory in Ann Arbor.

## BROOKS MAJORS #10 WEILER AND BEARD SHINES IN DEBUT AS PENN STATE WINS AT WISCONSIN

Sophomore Aaron Brooks took care of #10 Chris Weiler of Wisconsin in a marquee match-up at 184 to lead Penn State to a 34-6 win in Madison on Feb. 2. The Lions won all nine contested bouts and went 4-0 in extra matches to go 13-0 in live action and 13-1 overall (giving up a forfeit at 125). True freshman Michael Beard made his collegiate debut in fine fashion as well, posting an 18-2 technical fall over Andrew Salemme at the 4:43 mark. Beard tallied four takedowns, three two-point turns and a four-point tilt to grab the win.

## NITTANY LIONS ROUT #16 NORTHWESTERN TO CLOSE OUT TRI-DUAL IN EVANSTON

Penn State won seven of ten bouts to roll through No. 16 Northwestern in the final dual at a tri-meet in Evanston on Jan. 30, grabbing a 29-13 victory. Carter Starocci picked up his first dual win as a Nittany Lion at 174 and classmate Joe Lee capped off a 2-0 debut day with another win at 165. Roman Bravo-Young notched a pin at 133 and Nick Lee grabbed a major at 141. Brady Berge notched a decision at 157. Aaron Brooks (184) and Seth Nevills (285) both picked up tech falls to close out the action.

## LIONS TAKE DOWN INDIANA 24-15 IN SEASON OPENER

The Penn State Nittany Lions won six of ten bouts in the season opener against Indiana, posting a 24-15 victory in the first dual at a tri-meet hosted by Northwestern on Jan. 30. Freshman Joe Lee picked up a win at 165 in his Lion dual debut. Roman Bravo-Young notched a win at 133, Nick Lee got a tech fall at 141, Brady Berge posted a decision at 157, Aaron Brooks opened his season with a major at 184 and Seth Nevills capped off the dual with a pin at 285.

## PENN STATE PICKS UP 13 WINS IN TRI-MEET EXTRA BOUTS

Head coach Cael Sanderson's squad took advantage of a day of wrestling in Evanston, Ill., as the squad totalled 13 wins in extra bouts wrestled during the Penn State/Indiana/Northwestern tri-meet on Jan. 30. Penn State went 13-3 overall during extra action, going 7-0 against Indiana and 6-3 vs. Northwestern. True freshman Beau Bartlett went 3-0 at 141 in the first action of his collegiate career. Sophomore Konner Kraeszig went 3-0 at 165 and sophomore Creighton Edsell went 3-0 at 174. Luke Gardner went 2-0 at 149 and Terrell Barraclough picked up a win at 149 as well.

## MILESTONES

Individual records and milestones that are in play as of now:

- \* 100 Career victories  
Nick Lee, 96
- \* 200 Career coaching wins (overall career)  
Cael Sanderson, 202
- \* 100 Career Big Ten coaching wins  
Cael Sanderson, 88
- \* 175 Career coaching wins at Penn State  
Cael Sanderson, 158



## FALL LEADERS SINCE 2009-10

YEAR	TOTAL	WRESTLER
2009-10	9	Quentin Wright
2010-11	18	Andrew Alton
	13	Ed Ruth
2011-12	15	David Taylor
	14	Quentin Wright
	11	Cameron Wade
	10	Ed Ruth
2012-13	14	David Taylor
	12	Andrew Alton
	12	Ed Ruth
	11	Quentin Wright
2013-14	16	David Taylor
	11	Ed Ruth
2014-15	8	Matt Brown
2015-16	15	Jason Nolf
	15	Zain Retherford
	10	Morgan McIntosh
2016-17	17	Bo Nickal
	17	Zain Retherford
	14	Jason Nolf
	12	Mark Hall
2017-18	17	Zain Retherford
	16	Bo Nickal
	16	Jason Nolf
	13	Mark Hall
	12	Shakur Rasheed
2018-19	18	Bo Nickal
	15	Jason Nolf
	14	Vincenzo Joseph
2019-20	10	Mark Hall
	5	Greg Kerkvliet
	5	Nick Lee
	5	Vincenzo Joseph
2020-21	2	Beau Bartlett
	2	Greg Kerkvliet
	2	Joe Lee
	1	Michael Beard
	1	Roman Bravo-Young
	1	Luke Gardner
	1	Robert Howard
	1	Seth Nevills
	1	Bo Pipher
	1	Carter Starocci

## HONORS WON

### MICHAEL BEARD

All-American (197)

### ROMAN BRAVO-YOUNG, 133

2021 Big Ten Champion, 133  
 First Team All-Big Ten  
 Penn State Athletics Male Athlete of the Week (3/10)  
 All-American (133)  
 National Champion (133)

### AARON BROOKS, 184

Penn State Athletics Male Athlete of the Week (2/10)  
 2021 Big Ten Champion, 184  
 First Team All-Big Ten  
 All-American (141)  
 National Champion (141)

### GREG KERKVLIIET, 285

All-American (285)

### NICK LEE, 141

All-American (141)  
 National Champion (141)  
 Penn State Athletics Male Athlete of the Week (3/24)

### CARTER STAROCCI, 174

Big Ten Wrestler of the Week (2/16)  
 Penn State Athletics Male Athlete of the Week (2/17)  
 Penn State Athletics Male Athlete of the Week (2/24)  
 2021 Big Ten Freshman of the Year  
 All-American (174)  
 National Champion (174)

## FUN WITH FAN FIGURES

### PENN STATE OWNS THE TOP FOUR NCAA INDOOR DUAL MEET MARKS, ALL IN THE BJC!

*The top two NCAA dual meet attendance figures of all-time come in outdoor venues in football stadiums at Iowa City and Piscataway:*

11/14/15	Iowa v. Oklahoma St.	42,287
11/18/16	Princeton v. Rutgers	16,178

### TOP 10 INDOOR ATTENDANCE FIGURES, NCAA ALL-TIME RECORDS:

1: Iowa at PENN STATE (2/10/18)	15,998
2: Pittsburgh at PENN STATE (12/8/13)	15,996
3: Ohio St. at PENN STATE (2/15/20)	15,995
4: Ohio St. at PENN STATE (2/5/16)	15,983
5: Iowa at PENN STATE (2/8/15)	15,967
6: Iowa State at Iowa (12/6/08)	15,955
7: Michigan at PENN STATE (2/1/19)	15,703
8: Minnesota at Iowa (2/1/02)	15,646
9: Lehigh at PENN STATE (12/4/16)	15,424
10: Oklahoma St. at Iowa (1/7/12)	15,400

Of the top ten indoor dual meets in NCAA history, Penn State has hosted and been a part of seven! All have come since head coach Cael Sanderson's arrival at Penn State. Iowa has hosted the other three and been part of four.

### THE TOP 10 REC HALL ATTENDANCE FIGURES IN THE SANDERSON ERA!

*While Rec Hall held many more fans in decades past, recent renovations and updated fire safety regulations/SRO guidelines at the end of the 2013-14 season have the venerable venue's attendance capped at 6,202 (not including SROs, media, staff, etc.).*

*Since Cael Sanderson took the helm of the Nittany Lions, Rec Hall has essentially been sold out. Penn State is rinding a multi-year streak of Rec Hall sellouts and has also sold out three of five duals in the near-16K seat BJC.*

*The following are the top 10 Rec Hall attendance marks since Sanderson's arrival in 2009-10:*

Rk.	Date	Opponent (Res.)	Att.
1.	1/22/12	Iowa (W, 22-12)	6,796
2.	2/19/12	Pitt (W, 33-6)	6,755
3.	1/29/12	Ohio State (W, 34-9)	6,728
4.	2/3/18	Ohio State (W, 19-18)	6,699
5.	1/30/11	Iowa (L, 13-22)	6,686
6.	12/14/18	Arizona St. (W, 41-3)	6,676
7.	2/5/12	Michigan (W, 34-7)	6,671
8.	2/12/17	Maryland (W, 45-6)	6,661
9.	2/10/17	Illinois (W, 34-7)	6,645
10.	2/15/19	Michigan State (W, 37-10)	6,643

### PENN STATE NITTANY LION WRESTLING ON THE RADIO

The 2020-21 Penn State Wrestling season will air in its entirety on Forever Media's WRSC 93.3 FM. Certain broadcasts will air on ESPN Radio WQWK 103.7 FM.

All Penn State wrestling broadcasts this season will be streamed online for free on GoPSUsports.com via Lionvision.

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## PENN STATE WRESTLING 2020-21 ROSTER

NAME	Wt.	YR./EL.	HOMETOWN/HIGH SCHOOL
Donovon Ball	184	So./Fr.	New Cumberland, Pa./Cedar Cliff
Terrell Barraclough	149	So./Fr.	Kaysville, Utah/Layton
Beau Bartlett	141/149	Fr./Fr.	Tempe, Ariz./Wyoming Seminary (Pa.)
Michael Beard	197	So./Fr.	Pottstown, Pa./Malvern Prep
Brady Berge	157	Sr./Jr.	Mantorville, Minn./Kasson-Mantorville
Joey Blumer	141/149	Sr./Jr.	Leechburg, Pa./Kiski Area
Austin Boone	157	Fr./Fr.	Ada, Mich./Lowell
Roman Bravo-Young	133	Jr./Jr.	Tucson, Ariz./Sunnyside
Aaron Brooks	184	So./So.	Hagerstown, Md./North Hagerstown
Keagan Carmenatty	197/285	So./Fr.	Ovid, N.Y./South Seneca
Aurelius Dunbar	157/165	Fr./Fr.	Greencastle, Pa./Mercersburg Academy
Creighton Edsell	165/174	Jr./So.	Wyalusing, Pa./Wyalusing
David Evans	133/141	Fr./Fr.	Tunkhannock, Pa./Tunkhannock
Paul Feite	149	Jr./So.	Dillsburg, Pa./Northern
Luke Gardner	149	Sr./Sr.	Pottsville, Pa./Pottsville
Imran Heard	141/149	Jr./So.	Pittsburgh, Pa./St. Paul's School (Md.)
Levko Higgins	184/197	Sr./Jr.	Palmyra, Pa./Palmyra
Austin Hoopes	184/197	Sr./Jr.	Afton, Wyo./Star Valley
Robert Howard	125	Fr./Fr.	Cranford, N.J./Bergen Catholic
Greg Kerkvliet	285	So./Fr.	Grove Heights, Minn./Simley
Konner Kraeszig	165	Jr./So.	Louisville, Ky./St. Xavier
Joe Kurtz	197	So./Fr.	Easton, Pa./Bethlehem Catholic
Joe Lee	165	So./Fr.	Evansville, Ind./Evansville Mater Dei
Matt Lee	149/157	Fr./Fr.	Evansville, Ind./Evansville Mater Dei
Nick Lee	141	Sr./Sr.	Evansville, Ind./Home School
Mason Manville	165/174	So./So.	Lorton, Va./Wyoming Seminary
Brandon Meredith	125/133	Jr./So.	Limerick, Pa./Spring-Ford
Seth Nevills	285	So./So.	Clovis, Calif./Clovis
Scott Obendorfer	141/149	Sr./Jr.	Germantown, Md./Damascus
Bo Pipher	149/157	Sr./Sr.	Paonia, Colo./Paonia
Baylor Shunk	125	So./Fr.	Centre Hall, Pa./Penns Valley
Eddie Smith	184/197	So./Fr.	Scotch Plains, N.J./Scotch Plains Fanwood
Carter Starocci	174	So./Fr.	Erie, Pa./Cathedral Prep
Jarod Verkleeren	149	Sr./Jr.	Greensburg, Pa./Hempfield
Marco Vespa	125/133	Fr./Fr.	Monroe, N.Y./Monroe Woodbury

Head Coach: Cael Sanderson (Iowa State '02)

Associate Head Coach: Cody Sanderson (Iowa State '00)

Head Assistant Coach: Casey Cunningham (Central Michigan '99)

Assistant Coach: Jake Varner (Iowa State '10)

Director of Operations: Adam Lynch (Penn State '10)





# 2020-21 PENN STATE WRESTLING INDIVIDUAL RECORDS & STATS

6-0 OVERALL, 6-0 B1G, 1-0 HOME, 4-0 ROAD, 1-0 NEUTRAL / 2021 B1G DUAL MEET CO-CHAMPIONS

Wrestler, Wt.	Overall Record	Collegiate Record	Dual Record	Big 10 Dual Record	Dual Pts. For/Against	SV W-L	TB W-L	MD W-L	TF W-L	Pins W-L	Fastest Fall
Donovan Ball, 184/197	2-1	2-1	0-1	0-1	0/4	1-0	0-0	1-1	0-0	0-0	---
Terrell Barraclough, 149	2-2	2-2	0-2	0-2	0/6	0-0	0-0	1-0	0-0	0-0	---
Beau Bartlett, 141/149	8-3	8-3	1-1	1-1	3/0	0-1	0-0	1-0	0-0	2-0	0:55
Michael Beard, 197	10-6	10-6	3-1	3-1	15/3	1-2	0-0	7-0	1-0	1-0	1:20
Brady Berge, 157	10-3	10-3	5-0	5-0	16/0	0-0	0-0	5-0	0-0	0-0	---
Joey Blumer, 141/149	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	---
Austin Boone, 157	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	---
Roman Bravo-Young, 133	14-0	14-0	6-0	6-0	24/0	1-0	0-0	2-0	2-0	1-0	3:48
Aaron Brooks, 184	14-0	14-0	6-0	6-0	24/0	0-0	0-0	5-0	2-0	0-0	---
Keagan Carmenatty, 197/285	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	---
Aurelius Dunbar, 157/165	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	---
Creighton Edsell, 165/174	5-0	5-0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0-0	0-0	1-0	0-0	0-0	---
David Evans, 133/141	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	---
Paul Feite, 149	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	---
Luke Gardner, 149	4-1	4-1	2-0	2-0	6/0	1-1	0-0	0-0	1-0	1-0	0:56
Imran Heard, 141/149	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	---
Levko Higgins, 194/197	0-1	0-1	0-1	0-1	0/3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	---
Austin Hoopes, 184/197	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	---
Robert Howard, 125	7-6	7-6	2-1	2-1	9/0	1-0	0-0	2-0	0-0	1-1	3:38
Konner Kraeszig, 165	3-1	3-1	0-0	0-0	0/0	0-0	0-0	2-0	0-0	0-0	---
Greg Kerkvliet, 285	10-4	10-4	1-0	1-0	6/0	0-0	0-0	6-2	1-0	2-0	1:12
Joe Kurtz, 197	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	---
Joe Lee, 165	6-7	6-7	4-2	4-2	10/9	0-1	0-0	1-0	0-0	2-2	0:44
Matt Lee, 149/157	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	---
Nick Lee, 141	13-1	13-1	6-0	6-0	25/0	2-0	0-0	5-0	4-0	0-0	---
Mason Manville, 165/174	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	---
Brandon Meredith, 125	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-0	---
Seth Nevills, 285	4-1	4-1	4-1	4-1	17/4	0-0	0-0	0-1	1-0	1-0	1:14
Scott Obendorfer, 141/149	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	---
Bo Pipher, 149/157	2-1	2-1	0-0	0-0	0/0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	3:35
Baylor Shunk, 125	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	---
Eddie Smith, 184/197	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	---
Carter Starocci, 174	14-2	14-2	5-1	5-1	16/3	2-0	2-0	2-0	1-0	1-0	4:47
Jarod Verkleeren, 149	0-2	0-2	0-1	0-1	0/3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	---
Marco Vespa, 125/133	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	---
Dual Forfeit losses			0-3	0-3	0/18						
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>126-46</b>	<b>126-46</b>	<b>45-15</b>	<b>45-15</b>	<b>177/59</b>	<b>9-4</b>	<b>2-0</b>	<b>37-5</b>	<b>13-0</b>	<b>14-3</b>	<b>0:44</b>

SV - sudden victory • TB - tiebreak • MD - major decision • TF - technical fall

## SEASON LEADERS -- OVERALL \*

## DUAL TAKEDOWNS

### WINS

1. Roman Bravo-Young, 133	14
Aaron Brooks, 184	14
Carter Starocci, 174	14
4. Nick Lee, 141	13
Brady Berge, 157	10
Michael Beard, 197	10
Greg Kerkvliet, 285	10
8. Beau Bartlett, 141	8
9. Robert Howard, 125	7
10. Joe Lee, 165	6
Creighton Edsell, 174	5
12. Luke Gardner, 149	4
Seth Nevills, 285	4
14. Konner Kraeszig, 165	3
15. Donovan Ball, 184	2
Terrell Barraclough, 149	2
Bo Pipher, 149	2

### FALLS

1. Beau Bartlett, 141	2
Greg Kerkvliet, 285	2
Joe Lee, 165	2
4. Michael Beard, 197	1
Roman Bravo-Young, 133	1
Luke Gardner, 149	1
Robert Howard, 125	1
Seth Nevills, 285	1
Bo Pipher, 149/157	1
Carter Starocci, 174	1

### TECHNICAL FALLS

1. Nick Lee, 141	4
Roman Bravo-Young, 133	2
Aaron Brooks, 184	2
4. Michael Beard, 197	1
Luke Gardner, 149	1
Greg Kerkvliet, 285	1
Seth Nevills, 285	1
Carter Starocci, 174	1

### MAJOR DECISIONS

1. Greg Kerkvliet, 285	6
Brady Berge, 157	5
3. Aaron Brooks, 184	5
Nick Lee, 141	5
5. Michael Beard, 197	4
6. Robert Howard, 125	2
Roman Bravo-Young, 133	2
Konner Kraeszig, 165	2
Carter Starocci, 174	2
10. Donovan Ball, 184	1
Terrell Barraclough, 149	1
Beau Bartlett, 149	1
Creighton Edsell, 174	1
Joe Lee, 165	1

\* Includes wrestlers w/unattached wins and red-shirts.

(numbers listed FOR - AGAINST)

Wt.	Wrestler	1st	2nd	3rd	OT	Total
125	Robert Howard	3-0	1-1	0-2	0-0	4-3
133	Roman Bravo-Young	20-1	10-0	9-1	0-0	39-2
141	Nick Lee	10-0	4-0	5-0	0-0	19-0
149	Beau Bartlett	3-1	1-0	0-0	0-0	4-1
149	Jarod Verkleeren	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-1
149	Terrell Barraclough	0-3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-3
49/57	Luke Gardner	2-1	1-0	1-0	1-0	5-1
157	Brady Berge	3-0	5-0	6-1	0-0	14-1
165	Joe Lee	9-0	2-1	3-0	0-0	14-1
174	Carter Starocci	3-3	3-1	2-0	0-0	8-4
184	Aaron Brooks	15-0	10-0	10-0	0-0	35-0
197	Michael Beard	6-1	2-1	2-1	0-0	10-3
197	Donovan Ball	0-2	0-2	0-1	0-0	0-5
197	Levko Higgins	0-1	0-2	0-1	0-0	0-4
285	Greg Kerkvliet	3-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	3-0
285	Seth Nevills	8-2	4-1	2-2	0-0	14-5
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>85-15</b>	<b>43-9</b>	<b>40-11</b>	<b>1-0</b>	<b>169-35</b>

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# 2020-21 DUAL MEET TEAM POINTS SCORED BY WEIGHT/FINAL SCORES

Opponent	125	133	141	149	157	165	174	184	197	285	FINAL
1/30: vs. Indiana (at Northwestern)	0-6	3-0	5-0	0-3	3-0	3-0	0-3	4-0	0-3	6-0	24-15
1/30: at #16 Northwestern	0-6	6-0	4-0	0-3	3-0	3-0	3-0	5-0	0-4	5-0	29-13
2/2: at Wisconsin	0-6	3-0	5-0	3-0	4-0	4-0	3-0	4-0	5-0	3-0	34-6
2/14: at #2 Michigan	3-0	3-0	3-0	0-3	3-0	0-3	3-0	3-0	0-3	0-4	18-13
2/19: at #11 Ohio State	0-3	5-0	4-0	0-3	3-0	0-6	3-0	4-0	6-0	3-0	28-12
2/22: MARYLAND	6-0	4-0	4-0	3-0	3-0	6-0	4-0	4-0	4-0	6-0	44-0
<b>TEAM TOTALS</b>	<b>9-21</b>	<b>24-0</b>	<b>25-0</b>	<b>6-12</b>	<b>19-0</b>	<b>16-9</b>	<b>16-3</b>	<b>24-0</b>	<b>15-10</b>	<b>23-4</b>	<b>177-59</b>

\* Big Ten Dual

## INDIVIDUAL DUAL RECORD BY WEIGHT

125	133	141	149	157	165	174	184	197	285	TOTAL
2-4	6-0	6-0	2-4	6-0	4-2	5-1	6-0	3-3	5-1	45-15

## DUAL PINS BY WEIGHT

125	133	141	149	157	165	174	184	197	285	TOTAL
1-0	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-1	0-0	0-0	1-0	2-0	6-1

## DUAL TECHNICAL FALLS BY WEIGHT

125	133	141	149	157	165	174	184	197	285	TOTAL
0-0	1-0	2-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	1-0	1-0	6-0

## DUAL MAJOR DECISIONS BY WEIGHT

125	133	141	149	157	165	174	184	197	285	TOTAL
0-0	1-0	3-0	0-0	1-0	1-0	1-0	4-0	1-1	0-1	12-2

## DUAL FORFEITS/DQs/INJURY DEFAULTS BY WEIGHT

125	133	141	149	157	165	174	184	197	285	TOTAL
0-3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-3

## DUAL DECISIONS BY WEIGHT

125	133	141	149	157	165	174	184	197	285	TOTAL
1-1	3-0	1-0	2-4	5-0	2-1	4-1	1-0	0-2	2-0	21-9

## TEAM RECORD AT DUAL'S STARTING WEIGHT

125	133	141	149	157	165	174	184	197	285	TOTAL
2-4	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	2-4

## SEASON LEADERS -- DUAL MEETS

### DUAL POINTS

1. Nick Lee, 141	25
2. Aaron Brooks, 184	24
Roman Bravo-Young, 133	24
4. Seth Nevills, 285	17
5. Brady Berge, 15	16
Carter Starocci, 174	16
Joe Lee, 165	16
8. Michael Beard, 197	15
9. Robert Howard, 125	9
10. Luke Gardner, 149/157	6
Greg Kerkvliet, 285	6
12. Beau Bartlett, 149	3

### DUAL BONUS POINTS

1. Nick Lee, 141	7
2. Roman Bravo-Young, 133	6
Michael Beard, 197	6
Aaron Brooks, 184	6
5. Seth Nevills, 285	5
6. Joe Lee, 165	4
7. Robert Howard, 125	3
Greg Kerkvliet, 285	3
9. Brady Berge, 157	1
Carter Starocci, 174	1

### DUAL TECH FALLS

1. Nick Lee, 141	2
2. Michael Beard, 197	1
Roman Bravo-Young, 133	1
Aaron Brooks, 184	1
Seth Nevills, 285	1

### DUAL MAJOR DECISIONS

1. Aaron Brooks, 184	4
2. Nick Lee, 141	3
3. Brady Berge, 157	1
Roman Bravo-Young, 133	1
Michael Beard, 197	1
Joe Lee, 165	1
Carter Starocci, 174	1

### DUAL PINS

1. Michael Beard, 197	1
Roman Bravo-Young, 133	1
Robert Howard, 125	1
Greg Kerkvliet, 285	1
Joe Lee, 165	1
Seth Nevills, 285	1

### DUAL FORFEIT/INJ. DEF/DQ WINS

1. TBA	-
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### DUAL TAKEDOWNS

1. Roman Bravo-Young, 133	39
2. Aaron Brooks, 184	35
3. Nick Lee, 141	19
4. Brady Berge, 157	14
Joe Lee, 165	14
Seth Nevills, 285	14
7. Michael Beard, 197	10
8. Carter Starocci, 174	8
9. Luke Gardner, 149	5
Robert Howard, 125	5
11. Beau Bartlett, 149	4
12. Greg Kerkvliet, 285	3

### DUAL REVERSALS

1. Nick Lee, 141	2
2. Roman Bravo-Young, 133	1
Aaron Brooks, 184	1
Jardo Verkleeren, 149	1

### DUAL NEAR FALL 2

1. Michael Beard, 197	3
Joe Lee, 165	3
3. Nick Lee, 141	2
4. Aaron Brooks, 184	1
Carter Starocci, 174	1

### DUAL NEAR FALL 4

1. Nick Lee, 141	6
2. Robert Howard, 125	2
Joe Lee, 165	2
Carter Starocci, 174	2
5. Michael Beard, 197	1
Roman Bravo-Young, 133	1
Aaron Brooks, 184	1
Luke Gardner, 157	1
Seth Nevills, 285	1

### DUAL STALLS FORCED/TAKEN

125: Robert Howard	0	1
133: Roman Bravo-Young	3	1
141: Nick Lee	9	0
149: Beau Bartlett	1	0
149: Jardo Verkleeren	0	1
149: Terrell Barraclough	0	1
157: Brady Berge	1	1
157: Luke Gardner	1	0
165: Joe Lee	2	5
174: Carter Starocci	4	1
184: Aaron Brooks	7	0
197: Michael Beard	0	1
197: Levko Higgins	0	0
285: Seth Nevills	1	0
TOTALS	29	12

### DUAL RIDING TIME POINTS FOR/AGAINST

125: Robert Howard	0	0
133: Roman Bravo-Young	3	0
141: Nick Lee	4	0
149: Beau Bartlett	1	1
149: Jardo Verkleeren	0	0
157: Brady Berge	2	0
165: Joe Lee	2	1
174: Carter Starocci	3	0
184: Aaron Brooks	6	0
197: Michael Beard	1	1
197: Donovan Ball	0	1
197: Levko Higgins	0	1
285: Seth Nevills	0	1
TOTALS	22	6

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# RECORD WATCH



## SINGLE SEASON

### VICTORIES

1.	54	Scott Moore, 2003
2.	47	Kerry McCoy, 1994
3.	44	Josh Moore, 2004
4.	43	Mark Becks, 2003
		Jim Martin, 1989
		Kerry McCoy, 1995
7.	41	Jim Martin, 1988
		Kerry McCoy, 1997
9.	40	Josh Moore, 2003
10.	39	Carl DeStefanis, 1984
		Bob Truby, 1991
12.	38	Ed Ruth, 2011
		David Taylor, 2011
		Pat Cummins, 2004
		Pat Cummins, 2003
		Greg Elinsky, 1987
		Cary Kolat, 1994
16.	37	Phil Davis, 2005
		Jim Martin, 1986
		Greg Elinsky, 1986
19.	36	John Hughes, 1994
20.	35	Sanshiro Abe, 1994
		Bill Marino, 1983
		Greg Elinsky, 1984
		Ken Chertow, 1987, 88
		Jamarr Billman, 1998

### FALLS

1.	24	Josh Moore, '03-04
2.	22	Scott Moore, '02-03
3.	20	Cary Kolat, '93-94
4.	18	Bo Nickal, '18-19
6.	17	Andrew Alton, '10-11
		Zain Retherford, '17-18
		Bo Nickal, '16-17
		Zain Retherford, '16-17
9.	16	Bo Nickal, '17-18
		Jason Nolf, '17-18
		David Taylor, '13-14
		Josh Moore, '02-03
13.	15	Jason Nolf, '18-19
		Jason Nolf, '15-16
		Zain Retherford, '15-16
		David Taylor, '11-12
		Bill Marino, '82-83

### SHUTOUTS (26)

(Since 1981-82)

45-0	vs. Cornell, 12/3/81, Rec Hall
54-0	vs. Millersville, 1/25/83, Rec Hall
39-0	vs. Virginia, 12/1/87, Rec Hall
45-0	vs. Maryland, 1/18/92, Rec Hall
38-0	vs. Minnesota, 2/8/92, Ann Arbor
39-0	vs. Bloomsburg, 2/10/93, Rec Hall
39-0	vs. Lehigh, 2/13/93, Rec Hall
40(-1)	vs. Wartburg, 1/22/00, BJC
38-0	vs. Appalachian State, 1/11/02, Hampton, Va.
47-0	vs. Clarion, 11/19/06, Lock Haven, Pa.
41-0	vs. Rider, 1/13/07, Hampton, Va.
33-0	vs. Lehigh, 12/7/07, Easton, Pa.
45-0	vs. Harvard, 11/21/10, Binghamton
48-0	vs. Lock Haven, 12/12/10, Rec Hall
50-0	vs. Lock Haven, 12/18/11, Lock Haven,
43-0	vs. Wisconsin, 1/15/12, Madison
52-0	vs. Indiana, 12/9/12, Rec Hall
41-0	vs. Michigan State, 1/13/13, Rec Hall
37-0	vs. Illinois, 2/3/13, Champaign, Ill.
48-0	vs. Rider, 2/17/13, Rec Hall
34-0	vs. Rutgers, 2/24/13, New Brunswick
44-0	vs. Clarion, 11/22/14, Clarion, Pa.
35-0	vs. Michigan State, 2/1/15, East Lansing
50-0	vs. Lock Haven, 11/13/15, Rec Hall
45-0	vs. Army, 11/11/16, West Point, N.Y.
46-0	vs. Binghamton, 12/11/16, Rec Hall
55-0	vs. Buffalo, 2/18/18, Rec Hall
42-0	vs. Lehigh, 12/2/18, Rec Hall
45-0	vs. Navy, 11/10/19, Rec Hall

## CAREER

### MATCHES WRESTLED

1.	184	Josh Moore, '01-04
2.	168	Jim Martin, '86-89
	168	Kerry McCoy, '92-97
4.	162	Greg Elinsky, '83-87
5.	158	Doc Vecchio, '00-03
		Clint Musser, '94, 96-99
7.	154	Ken Chertow, '85, 87-89
		Jason Suter, '88-91
9.	151	Adam Smith, '02-05
	151	Scott Moore, '00, '02-03
11.	150	Frank Molinaro, '09-12
12.	149	Mark Becks, '00-03
		Eric Brugel, '82-84, 86
		John Hughes, '92, 94-96
15.	144	Andy Voit, '85, 87-89
16.	143	Dan Vallimont, '07-10
17.	142	John Hanrahan, '79-82
19.	140	Jeremy Hunter, '96-00
		Sanshiro Abe, '93-96
20.	139	Tim Flynn, '83, 85-87
	139	Quentin Wright, '09, 11-13
	139	Ed Ruth, '11-13

### VICTORIES

1.	155	Jim Martin, '86-89
2.	150	Kerry McCoy, '92-97
3.	146	Josh Moore, '01-04
4.	138	Greg Elinsky, '83-87
5.	136	Ed Ruth, 2011-14
6.	134	David Taylor, 2011-14
7.	126	Zain Retherford, '14-18
8.	125	Sanshiro Abe, '93-96
9.	123	Jeremy Hunter, '96-00
	123	Clint Musser, '94, 96-99
11.	121	Frank Molinaro, '09-12
	121	John Hughes, '92, 94-96
13.	119	Nico Megaludis, '12-16
14.	118	Matt Brown, '12-15
15.	116	Mark Hall, 2017-20
	116	Quentin Wright, '09-13
	116	Phil Davis, '05-08
18.	115	Ken Chertow, '85, 87-89
19.	114	Morgan McIntosh, '12-16
	114	Carl DeStefanis, '81-84

