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#1 PENN STATE NITTANY LIONS (10-0, 7-0 B1G)

WT	NAME	EL	HT/HS	REC
125	#6 Braeden Davis	Fr.	Belleville, Mich./Dundee	15-1
133	#11 Aaron Nagao	So.	La Habra, Calif./Esperanza	9-4
141	#1 Beau Bartlett	Sr.	Tempe, Ariz./Wyoming Seminary (Pa.)	16-0
149	#9 Tyler Kasak	Fr.	Doylestown, Pa./Bethlehem Catholic	12-2
157	#1 Levi Haines	So.	Arendtsville, Pa./Biglerville	13-0
165	#6 Mitchell Mesenbrink	Fr.	Hartland, Wis./Arrowhead	17-0
174	#1 Carter Starocci	Sr.	Erie, Pa./Cathedral Prep	10-0
184	#6 Bernie Truax	Gr.	Oceanside, Calif./Rancho Buena Vista	10-2
197	#1 Aaron Brooks	Sr.+	Hagerstown, Md./North Hagerstown	12-0
285	#1 Greg Kerkviet	Sr.	Inver Grove Heights, Minn./Simley	10-0

#8 NEBRASKA CORNHUSKERS (11-1, 6-1 B1G)

WT	NAME	EL	HT	REC
125	#12 Caleb Smith	Gr.	High Point, N.C.	17-5
133	#17 Jacob Van Dee	Fr.	Union City, Pa.	16-6
141	#7 Brock Hardy	So.	Brigham City, Utah	14-5
149	#1 Ridge Lovett	Jr.	Post Falls, Idaho	20-0
157	#7 Peyton Robb	Sr.	Owatonna, Minn.	16-4
165	#15 Antrell Taylor	Fr.	Millard, Neb.	16-4
174	#33 Bubba Wilson	Jr.	Manhattan, Kan.	11-9
184	#3 Lenny Pinto	So.	Stroudsburg, Pa.	17-3
197	#13 Silas Alred	So.	Anderson, Ind.	19-4
285	Harley Andrews	Fr.	Tuttle, Okla	10-9
	Nash Hutmacher	Jr.	Oacoma, S.D.	4-2

Individual Rankings listed are InterMat and Team Rankings are InterMat Tournament Power Index (as of 2/13/24)

2023-24 SCHEDULE

NOVEMBER

Sun. 12 Journeyman Collegiate Classic, Bethlehem, Pa.
(Unbeaten at event: Josh Barr, 184; Terrell Barraclough, 165; Beau Bartlett, 141; Aaron Brooks, 184; Braeden Davis, 125; Levi Haines, 157; Greg Kerkviet, 285; Mitchell Mesenbrink, 165; Carter Starocci, 174; Bernie Truax, 184; Shayne Van Ness, 149)

Sun. 19 Army Black Knight Invite, West Point, N.Y.
(Braeden Davis, 1st at 125; Aaron Nagao, 1st at 133; Beau Bartlett, 1st at 141; Mitchell Mesenbrink, 1st at 165; Josh Barr, 1st at 184; Tyler Kasak, 2nd at 141; Terrell Barraclough, 2nd at 165)

Tue. 21 NWCA All-Star Classic Exhibition, Rec Hall
(Van Ness 5-2 over Parco; Starocci 11-0 over Lewis; Keckeisen 7-4 over Truax; Brooks 11-2 over Sloan; Kerkviet 18-2 over Hendrickson)

DECEMBER

Sun. 3 #20 LEHIGH, Rec Hall (B1GN) W, 30-10
Sun. 10 HOFSTRA, Rec Hall (B1G+) W, 43-10

JANUARY

Fr. 5 at #18 Oregon State W, 36-3
Sun. 14 INDIANA*, Rec Hall (B1G+) W, 46-0
Fr. 19 at #5 Michigan* (B1GN) W, 27-9
Sun. 21 at Michigan State* (B1G+) W, 35-0
Sun. 28 at Maryland* (B1GN) W, 42-6

FEBRUARY

Fr. 2 #17 OHIO STATE*, Rec Hall (B1GN) W, 28-9
Fr. 9 at #6 Iowa* (B1GN) W, 29-6
Mon. 12 RUTGERS, BJC (B1GN) W, 35-3
Sun. 18 #8 NEBRASKA*, Rec Hall (B1GN) 4 p.m.
Sun. 25 EDINBORO, Rec Hall (B1G+) 2 p.m.

MARCH

Sa.-Sn. 9-10 2024 B1G Championships // XFINITY Center
College Park, Md. (Times subject to change)
9 Session 1 (B1G+/B1GN) 10 a.m.
9 Session 2 (B1G+/B1GN) 5:30 p.m.
10 Session 3-4 (B1G+/B1GN) 1 p.m./4:30 p.m.
Th.-Sa. 21-23 2024 NCAA Championships // T-Mobile Center
Kansas City, Mo. (Times subject to change)
21 Session 1 (ESPN/2/U) 12 p.m.
21 Session 2 (ESPN/2/U) 7 p.m.
22 Session 3 (ESPN/2/U) 12 p.m.
22 Session 4 (ESPN/2/U) 8 p.m.
23 Session 5 (ESPN/2/U) 11 a.m.
23 Session 6 (ESPN/2/U) 7 p.m.

* Big Ten Dual -- Home events in CAPS -- All Times EASTERN
Team rankings are InterMat TPI at time of dual

THIS WEEK

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UP NEXT

Penn State closes out the regular season by hosting Edinboro on Sunday, Feb. 25, at 2 p.m. in Rec Hall.

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THIS WEEK'S ACTION:

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The Nittany Lions are coming off two Big Ten wins last weekend. Penn State won eight of ten bouts in Iowa City on Feb. 9, rolling to a 29-6 win over the Hawkeyes. Five of Penn State's eight wins were major decisions. Three days later, head coach Cael Sanderson and company dominated Rutgers 35-3 in the 2024 BJC Dual.

Penn State's line-up features ten ranked wrestlers. True freshman Braeden Davis is 15-1 and ranked No. 6 at 125. Sophomore Aaron Nagao is 9-4 and No. 11 at 133. Senior Beau Bartlett is 16-0 and No. 1 at 141. True freshman Tyler Kasak is 12-2 and No. 9 at 149. Sophomore Levi Haines is 13-0 and No. 1 at 157. Freshman Mitchell Mesenbrink is 17-0 and No. 6 at 165. Senior Carter Starocci is 10- and No. 1 at 174. Graduate Bernie Truax is 10-2 and No. 6 at 184. Senior+ Aaron Brooks is 12-0 and No. 1 at 197. Senior Greg Kerkvliet is 10-0 and No. 1 at 285.

Nebraska will enter the dual with an 11-1 overall record, 6-1 in Big Ten action, and coming off a strong 25-7 win over Michigan last Friday night. The Cornhuskers have nine ranked grapplers. Caleb Smith is No. 12 at 125, Jacob Van Dee is No. 17 at 133, Brock Hardy is No. 7 at 141, Ridge Lovett is No. 1 at 149, Peyton Robb is No. 7 at 157, Antrell Taylor is No. 15 at 165, Bubba Wilson is No. 33 at 174, Lenny Pinto is No. 3 at 184 and Silas Alred is No. 13 at 197. Penn State leads the all-time series with Nebraska 11-7-1, including a 21-3 win on Feb. 6, 2022, in Rec Hall.

The Nittany Lions will host Edinboro in the regular season dual finale on Sunday, Feb. 25, at 2 p.m. in Rec Hall.

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2023-24 INDIVIDUAL RECORDS (AS OF 2/12/24)

Name, Wt.	Record
Donovon Ball, 184	1-2
Josh Barr, 184	15-0
Terrell Barraclough, 165/174	12-2
Beau Bartlett, 141	16-0
Brian Borden, 174	8-6
Aaron Brooks, 197	12-0
Lucas Cochran, 197/285	11-2
Braeden Davis, 125	15-1
Aurelius Dunbar, 174	2-4
David Evans, 141/149	12-3
Alex Facundo, 165	0-0
AJ Fricchione, 197/285	2-2
Kyison Garcia, 133	3-2
Erik Gibson, 165	0-0
Levi Haines, 157	13-0
Imran Heard, 149	1-2
Robert Howard, 125	3-4
Tyler Kasak, 141/149	12-2
Jack Kelly, 184	3-3
Greg Kerkvliet, 285	10-0
Joe Lee, 174	0-0
Matt Lee, 165	5-3
Timothy Levine, 141	0-4
Kurt McHenry, 125	1-2
Mitchell Mesenbrink, 157/165	17-0
Aaron Nagao, 133	9-4
Connor Pierce, 149	7-6
Karl Shindledecker, 133	0-0
Baylor Shunk, 133	2-6
Carter Starocci, 174	10-0
Gary Steen, 125	6-3
Bernie Truax IV, 184	10-2
Shayne Van Ness, 149	3-0
Marco Vespa, 125	0-2
Sean Wang, 133	1-3
Branden Wentzel, 125	0-0

This includes records w/unattached results listed in current mark

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HEAD COACH CAEL SANDERSON

THE PENN STATE YEARS

Sanderson led Penn State to a 13-6-1 dual meet record in his first season at Penn State (2009-10), 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 as Matt Brown won the 174-pound title.

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 NAAs 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 NAAs. 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 NAAs 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 dropped two duals by a total of three points. 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. 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 finalist 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 2021-22, the Nittany Lions roared into Detroit and claimed their ninth NCAA team title since Sanderson's arrival. Penn State, winning the 9th NCAA crown in the last 11 tournaments, brought home six All-Americans (a tournament high) and went a Penn State Perfect 5-0 in the NCAA finals (following up 2021's 4-0 run). Roman Bravo-Young, Nick Lee, Carter Starocci, Aaron Brooks and Max Dean all won individual titles while Greg Kerkvliet placed fourth. Sanderson was named 2022 NCAA Coach of the Championship by the NWCA at the conclusion of the event. The 36.5-point margin of victory over the second place team was the largest since the Lions outdistanced the field by 40 points in 2019.

In 2022-23, the Nittany Lions stormed into Tulsa, Okla., to claim their 10th NCAA title under Sanderson (and the 10th in the last 12 tournaments). The Nittany Lions crowned two more NCAA Champions (Carter Starocci and Aaron Brooks), had five NCAA finalists and eight All-Americans. Sanderson's team won the NCAA team title with 137.5 points and posted the fifth largest winning margin (55.0) in NCAA history. Penn State won the 2023 Big Ten Regular Season Championship and the 2023 Big Ten Championship by dominating the field at the conclusion of the event. True freshman Levi Haines was named Big Ten Freshman of the Year, the third time in the last four years that a Nittany Lion has won the honor (Brooks, Starocci)

In 14-plus years as Penn State's mentor, Sanderson led the Nittany Lions to eight Southern Scuffle titles, nine B1G dual meet titles, seven Big Ten Championships, 10 NCAA Championships, collected 83 All-Americans, 34 National Champions, including an NCAA record-tying five in both 2017 and 2022, 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 98 total All-Americans and 36 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 and his 100th Big Ten dual win as Penn State's mentor with a 23-14 win over Iowa in the BJC on 1/27/23.

Sanderson's Career Coaching Record

Season	Record	%	B1G Dual	B1G Trn.	NCAA	Qual.	AA	NC
2006-07	13-3-0	.813	---	1st (B12)	2nd	10	4	1
2007-08	16-4-0	.800	---	1st (B12)	5th	10	7	0
2008-09	15-3-0	.833	---	1st (B12)	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	.857	8-1-0	4th	#	7	5	#
2020-21	6-0-0	1.000	6-0-0	2nd	2nd	9	6	4
2021-22	17-0-0	1.000	8-0-0	2nd	1st	9	6	5
2022-23	16-0-0	1.000	8-0-0	1st	1st	9	8	2
2023-24	10-0-0	1.000	7-0-0	---	---	-	-	-
Career	245-26-2	.901	111-11-1	---	---	150	98	36
At Penn State	201-16-2	.922	111-11-1	7 titles	10 titles	120	83	34

Italics are at Iowa State /// # - the 2020 NCAA championship was canceled.

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BARRACLOUGH, COCHRAN BUMP UP FOR RANKED WINS TO LEAD LIONS TO 35-3 WIN OVER RUTGERS IN BJC DUAL

Terrell Barraclough and Lucas Cochran each bumped up a weight and grabbed wins over ranked opponents to lead the Nittany Lions to a 35-3 victory over Rutgers in the 2024 BJC Dual. Barraclough used a third period rideout and 2:49 in riding time to beat #13 Jackson Turley 4-3 at 174. Cochran gave up 50 pounds in moving up to 285 and dominated #8 Yaroslau Slavikouski 7-3. Levi Haines and Aaron Brooks added pins, Mitchell Mesenbrink posted a tech and the Nittany Lions won nine of ten in the victory.

BARTLETT DOWNS #2 WOODS AS NITTANY LIONS ROLL TO 29-6 WIN AT #6 IOWA

Beau Bartlett notched one of six ranked wins for Penn State in its resounding 29-6 win at #6 Iowa on Feb. 9. The Nittany Lion senior rolled to a 7-2 victory over #2 Real Woods at 141. Aaron Nagao majored #20 Cullan Schreiber 12-0 at 133, Levi Haines majored #5 Jared Franek 12-0 at 157, Mitchell Mesenbrink beat #6 Michael Caliendo 12-6 at 165, Carter Starocci majored #7 Patrick Kennedy 13-5 at 174 and Aaron Brooks beat #11 Zach Glazier 5-1 at 197. Bernie Truax took care of Aidan Riggins with an 8-0 major at 184 and Greg Kerkvliet majored Ben Keuter 9-1 at 285 to round out Penn State's wins. Penn State true freshman Braeden Davis dropped a tough 4-2 decision to #7 Drake Ayala at 125 and true freshman Tyler Kasak lost a tough 11-8 sudden victory decision to #12 Caleb Rathjen at 149.

BARTLETT DOWNS #3 MENDEZ TO LEAD PENN STATE TO 28-9 WIN OVER OHIO STATE

Beau Bartlett scored early in sudden victory to post a 4-1 (sv) win over #3 Jesse Mendez to spark Penn State to a 28-9 win over visiting Ohio State on Feb. 2. Bartlett's win was one of eight for Penn State in front of another sold out Rec Hall crowd. True freshman Tyler Kasak beat #9 Dylan D'Emilio 7-2 at 149 and Greg Kerkvliet majored #12 Nick Feldman 12-0 at 285 as well.

BARRACLOUGH, BARR, COCHRAN WIN 'BORO TITLES

Three Nittany Lions won individual titles at the Edinboro Open on Feb. 3. Terrell Barraclough went 4-0 with two pins, a tech and a major to win at 165; Josh Barr went 4-0 with a pin, two techs and a major to win at 184; and Lucas Cochran went 4-0 with two pins and a tech to win at 197. Connor Pierce went 4-1 for second at 149, Kyison Garcia was 3-2 for sixth at 133 and Brian Borden was 3-2 for sixth at 174.

BROOKS MAJORS #5 JAXON SMITH TO LEAD PENN STATE TO 42-6 VICTORY AT MARYLAND

Senior+ Aaron Brooks dominated #5 Jaxon Smith of Maryland, rolling to a 13-4 major at 197 pounds, to lead Penn State to a 42-6 road win on Jan. 28. Brooks' win highlighted a lopsided victory for the Nittany Lions. Penn State had four pins in the dual victory (Mitchell Mesenbrink at 165, Carter Starocci at 174, Bernie Truax at 184, Greg Kerkvliet at 285); two technical falls (Braeden Davis at 125, Levi Haines at 157) and two majors (Beau Bartlett at 141 and Brooks) to grab the B1G road win.

KASAK, BARR, COCHRAN WIN MAT-TOWN 2 TITLES

True freshman Tyler Kasak, ranked No. 12 at 149, went 4-0 with a pin and a major to win the 149-pound title at Mat-Town 2 in Lock Haven on Jan. 28. Kasak downed teammate David Evans, 4-2, in the title bout. True freshman Josh Barr went 3-0 at 184 with two tech falls to win his weight class and sophomore Lucas Cochran went 3-0 with two pins to win the 197-pound crown. Evans went 3-1 overall with a tech and a major to take second at 149.

PENN STATE SHUTS OUT MICHIGAN STATE IN EAST LANSING

The Penn State Nittany Lions won all ten bouts in a 35-0 shutout victory over Michigan State in East Lansing on Sunday, Jan. 21. The Nittany Lions picked up impressive wins from Levi Haines (9-6 tb2 over #21 Chase Saldade at 157) and Mitchell Mesenbrink (an 18-9 major over #10 Caleb Fish at 165) in the dual. Aaron Nagao (133) and Aaron Brooks (197) added tech falls and two wrestlers moved up a weight and picked up wins. Terrell Barraclough moved up to 174 and downed DJ Shannon 8-1 and Lucas Cochran moved up to heavyweight from 197 to beat Josh Terrill 5-0, securing Penn State's second shutout of the year.

FRESHMEN DAVIS AND MESENBRINK POST B1G WINS IN MICHIGAN

True freshman Braeden Davis and redshirt freshman Mitchell Mesenbrink each notched impressive wins in Penn State's 27-9 dual meet victory at Michigan on Jan. 19. Davis scored five unanswered points in the third period to beat #5 Michael DeAugustino at 125. He scored an escape and then took the Wolverine down, riding him out to add a riding time point in the 5-1 win. Mesenbrink was dominant in a 12-1 major over #7 Cameron Amine at 165. He forced the Wolverine into four stall warnings, nearly DQ'ing him, and added an escape, two takedowns and riding time in the 12-1 major decision.

PENN STATE ROLLS OVER #5 MICHIGAN IN ANN ARBOR

Penn State dominated #5 Michigan 27-9 in Ann Arbor on Jan. 19, winning eight of ten matches and forcing the Wolverines into 11 stall warnings. Penn State picked up ranked wins from Braeden Davis (125), Beau Bartlett (141), Levi Haines (157), Mitchell Mesenbrink (165), Bernie Truax (184), Aaron Brooks (197) and Greg Kerkvliet (285) in the win. The Nittany Lions owned a 15-2 takedown edge in the dual and their only losses came in sudden victory and/or by a point.

2023-24 BIG TEN STANDINGS (as of 2/12/24)

Pl. Team	Big Ten		Overall	
	W-L-T	PCT	W-L-T	PCT
1 PENN STATE	7-0-0	1.000	10-0-0	1.000
2 Nebraska	6-1-0	.857	11-1-0	.917
Ohio State	6-1-0	.857	14-2-0	.875
4 Iowa	5-2-0	.714	10-2-0	.833
Minnesota	5-2-0	.714	10-2-0	.833
6 Michigan	4-3-0	.571	6-4-0	.600
7 Indiana	3-3-0	.500	6-3-0	.667
Wisconsin	3-3-0	.500	9-4-0	.692
9 Rutgers	3-4-0	.429	10-5-0	.667
10 Maryland	2-5-0	.286	4-6-0	.400
Michigan State	2-5-0	.286	9-5-0	.643
12 Purdue	1-6-0	.143	6-9-0	.400
13 Illinois	0-6-0	.000	3-9-0	.250
Northwestern	0-6-0	.000	0-7-0	.000

BIG TEN WRESTLERS OF THE WEEK

- 11/7 Rocco Welsh, Ohio State
- 11/14 SHAYNE VAN NESS, PENN STATE
Dean Hamiti, Wisconsin
- 11/21 BEAU BARTLETT, PENN STATE
Yaroslau Slavikouski, Rutgers
- 11/28 Gabe Arnold, Iowa
- 12/5 Jesse Mendez, Ohio State
- 12/12 John Poznanski, Rutgers
- 12/19 Peyton Robb, Nebraska
- 1/2 Dean Hamiti, Wisconsin
- 1/9 Nick Feldman, Ohio State
- 1/16 Michael North, Maryland
Jackson Turley, Rutgers
- 1/23 Michael Blockhus, Minnesota
- 1/30 Nick Feldman, Ohio State
- 2/6 Sergio Lemley, Michigan
- 2/13 TBA

HONORS WON

- BEAU BARTLETT, 141**
Big Ten Wrestler of the Week (11/21)
- AARON BROOKS, 197**
NWCA All-Star Classic Exhibition
- LEVI HAINES, 157**
NWCA All-Star Classic Exhibition
- GREG KERKVLIENT, 285**
NWCA All-Star Classic Exhibition
- CARTER STAROCCI, 174**
NWCA All-Star Classic Exhibition
- BERNIE TRUAX IV, 184**
NWCA All-Star Classic Exhibition
- SHAYNE VAN NESS, 149**
NWCA All-Star Classic Exhibition
Big Ten Wrestler of the Week (11/14)

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NITTANY LIONS USE 5 TECH FALLS TO SHUT OUT INDIANA; FOUR NITTANY LION FRESHMEN GRAB WINS

The Penn State Nittany Lions shut out visiting Indiana 46-0 on Sunday, Jan. 14, to open up Big Ten dual action. Penn State rode a wave of five technical falls and picked up a total of four wins from freshmen in the victory. Aaron Nagao (133), Tyler Kasak (149), Levi Haines (157), Carter Starocci (174) and Aaron Brooks (197) notched the techs. True freshmen Braeden Davis (125), Kasak (149) and Josh Barr (184) as well as redshirt freshman Mitchell Mesenbrink (165) logged the freshmen wins. The shutout was the first for Penn State since a 46-0 win over Rider on Feb. 20, 2022; and the first Big Ten shutout since a 46-0 win at Maryland on Jan. 7, 2022. Penn State also did not give up a takedown in the victory over the Hoosiers, owning a 35-0 takedown margin.

PENN STATE DOWNS #18 OREGON STATE IN FRONT OF RECORD CROWD IN CORVALLIS

The Penn State Nittany Lion wrestling team took down #18 Oregon State in front of a record crowd in Corvallis on Jan. 1, 2004. The Nittany Lions won nine of ten bouts in the rousing win, with 8,540 fans packing OSU's Gill Coliseum. Three Penn State freshmen got ranked wins. Braeden Davis downed #15 Brandon Kaylor 11-6 at 125, Tyler Kasak took down #12 Nash Singleton 4-1 at 149 and Mitchell Mesenbrink rolled to a 17-2 tech fall (3:44) over #10 Matthew Olguin at 165. The Nittany Lions tallied four total tech falls in the win.

NITTANY LIONS TALLY 4 FALLS IN 43-10 WIN OVER HOFSTRA

Penn State tallied four falls, three tech falls and a major in a lopsided 43-10 win over visiting Hofstra on Dec. 10, 2023, in sold out Rec Hall. With four freshmen starting as well, Nittany Lions Levi Haines, Mitchell Mesenbrink, Bernie Truax and Aaron Brooks got pins. Aaron Nagao, David Evans and Carter Starocci notched tech falls and Braeden Davis picked up a major at 125 in his Lion dual debut.

BARTLETT AND FACUNDO QUALIFY FOR APRIL'S OLYMPIC TRIALS

Nittany Lions Beau Bartlett and Alex Facundo each finished in the top five of their weight classes at the 2023 Senior Nationals/U.S. Olympic Trials Qualifier in Ft. Worth, Texas, on Dec. 15-17. Bartlett won three straight to advance to the finals at 65 kg. He finished as runner-up with a 3-1 record. Facundo went 5-1 with a pin and a tech to take third place at 74 kg. Terrell Barraclough also competed, going 4-3 for sixth at 74 kg.. Gary Steen went 3-2 and took seventh at 57 kg. Timothy Levine (2-2 at 65), Donovan Ball (1-1 at 86) and Josh Barr (3-2 at 86) also competed.

FIVE NITTANY LIONS MAKE REC HALL DUAL DEBUTS IN 30-10 WIN OVER #20 LEHIGH TO OPEN DUAL SEASON

Penn State won seven of ten bouts in the dual meet opener for the Nittany Lions and downed #20 Lehigh 30-10 in Rec Hall on Dec. 3. Five Nittany Lions made their Penn State dual meet debuts in the match (Aaron Nagao, Tyler Kasak, Mitchell Mesenbrink, Bernie Truax, Lucas Cochran). Carter Starocci picked up a pin at 174 to lead Penn State, Greg Kerkvliet majored #12 Nathan Taylor at 285, Levi Haines downed #24 Max Brignola at 157, Mitchell Mesenbrink notched a tech fall over #32 Jake Logan at 165, Bernie Truax picked up a tech fall at 184, Beau Bartlett notched a major at 141 and Tyler Kasak moved up to 149 and downed Drew Munch 7-5 at 149.

LUCAS COCHRAN TAKES THIRD AT MAT TOWN OPEN

Sophomore Lucas Cochran posted a 2-1 record, plus a win over a non-collegiate wrestler, to take third place at the Mat Town Open at Lock Haven on Nov. 26. Cochran majored Virginia's Krystian Kinsey and then dropped a tough 13-6 decision to #6 Jacob Cardenas of Cornell. He pinned Cayden Bevis of Binghamton (2:57) and beat a non-collegiate wrestler in the third place bout. Kurt McHenry went 1-2 at 125 and both Sean Wang (133) and Timothy Levine (149) competed as well.

FIVE NITTANY LIONS WIN TITLES AT BLACK KNIGHT INVITE; BARTLETT'S THREE PINS EARN HIM B1G W.O.W.

Five Nittany Lion wrestlers won titles at the Black Knight Invite at West Point on Nov. 19. True freshman Braeden Davis went 4-0 at 125 to win the title, including victories over No. 31 Tristan Lujan of Michigan State and No. 30 Ethan Berginc of Army West Point. Aaron Nagao went 4-0 in his Penn State debut at 133, including a pin over No. 33 Braden Basile of Army West Point in the title bout. Beau Bartlett went 4-0 with three pins to reign supreme at 141. Mitchell Mesenbrink went 4-0 at 165, including a 25-6 tech over No. 21 Brevin Cassella of Binghamton and a pin of No. 22 Anthony White of Rutgers, to win his title. True freshman Josh Barr went 4-0 at 184, including a win over No. 13 Jacob Nolan, to win the crown as well. Bartlett's three pins earned the Lion senior a share of the Nov. 21 Big Ten Wrestler of the Week honor.

12 OF PENN STATE'S 17 ENTRIES PLACE AT BLACK KNIGHT

Including the five champions listed above (Davis, Nagao, Bartlett, Mesenbrink, Barr), 12 of Penn State's 17 competitors placed at the Black Knight Invite on Nov. 19. Robert Howard went 2-2 for 4th at 125; Gary Steen went 4-1 for 5th at 125; Tyler Kasak went 3-1, losing to Bartlett in the finals, for 2nd at 141; David Evans went 4-1 for 5th at 141; Terrell Barraclough went 3-1, including a pin of No. 9 Caleb Fish of Michigan State, for 2nd at 165 (losing to Mesenbrink in the finals); Matt Lee went 3-2 for 6th at 165; and Brian Borden went 3-2 for 6th at 174.

FIVE NITTANY LIONS COMPETE AT NWCA ALL-STAR EXHIBITION, HOSTED IN REC HALL ON NOV. 21

Five Penn State Nittany Lion wrestlers competed in the 2023 National Wrestling Coaches Association All-Star Exhibition. The event took place on Tuesday, Nov. 21, in Penn State's very own Rec Hall. The exhibition was not an official NCAA event and does not count towards any competitor's win/loss record or RPI. Shayne Van Ness rolled to a 5-1 win over Arizona State's Kyle Parco at 149, Carter Starocci majored Mekhi Lewis 11-0 at 174, Aaron Brooks majored Tanner Sloan 11-2 at 197 and Greg Kerkvliet notched an 18-2 tech fall over Wyatt Hendrickson at 285.

NATIONAL RANKINGS

TEAM RANKINGS

INTERMAT TPI (2/13/24)

- PENN STATE
- North Carolina St.
- Oklahoma St.
- Iowa
- Lehigh
- Cornell
- Iowa State
- Nebraska
- Virginia Tech
- Michigan
- Missouri
- Arizona State
- Northern Iowa
- South Dakota St.
- Ohio State
- Minnesota
- Wisconsin
- Northern Colorado
- Purdue
- Air Force
- Penn
- Maryland
- Oregon State
- Little Rock
- West Virginia

NWCA COACHES POLL (DUAL)

POLL (2/13/24)

- Penn State
- Oklahoma State
- Nebraska
- Iowa
- Iowa State
- Ohio State
- Missouri
- North Carolina State
- Cornell
- Michigan
- South Dakota State
- Minnesota
- Virginia Tech
- Rutgers
- Lehigh
- Stanford
- Northern Iowa
- Little Rock
- West Virginia
- Oregon State
- Pittsburgh
- Indiana
- Campbell
- Oklahoma

INTERMAT

(2/13/24)

Braeden Davis	6th/125
Aaron Nagao	11th/133
Beau Bartlett	1st/141
Tyler Kasak	9th/149
Levi Haines	1st/157
Mitchell Mesenbrink	6th/165
Carter Starocci	1st/174
Bernie Truax	6th/184
Aaron Brooks	1st/197
Greg Kerkvliet	1st/285

2023-24 RIDGE RILEY AWARD WINNERS (home)

12/3	Lehigh	Carter Starocci, 174
12/10	Hofstra	Mitchell Mesenbrink, 165
1/14	Indiana	Tyler Kasak, 149
2/2	Ohio State	Tyler Kasak, 149
2/12	Rutgers	Terrell Barraclough, 174
2/18	Nebraska	
2/25	Edinboro	

2023-24 ERNIE LUCAS AWARD WINNERS (away)

1/5	Oregon State	Tyler Kasak, 149
1/19	Michigan	Braeden Davis, 125
1/21	Michigan State	Mitchell Mesenbrink, 165
1/28	Maryland	Aaron Brooks, 197
2/9	Iowa	Beau Bartlett, 141

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.

12/3	vs. #20 Lehigh	W, 30-10
1/5	vs. #18 Oregon State	W, 36-3
1/19	at #5 Michigan	W, 27-9
2/2	vs. #17 Ohio State	W, 28-9
2/9	at #6 Iowa	W, 29-6

SHAYNE VAN NESS RULES THE JOURNEYMEN; 3 WINS, 3 PINS, ALL IN THE FIRST PERIOD, EARNS B1G W.O.W.

Sophomore Shayne Van Ness rolled to a 3-0 record at the Journeymen Collegiate Classic on Nov. 12 in Bethlehem, Pa. All three of his wins were by fall and all three came in the first period. He pinned Army West Point's Eddie Hummel at 2:06, Bloomsburg's Cade Balestrini at 2:58 and Lehigh's Kelvin Griffin at 1:30. In all, Van Ness wrestled 6:34 minutes of a possible 21:00. He was named Big Ten Wrestler of the Week (11/14) for his efforts, sharing the honor with Wisconsin's Dean Hamiti.

NITTANY LIONS ROLL AT JOURNEYMEN COLLEGIATE

Penn State rolled to a 45-15 overall record at the Journeymen Collegiate Classic on Nov. 12 in Bethlehem, Pa. Eleven of Penn State's 20 wrestlers went unbeaten at the event (3-0). The Nittany Lions rolled up 10 pins, 11 tech falls and nine majors as well.

DAVID EVANS DOWNS #6 CJ COMPOSTO OF PEN TO TOP LIST OF NITTANY LION RANKED WINS AT JOURNEYMEN

Junior David Evans took down #6 CJ Composto of Penn in sudden victory to a 4-1 (sv) win at 141 to top the list of Penn State ranked wins at the Journeymen Collegiate Classic on Nov. 12 in Bethlehem, Pa. Evans lost a close 6-4 match to #12 Malyke Hines of Lehigh and got a medical forfeit win over #13 Vince Cornella of Cornell to go 2-1. Beau Bartlett rolled to a 15-3 major over #12 Hines as well, Carter Starocci teched #14 Nick Incontrera of Penn at 174, 21-5 (6:52), and Greg Kerkvliet rolled to a 7-2 win over #8 Owen Trephan of North Carolina State in Penn State's other top ranked wins.

PARKING INFO FOR '23-24

Transportation Services has announced parking information for Penn State Wrestling duals at Rec Hall for the 2023-24 season.

GAMEDAY PARKING LOCATIONS

- Nittany Deck, West Deck
- Parking available beginning two hours before each game

PARKING PAYMENT INFORMATION

- No charge with a valid Penn State parking permit
 - Prepaid parking available through <https://psu.parkmobile.io/rec-hall>
 - o \$5.50 through day before event, \$10 day of event
 - o \$30 season parking packages available through Dec. 2
- Note: The season package does not include parking for the BJC Dual on Feb. 12 at the Bryce Jordan Center. Visit <https://psu.parkmobile.io/bryce-jordan-center> to purchase parking for that event.

PARKMOBILE PREPAYMENT INSTRUCTIONS

- Visit <https://psu.parkmobile.io/rec-hall>
- Select game or season package at bottom of the page
- Select parking area
- Enter the license plate information for the vehicle being driven to the event
 - o Note: If a different vehicle must be driven than the one registered at purchase, users must contact ParkMobile Member Support through the ParkMobile website or app (Settings – Chat Support) to request a vehicle change for that reservation.
- Purchase parking for the event
 - o Note: Guests must present their ParkMobile QR code to event parking staff on their mobile device, if requested. Printed permits from the ParkMobile website will also be accepted.
 - o Note: If correct license plate information is entered at purchase, the gates for the purchased parking facility will open automatically for entry and exit. If license plate information is not correct or cannot be read by deck equipment, guests must scan their ParkMobile QR code at the entry and exit machines.

