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2024 NCAA WRESTLING TOURNAMENT GUIDE



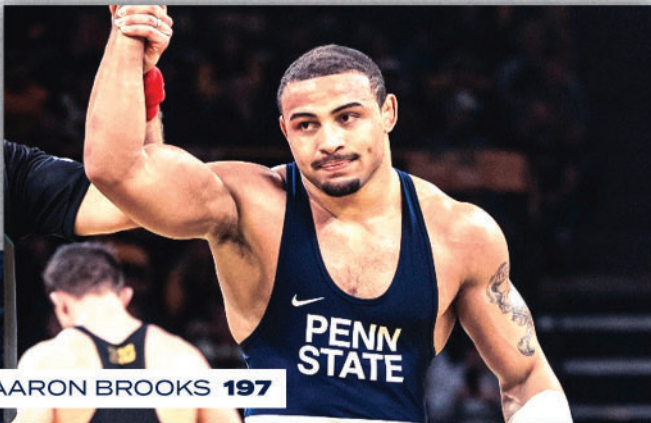
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# NOTES!

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**#1 PENN STATE NITTANY LIONS (12-0, 8-0 B1G)**  
**2024 BIG TEN REGULAR SEASON CHAMPIONS**  
**2024 BIG TEN CHAMPIONS**  
**2024 NCAA CHAMPIONS**

WT	NAME	EL	HT/HS	REC
125	#1 Braeden Davis	Fr.	Belleville, Mich./Dundee 2024 Big Ten Champion	22-4
133	#10 Aaron Nagao	So.	La Habra, Calif./Esperanza 1X All-American (5th, 2023)	17-7
141	#2 Beau Bartlett	Sr.	Tempe, Ariz./Wyoming Seminary (Pa.) 2X All-American (3rd, 2023; 2nd, 2024)	24-2
149	#7 Tyler Kasak	Fr.	Doylestown, Pa./Bethlehem Catholic 1X All-American (3rd, 2024)	24-5
157	#1 Levi Haines	So.	Arendtsville, Pa./Biglerville 1X National Champion (2024) 2X All-American (2nd, 2023; 1st, 2024)	23-0
165	#2 Mitchell Mesenbrink	Fr.	Hartland, Wis./Arrowhead 1X All-American (2nd, 2024)	26-1
174	#9 Carter Starocci	Sr.	Erie, Pa./Cathedral Prep 4X National Champion (2021, 2022, 2023, 2024) 4X All-American (1st, 2021; 1st, 2022; 1st, 2023; 1st, 2024)	17-2
184	#6 Bernie Truax	Gr.	Oceanside, Calif./Rancho Buena Vista 4X All-American (4th, 2021/174; 4th, 2022/184; 4th, 2023/197; 5th, 2024/184)	19-6
197	#1 Aaron Brooks	Sr.+	Hagerstown, Md./North Hagerstown 4X National Champion (2021/184; 2022/184; 2023/184; 2024/197) 5X All-American (1st Tm, 2020; 1st, 2021/184; 1st, 2022/184; 1st, 2023/184; 1st, 2024/197)	17-0
285	#1 Greg Kerkvliet	Sr.	Inver Grove Heights, Minn./Simley 1X National Champion (2024) 4X All-American (7th, 2021; 4th, 2022; 2nd, 2023; 1st, 2024)	15-0

*Individual rankings are official tournament seed // Team ranking InterMat TPI*

### THIS WEEK

Season complete :(

### UP NEXT

Season complete :(

### ON THE AIR

TV - none  
Radio online - Free all year via Lionvision at GoPSUsports.com  
Live Web Video - none

## 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 Kerkvliet, 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; Kerkvliet 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

Fri. 5 at #18 Oregon State W, 36-3  
Sun. 14 INDIANA\*, Rec Hall (B1G+) W, 46-0  
Fri. 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

Fri. 2 #17 OHIO STATE\*, Rec Hall (B1GN) W, 28-9  
Fri. 9 at #6 Iowa\* (B1GN) W, 29-6  
Mon. 12 RUTGERS, BJC (B1GN) W, 35-3  
Sun. 18 #8 NEBRASKA\*, Rec Hall (B1GN) W, 22-13  
Sun. 25 EDINBORO, Rec Hall (B1G+) W, 55-0

### MARCH

Sa.-Sn. 9-10 2024 B1G Championships 1st/170.5 pts.  
College Park, Md.  
*(Braeden Davis, 1st at 125; Levi Haines, 1st at 157; Mitchell Mesenbrink, 1st at 165; Aaron Brooks, 1st at 197; Greg Kerkvliet, 1st at 285; Beau Bartlett, 2nd at 141; Bernie Truax, 2nd at 184; Aaron Nagao, 3rd at 133; Tyler Kasak, 3rd at 149)*

Th.-Sa. 21-23 2024 NCAA Championships 1st/172.5 pts.  
Kansas City, Mo.  
*(Levi Haines, 1st at 157; Carter Starocci, 1st at 174; Aaron Brooks, 1st at 197; Greg Kerkvliet, 1st at 285; Beau Bartlett, 2nd at 141; Mitchell Mesenbrink, 2nd at 165; Tyler Kasak, 3rd at 149; Bernie Truax, 5th at 184; Braeden Davis, 2-2 at 125; Aaron Nagao, 3-2 at 133)*

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

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# THIS WEEK'S ACTION:

UNIVERSITY PARK, Pa.: March 27, 2024 – The Penn State Nittany Lion wrestling team crowned four individual champions at the 2024 NCAA Championships in Kansas City's T-Mobile Center. Penn State, which clinched its 11th team National Championship under head coach Cael Sanderson on Friday night, welcomed two new NCAA champions to the fold and added its first two four-time NCAA kings.

Penn State won the team title with 172.5 points, 100 points ahead of second place Cornell. Michigan was third with 71.0. The Nittany Lions leave Kansas City with eight All-Americans, four NCAA Champions including its first two four-timers in Carter Starocci and Aaron Brooks.

Senior Greg Kerkvliet, the No. 1 seed at 285, battled No. 10 Lucas Davison of Michigan in the first of Penn State's six NCAA title bouts. Kerkvliet and Davison worked the center circle to begin the match, battling on their feet through the 2:00 mark. Kerkvliet snapped a low shot into control of both Davison's feet and notched a takedown to lead 3-1 at 1:50. Kerkvliet used a low pick to snag Davison's ankle to up his lead to 6-2 with a late takedown. He carried that lead into the second period. Davison chose down to start the second period and escaped to a 6-3 score. He worked neutral through the 1:00 mark and then fought off a slight Davison shot, worked into a high single and finished off the takedown at :15 to lead 9-3 after two periods. Kerkvliet chose down to start the third period and quickly escaped to a 10-3 lead. The Nittany Lion worked the center of the mat through the :45 mark and added another takedown to up his lead to 13-3 at :25. Davison added a late takedown, but Kerkvliet's dominance gave the Nittany Lion his first National Championship with a resounding 13-4 major decision. He ends the tournament with a 5-0 mark, including two majors and a tech, and the season at 20-0. Kerkvliet is a four-time All-American.

Senior Beau Bartlett, the No. 2 seed at 141, faced No. 1 Jesse Mendez of Ohio State in the finals. Bartlett and Mendez worked the center circle in neutral over the first minute plus. The first period continued through the first period deadlocked at 0-0. Mendez chose down to start the second period and escaped to a 1-0 lead. Bartlett paced the middle of the mat looking control and an opening. Neither wrestler was able to find any offense as the clock hit 1:00. Bartlett got control of Mendez's leg at the end of the period, but the Buckeye was able to fight off the move and kill the clock. Trailing 1-0, Bartlett chose down to start the third. Bartlett worked his way to an escape at 1:20 to tie the match 1-1. Bartlett worked a single into what looked to be a takedown, but none was called. Mendez scrambled through the move and notched a takedown with :01 left. Penn State challenged the call, but it stood, and Bartlett dropped the 4-1 decision in the final seconds. Bartlett went 4-1 with two pins to become national runner-up. He ends the season with a 23-2 record and is a two-time All-American.

Sophomore Levi Haines, the No. 1 seed at 157, met No. 2 Jacori Teemer of Arizona State in his finals match-up. Haines controlled position in the middle of the mat to start the bout. Haines pressed Teemer backwards as the first period hit its midway point and continued to move forward, looking to engage. Haines moved forward for the entire period, but Teemer was able to keep his distance and the match moved to the second stanza tied 0-0. Haines chose down to start the second period and quickly escaped to a 1-0 lead. The Nittany Lion continue to move forward on the Sun Devil through 1:00. He forced a first stall warning as the clock moved into the period's last minute. Haines pressured the Devil for the rest of the period and carried the 1-0 lead into the third. Trailing 1-0, Teemer chose neutral to start the third period. Haines moved quickly through a high double and took a 4-0 lead with a takedown at the 1:35 mark. He controlled Teemer for the rest of the period, adding riding time, and became an NCAA Champion with the 5-0 win. Haines went 5-0 for his title with one major, two tech falls and a pin. He ends his season with a 23-0 record and is a two-time All-American.

Redshirt freshman Mitchell Mesenbrink, the No. 2 seed at 165, battled No. 4 David Carr of Iowa State in the title bout. Carr came out firing quickly and took Mesenbrink down in the opening seconds. Mesenbrink worked his way to an escape at the 1:10 mark to cut the lead to 3-1. Carr had 1:42 in riding time. Mesenbrink went to work on offense, looking for an opening. He scrambled through a fast shot, but Carr evaded the effort and Mesenbrink trailed 2-1 after one. Carr chose down to start the second period and escaped to a 4-1 lead. Mesenbrink shot low and forced a scramble at 1:20 but Carr forced a stalemate with :59 left on the clock. Carr scrambled to a second takedown at :24. Mesenbrink got a stall and escaped at the buzzer to trail 7-3 after two. Mesenbrink chose down to start the third, got a stall point and an escape and trailed 7-5 at the 1:27 mark. Mesenbrink took Carr down with :40 left, taking an 8-7 lead. Carr escaped to tie the bout and had riding time. Mesenbrink spent the rest of the period chasing Carr down but could not catch the Cyclone grappler, or get another stall call, and dropped a hard fought 9-8 decision on riding time. Mesenbrink ends the tournament with a 4-1 record, including two majors and a tech fall. He is the 2024 national runner up and an All-American as a freshman.

Senior Carter Starocci, the No. 9 seed at 174, made his fourth straight appearance in the NCAA finals and met No. 6 Rocco Welsh of Ohio State. Starocci controlled position in the center circle to start the match, looking to break through Welsh's defense. The clock moved towards the 1:00 mark with Starocci still holding firm in the center circle. He nearly connected on a quick shot, but Welsh was able to slip out of his grasp and keep the bout neutral. Welsh got hit for a first stall. Starocci continued to pressure the Buckeye wrestlers and took a 1-0 lead on a second stall at :02. Leading 1-0, Starocci chose down to start the second period. Starocci worked his way to an escape and a 2-0 lead at 1:48. Starocci worked to close the distance as Welsh played defense through :30. Trailing 2-0, Welsh chose neutral to start the third period. Starocci continued to shoot Welsh backwards through the 1:30 mark. With time ticking below 1:00, Starocci kept his position and got in on a late low single that effectively killed the clock. The Nittany Lion senior walked off the mat with a 2-0 win and became a four-time NCAA Champion. Starocci went 5-0 and ends his senior season with a 17-2 record, the only losses precautionary injury defaults at the Big Ten tournament two weekends ago.

Senior Aaron Brooks, the No. 1 seed at 197, made his fourth straight appearance in the NCAA finals and took on No. 2 Trent Hilday of North Carolina State in the event's final bout. Brooks connected on a low single quickly, working his way into control of Hilday's leg. Hilday was able to work action out of bounds and keep the bout scoreless at 2:15. Brooks continued to set the tempo, shooting Hilday out of bounds at 1:15. Brooks forced a first stall on Hilday at :35 and continued to press on offense. Brooks continued his offensive and notched a key takedown at the buzzer to lead 9-0 after one. Brooks chose down to start the second period and quickly escaped to a 4-0 lead. He fought off a slight Hilday shot and returned to the center of the mat. He continued to pressure Hilday backwards through the :40 mark. He picked up a stall point to lead 5-0 at :15 and took that lead into the third period. Hilday chose down to start the third period. Brooks controlled the action through the 1:00 mark and worked his time edge up over 1:00. The Nittany Lion senior dominated Hilday from the top position for the remainder of the period and finished on top. Brooks, with riding time, became a four-time NCAA Champion with the strong 6-0 win. Brooks went 5-0 at the tournament with a 5-0 record, including two pins and two tech falls. Brooks ends the season with a 22-0 record and closes out his career with an 89-3 record as a five-time All-American and four-time NCAA Champion.

True freshman Tyler Kasak, the No. 7 seed at 149, finished the bout on his feet and posted the 3-2 win to take third place as a true freshman. Kasak, only the ninth wrestler to ever lose a first round bout and win seven straight to take third, ended the tournament with a 7-1 record including four majors and a pin. He concludes the season with a 24-5 record. Graduate Bernie Truax, the No. 6 seed at 184, capped off a stellar collegiate career with a fifth place finish. He went 5-2 over the weekend with a major and a tech fall. Truax went 5-2 over the weekend and became a four-time All-American with a fifth place finish. He ended his final season with a 19-6 record and finished with an 86-27 mark.

True freshman Braeden Davis finished just one win shy of All-America status at 125. Davis went 2-2, dropping tough bouts to the eighth and fifth seeds. Davis ended his campaign with a 22-4 overall record and as the 2024 Big Ten Champion at his weight. Sophomore Aaron Nagao also finished just one win shy of earning All-America laurels at 133. Nagao went 3-2 with a tech fall. He concluded his first year as a Nittany Lion with a 17-7 record and was a 2023 All-American.

The Nittany Lions now have 59 NCAA Champions, 38 since Sanderson's arrival as head coach. Starocci and Brooks became school's first four-time NCAA Champions. At the conclusion of the tournament, Brooks was named the 2024 NCAA Most Dominant Wrestler and the 2024 NCAA Championship Outstanding Wrestler.

Starocci and Brooks joined a group of five other four-time NCAA Champions, bringing the total to seven (Cael Sanderson, Kyle Dake, Yianni Diakomihalis, Pat Smith, Logan Stieber). Penn State's 172.5 points set a new NCAA record, breaking the old mark of 170 set by Iowa in 1997. The Nittany Lions crushed the margin of victory between champion and second place, winning by 100 points (breaking the mark of 73.75 set in 1986 by Iowa).

The Nittany Lions went 4-2 in the finals and leave Kansas City with a 45-9 overall record. Penn State collected 35.0 bonus points off 11 majors, eight tech falls and six pins.

With this year's championships in the books, Penn State now has 59 NCAA individual titles spread among 37 individuals. Since 2011, Penn State has the most individual titles in the nation (Penn State 38, Cornell 14, Oklahoma State 10, Ohio State 10, Iowa 7). The Nittany Lions have had 56 NCAA finalists and own a 38-18 record in the national finals. Since 2011, Penn State has won then of 11 of 13 NCAA team championships (no tournament in 2020).

The Nittany Lions have won 12 NCAA titles overall with 11 coming under Sanderson (third most in history). Penn State won four-straight titles in 2011, '12, '13 and '14 and again in 2006, '17, '18 and '19. The Nittany Lions have now won three straight again, 2022, '23, '24. Penn State also owns a championship from 1953. Sanderson's 15-year head coaching ledger for team finishes at NCAA's since arriving at Penn State is as follows: 2010 (9th), 2011 (1st), 2012 (1st), 2013 (1st), 2014 (1st), 2015 (6th), 2016 (1st), 2017 (1st), 2018 (1st), 2019 (1st), 2020 (no tourn.), 2021 (2nd), 2022 (1st), 2023 (1st), 2024 (1st).

The Nittany Lions added eight All-Americans to their ledger, bringing the school's total to 254 all-time (91 under Sanderson). Its six finalists is also a school record. Sanderson has now led his teams to 11 NCAA titles, equalling Oklahoma State's E.C. Gallagher's 11. Dan Gable of Iowa has 15. Penn State's 12 overall team titles is third all-time in NCAA history as well. Since 2011, Penn State is 56-9 in the national semifinals as well, an .875 win percentage.

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# 2023-24 INDIVIDUAL RECORDS (AS OF 3/24/24)

Name, Wt.	Record
Donovon Ball, 184	1-2
Josh Barr, 184	15-0
Terrell Barraclough, 165/174	12-2
Beau Bartlett, 141	19-1
Brian Borden, 174	14-6
Aaron Brooks, 197	22-0
Lucas Cochran, 197/285	11-2
Braeden Davis, 125	22-4
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	7-4
Erik Gibson, 165	6-2
Levi Haines, 157	23-0
Imran Heard, 149	1-2
Robert Howard, 125	3-4
Tyler Kasak, 141/149	24-5
Jack Kelly, 184	11-5
Greg Kerkvliet, 285	20-0
Joe Lee, 174	0-0
Matt Lee, 165	5-3
Timothy Levine, 141	0-4
Kurt McHenry, 125	1-2
Mitchell Mesenbrink, 157/165	26-1
Aaron Nagao, 133	17-7
Connor Pierce, 149	13-8
Karl Shindledecker, 133	0-0
Baylor Shunk, 133	2-7
Carter Starocci, 174	17-2
Gary Steen, 125	6-3
Bernie Truax IV, 184	19-6
Shayne Van Ness, 149	3-0
Marco Vespa, 125	0-2
Sean Wang, 133	1-3
Branden Wentzel, 125	6-4

*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 Big Ten tournament in Ann Arbor. 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 2023-24, Penn State produced a record-setting performance on its way to winning a third straight NCAA Championship in Kansas City. The Nittany Lions won their 11th title in the past 13 tournaments. Penn State crowned four more NCAA Champions (Levi Haines, Carter Starocci, Aaron Brooks, Greg Kerkvliet), including the school's first two four-timers (Starocci, Brooks). Penn State had eight All-Americans, six national finalists and won the team title with an NCAA record 172.5 points. The margin of victory between Penn State and the second place team (72.5) was also an all-time record (100 points). Penn State won the 2024 Big Ten Regular Season Championship and the 2024 Big Ten Championship at the Big Ten Tournament at Maryland. Mitchell Mesenbrink was named Big Ten Freshman of the Year, Aaron Brooks Big Ten Wrestler of the Year and Sanderson Big Ten Coach of the Year. After the NCAA title run, Brooks was named 2024 NCAA Most Dominant Wrestler and the 2024 NCAA Championship Outstanding Wrestler.

Sanderson, who concluded his 15th year as Penn State's head coach in 2023-24, has led the Nittany Lions to eight Southern Scuffle titles, ten Big Ten dual meet titles, eight Big Ten Championships, 11 NCAA Championships, collected 91 All-Americans, 38 National Champions, including an NCAA record-tying five in both 2017 and 2022, four Gorriaran winners, six NCAA Tournament Outstanding Wrestlers, one CoSIDA Academic All-American of the Year, one NCAA Elite 89 winner, one NCAA Top 10 Award winner and six Hodge Trophy winners. Sanderson, who has coached 106 total All-Americans and 40 total National Champions (including his three years at Iowa State), grabbed his 200th win as Penn State's head coach in its 29-6 win at Iowa on Feb. 9, 2024, 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	%	Big Dual	Big/B12 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	12-0-0	1.000	8-0-0	1st	1st	10	8	4
<b>Career</b>	<b>247-26-2</b>	<b>.902</b>	<b>112-11-1</b>	<b>11 titles</b>	<b>11 titles</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>40</b>
At Penn State	203-16-2	.923	112-11-1	8 titles	11 titles	130	91	38

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



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# NOTES

## #FUNSTATS AFTER THE 2024 NCAA CHAMPIONSHIPS

- // Most Individual NCAA Titles Since 2011 -- PENN STATE 38, Cornell 14, Oklahoma State 10, Ohio State 10, Iowa 7
- // Penn State National Finalists Since 2011 -- 56
- // Penn State in NCAA Finals Since 2011 -- 38-18 (Since 2011, winning percentage in NCAA finals is .679)
- // Penn State in NCAA Semifinals Since 2011 -- 56-8 (Since 2011, winning percentage in NCAA semis is .875)
- // Penn State Team Championships Since 2011 -- 11 (of 13, no NCAA tournament in 2020)
- // Penn State Percentage of Team Titles Won Since 2011 - .846 (no NCAA tournament in 2020)
- // Penn State has 12 NCAA Championships (11 under Sanderson), third most in NCAA history
- // Penn State is the only team in the nation to win at least one individual title at EACH WEIGHT in the last decade
- // Penn State is one of only two teams in NCAA history to have five individual champions in one year TWICE.
- // Penn State's Cael Sanderson has won 11 NCAA titles as a coach, second most in NCAA history (tied).

## AARON BROOKS WINS 2024 HODGE TROPHY

Penn State senior Aaron Brooks was named the 2024 Hodge Trophy as the nation's best collegiate wrestler. The award honors the top college wrestler every year. It was established in 1995 and is wrestling's equivalent to college football's Heisman Trophy. Brooks won the 2024 NCAA title at 197 with a perfect 22-0 record. He had six pins, 11 technical falls and three majors. Brooks, a five-time All-American, was one of two Penn State wrestlers to become four-time NCAA Champions at the NCAA tournament on March 21-23 (joined by teammate Carter Starocci). He ends his career at Penn State with an 89-3 career record. Brooks becomes the fifth Penn State Nittany Lion to win the school's seventh award. Kerry McCoy (1997), David Taylor (2012, 2014), Zain Retherford (2017, 2018) and Bo Nickal (2019) have also been honored. Penn State, with seven total trophies, is the only school in the nation with more than four.

## BROOKS, HAINES, KERKVLIT, STAROCCI ARE HODGE TROPHY FINALISTS

The Penn State Nittany Lions had four of the five finalists for the 2024 Hodge Trophy Award, given nationally to the collegiate wrestler of the year. National Champions Aaron Brooks, Levi Haines, Greg Kerkvliet and Carter Starocci were joined by Northern Iowa's Parker Keckeisen in the field of five finalists.

## NITTANY LIONS WIN 11TH NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP IN LAST 13 EVENTS, 12TH OVERALL, IN RECORD FASHION

The Penn State Nittany Lion wrestling team stormed through the rest of the nation at the 2024 NCAA Wrestling Championships on March 21-23, in Kansas City's T-Mobile Center. Penn State won its 11th national championship in the last 13 events and broke long-standing tournament records in the process. Penn State ran away with the team title with 172.5 points, a new all-time record for points in a season (breaking the mark of 170 set by Iowa in 1997). Cornell finished a distance second with 72.5 and Penn State's margin of victory between first and second place was a gaudy 100.0 points (a new all-time record, crushing the old mark of 73.75 set by Iowa in 1986). The team title was the 11th under head coach Cael Sanderson in his 15 years as the program's leader and the 12th all-time at Penn State (Penn State also won in 1953). Sanderson is now tied for second all-time for NCAA Championships as a head coach. Penn State came away from the tournament with school-record tying eight All-Americans.

## CARTER STAROCCI AND AARON BROOKS BECOME PENN STATE'S FIRST FOUR-TIME NCAA CHAMPIONS

Penn State seniors Carter Starocci and Aaron Brooks made national and Penn State history on March 23 in the NCAA Championship National Finals, becoming the sixth and seventh wrestlers to win four individual national titles in NCAA history and the first two Nittany Lions ever to accomplish the feat. Starocci became the first with a 2-0 win over Ohio State's Rocco Welsh in the 174-pound final. The Nittany Lion went 5-0 over the course of the weekend in Kansas City, including wins over two other former champions (Virginia Tech's Mekhi Lewis and Michigan's Shane Griffith). Starocci ended the year with 17-2 overall record, with the two losses being precautionary injury defaults taken at the Big Ten tournament in early March. Starocci also earned his fourth All-America honor. Brooks dominated #2 Trent Hiday 6-0 in the tournament's final bout, with the 197 championship selected as the last final of the evening. Brooks went 5-0 with two pins and two tech falls. He ended his senior season with a 22-0 record. Brooks also became Penn State's third five-time All-American.