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*Nick Lee, '18-Prsnt.*

### DUAL MEET WINNING % (MINIMUM 20 MATCHES)

1.	100.0	David Taylor (63-0), 2011-14
		Zain Retherford (59-0), 2014-18
		Ed Ruth (55-0), 2011-14
		Andy Matter (33-0), 1970-72
5.	98.3	Bo Nickal (57-1), 2016-19
6.	98.2	Jason Nolf (54-1), 2016-19
7.	97.4	Jim Martin (73-1-2), 1986-89

## FALLS

1.	60	Jason Nolf, '16-19
2.	59	Bo Nickal, '16-19
3.	53	Zain Retherford, '14-18
	53	David Taylor, '11-14
	53	Josh Moore, '01-04
6.	46	Ed Ruth, '11-14
7.	41	Mark Hall, '17-20
	38	Quentin Wright, '09-13
9.	34	Scott Moore, '00, '02-03
	34	Kerry McCoy, '92-97
11.	32	Cameron Wade, 2009-12
	32	Josh Walker, '02-05
13.	31	Andrew Alton, '11-15
	31	Biff Walizer, '95-99
15.	30	Shakur Rasheed, '16-20
	30	Matt Brown, '12-15
	30	Phil Davis, '05-08
	30	Pat Cummins, '01-04
19	29	Jeremy Hunter, '96-00
20.	28	Cary Kolat, '93-94

### DUAL MEET VICTORIES

1.	73	Jim Martin, '86-89
2.	71	Kerry McCoy, '92-97
3.	63	David Taylor, '11-14
4.	62	Jeremy Hunter, '96-00
5.	59	Zain Retherford, '14-18
6.	58	Phil Davis, 05-08
7.	57	Bo Nickal, 2016-19
	57	Sanshiro Abe, '93-96
	57	Dan Vallimont, '07-10
10.	55	Ed Ruth, '11-14
	55	Frank Molinaro, '09-12
	55	Greg Elinsky, '83-87
13.	54	Jason Nolf, 2016-19
	54	Glenn Pritzlaff, '94, 96-99
15.	53	Morgan McIntosh, '12-16
	53	Clint Musser, '94, 96-99
17.	52	Nico Megaludis, '12-16
	52	Troy Sunderland, '89, 91-93
	51	Jeff Prescott, '89-92
20.	50	Dave Hart, '89, 91-93

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### OVERALL WINNING % (MINIMUM 30 MATCHES)

1.	97.84	Ed Ruth (136-3), 2011-14
2.	97.81	David Taylor (134-3), 2011-14
3.	97.6	Zain Retherford (126-3), 2014-18
4.	97.5	Bo Nickal (120-3), 2016-19
5.	96.7	Andy Matter (59-2), 1970-72
6.	97.5	Jason Nolf (117-3), 2016-19
7.	95.1	Mark Hall (116-6), 2017-20
8.	93.4	Jim Martin (155-9-4), 1986-89
9.	92.9	Dick Lemyre (39-3), 1952-54
10.	90.8	Vincenzo Joseph (89-9), 2017-20

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# PENN STATE IN THE NCAA CHAMPIONSHIPS

## NCAA HIGHLIGHTS

### National Champions (48)

1935	Howard Johnston, 165
1952	Joe Lemyre, 167
1953	Hud Samson, 191
1955	Larry Fornicola, 137
1955	Bill Oberly, Hwt.
1957	John Johnston, 130
1971	Andy Matter, 167
1972	Andy Matter, 167
1975	John Fritz, 126
1984	Carl DeStefanis, 118
	Scott Lynch, 134
1988	Jim Martin, 126
1991	Jeff Prescott, 118
1992	Jeff Prescott, 118
1994	Kery McCoy, Hwt.
1995	John Hughes, 142
1996	Sanshiro Abe, 126
1997	Kery McCoy, Hwt.
1999	Glenn Pritzlaff, 174
2000	Jeremy Hunter, 125
2008	Phil Davis, 197
2011	Quentin Wright, 184
2012	Frank Molinaro, 149
	David Taylor, 165
	Ed Ruth, 174
2013	Ed Ruth, 184
	Quentin Wright, 197
2014	David Taylor, 165
	Ed Ruth, 184
2015	Matt Brown, 174
2016	Nico Megaludis, 125
	Zain Retherford, 149
2017	Zain Retherford, 149
	Jason Nolf, 157
	Vincenzo Joseph, 165
	Mark Hall, 174
	Bo Nickal, 184
2018	Zain Retherford, 149
	Jason Nolf, 157
	Vincenzo Joseph, 165
	Bo Nickal, 184
2019	Jason Nolf, 157
	Bo Nickal, 197
	Anthony Cassar, 285
2020	tournament cancelled
2021	Roman Bravo-Young, 133
	Nick Lee, 141
	Carter Starocci, 174
	Aaron Brooks, 184

### Top NCAA Finishes

118	1st: Carl DeStefanis, 1984
	Jeff Prescott, 1991-92
125	1st: Jeremy Hunter, 2000
	Nico Megaludis, 2016
	Nico Megaludis, 2012
	Nico Megaludis, 2013
	Nico Megaludis, 2014
126	1st: John Fritz, 1975
	Jim Martin, 1988
	Sanshiro Abe, 1996
130	1st: John Johnston, 1957
133	1st: Roman Bravo-Young, 2021
	Josh Moore, 2004
	Andrew Long, 2011
134	1st: Scott Lynch, 1984
137	1st: Larry Fornicola, 1955
141	1st: Nick Lee, 2021
	Scott Moore, 2003
	Nick Lee, 2018
	Nick Lee, 2019

5th: Zain Retherford, 2014	
142 1st: John Hughes, 1995	
149 1st: Frank Molinaro, 2012	
1st: Zain Retherford, 2016	
1st: Zain Retherford, 2017	
1st: Zain Retherford, 2018	
2nd: Frank Molinaro, 2011	
2nd: Bubba Jenkins, 2008	
5th: Frank Molinaro, 2010	
2nd: Troy Sunderland, 1992 & 93	
150 1st: Jason Nolf, 2018	
157 1st: Jason Nolf, 2017	
2nd: Jason Nolf, 2016	
2nd: David Taylor, 2011	
2nd: Clint Musser, 1999	
3rd: Dylan Alton, 2012	
3rd: Dan Vallimont, 2008	
158 2nd: Greg Elinsky, 1985-86	
	Josh Robbins, 1993
165 1st: David Taylor, 2012	
1st: David Taylor, 2013	
1st: Vincenzo Joseph, 2017	
1st: Vincenzo Joseph, 2018	
1st: Howard Johnson, 1935	
2nd: David Taylor, 2013	
2nd: Dan Vallimont, 2010	
2nd: Vincenzo Joseph, 2019	
167 1st: Joe Lemyre, 1952	
	Andy Matter, 1971-72
174 1st: Glenn Pritzlaff, 1999	
1st: Ed Ruth, 2012	
1st: Matt Brown, 2015	
1st: Mark Hall, 2017	
1st: Carter Starocci, 2021	
2nd: Mark Hall, 2019	
2nd: Mark Hall, 2018	
2nd: Matt Brown, 2013	
2nd: Bo Nickal, 2016	
3rd: Ed Ruth, 2011	
177 2nd: Mike Rubino, 1951	
	Joe Krufka, 1955
	Dan Mayo, 1988
184 1st: Quentin Wright, 2011	
1st: Ed Ruth, 2013	
1st: Ed Ruth, 2014	
1st: Bo Nickal, 2017	
1st: Bo Nickal, 2018	
1st: Bo Nickal, 2018	
1st: Aaron Brooks, 2021	
2nd: Quentin Wright, 2012	
4th: Andy Voit, 1987	
191 1st: Hud Samson, 1953	
197 1st: Quentin Wright, 197	
1st: Phil Davis, 2008	
2nd: Phil Davis, 2006	
2nd: Morgan McIntosh, 2016	
3rd: Morgan McIntosh, 2015	
Hwt 1st: Bill Oberly, 1955	
	Kerry McCoy, 1994 & 97
2nd: Aaron Anspach, 2007	

### National Runners-Up (40)

1939	Joe Scalzo, 145
1951	Don Frey, 147
	Mike Rubino, 177
	Homer Barr, Hwt.
1953	Dick Lemyre, 130
1955	Joe Krufka, 177
1956	Dave Adams, 147
1957	John Pepe, 137
1961	Ron Pfifer, 147
1971	Dave Joyner, Hwt.
1985	Greg Elinsky, 158

1986	Greg Elinsky, 158
1987	Jim Martin, 118
1988	Dan Mayo, 177
1990	Greg Haladay, Hwt.
1992	Troy Sunderland, 150
1993	Cary Kolat, 134
	Troy Sunderland, 150
	Josh Robbins, 158
1995	Sanshiro Abe, 126
1996	John Hughes, 142
1999	Jeremy Hunter, 125
	Clint Musser, 157
2004	Josh Moore, 133
	Pat Cummins, Hwt.
2006	Phil Davis, 197
2007	Aaron Anspach, HWT
2008	Bubba Jenkins, 149
2010	Dan Vallimont, 165
2011	Frank Molinaro, 149
	David Taylor, 157
2012	Nico Megaludis, 125
	Quentin Wright, 184
2013	Nico Megaludis, 125
	David Taylor, 165
	Matt Brown, 174
2016	Jason Nolf, 157
	Bo Nickal, 174
	Morgan McIntosh, 197
2018	Mark Hall, 174
2019	Vincenzo Joseph, 165
	Mark Hall, 174

### NCAA Tournament Wins

1.	Ed Ruth, 2010-14	21-1
2.	<b>Bo Nickal, 2016-19</b>	<b>19-1</b>
	<b>Jason Nolf, 2016-19</b>	<b>19-1</b>
4.	Zain Retherford, 2014-18	19-2
5.	David Taylor, 2011-14	18-2
	Nico Megaludis, 2012-16	18-3
	Quentin Wright, 2009-13	18-4
	Jim Martin, 1986-89	18-4
	Sanshiro Abe, 1993-96	18-4
	Greg Elinsky, 1984-87	18-5
11.	John Fritz, 1972-75	17-3
	Phil Davis, 2005-08	17-5
	Frank Molinaro, 2009-12	17-6
	Ken Chertow, 1985, 1987-89	17-6
15.	Kery McCoy, 1992-97	16-3
	John Hughes, 1992, 1994-96	16-5
	Morgan McIntosh, 2012-16	16-6
18.	Jeff Prescott, 1990-92	15-2
	Dan Vallimont, 2007-11	15-6
20.	Vincenzo Joseph, 2017-Prsnt	14-1
	Matt Brown, 2012-15	14-3
	Jeremy Hunter, 1998-2000	14-5
	Andy Voit, 1985, 1987-89	14-7
	Tim Wittman, 1988, 1990-92	14-9
25.	Mark Hall, 2017-Prsnt	13-2

### NCAA Tournament Win % (Minimum 10 matches)

1.	Ed Ruth, 2011-14	95.5	21-1
2.	<b>Bo Nickal, 2016-19</b>	<b>95.0</b>	<b>19-1</b>
	<b>Jason Nolf, 2016-19</b>	<b>95.0</b>	<b>19-1</b>
4.	<b>Vincenzo Joseph, 2017-20</b>	<b>93.3</b>	<b>14-1</b>
5.	Andy Matter, 1970-72	91.7	11-1
6.	Zain Retherford, 2014-18	90.5	19-2
7.	David Taylor, 2011-14	90.0	18-2
8.	Jeff Prescott, 1990-92	88.2	15-2
9.	<b>Mark Hall, 2017-20</b>	<b>86.7</b>	<b>13-2</b>
10.	Nico Megaludis	85.7	18-3

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# PENN STATE IN THE NCAA CHAMPIONSHIPS

## TEAM RECORDS

### Top Ten Finishes (52)

1st	1953, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019
2nd	1955, 1993, 2021
3rd	1942, 1951, 1954, 1984, 1987, 1991, 1992, 1994, 2008
4th	1971 (tie), 1996, 1998, 1999
5th	1935 (tie), 1952, 1956, 1957, 1986, 1988, 1995
6th	1981, 1990, 2003, 2015
7th	1960, 1961, 1974, 1983, 1985
8th	1939, 1964, 1972
9th	1946 (tie), 1950, 2006 (tie), 2010
10th	1973 (tie), 1975, 1976, 1989, 1997

### Highest Point Totals

1.	146.5.....2017 (1st)
2.	143.0.....2012 (1st)
3.	141.5.....2018 (1st)
4.	140.5.....2014 (1st)
5.	137.5.....2019 (1st)
6.	123.5.....2013 (1st)
7.	123.0.....2016 (1st)
8.	113.5.....2021 (2nd)
9.	107.5.....2011 (1st)
10.	97.75.....1987 (3rd)
11.	89.25.....1992 (3rd)
12.	87.50.....1993 (2nd)
13.	78.50.....1999 (4th)
14.	75.00.....2008 (3rd)
15.	71.50.....1988 (5th)
16.	70.50.....1984 (3rd) 70.50.....1998 (4th)
18.	67.50.....2015 (6th) 67.50.....1991 (3rd)
20.	65.00.....1996 (4th)

## ALL-AMERICANS (232)

### All-Americans under Sanderson (69)

2010	3	Dan Vallimont .....	165	2nd
		Frank Molinaro .....	149	5th
		Cyler Sanderson .....	157	6th
2011	5	Quentin Wright .....	184	1st
		Frank Molinaro .....	149	2nd
		David Taylor .....	157	2nd
		Andrew Long .....	133	3rd
		Ed Ruth.....	174	3rd
2012	6	Frank Molinaro .....	149	1st
		Ed Ruth.....	174	1st
		David Taylor .....	165	1st
		Nico Megaludis .....	125	2nd
		Quentin Wright .....	184	2nd
		Dylan Alton.....	157	3rd
2013	5	Ed Ruth.....	184	1st
		Quentin Wright .....	197	1st
		Nico Megaludis .....	125	2nd
		David Taylor .....	165	2nd
		Matt Brown .....	174	2nd
2014	7	David Taylor .....	165	1st
		Ed Ruth.....	184	1st
		Nico Megaludis .....	125	3rd
		Zain Retherford .....	141	5th
		Matt Brown .....	174	5th
		James English.....	149	7th
		Morgan McIntosh.....	197	7th
2015	5	Matt Brown .....	174	1st
		Morgan McIntosh.....	197	3rd
		Jimmy Gulibon .....	133	5th
		Jimmy Lawson.....	285	6th
		Jordan Conaway .....	125	8th
2016	6	Nico Megaludis .....	125	1st
		Zain Retherford .....	149	1st
		Jason Nolf.....	157	2nd
		Bo Nickal .....	174	2nd
		Morgan McIntosh.....	197	2nd
		Jordan Conaway .....	133	6th
2017	6	Zain Retherford .....	149	1st
		Jason Nolf.....	157	1st
		Vincenzo Josepn.....	165	1st
		Mark Hall.....	174	1st
		Bo Nickal .....	184	1st
		Nick Nevills .....	285	5th
2018	8	Zain Retherford .....	149	1st
		Jason Nolf.....	157	1st
		Vincenzo Josepn.....	165	1st
		Bo Nickal .....	184	1st
		Mark Hall.....	174	2nd
		Nick Lee.....	141	5th
		Shakur Rasheed .....	197	7th
		Nick Nevills .....	285	7th

2019	7	Jason Nolf.....	157	1st
		Bo Nickal .....	197	1st
		Anthony Cassar.....	285	1st
		Vincenzo Joseph.....	165	2nd
		Mark Hall.....	174	2nd
		Nick Lee.....	141	5th
		Roman Bravo-Young.	133	8th
2020	5	Roman Bravo-Young .....	133	1st-T
		Nick Lee.....	141	1st-T
		Vincenzo Joseph.....	165	1st-T
		Mark Hall.....	174	1st-T
		Aaron Brooks .....	184	1st-T

\* The 2020 tournament was canceled by the NCAA in reaction to a virus, the top eight seeds at each weight were named First Team All-Americans.

2021		Roman Bravo-Young.	133	1st
		Nick Lee.....	141	1st
		Carter Starocci .....	174	1st
		Aaron Brooks .....	184	1st
		Michael Beard .....	197	7th
		Greg Kerkvliet .....	285	7th

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**ROBERT HOWARD**  
 CRANFORD, N.J.  
 BERGEN CATHOLIC  
 NCAA Qualifier (2021)

**Fr./Fr. = 125**

**PARENTS: KELLY AND TRACY HOWARD**  
**MAJOR: DIVISION OF UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES**

### MATCH-BY-MATCH

Date	Wt.	Result	Opponent	Place	Record
2/14	125	W, 6-5	Jack Medley, Michigan	dual	1-0
2/19	125	L, 2-5	#10 Malik Heinselman, Ohio State	dual	1-1
2/22	125	WBF	Zach Spence, Maryland (3:38)	dual	2-1
3/6	125	L, 2-3	Eric Barnett, Wisconsin	B1G	2-2
3/6	125	W, 16-4	Zach Spence, Maryland (major)	B1G	3-2
3/6	125	W, 10-1	Dylan Shawver, Rutgers (major)	B1G	4-2
3/6	125	W, 3-1 (sv)	#7 Dylan Ragusin, Michigan	B1G	5-2
3/7	125	L, 2-5	#9 Malik Heinselman, Ohio State	B1G	5-3
3/7	125	L, 2-4	#15 M. DeAugustino, Northwestern	B1G (6th)	5-4
3/18	125	W, 6-4	#10 Malik Heinselman, Ohio State	NCAA	6-4
3/18	125	L, 1-2	#7 Taylor LaMont, Utah Valley	NCAA	6-5
3/19	125	W, 9-7	#24 Fabian Gutierrez, Chattanooga	NCAA	7-5
3/19	125	LBF	#15 Patrick McKee, Minnesota (2:04)	NCAA	7-6

**NOTES:** True freshman this season. While unranked by InterMat, is ranked No. 13 by TrackWrestling. **Michigan (2/14):** Made Penn State and collegiate debut at Michigan, picking up 6-5 victory over Jack Medley to help spark the Lions to an 18-13 win in Ann Arbor. **Ohio State (2/19):** Battled #10 Malik Heinselman tough before losing 5-2. **Maryland (2/22):** Made Rec Hall debut in fine fashion, pinning Maryland's Zach Spence (3:38).

**Big Ten Championships (3-3, 6th, NCAA Qualifier):** Went 3-3 as a true freshman at Big Tens, downing #7 Dylan Ragusin of Michigan, placing sixth, and earning a trip to NCAAs.

**NCAA Championships (2-2, DNP):** Went 2-2 in his first NCAA tournament as a true freshman. Only losses were to eventual All-Americans. Beat #10 Malik Heinselman of Ohio State and #24 Fabian Guterrez of Chattanooga.

### CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Overall	Duals (B1G)	TRN (B1G/NCAA)	F	TF	M	PTS
2020-21	7-6	2-1 (2-1)	5-5 (3-3/2-2)	1-1	0-0	2-0	9
<b>Career</b>	<b>7-6</b>	<b>2-1 (2-1)</b>	<b>5-5 (3-3/2-2)</b>	<b>1-1</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>2-0</b>	<b>9</b>

### CAREER IN NCAA TOURNAMENT

Year	Wt.	Result	Opponent	Place	Record
2021	125	W, 6-4	#10 Malik Heinselman, Ohio State	NCAA	1-0
2021	125	L, 1-2	#7 Taylor LaMont, Utah Valley	NCAA	1-1
2021	125	W, 9-7	#24 Fabian Gutierrez, Chattanooga	NCAA	2-1
2021	125	LBF	#15 Patrick McKee, Minnesota (2:04)	NCAA	2-2



**ROMAN BRAVO-YOUNG**  
 TUCSON, ARIZ.  
 SUNNYSIDE  
 National Champion (2021)  
 3x All-American  
 (8th, 2019; 1st Tm, 2020;  
 1st, 2021)

**Jr./Jr. = 133**

**PARENTS: SARAH BRAVO AND MELISSA CRUZ**  
**MAJOR: RECREATION, PARK AND TOURISM MANAGEMENT**

### MATCH-BY-MATCH

Date	Wt.	Result	Opponent	Place	Record
1/30	133	W, 11-8	Kyle Luigs, Indiana	dual	1-0
1/30	133	WBF	Dylan Utterback, Northwestern (3:48)	dual	2-0
2/2	133	W, 11-6	Kyle Burwick, Wisconsin	dual	3-0
2/14	133	W, 9-2	#8/125 Dylan Ragusin, Michigan	dual	4-0
2/19	133	W, 26-8	Jordan Decatur, Ohio State (TF; 5:37)	dual	5-0
2/22	133	W, 24-13	Jackson Cockrell, Maryland (major)	dual	6-0
3/6	133	W, 9-3	Jacob Rundell, Purdue	B1G	7-0
3/6	133	W, 8-3	Chris Cannon, Nebraska	B1G	8-0
3/7	133	W, 5-2	#3 Austin DeSanto, Iowa	B1G (1st)	9-0
3/18	133	W, 20-5	#31 Sean Carter, Appalachian St. (TF)	NCAA	10-0
3/18	133	W, 11-3	#18 Kyle Burwick, Wisconsin (major)	NCAA	11-0
3/19	133	W, 4-1	#10 Louie Hayes, Virginia	NCAA	12-0
3/19	133	W, 5-3	#3 Korbin Myers, Virginia Tech	NCAA	13-0
3/19	133	W, 4-2 (sv)	#1 Daton Fix, Oklahoma State	NCAA (1st)	14-0

**NOTES:** Ranked #2 by InterMat. **Indiana/Northwestern (1/30):** Went 2-0 in opening day tri-dual at Northwestern, getting a decision against Indiana and a fall against the Wildcats. **Wisconsin (2/2):** Downed Kyle Burwick 11-6 in dual at Madison. **Michigan (2/14):** Dominated Dylan Ragusin (#8/125) in an 9-2 win. **Ohio State (2/19):** Rolled to a 26-8 major over Jordan Decatur in 5:37. **Maryland (2/22):** Majored Jackson Cockrell 24-13, had 10 takedowns. **Big Ten Championships (3-0, Champion, NCAA Qualifier):** Won first Big Ten title by going 3-0 in the Bryce Jordan Center. Beat #3 Austin DeSanto of Iowa 5-2 in title bout.

**NCAA Championships (5-0, 1st, National Champion):** Earned first NCAA National Championship with 5-0 run through tournament in St. Louis. Entered as No. 2 seed, beat #31 Seagoon Carter of Appalachian State, #18 Kyle Burwick of Wisconsin and #10 Louie Hayes of Virginia to advance to semifinals. Took down #3 Korbin Myers of Virginia Tech 5-3 in semis to reach finals for first time. Used quick takedown in sudden victory to beat #1 Daton Fix of Oklahoma State, earning his first NCAA title.

### CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Overall	Duals (B1G)	TRN (B1G/NCAA)	F	TF	M	PTS
2018-19	25-7	9-1 (4-1)	16-6 (4-2/4-3)	2-1	1-0	9-1	36
2019-20	19-2	12-1 (7-1)	7-1 (2-1/0-0)	1-0	3-0	6-0	51
2020-21	14-0	6-0 (6-0)	8-0 (3-0/5-0)	1-0	2-0	2-0	24
<b>Career</b>	<b>58-9</b>	<b>27-2 (17-2)</b>	<b>31-7 (9-3/9-3)</b>	<b>4-1</b>	<b>6-0</b>	<b>17-1</b>	<b>111</b>

### CAREER IN NCAA TOURNAMENT

Year	Wt.	Result	Opponent	Place	Record
2019	133	W, 8-2	#23 Mario Guillen, Ohio	NCAA	1-0
2019	133	L, 2-7	#7 Austin DeSanto, Iowa	NCAA	1-1
2019	133	W, 6-3	#9 Charles Tucker, Cornell	NCAA	2-1
2019	133	W, 3-1	#15 Ben Thornton, Purdue	NCAA	3-1
2019	133	W, 4-3	#4 Micky Phillippi, Pitt	NCAA	4-1
2019	133	L, 0-10	#8 John Erneste, Missouri	NCAA	4-2
2019	133	L, 5-8	#6 Ethan Lizak, Minnesota	NCAA (8th)	4-3
2021	133	W, 20-5	#31 Sean Carter, Appalachian St. (TF)	NCAA	5-3
2021	133	W, 11-3	#18 Kyle Burwick, Wisconsin (major)	NCAA	6-3
2021	133	W, 4-1	#10 Louie Hayes, Virginia	NCAA	7-3
2021	133	W, 5-3	#3 Korbin Myers, Virginia Tech	NCAA	8-3
2021	133	W, 4-2 (sv)	#1 Daton Fix, Oklahoma State	NCAA (1st)	9-3

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**NICK  
LEE**  
EVANSVILLE, IND.  
HOME-SCHOOLED  
National Champion (2021)  
4x All-American (5th, 2019;  
5th, 2018; 1st Tm, 2020;  
1st, 2021)

**Sr./Sr. = 141**

**PARENTS: LAURA AND CHRISTOPHER LEE**  
**MAJOR: HEALTH AND POLICY ADMINISTRATION**

## MATCH-BY-MATCH

Date	Wt.	Result	Opponent	Place	Record
1/30	141	W, 16-1	Cayden Rooks, Indiana (TF; 5:00)	dual	1-0
1/30	141	W, 12-2	Frankie Tal-Shahar, Northwestern (maj.)	dual	2-0
2/2	141	W, 16-1	Trey Escobar, Wisconsin (TF; 3:00)	dual	3-0
2/14	141	W, 10-4	#20 Drew Mattin, Michigan	dual	4-0
2/19	141	W, 15-3	Dylan D'Emilio, Ohio State (major)	dual	5-0
2/22	141	W, 14-2	Danny Bertoni, Maryland (major)	dual	6-0
3/6	141	W, 16-1	Dylan D'Emilio, Ohio State (TF; 3:20)	B1G	7-0
3/6	141	W, 8-6 (sv)	#3 Sebastian Rivera, Rutgers	B1G	8-0
3/7	141	L, 5-6	#1 Jaydin Eierman, Iowa	B1G (2nd)	8-1
3/18	141	W, 18-0	#31 Julian Flores, Drexel (TF; 2:33)	NCAA	9-1
3/18	141	W, 14-3	#15 Clay Carlson, South Dakota St.(maj.)	NCAA	10-1
3/19	141	W, 11-3	#10 Zach Sherman, North Carolina	NCAA	11-1
3/19	141	W, 9-3	#3 Sebastian Rivera, Rutgers	NCAA	12-1
3/20	141	W, 4-2 (sv)	#1 Jaydin Eierman, Iowa	NCAA (1st)	13-1

**NOTES:** Ranked #2 by InterMat. **Indiana/Northwestern (1/30):** Went 2-0 in opening day tri-dual at Northwestern, getting a tech fall against Indiana and a major vs. Northwestern. **Wisconsin (2/2):** Dominated Trey Escobar in a 16-1 first-period tech fall (3:00). **Michigan (2/14):** Notched 10-4 victory over #20 Drew Mattin. **Ohio State (2/19):** Lopsided 15-3 major over Dylan D'Emilio. **Maryland (2/22):** Majored Danny Bertoni 14-2.

**Big Ten Championships (2-1, 2nd, NCAA Qualifier):** Advanced to Big Ten finals, losing tight 6-5 decision to #1 Jaydin Eierman of Iowa in the finals. Beat #3 Sebastian Rivera of Rutgers in semifinals. Went 3-0 overall.

**NCAA Championships (5-1, 1st, National Champion):** Became Penn State's 15th four-time All-American. Won first individual national championship with 5-0 run in St. Louis. Beat the #31, #15 and #10 seeds to advance to the national semifinals. Dominated #3 Sebastian Rivera of Rutgers 9-3 in semis to advance to the NCAA finals for the first time. Hit inside trip in sudden victory to take down #1 Jaydin Eierman and win his first individual crown. Won the Amateur Wrestling News Hammer Award after the tournament.

## CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Overall	Duals (B1G)	TRN (B1G/NCAA)	F	TF	M	PTS
2017-18	32-7	8-1 (7-1)	24-6 (4-1/6-2)	5-1	7-0	12-1	32
2018-19	31-4	13-1 (8-1)	18-3 (3-1/4-2)	6-0	5-0	13-0	51
2019-20	20-1	14-0 (9-0)	6-1 (0-0/0-0)	5-0	7-0	4-0	64
2020-21	13-1	6-0 (6-0)	7-1 (2-1/5-0)	0-0	4-0	5-0	25
<b>Career</b>	<b>96-13</b>	<b>41-2 (29-2)</b>	<b>55-11 (11-4/15-4)</b>	<b>16-1</b>	<b>23-0</b>	<b>34-1</b>	<b>172</b>

## CAREER IN NCAA TOURNAMENT

Year	Wt.	Result	Opponent	Place	Record
2018	141	LBF	Ryan Diehl, Maryland (2:12)	NCAA	0-1
2018	141	W, 7-3	#9 Josh Alber, Northern Iowa	NCAA	1-1
2018	141	W, 5-0	#10 Mason Smith, Central Michigan	NCAA	2-1
2018	141	W, 13-5	#16 Cole Weaver, Indiana (major)	NCAA	3-1
2018	141	W, 13-6	#12 Tyler Smith, Bucknell	NCAA	4-1
2018	141	W, 12-4	Sa'Darian Perry, E. Michigan (major)	NCAA	5-1
2018	141	L, 4-12	#2 Jaydin Eierman, Missouri	NCAA	5-2
2018	141	W, 9-7 (sv)	#5 Kevin Jack, NC State	NCAA (5th)	6-2
2019	141	WBF	#30 Nate Limmex, Purdue (3:38)	NCAA	7-2
2019	141	WBF	#19 Sa'Derian Perry, Old Dominion (3:42)	NCAA	8-2
2019	141	W, 4-1	#22 Max Murin, Iowa	NCAA	9-2
2019	141	L, 3-4	#2 Joey McKenna, Ohio State	NCAA	9-3
2019	141	L, 9-13	#9 Dom Demas, Oklahoma	NCAA	9-4
2019	141	WBF	#7 Mitch McKee, Minnesota (3:22)	NCAA (5th)	10-4
2021	141	W, 18-0	#31 Julian Flores, Drexel (TF; 2:33)	NCAA	11-4
2021	141	W, 14-3	#15 Clay Carlson, South Dakota St.(maj.)	NCAA	12-4
2021	141	W, 11-3	#10 Zach Sherman, North Carolina	NCAA	13-4
2021	141	W, 9-3	#3 Sebastian Rivera, Rutgers	NCAA	14-4
2021	141	W, 4-2 (sv)	#1 Jaydin Eierman, Iowa	NCAA (1st)	15-4



**BRADY  
BERGE**  
MANTORVILLE, MINN.  
KASSON-MANTORVILLE  
2X NCAA Qualifier  
(2019, 2021)

**Sr./Jr. = 157**

**PARENTS: CHERI AND KEVIN BERGE**  
**MAJOR: TELECOMMUNICATIONS**

### MATCH-BY-MATCH

Date	Wt.	Result	Opponent	Place	Record
1/30	157	W, 5-2	Matt Ortiz, Indiana	dual	1-0
1/30	157	W, 12-7	Maxx Mayfield, Northwestern	dual	2-0
2/2	157	W, 12-4	Garrett Model, Wisconsin (major)	dual	3-0
2/14	157	W, 3-1	#8 Will Lewan, Michigan	dual	4-0
2/19	157	W, 3-1	Elijah Cleary, Ohio State	dual	5-0
3/6	157	W, 13-4	Johnny Mologousis, Illinois (major)	B1G	6-0
3/6	157	L, 2-3	#7 Kendall Coleman, Purdue	B1G	6-1
3/6	156	W, 11-2	Michael Doetsch, Maryland (major)	B1G	7-1
3/6	157	W, 12-2	Caleb Licking, Nebraska (major)	B1G	8-1
3/7	157	L, 1-3 (sv)	#6 Brayton Lee, Minnesota	B1G (6th)	8-2
3/18	157	W, 12-4	#21 Andrew Cerniglia, Navy (major)	NCAA	9-2
3/18	157	W, 3-2	#5 Kaleb Young, Iowa	NCAA	10-2
3/19	157	L, inj.def.	#4 Jesse Dellavecchia, Rider	NCAA	10-3

**NOTES:** Ranked #10 by InterMat. **Indiana/Northwestern (1/30):** Went 2-0 in opening day tri-dual at Northwestern, getting a decision victories against Indiana and the Wildcats. **Wisconsin (2/2):** Rolled over Garrett Model in a 12-4 major with 1:44 in riding time. **Michigan (2/14):** Used third period take-down to beat #8 Will Lewan in road dual win. **Ohio State (2/19):** Posted 3-1 win over Elijah Cleary.