IMPORTANT PARKING REMINDERS

All vehicles must be parked with the license plate facing the drive aisle located closest to the parking space so that payment can be verified by parking enforcement staff.

A valid permit or payment is required in event parking areas 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Vehicles parked without a valid permit or payment may be ticketed and/or towed at the owner's expense.

Non-football event parking is managed by Penn State Transportation Services. For more information on parking for this event, please email parking@psu.edu or call 814-865-1436.

COMPLEMENTARY WEST DECK SHUTTLE SERVICE

Complementary shuttle service to and from the West Parking Deck will be provided for all 2023-24 Penn State Wrestling matches at Rec Hall.

Shuttle service will begin 90 minutes prior to each match and run until post-match traffic has cleared. Each shuttle is wheelchair accessible.

Located on White Course Drive and accessible from Atherton Street near Rec Hall, the West Deck provides fans with the following benefits:

- Reduced entry and exit times
- Parking for vehicles up to 7'9" (Nittany Deck clearance 6'9")
- Ground-level electric vehicle charging

For more information on Penn State Wrestling parking and shuttle service, email Penn State Transportation Services at parking@psu.edu or call 814-865-1436.

PENN STATE WRESTLING ON THE RADIO AND ONLINE!

You can catch PSU Wrestling on Bigfoot Country Legends at 103.7 FM, 104.3 FM, 1450 AM, and 1290 AM as well as online at GoPSUsports.com through LionVision, featuring Jeff Byers!

2023-24 ATTENDANCE

Please note that Penn State did not allow fans into dual meets and did not permit or track attendance in the 2020-21 season due not being allowed to have fans and/or sell tickets.

12/3	LEHIGH	6,623
12/10	HOFSTRA	6,589
1/14	INDIANA	6,466
2/2	OHIO STATE	6,659
2/12	RUTGERS (BJC)	12,049
2/18	NEBRASKA	
2/25	EDINBORO	
TOTAL		38,386
AVG.		7,677

(Penn State has wrestled in front of 79 of 82 sell-outs at home, including 70-straight in Rec Hall and 9 of 12 in the Bryce Jordan Center)

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
2021-22	6	Greg Kerkvliet
	5	Jack Kelly
2022-23	6	Max Dean
	4	David Evans
	4	Shayne Van Ness
2023-24	5	Lucas Cochran
	4	Beau Bartlett
	4	Aaron Brooks
	3	7 individuals

FUN WITH FAN FIGURES

PENN STATE OWNS THE TOP SEVEN 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 (1/27/23)	15,998
Iowa at PENN STATE (2/10/18)	15,998
3: Pittsburgh at PENN STATE (12/8/13)	15,996
4: Ohio St. at PENN STATE (2/15/20)	15,995
5: Ohio St. at PENN STATE (2/4/22)	15,991
6: Ohio St. at PENN STATE (2/5/16)	15,983
7: Michigan at PENN STATE (1/20/23)	15,975
8: Iowa at PENN STATE (2/8/15)	15,967
9: Iowa State at Iowa (12/6/08)	15,955
10: Michigan at PENN STATE (2/1/19)	15,703

Of the top ten indoor dual meets in NCAA history, Penn State has hosted nine! All have come since head coach Cael Sanderson's arrival at Penn State.

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 riding a multi-year streak of Rec Hall sellouts and has also sold out six of eight 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.	2/2/24	Ohio State (W, 28-9)	6,659
10.	2/10/17	Illinois (W, 34-7)	6,645

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 attendance allowed
2021-22	7,776	15,991 vs. Ohio State, 2/4/22
2022-23	9,224	*+15,998 vs. Iowa, 1/27/23
2023-24	7,677	12,049 vs. Rutgers, 2/12, 24

* all-time Penn State record

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

THIS YEAR'S SQUAD

PENN STATE WRESTLING 2023-24 ROSTER

NAME	Wt.	YR./EL.	HOMETOWN/HIGH SCHOOL
Donovon Ball	184	Gr./Sr.	New Cumberland, Pa./Cedar Cliff
Josh Barr	184	Fr./Fr.	Davison, Mich./Davison
Terrell Barraclough	165	Sr./Sr.	Kaysville, Utah/Layton
Beau Bartlett	141	Sr./Sr.	Tempe, Ariz./Wyoming Seminary (Pa.)
Brian Borden	174	Jr./So.	Rupert, Idaho/Minico
Aaron Brooks	197	Sr.+/Sr.+	Hagerstown, Md./North Hagerstown
Lucas Cochran	184/197	Jr./So.	Perry, Utah/Box Elder
Braeden Davis	125	Fr./Fr.	Belleville, Mich./Dundee
Aurelius Dunbar	174	Sr./Jr.	Greencastle, Pa./Mercersburg Academy
David Evans	141	Sr./Jr.	Tunkhannock, Pa./Tunkhannock
Alex Facundo	165	Jr./So.	Essexville, Mich./Davison
AJ Fricchione	197/285	Fr./Fr.	Duryea, Pa./Bergen Catholic
Kyison Garcia	133	Fr./Fr.	South Jordan, Utah/Mountain Ridge
Erik Gibson	165	Fr./Fr.	South Fork, Pa./Bishop McCort
Levi Haines	157	So./So.	Arendtsville, Pa./Biglerville
Imran Heard	149	Gr./Gr.	Pittsburgh, Pa./St. Paul's School (Md.)
Robert Howard	125	Jr./So.	Cranford, N.J./Bergen Catholic
Tyler Kasak	141	Fr./Fr.	Doylestown, Pa./Bethlehem Catholic
Jack Kelly	184	Jr./So.	Little Silver, N.J./Rumson-Fair Haven
Greg Kerkvliet	285	Sr./Sr.	Inver Grove Heights, Minn./Simley
Joe Lee	174	Sr./Sr.	Evansville, Ind./Evansville Mater Dei
Matt Lee	165	Sr./Jr.	Evansville, Ind./Evansville Mater Dei
Timothy Levine	141	Sr./Jr.	Costa Mesa, Calif./St. John Bosco
Kurt McHenry	125	Gr./Sr.	Leesburg, Va./St. Paul's School (Md.)
Mitchell Mesenbrink	157/165	So./Fr.	Hartland, Wis./Arrowhead
Aaron Nagao	133	Jr./So.	La Habra, Calif./Esperanza
Connor Pierce	149	So./Fr.	Erie, Pa./Harbor Creek
Matt Rodriguez	149	Fr./Fr.	Guadalupe, Calif./Righetti
Karl Shindledecker	133	So./So.	Fayetteville, Pa./Chambersburg
Baylor Shunk	133	Gr./Sr.	Centre Hall, Pa./Penns Valley
Carter Starocci	174	Sr./Sr.	Erie, Pa./Cathedral Prep
Gary Steen	125	Jr./So.	Hermitage, Pa./Reynolds
Bernie Truax IV	184	Gr./Gr.	Oceanside, Calif./Rancho Buena Vista
Shayne Van Ness	149	Jr./So.	Somerville, N.J./Blair Academy
Marco Vespa	125	Sr./Jr.	Monroe, N.Y./Monroe Woodbury
Sean Wang	133	Jr./So.	Great Neck, N.Y./Great Neck South
Branden Wentzel	125	Fr./Fr.	Montoursville, Pa./Montoursville

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: Jimmy Kennedy (Illinois, '11)

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

Penn State Athletics chose to advance classes as though 2020-21 was a normal year of eligibility. Student-athletes listed as redshirt freshmen in 2021-22 did not officially redshirt in 2020-21, but would have in any other normal year. Extra years of eligibility will be marked on the back end of student-athletes' career (a "+" symbol will be added on the end of "Sr." to indicate the extra year of eligibility being used).



2023-24 PENN STATE WRESTLING INDIVIDUAL RECORDS & STATS

10-0 OVERALL, 7-0 B1G, 5-0 HOME, 5-0 ROAD, 0-0 NEUTRAL

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
Donovon Ball, 184	1-2	1-2	0-0	0-0	0/0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	----
Josh Barr, 184	15-0	1-0	1-0	1-0	4/0	1-0	0-0	4-0	6-0	1-0	1:45
Terrell Barraclough, 165/174	12-2	12-2	2-1	2-1	6/3	1-0	0-0	3-0	1-0	3-0	2:40
Beau Bartlett, 141	16-0	16-0	9-0	7-0	29/0	4-0	0-0	3-0	0-0	4-0	1:29
Brian Borden, 174	8-6	8-6	0-0	0-0	0/0	0-0	0-0	3-1	0-0	2-0	1:04
Aaron Brooks, 197	12-0	12-0	9-0	7-0	44/0	0-0	0-0	1-0	6-0	4-0	1:45
Lucas Cochran, 197/285	11-2	11-2	2-1	2-0	6/4	0-0	0-0	1-1	2-0	5-0	1:46
Braeden Davis, 125	15-1	15-1	8-1	6-1	28/3	1-0	0-0	4-0	4-0	0-0	----
Aurelius Dunbar, 174	2-4	2-4	0-0	0-0	0/0	0-1	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-1	----
David Evans, 141/149	12-3	12-3	3-0	2-0	11/0	1-0	0-1	2-0	3-0	0-0	----
Alex Facundo, 165	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	----
AJ Fricchione, 197/285	2-2	0-1	0-1	0-0	0/6	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-1	2:36
Kyison Garcia, 133	3-2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0-0	0-0	1-0	1-0	0-0	----
Erik Gibson, 165	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	----
Levi Haines, 157	13-0	13-0	10-0	7-0	42/0	0-0	1-0	3-0	3-0	3-0	1:02
Imran Heard, 149	1-2	1-2	0-0	0-0	0/0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	----
Robert Howard, 125	3-4	3-4	0-0	0-0	0/0	1-0	0-0	0-2	0-0	1-0	4:45
Tyler Kasak, 141/149	12-2	12-2	5-1	3-1	17/3	0-3	1-0	3-0	1-0	1-0	1:00
Jack Kelly, 184	3-3	3-3	0-0	0-0	0/0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-2	2-0	0:53
Greg Kerkvliet, 285	10-0	10-0	7-0	5-0	30/0	0-0	0-0	4-0	2-0	1-0	0:55
Joe Lee, 174	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	----
Matt Lee, 165	5-3	5-3	0-0	0-0	0/0	0-1	0-0	2-0	0-0	2-0	2:25
Timothy Levine, 141	0-4	0-4	0-0	0-0	0/0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	----
Kurt McHenry, 125	1-2	1-2	0-0	0-0	0/0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	----
Mitchell Mesenbrink, 157/165	17-0	17-0	10-0	7-0	47/0	0-0	0-0	2-0	7-0	3-0	0:50
Aaron Nagao, 133	9-4	9-4	5-4	3-3	23/15	0-2	0-0	3-0	5-0	1-1	0:57
Connor Pierce, 149	7-6	7-6	0-2	0-1	0/7	0-0	0-0	1-2	0-0	3-0	1:44
Karl Shindledecker, 133	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	----
Baylor Shunk, 133	2-6	2-6	0-1	0-1	0/3	0-0	0-0	1-1	1-1	0-0	----
Carter Starocci, 174	10-0	10-0	7-0	4-0	33/0	0-0	0-0	1-0	4-0	3-0	2:15
Gary Steen, 125	6-3	6-3	0-1	0-3	0/3	0-1	0-0	1-1	3-0	1-0	4:23
Bernie Truax IV, 184	10-2	10-2	7-2	5-1	30/9	0-0	0-0	3-0	1-0	2-1	1:43
Shayne Van Ness, 149	3-0	3-0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	3-0	1:30
Marco Vespa, 125	0-2	0-2	0-0	0-0	0/0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	----
Sean Wang, 133	1-3	1-3	0-0	0-0	0/0	0-0	0-0	1-0	0-1	0-1	----
Branden Wentzel, 125	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	----
Dual Forfeit losses			0-0	0-0	0/0						
TOTALS	222-70	203-67	85-15	61-9	351/56	10-6	2-1	44-9	49-4	46-6	0:53

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

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SEASON LEADERS -- OVERALL*

DUAL TAKEDOWNS

WINS

1. Mitchell Mesenbrink, 165	17
2. Beau Bartlett, 141	16
3. Josh Barr, 184	15
Braeden Davis, 125	15
5. Levi Haines, 157	13
6. Terrell Barraclough, 165	12
Aaron Brooks, 197	12
David Evans, 141/149	12
Tyler Kasak, 141/149	12
10. Lucas Cochran, 197/285	11
11. Greg Kerkvliet, 285	10
Carter Starocci, 174	10
Bernie Truax, 184	10
14. Aaron Nagao, 133	9
15. Brian Borden, 174	8
16. Connor Pierce, 149	7
17. Gary Steen, 125	6
18. Matt Lee, 165	5
19. Kyison Garcia, 133	3
Robert Howard, 125	3
Jack Kelly, 184	3
Shayne Van Ness, 149	3
23. Aurelius Dunbar, 174	2
AJ Fricchione, 197/285	2
Baylor Shunk, 133	2
26. Donovan Ball, 184	1
Imran Heard, 149	1
Kurt McHenry, 125	1
Sean Wang, 133	1

FALLS

1. Lucas Cochran, 197	5
2. Beau Bartlett, 141	4
3. Aaron Brooks, 197	4
Terrell Barraclough, 165	3
Levi Haines, 157	3
Mitchell Mesenbrink, 165	3
Connor Pierce, 149	3
Carter Starocci, 174	3
Shayne Van Ness, 149	3
10. Lucas Cochran, 197	2
Brian Borden, 174	2
Jack Kelly, 184	2
Matt Lee, 165	2
Bernie Truax, 184	2
14. Josh Barr, 184	1
AJ Fricchione, 197/285	1
Robert Howard, 125	1
Tyler Kasak, 141/149	1
Greg Kerkvliet, 285	1
Aaron Nagao, 133	1
Gary Steen, 125	1

TECHNICAL FALLS

1. Mitchell Mesenbrink, 165	7
2. Josh Barr, 184	6
Aaron Brooks, 197	6
4. Aaron Nagao, 133	5
5. Braeden Davis, 125	4
Carter Starocci, 174	4
7. David Evans, 141	3
Levi Haines, 157	3
Gary Steen, 125	3

10. Lucas Cochran, 197	2
Greg Kerkvliet, 285	2
12. Terrell Barraclough, 165	1
Kyison Garcia, 133	1
Tyler Kasak, 149	1
Baylor Shunk, 133	1
Bernie Truax, 184	1
MAJOR DECISIONS	
1. Braeden Davis, 125	4
Greg Kerkvliet, 285	4
3. Josh Barr, 184	3
Terrell Barraclough, 165	3
Beau Bartlett, 141	3
Brian Borden, 174	3
Levi Haines, 157	3
Tyler Kasak, 141	3
Aaron Nagao, 133	3
Bernie Truax, 184	3
11. David Evans, 141	2
Matt Lee, 165	2
Mitchell Mesenbrink, 165	2
14. Aaron Brooks, 197	1
Lucas Cochran, 197	1
Kyison Garcia, 133	1
Connor Pierce, 149	1
Baylor Shunk, 133	1
Carter Starocci, 174	1
Gary Steen, 125	1
Sean Wang, 133	1

(numbers listed FOR - AGAINST)

Wt.	Wrestler	1st	2nd	3rd	OT	Total
125	Braeden Davis	6-1	3-0	5-1	1-0	15-2
125	Gary Steen	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-1
133	Aaron Nagao	13-5	8-2	3-1	0-1	24-9
133	Baylor Shunk	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-2
141	Beau Bartlett	4-1	3-0	7-2	2-0	16-3
141/9	David Evans	3-0	1-0	4-0	0-0	8-0
149	Connor Pierce	0-2	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-3
149	Tyler Kasak	5-1	1-1	4-0	0-1	10-3
157	Levi Haines	7-4	3-0	9-0	0-0	19-4
165	Mitchell Mesenbrink	16-1	8-0	7-1	0-0	31-2
165/4	Terrell Barraclough	0-1	1-0	1-0	0-0	2-1
174	Carter Starocci	23-0	3-0	4-0	0-0	30-0
184	Bernie Truax	10-1	2-0	5-0	0-0	17-1
184	Josh Barr	1-0	2-0	1-0	0-0	4-0
197	Aaron Brooks	20-0	17-0	5-0	0-0	42-0
197/5	Lucas Cochran	2-1	0-2	1-3	0-0	3-6
285	Greg Kerkvliet	9-0	7-0	5-0	0-0	21-0
285	AJ Fricchione	0-2	0-2	0-0	0-0	0-4
TOTAL		110-19	54-8	44-8	3-1	221-36

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



2023-24 DUAL MEET TEAM POINTS SCORED BY WEIGHT/FINAL SCORES

Opponent	125	133	141	149	157	165	174	184	197	285	FINAL
12/3: #20 LEHIGH	0-3	0-3	4-0	3-0	3-0	5-0	6-0	5-0	0-4	4-0	30-10
12/10: HOFSTRA	4-0	5-0	5-0	0-4	6-0	6-0	5-0	6-0	6-0	0-6	43-10
1/5: at #18 Oregon State	3-0	4-0	3-0	3-0	3-0	5-0	5-0	0-3	5-0	5-0	36-3
1/14: INDIANA	4-0	5-0	3-0	5-0	5-0	6-0	5-0	4-0	5-0	4-0	46-0
1/19: at #5 Michigan	3-0	0-6	3-0	3-0	3-0	4-0	0-3	3-0	5-0	3-0	27-9
1/21: at Michigan State	3-0	5-0	3-0	3-0	3-0	4-0	3-0	3-0	5-0	3-0	35-0
1/28: at Maryland	5-0	0-3	4-0	0-3	5-0	6-0	6-0	6-0	4-0	6-0	42-6
2/2: #17 OHIO STATE	3-0	0-3	3-0	3-0	4-0	3-0	3-0	0-6	5-0	4-0	28-9
2/9: at #6 Iowa	0-3	4-0	3-0	0-3	4-0	3-0	4-0	4-0	3-0	4-0	29-6
2/12: RUTGERS (BJC)	3-0	0-3	3-0	3-0	6-0	5-0	3-0	3-0	6-0	3-0	35-3
2/18: NEBRASKA	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
2/25: EDINBORO	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
TEAM TOTALS	28-6	23-18	34-0	23-10	42-0	47-0	40-3	36-9	42-4	36-6	351-56

* Big Ten Dual // % Indicates team point lost during dual (bench OR athlete)

INDIVIDUAL DUAL RECORD BY WEIGHT

125	133	141	149	157	165	174	184	197	285	TOTAL
8-2	5-5	10-0	7-3	10-0	10-0	9-1	8-2	9-1	9-1	85-15

DUAL PINS BY WEIGHT

125	133	141	149	157	165	174	184	197	285	TOTAL
0-0	0-1	0-0	0-0	2-0	2-0	2-0	2-1	2-0	1-1	11-3

DUAL TECHNICAL FALLS BY WEIGHT

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

DUAL MAJOR DECISIONS BY WEIGHT

125	133	141	149	157	165	174	184	197	285	TOTAL
2-0	2-0	2-0	0-1	2-0	2-0	1-0	2-0	1-1	4-0	18-2

DUAL FORFEITS/DQs/INJURY DEFAULTS BY WEIGHT

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

DUAL DECISIONS BY WEIGHT

125	133	141	149	157	165	174	184	197	285	TOTAL
5-2	0-4	7-0	6-2	4-0	2-0	3-1	3-1	1-0	3-0	34-10

TEAM RECORD AT DUAL'S STARTING WEIGHT

125	133	141	149	157	165	174	184	197	285	TOTAL
7-2	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	8-2

SEASON LEADERS -- DUAL MEETS

DUAL POINTS

1. Mitchell Mesenbrink, 165	47
2. Aaron Brooks, 197	44
3. Levi Haines, 157	42
4. Carter Starocci, 174	34
5. Greg Kerkvliet, 285	31
6. Bernie Truax, 184	30
7. Beau Bartlett, 141	29
8. Braeden Davis, 125	28
9. Aaron Nagao, 133	23
10. Tyler Kasak, 149	17
11. David Evans, 141/149	11
11. Terrell Barraclough, 165/174	6
Lucas Cochran, 197/285	6
14. Josh Barr, 184	4

DUAL BONUS POINTS

1. Aaron Brooks, 197	17
Mitchell Mesenbrink, 165	17
3. Carter Starocci, 174	13
4. Levi Haines, 157	12
5. Greg Kerkvliet, 285	9
Bernie Truax, 184	9
7. Aaron Nagao, 133	8
8. Braeden Davis, 125	4
9. Beau Bartlett, 141	2
David Evans, 141/149	2
Tyler Kasak, 141/149	2
12. Josh Barr, 184	1

DUAL PINS

1. Aaron Brooks, 197	2
Levi Haines, 157	2
Mitchell Mesenbrink, 165	2
Carter Starocci, 174	2
Bernie Truax, 184	2
6. Greg Kerkvliet, 285	1

DUAL FORFEIT/INJ. DEF./DQ WINS

1. Mitchell Mesenbrink, 165	1
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DUAL MAJOR DECISIONS

1. Greg Kerkvliet, 285	4
2. Beau Bartlett, 141	2
Braeden Davis, 125	2
Levi Haines, 157	2
Mitchell Mesenbrink, 165	2
Aaron Nagao, 133	2
7. Josh Barr, 184	1
Aaron Brooks, 197	1
Carter Starocci, 174	1
Bernie Truax, 184	1

DUAL TECH FALLS

1. Aaron Brooks, 197	5
2. Mitchell Mesenbrink, 165	3
Aaron Nagao, 133	3
Carter Starocci, 174	3
Levi Haines, 157	2
6. Braeden Davis, 125	1
David Evans, 141/149	1
Tyler Kasak, 141/149	1
Greg Kerkvliet, 285	1
Bernie Truax, 184	1

DUAL TAKEDOWNS

1. Aaron Brooks, 197	42
2. Mitchell Mesenbrink, 165	31
3. Carter Starocci, 174	30
4. Greg Kerkvliet, 285	21
5. Aaron Nagao, 133	20
6. Levi Haines, 157	19
7. Bernie Truax, 184	17
8. Beau Bartlett, 141	16
9. Braeden Davis, 125	15
10. Tyler Kasak, 149	10
11. David Evans, 141/149	8
12. Josh Barr, 184	4
13. Lucas Cochran, 197/285	3
14. Terrell Barraclough, 165/174	2

DUAL REVERSALS

1. Mitchell Mesenbrink, 165	2
Aaron Nagao, 133	2
3. Terrell Barraclough, 165/174	1
Beau Bartlett, 141	1
Aaron Brooks, 197	1
Braeden Davis, 125	1
Levi Haines, 157	1
Baylor Shunk, 133	1

DUAL NEAR FALL 2

1. Aaron Nagao, 133	2
2. Tyler Kasak, 149	1
Greg Kerkvliet, 285	1

DUAL NEAR FALL 3

1. Beau Bartlett, 141	1
Aaron Nagao, 133	1

DUAL NEAR FALL 4

1. Braeden Davis, 125	4
2. Levi Haines, 157	2
Tyler Kasak, 149	2
Bernie Truax, 184	2
5. Beau Bartlett, 141	1
Mitchell Mesenbrink, 165	1
Carter Starocci, 174	1

DUAL STALLS FORCED/TAKEN

125: Braeden Davis	3	3
125: Gary Steen	0	1
133: Aaron Nagao	6	0
133: Baylor Shunk	1	1
141: Beau Bartlett	2	2
141/9: David Evans	2	0
149: Connor Pierce	0	1
149: Tyler Kasak	3	6
157: Levi Haines	7	5
165: Mitchell Mesenbrink	13	1
165/4: Terrell Barraclough	0	2
174: Carter Starocci	5	3
184: Bernie Truax	7	1
197: Aaron Brooks	2	2
197/5: Lucas Cochran	0	1
285: Greg Kerkvliet	8	1
285: AJ Fricchione	0	1
TOTALS	59	31

DUAL RIDING TIME POINTS FOR/AGAINST

125: Braeden Davis	3	0
125: Gary Steen	0	0
133: Aaron Nagao	3	2
133: Baylor Shunk	0	1
141: Beau Bartlett	2	0
141/9: David Evans	1	0
149: Connor Pierce	0	2
149: Tyler Kasak	1	0
157: Levi Haines	4	0
165: Mitchell Mesenbrink	3	0
165/4: Terrell Barraclough	3	0
174: Carter Starocci	0	0
184: Bernie Truax	3	1
184: Josh Barr	1	0
197: Aaron Brooks	1	0
197/5: Lucas Cochran	1	1
285: Greg Kerkvliet	5	0
TOTALS	31	7

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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
7.	41	Kerry McCoy, 1995
		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
	18	Andrew Alton, '10-11
6.	17	Zain Retherford, '17-18
	17	Bo Nickal, '16-17
	17	Zain Retherford, '16-17
9.	16	Bo Nickal, '17-18
	16	Jason Nolf, '17-18
	16	David Taylor, '13-14
	16	Josh Moore, '02-03
13.	15	Jason Nolf, '18-19
	15	Jason Nolf, '15-16
	15	Zain Retherford, '15-16
	15	David Taylor, '11-12
	15	Bill Marino, '82-83

SHUTOUTS (34 SINCE 81-82)

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

(shutouts continued)...

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
44-0	vs. Maryland, 2/22/21, Rec Hall
46-0	vs. Maryland, 1/7/22, College Park, Md.
46-0	vs. Rider, 2/20/22, Rec Hall
46-0	vs. Indiana, 1/14/24, Rec Hall
35-0	at Michigan State, 2/21/24, East Lansing, Mich.

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 (AT PENN STATE)

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	Nick Lee, '18-22
	118	Matt Brown, '12-15
16.	116	Mark Hall, 2017-20
	116	Quentin Wright, '09-13
	116	Phil Davis, '05-08
19.	115	Ken Chertow, '85, 87-89
20.	114	Morgan McIntosh, '12-16
	114	Carl DeStefanis, '81-84

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.	97.5	Jason Nolf (117-3), 2016-19
6.	97.2	Carter Starocci (71-2), '21-Prsnt.
7.	96.7	Andy Matter (59-2), 1970-72
8.	96.3	Aaron Brooks (79-3), '20-Prsnt.
9.	95.1	Mark Hall (116-6), 2017-20
10.	93.4	Jim Martin (155-9-4), 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	Nick Lee, '18-22
	55	Ed Ruth, '11-14
	55	Frank Molinaro, '09-12
	55	Greg Elinsky, '83-87
14.	54	Roman Bravo-Young, '19-'23
	54	Jason Nolf, 2016-19
	54	Glenn Pritzlaff, '94, 96-99
17.	53	Morgan McIntosh, '12-16
	53	Clint Musser, '94, 96-99
19.	52	Nico Megaludis, '12-16
	52	Troy Sunderland, '89, 91-93

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.	97.7	Carter Starocci (43-1), '21-Prsnt.

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Fr./Fr. = 125

CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Overall	Duals (B1G)	TRN (B1G/NCAA)	F	TF	M	PTS
2023-24	15-1	8-1 (6-1)	7-0 (0-0/0-0)	0-0	4-0	4-0	28
Career	15-1	8-1 (6-1)	7-0 (0-0/0-0)	0-0	4-0	4-0	28



GARY STEEN
HERMITAGE, PA.
REYNOLDS

Jr./So. = 125

CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Overall	Duals (B1G)	TRN (B1G/NCAA)	F	TF	M	PTS
2021-22	Redshirt season						
2022-23	6-15	3-11 (1-5)	3-4 (0-3/0-0)	0-1	0-3	0-1	9
2023-24	6-3	0-1 (0-0)	6-2 (0-0/0-0)	1-0	3-0	1-1	0
Career	12-18	3-12 (1-5)	9-6 (0-3/0-0)	1-1	3-3	1-2	9

PARENTS: RENAE AND STEVEN DAVIS
MAJOR: DIVISION OF UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES

MATCH-BY-MATCH

Date	Wt.	Result	Opponent	Place	Record
11/12	125	W, 15-0	Ariel Waldman, LIU (TF; 2:15)	Jrny	1-0
11/12	125	W, 20-5	Eric Howe, F&M (TF; 4:00)	Jrny	2-0
11/12	125	W, 11-3	Gary Steen, Penn State (major)	Jrny	3-0
11/19	125	W, 17-1	Ariel Waldman, LIU (TF; 3:47)	BK	4-0
11/19	125	W, 11-1	Charlie Farmer, Army (major)	BK	5-0
11/19	125	W, 4-2	#31 Tristan Lujan, Michigan State	BK	6-0
11/19	125	W, 5-1	#30 Ethan Berginc, Army	BK (1st)	7-0
12/10	125	W, 11-2	Dylan Acevedo-Switzer, Hofstra (major)	dual	8-0
1/5	125	W, 11-6	#15 Brandon Kaylor, Oregon State	dual	9-0
1/14	125	W, 16-3	Michael Spangler, Indiana (major)	dual	10-0
1/19	125	W, 5-1	#5 Michael DeAugustino, Michigan	dual	11-0
1/21	125	W, 7-3	Tristan Lujan, Michigan State	dual	12-0
1/28	125	W, 15-0	Tommy Capul, Maryland (TF; 2:47)	dual	13-0
2/2	125	W, 4-3	Vinny Kilkeary, Ohio State	dual	14-0
2/9	125	L, 2-4	#7 Drake Ayala, Iowa	dual	14-1
2/12	125	W, 4-1 (sv)	#19 Dean Peterson, Rutgers	dual	15-1

NOTES: Ranked #6 by InterMat. **Journeymen (11/12):** Went 3-0 in first collegiate action, including two technical falls and a major. **Black Knight (11/19):** Went 4-0 to win 125 title, including wins over #31 Tristan Lujan of Michigan State and #30 Ethan Berginc of Army West Point. **Hofstra (12/10):** Majored Dylan Acevedo-Switzer 11-2 in dual meet debut in Rec Hall. **Oregon State (1/5):** Dominated #15 Brandon Kaylor on his way to an 11-6 win in Corvallis. **Indiana (1/14):** Majored IU grad student Michael Spangler 16-3 in Big Ten dual debut. **Michigan (1/19):** Scored five unanswered points in the third period for 5-1 win over #5 Michael DeAugustino in Ann Arbor. **Michigan State (1/21):** Strong 7-3 win over Tristan Lujan in East Lansing. **Maryland (1/28):** Teched Tommy Capul 15-0 (2:47) in the first period. **Ohio State (2/2):** Posted 4-3 win over Vinny Kilkeary. **Iowa (2/9):** Lost hard-fought 4-2 battle to #7 Drake Ayala in Iowa City. **Rutgers (2/12):** Quick takedown in sudden victory for a 4-1 (sv) win over #19 Dean Peterson.

PARENTS: KIM McNATT, MARK STEEN
MAJOR: RECREATION, PARK AND TOURISM MANAGEMENT

MATCH-BY-MATCH

Date	Wt.	Result	Opponent	Place	Record
11/12	125	W, 16-1	Noah Tonsor, Army (TF; 3:18)	Jrny	1-0
11/12	125	W, 17-2	Bronson Garber, Bloomsburg (TF; 6:15)	Jrny	2-0
11/12	125	L, 3-1	Braeden Davis, Penn State	Jrny	2-1
11/19	125	W, 12-5	Carson Wagner, Binghamton	BK	3-1
11/19	125	L, 2-5 (sv)	Robert Howard, Penn State	BK	3-2
11/19	125	WBF	Max Elton, Buffalo (4:23)	BK	4-2
11/19	125	W, 19-4	Nick Cordray, Michigan State (TF; 5:57)	BK	5-2
11/19	125	W, 14-4	Charlie Farmer, Army (major)	BK (5th)	6-2
12/3	125	L, 1-4	Shelton Seymour, Lehigh	dual	6-3

NOTES: Wrestled in 14 duals for Penn State last season. **Journeymen (11/12):** Posted 2-1 record in season opener, including two straight tech falls to open event. **Black Knight (11/19):** Went 4-1 to take fifth, including first collegiate pin.



AARON NAGAO
LA HABRA, CALIF.
ESPERANZA

All-American (5th, 2023)

Jr./So. = 133

CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Overall	Duals (BIG)TRN (BIG/NCAA)	F	TF	M	PTS
*2021-22	Redshirt season					
*2022-23	22-6	8-2 (3-1)	14-4 (3-1/5-2)	1-1	1-0	4-0 30
2023-24	9-4	5-4 (2-3)	4-0 (0-0/0-0)	1-1	5-0	3-0 23
Career	31-10	13-6 (5-4)	18-4 (3-1/5-2)	2-2	6-0	7-0 53

* at Minnesota



BEAU BARTLETT
TEMPE, ARIZ.
WYOMING SEMINARY (PA.)