## AARON BROOKS NAMED NCAA MOST DOMINANT WRESTLER AND 2024 NCAA CHAMPIONSHIP OUTSTANDING WRESTLER

Shortly after winning his fourth NCAA individual championship and helping to guide Penn State to its 11th NCAA team title under head coach Cael Sanderson, Aaron Brooks was honored as the 2024 NCAA Most Dominant Wrestler for the season. Brooks ended the year with a 22-0 record, including six pins, 11 technical falls and three majors. He was not taken down all season long. Brooks was also honored as the 2024 NCAA Championship Outstanding Wrestler.

## LEVI HAINES, GREG KERKVLIT EARN FIRST NCAA TITLES

Penn State sophomore Levi Haines and senior Greg Kerkvliet each claimed their first NCAA individual titles as Penn State went 4-2 in the national finals on March 23. Haines dominated #2 Jacori Teemer of Virginia Tech 5-0 in the finals at 157 to become a two-time All-American. He finished the tournament with a 5-0 record, including a major, two tech falls and a pin. He ended the 2023-24 campaign with a 23-0 record. Kerkvliet was the first title bout of the evening and he rolled to his first title with a 13-4 major decision over Michigan's Lucas Davison at 285. Kerkvliet went 5-0 with two majors and a tech and ended the year with a 20-0 record.

## BEAU BARTLETT, MITCHELL MESENBRINK NCAA FINALISTS

Nittany Lion senior Beau Bartlett and freshman Mitchell Mesenbrink were both national finalists at the 2024 NCAA Championships in Kansas City. Bartlett went 4-1 with two pins to become a two-time All-American. He gave up a last second takedown to drop a hard-fought 4-1 decision to #1 Jesse Mendez in the national finals at 141. Mesenbrink went 4-1 with two majors and a tech fall to earn his first All-America honor as a freshman. He lost in the NCAA finals at 165 to former champion David Carr, 9-8, on riding time.

## 2023-24 BIG TEN STANDINGS (as of 2/25/24) - FINAL

Pl.	Team	Big Ten		Overall	
		W-L-T	PCT	W-L-T	PCT
1	<b>#PENN STATE</b>	<b>8-0-0</b>	<b>1.000</b>	<b>12-0-0</b>	<b>1.000</b>
2	Ohio State	7-1-0	.875	15-2-0	.882
3	Iowa	6-2-0	.750	12-2-0	.857
	Minnesota	6-2-0	.750	11-2-0	.846
	Nebraska	6-2-0	.750	12-2-0	.857
6	Michigan	5-3-0	.625	8-4-0	.667
7	Rutgers	4-4-0	.500	12-5-0	.706
8	Indiana	3-5-0	.375	7-5-0	.583
	Wisconsin	3-5-0	.375	9-7-0	.562
10	Illinois	2-6-0	.250	5-9-0	.357
	Maryland	2-6-0	.250	5-7-0	.417
	Michigan State	2-6-0	.250	10-6-0	.625
13	Northwestern	1-7-0	.125	1-9-0	.100
	Purdue	1-7-0	.125	6-10-0	.375

# 2024 Big Ten Regular Season Champions

## 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 Yaraslau 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	BEAU BARTLETT, PENN STATE
2/20	Patrick McKee, Minnesota Dean Hamiti, Wisconsin
2/27	Ben Kueter, Iowa

## TYLER KASAK, BERNIE TRUAX EARN ALL-AMERICA HONORS

True freshman Tyler Kasak and graduate Bernie Truax earned All-America laurels at the 2024 NCAA Championships, bringing Penn State's team total to eight and helping lift the Nittany Lions to yet another NCAA crown. Kasak became just the ninth wrestler in NCAA history to lose his first match and then win seven straight to finish third. After a first round upset loss, Kasak won seven straight, including beating #3 Jackson Arrington of North Carolina State in the All-America round, majoring #1 Ridge Lovett of Nebraska 10-1 and downing #5 Ty Watters of West Virginia for third place. Kasak went 7-1 with four majors and a pin to become an All-American as a true freshman. He ended the year with a 24-5 record. Truax went 5-2 with a major and a tech fall to become a four-time All-American with a fifth place finish in his first year as a Nittany Lion. Truax picked up three top ten wins, including a 5-0 victory over #10 Dylan Fishback in the All-America round, a 5-1 win over #7 Thomas Stewart of Virginia Tech and a 12-0 major over #2 Isaiah Salazar of Minnesota for fifth place. Truax ended the season with a 19-6 overall mark.

## BRAEDEN DAVIS, AARON NAGAO END SEASON JUST ONE WIN SHY OF ALL-AMERICAN LAURELS

True freshman Braeden Davis and sophomore Aaron Nagao each finished just one win shy of earning All-America laurels at the 2024 NCAA Championships. Davis went 2-2 overall. He opened the tournament with two straight wins before dropping a close 3-2 decision to eventual NCAA Champion Richard Figueroa of Arizona State in the quarterfinals. He then lost a heart-breaking 4-1 sudden victory decision to #5 Jore Volk of Wyoming in the All-America round. Davis went 22-4 in his first season of collegiate wrestling. Nagao went 3-2 with a tech fall and was just a win shy of becoming a two-time All-American. Nagao won three straight in consolation action before losing the #3 Kai Orine in the All-America round to end his tournament run. He ended the campaign with a 17-7 overall mark.

## PENN STATE WINS 8TH BIG TEN CHAMPIONSHIP

The Penn State Nittany Lions roared to their eighth Big Ten title on March 9-10 at the University of Maryland. Penn State crowned five individual Big Ten Champions and had nine wrestlers finish in the top three. True freshman Braeden Davis won the title at 125, sophomore Levi Haines won his second straight at 157, redshirt freshman Mitchell Mesenbrink won at 165, senior+ Aaron Brooks won his fourth Big Ten crown at 197, and senior Greg Kerkvliet won his first at 285. Beau Bartlett was B1G runner-up at 141 and Bernie Truax was runner-up at 184. Sophomore Aaron Nagao took third at 133 and true freshman Tyler Kasak was third at 149. Penn State's nine placers were automatic qualifiers to nationals. Senior Carter Starocci, who took two precautionary injury defaults at the event, earned Penn State's 10th spot with an at-large bid at 174. Penn State won the team title with 170.5 points, outdistancing second place Michigan's 123.5.

## NOTES AND MILESTONES FROM PENN STATE'S 2024 BIG TEN TITLE PERFORMANCE

- \* The crown is the 8th in school history, all under head coach Cael Sanderson
- \* Aaron Brooks became Penn State's third 4X B1G Champion (Ed Ruth, David Taylor).
- \* Aaron Brooks reached the finals for a record fifth time.
- \* Levi Haines won his second B1G crown.
- \* Greg Kerkvliet won his first title.
- \* True freshman Braeden Davis went 4-0 to win the crown at 125 against four foes with a combined 23 years of collegiate wrestling experience.
- \* Mitchell Mesenbrink went 3-0 to win at 165, including a pin and a tech, giving Penn State two freshman champs.
- \* The Nittany Lions went 29-6 overall at the tournament (with two of those losses coming from precautionary injury defaults). Three of Penn State's four competitive losses were to top seeds, the fourth to a second seed.

## NITTANY LIONS SWEEP B1G POST-SEASON AWARDS

Penn State swept the 2024 Big Ten Awards at the conclusion of the team's title run in Maryland on March 9-10. Head coach Cael Sanderson was named Big Ten Coach of the Year for the eighth time. Mitchell Mesenbrink was named Big Ten Freshman of the Year, the ninth in school history and sixth under Sanderson. Aaron Brooks claimed two awards. He was 2024 Big Ten Championship Outstanding Wrestler and was named the 2024 Big Ten Wrestler of the Year. He is Penn State's 12th Big Ten Wrestler of the Year and its ninth OW.

## PENN STATE ENDS REGULAR SEASON WITH 12-0 DUAL MARK

The Penn State Nittany Lions finished off another unbeaten dual meet season by shutting out Edinboro 55-0 on Feb. 25. Penn State ended the season 12-0. Some funstats on Penn State's 2023-24 overall dual meet season"

- \* Went 12-0
- \* Outscored conference opponents 428-69
- \* Went 101-19 overall
- \* Won by average score of 35.7-5.8
- \* Picked up three shutouts
- \* Only lost more than two bouts one time
- \* Penn State owned a 278-45 advantage in overall takedowns in 12 dual meets

## NITTANY LIONS SHUT OUT EDINBORO 55-0 IN DUAL FINALE

Penn State shut out visiting Edinboro 55-0 on Senior Day in Rec Hall, claiming all ten bouts against the Fighting Scots on Feb. 25. Penn State tallied four pins (Beau Bartlett, Tyler Kasak, Levi Haines, Greg Kerkvliet); five technical falls (Braeden Davis, Aaron Nagao, Carter Starocci, Bernie Truax, Aaron Brooks) and one forfeit victory (Mitchell Mesenbrink). No bout made it to the third period. The win helped Penn State cap off a 12-0 dual meet campaign.

## BRIAN BORDEN WINS NCO TITLE; 6 LIONS PLACE AT OPEN

Brian Borden won the National Collegiate Open title at 174 pounds on Sunday, Feb. 25, one of six Nittany Lions competing at the event (attached an unattached), all of whom placed. Borden went 3-0 with a pin to win the crown. He beat teammate Erik Gibson in the finals. Gibson went 3-1 with a major and a tech to take second place. Connor Pierce went 3-1 to take third at 149, Jack Kelly went 4-1 with three pins to take third at 184, Brandon Wentzel went 3-2 for fourth at 125, and Kyison Garcia was 4-2 at 133, taking fifth.

## NATIONAL RANKINGS

### TEAM RANKINGS INTERMAT TPI (3/12/24)

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

### NWCA COACHES POLL (DUAL) (2/27/24)

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

### INTERMAT (3/12/24)

Braeden Davis	1st/125
Aaron Nagao	8th/133
Beau Bartlett	2nd/141
Tyler Kasak	7th/149
Levi Haines	1st/157
Mitchell Mesenbrink	2nd/165
Carter Starocci	1st/174
Bernie Truax	5th/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	Levi Haines, 157
2/25	Edinboro	Tyler Kasak, 149

### 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
2/18	#8 Nebraska	W, 22-13

## PENN STATE WINS 2024 BIG TEN REGULAR SEASON TITLE

The Penn State Nittany Lions rolled through the Big Ten portion of their dual meet schedule with an 8-0 record and won the team's 10th conference dual crown under head coach Cael Sanderson. Some #funstats on Penn State's 2023-24 B1G dual season:

- \* Went 8-0
- \* Went 67-13 overall
- \* Picked up two shutouts
- \* Penn State owned a 175-28 advantage in overall takedowns over the 8 B1G duals
- \* Outscored conference opponents 264-46
- \* Won by average score of 29.3-5.1
- \* Only lost more than two bouts one time

## NITTANY LIONS DOWN NEBRASKA 22-13 IN B1G DUAL FINALE

Penn State rallied from an early dual deficit to out-distance visiting Nebraska in a 22-13 victory in Rec Hall on Feb. 18, 2024. The Lions won five of the last six bouts to claim the dual victory. Penn State picked up top-ten wins from Beau Bartlett (a 9-6 winner over #7 Brock Hardy at 141) and Levi Haines (a 10-3 winner over #7 Peyton Robb at 157) as well as a 17-4 major from Aaron Brooks over #13 Silas Allred at 197. The win capped off Penn State's B1G dual season at 8-0, clinching the 2024 Big Ten Regular Season Championship

## BEAU BARTLETT NAMED B1G W.O.W (2/14)

Penn State Nittany Lion wrestler Beau Bartlett WAS named Big Ten Wrestler of the Week for the week ending February 12, 2024. Bartlett dominated No. 2 Real Woods 7-2 on Friday night in Iowa City, sparking Penn State to a 29-6 win over the Hawkeyes in their building. Three nights later, Bartlett used a late takedown to defeat Max Hermes of Rutgers 4-1 in the 2024 BJC Dual against Rutgers.

## 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 an 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).

## 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 Saldate 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.

## 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	6,585
2/25	EDINBORO	6,389
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>51,360</b>
<b>AVG.</b>		<b>7,337</b>

(Penn State has wrestled in front of 81 of 84 sell-outs at home, including 72-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	8	Jack Kelly
	7	Beau Bartlett
	6	Aaron Brooks
	5	Lucas Cochran
	5	Levi Haines
	5	Tyler Kasak
	5	Connor Pierce





## 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.

## 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.

## 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	7,337	12,049 vs. Rutgers, 2/12, 24

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

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## 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.

## 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 Hamitti.

## 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 PENN 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.

## HONORS WON

### BEAU BARTLETT, 141

Big Ten Wrestler of the Week (11/21)  
Big Ten Wrestler of the Week (2/14)  
All-American (141)

### AARON BROOKS, 197

NWCA All-Star Classic Exhibition  
First Team All-Big Ten  
Big Ten Champion (197)  
2024 Big Ten Championship Outstanding Wrestler  
2024 Big Ten Wrestler of the Year  
2024 NCAA Champion (197)  
All-American (197)  
2024 NCAA Most Dominant Wrestler of the Year  
2024 NCAA Championship Outstanding Wrestler  
2024 Hodge Trophy Award Winner

### BRAEDEN DAVIS, 125

First Team All-Big Ten  
Big Ten Champion (125)

### LEVI HAINES, 157

NWCA All-Star Classic Exhibition  
First Team All-Big Ten  
Big Ten Champion (157)  
2024 NCAA Champion (157)  
All-American (157)

### TYLER KASAK, 149

All-American (149)

### GREG KERKVLIIET, 285

NWCA All-Star Classic Exhibition  
First Team All-Big Ten  
Big Ten Champion (285)  
2024 NCAA Champion (285)  
All-American (285)

### MITCHELL MESENBRINK, 165

First Team All-Big Ten  
Big Ten Champion (165)  
2024 Big Ten Freshman of the Year  
All-American (165)

### CARTER STAROCCI, 174

NWCA All-Star Classic Exhibition  
2024 NCAA Champion (174)  
All-American (174)

### BERNIE TRUAX IV, 184

NWCA All-Star Classic Exhibition  
All-American (184)

### SHAYNE VAN NESS, 149

NWCA All-Star Classic Exhibition  
Big Ten Wrestler of the Week (11/14)



# 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).*

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# 2023-24 PENN STATE WRESTLING INDIVIDUAL RECORDS & STATS

**12-0 OVERALL, 8-0 B1G, 7-0 HOME, 5-0 ROAD, 0-0 NEUTRAL - 2024 NCAA, B1G & B1G REG. SEASON CHAMPS**

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	19-1	19-1	10-0	7-0	35/0	4-0	0-0	3-0	0-0	7-0	1:29
Brian Borden, 174	14-6	14-6	0-0	0-0	0/0	0-0	0-0	3-1	0-0	4-0	1:04
Aaron Brooks, 197	22-0	22-0	11-0	8-0	53/0	0-0	0-0	3-0	11-0	6-0	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	22-4	22-4	9-2	6-2	33/7	3-1	0-0	5-1	5-0	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	7-4	0-0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0-0	0-0	2-0	2-1	0-0	----
Erik Gibson, 165	6-2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0-0	0-0	2-0	2-0	0-2	----
Levi Haines, 157	23-0	23-0	12-0	8-0	51/0	2-0	1-0	5-0	5-0	5-0	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	24-5	24-5	6-2	3-2	23/6	0-3	1-0	7-0	1-0	5-0	1:00
Jack Kelly, 184	11-5	11-5	0-0	0-0	0/0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-2	8-2	0:50
Greg Kerkvliet, 285	20-0	20-0	9-0	6-0	40/0	0-0	0-0	8-0	4-0	2-0	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	26-1	26-1	12-0	8-0	56/0	0-0	0-0	4-0	9-0	4-0	0:50
Aaron Nagao, 133	17-7	17-7	6-4	3-3	28/15	0-2	0-0	4-1	6-0	2-1	0:57
Connor Pierce, 149	13-8	13-8	0-2	0-1	0/7	0-0	0-0	1-4	2-0	5-0	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	2-7	2-7	0-2	0-2	0/6	0-0	0-0	1-1	1-1	0-0	----
Carter Starocci, 174	17-2	17-2	9-0	5-0	43/0	0-0	0-0	1-0	6-0	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	19-6	19-6	8-3	5-2	35/12	0-1	0-0	4-1	4-0	2-2	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	6-4	0-0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0-0	0-0	0-0	2-0	0-0	----
Dual Forfeit losses			0-0	0-0	0/0						
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>348-101</b>	<b>313-90</b>	<b>101-19</b>	<b>67-13</b>	<b>428/69</b>	<b>14-8</b>	<b>2-1</b>	<b>65-14</b>	<b>75-5</b>	<b>71-11</b>	<b>0:50</b>

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

## SEASON LEADERS -- OVERALL\*

### WINS

- Mitchell Mesenbrink, 165 26
- Beau Bartlett, 141 24
- Tyler Kasak, 141/149 24
- Levi Haines, 157 23
- Aaron Brooks, 197 22
- Braeden Davis, 125 22
- Greg Kerkvliet, 285 20
- Bernie Truax, 184 19
- Aaron Nagao, 133 17
- Carter Starocci, 174 17
- Josh Barr, 184 15
- Brian Borden, 174 14
- Connor Pierce, 149 13
- Terrell Barraclough, 165 12
- David Evans, 141/149 12
- Lucas Cochran, 197/285 11
- Jack Kelly, 184 11
- Kyison Garcia, 133 7
- Erik Gibson, 174 6
- Gary Steen, 125 6
- Branden Wentzel, 125 6
- Matt Lee, 165 5
- Robert Howard, 125 5
- Shayne Van Ness, 149 3
- Aurelius Dunbar, 174 2
- AJ Fricchione, 197/285 2
- Baylor Shunk, 133 2
- Donovon Ball, 184 1
- Imran Heard, 149 1
- Kurt McHenry, 125 1
- Sean Wang, 133 1

### FALLS

- Jack Kelly, 184 8
- Beau Bartlett, 141 7
- Aaron Brooks, 197 6
- Lucas Cochran, 197 5
- Levi Haines, 157 5
- Tyler Kasak, 141/149 5
- Connor Pierce, 149 5
- Brian Borden, 174 4
- Mitchell Mesenbrink, 165 4
- Terrell Barraclough, 165 3
- Carter Starocci, 174 3
- Shayne Van Ness, 149 3
- Greg Kerkvliet, 285 2
- Matt Lee, 165 2
- Aaron Nagao, 133 2
- Bernie Truax, 184 2
- Josh Barr, 184 1
- AJ Fricchione, 197/285 1
- Robert Howard, 125 1
- Gary Steen, 125 1

### TECHNICAL FALLS

- Aaron Brooks, 197 11
- Mitchell Mesenbrink, 165 9
- Aaron Nagao, 133 7
- Josh Barr, 184 6
- Carter Starocci, 174 6
- Braeden Davis, 125 5
- Levi Haines, 157 5
- Greg Kerkvliet, 285 4
- Bernie Truax, 184 4
- David Evans, 141 3
- Gary Steen, 125 3

- Lucas Cochran, 197 2
- Kyison Garcia, 133 2
- Erik Gibson, 174 2
- Connor Pierce, 149 2
- Branden Wentzel, 125 2
- Terrell Barraclough, 165 1
- Tyler Kasak, 149 1
- Baylor Shunk, 133 1

### MAJOR DECISIONS

- Greg Kerkvliet, 285 8
- Tyler Kasak, 141 7
- Braeden Davis, 125 5
- Levi Haines, 157 5
- Mitchell Mesenbrink, 165 4
- Aaron Nagao, 133 4
- Bernie Truax, 184 4
- Josh Barr, 184 3
- Terrell Barraclough, 165 3
- Beau Bartlett, 141 3
- Brian Borden, 174 3
- Aaron Brooks, 197 3
- David Evans, 141 2
- Kyison Garcia, 133 2
- Erik Gibson, 174 2
- Matt Lee, 165 2
- Lucas Cochran, 197 1
- Connor Pierce, 149 1
- Baylor Shunk, 133 1
- Carter Starocci, 174 1
- Gary Steen, 125 1
- Sean Wang, 133 1

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

## DUAL TAKEDOWNS

(numbers listed FOR - AGAINST)

Wt.	Wrestler	1st	2nd	3rd	OT	Total
125	Braeden Davis	8-1	5-0	5-3	1-0	19-4
125	Gary Steen	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-1
133	Aaron Nagao	16-5	9-2	3-1	0-1	28-9
133	Baylor Shunk	0-3	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-4
141	Beau Bartlett	8-1	5-0	7-3	2-0	22-4
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	9-1	2-1	4-1	0-1	15-4
157	Levi Haines	10-4	5-0	11-0	0-0	26-4
165	Mitchell Mesenbrink	16-2	9-0	8-1	0-0	33-3
165/4	Terrell Barraclough	0-1	1-0	1-0	0-0	2-1
174	Carter Starocci	30-0	5-0	6-0	0-0	41-0
184	Bernie Truax	12-3	4-0	6-0	0-0	22-3
184	Josh Barr	1-0	2-0	1-0	0-0	4-0
197	Aaron Brooks	25-0	21-0	7-0	0-0	53-0
197/5	Lucas Cochran	2-1	0-2	1-3	0-0	3-6
285	Greg Kerkvliet	11-0	7-0	5-0	0-0	23-0
285	AJ Fricchione	0-2	0-2	0-0	0-0	0-4
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>142-24</b>	<b>71-8</b>	<b>52-12</b>	<b>3-1</b>	<b>278-45</b>



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

Table showing 2023-24 Dual Meet Team Points Scored by Weight/Final Scores. Columns: Opponent, 125, 133, 141, 149, 157, 165, 174, 184, 197, 285, FINAL. Rows list opponents like 12/3: #20 LEHIGH, 12/10: HOFSTRA, etc. TEAM TOTALS: 33-10, 28-21, 43-0, 29-13, 51-0, 56-0, 50-3, 41-12, 51-4, 46-6, 428-69.

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

## INDIVIDUAL DUAL RECORD BY WEIGHT

Table showing individual dual records by weight (125, 133, 141, 149, 157, 165, 174, 184, 197, 285) and TOTAL (101-19).

## DUAL PINS BY WEIGHT

Table showing dual pins by weight (125, 133, 141, 149, 157, 165, 174, 184, 197, 285) and TOTAL (15-3).

## DUAL TECHNICAL FALLS BY WEIGHT

Table showing dual technical falls by weight (125, 133, 141, 149, 157, 165, 174, 184, 197, 285) and TOTAL (27-0).

## DUAL MAJOR DECISIONS BY WEIGHT

Table showing dual major decisions by weight (125, 133, 141, 149, 157, 165, 174, 184, 197, 285) and TOTAL (20-3).

## DUAL FORFEITS/DQs/INJURY DEFAULTS BY WEIGHT

Table showing dual forfeits/DQs/injury defaults by weight (125, 133, 141, 149, 157, 165, 174, 184, 197, 285) and TOTAL (2-0).

## DUAL DECISIONS BY WEIGHT

Table showing dual decisions by weight (125, 133, 141, 149, 157, 165, 174, 184, 197, 285) and TOTAL (37-13).

## TEAM RECORD AT DUAL'S STARTING WEIGHT

Table showing team record at dual's starting weight (125, 133, 141, 149, 157, 165, 174, 184, 197, 285) and TOTAL (9-3).