**Big Ten Championships (3-2, 6th, NCAA Qualifier):** Went 3-2 with three majors at B1G tournament. Both losses to top-ten ranked foes, one by one point, one in sudden victory.

**NCAA Championships (2-1, DNP):** Won first two bouts of the 2021 NCAA Championship to advance to the national quarterfinals. Majored #21 Andrew Cerniglia of Navy 12-4 and then downed #5 Kaleb Young of Iowa 3-2. Was injured in first period against #4 Jesse Dellavecchia of Rider and could not return. Finished tournament with 2-1 record.

### CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Overall	Duals (B1G)	TRN (B1G/NCAA)	F	TF	M	PTS
2017-18			Redshirt season				
2018-19	20-5	6-1 (4-1)	14-4 (2-1/2-2)	0-0	3-0	6-1	22
2019-20	1-1	1-1 (0-1)	0-0 (0-0/0-0)	0-0	0-0	0-0	3
2020-21	10-3	5-0 (5-0)	5-3 (3-2/2-1)	0-0	0-0	5-0	16
<b>Career</b>	<b>31-9</b>	<b>12-2 (9-2)</b>	<b>19-7 (5-3/4-3)</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>3-0</b>	<b>11-1</b>	<b>41</b>

### CAREER IN NCAA TOURNAMENT

Year	Wt.	Result	Opponent	Place	Record
2019	149	W, 6-3	#21 Khristian Olivas, Fresno State	NCAA	1-0
2019	149	L, 5-8	#5 Matt Kolodzik, Princeton	NCAA	1-1
2019	149	W, 6-2	#27 Tejon Anthony, George Mason	NCAA	2-1
2019	149	L, 2-4 (sv)	#20 Thomas Thorn, Minnesota	NCAA	2-2
2021	157	W, 12-4	#21 Andrew Cerniglia, Navy (major)	NCAA	3-2
2021	157	W, 3-2	#5 Kaleb Young, Iowa	NCAA	4-2
2021	157	L, inj.def.	#4 Jesse Dellavecchia, Rider	NCAA	4-3

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**JOE  
LEE**  
EVANSVILLE, IND.  
EVANSVILLE MATER DEI  
NCAA Qualifier (2021)

**So./Fr. = 165**

**PARENTS: LAURA AND CHRISTOPHER LEE**  
**MAJOR: HEALTH AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT**

## MATCH-BY-MATCH

Date	Wt.	Result	Opponent	Place	Record
1/30	165	W, 8-4	Nick South, Indiana	dual	1-0
1/30	165	W, 8-7	David Ferrante, Northwestern	dual	2-0
2/2	165	W, 12-3	Patrick Spray, Wisconsin (major)	dual	3-0
2/14	165	L, 1-4	#16 Cameron Amine, Michigan	dual	3-1
2/19	165	LBF	#10 Ethan Smith, Ohio State (2:34)	dual	3-2
2/22	165	WBF	Jonathan Spadafora, Maryland (5:56)	dual	4-2
3/6	165	L, 5-7 (sv)	Jonathan Spadafora, Maryland	B1G	4-3
3/6	165	W, 4-3	Josh Otto, Wisconsin	B1G	5-3
3/6	165	WBF	#14 Andrew Sparks, Minnesota (0:44)	B1G	6-3
3/6	165	LBF	Gerrit Nijenhuis, Purude (4:29)	B1G	6-4
3/7	165	L, 6-10	David Ferrante, Northwestern	B1G (8th)	6-5
3/18	165	L, 1-8	#10 Travis Wittlake, Oklahoma State	NCAA	6-6
3/18	165	L, 4-10	#26 Andrew Nicholson, Chattanooga	NCAA	6-7

**NOTES:** Unranked by InterMat...Ranked #26 by TrackWrestling. **Indiana/Northwestern (1/30):** Went 2-0 in opening day tri-dual at Northwestern...picked up 8-4 win over Indiana's Nick South in his Penn State dual debut and then downed NU's David Ferrante 8-7 in the day's finale. **Wisconsin (2/2):** Posted first career dual bonus win with a 12-3 major over UW's Patrick Spray. **Michigan (2/14):** Suffered first loss off the season, a 4-1 setback to #16 Cameron Amine. **Maryland (2/22):** Pinned Maryland's Jonathan Spadafora at the 5:56 mark in Rec Hall dual debut. **Big Ten Championships (2-3, 8th, NCAA Qualifier):** Went 2-3 to place eighth at first Big Ten tournament, earning NCAA qualifier spot at 165. Pinned #14 Andrew Sparks of Minnesota. **NCAA Championships (0-2, DNP):** Went 0-2 at first NCAA Championship tournament. Lost to the #10 and #14 seeds.

## CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Overall	Duals (B1G)	TRN (BIG/NCAA)	F	TF	M	PTS
2019-20							
			Redshirt season				
2020-21	6-7	4-2 (4-2)	2-5 (2-3/0-2)	2-1	0-0	1-0	16
<b>Career</b>	<b>6-7</b>	<b>4-2 (4-2)</b>	<b>2-5 (2-3/0-2)</b>	<b>2-1</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>1-0</b>	<b>16</b>

## CAREER IN NCAA TOURNAMENT

Year	Wt.	Result	Opponent	Place	Record
2021	165	L, 1-8	#10 Travis Wittlake, Oklahoma State	NCAA	0-1
2021	165	L, 4-10	#26 Andrew Nicholson, Chattanooga	NCAA	0-2





**CARTER STAROCCI**  
 ERIE, PA.  
 CATHEDRAL PREP  
 National Champion (2021)  
 All-American (1st, 2021)

**So./Fr. = 174**

**PARENTS: STARLA AND CHRIS STAROCCI**  
**MAJOR: RECREATION, PARK AND TOURISM MGMNT.**

### MATCH-BY-MATCH

Date	Wt.	Result	Opponent	Place	Record
1/30	174	W, 18-1	Robert Detars, Indiana (TF; 2:37)	IU extras	1-0
1/30	174	L, 9-10	Donnell Washington, Indiana	dual	1-1
1/30	174	W, 4-1	Troy Fisher, Northwestern	dual	2-1
2/2	174	W, 5-3	Jared Krattiger, Wisconsin	dual	3-1
2/14	174	W, 7-1 (tb)	#2 Logan Massa, Michigan	dual	4-1
2/19	174	W, 2-1 (tb)	#3 Kaleb Romero, Ohio State	dual	5-1
2/22	174	W, 15-6	Phillip Spadafora, Maryland (major)	dual	6-1
3/6	174	WBF	Phillip Spadafora, Maryland (4:47)	B1G	7-1
3/6	174	W, 2-0	#6 Kaleb Romero, Ohio State	B1G	8-1
3/6	174	W, 3-1 (sv)	#2 Mikey Labriola, Nebraska	B1G	9-1
3/7	174	L, 2-7	#1 Michael Kemerer, Iowa	B1G (2nd)	9-2
3/18	174	W, 10-2	#30 Victor Marcelli, Virginia (major)	NCAA	10-2
3/18	174	W, 8-2	#14 Hayden Hastings, Wyoming	NCAA	11-2
3/19	174	W, 6-3	#6 Andrew McNally, Kent State	NCAA	12-2
3/19	174	W, 2-0	#2 Demetrius Romero, Utah Valley	NCAA	13-2
3/20	174	W, 3-1 (sv)	#1 Michael Kemerer, Iowa	NCAA (1st)	14-2

**NOTES:** Ranked #3 by InterMat. **Indiana/Northwestern (1/30):** Went 2-1 in opening day tri-dual at Northwestern...began day with a 18-1 tech fall (2:37) over Indiana's Robert Detars in the extra bouts at 174, then suffered a close 10-9 upset loss to Donnell Washington in the dual meet...took down Northwestern's Troy Fisher 4-1 in dual victory over the Wildcats. **Wisconsin (2/2):** Posted 5-3 win over Jared Krattiger in Madison. **Michigan (2/14):** Beat #2 Logan Massa 7-1 (tb), using a four-point turn in the tie-breaker to break away for the win in Ann Arbor...Named *Big Ten Wrestler of the Week (2/16)*. **Ohio State (2/19):** Used tie-breaker escape then rideout to post thrilling 2-1 (tb) win over #3 Kaleb Romero in dual at Columbus. **Michigan (2/14):** Majored Maryland's Phillip Spadafora 15-6 in Rec Hall dual debut. **Big Ten Championships (3-1, 2nd, NCAA Qualifier):** Was Big Ten runner-up at 174, losing to #1 Michael Kemerer in the finals. Beat #6 Kalem Romero and #2 Mikey Labriola to reach the finals. Went 3-1 with a pin overall. Was named **2021 Big Ten Freshman of the Year**. **NCAA Championships (5-0, 1st, National Champion):** Went 5-0 in his first trip to the NCAA tournament to become the NCAA National Champion as a freshman. Downed the #30 and #14 seeds to reach the quarterfinals. Beat #6 Andrew McNally of Kent State in the quarters and then used a ride-out and escape point to beat #2 Demetrius Romero of Utah Valley 2-0 in the semis to advance to the NCAA finals. Scored midway through extra time to beat #1 Michael Kemerer 3-1 (sv) to win the national title.

### CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Overall	Duals (BIG)TRN (BIG/NCAA)	F	TF	M	PTS
2019-20		Redshirt season				
2020-21	14-2	5-1 (5-1)	9-1 (3-1/5-0)	1-0	1-0	2-0 16
<b>Career</b>	<b>14-2</b>	<b>5-1 (5-1)</b>	<b>9-1 (3-1/5-0)</b>	<b>1-0</b>	<b>1-0</b>	<b>2-0 16</b>

### CAREER IN NCAA TOURNAMENT

Year	Wt.	Result	Opponent	Place	Record
2021	174	W, 10-2	#30 Victor Marcelli, Virginia (major)	NCAA	1-0
2021	174	W, 8-2	#14 Hayden Hastings, Wyoming	NCAA	2-0
2021	174	W, 6-3	#6 Andrew McNally, Kent State	NCAA	3-0
2021	174	W, 2-0	#2 Demetrius Romero, Utah Valley	NCAA	4-0
2021	174	W, 3-1 (sv)	#1 Michael Kemerer, Iowa	NCAA (1st)	5-0

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**AARON BROOKS**  
 HAGERSTOWN, MD.  
 NORTH HAGERSTOWN  
 National Champion (2021)  
 All-American (1st, 2021)  
 1st Tm, 2020)

**So./So. = 184**

**PARENTS: JOHN BROOKS, RANELLE BOYD, ADRIENNE BROOKS**  
**MAJOR: RECREATION, PARK AND TOURISM MGMT.**

## MATCH-BY-MATCH

Date	Wt.	Result	Opponent	Place	Record
1/30	184	W, 18-5	Drayton Harris, Indiana (major)	dual	1-0
1/30	184	W, 21-6	Jack Jessen, Northwestern (TF; 7:00)	dual	2-0
2/2	184	W, 13-3	#10 Chris Weiler, Wisconsin (major)	dual	3-0
2/14	184	W, 10-5	Jaden Bullock, Michigan	dual	4-0
2/19	184	W, 13-4	#20 Rocky Jordan, Ohio State (major)	dual	5-0
2/22	184	W, 17-5	Kyle Cochran, Maryland (major)	dual	6-0
3/6	184	W, 14-8	#16 Nelson Brands, Iowa	B1G	7-0
3/6	184	W, 10-2	#18 John Poznanski, Rutgers (major)	B1G	8-0
3/7	184	W, 10-5	#14 Taylor Venz, Nebraska	B1G (1st)	9-0
3/18	184	W, 17-1	#32 Jhaquan Anderson, Gardner-Webb	NCAA	10-0
3/18	184	W, 5-0	#17 Owen Webster, Minnesota	NCAA	11-0
3/19	184	W, 9-4	#8 Taylor Venz, Nebraska	NCAA	12-0
3/19	184	W, 6-4	#4 Parker Keckeisen, Northern Iowa	NCAA	13-0
3/20	184	W, 3-2	#2 Trent Hiday, North Carolina St.	NCAA (1st)	14-0

**NOTES:** Ranked #1 by InterMat. **Indiana/Northwestern (1/30):** Went 2-0 in opening day tri-dual at Northwestern...notched an 18-5 major over Indiana and closed out day with a 21-6 tech fall (7:00) with 4:34 in riding time over NU's Jack Jessen. **Wisconsin (2/2):** Won his third straight bout with bonus points to open the season, downing #10 Chris Weiler of Wisconsin 13-3. **Michigan (2/14):** Beat Michigan's Jaden Bullock 10-5 in Ann Arbor. **Ohio State (2/19):** Rolled over #20 Rocky Jordan of Ohio State, posting 13-4 major. **Maryland (2/22):** Majored Maryland's Kyle Cochran 17-5.

**Big Ten Championships (3-0, Champion, NCAA Qualifier):** Won his second straight Big Ten Championship, going 3- with a major. All three wins were over ranked opponents; 14-8 over #16 Nelson Brands; 10-2 over #18 John Poznanski of Rutgers; and 10-5 over #14 Taylor Venz of Nebraska in the finals.

**NCAA Championships (5-0, 1st, National Champion):** Completed unbeaten season with 5-0 run through his first NCAA Championships, earning his first NCAA individual title. Downed #32, #17 and #8 seeds to get to semi-finals. Took down #4 Parker Keckeisen of Northern Iowa to reach the NCAA finals. Beat #2 Trent Hiday of North Carolina State in the finals to become 2021 National Champion.

## CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Overall	Duals (BIG)TRN (BIG/NCAA)	F	TF	M	PTS
2019-20	15-1	9-1 (6-1)	6-0 (3-0/0-0)	3-0	1-0	3-0 34
2020-21	14-0	6-0 (6-0)	8-0 (3-0/5-0)	0-0	2-0	5-0 24
<b>Career</b>	<b>29-1</b>	<b>15-1 (12-1)</b>	<b>14-0 (6-0/5-0)</b>	<b>3-0</b>	<b>3-0</b>	<b>8-0 58</b>

## CAREER IN NCAA TOURNAMENT

Year	Wt.	Result	Opponent	Place	Record
2021	184	W, 17-1	#32 Jhaquan Anderson, Gardner-Webb	NCAA	1-0
2021	184	W, 5-0	#17 Owen Webster, Minnesota	NCAA	2-0
2021	184	W, 9-4	#8 Taylor Venz, Nebraska	NCAA	3-0
2021	184	W, 6-4	#4 Parker Keckeisen, Northern Iowa	NCAA	4-0
2021	184	W, 3-2	#2 Trent Hiday, North Carolina St.	NCAA (1st)	5-0



**MICHAEL BEARD**  
 POTTSTOWN, PA.  
 MALVERN PREP  
 All-American (7th, 2021)

**So./Fr. = 197**

**PARENTS: SUSAN AND GEORGE BEARD**  
**MAJOR: DIVISION OF UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES**

### MATCH-BY-MATCH

Date	Wt.	Result	Opponent	Place	Record
2/2	197	W, 18-2	Andrew Salemme, Wisconsin (TF; 4:43)	dual	1-0
2/14	197	L, 5-8	#1/184 Myles Amine, Michigan	dual	1-1
2/19	197	WBF	Gavin Hoffman, Ohio State (1:200)	dual	2-1
2/22	197	W, 13-4	Jaron Smith, Maryland (major)	dual	3-1
3/6	197	W, 7-3	Billy Janzer, Rutgers	B1G	4-1
3/6	197	L, 6-8 (sv)	#2 Myles Amine, Michigan	B1G	4-2
3/6	197	W, 6-2	Matt Wroblewski, Illinois	B1G	5-2
3/6	197	W, 6-4	#17 Thomas Penola, Purdue	B1G	6-2
3/7	197	L, 6-12	#13 Cameron Caffey, Michigan State	B1G	6-3
3/7	197	L, 4-6	#14 Lucas Davison, Northwestern	B1G (6th)	6-4
3/18	197	W, 14-4	#18 Jacob Koser, Navy (major)	NCAA	7-4
3/18	197	W, 17-8	#31 Owen Pentz, North Dakota St.(maj.)	NCAA	8-4
3/19	197	L, 3-8	#26 Jake Woodley, Oklahoma	NCAA	8-5
3/19	197	W, 9-1	#13 Tanner Sloan, South Dakota St.(maj.)	NCAA	9-5
3/19	197	L, 0-5	#7 Rocky Elam, Missouri	NCAA	9-6
3/20	197	W, 10-8 (sv)	#8 Stephen Buchanan, Wyoming	NCAA (7th)	10-6

**NOTES:** Ranked #15 by InterMat. **Wisconsin (2/2):** Made Penn State dual and collegiate debut in fine fashion, rolling to an 18-2 tech fall in the second period (4:43) over UW's Andrew Salemme. **Michigan (2/14):** Battled top-ranked 184-pounder Myles Amine tough before falling 8-5 in road dual meet. **Ohio State (2/19):** Clinched dual win at Ohio State by pinning Gavin Hoffman in the first period (1:20). **Maryland (2/22):** Majored Jaron Smith in Rec Hall dual debut 13-4.

**Big Ten Championships (3-3, 6th, NCAA Qualifier):** Went 3-3 at first Big Ten tournament, taking sixth to earn NCAA qualifier spot. All three losses were to ranked opponents, including close 8-6 (sv) setback to #2 Myles Amine of Michigan.

**NCAA Championships (4-2, 7th, All-American):** Became All-American as a freshman with a 4-2 performance in St. Louis. Majored both #18 Jacob Koser of Navy and #31 Owen Pentz of NDSU before losing in national quarterfinals. Rebounded to beat #13 Tanner Sloan of SDSU in conso. Beat #8 Stephen Buchanan of Wyoming 10-8 (sv) in the seventh place bout for his final podium spot.

### CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Overall	Duals (B1G)	TRN (BIG/NCAA)	F	TF	M	PTS
2019-20			Redshirt season				
2020-21	10-6	3-1 (2-1)	7-5 (3-3/4-2)	1-0	1-0	3-0	11
<b>Career</b>	<b>10-6</b>	<b>3-1 (2-1)</b>	<b>7-5 (3-3/4-2)</b>	<b>1-0</b>	<b>1-0</b>	<b>3-0</b>	<b>11</b>

### CAREER IN NCAA TOURNAMENT

Year	Wt.	Result	Opponent	Place	Record
2021	197	W, 14-4	#18 Jacob Koser, Navy (major)	NCAA	1-0
2021	197	W, 17-8	#31 Owen Pentz, North Dakota St.(maj.)	NCAA	2-0
2021	197	L, 3-8	#26 Jake Woodley, Oklahoma	NCAA	2-1
2021	197	W, 9-1	#13 Tanner Sloan, South Dakota St.(maj.)	NCAA	3-1
2021	197	L, 0-5	#7 Rocky Elam, Missouri	NCAA	3-2
2021	197	W, 10-8 (sv)	#8 Stephen Buchanan, Wyoming	NCAA (7th)	4-2

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**GREG KERKVLJET**  
 GROVE HEIGHTS, MINN.  
 SIMLEY  
 All-Americann, (7th, 2021)

**So./Fr. = 285**

**PARENTS: KRYSTAL AND GREG KERKVLJET**  
**MAJOR: COMMUNICATIONS**

### MATCH-BY-MATCH

Date	Wt.	Result	Opponent	Place	Record
2/22	285	WBF	Garrett Kappes, Maryland (1:12)	dual	1-0
2/22	285	WBF	Bryan Bones, Maryland (1:18)	MD extras	2-0
3/6	285	W, 16-5	Jack Heyob, Northwestern (major)	B1G	3-0
3/6	285	L, 3-11	#2 Mason Parris, Michigan	B1G	3-1
3/6	285	W, 16-5	Christian Rebottaro, Michigan State	B1G	4-1
3/6	285	W, 7-3	#13 Trent Hillger, Wisconsin	B1G	5-1
3/7	285	W, 10-2	#12 Christian Lance, Nebraska (major)	B1G	6-1
3/7	285	L, 0-9	#3 Tonny Cassioppi, Iowa	B1G (4th)	6-2
3/18	285	W, 18-0	#24 Jonathan Birchmeier, Navy (TF; 2:17)	NCAA	7-2
3/18	285	W, 12-2	#8 Jordan Wood, Lehigh (major)	NCAA	8-2
3/19	285	L, 4-7	#1 Gable Steveson, Minnesota	NCAA	8-3
3/19	285	W, 13-5	#29 Austin Harris, Oklahoma St. (major)	NCAA	9-3
3/19	285	L, 8-14	#4 Cohlton Schultz, Arizona State	NCAA	9-4
3/20	285	W, 13-1	#21 Tate Orndorff, Ohio State (major)	NCAA (7th)	10-4

**NOTES:** Ranked #9 by InterMat. **Maryland (2/22):** Returned from injury to Penn State and collegiate debut with two pins against Maryland. Pinned Garrett Kappes (1:12) in the dual meet and Bryan Bones (1:18) in extra bouts.

**Big Ten Championships (4-2, 4th, NCAA Qualifier):** Went 4-2 at first Big Ten Championships and placed fourth to qualify for NCAAs as a freshman. Three of his wins were major decisions, including a 10-2 major over #12 Christian Lance of Nebraska. Also beat #13 Trent Hillger of Wisconsin 7-3.

**NCAA Championships (4-2, 7th, All-American):** After being cleared to compete the day before Penn State's final dual meet of the season on Feb., 21, Kerkvliet became an All-American as a freshman with a 4-2 run through his first NCAA Championship. Opened tourney with a tech fall over #24 Jonathan Birchmeier Navy and a major over #8 Jordan Wood of Lehigh before losing 7-4 to #1 Gable Steveson of Minnesota in quarters. Majored #29 Austin Harris of Oklahoma State and #21 Tate Orndorff of Ohio State in the seventh-place bout to become an All-American.

### CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Overall	Duals (BIG)	TRN (BIG/NCAA)	F	TF	M	PTS
2019-20							
2020-21	10-4	1-0 (1-0)	9-4 (4-2/4-2)	2-0	1-0	6-0	6
<b>Career</b>	<b>10-4</b>	<b>1-0 (1-0)</b>	<b>9-4 (4-2/4-2)</b>	<b>2-0</b>	<b>1-0</b>	<b>6-0</b>	<b>6</b>

### CAREER IN NCAA TOURNAMENT

Year	Wt.	Result	Opponent	Place	Record
2021	285	W, 18-0	#24 Jonathan Birchmeier, Navy (TF; 2:17)	NCAA	1-0
2021	285	W, 12-2	#8 Jordan Wood, Lehigh (major)	NCAA	2-0
2021	285	L, 4-7	#1 Gable Steveson, Minnesota	NCAA	2-1
2021	285	W, 13-5	#29 Austin Harris, Oklahoma St. (major)	NCAA	3-1
2021	285	L, 8-14	#4 Cohlton Schultz, Arizona State	NCAA	3-2
2021	285	W, 13-1	#21 Tate Orndorff, Ohio State (major)	NCAA (7th)	4-2



# SUMMARIES

## #3 PENN STATE 24, INDIANA 15 Saturday, Jan. 30, 2021 -- at Northwestern -- Evanston, Ill.

125: Jacob Warner IND win by forfeit	0-6
133: #3 Roman Bravo-Young PSU dec. Kyle Luigs IND, 11-8	3-6
141: #2 Nick Lee PSU tech fall Cayden Rooks IND, 16-1 (TF; 5:00)	8-6
149: Graham Rooks IND dec. #10 Jarod Verkleeren PSU, 4-3	8-9
157: #11 Brady Berge PSU dec. Matt Ortiz IND, 5-2	11-9
165: #6 Joe Lee PSU dec. Nick South IND, 8-4	14-9
174: Donnell Washington IND dec. #5 Carter Starocci PSU, 10-9	14-12
184: #3 Aaron Brooks PSU maj. dec. Drayton Harris IND, 18-5	18-12
197: Nick Wilham IND dec. Levko Higgins PSU, 10-3	18-15
285: Seth Nevills PSU pinned Rudy Streck IND, WBF (1:14)	24-15

### Extra Matches:

- 174: Carter Starocci PSU tech fall Robert Detars IND, 18-1 (TF; 2:37)
- 149: Luke Gardner PSU pinned Jonathan Kervin IND, WBF (0:56)
- 165: Konner Kraeszig PSU maj. dec. Derek Gilcher IND, 9-0
- 141: Beau Bartlett PSU pinned Jacob Moran IND, WBF (1:48)
- 149: Terrell Barraclough PSU maj. dec. Jonathan Kervin IND, 8-0
- 174: Creighton Edsell PSU dec. Robert Detars IND, 10-5
- 165: Konner Kraeszig PSU dec. Sammy Cokely IND, 13-7

The Penn State Nittany Lions (1-0, 1-0 B1G), ranked No. 3 in the latest InterMat Tournament Power Index, posted a 24-15 win over Indiana (0-3, 0-3 B1G) in the 2020-21 season opener for head coach Cal Sanderson's squad. The dual was the first of a tri-meet hosted by Northwestern University in Evanston, Ill.

The dual began at 125 where Indiana's Jacob Moran received a forfeit victory. Penn State had no 125-pounders cleared to compete this weekend. Junior Roman Bravo-Young (Tucson, Ariz.), ranked No. 3 at 133, got Penn State on the board with an 11-8 win over Kyle Luigs, cutting the Hoosier lead to 6-3. Senior Nick Lee (Evansville, Ind.), ranked No. 2 at 141, dominated Cayden Rooks en route to a 16-1 technical fall at the end of the second period (5:00). Lee's win put Penn State up 8-6. Junior Jarod Verkleeren (Greensburg, Pa.), ranked No. 10 at 149, suffered a 4-3 upset loss to Hoosier Graham Rooks at 149 and Indiana retook the lead 9-8. Junior Brady Berge (Mantorville, Minn.), ranked No. 11 at 157, gave Penn State the lead with a 5-2 victory over Matt Ortiz. Penn State led 11-9 at the dual's halfway point.

Freshman Joe Lee (Evansville, Ind.), ranked No. 6 at 165, made his Penn State dual debut and posted an 8-4 win over Nick South to put the Lions up 14-9. Freshman Carter Starocci (Erie, Pa.), ranked No. 5 at 174, made his Lion dual debut and dropped a 10-9 upset loss to Donnell Washington. Starocci fell behind 10-1 early and nearly stormed back for the win before time ran out in his debut. Sophomore Aaron Brooks (Hagerstown, Md.), ranked No. 3 at 184, was dominant, rolling to an 18-5 major with 4:40 in riding time over Drayton Harris. Brooks' win put Penn State up 18-12. With No. 13 Michael Beard (Pottstown, Pa.) not competing this weekend, Levko Higgins (Palmyra, Pa.) made his Lion debut at 197 and dropped a 10-3 decision to Nick Wilham. Wilham's victory cut Penn State's lead to 18-15. Sophomore Seth Nevills (Clovis, Calif.) closed out the dual with a bang at 285. The Lion big man pinned IU's Rudy Streck at the 1:14 mark to cement Penn State's victory, getting the quick fall and finalizing a 24-15 win for the Nittany Lions.

Penn State posted a 21-8 edge in takedowns in the bout. The Nittany Lions won six of ten bouts and picked up six bonus points off a pin (Nevills), a tech fall (Nick Lee) and a major (Brooks). Indiana had three bonus points off the forfeit at 125. Seven extra matches were conducted during the dual meet on a separate mat. This year, with condensed schedules, these extra matches, while not counting towards dual meet scores, are official varsity bouts and count towards NCAA competition minimums. Starocci opened up the extra bouts with an 18-1 tech fall over Robert Detars at the 2:37 mark, giving the Lion freshman a 1-1 mark on the day. True freshman Beau Bartlett (Tempe, Ariz.) made his collegiate debut in the extra bouts, pinning Jacob Moran in just 1:48 at 141. Luke Gardner (Pottsville, Pa.) pinned Jonathan Kervin at the 0:56 mark at 149 and Terrell Barraclough (Kaysville, Utah) posted an 8-0 major over Kervin at 149 as well. Konner Kraeszig (Louisville, Ky.) picked up two wins at 165, a 9-0 major over Derek Gilcher and a 13-7 decision over Sammy Cokely. Creighton Edsell (Wyalusing, Pa.) picked up a 10-5 decision over Detars at 174.

### DUAL MEET BOUT-BY-BOUT:

125: Penn State did not have a 125-pounder cleared to compete this weekend and Indiana's Jacob Warner won by forfeit.