All-American (3rd, 2023)

Sr./Sr. = 141

CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Overall	Duals (BIG)TRN (BIG/NCAA)	F	TF	M	PTS
2020-21	8-3	1-1 (1-1)	7-2 (1-2/0-0)	2-0	0-0	1-0 3
2021-22	15-10	11-6 (4-4)	4-4 (3-2/1-2)	2-0	0-0	2-2 41
2022-23	27-3	15-1 (7-1)	12-2 (3-1/5-1)	3-0	1-0	6-0 58
2023-24	16-0	9-0 (7-0)	7-0 (0-0/0-0)	4-0	0-0	3-0 29
Career	66-16	36-8 (19-6)	30-8 (7-5/6-3)	11-0	1-0	12-2 131

PARENTS: DESIREE AND ERIC NAGAO
MAJOR: LABOR AND HUMAN RESOURCES

MATCH-BY-MATCH

Date	Wt.	Result	Opponent	Place	Record
11/19	133	W, 15-0	Takeo Davis, Gardner Webb (TF; 3:40)	BK	1-0
11/19	133	W, 13-1	Andrew Hampton, Michigan State (major)	BK	2-0
11/19	133	W, 17-2	Devon Britton, Rutgers (TF; 6:53)	BK	3-0
11/19	133	WBF	#33 Braden Basile, Army (0:57)	BK (st)	4-0
12/3	133	L, 4-6	#5 Ryan Crookham, Lehigh	dual	4-1
12/10	133	W, 21-6	Ryan Arbeit, Hofstra (TF; 4:20)	dual	5-1
1/5	133	W, 9-0	#26 Gabe Whisenhunt, Oregon State (maj.)	dual	6-1
1/14	133	W, 19-4	Isaac Thornton, Indiana (TF; 5:24)	dual	7-1
1/19	133	LBF (SV)	#6 Dylan Ragusin, Michigan (7:28, SV)	dual	7-2
1/21	133	W, 18-3	Andy Hampton, Michigan State (TF; 3:21)	dual	8-2
2/2	133	L, 7-13	#12 Nic Bouzakis, Ohio State	dual	8-3
2/9	133	W, 12-0	#20 Cullan Schreiber, Iowa (major)	dual	9-3
2/12	133	L, 6-9 (sv)	#10 Dylan Shawver, Rutgers	dual	10-3

NOTES: Ranked #11 by InterMat. **Black Knight (11/19):** Won 133 title in Penn State debut, going 4-0 and pinning #33 Braden Basile of Army (0:57) in the finals. **Lehigh (12/3):** Dropped close 6-4 dec. to #5 Ryan Crookham in Rec Hall debut. **Hofstra (12/10):** Notched 21-6 tech fall over Ryan Arbeit (4:20). **Oregon State (1/5):** Majored #26 Gabe Whisenhunt 9-0 for road win. **Indiana (1/14):** Notched 19-4 tech (5:24) over Isaac Thornton. **Michigan (1/19):** Dropped tough sudden victory bout to #6 Dylan Ragusin when a non-control fall was awarded to the Wolverine at the 7:28 mark. **Michigan State (1/21):** Rolled to 18-3 tech fall over Andy Hampton. **Iowa (2/9):** Majored #20 Cullan Schreiber for road win. **Rutgers (2/12):** Tough 9-6 (sv) loss to #10 Dylan Shawver.

PARENTS: RENEE AND ANDRE BARTLETT
MAJOR: PSYCHOLOGY

MATCH-BY-MATCH

Date	Wt.	Result	Opponent	Place	Record
11/12	141	WBF	Dante Frinzi, Harvard (1:29)	Jrny	1-0
11/12	141	W, 4-1 (sv)	#13 Vince Cornella, Cornell	Jrny	2-0
11/12	141	W, 15-3	#12 Malyke Hines, Lehigh (major)	Jrny	3-0
11/19	141	WBF	Riley Halal, Brown (2:36)	BK	4-0
11/19	141	WBF	Joe Fongara, Rutgers (4:48)	BK	5-0
11/19	141	WBF	Rich Treanor, Army (3:57)	BK	6-0
11/19	141	W, 4-1	Tyler Kasak, Penn State	BK (1st)	7-0
12/3	141	W, 14-6	Carter Bailey, Lehigh (major)	dual	8-0
1/5	141	W, 8-5 (sv)	#25 Cleveland Belton, Oregon State	dual	9-0
1/14	141	W, 8-1	#23 Danny Fongaro, Indiana	dual	10-0
1/19	141	W, 7-5	#25 Sergio Lemley, Michigan	dual	11-0
1/21	141	W, 8-2	#33 Jordan Hamdan, Michigan State	dual	12-0
1/28	141	W, 11-1	#17 Kal Miller, Maryland (major)	dual	13-0
2/2	141	W, 4-1 (sv)	#2 Jesse Mendez, Ohio State	dual	14-0
2/9	141	W, 7-2	#2 Real Woods, Iowa	dual	15-0
2/12	141	W, 4-1	Max Hermes, Rutgers	dual	16-0

NOTES: Ranked #1 by InterMat. **Journeymen (11/12):** Rolled to 3-0 mark in season opener, including pin, 4-1 win over #13 Vince Cornella of Cornell and 15-3 major over #12 Malyke Hines of Lehigh. **Black Knight (11/19):** Went 4-0, including three pins, to win title. Named Big Ten Wrestler of the Week (11/21). **Lehigh (12/3):** Majored Carter Bailey 14-6. **Oregon State (1/5):** Battled #25 Cleveland Belton into extra time and notched an 8-5 (sv) win. **Indiana (1/14):** Late takedown and back points for 8-1 win over #23 Danny Fongaro. **Michigan (1/19):** Picked up a 7-5 win over #25 Sergio Lemley. **Michigan State (1/21):** Scored eight points in the third period to post 8-2 victory over #33 Jordan Hamdan. **Maryland (1/28):** Majored #17 Kal Miller 11-1. **Ohio State (2/2):** Moved through neutral danger for takedown and a 4-1 sudden victory win over #3 Jesse Mendez. **Iowa (2/9):** Dominated #2 Real Woods 7-2 in Iowa City. **Rutgers (2/12):** 4-1 win over Max Hermes in 2024 BJC Dual.

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TYLER KASAK
DOYLESTOWN, PA.
BETHLEHEM CATHOLIC

Fr./Fr. = 141/149

CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Overall	Duals (B1G)	TRN (B1G/NCAA)	F	TF	M	PTS
2023-24	12-2	5-1 (3-1)	7-1 (0-0/0-0)	1-0	1-0	3-0	17
Career	12-2	5-1 (3-1)	7-1 (0-0/0-0)	1-0	1-0	3-0	17



DAVID EVANS
TUNKHANNOCK, PA.
TUNKHANNOCK

Sr./Jr. = 141/149

CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Overall	Duals (B1G)	TRN (B1G/NCAA)	F	TF	M	PTS
2020-21	Redshirt season						
2021-22	11-4	0-0 (0-0)	11-4 (0-0/0-0)	3-0	0-0	1-1	0
2022-23	8-2	0-0 (0-0)	8-2 (0-0/0-0)	4-0	0-0	1-0	0
2023-24	12-3	3-0 (2-0)	9-3 (0-0/0-0)	0-0	3-0	2-0	11
Career	31-9	3-0 (2-0)	28-9 (0-0/0-0)	7-0	3-0	4-1	11

PARENTS: JANEICE AND JOEL KASAK
MAJOR: AGRICULTURE

MATCH-BY-MATCH

Date	Wt.	Result	Opponent	Place	Record
11/19	141	W, 11-1	Logan Brown, Army (major)	BK	1-0
11/19	141	W, 2-1 (tb)	David Evans, Penn State	BK	2-0
11/19	141	W, 8-0	Todd Carter, Gardner Webb (major)	BK	3-0
11/19	141	L, 1-4	#2 Beau Bartlett, Penn State	BK (2nd)	3-1
12/3	149	W, 7-5	Drew Munch, Lehigh	dual	4-1
1/5	149	W, 4-1	#12 Nash Singleton, Oregon State	dual	5-1
1/14	149	W, 15-0	#14 Graham Rooks, Indiana (TF; 6:59)	dual	6-1
1/28	149	WBF	Cameron McKay, George Mason (1:00)	MT2	7-1
1/28	149	W, 6-2	Owen Reinsel, Lehigh	MT2	8-1
1/28	149	W, 11-3	Matt Repos, Lehigh (major)	MT2	9-1
1/28	149	W, 4-2	David Evans, Penn State	MT2 (1st)	10-1
2/2	149	W, 7-2	#9 Dylan D'Emilio, Ohio State	dual	11-1
2/9	149	L, 8-11 (sv)	#12 Caleb Rathjen, Iowa	dual	11-2
12/2	149	W, 7-5	#26 Michael Cetta, Rutgers	dual	12-2

NOTES: Ranked #9 by InterMat. **Black Knight (11/19):** Went 3-1, including two majors, to reach finals at 141, only loss close 4-1 dec. to teammate #2 Beau Bartlett in finals. **Lehigh (12/3):** Made Penn State dual debut up at 149 and posted 7-4 win over Drew Munch in Rec Hall. **Oregon State (1/5):** Controlled #12 Nash Singleton for road dual meet win, using third period take-down for 4-1 victory. **Indiana (1/14):** Last second escape secured 15-0 tech fall (6:59) over #14 Graham Rooks in B1G dual debut. **Mat-Town 2 (1/28):** Went 4-0 with a pin and a major to take first. **Ohio State (2/2):** Rolled to 7-2 win over #9 Dylan D'Emilio in Rec Hall. **Iowa (2/9):** Lost tough 11-8 (sv) bout to #12 Caleb Rathjen on the road. **Rutgers (2/12):** Notched 7-5 win over #26 Michael Cetta.

PARENTS: LIZ AND DAVE EVANS
MAJOR: PSYCHOLOGY

MATCH-BY-MATCH

Date	Wt.	Result	Opponent	Place	Record
11/12	141	W, 4-1 (sv)	#6 CJ Composto, Penn	Jrny	1-0
11/12	141	L, 4-6	#12 Malyke Hines, Lehigh	Jrny	1-1
11/12	141	W, med.frf.	#13 Vince Cornella, Cornell	Jrny	2-1
11/19	141	W, 11-4	Nathan Lucier, Binghamton	BK	3-1
11/19	141	L, 1-2 (tb)	Tyler Kasak, Penn State	BK	3-2
11/19	141	W, 11-1	Armando Garcia, Northern Colorado (maj.)	BK	4-2
11/19	141	W, 12-6	Jordan Hamdan, Michigan State	BK	5-2
11/19	141	W, 21-5	Joe Fongaro, Rutgers (TF; 6:09)	BK (5th)	6-2
12/10	141	W, 19-4	Alex Turley, Hofstra (TF; 13)	dual	7-2
1/19	149	W, 5-2	Fidel Mayora, Michigan	dual	8-2
1/21	149	W, 4-2	Braden Stauffenberg, Michigan State	dual	9-2
1/28	149	W, 18-2	Nick Vafiadis, Navy (TF; 5:52)	MT2	10-2
1/28	149	W, 11-1	Sean Seefeldt, Penn (major)	MT2	11-2
1/28	149	W, 4-2	Kelvin Griffin, Lehigh	MT2	12-2
1/28	149	L, 2-4	#12 Tyler Kasak, Penn State	MT2 (2nd)	12-3

NOTES: Made Penn State dual debut at 141 in December. **Journeymen (11/12):** Went 2-1 at round-robin, including a 4-1 win over #6 CJ Composto of Penn and a forfeit win over #13 Vince Cornella of Cornell. **Black Knight Invite (11/19):** Went 5-1 to place fifth, lone loss a 2-1 (tb) setback to teammate Tyler Kasak. **Hofstra (12/10):** Made Penn State dual meet debut in Rec Hall, notching a tech fall (19-4; 6:13) over Alex Turley. **Michigan (1/19):** Notched first Big Ten dual meet win, and first win at 149, with a 5-2 win over Fidel Mayora. **Michigan State (1/21):** Picked up 4-2 win over Braden Stauffenberg in East Lansing. **Mat-Town 2 (1/28):** Went 3-1 with a tech and major to take second, only loss 4-2 to teammate #12 Tyler Kasak in finals.



**SHANE
VAN NESS**
SOMERVILLE, N.J.
BLAIR ACADEMY

All-American (3rd, 2023)

Jr./So. = 149

CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Overall	Duals (BIG)TRN (BIG/NCAA)	F	TF	M	PTS
2021-22	Redshirt season					
2022-23	24-7	12-4 (5-3)	12-3 (4-2/5-1)	5-0	2-0	7-0 55
2023-24	3-0	0-0 (0-0)	3-0 (0-0/0-0)	3-0	0-0	0-0 0
Career	27-7	12-4 (5-3)	15-3 (4-2/5-1)	8-0	2-0	7-0 55



**LEVI
HAINES**
ARENDTSVILLE, PA.
BIGLERVILLE

All-American (2nd, 2023)

So./So. = 157

CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Overall	Duals (BIG)TRN (BIG/NCAA)	F	TF	M	PTS
2022-23	25-2	11-0 (7-0)	14-2 (3-0/4-1)	3-0	1-0	5-0 43
2023-24	13-0	10-0 (7-0)	3-0 (0-0/0-0)	3-0	3-0	3-0 42
Career	38-2	21-0 (14-0)	17-2 (3-0/4-1)	6-0	4-0	8-0 85

PARENTS: DAWN AND RODNEY VAN NESS
MAJOR: PSYCHOLOGY

MATCH-BY-MATCH

Date	Wt.	Result	Opponent	Place	Record
11/12	149	WBF	Eddie Hummel, Army (2:06)	Jrny	1-0
11/12	149	WBF	Cade Balestrini, Bloomsburg (2:58)	Jrny	2-0
11/12	149	WBF	Kelvin Griffin, Lehigh (1:30)	Jrny	3-0

NOTES: Ranked #2 by InterMat before suffering season ending injury prior to Penn State's dual meet opener in early December. Will petition for a medical hardship waiver (medical redshirt). **Journymen (11/12):** Rolled to three wins, all by fall and all in the first period, at season opening event. Wrestled 6:34 of a possible 21:00 minutes. Named Big Ten Wrestler of the Week (11/14). **NWCA All-Star Classic (11/21):** Rolled to a 5-1 win over #3 Kyle Parco of Arizona State in Rec Hall (exhibition/not an official result).

PARENTS: AIMEE AND KEN HAINES
MAJOR: AGRICULTURE

MATCH-BY-MATCH

Date	Wt.	Result	Opponent	Place	Record
11/12	157	W, 18-0	Luca Frinzi, Lehigh (TF; 4:35)	Jrny	1-0
11/12	157	WBF	Cael Berg, Harvard (4:22)	Jrny	2-0
11/12	157	W, 10-2	#27 Max Brignola, Lehigh (major)	Jrny	3-0
12/3	157	W, 12-6	#24 Max Brignola, Lehigh (major)	dual	4-0
12/10	157	WBF	Dylan Zenion, Hofstra (1:02)	dual	5-0
1/5	157	W, 10-8	Isaiah Crosby, Oregon State	dual	6-0
1/14	157	W, 17-0	Zack Rotkovich, Indiana (TF; 6:06)	dual	7-0
1/19	157	W, 2-1	#9 Will Lewan, Michigan	dual	8-0
1/21	157	W, 7-6 (tb2)	#21 Chase Saldate, Michigan State	dual	9-0
1/28	157	W, 15-0	#33 Michael North, Maryland (TF; 5:58)	dual	10-0
2/2	157	W, 11-3	#29 Isaac Walker, Ohio State (major)	dual	11-0
2/9	157	W, 12-0	#5 Jared Franek, Iowa (major)	dual	12-0
2/12	157	WBF	Dylan Weaver, Rutgers (1:31)	dual	13-0

NOTES: Ranked #1 by InterMat. **Journymen (11/12):** Went 3-0 at season opener, including tech and pin, also majored #27 Max Brignola of Lehigh. **Lehigh (12/3):** Beat #24 Brignola once again, this time a 12-6 win in Rec Hall. **Hofstra (12/10):** Pinned Dylan Zenion (1:02). **Oregon State (1/5):** Downed Isaiah Crosby 10-8 in Corvallis. **Indiana (1/14):** Rolled to 17-0 tech fall (6:06) over Zack Rotkovich. **Michigan (1/19):** Picked up a 2-1 win over #9 Will Lewan. **Michigan State (1/21):** Last second reversal in second tie-breaker to grab thrilling 7-6 (tb2) win over #21 Chase Saldate in East Lansing. **Maryland (1/28):** Rolled to 15-0 tech fall (5:58) over #33 Michael North. **Ohio State (2/2):** Majored #29 Isaac Walker 11-3. **Iowa (2/9):** Majored #5 Jared Franek in Iowa City 12-0, including 3:32 in riding time. **Rutgers (2/12):** Pinned Dylan Weaver in the first period (1:31).



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**MITCHELL
MESENBRINK**
HARTLAND, WIS.
ARROWHEAD

So./Fr. = 157/165

CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Overall	Duals (B1G)	TRN (B1G/NCAA)	F	TF	M	PTS
*2022-23	2-0	2-0 (0-0)	0-0 (0-0/0-0)	2-0	0-0	0-0	12
2023-24	17-0	10-0 (7-0)	7-0 (0-0/0-0)	3-0	7-0	2-0	47
Career	19-0	12-0 (7-0)	7-0 (0-0/0-0)	5-0	7-0	2-0	59

* at Cal-Baptist // Redshirt season



**TERRELL
BARRACROUGH**
KAYSVILLE, UTAH
LAYTON

Sr./Sr. = 165

CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Overall	Duals (B1G)	TRN (B1G/NCAA)	F	TF	M	PTS
2019-20	Redshirt season						
2020-21	2-2	0-2 (0-2)	2-0 (0-0/0-0)	0-0	0-0	1-0	0
2021-22	7-8	1-6 (1-4)	6-2 (0-0/0-0)	1-0	0-0	1-1	3
2022-23	6-3	3-2 (0-1)	3-1 (0-0/0-0)	0-0	1-0	0-0	12
2023-24	12-2	2-1 (2-1)	10-1 (0-0/0-0)	3-0	1-0	3-0	6
Career	27-15	6-11 (3-8)	21-4 (0-0/0-0)	4-0	2-0	5-1	21

PARENTS: BERNADETTE AND JOHN MESENBRINK
MAJOR: LIBERAL ARTS

MATCH-BY-MATCH

Date	Wt.	Result	Opponent	Place	Record
11/12	165	W, 14-10	Nicco Ruiz, Arizona State	Jrny	1-0
11/12	165	W, 19-3	Eric Shindel, Hofstra (TF; 4:34)	Jrny	2-0
11/12	165	W, 20-5	Cooper Noehre, Purdue (TF; 5:37)	Jrny	3-0
11/19	165	W, 17-2	Dakota Morris, Army (TF; 6:16)	BK	4-0
11/19	165	W, 25-6	#21 Brevin Cassella, Binghamton (TF; 6:55)	BK	5-0
11/19	165	WBF	#22 Anthony White, Rutgers (2:15)	BK	6-0
11/19	165	W, 8-5	Terrell Barracrough, Penn State	BK (1st)	7-0
12/3	165	W, 17-2	#32 Jake Logan, Lehigh (TF; 6:13)	dual	8-0
12/10	165	WBF	Matt Waddell, Hofstra (1:24)	dual	9-0
1/5	165	W, 17-2	#10 Matthew Olguin, Oregon St. (TF; 3:44)	dual	10-0
1/14	165	W, inj.def.	#23 Tyler Lillard, Indiana (inj.def.; 1:28)	dual	11-0
1/19	165	W, 12-1	#7 Cameron Amine, Michigan (major)	dual	12-0
1/21	165	W, 18-9	#10 Caleb Fish, Michigan State (major)	dual	13-0
1/28	165	WBF	Ryan Money, Maryland (0:50)	dual	14-0
2/2	165	W, 10-4	#20 Bryce Hepner, Ohio State	dual	15-0
2/9	165	W, 12-6	#6 Michael Caliendo, Iowa	dual	16-0
2/12	165	W, 18-3	Anthony White, Rutgers (TF; 6:52)	dual	17-0

NOTES: Ranked #6 by InterMat. **Journeyman (11/12):** Went 3-0 in first event as a Nittany Lion, including two technical falls. **Black Knight (11/19):** Went 4-0 to win title, including 25-6 tech of #1 Brevin Cassella of Binghamton and first period pin (2:15) of #22 Anthony White of Rutgers. **Lehigh (12/3):** Notched 17-2 tech fall over #32 Jake Logan in Penn State dual debut in Rec Hall. **Hofstra (12/10):** Pinned Matt Waddell (1:24). **Oregon State (1/5):** Notched four takedowns and a four-point turn to dominated #10 Matthew Olguin in a 17-2 (3:44) tech fall. **Indiana (1/14):** Leading 7-1 in first period, won by injury default over #23 Tyler Lillard at 1:28. **Michigan (1/19):** Dominated #7 Cameron Amine, rolling to 12-1 major decision, nearly DQ'ing Amine by forcing him into four stall calls. **Michigan State (1/21):** Majored #10 Caleb Fish 18-9, tallying five takedowns in East Lansing. **Maryland (1/28):** Quick first period pin of Ryan Money (0:50). **Ohio State (2/2):** Used two takedowns and two reversals to post 10-4 win over #20 Bryce Hepner. **Iowa (2/9):** Controlled #6 Michael Caliendo 12-6 for B1G road win. **Rutgers (2/12):** Rolled to 18-3 tech fall over Dylan White (6:52).

PARENTS: ABBY AND ROYCE BARRACROUGH
MAJOR: BIOMEDICAL ENGINEERING

MATCH-BY-MATCH

Date	Wt.	Result	Opponent	Place	Record
11/12	165	W, 9-0	Kaya Sement, Penn (major)	Jrny	1-0
11/12	165	W, 5-0	Cole Spencer, Penn	Jrny	2-0
11/12	165	W, 4-0	Matt Lee, Penn State	Jrny	3-0
11/19	165	W, 12-2	Luke Gayer, Rutgers (major)	BK	4-0
11/19	165	W, 11-8 (sv)	Matt Lee, Penn State	BK	5-0
11/19	165	WBF (sv)	#9 Caleb Fish, Michigan State (7:20)	BK	6-0
11/19	165	L, 5-8	#17 Mitchell Mesenbrink, Penn State	BK (2nd)	6-1
1/19	174	L, 1-2	#4 Shane Griffith, Michigan	dual	6-2
1/21	174	W, 8-1	DJ Shannon, Michigan	dual	7-2
2/3	165	WBF	Kaeden Berger, Clarion (3:25)	Boro	8-2
2/3	165	WBF	Donavan Smith, LIU (2:40)	Boro	9-2
2/3	165	W, 13-0	Mason Alessio, C. Michigan (major)	Boro	10-2
2/3	165	W, 16-1	C, Amaker, C. Michigan (TF; 5:35)	Boro (1st)	11-2
2/12	165	W, 4-3	#13 Jackson Turley, Rutgers	dual	12-2

NOTES: Has started at times for three seasons at Penn State. **Journeyman (11/12):** Posted 3-0 record in season opener (including a major) did not give up a point and outscored opponents 18-0. **Black Knight (11/19):** Went 3-1, including pinning #9 Caleb Fish of Michigan State, only loss an 8-5 setback to teammate #17 Mitchell Mesenbrink in the finals and placed second. **Michigan (1/19):** Moved up a weight and nearly upset #4 Shane Griffith, dropping tough 2-1 decision in Ann Arbor. **Michigan State (1/21):** Moved up to 174 for second time in three days to notch 8-1 win over DJ Shannon on the road. **Edinboro Open (2/3):** Went 4-0 with two pins, a tech and a major to win 165-pound title. **Rutgers (2/12):** Moved up to 174 and used 2:49 in riding time to notch thrilling 4-3 win over #13 Jackson Turley in the 2024 BJC Dual.



CARTER STAROCCI
 ERIE, PA.
 CATHEDRAL PREP
 3X National Champion
 (2021, 2022, 2023)
 3X All-American (1st, 2021;
 1st, 2022; 1st, 2023)

Sr./Sr. = 174

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
2021-22	23-0	15-0 (6-0)	8-0 (3-0/5-0)	4-0	5-0	4-0	65
2022-23	24-0	16-0 (8-0)	8-0 (3-0/5-0)	4-0	3-0	9-0	68
2023-24	10-0	7-0 (4-0)	3-0 (0-0/0-0)	3-0	4-0	1-0	34
Career	71-2	43-1 (23-1)	28-1 (9-1/15-0)	14-0	13-0	16-0	183

PARENTS: STARLA AND CHRIS STAROCCI
MAJOR: RECREATION, PARK AND TOURISM MANAGEMENT

MATCH-BY-MATCH

Date	Wt.	Result	Opponent	Place	Record
11/12	174	W, med. frf.	Max Wilner, Arizona State	Jrny	1-0
11/12	174	WBF	Luke Rada, Harvard (2:15)	Jrny	2-0
11/12	174	W, 21-5	#14 Nick Incontrera, Penn (major)	Jrny	3-0
12/3	174	WBF	Thayne Lawrence, Lehigh	dual	4-0
12/10	174	W, 19-3	Eric Shindell, Hofstra (TF; 3:38)	dual	5-0
1/5	174	W, 19-3	#8 Travis Wittlake, Oregon St. (TF; 19-3)	dual	6-0
1/14	174	W, 19-4	Robert Major, Indiana (TF; 3:41)	dual	7-0
1/28	174	WBF	Mason Stein, Maryland (4:26)	dual	8-0
2/2	174	W, 4-2	#11 Rocco Welsh, Ohio State	dual	9-0
2/9	174	W, 13-5	#7 Patrick Kennedy, Iowa (major)	dual	10-0

NOTES: Ranked #1 by InterMat. **Journymen (11/12):** Rolled to a 3-0 record at Journymen Collegiate (including a pin) and a 21-5 tech fall over #14 Nick Incontrera of Penn. **NWCA All-Star Classic (11/21):** Dominated #2 Mekhi Lewis of Virginia Tech, posting an 11-0 major in Rec Hall (exhibition/not an official result). **Lehigh (12/3):** Pinned Lehigh's Thayne Lawrence in the first period (2:07). **Hofstra (12/10):** Notched 19-3 tech fall over Eric Shindell. **Oregon State (1/5):** Rolled up six takedowns in a dominant 19-3 tech fall (6:32) win over #8 Travis Wittlake. **Indiana (1/14):** Teched Robert Major 19-4 (3:41). **Maryland (1/28):** Pinned Mason Stein (4:26). **Ohio State (2/2):** Won 4-2 over #11 Rocco Welsh. **Iowa (2/9):** Majored #7 Patrick Kennedy in Iowa City 13-5.



BERNIE TRUAX IV
 OCEANSIDE, CALIF.
 RANCHO BUENA VISTA

3X All-American (4th,
 2021/174; 4th, 2022/184; 4th,
 2023/197)

Gr./Gr. = 184

CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Overall	Duals (BIG)	TRN (BIG/NCAA)	F	TF	M	PTS
*2018-19		Redshirt season					
*2019-20	18-11	8-4 (0-0)	10-7 (0-0/0-0)	2-5	5-0	3-2	30
*2020-21	13-3	5-0 (0-0)	8-3 (0-0/4-2)	4-0	4-0	1-0	25
*2021-22	18-3	7-0 (0-0)	11-3 (0-0/4-2)	3-1	4-0	1-0	34
*2022-23	18-3	8-1 (0-0)	10-0 (0-0/5-2)	2-1	4-0	3-0	35
2023-24	10-2	7-2 (5-1)	3-0 (0-0/0-0)	2-1	1-0	3-0	30
Career	77-23	35-7 (5-1)	42-15 (0-0/13-6)	13-8	18-0	11-2	154

* at Cal Poly

PARENTS: KELLY AND BERNIE TRUAX
MAJOR: BUSINESS MANAGEMENT FOUNDATIONS GRADUATE CERTIFICATE

MATCH-BY-MATCH

Date	Wt.	Result	Opponent	Place	Record
11/12	184	W, 7-4	#33 James Rowley, Purdue	Jrny	1-0
11/12	184	W, 17-4	Cael Valencia, Arizona State (major)	Jrny	2-0
11/12	184	W, 13-4	James Conway, F&M (major)	Jrny	3-0
12/3	184	W, 19-4	Jack Wilt, Lehigh (TF; 7:00)	dual	4-0
12/10	184	WBF	Will Conlon, Hofstra (1:51)	dual	5-0
1/5	184	L, 2-5	#6 Trey Munoz, Oregon State	dual	5-1
1/19	184	W, 4-1	#15 Jaden Bullock, Michigan	dual	6-1
1/21	184	W, 4-2	#22 Layne Malczewski, Michigan State	dual	7-1
1/28	184	WBF	Chase Mielnik, Maryland (1:43)	dual	8-1
2/2	184	LBF	Ryder Rogotzke, Ohio State (3:59)	dual	8-2
2/9	184	W, 8-0	Aidan Riggins, Iowa	dual	9-2
2/12	184	W, 7-0	Shane Cartagena-Walsh, Rutgers	dual	10-2

NOTES: Ranked #6 by InterMat. **Journymen (11/12):** Went 3-0 in first event as a Nittany Lion, including win over #33 James Rowley of Purdue and two majors. **NWCA All-Star Classic (11/21):** Picked up first takedown against #1 Parker Keckeisen of Northern Iowa but lost a tough 7-4 decision in Rec Hall (exhibition/not an official result). **Lehigh (12/3):** Posted 19-4 tech fall over Jack Wilt in Rec Hall dual debut. **Hofstra (12/10):** Pinned Will Conlon (1:51). **Oregon State (1/5):** Dropped tough 5-2 decision to #6 Trey Munoz on the road in Corvallis. **Michigan (1/19):** Notched impressive 4-1 win over #15 Jaden Bullock in Ann Arbor. **Michigan State (1/21):** Rode first period takedown to a 4-2 win over #22 Layne Malczewski. **Maryland (1/28):** Pinned Chase Mielnik (1:43). **Iowa (2/9):** Notched 8-0 major over Aidan Riggins in Iowa City. **Rutgers (2/12):** 7-0 shutout win over Shane Cartagena-Walsh in 2024 BJC Dual.

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DONOVON BALL
NEW CUMBERLAND, PA.
CEDAR CLIFF

Gr./Sr. = 184

CAREER STATISTICS

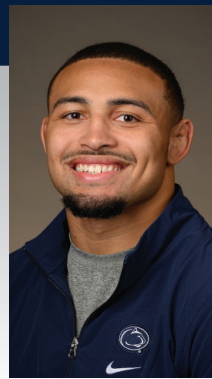
Year	Overall	Duals (BIG)	TRN (BIG/NCAA)	F	TF	M	PTS
2019-20		Redshirt season					
2020-21	2-1	0-1 (0-1)	2-0 (0-0/0-0)	0-0	0-0	1-1	0
2021-22	9-3	3-0 (0-0)	6-3 (0-0/0-0)	0-0	0-0	3-0	10
2022-23	11-4	4-1 (2-1)	7-2 (0-0/0-0)	0-1	0-0	2-0	12
2023-24	1-2	0-0 (0-0)	1-2 (0-0/0-0)	0-0	0-0	0-0	0
Career	23-10	7-2 (2-2)	16-7 (0-0/0-0)	0-1	0-0	6-1	22

PARENTS: DONNA AND GREGORY BALL
MAJOR: BUSINESS MANAGEMENT FOUNDATIONS
GRADUATE CERTIFICATE

MATCH-BY-MATCH

Date	Wt.	Result	Opponent	Place	Record
11/12	184	L, 0-2	Caden Rogers, Lehigh	Jrny	0-1
11/12	184	W, inj.def.	Brock Delsignor, North Carolina St. (4:34)	Jrny	1-1
11/12	184	L, 1-5	Tony Negron, Arizona State	Jrny	1-2

NOTES: Has seen dual action in each of the past three seasons. **Journeymen (11/12):** Went 1-2 at season opening event.