# SEASON LEADERS -- DUAL MEETS

### DUAL POINTS

- 1. Mitchell Mesenbrink, 165 56
2. Aaron Brooks, 197 53
3. Levi Haines, 157 51
4. Carter Starocci, 174 44
5. Greg Kerkvliet, 285 41
6. Beau Bartlett, 141 38
7. Bernie Truax, 184 35
8. Braeden Davis, 125 33
9. Aaron Nagao, 133 28
10. Tyler Kasak, 149 23
11. Davis 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 20
Mitchell Mesenbrink, 165 20
3. Carter Starocci, 174 17
4. Levi Haines, 157 15
5. Greg Kerkvliet, 285 13
6. Bernie Truax, 184 11
7. Aaron Nagao, 133 10
8. Braeden Davis, 125 6
9. Beau Bartlett, 141 5
Tyler Kasak, 141/149 5
11. David Evans, 141/149 2
12. Josh Barr, 184 1

### DUAL PINS

- 1. Levi Haines, 157 3
2. Aaron Brooks, 197 2
Greg Kerkvliet, 285 2
Mitchell Mesenbrink, 165 2
Carter Starocci, 174 2
Bernie Truax, 184 2
7. Beau Bartlett, 141 1
Tyler Kasak, 149 1

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

- 1. Mitchell Mesenbrink, 165 2

### DUAL MAJOR DECISIONS

- 1. Greg Kerkvliet, 285 5
2. Beau Bartlett, 141 2
Aaron Brooks, 197 2
Braeden Davis, 125 2
Levi Haines, 157 2
Mitchell Mesenbrink, 165 2
Aaron Nagao, 133 2
8. Josh Barr, 184 1
Carter Starocci, 174 1
Bernie Truax, 184 1

### DUAL TECH FALLS

- 1. Aaron Brooks, 197 6
2. Carter Starocci, 174 5
3. Aaron Nagao, 133 4
4. Mitchell Mesenbrink, 165 3
5. Braeden Davis, 125 2
Levi Haines, 157 2
Bernie Truax, 184 2
8. David Evans, 141/149 1
Tyler Kasak, 141/149 1
Greg Kerkvliet, 285 1

### DUAL TAKEDOWNS

- 1. Aaron Brooks, 197 53
2. Carter Starocci, 174 41
3. Mitchell Mesenbrink, 165 33
4. Levi Haines, 157 26
5. Aaron Nagao, 133 24
6. Greg Kerkvliet, 285 23
7. Beau Bartlett, 141 22
Bernie Truax, 184 22
9. Braeden Davis, 125 19
10. Tyler Kasak, 149 15
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. Braeden Davis, 125 2
Mitchell Mesenbrink, 165 2
Aaron Nagao, 133 2
4. Terrell Barraclough, 165/174 1
Beau Bartlett, 141 1
Aaron Brooks, 197 1
Levi Haines, 157 1
Greg Kerkvliet, 285 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. Aaron Nagao, 133 3
2. Beau Bartlett, 141 1
Levi Haines, 157 1

### DUAL NEAR FALL 4

- 1. Braeden Davis, 125 5
2. Bernie Truax, 184 4
3. Levi Haines, 157 2
Tyler Kasak, 149 2
Carter Starocci, 174 2
6. Beau Bartlett, 141 1
Greg Kerkvliet, 285 1
Mitchell Mesenbrink, 165 1

### DUAL STALLS FORCED/TAKEN

- 125: Braeden Davis 6 3
125: Gary Steen 0 1
133: Aaron Nagao 6 0
133: Baylor Shunk 1 2
141: Beau Bartlett 2 3
141/9: David Evans 2 0
149: Connor Pierce 0 1
149: Tyler Kasak 3 7
157: Levi Haines 7 5
165: Mitchell Mesenbrink 14 1
165/4: Terrell Barraclough 0 2
174: Carter Starocci 7 3
184: Bernie Truax 10 2
197: Aaron Brooks 5 2
197/5: Lucas Cochran 0 1
285: Greg Kerkvliet 12 1
285: AJ Fricchione 0 1
TOTALS 75 35

### 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 3 0
141/9: David Evans 1 0
149: Connor Pierce 0 2
149: Tyler Kasak 1 1
157: Levi Haines 4 0
165: Mitchell Mesenbrink 4 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 2 0
197/5: Lucas Cochran 1 1
285: Greg Kerkvliet 6 0
TOTALS 35 8

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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

### SHUTOUS (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.	96.7	<b>Aaron Brooks (89-3), '20-Prsnt.</b>
	96.7	Andy Matter (59-2), 1970-72
8.	95.1	Mark Hall (116-6), 2017-20
	95.1	<b>Carter Starocci (78-4), '21-Prsnt.</b>
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.	97.8	<b>Carter Starocci (45-1), '21-Prsnt.</b>



# PENN STATE IN THE NCAA CHAMPIONSHIPS

## NCAA HIGHLIGHTS

### National Champions (59)

1935	.....Howard Johnston, 165
1952	.....Joe Lemyre, 167
1953	.....Hud Samson, 191
1955	.....Larry Fornicola, 137
1955	.....Bill Oberly, Hwt.
1957	.....John Johnston, 130
1971	.....Andy Matter, 167
1972	.....Andy Matter, 167
1975	.....John Fritz, 126
1984	.....Carl DeStefanis, 118
	.....Scott Lynch, 134
1988	.....Jim Martin, 126
1991	.....Jeff Prescott, 118
1992	.....Jeff Prescott, 118
1994	.....Kerry McCoy, Hwt.
1995	.....John Hughes, 142
1996	.....Sanshiro Abe, 126
1997	.....Kerry McCoy, Hwt.
1999	.....Glenn Pritzlaff, 174
2000	.....Jeremy Hunter, 125
2008	.....Phil Davis, 197
2011	.....Quentin Wright, 184
2012	.....Frank Molinaro, 149
	.....David Taylor, 165
	.....Ed Ruth, 174
2013	.....Ed Ruth, 184
	.....Quentin Wright, 197
2014	.....David Taylor, 165
	.....Ed Ruth, 184
2015	.....Matt Brown, 174
2016	.....Nico Megaludis, 125
	.....Zain Retherford, 149
2017	.....Zain Retherford, 149
	.....Jason Nolf, 157
	.....Vincenzo Joseph, 165
	.....Mark Hall, 174
	.....Bo Nickal, 184
2018	.....Zain Retherford, 149
	.....Jason Nolf, 157
	.....Vincenzo Joseph, 165
	.....Bo Nickal, 184
2019	.....Jason Nolf, 157
	.....Bo Nickal, 197
	.....Anthony Cassar, 285
2020	..... <i>event canceled by NCAA</i>
	..... <i>in reaction to a virus</i>
2021	.....Roman Bravo-Young, 133
	.....Nick Lee, 141
	.....Carter Starocci, 174
	.....Aaron Brooks, 184
2022	.....Roman Bravo-Young, 133
	.....Nick Lee, 141
	.....Carter Starocci, 174
	.....Aaron Brooks, 184
	.....Max Dean, 197

2023	.....Carter Starocci, 174
	.....Aaron Brooks, 184
2024	.....Levi Haines, 157
	.....Carter Starocci, 174
	.....Aaron Brooks, 197
	.....Greg Kerkvliet, 285

### Top NCAA Finishes

118	1st:.....Carl DeStefanis, 1984
	.....Jeff Prescott, 1991-92
125	1st:.....Jeremy Hunter, 2000
	1st:.....Nico Megaludis, 2016
	2nd:.....Nico Megaludis, 2012
	2nd:.....Nico Megaludis, 2013
	3rd:.....Nico Megaludis, 2014
126	1st:.....John Fritz, 1975
	.....Jim Martin, 1988
	.....Sanshiro Abe, 1996
130	1st:.....John Johnston, 1957
133	1st:.....Roman Bravo-Young, 2022
	1st:.....Roman Bravo-Young, 2021
	2nd:.....Roman Bravo-Young, 2023
	2nd:.....Josh Moore, 2004
	3rd:.....Andrew Long, 2011
134	1st:.....Scott Lynch, 1984
137	1st:.....Larry Fornicola, 1955
141	1st:.....Nick Lee, 2022
	1st:.....Nick Lee, 2021
	2nd:.....Beau Bartlett, 2024
	3rd:.....Beau Bartlett, 2023
142	1st:.....John Hughes, 1995
149	1st:.....Frank Molinaro, 2012
	1st:.....Zain Retherford, 2016
	1st:.....Zain Retherford, 2017
	1st:.....Zain Retherford, 2018
	2nd:.....Frank Molinaro, 2011
	2nd:.....Bubba Jenkins, 2008
	3rd:.....Shayne Van Ness, 2023
	3rd:.....Tyler Kasak, 2024
150	2nd: Troy Sunderland, 1992 & 93
157	1st:.....Levi Haines, 2024
	1st:.....Jason Nolf, 2018
	1st:.....Jason Nolf, 2017
	2nd:.....Levi Haines, 2023
	2nd:.....Jason Nolf, 2016
	2nd:.....David Taylor, 2011
	2nd:.....Clint Musser, 1999
	3rd:.....Dylan Alton, 2012
	3rd:.....Dan Vallimont, 2008
158	2nd:.....Greg Elinsky, 1985-86
	.....Josh Robbins, 1993
165	1st:.....David Taylor, 2012
	1st:.....David Taylor, 2013
	1st:.....Vincenzo Joseph, 2017
	1st:.....Vincenzo Joseph, 2018
	1st:.....Howard Johnson, 1935
	2nd:.....Mitchell Mesenbrink, 2024
	2nd:.....David Taylor, 2013
	2nd:.....Dan Vallimont, 2010
	2nd:.....Vincenzo Joseph, 2019
167	1st:.....Joe Lemyre, 1952
	.....Andy Matter, 1971-72
174	.....Carter Starocci, 2024

	1st:.....Carter Starocci, 2023
	1st:.....Carter Starocci, 2022
	1st:.....Carter Starocci, 2021
	1st:.....Glenn Pritzlaff, 1999
	1st:.....Ed Ruth, 2012
	1st:.....Matt Brown, 2015
	1st:.....Mark Hall, 2017
	2nd:.....Mark Hall, 2019
	2nd:.....Mark Hall, 2018
	2nd:.....Matt Brown, 2013
	2nd:.....Bo Nickal, 2016
	3rd:.....Ed Ruth, 2011
177	2nd:.....Mike Rubino, 1951
	.....Joe Krufka, 1955
	.....Dan Mayo, 1988
184	1st:.....Aaron Brooks, 2023
	1st:.....Aaron Brooks, 2022
	1st:.....Aaron Brooks, 2021
	1st:.....Quentin Wright, 2011
	1st:.....Ed Ruth, 2013
	1st:.....Ed Ruth, 2014
	1st:.....Bo Nickal, 2017
	1st:.....Bo Nickal, 2018
	2nd:.....Quentin Wright, 2012
	4th:.....Andy Voit, 1987
190	1st:.....Hud Samson, 1953
191	1st:.....Aaron Brooks, 2024
197	1st:.....Max Dean, 2022
	1st:.....Quentin Wright, 197
	1st:.....Phil Davis, 2008
	2nd:.....Phil Davis, 2006
	2nd:.....Morgan McIntosh, 2016
	3rd:.....Morgan McIntosh, 2015
Hwt	1st:.....Greg Kerkvliet, 2024
	1st:.....Bill Oberly, 1955
	1st:.....Kerry McCoy, 1997
	1st:.....Kerry McCoy, 1994
	2nd:.....Greg Kerkvliet, 2023
	2nd:.....Aaron Anspach, 2007

### National Runners-Up (45)

1939	.....Joe Scalzo, 145
1951	.....Don Frey, 147
	.....Mike Rubino, 177
	.....Homer Barr, Hwt.
1953	.....Dick Lemyre, 130
1955	.....Joe Krufka, 177
1956	.....Dave Adams, 147
1957	.....John Pepe, 137
1961	.....Ron Pifer, 147
1971	.....Dave Joyner, Hwt.
1985	.....Greg Elinsky, 158
1986	.....Greg Elinsky, 158
1987	.....Jim Martin, 118
1988	.....Dan Mayo, 177
1990	.....Greg Haladay, Hwt.
1992	.....Troy Sunderland, 150
1993	.....Cary Kolat, 134
	.....Troy Sunderland, 150
	.....Josh Robbins, 158
1995	.....Sanshiro Abe, 126
1996	.....John Hughes, 142

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1999	.....	Jeremy Hunter, 125
	.....	Clint Musser, 157
2004	.....	Josh Moore, 133
	.....	Pat Cummins, Hwt.
2006	.....	Phil Davis, 197
2007	.....	Aaron Anspach, HWT
2008	.....	Bubba Jenkins, 149
2010	.....	Dan Vallimont, 165
2011	.....	Frank Molinaro, 149
	.....	David Taylor, 157
2012	.....	Nico Megaludis, 125
	.....	Quentin Wright, 184
2013	.....	Nico Megaludis, 125
	.....	David Taylor, 165
	.....	Matt Brown, 174
2016	.....	Jason Nolf, 157
	.....	Bo Nickal, 174
	.....	Morgan McIntosh, 197
2018	.....	Mark Hall, 174
2019	.....	Vincenzo Joseph, 165
	.....	Mark Hall, 174
2023	.....	Roman Bravo-Young, 133
	.....	Levi Haines, 157
	.....	Greg Kerkvliet, 285
2024	.....	Beau Bartlett, 141
	.....	Mitchell Mesenbrink, 165

## NCAA Tournament Wins

1.	Ed Ruth, 2010-14 .....	21-1
2.	Aaron Brooks, 2021-24 .....	20-0
	<b>Carter Starocci, 2021-Prsnt.....</b>	<b>20-0</b>
	Nick Lee, 2018-22 .....	20-4
5.	Bo Nickal, 2016-19 .....	19-1
	Jason Nolf, 2016-19 .....	19-1
	Zain Retherford, 2014-18 .....	19-2
8.	David Taylor, 2011-14 .....	18-2
	Nico Megaludis, 2012-16 .....	18-3
	Roman Bravo-Young, 2019-23 .....	18-4
	Quentin Wright, 2009-13 .....	18-4
	Jim Martin, 1986-89 .....	18-4
	Sanshiro Abe, 1993-96 .....	18-4
	Greg Elinsky, 1984-87 .....	18-5
15.	John Fritz, 1972-75 .....	17-3
	<b>Greg Kerkvliet, 2021-Prsnt. ....</b>	<b>17-4</b>
	Phil Davis, 2005-08 .....	17-5
	Frank Molinaro, 2009-12 .....	17-6
	Ken Chertow, 1985, 1987-89 .....	17-6
20.	Kerry McCoy, 1992-97 .....	16-3
	John Hughes, 1992, 1994-96 .....	16-5
	Morgan McIntosh, 2012-16 .....	16-6
	Jeff Prescott, 1990-92 .....	15-2
	Nick Lee, 2018-Prsnt. ....	15-4
	Dan Vallimont, 2007-11 .....	15-6

## NCAA Tournament Win % (Minimum 10 matches)

1.	<b>Aaron Brooks (2020-24)</b>	<b>100.0....</b>	<b>20-0</b>
	Carter Starocci (2021-Prsnt.)	100.0..	20-0
1.	Ed Ruth, 2011-14	95.5....	21-1
2.	Bo Nickal, 2016-19	95.0....	19-1
	Jason Nolf, 2016-19	95.0....	19-1
4.	Vincenzo Joseph, 2017-19	93.3.....	14-1
5.	Andy Matter, 1970-72	91.7....	11-1

6.	Zain Retherford, 2014-18	90.5....	19-2
7.	David Taylor, 2011-14	90.0....	18-2
8.	<b>Levi Haines, 2023-24</b>	<b>90.0.....</b>	<b>9-1</b>
9.	Jeff Prescott, 1990-92	88.2....	15-2

## TEAM RECORDS

### Top Ten Finishes (56)

1st	1953, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014
	2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2022
	2023, 2024
2nd	1955, 1993, 2021
3rd	1942, 1951, 1954, 1984,
	1987, 1991, 1992, 1994, 2008
4th	1971 (tie), 1996, 1998, 1999
5th	1935 (tie), 1952, 1956,
	1957, 1986, 1988, 1995
6th	1981, 1990, 2003, 2015
7th	1960, 1961, 1974, 1983, 1985
8th	1939, 1964, 1972
9th	1946 (tie), 1950, 2006 (tie), 2010
10th	1973 (tie), 1975,
	1976, 1989, 1997

### Highest Point Totals

1.	172.5*	2024 (1st)
2.	146.5.....	2017 (1st)
3.	143.0.....	2012 (1st)
4.	141.5.....	2018 (1st)
5.	140.5.....	2014 (1st)
6.	137.5.....	2023 (1st)
	137.5.....	2019 (1st)
8.	131.5.....	2022 (1st)
9.	123.5.....	2013 (1st)
10.	123.0.....	2016 (1st)
11.	113.5.....	2021 (2nd)
12.	107.5.....	2011 (1st)
13.	97.75.....	1987 (3rd)
14.	89.25.....	1992 (3rd)
15.	87.50 .....	1993 (2nd)
16.	78.50.....	1999 (4th)
17.	75.00.....	2008 (3rd)
18.	71.50.....	1988 (5th)
19.	70.50.....	1984 (3rd)
	70.50.....	1998 (4th)

\* NCAA All-Time Record

## ALL-AMERICANS (254)

### All-Americans under Sanderson (91)

2010	3	Dan Vallimont .....	165	2nd
		Frank Molinaro .....	149	5th
		Cyler Sanderson .....	157	6th
2011	5	Quentin Wright .....	184	1st
		Frank Molinaro .....	149	2nd
		David Taylor .....	157	2nd
		Andrew Long .....	133	3rd
		Ed Ruth .....	174	3rd
2012	6	Frank Molinaro .....	149	1st
		Ed Ruth .....	174	1st
		David Taylor .....	165	1st
		Nico Megaludis .....	125	2nd
		Quentin Wright .....	184	2nd
		Dylan Alton .....	157	3rd
2013	5	Ed Ruth .....	184	1st
		Quentin Wright .....	197	1st

		Nico Megaludis .....	125	2nd
		David Taylor .....	165	2nd
		Matt Brown .....	174	2nd
2014	7	David Taylor .....	165	1st
		Ed Ruth .....	184	1st
		Nico Megaludis .....	125	3rd
		Zain Retherford .....	141	5th
		Matt Brown .....	174	5th
		James English .....	149	7th
		Morgan McIntosh .....	197	7th
2015	5	Matt Brown .....	174	1st
		Morgan McIntosh .....	197	3rd
		Jimmy Gulibon .....	133	5th
		Jimmy Lawson .....	285	6th
		Jordan Conaway .....	125	8th
2016	6	Nico Megaludis .....	125	1st
		Zain Retherford .....	149	1st
		Jason Nolf .....	157	2nd
		Bo Nickal .....	174	2nd
		Morgan McIntosh .....	197	2nd
		Jordan Conaway .....	133	6th
2017	6	Zain Retherford .....	149	1st
		Jason Nolf .....	157	1st
		Vincenzo Joseph .....	165	1st
		Mark Hall .....	174	1st
		Bo Nickal .....	184	1st
		Nick Nevills .....	285	5th
2018	8	Zain Retherford .....	149	1st
		Jason Nolf .....	157	1st
		Vincenzo Joseph .....	165	1st
		Bo Nickal .....	184	1st
		Mark Hall .....	174	2nd
		Nick Lee .....	141	5th
		Shakur Rasheed .....	197	7th
		Nick Nevills .....	285	7th
2019	7	Jason Nolf .....	157	1st
		Bo Nickal .....	197	1st
		Anthony Cassar .....	285	1st
		Vincenzo Joseph .....	165	2nd
		Mark Hall .....	174	2nd
		Nick Lee .....	141	5th
		Roman Bravo-Young .....	133	8th
2020	5	Roman Bravo-Young .....	133	1st-T
		Nick Lee .....	141	1st-T
		Vincenzo Joseph .....	165	1st-T
		Mark Hall .....	174	1st-T
		Aaron Brooks .....	184	1st-T
		* The 2020 tournament was canceled by the NCAA, the top eight seeds at each weight were named First Team All-Americans by the NWCA.		
2021	6	Roman Bravo-Young .....	133	1st
		Nick Lee .....	141	1st
		Carter Starocci .....	174	1st
		Aaron Brooks .....	184	1st
		Michael Beard .....	197	7th
		Greg Kerkvliet .....	197	7th
2022	6	Roman Bravo-Young .....	133	1st
		Nick Lee .....	141	1st
		Carter Starocci .....	174	1st
		Aaron Brooks .....	184	1st
		Max Dean .....	197	1st
		Greg Kerkvliet .....	197	4th
2023	8	Carter Starocci .....	174	1st
		Aaron Brooks .....	184	1st
		Roman Bravo-Young .....	133	2nd
		Levi Haines .....	157	2nd
		Greg Kerkvliet .....	285	2nd
		Beau Bartlett .....	141	3rd
		Shayne Van Ness .....	149	3rd
		Max Dean .....	197	7th
2024	8	Levi Haines .....	157	1st
		Carter Starocci .....	174	1st
		Aaron Brooks .....	197	1st
		Greg Kerkvliet .....	285	1st
		Beau Bartlett .....	141	2nd
		Mitchell Mesenbrink .....	165	2nd
		Tyler Kasak .....	149	3rd
		Bernie Truax .....	184	5th





**BRAEDEN DAVIS**  
 BELLEVILLE, MICH.  
 DUNDEE  
 NCAA Qualifier (2024, 125)

**Fr./Fr. = 125**

**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
2/18	125	L, 3-11	#12 Caleb Smith, Nebraska	dual	15-2
2/25	125	W, 19-3	Caleb Edwards, Edinboro (TF; 4:02)	dual	16-2
3/9	125	W, 11-1	Justin Cardani, Illinois (major)	B1G	17-2
3/9	125	W, 8-7 (sv)	#5 Eric Barnett, Wisconsin	B1G	18-2
3/9	125	W, 5-2 (sv2)	#16 Michael DeAugustino, Michigan	B1G	19-2
3/10	125	W, 8-1	#4 Patrick McKee, Minnesota	B1G (1st)	20-2
3/21	125	W, 8-1	#33 Tristan Lujan, Michigan State	NCAA	21-2
3/21	125	W, 2-1	#17 Brett Ungar, Cornell	NCAA	22-2
3/22	125	L, 2-3	#8 Richard Figueroa, Arizona State	NCAA	22-3
3/22	125	L, 1-4 (sv)	#5 Jore Volk, Wyoming	NCAA	22-4

**NOTES:** Ranked #1 by InterMat. **Journeyman (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. **Edinboro (2/25):** Picked up 19-3 tech fall (4:02) over Caleb Edwards.

**Big Ten Championship (3/9-10):** Became Big Ten Champion as a true freshman, going 4-0 with a major; downed #5 Eric Barnett of Wisconsin, #16 Michael DeAugustino of Michigan and #4 Patrick McKee of Minnesota 8-1 in the finals.

**NCAA Championships (3/21-23):** Went 2-2 at first NCAA Championship as a true freshman. Only losses were last second 3-2 loss to eventual NCAA Champion #8 Richard Figueroa of Arizona State and 4-1 (SV) loss to #5 Jore Volk of Wyoming. Finished one win shy of All-America status.

## CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Overall	Duals (BIG)TRN (BIG/NCAA)	F	TF	M	PTS
2023-24	22-4	9-2 (6-2)	13-2 (4-0/2-2)	0-0	5-0	5-1 33
Career	22-4	9-2 (6-2)	13-2 (4-0/2-2)	0-0	5-0	5-1 33

## CAREER IN NCAA TOURNAMENT

Year	Wt.	Result	Opponent	Place	Record
2024	125	W, 8-1	#33 Tristan Lujan, Michigan State	NCAA	1-0
2024	125	W, 2-1	#17 Brett Ungar, Cornell	NCAA	2-0
2024	125	L, 2-3	#8 Richard Figueroa, Arizona State	NCAA	22-3
2024	125	L, 1-4 (sv)	#5 Jore Volk, Wyoming	NCAA	22-4

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**AARON  
NAGAO**  
LA HABRA, CALIF.  
ESPERANZA

All-American (5th, 2023)

**Jr./So. = 133**

**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	9-4
2/25	133	W, 18-3	Eamonn Jimenez, Edinboro (TF; 3:33)	dual	10-4
3/9	133	W, 11-0	Andrew Hampton, Michigan State (major)	B1G	11-4
3/9	133	W, 4-3	#16 Jacob Van Dee, Nebraska	B1G	12-4
3/9	133	L, 3-6	#5 Dylan Ragusin, Michigan	B1G	12-5
3/10	133	W, 9-5	#17 Braxton Brown, Maryland	B1G	13-5
3/10	133	WBF	#16 Jacob Van Dee, Nebraska (1:51)	B1G (3rd)	14-5
3/21	133	L, 5-12	#23 Marlon Yarbrough, Virginia	NCAA	14-6
3/21	133	W, 16-1	#26 Kade Moore, Missouri (TF; 5:00)	NCAA	15-6
3/22	133	W, 5-1	#24 Julian Chlebove, Arizona State	NCAA	16-6
3/22	133	W, 3-0	#16 Nick Bouzakis, Ohio State	NCAA	17-6
3/22	133	L, 4-11	#3 Kai Orine, North Carolina State	NCAA	17-7

**NOTES:** Ranked #8 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. **Edinboro (2/25):** Teched Eamonn Jimenez 18-3 (3:33).

**Big Ten Championship (3/9-10):** Went 4-1 to take third as the 5th seed with a pin and a major, beat #16 Jacob Van Dee of Nebraska twice, including a pin in third place bout.

**NCAA Championships (3/21-23):** Went 3-2 at NAAs, finishing just one win shy of becoming a two-time All-American, including 16-1 tech fall win over #26 Kade Moore of Missouri and a 3-0 win over #16 Nick Bouzakis of Ohio State.

## CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Overall	Duals (B1G)	TRN (B1G/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	17-7	6-4 (2-3)	11-3 (4-1/3-2)	2-1	7-0	4-1	28
Career	39-13	14-6 (5-4)	25-7 (7-2/8-4)	3-2	8-0	8-1	58

\* at Minnesota

## CAREER IN NCAA TOURNAMENT

Year	Wt.	Result	Opponent	Place	Record
2023	133	W, 8-0	#25 Kurt Phipps, Bucknell (major)	NCAA	1-0
2023	133	WBF	#9 Micky Phillippi, Pittsburgh (2:50)	NCAA	2-0
2023	133	L, 1-4	#1 Roman Bravo-Young, Penn State	NCAA	2-1
2023	133	W, 12-0	#14 Zach Redding, Iowa State (major)	NCAA	3-1
2023	133	W, 5-4	#5 Kai Orine, North Carolina State	NCAA	4-1
2023	133	L, 4-6	#2 Daton Fix, Oklahoma State	NCAA	4-2
2023	133	W, 4-0	#13 Jesse Mendez, Ohio State	NCAA (5th)	5-2
2024	133	L, 5-12	#23 Marlon Yarbrough, Virginia	NCAA	5-3
2024	133	W, 16-1	#26 Kade Moore, Missouri (TF; 5:00)	NCAA	6-3
2024	133	W, 5-1	#24 Julian Chlebove, Arizona State	NCAA	7-3
2024	133	W, 3-0	#16 Nick Bouzakis, Ohio State	NCAA	8-3
2024	133	L, 4-11	#3 Kai Orine, North Carolina State	NCAA	8-4



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

2X All-American (3rd, 2023;  
2nd, 2024)

**Sr./Sr. = 141**

**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
2/18	141	W, 9-6	#7 Brock Hardy, Nebraska	dual	17-0
2/25	141	WBF	Jacob Brenneman, Edinboro (4:11)	dual	18-0
3/9	141	W, 4-2	#26 Jordan Hamdan, Michigan State	B1G	19-0
3/9	141	W, 5-4	#10 Sergio Lemley, Michigan	B1G	20-0
3/10	141	L, 1-4	#3 Jesse Mendez, Ohio State	B1G (2nd)	20-1
3/21	141	W, 6-1	#31 Kal Miller, Maryland	NCAA	21-1
3/21	141	WBF	#15 Mitche Moore, Rutgers (5:49)	NCAA	22-1
3/22	141	WBF	#26 Vance Vombar, Minnesota (6:48)	NCAA	23-1
3/22	141	W, 5-1	#6 Lachlan McNeil, North Carolina	NCAA	24-1
3/22	141	L, 1-4	#1 Jesse Mendez, Ohio State	NCAA (2nd)	24-2

**NOTES:** Ranked #2 by InterMat. **Journeyman (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. **Nebraska (2/18):** Two early takedowns in a 9-6 win, with riding time, over #7 Brock Hardy. **Edinboro (2/25):** Pinned Jacob Brenneman (4:11).

**Big Ten Championship (3/9-10):** Went 2-1 to place second, dropped 4-1 decision to #3 Jesse Mendez of Ohio State in finals.

**NCAA Championships (3/21-23):** Earned NCAA runner-up status to become two-time All-American. Won first four matches to advance to national finals, including two pins and a 5-1 win over #6 Lachlan McNeil of North Carolina. Lost on last-second takedown to #1 Jesse Mendez of Ohio State in NCAA title bout.

## CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Overall	Duals (B1G)TRN (B1G/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	24-2	11-0 (8-0)	13-2 (2-1/4-1)	7-0	0-0	3-0 38
<b>Career</b>	<b>74-18</b>	<b>38-8 (20-6)</b>	<b>36-10 (9-6/10-4)</b>	<b>14-0</b>	<b>1-0</b>	<b>12-2 140</b>

## CAREER IN NCAA TOURNAMENT

Year	Wt.	Result	Opponent	Place	Record
2022	149	W, 5-4	#20 Colin Realbuto, Northern Iowa	NCAA	1-0
2022	149	L, 4-6	#4 Sammy Sasso, Ohio State	NCAA	1-1
2022	149	L, 3-5	#19 Yahya Thomas, Northwestern	NCAA	1-2
2023	141	W, 9-2	#27 Shannon Hanna, Campbell	NCAA	2-2
2023	141	W, 3-1	#11 Clay Carlson, South Dakota State	NCAA	3-2
2023	141	W, 3-1 (tb1)	#3 Cole Matthews, Pittsburgh	NCAA	4-2
2023	141	L, 2-6	#2 Andrew Alirez, Northern Colorado	NCAA	4-3
2023	141	W, 12-3	#11 Clay Carlson, South Dakota State	NCAA	5-3
2023	141	W, 4-1	#10 Lachlan McNeil, North Carolina	NCAA (3rd)	6-3
2024	141	W, 6-1	#31 Kal Miller, Maryland	NCAA	7-3
2024	141	WBF	#15 Mitche Moore, Rutgers (5:49)	NCAA	8-3
2024	141	WBF	#26 Vance Vombar, Minnesota (6:48)	NCAA	9-3
2024	141	W, 5-1	#6 Lachlan McNeil, North Carolina	NCAA	10-3
2024	141	L, 1-4	#1 Jesse Mendez, Ohio State	NCAA (2nd)	10-4



**TYLER KASAK**  
 DOYLESTOWN, PA.  
 BETHLEHEM CATHOLIC  
 All-American (3rd, 2024)

**Fr./Fr. = 141/149**

**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
2/12	149	W, 7-5	#26 Michael Cetta, Rutgers	dual	12-2
2/18	149	L, 3-7	#1 Ridge Lovett, Nebraska	dual	12-3
2/25	149	WBF	Colin Roberts, Edinboro (3:20)	dual	13-3
3/9	149	WBF	Aiden Vandenbush, Northwestern (2:48)	B1G	14-3
3/9	149	W, 3-2	#10 Dylan D'Emilio, Ohio State	B1G	15-3
3/9	149	L, 0-4	#1 Ridge Lovett, Nebraska	B1G	15-4
3/10	149	W, 8-1	#8 Caleb Rathjen, Iowa	B1G	16-4
3/10	149	WBF	#12 Ethen Miller, Maryland (2:36)	B1G (3rd)	17-4
3/21	149	L, 2-4	#26 Jaden Abas, Stanford	NCAA	17-5
3/21	149	W, 14-5	#23 Drew Roberts, Minnesota (major)	NCAA	18-5
3/22	149	WBF	#9 Ethan Fernandez, Cornell (0:36)	NCAA	19-5
3/22	149	W, 13-1	#17 Graham Rooks, Indiana (major)	NCAA	20-5
3/22	149	W, 5-4	#3 Jackson Ranger, North Carolina St.	NCAA	21-5
3/22	149	W, 10-2	#11 Quinn Kinner, Rider (major)	NCAA	22-5
3/23	149	W, 10-1	#1 Ridge Lovett, Nebraska (major)	NCAA	23-5
3/23	149	W, 3-2	#5 Ty Watters, West Virginia	NCAA (3rd)	24-5

**NOTES:** Ranked #7 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. **Nebraska (2/18):** Close 7-3 loss to #1 Ridge Lovett. **Edinboro (2/25):** Pinned Colin Roberts (3:20). **Big Ten Championship (3/9-10):** Went 4-1 with two pins to take third, beat #10 Dylan D'Emilio of Ohio State 3-2, #8 Caleb Rathjen of Iowa 8-1, and pinned #12 Ethen Miller of Maryland in third place bout (2:36). **NCAA Championships (3/21-23):** Became only ninth wrestler in NCAA history to lose opening round match and come back to win seven straight and finish third. Earned All-America honors as a true freshman. Had two pins and four majors. Top ten wins over #9 Ethan Fernandez of Cornell (pin), #3 Jackson Ranger of NC State in the blood round, #1 Ridge Lovett of Nebraska (major) and #5 Ty Watters of West Virginia in third place bout.

### CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Overall	Duals (B1G)	TRN (B1G/NCAA)	F	TF	M	PTS
2023-24	24-5	6-2 (3-2)	18-3 (4-1/7-1)	5-0	1-0	7-0	23
Career	24-5	6-2 (3-2)	18-3 (4-1/7-1)	5-0	1-0	7-0	23

### CAREER IN NCAA TOURNAMENT

Year	Wt.	Result	Opponent	Place	Record
2024	141	W, 6-1	#31 Kal Miller, Maryland	NCAA	0-1
2024	141	WBF	#15 Mitche Moore, Rutgers (5:49)	NCAA	1-1
2024	149	WBF	#9 Ethan Fernandez, Cornell (0:36)	NCAA	2-1
2024	149	W, 13-1	#17 Graham Rooks, Indiana (major)	NCAA	3-1
2024	149	W, 5-4	#3 Jackson Ranger, North Carolina St.	NCAA	4-1
2024	149	W, 10-2	#11 Quinn Kinner, Rider (major)	NCAA	5-1
2024	149	W, 10-1	#1 Ridge Lovett, Nebraska (major)	NCAA	6-1
2024	149	W, 3-2	#5 Ty Watters, West Virginia	NCAA (3rd)	7-1

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**LEVI  
HAINES**  
ARENDSVILLE, PA.  
BIGLERVILLE

2X All-American (2nd, 2023;  
1st, 2024)  
NCAA Champion (2024)

**So./So. = 157**

**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	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 Wilcox, 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
2/18	157	W, 10-3	#7 Peyton Robb, Nebraska	dual 14-0
2/25	157	WBF	Gannon Jaquay, Edinboro (4:38)	dual 15-0
3/9	157	W, 12-0	Trevor Chumbley, Northwestern (major)	B1G 16-0
3/9	157	W, 5-0	#5 Jared Franek, Iowa	B1G 17-0
3/10	157	W, 4-1 (sv)	#16 Will Lewan, Michigan	B1G (1st) 18-0
3/21	157	W, 17-2	#32 Isaac Wilcox, Ohio State (TF; 7:00)	NCAA 19-0
3/21	157	W, 19-4	#16 Teague Travis, Oklahoma St. (TF; 6:41)	NCAA 20-0
3/22	157	W, 8-0	#8 Peyton Robb, Nebraska (major)	NCAA 21-0
3/22	157	WBF (sv)	#12 Bryce Andonian, Virginia Tech (7:48)	NCAA 22-0
3/23	157	W, 5-0	#2 Jacori Teemer, Arizona State	NCAA (1st) 23-0

**NOTES:** Ranked #1 by InterMat. **Journeyman (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). **Nebraska (2/18):** Rolled to 10-3 win over #7 Peyton Robb. **Edinboro (2/25):** Pinned Gannon Jaquay (4:38). **Big Ten Championship (3/9-10):** Went 3-0 with a major to win second straight Big Ten Championship, downed #5 Jared Franek of Iowa 5-0 and #16 Will Lewan of Michigan in the finals. **NCAA Championships (3/21-23):** Won NCAA Championship at 157 to cap off unblemished 23-0 season. Went 5-0 at tournament with a major, two techs and a pin. Top ten wins over #8 Peyton Robb of Nebraska (major) and #2 Jacori Teemer (5-0 in national finals).

## CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Overall	Duals (B1G)	TRN (B1G/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	23-0	12-0 (8-0)	11-0 (3-0/5-0)	5-0	5-0	5-0	51
Career	48-2	23-0 (15-0)	25-2 (6-0/9-1)	8-0	6-0	10-0	94

## CAREER IN NCAA TOURNAMENT

Year	Wt.	Result	Opponent	Place Record
2023	157	W, 10-3	#31 Ashton Eyles, Lock Haven	NCAA 1-0
2023	157	W, 8-2	#15 Jacob Wright, Wyoming	NCAA 2-0
2023	157	WBF	#7 Bryce Andonian, Virginia Tech (6:11)	NCAA 3-0
2023	157	W, 5-3	#3 Peyton Robb, Nebraska	NCAA 4-0
2023	157	L, 2-6	#1 Austin O'Connor, North Carolina	NCAA (2nd) 4-1
2024	157	W, 17-2	#32 Isaac Wilcox, Ohio State (TF; 7:00)	NCAA 5-1
2024	157	W, 19-4	#16 Teague Travis, Oklahoma St. (TF; 6:41)	NCAA 6-1
3/22	157	W, 8-0	#8 Peyton Robb, Nebraska (major)	NCAA 7-1
3/22	157	WBF (sv)	#12 Bryce Andonian, Virginia Tech (7:48)	NCAA 8-1
3/23	157	W, 5-0	#2 Jacori Teemer, Arizona State	NCAA (1st) 9-1

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**MITCHELL  
MESENBRINK**  
HARTLAND, WIS.  
ARROWHEAD  
All-American (2nd, 2024)

**So./Fr. = 157/165**

**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 Barraclough, 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
2/18	165	W, 9-5	#15 Antrell Taylor, Nebraska	dual	18-0
2/25	165	W, forfe.	Forfeit, Edinboro	dual	19-0
3/9	165	WBF	#31 Blaine Brenner, Minnesota (3:59)	B1G	20-0
3/9	165	W, 23-7	#6 Mikey Caliendo, Iowa (TF; 6:47)	B1G	21-0
3/10	165	W, 13-11	#4 Dean Hamiti, Wisconsin	B1G (1st)	22-0
3/21	165	W, 18-2	#31 Maxx Mayfield, Northwestern (TF; 5:32)	NCAA	23-0
3/21	165	W, 11-3	#15 Brevin Cassella, Binghamton (major)	NCAA	24-0
3/22	165	W, 6-1	#10 Cameron Amine, Michigan	NCAA	25-0
3/22	165	W, 17-9	#6 Mikey Caliendo, Iowa (major)	NCAA	26-0
3/23	165	L, 8-9	#4 David Carr, Iowa State	NCAA (2nd)	26-1

**NOTES:** Ranked #2 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). **Nebraska (2/18):** Takedowns in second and third period for exciting 9-5 win over #15 Antrell Taylor.

**Big Ten Championship (3/9-10):** Blazed through tourney field at first B1G tournament, going 3-0 with a pin and a tech to win Big Ten Championship, pinned #31 Blaine Brenner of Minnesota (3:59), teched #6 Mikey Caliendo of Iowa 23-7 in semis and rallied late for a thrilling 13-11 win over #4 Dean Hamiti of Wisconsin in finals, named **2024 Big Ten Freshman of the Year** at conclusion of tournament.

**NCAA Championships (3/21-23):** Became freshman All-American and national runner-up with 4-1 run at NCAAs. Had two majors and a tech fall to get to finals. Lost hard fought 9-8 decision to #4 David Carr of Iowa State in finals on riding time.

## 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	26-1	12-0 (8-0)	7-0 (0-0/0-0)	4-0	9-0	4-0	56
Career	28-1	14-0 (8-0)	7-0 (0-0/0-0)	6-0	9-0	6-0	68

\* at Cal-Baptist // Redshirt season (results count)

## CAREER IN NCAA TOURNAMENT

Year	Wt.	Result	Opponent	Place	Record
2024	165	W, 18-2	#31 Maxx Mayfield, Northwestern (TF; 5:32)	NCAA	1-0
2024	165	W, 11-3	#15 Brevin Cassella, Binghamton (major)	NCAA	2-0
2024	165	W, 6-1	#10 Cameron Amine, Michigan	NCAA	3-0
2024	165	W, 17-9	#6 Mikey Caliendo, Iowa (major)	NCAA	4-0
2024	165	L, 8-9	#4 David Carr, Iowa State	NCAA (2nd)	4-1



**CARTER STAROCCI**  
 ERIE, PA.  
 CATHEDRAL PREP  
 4X National Champion  
 (2021, 2022, 2023, 2024)  
 4X All-American (1st, 2021;  
 1st, 2022; 1st, 2023; 1st, 2024)

**Sr./Sr. = 174**

**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
2/18	174	W, 20-4	#33 Bubba Wilson, Nebraska (TF; 5:58)	dual	11-0
2/25	174	W, 22-5	Joseph Arnold, Edinboro (TF; 2:45)	dual	12-0
3/9	174	L, inj.def.	#30 Andrew Sparks, Minnesota (6:59)	B1G	12-1
3/9	174	L, inj.def.	#32 Brody Baumann, Purdue	B1G	12-2
3/21	174	W, 12-6	#24 Andrew Sparks, Minnesota	NCAA	13-2
3/21	174	W, 5-3	#8 Adam Kemp, Cal Poly	NCAA	14-2
3/22	174	W, 4-0	#1 Mekhi Lewis, Virginia Tech	NCAA	15-2
3/22	174	W, 2-0	#4 Shane Griffith, Michigan	NCAA	16-2
3/23	174	W, 2-0	#6 Rocco Welsh, Ohio State	NCAA (1st)	17-2

**NOTES:** Ranked #1 by InterMat. **Journeyman (11/12):** Rolled to a 3-0 record at Journeyman 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. **Nebraska (2/18):** Strong 20-4 tech fall (5:58) over #33 Bubba Wilson. **Edinboro (2/25):** Teched Joseph Arnold 22-5 (2:45). **Big Ten Championship (3/9-10):** Took two precautionary injury defaults at 6:59.

**NCAA Championships (3/21-23):** Became one of Penn State's two four-time NCAA Champions with 5-0 run at nationals. Defeated two prior NCAA Champions on the way. Grabbed four top-ten wins (#8 Adam Kemp of Cal Poly, #1 Mekhi Lewis of Virginia Tech, #4 Shane Griffith of Michigan, #6 Rocco Welsh of Ohio State in the finals.

## CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Overall	Duals (B1G)	TRN (B1G/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	17-2	9-0 (5-2)	8-2 (0-2/5-0)	3-0	6-0	1-0	44
<b>Career</b>	<b>78-4</b>	<b>45-1 (24-3)</b>	<b>33-3 (9-3/20-0)</b>	<b>14-0</b>	<b>15-0</b>	<b>16-0</b>	<b>193</b>

## CAREER IN NCAA TOURNAMENT

Year	Wt.	Result	Opponent	Place	Record
2021	174	W, 10-2	#30 Victor Marcelli, Virginia (major)	NCAA	1-0
2021	174	W, 8-2	#14 Hayden Hastings, Wyoming	NCAA	2-0
2021	174	W, 6-3	#6 Andrew McNally, Kent State	NCAA	3-0
2021	174	W, 2-0	#2 Demetrius Romero, Utah Valley	NCAA	4-0
2021	174	W, 3-1 (sv)	#1 Michael Kemerer, Iowa	NCAA (1st)	5-0
2022	174	WBF	#33 Connor O'Neill, Rutgers (6:38)	NCAA	6-0
2022	174	W, 10-4	#16 Adam Kemp, Cal Poly	NCAA	7-0
2022	174	W, 6-1	#9 Mikey Labriola, Nebraska	NCAA	8-0
2022	174	W, 10-3	#4 Hayden Hiday, North Carolina State	NCAA	9-0
2022	174	W, 5-5 (TB2, FT)	#2 Mekhi Lewis, North Carolina St.	NCAA (1st)	10-0
2023	174	WBF	#33 John Worthing, Clarion (1:21)	NCAA	11-0
2023	174	W, 4-0	#17 DJ Washington, Indiana	NCAA	12-0
2023	174	W, 5-2	#8 Bailee O'Reilly, Minnesota	NCAA	13-0
2023	174	W, 6-0	#4 Chris Foca, Cornell	NCAA	14-0
2023	174	WBF	#2 Mike Labriola, Nebraska (2:46)	NCAA (1st)	15-0
2024	174	W, 12-6	#24 Andrew Sparks, Minnesota	NCAA	16-0
2024	174	W, 5-3	#8 Adam Kemp, Cal Poly	NCAA	17-0
2024	174	W, 4-0	#1 Mekhi Lewis, Virginia Tech	NCAA	18-0
2024	174	W, 2-0	#4 Shane Griffith, Michigan	NCAA	19-0
2024	174	W, 2-0	#6 Rocco Welsh, Ohio State	NCAA (1st)	20-0

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**BERNIE TRUAX IV**  
 OCEANSIDE, CALIF.  
 RANCHO BUENA VISTA

4X All-American (4th, 2021/174; 4th, 2022/184; 4th, 2023/197; 5th, 2024/184)

**Gr./Gr. = 184**

**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
2/18	184	L, 6-8	#3 Lenny Pinto, Nebraska	dual	10-3
2/25	184	W, 21-3	Brody Evans, Edinboro (TF; 5:00)	dual	11-3
3/9	184	W, 19-1	Chase Mielnik, Indiana (TF; 2:41)	B1G	12-3
3/9	184	W, 7-2	#17 Layne Malczewski, Michigan State	B1G	13-3
3/9	184	W, 4-2	#3 Lenny Pinto, Nebraska	B1G	14-3
3/10	184	L, 1-8 (sv)	#5 Isaiah Salazar, Minnesota	B1G (2nd)	14-4
3/21	184	W, 18-3	#27 Cameron Pine, Clarion (TF; 5:09)	NCAA	15-4
3/21	184	W, 4-2	#11 Colton Hawks, Missouri	NCAA	16-4
3/22	184	L, 6-16	#3 Dustin Plott, Oklahoma State	NCAA	16-5
3/22	184	W, 5-0	#10 Dylan Fishback, North Carolina State	NCAA	17-5
3/22	184	W, 5-1	#7 Thomas Stewart, Virginia Tech	NCAA	18-5
3/23	184	LBF	#4 Trey Munoz, Oregon State (2:29)	NCAA	18-6
3/23	184	W, 12-0	#2 Isaiah Salazar, Minnesota (major)	NCAA (5th)	19-6

**NOTES:** Ranked #5 by InterMat. **Journeymen (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. **Nebraska (2/18):** Late rally fell just short in 8-6 loss to #3 Lenny Pinto. **Edinboro (2/25):** Teched Brody Evans 21-3 (5:00). **Big Ten Championship (3/9-10):** Went 3-1 at first B1G tourney to earn B1G runner-up laurels as third seed, beat #17 Layne Malczewski of Michigan State 7-2, downed #3 Lenny Pinto of Nebraska 4-2 in semis and lost thrilling sudden victory decision to #5 Isaiah Salazar of Minnesota in the finals. **NCAA Championships (3/21-23):** Became four-time All-American with fifth place finish at 184. Went 5-2 with a major and a tech fall. Posted top 10 wins over #10 Dylan Fishback of North Carolina State, #7 Thomas Stewart of Virginia Tech and a 12-0 major over #2 Isaiah Salazar of Minnesota in the fifth place bout.