133: Junior Roman Bravo-Young (Tucson, Ariz.), ranked No. 3 by InterMat, took on Indiana's Kyle Luigs. Bravo-Young got the bout started with a quick takedown to open up an early 2-1 lead. Bravo-Young fought off a slight Luigs shot to keep action in neutral, then slid around on a low single for a second takedown to open up a 4-1 lead with 1:00 on the clock. The Lion junior maintained control until :15 was left in the period and led 4-2 with :49 in riding time after the opening period. Luigs chose down to start the second period. Bravo-Young maintained control long enough to build up over a minute in riding time. The Lion junior cut Luigs loose to a 4-3 score with 1:21 on the clock. Bravo-Young picked up a third takedown with 1:04 left and opened up a 6-3 lead with nearly 2:00 in riding time. Bravo-Young nearly added a fourth takedown but the Hoosier fought off the effort and Bravo-Young led 6-4 with 1:48 in riding time after two periods. Bravo-Young chose neutral to start the third period and quickly used a double leg to take Luigs down again to lead 8-5. Luigs got in on a high shot but Bravo-Young countered the effort and upped his lead to 10-5 with a nice counter takedown. With his riding time point assured, Bravo-Young cut Luigs loose. But Luigs closed out the bout with his first takedown to keep Bravo-Young to a regular 11-8 decision with 1:57 in riding time.

141: Senior Nick Lee (Evansville, Ind.), ranked No. 2 at 141, took on Indiana's Cayden Rooks. Lee took Rooks down quickly for a fast 2-0 lead. He then tried to tilt Rooks but the Hoosier fought off the effort and Lee cut him loose. Lee quickly blew through a low single for a second takedown and a 4-1 lead with 1:54 on the clock. Lee once again tried to turn Rooks for back points but Rooks was able to roll through the move and keep the score at 4-1. With 1:30 in riding time, Lee then turned Rooks to his back, locking up a headlock for four back points and an 8-4 lead. He turned Rooks for two near fall points and led 10-1 after one. Lee chose down to start the second period and steadily worked his way to a reversal on the edge of the mat to open up a 12-1 lead. Lee worked his riding time to 2:30 while trying to turn Rooks one more time. Lee finished the period, and match, by turning Rooks for four final back points to post a 16-1 technical fall at the 5:00 mark.

149: Junior Jarod Verkleeren (Greensburg, Pa.), ranked No. 10 at 149, met Graham Rooks. Rooks instigated an early scramble that Verkleeren spent nearly :30 fighting off before action moved out of bounds. Verkleeren fought off another low Rooks shot and worked his way into a stalemate with 1:00 left in the period. The duo battle evenly as the clock moved below :30 and Rooks forced Verkleeren into a first stall warning as the period ended. Verkleeren chose down to start the second period and quickly turned into a shoulder throw, taking Rooks to his back, and nearly picking up back points but settling for a reversal and a 2-0 lead. Rooks escaped to a 2-1 score with 1:03 left in the period. Verkleeren took a low shot, forcing a scramble that ended with the Lion lifting Rooks' left leg to his hip as he tried to finish off a takedown late in the period. But Rooks was able to fight off the effort and Verkleeren led 2-1 after two periods. Rooks chose down to start the third period and worked his way to his feet and an escape to tie the bout at 2-2 with 1:33 left in the match-up. Rooks was awarded a takedown on a scramble near the outside circle that turned out to be the difference in a 4-3 Indiana victory.

157: Junior Brady Berge (Mantorville, Minn.), ranked No. 11 at 157, faced Matt Ortiz. Berge scored quickly, snapping down on a low shot to open up a 2-0 lead just :45 into the bout. Berge maintained control of the bout for :30 before Ortiz escaped to a 2-1 score. The duo battled on their feet as the clock moved down below the 1:00 mark. Berge fought off a slight Ortiz shot then moved back to the middle of the mat to set up his offense. The Lion junior could not work through Ortiz's defense and Berge led 2-1 after one period. Ortiz chose down to start the second period and quickly escaped to a 2-2 tie with Berge owning :47 in riding time. Berge pressed his offense, forcing Ortiz towards the outside circle where action moved out of bounds with 1:12 on the clock. The remainder of the period was wrestled in neutral and Berge and Ortiz were tied 2-2 after two. Berge chose down to start the third period and worked his way to his feet and an escape with 1:30 on the clock. Leading 3-2, Berge kept action in the center of the mat, jockeying for position as he looked for an opening on offense. He used a fast single to force a scramble that worked the clock to the :23 mark before a potentially dangerous call halted action. Berge nearly picked up another takedown with :20 on the clock. Berge picked up the takedown as the duo rolled out of bounds and Indiana challenged the takedown. The call stood and Berge led 5-2 with :17 left. Berge finished the bout on top and posted a 5-2 win.

165: Freshman Joe Lee (Evansville, Ind.), ranked No. 6 at 165, made his Penn State dual debut against Nick South. Lee picked up a quick takedown to open up an early 2-0 lead. South escaped to a 2-1 score as the clock hit 2:20. Lee continued to move into South's face, setting a fast offensive pace. Lee controlled the pace, forcing South into a first stall at the :35 mark. South took a shot with :25 on the clock and Lee nearly locked up a counter cradle but the action moved out of bounds and Lee carried the 2-1 lead into the second period. Lee chose down to start the second period and quickly escaped to a 3-1 lead. Lee notched his second takedown with 1:30 on the clock and worked his way into a chance to throw the Hoosier. But South was able to fight off the effort. Lee continued to pressure South as his riding time moved near 1:00. South escaped to a 5-2 score and nearly took Lee down with a scrambling move that the Lion freshman was able to fight off. Lee led 5-2 after two periods. South chose down to start the final stanza. Lee controlled action long enough to build up to a 1:06 riding time edge before South escaped to a 5-3 Lee lead. Lee then moved his way into a low shot that led to a takedown and a 7-3 lead. Lee maintained control until the 1:00 mark before South escaped to a 7-4 score with Lee getting a stall warning in the process. With :30 left, Lee fought off a late South shot and then nearly scored on a late counter but settled for a strong 8-4 win with 1:24 in riding time.

174: Freshman Carter Starocci (Erie, Pa.), ranked No. 5 at 174, made his Nittany Lion dual meet debut against Donnell Washington. Washington shocked Starocci on the edge of the mat by throwing the Lion freshman for a takedown and four back points to open up a 6-0 lead early in the first period. Starocci escaped to a 6-1 score and immediately moved in on offense, looking to cut into Washington's lead. Washington, however, notched the next takedown and opened up an 8-1 lead. Starocci gave up two late back points and trailed 10-1 after the opening period. Washington chose down to start the second period and cut Washington's riding time edge down below 1:00. Starocci spent over 1:00 working to turn Washington for back points to cut into Washington's lead. He picked up a stall point, then turned Washington for two back points to cut the lead to 10-4. The Lion freshman then added four back points as the period ended and cut the 10-1 lead to 10-8 after two periods. Starocci chose down to start the third period and quickly escaped to a 10-9 deficit. Starocci forced Washington out of bounds twice but did not get the stall call to tie the bout as the clock hit :45. With :22 left and a reset called, Starocci continued to force Washington backwards but the Hoosier was able to kill the clock with defense and Starocci dropped a 10-9 decision in his Penn State debut.

184: Sophomore Aaron Brooks (Hagerstown, Md.), ranked No. 3 at 184, met Indiana's Drayton Harris. Brooks scored quickly to open up an early 2-0 lead. The Lion sophomore then worked his riding time edge upwards before Harris escaped to a 2-1 score. Brooks then immediately worked his way into a low shot and a second takedown and a 4-1 lead. The Lion maintained his offensive position for the remainder of the period and led 4-1 with 2:12 in riding time after one. Brooks chose down to start the second period, quickly escaped and then took Harris down for a 7-1 lead. Harris escaped to a 7-2 score before Brooks used a low double to open up a 9-2 lead with :52 on the clock. He finished the period on top and led 9-2 with 3:21 in riding time after two. Harris chose neutral to start the third period and Brooks quickly took him down for an 11-2 lead. With his riding time pushing 4:00, Brooks cut Harris loose to an 11-3 lead, then took him down again to up his lead to 11-3. Brooks finished the bout with two more takedowns and rolled to an 18-5 major decision with 4:40 in riding time.

197: Nittany Lion Levko Higgins took on Indiana's Nick Wilham at 197 as Lion freshman Michael Beard (Pottstown, Pa.), ranked No. 13 nationally, was not cleared to compete. Higgins was making his Penn State dual debut. Higgins got in on a shot that Wilham fought off at the 2:30 mark. The duo traded shots over the next minute with neither wrestler able to break through on offense and the clock moved below the 1:00 mark with the bout tied 0-0. Wilham broke into the scoring column with a late takedown on the edge of the mat to lead 2-0 after the first period. Wilham chose down to start the second period and quickly escaped to a 3-0 lead. Wilham then added a second takedown before Higgins escaped to a 5-1 score. Higgins used a solid shot to force a scramble but Wilham was able to fight the move off and the clock moved down below 1:00. Wilham added a late takedown in the period and led 7-1 after two periods. Higgins chose down to start the third period. He worked his way to an escape but Wilham added another takedown and upped his lead to 9-2 with over 1:00 in riding time. Wilham worked offensive control into a clinched riding time point. Higgins scrambled his way to a late takedown, however, to keep from giving up a major decision and dropped a hard-fought 10-3 decision.

285: Sophomore Seth Nevills (Clovis, Calif.) battled Brendan Devine at 285. Nevills took Devine down quickly for a fast 2-0 lead. The Lion sophomore then dominated action on top, looking for a chance to turn Devine for another pin. Nevills picked up four nearfall points and opened up a 6-1 lead after cutting Devine loose. He then took Devine down again and led 8-2. A third takedown gave Nevills a 10-3 lead after another Devine escape. Nevills added three more takedowns in the final :40 and led 16-5 after one period. Devine chose down to start the second period and Nevills cut him loose. Nevills quickly took Devine down, cut him loose, took him down and cut him loose once more to lead 20-8 with 1:05 left. He added another takedown at the :45 mark. He added another takedown and cut, then finished the bout off with a final takedown at the :02 mark to post a 24-9 technical fall at the 4:58 mark.

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## #3 PENN STATE 29, #16 NORTHWESTERN 13 Saturday, Jan. 30, 2021 -- Evanston, Ill.

125: #8 Michael DeAugustino NU win by forfeit	0-6
133: #3 Roman Bravo-Young PSU pinned Dylan Utterback NU, WBF (3:48)	6-6
141: #2 Nick Lee PSU maj. dec. Frankie Tal-Shahar NU, 12-2	10-6
149: #20 Yahya Thomas NU dec. Terrell Barraclough PSU, 3-2	10-9
157: #11 Brady Berge PSU dec. Maxx Mayfield NU, 12-7	13-9
165: #6 Joe Lee PSU dec. David Ferrante NU, 8-7	16-9
174: #5 Carter Starocci PSU dec. Troy Fisher NU, 4-1	19-9
184: #3 Aaron Brooks PSU tech fall Jack Jessen NU, 21-6 (TF; 7:00)	24-9
197: #11 Lucas Davison NU maj. dec. Donovan Ball PSU, 12-3	24-13
285: Seth Nevills PSU tech fall Brendan Devine NU, 24-9 (TF; 4:58)	29-13

### Extra Matches:

141: Beau Bartlett PSU dec. Colin Valdivieja NU, 8-4
141: Bartlett PSU dec. Justin Benjamin NU, 10-4
141: Justin Benjamin NU maj. dec. Brandon Meredith PSU, 18-5
149: Trevor Chumbley NU win def. #10 Jarod Verkleeren PSU, (default)
149: Trevor Chumbley NU dec. Bo Pipher PSU, 6-2
149: Luke Gardner PSU tech fall Jamie Berg NU, 15-0 (TF; 7:00)
165: Konner Kraeszig PSU maj. dec. Ankhah Enkmandakh NU, 10-2
174: Creighton Edsell PSU dec. Jon Halvorson NU, 3-2
174: Creighton Edsell PSU dec. Jadon Martin NU, 9-4

The Penn State Nittany Lions (2-0, 2-0 B1G), ranked No. 3 in the latest InterMat Tournament Power Index, routed host Northwestern (1-4 1-4 B1G) in the final dual of a Big Ten tri-meet in NU's Welsh-Ryan Arena. Penn State won seven bouts on its way to a 29-13 road victory. The dual closed out the event hosted by Northwestern in Evanston, Ill.

The dual began at 125 where Penn State did not have any competitors cleared to compete this weekend. Northwestern's No. 8 Michael DeAugustino picked up the forfeit victory to give the Wildcats a 6-0 lead out of the gates. Junior Roman Bravo-Young (Tucson, Ariz.), ranked No. 3 at 133, dominated Dylan Utterback. Bravo-Young rolled up seven takedowns in the first two periods before pinning Utterback at the 3:48 mark. Senior Nick Lee (Evansville, Ind.), ranked No. 2 at 141, posted a 12-2 major over Northwestern's Maxx Mayfield and the Nittany Lions led 13-9 at the dual's midway point.

Freshman Terrell Barraclough (Kaysville, Utah) made his Penn State dual debut and took on No. 20 Yahya Thomas. Barraclough battled the ranked Wildcat for the full seven minutes but dropped a tough 3-2 decision. Junior Brady Berge (Mantorville, Minn.), ranked No. 11 at 157, posted a 12-7 win over Northwestern's Maxx Mayfield and the Nittany Lions led 13-9 at the dual's midway point.

Freshman Joe Lee (Evansville, Ind.), ranked No. 6 at 165, posted a tough 8-7 win over Wildcat David Ferrante to put the Lions up 16-9. Freshman Carter Starocci (Erie, Pa.), ranked No. 5 at 174, rebounded from an upset loss earlier in the day to post a 4-1 victory over Troy Fisher. Starocci went 2-1 on the day, including a win in extra matches against Indiana. Sophomore Aaron Brooks (Hagerstown, Md.), ranked No. 3 at 184, controlled the action from start to finish in a win over NU's Jack Jessen. Brooks posted a 21-6 tech fall at the 7:00 mark to put the Lions up 24-9.

With No. 13 Michael Beard (Pottstown, Pa.) not cleared to compete this weekend at 197, Donovan Ball (New Cumberland, Pa.) got the call against Northwestern for his Lion dual debut. Ball battled No. 11 Lucas Davison but dropped a 12-3 major to the ranked Wildcat. Sophomore Seth Nevills (Clovis, Calif.) followed up a pin against Indiana with another dominant showing, this time rolling up 10 takedowns in a 24-9 tech fall victory over Brendan Devine at the 4:58 mark.

Penn State posted a lopsided 35-8 advantage in takedowns. The Nittany Lions won seven of the ten bouts. Penn State picked up eight bonus points off a pin (Bravo-Young), two tech falls (Brooks, Nevills) and a major (Nick Lee).

Nine extra matches were conducted during the dual meet. This year, with condensed schedules, these extra matches, while not counting towards dual meet scores, are official varsity bouts and count towards NCAA competition minimums. True freshman Beau Bartlett (Tempe, Ariz.) went 2-0 with two decisions at 141; Creighton Edsell (Wyalusing, Pa.) picked up two victories, both decisions at 174; Konner Kraeszig (Louisville, Ky.) grabbed a major at 165; Luke Gardner (Pottsville, Pa.) won by tech fall in his bout at 149; Jarod Verkleeren (Greensburg, Pa.) lost by default at 149; Bo Pipher (Paonia, Colo.) lost his match at 149; and Brandon Meredith (Limerick, Pa.) moved up to 141 and lost by major decision.

### DUAL MEET BOUT-BY-BOUT:

125: Northwestern's Matt Vinci won by forfeit as Penn State did not have any 125-pounders cleared to compete this weekend.

133: Junior Roman Bravo-Young (Tucson, Ariz.), ranked No. 3 at 133, took Dylan Utterback. Bravo-Young battled Utterback evenly for the first minute-plus. The Lion junior rolled through a low single and took a 2-1 lead with a takedown and cut at the 1:10 mark. He quickly added a second takedown and led 4-1 with :50 left in the opening period. He picked up a third and fourth takedown in a span of :30 and led 8-4 with :20 left in the period. Bravo-Young added one late takedown and led 10-4 after the opening stanza. Utterback chose down to start the second period, escaped and was immediately taken down by Bravo-Young. He added another quick takedown and then finished the match off with a pin at the 3:48 mark.

141: Senior Nick Lee (Evansville, Ind.), ranked No. 2 at 141, met Frankie Tal-Shahar. Lee and Tal-Shahar stayed neutral for the first minute until Lee used a textbook low single to take a 2-0 lead with 1:50 on the clock. Tal-Shahar escaped to a 2-1 score and action resumed in the middle of the mat. Lee forced Tal-Shahar into a stall warning at the :14 mark and carried a 2-1 lead into the second period. Lee chose down to start the second period and quickly escaped to a 3-1 lead. Lee continued to press on offense, forcing Tal-Shahar into defense, picking up a stall point at the 1:10 mark. Lee worked a low shot into a takedown and a 6-1 lead with :55 left in the middle stanza. Lee picked up another stall point and led 7-1 with 1:12 in riding time after two periods. Tal-Shahar chose down to start the third period and Lee controlled the action

from the top position. Tal-Shahar was able to escape at the :58 mark but Lee had riding time. Lee picked up two points on stalls and then added a final takedown and riding time to roll to the 12-2 major decision.

149: Freshman Terrell Barraclough (Kaysville, Utah) battled No. 20 Yahya Thomas at 149. Thomas and Barraclough battled evenly for the bulk of the opening period. Thomas lifted Barraclough off the mat for a takedown with late in the period to lead 2-0. Barraclough escaped to cut the lead to 2-1 and trailed by one after the opening period. Thomas chose down to start the third period and quickly escaped to a 3-1 lead. Barraclough battled the ranked Wildcat on his feet for the next minute-plus, looking for an opening. The Lion got hit for a first stall warning at the :10 mark and trailed 3-1 after two periods. Barraclough chose down to start the third period and escaped to a 3-2 score. The Lion freshman worked for a go-ahead takedown but could not break through Thomas' defense and dropped a hard-fought 3-2 decision to the ranked Wildcat.

157: Junior Brady Berge (Mantorville, Minn.), ranked No. 11 at 157, met Maxx Mayfield of Northwestern. Berge notched a quick takedown and cut Mayfield loose to lead 2-1 a minute into the bout. The Lion then worked through another short scramble for a second takedown and a 4-1 lead with 1:25 on the clock. Berge then controlled the action in order to build his riding time edge up over 1:00. Berge kept Mayfield down to the :40 mark before the Wildcat escaped. Berge led 4-2 after the opening period and chose down to start the second. Berge quickly escaped and then turned into Mayfield for another takedown and a 7-3 lead. Berge picked up a fourth takedown to up his lead to 9-3 with :50 on the clock, cut Mayfield and finished off the period with a final takedown to lead 11-4 with 1:56 in riding time after two periods. Mayfield chose down to start the third period and escaped to an 11-5 score. With riding time clinched, Berge began looking for bonus points. The Lion junior fought off a solid Mayfield shot at the :15 mark and tried to roll through for a counter takedown but the Wildcat was able to get the takedown. Berge posted the 12-7 win with 1:56 in riding time.

165: Freshman Joe Lee (Evansville, Ind.), ranked No. 6 at 165, took on David Ferrante. Lee notched a takedown just :30 into the bout and opened up a 2-0 lead. Lee worked for over 1:00, looking for a turn but picked up a stall in the process of trying to turn him. Lee continued to work from the offensive position but Ferrante reversed the Lion. Lee immediately reversed Ferrante and picked up a penalty point as the period wound down to lead 5-3 with 2:13 in riding time after one. Ferrante chose down to start the second period and quickly took Lee down to tie the bout a 5-5 at the 1:20 mark. Ferrante controlled the action from the top position and killed Lee's riding time advantage, then picked up a stall point and led 6-5 after two periods. Lee chose neutral to start the third period. Ferrante shot low on a single leg and Lee countered to nearly score with 1:40 left. Ferrante seemed to fight off the counter but Lee continued to work and got the go-ahead takedown with 1:05 left to lead 7-6. Lee then worked his riding time edge back up over 1:00 with a strong ride. Ferrante escaped to a 7-7 score at the :20 mark. Lee used 1:38 in riding time to post an 8-7 victory.

174: Freshman Carter Starocci (Erie, Pa.), ranked No. 5 at 174, took on Northwestern's Troy Fisher. The duo battled evenly for the opening minute-plus with neither man finding a solid opening to score. As the clock moved to the midway point of the opening period, Starocci got in on a high single at the 1:00 mark and worked his way into a takedown opportunity. But Fisher was able to force a stalemate and the bout moved to the second period scoreless. Starocci chose down to start the second period and quickly escaped to a 1-0 lead. Starocci notched a takedown with :55 left and took a 3-0 lead and then, while giving up a stall warning, maintained control of Fisher for the remainder of the period to lead 3-0 with 1:04 in riding time. Fisher chose down to start the third period and escaped to a 3-1 score but Starocci still had 1:24 in riding time. Starocci and Fisher battled evenly for the next minute-plus but Starocci had his riding time point clinched. The Lion finished the bout in neutral and, with 1:24 in time, posted a 4-1 win.

184: Sophomore Aaron Brooks (Hagerstown, Md.), ranked No. 3 at 184, met Jack Jessen. Brooks went to work quickly on offense, taking Jessen down twice in just a minute to open up a 4-1 lead. Brooks cut Jessen loose a second time at the 1:40 mark and then worked into a low shot and scramble that nearly ended in another takedown. While Jessen fought off that move, Brooks quickly took him down off the reset and led 6-2 at the :45 mark. Brooks rode Jessen out to lead 6-2 with 1:50 riding time after one. Jessen chose down to start the second period and Brooks cut him loose to a 6-3 lead. Brooks quickly added a fourth takedown and led 8-3 with 1:05 on the clock. Brooks added one more takedown and rode Jessen out to lead 10-4 with 3:09 in time after two. Brooks chose neutral to start the third period and quickly took Jessen down for a 12-4 lead. With a riding time point clinched, Brooks rolled Jessen over to his back, picked up the four count and reset for a 16-4 lead. Brooks then added another two-point turn. He cut Jessen loose, took him down and finished on top. With a rideout and 4:34 in riding time, Brooks picked up the 21-6 technical fall at the 7:00 mark.

197: Donovan Ball (New Cumberland, Pa.) made his Penn State dual debut and took on No. 11 Lucas Davison at 197. Davison picked up a quick takedown to open up an early 2-0 lead on Ball. The Lion freshman escaped to a 2-1 score. Davison grabbed a second takedown and led 4-1 with :45 on the clock. Davison was able to maintain control of Ball for the remainder of the period after the second takedown and led 4-1 with 1:36 in riding time after one. Davison chose down to start the second period, quickly escaped and then took Ball down to lead 7-1 with 1:30 on the clock. Davison kept control of the Lion freshman until the 1:00 mark. Ball forced a scramble that nearly ended in a takedown but Davison fought off the move and force a stalemate with :30 on the clock. Ball got in on a low single but Davison countered for another takedown and led 9-2 after two. Ball chose down to start the third period and quickly escaped to a 9-3 deficit. Ball worked the edge of the mat for his first takedown but Davison was able to hold off his efforts as the clock hit 1:00. Davison notched a fifth takedown to open up an 11-3 lead with :47 left. Davison rode Ball out and, with 3:18 in riding time, posted the 12-3 major.

285: Sophomore Seth Nevills (Clovis, Calif.) battled Brendan Devine at 285. Nevills took Devine down quickly for a fast 2-0 lead. The Lion sophomore then dominated action on top, looking for a chance to turn Devine for another pin. Nevills picked up four nearfall points and opened up a 6-1 lead after cutting Devine loose. He then took Devine down again and led 8-2. A third takedown gave Nevills a 10-3 lead after another Devine escape. Nevills added three more takedowns in the final :40 and led 16-5 after one period. Devine chose down to start the second period and Nevills cut him loose. Nevills quickly took Devine down, cut him loose, took him down and cut him loose once more to lead 20-8 with 1:05 left. He added another takedown at the :45 mark. He added another takedown and cut, then finished the bout off with a final takedown at the :02 mark to post a 24-9 technical fall at the 4:58 mark.





### #3 PENN STATE 34, WISCONSIN 6

Tuesday, Feb. 2, 2021 -- Madison, Wis.

125: Eric Barnett WIS win by forfeit	0-6
133: #3 Roman Bravo-Young PSU dec. Kyle Burwick WIS	3-6
141: #2 Nick Lee PSU tech fall Trey Escobar WIS, 16-1 (TF; 3:00)	8-6
149: Luke Gardner PSU dec. Drew Scharenbrock WIS, 7-5 (sv)	11-6
157: #9 Brady Berge PSU maj. dec. Garrett Model WIS, 12-4	15-6
165: #6 Joe Lee PSU maj. dec. Patrick Spray WIS, 12-3	19-6
174: #8 Carter Starocci PSU dec. Jared Krattiger WIS, 5-3	22-6
184: #3 Aaron Brooks PSU maj. dec. #10 Chris Weiler WIS, 13-3	26-6
197: #13 Michael Beard PSU tech fall Andrew Salemme WIS, 18-2 (TF; 4:43)	31-6
285: #8 Seth Nevills PSU dec. Peter Christensen WIS, 4-3	34-6

#### Extra Matches:

- 141: Beau Bartlett PSU dec. Dominic Dentino WIS, 13-6
- 149: Terrell Barraclough PSU dec. Dan Stilling WIS, 8-3
- 149: Bo Pipher PSU dec. Aiden Medora WIS, 7-0
- 174: Creighton Edsell PSU maj. dec. Seth Vosters WIS, 12-2

The Penn State Nittany Lions (3-0, 3-0 B1G), ranked No. 3 in the latest InterMat Tournament Power Index, took care of homestanding Wisconsin (1-4, 1-4) in their third straight road dual in a five-day Big Ten road swing. Head coach Cael Sanderson's squad won all nine contested bouts on its way to a lopsided 34-6 victory over the Badgers in Madison. The dual meet was originally scheduled for this coming weekend as part of a tri-meet at Michigan. But the Wolverines have paused all athletic activities, postponing the event in Ann Arbor. With Penn State already in Chicago having won two duals in a tri-meet at Northwestern, the team trekked to Madison for today's rescheduled dual.

The dual began at 125, where Wisconsin's Eric Barnett won by forfeit as Penn State had no 125-pounders cleared to wrestle during its five-day swing through the Midwest. Nittany Lion Roman Bravo-Young (Tucson, Ariz.), ranked No. 3 at 133, put Penn State on the board with an 11-6 decision over Wisconsin's Kyle Burwick. Senior Nick Lee (Evansville, Pa), ranked No. 2 at 141, then put Penn State up for good with a 16-1 first period tech fall (3:00) over UW's Trey Escobar, giving the Lions an 8-6 lead.

Senior Luke Gardner (Pottsville, Pa.) got the call at 149 for Penn State and used a quick takedown in extra time to post a thrilling 7-5 (sv) win over Wisconsin's Drew Scharenbrock. Junior Brady Berge (Mantorville, Minn.), ranked No. 9 at 157, dominated Wisconsin's Garrett Model and rolled to a 12-4 major with 1:22 in riding time. Berge's major put Penn State up 15-6 at the midway point of the dual meet.

Freshman Joe Lee (Evansville, Ind.), ranked No. 6 at 165, continued Penn State's dominance in the next bout, rolling to a 12-3 major over Patrick Spray. Freshman Carter Starocci (Erie, Pa.), ranked No. 8 at 174, grabbed his third win of the season with a 5-3 victory over Wisconsin's Jared Krattiger. Sophomore Aaron Brooks (Hagerstown, Md.), ranked No. 3 at 184, met No. 10 Chris Weiler in the dual's marquee match-up and rolled over the Badger. Brooks tallied five takedowns in a 13-3 major with 1:56 in riding time and gave the Nittany Lions a 2-6-6 lead.

Freshman Michael Beard (Pottstown, Pa.), ranked No. 13 at 197, made his Penn State dual and collegiate debut and put on an offensive show. Beard used four takedowns and four nearfall turns to post an 18-2 technical fall at the 4:43 mark, giving Penn State a 31-6 lead. Sophomore Seth Nevills (Clovis, Calif.), ranked No. 8 at 285, closed out the dual with 4-3 win over Peter Christensen to finish off the Nittany Lions' 34-6 dual meet victory.

Penn State rolled up 30 takedowns in nine wrestled matches and gave up only three. The Lions picked up seven bonus points off two tech falls (Nick Lee, Beard) and three majors (Berge, Joe Lee, Brooks). Wisconsin's lone win was the forfeit victory at 125, netting three bonus points. Four extra matches were conducted during the dual meet on a separate mat. This year, with condensed schedules, these extra matches, while not counting towards dual meet scores, are official varsity bouts and count towards NCAA competition minimums. True freshman Beau Bartlett (Tempe, Ariz.) downed Dominic Dentino at 141 in Penn State's first extra bout, winning 13-6 to stay unbeaten on the season. Freshman Terrell Barraclough (Kaysville, Utah) posted a strong 8-3 win over Dan Stilling at 149 and senior Bo Pipher (Paonia, Colo.) dominated Aiden Medora in a 7-0 win with 3:00 in riding time. Sophomore Creighton Edsell (Wyalusing, Pa.) capped off Penn State's perfect extra-bout run with a 12-2 major over Wisconsin's Seth Vosters at 174. With the 4-0 run in extra bouts, Penn State won all 13 contested contests on the day.

#### DUAL MEET BOUT-BY-BOUT:

125: Penn State did not have a 125-pounder cleared to compete this weekend and Wisconsin's Eric Barnett won by forfeit.

133: Junior Roman Bravo-Young (Tucson, Ariz.), ranked No. 3 by InterMat, met Kyle Burwick. Bravo-Young opened up the scoring a minute into the bout with a takedown for an early 2-0 lead. The Lion junior dominated the first period, tallying three textbook takedowns on his way to a 6-3 lead after the opening stanza. He chose down to start the second period and quickly turned into a low single to take Burwick down once more for a 9-3 lead. Burwick managed an escape and then fought off a late Bravo-Young shot to keep the bout close after two. Bravo-Young led 9-4 after two. Burwick chose down to start the third period and quickly escaped to a 9-5 score. Bravo-Young then blew through a high shot for an 11-6 lead after cutting the Badger loose. The Lion forced a scramble that ended in a potentially dangerous situation. Burwick fought off Bravo-Young's final efforts and the Lion settled for a solid 11-6 win.

141: Senior Nick Lee (Evansville, Ind.), ranked No. 2 at 141, took on Wisconsin's Trey Escobar. Lee came out fast, taking Escobar down for an early 2-1 lead. He then picked up a quick second takedown and then turned Escobar for four nearfall to lead 8-1 at the 1:52 mark. Lee turned the Badger again for four more back points and opened up a 12-1 lead at the 1:27 mark. Lee used an arm bar to work Escobar one more time for four more back points to roll to a first period tech fall, winning 16-1 at the 3:00 mark.