AARON BROOKS
HAGERSTOWN, MD.
NORTH HAGERSTOWN
3X National Champion
(2021, 2022, 2023)
4X All-American (1st Tm,
2020; 1st, 2021; 1st, 2022;
1st, 2023)

Sr./Sr.+ = 197

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
2021-22	21-1	14-0 (8-0)	7-1 (2-1/5-0)	4-0	1-0	8-0	58
2022-23	17-1	9-1 (5-0)	8-0 (3-0/5-0)	3-0	5-0	4-0	42
2023-24	12-0	9-0 (7-0)	3-0 (0-0/0-0)	4-0	6-0	1-0	44
Career	79-3	47-2 (32-1)	32-1 (11-1/15-0)	14-0	17-0	21-0	202

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

MATCH-BY-MATCH

Date	Wt.	Result	Opponent	Place	Record
11/12	197	WBF	Jacob Meissner, Arizona State (4:43)	Jrny	1-0
11/12	197	W, 19-3	John Crawford, F&M (TF; 6:11)	Jrny	2-0
11/12	197	WBF	Martin Cosgrove, Penn (2:33)	Jrny	3-0
12/10	197	WBF	Nikolas Miller, Hofstra (4:22)	dual	4-0
1/5	197	W, 19-4	#30 Justin Rademacher, Oregon St. (TF; 4:53)	dual	5-0
1/14	197	W, 19-4	Gabe Sollars, Indiana (TF; 3:56)	dual	6-0
1/19	197	W, 20-5	#32 Bobby Striggow, Michigan (TF; 4:16)	dual	7-0
1/21	197	W, 21-6	#29 Kael Wisler, Michigan State (TF; 4:00)	dual	8-0
1/28	197	W, 13-4	#5 Jaxon Smith, Maryland (major)	dual	9-0
2/2	197	W, 22-6	#22 Luke Geog, Ohio State (TF; 6:21)	dual	10-0
2/9	197	W, 5-1	#11 Zach Glazier, Iowa	dual	11-0
2/12	197	WBF	Michael Taranzo, Rutgers (1:45)	dual	12-0

NOTES: Ranked #1 by InterMat, first season up at 197. **Journeymen (11/12):** Posted 3-0 record in first action up at 197, including two pins and a tech fall. **NWCA All-Star Classic (11/21):** Cruised to an 11-2 major over #3 Tanner Sloan of South Dakota State in Rec Hall (exhibition/not an official result). **Hofstra (12/10):** Pinned Nikolas Miller (4:22). **Oregon State (1/5):** Posted 19-4 (4:53) tech fall over #30 Justin Rademacher in Corvallis. **Indiana (1/14):** Teched Gabe Sollars 19-4 (3:56). **Michigan (1/19):** Rolled over #32 Bobby Striggow with a 20-5 tech fall (4:16). **Michigan State (1/21):** Picked up seven takedowns in 21-6 tech fall (4:00) over #29 Kael Wisler. **Maryland (1/28):** Dominated #5 Jaxon Smith, rolling to 13-4 major on the road. **Ohio State (2/2):** Rolled to 22-6 tech fall (6:21) over #22 Luke Geog. **Iowa (2/9):** Rolled up over 2:00 in riding time in a convincing 5-1 win over #11 Zach Glazier on the road. **Rutgers (2/12):** Pinned Michael Taranzo in the first period (1:45) in 2024 BJC Dual.



**LUCAS
COCHRAN**
PERRY, UTAH
BOX ELDER

Jr./So. = 184/197

CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Overall	Duals (BIG)	TRN (BIG/NCAA)	F	TF	M	PTS
2021-22	Redshirt season						
2022-23	7-2	0-0 (0-0)	7-2 (0-0/0-0)	1-0	0-0	2-1	0
2023-24	11-2	2-1 (2-0)	9-1 (0-0/0-0)	5-0	2-0	1-1	6
Career	18-4	2-1 (2-0)	16-3 (0-0/0-0)	6-0	2-0	3-2	6



**GREG
KERKVLJET**
INVER GROVE HEIGHTS,
MINN. // SIMLEY
3X All-American
(7th, 2021; 4th, 2022;
2nd, 2023)

Sr./Sr. = 285

CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Overall	Duals (BIG)	TRN (BIG/NCAA)	F	TF	M	PTS
2019-20	Redshirt season						
2020-21	10-4	1-0 (1-0)	9-4 (4-2/4-2)	2-0	1-0	6-0	6
2021-22	22-3	14-1 (7-1)	8-1 (4-1/4-1)	6-0	3-0	5-0	64
2022-23	19-3	13-1 (6-1)	6-2 (2-1/4-1)	3-0	6-0	4-0	66
2023-24	10-0	7-0 (5-0)	3-0 (0-0/0-0)	1-0	2-0	4-0	30
Career	61-10	35-2 (19-2)	26-8 (10-4/12-4)	12-0	12-0	19-0	162

PARENTS: MELISSA AND TRAVIS COCHRAN
MAJOR: FINANCE

PARENTS: KRYSTAL AND GREG KERKVLJET
MAJOR: RECREATION, PARK AND TOURISM MANAGEMENT

MATCH-BY-MATCH

Date	Wt.	Result	Opponent	Place	Record
11/26	197	W, 17-3	Krystian Kinsey, Virginia	LHU	1-0
11/26	197	L, 6-13	#6 Jacob Cardenas, Cornell	LHU	1-1
11/26	197	WBF	Cayden Bevis, Binghamton (2:57)	LHU (3rd)	2-1
12/3	197	L, 6-20	#10 Michael Beard, Lehigh	dual	2-2
1/21	285	W, 5-0	Josh Terrill, Michigan State	dual	3-2
1/28	197	W, md. frf.	Jonathan List, George Mason	MT2	4-2
1/28	197	WBF	Chris Murphy, Army West Point (1:46)	MT2	5-2
1/28	197	WBF	Martin Cosgrove, Penn (2:36)	MT2	6-2
2/3	197	WBF	Shane Davidson, Gannon (2:20)	Boro	7-2
2/3	197	W, 17-1	Luke Cochran, C. Michigan (TF; 5:11)	Boro	8-2
2/3	197	W, 15-0	Remy Cotton, Michigan State (TF; 5:16)	Boro	9-2
2/3	197	WBF	Javier Vasquez, N. Colorado (2:20)	Boro (1st)	10-2
2/12	197	W, 7-3	#8 Yaraslau Slavikouski, Rutgers	dual	11-2

NOTES: Wrestled in open tournaments as a redshirt freshman last year. **Mat Town (11/26):** Went 2-1 plus a win over a non-collegiate to take third at Mat Town Open, including a major and a pin; only loss a touch decision to #6 Jacob Cardenas of Cornell in semifinals. **Lehigh (12/3):** Dropped tough 20-6 major to #10 Michael Beard in Penn State dual meet debut. **Michigan State (1/21):** Moved up to 285 to close out Penn State's 35-0 shutout win at Michigan State, posting strong 5-0 victory over Spartan starting heavyweight Josh Terrill. **Mat-Town 2 (1/28):** Went 3-0 with two pins to claim title. **Edinboro Open (2/3):** Went 4-0 with two pins and two tech falls to claim 197-pound title. **Rutgers (2/12):** Moved up from 197 to 285 and dominated #8 Yaraslau Slavikouski in 7-3 win, capping off PSU's BJC Dual victory over Rutgers.

MATCH-BY-MATCH

Date	Wt.	Result	Opponent	Place	Record
11/12	285	W, 17-1	Tristan Ruhlman, Purdue (TF; 6:44)	Jrny	1-0
11/12	285	W, 6-1	#19 Nathan Taylor, Lehigh	Jrny	2-0
11/12	285	W, -2	#8 Owen Trephan, North Carolina St.	Jrny	3-0
12/3	285	W, 11-1	#12 Nathan Taylor, Lehigh (major)	dual	4-0
1/5	285	W, 21-5	#12 Boone McDermott, Oregon St. (TF; 5:17)	dual	5-0
1/14	285	W, 14-2	Nick Willham, Indiana (major)	dual	6-0
1/19	285	W, 8-3	#4 Lucas Davison, Michigan	dual	7-0
1/28	285	WBF	Jordan Gabriel, Maryland (0:55)	dual	8-0
2/2	285	W, 12-0	#12 Nick Feldman, Ohio State (major)	dual	9-0
2/9	285	W, 9-1	Ben Keuter, Iowa (major)	dual	10-0

NOTES: Ranked #1 by InterMat. **Journeymen (11/12):** Posted 3-0 record with a tech fall, including wins over #19 Nathan Taylor of Lehigh and #8 Owen Trephan of North Carolina State. **NWCA All-Star Classic (11/21):** Impressive performance in an 18-2 technical fall (4:48) over #2 Wyatt Hendrickson of Air Force in Rec Hall (exhibition/not an official result). **Lehigh (12/3):** Majored #12 Nathan Taylor, rolling to 11-1 win. **Oregon State (1/5):** Rolled up seven takedowns in a lopsided 21-5 tech fall (5:17) over #12 Boone McDermott to cap off Penn State's 36-3 win in Corvallis. **Michigan (1/19):** Dominated #4 Lucas Davison in 8-3 win in Ann Arbor. **Maryland (1/28):** Pinned Jordan Gabriel (0:55). **Ohio State (2/2):** Majored #12 Nick Feldman, posting 12-0 shutout. **Iowa (2/9):** Notched strong 9-1 major decision, with nearly 4:00 in riding time, over Ben Keuter to cap off Penn State's 29-6 win in Iowa City.

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SUMMARIES

#1 PENN STATE at JOURNEYMEN COLLEGIATE Sun., Nov. 12, 2023 -- Bethlehem, Pa. Freedom High School

The Penn State Nittany Lion wrestling team (0-0, 0-0 B1G), under the direction of veteran head coach Cael Sanderson, opened up the 2023-24 season at the round-robin portion of the Journeymen Collegiate Classic in Bethlehem, Pa. Twenty Nittany Lions at the event, which took place at Freedom High School.

With 20 wrestlers competing, Penn State had 11 competitors go unbeaten. The Nittany Lions won 75 percent of their matches. Penn State went 45-15 on the day with 10 pins, 11 technical falls and nine majors.

Sophomore Robert Howard, ranked No. 20 at 125, went 1-2 in his first action in over a year. He pinned Purdue's Ashton Jackson in his first bout. True freshman Braeden Davis went 3-0 at 125. He opened up his tournament with two tech falls and then posted an 11-3 major over teammate Gary Steen in the final bout for both Lions. Sophomore Steen went 2-1, picking up two tech falls of his own before the loss to Davis.

With No. 3 Aaron Nagao not competing at 133, senior Baylor Shunk and sophomore Sean Wang took to the mats for Penn State. Wang posted a 1-2 mark with a 16-7 major over Army's Colt Schrader in his final bout. Shunk went 0-3 on the day.

Senior Beau Bartlett, ranked No. 2 at 141, rolled to a 3-0 mark on the day. Bartlett pinned Harvard's Dante Frinzi in his first bout, then posted a tough 4-1 (sv) win over No. 13 Vince Cornella of Cornell. He wrapped up the day with a dominant 15-3 major over No. 12 Malyke Hines of Lehigh. Junior David Evans went 2-1 at 141 and started the day off with a thrilling 4-1 (sv) win over No. 6 CJ Composto of Penn. He lost a hard-fought 6-4 decision to No. 12 Hines of Lehigh and then picked up a medical forfeit win over No. 13 Cornella of Cornell.

Sophomore Shayne Van Ness, ranked No. 2 at 149, was dominant at 149. Van Ness rolled to a 3-0 record, all by fall, all in the first period. He pinned Army's Eddie Hummel at 2:06 and then Cade Balestrini of Bloomsburg at 2:58. Van Ness capped off his day by pinning Lehigh's Kelvin Griffin at the 1:30 mark. Redshirt freshman Connor Pierce went 2-1 at 149. He majored Lehigh's Owen Reinsel and then capped off his day with an 8-1 win over Cornell's Cole Handlovic.

Sophomore Levi Haines, ranked No. 1 at 157, rolled to a 3-0 record with a pin, a tech and a major. After an 18-0 tech fall in his first match, he pinned Harvard's Cael Berg at the 4:22 mark. Haines ended his day by rolling to a 10-2 major over No. 27 Max Brignola of Lehigh.

Redshirt freshman Mitchell Mesenbrink was outstanding in his first appearance at 165 for Penn State. He rolled to a 3-0 record with two technical falls, including a 20-5 victory over Purdue's Cooper Noehre in his final bout. Senior Terrell Barraclough also went 3-0 at 165. Barraclough opened his day with a 9-0 major over Penn's Kaya Sement and capped it off with a hard-fought 4-0 victory over teammate Matt Lee. Lee, a junior, went 2-1 on the day. He had a major to start action and then pinned Sacred Heart's Nicholas Franzen (4:19) before the match with Barraclough.

Senior Carter Starocci, ranked No. 1 at 174, rolled to a 3-0 record with a tech and a pin. After receiving a medical forfeit victory in his first match. Starocci pinned Harvard's Luke Rada and then rolled to a 21-5 tech fall (6:52) over No. 14 Nick Contrera of Penn in his final match of the day. Junior Aurelius Dunbar posted a 1-2 mark at 174. He picked up a 7-3 win over Penn's Lance Urbas.

Graduate Bernie Truax, ranked No. 2 at 184, had an outstanding first day as a Nittany Lion. He downed No. 33 James Rowley of Purdue 7-4 in his first match. Truax majored Arizona State's Cael Valencia 17-4 and F&M's James Conway 13-4 to go 3-0 with two techs.

True freshman Josh Barr rolled to a 3-0 mark at 184. He posted two majors and a technical fall, outscoring his opponents 51-18. Senior Donovan Ball went 1-2 at 184, winning by injury default and dropping two close matches.

Senior+ Aaron Brooks, ranked No. 1 at 197, had an outstanding first day up at 197 for the Nittany Lions. Brooks rolled to a 3-0 mark. He pinned Arizona State's Jacob Meissner and then posted a 19-3 tech fall (6:11) over No. 33 John Crawford of F&M. He wrapped up his day by pinning Penn's Martin Cosgrove.

Senior Greg Kerkvliet, ranked No. 1 at 285, rolled to a 3-0 mark at 285. Kerkvliet started his day with a tech fall and then posted strong decisions over No. 19 Nathan Taylor of Lehigh (6-1) and No. 8 Owen Trephan of North Carolina State (7-2).

Penn State is 0-0 in dual meets overall, 0-0 B1G. The Nittany Lions will return to action at the Black Knight Invite, hosted by Army West Point, on Sunday, Nov. 19. In addition to the team travelling to West Point, N.Y., six Nittany Lions will take part in the NWCA All-Star Classic Exhibition on Tuesday, Nov. 21, in Rec Hall. The event is not a collegiate event, does not count on wrestlers' records or RPI and is not part of Penn State's season ticket package. The all-star meet begins at 7 p.m. and Penn Staters Shayne Van Ness (149), Levi Haines (157), Carter Starocci (174), Bernie Truax (184), Aaron Brooks (197) and Greg Kerkvliet (285) are set to compete.

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125: #20 Robert Howard, So.

Rd. 1: Ashton Jackson, Purdue – WBF (4:45)
Rd. 2: Dylan Ryder, Hofstra – L, 3-13 maj. dec.
Rd. 3: Max Gallagher, Penn – L, 5-8 dec.

125: Gary Steen, So.

Rd. 1: Noah Tonsor, Army West Point – W, 16-1 (TF; 3:18)
Rd. 2: Bronson Garber, Bloomsburg – W, 17-2 (TF; 6:15)
Rd. 3: Braeden Davis, Penn State – L, 3-11 maj. dec.

125: Braeden Davis, Fr.

Rd. 1: Ariel Waldman, LIU – W, 15-0 (TF; 2:15)
Rd. 2: Eric Howe, F&M – W, 20-5 (TF; 4:00)
Rd. 3: Gary Steen, Penn State – W, 11-3 maj. dec.

133: Baylor Shunk, Sr.

Rd. 1: Jake Staud, Army West Point – L, 1-3 dec.
Rd. 2: Jameson Garcia, Harvard – L, 8-16 maj. dec.
Rd. 3: Daniel Uhorchuck, Army West Point – L, 7-9 dec.

133: Sean Wang, So.

Rd. 1: Daniel Miranda, Arizona State – LBF (0:55)
Rd. 2: Conor Collins, Army West Point – L, 1-8 dec.
Rd. 3: Colt Schrader, Army West Point – W, 16-7 maj. dec.

141: #2 Beau Bartlett, Sr.

Rd. 1: Dante Frinzi, Harvard – WBF (1:29)
Rd. 2: #13 Vince Cornella, Cornell – W, 4-1 (sv)
Rd. 3: #12 Malyke Hines, Lehigh – W, 15-3 maj. dec.

141: David Evans, Jr.

Rd. 1: #6 CJ Composto, Penn – W, 4-1 (sv)
Rd. 2: #12 Malyke Hines, Lehigh – L, 4-6 dec.
Rd. 3: #13 Vince Cornella, Cornell – W, med. forf.

149: #2 Shayne Van Ness, So.

Rd. 1: Eddie Hummel, Army West Point – WBF (2:06)
Rd. 2: Cade Balestrini, Bloomsburg – WBF (2:58)
Rd. 3: Kelvin Griffin, Lehigh – WBF (1:30)

149: Connor Pierce, Fr.

Rd. 1: Owen Reinsel, Lehigh – W, 13-3 maj. dec.
Rd. 2: Ethan Fernandez, Cornell – L, 2-8 dec.
Rd. 3: Cole Handlovic, Cornell – W, 8-1 dec.

157: #1 Levi Haines, So.

Rd. 1: Luca Frinzi, Lehigh – W, 18-0 (TF; 4:35)
Rd. 2: Cael Berg, Harvard – WBF (4:22)
Rd. 3: #27 Max Brignola, Lehigh – W, 10-2 maj. dec.

165: Mitchell Mesenbrink, Fr.

Rd. 1: Nicco Ruiz, Arizona State – W, 14-10 dec.
Rd. 2: Eric Shindel, Hofstra – W, 19-3 (TF; 4:34)
Rd. 3: Cooper Noehre, Purdue – W, 20-5 (TF; 5:37)

165: Matt Lee, Jr.

Rd. 1: James Johnston, LIU – W, 16-5 maj. dec.
Rd. 2: Nicholas Franzen, Sacred Heart – WBF (4:19)
Rd. 3: Terrell Barraclough, Penn State – L, 0-4 dec.

165: Terrell Barraclough, Sr.

Rd. 1: Kaya Sement, Penn – W, 9-0 maj. dec.
Rd. 2: Cole Spencer, Penn – W, 5-0 dec.
Rd. 3: Matt Lee, Penn State – W, 4-0 dec.

174: #1 Carter Starocci, Sr.

Rd. 1: Max Wilner, Arizona State – W, med. forf.
Rd. 2: Luke Rada, Harvard – WBF (2:15)
Rd. 3: #14 Nick Incontrera, Penn – W, 21-5 (TF; 6:52)

174: Aurelius Dunbar, Jr.

Rd. 1: Benny Baker, Cornell – L, 0-8 maj. dec.
Rd. 2: Lance Urbas, Penn – W, 7-3 dec.
Rd. 3: Blake Bahna, LIU – L, 1-4 (sv) dec.

184: #2 Bernie Truax, Gr.

Rd. 1: #33 James Rowley, Purdue – W, 7-4 dec.
Rd. 2: Cael Valencia, Arizona State – W, 17-4 maj. dec.
Rd. 3: James Conway, F&M – W, 13-4 maj. dec.

184: Donovan Ball, Sr.

Rd. 1: Caden Rogers, Lehigh – L, 0-2 dec.
Rd. 2: Brock Delsignore, North Carolina St. – W, inj. def. (4:34)
Rd. 3: Tony Negron, Arizona State – L, 1-5 dec.

184: Josh Barr, Fr.

Rd. 1: Jake Stefanowicz, Penn – W, 24-9 (TF; 7:00)
Rd. 2: Anthony D'Alesio, LIU – W, 13-5 maj. dec.
Rd. 3: Jack Wilt, Lehigh – W, 14-4 maj. dec.

197: #1 Aaron Brooks, Sr.

Rd. 1: Jacob Meissner, Arizona State – WBF (4:43)
Rd. 2: #33 John Crawford, F&M – W, 19-3 (TF; 6:11)
Rd. 3: Martin Cosgrove, Penn – WBF (2:33)

285: #1 Greg Kerkvliet, Sr.

Rd. 1: Tristan Ruhlman, Purdue – W, 17-5 (TF; 6:44)
Rd. 2: #19 Nathan Taylor, Lehigh – W, 6-1 dec.
Rd. 3: #8 Owen Trephan, North Carolina St. – W, 7-2 dec.



#1 PENN STATE at BLACK KNIGHT INVITATIONAL Sun., Nov. 19, 2023 -- West Point, N.Y.

The Penn State Nittany Lion wrestling team (0-0, 0-0 B1G), under the direction of veteran head coach Cael Sanderson, sent 17 wrestlers to the Army Black Knight Invitational in West Point, N.Y., on Sunday. With many of Penn State's All-Americans back in Happy Valley prepping for Tuesday's NWCA All-Star Classic Exhibition, Penn State still crowned five champions at Army West Point. All rankings listed are InterMat.

Twelve of Penn State's 17 wrestlers placed, including the five champions. The Nittany Lions went 47-20 overall at the event with nine pins, nine technical falls and 10 majors.

True freshman Braeden Davis stormed his way to the title at 125, picking up two wins over ranked wrestlers in the process. He opened up the tournament with a tech fall and a major and then downed No. 31 Tristan Lujan of Michigan State 4-2 in the semifinals before taking down No. 30 Ethan Berginc of Army West Point 5-1 in the finals. Davis went 4-0 with a tech and a major to claim the crown. Sophomore Robert Howard placed fourth at 125. Howard went 2-2, picking up two quick wins. He downed teammate Gary Steen 5-2 in sudden victory in the second round before dropping a bout to No. 30 Ethan Berginc of Army West Point in the semifinals before taking a medical forfeit loss in the third-place bout. Sophomore Gary Steen placed at 125 with a 4-1 mark. He picked up a pin, a tech and a major with his only loss a 5-2 sudden victory setback to teammate Howard.

Sophomore Aaron Nagao, ranked No. 3 by InterMat, made his Nittany Lion debut at 133 and dominated the field to claim the Black Knight title. Nagao notched two technical falls and a major to advance to the finals where he notched a fast fall (0:52) over No. 33 Braden Basile of Army West Point for the championship. Nagao went 4-0 with a pin, two techs and a major. Senior Baylor Shunk went 2-2 at 133. After a first-round loss, Shunk reeled off a 15-0 technical fall and an 11-1 major over Michigan State's Andrew Hampton before bowing out of the tourney in conso action.

Senior Beau Bartlett, ranked No. 2 nationally, pinned his way to the finals at 141 and battled true freshman Tyler Kasak in the title bout, working his way to a 4-1 win and the crown. Bartlett notched three straight pins at 2:36, 4:48 and 3:57 before notching a late takedown to win against Kasak. Bartlett went 4-0 on the day. Kasak's Penn State debut was outstanding as the true freshman went 3-1 with two majors to get to the finals before dropping the bout to his second-ranked teammate. Junior David Evans went 4-1 at 141 to place fifth. He had a tech fall and a major and his lone loss was a tough 3-2 (tb) setback to teammate Kasak in the second round.

Redshirt freshman Mitchell Mesenbrink, ranked No. 17 nationally, won the title at 165 with a 4-0 record. He notched two quick tech falls and then pinned No. 22 Anthony White of Rutgers in the semifinals, advancing to the title bout against teammate Terrell Barraclough. He posted a tough 8-5 win over Barraclough for the championship. Barraclough, a senior, took second place with a 3-1 mark. He opened up his day with a major and then a tough 11-8 (sv) win over teammate Matt Lee. Barraclough then took No. 9 Caleb Fish of Michigan State to sudden victory before pinning him at 7:20 to get to the finals. Matt Lee, a junior, placed sixth at 165. Lee notched a pin and a major, going 3-2 on the day. He dropped a tough 11-8 (sv) bout to teammate Barraclough before taking a medical forfeit loss in the fifth-place bout.

True freshman Josh Barr rolled to the championship at 184. He went 4-0 overall, opening the day with a tech fall. After a decision in the second round, Barr posted a strong 2-1 win over No. 13 Jacob Nolan of Binghamton in the semifinals to advance to the title bout. He used a five-point move

(takedown, two nearfall) to post a 6-1 (sv) win over Buffalo's Chase Kranitz. Sophomore Jack Kelly went 0-2 at 184.

Sophomore Brian Borden took sixth place at 174. Borden went 3-2 on the day, including a major decision in the first round. Junior Aurelius Dunbar went 1-2 at 174, picking up a 7-4 consolation win over Binghamton's William Ebert.

Redshirt freshman Connor Pierce went 1-2 at 149. He opened up his tourney with a fall and then dropped a hard fought 5-3 decision to No. 23 Jacob Butler of Rutgers before bowing out of the tournament in conso action. Graduate Imran Heard went 1-2 at 149 as well, picking up a 4-2 first round win over William McMullen of LIU before dropping two conso bouts.

With six All-Americans back in Happy Valley, the Nittany Lions did not have wrestlers compete at 157, 197 or 285.

Penn State is 0-0 in dual meets overall, 0-0 B1G. Five Nittany Lions will take part in the NWCA All-Star Classic Exhibition on Tuesday, Nov. 21, in Rec Hall. The event is not a collegiate event, does not count on wrestlers' records or RPI and is not part of Penn State's season ticket package. The all-star meet begins at 7 p.m. and Penn Staters Shayne Van Ness (149), Carter Starocci (174), Bernie Truax (184), Aaron Brooks (197) and Greg Kerkvliet (285) are set to compete. The Nittany Lion regular season continues on Sunday, Dec. 3, when Penn State hosts Lehigh for its dual meet opener. The Nittany Lions and Mountain Hawks tangle in Rec Hall at 2 p.m. in a Big Ten Network national telecast.

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WEIGHT-BY-WEIGHT AGATE

125: Robert Howard, So.
Rd. 1: Aedyn Concepcion, Gardner Webb – W, 6-4 dec.
Rd. 2: Gary Steen, Penn State – W, 5-2 (sv)
Semi: #30 Ethan Berginc, Army West Point – L, 3-12 maj. dec.
3rd: #31 Tristan Lujan, Michigan State – L, med. forf.

125: Gary Steen, So.
Rd. 1: Carson Wagner, Binghamton – W, 12-5 dec.
Rd. 2: Robert Howard, Penn State – L, 2-5 (sv)
Cn. 2: Max Elton, Buffalo – WBF (4:23)
Cn. 3: Nick Corday, Michigan State – W, 19-4 (TF; 5:57)
5th: Charlie Farmer, Army West Point – W, 14-4 maj. dec.

125: Braeden Davis, Fr.
Rd. 1: Ariel Waldman, LIU – W, 17-1 (TF; 3:47)
Rd. 2: Charlie Farmer, Army West Point – W, 11-1 maj. dec.
Semi: #31 Tristan Lujan, Michigan State – W, 4-2 dec.
1st: #30 Ethan Berginc, Army West Point – W, 5-1 dec.

133: #3 Aaron Nagao, So.
Rd. 1: Takeo Davis, Gardner Webb – W, 15-0 (TF; 3:40)
Rd. 2: Andrew Hampton, Michigan State – W, 13-1 maj. dec.
Semi: Devon Britton, Rutgers – W, 17-2 (TF; 6:53)
1st: Braden Basile, Army West Point – WBF (0:52)

133: Baylor Shunk, Sr.
Rd. 1: Dyson Kunz, Northern Colorado – L, 11-16 dec.
Cn. 1: Charlie Sly, Gardner Webb – W, 15-0 (TF; 5:00)
Cn. 2: Andrew Hampton, Michigan State – W, 11-1 maj. dec.
Cn. 3: Dominick Serrano, Northern Colorado – L, 4-19 (TF; 5:19)

141: #2 Beau Bartlett, Sr.
Rd. 1: Riley Halal, Brown – WBF (2:36)
Rd. 2: Joe Fongaro, Rutgers – WBF (4:48)
Semi: Rich Treanor, Army West Point – WBF (3:57)
1st: Tyler Kasak, Penn State – W, 4-1 dec.

141: David Evans, Jr.
Rd. 1: Nathan Lucier, Binghamton – W, 11-4 dec.
Rd. 2: Tyler Kasak, Penn State – L, 1-2 (tb)
Cn. 2: Armando Garcia, Northern Colorado – W, 11-1 maj. dec.
Cn. 3: Jordan Hamdan, Michigan State – W, 12-6 dec.
5th: Joe Fongaro, Rutgers – W, 21-5 (TF; 6:09)

141: Tyler Kasak, Fr.
Rd. 1: Logan Brown, Army West Point – W, 11-1 maj. dec.
Rd. 2: David Evans, Penn State – W, 2-1 (tb)
Semi: Todd Carter, Gardner Webb – W, 8-0 maj. dec.
1st: #2 Beau Bartlett, Penn State – L, 1-4 dec.

149: Connor Pierce, Fr.
Rd. 1: Sam Harris, Gardner Webb – WBF (2:07)
Rd. 2: #23 Jacob Butler, Rutgers – L, 3-5 dec.
Cn. 2: Michael Cetta, Rutgers – L, 7-9 dec.

149: Imran Heard, Gr.
Rd. 1: William McMullen, LIU – W, 4-2 dec.
Rd. 2: Matthew Williams, Army West Point – L, 5-7 dec.
Cn. 2: Joey Giordano, Gardner Webb – L, 3-7 dec.

165: #17 Mitchell Mesenbrink, Fr.
Rd. 1: Dakota Morris, Army West Point – W, 17-2 (TF; 6:16)
Rd. 2: #21 Brevin Cassella, Binghamton – W, 25-6 (TF; 6:55)
Semi: #22 Anthony White, Rutgers – WBF (2:15)
1st: Terrell Barraclough, Penn State – W, 8-5 dec.

165: Terrell Barraclough, Sr.
Rd. 1: Luke Gayer, Rutgers – W, 12-2 maj. dec.
Rd. 2: Matt Lee, Penn State – W, 11-8 (sv)
Semi: #9 Caleb Fish, Michigan State – WBF (SV; 7:20)
1st: #17 Mitchell Mesenbrink, Penn State – L, 5-8 dec.

165: Matt Lee, Jr.
Rd. 1: Keegan Rothrock, Brown – WBF (2:25)
Rd. 2: Terrell Barraclough, Penn State – L, 8-11 (sv)
Cn. 2: Dakota Morris, Army West Point – W, 9-1 maj. dec.
Cn. 3: Baylor Fernandes, Northern Colorado – W, 8-5 dec.
5th: #21 Brevin Cassella, Binghamton – L, med. forf.

174: Brian Borden, So.
Rd. 1: Aydin Rix-McElhinney, Northern Colorado – W, 15-7 maj. dec.
Rd. 2: Marcus Petite, Buffalo – L, 3-10 dec.
Cn. 2: Aurelius Dunbar, Penn State – W, 4-2 dec.
Cn. 3: Dylan Schell, Buffalo – W, 4-1 dec.
5th: Jonathan Conrad, Brown – L, 3-14 maj. dec.

174: Aurelius Dunbar, Jr.
Rd. 1: Corey Connolly, LIU – LBF (SV; 7:22)
Cn. 1: William Ebert, Binghamton – W, 7-4 dec.
Cn. 2: Brian Borden, Penn State – L, 2-4 dec.

184: Josh Barr, Fr.
Rd. 1: Kyle Swartz, Army West Point – W, 18-3 (TF; 6:20)
Rd. 2: Luke Vanadia, Michigan State – W, 9-5 dec.
Semi: #13 Jacob Nolan, Binghamton – W, 2-1 dec.
1st: Chase Kranitz, Buffalo – W, 6-1 (sv)

184: Jack Kelly, So.
Rd. 1: Andrew Donahue, Northern Colorado – L, 4-9 dec.
Cn. 1: bye
Cn. 2: Luke Vanadia, Michigan State – L, 5-21 (TF; 4:53)

#1 PENN STATE 30, #20 LEHIGH 10 Sunday, Dec. 3, 2023 -- Rec Hall -- University Park, Pa.

125: Sheldon Seymour LU dec. Gary Steen PSU, 4-1	0-3
133: #5 Ryan Crookham LU dec. #3 Aaron Nagao PSU, 6-4	0-6
141: #2 Beau Bartlett PSU maj. dec. Carter Bailey LU, 14-6	4-6
149: Tyler Kasak PSU dec. Drew Munch LU, 7-6	7-6
157: #1 Levi Haines PSU dec. #24 Max Brignola LU, 12-6	10-6
165: #16 Mitchell Mesenbrink PSU tech. fall #32 Jake Logan LU, 17-2 (TF; 6:13)	15-6
174: #1 Carter Starocci PSU pinned Thayne Lawrence LU, WBF (2:07)	21-6
184: #2 Bernie Truax PSU tech fall Jack Wilt LU, 19-4 (TF; 7:00)	26-6
197: #10 Michael Beard LU maj. dec. Lucas Cochran PSU, 20-6	26-10
285: #1 Greg Kerkvliet PSU maj. dec. #12 Nathan Taylor LU, 11-1	30-10

Records: Penn State (1-0), Lehigh (0-2)
Attendance: 6,623 (67th-straight sellout in Rec Hall; 76th of 78 events, incl. 9 of 11 in BJC)

The Penn State Nittany Lion wrestling team (1-0, 0-0 B1G) rolled to a 30-10 victory over visiting Lehigh (0-2) in the dual meet opener for head coach Cael Sanderson's squad. Five Nittany Lions made their Rec Hall dual debuts in the convincing home victory.

The match was wrestled in front of yet another Rec Hall sellout crowd of 6,623. This marks the 67th-straight sellout in Rec Hall and the 76th of 78 home sellouts for Penn State (including nine of 11 in the 16,000 seat Bryce Jordan Center).