**CAREER STATISTICS**

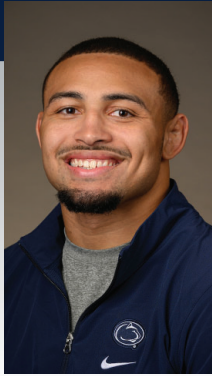
Year	Overall	Duals (B1G)	TRN (B1G/NCAA)	F	TF	M	PTS
*2018-19							
Redshirt season							
*2019-20	18-11	8-4 (0-0)	10-7 (0-0/0-0)	2-5	5-0	3-2	30
*2020-21	13-3	5-0 (0-0)	8-3 (0-0/4-2)	4-0	4-0	1-0	25
*2021-22	18-3	7-0 (0-0)	11-3 (0-0/4-2)	3-1	4-0	1-0	34
*2022-23	18-3	8-1 (0-0)	10-0 (0-0/5-2)	2-1	4-0	3-0	35
2023-24	19-6	8-3 (5-2)	11-3 (3-1/5-2)	2-2	4-0	4-1	35
<b>Career</b>	<b>86-27</b>	<b>36-8 (5-2)</b>	<b>50-18 (3-1/18-8)</b>	<b>13-9</b>	<b>21-0</b>	<b>12-3</b>	<b>159</b>
* at Cal Poly							

**CAREER IN NCAA TOURNAMENT**

Year	Wt.	Result	Opponent	Place	Record
2021	174	W, 18-3	#21 Jacob Oliver, Edinboro (TF; 3:19)	NCAA	1-0
2021	174	W, 3-1 (sv)	#5 Logan Massa, Michigan	NCAA	2-0
2021	174	W, 4-2	#4 Mikey Labriola, Nebraska	NCAA	3-0
2021	174	L, 1-8	#1 Michael Kemerer, Iowa	NCAA	3-1
2021	174	W, 7-6	#5 Logan Massa, Michigan	NCAA	4-1
2021	174	L, 3-8	#4 Mikey Labriola, Nebraska	NCAA (4th)	4-2
2022	184	W, 1-0	#28 Gregg Harvey, Pittsburgh	NCAA	5-2
2022	184	W, 6-2	#21 Tate Samuelson, Wyoming	NCAA	6-2
2022	184	W, 6-5	#4 Parker Keckeisen, Northern Iowa	NCAA	7-2
2022	184	L, 1-3 (sv)	#1 Myles Amine, Michigan	NCAA	7-3
2022	184	W, 3-1	#7 Kaleb Romero, Ohio State	NCAA	8-3
2022	184	L, 4-6	#4 Parker Keckeisen, Northern Iowa	NCAA (4th)	8-4
2023	197	W, 8-0	#31 Austin Cooley, West Virginia (major)	NCAA	9-4
2023	197	W, 8-2	#15 Luke Surber, Oklahoma State	NCAA	10-4
2023	197	L, 4-6 (sv)	#7 Tanner Sloan, South Dakota State	NCAA	10-5
2023	197	W, 4-2	#5 Michael Beard, Lehigh	NCAA	11-5
2023	197	W, 8-6 (sv)	#9 Max Dean, Penn State	NCAA	12-5
2023	197	W, 5-2	#4 Ethan Laird, Rider	NCAA	13-5
2023	197	L, 2-5	#3 Rocky Elam, Missouri	NCAA (4th)	13-6
2024	184	W, 18-3	#27 Cameron Pine, Clarion (TF; 5:09)	NCAA	14-6
2024	184	W, 4-2	#11 Colton Hawks, Missouri	NCAA	15-6
2024	184	L, 6-16	#3 Dustin Plott, Oklahoma State	NCAA	16-5
2024	184	W, 5-0	#10 Dylan Fishback, North Carolina State	NCAA	17-5
2024	184	W, 5-1	#7 Thomas Stewart, Virginia Tech	NCAA	18-5
2024	184	LBF	#4 Trey Munoz, Oregon State (2:29)	NCAA	18-6
2024	184	W, 12-0	#2 Isaiah Salazar, Minnesota (major)	NCAA (5th)	19-6

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**AARON BROOKS**  
 HAGERSTOWN, MD.  
 NORTH HAGERSTOWN  
 4X National Champion  
 (2021, 2022, 2023, 2024)  
 5X All-American (1st Tm,  
 2020; 1st, 2021; 1st, 2022;  
 1st, 2023; 1st, 2024/197)

**Sr./Sr.+ = 197**

**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
2/18	197	W, 17-4	#13 Silas Allred, Nebraska (major)	dual	13-0
2/25	197	W, 19-4	Jack Kilner, Edinboro (TF; 4:55)	dual	14-0
3/9	197	W, 19-3	Evan Bates, Northwestern (TF; 5:50)	B1G	15-0
3/9	197	W, 14-2	#13 Silas Allred, Nebraska (major)	B1G	16-0
3/10	197	W, 19-3	#11 Zach Glazier, Iowa (TF; 6:07)	B1G (1st)	17-0
3/21	197	W, 19-4	#33 Evan Bates, Northwestern (TF; 5:25)	NCAA	18-0
3/21	197	WBF	#17 Joseph Novak, Wyoming (2:30)	NCAA	19-0
3/22	197	WBF	#8 Stephen Buchanan, Oklahoma (2:44)	NCAA	20-0
3/22	197	W, 17-2	#12 Rocky Elam, Missouri (TF; 5:45)	NCAA	21-0
3/23	197	W, 6-0	#2 Trent Hiday, North Carolina State	NCAA (1st)	22-0

**NOTES:** Ranked #1 by InterMat, first season up at 197. **Journeyman (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. **Nebraska (2/18):** Posted convincing 17-4 win over #13 Silas Allred in Rec Hall. **Edinboro (2/25):** Teched Jack Kilner 19-4 (4:55). **Big Ten Championship (3/9-10):** Roared to 2024 Big Ten Championship with 3-0 run, including two techs and a major, becoming four-time champion and five-time finalists, majored #13 Silas Allred of Nebraska 14-2 in semis and teched #11 Zach Glazier of Iowa 19-3 in finals, named **2024 Big Ten Championship Outstanding Wrestler** and **2024 Big Ten Wrestler of the Year** at tournament's end. **NCAA Championships (3/21-23):** Became on of Penn State's first two four-time National Champions with 5-0 run at NCAAs. Picked up two tech falls and two pins, including a pin of #8 Stephen Buchanan of Oklahoma. Shut out #2 Trent Hiday of North Carolina State in the last title match on Finals night in Kansas City. Was named **2024 NCAA Most Dominant Wrestler of the Year** and **2024 NCAA Championship Outstanding Wrestler** at the conclusion of the tournament.

### 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	22-0	11-0 (8-0)	11-0 (3-0/5-0)	6-0	11-0	3-0	53
<b>Career</b>	<b>89-3</b>	<b>49-2 (33-1)</b>	<b>40-1 (14-1/20-0)</b>	<b>16-0</b>	<b>20-0</b>	<b>23-0</b>	<b>211</b>

### CAREER IN NCAA TOURNAMENT

Year	Wt.	Result	Opponent	Place	Record
2021	184	W, 17-1	#32 Jhaquan Anderson, Gardner-Webb	NCAA	1-0
2021	184	W, 5-0	#17 Owen Webster, Minnesota	NCAA	2-0
2021	184	W, 9-4	#8 Taylor Venz, Nebraska	NCAA	3-0
2021	184	W, 6-4	#4 Parker Keckeisen, Northern Iowa	NCAA	4-0
2021	184	W, 3-2	#2 Trent Hiday, North Carolina St.	NCAA (1st)	5-0
2022	184	W, 21-7	#31 A.J. Burkhart, Lehigh (major)	NCAA	6-0
2022	184	W, 9-1	#15 Hunter Bolen, Virginia Tech (major)	NCAA	7-0
2022	184	W, 13-2	#7 Kaleb Romero, Ohio State (major)	NCAA	8-0
2022	184	W, 6-4 (sv)	#3 Trent Hiday, North Carolina State	NCAA	9-0
2022	184	W, 5-3	#1 Myles Amine, Michigan	NCAA (1st)	10-0
2023	184	W, 13-4	#30 Matt Waddell, Chattanooga (maj.)	NCAA	11-0
2023	184	WBF	#14 Will Feldkamp, Clarion (4:59)	NCAA	12-0
2023	184	W, 4-1	#6 Kaleb Romero, Ohio State	NCAA	13-0
2023	184	W, 6-3	#2 Trent Hiday, North Carolina St.	NCAA	14-0
2023	184	W, 7-2	#1 Parker Keckeisen, Northern Iowa	NCAA (1st)	15-0
2024	197	W, 19-4	#33 Evan Bates, Northwestern (TF; 5:25)	NCAA	16-0
2024	197	WBF	#17 Joseph Novak, Wyoming (2:30)	NCAA	17-0
2024	197	WBF	#8 Stephen Buchanan, Oklahoma (2:44)	NCAA	18-0
2024	197	W, 17-2	#12 Rocky Elam, Missouri (TF; 5:45)	NCAA	19-0
2024	197	W, 6-0	#2 Trent Hiday, North Carolina State	NCAA (1st)	20-0

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

**Sr./Sr. = 285**

**PARENTS: KRYSTAL AND GREG KERKVLIT**  
**MAJOR: RECREATION, PARK AND TOURISM MANAGEMENT**

## 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, 7-2	#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
2/18	285	W, 10-0	Nash Hutmacher, Nebraska	dual	11-0
2/25	285	WBF	Nick Lodato, Edinboro (2:27)	dual	12-0
3/9	285	W, 15-0	#30 Bennett Tabor, Minnesota (TF; 3:25)	B1G	13-0
3/9	285	W, 9-0	#12 Yaraslau Slavikouski, Rutgers (major)	B1G	14-0
3/10	285	W, 9-3	#7 Nick Feldman, Ohio State	B1G (1st)	15-0
3/21	285	W, 19-3	#32 Nick Willham, Indiana (TF; 5:16)	NCAA	16-0
3/21	285	W, 9-0	#17 Grady Griess, Navy (major)	NCAA	17-0
3/22	285	W, 1-0	#19 Nick Feldman, Ohio State	NCAA	18-0
3/22	285	W, 8-1	#4 Cohlton Schultz, Arizona State	NCAA	19-0
3/22	285	W, 13-4	#10 Lucas Davison, Michigan (major)	NCAA (1st)	20-0

**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. **Nebraska (2/18):** Capped off Penn State's win over Nebraska with 10-0 major against Nash Hutmacher. **Edinboro (2/25):** Pinned Nick Lodato (2:27). **Big Ten Championship (3/9-10):** Claimed his first Big Ten Championship with 3-0 run in Maryland, teched #30 Bennett Tabor of Minnesota 15-0, majored #12 Yaraslau Slavikouski of Rutgers 9-0 in semis and beat #7 Nick Feldman of Ohio State 9-3 in finals.

**NCAA Championships (3/21-23):** Became four-time All-American by winning his first individual National Championship. Went 5-0 with two majors and a tech fall. Beat #4 Cohlton Schultz 8-1 in NCAA semifinals and majored #10 Lucas Davison of Michigan 13-4 in title bout.

## CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Overall	Duals (B1G)	TRN (B1G/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	20-0	9-0 (6-0)	11-0 (3-0/5-0)	2-0	4-0	8-0	40
<b>Career</b>	<b>71-10</b>	<b>37-2 (20-2)</b>	<b>34-8 (13-4/17-4)</b>	<b>13-0</b>	<b>14-0</b>	<b>23-0</b>	<b>172</b>

## CAREER IN NCAA TOURNAMENT

Year	Wt.	Result	Opponent	Place	Record
2021	285	W, 18-0	#24 Jonathan Birchmeier, Navy (TF; 2:17)	NCAA	1-0
2021	285	W, 12-2	#8 Jordan Wood, Lehigh (major)	NCAA	2-0
2021	285	L, 4-7	#1 Gable Steveson, Minnesota	NCAA	2-1
2021	285	W, 13-5	#29 Austin Harris, Oklahoma St. (major)	NCAA	3-1
2021	285	L, 8-14	#4 Cohlton Schultz, Arizona State	NCAA	3-2
2021	285	W, 13-1	#21 Tate Orndorff, Ohio State (major)	NCAA (7th)	4-2
2022	285	WBF	#29 Brandon Metz, North Dakota St.	NCAA	5-2
2022	285	W, 10-1	#13 Tate Orndorff, Ohio State (major)	NCAA	6-2
2022	285	W, 7-1	#12 Christian Lance, Nebraska	NCAA	7-2
2022	285	L, 3-8	#1 Gable Steveson, Minnesota	NCAA	7-3
2022	285	W, 6-1	#7 Mason Parris, Michigan	NCAA (4th)	8-3
2023	285	WBF	#30 Hayden Copass, Purdue (0:34)	NCAA	9-3
2023	285	W, 14-2	#14 A.J. Nevills, South Dakota St. (maj.)	NCAA	10-3
2023	285	W, 4-0	#11 Trent Hillger, Wisconsin	NCAA	11-3
2023	285	W, 4-2	#2 Wyatt Hendrickson, Air Force	NCAA	12-3
2023	285	L, 1-5	#1 Mason Parris, Michigan	NCAA (2nd)	12-4
2024	285	W, 19-3	#32 Nick Willham, Indiana (TF; 5:16)	NCAA	13-4
2024	285	W, 9-0	#17 Grady Griess, Navy (major)	NCAA	14-4
2024	285	W, 1-0	#19 Nick Feldman, Ohio State	NCAA	15-5
2024	285	W, 8-1	#4 Cohlton Schultz, Arizona State	NCAA	16-4
2024	285	W, 13-4	#10 Lucas Davison, Michigan (major)	NCAA (1st)	17-4

# 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: Aycin 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 a 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.

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## #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.

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## #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 Kerkviet 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 Kerkviet, ranked No. 1 at 285, closed out the dual by majoring Nick Willham 14-2. Kerkviet tallied three takedowns and over 4:00 in riding time (4:43). Kerkviet'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, Kerkviet) 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 Kerkviet, ranked No. 1 at 285, took on Nick Willham. Kerkviet 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. Kerkviet finished on top and led 5-0 with 2:41 in time after one. Kerkviet chose down to start the second period and quickly escaped to a 6-0 lead. Kerkviet 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 Kerkviet cut him to a 10-1 score. Kerkviet 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.





## #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.



## #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 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 1:30, 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.



## #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 11-1 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.



# #1 PENN STATE 22, #8 NEBRASKA 13

## Sunday, Feb. 18, 2024 -- Rec Hall -- University Park, Pa.

125: #12 Caleb Smith NEB maj. dec. #6 Braeden Davis PSU, 11-3 0-4  
 133: #17 Jacob Van Dee NEB dec. Baylor Shunk PSU, 6-2 0-7  
 141: #1 Beau Bartlett PSU dec. #7 Brock Hardy NEB, 9-6 3-7  
 149: #1 Ridge Lovett NEB dec. #9 Tyler Kasak PSU, 7-3 3-10  
 157: #1 Levi Haines PSU dec. #7 Peyton Robb NEB, 10-3 6-10  
 165: #6 Mitchell Mesenbrink PSU dec. No. 15 Antrell Taylor NEB, 9-5 9-10  
 174: #1 Carter Starocci PSU tech fall No. 33 Bubba Wilson NEB, 19-4 (TF; 5:58) 14-10  
 184: #3 Lenny Pinto NEB dec. #6 Bernie Truax PSU, 8-6 14-13  
 197: #1 Aaron Brooks PSU maj. dec. #13 Silas Allred NEB, 17-4 18-13  
 285: #1 Greg Kerkvliet PSU maj. dec. Nash Hutmacher NEB, 10-0 22-13  
 Attendance: 6,585 (Penn State has wrestled in front of 80 sellouts in its last 83 home events, including 71-straight in Rec Hall and 9 of 12 in the BJC).

The Penn State Nittany Lion wrestling team (11-0, 8-0 B1G) took care of visiting Nebraska (11-2, 6-2 B1G) to claim its 10th Big Ten Regular Season Championship under head coach Cael Sanderson. Penn State downed the Cornhuskers 22-13 to win the regular season crown outright. The Nittany Lions wrestled in front of nearly 6,600 fans, the 71st-straight sellout in Rec Hall. Penn State has won 10 B1G dual titles since 2012, with this year's marking the fourth straight for the Nittany Lions. Penn State has shared four of those titles (2012, 2014, 2016, 2021).

The dual meet began at 125. True freshman Braeden Davis, ranked No. 6 at 125, dropped a tough 11-3 major to No. 12 Caleb Smith, giving Nebraska an early lead. With No. 11 Aaron Nagao out at 133, Baylor Shunk got the call to take on No. 17 Jacob Van Dee. Shunk dropped a tough 6-2 decision and the visitors led 7-0 after two bouts. Senior Beau Bartlett, ranked No. 1 at 141, used takedowns in the first and second periods to notch a strong 9-6 win over No. 7 Brock Hardy. Bartlett's win got Penn State on the board, cutting the Nebraska lead to 7-3.

True freshman Tyler Kasak, ranked No. 9 at 149, nearly took down No. 1 Ridge Lovett. But the Husker notched a last second takedown to steal a 7-3 win (with riding time). Sophomore Levi Haines, ranked No. 1 at 157, dominated No. 7 Peyton Robb in a 10-3 win. Haines notched three takedowns and an escape to cut the Nebraska team lead to 10-6 heading into halftime.

Redshirt freshman Mitchell Mesenbrink, ranked No. 6 at 165, came back from an early takedown deficit to beat No. 15 Antrell Taylor. Mesenbrink rallied for a 9-5 victory, cutting the Husker lead to 10-9. Senior Carter Starocci, ranked No. 1 at 174, then put Penn State on top with a dominant 20-4 technical fall over No. 33 Bubba Wilson. Starocci notched six takedowns and finished off the tech at the 5:58 mark. His win put Penn State on top 14-10.

Graduate Bernie Truax, ranked No. 6 at 184, nearly came back from a two-takedown deficit. But his last second takedown effort finished just too late, and he dropped an 8-6 decision to No. 3 Lenny Pinto. Senior Aaron Brooks, ranked No. 1 at 197, rolled to a convincing 17-4 major with nearly 4:00 in riding time over No. 13 Silas Allred. Brooks picked up five takedowns in the win and gave Penn State an 18-13 lead heading into the last bout. Senior Greg Kerkvliet, ranked No. 1 at 285, capped off the Nittany Lion win by rolling to a 10-0 major over Nash Hutmacher, piling up 5:21 in riding time in the process. Kerkvliet's major made the final score 22-13 in Penn State's favor.

Penn State rolled up a 21-9 edge in takedowns. The Nittany Lions picked up four bonus points off two majors (Brooks, Kerkvliet) and a tech fall (Starocci).

### DUAL MEET BOUT-BY-BOUT:

125: True freshman Braeden Davis, ranked No. 6 at 125, met 12th-ranked graduate student Caleb Smith. Davis defended two quick Smith shots off the opening whistle and action settled down on the Nittany Lion logo. Davis had his first shot defended by Smith as the clock hit 2:00. Davis shot a second time forcing Smith backwards at 1:45, still knotted 0-0. Davis shot Smith into a stall warning at 1:00 and then got in deep on a single leg. The Lion freshman nearly finished off the move, but Smith was able to flee out of bounds, keeping the score tied at 0-0. The duo finished the period in neutral and moved to the second period in a scoreless tie. Smith chose down to start the second period. Davis maintained control of the Husker through 1:30 and to a reset at 1:18. Davis worked his riding time edge to 1:01 before Smith escaped to a 1-0 lead. Davis continued to shoot Smith backwards through :30. He withstood a Smith shot attempt at :10 and trailed 1-0 after two periods. Davis chose down to start the third period and quickly escaped to a 1-1 tie. With riding time not a factor, action was neutral at 1:25. Davis shot twice before Smith countered. Davis continued to fight through, but Smith notched a takedown and tacked on four back points to take an 8-2 lead. Davis got a point on a penalty, but the Husker finished off the major decision with a late takedown, posting the 11-3 win.

133: With No. 11 Aaron Nagao out and not wrestling at 133, Baylor Shunk got the call and took on No. 17 Jacob Van Dee. Van Dee took a quick shot and got in on a low double, finishing off the takedown to lead 3-0 at 2:25. Shunk escaped to a 3-1 score and action resumed in neutral. Van Dee picked up a second takedown midway through the period and Shunk escaped to a 6-2 score at :50. Shunk connected on a low single, but Van Dee countered his way out of trouble and led 6-2 after one. Van Dee chose down to start the second period and Shunk went to work on top, he controlled action on top through the 1:00 mark. Shunk's strong rideout allowed the Nittany Lion to finish off the period on top. Shunk, trailing 6-2 but with 1:13 in time, chose down to start the third period. Shunk nearly reversed the Husker to his bac at 1:30 but Van Dee was able to continue the roll and stayed on top. The Husker was able to finish the period on top and notched a hard-fought 6-2 win.

141: Senior Beau Bartlett, ranked No. 1 at 141, faced off against No. 7 Brock Hardy. Bartlett shot off the opening whistle, gaining control of Hardy's right leg and, after a bit of work, finishing off the takedown for a 3-0 lead at the 2:28 mark. Hardy escaped to a 3-1 score at 2:03 and action returned to the Nittany Lion logo. Bartlett stalked the center of the mat, looking to break through Hardy's defense as the clock moved below 1:00. The match moved to the second stanza with Bartlett leading 3-1. Bartlett chose down to start the second period and quickly escaped to a 4-1 lead. Hardy shot low on Bartlett and the Nittany Lion senior countered, worked his way into control of Hardy's foot, and scrambled his way to a second takedown and a 7-1 lead at :55. Bartlett maintained control to the :12 mark, giving up a stall warning in the process. Bartlett led 7-2 with 1:10 in time after two. Hardy chose down to start the third period and escaped to a 7-3 score; Bartlett maintained 1:18 in riding time. Hardy worked his way through a double leg for a takedown, cutting the lead to 7-6. Bartlett escaped to an 8-6 lead. He fought off another Hardy shot, with action stopped on

potentially dangerous. Hardy chose down on the reset off injury time and took neutral with :28 on the clock. Bartlett countered a late Hardy shot and finished the match in neutral. With 1:11 in riding time, Bartlett notched the hard fought 9-6 win.