149: Senior Luke Gardner (Pottsville, Pa.) took on Drew Scharenbrock at 149. Gardner opened up the action with a first period takedown. Scharenbrock was able to work his way to a quick escape and the action resumed in neutral. Gardner set the offensive tempo throughout the opening period but Scharenbrock was able to keep the Lion from scoring. Gardner shot low as the period ended and Scharenbrock was able to counter the move for a late takedown to lead 3-2 after the opening period. Gardner chose down to start

the second period and quickly escaped to a 3-3 tie. Gardner used a quick shot to take a 5-3 lead but Scharenbrock was able to escape with just :04 left in the period to trail 5-4 after two. Scharenbrock chose down to start the third period and quickly escaped to a 5-5 tie. Gardner took a low single that forced a scramble which ended in a stalemate with 1:07 on the clock. Gardner took another shot at the :25 mark that Scharenbrock countered, forcing a scramble that nearly ended in a takedown for each wrestler but the clock ran out and the bout moved to sudden victory. Gardner wasted no time, shooting low on the Badger and getting a quick takedown just seconds into the sudden victory period to post the 7-5 (sv) win.

157: Junior Brady Berge (Mantorville, Minn.), ranked No. 9 at 157, took on Wisconsin's Garrett Model. The duo battled through an even ninety seconds with neither wrestler finding an opening to score. Berge looked to control the middle of the mat, fighting off two slight Model shots to keep the bout scoreless as the clock moved to the :45 mark. With the bout scoreless after one period, Berge chose down to start the second period and worked his way to an escape and a 1-0 lead. Berge used a low single work Model's leg up to his shoulder and finished off the takedown on the edge of the mat for a 3-0 lead. Model managed an escape at the :45 mark and Berge led 3-1. Berge stepped away from a Model shot, countered and moved behind the Badger and took Model down for another takedown and a 5-1 lead. 5-1, Model chose down to start the third period and quickly escaped to a 5-2 score. Berge quickly moved around the Badger for a third takedown and a 7-2 lead with 1:35 on the clock. Berge maintained control of Model to the 1:05 mark before he escaped to a 7-3 score but Berge quickly took him down again and led 9-4 with :50 left to wrestle. Berge added another takedown with :15 left and pushed his riding time over 1:00. The Lion finished on top and, with 1:22 in time, posted the 12-4 major.

165: Freshman Joe Lee (Evansville, Ind.), ranked No. 6 at 165, took on Patrick Spray. Joe Lee notched a takedown just :25 into the bout and led 2-1 early. Lee quickly took Spray down again and turned the Badger for two back points to open up a 6-1 lead with 1:51 on the clock. He cut Spray loose, fought off a slight Spray shot, countered the effort and rolled through another takedown to lead 8-2 with :50 left in the period. He turned Spray and rolled him for four back points to lead 12-2 with :45 left. Lee rode Spray out and carried that lead, with 1:52 in time, into the second period. After a neutral start to the second period, Lee and Spray battled through a scoreless minute. The duo wrestled the entire second period and neutral and Lee led 12-2 after two. Lee chose down to start the third period. Spray was able to control Lee for the entire period and picked up a stall point on the way. But Lee's big first period allowed the Lion to roll to the 12-3 major decision.

174: Freshman Carter Starocci (Erie, Pa.), ranked No. 8 at 174, met Wisconsin's Jared Krattiger. Starocci scored quickly, opening up a 2-1 lead in the bout's opening minute. The duo battled evenly for the next minute until Starocci got in on a high single, rolled through the Badger and forced a scramble that ended in a stalemate with :25 on the clock. Leading 2-1, Starocci chose down to start the second period. The Lion quickly escaped to a 3-1 lead and action resumed in neutral. Krattiger got hit with a stall warning but then quickly moved in behind Starocci for a takedown and a 3-3 tie. Starocci quickly escaped and upped his lead to 4-3 with :20 on the clock. Trailing 4-3, Krattiger chose down to start the third period. Starocci proceeded to dominate action from the top position, working offensive control as the clock moved down to the 1:00 mark. After action moved out of bounds at the :57 mark, Starocci needed :09 more riding time to move his riding time edge up over 1:00 and maintained control of Krattiger easily on the reset. The Nittany Lion freshman kept control of the Badger for the entire period and, with 1:48 in riding time, posted a strong 5-3 win.

184: Sophomore Aaron Brooks (Hagerstown, Md.), ranked No. 3 at 184, took on No. 10 Chris Weiler of Wisconsin in the dual's marquee match-up. Brooks wasted no time taking Weiler down for an early 2-0 lead. Weiler escaped with 2:35 on the clock to get to neutral. Brooks quickly worked into a near takedown but the action moved out of bounds and reset ensued with 1:55 on the clock. Brooks shot low and scored off the reset for a second takedown and led 4-2 at 1:30. He continued his first period dominance with a third takedown at the 1:25 mark to lead 6-3. Brooks picked up a fourth takedown before the period ended and led 8-3 after one with 1:40 in riding time. After a neutral start, Brooks controlled the middle of the mat and used a low shot that Weiler countered and nearly scored on. But action moved out of bounds and the action ensued in neutral with 1:06 left in the period. Brooks scored quickly off the reset and upped his lead to 10-3 while working his riding time up over 2:00. Brooks finished the period on top and led 10-3 with 2:27 in time after two. Brooks chose down to start the third period. He steadily worked his way to an escape :30 into the final period. Brooks finished the match with 1:56 in riding time and rolled to the 13-3 major.

197: Freshman Michael Beard (Pottstown, Pa.), ranked No. 13 nationally, made his Penn State dual meet debut against Wisconsin's Andrew Salemme. The Nittany Lion wasted no time showcasing his offense, taking Salemme down and cutting him loose for an early lead. He quickly added a second takedown and led 4-2 just over 1:00 into his first collegiate bout. Beard rolled through a low double and upped his lead to 6-2 with 1:25 left in the opening period. The Lion then locked Salemme up and rolled him for two back points to up his lead to 8-2 with :40 left on the clock. Beard finished the period off with a four-point turn and led 12-2 with 1:58 in time after one. Salemme chose neutral to start the second period. Beard countered a low shot and notched a takedown with 1:20 left to lead 14-2. Beard rolled Salemme over for two more points for a 16-2 lead, then turned him one more time to end the bout with an 18-2 tech fall at the 4:43 mark in the second period.

285: Sophomore Seth Nevills (Clovis, Calif.), ranked No. 8 at 285, took on Wisconsin's Peter Christensen. Nevills steadily worked his way to a first period takedown at the 1:55 mark to open up a 2-0 lead. Nevills controlled Christensen from the offensive position as he worked his riding time up over 1:00. The Lion sophomore continued to control the Badger for the rest of the period and led 2-0 with 1:54 in riding time after the opening period. Nevills chose down to start the second period. Christensen was able to keep offensive position deep into the second period, killing Nevills' riding time edge in the process. The Badger finished on top and Nevills led 2-0 after two. Christensen chose neutral to start the third period. Nevills quickly moved in on a low single and steadily worked his way into control of Christensen's feet for another takedown and a 4-0 lead with 1:10 on the clock. Nevills maintained control off Christensen to the :20 mark before the Badger escaped. Christensen finished the bout with a takedown but Nevills posted the 4-3 win.

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## #3 PENN STATE 18, #2 MICHIGAN 13 Sunday, February 14, 2021 -- Ann Arbor, Mich.

125: Robert Howard PSU dec. Jack Medley MICH, 6-5	3-0
133: #3 Roman Bravo-Young PSU dec. #8/125 Dylan Ragusin MICH, 9-2	6-0
141: #2 Nick Lee PSU dec. #20 Drew Mattin MICH, 10-4	9-0
149: #6 Kanen Storr MICH dec. Terrell Barraclough PSU, 4-3	9-3
157: #9 Brady Berge PSU dec. #8 Will Lewan MICH, 3-1	12-3
165: #16 Cameron Amine MICH dec. #6 Joe Lee PSU, 4-1	12-6
174: #8 Carter Starocci PSU dec. #2 Logan Massa MICH, 7-1 (TB)	15-6
184: #3 Aaron Brooks PSU dec. Jaden Bullock MICH, 10-5	18-6
197: #1/184 Myles Amine MICH dec. #14 Michael Beard PSU, 8-5	18-9
285: #2 Mason Parris MICH maj. dec. #7 Seth Nevills PSU, 12-2	18-13

### Extra Matches:

184: Donovan Ball PSU maj. dec. Bobby Striggow MICH, 12-4
149: Beau Bartlett PSU dec. Cole Mattin MICH, 8-4
157: Nick Lombard MICH dec. Luke Gardner PSU, 6-4 (sv)
165: Reece Hughes MICH dec. Konner Kraeszig PSU, 5-2
174: Creighton Edsell PSU dec. Max Maylor MICH, 4-3

The Penn State Nittany Lions (4-0, 4-0 B1G), ranked No. 3 in the latest InterMat Tournament Power Index, took down No. 2 Michigan (4-1, 4-1 B1G) for another Big Ten road win. The Nittany Lions won 18-13 in a dual meet rescheduled from Feb. 7. All team and individual rankings listed are InterMat (2/9/21). By virtue of the dual meet win, Penn State head coach Cael Sanderson grabbed his 200th dual meet victory as a collegiate head coach. Sanderson is now 200-26-2 overall in this, his 15th season as head coach, including a 44-10 mark in three years at Iowa State. He is 156-16-2 in this, his 12th season at Penn State. Sanderson is also 86-11-1 in Big Ten dual meets. Freshman Carter Starocci (Erie, Pa.) notched a key win at 174 in the tightly contested dual meet and true freshman Robert Howard (Cranford, N.J.) made his collegiate debut, winning at 125.

Howard made his Penn State debut at 125 picked up an impressive win in his first bout. Howard used takedowns in the first and second periods to post a 6-5 win over Michigan's Jack Medley in the dual's opening bout. Junior Roman Bravo-Young (Tucson, Ariz.), ranked No. 3 at 133, dominated Dylan Ragusin, who was ranked No. 8 at 125. Bravo-Young used three takedowns and 2:15 in riding time to roll to a 9-2 win and put Penn State up 6-0. Senior Nick Lee (Evansville, Ind.), ranked No. 2 at 141, controlled No. 20 Drew Mattin from start to finish in a marquee bout at 141. Lee controlled the entirety of the bout, posting two first period takedowns and a third period takedown to post a 10-4 victory with 2:25 in riding time. Redshirt freshman Terrell Barraclough (Kaysville, Utah) took to the mat a 149 and nearly posted an upset victory over No. 6 Kanen Storr. Barraclough battled back from an early deficit but lost a tough 4-3 decision to the ranked Wolverine. Junior Brady Berge (Mantorville, Minn.), ranked No. 9 at 157, took on No. 8 Will Lewan next and used a strong takedown in the third period to post an important 3-1 victory. Berge's win gave Penn State a 12-3 lead at the dual's midpoint.

Freshman Joe Lee (Evansville, Ind.), ranked No. 6 at 165, suffered a 4-1 upset loss to No. 16 Cameron Amine in the second half's opening bout. Amine used a third period reversal to grab the win. Freshman Starocci, ranked No. 8 at 174, had the statement win of the dual, taking down No. 2 Logan Massa in a marquee match at 174. The freshman battled the veteran evenly taking the bout to sudden victory tied 1-1. After a scoreless extra stanza, Massa chose down in his tie-breaker period and Starocci turned the Wolverine for four back points and posted the thrilling 7-1 (tb) win. Sophomore Aaron Brooks (Hagerstown, Md.), ranked No. 3 at 184, kept Penn State rolling and essentially clinched the dual with a strong 10-5 victory over Michigan's Jaden Bullock. Brooks' win put Penn State up 18-6. Freshman Michael Beard (Pottstown, Pa.), ranked No. 14 at 197, battled No. 1 (at 184) Myles Amine tough throughout his bout with the veteran Wolverine but lost a tough 8-5 decision. Sophomore Seth Nevills (Clovis, Calif.), ranked No. 7 at 285, took on No. 2 Mason Parris in the dual's final bout and dropped a tough 12-2 major to the ranked Wolverine. Michigan closed out the dual with two victories but Penn State rolled to the 18-13 win to remain unbeaten on the year.

Penn State was able to work its way to a slim 12-11 edge in takedowns. The Lions won six of ten bouts and Michigan picked up the dual's lone bonus point on Parris' major at 285. Five extra matches were conducted during the dual meet on a separate mat. This year, with condensed schedules, these extra matches, while not counting towards dual meet scores, are official varsity bouts and count towards NCAA competition minimums. Freshman Donovan Ball (New Cumberland, Pa.) picked up a win at 184 in Penn State's first extra bout, posting a 12-4 major over Bobby Striggow. True freshman Beau Bartlett moved up to 149 for extras and rolled over Cole Mattin in an 8-4 win for the Lion rookie. Senior Luke Gardner (Pottsville, Pa.) moved up to 157 and lost a close 6-4 (sv) decision to Nick Lombard. Nittany Lion sophomore Konner Kraeszig (Louisville, Ky.) fell 5-2 to UM's Reece Hughes in a bout at 165 and Creighton Edsell (Wyalusing, Pa.) posted a 4-3 win at 174 over Max Maylor in the final extra bout of the day.

### DUAL MEET BOUT-BY-BOUT:

125: True freshman Robert Howard (Cranford, N.J.) against Michigan's Jack Medley. The duo battled evenly for over a minute with action remaining neutral throughout. Medley worked his way into control of Howard's shoulders at the 1:45 mark but the Lion freshman was able to stand firm and force a reset midway through the period. Howard connected on a low single off the rest and worked his way into a takedown and 2-0 lead with 1:00 left on the clock. He was able to maintain control on offense for nearly :30 before Medley escaped to a 2-1 score. Howard used a fast, low ankle pick to force a late scramble but time ran out and Howard settled for a 2-1 lead after one. Medley chose down to start the second period and quickly escaped to a 2-2 tie. Howard fought off a slight Medley shot and action moved out of bounds with 1:10 left in the middle period. Howard deftly ducked under a shot with :45 left and notched his second takedown to up his lead to 4-1. He maintained control until the :05 mark and led 4-3 after two with 1:15 in riding time. Howard chose down to start the third period and escaped with 1:38 left on the clock, taking a 5-3 lead. Medley countered with his first takedown and Howard quickly escaped to lead 6-5 with 1:10 left in the bout. Howard fought off a strong Medley shot to work the clock down to the :30 mark, picking up a stall with :27 left in the bout. Howard took a high single with :18 left that forced a scramble. The move effectively killed the clock and Howard posted a hard-fought 6-5 win in his collegiate debut.

133: Junior Roman Bravo-Young (Tucson, Ariz.), ranked No. 3 at 133, took on Michigan's Dylan Ragusin, who is ranked No. 8 at 125. Bravo-Young controlled the center of the mat from the onset, controlling the tempo as the clock moved to the 1:45 mark. Ragusin took a slight shot at 1:30 but Bravo-Young quickly locked up action and a reset ensued. Bravo-Young used a low shot to gain control of Ragusin's leg but the Wolverine scrambled out of bounds the action resumed in neutral with :45 left in the period. Bravo-Young picked up a late takedown to lead 2-0 after the opening stanza. Ragusin chose down to start the second period and Bravo-Young controlled the Wolverine for over 1:00, building up a 1:00-plus riding time advantage. The Lion junior maintained his top position for the entirety of the second stanza and carried a 2-0 lead with 2:09 in time into the third period. Bravo-Young chose down to start the third period and Ragusin immediately cut him loose to a 3-0 score. The Lion junior quickly took Ragusin down and cut him, then repeated the action to lead 7-2 with :45 left. Bravo-Young also grabbed a penalty point to lead 8-2. The Lion appeared to close out the bout with a takedown on the edge of the mat that would have given him a major, but the move was not awarded and Bravo-Young settled for a strong 9-2 decision

with 2:17 in riding time.

141: Senior Nick Lee (Evansville, Ind.), ranked No. 2 at 141, met No. 20 Drew Mattin. Lee quickly took Mattin down in under :10 and led 2-1 early. Lee fought off a slight Mattin shot and moved in on offense, notching a second takedown with 1:50 left in the opening period. Lee locked up an arm bar, trying to turn Mattin for back points as the clock hit 1:00 but Mattin was able to work his way out of bounds for a reset. Lee worked his riding time up over 2:0 and then finished the period on top to lead 4-1 with 2:08 in time. Lee chose down to start the second period and steadily worked his way into a reversal and a 6-1 lead with 1:20 on the clock. Lee cut Mattin loose to lead 6-2 at the :50 mark. Lee pressed the action for the rest of the period but Mattin's defense held and Lee led 6-2 with 1:51 in time after two periods. Mattin chose down to start the third period. Lee maintained control long enough to clinch the riding time point before cutting Mattin loose to a 6-3 score. Lee picked up a stall point at the :50 mark. He added another takedown and cut with :15 left but Mattin was able to back away for the rest of the period, fighting off the bonus win. Lee notched a strong 10-4 win with 2:25 in riding time.

149: Redshirt freshman Terrell Barraclough (Kaysville, Utah) faced off against Michigan's Kanen Storr, ranked No. 6 in the bout at 149. Storr worked his way in on a low shot with 2:25 left in the period, turning into the move for a first takedown and a 2-1 lead with 2:02 on the clock. The ranked Wolverine picked up a second takedown with 1:15 left and led 4-2 with 1:00 left in the opening period. Barraclough took a shot that Storr was able to fight off and the bout moved to the :30 mark. Barraclough fought off a late shot and trailed 4-2 after one. Storr chose down to start the second period and controlled the action for over a minute. The Lion freshman continued a strong ride, long enough to build up over 1:00 in riding time for himself. Barraclough finished the period with a rideout and trailed 4-2 but had 1:35 in time after two. Barraclough chose down to start the third period but Storr was able to maintain control long enough to kill the Lion's time advantage as the clock hit 1:20. Barraclough escaped to a 4-3 deficit with :50 left in the bout. The Lion pressed Storr back towards the outside circle, looking for a chance to score. The ranked Wolverine was able to play defense for the remainder of the period and Barraclough dropped a hard-fought 4-3 decision.

157: Junior Brady Berge (Mantorville, Minn.), ranked No. 9 at 157, met No. 8 Will Lewan in another top-ten showdown. Lewan took a quick shot at the 2:30 mark but Berge moved aside the effort and the bout continued in neutral with the clock moving to 2:00. Neither wrestler was able to find an offensive opening for the next minute-plus as the first period ended in a 0-0 tie. Lewan chose down to start the second period and quickly escaped to a 1-0 lead. Berge nearly connected on a low shot but Lewan was able to slide back to maintain his one-point lead. Berge paced the center of the mat, taking a number of quick low shots that did not connect. The Lion junior trailed 1-0 after two periods. He chose down to start the third stanza and quickly escaped to a 1-1 tie. Brady nearly countered a Lewan shot for a takedown but the Wolverine slipped out of Berge's grasp and the bout continued tied 1-1 with 1:10 left. Berge used a low shot to control Lewan's ankle, lifted his leg up and finished off the takedown to take a 3-1 lead with :30 on the clock. Berge finished the match on top and posted the strong 3-1 win over Lewan.

165: Freshman Joe Lee (Evansville, Ind.), ranked No. 6 at 165, battled No. 16 Cameron Amine. Lee and Amine battled evenly at the onset, working the middle of the mat for the first minute before Amine locked Lee up at the chest and nearly took the Lion down for an early lead. Lee fought through the move and action continued 0-0 at the 1:30 mark. Lee looked to control the center of the mat for the rest of the period and neither wrestler found any offense for the rest of the time. Tied 0-0, Amine chose down to start the second period and quickly escaped to a 1-0 lead. Lee fought off a strong Amine shot, then fought off another Amine shot with :50 left on the clock. Michigan challenged the latter, seeking to overturn the no call. The call was confirmed, no takedown awarded, and Lee trailed 1-0 with :45 on the clock. Down 1-0, Lee chose down to start the third period. Amine controlled the Lion freshman for over 1:00 and worked his riding time advantage up over 1:00 in the process. Amine turned Lee for two back points and clinched his riding time before Lee scrambled to an escape with :20 left in the bout. Amine posted the 4-1 win with the riding time point for Michigan's second win of the dual.

174: Freshman Carter Starocci (Erie, Pa.), ranked No. 8 at 174, squared off against No. 2 Logan Massa in another top bout. Starocci connected on a quick shot that nearly ended in a takedown, but Massa was able to fight the move to a stalemate with 2:10 on the clock. Starocci fought off a Massa front headlock as the clock hit :30 and action continued in neutral tied 0-0. Massa worked a low single into a potential scoring position but Starocci worked his way back to his feet and kept the bout scoreless with :30 on the clock. Starocci took a slight shot that Massa pushed back on and the bout moved to the second period tied 0-0. Starocci chose down to start the second period. Massa maintained offensive control for over 1:00 before Starocci escaped to a 1-0 lead with :55 on the clock. The duo battled evenly in the middle of the mat as the clock hit :30. Trailing 1-0, Massa chose down to start the third period and escaped to a 1-1 tie. Starocci was able to work the riding time edge down below 1:00 with the short ride. Starocci took a slight low shot at the :45 mark but Massa was able to step away from the move as the clock hit the :40 mark. Neither wrestler threatened for the remainder of the period and the bout moved to sudden victory. Starocci took a slight shot at the :15 mark but Massa was able to counter and kill the move to close out the extra period. Still tied 1-1, Massa chose down for his tie-breaker period and Starocci took advantage. The Lion used his legs and strength to turn Massa to his back for four nearfall points, finished on top and led 5-1. He chose down for his tie-breaker and picked up a quick penalty point on an illegal hold. Starocci then escaped to close out the tie-breaker period and posted a thrilling 7-1 (tb) win over second-ranked Massa.

184: Sophomore Aaron Brooks (Hagerstown, Md.), ranked No. 3 at 184, battled Michigan's Jaden Bullock. Brooks countered two quick Bullock shots and kept the bout scoreless as the clock slid to the 2:08 mark. The duo battled evenly for the next minute until Brooks used a fast high double to connect on a takedown on the edge of the mat with 1:02 on the clock. Leading 2-0, Brooks kept control for nearly :20 before Bullock escaped to a 2-1 score. He added a second takedown late in the period to lead 4-1 with :39 in riding time after the opening period. The Lion sophomore chose down to start the second period. He worked his way to a reversal and picked up a stall warning in the process. Bullock escaped and then got in on a single leg, but Brooks forced a stalemate at the :48 mark. Brooks took an 8-2 lead late with a third takedown and carried that lead, with 1:01 in time, into the third period. Bullock chose down to start the third period and escaped to an 8-3 score. Bullock picked up a takedown and led 9-5 with :40 on the clock. Brooks finished off the bout with a low single that killed the clock. He picked up a point on 1:01 in riding time and posted the 10-5 victory.

197: Freshman Michael Beard (Pottstown, Pa.), ranked No. 14 at 197, faced off against Wolverine Myles Amine, who entered the weekend ranked No. 1 in the nation at 184. The duo battled evenly for over a minute before Beard countered a slight Amine shot to gain control of the Wolverine's leg. Beard worked for a takedown for nearly a minute before Amine was able to counter Beard himself for a takedown on the edge of the mat. Beard escaped to a 2-1 deficit with :50 on the clock. Trailing 2-1, Beard chose down to start the second period. He escaped to a 2-2 tie with 1:30 on the clock and quickly turned in on offense. Beard slid down on a low shot and nearly connected but Amine countered once more for a second takedown and 4-2 lead. Beard escaped to a 4-3 score and the bout moved to the third period. Amine chose down to start the third period and escaped to a 5-3 lead at the 1:30 mark. Amine picked up a third takedown on a solid shot to up his lead to 7-3 with :50 on the clock. Beard picked up a penalty point and an escape over the last :40 but dropped a tough 8-5 decision.

285: Sophomore Seth Nevills (Clovis, Calif.), ranked No. 7 at 285, met No. 2 Mason Parris in a battle of ranked big men. The duo worked the middle of the mat evenly for the first minute. Parris finished off a takedown with 1:53 on the clock to open up a 2-0 lead. Nevills took an injury timeout and Parris chose down on the reset. The Wolverine big man worked his way to a reversal and a 4-0 lead with 1:10 on the clock. Parris took a 6-1 lead with :40 on the clock and ended the period with a rideout to lead 6-1 after the first period. Nevills chose down to start the second period and escaped to a 6-2 score. Parris worked his way through for another takedown and upped his lead to 8-2. Parris chose down to start the third period and quickly escaped to a 9-2 lead. He added another takedown to lead 11-2 and clinched his riding time point in the process. Parris finished the bout on top and, with riding time, notched the 12-2 major decision.





### #3 PENN STATE 28, #11 OHIO STATE 12 Friday, Feb. 19, 2021 -- Columbus, Ohio

125: #10 Malik Heinselman OSU dec. Robert Howard PSU, 5-2	0-3
133: #3 Roman Bravo-Young PSU tech fall Jordan Decatur OSU, 26-8 (TF; 5:37)	5-3
141: #2 Nick Lee PSU maj. dec. Dylan D'Emilio OSU, 15-3	9-3
149: #2 Sammy Sasso OSU dec. Beau Bartlett PSU, 5-3	9-6
157: #8 Brady Berge PSU dec. Elijah Cleary OSU, 3-1	12-6
165: #10 Ethan Smith OSU pinned #14 Joe Lee PSU, WBF (2:34)	12-12
174: #5 Carter Starocci PSU dec. #2 Kaleb Romero OSU, 2-1 (tb)	15-12
184: #2 Aaron Brooks PSU maj. dec. #20 Rocky Jordan OSU, 13-4	19-12
197: #16 Michael Beard PSU pinned Gavin Hoffman OSU, WBF (1:20)	25-12
285: #8 Seth Nevills PSU dec. #16 Tate Omdorff OSU, 3-2	28-12

Records: Penn State (5-0, 5-0 B1G); Ohio State (5-4, 5-4 B1G)  
Up Next for Penn State: at Ohio State, Friday, Feb. 19, time TBA (B1G Network)

#### Extra Matches: None

The Penn State Nittany Lions (5-0, 5-0 B1G), ranked No. 3 in the latest InterMat Tournament Power Index, won seven of ten bouts to win handily at No. 11 Ohio State (5-4, 5-4 B1G), the team's fifth-straight conference dual away from home. Head coach Cael Sanderson's squad broke the dual meet open in the second half to roll to a 28-12 victory in Columbus. All team and individual rankings listed are InterMat (2/16/21). Penn State picked up ranked victories at 174, 184 and 285 to take down the Buckeyes. The young Nittany Lions featured a line-up that included five freshmen (two true) and two sophomores, a total of seven underclassmen.

The dual began at 125 where true freshman Robert Howard (Cranford, N.J.) took on No. 10 Malik Heinselman. The Lion freshman battled the Ohio State veteran tough but lost 5-2 in the dual's opening bout. Junior Roman Bravo-Young (Tucson, Ariz.), ranked No. 3 at 133, put on an offensive show in his match-up. Bravo-Young turned a 6-2 lead into an 18-6 lead with a furious second period that included four takedowns and a reversal. He ended the match with four back points to post a 26-8 technical fall at the 5:37 mark over Ohio State's Jordan Decatur. Senior Nick Lee (Evansville, Ind.), ranked No. 2 at 141, put Penn State up 9-3 with a dominant 15-3 major over OSU's Dylan D'Emilio. The Lion senior tallied five takedowns in the win. True freshman Beau Bartlett (Tempe, Ariz.) made his Penn State dual debut up at 149, taking on No. 2 Sammy Sasso. Bartlett took an early lead with the bout's first takedown but Sasso came back for the hard-fought 5-3 win to cut Penn State's lead to 9-6. Junior Brady Berge (Mantorville, Minn.), ranked No. 8 at 157, turned a late takedown into a 3-1 win over Ohio State's Elijah Cleary. Berge's win gave the Nittany Lions a 12-6 lead at halftime.

Freshman Joe Lee (Evansville, Ind.), ranked No. 14 at 165, notched his bout's first takedown against No. 10 Ethan Smith but suffered a reversal and was pinned at the 2:34 mark. Smith's win briefly tied the dual at 12-12. Penn State won out. Sophomore Aaron Brooks (Hagerstown, Md.), ranked No. 2 at 184, controlled No. 20 Rocky Jordan for seven minutes in his bout. Brooks broke open a close 2-1 bout with a six-point second period, on his way to a 13-4 major. Freshman Michael Beard (Pottstown, Pa.), ranked No. 16 at 197, clinched the Penn State win. Beard turned a shot into a scramble against Gavin Hoffman into a takedown :30 into the first period. He then turned the Buckeye to his back and, after a minute's worth of work, picked up the first period pin at the 1:20 mark to put Penn State up 25-12. Sophomore Seth Nevills (Clovis, Calif.), ranked No. 8 at 285, closed out the dual with Penn State's seventh win of the night. Nevills used a third period takedown to post a 3-2 victory over No. 16 Tate Omdorff and Penn State walked away with a 28-12 victory in Columbus.

The Nittany Lions allowed only three takedowns during the dual meet. Penn State rolled up a 24-3 advantage in takedowns. Sanderson's team picked up seven bonus points off a pin (Beard), a tech fall (Bravo-Young) and two majors (Nick Lee, Brooks). No extra matches were conducted during the dual meet on a separate mat. This year, with condensed schedules, these extra matches, while not counting towards dual meet scores, are official varsity bouts and count towards NCAA competition minimums.

#### DUAL MEET BOUT-BY-BOUT:

125: True freshman Robert Howard (Cranford, N.J.) took on Ohio State's Malik Heinselman, who was ranked No. 10 nationally at 125. The duo wrestled the first minute evenly, sparring in the center of the mat looking for a chance to move on offense. With the clock moving to the midway point of the opening period, each wrestler fought off an offensive push to keep the bout scoreless. Howard nearly connected on a throw with :50 left but Heinselman fought off the effort and the bout moved to the second period tied 0-0. Heinselman chose down to start the second period and quickly escaped to a 1-0 lead. Howard turned in on offense, shooting a number of times at Heinselman, but the Buckeye was equal on defense to maintain his lead with just under 1:00 left in the middle stanza. Heinselman connected on a late low shot to take da 3-0 lead into the third period. Howard chose down to start the third period and quickly escaped to a 3-1 score. Howard quickly shot low on the Buckeye but Heinselman was able to counter for a takedown and a 5-1 lead. Howard escaped with :50 on the clock to cut the lead to 5-2. But the young Nittany Lion could not break through Heinselman's defense and fell 5-2.