The dual began at 125 where Nittany Lion Gary Steen dropped a hard-fought 4-1 decision to Sheldon Seymour. Sophomore Aaron Nagao, ranked No. 3 at 133, made his Penn State Rec Hall debut and took on No. 5 Ryan Crookham. Crookham notched two second period takedowns, Nagao used a full third period takedown to try and turn Crookham but dropped a tough 6-4 decision, giving Lehigh a 6-0 lead.

Senior Beau Bartlett, ranked No. 2 at 141, put the Nittany Lions on the board, with a dominant 14-6 major decision. True freshman Tyler Kasak made his Penn State dual debut, moving up to 149 for No. 2 Shayne Van Ness. The Lion freshman worked his way to a hard-fought 7-5 decision over LU's Drew Munch, giving Penn State a 7-6 lead. Sophomore Levi Haines, ranked No. 1 at 157, worked his way to a convincing 12-6 win over No. 24 Max Brignola, using two takedowns in the final period. Haines's win gave Penn State a 10-6 lead at intermission.

Redshirt freshman Mitchell Mesenbrink, ranked No. 16 at 165, made his Nittany Lion Rec Hall debut and rolled his way to a 17-2 technical fall over No. 32 Jake Logan at the 6:13 mark. Mesenbrink's win put Penn State up 15-6. Senior Carter Starocci, ranked No. 1 at 174, added to the Lion lead. Starocci notched three first period takedowns before turning Thayne Lawrence to his back for a first period fall at the 2:07 mark, giving the Nittany Lions a 21-6 lead.

Graduate Bernie Truax, ranked No. 2 at 184, made his Penn State home dual debut and thrilled the Rec Hall crowd with an offensive show, rolling up five takedowns and over 3:00 in riding time to post a 19-4 technical fall (7:00) to put the Lions up 26-6. Sophomore Lucas Cochran stepped in for No. 1 Aaron Brooks at 197 and made his Rec Hall dual debut, dropping a 20-6 major decision to No. 10 Michael Beard. Senior Greg Kerkvliet, ranked No. 1 at 285, capped off the dominant team win with a strong 11-1 major decision with 2:22 in riding time over No. 12 Nathan Taylor. The Nittany Lions walked away with a convincing 30-10 victory.

Penn State won seven of ten bouts with five new faces in the line-up. The Nittany Lions rolled up a 25-11 edge in takedowns. Penn State picked up nine bonus points off a pin (Starocci), two tech falls (Mesenbrink, Truax) and two majors (Bartlett, Kerkvliet).

DUAL MEET BOUT-BY-BOUT:

125: Sophomore Gary Steen took on Sheldon Seymour at 125. Steen fought off an early Seymour shot in the opening seconds to stay on his feet and keep things neutral. The Nittany Lion sophomore worked the center of the mat, fighting off another Seymour single leg as the clock hit 1:44. The duo worked the clock down below the 1:00 mark. The bout moved to the second period tied 0-0. Steen chose down to start the second period and quickly escaped to a 1-0 lead. He then worked his way into a low single, but Seymour forced a stalemate at 1:28. Steen continued to work on offense, getting in deep Seymour's left leg. But the Mountain Hawk was able to fight the move off and force a reset at :58. Trailing 1-0, Seymour chose down to start the final period. Steen controlled him and nearly locked a cradle, but Seymour scrambled out of trouble and escaped to tie the bout 1-1. As the clock moved to :30, Steen gave up a stall warning. He lunged low on a reset with :10 left, and Seymour scrambled through, countered, and connected on a takedown as time expired to steal a 4-1 win.

133: No. 3 Aaron Nagao met No. 5 Ryan Crookham of Lehigh. The duo worked through the first 1:30 neutral and Nagao connected on a low shot. The Lion worked for a takedown, but a potentially dangerous call stopped action and the bout continued 0-0 to the 1:00 mark. Crookham got called for a first fall and then Nagao worked a low shot into a scramble. Crookham forced a reset and then moved in on a low shot at :20. Nagao scrambled his way to 0:00 and the bout moved to the second period scoreless. Nagao chose down to start the second period and quickly escaped to a 1-0 lead. Crookham turned a double into a takedown and a 3-2 lead after a quick Nagao escape with :55 left in the middle period. Nagao turned another low shot into a scramble and Crookham countered for another takedown and a 6-2 lead after two periods. Crookham chose down to start the third period and Nagao broke him down flat at 1:20, looking for a turn. As the clock hit :55, the official called a stalemate and a reset. Nagao picked up a stall point and a riding time point but was unable to turn the Mountain Hawk and dropped a 6-4 decision.

141: Beau Bartlett, ranked No. 2 at 141, met Carter Bailey. Bartlett scored quickly, taking down Bailey and cutting him loose. Bailey turned in for a quick takedown and the bout was tied 4-4 after a Bartlett escape, all in the first 1:00. The duo worked neutral for the next minute-plus. Bartlett turned a low shot into scramble the effectively killed the clock and the match moved to the second stanza tied 4-4. Bartlett chose down to start the second period and quickly escaped to a 5-4 lead. He notched another takedown and led 8-5 after a quick Bailey escape. Bartlett countered a slight Bailey shot and finished off the second stanza with a takedown to lead 11-5 after two. Bailey chose down to start the third period and Bartlett cut him loose to an 11-6 score. With :40 on the clock, Bartlett worked his way through a double for a takedown and a 14-6 lead. He finished the period on top and walked away with a strong 14-6 major decision.

149: Tyler Kasak took on Drew Munch at 149. Kasak notched his first dual takedown at the 2:25 mark and led 3-1 after a Munch escape. The Nittany Lion countered the Munch shot and scrambled his way through :30 before moving behind the Mountain Hawk for another takedown and a 6-2 lead. Munch chose down to start the second period and Kasak worked his riding time up to over 1:00 before the Hawk escaped to a 6-3 score. Kasak fought off a Munch single at :10 but gave up a stall warning in the process. The duo finished the period on their feet and the bout moved to the second with Kasak leading 6-3. Kasak chose down to start the third period and quickly escaped to a 7-3 lead. Kasak gave up a penalty point on an illegal hold at 1:03 and led 7-4. Kasak was hit for stalling at the :15 mark, cutting his lead to 7-5. Kasak forced a late scramble with a low shot and then fought off Munch's counter as the bout ended, holding on for a hard-fought 7-5 win.

157: No. 1 Levi Haines met No. 24 Max Brignola at 157. Brignola took an early 3-1 lead after a quick takedown and Haines escape. Haines fought off another Brignola shot at the 1:15 mark, forcing a stalemate at :46. Haines turned a high single into a takedown and a 4-3 lead with :20 on the clock. Brignola escaped to a 4-4 score and the bout moved to the second period tied. Brignola chose down to start the second period and escaped after a :30 Haines ride to lead 5-4. Haines fought off another Brignola shot, forcing a stalemate at :23. Haines nearly scored as the period ended but Brignola defended until the period ended. Trailing 5-4, Haines chose down to start the third period and quickly escaped to a 5-5 tie. Haines took an 8-5 lead with a low shot, tripping Brignola to the mat with 1:30 on the clock. Haines maintained control of Brignola long enough to work his riding time up past 1:00 but gave up a stall warning in the process. Brignola escaped to an 8-6 score at :30 but Haines finished the period on top, scrambling his way to a takedown and, with 1:26 riding time, posted the 12-6 decision.

165: Mitchell Mesenbrink, ranked No. 16 at 165, took on No. 32 Jake Logan. Mesenbrink turned a quick low single into a scramble and then spent the next minute looking for a takedown. The official called a stalemate at 1:12 and the bout resumed on the reset. Mesenbrink took another low shot, forcing Logan to back away from the action at :35. The Lion freshman then countered a slight Logan shot, scrambled through for a counter takedown as the period wound down to lead 3-0 after one. Mesenbrink chose down to start the second period and quickly escaped to a 4-0 lead. He picked up a quick takedown with a low shot, leading 7-0 at 1:30. Mesenbrink cut Logan loose after a :30 ride and led 7-1 with 1:00 left in the period. He hit a high single to takedown to up his lead to 10-1 with :35 on the clock and finished the period on top, leading 10-1 with 1:06 riding time. Logan chose neutral to start the third period. Mesenbrink picked up a stall point and then took Logan down one final time, rolling to the 17-2 technical fall at the 6:13 mark.

174: No. 1 Carter Starocci faced Thayne Lawrence at 174. Starocci scored quickly, taking the Hawk down to open up a 3-1 lead. He notched his second takedown at the 1:45 mark to up the lead to 6-1. The Nittany Lion senior picked up his third takedown midway through the first period and led 9-2. He worked the outside circle, turning Lawrence to his back. He adjusted, settled in and got the first period pin at the 2:07 mark.

184: Bernie Truax, ranked No. 2 at 184, met Jack Wilt. Truax notched a quick takedown taking Wilt down in the opening seconds to lead 3-0. He then worked a strong ride, building up over 1:00 in riding time while trying to turn the Mountain Hawk for two points. Wilt managed a reversal while Truax tried to turn him, and the Nittany Lion led 4-2 after a quick escape. Truax nearly scored as the first period ended but Wilt skipped out of trouble and the Lion led 4-2 after one. Truax chose down to start the second period and quickly escaped to a 5-2 lead. Truax continued to shoot and took an 8-2 lead on a low single with 1:15 on the clock. Truax finished the period on top and carried an 8-2 lead with 2:27 in riding time into the third period. Wilt chose neutral to start the third period. Truax took Wilt down once, cut him loose, took him down again and cut him loose to lead 14-4 with :25 left. He picked up a stall point, took him down with :10 left and finished on top. His 3:25 riding time gave the new Nittany Lion a 19-4 technical fall (7:00).

197: Sophomore Lucas Cochran took on No. 10 Michael Beard at 197. Cochran battled through the first :45 in neutral and worked for a takedown on the edge of the mat as the first minute played out. Beard was able to work his way out of trouble and bring action back to the middle. Cochran battled through a Beard shot at the midway point of the period, but the Mountain Hawk was able to take Cochran down and led 3-1 after a Lion escape. The 3-1 score held into the second period. Beard chose down to start the second period and escaped to a 4-1 lead. The Mountain Hawk added two quick takedowns and opened up a 10-3 lead after two periods. Cochran chose down to start the third period and escaped to a 10-4 score, but Beard had 1:37 in riding time. Cochran worked in on a shot late, but Beard countered for a takedown. The Mountain Hawk added two more takedowns and, with 1:53 in riding time, posted the 20-6 major decision.

285: No. 1 Greg Kerkvliet met No. 12 Nathan Taylor at 285. The duo battled through an even first minute-plus, but Kerkvliet took a 3-1 lead with a takedown at the 1:23 mark. Kerkvliet skipped away from a Taylor shot at the 1:20 mark and the opening period finished with the Nittany Lion up 3-1. Kerkvliet chose down to start the second period and quickly escaped to a 4-1 lead. He bulled through a high shot, lifted Taylor off the mat and tripped him for a takedown and a 7-1 lead at 1:10. The Nittany Lion maintained control for the rest of the period, working his riding time up to 1:18 with the ride out, and led 7-1 after two. Taylor chose neutral to start the third period. Kerkvliet countered a Taylor shot and upped his lead to 10-1. He controlled action on top, building up over 2:00 in riding time. Kerkvliet finished the match on top, rolling to an 11-1 major with 2:22 in riding time.



#1 PENN STATE 43, HOFSTRA 10 Sunday, Dec. 10, 2023 -- Rec Hall -- University Park, Pa.

125: Braeden Davis PSU maj. dec. Dylan Acevedo-Switzer HOF, 11-2	4-0
133: #4 Aaron Nagao PSU tech fall Ryan Arbeit HOF, 21-6 (TF; 4:20)	9-0
141: David Evans PSU tech fall Alex Turley HOF, 19-4 (TF; 6:13)	14-0
149: Noah Tapia HOF maj. dec. Connor Pierce PSU, 11-2	14-4
157: #1 Levi Haines PSU pinned Dylan Zenion HOF, WBF (1:02)	20-4
165: #14 Mitchell Mesenbrink PSU pinned Matt Waddell HOF, WBF (1:24)	26-4
174: #1 Carter Starocci PSU tech fall Eric Shindel HOF, 19-3 (TF; 5:38)	31-4
184: #2 Bernie Truax PSU pinned Will Conlon HOF, WBF (1:51)	37-4
197: #1 Aaron Brooks PSU pinned Nikolas Miller HOF, WBF (4:22)	43-4
285: #21 Keaton Kluever HOF pinned AJ Fricchione PSU, WBF (4:32)	43-0

Attendance: 6,589 (68th-straight sellout in Rec Hall; 77th in last 79 events, including 9 of 11 in BJC)

The Penn State Nittany Lion wrestling team (2-0, 0-0 B1G) rolled to a 43-10 win over visiting Hofstra (0-2) on Sunday in Rec Hall. The Nittany Lions picked up four pins in the lopsided non-conference win.

Four Nittany Lions made their dual meet debuts in front of another Rec Hall sellout crowd for head coach Cael Sanderson and the Nittany Lions, and the Penn State starting line-up featured four freshmen.

The dual began at 125 where Braeden Davis made his Penn State dual debut. Davis rolled to an 11-2 major over Hofstra's Dylan Acevedo-Switzer to give Penn State an early 4-0 lead. Sophomore Aaron Nagao, ranked No. 4 at 133, dominated Ryan Arbeit, notching a 21-6 technical fall at 4:20. David Evans made his Nittany Lion dual debut at 141 for No. 2 Beau Bartlett and impressed the Nittany Lion faithful, posting a 19-4 technical fall at 6:13 to give the Nittany Lions a 14-0 lead.

Redshirt freshman Connor Pierce made his Penn State dual debut at 149 and dropped a tough 11-2 major to Hofstra's Noah Tapia, cutting the Lion lead to 14-4. Sophomore Levi Haines, ranked No. 1 at 157, notched a fast fall in the first half's final bout, pinning Dylan Zenion at 1:02. The Nittany Lions led 20-4 at halftime.

Freshman Mitchell Mesenbrink, ranked No. 14 at 165, began the second half like Haines ended the first, picking up a fast fall at the 1:24 mark over Matt Waddell to give the Nittany Lions a 26-4 lead. Senior Carter Starocci, ranked No. 1 at 174, rolled to a 19-3 technical fall at the 5:38 mark against Eric Shindel and the Nittany Lions led 31-4.

Graduate Bernie Truax, ranked No. 2 at 184, continued Penn State's bonus point burst with a pin of his own, picking up the fall over Will Conlon at 1:51 of the first period. Senior Aaron Brooks, ranked No. 1 at 197, added yet another pin for the Nittany Lions pinning Nikolas Miller at 4:22. True freshman AJ Fricchione made his Penn State dual debut, stepping in for No. 1 Greg Kerkvliet at 285. Fricchione battled tough but gave up a fall at 4:32 in the second period and Penn State settled for the 43-10 victory.

The Nittany Lions posted a 30-6 takedown edge in the dual meet. Penn State won eight of ten bouts and picked up 19 bonus points off four pins (Haines, Mesenbrink, Truax, Brooks), three tech falls (Nagao, Evans, Starocci) and a major (Davis).

DUAL MEET BOUT-BY-BOUT:

125: True freshman Braeden Davis made his Penn State dual meet debut against Hofstra's Dylan Acevedo-Switzer at 125. Davis turned a high shot into a scramble at the 2:40 mark, finishing off the takedown for a 3-0 lead at 2:14. Acevedo-Switzer escaped after a :54 Davis ride to make the score 3-1 and that score held to the end of the first period. Leading by two, Davis chose down to start the second period and quickly worked his way to an escape and a 4-1 lead. Davis worked his way to a takedown for a 7-1 lead and then finished the period on top to carry over 1:00 of riding time into the third period. Acevedo-Switzer chose down to start the third period. Davis controlled the action on top for nearly a minute before the Pride wrestler escaped to a 7-2 score. Davis had 1:52 in riding time. Davis continued to work his offense and added a late takedown to secure the major decision. He added 2:02 in riding time and rolled to the 11-2 win.

133: Sophomore Aaron Nagao, ranked No. 4 at 133, took on Ryan Arbeit. Nagao wasted no time taking Arbeit down, opening up a 3-0 lead with a quick takedown. He controlled action on top for almost 1:30 before allowing Arbeit out to a 3-1 score. Nagao fought off a slight Arbeit shot, worked his way to a takedown and :40, cut Arbeit loose and quickly took him down a third time to lead 9-2 with 1:59 in riding time after one. Arbeit chose down to start the second period and Nagao cut him loose on the start. He then moved in and took the Pride wrestler down again to open up a 12-3 lead. Nagao picked up another takedown, cut Arbeit loose at 1:10 and then moved in to take him down two more times quickly, opening up an 18-5 lead at :55. He cut Arbeit loose once more and finished off the match with a final takedown, posting a 21-6 technical fall at the 4:20 mark.

141: David Evans made his Penn State dual meet debut at 141 for No. 2 Beau Bartlett against Hofstra's Alex Turley. Evans scored quickly, taking Turley down for a 3-0 lead less than :20 into the bout. Turley managed an escape after nearly 1:00 of Evans' control but Evans continued to press on offense, taking Turley down once more to up his lead to 6-1. Evans controlled the action on top, building his riding time up over 2:00 with a strong ride and forcing Turley into a first stall warning in the process. Evans finished the period on top and led 6-1 with 2:20 in riding time. Evans chose down to start the second period and worked his way to an escape and a 7-1 lead at 1:40. Evans continued to shoot, turning a low single into another takedown and a 10-1 lead with 1:06 on the clock. Evans once again finished the period on top and led 10-1 with 3:13 in riding time after two periods. Turley chose down to start the third period and escaped to a 10-2 score. Evans continued to shoot, however, and took a 13-2 lead with another takedown. He cut Turley loose, took him down, cut him once more and finished off the technical fall with a final takedown, posting the 19-4 tech at 6:13.

149: Redshirt freshman Connor Pierce made his dual debut for Penn State and met Noah Tapia at 141. Pierce shot quickly, working a low single into a battle on the mat that went nearly 1:00 before a potentially dangerous hold stopped the action and the bout resumed in neutral, 0-0. Tapia connected on a low shot off the reset and took a 3-0 lead at :44. He then turned Pierce for three back points as the period wound down and led 6-0 after one. Tapia chose down to start the second period and escaped to a 7-0 lead. He moved in on a low shot, but Pierce countered the effort and forced a stalemate at 1:32, trailing 7-0. Tapia added another takedown and led 10-0 with over 1:00 riding time. Pierce worked his way to an escape and a 10-1 scored at :25. Trailing by nine, Pierce chose down to start the third period but Tapia controlled action on top. Pierce escaped to a 10-2 score as the bout ended but, with 3:33 in riding time, Tapia posted the 11-2 major decision.

157: Sophomore Levi Haines, ranked No. 1 at 157, battled Dylan Zenion. Haines scored quickly, taking Zenion down for a 3-0 lead. He then worked his way to shoulder control, turning Zenion to his back and finishing off the fast fall, getting the pin at 1:02 in the first period.

165: Freshman Mitchell Mesenbrink, ranked No. 14 at 165, took on Hofstra's Matthew Waddell. Mesenbrink fought off an early Waddell shot and then moved in on offense, taking Waddell down for a 3-0 lead at 2:15. He followed Haines' lead from the first half and turned Waddell's shoulders to the mat, picking up a first period pin at 1:24.

174: Senior Carter Starocci, ranked No. 1 at 174, faced off against Eric Shindel. Starocci took Shindel down quickly, cut him loose and took him down a second time for an early 6-2 lead. Starocci ducked under for a third takedown and a 9-3 lead at 1:52, picked up a fourth takedown at 1:40 and worked his side edge up near 1:00 while trying to turn Shindel for the fall. Starocci maintained top control for the rest of the period and led 12-3 with 1:54 in riding time after one. Waddell chose down to start the second period and Starocci worked to turn the Pride wrestler. As the clock hit 1:10, Waddell gave up a first stall warning. Starocci picked up a stall point with :34 on the clock to lead 13-3. He nearly turned Waddell to his back on the outside circle, but the Pride grappler was able to roll out of bounds and out of trouble. Starocci picked up another stall point at :02 and led 14-3 with 4:01 in riding time after two. Shindel stalled once more, giving Starocci a 16-3 lead and Starocci finished off the bout with another takedown to post the 19-3 tech fall at 5:38.

184: Graduate Bernie Truax, ranked No. 2 at 184, met Will Conlon. Truax took Conlon down quickly, opening up a 3-0 lead right out of the gates. He picked up a second takedown at 2:30, then a third at 1:48 to lead 9-2 before the midway point of the first period. Truax turned Conlon for four back points, settled in for the fall and got the first period pin at 1:51.

197: Senior Aaron Brooks, ranked No. 1 at 197, met Nikolas Miller. Brooks notched a takedown at the 2:19 mark and cut the Pride grappler loose to a 3-1 score. He then moved in on a high shot, lifted Miller off the mat and finished off the takedown to lead 6-1 at 1:30. Brooks controlled Miller on top, looking to turn him. Miller managed to not give up back points and Brooks led 6-1 with 2:04 in riding time after one. Brooks chose neutral to start the second period and quickly took Miller down a third time to lead 9-2 after a Pride escape. Brooks bulled through a fourth takedown to open up a 12-2 lead with 1:10 on the clock. He then turned shoulder control into a fall, picking up the pin at the 4:22 mark.

285: True freshman AJ Fricchione stepped in for No. 1 Greg Kerkvliet at 285 and battled No. 21 Keaton Kluever. Fricchione fought off an early Kluever shot but the ranked Pride grappler finished off the move to open up a 3-0 lead. Fricchione escaped after just :21 to cut the lead to 3-1. Kluever tripped Fricchione to the mat for a second takedown at :45, opening up a 6-1 lead. Fricchione worked his way to a late escape and trailed 6-2 after one. Kluever chose neutral to start the second period and took Fricchione down to lead 9-2 at 1:35. Kluever then worked his way into position for a pin, getting the fall at 4:32.

#1 PENN STATE 36, #18 OREGON STATE 3 Friday, Jan. 5, 2024 -- Corvallis, Ore.

125: Braeden Davis PSU dec. #15 Brandon Kaylor OSU, 11-6	3-0
133: #4 Aaron Nagao PSU maj. dec. #26 Gabe Whisenhunt OSU, 9-0	7-0
141: #2 Beau Bartlett PSU dec. #25 Cleveland Belton OSU, 8-5 (sv)	10-0
149: Tyler Kasak PSU dec. #12 Nash Singleton OSU, 4-1	13-0
157: #1 Levi Haines PSU dec. Isaiah Crosby OSU, 10-8	16-0
165: #12 Mitchell Mesenbrink PSU TF #10 Matthew Olguin OSU, 17-2 (TF; 3:44)	21-0
174: #1 Carter Starocci PSU tech fall #7 Travis Wittlake OSU, 19-3 (TF; 6:32)	26-0
184: #6 Trey Munoz OSU dec. #2 Bernie Truax PSU, 5-2	26-3
197: #1 Aaron Brooks PSU tech fall #30 Justin Rademacher OSU, 19-4 (TF; 4:53)	31-3
285: #1 Greg Kerkvliet PSU tech fall #12 Boone McDermott OSU, 21-5 (TF; 5:17)	36-3
Attendance: 8,540 (new Oregon State wrestling record crowd)	

The Penn State Nittany Lion wrestling team (3-0, 0-0 B1G) roared to a resounding 36-3 road win at No. 18 Oregon State (4-2) in Corvallis, Ore. Three Nittany Lion freshmen came up with big wins and the Nittany Lions tallied four second half tech falls in the road victory.

A near-capacity crowd of 8,540 filled Oregon State's Gill Coliseum for the dual, an all-time record crowd for Oregon State wrestling.

The dual meet began at 125 where true freshman Braeden Davis opened up the dual by dominating No. 15 Brandon Kaylor. Davis notched three takedowns in an 11-6 win with 2:10 in riding time. Sophomore Aaron Nagao, ranked No. 4 at 133, then controlled the action against No. 26 Gabe Whisenhunt, winning scrambles on his way to a 9-0 major with 2:52 in riding time. Penn State led 7-0 early.

Senior Beau Bartlett, ranked No. 2 at 141, battled No. 25 Cleveland Belton through regulation and used a counter takedown late in extra time to post a hard-fought 8-5 (sv) win. True freshman Tyler Kasak got the nod at 149. Kasak battled No. 12 Nash Singleton tough and used a third period takedown to post the thrilling 4-1 victory, giving Penn State a 13-0 lead. Sophomore Levi Haines, ranked No. 1 at 157, used two third period takedowns for a rousing 10-8 comeback win over Oregon State's Isaiah Crosby. Penn State lead 16-0 at halftime.

Freshman Mitchell Mesenbrink, ranked No. 12 at 165, got Penn State off to a fast start in the second half with a convincing 17-2 technical fall over No. 10 Matthew Olguin. Mesenbrink notched four takedowns and a tum in the bout, the final takedown at 3:44. Senior Carter Starocci, ranked No. 1 at 174, followed that tech up with one of his own, rolling up six takedowns in a resounding 19-3 tech fall over No. 8 Travis Wittlake at the 6:32 mark.

Graduate Bernie Truax, ranked No. 2 at 184, gave up an early takedown to No. 6 Trey Munoz and dropped a hard fought 5-2 decision as OSU picked up its first win of the dual. Senior Aaron Brooks, ranked No. 1 at 197, notched Penn State's third tech of the second half, rolling up six takedowns in a lopsided 19-4 win over No. 30 Justin Rademacher at the 4:53 mark. Senior Greg Kerkvliet, ranked No. 1 at 285, capped off the dual meet with Penn State's fourth tech fall of the second half. He rolled up seven takedowns in a 21-5 tech fall over No. 12 Boone McDermott at the 5:17 mark.

The Nittany Lions won nine of ten bouts in Corvallis. Penn State owned a 33-5 edge in takedowns and the Nittany Lions picked up nine bonus points off four tech falls (Mesenbrink, Starocci, Brooks, Kerkvliet) and a major (Nagao). Two true exhibition bouts that do not count towards the wrestlers' overall records or the dual score, were contested before the dual meet. Terrell Barraclough majored Kekana Fouret 11-1 at 165. Lucas Cochran posted a 22-6 technical fall (5:51) over Mason Christiansen at 197.

DUAL MEET BOUT-BY-BOUT:

125: True freshman Braeden Davis took on No. 15 Brandon Kaylor at 125. Davis took Kaylor down quickly, turning a high single into a 3-0 lead at the 2:38 mark. Davis nearly turned Kaylor for back points with a two-on-one tilt, but Kaylor managed to fight through the move. Kaylor managed an escaped at 1:20 and action resumed in neutral. Davis worked the center of the mat and blew through a fast double for a 6-1 lead at the :28 mark. Davis rode Kaylor out and led 6-1 with 1:40 in riding time after one. Kaylor chose down to start the second and escaped but not until Davis had 2:24 in riding time. The rest of the period was contested in neutral, and Davis led 6-2 after two. Davis chose down to start the third period and escaped to a 7-2 lead quickly. He added to his lead with another double, lifting Kaylor to the mat for a 10-2 lead with 1:05 left in the bout, riding time clinched. Kaylor escaped and added a late takedown, but Davis rolled to the 11-6 win with 2:10 in riding time.

133: Sophomore Aaron Nagao, ranked No. 4 at 133, met No. 26 Gabe Whisenhunt. Nagao forced a scramble a minute into the bout and Whisenhunt rolled through, nearly notching a takedown himself. Nagao fought off the counter and nearly scored himself before a potentially dangerous call halted action at 1:10. Nagao forced another scramble and steadily worked himself to a takedown and a 3-0 lead. Whisenhunt nearly countered for a reversal as the period ended but Nagao held on to lead 3-0 after one. Nagao chose down to start the second period and quickly reversed Whisenhunt to lead 5-0. Nagao controlled action on top, building up over 1:00 riding time while looking for a turn. Nagao finished the period on top and led 5-0 with 1:51 in time after two. Whisenhunt chose neutral to start the third period. Nagao countered a slight Beaver shot and rolled behind Whisenhunt for another takedown and an 8-0 lead. With riding time clinched, Nagao finished the period in neutral and, with 2:52 in riding time, rolled to a 9-0 major decision.

141: Senior Beau Bartlett, ranked No. 2 at 141, met No. 25 Cleveland Belton. The duo battled through an even first period, with all three minutes being contested on their feet. Tied 0-0 after the opening stanza, Bartlett chose down to start the second period and quickly escaped to a 1-0 lead. He then moved in on a low shot and took Belton down for a 4-0 lead. The second period ended with both wrestlers on their feet in the middle of the mat and Bartlett carried the 4-1 lead into the third period. Belton chose down to start the third period and quickly escaped to a 4-2 score. Bartlett worked the center of the mat, looking for an opening to shoot. He turned a quickly low single into a scramble at 1:10 and Belton countered for a takedown. Bartlett escaped to a 5-5 tie at :49. The bout moved to sudden victory knotted at 5-5. Bartlett worked for a takedown at 1:10 but Belton was able to scramble back out of the Lion's grip and action continued in neutral. Belton tried to connect on a late single with :15 left in extra time and Bartlett quickly countered, slid around the Beaver wrestler and ended the bout with a takedown at :08. Bartlett's late move gave him a hard-fought 8-5 (sv) win.

149: True freshman Tyler Kasak battled No. 12 Nash Singleton at 149. Kasak worked the middle of the mat as the first minute-plus of the opening period opened up. Kasak maintained position against the ranked Beaver through the opening three minutes with neither wrestler able to score. Tied 0-0, Kasak chose down to start the second period and quickly escaped to a 1-0 lead. Kasak had a slight opening at 1:00 but Singleton was able to back away from the Lion freshman's high single, keeping the bout in neutral with Kasak up 1-0. Kasak carried that lead into the third period. Singleton chose down to start the third period and worked his way to an escape and a 1-1 tie with 1:35 left in the bout. Kasak forced Singleton into a first stall warning shortly after. Kasak used a low single to get control of Singleton's right ankle with 1:00 left in the bout. He then tripped the Beaver to the mat for a takedown and a 4-1 lead with just under :40 left in the bout. Kasak finished the bout on top and posted the 4-1 win over the 12th-ranked Beaver.

157: Sophomore Levi Haines, ranked No. 1 at 157, faced off against Isaiah Crosby. Haines came out and looked to take Crosby down quickly, but the Oregon State grappler quickly countered Haines' initial effort for a takedown of his own. Haines quickly escaped to a 3-1 score and action resumed in the middle of the mat. Crosby worked through a low double with 1:10 left to open up a 6-2 score in the opening period. Haines trailed 6-2 after one. Haines chose down to start the second period and quickly escaped to a 6-3 score. Haines looked to tie the bout with a takedown at 1:00, but Crosby scrambled to counter and action moved out of bounds at :55. Leading 6-3, Crosby chose down to start the third period. Crosby escaped and Haines quickly took the Beaver down to cut the lead to 8-6 after cutting him loose. He then took a 9-8 lead with another takedown at :42. Haines then built his riding time up over 1:00, working Crosby on the Beaver logo as the clock expired, and posting a hard fought 10-8 win with 1:18 riding time.

165: Freshman Mitchell Mesenbrink, ranked No. 12 at 165, met No. 10 Matthew Olguin. Mesenbrink worked his way into a low single early and took Olguin down for an early 3-0 lead. Mesenbrink worked on top for a turn, building up riding time in the process. Mesenbrink cut Olguin loose on a reset and quickly turned a high double into a scramble. Mesenbrink finished off the takedown to lead 6-1 at 1:00. He worked Olguin to his back for four nearfall points and led 10-1 with 2:03 in riding time after one. Mesenbrink chose down to start the second period and quickly escaped to an 11-1 lead. Mesenbrink took a 14-1 lead with another takedown and, after an Olguin escape, finished off the bout with a final takedown to post the convincing 17-2 technical fall at the 3:44 mark.

174: Senior Carter Starocci, ranked No. 1 at 174, took on No. 7 Travis Wittlake. Starocci notched the bout's first takedown at 1:41, opening up a 3-0 lead. He worked top control for :41 before Wittlake escaped to a 3-1 score. Starocci added to his lead with another takedown late, finished the period on top, and led 6-1 with 1:09 in time after one. Starocci chose down to start the second period and quickly escaped to a 7-1 lead. He picked up a third takedown quickly after getting to his feet and led 10-1 early in the second period. Starocci finished the period on top, and carried that lead, with 2:32 in riding time, into the third period. Wittlake chose neutral to start the third period, but Starocci quickly took him down again. He cut him loose, took him down again and cut him loose one more time. He finished off the tech fall with a sixth takedown, posting the 19-3 win at 6:32.

184: Graduate Bernie Truax, ranked No. 2 at 184, battled No. 6 Trey Munoz. Munoz notched a quick takedown, opening up a 3-0 lead at 2:23 of the first period. Truax worked his way to an escape and a 3-1 score :38 seconds later. The duo battled evenly in the center of the mat as the first period played out and Truax trailed 3-1 after one. Truax chose down to start the second period, but Munoz was able to control the Lion long enough to build his riding time over 1:00. Truax escaped to 3-2 score with under 1:30 left in the middle stanza. Truax nearly connected on a late single, but Munoz skipped out of trouble and the Beaver led 3-2 after two. Munoz chose down to start the third period and quickly escaped to a 4-2 lead with 1:12 in time. Truax worked to break through Munoz's defense, but the Beaver was able to break free of each Truax shot as the clock hit 1:00. Truax forced Munoz into a stall warning as the Beaver backed his way to 0:00s and held on for the 5-2 win.