149: True freshman Tyler Kasak, ranked No. 9 at 149, took on No. 1 Ridge Lovett. Kasak worked the middle of the mat toe-to-toe with Lovett. He bulled his way through a high double for a takedown to open up a 3-0 lead. Lovett was able to work his way through a reversal, cutting the Nittany Lion freshman's lead to 3-2. Lovett finished the period on top. Trailing 3-2, Lovett chose down to start the second period and quickly escaped to a 3-3 tie. Kasak was hit for stalling at 1:05 as he fought off Lovett on the outside circle. The Nittany Lion battled in neutral through :30 and took the bout to the third period tied 3-3. Kasak chose neutral to start the third period as Lovett had :47 in riding time to his side. A reset was called at 1:34 after action moved out of bounds. Kasak nearly connected on two quick low shots, but Lovett was able to skip away each time, with time moving down below :30. Lovett nearly connected on a low shot and Kasak scrambled through the move. A takedown was given, and Penn State challenged the call. The takedown was awarded after review and Lovett escaped with a last second 7-3 win (with riding time).

157: Sophomore Levi Haines, ranked No. 1 at 157, met No. 7 Peyton Robb. Robb took an early high double and Haines fought the move off to keep action in neutral. The clock moved through the 2:00 mark and Haines turned a low single into a scramble on the Lion logo. Haines fought for the takedown for over a minute before a stalemate was called at :50. The first period ended in a 0-0 tie. Robb chose down to start the second period and quickly escaped to a 1-0 lead. Haines took a high single and worked action to the mat again. A quick stalemate ended the scramble with 1:20 on the clock. Robb took a slight shot and Haines blocked off the effort at 1:10. Haines continued to shoot Robb backwards on the Lion logo as the second period wound down with :20 on the clock. Haines worked Robb into neutral danger and picked up a takedown off the move as time expired to lead 3-1 after two. Haines chose down to start the third period and quickly escaped to a 4-1 lead. Haines fought off a solid Robb shot at the 1:30 mark, then scrambled his way to control of both Robb's feet for another takedown and a 7-1 lead at 1:10. Looking for bonus points, Haines used a high double to lift Robb off the mat and took him down to up his lead to 10-2. Robb escaped at :25 to avoid the major but Haines rolled to the convincing 10-3 win.

165: Freshman Mitchell Mesenbrink, ranked No. 6 at 165, faced No. 15 Antrell Taylor. Mesenbrink took a quick shot and Taylor quickly countered for a fast takedown and a 3-0 lead. Mesenbrink escaped to a 3-1 score and then turned a high single into a scoring opportunity. He lifted Taylor's right leg off the mat and worked for a takedown as the clock moved through the 1:00 mark. Taylor was able to fight off the move and keep his lead as the clock hit :41. Mesenbrink kept the pressure on Taylor as the first period ended and trailed 3-1 after one. Mesenbrink chose down to start the second period and escaped to a 3-2 score at 1:36. The Nittany Lion paced worked his way into control of Taylor at the waist, lifted him off the mat and took a 5-3 lead with a thunderous takedown with 1:00 on the clock. Taylor escaped to a 5-4 score with :20 on the clock. Trailing 5-4, Taylor chose down to start the third period and quickly escaped to a 5-5 tie. Mesenbrink scored with a fast low single, then grabbing the second foot to take an 8-5 lead at 1:40. He then controlled the action on top, building up over 1:00 in riding time while trying to turn the Husker. Taylor did not give up any back points, but Mesenbrink's strong ride out allowed him to finish with 1:36 in riding time and post the 9-5 win.

174: Senior Carter Starocci, ranked No. 1 at 174, battled No. 33 Bubba Wilson. Starocci battled for position on the Nittany Lion logo for the opening minute, looking to set up his offense. He pushed Wilson backwards through the 2:00 mark and then turned a high single into a takedown and a 3-0 lead at 1:23. Wilson escaped to a 3-1 score after a reset and action resumed in neutral. Starocci picked up a second takedown off a fast high single to lead 6-1 at :40. He finished the first period on top and carried that lead, plus :45 in riding time, into the second stanza. Wilson chose down to start the second period and Starocci cut him loose to a 6-2 score. Wilson gave up a stall warning. Starocci quickly took him down again and cut him loose to a 9-3 lead. Another Starocci high single and takedown gave the Lion senior a 12-3 lead at :50. Starocci built his riding time up over 1:00 as he looked to turn Wilson. He picked up a stall point during the rideout and led 13-3 with 1:38 in time after two. Starocci chose down to start the third period and quickly escaped to a 14-3 lead. He continued to shoot Wilson backwards and picked up another takedown to lead 17-3 at 1:21. Starocci cut Wilson loose at 1:10 and immediately moved in for another takedown, finishing off the 20-4 technical fall at the 5:58 mark.

184: Graduate Bernie Truax, ranked No. 6 at 184, took on No. 3 Lenny Pinto. Pinto took an early 3-0 lead with a high double in the opening seconds. Truax quickly escaped to a 3-1 score and went to work in neutral. He nearly connected on a low shot at 2:10 but Pinto was able to fight off the effort and keep his two-point lead. Truax circled Pinto in the middle of the mat through the 1:00 mark. He took another low shot, but Pinto countered, worked his way into control of Truax and took a 6-2 lead after a quick Truax escape at :30. Truax nearly scored as the period ended but Pinto was able to defend to the end of the period and the Lion trailed 6-2 after one. Truax chose down to start the second period and quickly escaped to a 6-3 score. Truax continued to take low shots, forcing Pinto backwards through the 1:00 mark. The Nittany Lion was unable to break through Pinto's defense and trailed 6-3 after two. Pinto chose down to start the third period and Truax cut him loose to a 7-3 score at 1:40. Needing a pair of takedowns, Truax shot repeatedly, forcing Pinto backwards. He picked up a takedown at 1:10 and cut Pinto loose to an 8-6 score. After a reset at :35, Truax fought to a near takedown as the bout ended. He nearly finished off the move, but time ran out and Pinto escaped with an 8-6 win.

197: Senior Aaron Brooks, ranked No. 1 at 197, faced No. 13 Silas Allred. Brooks scored quickly, taking Allred down for an early 3-0 lead with 2:27 on the clock. Brooks cut Allred loose to a 3-1 score. He worked the center of the mat and turned a fast high shot into another takedown and a 6-1 lead with 1:30 left in the opening period. Brooks controlled action on top, building up nearly 2:00 in riding time with the rideout, leading 6-1 at the end of the first. Allred chose down to start the second period and escaped to a 6-2 score. Brooks continued to go to work on offense. He picked up his third takedown to take a 9-2 lead with :07 left in the second. Brooks worked to turn Allred as the period ended but the Husker was able to stay flat. Brooks finished on top and led 9-2 with 9:14 in riding time after two. Brooks continued to pressure Allred and turned a high shot into a fourth takedown to lead 12-2 with 1:10 left. Brooks picked up a stall point and another takedown to lead 16-4 with :20 left. Allred was able to fight off Brooks' late shots, but the Nittany Lion rolled to a 17-4 major decision with 3:28 in riding time.

285: Senior Greg Kerkvliet, ranked No. 1 at 285, met Nash Hutmacher. Kerkvliet worked the center of the mat steadily for the first minute-plus and took a 3-0 lead with a strong takedown the 1:31 mark. He then went to work on top, building up 1:31 in riding time with the rideout. Leading 3-0, Kerkvliet chose down to start the second period and swiftly reversed Hutmacher to open up a 5-0 lead. He continued to work on top, looking to turn him. Kerkvliet picked up a sixth point on two stall calls and rode Hutmacher out once more to lead 6-0 with 3:21 in riding time after two. Hutmacher chose down to start the third period and Kerkvliet picked up a seventh point on a third stall warning. With clinched riding time, Kerkvliet was called for stalling on top. He broke Hutmacher down on the reset with :35 left in the bout. He took a 9-0 lead with another Nebraska stall and, with 5:21 in time, rolled to the 10-0 major decision.

## #1 PENN STATE 55, EDINBORO 0 Sunday, Feb. 25, 2024 -- Rec Hall -- University Park, Pa.

125: #8 Braeden Davis PSU tech fall Caleb Edwards EU, 19-3 (TF; 4:02) 5-0  
 133: #11 Aaron Nagao PSU tech fall Eamonn Jimenez EU, 18-3 (TF; 3:33) 10-0  
 141: #1 Beau Bartlett PSU pinned Jacob Brenneman EU, WBF (4:11) 16-0  
 149: #9 Tyler Kasak PSU pinned Colin Roberts EU, WBF (3:20) 22-0  
 157: #1 Levi Haines PSU pinned Gannon Jaquay EU, WBF (4:38) 28-0  
 165: #6 Mitchell Mesenbrink PSU win by forfeit 34-0  
 174: #1 Carter Starocci PSU tech fall Brody Evans EU, 22-5 (TF; 2:45) 39-0  
 184: #6 Bernie Truax PSU tech fall Brody Evans EU, 21-3 (TF; 5:00) 44-0  
 197: #1 Aaron Brooks PSU tech fall Jack Kilner EU, 19-4 (TF; 3:55) 49-0  
 285: #1 Greg Kerkviet PSU pinned Nick Lodato EU, WBF 1:27) 55-0  
 Attendance: 6,389 (Penn State has wrestled in front of 81 sellouts in its last 84 home events, including 72-straight in Rec Hall and 9 of 12 in the BJC).

The Penn State Nittany Lion wrestling team (12-0, 8-0 B1G) shut out visiting Edinboro (2-12) 55-0 in the dual meet finale for Penn State. The shut-out win allowed head coach Cael Sanderson's squad to close out the regular season with a 12-0 overall record.

The Nittany Lions, who recently wrapped up their 10th Big Ten Regular Season Championship, won all ten bouts, with no match-up reaching the third period.

The dual meet began at 125. True freshman Braeden Davis, ranked No. 8 at 125, rolled to a 19-3 tech fall over Caleb Edwards at the 4:02 mark off four takedowns and a final four-point near fall. Sophomore Aaron Nagao, ranked No. 11 at 133, followed that up with a tech fall of his own. Nagao used three three-point turns and a series of takedowns to notch an 18-3 tech over Eamonn Jimenez at 3:33, giving Penn State a 10-0 lead. Senior Beau Bartlett, ranked No. 1 at 141, picked up Penn State's first pin of the dual meet. Bartlett opened up a big lead over Jacob Brenneman and then finished off the bout by pinning the Scot at the 4:11 mark of the second period.

True freshman Tyler Kasak, ranked No. 9 at 149, followed that pin up with a fall of his own. Kasak opened up a big lead over Colin Roberts and finished off his fall early in the second period, getting the pin at the 3:20 mark. Sophomore Levi Haines, ranked No. 1 at 157, capped off the first half with Penn State's third straight pin. Haines led 13-2 midway through the second period when he took Jaquay down, rolled him over to his back and finished off the half with a fall at the 4:38 mark. Penn State led 28-0 at intermission.

Freshman Mitchell Mesenbrink, ranked No. 6 at 165, received a forfeit victory at 165 to put Penn State up 34-0. Senior Carter Starocci, ranked No. 1 at 174, blazed through six takedown and finished off his bout with a nearfall to post a 22-5 tech fall at the 2:45 mark of the first period. Starocci's win put Penn State up 39-0.

Graduate Bernie Truax, ranked No. 6 at 184, notched another Penn State bonus win against Brody Evans. Truax rolled up a handful of takedowns and a couple four-point turns, finishing off the 21-3 tech fall at the 5:00 mark to put Penn State up 44-0. Senior Aaron Brooks, ranked No. 1 at 197, continued Penn State's tech fall barrage, posting a 19-4 tech over Jack Kilner at the 3:55 mark. Brooks tallied six takedowns in the win. Senior Greg Kerkviet, ranked No. 1 at 285, capped off the lopsided dual meet win with by locking up a cradle and pinning Nick Lodato at 1:27 in the first period. Kerkviet's fall, Penn State's fourth of the dual, gave Penn State the 55-0 shutout win.

Penn State picked up 25 bonus points off four pins (Bartlett, Kasak, Haines, Kerkviet), five tech falls (Davis, Nagao, Starocci, Truax, Brooks) and a forfeit win (Mesenbrink).

### DUAL MEET BOUT-BY-BOUT:

125: True freshman Braeden Davis, ranked No. 8 at 125, took on junior Caleb Edwards. Davis notched the dual's first takedown with a high single at the 2:24 mark and went to work on top, looking for a tilt. Davis forced a stall and Edwards escaped to a 3-1 score. Davis quickly scored again, using a low shot for a takedown and a 6-1 lead at 1:10. Davis worked the top position, picking up a stall point at :20 and nearly turning Edwards at the end. Leading 7-1, Davis chose down to start the second period. He quickly reversed Edwards, tacked on two quick takedowns and finished off the tech fall with a four-point turn at the 4:02 mark, winning 19-3.

133: Sophomore Aaron Nagao, ranked No. 11 at 133, met Eamonn Jimenez. Nagao took Jimenez down quickly and turned the Scot for three back points to open up a 6-0 lead. He cut Jimenez loose on a reset then took him down again with a fast shot to open up a 9-1 lead. Leading 9-2 after a Jimenez escape, Nagao countered a low Jimenez shot, worked his way into control and led 12-2 with a takedown of his own at the :40 mark. He worked Jimenez over for three more back points and led 15-2 after one.

141: Senior Beau Bartlett, ranked No. 1 at 141, faced Jacob Brenneman. Bartlett countered an early shot from Brenneman for a takedown at 2:49 and then worked his riding time up over 1:00. Bartlett cut Brenneman loose on a reset and went back to work on offense, leading 3-1. He used a fast low single for a second takedown and led 6-1 at 1:20. Bartlett added a third takedown to lead 9-2 after one. Bartlett chose down to start the second period and quickly escaped to a 10-2 lead. He fought off a Brenneman shot at 1:40 and slid around the Scott for a takedown and cut at 1:00. He then blazed through a fast takedown, took Brenneman to his back and finished off the pin at the 4:11 mark.

149: True freshman Tyler Kasak, ranked No. 9 at 149, battled Colin Roberts. Kasak picked up the bout's first takedown at the 2:02 mark, opening up a 3-0 lead on the edge of the mat. Kasak cut Roberts loose on a reset and immediately turned a low single into a second takedown and a 6-1 lead. Kasak went to work on top, looking for a tilt to back points. After a neutral restart, Kasak picked up his third takedown at :45 to open up a 9-2 lead. The Nittany Lion freshman finished the period on top and led 9-2 with 1:48 in time. Roberts chose down to start the second period and Kasak cut the Scott loose. He moved in quick for a takedown and quickly turned Roberts to his back. Kasak finished off the pin at the 3:20 mark.

157: Sophomore Levi Haines, ranked No. 1 at 157, met Gannon Jaquay. Haines took Jaquay down quickly to open up a 3-1 lead in the opening :30. The Lion sophomore used a high single for a second takedown and a 6-1 lead at 2:00 and went to work on top, looking for back points. Jaquay worked his way to his feet and an escape with 1:22 on the clock. Haines countered a high Jaquay single for a third takedown to lead 9-2. With his riding time well over 1:00, Haines turned the Scot for three back points and a 12-2 lead. Haines chose down to start the second and quickly escaped to a 13-2 lead. He took Jaquay down with a high shot center mat and led 16-2. Haines worked the Scot over to his back, taking some time to adjust his position and finishing off the pin at the 4:38 mark.

165: Freshman Mitchell Mesenbrink, ranked No. 6 at 165, won by forfeit.

174: Senior Carter Starocci, ranked No. 1 at 174, faced Joey Arnold. Starocci came out firing on offense, notching three takedown in the opening minute to lead 9-3. He continued to work on offense, used a high double for a fourth takedown and cut and led 12-4 before the period's midway point. Starocci added a fifth takedown to lead 15-5. Starocci's sixth takedown gave the Lion an 18-5 lead and the Nittany Lion then turned Arnold to his back for a final four-point turn to notch the 22-5 tech fall at the 2:45 mark.

184: Graduate Bernie Truax, ranked No. 6 at 184, met Brody Evans. Truax scored quickly, taking Evans down for a fast takedown and a 3-0 lead. Truax built up :54 in time before cutting Evans loose to a 3-1 score. Truax continued to press on offense, picking up a stall point for a 4-1 lead at 1:11. Truax turned a low single into a second takedown and a 7-1 lead with :50 on the clock. He then turned Evans to his back for a four-point near fall and led 11-1 after the opening period. Evans chose down to start the second period and escaped to an 11-2 score. Picked up another takedown to lead 14-3 after cutting Evans loose, moved through a shot for another score and led 13-7. He finished off the bout with a final four-point turn to post the 21-3 tech fall at the 5:00 mark.

197: Senior Aaron Brooks, ranked No. 1 at 197, battled Jack Kilner. Brooks took Kilner down quickly to lead 3-1 after cutting the Scot loose. He picked up his second takedown with a high double and then his third with a fast low shot on the Nittany Lion logo to open up a 9-2 lead with 1:00 left in the first period. Brooks finished the first period on top to lead 9-2 after the opening period. Brooks chose down to start the second period, quickly escaped, and took Kilner down to lead 13-3 after cutting the Scot loose. Brooks added another takedown and then finished off the tech fall with a final one, winning 19-4 at 3:55.

285: Senior Greg Kerkviet, ranked No. 1 at 285, took on Nick Lodato. Kerkviet took Lodato down quickly, opening up a 3-0 lead in the opening seconds. Lodato escaped to a 3-1 score and Kerkviet went back to work on top. Kerkviet took the Scot down and to his back, nearly pinning him but settling for four back points and a 10-1 lead. He quickly locked up a cradle and finished off the bout with a pin at the 1:27 mark.





## #1 PENN STATE AT 2024 B1G CHAMPIONSHIPS Sat.-Sun., March 9-10, 2024 XFINITY Center -- College Park, Md.

### Team Standings (FINAL)

- 1: PENN STATE – 170.5
- 2: Michigan – 123.5
- 3: Nebraska – 118.0
- 4: Iowa – 110.5
- 5: Ohio State – 89.0
- 6: Rutgers – 87.5
- 7: Minnesota – 74.0
- 8: Wisconsin – 46.5
- 9: Purdue – 41.5
- 10: Maryland – 39.0
- 11: Illinois – 34.0
- 12: Indiana – 33.0
- 13: Michigan State – 23.5
- 14: Northwestern – 14.5

The Penn State Nittany Lion wrestling team (12-0, 8-0 B1G) won the 2024 Big Ten Championship, winning the team's eighth conference crown since the arrival of head coach Cael Sanderson. Five Nittany Lion wrestlers won individual Big Ten titles as well. Penn State won the team race with a school record 170.5 points, far outdistancing second place Michigan's 123.5.

Penn State has qualified nine individuals for the 2024 NCAA Championships in Kansas City on March 21-23 with the tenth in the mix or an at-large bid, announced Tuesday by the NCAA selection committee. All rankings listed are Inter-Mat as of Feb. 27, 2024.

This is Penn State's eighth conference championship, having also won in 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2016, 2019 and 2023. Penn State now has 64 Big Ten Champions spread among 35 individuals. Penn State's five champions ties the school record, also set in 2011. Penn State swept the Big Ten post-season awards as well. Cael Sanderson was named Big Ten Coach of the Year for the eighth time. Mitchell Mesenbrink was named Big Ten Freshman of the Year, Penn State's ninth overall and the sixth under Sanderson. Aaron Brooks claimed two awards. He was named 2024 Big Ten Championship Outstanding Wrestler and was named the 2024 Big Ten Wrestler of the Year. He is Penn State's 12th Big Ten Wrestler of the Year and its nine OW. Penn State's point record (170.5) breaks the mark of 157.5, set in 2019.

True freshman Braeden Davis, ranked No. 9 at 125, met No. 4 Patrick McKee of Minnesota in the first of Penn State's seven Big Ten title bouts. Davis and McKee worked the center of the mat to begin action. The first period hit its midway point with Davis working for arm control, but a reset stopped action at 1:17. Davis and McKee worked in neutral for the entirety of the first period and the match moved to the second tied 0-0. McKee chose down to start the second period. Davis maintained control of the Gopher senior deep into the second period. The Lion then turned McKee for three back points. Action rolled out of bounds and McKee escaped on the reset. Davis led 3-1 at :35. Leading 3-1, with 1:19 in time, Davis chose down to start the third period. Davis quickly scrambled out of McKee's control, escaping to a 4-1 lead with 1:09 in time. The Nittany Lion freshman Davis worked in deep on a late shot, lifted the Gopher off the mat in the final seconds, and finished off the match with an exclamation point takedown. Davis added a riding time point and won his first Big Ten title as a true freshman, 8-1 over McKee.

Senior Beau Bartlett, ranked No. 1 at 141, took on No. 3 Jesse Mendez of Ohio State in the 141 title bout. The duo worked the center of the mat in neutral over the first minute of the bout. Bartlett paced the center of the mat, mirrored by Mendez as the clock moved past 1:00. Bartlett fought off a solid Mendez shot with :40 on the clock and then

a second at the buzzer, sending the bout to the second period tied 0-0. Mendez chose down to start the second period. Bartlett maintained control for :35 before Mendez escaped to a 1-0 lead. Trailing 1-0 after two, Bartlett chose down to start the third period and quickly rolled to an escape, tying the bout at 1-1 with 1:40 on the clock. Bartlett worked the center of the mat, looking for an opening. He took a slight shot that Mendez countered. Bartlett then fought the move off, rolled out of trouble but Mendez finished off the takedown at the :06 mark, taking a 4-1 lead. Mendez killed the short clock on top and Bartlett dropped his first bout of the year, 4-1, and took second at the 2024 Big Ten Championship.

Sophomore Levi Haines, ranked No. 1 at 157, met No. 16 Will Lewan of Michigan in the finals. Haines worked the middle of the mat, trying to break through Lewan's defense as the Wolverine circled toward the outside of the mat. Haines engaged on the Maryland logo as the clock hit 1:00 but Lewan was able to block off the Lion's efforts. The bout moved to the second period in a scoreless tie. Lewan chose down to start the second period and quickly escaped to a 1-0 lead. Haines forced Lewan into a first stall at the 1:05 mark and continued to work the middle of the mat. Trailing 1-0, Haines chose down to start the third period and quickly escaped to a 1-1 tie. Lewan took a high single and Haines quickly fought off the effort, moving back to his feet at 1:10. Haines continued to shoot Lewan towards the circle then got in on a low single. He was hit with stalling prior to the scramble and action returned to neutral at :35. The match moved to sudden victory tied 1-1. Haines wasted no time ending things in extra time. He pushed through a high shot and quickly ended the match with a takedown, winning his second Big Ten Championship 4-1 (sv) over Lewan.

Freshman Mitchell Mesenbrink, ranked No. 5 at 165, faced No. 4 Dean Hamiti of Wisconsin in the title tie. Mesenbrink came out firing, working a high single to a scramble in the opening seconds. Hamiti was able to force a stalemate at 2:27. Hamiti used a fast low shot to take a 3-1 lead at 2:05 after Mesenbrink escaped. The Nittany Lion worked his way in on a low shot, but Hamiti forced a stalemate once more with 1:20 on the clock. Mesenbrink scrambled through a shot and nearly got the takedown at :40 but Hamiti was able to fight off the move once more. Mesenbrink continued to roll through the action, but Hamiti was able to counter at the end for another takedown and 6-1 lead after one. Mesenbrink chose down to start the second period and quickly escaped to a 6-2 score. Mesenbrink shot a third time and Hamiti notched another counter takedown to lead 9-2 at :57. Mesenbrink escaped to a 9-3 score at :25, then worked his way into a takedown to cut the lead to 9-6 at the buzzer. Hamiti chose down to start the second and reversed Mesenbrink to an 11-6 lead. Mesenbrink escaped, then countered the Badger for a takedown and three back points to storm back to a 13-11 lead. Mesenbrink went to work off the remaining seconds and became a Big Ten Champion with the 13-11 win over Hamiti.