133: Junior Roman Bravo-Young (Tucson, Ariz.), ranked No. 3 at 133, took on Jordan Decatur. Bravo-Young quickly worked his way into control of Decatur's left ankle, trying to pull the Buckeye back on to the mat for a takedown. The Lion junior finished off the move for a 2-0 lead with 2:02 on the clock. Decatur escaped to a 2-1 score and quickly worked into a single leg that Bravo-Young deftly defended, forcing a stalemate with 1:14 left in the period. Bravo-Young took Decatur down on the edge of the mat to up his lead to 4-1 with :50 on the clock. He cut Decatur loose and added a third takedown on a double leg with :20 left. Bravo-Young finished off the period with a rideout and led 6-2 with 1:02 in time after one period. Bravo-Young chose down to start the second period. He scrambled his way into a reversal, picking up the two points plus a penalty point in the process. The flurry broke the bout open and the Lion junior rolled up four takedowns and a stall point to lead 18-6 with over 1:00 in riding time after two periods. Decatur chose down to start the third period, Bravo-Young cut him loose and quickly took him down again to up his lead to 20-7. Another cut and takedown gave the Lion a 22-8 lead with 1:35 on the clock. He then took Decatur down one final time and turned him for four back points to clinch the technical fall. Bravo-Young walked away with a 26-8 tech fall at the 5:37 mark.

141: Senior Nick Lee (Evansville, Ind.), ranked No. 2 at 141, met Dylan D'Emilio. Lee scored quickly, taking a 2-0 lead at the 2:05 mark to open up an early lead. Lee picked up a second takedown with 1:30 left to

wrestle in the opening period and led 4-1. He then put together a strong ride, turning D'Emilio for two back points to up his lead to 6-1. He finished with a rideout and led 6-1 after the opening period. Lee chose down to start the second period and quickly escaped. He then took D'Emilio down again and led 9-2 with 1:20 left in the period. The Lion senior picked up a fourth takedown with just under a minute left and led 11-2. With over 2:00 in riding time, Lee continued to control the action for the rest of the period and carried that nine-point lead into the third period with well over 2:00 in riding time. D'Emilio chose down to start the third period and escaped to an 11-3 score. Lee worked the center of the mat, fighting off a D'Emilio shot, countering and taking the Buckeye down to up his lead to 13-3 with :25 left in the bout. He picked up a stall point and a riding time point on nearly 2:47 in time to post the convincing 15-3 major decision.

149: True freshman Beau Bartlett, making his Penn State dual debut up at 149, faced off against No. 2 Sammy Sasso. Bartlett drew first blood, turning a fast low shot into a takedown and a 2-0 lead with 1:45 on the clock. Sasso escaped quickly to cut the Lion lead to 2-1 and action resumed in neutral. Bartlett worked to control the action in the middle of the mat, moving forward on offense. Sasso turned a high single into a takedown and rideout as the period ended to take a 3-2 lead into the second stanza. Sasso chose down to start the second period and escaped to a 4-2 lead. Bartlett continued to pace the center circle, trying to connect on offense but unable to break through Sasso's strong defense as the clock hit the :45 mark. The Lion freshman battled the Buckeye veteran evenly for the rest of the period and trailed 4-2 after two periods. Bartlett chose down to start the third period but could not break free of a strong Sasso ride as the time clicked below 1:00. Bartlett worked his way to his feet with :30 on the clock but Sasso was able to maintain control and finished the period on top. He tacked on a riding time point with 1:45 in time as well. Bartlett dropped a hard-fought 5-3 decision to the second-ranked Buckeye in his collegiate debut.

157: Junior Brady Berge (Mantorville, Minn.), ranked No. 8 at 157, took on Ohio State's Elijah Cleary. Berge worked on offense for the first minute-plus, nearly connected on a takedown on the edge of the mat. But Cleary worked his way out of bounds to keep the match scoreless, giving up a stall warning in the process. Berge battled Cleary evenly for the remainder of the period and the bout moved to the second stanza tied 0-0. Berge chose down to start the second period and quickly escaped to a 1-0 lead. The Lion junior worked on offense, forcing Cleary to the outside circle repeatedly but not finding a gap in the Buckeyes offense. The duo worked the center of the mat for the next :30 before Cleary gained control of Berge's left leg, trying to take the Lion down. But Berge fought off the effort and carried a 1-0 lead into the third period. Cleary chose down to start the third period. Berge worked the Buckeye down to the mat briefly but Cleary escaped at the 1:40 mark to tie the bout at 1-1. With 1:00 left in the bout, Berge once again gained control of Cleary's ankle on the edge of the mat but the Buckeye was able to move to the outside circle once more and this time a stalemate forced a reset with :30 to wrestle. Berge was undaunted, however, turning a low double into a takedown and a 3-1 win with just :08 left. The final takedown gave the Nittany Lion the two-point victory.

165: Freshman Joe Lee (Evansville, Ind.), ranked No. 14 at 165, met No. 10 Ethan Smith. Smith shot first, nearly connecting on a solid shot, but Lee countered and nearly scored himself before a dangerous hold stopped action at the 2:05 mark. Smith shot again low on the Lion freshman and Lee was injured on the move. While no takedown occurred, Smith chose down on the reset due to the injury time. Lee worked offensive control for :22 before Smith escaped to a 1-0 lead. Lee quickly moved in on offense and took a 2-1 lead. Smith turned the Lion for a reversal and then turned the Lion to his back for a pin at the 2:34 mark.

174: Freshman Carter Starocci (Erie, Pa.), ranked No. 5 at 174, battled No. 3 Kaleb Romero in one off the dual's marquee bouts. Starocci paced the middle of the mat, working on offense as he looked for an early score. The ranked grapplers battled evenly for the first two minutes with neither wrestler finding an opening. Starocci took a high shot with :40 left but Romero worked action out of bounds and the bout continued on a reset with a 0-0 score. Tied 0-0, Starocci chose down to start the second period and quickly escaped to a 1-0 lead. The Lion maintained neutral until Romero took a low shot at the 1:20 mark. Starocci fought the move off for the next :40 and forced a reset at the :43 mark. Starocci used a strong high double to nearly notch a takedown but Romero once again worked his way out of bounds with :15 left in the middle period. Romero chose down to start the third period and quickly escaped to a 1-1 tie. The clock hit the 1:00 mark still tied 1-1. Starocci continued to shoot Romero backwards, but the Buckeye was able to defend each Lion shot to keep the bout tied. Another Starocci shot led to another reset and the bout moved to sudden victory tied 1-1. Romero worked his way in on a solid single and nearly took the Lion down. But Starocci was able to fight it off and countered the move for a takedown and an apparent 3-1 win. But Ohio State challenged the call and won the challenge and action resumed tied 1-1 with :27 left. Starocci shot again off the reset but Romero fought off the move and the bout moved to a tie-breaker. Starocci chose down for his tie-breaker choice and quickly escaped to a 2-1 lead. Romero then chose down for his tie-breaker period. Starocci was able to control the Buckeye for :16 before a reset stopped action. He then broke the Buckeye down for the rest of the period and posted a thrilling 2-1 (tb) win.

184: Sophomore Aaron Brooks (Hagerstown, Md.), ranked No. 2 at 184, took on No. 20 Rocky Jordan. Brooks fought off an early Jordan high single and turned the move into a takedown of his own to open up an early 2-0 lead. Brooks broke Jordan down in the middle of the mat and built up a sizeable riding time edge. Jordan escaped to a 2-1 score with 1:10 left. Brooks forced Jordan into a stall warning with :30 left in the period and led 2-1 after one. Brooks chose down to start the second period and quickly escaped to a 3-1 lead. With over 1:00 in riding time, Brooks' offense forced Jordan into another stall and then Brooks took the Buckeye down again to open up a 6-1 lead. Jordan escaped with :30 left but Brooks rolled through another shot and opened up an 8-2 lead with over 2:00 in riding time after two periods. Brooks chose down to start the third period and Brooks cut him loose to an 8-3 score. Brooks tripped the Buckeye to the mat for a fourth takedown and a 10-3 lead with 1:39 left in the bout. Brooks tacked on another takedown at the 1:02 mark to clinch the riding time point and led 12-4. Brooks finished the bout on top and rolled to the 13-4 major decision with nearly 3:00 in riding time.

197: Freshman Michael Beard (Pottstown, Pa.), ranked No. 16 at 197, battled Gavin Hoffman. Beard quickly moved in on Hoffman, turning a scrambling shot into a takedown and a pinning opportunity. Beard worked the top position for almost a minute as Hoffman worked to fight off the fall. But Beard continued to pressure the Buckeye and picked up the first period pin at the 1:20 mark.

285: Sophomore Seth Nevills (Clovis, Calif.), ranked No. 8 at 285, took on No. 16 Tate Omdorff. The ranked big men battled evenly in the middle of the mat for the first ninety seconds with neither wrestler able to make a mark on offense. The duo battled evenly for the entirety of the first period and the bout moved to the second stanza tied 0-0. Nevills chose down to start the second period and quickly escaped to a 1-0 lead. Nevills took a handful of shots that Omdorff was able to step away from and Nevills fought off a solid Omdorff counter at the 1:00 mark. Nevills worked the Buckeye to the edge of the mat and Omdorff was equal on defense. With Nevills leading 1-0 after two periods, Omdorff chose down to start the third period. The Buckeye escaped to a 1-1 tie with 1:35 on the clock. Nevills almost connected on a high single but the Buckeye defended the move and the bout continued tied 1-1 past the 1:00 mark. Nevills turned a low single into a brief scramble and the bout's first takedown with :25 on the clock. Omdorff added a late escape but Nevills posted the strong 3-2 win.

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## #3 PENN STATE 44, MARYLAND 0 Monday, Feb. 22, 2021 -- Rec Hall -- University Park, Pa.

285: Greg Kerkvliet PSU pinned Garrett Kappes MD, WBF (1:12)	6-0
125: Robert Howard PSU pinned Zach Spence MD, WBF (3:38)	12-0
133: #3 Roman Bravo-Young PSU maj. dec. Jackson Cockrell MD, 24-13	16-0
141: #2 Nick Lee PSU maj. dec. Danny Bertoni MD, 14-2	20-0
149: Beau Bartlett PSU dec. Hunter Baxter MD, 9-3	23-0
157: Luke Gardner PSU dec. Michael Doetsch MD, 8-2	26-0
165: #14 Joe Lee PSU pinned Jonathan Spadafora MD, WBF (5:56)	32-0
174: #5 Carter Starocci PSU maj. dec. Phillip Spadafora MD, 15-6	36-0
184: #2 Aaron Brooks PSU maj. dec. Kyle Cochran MD, 17-5	40-0
197: #16 Michael Beard PSU maj. dec. Jaron Smith MD, 13-3	44-0

Records: Penn State (6-0, 6-0 B1G); Maryland (0-8, 0-8 B1G)  
Up Next for Penn State: hosts Big Ten Championships, March 6-7, 2021

### Extra Matches:

149: Beau Bartlett PSU maj. dec. Lucas Cordio MD, 15-7
157: Bo Pipher PSU pinned Garrett Fisk MD, WBF (3:35)
197: Donovan Ball PSU dec. Kevin Makosy MD, 7-5 (sv)
285: Greg Kerkvliet PSU pinned Brian Bowes MD, WBF (1:18)

The Penn State Nittany Lions (6-0, 6-0 B1G), ranked No. 3 in the latest InterMat Tournament Power Index, shut out visiting Maryland (0-8, 0-8 B1G) in the team's lone home dual of the season. Penn State won all ten bouts to roll to a 44-0 victory and finished the regular season with a 6-0 dual meet record, all in the Big Ten. All team and individual rankings listed are InterMat (2/16/21). Penn State won eight of the ten bouts for bonus points. The young Nittany Lions featured a line-up that included six freshmen and a sophomore, seven underclassmen.

The dual began at 285. Freshman Greg Kerkvliet (Grove Heights, Minn.) made his season and Penn State debut at 285 and made short work of his Terrapin opponent. Kerkvliet picked up two takedowns on Garrett Kappes in the first :30 to lead 4-1 early. He then locked up a cradle and ended his Lion debut early with a fall at the 1:12 mark. True freshman Robert Howard (Cranford, N.J.) made his Rec Hall debut at 125 and followed suit. Howard opened up a big early lead and then pinned Maryland's Zach Spence in the second period, getting the fall at the 3:38 mark. Junior Roman Bravo-Young (Tucson, Ariz.), ranked No. 3 at 133, kept Penn State rolling by majoring Jackson Cockrell 24-13. Bravo-Young tallied 10 takedowns in the bout and gave Penn State a 16-0 lead. Senior Nick Lee (Evansville, Ind.), ranked No. 2 at 141, made it four straight bonus wins for the Lions with a strong 14-2 major decision over Maryland's Danny Bertoni. Lee built up 4:18 in riding time in the win. True freshman Beau Bartlett (Tempe, Ariz.) made his Rec Hall dual debut up at 149 and rolled to a 9-3 win for Penn State's fifth straight win out of the gates. The Nittany Lions led 23-0 at halftime.

Being Senior Night, senior Luke Gardner (Pottsville, Pa.) took to the mat at 157 and junior Brady Berge (Mantorville, Minn.), ranked No. 8 at 157, got the night off. Gardner used a takedown and four back points in the third period to post an 8-2 victory. Freshman Joe Lee (Evansville, Ind.), ranked No. 14 at 165, dominated the action as well, building up a big lead over Jonathan Spadafora before pinning him at the 5:56 mark in the third period. Freshman Carter Starocci (Erie, Pa.), ranked No. 5 at 174, continued his sizzling wrestling, rolling to a 15-6 major with 2:22 in riding time. Starocci's win put Penn State up 36-0. Sophomore Aaron Brooks (Hagerstown, Md.), ranked No. 2 at 184, remained unbeaten on the year as well. Brooks dominated Phillip Spadafora in a 17-5 major decision with 1:57 in riding time. Freshman Michael Beard (Pottstown, Pa.), ranked No. 16 at 197, finished off the perfect night with a strong 13-3 major decision over Maryland's Jaron Smith. Beard's win closed out Penn State's 44-0 shutout victory.

The Nittany Lions gave up only two takedowns in the dual, posting a 47-2 margin over Maryland. The Lions gave up only five during their two final duals (Ohio State only had three on Friday). Penn State's last shutout victory was the season opener last year, a 45-0 win over Navy on Nov. 10, 2019, here in Rec Hall. The Nittany Lions posted their fifth unbeaten dual meet season under Cael Sanderson. Four extra matches were conducted during the dual meet on a separate mat. This year, with condensed schedules, these extra matches, while not counting towards dual meet scores, are official varsity bouts and count towards NCAA competition minimums.

Starters Bartlett and Kerkvliet each got extra matches. Bartlett began the extra bouts by posting a 15-7 major over Lucas Cordio at 149. Senior Bo Pipher (Paonia, Colo.) followed that up by pinning Garrett Fisk at the 3:35 mark. Freshman Donovan Ball (New Cumberland, Pa.) used a last second takedown in extra time to post a 7-5 (sv) win over Kevin Makosy at 197. Kerkvliet closed out extra bouts and the night with a second first period cradle, this time pinning Brian Bowes at the 1:18 mark. Penn State finishes its dual meet schedule with a perfect 6-0 mark, 6-0 in the Big Ten. Maryland falls to 0-8, 0-8 B1G.

### DUAL MEET BOUT-BY-BOUT:

285: Greg Kerkvliet (Grove Heights, Minn.) made his season and Penn State dual debut at 285. The Minnesota-native took on Garrett Kappes. Kerkvliet worked the center circle, scored two takedowns in the opening :25 and led 4-2 just :30 into the match. The Lion freshman added a third takedown, then worked his way into control of the Terrapin and locked up a cradle. He finished off the pin at the 1:12 mark for a fast fall in his Lion debut.

125: True freshman Robert Howard (Cranford, N.J.) took on Maryland's Zach Spence. Howard worked the middle of the mat and picked up his first pin just over a minute into the bout. He then turned Spence for four back points and added four near fall points to lead 6-0 with 1:22 on the clock. Howard reset, turned Maryland wrestler for four more points and led 10-0 at the 1:00 mark. Howard cut Spence loose with :35 on the clock and quickly took the Terrapin down for another takedown and a 12-1 lead after the opening period. Spence chose down to start the second period and Howard went to work on offense. The Terrapin ad

133: Junior Roman Bravo-Young (Tucson, Ariz.), ranked No. 3 at 133, faced off against Jackson Cockrell. The Lion junior locked Cockrell up high on the whistle and took him down for a takedown just :15 into the bout. He cut Cockrell loose and took him down again to lead 4-2. Cockrell notched Maryland's first takedown to tie the bout at 4-4 with 1:54 on the clock. Bravo-Young quickly escaped to a 5-4 lead, fought off a Cockrell shot and countered for another takedown and a 7-4 lead. The Lion All-American added three more takedowns in the final :45 of the period to lead 13-8 after one period. Bravo-Young chose down to start the second period and quickly escaped to a 14-8 lead. He tacked on two more takedowns in the next :20 to lead 18-9 with 1:10 on the clock. Bravo-Young led 19-10 after two periods thanks to a penalty point on cautions. Cockrell chose down to start the third period and Bravo-Young clinched the riding time

point with a strong ride. Cockrell escaped to a 19-11 score but Bravo-Young used two more takedowns to roll to the 24-13 major with 2:55 in riding time.

141: Senior Nick Lee (Evansville, Ind.), ranked No. 2 at 141, met Danny Bertoni. Lee scored quickly, taking Bertoni down for a 2-0 lead right out of the gates. He built up over 1:00 in riding time while trying to turn the Terrapin for back points. Lee picked up a four-point turn with 1:22 on the clock to up his lead to 6-0. The Lion All-American worked to pull Bertoni into the center circle but the Terrapin worked the outside well enough to keep from giving up another turn. Lee led 6-0 with 2:26 in time after one period. Lee chose down to start the second period and quickly escaped to a 7-0 lead. He worked to fight off a solid Bertoni shot with 1:30 on the clock and returned to his feet to go on attack. Lee scrambled his way for another takedown with :42 left in the period to up his lead to 9-0. Trailing 9-0, Bertoni chose down to start the third period. Lee cut him loose and took an 11-1 lead with another takedown. Lee countered a Bertoni shot for takedown and a 13-2 lead. He finished the period on top and posted the 14-2 major with 4:18 in riding time.

149: True freshman Beau Bartlett, making his Penn State dual debut up at 149, battled Hunter Baxter. Bartlett fought off a slight Baxter shot in the opening seconds then went to work on offense. The Lion freshman worked the middle of the mat for the next minute, looking for a scoring opportunity. The Lion's pressure paid off with a first takedown with 1:00 on the clock. Bartlett cut Baxter loose and used a high double for a quick second takedown to lead 4-1 in the opening period's minute. Leading 4-1, Bartlett chose neutral to start the second period. Bartlett used a fast low single to take Baxter down in the middle of the mat with 1:10 on the clock. He allowed an escape and went back to work in neutral. Bartlett forced Baxter into a stall warning as the period ended and led 6-2 with 1:00 in time after two periods. Trailing 6-2, Baxter chose top to start the third period. Bartlett deftly rolled through Baxter's offense and reversed him to move out to an 8-2 lead. He spent the next minute plus trying to turn Baxter then cut him to an 8-3 score with :25 left. Bartlett scrambled for a late takedown to get bonus points but Baxter fought him off and Bartlett posted the 9-3 win with 2:23 in time.

157: Being senior night, senior Luke Gardner (Pottsville, Pa.) got the call at 157 and junior Brady Berge (Mantorville, Minn.), ranked No. 8 at 157, got the evening off. Gardner took on Maryland's Michael Doetsch. Gardner worked the middle of the mat for the opening minute, forcing Doetsch's head to the mat while trying to scramble around for a takedown. Doetsch was able to force a stalemate for a reset with 1:40 on the clock. Gardner took a low shot that Doetsch countered, forcing a scramble as the clock moved to :40. The Lion senior finished off the takedown for two points and a 2-1 lead after the opening period. Gardner chose down to start the second period but Doetsch was able to control the Lion for the entire period. Trailing by one but with nearly 2:00 riding time, Doetsch chose down to start the third period and escaped to a 2-2 tie. Gardner took a high shot, locked up a cradle and, after securing the takedown, rolled Doetsch for four back points. He finished with the cradle locked and posted an 8-2 win.

165: Freshman Joe Lee (Evansville, Ind.), ranked No. 14 at 165, met Jonathan Spadafora. Lee scored quickly, taking a 2-0 lead off the opening whistle. He built up :26 in riding time before cutting Spadafora loose to a 2-1 score. He countered a slight Maryland shot for a second takedown and a 4-1 lead. Lee dominated the action from the top position, building up over 1:00 in time before turning Spadafora for four back points and an 8-1 lead. He added another two-point turn to move out to a 10-1 margin before Spadafora scrambled for an escape. Lee finished off the period with another takedown and led 12-2 with over 2:00 in riding time after the opening period. Spadafora chose down to start the second period and Lee clinched his riding time point before Spadafora escaped to a 12-3 score. Lee got in on a high single, gained control of Spadafora's other leg and rolled through for a takedown and a 14-3 margin with :40 on the clock. Lee finished the period on top and carried that lead with nearly 4:00 in time into the third stanza. Lee chose neutral to start the third period. Lee countered a Spadafora shot, rolled around the Terrapin, and took a 16-3 lead with 1:15 left. He faked a cut, quickly locked up a cradle and turned Spadafora for a fall at the 5:56 mark.

174: Freshman Carter Starocci (Erie, Pa.), ranked No. 5 at 174, faced off against Phillip Spadafora. Starocci fell behind early, with Spadafora notching the bout's first takedown at the 2:35 mark. The Lion freshman quickly escaped to a 2-1 score, then turned in on a low double and rolled through for a takedown and a 3-2 lead with 1:45 on the clock. Starocci controlled the action on offense for the next :30 before cutting Spadafora loose to a 3-3 score. The Lion freshman used a strong high double to open up a 5-3 lead at the :55 mark and worked his riding time edge up to near one minute. Starocci finished the period on top to lead 5-3 with 1:18 in time. Spadafora chose down to start the second period. Starocci broke the Terrapin down for :30 before Spadafora escaped to a 5-4 score. Starocci took a 7-4 lead off another high shot, allowed the escape, and moved in on attack again. Spadafora was able to move out of bounds to keep the bout close but picked up a stall warning in the process. Starocci finished the period off with a takedown on the edge of the mat and led 9-5 with over 2:00 in time after two periods. Starocci chose down to start the third period and escaped to a 10-5 lead with 1:36 left to wrestle. Spadafora took a high shot that Starocci quickly countered for another takedown and a 12-5 lead. He finished off the bout with another takedown with :30 left and finished on top. Starocci's ended the bout with 2:22 in riding time and rolled to the 15-6 major.

184: Sophomore Aaron Brooks (Hagerstown, Md.), ranked No. 2 at 184, met Kyle Cochran. Brooks took a 2-0 lead with a takedown early in the opening period and then added a second midway through the first to lead 4-1 with 1:12 on the clock. Cochran escaped to a 4-2 score as the clock moved to the final minute and Brooks went to work in neutral. The Lion All-American forced a stall warning, connected on a single leg and picked up a third takedown with :20 left to lead 6-2 with :48 in riding time after one. Cochran chose down to start the second period and escaped to a 6-3 score. Brooks continued to set a fast tempo, working the middle of the mat and forcing Cochran backwards. He moved out to an 8-3 lead with a strong high shot through Cochran's waist with 1:00 left in the period. Brooks picked up another takedown and a stall point to lead 9-4 with :28 left in the middle stanza. Brooks ended the period with another takedown and led 11-4 with 1:33 in time after two. Brooks chose neutral to start the third period. He upped his lead to 13-4 with a scrambling takedown. Brooks picked up another stall point and finished with at takedown to post a 17-5 major with 1:58 in riding time.

197: Freshman Michael Beard (Pottstown, Pa.), ranked No. 16 at 197, took on Jaron Smith. Beard scored quickly, connecting on a fast shot off the whistle and working Smith to the mat for a takedown and a 2-0 lead. Smith scrambled his way to a reversal and a 2-2 tie with 2:30 left. Beard scrambled his way to an escaped and 3-2 lead with 1:40 left in the period and action resumed in neutral. Beard shot low off the reset and forced a scramble in the middle of the mat. He steadily worked his way into control and led 5-2 with :50 left in the opening period. The Lion finished the period on top and led 5-2 after the opening period. Beard chose down to start the second stanza and quickly escaped to a 6-2 lead. The freshman countered a Smith shot and rolled his way around the Terrapin for another takedown and an 8-2 lead with 1:10 left on the clock. Beard put together a strong ride, working offensive control as the clock moved below the :30 mark. He finished the period in control and led 8-2 with 1:11 in riding time after two periods. Smith chose neutral to start the third period. Beard upped his lead to 10-2 with a takedown at the 1:10 mark, cut Smith loose and went back to work on offense. He took a low shot that forced a scramble and a stalemate with :25 left. Beard ended the period with a final takedown and posted the strong 13-3 major with 1:42 in riding time.



## #2 PENN STATE HOSTS 2021 BIG TEN CHAMPIONSHIPS

Sa.-Sun., March 6-7 2021

Bryce Jordan Center - University Park, Pa.

### TEAM STANDINGS (FINAL)

- 1: Iowa – 159.5
- 2: PENN STATE – 124.0
- 3: Nebraska – 105.5
- 4: Michigan – 92.0
- 5: Minnesota – 77.5
- 6: Purdue – 76.0
- 7: Northwestern – 74.0
- 8: Michigan State – 73.5
- 9: Ohio State – 69.5
- 10: Rutgers – 52.0
- 11: Illinois – 32.0
- 12: Wisconsin – 30.5
- 13: Indiana – 22.0
- 14: Maryland – 2.0

The Penn State Nittany Lions (6-0, 6-0 BIG), ranked No. 2 in the latest InterMat Tournament Power Index, crowned two champions at the 2021 Big Ten Wrestling Championships in the Bryce Jordan Center. Junior Roman Bravo-Young (Tucson, Ariz.) and sophomore Aaron Brooks (Hagerstown, Md.) each won individual titles. Bravo-Young won his first and Brooks his second. The two-day event was hosted by Penn State in the BJC. Freshman Carter Starocci (Erie, Pa.), runner-up at 174, was named Big Ten Freshman of the Year. Penn State finished the team race in second place. Iowa won the team title, followed by Penn State, Nebraska, Michigan, Minnesota and Purdue.

Penn State now heads to the 2021 NCAA Championships with nine total NCAA qualifiers secured and the at-large bids announced this coming Tuesday with the potential for one more. The 2021 NCAA Championships will take place in St. Louis, Mo., March 18-20.

Junior Roman Bravo-Young (Tucson, Ariz.), ranked No. 2 by InterMat at 133, took on No. 3 Austin DeSanto of Iowa in the first of Penn State's four Big Ten title bouts. DeSanto took an early single, trying to gain control of the Lion's right leg, but Bravo-Young fought off the slight shot. Bravo-Young then worked a fast shot into a scrambling takedown and opened up a 2-1 lead at the 1:34 mark. The duo finished the opening period in neutral on the Nittany Lion logo and the bout moved to the second period with Bravo-Young leading by one. DeSanto chose down to start the second period and quickly escaped to a 2-2 tie. Bravo-Young took a diving shot with 1:15 on the clock but DeSanto stepped back from the effort to keep the one-point margin intact briefly. Another fast shot from the Lion junior led to a second Bravo-Young takedown and a 4-2 lead. He kept DeSanto down on the mat and finished on top to lead 4-2 with 1:13 in time after two. Bravo-Young chose down to start the third period and escaped to a 5-2 lead. DeSanto immediately got in on a high single but Bravo-Young fought off the move and the clock read 1:22. Bravo-Young gave up a stall warning late in the final period but his early work gave the Lion a strong 5-2 win and his first Big Ten championship. Bravo-Young went 3-0 to pick up his first conference crown.

Senior Nick Lee (Evansville, Ind.), ranked No. 2 at 141, met No. 1 Jaydin Eierman of Iowa in the finals. Lee scored quickly, drifting behind the Hawkeye for a takedown and an early 2-1 lead. Eierman countered a Lee shot and took the Lion down to take a 3-2 lead with 2:00 on the clock. Eierman kept control of Lee for the rest of the period and Lee trailed by one after one (Eierman had 1:59 in riding time as well). Eierman chose down to start the second period and escaped to a 4-2 lead with 1:37 on the clock. Lee worked the middle off the mat for the next minute, taking shots that the Hawkeye was able to skip away from. Lee continued to shoot, Eierman continued to move away and the clock moved to :30. Eierman picked up a first stall before the period ended and Lee trailed 4-2 after two. Lee chose neutral to start the third period. With Eierman holding a riding time edge, the Lion tied the bout at 4-4 with a takedown. He cut Eierman loose to a 5-4 score and went back to work. Lee picked up a point on a second stall, tying the bout at 5-5, but Eierman was able to back away for the rest of the bout and picked up a 6-5 victory. Lee took second at 141 with a 2-1 record, including a technical fall.

Freshman Carter Starocci (Erie, Pa.), ranked No. 4 at 174, battled No. 1 Michael Kemerer of Iowa in Penn State's third final battle. The Lion freshman battled the senior in the center mat for the first half of the opening stanza. Kemerer took a 2-0 lead with a takedown at the 1:01 mark. Starocci quickly escaped, then took a high single but Kemerer forced a stalemate to maintain his lead. Leading by one, Kemerer chose down to start the second period and escaped to a 3-1 lead with 1:45 on the clock. Starocci locked up a high single on a reset but the Hawkeye once again defended the Lion shot. Starocci took a shot late that Kemerer countered in a scramble, notching a takedown with two near fall points to lead 7-1 after two periods. Starocci chose down to start the third period and quickly escaped to a 7-2 score. He fought off a Kemerer single for the next :30 and a reset moved the action to the center circle with 1:10 left in the bout. Starocci continued to move forward with shots but Kemerer's strong defense kept the Lion from scoring and Starocci dropped a 7-2 decision. Starocci earned runner-up status in his first conference tournament with a 3-1 record, including a pin.

Sophomore Aaron Brooks (Hagerstown, Md.), ranked No. 1 at 184, took on No. 14 Taylor Venz of Nebraska in Penn State's final title tilt.

Venz notched the bout's first takedown but Brooks quickly escaped and returned to his feet. He then moved in on the Cornhusker and took him down to open up a 3-2 lead with 1:35 left in the opening period. Brooks maintained control for the rest of the period and finished on top to lead 3-2 with 1:46 in time after one. Brooks chose down to start the second period. He waited for his chance during the scramble and worked his way around Venz for a reversal at the 1:15 mark to up his lead to 5-2. He picked up another takedown after a Venz escape, finished on top again, and led 7-3 with 2:10 in time after two periods. Venz chose down to start the third period. Brooks controlled Venz long enough to clinch the riding time point before the Husker escaped to a 7-4 score. Brooks worked his way around a Venz shot for a takedown and a 9-4 lead with :45 on the clock. He cut Venz loose and, with 3:03 in riding time, rolled to a 10-5 decision and his second straight Big Ten Championship at 184.