197: Senior Aaron Brooks, ranked No. 1 at 197, met No. 30 Justin Rademacher. Brooks controlled the action early in the first period, taking Rademacher down for a 3-0 lead. He cut the Beaver loose and then steadily worked his way to a second takedown and a 6-1 lead. He finished the period on top and carried that margin into the second stanza. Brooks chose down to start the second period and quickly escaped to a 7-1 lead. Brooks took a quick injury timeout, allowing Rademacher to choose down at the reset. Brooks cut him loose to a 10-2 score. Brooks picked up a quick fourth takedown, cut Rademacher again, and then took him down once more to lead 16-3. Brooks cut the Beaver loose one more time and then finished off the tech fall with a final takedown, posting the 19-4 tech at 4:53.

285: Senior Greg Kerkvliet, ranked No. 1 at 285, faced No. 12 Boone McDermott. Kerkvliet took McDermott down quickly, leading 3-1 after cutting the Oregon State wrestler loose. He then moved in on a second takedown to lead 6-1 with 1:30 on the clock. After working his time edge up over 1:00, Kerkvliet cut McDermott loose to a 6-2 score, then bulled his way through a high single to open up a 9-2 lead late in the first. He finished the period on top and led 9-2 with 1:41 in time after one. McDermott chose down to start the second period and escaped to a 9-3 score. Kerkvliet quickly took him down again and led 12-4 after another cut. The Lion big man roared through another takedown, cut McDermott loose once more, and led 15-4 at the :45 mark. Kerkvliet picked up a sixth takedown with :20 on the clock and finished the period on top to lead 18-5 with 2:28 in time after two. Kerkvliet chose neutral to start the third period and ended the match and dual meet with a final takedown at the 5:17 mark, posting the 21-5 tech fall.



#1 PENN STATE 46, INDIANA 0 Sunday, Jan. 14, 2024 -- Rec Hall -- University Park, Pa.

125: Braeden Davis PSU maj. dec. Michael Spangler IU, 16-3 4-0
 133: #4 Aaron Nagao PSU tech fall Isaac Thornton IU, 19-4 (TF; 5:24) 9-0
 141: #2 Beau Bartlett PSU dec. #23 Danny Fongaro IU, 8-1 12-0
 149: Tyler Kasak PSU tech fall #14 Graham Rooks IU, 15-0 (TF; 6:59) 17-0
 157: #1 Levi Haines PSU tech fall Zack Rotkovich IU, 17-0 (TF; 6:06) 22-0
 165: #10 Mitchell Mesenbrink PSU inj. def. #23 Tyler Lillard IU, inj. def. (1:28) 28-0
 174: #1 Carter Starocci PSU tech fall Robert Major IU, 19-4 (TF; 3:41) 33-0
 184: Josh Barr PSU maj. dec. Roman Rogotzke IU, 13-4 37-0
 197: #1 Aaron Brooks PSU tech fall Gabe Sollars IU, 19-4 (TF; 3:56) 42-0
 285: #1 Greg Kerkvliet PSU maj. dec. Nick Willham IU, 14-2 46-0
 Attendance: 6,466 (69th-straight sellout in Rec Hall; 78th in last 80 events, including 9 of 11 in BJC)

The Penn State Nittany Lion wrestling team (4-0, 1-0 B1G) opened up Big Ten dual meet action by shutting out Indiana (3-2, 0-2 B1G) 46-0 on Sunday in Rec Hall. Four Nittany Lion freshmen picked up wins for head coach Cael Sanderson's squad. All rankings listed are InterMat/InterMat TP1.

The Nittany Lions broke the dual open early with three technical falls before halftime and tacked on two more in the second half as five of Penn State's ten wins were techs. Nearly 6,500 fans packed Rec Hall for the venue's 69th-straight sellout.

The dual meet began at 125 where true freshman Braeden Davis thrilled the Rec Hall to open up the dual. Davis rolled to a 16-3 major over Indiana senior Michael Spangler. Sophomore Aaron Nagao, ranked No. 4 at 133, dominated Hoosier Isaac Thornton, notching a quick takedown in the third period to cap off a 19-4 tech fall (5:24) and put Penn State up 9-0 early. Senior Beau Bartlett, ranked No. 2 at 141, turned a 1-1 third period tie into an 8-1 win with a late takedown and four back points as the clock expired.

True freshman Tyler Kasak took to the mat at 149 against No. 14 Graham Rooks and dominated the ranked Hoosier. Kasak led 14-0 after two periods, using two takedowns and two four-point turns. He finished off a 15-0 tech fall over Rooks at the 6:59 mark with a last second escape. Sophomore Levi Haines, ranked No. 1 at 157, notched Penn State's third tech fall of the first half, notching 17-0 tech fall at the 6:06 mark over Indiana's Zack Rotkovich. Penn State led 22-0 at halftime.

Freshman Mitchell Mesenbrink, ranked No. 10 at 165, opened up a big lead early on No. 23 Tyler Lillard, leading 7-1 before an injury to Lillard stopped the match. Mesenbrink received the injury default at the 1:48 mark to put Penn State up 28-0. Senior Carter Starocci, ranked No. 1 at 174, notched yet another technical fall. Starocci rolled up five takedowns in the first period and finished the match with a four-point turn early in the second, capping off the 19-4 tech fall over Robert Major at 3:42.

With No. 5 Bernie Truax not wrestling at 184, true freshman Josh Barr made his Penn State and Rec Hall dual debut. Barr came up big for Penn State, notching four takedowns on his way to a 14-4 major decision over IU's Roman Rogotzke to give Penn State a 37-0 lead. Senior+ Aaron Brooks, ranked No. 1 at 197, grabbed Penn State's fifth technical fall, rolling to a 19-4 tech over Gabe Sollars on the back of six takedowns. Senior Greg Kerkvliet, ranked No. 1 at 285, closed out the dual by majoring Nick Willham 14-2. Kerkvliet tallied three takedowns and over 4:00 in riding time (4:43). Kerkvliet's major secured the 46-0 shutout for the Nittany Lions.

Brooks was honored before the match, receiving his U23 World Championship ring from USA Wrestling. The ring was presented to him by Nittany Lion Wrestling Club coach Jake Varner. Penn State did not give up a takedown in the dual, rolling up a 35-0 advantage. The Nittany Lions tallied 16 bonus points off five tech falls (Nagao, Kasak, Haines, Starocci, Brooks), three majors (Davis, Barr, Kerkvliet) and one injury default (Mesenbrink). The shutout is the first for Penn State since a 46-0 win over Rider on Feb. 20, 2022. It is the team's first Big Ten shutout since a 46-0 win at Maryland on Jan. 7, 2022.

DUAL MEET BOUT-BY-BOUT:

125: True freshman Braeden Davis battled senior Michael Spangler at 125. Davis gained control of Spangler's right leg with a high shot and took him down for a 3-0 lead at the 2:35 mark. Spangler escaped to a 3-1 score and action continued through the 2:00 in neutral. Davis worked for a second takedown in the final minute of the opening period, but Spangler was able to defend his way to the end of the period. Leading by two, Davis chose down to start the second period. The Lion freshman steadily worked his way into control of Spangler's arm and used it to control the action, reversing the Hoosier. Spangler escaped to a 5-2 score at the :40 mark. Spangler used a low shot to work Davis' leg in the air, but the Nittany Lion countered the move and turned it into a takedown of his own to up his lead to 8-2 as the second period ended. Spangler chose down to start the third period and Davis nearly turned him for back points off the opening whistle. Davis maintained control long enough to work his riding time edge over 1:00 before Spangler escaped to an 8-3 score. Spangler worked a shot into a scramble and nearly took Davis down. But Davis rolled through the move from his back and took Spangler down, adding four back points and a rideout. Davis, with riding time added, rolled to the 16-3 major decision.

133: Sophomore Aaron Nagao, ranked No. 4 at 133, met Isaac Thornton. Nagao took Thornton down quickly, rolling through a scramble to take an early 3-0 lead. He controlled the action on top, turning Thornton for a quick two-point nearfall to up his lead to 5-0 as his riding time topped the 1:00 mark. Nagao cut Thornton loose at the 1:10 mark and immediately went on attack. He worked Thornton's head to the mat and moved behind him for another takedown and an 8-1 lead. Leading by seven, Nagao chose down to start the second period and quickly reversed Thornton to up his lead to 10-2 after cutting the Hoosier loose. Nagao added another quick takedown to lead 13-2 at the 1:00 mark. Nagao tacked on one more takedown before the second period ended and led 16-3 with over 3:00 in riding time after two periods. Thornton chose down to start the third and Nagao allowed neutral to start. Nagao ended the match with a quick takedown, posting the 19-4 tech fall at the 5:24 mark.

141: Senior Beau Bartlett, ranked No. 2 at 141, took on No. 23 Dan Fongaro. The duo battled through an even first period, with Bartlett having the best shot when he connected on a single with 1:00 on the clock. But Fongaro fought through the move and the bout moved to the second stanza tied 0-0. Bartlett chose down to start the second period and quickly escaped to a 1-0 lead. Bartlett gained control of Fongaro's left ankle with 1:10 on the clock and lifted the Hoosier to the mat, forcing a scramble. A stalemate was called, however, at the :10 mark and the match moved to the third period with Bartlett leading 1-0. Fongaro chose down to start the third period and quickly escaped to a 1-1 tie. The duo battled through the 1:00 mark in

neutral. Fongaro took a low shot that Bartlett turned into a scramble as the clock hit :30. Bartlett worked his way to a counter takedown, taking a 4-1 lead. He nearly pinned the Hoosier as the clock hit 0:00 but settle for four back points and an 8-1 decision.

149: True freshman Tyler Kasak battled graduate student Graham Rooks, ranked No. 14 at 149 for Indiana. Kasak and Rooks were steady in neutral to start the bout and then Kasak struck quickly, taking Rooks to his shoulders, nearly pinning the Hoosier in the opening minute. Kasak settled for four back points and led 7-0 before the midway point of the opening stanza. Kasak added another four-point turn and carried an 11-0 lead into the second period. Rooks chose neutral to start the second period and Kasak worked his way into a single and another takedown to lead 14-0. Kasak maintained control, building his riding time edge up to the 3:00 mark as the second period ended. Kasak chose down to start the third period. The Nittany Lion freshman was able to break free from a strong Rooks ride with just one second left to secure the 15-0 tech fall at the 6:59 mark.

157: Sophomore Levi Haines, ranked No. 1 at 157, faced off against Zack Rotkovich. Haines took a 3-0 lead with a single leg at the 2:17 mark. The Lion sophomore controlled the Hoosier for over a minute, looking to turn him. He forced a first stall warning at the :40 mark and kept control through the entirety of the first period to carry the 3-0 lead and 2:17 in riding time into the second period. Haines chose neutral to start the second stanza. He shot low off the whistle and finished off a takedown for a 6-0 lead with 1:41 on the clock. He then worked Rotkovich over to his back, securing the four point turn to lead 10-0 with :50 left in the period. Haines worked the Hoosier over once again, finishing the period with Rotkovich's shoulders to the mat to lead 14-0 after two. Rotkovich chose neutral to start the third period. Haines finished off the match with a final takedown, posting the 17-0 tech fall at the 6:06 mark.

165: Freshman Mitchell Mesenbrink, ranked No. 10 at 165, took on No. 23 Tyler Lillard. Mesenbrink quickly took Lillard down for an early 3-0 lead and then worked top control into a chance for back points. But a potentially dangerous hold stopped the turn and Mesenbrink cut Lillard loose for a 3-1 lead. He turned in and added a second takedown to up his lead to 6-1 and then Lillard took injury time to halt the action. Lillard took injury time once again and could not continue in the match. Mesenbrink won by injury default at 1:48.

174: Senior Carter Starocci, ranked No. 1 at 174, met IU's Robert Major. Starocci opened up an early 6-2 lead with two takedowns in the opening minute, then a third to lead 9-2 at 1:40. The Lion senior continued to roll up takedowns, taking a 12-3 lead with a fourth takedown at the 1:05 mark. Starocci cut Major loose again and took him down a fifth time late in the period to lead 15-4 after one. Starocci chose top to start the second period and quickly ended the bout by turning Major to his back for one final four-point turn. Starocci grabbed the 19-4 tech fall at the 3:41 mark.

184: With No. 5 Bernie Truax not competing at 184, true freshman Josh Barr made his Penn State and Rec Hall dual debut against IU's Roman Rogotzke. Barr took an early 3-0 lead with a takedown in the opening minute. Rogotzke managed an escaped, cutting the Lion lead to 3-1 and action resumed on the Lion log. Barr continued to shoot, forcing a scramble with a low single. A stalemate halted action with :48 on the clock. Rogotzke chose down to start the second period and escaped to a 3-2 score, but Barr quickly turned in on a low shot, scrambling his way to a takedown and a 6-3 lead after an IU escape with 1:15 on the clock. Barr scrambled his way to leg control and finished off another takedown with :14 on the clock. He maintained control until the period ended and led 9-3 with 1:15 in time after two. Barr chose neutral to start the third period. He pressed forward on the Hoosier and wrangled his feet for another takedown and a 12-4 lead with 1:00 on the clock. Barr fought off a Rogotzke shot late in the match, forcing a stalemate with :19 on the clock. He tacked on a riding time point with 1:30 in time to roll to a 13-4 major in his Rec Hall debut.

197: Senior+ Aaron Brooks, ranked No. 1 at 197, met Gabe Sollars. Brooks took a quick 3-1 lead with a takedown and a cut and then tacked on a second takedown at the 2:00 mark. He led 6-2 with 1:30 left in the period after cutting Sollars loose and then picked up a third at :55 to lead 9-2. Brooks built his riding time edge through the 1:00 mark with a strong ride as he looked to turn the Hoosier. He forced a stall warning at :10 and led 9-2 with 1:27 in time after one. Brooks chose down to start the second period and quickly escaped to a 10-2 lead. The Nittany Lion senior added two more takedowns to lead 16-5 and then finished off yet another tech fall with a final takedown. Brooks walked away with a 19-4 tech fall at 3:56.

285: Senior Greg Kerkvliet, ranked No. 1 at 285, took on Nick Willham. Kerkvliet lifted the Hoosier off the mat for a quick 3-0 lead in the opening seconds and then controlled action on top through the 2:00 mark. He turned Willham for a two-point turn to up his lead to 5-0. Still in control, the Nittany Lion senior continued to look for a chance to turn the Hoosier as the clock moved below the 1:00 mark and forced a first stall warning. Kerkvliet finished on top and led 5-0 with 2:41 in time after one. Kerkvliet chose down to start the second period and quickly escaped to a 6-0 lead. Kerkvliet turned a fast shot into a second takedown to up his lead to 9-0 before the 1:00 mark in the second. He picked up a point on another stall and led 10-0 with over 4:00 in riding time after two. Willham chose down to start the third and Kerkvliet cut him to a 10-1 score. Kerkvliet connected on a fast high single for a 13-1 lead with his riding time point clinched. He cut Willham loose to a 13-2 score with just :28 on the clock, with a riding time point, posted the 14-2 major with 4:43 in riding time.

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#1 PENN STATE 27, #5 MICHIGAN 9 Friday, Jan. 19, 2024 -- Ann Arbor, Mich.

157: #1 Levi Haines PSU dec. #9 Will Lewan MICH, 2-1	3-0
165: #9 Mitchell Mesenbrink PSU maj. dec. #7 Cameron Amine MICH, 12-1	7-0
174: #4 Shane Griffith MICH dec. Terrell Barraclough PSU, 2-1	7-3
184: #5 Bernie Truax PSU dec. #15 Jaden Bullock MICH, 4-1	10-3
197: #1 Aaron Brooks PSU tech fall #32 Bobby Striggow MICH, 20-5 (TF; 4:16)	15-3
285: #1 Greg Kerkvliet PSU dec. #4 Lucas Davison MICH, 8-3	18-3
125: #14 Braeden Davis PSU dec. #5 Michael DeAugustino MICH, 5-1	21-3
133: #6 Dylan Ragusin MICH WBF (SV) #4 Aaron Nagao PSU, WBF (7:28, SV)	21-9
141: #2 Beau Bartlett PSU dec. #25 Sergio Lemley MICH, 7-5	24-9
149: David Evans PSU dec. Fidel Mayora MICH, 5-2	27-9

Attendance: 6,522

The Penn State Nittany Lion wrestling team (5-0, 2-0 B1G) rolled over No. 5 Michigan (4-2, 2-2 B1G) in a Big Ten dual meet showdown on the road. Penn State won eight of ten bouts in a 27-9 win Friday night in a Big Ten Network national telecast from Ann Arbor, Mich.

The Nittany Lions controlled the action throughout, forcing eleven stall warnings out of the home team while winning eight of ten matches.

The dual began at 157. Sophomore Levi Haines, ranked No. 1 at 157, controlled the tempo and picked up a hard-fought 2-1 win over No. 9 Will Lewan, giving the Nittany Lions an early 3-0 lead. Redshirt freshman Mitchell Mesenbrink, ranked No. 9 at 165, dominated No. 7 Cameron Amine in the next bout. Mesenbrink forced four stalls, had two takedowns and riding time, to roll to a convincing 12-1 major decision.

With No. 1 Carter Starocci not competing at 174, senior Terrell Barraclough moved up from 165 for Penn State. Barraclough battled Griffith tough and nearly pulled off the upset. But Griffith used a second period reversal to counter Barraclough's riding time point and shot the hard-fought 2-1 win for Michigan. Graduate Bernie Truax, ranked No. 5 at 184, took countless stalls over 7:00 to grab a 4-1 win over No. 15 Jaden Bullock. Truax's final shot connected late in the third period for the win. Senior+ Aaron Brooks, ranked No. 1 at 197, ripped off six takedowns in less than two periods to roll to a 20-5 technical fall over No. 32 Bobby Striggow at the 4:16 mark. Brooks' win gave Penn State a 15-3 lead at intermission.

Senior Greg Kerkvliet, ranked No. 1 at 285, kept Penn State rolling to start the second half. He notched two takedowns and added 1:36 in riding time to roll to an 8-3 win to give the Lions an 18-3 lead. Nittany Lion true freshman Braeden Davis, ranked No. 14 at 125, returned to his home state of Michigan and posted a thrilling 5-1 win over No. 5 Michael DeAugustino. Davis used an escape, a late takedown and riding time to down the Michigan graduate student.

Sophomore Aaron Nagao, ranked No. 4 at 133, battled No. 6 Dylan Ragusin evenly for 7:00. Each wrestler notched a takedown and the bout moved to sudden victory tied 5-5. Nagao forced a scramble and was moving towards a takedown in extra time when a fall was called for Ragusin at the 7:28 mark. Senior Beau Bartlett, ranked No. 2 at 141, upped Penn State's lead to 24-9 with a 7-5 win over No. 25 Sergio Lemley. With No. 12 Tyler Kasak not wrestling, junior David Evans got the call at 149. Evans used five third period points off an escape, a takedown and riding time, to notch a 5-2 win to close out the dual meet. Evans' win sent Penn State off with a 27-9 victory.

The Nittany Lions owned a 15-2 takedown edge, winning eight of ten bouts. Penn State grabbed three bonus points off a tech fall (Brooks) and a major (Mesenbrink).

DUAL MEET BOUT-BY-BOUT:

157: Sophomore Levi Haines, ranked No. 1 at 157, met No. 9 Will Lewan. Haines and Lewan worked the center of the mat for the opening minute-plus. Action remained in neutral on the Michigan logo through the 1:00 mark. Both wrestlers got called for stalling at :45 and Haines took a quick high shot that Lewan was able to defend as the period wound down. Tied 0-0, Haines chose down to start the second period and quickly escaped to a 1-0 lead. Haines nearly connected on another high single, but Lewan defended the shot as he backed away to the outside circle. Haines pressed the Wolverine through the 1:00 mark, looking for an opening or a stall point. Lewan was able to back away from Haines' pressure and the bout moved to the second period with Haines up 1-0. Lewan chose down to start the third period and escaped to a 1-1 tie with 1:37 on the clock. Haines shot, Lewan defended and countered, and Haines worked through the scramble as the clock hit :55. Haines forced Lewan into a second stall at :20 to take a 2-1 lead and held it to the end of the match.

165: Freshman Mitchell Mesenbrink, ranked No. 9 at 165, battled No. 7 Cameron Amine. Mesenbrink came out pressuring Amine backwards from the opening whistle. Mesenbrink looked to maintain contact with Amine as the Wolverine backed away from his pressure as the clock hit 1:30. Mesenbrink forced a first stall warning with 1:10 left in the opening period. Mesenbrink continued to look for shots and took a 1-0 lead on a second Amine stall. Trailing 1-0, Amine chose down to start the second stanza and escaped to a 1-1 tie. Amine continued to back away from Mesenbrink through the 1:00 mark and Mesenbrink took a 2-1 lead on another Amine stall. Mesenbrink then worked his way into control of the Wolverine's legs, taking him down at the :25 mark to open up a 5-1 lead. He finished the period on top and carried that lead into the third period. Mesenbrink chose down to start the third period and quickly escaped to a 6-1 lead. He then pressured Amine into a fourth stall for two points and led 8-1 with 1:40 on the clock. Mesenbrink worked his way behind Amine for a second takedown and an 11-1 lead. He built his riding time point up over 1:00. He finished the bout on top and, with riding time, rolled to the 12-1 major decision.

174: With No. 1 Carter Starocci not wrestling, Terrell Barraclough moved up from 165 and met No. 4 Shane Griffith. Barraclough battled the Wolverine evenly through the first minute-plus, with neither wrestler finding an opening to score through. Barraclough paced the middle of the mat, keeping Griffith with his back to the outside circle. Griffith took a quick shot at Barraclough's right foot, but the Lion stepped away and the bout moved to the second stanza tied 0-0. Griffith chose down to start the second period. Barraclough controlled the action for over a minute but gave up one stall warning. The Nittany Lion senior maintained control until the :20 mark when Griffith was able to reverse the Lion to a 2-0 lead. Trailing by two, Barraclough chose neutral to start the third period, holding a 1:10 riding time advantage. Barraclough gained control of Griffith's right ankle and nearly connected but the Wolverine moved out of bounds and was able to maintain neutral, managing a hard-fought 2-1 win as Barraclough got a riding time point.

184: Graduate Bernie Truax, ranked No. 5 at 184, took on No. 15 Jaden Bullock. Truax worked a low single into a near takedown, but Bullock was able to react quickly, and a takedown was not awarded, all in the first :45. Truax took a shot and Bullock countered with his first as the clock moved through the period's midway point. Truax continued to take low singles as Bullock backed away and the opening period ended in a 0-0 tie. Truax chose down to start the second period and quickly escaped to a 1-0 lead. Bullock nearly connected on a low double, but action moved out of bounds, forcing a reset at 1:35. Truax used a low shot to gain control of Bullock's left ankle, finishing off the takedown. But the officials went to review and waved the takedown off, and the second period ended with Truax leading 1-0. Bullock chose down to start the third period and quickly escaped to a 1-1 tie. Truax continued to shoot from neutral while Bullock stepped away as the clock moved through 1:00. Truax piled up the shots while Bullock worked on defense. Truax forced a stall warning and then turned a quick single into a takedown to lead 4-1. He finished the period on top and walked away with the 4-1 win.

197: Senior+ Aaron Brooks, ranked No. 1 at 197, battled No. 32 Bobby Striggow. Brooks took an early 3-0 lead with a takedown in the opening seconds. Brooks controlled action on top, building up a riding time edge while looking for a chance to turn Striggow for back points. Brooks cut Striggow loose after a reset at 1:20 and quickly took him down again to lead 6-2 after another cut. Brooks finished off the third period with a third takedown at :18 and led 9-2 after one. Brooks chose down to start the second period and quickly rolled through a reversal to up his lead to 11-2. Brooks cut Striggow loose, took him down to lead 14-3, and cut him once more. Brooks took a 17-4 lead with a takedown at the 1:04 mark. He cut Striggow loose one more time and ended the match with a final takedown with :44 on the clock, posting the 20-5 technical fall at the 4:16 mark.

285: Senior Greg Kerkvliet, ranked No. 1 at 285, faced No. 4 Lucas Davison. Kerkvliet controlled the center of the mat and nearly connected on a lows single at 2:00. Davison skipped away and the bout continued in neutral with no score. Kerkvliet used a single leg to gain control of Davison and lift him to the mat for a 3-1 lead at with 1:00 on the clock. Kerkvliet carried that lead into the second period. Kerkvliet chose down to start the second period and quickly escaped to a 4-1 lead. He then bulled his way through a high double for a second takedown and a 7-1 lead seconds later. Davison managed an escaped with 1:02 left and Kerkvliet forced him into a stall warning shortly thereafter. Kerkvliet controlled the action from neutral as the clock hit :25, fought off a slight Davison shot, and killed the clock to lead 7-2 after two. Davison chose down to start the third period. Kerkvliet was able to break the Wolverine down and built his riding time edge up over 1:00. Davison escaped to a 7-3 score with :45 left in the bout. Kerkvliet worked for a final takedown, but the clock hit 0:00 and the Nittany Lion settled for the strong 8-3 win with 1:36 in riding time.

125: True freshman Braeden Davis, ranked No. 14 at 125, took on grad student No. 5 Michael DeAugustino. Davis took an early shot off the whistle that the Wolverine was able to back away from, setting a quick tempo early. He took a second with 2:00 on the clock, forcing DeAugustino into defense as the clock moved through the 1:30 mark. Davis continued to shoot, forcing DeAugustino into defense for the entire first period but the match was scoreless after one. DeAugustino chose down to start the second period. Davis controlled action on top, breaking DeAugustino down at the 1:10 mark and nearly turning him for back points. The Wolverine fought off his back but Davis' riding time moved up over 1:00 as the clock hit :50. Davis was hit for stalling at :31 but maintained his top position until a DeAugustino escape with :16 on the clock. Trailing 1-0 but holding 1:46 in riding time, Davis chose down to start the third period. Davis worked the first minute for a reversal and nearly finished off the effort. With his riding time point disappearing, the Nittany Lion scrambled his way to an escape, tying the bout at 1-1 while holding 1:00 in riding time with 1:00 left to wrestle. Davis fought off DeAugustino through the :30 mark and then took a high shot at :20. Augustino defended, tried to shoot late, and Davis finished off the bout with a takedown in the final seconds. The Lion freshman added a riding time point and notched a strong 5-1 win.

133: Sophomore Aaron Nagao, ranked No. 4 at 133, met No. 6 Dylan Ragusin. The duo traded offensive bursts in the opening minute with Nagao working through a scramble to take an early 3-0 lead. Ragusin escaped to cut into the Lion lead and then notched Michigan's first takedown of the bout to take a 4-3 lead. Nagao escaped quickly to tie the bout in the final minute and action moved to the second stanza tied 4-4. Nagao chose down to start the second period. He worked for a reversal early, but Ragusin maintained position and control through the 1:00 mark. Ragusin was hit with stalling but worked his riding time edge up to nearly 2:00. Ragusin was hit with locked hands and Nagao led 5-4 after two periods, but Ragusin had 1:51 in riding time. Ragusin chose neutral to start the third period and Nagao shot quickly, nearly connecting on a high single. The duo battled through the first minute in neutral before Ragusin shot low, forcing a scramble. Nagao worked his way around and out of trouble at :20 and the bout moved to sudden victory tied 5-5. The duo scrambled their way to the mat and Nagao nearly ended the bout with a takedown, but during the scramble, Ragusin was awarded a fall while Nagao was scrambling to the takedown, with the Wolverine's pin coming at 7:28 in sudden victory.

141: Senior Beau Bartlett, ranked No. 2 at 141, battled No. 25 Sergio Lemley. Bartlett was steady to start the bout, working his way through early Lemley defense for a takedown and a 3-0 lead with just over 1:00 on the clock. The Nittany Lion maintained his top position for the rest of the period and carried the 3-0 lead with 1:09 in riding time into the second stanza. Leading by three, Bartlett chose down to start the second period and quickly escaped to a 4-0 lead. Bartlett fought off a Lemley shot at :30 and carried the 4-0 lead into the third. Lemley chose down to start the third period and quickly escaped to a 4-1 score. Bartlett took a slight shot, Lemley countered and then turned a single into a takedown to tie the bout 4-4. Lemley was called for locked hands and then Bartlett rolled through a reversal with :28 left. Lemley added a final escape, but Bartlett posted the hard fought 7-5 win.

149: With No. 12 Tyler Kasak not competing at 149, junior David Evans faced off against Michigan's Fidel Mayora. The duo battled through an even first minute with Evans holding position on the Michigan logo. The clock moved through the 1:00 mark with both wrestlers holding their positions and the first period ended in a 0-0 tie, but Evans forced Mayora into a first stall. Mayora chose down to start the second stanza. Evans went to work on top. The Nittany Lion junior controlled the action until the :58 mark before Mayora escaped to a 1-0 lead. Evans worked a single into a chance to score in the final seconds, but Mayora was able to defend the move and kill the clock. Trailing 1-0, Evans chose down to start the third period and quickly escaped to a 1-1 tie. He moved in on a high single and finished off the takedown to open up a 4-1 lead with over 1:00 in riding time. Evans worked his time edge up as the clock moved through the 1:00 mark, using a strong ride to hold his top position. Mayora escaped to a 4-2 score with :35 left but Evans had clinched riding time. The Nittany Lion junior fought off one late shot and walked away with a strong 5-2 win.



#1 PENN STATE 35, MICHIGAN STATE 0 Sunday, Jan. 21, 2024 -- East Lansing, Mich.

125: #14 Braeden Davis PSU dec. Tristan Lujan MSU, 7-3	3-0
133: #4 Aaron Nagao PSU tech fall Andy Hampton MSU, 18-3 (TF; 3:21)	8-0
141: #2 Beau Bartlett PSU dec. #33 Jordan Hamdan MSU, 8-2	11-0
149: David Evans PSU dec. Braden Stauffenberg MSU, 4-2	14-0
157: #1 Levi Haines PSU dec. #21 Chase Saldate MSU, 7-6 (TB2)	17-0
165: #9 Mitchell Mesenbrink PSU maj. dec. #10 Caleb Fish MSU, 18-9	21-0
174: Terrell Barraclough PSU dec. DJ Shannon MSU, 8-1	24-0
184: #5 Bernie Truax PSU dec. #22 Layne Malczewski MSU, 4-2	27-0
197: #1 Aaron Brooks PSU tech fall #29 Kael Wisler MSU, 21-6 (TF; 4:00)	32-0
285: Lucas Cochran PSU dec. Josh Terrill MSU, 5-0	35-0
Attendance: 1,010	

The Penn State Nittany Lion wrestling team (6-0, 3-0 B1G) shut out Michigan State (7-3, 0-3) 35-0 for a Big Ten road win in East Lansing on Sunday. The victory was the second in three days for Penn State, closing out a weekend of action away from Happy Valley.

The dual began at 125. Nittany Lion true freshman Braeden Davis, ranked No. 14 at 125, notched the only two takedowns in a convincing 7-3 win over MSU junior Tristan Lujan, giving Penn State the early 3-0 lead. Sophomore Aaron Nagao, ranked No. 4 at 133, picked up Penn State's first bonus points of the day. He tallied five takedowns and a two-point near fall in an 18-3 tech fall over Andy Hampton at 3:21. Senior Beau Bartlett, ranked No. 2 at 141, scored eight points in a furious third period to post an 8-2 win over No. 33 Jordan Hamdan to give the Nittany Lions an 11-0 lead.

With No. 12 Tyler Kasak not wrestling at 149, David Evans took to the mat once more for Penn State. The Nittany Lion junior used a first period takedown and an escape in the second to notch a tough 4-2 win over Braden Stauffenberg. Sophomore Levi Haines, ranked No. 1 at 157, and No. 21 Chase Saldate battled through an epic bout in the fifth match-up. Haines used a third period takedown to send the bout to extra time tied 5-5. After two scoreless sudden victory periods, Haines reversed Saldate with just seconds left to notch a 7-6 (TB2) win and put Penn State up 17-0 at the dual's midway point.

Redshirt freshman Mitchell Mesenbrink, ranked No. 9 at 165, rallied from an early deficit against No. 10 Caleb Fish, scoring seven points in the third period to roll to a convincing 18-9 major decision. With No. 1 Carter Starocci still out at 174, Terrell Barraclough moved up from 165 once more. Barraclough picked up the only two takedowns of the bout and rolled to an 8-1 win to give the Nittany Lions a 24-0 lead.