Graduate Bernie Truax, ranked No. 6 at 184, met No. 5 Isaiah Salazar of Minnesota in the 184 final. Truax and Salazar set up shop in the middle of the mat as the bout got underway. Truax worked to control position in the center, taking a high single that Salazar defended at 1:45. Action continued through the 1:00 mark in neutral with Truax the aggressor. The bout moved to the second period tied 0-0. Truax chose down to start the period and escaped to a 1-0 lead at 1:20. The clock moved below the :30 mark with both wrestlers working for control in the center of the mat. Salazar worked his way in on a high shot late, but Truax defended the effort and led 1-0 after two. Salazar chose down to start the third and quickly escaped to a 1-1 tie. Truax shot low, quickly, but Salazar was able to slip out of his gras at 1:10. The duo traded quick bursts through the 1:00 mark and returned to their feet with :50 left in the bout. Salazar took a high shot again and Truax muscled through a counter as the clock moved below the :10 mark. The clock hit :00 and the bout moved to extra time. Truax nearly connected on a counter at 1:40, another shot at 1:35 and a third at 1:20. But Salazar

countered the last shot and was able to notch the take-down. Truax gave up back points working to get free and lost the hard-fought 8-1 (sv) decision.

Senior Aaron Brooks, ranked No. 1 at 197, battled No. 11 Zach Glazier of Iowa in his fifth trip to the Big Ten finals. Brooks controlled position on the inside circle and then took a 3-0 lead with a strong high double at 2:10. He cut Glazier loose and went back to work on offense. Brooks continued to force contact and notched a second takedown at 1:35. Brooks controlled the action on top, working his riding time up over 1:00 with a strong ride. He finished the period on top and led 6-1 with 1:46 in time after one. Brooks chose down to start the second period, quickly escaping to a 7-1 lead. Brooks continued to pace in the center circle as Glazier played defense. He bulled through Glazier's waist for another takedown and a 10-1 lead at :55. Glazier got hit for stalling as the period wound down and Brooks, finishing on top, led 10-1 with 2:34 in time after two. Brooks chose neutral to start the third period and quickly took Glazier down again. He cut him loose. He added one more takedown and cut and finished off the tech fall with a final takedown at 6:07, winning 19-3. Brooks win over Glazier makes him a four-time Big Ten Champion, Penn State's third (Ed Ruth, David Taylor). This was his fifth trip to the Big Ten finals.

Senior Greg Kerkvliet, ranked No. 1 at 285, met No. 7 Nick Feldman of Ohio State in the last of Penn State's seven title matches. Feldman turned a low shot into a quick takedown to open up a 3-1 lead in the opening seconds. After escaping quickly, Kerkvliet went to work on his feet, looking for an opening. Kerkvliet blew through a double to take a 4-3 lead at 1:25 and went to work on top. The Lion senior looked to build up over 1:00 in time with a strong ride, forcing a Feldman stall call in the process. He finished in control and led 4-3 with 1:24 in time after one. Kerkvliet chose down to start the second period and quickly escaped to a 5-3 lead. Kerkvliet notched a second takedown with 1:20 left in the second to open up an 8-3 lead. He worked his riding time up over 2:00, working the clock down past :30. Kerkvliet finished the period on top and led 8-3 with 2:42 in time after two. Feldman chose neutral to start the third period. Kerkvliet worked the center of the mat through the 1:00 mark, holding position for the entire period. He added the riding time point with 2:42 in time and became a Big Ten Champion with a 9-3 win.

Sophomore Aaron Nagao, ranked No. 11 at 133, faced No. 17 Braxton Brown of Maryland in the consolation semifinals to begin Penn State's day. Nagao moved in quickly, taking a low single to force action to the mat. A potentially dangerous call stopped the scramble and forced a reset at 2:25. Brown shot low and Nagao scrambled through the action, forcing a reset at 1:54. Nagao connected on a late, low shot for a takedown and led 3-0 after one. Brown chose down to start the second period and Nagao quickly worked control to a nearfall and four points. He gave up a point on an illegal hold and led 7-1 at 1:27. Trailing 7-2, Brown chose down to start the second period. Nagao worked his riding time up to 1:41 before Brown escaped to a 7-2 score. Leading by five, Nagao chose neutral to start the third period. Brown notched a takedown and cut Nagao loose at 1:01 and Nagao led 8-5. Nagao finished the match in neutral and, with 1:37 in riding time, moved into the third place bout with a 9-5 win.

He took on No. 16 Jacob Van Dee of Nebraska for third. Nagao worked his way in on a low shot at the 2:14 mark, forcing a scramble and action to the mat. Nagao worked through for control and took a 3-0 lead at 2:02. Nagao wasted no time turning Van Dee to his back. He cranked the Husker over and finished off the first period fall at 1:51. Nagao's pin of Van Dee capped off Nagao's third place run for Penn State.

True freshman Tyler Kasak, ranked No. 9 at 149, battled No. 8 Caleb Rathjen of Iowa in the consolation semis at 149. Kasak and Rathjen worked the center of the mat for the first minute. The Nittany Lion freshman drew first by lifting the Hawkeye off the mat and notching the takedown

with a strong mat return at 1:41. He controlled action on top, building up over 1:00 in time with a strong ride while trying to turn the Hawkeye for back points. He gave up a stall warning during his ride and then forced one out of Rathjen, finished on top and carried the 3-0 lead with 1:47 in time into the third period. Rathjen chose down to start the second period and Kasak went back to work on top. The Nittany Lion freshman worked his time edge to 2:14 before Rathjen escaped to a 3-1 score. Kasak nearly countered a Rathjen throw attempt at the 1:00 mark but action remained neutral. Leading 3-1 with 2:14 time to his side, Kasak chose down to start the third period and quickly escaped to a 4-1 lead. Kasak worked the outside circle as the clock hit :45, still leading 4-1. He countered a Rathjen shot and took a 7-1 lead with :20 left in the bout. Kasak added 2:30 in riding time and rolled into the third place bout with an 8-1 win.

He met No. 12 Ethen Miller of Maryland for third. Kasak scored quickly, taking Miller down just :08 into the bout. He then locked the Terrapins shoulders up and tacked on four near fall points to lead 7-0. Kasak continued his dominant work on top, pushing his time edge up towards 2:00. He worked on top through the 1:00 mark, continuing to look for back points and more. Miller looked to escape on a reset, scooting to his feet towards the outside circle. But Kasak maintained connection, lifted the Terrapin off the mat and returned him to his back. He quickly finished off the pin, getting the first period fall at 2:36 and taking third at his first Big Ten Championship tournament.

Senior Carter Starocci, ranked No. 1 at 174, took two injury defaults on Saturday (both at 6:59). In order to be considered for an at-large bid to the NCAA tournament, Starocci had to compete in two bouts at the conference qualifiers. He will await the allocations of 174's four at-large spots, announced by the NCAA selection committee on Tuesday.

Penn State closed out the tournament with a 29-6 record. The Lions tacked on 20.5 bonus points off four pins, five techs and five majors.

Weight-by-weight agate  
(RANKINGS LISTED ARE INTERMAT as of 2/27/24):

125: #9 Braeden Davis, Fr., Belleville, Mich./Dundee -- #6 seed  
Rd. 1: Justin Cardani, Illinois – W, 11-1 maj. dec.  
Qtr: #5 Eric Barnett, Wisconsin – W, 8-7 (SV) dec.  
Semis: #16 Michael DeAugustino, Michigan – W, 5-2 (SV2) dec.  
Finals: #4 Patrick McKee, Minnesota – W, 8-1 dec.

Davis, ranked No. 9 at 125, took on Illinois' Justin Cardani in the first round. Davis battled the Illini even for the opening minute-plus, with each wrestler working the center of the mat. The first period ended in a scoreless tie. Davis chose down to start the second period and, after some work, reversed Cardani to his back to open up a 6-0 lead with :50 left in the second. He led 6-1 after two periods. Cardani forced a scramble that lasted for over a minute before a reset stopped action at :25. Davis zipped in on a low shot for a late takedown and added two nearfall points to roll into the quarterfinals with an 11-1 major decision.

He took on No. 5 Eric Barnett of Wisconsin in the quarterfinals. The duo worked the center of the mat for :30 before a scramble resulted in a Barnett takedown and a 3-0 score. Davis gave up a penalty point on bottom and trailed 4-0 before escaping to a 4-1 score at :41. Trailing 4-1, Davis chose down to start the second period. He scrambled his way into control of Barnett's right leg and nearly reversed him but settled for an escape and a 4-2 deficit. Davis worked his way in on a low shot and muscled his way to a takedown and two back points as the period ended to take a 7-4 lead. Wisconsin challenged the nearfall and it was overturned. Davis led 5-4 after two but Barnett had 2:25 in riding time. Barnett chose down to start the third period and Davis went to work on top. Davis was hit for a first stall at the 1:18 mark as he tried to work the time edge off. Barnett scrambled for a late reversal to take a 5-4 lead and then

Davis reversed the Badger late to take a 7-6 lead with just :11 left. Barnett had riding time and the bout moved to extra time tied 7-7. Early in sudden victory, Davis moved in on a deep single and began working his way to a takedown. A penalty point was awarded to Davis on an illegal hold before the takedown and the Nittany Lion true freshman moved into the semifinals with an 8-7 (sv) win.

He met No. 16 Michael DeAugustino of Michigan in the first of Penn State's nine semifinal matches. Davis and DeAugustino worked the middle of the mat for the opening minute. The duo worked the clock down past 1:00 in neutral, then to the end of the first period and action moved to the second tied 0-0. Davis chose down to start the second period and quickly escaped to a 1-0 lead. Davis held position through :30 and the bout moved to the third with Davis up 1-0. DeAugustino chose down to start the third period and escaped to a 1-1 tie at 1:42. The clock moved below 1:00 and then :30 with neither wrestler threatening on offense. Davis and DeAugustino moved into sudden victory tied 1-1. Davis and DeAugustino worked in neutral as the clock moved through the first period of extra time. The match moved to a tiebreaker, with DeAugustino down first. He escaped in :05 to a 2-1 lead. Davis rolled to a quick escape himself, in what was first called :05 to essentially tie the bout. Penn State challenged the riding time, however as an extra second appeared to click off the clock. After review, the call held and the 2-2 match moved to a second sudden victory period. Davis worked halfway into the period and then exploded through a shot for a takedown, notching the thrilling 5-2 (sv2) win with :25 on the clock and moving him into the Big Ten finals.

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133: #11 Aaron Nagao, So., La Habra, Calif./Esperanza -- #5 seed  
Rd. 1: Andrew Hampton, Michigan State – W, 11-0 maj. dec.  
Qtr: #16 Jacob Van Dee, Nebraska – W, 4-3 dec.  
Semis: #5 Dylan Ragusin, Michigan – L, 3-6 dec.  
Cn. Semi: #17 Braxton Brown, Maryland – W, 9-5 dec.  
3rd: #16 Jacob Van Dee, Nebraska – WBF (1:51)

Nagao, ranked No. 11 at 133, took on Michigan State's Andrew Hampton in the first round. He used an early takedown for a 3-0 lead in the opening seconds and then built up riding time and turned Hampton for four and a 7-0 lead. Nagao finished the period on top and led 7-0 with nearly 3:00 in riding time after one. After a neutral start to the second period, Nagao took Hampton down quickly for a 10-lead. With his riding time ticking over 4:00, Nagao finished on top to carry the 10-0 lead into the third. Nagao finished the match with over 2:00 in riding time and posted the 11-0 major decision to advance to the quarterfinals.

He met No. 16 Jacob Van Dee in the quarterfinals. Nagao and Van Dee battled evenly for the first two minutes before the Nittany Lion notched the bout's first takedown to lead 3-0. He finished the period on top and carried that lead into the second stanza. Van Dee chose neutral to start the second period and the duo battled evenly in neutral for the full two minutes of the second stanza. Leading 3-0, Nagao chose down to start the third period and quickly escaped to a 4-0 lead. He worked his way in on a deep single and nearly notched a second takedown, but Van Dee was able to escape out of bounds with 1:00 on the clock. Nagao continued to press on offense and forced a late scramble. Van Dee managed to counter scramble for a last second takedown, but Nagao's early work gave the Nittany Lion a 4-3 win and advanced him to the semifinals.

Nagao faced off against No. 5 Dylan Ragusin in his semifinal bout. Nagao forced a scramble a minute into the opening period, but Ragusin was able to counter scramble to a takedown and a 3-0 lead at 1:59. Nagao was unable to break free of Ragusin's ride until rolling through for a reversal at :25 to cut the lead to 3-2. Ragusin escaped and Nagao trailed 4-2 after one. Nagao chose down to start the second period and quickly escaped to a 4-3 score.

Nagao worked for position in the middle of the mat as the clock moved to the 1:00 mark. Nagao fought off a throw effort from Ragusin at :40, giving up a stall warning in the process. Nagao trailed 4-3 after two and Ragusin chose down to start the third. Ragusin escaped to a 5-3 lead while still holding 1:09 in riding time. Nagao got in deep on a single but potentially dangerous stopped action at 1:20. Nagao continued to press on offense, with Ragusin playing the outside circle. Ragusin got hit with stalling at :32 for the first time and Nagao continued to shoot him out of bounds. Nagao worked his way in on a deep shot at :15 but Ragusin slid out of bounds at :05. Nagao chased the Wolverine and nearly connected on a late shot, but time ran out and the Nittany Lion dropped a 6-3 decision. Nagao, still alive for third, dropped into consolation action with the loss.

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141: #1 Beau Bartlett, Sr., Tempe, Ariz./Wyoming Seminary (Pa.) -- #1 seed  
Rd. 1: bye  
Qtr: #26 Jordan Hamdan, Michigan State – W, 4-2 dec.  
Semis: #10 Sergio Lemley, Michigan – W, 5-4 dec.  
Finals: #3 Jesse Mendez, Ohio State – L, 1-4 dec.

Bartlett, ranked No. 1 at 141, received a first round bye and took on No. 26 Jordan Hamdan of Michigan State in the quarterfinals. Bartlett worked the center of the mat for the first two minutes-plus, forcing the Spartan into defense as the opening period played out. The Nittany Lion was unable to break through Hamdan's defense and the bout moved to the second period tied 0-0. Bartlett chose down to start the second period and quickly escaped. He then moved in on a single for a fast takedown and a 4-0 lead. That score held through the second period. Hamdan chose down to start the third and eventually escaped to a 4-1 score. He picked up a second point on a late stall, but Bartlett's second period burst was enough as the Nittany Lion senior moved into the semifinals with a 4-2 win.

He faced No. 10 Sergio Lemley of Michigan in the semifinals. Bartlett and Lemley battled in the middle of the mat through the opening minute. The clock moved past the 1:00 mark with neither wrestler threatening as they worked for position. The first period ended in a 0-0 tie. Bartlett chose down to start the second stanza, quickly escaping to a 1-0 lead. He pushed the pace on offense as the clock hit 1:00 and then worked his way in on a low single, finishing off the takedown at :44 to take a 4-0 lead. Bartlett gave up a stall warning on his ride but finished the period on top to lead 4-0 after two. Lemley chose down to start the third period and escaped to a 4-1 score. He worked his way in on a high single and Bartlett countered. But Lemley was able to finish off the takedown and tie the score. Bartlett escaped to a 5-4 lead with :45 left in the bout. Bartlett was able to defend Lemley's efforts in the closing seconds and moved into the Big Ten finals with a 5-4 win.

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149: #9 Tyler Kasak, Fr., Doylestown, Pa./Bethlehem Catholic -- #4 seed  
Rd. 1: Aiden Vandenbush, Northwestern – WBF (2:48)  
Qtr: #10 Dylan D'Emilio, Ohio State – W, 3-2 dec.  
Semis: #1 Ridge Lovett, Nebraska – L, 0-4 dec.  
Cn. Semi: #8 Caleb Rathjen, Iowa – W, 8-1 dec.  
3rd: #12 Ethen Miller, Maryland – WBF (2:36)

Kasak, ranked No. 9 at 149, met Northwestern's Aiden Vandenbush in the first round. Kasak worked the center of the mat as the first period got started, taking a couple low shots that forced the Wildcat into defense. He countered a slight shot for a takedown and a 3-0 lead at 2:00. He quickly turned Vandenbush for four back points to open up a 7-0 lead. Kasak controlled the action from the top position, working his time edge up over 1:00. He then worked the Cat to his back again settled in for the first period fall, getting the pin at 2:48.

He took on No. 10 Dylan D'Emilio of Ohio State in the



quarterfinals. Kasak was the aggressor during the opening period. The Nittany Lion true freshman got in deep on a single and nearly scored after a minute's worth of work, but D'Emilio was able to fight off the effort. The Nittany Lion had a second chance late in the opening period but once again D'Emilio blocked off the effort and the bout moved to the second tied 0-0. D'Emilio chose down to start the second period and Kasak put together a strong ride. The Nittany Lion freshman kept control of the Buckeye until the :43 mark before D'Emilio escaped to a 1-0 score. Trailing 1-0, Kasak chose down to start the third period and scrambled his way to a quick reversal and a 2-1 lead, while maintaining riding time advantage. D'Emilio escaped to a 2-2 tie at 1:37 but Kasak had 1:18 in riding time. Kasak fought off a D'Emilio rally at 1:00, holding neutral as action moved out of bounds. D'Emilio shot low on the Lion freshman at :15 but Kasak scrambled through the move and finished off the period in neutral. His 1:18 in riding time gave the Nittany Lion a 3-2 win and pushed him into the semifinals.

Kasak battled No. 1 Ridge Lovett of Nebraska in his semifinal match-up. The duo battled through an even minute with Lovett holding position in the center of the mat. Kasak worked his way around the Husker, repositioning himself at the 1:00 mark. They traded shots at :50 but neither wrestler connected. Kasak worked his way in on a shot and battled for a takedown as the first period wound down, but Lovett fought the move off and killed the clock. Lovett chose down to start the second period and escaped to a 1-0 lead. Kasak held position through the rest of the period and trailed 1-0 after two. He chose neutral to start the third, going to work on offense and looking for a go-ahead takedown. Kasak nearly connected on a slide by at 1:25 but Lovett fought it off and the Lion freshman trailed at the 1:10 mark. Lovett forced a scramble with a low shot and Kasak tried to counter the effort, but Lovett eventually finished off the takedown and led 4-0 at the :20 mark. Kasak dropped the hard-fought 4-0 decision and fell into consolation action, still alive for third.

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157: #1 Levi Haines, So., Arendtsville, Pa./Biglerville -- #1 seed  
Rd. 1: bye  
Qtr: Trevor Chumbley, Northwestern – W, 12-0 maj. dec.  
Semi: #5 Jared Franek, Iowa – W, 5-0 dec.  
Finals: #16 Will Lewan, Michigan – W, 4-1 (sv) dec.

Haines, ranked No. 1 at 157, had a first round bye and battled Northwestern's Trevor Chumbley in the quarterfinals. Haines took a 3-0 lead at the 1:22 mark with a strong mat return. He then went to work on top, building up a 122 in riding time with a strong rideout to carry that lead into the second stanza. After a neutral start to the second period, Haines went to work in the center of the mat. He picked up a stall point and then took Chumbley down a second time to open up a 7-0 lead at 1:03. Haines carried that lead into the third period. Haines added a third takedown and led 10-0, then got another stall point to lead 11-0. He added a riding time point with over 3:00 in time and rolled to a 12-0 major, moving into the semifinals.

He took on No. 5 Jared Franek of Iowa in Penn State's fifth semifinal. Haines and Franek battled evenly for the first minute. Haines set a fast pace, looking to break through Franek's defense as the clock moved through the 1:00 mark. The Lion sophomore kept pressuring Franek, but the first period ended in a 0-0 tie. Haines chose down to start the second period and quickly escaped to a 1-0 lead. Haines worked his way in deep on a low shot and muscled through for a takedown and a 4-0 lead with :25 on the clock. He finished the period on top and led 4-0 after two periods. Franek chose down to start the third period and Haines went to work on top. The Nittany Lion sophomore worked his riding time up over 1:00 with a strong ride, working the clock down below the 1:00 mark. Haines kept Franek on the mat and finished the period on top, rolling to a 5-0 win with 2:19 in riding time, and advancing to the Big Ten finals.

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165: #5 Mitchell Mesenbrink, Fr., Hartland, Wis./Arrowhead -- #2 seed  
Rd. 1: bye  
Qtr: #31 Blaine Brenner, Minnesota – WBF (3:59)  
Semi: #6 Mikey Caliendo, Iowa – W, 23-7 (TF; 6:47)  
Finals: #4 Dean Hamiti, Wisconsin – W, 13-11 dec.

Mesenbrink, ranked No. 5 at 165, received a first round bye and met No. 31 Blaine Brenner of Minnesota in the quarterfinals. Mesenbrink came out firing on offense. The Nittany Lion freshman took a 3-0 lead with a fast takedown and made it 6-1 midway through the period with a second. Mesenbrink worked his way to a third takedown before the opening period ended and led 9-2 after one. He chose down to start the second period and escaped to a 10-2 lead. Mesenbrink quickly moved in for a fourth takedown to lead 13-2 and then worked Brenner's shoulders to the mat for a fall. Mesenbrink moved into the semifinals with a pin at the 3:59 mark.

He met No. 6 Mikey Caliendo of Iowa in his semi. Mesenbrink scored quickly, lifting Caliendo off the mat and returning him for a 3-1 lead after a quick Iowa escape. Mesenbrink's pace continued with the Lion taking two fast shots that Caliendo was able to defend through the 2:00 mark. Caliendo worked a high double into a scramble, but Mesenbrink was able to counter the effort. A stalemate stopped action before Mesenbrink could score but the Lion was undeterred working a fast low double to a takedown and a 6-1 lead with 1:00 left. Caliendo escaped on a reset and Mesenbrink continued to move forward, leading 6-2. He forced Caliendo into a stall warning and then rolled through a high double for a third takedown and a 9-2 lead. Caliendo chose down to start the second period. Mesenbrink worked the top position for a bit before Caliendo escaped to a 9-4 score at 1:40. Mesenbrink quickly added a takedown and cut to lead 12-4, then rolled through a fifth takedown to lead 15-5 at the 1:02 mark. Mesenbrink picked up a stall point and led 16-6 with 1:58 in riding time after two. Mesenbrink chose down to start the third period and quickly escaped to a 17-6 lead. Mesenbrink worked a low shot into another takedown and a 20-6 lead with clinched time at the :40 mark. He cut Caliendo loose with just :25 left and finished off the match with a final takedown at 6:47, moving into the Big Ten finals with the 23-7 tech fall (6:47).

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174: #1 Carter Starocci, Sr., Erie, Pa./Cathedral Prep -- #1 seed  
Rd. 1: bye  
Qtr: #30 Andrew Sparks, Minnesota – L, inj.def. (6:59)  
Cn. 2: #32 Brody Baumann, Purdue – L, inj.def. (6:59)

Starocci, ranked No. 1 at 174, had a first round bye and took on No. 30 Andrew Sparks of Minnesota in the quarterfinals. Starocci stepped on the mat for the requisite one second and took an injury default loss at the 6:59 mark and fell into consolation action.

He stepped on the mat for one second and took a second injury default loss at 6:59, this one to No. 32 Brody Baumann of Purdue. In order to be considered for an at-large bid to the NCAA tournament, Starocci had to compete in two bouts at the conference qualifiers. He will await the allocations of 174's four at-large spots, announced by the NCAA selection committee on Tuesday.

184: #6 Bernie Truax, Gr., Oceanside, Calif./Rancho Buena Vista -- #3 seed  
Rd. 1: Chase Mielnik, Indiana – W, 19-1 (TF; 2:41)  
Qtr: #17 Layne Malczewski, Michigan State – W, 7-2 dec.  
Semi: #3 Lenny Pinto, Nebraska – W, 4-2 dec.  
Finals: #5 Isaiha Salazar, Minnesota – L, 1-8 (sv) dec.