True freshman Robert Howard (Cranford, N.J.) battled No. 9 Malik Heinselmann of Ohio State in Penn State's first consolation semifinal bout. Heinselmann took a 2-1 lead with a takedown at the 1:40 mark. Howard escaped to start the second period, tying the bout at 2-2. The duo grappled through another scramble but the 2-2 score held after two. Heinselmann quickly escaped to a 3-2 lead to start the third period. Howard got in on a high single with :45 left but the Buckeye scrambled out of the Lions' grasp, countered for a final takedown, and downed the Nittany Lion freshman 5-2. Howard met No. 15 Michael DeAugustino of Northwestern in the fifth-place bout. DeAugustino scored the bouts' first takedown just under a minute into the bout and rode the Lion freshman out. DeAugustino added a quick escape to start the second period, the middle stanza's only points. Howard chose neutral to begin the final period. He forced a scramble and worked DeAugustino towards his back, picking up a late takedown. DeAugustino picked up a riding time point and Howard lost 4-2, placing sixth in his first Big Ten tournament. Howard went 3-3 with two majors and advanced to nationals.

Junior Brady Berge (Mantorville, Minn.), ranked No. 8 at 157, met No. 6 Brayton Lee of Minnesota in the consolation semis. The ranked duo battled through a scoreless first period. Berge chose down to start the second stanza and quickly escaped to a 1-0 lead. Lee answered that escape to begin the third and the bout moved into the third period tied at 1-1. Berge gave up a stall warning midway through the third period but the bout moved to sudden victory. Lee took Berge down :15 into extra time and took the 3-1 (sv) win, sending Berge into the fifth-place bout. Berge took medical forfeit (not a loss) and did not compete in the fifth-place bout, earning him a sixth-place finish with a 3-2 record, including three majors. He now preps for the NCAA Championships.

Freshman Michael Beard (Pottstown, Pa.), No. 15 at 197, took on No. 13 Cameron Caffey of Michigan State in the consolation semis. Caffey notched an early takedown, taking a 2-0 lead with 2:20 on the clock. The Spartan was able to build up over 1:00 in riding time before Beard escaped to a 2-1 score. Caffey added a second takedown and led 4-1 with 1:53 in time after one. Caffey added a quick escape to up his lead to 5-1 and then countered a Beard shot for another takedown to lead 7-2 after two periods. The Spartan added one more takedown and a reversal of Beard's first takedown and posted the 12-6 win, moving Beard into the fifth-place bout. He met No. 14 Lucas Davison of Northwestern for fifth. Beard came out and controlled the action early. Beard controlled the early tempo but could not break through Davison's defense and the first period ended in a scoreless tie. Davison chose down to start the second period and quickly escaped to a 1-0 lead. Beard moved in for a low shot, scrambling for a takedown in the center circle to take a 2-1 lead. Davison escaped quickly and the bout was tied 2-2. Beard chose down to start the final period and escaped, but Davison would take on two takedowns in the third period to notch a 6-4 win. Beard finished sixth in his first Big Ten tournament with a 3-3 record.

Freshman Greg Kerkvliet (Grove Heights, Minn.), ranked No. 6 at 285, battled No. 12 Christian Lance of Nebraska in Penn State's final consolation semi match-up. Kerkvliet dominated the first three minutes, scoring on two textbook takedowns to lead 4-1 with over 1:30 in riding time heading to the second. The Penn State freshman escaped to start the second period and added another takedown. He continued his dominant effort, picking up one more late takedown and adding 2:30 in riding time to roll to a 10-2 major decision. His win moved him into the third-place bout where he took on No. 3 Tony Cassioppi of Iowa. The Hawkeye notched the bout's first takedown, scoring on the edge of the mat for an early 2-0 lead. Kerkvliet worked to break free of Cassioppi's strong ride but the Hawkeye was able to maintain control on offense and ended the first period with a 2-0 lead and 1:50 in riding time. Kerkvliet chose neutral to start the second period but the Hawkeye added a second takedown and upped his lead to 4-0. A stall point gave the Hawkeye a 5-0 lead after two periods. Cassioppi would add an escape and another takedown and posted a 9-0 major. Kerkvliet finished fourth at his first conference tourney with a 4-2 record, including three majors.

Freshman Joe Lee (Evansville, Ind.) had one match slated for the day, taking on David Ferrante of Northwestern for seventh place at 165. Lee countered an early Ferrante shot and nearly scored himself but almost a minute's worth of scrambling led to no scoring. Lee rolled himself into a scramble but Ferrante countered for a takedown and a 2-0 lead as the first period ended. Lee took a brief lead in the second with a takedown and near fall, but Ferrante counter-rolled through Lee's pin effort for back points of his own and led 9-6 with 1:19 in time after two periods. Lee chose neutral to start the third period, looking to battle back on his feet. But Ferrante held the Nittany Lion freshman at arm's length and Lee dropped a 10-6 decision. Lee went 2-3 and finished eighth in his first conference tournament run.

All nine of the above Nittany Lions have qualified for the NCAA Championships. True freshman Beau Bartlett (Tempe, Ariz.) went 1-2 at 149,

dropping a sudden victory bout in his last match-up in session two. The Nittany Lions went 3-9 in overall on Sunday. Penn State finished the tournament with a 27-17 overall record and collected 18.5 bonus points from eight majors, a tech fall and four pins. Brooks earned his second Big Ten title and Starocci became Penn State's seventh Big Ten Freshman of the Year. It is Penn State's second straight, with Brooks winning last season.

### Weight-by-weight agate

RANKINGS LISTED ARE INTERMAT as of 3/2/21:

- 125: Robert Howard, Fr., Cranford, N.J.  
Rd. 1: #12 Eric Barnett, Wisconsin – L, 2-3 dec.  
Cn. 1: Zach Spence, Maryland – W, 16-4 maj. dec.  
Cn. 2: Dylan Shawyer, Rutgers – W, 10-1 maj. dec.  
Cn. Q: #7 Dylan Ragusin, Michigan – W, 3-1 (sv) dec.  
Cn. S: #9 Malik Heinselmann, Ohio State – L, 2-5 dec.  
5th: #15 Michael DeAugustino, Northwestern – L, 2-4 dec.

Howard took on Eric Barnett of Wisconsin in the opening round. The Lion freshman notched a takedown out of the game and took a 2-0 lead out of the gates. Barnett countered with a takedown to tie the bout at 2-2, all within the first minute. Barnett maintained control for the rest of the period and Howard was tied 2-2 after one, but Barnett had 1:32 in riding time to his side. Barnett chose down to start the second period and escaped to a 3-2 lead, but his riding time edge was gone. The score held into the third period and Howard chose neutral to start it. The Lion freshman was not able to break through Barnett's defense during the period and dropped a 3-2 decision. He took on Maryland's Zach Spence in his first consolation match-up. He used two takedowns and two back points to open up a 8-2 lead after the opening period. Howard upped his lead to 10-3 after two and rolled to a 16-4 major with 3:45 in riding time, moving into the second round of consolations. Howard took on Rutgers' Dylan Shawyer in Penn State's first consolation bout off the evening. Howard scored the bout's first points with a solid takedown just over :30 into the bout. He then controlled the action for the rest of the period and picked up a four-point near fall as the period ended to lead 6-0 after the first period. Howard used a takedown in the second period, an escape and riding time to roll to a 10-1 major decision, advance in consolation action, and become an NCAA qualifier as a true freshman. He took on No. 7 Dylan Ragusin of Michigan in the consolation quarterfinals. After a scoreless first period, Howard took a 1-0 lead to start the second period on a quick escape and then fought off a Ragusin shot in front of the Penn State corner. The Lion freshman withstood a strong late shot from the Wolverine and led by one after two. Ragusin tied the bout with his own escape to start the third period and the bout was deadlocked. The duo battled evenly for the rest of the third and the bout moved to extra time. After having one takedown taken away late in sudden victory, Howard locked up the Wolverine and threw him to his back for a takedown and a 3-1 (sv) win with 0:05 left. His second consolation win of the day advanced him to the consolation semifinals.

See above story for this session's recap.

- 133: #2 Roman Bravo-Young, Jr., Tucson, Ariz.  
Rd. 1: bye  
Qtrs: Jacob Rundell, Purdue – W, 9-3 dec.  
Semis: Chris Cannon, Nebraska – W, 8-3 dec.  
Finals: #3 Austin DeSanto, Iowa – W, 5-2 dec.

Bravo-Young had a first-round bye. Bravo-Young, ranked No. 2 nationally by InterMat, met Purdue's Jacob Rundell in the quarterfinals. The Lion junior picked up an early takedown to open up a 2-0 lead. He built up over 1:30 in riding time before Rundell escaped, then finished off the period with a takedown to lead 4-1 with 1:43 in riding time after one. Rundell escaped to start the second period and Bravo-Young ended the period with another takedown to lead 6-2 after two. Bravo-Young would add on one more takedown and a riding time point to roll into the semifinals with a 9-3 win. The win also clinched a trip to the NCAA Championships in St. Louis two weeks hence. The Lion junior took on Nebraska's Chris Cannon in Penn State's first semifinal of the night. Bravo-Young scored quickly, taking Cannon down in the opening twenty seconds. The Lion junior added a second takedown, grabbing a fleeing Cannon's feet for a 4-1 lead at the 2:03 mark. Bravo-Young worked his riding time up to over 1:30 before Cannon escaped. Cannon escaped to start the third period, cutting Bravo-Young's lead to 4-3. Leading by one, Bravo-Young chose down to start the third period and escaped to a 5-3 lead with 1:05 in time at the 1:30 mark. He added a takedown and a riding time point to post the 8-3 win and move into the Big Ten title bout.

See above story for this session's recap.

- 141: #2 Nick Lee, Sr., Evansville, Ind.  
Rd. 1: bye  
Qtrs: Dylan D'Emilio, Ohio State – W, 16-1 (TF; 3:12)  
Semis: #3 Sebastian Rivera, Northwestern – W, 8-6 (sv) dec.  
Finals: #1 Jaydin Eierman, Iowa – L, 5-6 dec.

Lee also had a first-round bye. Lee, ranked No. 2 nationally by InterMat, met Ohio State's Dylan D'Emilio in the quarterfinals. Lee scored right off the whistle to open up an early 2-0 lead. He added a second takedown less than :30 later and turned D'Emilio for four back points to lead 8-1. Lee added a two-point tilt and another four-point to lead 14-1 after the first. He ended the match quickly in the second, reversing D'Emilio and posting a 16-1 technical fall at the 3:12 mark. Lee's win moves him into the semifinals tonight and also punches his ticket to NCAAAs. The Penn State senior met No. 3 Sebastian Rivera of Northwestern in the semis. Rivera took the bout's first shot, gaining control of Lee's leg and working

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for a takedown with 2:13 on the clock... Lee quickly escaped and then rolled into a low shot for a takedown of his own to lead 3-2 with 1:45 left. Rivera escaped with :45 left in the period and the bout moved to the second tied 3-3. Lee quickly escaped to a 4-3 lead to start the second period. Rivera took a quick low shot and took Lee down to lead 5-4 with 1:00 on the clock. Rivera got called for locked hands at the :30-mark. Lee then escaped on the reset and the Lion led 6-5 after two periods. Rivera chose down to start the third period and escaped to a 6-6 tie at the 1:07 mark. Lee forced a wild scramble at the :15 mark that appeared to lead to a takedown and then danger, but no points were awarded. Penn State called for a review but the call stood. The bout headed to sudden victory and Nick Lee pulled out the thrilling 8-6 (sv) win with a scrambling takedown with just :02 left on the clock. Lee's win pushed him into the Big Ten title bout at 141.

See above story for this session's recap.

149: #10 Beau Bartlett, Fr., Tempe, Ariz.  
Rd. 1: Michael Blockhus, Minnesota – L, 3-5 dec.  
Cn. 1: Michael North, Maryland – WBF (0:55)  
Cn. 2: #17 Yahya Thomas, Northwestern – L, 5-7 (sv) dec.

Bartlett battled sixth-seed Michael Blockhus of Minnesota in the opening round. Bartlett, ranked No. 10 by InterMat, fell behind 2-1 early on a quick takedown by Blockhus and trailed by one after the opening period. He chose down and quickly escaped to a 2-2 tie to start the second period but Blockhus countered with a takedown to up his lead to 4-2 at 1:10. Bartlett escaped to a 4-3 score and trailed by one after two. The Gopher senior added a final escape point in the third and Bartlett dropped a 5-3 decision in his Big Ten tournament debut. He took on Maryland's Michael North in consolation action and made short work of the Terrapin for his first Big Ten tournament win. Bartlett locked North up and quickly took him to his back. After just seconds of work, the Lion freshman got the fast fall, getting a pin at the 0:55 mark and advancing into the second round of consolations.

See above story for this session's recap.

157: #8 Brady Berge, Jr., Mantorville, Minn.  
Rd. 1: Johnny Mologousis, Illinois – W, 13-4 maj. dec.  
Qtr: #7 Kendall Coleman, Purdue – L, 2-3 dec.  
Cn. 2: Michael Doetsch, Maryland – W, 11-2 maj. dec.  
Cn. Q: Caleb Licking, Nebraska – W, 12-2 maj. dec.  
Cn. S: #6 Brayton Lee, Minnesota – L, 1-3 (sv) dec.  
5th: Did not compete, medical forfeit

Berge took Illinois' Johnny Mologousis in the opening round. Berge, ranked No. 8 in the nation by InterMat, scored quickly, taking the Illini down in the opening seconds. He added two more takedowns in the first period and led 6-2 after one. The Lion junior led 10-4 after two periods off two more takedowns and had 3:00 in riding time. Berge added a takedown and a riding time point to roll to a 13-4 major decision over Mologousis and advance to the quarterfinals. He met No. 7 Kendall Coleman of Purdue in the quarterfinals. Berge and Coleman battled in neutral over the first three minutes with neither wrestler making a dent offensively. Berge chose down to start the second period and quickly escaped to a 1-0 lead that he carried through the period. Coleman escaped to start the third period and the bout was tied 1-1 but Coleman quickly moved in on a low shot to take the Lion down, opening up a 3-1 lead with 1:35 on the clock. Berge escaped to a 3-2 score with 1:10 left but could not counter with his own takedown and dropped into consolation action in session two. Berge met Maryland's Michael Doetsch of Maryland in his opening consolation bout. Berge dominated Doetsch in each period. He used two takedowns to lead 4-1 after one, added a takedown and two near fall in the second period and rolled to an 11-2 major decision. The win moved him into consolation quarters and earned him a trip to the NCAA tournament as well. Berge took on Nebraska's Caleb Licking in the consolation quarterfinals. Berge scored quickly, taking Licking down off the opening whistle. He picked up a quick second takedown and finished off the opening period with a third to lead 6-2 after one. The Lion junior added a fourth takedown in the second and led 8-2 after two. He would go on to post the 12-2 major to advance to the consolation semifinals.

See above story for this session's recap.

165: #15 Joe Lee, Fr., Evansville, Ind.  
Rd. 1: Jonathan Spadafora, Maryland – L, 5-7 (sv) dec.  
Cn. 1: Josh Otto, Wisconsin – W, 4-3 dec.  
Cn. 2: #14 Andrew Sparks, Minnesota – WBF (0:44)  
Cn. Q: Gerrit Nijenhuis, Purdue – LBF (4:29)  
7th: David Ferrante, Northwestern – L, 6-10 dec.

Lee met Jonathan Spadafora of Maryland in the first round. Lee, ranked No. 15 nationally by InterMat, scored quickly to take a 2-0 lead right out of the gates. The Lion freshman built up a sizeable riding time edge before Spadafora escaped and Lee led 2-1 with 1:49 in riding time after one period. He took down to start the second period and scrambled his way to a reversal and a 4-2 lead with 1:30 on the clock. Spadafora added a late scrambling takedown and tied the match up at 4-4 after two. The Terrapin chose down to start the third period and escaped to a 5-4 lead but Lee had the riding time point clinched. Lee worked the bout to extra time but gave up a takedown early in the extra period and dropped a 7-5 (sv) decision. He took on Wisconsin's Josh Otto in his first consolation bout. After a scoreless first period, Lee escaped in the second but gave up a takedown to Otto. Lee escaped to tie the bout 2-2 after two and then finished off the win with a late takedown in the third period. Lee's 4-3 victory moved the Lion along in consolation action. The younger Lee took on No. 14 Andrew Sparks of Minnesota

in the consolations... The bout began with Sparks taking an injury time-out and Lee choosing down on the reset. The Lion freshman quickly reversed the Gopher, then turned him to his back and quickly got the first period pin. Lee's fast fall at the 0:44 mark moved him into the next round of consolations and punched his ticket to the NCAA Championships. Lee met Purdue's Gerrit Nijenhuis in the consolation quarterfinals. After an even minute, Lee took the Boilemaker down midway through the period and finished on top to lead 2-0 with 1:35 in time after one. Lee chose down to start the second period and after a scramble midway through it, was pinned by the Boilemaker at the 4:29 mark. Already an NCAA qualifier, he dropped to the seventh-place bout.

See above story for this session's recap.

174: #4 Carter Starocci, Fr., Erie, Pa.  
Rd. 1: Phillip Spadafora, Maryland – WBF (4:47)  
Qtr: #6 Kaleb Romero, Ohio State – W, 2-0 dec.  
Semis: #2 Mikey Labriola, Nebraska – W, 3-1 (sv)  
Finals: #1 Michael Kemerer, Iowa – L, 2-7 dec.

Starocci faced Phillip Spadafora of Maryland in the first round. Starocci, ranked No. 4 at 174 by InterMat, opened up a big lead in the first period off two takedowns and a stall point. Leading 5-2, he chose down to start the second period, quickly escaped and then ended the match with just seconds left in the middle stanza, pinning Spadafora at the 4:47 mark. He took on No. 6 Kaleb Romero of Ohio State in the quarterfinals. In a rematch of the 2-1 (tb) bout won by Starocci earlier this year, this match-up began with Starocci fighting off an early Romero shot on the outside circle for nearly :30. Starocci forced a stalemate and the first period ended in a scoreless tie. Starocci escaped to start the second period to lead 1-0. He fought off another solid Romero shot and led by one after two periods. Romero chose down to start the third period and the Lion freshman took advantage. He controlled the action from the top position and rode Romero for the entire third period. Starocci's strong work in the third stanza led to a 2-0 victory with 1:52 in riding time, a spot in the Big Ten semifinals and a trip to the NCAA Championships. Starocci met No. 2 Mikey Labriola of Nebraska in the semifinals. Starocci took the bout's first few shots but Labriola was able to back away from each Lion shot. The Lion continued to provide the offense, forcing the Nebraska wrestler back towards the outer circle. Tied 0-0 after the first, Starocci chose down to start the second period and quickly escaped to a 1-0 lead. The duo battled evenly over the remainder of the middle stanza and Starocci led 1-0 after one. Labriola chose down to start the third period and escaped to a 1-1 tie at the 1:41 mark. Starocci nearly connected on a shot with :45 left but Labriola once again defended the effort. Starocci forced a late scramble that looked to end with the Lion turning Labriola's back to the mat, but after a review, no points were awarded and we went to extra time. Starocci, forcing all the action throughout the bout, had his offense pay dividends as a scrambling shot led to a takedown with under :05 left on the clock. Starocci's 3-1 (sv) win moved the freshman into the Big Ten finals.

See above story for this session's recap.

184: #1 Aaron Brooks, So., Hagerstown, Md.  
Rd. 1: bye  
Qtrs: #16 Nelson Brands, Iowa – W, 14-8 dec.  
Semis: #18 John Poznanski, Rutgers – W, 10-2 maj. dec.  
Finals: #14 Taylor Venz, Nebraska – W, 10-5 dec.

Brooks had a first-round bye. Brooks, last year's Big Ten Champion and ranked No. 1 in the country by InterMat, took on No. 16 Nelson Brands of Iowa in the quarterfinals. Brands countered an early Brooks shot to lead 2-1 at the 2:35 mark. Brooks picked up his first takedown with 1:40 on the clock and Brands escaped quickly to a 3-3 tie midway through the opening period. Tied, Brands chose down to start the second period and escaped to a 4-3 win. Brooks took an injury time and Brands chose down at the restart, quickly escaping to a 5-3 advantage. Another injury timeout and Brands escape put the Hawkeye up 6-3. Brooks quickly took him down at the :45 mark and cut the lead to 6-5 with. Brand escaped one more time and led 7-5 after two. Brooks chose down to start the third period and rolled through a reversal to tie the bout briefly before Brands escaped to an 8-7 lead. Brooks was undaunted. He lifted the Hawkeye at the waist, took him to his back and opened up a 13-8 lead with the takedown and four nearfall points. Brooks finished the bout on top and, with 2:59 in riding time, posted the 14-8 come-from-behind victory to roll into the semifinals and earn a bid to the NCAA Championships. Last year's Big Ten Champion battled No. 18 John Poznanski of Rutgers in Penn State's fourth semifinal match-up. Brooks battled Poznanski evenly for the bulk of the first period but worked his offense to a takedown and a 2-0 lead at the :42 mark. He finished the period on top and led by two after one. The Lion sophomore chose down to start the second period and quickly escaped to a 3-0 lead. He continued to press Poznanski and picked up a second takedown late in the period to lead 5-0 with :48 in riding time after two periods. The Scarlet Knight chose down to start the third period and escaped to a 5-1 score. Brooks dominated the rest of the bout, notching two takedowns and building up 1:39 in riding time to roll to a 10-2 major decision. The win moved the Lion into another Big Ten title bout and gave Penn State a 4-0 record in the semifinals.

See above story for this session's recap.

197: #15 Michael Beard, Fr., Pottstown, Pa.  
Rd. 1: Billy Janzer, Rutgers – W, 7-3 dec.  
Qtr: #2 Myles Amine, Michigan – L, 6-8 (sv) dec.  
Cn. 2: Matt Wroblewski, Illinois – W, 6-2 dec.  
Cn. Q: #17 Thomas Penola, Purdue – W, 6-5  
Cn. S: #13 Cameron Caffey, Michigan State – L, 6-12 dec.  
5th: #14 Lucas Davison, Northwestern – L, 4-6 dec.

Beard met Billy Janzer of Rutgers in round one. Beard, ranked No. 15 by InterMat, scored midway through the opening period to lead 2-0. He maintained control of Janzer for the rest of the period and carried that lead with 1:37 in riding time into the second period. Beard took a 3-0 lead with a quick escape to start the second period. Janzer picked up a late takedown and Beard escaped to lead 4-2 with 1:17 in riding time after two. Janzer escaped to start the third period. Beard fought off a slight Janzer shot, forced a stalemate, and then drove through a high single for a takedown and a 6-3 lead, with the time point clinched. Beard's 7-3 decision moved him into the quarterfinals where he took on No. 2 Myles Amine of Michigan. Amine scored early in the period, opening up a 2-1 lead after a quick Beard escape. Beard took a 3-2 lead with a fast high double and Amine escaped to tie things up with :50 left in the opening period. Amine escaped to a 4-3 lead to start the second period. Down by one, Beard escaped to a 4-4 tie to start the third period and the bout resumed tied in neutral. With :30 left, Beard took Amine down to take a lead but Amine quickly reversed the Lion and tied things up at 6-6. The bout moved into sudden victory where Amine secured the 8-6 (sv) win with a takedown, sending Beard to consolation action in session two.

Beard met Matt Wroblewski of Illinois in his first consolation bout of the evening. The first period was scoreless with Beard nearly notching a takedown as the first ended, but to no avail. Wroblewski chose down to start the second period and quickly escaped to a 1-0 lead. Beard continued to battle for the entire period, forcing Wroblewski back to the outside circle. His efforts paid off and he notched a takedown in the period's final seconds to lead 2-1 after one. He chose down to start the third and quickly reversed Wroblewski to lead 4-1, then 4-2 after his opponent escaped. Beard fought off two late Illinois shots and notched a final counter takedown with :11 and posted the 6-2 win. Beard took on No. 17 Thomas Penola in the consolation quarterfinals. The duo traded solid shot in the opening period and Beard finally got the first takedown with just under a minute left in the first. He quickly added a second after a Penola escape and led 4-2 after one. Penola picked up an early escape in the second and that was the middle period's only scoring. Beard escaped to a 5-3 lead to start the third period. But Penola tied the bout with a takedown at the :48 mark. Beard escaped to a 6-5 lead and made that point count, securing the 6-5 victory to move into the consolation semifinals and earn a bid to the NCAA Championships.

See above story for this session's recap.

285: #6 Greg Kerkvliet, Fr., Grove Heights, Minn.  
Rd. 1: Jack Heyob, Northwestern – W, 16-5 maj. dec.  
Qtrs: #2 Mason Parris, Michigan – L, 3-11 maj. dec.  
Cn. 2: Christian Rebottaro, Michigan State – W, 16-5 maj. dec.  
Cn. Q: #13 Trent Hillger, Wisconsin – W, 7-3 dec.  
Cn. S: #12 Christian Lance, Nebraska – W, 10-2 maj. dec.  
3rd: #3 Tony Cassioppi, Iowa – L, 0-9 maj. dec.

Kerkvliet took on Jack Heyob of Northwestern in the opening round. Kerkvliet, ranked No. 6 by InterMat, took Heyob down early, taking a 2-0 lead just :06 into the bout. He cut the Wildcat loose with 1:48 on the clock and quickly took the Wildcat down a second time. Kerkvliet would total three first period takedowns to lead big after the opening stanza. Kerkvliet added on two takedowns and an escape to lead 11-3 after two periods. The Lion freshman continued to work on top in the third period and rolled to a lopsided 16-5 major decision with 4:47 in riding time. His win pushed him into the quarterfinals where he took on No. 2 Mason Parris of Michigan. Parris notched the first takedown of the bout to lead 2-0. Parris got hit with a stall at the 1:35 mark but maintained offensive control for the rest of the period and led by two with 1:58 in riding time after the opening period. The second-ranked Wolverine added another takedown in the second period and led 4-0. Kerkvliet took Parris down to cut a 5-0 lead to 5-2 but Parris would work his way through the rest of the period and posted an 11-3 major, knocking Kerkvliet into session two's consolation action. The freshman big man met Michigan State's Christian Rebottaro in his opening consolation bout of the session. The Lion big man notched the first takedown of the bout quickly and led 2-1 early. He took Rebottaro down a second time to up his lead to 4-1 at the 1:15 mark and then went to work on top, looking for a turn. The Spartan was able to work his way to his feet and escape with :220 left but Kerkvliet quickly took him down again to lead 6-2 after the opening period. Kerkvliet chose down to start the second period and quickly escaped to a 7-2 lead. He added another takedown and led 9-2 after two periods. Kerkvliet tacked on two more takedowns in the third period and, with 3:47 in riding time, posted the 16-5 major decision. Kerkvliet battled No. 13 Trent Hillger of Wisconsin in the consolation quarters. Kerkvliet scored midway through the opening period and led 2-1 after one period. Hillger chose down to start the second period, reversed Kerkvliet, but was quickly reversed by the Lion seconds later and Kerkvliet led 4-3 with 1:45 in riding time after two. The Lion freshman would add one more takedown and clinch the riding time point with a rideout out. Kerkvliet rolled to a 7-3 win with 3:24 in riding time, advancing to the consolation semis, and becoming Penn State's ninth NCAA qualifier.

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## #2 PENN STATE AT 2021 NCAA CHAMPIONSHIPS Thur.-Sat., March 18-20, 2021 Enterprise Center - St. Louis, Mo.

TEAM STANDINGS (top five)  
1: Iowa – 125.0  
2: PENN STATE – 113.5  
3: Oklahoma State – 99.5  
4: Arizona State – 74.0  
5: Michigan – 69.0

The Penn State Nittany Lions (6-0, 6-0 B1G), under the direction of head coach Cael Sanderson, added four more national champions to its growing list of title-holders at the 2021 NCAA Wrestling Championships. Penn State went a perfect 4-0 in the NCAA finals, with all four individuals winning their first individual crowns. The Nittany Lions qualified nine for this year's tournament and the three-day event was held in the Enterprise Center in St. Louis, Mo.

Junior Roman Bravo-Young (Tucson, Ariz.), senior Nick Lee (Evansville, Ind.), freshman Carter Starocci (Erie, Pa.) and sophomore Aaron Brooks (Hagerstown, Md.) each won, marking the third time a Sanderson led Penn State team had four or more champions in one year.

Penn State now has 48 national champions in its long history, with 27 of them coming during Sanderson's tenure as head coach. Penn State finished as NCAA national runner-up, trailing only first-place Iowa in the final team standings. In Sanderson's 12 years, Penn State became NCAA Champion eight times, runner-up once (this year), and placed sixth and ninth in 11 total tournaments.

Bravo-Young, the No. 2 seed at 133, met No. 1 Daton Fix of Oklahoma State in the first finals bout of the evening as the session began at 1:33. Bravo-Young fought off a Fix shot at the 1:50 mark to keep the bout scoreless and a reset sent action back to the center circle. Bravo-Young's first shot was defended by Fix, a fast, low effort with :35 on the clock. The duo finished the period and neutral and the first period ended in a scoreless tie. Fix chose down to start the second stanza. Bravo-Young controlled the action from the top, maintaining control for over 1:20, turning Fix briefly. Fix rolled through but Bravo-Young maintained control and finished the period on top. Tied 0-0 but with 2:00 in riding time, Bravo-Young chose down to start the third period and Fix cut him loose to a 2-0 lead. The official hit Bravo-Young with two quick stalls in the final :40 to give Fix two points and a one-point lead. Bravo-Young's 1:58 riding time sent the action to sudden victory tied 2-2. In the extra time, however, Bravo-Young left no doubt. The Nittany Lion junior picked up his first national title with a fast, low double that tripped Fix to the mat. Bravo-Young collected both the Cowboy's feet and finished off the takedown for a 4-2 (sv) win. Bravo-Young became Penn State's 45th national champion. He went 5-0 with a major and a tech fall and finished the season 14-0.

Lee, the No. 2 seed at 141, met No. 1 Jaydin Eierman of Iowa in Penn State's second straight NCAA title bout. Lee set a fast early tempo, working his way in on a series of single legs that Eierman was forced to fight off. Lee's pressure forced the Hawkeye out of bounds numerous times over the first minute-plus. Eierman worked his way in on a single with :25 left and this time Lee defended the shot. Tied 0-0, Eierman chose down to start the second period and quickly escaped to a 1-0 lead. Lee fought off another Eierman shot at the 1:00 mark and action returned to the center circle. The duo finished the period on their feet and Lee trailed by one after two periods. Lee chose neutral to start the third period and quickly used a high single to take Eierman down and grab a 2-1 lead. Eierman escaped and the bout was tied 2-2 with 1:35 left in the match. Lee upped the pressure on Eierman, forced him into a stall at :35 and then nearly connected on a low single. Lee nearly won the bout in regulation with a late shot but Eierman's defense killed the clock and the match moved into extra time. Like his teammate in the match before, Lee left no doubt in the extra period. The Lion senior roared in towards Eierman early in the extra minute and finished off a high shot for a takedown and the win. Lee's 4-2 (sv) win earned him his first national title. Lee became Penn State's 46th national champion. He went 5-0 with two majors and a tech and finished the season 13-1.