Graduate Bernie Truax, ranked No. 5 at 184, kept Penn State rolling with a big win at 184. He used a first period takedown to grab a hard fought 4-2 win over No. 22 Layne Malczewski for Penn State's eight-straight win in the dual. Senior+ Aaron Brooks, ranked No. 1 at 197, stacked up seven takedowns and rolled to a 21-6 tech fall over No. 29 Kael Wisler at the 4:00 mark of the second period. With No. 1 Greg Kerkvliet not competing, sophomore 197-pounder Lucas Cochran moved up to heavyweight. Cochran was impressive and closed out the shutout, using a first period takedown, an escape and riding time to notch a 5-0 win over Spartan heavyweight Josh Terrill. His win cemented Penn State's 35-0 win.

The Nittany Lions posted a 26-2 edge in takedowns. Penn State, winning all ten bouts, picked up five bonus points off two tech falls (Nagao, Brooks) and a major (Mesenbrink).

DUAL MEET BOUT-BY-BOUT:

125: True freshman Braeden Davis, ranked No. 14 at 125, met Spartan junior Tristan Lujan. Davis wasted no time taking the lead, notching a takedown in the first five seconds. Davis kept pressure on Lujan, working a low single into a scramble. But Lujan forced a stalemate with 1:52 on the clock. Davis fought off a solid Lujan shot as the Spartan worked arm control into a near takedown as the clock moved past 1:15. Davis paced the center of the mat, holding position for the remainder of the period and led 3-1 after one. Lujan chose down to start the second period and escaped to a 3-2 score. Davis quickly worked a single leg into a scramble, but another stalemate stopped action at 1:18. Davis forced Lujan backwards through the :30 mark then the rest of the period to lead 3-2 after two. Davis chose down to start the third period, got to his feet and escaped to a 4-2 lead at 1:35. The Lion freshman then blazed through a fast low double for a second takedown to lead 7-2 with 1:20 on the clock. Lujan escaped to a 7-3 score with 1:00 to wrestle and Davis went back to work on offense. Davis finally picked up a stall warning with :30 left in the bout and walked away with a convincing 7-3 win.

133: Sophomore Aaron Nagao, ranked No. 4 at 133, faced off against Andy Hampton. Nagao scored quickly, taking Hampton to the mat for a fast 3-0 lead in the opening seconds of the bout. Nagao then countered a quick Hampton shot for a takedown to up his lead to 6-1 at the 1:55 mark. Nagao picked up a quick third takedown, cut Hampton loose, and then worked his way through a scramble for a fourth takedown and a 12-3 lead at :30. He finished the period on top and carried that lead, plus 1:42 in time, into the second. Nagao chose down to start the second period, forced a stall warning, then escaped to a 13-3 lead with 1:30 on the clock. Hampton took a low shot and Nagao forced a stalemate at :46. He shot quick off the reset and took a 16-3 lead with :32 left in the period. Nagao finished the period on top to lead 16-3 with 1:58 in time after two. Hampton chose down to start the third period and Nagao went to work on top, working his way into a nearfall, ending the bout with a two-point fall at the 3:21 mark.

141: Senior Beau Bartlett, ranked No. 2 at 141, took on No. 33 Jordan Hamdan. Bartlett and Hamdan battled through the first half of the opening period evenly, with Bartlett's pressure forcing the Spartan backwards as the clock hit 1:00. With Bartlett holding position in the center of the mat, Bartlett forced stall warning, worked a low shot into a scramble that lasted through the period, with Hamdan fighting off the effort. The dual moved to the second period tied 0-0 and Hamdan chose down to start. The Spartan escaped to a 1-0 lead and action resumed in neutral at the 1:45 mark. Bartlett continued to chase the Spartan backwards to the 1:00 mark. Bartlett forced Hamdan out of bounds at :55, forcing a reset. The Nittany Lion senior spent the rest of the period forcing Hamdan to back away and trailed 1-0 after two. Bartlett chose down to start the third period and quickly escaped to a 1-1 tie. Hamdan took a high shot, Bartlett countered for a takedown and took Hamdan to his back, nearly pinning him in the three-point near fall. Leading 7-1 at 1:15, Bartlett worked his riding time point over 1:00 and cut him loose with :39 left. Bartlett worked for a final takedown, but Hamdan was able to kill the clock. Bartlett posted the 8-2 win with 1:07 in riding time.

149: With No. 12 Tyler Kasak out at 149, David Evans got the call once more and battled Braden Stauffenberg. Evans opened up an early 3-0 lead with a quick takedown. Stauffenberg worked his way to an escape and a 3-1 score then forced a scramble with a low shot. But Evans countered his way to a stalemate and action resumed in neutral at 1:58. The duo battled evenly for the next minute, working on the Spartan logo in the middle of the mat. Evans shot Stauffenberg backwards, then fought off a fast counter effort by the Spartan as the period ended. Leading 3-1, Evans chose down to start the second stanza. He quickly escaped to a 4-1 lead. Davis worked off a Stauffenberg shot as the clock moved through 1:00. The second period ended with Evans up by three and Stauffenberg chose down to start the third. The Spartan escaped to a 4-2 score with 1:38 left in the bout. Evans paced the middle of the mat through the 1:00 mark, took a slight shot that Stauffenberg avoided. The Nittany Lion walked away with a 4-2 win.

157: Sophomore Levi Haines, ranked No. 1 at 157, faced No. 21 Chase Saldate. Haines and Saldate worked through the first part of the opening period evenly. Haines took a single leg and Saldate countered for the takedown at 1:17, leading 3-1 after a quick Haines escape. The ranked duo battled through the rest of the period in neutral and Haines trailed 3-1 after one. Haines chose down to start the second period and quickly escaped to a 3-2 score. He then moved in on offense, looking for a chance to score on the Spartan. With the clock moving past :30, Haines took a pair of shots that Saldate was able to step away from and the Lion trailed 3-2 after two. Saldate chose down to start the third period and quickly escaped to a 4-2 lead. Saldate snapped a low shot into a scramble and Haines worked to fight off the takedown. He then scrambled around the Spartan and finished off the counter takedown to take a 5-4 lead at 1:20. Saldate escaped to a 5-5 tie after a reset with 1:00 left in the match. That score held through regulation, sending the bout to sudden victory. The wrestlers traded quick shots at 1:40 but neutral held on the Spartan logo. With 1:00, Saldate forced a stall warning with shoulder control. Haines turned a low single into a scramble at :45, but Saldate fought off the move for a stalemate with :09 left. Moving to tiebreaker, Haines was down to start. Haines forced a stall but was unable to escape. Saldate was down next. Haines maintained control and was riding Saldate out when a locked hands was called by the second official. Penn State challenged the call, and the call was overturned, and the match went to a second sudden victory period. The second extra session was scoreless and Saldate was down to start the net tie breaker. Haines was working to keep Saldate down and was hit for stalling, giving the Spartan a point. Trailing by one, Haines worked to escape but Saldate kept control as the period wound down. Haines continued to work and scrambled his way to a reversal and thrilling a 7-6 (TB2) win.

165: Freshman Mitchell Mesenbrink, ranked No. 9 at 165, battled No. 10 Caleb Fish. Mesenbrink quickly took Fish down, opening up a 3-0 lead. He then worked the Spartan flat and began to look for an opportunity to turn him for nearfall points. Fish was able to stay flat, but Mesenbrink worked his riding time up over 1:00. Fish countered a Mesenbrink shot and scrambled his way to a takedown and two back points to lead 6-3. Mesenbrink quickly escaped to a 6-4 score and went to work on offense. The Lion freshman bulled his way through a high shot for a late takedown and led 7-6 after one. Mesenbrink chose down to start the second period and quickly escaped to an 8-6 lead. Mesenbrink continued to pressure Fish through the 1:00 mark, shooting the Spartan backwards and into a first stall warning. Mesenbrink stayed on offense through the period added a takedown at :08 to lead 11-6 with 1:05 in time after two periods. Fish chose down to start the third period and quickly escaped to an 11-7 score. Mesenbrink forced a scramble that Fish nearly countered into a takedown of his own. But Mesenbrink was steady, working his way to the takedown and a 14-7 lead with :38 left. Fish escaped at :15 and Mesenbrink finished off the major with a late takedown, posting the convincing 18-9 win.

174: With No. 1 Carter Starocci still out at 174, Terrell Barraclough moved up from 165 again and met DJ Shannon. The duo battled evenly for the opening period, working neutral in the middle of the mat. Neither grappler was able to find an offensive opening and the bout moved to the second period tied 0-0. Barraclough chose down to start the second period and quickly escaped to a 1-0 lead. Shannon worked his way in on a low shot, but Barraclough's counter scramble led to a takedown for the Nittany Lion late, and he finished the period on top to lead 4-0 after two periods. Shannon chose neutral to start the third period. Barraclough stayed offensive, connecting on a low single and working the Spartan down for a second takedown and a 7-0 lead with 1:15 left in the bout. The Nittany Lion controlled action from the top position. Shannon managed a late escape, but Barraclough notched the strong 8-1 win up a weight.

184: Graduate Bernie Truax, ranked No. 5 at 184, faced No. 22 Layne Malczewski. The ranked duo worked through an even two minutes in neutral before Truax turned a high single into a takedown and a 3-1 lead after a quick MSU escape. Truax worked on the Spartan logo as the clock wound down and carried the 3-1 lead into the second stanza. Malczewski chose down to start the second period and quickly escaped to a 3-2 score. Truax stayed in position in the middle of the mat and then connected on a late low single, but time ran out and the Lion settled for a 3-2 lead after two. Truax chose down to start the third period and quickly escaped to a 4-2 lead. As the clock moved to the 1:00 mark, the wrestlers continued to work in the center of the mat. They traded slight shots at :50 but to no avail. Truax fought off a late Malczewski shot as the clock moved past :25 and held on for a hard-fought 4-2 win.

197: Senior+ Aaron Brooks, ranked No. 1 at 197, took on No. 29 Kael Wisler. Brooks scored quickly, taking Wisler down and cutting him loose for an early 3-1 lead. He then turned a low single into a second takedown to lead 6-2. Brooks' offense was on as the Nittany Lion senior picked up a third takedown and cut at 1:40. He added a fourth, then a fifth, and finished off the period with a sixth takedown at :10 to lead 18-5 after one. Wisler chose down to start the second period. Brooks worked his time edge over 1:00 and cut Wisler loose at 1:20. He finished off the bout with a final takedown, posting the 21-6 tech fall at the 4:00 mark.

285: With No. 1 Greg Kerkvliet not competing, sophomore 197-pounder Lucas Cochran moved up to heavyweight to battle Josh Terrill. Cochran battled the bigger Spartan evenly through the opening ninety seconds. The Lion sophomore turned a high shot into a chance to score but Terrill was able to work his way out of bounds to keep things scoreless. Cochran was steady on offense, however, turning a low shot into a takedown and a 3-0 lead with :42 left in the period. He finished the period on top and led by three after one. Terrill chose down to start the second period. Cochran maintained top control of the Spartan, working his riding time up over 1:00. Cochran stayed in control on top through the entire period, finishing the rideout to lead 3-0 with 2:32 in time after two. Cochran chose down to start the third period and quickly escaped to a 4-0 lead. With riding time clinched, Cochran worked the center of the mat as the clock hit 1:00. Cochran battled the rest of the match in neutral and, with 2:31 in time, posted the strong 5-0 win.

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#1 PENN STATE 42, MARYLAND 6 Sunday, Jan. 28, 2024 -- College Park, Md.

125: #4 Braeden Davis PSU tech fall Tommy Capul MD, 15-0 (TF; 2:47)	5-0
133: #21 Braxton Brown MD dec. Baylor Shunk PSU, 8-3	5-3
141: #2 Beau Bartlett PSU maj. dec. #17 Kal Miller MD, 11-1	9-3
149: #14 Ethan Miller MD dec. Connor Pierce PSU, 5-0	9-6
157: #1 Levi Haines PSU tech. fall #33 Michael North MD, 15-0 (TF; 3:58)	14-6
165: #7 Mitchell Mesenbrink PSU pinned Ryan Money MD, WBF (0:50)	20-6
174: #1 Carter Starocci PSU pinned Mason Stein MD, WBF (4:26)	26-6
184: #5 Bernie Truax PSU pinned Chase Mielnik MD, WBF (1:43)	32-6
197: #1 Aaron Brooks PSU maj. dec. #5 Jaxon Smith MD, 13-4	36-6
285: #1 Greg Kerkvliet PSU pinned Jordan Gabriel MD, WBF (0:55)	42-6

The Penn State Nittany Lion wrestling team (7-0, 4-0 B1G) hammered homestanding Maryland (3-5, 1-4 B1G) 42-6 in Big Ten wrestling road action on Sunday. Penn State tallied four pins in the lopsided Big Ten Network national telecast.

Action began at 125. Penn State true freshman Braeden Davis, ranked No. 4 at 125, opened up the dual meet with a technical fall over Maryland's Tommy Capul. Davis used a quick takedown, and three four-point turns for the 15-0 win at 2:47 of the first period. With No. 5 Aaron Nagao not wrestling, senior Baylor Shunk got the nod at 133. Shunk battled No. 21 Braxton Brown tough but dropped an 8-3 decision, cutting Penn State's lead to 5-3.

Senior Beau Bartlett, ranked No. 2 at 141, dominated No. 17 Kal Miller in the next bout. Bartlett used a first period takedown, a second period rideout and two takedowns in the third to roll to an 11-1 major with 2:30 in riding time. With No. 12 Tyler Kasak not wrestling, freshman Connor Pierce got the call at 149. Pierce fought No. 14 Ethan Miller through a high paced seven minutes but dropped the 5-0 decision. Sophomore Levi Haines, ranked No. 1 at 157, closed out the first half with a strong win over No. 33 Michael North. Haines notched takedowns in the first two periods and turned North twice in the third period to roll to a 15-0 tech fall at 5:58. The Nittany Lions lead 14-6 at the break.

Redshirt freshman Mitchell Mesenbrink, ranked No. 7 at 165, ended his match against Ryan Money quick. Mesenbrink took the Terrapin down in the opening seconds and then turned him to his back for a fast first period fall, getting the pin at 0:50 to put Penn State up 20-6. Senior Carter Starocci, ranked No. 1 at 174, followed suit at 174 against Mason Stein. Starocci blazed through six first period takedowns to lead 18-6 after the first. Stein chose down to start the second period and Starocci turned him for a pin at 4:26 to give the Lions a 26-6 lead.

Graduate Bernie Truax, ranked No. 5 at 184, continued Penn State's pin parade against Chase Mielnik. Truax picked up a quick takedown, turned Mielnik twice, and then finished off the first period pin at 1:43 to give the Lions a 32-6 lead. Senior+ Aaron Brooks, ranked No. 1 at 197, dominated No. 5 Jaxon Smith in the dual's marquee match-up. Brooks tallied four takedowns, two in the third period, and rolled to a 13-4 major decision. Senior Greg Kerkvliet, ranked No. 1 at 285, capped off the dual meet by pinning Maryland's Jordan Gabriel. Kerkvliet took his foe down early, turned him quickly, and notched the fast fall at 0:55 in the first. His pin was Penn State's fourth of the dual and the Nittany Lions rolled to a 42-6 win.

Penn State posted a 19-3 takedown edge. The Nittany Lions won eight of ten bouts, picking up 18 bonus points off four pins (Mesenbrink, Starocci, Truax, Kerkvliet), two tech falls (Davis, Haines) and two majors (Bartlett, Brooks).

DUAL MEET BOUT-BY-BOU:

125: True freshman Braeden Davis, ranked No. 4 at 125, met Tommy Capul. Davis pressured Capul from the opening whistle, forcing the Terrapin to the edge of the mat and then working around him for a takedown and a 3-0 lead early. He then turned Capul for four back points and a 7-0 lead at 2:14. Davis maintained control of Capul for over 1:00 as the first period hit its midway point. He then turned him for another four count and led 11-0. Davis continued to work on top and finished off the bout with a final nearfall, posting the 15-0 technical fall at 2:47 of the first period.

133: With No. 5 Aaron Nagao not wrestling, senior Baylor Shunk took on No. 21 Braxton Brown at 133. Brown worked an early single leg into a takedown and a 3-0 lead at the 2:20 mark of the opening period. Brown was able to control action on top through the 1:00 mark of the opening period, building up a riding time advantage. After a reset at :40, Shunk reversed the Terrapin to cut the lead to 3-2 and then finished the period on top to trail by one after one. Brown chose down to start the second period. Brown escaped to a 4-2 lead and still held 1:00 in riding time at the 1:40 mark. Brown connected on a low single that forced a scramble at 1:00 and finished off the takedown for a 7-2 lead with :45 left. Brown finished the period on top and led 7-2 with 1:49 in time after two. Shunk chose down to start the third period. Brown maintained control through the 1:00 mark and clinched his riding time point. Shunk fought off Brown's efforts to turn him and then escaped to a 7-3 score with :10 on the clock. Brown added a riding time point to post the 8-3 win.

141: Senior Beau Bartlett, ranked No. 2 at 141, met No. 17 Kal Miller. Bartlett worked a low single into an early scramble at 2:10. He worked to finish off the takedown for well over a minute. Bartlett finished off the move for a late takedown at :12 and led 3-0 after one. Miller chose down to start the second period. Bartlett went to work on top, breaking Miller down and forcing him into a stall warning. Bartlett dominated action on top, working through the 1:00 mark while looking for a turn. Bartlett gave up a first stall on top but finished the period on top to lead 3-0 with 2:12 in time. Bartlett chose neutral to start the third period. He continued to shoot Miller backwards through 1:30, then fought off a slight Maryland shot, countering for a second takedown and a 6-1 lead after cutting him loose. Bartlett then picked up a point on a technical violation to lead 7-1 with riding time clinched. Bartlett turned another high single into a scoring chance with :30 left in the bout. Bartlett zipped behind Miller in the final seconds to secure the major, winning 11-1 with 2:30 in riding time.

149: With No. 12 Tyler Kasak not wrestling, freshman Connor Pierce battled No. 14 Ethan Miller at 149. Miller turned a single into a takedown and a 3-0 lead midway through the opening period. Pierce worked to escape from Miller's hold, but the Terrapin was able to work his riding time edge up over 1:00 with a rideout. Leading by three, Miller chose down to start the second period and escaped to a 4-0 lead. Pierce worked the center of the mat after Miller's escape. He defended two quick Miller shots and trailed 4-0 after two. Pierce chose neutral to start the second period. He fought off a Miller shot through the 1:35 mark,

forcing a reset. Pierce began to shoot Miller backwards as the third period hit the 1:00 mark. The Lion sophomore continued to pressure the Terrapin, nearly connecting on a late single. But Miller defended the late shots and, with riding time, posted the 5-0 win.

157: Sophomore Levi Haines, ranked No. 1 at 157, faced No. 33 Michael North. Haines fought off an early North shot thirty seconds into the bout and forced a stalemate at 2:10. Haines worked the center of the mat through the 1:30 mark and traded shots through North. He continued to shoot and turned a high single into a scramble. Haines finished off the takedown to lead 3-0 and then went to work, looking to turn North. North fought off Haines' efforts, but Haines finished the rideout to lead 3-0 with :43 in time after one. Haines chose down to start the second period and quickly escaped to a 4-0 lead. Haines remained centered on the Maryland logo and turned a high shot into a second takedown and a 7-0 lead at 1:05. Haines built his time edge up over 1:00. He looked to turn North, forced him into a stall, and finished the period on top again to lead 7-0 with 1:43 in time. North chose down to start the third period. Haines then turned the Terrapin for four back points to up his lead to 11-0. The Nittany Lion sophomore finished off the tech fall with a final four point near fall to post the 15-0 win at the 5:58 mark of the third period.

165: Redshirt freshman Mitchell Mesenbrink, ranked No. 7 at 165, battled Ryan Money. Mesenbrink shot repeatedly off the opening whistle, chasing through Money for an early takedown and a 3-0 lead. Mesenbrink quickly worked Money's shoulders to the mat and picked up the fast fall at 0:50.

174: Senior Carter Starocci, ranked No. 1 at 174, met Mason Stein. Starocci put on a first period takedown clinic. Starocci shot quickly off the opening whistle and took Stein down for an early lead. The Nittany Lion senior then rolled up six takedowns in just over 2:00 to open up an 18-6 score, cutting Stein loose each time. He carried that lead into the second period. Stein chose down to start the second period and Starocci went to work on top, looking for the pin. Starocci was patient on top and eventually turned Stein to his back, pining up the fall at the 4:26 mark.

184: Graduate Bernie Truax, ranked No. 5 at 184, took on Chase Mielnik. Truax burst through a quick takedown to open up an early 3-0 lead. He then turned Mielnik for four back points right away, opening up a 7-0 lead. He reset, turned him again and led 11-0. Truax set himself once more, working his time edge over 1:00 and looking for a pin. Truax rolled Mielnik's shoulders flat, notching Penn State's third straight fall, this one at 1:43.

197: Senior+ Aaron Brooks, ranked No. 1 at 197, met No. 5 Jaxon Smith. The duo battled evenly for the opening minute, trading early barbs. Brooks turned a low single into a takedown and a 3-0 lead off a reset with 2:00 on the clock. After a Smith escape, Brooks continued to shoot Smith to edge of the mat, forcing a stall warning at the 1:10 mark. Brooks pressed Smith backwards, forcing him out of bounds again with :40 on the clock. Brooks nearly scored again as the period ended but Smith was able to flee out of bounds as the clock expired. Leading 3-1, Brooks chose down to start the second stanza and quickly escaped to a 4-1 lead. Brooks worked to break through Smith's defense and picked up a second takedown at :32, pulling a fleeing Smith back onto the mat for a 7-1 lead. Smith escaped to a 7-2 score as the second period ended. Smith chose down to start the third period and escaped to a 7-3 score. Brooks continued to take shots and Smith continued to back away as the clock moved to the 1:25 mark. Smith took a slight shot at :55, but Brooks deftly countered for a takedown and a 10-4 lead after cutting Smith loose. Brooks finished off the dominant with a final takedown, finishing on top, for the 13-4 major decision.

285: Senior Greg Kerkvliet, ranked No. 1 at 285, met Jordan Gabriel. Kerkvliet took Gabriel down quickly, opening up a 3-0 lead. He quickly turned the Terrapin, looking to end the dual with a pin. Kerkvliet settled himself and got the fast fall at the 0:55 mark, notching Penn State's fourth pin of the dual (all in the second half).



#1 PENN STATE 28, #17 OHIO STATE 9 Friday, Feb. 2, 2024 -- Rec Hall -- University Park, Pa.

125: #3 Braeden Davis PSU dec. Vinny Kilkeary OSU, 4-3	3-0
133: #12 Nic Bouzakis OSU dec. #5 Aaron Nagao PSU, 13-7	3-3
141: #2 Beau Bartlett PSU dec. #3 Jesse Mendez OSU, 4-1 (sv)	6-3
149: #12 Tyler Kasak PSU dec. #9 Dylan D'Emilio OSU, 7-2	9-3
157: #1 Levi Haines PSU maj. dec. #29 Isaac Wilcox OSU, 11-3	13-3
165: #7 Mitchell Mesenbrink PSU dec. #20 Bryce Hepner OSU, 10-4	16-3
174: #1 Carter Starocci PSU dec. #11 Rocco Welsh OSU, 4-2	19-3
184: Ryder Rogotzke OSU pinned #5 Bernie Truax PSU, WBF (3:59)	19-9
197: #1 Aaron Brooks PSU tech fall #22 Luke Geog OSU, 22-6 (TF; 6:21)	24-9
285: #1 Greg Kerkvliet PSU maj. dec. #12 Nick Feldman, 12-0	28-9

Attendance: 6,659 (Penn State has wrestled in front of 79 of 81 sell-outs at home, including 70-straight in Rec Hall and 9 of 11 in the Bryce Jordan Center)

The Penn State Nittany Lion wrestling team (8-0, 5-0 B1G) downed visiting Ohio State (12-2, 4-1 B1G) 28-9 in sold out Rec Hall on Friday night. The Nittany Lions won eight of ten bouts to claim the home win.

The dual was wrestled in front of a crowd of over 6,600 fans, the 70th straight Penn State wrestling sellout in Rec Hall. Penn State gave up only three takedowns in the match.

Action began at 125. Penn State true freshman Braeden Davis, ranked No. 3 at 125, used a second period takedown to open up lead against Ohio State's Vinny Kilkeary. He fought off a late scramble as time expired and posted the 4-3 win. Sophomore Aaron Nagao, ranked No. 5 at 133, fell behind early to No. 12 Nic Bouzakis, rallied down the stretch but lost a tough 13-7 decision. Senior Beau Bartlett, ranked No. 2 at 141, battled No. 3 Jesse Mendez evenly for the first seven minutes with the duo trading escapes to finish regulation tied 1-1. Bartlett turned a scramble early in sudden victory into neutral danger and a takedown to grab the thrilling 4-1 (sv) win and give the Nittany Lions a 6-3 lead.

True freshman Tyler Kasak, ranked No. 12 at 149, dominated action against No. 9 Dylan D'Emilio in a 7-2 win. Kasak used two near fall points to open up a lead and rolled to the win with 2:07 in riding time. Sophomore Levi Haines, ranked No. 1 at 157, sent Penn State into the halftime break with another win, controlling No. 29 Isaac Wilcox in a convincing 11-3 major decision. Haines' effort gave the Nittany Lions an 11-3 lead at the break.

Redshirt freshman Mitchell Mesenbrink, ranked No. 7 at 165, tallied two first period takedowns and added two reversals to post an impressive 10-4 win over No. 20 Bryce Hepner to give Penn State a 16-3 lead. Senior Carter Starocci, ranked No. 1 at 174, rode a first period takedown to a hard-fought 4-2 win over No. 11 Rocco Welsh. Graduate Bernie Truax, ranked No. 5 at 184, was leading Ryder Rogotzke 9-3 midway through the second period, rolling up three quick pins, before the Buckeye turned the tables with a quick fall during a scramble, getting the pin at 3:59 to cut Penn State's lead to 19-9.

Senior+ Aaron Brooks, ranked No. 1 at 197, controlled No. 22 Luke Geog to work his way to a 22-6 technical fall at the 6:21 mark. Brooks had seven takedowns in the victory, giving Penn State a 24-9 lead. Senior Greg Kerkvliet, ranked No. 1 at 285, closed out the big win with a dominant performance over No. 12 Nick Feldman. Kerkvliet rolled to a 12-0 major decision off three takedowns and nearly 4:00 in riding time and Penn State posted the 28-9 dual meet win.

The Nittany Lions had a wide 23-3 edge in takedowns in the dual. Penn State picked up four bonus points off a tech fall (Brooks) and two majors (Haines, Kerkvliet).

DUAL MEET BOUT-BY-BOUT:

125: True freshman Braeden Davis, ranked No. 3 at 125, took on Vinny Kilkeary. Davis and Kilkeary worked for position over the opening minute, wrestling on the Nittany Lion logo. The first period moved through the 1:00 mark in neutral. Each wrestler took a slight shot in the waning seconds and the bout moved to the second period tied 0-0. Kilkeary chose down to start the second stanza and quickly escaped to a 1-0 lead. Davis worked in neutral and broke through, turning a low shot into a takedown and a 3-1 lead. He gave up a stall warning during a ride and Kilkeary escaped to a 3-2 score with :20 on the clock. Leading 3-2, Davis chose down to start the third period. He worked his way to a quick escape and led 4-2 at 1:45. The duo worked in neutral through the 1:00 mark, Davis took a double at :50 that Kilkeary stepped back from and the clock moved through :40. Davis was called for stalling at :30, cutting his lead to 4-3. Kilkeary forced a scramble in the final seconds and Davis fought through the scramble to kill the clock, escaping with a 4-3 win.

133: Sophomore Aaron Nagao, ranked No. 5 at 133, met No. 12 Nic Bouzakis. Bouzakis gained control of Nagao's shoulders early but the Nittany Lion battled out of the hold in the opening seconds to keep action in neutral. Bouzakis continued to press, rolling through a takedown to lead 3-0 at 2:15. Nagao worked his way to an escape and a 3-1 score at 2:00. Bouzakis turned a low double into another takedown and a 6-2 lead after a quick Nagao escape at 1:25. Nagao moved in on a high single and Bouzakis countered for a takedown of his own to lead 9-2 after one. Kilkeary chose neutral to start the second period and Nagao quickly took him down to cut the lead to 9-5. Bouzakis reversed the Lion to lead 11-5 at 1:20. Nagao escaped to an 11-6 score at :55. Nagao countered a late Buckeye shot but time ran out in the period and the Lion trailed 11-6 after two. Nagao chose down to start the third and quickly escaped to an 11-7 score. Nagao forced a scramble at the 1:30 mark but the Bouzakis forced a stalemate at :45. The clock moved past :30 with Bouzakis backing away from Nagao and, with a penalty point and riding time, posted the 13-7 win.

141: Senior Beau Bartlett, ranked No. 2 at 141, battled No. 3 Jesse Mendez. The duo worked the center of the mat for the opening minute, battling on their feet on the Lion logo. The clock hit 1:00 with action settled in the center of the mat. Bartlett took a fast high single but Mendez was able to step back from the move to keep things scoreless. Tied 0-0 after one, Mendez chose down to start the second period and quickly escaped to a 1-0 lead. Bartlett kept his position in the center of the mat as the clock hit 1:00. Mendez took a high shot and Bartlett worked to counter the move at :30. The Nittany Lion fought off the effort as the period ended and trailed 1-0 after two. Bartlett chose down to start the third period and worked his way to an escape and a 1-1 tie at 1:30. Bartlett continued to shoot through the 1:00 mark but Mendez was able to step back from the efforts. The bout moved to sudden victory tied 1-1. Mendez took a low single and Bartlett countered, scrambled into control, and won the bout with a takedown at the 1:27 mark in sudden victory.

149: True freshman Tyler Kasak, ranked No. 12 at 149, battled No. 9 Dylan D'Emilio. Kasak nearly connected on an early shot, but the Buckeye was able to fight off the effort and keep the bout scoreless early. The duo then battled in neutral through the 1:30 mark. Kasak worked the center of the mat, looking for an opening but D'Emilio's defense sent the match into the second period tied 0-0. D'Emilio chose down to start the second period and Kasak quickly took advantage of the decision. Kasak turned D'Emilio to his back for two near fall points to open up a 2-0 lead. Kasak maintained control through the 1:00 mark, building up over 1:00 of time but giving up one stall warning in the process. D'Emilio escaped to a 2-1 score after a reset with :30 on the clock and Kasak lead by one after two. Kasak chose down to start the third period and quickly escaped to a 3-1 lead, holding 1:25 in riding time. D'Emilio worked his way in on a high single and Kasak scrambled his way through the effort, countering for a takedown of his own and a 6-1 lead at :50. Kasak clinched riding time at :45 and kept the Buckeye on the mat. Kasak cut D'Emilio loose at :12, hoping for bonus. D'Emilio fought off his final shots but Kasak, with 2:07 riding time, rolled to the 7-2 win.

157: Sophomore Levi Haines, ranked No. 1 at 157, met No. 29 Isaac Wilcox. Haines and Wilcox worked the middle of the mat through the opening minute-plus. Haines worked his way in on a high single at the :45 mark and finished off the takedown to open up a 3-0 lead at :25. Wilcox was able to scramble to a late escape sending the bout to the second period with Haines up 3-1. Wilcox chose down to start the second period and Haines controlled action on top. Haines' riding time moved up over 1:00 as the Lion worked turn turn Wilcox. Wilcox was able to escape to a 3-2 score after a reset but Haines at 1:40 in time. Leading 3-2, Haines chose down to start the third period and quickly escaped to a 4-2 lead. Haines connected on a fast low shot and turned the effort into a takedown and a 7-2 lead with 1:10 left in the bout. Haines cut Wilcox loose to a 7-3 score, looking for bonus. With riding time clinched, Haines countered a slight Wilcox shot, scrambled his way under and through the Buckeye for a takedown and a 10-3 lead at :15. He finished the period on top and with 2:06 in time, posted the 11-3 major decision.

165: Redshirt freshman Mitchell Mesenbrink, ranked No. 7 at 165, met No. 20 Bryce Hepner. Mesenbrink wasted no time working his way in on a shot. The Lion freshman shot off the opening whistle and forced a scramble on the Lion logo. Hepner was able to force a reset at 2:20 and Mesenbrink continued to shoot. He turned a fast low double into another takedown to open up a 3-0 lead and nearly turned him for back points. Mesenbrink gave up a locked hands point and an escaped, then roared through a second takedown to lead 6-2 at 1:15. Mesenbrink controlled action on top, working up over 1:45 in riding time with a rideout. Leading 6-2, Mesenbrink chose down to start the second stanza. The Lion freshman worked hard for an escape but the Buckeye was able to maintain control through the 1:00 mark. Mesenbrink eventually worked through a reversal and took an 8-2 lead with :40 left in the period. He then finished the period on top to lead 8-2 with :59 in time after two. Trailing by six, Hepner chose top to start the third period. Mesenbrink was steady on bottom, however, working his way into control once more, reversing the Buckey to open up a 10-2 lead. Hepner managed a reversal of his own, cutting the lead to 10-4 at :40. The bout ended in a scramble and Mesenbrink posted the 10-4 win.

174: Senior Carter Starocci, ranked No. 1 at 174, took on No. 11 Rocco Welsh. Starocci controlled the action early, setting a fast tempo on offense and turning a shot on the edge of the mat into a takedown and a 3-0 lead at 2:00. Welsh escaped to a 3-1 score and Starocci continued to work on offense, forcing a first stall on Welsh as the period ended. Welsh chose down to start the second period and escaped to a 3-2 score at 1:35. Starocci continued to shoot and Welsh continued to back away as the clock hit :45. Starocci moved back to the middle of the mat, forcing Welsh and the action to follow in the final seconds but Welsh was able to work the clock to 0:00. Leading 3-2, Starocci chose down to start the third period and quickly escaped to a 4-2 lead. Starocci maintained his position through the 1:00 mark and stepped away from two Welsh shots in the final :30. Starocci countered with a shot at :25 but Welsh was able to back way. Starocci settled for the 4-2 win.

184: Graduate Bernie Truax, ranked No. 5 at 184, met Ryder Rogotzke. Truax came out shooting on offense, nearly connecting on a quick shot in the opening seconds and connecting on his second. Truax used a low single to open up a 3-1 lead after a quick Rogotzke escape in the opening minute. Truax continued to shoot on offense and notched a second takedown up his lead to 6-1 at 1:15. Rogotzke escaped as the clock moved below 1:00 and Truax lead 6-2. Truax carried that lead into the second period. Rogotzke chose down to start the second period and escaped to a 6-3 score. Truax picked up a third takedown quickly after wards to lead 9-3. Rogotzke escaped and turned a scramble into control of Truax's arm. He forced the Lion's back to the mat and picked up the pin at 3:59.

197: Senior+ Aaron Brooks, ranked No. 1 at 197, faced No. 22 Luke Geog. Brooks controlled the action in neutral in the first minute and his offensive pressure paid off with a takedown as the clock moved below 2:00, opening up a 3-1 lead. Brooks added a second takedown at :45, then finished the period on top to lead 6-1 after one. Geog chose down to start the second period and escaped to a 6-2 score. Brooks countered a slight Geog shot for a third takedown and cut him loose to a 9-3 lead. Brooks turned another Geog shot into a fourth takedown and led 12-4 after another cut. The Nittany Lion carried that lead into the third period. Brooks chose down to start the third period and quickly escaped to a 13-4 lead. He added another takedown at :30, cut Geog loose and lead 16-5 with clinched time. Brooks added another takedown and cut, then ended the bout with a final takedown at :40. Brooks posted the 22-6 technical fall at 6:21.

285: Senior Greg Kerkvliet, ranked No. 1 at 285, battled No. 12 Nick Feldman. Kerkvliet and Feldman worked the middle of the mat for the first minute, with neither wrestler scoring. But Kerkvliet held position and hit a fast low shot at the 1:50 mark to take Feldman down for a 3-0 lead. Kerkvliet controlled the action on top, forcing a stall warning on Feldman as his riding time moved up over 1:00. Kerkvliet was hit for stalling at :25 but the Nittany Lion finished the period on top to lead 3-0 after one. Kerkvliet chose down to start the second period and rolled to a fast escape and a 4-0 lead in just seconds. Kerkvliet muscled his way through a high double at :50, taking a 7-0 lead. Kerkvliet controlled the action on top again and finished on top to lead 7-0 with 2:30 in riding time after two. Feldman chose neutral to start the third period. Kerkvliet scored again. The Lion senior used a fast high single to lift Feldman off the mat, then picked up a stall point at 1:00 and led 11-0 with clinched riding time. Kerkvliet once again finished the period in the top position and, with 3:46 in time, rolled to the 12-0 major.

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#1 PENN STATE 29, #6 IOWA 6 Friday, Feb. 9, 2024 -- Iowa City, Iowa

125: #7 Drake Ayala IA dec. #2 Braeden Davis PSU, 4-2	0-3
133: #6 Aaron Nagao PSU maj. dec. #20 Cullan Schreiber IA, 12-0	4-3
141: #1 Beau Bartlett PSU dec. No. 2 Real Woods IA, 7-2	7-3
149: #12 Caleb Rathjen IA dec. #10 Tyler Kasak PSU, 11-8 (sv)	7-6
157: #1 Levi Haines PSU maj. dec. #5 Jared Franek IA, 12-0	11-6
165: #7 Mitchell Mesenbrink PSU dec. #6 Michael Caliendo IA, 12-6	14-6
174: #1 Carter Starocci PSU maj. dec. #7 Patrick Kennedy IA, 13-5	18-6
184: #6 Bernie Truax PSU maj. dec. Aidan Riggins IA, 8-0	22-6
197: #1 Aaron Brooks PSU dec. #11 Zach Glazier IA, 5-1	25-6
285: #1 Greg Kerkvliet PSU maj. dec. Ben Keuter IA, 9-1	29-6
Attendance: 14,847	

The Penn State Nittany Lion wrestling team (9-0, 6-0 B1G) handled Iowa (10-2, 5-2 B1G) 29-6 in a Big Ten wrestling dual in Iowa City. Penn State carried the day with eight wins, including five majors, to post the conference road victory.

Action began at 125. Penn State true freshman Braeden Davis, ranked No. 2 at 125, dropped a close 4-2 decision to No. 7 Drake Ayala of Iowa. The Hawkeye used a quick takedown in the first period to escape with the win. Nittany Lion sophomore Aaron Nagao, ranked No. 6 at 133, dominated No. 20 Cullan Schreiber in the next bout, using two takedowns and a three-point turn in the third period to roll to a 12-0 major decision with 3:27 in riding time. His major put Penn State on top 4-3.

Senior Beau Bartlett, ranked No. 1 at 141, posted a strong 7-2 win over No. 2 Real Woods. He used a first period takedown and a late takedown in the third period for the win, giving the Nittany Lions a 7-3 lead. True freshman Tyler Kasak, ranked No. 10 at 149, used two third period takedowns to close the game against No. 12 Caleb Rathjen and send the bout to sudden victory. Rathjen, however, scored midway through extra time to post the 11-8 (sv) win. Sophomore Levi Haines, ranked No. 1 at 157, dominated No. 5 Jared Franek to send Penn State into halftime with an 11-7 lead. Haines used takedowns in each period, a stall point, an escaped and 3:32 in riding time to roll to a 12-0 major decision.

Penn State used the momentum of Haines' win to blank Iowa in the second half. Redshirt freshman Mitchell Mesenbrink, ranked No. 7 at 165, notched three takedowns and riding time to roll to a dominant 12-6 win over No. 6 Michael Caliendo to put Penn State up 14-6. Senior Carter Starocci, ranked No. 1 at 174, downed No. 7 Patrick Kennedy in the next match. Starocci tallied four takedowns in the first two periods to roll to the 13-5 major decision, giving the Nittany Lions an 18-6 lead.

Graduate Bernie Truax, ranked No. 6 at 184, used two takedowns and over 3:00 in riding time to roll to an 8-0 major decision over Aidan Riggins. Senior+ Aaron Brooks, ranked No. 1 at 197, picked up four second period points and riding time to post a 5-1 win over No. 11 Zach Glazier and the Nittany Lions led 25-6 with one bout left. Senior Greg Kerkvliet, ranked No. 1 at 285, capped off the resounding win with a strong 9-1 major decision over Ben Keuter. Kerkvliet picked up two takedowns and nearly 4:00 in riding time in the win. Penn State rolled to a convincing 29-6 victory.

Penn State compiled a lopsided 21-5 edge in takedowns, winning all but two matches. The Nittany Lions picked up five bonus points off five majors (Nagao, Haines, Starocci, Truax, Kerkvliet).

DUAL MEET BOUT-BY-BOUT:

125: True freshman Braeden Davis, ranked No. 2 at 125, took on No. 7 Drake Ayala. Davis worked the center of the mat in neutral, but Ayala used a quick shoulder throw for a takedown and a 3-1 lead after a quick Davis escape. Davis shot left and Ayala defended the effort as the clock hit 1:20. The duo worked in neutral through the 1:00 mark. After a reset at :45, Davis defended a quick Ayala burst and the match moved to the second period with Davis trailing 3-1. Ayala chose down to start the second period and worked his way to an escape and a 4-1 lead. Davis stepped back from a slight Ayala shot at the 1:00 mark and took a high double that Ayala defended. The duo finished the period in neutral and Davis trailed 4-1 after two. Davis worked his way loose to an escaped and a 4-2 score with 1:35 left in the bout. The clock moved through the 1:00 mark with Davis looking for offense. The Lion snapped a high single that Ayala defended with :45 on the clock. Ayala was hit with stalling at :30, Davis shot at :20 and the Hawkeye backed away from the effort, escaping with a 4-2 win.

133: Sophomore Aaron Nagao, ranked No. 6 at 133, met No. 20 Cullan Schreiber. Nagao scored early in the opening period, using a low shot to take a 3-0 lead at the 2:00 mark. Nagao dominated action on top, building up over 1:00 as he looked for a turn. After a stalemate at :34 forced a reset, with Nagao still on top, the Nittany Lion reset himself in position and finished the rideout to lead 3-0 with 2:00 in riding time. Nagao chose down to start the second period and quickly escaped to a 4-0 lead. The Nittany Lion sophomore worked the center of the mat, controlling the pace. Nagao continued to take short shots and Schreiber stepped away each time as the clock hit :50. Nagao took a high shot that Schreiber turned into a stalemate and a reset at :30 and Nagao led 4-0 with 1:51 in riding time after two. Schreiber chose neutral to start the third period and Nagao quickly worked his way in on a low shot. He scrambled through for a takedown to lead 7-0 and clinched his riding time point. Nagao maintained top control through 1:00, working to turn Schreiber. The Hawkeye was able to fight off Nagao's efforts for a bit, but Nagao worked him over for a three count. He finished on top and, with 3:27 in riding time, rolled to the 12-0 major decision.

141: Senior Beau Bartlett, ranked No. 1 at 141, battled No. 2 Real Woods. Bartlett set a fast pace to start the match, pacing around the center circle as he looked for an opening. He rolled through a low shot and bulled his way to a takedown to lead 3-0 at the 2:00 mark. Bartlett maintained top control for :40 before Woods escaped to a 3-1 score. Bartlett reset in the center of the mat on offense. Woods took a slight shot and Bartlett blocked it at :20 to carry his 3-1 lead into the second period. Woods chose bottom to start the second period and escaped to a 3-2 score at 1:45. Bartlett had :57 in riding time. The duo worked in the middle of the mat through the 1:00 mark and the :30. Bartlett got called for stalling at :20 and led 3-2 after two. Bartlett chose down to start the third period. Woods maintained control until Bartlett escaped to a 4-2 lead at 1:18. Bartlett took a high shot that Woods was able to block at :45 and action continued in neutral. Bartlett connected on a lot single at :20 and finished off the takedown at :10 to post the strong 7-2 win.

149: True freshman Tyler Kasak, ranked No. 10 at 149, faced No. 12 Caleb Rathjen. The duo worked in neutral for the first minute-plus. Kasak took a high double and Rathjen stepped back to keep action in neutral with 1:05 left in the opening stanza. Kasak gave up a stall earning and then a late takedown to trail 3-0 after the first period. Kasak chose down to start the second period and worked his way to an escaped and

a 3-1 score at 1:40. Kasak maintained position in the center circle but could not break through Rathjen's defense as the clock hit 1:00. Rathjen countered another Kasak shot for a takedown and a 6-1 lead. Kasak escaped to a 6-2 score with :20 left in the period. Rathjen chose down to start the third period and escaped to a 7-2 score. Kasak scrambled his way to a takedown and then cut Rathjen loose to trail 8-5 at 1:00. Kasak forced a stall warning, then rolled through a high shot for a takedown to tie the bout at 8-8 with :30 on the clock. Kasak finished the period on top and sent the match to sudden victory. Kasak continued to shoot Rathjen backwards through the opening seconds of extra time. Rathjen then ducked under the Lion and finished off the match with a takedown for the 11-8 (sv) win.

157: Sophomore Levi Haines, ranked No. 1 at 157, faced No. 5 Jared Franek. The duo battled through an even minute before Haines turned a high single into a takedown and a 3-0 lead midway through the stanza. Haines worked on top for a turning combination but Franek was able stay flat through the :45 mark. Haines continued with a strong ride, forcing Franek into a stall warning and finishing the period on top to lead 3-0 with 1:39 in time after one. Haines chose down to start the second period and quickly escaped to a 4-0 lead. Franek worked his way in on a low shot, but Haines deftly fought the shot off, maintained contact and turned a low scramble into a takedown and a 7-0 lead at 1:20. Haines dominated action on top, picking up a stall point in the process and led 8-0 with 2:53 after two. Franek chose neutral to start the third period and quickly worked his way in on a low single. Haines once again countered for a near takedown but potentially dangerous forced a reset. Haines added another takedown with :50 on the clock, clinched his riding time point, and finished the period on top once again. He added 3:32 in riding time and rolled to the convincing 12-0 major.

165: Redshirt freshman Mitchell Mesenbrink, ranked No. 7 at 165, battled No. 6 Michael Caliendo. Mesenbrink shot twice quickly in the opening seconds, forcing Caliendo into defense early. A third Mesenbrink shot nearly connected but the Hawkeye was once again able to defend the Lion's efforts as the clock hit 2:15. Mesenbrink connected on a high single or a takedown at 1:45 and led 3-1 after a quick Iowa escape. Mesenbrink continued to shoot Caliendo backwards and snapped him to the mat for a second takedown at :55. The Lion freshman maintained control of Caliendo, forcing a first stall warning and riding him out to lead 6-1 with 1:09 in time after one. Caliendo chose down to start the second period and escaped to a 6-2 score. Mesenbrink shot low once again and the Hawkeye had to defend the effort through 1:30. The Penn State freshman's pressure forced a stall warning once again and he led 7-2 at 1:10. Mesenbrink rolled through a low double for another takedown and led 10-2 with :38 on the clock. Caliendo was able to escape before the period ended but Mesenbrink carried a 10-3 lead with 1:48 in time into the third. Mesenbrink chose down to start the third period and quickly escaped to an 11-3 lead. Mesenbrink defended a solid Iowa shot at 1:30 then worked a low shot into a scramble at 1:20. Caliendo defended the effort into a stalemate. Mesenbrink fought off another Caliendo shot to force a stalemate with :30 left in the bout. Caliendo avoided the major with a late takedown, but Mesenbrink rolled to the convincing 12-6 win with 1:18 in riding time.

174: Senior Carter Starocci, ranked No. 1 at 174, faced No. 7 Patrick Kennedy. Starocci worked an early shot into a scramble in the center of the mat. Kennedy fought the effort off for nearly :30 but Starocci finished off the takedown to lead 3-0 at 1:50. Kennedy worked his way to an escape at 1:10 and Starocci went back to work on offense. The duo battled evenly in neutral through :30. Starocci connected on a late low single and finished off the takedown at the buzzer to lead 6-1 after one. Starocci chose down to start the second period and quickly escaped to a 7-1 lead. Kennedy took a slight shot and Starocci countered quickly, moving down to control the Hawkeye's ankles for a third takedown and a 10-2 lead after a quick Kennedy escape. Kennedy gained control of Starocci's leg, nearly taking the Lion down. But Starocci continued to battle, fought off the effort, and finished off a counter takedown at :02 to lead 13-2 after two. Kennedy chose down to start the third period and Starocci got called for locked hands quickly in the period, cutting his lead to 13-3. Kennedy escaped to a 13-4 score. Starocci battled on the edge of the mat, fighting off two Kennedy shots as the clock moved to 1:10. The Hawkeye shot low and Starocci forced a stalemate at 1:00. The Lion senior shot quickly on the reset, but Kennedy blocked it. Starocci fought off another Kennedy effort to a stalemate at :22. Starocci gave up a late stall point but rolled to a 13-5 major decision.

184: Graduate Bernie Truax, ranked No. 6 at 184, took on Aidan Riggins. Truax struck quickly, turning a fast low shot into a takedown and a 3-0 lead less than :30 into the match. Truax then went to work on top, trying to turn the Hawkeye for back points. Riggins was able to fight off Truax's efforts, but Truax worked his riding time edge up well over 1:00. Truax worked his riding time up over 2:00 as he looked to turn Riggins. Truax gave up one stall warning but finished the period on top to lead 3-0 with 2:33 in riding time after one. Truax chose down to start the second period and quickly escaped to a 4-0 lead. Riggins shot low on Truax with 1:20 on the clock but Truax forced a quick stalemate and action returned to neutral. Truax shot low and left with :25 on the clock but Riggins was able to step away from the effort and the Nittany Lion led 4-0 with 2:22 in time after two. Riggins chose neutral to start the third period. He took a high shot at 1:40 and forced a scramble. Truax fought off the move through the 1:00 mark, forcing a stalemate at :57. Truax bulled through a high double for a takedown with :40 left. With the riding time point clinched, Truax worked to turn Riggins again but settled for the rideout, 3:10 in time, and a dominant 8-0 major.

197: Senior+ Aaron Brooks, ranked No. 1 at 197, met No. 11 Zach Glazier. Brooks and Glazier battled evenly for the first minute-plus. The Nittany Lion senior battled the Hawkeye senior through the first three minutes with neither wrestler connecting on offense and the match moved to the second period tied 0-0. Brooks chose down to start the second period and quickly escaped to a 1-0 lead. Glazier took a high single and Brooks muscled his way to a counter takedown to lead 4-0 at 1:25. Brooks controlled the action on top, working his riding time up over 1:00 as the clock moved through :30. He finished on top to lead 4-0 with 1:21 in time after two. Glazier chose down to start the third period and Brooks once again controlled the action. Glazier escaped to a 4-1 score at 1:10 but Brooks had his time point clinched. Brooks worked the center circle as the clock hit :30 and finished the bout in neutral. He added 2:02 in riding time for another point and posted the 5-1 win.

285: Senior Greg Kerkvliet, ranked No. 1 at 285, battled Ben Keuter. Kerkvliet took control early, turning a fast low shot into a takedown and an early 3-0 lead. Kerkvliet built up :44 in time before Keuter escaped to a 3-1 score. The duo worked the center circle through the 1:00 mark. Kerkvliet controlled position through the :30 mark and the bout moved to the second period with Kerkvliet leading 3-1. Keuter chose down to start the second period. Kerkvliet went to work on top, looking for back points. The Nittany Lion senior worked his riding time up over 1:30 with a strong ride, controlling the Hawkeye and forcing a stall warning with 1:20 on the clock. Kerkvliet lifted Keuter and returned to the center circle with :33 left, finished the period on top and led 3-1 with 2:44 in time after two. Kerkvliet chose down to start the third period and quickly escaped to a 4-1 lead. With riding time clinched, Kerkvliet worked Keuter to the mat with a low single, finished off the takedown at 1:10, and led 7-1. Kerkvliet picked up a stall point and finished the period on top. His 3:49 in riding time gave him a final point and a 9-1 major decision.



#1 PENN STATE 35, RUTGERS 3 Monday, Feb. 12, 2024 --Bryce Jordan Center -- University Park, Pa.

125: #2 Braeden Davis PSU dec. #19 Dean Peterson RU, 4-1 (sv)	3-0
133: #10 Dylan Shawver RU dec. #6 Aaron Nagao PSU, 9-6 (sv)	3-3
141: #1 Beau Bartlett PSU dec. Max Hermes RU, 4-1	6-3
149: #10 Tyler Kasak PSU dec. #26 Michael Cetta RU, 7-5	9-3
157: #1 Levi Haines PSU pinned Dylan Weaver RU, WBF (1:31)	15-3
165: #7 Mitchell Mesenbrink PSU tech fall Anthony White RU, 18-3 (TF; 6:52)	20-3
174: Terrell Barraclough PSU dec. #13 Jackson Turley RU, 4-3	23-3
184: #6 Bernie Truax PSU dec. Shane Cartagena-Walsh RU, 7-0	26-3
197: #1 Aaron Brooks PSU pinned Michael Toranzo RU, WBF (1:45)	32-3
285: Lucas Cochran PSU dec. #8 Yara Slavikowski RU, 7-3	35-3

Attendance: 12,049 (Penn State has wrestled in front of 79 sellouts in its last 82 home events, including 70-straight in Rec Hall and 9 of 12 in the BJC).

The Penn State Nittany Lion wrestling team (10-0, 7-0 B1G) rolled to a 35-3 win over visiting Rutgers (10-5, 3-4 B1G) in the 2024 BJC Dual. Head coach Cael Sanderson's crew won nine of ten bouts, including two wrestlers who moved up weights to take down ranked Scarlet Knights.

Senior Terrell Barraclough moved up to 174 and sophomore Lucas Cochran moved up to 285 to help Penn State notch the Big Ten victory. The win was the 1000th dual meet victory in Penn State wrestling history.

Action began at 125. Penn State true freshman Braeden Davis, ranked No. 2 at 125, used extra time to post a hard-fought 4-1 (sv) win over No. 19 Dean Peterson. Davis' win gave Penn State an early 3-0 lead. Nittany Lion sophomore Aaron Nagao, ranked No. 6 at 133, battled No. 10 Dylan Shawver into extra time tied 6-6. Nagao took a low shot early in the extra period and Shawver countered for a takedown and a 9-6 (sv) win, tying the dual at 3-3.

Senior Beau Bartlett, ranked No. 1 at 141, scored in the final seconds to break a 1-1 tie, downing Rutgers' Max Hermes 4-1 to give Penn State a 6-3 lead. True freshman Tyler Kasak, ranked No. 10 at 149, posted a strong win over No. 26 Michael Cetta. Kasak rode the strength of two first period takedowns to a 7-5 win. Sophomore Levi Haines, ranked No. 1 at 157, capped off a strong first half for Penn State by notching a first period pin over Rutgers' Dylan Weaver. Haines' fall at 1:31 gave Penn State a 15-3 lead at intermission.

Redshirt freshman Mitchell Mesenbrink, ranked No. 7 at 165, opened up the second half with a sizzling offensive show. Mesenbrink collected five takedowns on his way to an 18-3 technical fall at the 6:52 mark. With No. 1 Carter Starocci not wrestling, senior Terrell Barraclough moved up a weight to 174 and thrilled the BJC crowd with a big win over No. 13 Jackson Turley. Barraclough used a reversal and escape to work the bout into the third period tied 3-3. After Turley chose down, Barraclough controlled the Knight for the full third period and, with 2:49 riding time, posted the 4-3 win to give the Nittany Lions a 23-3 lead.

Graduate Bernie Truax, ranked No. 6 at 184, continued Penn State's roll. Truax opened up an early lead and controlled the action for all seven minutes to post a 7-0 win with over 2:00 in riding time. Senior+ Aaron Brooks, ranked No. 1 at 197, picked up Penn State's second fall of the evening. The Nittany Lion senior turned Michael Toranzo to his back for a first period pin at 1:45 to put Penn State up 32-3. Lucas Cochran moved up from 197 to step in for No. 1 Greg Kerkvliet at 285. Cochran kept Penn State winning. The Nittany Lion notched two takedowns against No. 8 Yara Slavikowski and rolled to an 8-3 win, capping off a perfect second half for Penn State. The Nittany Lions walked away with a 35-3 victory.

The Nittany Lions won the takedown war 15-4. Penn State tallied eight bonus points off two pins (Haines, Brooks) and one tech fall (Mesenbrink).

DUAL MEET BOUT-BY-BOUT:

125: True freshman Braeden Davis, ranked No. 2 at 125, took on No. 19 Dean Peterson. Davis worked the center of the mat for the opening minute, with Peterson locking up action to force a stalemate at 1:55. The Nittany Lion freshman fought off a Peterson effort to throw him, working the clock down to the :30 mark, countering the action as the first period ended. With the score tied at 0-0, Peterson chose down to start the second period. Davis worked the Knight to the mat, working his riding time to :52 before Peterson escaped to a 1-0 score. Davis stepped back from a quick Peterson shot and returned to his feet in the middle of the mat. Peterson stepped away from a slight Davis shot at :15 and the second period ended with Davis trailing 1-0. Davis chose down to start the third period. Davis chose down to start the third period and quickly escaped to a 1-1 tie. The Nittany Lion freshman blew through a low double at the 1:20 mark, forcing a scramble. Peterson was able to fight off Davis' efforts, scrambling his way to the end of the period and sending the bout to sudden victory tied 1-1. Davis countered slipped through a low shot just :15 into the extra bout and finished off the takedown to post a 4-1 (sv) win.

133: Sophomore Aaron Nagao, ranked No. 6 at 133, met No. 10 Dylan Shawver. Shawver used a strong high single to notch a quick takedown and take a 3-1 lead after Nagao escaped at the 1:35 mark. Nagao scrambled through a low single for a takedown of his own, taking a 4-3 lead at 1:10. Nagao controlled action from the top position. He finished the period on top and led 4-3 with :59 in riding time after one. Shawver chose neutral to start the second period. Nagao continued to shoot the Scarlet Knight backwards. Nagao maintained his position on the Nittany Lion logo, taking shots through the 1:00 mark. Shawver gave up a first stall warning and Nagao turned a low single into a scramble with :30 on the clock. A potentially dangerous call stopped action at :18 and Nagao led 4-3 after two. Nagao chose down to start the third period and quickly escaped to a 5-3 lead. Shawver turned a high shot into a takedown and Nagao escaped quickly, tying the bout at 6-6 with 1:20. Nagao continued to shoot low. He scrambled his way to the :35 mark before potentially dangerous stopped the bout once more. Nagao slid into control of Shawver's ankle late, but the clock hit 0:00 and the bout moved to extra time. Nagao shot low again, Shawver skipped over top of the Lion and countered for a takedown and a 9-6 (sv) win.

141: Senior Beau Bartlett, ranked No. 1 at 141, battled Max Hermes. Bartlett worked the Nittany Lion logo, setting up on offense as Hermes defended. Hermes took a slight shot at 1:30, Bartlett, stepped away and a stalemate was called with 1:13 on the clock. Bartlett gained control of Hermes' head, forcing it to the mat late. But action was stopped with another stalemate and the bout moved to the second period knotted in a 0-0 tie. Bartlett chose down to start the second period. Hermes gave up a stall warning to start the period and Bartlett escaped at 1:30 to take a 1-0 lead. The Nittany Lion senior worked the clock through the 1:00 mark, with Hermes hanging on to force another stalemate. Bartlett settled for a 1-0 lead after two periods. Hermes chose down to start the third period. Bartlett controlled the Knight until 1:21 when

Hermes escaped to a 1-1 tie. With the clock at 1:00, Bartlett nearly connected on a single, but Hermes was able to defend the shot at :35. After a quick reset, Bartlett locked Hermes' shoulders, worked his head to the mat and moved around for the winning takedown with just :04 on the clock. The late score gave Bartlett a 4-1 win.

149: True freshman Tyler Kasak, ranked No. 10 at 149, faced No. 26 Michael Cetta. Kasak attacked on offense right away, working his offense to a quick takedown and a 3-0 lead. He controlled the Knight for over :30 before Cetta escaped. Kasak continued to press on offense and took a 6-1 lead with another takedown at the 1:24 mark. Kasak built his riding time up over 1:00 before Cetta escaped to a 6-2 score. Kasak carried the 6-2 lead and 1:12 in riding time into the second period. Cetta chose down to start the second period. Kasak dominated action on top, looking for a chance to turn the Knight for back points. A potentially dangerous hold stopped action and forced a reset at 1:20. Cetta scrambled his way to a reversal with 1:20 on the clock, cutting Kasak's lead to 6-4. Cetta finished the period on top and Kasak led 6-4 with :54 in time after two. Kasak chose down to start the third period and Cetta allowed him up to a 7-4 lead. Kasak stepped back from a quick Cetta shot and defended his position on the Lion logo through 1:00. Kasak gave up a stall warning at :30 and then fought off a Cetta single to the :23 mark, forcing a reset. Kasak gave up a late stall point and nearly scored down the stretch, but time ran out. Kasak's strong first period gave the Nittany Lion a 7-5 win.

157: Sophomore Levi Haines, ranked No. 1 at 157, faced Dylan Weaver. Haines scored quickly, taking a fast low shot to open up a 3-0 lead in the opening seconds. He nearly turned Weaver for a fall, but the Knight scrambled through the effort. Haines maintained his top position as the clock moved to 1:50. He worked his way into a cradle and turned Haines to his back for the first period pin. Haines picked up the fall at 1:31.

165: Redshirt freshman Mitchell Mesenbrink, ranked No. 7 at 165, battled Anthony White. Mesenbrink fought off a quick White shot, scrambled through the effort and worked his way into control and a takedown of his own at the 2:10 mark. Leading 3-0, Mesenbrink went to work on top, looking for a chance to turn the Knight for nearfall points. Mesenbrink cut White loose on a reset, then blew through a low shot for a second takedown and a 6-1 lead. The Nittany Lion freshman built his time up over 1:00 while White belted out on the Penn State logo. White gave up a stall warning at :20 and Mesenbrink finished the period on top to lead 6-1 with 2:00 in time after one. White chose down to start the second period and Mesenbrink went back to work, looking for nearfall. Mesenbrink was called for stalling on top at 1:28 and he cut White loose to a 6-2 score on the reset. The Lion freshman zipped through a quick takedown to lead 9-2 at 1:00. He picked up a stall point at :42 to lead 10-2 with over 3:00 in riding time. White fought off Mesenbrink's efforts to turn him, but the Nittany Lion finished the period on top to lead 10-2 with 3:43 in riding time. With riding time clinched, Mesenbrink chose down to start the third period and quickly escaped to an 11-2 lead. Mesenbrink notched another takedown to lead 14-3 after cutting White loose with just 1:05 on the clock. He worked a high shot into a takedown at :50 to lead 17-3. Mesenbrink picked up a stall point, then turned a stall point into an 18-3 tech fall at 6:52.

174: With No. 1 Carter Starocci not wrestling, Terrell Barraclough moved up to 174 and faced No. 13 Jackson Turley. The duo battled evenly through the first minute-plus before Turley notched the bout's first takedown, opening up a 3-1 lead after quick Barraclough escape. The duo then worked the center of the mat with Barraclough taking short shots and Turley stepping back from the efforts. Trailing 3-1, Barraclough chose down to start the second period. He worked his way to his feet, kept control of Turley's foot in the process and reversed the Scarlet Knight to tie the bout at 3-3 with 1:30 on the clock. Barraclough maintained control of the Knight deep into the second period. He worked the ranked Knight flat at the :20 mark and finished the period on top. Tied 3-3, Turley chose down to start the third period. Barraclough maintained control and built his riding time up over 1:00 as the clock moved down below 1:30. Barraclough continued to work Turley flat. A stalemate was called as the clock hit :52 and blood time followed for Turley. Barraclough worked the clock down to :30 with a strong ride with riding time clinched. After a short roll, Barraclough worked Turley flat and finished off the rideout, using 2:49 in riding time to post the thrilling 4-3 win.

184: Graduate Bernie Truax, ranked No. 6 at 184, took on Shane Cartagena-Walsh. Truax scored quickly, opening up a 3-0 lead with a lift and takedown in the opening minute. He turned top control into over 1:00 in riding time, picking up a stall warning in the process. After a reset at 1:04, Truax worked for near fall points and took a 4-0 lead on a late stall point. The Nittany Lion finished the period on top to carry that lead into the second period. Truax chose down to start the second period and quickly escaped to a 5-0 lead. Truax worked the middle of the mat as the clock moved through the :45 mark, picking up another stall point to lead 6-0 after two periods. Cartagena-Walsh chose neutral to start the third period and Truax went looking for a takedown. Cartagena-Walsh was able to keep the Nittany Lion at arm's length as the clock moved through :30. Truax chased the Knight to the end of the bout and posted a 7-0 win with 2:02 in riding time.

197: Senior+ Aaron Brooks, ranked No. 1 at 197, met Michael Toranzo. Brooks scored quickly, taking Toranzo down at the 2:20 mark for a quick 3-0 lead. He built up over 1:00 in riding time and then ended the bout. Brooks turned Toranzo to his back and picked up the fast fall, getting the first period pin at the 1:45 mark.

285: Sophomore 197 pounder moved up for No. 1 Greg Kerkvliet at 285 and battled No. 8 Yara Slavikowski. Cochran battled the Knight heavyweight evenly for the first 1:30 and then moved in on offense. He worked his way into control of Slavikowski's ankle and, after pulling the big man back on to the mat, finished off the takedown to open up a 3-0 lead. The Knight was able to escape before the period ended and Cochran led 3-1 after one. Cochran chose down to start the second period and quickly escaped to a 4-1 lead. Cochran turned a low single into control of the Knight's left ankle again and nearly finished off a takedown before a dangerous hold stopped action at 1:00. The Nittany Lion sophomore continued to press the action for the remainder of the period and led 4-1 after two. Slavikowski chose down to start the third period and quickly escaped to a 4-2 score. The Knight took a slight shot and Cochran countered the effort, turning in to control for a second takedown and a 7-2 lead. The Nittany Lion sophomore built his riding time point up to 1:00 before the Knight escaped to a 7-3 score with :40 left in the bout. He finished the period on his feet and, with 1:00 in riding time, posted the thrilling 8-3 win.