Starocci, the No. 3 seed at 174, faced off against No. 1 Michael Kemerer of Iowa in the third finals bout for the Nittany Lions. Starocci battled the top-seeded Hawkeye in the center circle for the first minute-plus. Kemerer dove in on a shot with 1:25 on the clock that Starocci countered and action moved back up to neutral as time moved below 1:00. Starocci worked in on a single that turned into a :30 scramble but the action ended in a stalemate and the bout moved to the second period tied 0-0. Starocci chose down to start the second period and quickly escaped to a 1-0 lead. The Lion freshman stalked the middle of the mat, keeping action on the NCAA logo while looking for an opening on offense. Starocci worked his way in on a single leg with :15 and almost finished off the takedown, but time ran out on the Lion's effort and he led 1-0 after two. Kemerer chose down to start the third period and escaped to a 1-1 tie. The third period ended with neither man scoring and, like his teammates before him, Starocci would need extra time to win his title. And just like Bravo-Young and Lee, Starocci ended the match quickly in sudden

victory. He worked in on a high shot, gained control of Kemerer at the waist and took the Hawkeye down for the 3-1 (sv) win, becoming a national champion as a freshman. Starocci became Penn State's 47th national champion. He went 5-0 at the tournament with a major and ends his first collegiate season with a 14-2 record.

Brooks, the No. 1 seed at 184, battled No. 2 Trent Hidlay of North Carolina State in the last of four title bouts for Penn State. Brooks was the aggressor early, forcing Hidlay backwards over the course of the first minute. The action continued in neutral for the next minute with neither wrestler finding an opening. With the clock moving to the :30 mark, Brooks forced Hidlay into a first stall warning. Tied 0-0, Brooks chose down to start the second period. Brooks worked his way into control of Hidlay's shoulders and turned him to his back for a reversal. The Lion bench challenged for two back points but none were given and Brooks led 2-1 at the 1:30 mark. Trailing by one, Hidlay chose down to start the third period. He escaped to a 2-2 tie at 1:40 and the bout continued in neutral. Brooks continued to pressure Hidlay in the center circle. The Lion took a 3-2 lead on another Hidlay stall and the clock moved down to :30. Brooks fought off a solid shot from Hidlay at the :20 mark and the North Carolina State bench challenged for a takedown. The no call stood and Brooks walked away with his first national title on the backs off a 3-2 win. Brooks became Penn State's 48th national champion. He went 5-0 at the tournament with a technical fall.

Freshman Michael Beard (Pottstown, Pa.), the No. 15 seed at 197, finished off his tournament with a sudden victory win in the seventh-place bout during the prior session. He ended the tournament with a 4-2 record that included three majors. The freshman All-American closed out his first season with a 10-6 mark. Freshman Greg Kerkvliet (Grove Heights, Minn.), the No. 9 seed at 285, also won his final match of the tournament, taking seventh-place in the prior session. Kerkvliet went 4-2 during his initial NCAA tournament run, including three majors and a tech fall. He went 10-4 over the course of the season and became a freshman All-American as well.

Junior Brady Berge (Mantorville, Minn.), the No. 12 seed at 157, was unable to compete after being injured in the national quarterfinals ended his NCAA tournament run with a 2-1 record, including a major. Berge went 10-3 this year. True freshman Robert Howard (Cranford, N.J.), the No. 23 seed at 125, went 2-2 at 125 and had his tournament end during session three. Freshman Joe Lee (Evansville, Ind.), the No. 23 seed at 165, went 0-2 in his first tournament appearance.

The Nittany Lions went a perfect 4-0 in the finals, marking the third time Penn State has had four or more national champions in one season since Sanderson's arrival (five in 2017, four in 2018). It is the second time Penn State was perfect in the finals when having four or more finalists (5-0 in 2017).

Penn State's perfect final run gave the Lions a 31-9 final record here in St. Louis. The Lions tallied 17.0 bonus points off 11 majors and four tech falls. Penn State was also 4-0 in sudden victory bouts, including winning three in the finals. The Penn State now has 232 all-time All-Americans including this year's six, with 69 of those coming in Sanderson's 12 years. Lee is the 15th four-time All-American in Penn State wrestling history. Bravo-Young is the 32nd three-time All-American in Lion history.

Penn State has won eight of the last ten contested NCAA Championships with last year's being cancelled by the NCAA (all since Sanderson's arrival at Penn State and he just finished his 12th season this year). The Nittany Lions have won nine NCAA titles overall, owning a championship since 1953. Penn State won four-straight titles in 2016, '17, '18 and '19 and also won four-straight in 2011, '12, '13 and '14.

Penn State finished its dual meet schedule with a perfect 6-0 mark, 6-0 in the Big Ten, and earned a share of its seventh Big Ten Regular Season Championship with 5-0 Iowa. The Nittany Lions finished as Big Ten tournament runners-up two weekends ago.

Weight-by-weight agate  
(RANKINGS LISTED ARE OFFICIAL TOURNAMENT SEED):

125: #23 Robert Howard, Fr., Cranford, N.J. -- DNP  
Rd. 1: #10 Malik Heinselman, Ohio State – W, 6-4 dec.  
Rd. 2: #7 Taylor LaMont, Utah Valley – L, 1-2 dec.  
Rd. 3: #24 Fabian Gutierrez, Chattanooga – W, 9-7 dec.  
Cn. 3: #15 Patrick McKee, Minnesota – LBF (2:04)

Howard took on No. 10 Malik Heinselman of Ohio State in his first NCAA tournament bout. The duo battled through a scoreless opening period and the bout moved to the second period tied 0-0. Howard chose down to start the second period and after a minute's work, reversed the Buckeye to take a 2-0 lead. He then turned Heinselman for four back points, nearly pinning him, and leg 6-1 after two. Heinselman escaped to start the third and added a late takedown, but Howard's strong second period gave the Nittany Lion a 6-4 victory in his first NCAA tournament bout.

He took on No. 7 Taylor LaMont of Utah Valley in his second-round match-up. Howard and LaMont wrestled through an even minute-plus to start the bout. Each wrestler had slight chances but quick defense on both sides sent the bout to the second period tied 0-0. LaMont escaped to a 1-0 lead to start the second, the only scoring of the middle stanza. Howard looked to answer that escape in the third period but LaMont was able to maintain control until the :25 mark. Howard escaped but 1:26 in riding time allowed LaMont to escape with a 2-1 victory and send Howard into the wrestle-backs.

Howard took on No. 24 Fabian Gutierrez of Chattanooga in his first consolation bout of the tournament. Howard opened up the bout with a quick takedown to take an early 2-1 lead. He worked the middle of the mat for the remainder of the period and led by one after one. Gutierrez reversed the Lion freshman to start the second period and maintained control until a last-second escape by Howard tied the bout at 3-3. Howard chose down to start the third period and reversed the Moc. He added two nearfall points but was reversed. A stall point against had Howard up by one. The Lion freshman iced the win with another reversal and walked away with a 9-7 win. He took on No. 15 Patrick McKee of Minnesota in the next consolation round. McKee connected on a single right off the opening whistle. Howard fought off the move for a bit but the Gopher took a 2-0 lead with a takedown. Howard fought off two turns but was pinned at the 2:04 mark on the third effort by McKee. The loss ended the freshman's tournament with a 2-2 record. Howard went 7-6 as a true freshman this year.

133: #2 Roman Bravo-Young, Jr., Tucson, Ariz. // All-American // National Champion  
Rd. 1: #31 Sean Carter, Appalachian State – W, 20-5 (TF; 7:00)  
Rd. 2: #18 Kyle Burwick, Wisconsin – W, 11-3 maj. dec.  
Qtrs: #10 Louie Hayes, Virginia – W, 4-1 dec.  
Semis: #3 Korbin Myers, Virginia Tech – W, 5-3 dec.  
Finals: #1 Daton Fix, Oklahoma State – W, 4-2 (sv)

Bravo-Young met No. 31 Sean Carter of Appalachian State in the opening round. Bravo-Young took an early 2-0 lead with a quick takedown and tacked on two more to lead 6-2 with over 2:00 in time after one period. The second-seeded Lion added an early escape and a takedown and finished off the period with a four-point turn to lead 13-2 after two (with a clinched riding time point). Bravo-Young finished off the technical fall with a flurry of takedowns in the third, posting the 20-5 technical fall with 3:45 in riding time.

He met No. 18 Kyle Burwick of Wisconsin in the second round. The Lion junior took a 2-1 lead midway through the first period and turned that into a 4-1 lead with a second takedown in the final seconds of the period. Bravo-Young notched a reversal to take a 6-1 lead and ended the second stanza with another late takedown to carry an 8-2 lead into the third period. Burwick chose down to start the third period and Bravo-Young worked his riding time edge up over 1:00. Bravo-Young used a late takedown in the third period and 1:22 in riding time for an 11-3 major decision, another Penn State bonus point victory.

Bravo-Young faced No. 10 Louie Hayes of Virginia in Penn State's first national quarterfinal bout. Bravo-Young took a 2-0 lead with a takedown just over a minute into the bout. He finished the period still in control and carried that lead, and 1:41 in riding time, into the second period. Bravo-Young added a quick escape in the second to lead 3-0. Hayes picked up his lone point with an escape in the third and Bravo-Young added a riding time point to roll into the semifinals. He also became a three-time All-American with the victory.

He took on No. 3 Korbin Myers of Virginia Tech in the first of Penn State's four national semifinal bouts. Bravo-Young took a quick lead with a takedown just :40 into the bout. Myers escaped to a 2-1 score and action returned to neutral. The Lion junior carried that one-point lead into the second stanza. Myers chose down to start the second period and Bravo-Young was able to keep control for :25 before the Hokie escaped to a 2-2 tie. The tie score held for the remainder of the period and the bout moved to the final stanza deadlocked. Bravo-Young chose neutral to start the third period. Bravo-Young darted in on a fast low shot, snagged Myers' ankle, and pulled both feet into control for a takedown at the 1:05 mark. The swift move put the Lion up 4-2. Bravo-Young kept control of Myers and built his riding time edge up over 1:00. Young managed a late escape but Bravo-Young, with riding time, notched the 5-3 win and advanced to the national finals.

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141: #2 Nick Lee, Sr., Evansville, Ind. // All-American // National Champion

Rd. 1: #31 Julian Flores, Drexel – W, 18-0 (TF; 2:33)  
Rd. 2: #15 Clay Carlson, South Dakota State – W, 14-3 maj. dec.  
Qtrs: #10 Zach Sherman, North Carolina – W, 11-3 maj. dec.  
Semis: #3 Sebastian Rivera, Rutgers – W, 9-3 dec.  
Finals: #1 Jaydin Eierman, Iowa – W, 4-2 (sv)

Lee battled No. 31 Julian Flores of Drexel in the opening round. Lee came out fast, taking Flores down and quickly turning him to his back for four nearfall points and a 6-0 lead. He added a second four-point turn, then a third, and led 14-0 with 1:00 still on the clock. Lee finished off the tech fall with a final turn to roll to an 18-0 win at the 2:33 mark in the opening period.

He met No. 15 Clay Carlson of South Dakota State in round two. Lee took a 2-0 lead just :20 into the bout, added a second takedown and two back points to jump out to a 6-1 lead in the first minute. He forced Carlson into a stall warning and finished off the period with a 6-2 lead. Lee escaped to start the second stanza and rolled into another takedown just :15 into the second. He picked up a stall point and finished the period with an 11-2 lead and 2:28 in riding time. Lee tacked on one more takedown in the third and, with a gaudy 4:06 in riding time, rolled into the quarterfinals with a 14-3 major decision.

Lee took on No. 10 Zach Sherman of North Carolina in the quarterfinals. Lee quickly took Sherman down and went to work on top, looking for tilts. After three brief turns that Sherman rolled through, Lee cut Sherman loose to a 2-1 score with 1:10 in riding time. Lee tacked on another takedown and got a two-point turn to lead 6-1 after one with over 2:00 in time. After a neutral start in the second, Lee quickly took Sherman down a third time to up his lead to 8-2. He added a fourth takedown in the third period and, with 4:03 in riding time, advanced to the semifinals with an 11-3 major decision. Lee became a four-time All-American with the victory as well.

He met No. 3 Sebastian Rivera of Rutgers in the semifinals. Lee looked to set a fast pace early. The Lion senior forced Rivera into defense for the first minute-plus, with a number of fast shots that the Knight had to step away from. Rivera countered a Lee shot late and took a 2-0 lead with a takedown in front of the Rutgers bench. Trailing by two, Lee chose down to start the second period. Lee escaped to a 2-1 score and then picked up a stall point on a second Rivera stall to tie the bout at 2-2 with :50 on the clock. Lee rolled through a low double to take a 4-2 lead at the :45 mark. Lee maintained offensive control for the rest of the period and led 4-2 after two. Rivera escaped to start the third period and cut Lee's lead to 4-3. Lee scrambled away from a Rivera shot to force a reset with :40. Lee finished off the bout with a strong takedown and rolled Rivera to his back for two near fall points. He finished the match on top and, with riding time, moved into the national finals with a 9-3 victory.

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157: #12 Brady Berge, Jr., Mantorville, Minn. -- DNP  
Rd. 1: #21 Andrew Cerniglia, Navy – W, 12-4 maj. dec.  
Rd. 2: #5 Kaleb Young, Iowa – W, 3-2 dec.  
Qtrs: #4 Jesse Dellavecchia, Rider – L, inj. def.

Berge met No. 21 Andrew Cerniglia of Navy in the opening round. Berge fought off a fast shot from Cerniglia and had two solid opportunities of his own defended by Cerniglia and the first period was scoreless. Berge escaped to a 1-0 lead to start the second period and then took a 3-0 lead with the bout's first takedown at the :45 mark. The Nittany Lion added a second takedown late to lead 5-1 after two periods. Berge tacked on three more takedowns and 1:45 in riding time to roll to a 12-4 major decision.

He met No. 15 Clay Carlson of South Dakota State in round two. Lee took a 2-0 lead just :20 into the bout, added a second takedown and two back points to jump out to a 6-1 lead in the first minute. He forced Carlson into a stall warning and finished off the period with a 6-2 lead. Lee escaped to start the second stanza and rolled into another takedown just :15 into the second. He picked up a stall point and finished the period with an 11-2 lead and 2:28 in riding time. Lee tacked on one more takedown in the third and, with a gaudy 4:06 in riding time, rolled into the quarterfinals with a 14-3 major decision.

Berge met No. 4 Jesse Dellavecchia of Rider in his quarterfinal bout. Berge and Dellavecchia worked through over two minutes of wrestling on their feet until Dellavecchia got in on a high single with :50 on the clock. Berge fought off the effort for a bit then was injured during the action as it moved to the mat. The Lion junior was not able to continue and suffered an injury default loss, falling to the consolation bracket.

He was unable compete after being injured and ended his NCAA tournament run with a 2-1 record, including a major. Berge went 10-3 this year.

165: #23 Joe Lee, Fr., Evansville, Ind. -- DNP  
Rd. 1: #10 Travis Wittlake, Oklahoma State – L, 1-8 dec.  
Cn. 1: #26 Andrew Nicholson, Chattanooga – L, 4-10 dec.

Lee faced No. 10 Travis Wittlake of Oklahoma State in his first NCAA tournament match-up. Lee battled Wittlake through a scoreless first period but have a up a stall warning in the process and the first period ended tied 0-0. Wittlake escaped to a 1-0 lead to start the second stanza. Lee tried to throw Wittlake on the edge of the mat but the Cowboy countered the effort and turned Lee to his back for a 7-0 lead off the takedown and near fall points. Lee picked up a late escape in the second period but dropped an 8-1 decision to fall into the consolation bracket.

He took on No. 26 Andrew Nicholson of Chattanooga in his first consolation bout of the tournament. Nicholson notched a takedown quickly in the bout but Lee reversed the action right away and tied the bout. A quick Moc escaped and Lee trailed 3-2 at the 2:15 mark. Lee to a 4-3 lead with a takedown midway through the period and Nicholson escaped to a tie. Nicholson took a 7-4 lead in the second with an escape and a takedown, finishing on top in the period. The Moc added a quick takedown in the third and picked up a riding time point to hand Lee a 10-4 loss, ending the Penn State freshman's tournament run. Lee went 0-2 in his first NCAA tournament.

174: #3 Carter Starocci, Fr., Erie, Pa. // All-American // National Champion  
Rd. 1: #30 Victor Marcelli, Virginia – W, 10-2 maj. dec.  
Rd. 2: #14 Hayden Hastings, Wyoming – W, 8-2 dec.  
Qtrs: #6 Andrew McNally, Kent State – W, 6-3 dec.  
Semis: #2 Demetrius Romero, Utah Valley – W, 2-0 dec.  
Finals: #1 Michael Kemmerer, Iowa – W, 3-1 (sv)

Starocci took on No. 30 Victor Marcelli of Virginia in his first NCAA tournament. Starocci took a 2-0 lead with :51 left in the opening period, turning a high single into a takedown to lead by two after the first period after finishing the period on top. He quickly escaped to start the second stanza and added a takedown in the final seconds to carry a 5-0 lead into the third period. The Lion built his riding time point up over 1:00, then tallied two more takedowns to roll to a 10-2 major decision in his first NCAA tournament bout.

He faced off against No. 14 Hayden Hastings of Wyoming in round two. Starocci scored quickly, taking a 2-0 lead with just under a minute gone. The Lion freshman built up over 1:00 in riding time, cut Hastings loose, and added a late takedown to lead 4-1 after one period. Hastings picked up an escape in the second period but not before Starocci had over 2:00 in riding time and led 4-2 after two. Starocci escaped to start the third period and added on a final takedown to finish off the third period in control. His 2:13 in riding time added one more to his tally in an 8-2 victory that moved the freshman into the quarterfinals.

Starocci battled No. 6 Andrew McNally of Kent State in the quarters. Starocci and McNally tangled in the center circle for the two minutes with neither wrestler giving an inch. Starocci drove in on a high single at the 1:00 mark and finished off a takedown to lead 2-0. He finished the period on top and led by two after one. Starocci escaped to a 3-0 lead to start the second period. He added another takedown off a high single late in the period and finished on top once again to lead 5-0 after two. McNally chose down to start the third and Starocci controlled the action long enough to build up a 2:03 time edge. The Kent State grappler added a late takedown but, with 1:54 in riding time, Starocci posted the 6-3 victory and advanced to the national semifinals. Starocci also became an All-American for the first time with the win.

He faced off against No. 2 Demetrius Romero of Utah Valley in the semis. Starocci battled Romero in the center circle for the opening minute-plus. The Lion freshman shot Romero to the edge of the mat but Romero defended the effort. The first period ended in a scoreless tie. Starocci chose down to start the second period and quickly escaped to a 1-0 lead. The duo then worked the middle of the mat on their feet for the rest of the second period and the Lion freshman led by one after two. Romero chose down to start the third period and Starocci made the decision work his way. The Nittany Lion freshman was dominant in the offensive position, controlling Romero for the entire third period. The ride-out gave Starocci 1:47 in riding time and the Lion freshman moved to the national finals with a 2-0 victory.

See above story for this session's recap.

184: #1 Aaron Brooks, So., Hagerstown, Md. // All-American // National Champion

Rd. 1: #32 Jhaquan Anderson, Gardner-Webb – W, 17-1 (TF; 5:25)  
Rd. 2: #17 Owen Webster, Minnesota – W, 5-0 dec.  
Qtrs: #8 Taylor Venz, Nebraska – W, 9-4 dec.  
Semis: #4 Parker Keckeisen, Northern Iowa – W, 6-4 dec.  
Finals: #2 Trent Hilday, North Carolina State – W, 3-2 dec.

Brooks battled No. 32 Jhaquan Anderson of Gardner-Webb in the first round. Brooks scored just seconds into the bout, quickly added a second and then turned Anderson to his back to open up an 8-1 lead after the opening stanza. Brooks picked up another takedown and a stall point in the second to lead 11-1 with nearly 4:00 in riding time after two. His domination continued into the third period and the top-seeded Lion sophomore posted a lopsided 17-1 technical fall at the 5:25 mark, advancing to the second round.

He took on No. 17 Owen Webster of Minnesota in the second round. Brooks and Webster battled evenly for over 2:00 before Brooks' constant pressure led to a takedown and a 2-0 lead for the Lion sophomore. Brooks finished the period on top and carried that lead with :56 in time into the middle period. Brooks picked up a quick escape to start the second period and led 3-0. He led 4-0 after two thanks to a stall point. Webster chose down to start the third period but Brooks dominated the action. He maintained control for the entirety of the period and, with 2:53 in riding time, rolled into the national quarterfinals with a 5-0 win.

Brooks met No. 8 Taylor Venz of Nebraska in the quarterfinals. Brooks turned a low shot into a scramble with 2:15 on the clock and bulled his way to a takedown and a 2-0 lead. The Lion sophomore kept control for :45 before Venz escaped to a 2-1 score. The one-point lead held for Brooks after the opening stanza. Venz chose down to start the second period and reversed Brooks for a 3-2 lead. Brooks quickly escaped and then immediately moved in for a takedown to lead 5-3 at the 1:04 mark. A strong ride allowed Brooks to kill the clock and he led by two after two. Brooks chose down to start the third, escaped and iced the bout with another takedown. Nearly 2:00 of riding time made the final score 9-4 and Brooks moved into the national semifinals. The two-time Big Ten Champion became a two-time All-American with the win as well.

He met No. 4 Parker Keckeisen of Northern Iowa in Penn State's final semifinal match of the night. Brooks took an early lead, using a fast low single to take Keckeisen down and lead 2-1 at the 1:49 mark. The early takedown was the lone score of the opening period and Brooks carried that one-point lead into the second stanza. The Lion sophomore escaped to a 3-1 lead to start the second period. Brooks' relentless offensive effort led to another scramble in the middle of the mat. He worked his way through the action and took a 5-1 lead with another takedown. A short rideout and Brooks entered the third period with a 5-1 lead. Keckeisen escaped to a 5-2 score but Brooks' riding time eclipsed 1:00. Brooks gave up a late takedown and, with riding time, moved into the NCAA finals with a 6-4 victory.

See above story for this session's recap.

197: #15 Michael Beard, Fr., Pottstown, Pa. // All-American  
Rd. 1: #18 Jacob Koser, Navy – W, 14-4 maj. dec.  
Rd. 2: #31 Owen Pentz, North Dakota State – W, 17-8 maj. dec.  
Qtrs: #26 Jake Woodley, Oklahoma – L, 3-8 dec.  
Con 4: #13 Tanner Sloan, South Dakota State – W, 9-1 maj. dec.  
Con Q: #7 Rocky Elam, Missouri – L, 0-5 dec.  
7th: #8 Stephen Buchanan, Wyoming – W, 10-8 (sv)

Beard met No. 18 Jacob Koser of Navy in the opening round in this, his first NCAA tourney. Beard turned a quick high single into a takedown and an early lead right out of the gates. The Lion controlled Koser for the period, turning him for four back points and finishing on top to lead 6-0 after one. He reversed Koser in the second and added a late takedown to lead 10-1 after two periods. The Lion freshman iced his first NCAA tournament win another takedown and 3:17 in riding time, rolling into the second round with a 14-4 major decision.

He met No. 31 Owen Pentz of North Dakota State in the second round. Beard dominated the first period. The Nittany Lion freshman collected four takedowns in the opening three minutes, scoring often and building up over 1:00 in riding time to lead 8-4 after one. Beard continued the offensive show in the second period, picking up two more takedowns (including one in the final seconds) to lead 12-6 heading into the third period. Beard finished off the major decision with two more takedowns and 1:32 in riding time to post the 17-8 major decision and advance to the quarterfinals.

Beard faced No. 26 Jake Woodley of Oklahoma in the quarterfinals. Beard fought off an early Woodley shot over the first minute, forcing a reset. Woodley finished off a second takedown with a lift on the edge off the mat to lead 2-0 with 1:17 on the clock. Beard escaped to a 2-1 score and trailed by one after one. He chose down to start the second period and escaped to a 2-2 tie. Woodley notched a second takedown, however, and Beard trailed 4-2 after two. Woodley chose down to start the third period and escaped to a 5-2 lead. He added a final takedown and, while giving up a stall point, got a riding time point and posted the 8-3 win over the Lion freshman. Beard's loss sent him into consolation action.



He met No. 13 Tanner Sloan of South Dakota State in his first consolation match-up. Beard turned a high single into a takedown and a 2-0 lead just over a minute into the bout. The Lion freshman then took control on offense, turning Sloan for back points and a 6-0 lead at the 1:05 mark. Beard finished the period on top and led 6-0 with 2:00 in riding time after one. Sloan chose down to start the second period but Beard controlled the action, riding Sloan out to lead 6-0 with 4:00 of riding time after two periods. Beard chose top to start the final period. With the riding time point clinched, he went to work in neutral. Beard picked up a final late takedown and, with 5:03 in riding time became an All-American with a 9-1 major decision. Beard took on No. 7 Rocky Elam of Missouri in the conso quarters. Elam notched a takedown in the first late in the period to lead 2-0 after the opening stanza. The Tiger escaped to start the second stanza and added a second takedown to carry a 3-0 lead into the final period. Elam added a final score and Beard dropped into Saturday's seventh-place bout with a 5-0 decision.

Beard met No. 8 Stephen Buchanan of Wyoming in the seventh-place bout, Penn State's first of two match-ups in the morning session. Beard came out hot offensively, taking the Cowboy down to his back for a takedown and two back points. Buchanan reversed the Lion and Beard escaped quickly to a 5-2 lead with 1:31 on the clock. With Beard leading by three after one period, Buchanan chose down to start the second stanza and escaped to a 5-3 score at the 1:47 mark. Buchanan tied the match with a scrambling takedown at the 1:00 mark but Beard worked his way to a reversal to take a 7-5 lead. Buchanan managed an escape and Beard led 7-6 after two. Beard escaped to an 8-6 lead to start the third period. Beard spent the last minute fighting off a Buchanan shot but the Cowboy finished off the takedown to send the bout to sudden victory tied 8-8. Beard ended the bout quickly in extra time, using a hot shot to take Buchanan down and post the thrilling 10-8 sudden victory decision. Beard ends his first NCAA tournament as the seventh place finisher, an All-American, going 4-2 with three majors.

285: #9 Greg Kerkvliet, Fr., Grove Heights, Minn. // All-American  
 Rd. 1: #24 Johnathan Birchmeier, Navy – W, 18-0 (TF; 2:17)  
 Rd. 2: #8 Jordan Wood, Lehigh – W, 12-2 maj. dec.  
 Qtrs: #1 Gable Steveson, Minnesota – L, 4-7 dec.  
 Con. 4: #29 Austin Harris, Oklahoma State – W, 13-5 maj. dec.  
 Con. Q: #4 Cohilton Schultz, Arizona State – L, 8-14 dec.  
 7th: #21 Tate Omdorff, Ohio State – W, 13-1 maj. dec.

Kerkvliet faced No. 24 Jonathan Birchmeier of Navy his first NCAA tournament match-up. Kerkvliet dominated the bout from the opening whistle. The Lion freshman took Birchmeier down and then went to work on offense. He turned the Navy wrestler for four back points and reset himself three more times in less than three minutes. With a takedown and four four-point nearfalls, Kerkvliet rolled to an 18-0 technical fall at the 2:17 mark, picking up a win in his NCAA debut and rolling on to the second round.

He battled No. 8 Jordan Wood of Lehigh in the second round. Kerkvliet nearly scored on a fast low shot at the whistle but Wood was able to skip away. Kerkvliet kept up the pace and got a takedown at 1:30 and led 2-1 after the opening three minutes. Kerkvliet quickly escaped to a 3-1 lead to begin the second period and added another takedown. The Lion freshman led 5-1 after two periods. Woods chose down to start the third and Kerkvliet worked his riding time edge up over 1:00 with strong work on top. He turned Woods for four back points and led 9-2 with 1:17 in time as the clock moved below 1:00. Kerkvliet added a final takedown and 1:32 in riding time to rush into the quarterfinals with a 12-2 major decision.

Kerkvliet met No. 1 Gable Steveson of Minnesota in the last of Penn State's seven quarterfinal bouts. Steveson notched the bout's first takedown :30 into the match. The Nittany Lion could not work his way free of Steveson's control and trailed by two after the opening three minutes. Steveson escaped to a 3-0 lead to start the second period and the bout moved to its midpoint with the wrestlers battling in neutral. Trailing by three, Kerkvliet chose neutral to start the third stanza. The Lion freshman took a high single at the 1:40 mark but Steveson countered the move and took a 5-0 lead with another takedown. Steveson countered another Kerkvliet shot and took a 7-1 lead with :55 on the clock. Kerkvliet escaped and finished off a solid takedown as the bout ended but Steveson's early work led to a 9-4 win. The loss sent Kerkvliet into consolation action.

He battled No. No. 29 Austin Harris of Oklahoma State in his first consolation bout. The Lion big man dominated the opening period. Kerkvliet notched two textbook takedowns to lead 4-2 with over 1:00 in riding time after the opening three minutes. He added a third takedown in the second stanza and upped his lead to 6-3 with two minutes left. The third period was all Kerkvliet. Kerkvliet put on an offensive show in the third. He tallied three takedowns to up his lead to 12-5 and added a riding time point to post the 13-5 major decision. The win earned him All-American honors. He then took on No. 4 Cohilton Schultz of Arizona State in the conso quarters. Kerkvliet opened up the scoring with a quick takedown and led 2-1 out of the gates. But the Sun Devil countered that early burst with two takedowns of his own and led 7-4 after the opening period. Schultz extended his lead to 10-4 after two periods with an escape and a takedown. Kerkvliet cut into the lead early in the third with an escape and a takedown but Schultz answered with a final

takedown down the stretch to post the 14-8 victory. The loss dropped Kerkvliet into Saturday's seventh-place bout.

Kerkvliet battled No. 21 Tate Omdorff of Ohio State in the seventh-place match at heavyweight, closing out Penn State's action in Saturday's early session. Kerkvliet scored quickly, taking Omdorff down for an early 2-0 lead. The Lion freshman went to work on top, building up riding time while looking for a chance to turn the Buckeye. Kerkvliet forced Omdorff into a stall warning and finished in control. Leading 2-0 with 2:505 in riding time, Kerkvliet chose down to start the second period and quickly reversed Omdorff for a 4-0 lead. He cut Omdorff loose and quickly took him down again to move out to a 6-1 lead, then 7-1 with a stall point. Kerkvliet once again rode Omdorff out and led 7-1 with clinched riding time (4:16) after two periods. He took Omdorff down again to start the third period, got another stall point, and led 10-1 with 1:30 left in the bout. Omdorff got hit with one more stall (a two-pointer) during a third Kerkvliet rideout. The Lion freshman added on 6:10 in riding time and rolled to a 13-1 major decision to take seventh place. Kerkvliet went 4-2 with three majors and a tech fall to become an All-American in his first trip to nationals.