Truax, ranked No. 6 at 184, took on Chase Mielnik of

Maryland in the opening round. Truax came out firing on offense, taking a 3-0 lead just :30 into the bout. He quickly turned the Terrapin for three back points and a 6-0 lead. After a Mielnik escape, Truax bulldozed through a low double for another takedown and a 9-1 lead at the midway point. He added four back points for a 13-1 lead, added two near fall and then finished off the tech fall with a final four point turn, posting the 19-1 tech fall at 2:41.

He battled No. 17 Layne Malczewski of Michigan State in the quarterfinals. Truax scored quickly, turning a low shot into a takedown and a 3-0 lead. Malczewski escaped quickly to a 3-1 score and Truax went back to work in neutral. Truax worked the center of the mat for the remainder of the period and led 3-1 after one. Malczewski chose down to start the second stanza and escaped to a 3-2 Truax lead early in the period. Truax paced the center of the mat and extended his lead to 6-2 with a strong double at the end of the period. Truax chose down to start the third period and quickly escaped to a 7-2 lead. He finished the match on his feet and moved into the semifinals with a strong 7-2 win.

Truax took on No. 3 Lenny Pinto of Nebraska in the semifinals. Truax went to work on offense from the onset, looking to maintain position and push the pace early. He took a fast shot that Pinto countered, and Truax skipped out of trouble in a flurry at the 2:20 mark. Truax continued to battle for position with Pinto as the clock moved through the 1:00 mark. Pinto took a slight shot in the final seconds of the period, but Truax easily defended, and the bout moved to the second tied 0-0. Truax chose down to start the second period and quickly escaped to a 1-0 lead. The worked in neutral as the clock slid below the 1:00 mark. Trailing 1-0, Pinto chose down to start the third period and quickly escaped to a 1-1 tie. Truax nearly connected on a single leg, but Pinto defended the effort as the clock hit 1:40. Truax continued to pressure the Husker and turned a low double into a takedown and a 4-1 lead at 1:12. Pinto escaped to a 4-2 score with :50 left in the bout. The duo scrambled through a wild flurry at the :30 mark but Truax held firm on defense and moved into the Big Ten finals with a thrilling 4-2 win.

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197: #1 Aaron Brooks, Sr., Hagerstown, Pa./North Hagerstown -- #1 seed  
Rd. 1: bye  
Qtr: Evan Bates, Northwestern – W, 19-3 (TF; 5:50)  
Semi: #13 Silas Alred, Nebraska – W, 14-2 maj. dec.  
Finals: #11 Zach Glazier, Iowa – W, 19-3 (TF; 6:07)

Brooks, ranked No. 1 at 197, received a first round bye and met Evan Bates of Northwestern in the quarters. Brooks worked the outside circle and finished off a takedown at the 2:01 mark, taking a 3-0 lead. The Nittany Lion picked up a second takedown midway through the second and opened up a 6-1 lead. He finished the period on top, adding three back points late to lead 9-1 after one. Brooks chose down to start the second period and quickly escaped to a 10-1 score. Brooks upped his lead to 13-1 with a takedown at the 1:15 mark. Bates chose down to start the third period and Brooks cut him loose, quickly moved in for another takedown and led 16-3 at 1:35. Brooks finished off the technical fall with a final takedown, posting the 19-3 tech at 5:50.

He faced No. 13 Silas Alred of Nebraska in his semifinal bout. Brooks scored quickly, taking a 3-1 lead in the opening seconds. The Nittany Lion senior tacked on a second takedown at the 1:45 mark to lead 6-1. Brooks controlled the action on top, building his riding time up over 1:00 while trying to turn Alred for back points or more. Brooks forced Alred into a first stall at :25 and finished the period on top to lead 6-1 after one. Alred chose down to start the second period and Brooks once again went to work on top. The Nittany Lion built up over 2:00 in time, then locked up a cradle. Brooks worked on top and settled for a four-point turn to lead 10-1 at :26. Brooks finished off the period on top and carried that lead, plus 3:51 in time, into the third. Brooks chose neutral to start the third period. He shot through a

single for a takedown and a 13-2 lead after cutting Allred loose. Brooks worked for a final takedown, but Allred was able to defend his efforts. Brooks added 4:01 in riding time and rolled into the Big Ten finals with a 14-2 major decision.

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285: #1 Greg Kerkvliet, Sr., Inver Grove Heights, Minn./  
Simley -- #1 seed

Rd. 1: bye

Qtr: #30 Bennett Tabor, Minnesota – W, 15-0 (TF; 3:25)

Semis: #12 Yaroslau Slavikouski, Rutgers – W, 9-0 maj.  
dec.

Finals: #7 Nick Feldman, Ohio State – W, 9-3 dec.

Kerkvliet, ranked No. 1 at 285, had a first round bye and took on No. 30 Bennett Tabor of Minnesota in the quarterfinals. Kerkvliet took Tabor down quickly and turned him for three back points to open up a 6-0 lead in the opening minute. He maintained control of the Gopher and worked him to his back for another four point turn to lead 10-0 at :35. The Nittany Lion senior finished the period on top and led 10-0 after one. Tabor chose down to start the second period. Kerkvliet worked his riding time up over 3:00, picked up a stall point, and then finished off the tech fall with a final four point turn early in the period. He rolled into the semifinals with a 15-0 tech at the 3:25 mark.

He took on No. 12 Yaroslau Slavikouski of Rutgers in the last of Penn State's nine semifinal matches. Kerkvliet scored quickly, taking the Knight down in the opening seconds for a 3-0 lead. Kerkvliet controlled the action with a dominant ride, working his time edge up well over 2:00 while trying to turn Slavikouski. He picked up a stall point late and led 4-0 with 2:53 in time after one. Kerkvliet chose down to start the second period and quickly escaped to a 5-0 lead. Kerkvliet moved through a high single, pulled the Knight back in bounds and scored on a strong mat return to open up an 8-0 lead at :55. Trailing 8-0, Slavikouski chose neutral to start the third period. Kerkvliet worked the middle of the mat over the course of the final minutes, but the Knight was able to defend his efforts. Kerkvliet, with 3:47 in riding time, rolled into the Big Ten finals with a 9-0 major decision.

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# #1 PENN STATE AT 2024 NCAA CHAMPIONSHIPS Thur.-Sat., March 21-23, 2024 T-MOBILE Center -- Kansas City, Mo..

## Team Standings (Top 10 – FINAL)

### 1: PENN STATE – 172.5

- 2: Cornell – 72.5
- 3: Michigan – 71.0
- 4: Iowa State – 68.5
- 5: Iowa – 67.0
- 6: Arizona State – 65.5
- 7: Virginia Tech – 64.0
- 8: Ohio State – 62.0
- 9: Nebraska – 60.5
- 10: Oklahoma State – 56.0

The Penn State Nittany Lion wrestling team crowned four individual champions at the 2024 NCAA Championships in Kansas City's T-Mobile Center. Penn State, which clinched its 11th team National Championship under head coach Cael Sanderson on Friday night, welcomed two new NCAA champions to the fold and added its first two four-time NCAA kings.

Penn State won the team title with 172.5 points, 100 points ahead of second place Cornell. Michigan was third with 71.0. The Nittany Lions leave Kansas City with eight All-Americans, four NCAA Champions including its first two four-timers in Carter Starocci and Aaron Brooks.

Senior Greg Kerkvliet, the No. 1 seed at 285, battled No. 10 Lucas Davison of Michigan in the first of Penn State's six NCAA title bouts. Kerkvliet and Davison worked the center circle to begin the match, battling on their feet through the 2:00 mark. Kerkvliet snapped a low shot into control of both Davison's feet and notched a takedown to lead 3-1 at 1:50. Kerkvliet used a low pick to snag Davison's ankle to up his lead to 6-2 with a late takedown. He carried that lead into the second period. Davison chose down to start the second period and escaped to a 6-3 score. He worked neutral through the 1:00 mark and then fought off a slight Davison shot, worked into a high single and finished off the takedown at :15 to lead 9-3 after two periods. Kerkvliet chose down to start the third period and quickly escaped to a 10-3 lead. The Nittany Lion worked the center of the mat through the :45 mark and added another takedown to up his lead to 13-3 at :25. Davison added a late takedown, but Kerkvliet's dominance gave the Nittany Lion his first National Championship with a resounding 13-4 major decision. He ends the tournament with a 5-0 mark, including two majors and a tech, and the season at 20-0. Kerkvliet is a four-time All-American.

Senior Beau Bartlett, the No. 2 seed at 141, faced No. 1 Jesse Mendez of Ohio State in the finals. Bartlett and Mendez worked the center circle in neutral over the first minute plus. The first period continued through the first period deadlocked at 0-0. Mendez chose down to start the second period and escaped to a 1-0 lead. Bartlett paced the middle of the mat looking control and an opening. Neither wrestler was able to find any offense as the clock hit 1:00. Bartlett got control of Mendez's leg at the end of the period, but the Buckeye was able to fight off the move and kill the clock. Trailing 1-0, Bartlett chose down to start the third. Bartlett worked his way to an escape at 1:20 to tie the match 1-1. Bartlett worked a single into what looked to be a takedown, but none was called. Mendez scrambled through the move and notched a takedown with :01 left. Penn State challenged the call, but it stood, and Bartlett dropped the 4-1 decision in the final seconds. Bartlett went 4-1 with two pins to become national runner-up. He ends the season with a 23-2 record and is a two-time All-American.

Sophomore Levi Haines, the No. 1 seed at 157, met No. 2 Jacori Teemer of Arizona State in his finals match-up. Haines controlled position in the middle of the mat to start the bout. Haines pressed Teemer backwards as the first period hit its midway point and continued to move forward, looking to engage. Haines moved forward for the entire period, but Teemer was able to keep his distance and the match moved to the second stanza tied 0-0. Haines chose down to start the second period and quickly escaped to a 1-0 lead. The Nittany Lion continue to move forward on the Sun Devil through 1:00. He forced a first stall warning as the clock moved into the period's last minute. Haines pressured the Devil for the rest of the period and carried the 1-0 lead into the third. Trailing 1-0, Teemer chose neutral to start the third period. Haines moved quickly through a high double and took a 4-0 lead with a takedown at the 1:35 mark. He controlled Teemer for the rest of the period, added riding time, and became an NCAA Champion with the 5-0 win. Haines went 5-0 for his title with one major, two tech falls and a pin. He ends his season with a 23-0 record and is a two-time All-American.

Redshirt freshman Mitchell Mesenbrink, the No. 2 seed at 165, battled No. 4 David Carr of Iowa State in the title bout. Carr came out firing quickly and took Mesenbrink down in the opening seconds. Mesenbrink worked his way to an escape at the 1:10 mark to cut the lead to 3-1. Carr had 1:42 in riding time. Mesenbrink went to work on offense, looking for an opening. He scrambled through a fast shot, but Carr evaded the effort and Mesenbrink trailed 3-1 after one. Carr chose down to start the second period and escaped to a 4-1 lead. Mesenbrink shot low and forced a scramble at 1:20 but Carr forced a stalemate with :59 left on the clock. Carr scrambled to a second takedown at :24, Mesenbrink got a stall and escaped at the buzzer to trail 7-3 after two. Mesenbrink chose down to start the third, got a stall point and an escape and trailed 7-5 at the 1:27 mark. Mesenbrink took Carr down with :40 left, taking an 8-7 lead. Carr escaped to tie the bout and had riding time. Mesenbrink spent the rest of the period chasing Carr down but could not catch the Cyclone grappler, or get another stall call, and dropped a hard fought 9-8 decision on riding time. Mesenbrink ends the tournament with a 4-1 record, including two majors and a tech fall. He is the 2024 national runner up and an All-American as a freshman.

Senior Carter Starocci, the No. 9 seed at 174, made his fourth straight appearance in the NCAA finals and met No. 6 Rocco Welsh of Ohio State. Starocci controlled position in the center circle to start the match, looking to break through Welsh's defense. The clock moved towards the 1:00 mark with Starocci still holding firm in the center circle. He nearly connected on a quick shot, but Welsh was able to slip out of his grasp and keep the bout neutral. Welsh got hit for a first stall. Starocci continued to pressure the Buckeye wrestlers and took a 1-0 lead on a second stall at :02. Leading 1-0, Starocci chose down to start the second period. Starocci worked his way to an escape and a 2-0 lead at 1:48. Starocci worked to close the distance as Welsh played defense through :30. Trailing 2-0, Welsh chose neutral to start the third period. Starocci continued to shoot Welsh backwards through the 1:30 mark. With time ticking below 1:00, Starocci kept his position and got in on a late low single that effectively killed the clock. The Nittany Lion senior walked off the mat with a 2-0 win and became a four-time NCAA Champion. Starocci went 5-0 and ends his senior season with a 17-2 record, the only losses precautionary injury defaults at the Big Ten tournament two weekends ago.

Senior Aaron Brooks, the No. 1 seed at 197, made his fourth straight appearance in the NCAA finals and took on No. 2 Trent Hilday of North Carolina State in the event's final bout. Brooks connected on a low single quickly, working his way into control of Hilday's leg. Hilday was able to work action out of bounds and keep the bout scoreless at 2:15. Brooks continued to set the tempo, shooting Hilday out of bounds at 1:15. Brooks forced a first stall on Hilday at :35 and continued to press on offense. Brooks continued his offensive and notched a key takedown at the buzzer to lead 3-0 after one. Brooks chose down to start the second period and quickly escaped to a 4-0 lead. He fought off a slight Hilday shot and returned to the center of the mat. He continued to pressure Hilday backwards through the :40 mark. He picked up a stall point to lead 5-0 at :15 and took that lead into the third period. Hilday chose down to start the third period. Brooks controlled the action through the 1:00 mark and worked his time edge up over 1:00. The Nittany Lion senior dominated Hilday from the top position for the remainder of the period and finished on top. Brooks, with riding time, became a four-time NCAA Champion with the strong 6-0 win. Brooks went 5-0 at the tournament with a 5-0 record, including two pins and two tech falls. Brooks ends the season with a 22-0 record and closes out his career with an 89-3 record as a five-time All-American and four-time NCAA Champion.

True freshman Tyler Kasak, the No. 7 seed at 149, finished the bout on his feet and posted the 3-2 win to take third place as a true freshman. Kasak, only the ninth wrestler to ever lose a first round bout and win seven straight to take third, ended the tournament with a 7-1 record including four majors and a pin. He concludes the season with a 24-5 record. Graduate Bernie Truax, the No. 6 seed at 184, capped off a stellar collegiate career with a fifth place finish. He went 5-2 over the weekend with a major and a tech fall. Truax went 5-2 over the weekend and became a four-time All-American with a fifth place finish. He ended his final season with a 19-6 record and finished with an 86-27 mark.

True freshman Braeden Davis finished just one win shy of All-America status at 125. Davis went 2-2, dropping tough bouts to the eighth and fifth seeds. Davis ended his campaign with a 22-4 overall record and as the 2024 Big Ten Champion at his weight. Sophomore Aaron Nagao also finished just one win shy of earning All-America laurels at 133. Nagao went 3-2 with a tech fall. He concluded his first year as a Nittany Lion with a 17-7 record and was a 2023 All-American.

The Nittany Lions now have 59 NCAA Champions, 38 since Sanderson's arrival as head coach. Starocci and Brooks became school's first four-time NCAA Champions. At the conclusion of the tournament, Brooks was named the 2024 NCAA Most Dominant Wrestler and the 2024 NCAA Championship Outstanding Wrestler.

Starocci and Brooks joined a group of five other four-time NCAA Champions, bringing the total to seven (Cael Sanderson, Kyle Dake, Yianni Diakomihalis, Pat Smith, Logan Stieber). Penn State's 172.5 points set a new NCAA record, breaking the old mark of 170 set by Iowa in 1997. The Nittany Lions crushed the margin of victory between champion and second place, winning by 100 points (breaking the mark of 73.75 set in 1986 by Iowa).

The Nittany Lions went 4-2 in the finals and leave Kansas City with a 45-9 overall record. Penn State collected 35.0 bonus points off 11 majors, eight tech falls and six pins.

With this year's championships in the books, Penn State now has 59 NCAA individual titles spread among 37 individuals. Since 2011, Penn State has the most individual titles in the nation (Penn State 38, Cornell 14, Oklahoma State 10, Ohio State 10, Iowa 7). The Nittany Lions have had 56 NCAA finalists and own a 38-18 record in the national finals. Since 2011, Penn State has won then of 11 of 13 NCAA team championships (no tournament in 2020).

The Nittany Lions have won 12 NCAA titles overall with 11 coming under Sanderson (third most in history). Penn State won four-straight titles in 2011, '12, '13 and '14 and again in 2006, '17, '18 and '19. The Nittany Lions have now won three straight again, 2022, '23, '24. Penn State also owns a championship from 1953. Sanderson's 15-year head coaching ledger for team finishes at NCAAAs since arriving at Penn State is as follows: 2010 (9th), 2011 (1st), 2012 (1st), 2013 (1st), 2014 (1st), 2015 (6th), 2016 (1st), 2017 (1st), 2018 (1st), 2019 (1st), 2020 (no tourn.), 2021 (2nd), 2022 (1st), 2023 (1st), 2024 (1st).

The Nittany Lions added eight All-Americans to their ledger, bringing the school's total to 254 all-time (91 under Sanderson). Its six finalists is also a school record. Sanderson has now led his teams to 11 NCAA titles, equaling Oklahoma State's E.C. Gallagher's 11. Dan Gable of Iowa has 15. Penn State's 12 overall team titles is third all-time in NCAA history as well. Since 2011, Penn State is 56-8 in the national semifinals as well, an .875 win percentage.

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

- 125: #1 Braeden Davis, Fr., Belleville, Mich./Dundee  
Rd. 1: #33 Tristan Lujan, Michigan State – W, 8-1 dec.  
Rd. 2: #17 Brett Ungar, Cornell – W, 2-1 dec.  
Qtr. #8 Richard Figueroa, Arizona State – L, 2-3 dec.  
Cn. 4: #5 Jore Volk, Wyoming – L, 1-4 (sv) dec.

Davis met No. 33 Tristan Lujan in his first bout. Davis got in on a deep single at the 1:22 mark and worked his way into a takedown and a 3-0 lead at 1:08. He controlled the Spartan for the rest of the period and carried the 3-0 lead into the second period. Davis chose down to start the second period and quickly escaped to a 4-0 lead. Davis turned a solid single into a second takedown to lead 7-0 at :40. Lujan chose down to start the third period and Davis controlled the Spartan for :20 before he escaped to a 7-1 score. Davis held 2:01 in riding time and used that point to cap off an 8-1 win.

He took on No. 17 Brett Ungar of Cornell in the second round. Davis shot Ungar off the mat at 1:23 with a blast double but did not get the stall call with 1:55 on the clock. The Nittany Lion freshman continued to force Ungar backwards through the 1:00 mark. The first period ended in a scoreless tie. Davis chose down to start the second period and quickly escaped to a 1-0 lead. The Lion freshman continued to press Ungar back and the Big Red grappler worked the outside circle. Davis led 1-0 after two. Ungar chose down to start the third period and Davis went to work on top. The Nittany Lion controlled the action through the 1:00 mark and built his time up over 1:00. Davis was hit for stalling with :29 left, still on top. Ungar escaped with :08 left but Davis' 1:41 in riding time was the factor in a 2-1 win. He advanced to the quarterfinals with the victory.

Davis faced No. 8 Richard Figueroa of Arizona State in Penn State's first of eight quarterfinal bouts. Davis worked the center circle to start the bout. The Lion freshman pressured Figueroa, keeping the Devil's back to the outside circle through 1:00. Davis fought off a solid Figueroa single and forced a reset out of bounds at :30. Tied 0-0, Davis chose down to start the second period and quickly escaped to a 1-0 lead. The duo battled in neutral for the remainder of the period and Davis led 1-0 after two. Figueroa chose down to start the third period and reversed Davis to a 2-1 lead. Davis worked his way to an escape, but Figueroa had riding time. Davis forced one stall and chased Figueroa for the final :20 seconds. Figueroa's riding time allowed the Devil to post the 3-2 win and send Davis to consolation action, still alive for third place and All-America status.

He battled No. 5 Jore Volk of Wyoming in the first of Penn State's 'All-America' round match-ups, needing one victory to secure All-America status as a true freshman. Davis pressured Volk to the outside circle to start the bout, holding position on the NCAA logo. The duo battled through the 1:30 mark with Davis the aggressor. A third slight shot at 1:00 kept Volk on defense. Davis forced a first stall at the :40 mark. Tied 0-0 after one, Volk chose down to start the second period. He escaped after :30 to a 1-0 lead. The escape was the only scoring in

the second period and Davis trailed 1-0 after two. Davis chose down to start the third period. He steadily worked his way free to an escape at 1:12 to tie the bout 1-1. He nearly connected on a scrambling takedown on the edge of the mat, but Volk escaped out of bounds at :50. The match moved into extra time tied 1-1. Davis got in deep on a high double and rolled through the shot early in sudden victory. Volk countered, however, and worked his way into control of the Nittany Lion. Davis fought off the move for nearly :45 before Volk finished off the takedown for the 4-1 (sv) win. The loss ended Davis' tournament run at 2-2. He finished his true freshman season at 22-4 and as the 2024 Big Ten Champion.

133: #10 Aaron Nagao, So., La Habra, Calif./Esperanza Rd. 1: #23 Marlon Yarbrough, Virginia – L, 5-13 maj. dec.  
Cn. 1: #26 Kade Moore, Missouri – W, 16-1 (TF; 5:00)  
Cn. 2: #24 Julian Chlebove, Arizona State – W, 5-1 dec.  
Cn. 3: #16 Nick Bouzakis, Ohio State – W, 3-0 dec.  
Cn. 4: #3 Kai Orine, North Carolina State – L, 4-11 dec.

Nagao took on No. 23 Marlon Yarbrough of Virginia in the first round. Nagao fell behind 3-1 after an early scramble by Yarbrough and then 6-2 after a second Virginia takedown. Nagao worked the center of the mat through the :45 mark and trailed 6-2 after one. Nagao chose down to start the second period and escaped to a 6-3 score. Yarbrough worked through a low double for a third takedown and a 9-3 lead. Nagao chose neutral to start the third period, trailing 9-3, but Yarbrough notched a fourth takedown to lead 12-3. Nagao added a late reversal but dropped into consolation action after the 13-5 loss.

He battled #26 Kade Moore of Missouri in his first consolation bout. Nagao worked his way in on an early shot, forcing a scramble that led to a takedown and an early 3-0 lead. Nagao worked the top position, working to turn the Tiger grappler. Moore worked his way to an escape after a reset with 1:10 on the clock. Nagao continued his strong offense, notching a second takedown at :35. He added two back points and carried an 8-1 lead with 1:55 in time into the second period. Nagao escaped to start the second period and led 9-1. Moore took a low shot, forcing a scramble. Nagao scrambled through for a counter takedown and led 12-1. He worked Moore over to his back for a four count as the period ended and walked away with a 16-1 technical fall at 5:00.

Nagao battled No. 24 Julian Chlebove of Arizona State in the second round of consolation action. Chlebove worked his way in on an early shot and Nagao fought it off to keep things scoreless early. Nagao fought off a second shot and then a third to keep the match tied 0-0 after one. Chlebove chose down to start the second period and Nagao went to work on top. He broke the Sun Devil down, working him flat while looking for a chance to turn him. Chlebove escaped late to a 1-0 lead, but Nagao had 1:26 in riding time. Nagao chose down to start third. He worked his way to an escape with 1:30 left but lost his riding time edge and the match was tied 1-1. He worked through a low single, scrambled his way to a takedown and added two near fall points to take a 6-1 lead in the final :20. Arizona State challenged the call, and it was overturned. Penn State then challenged immediately and won on review, with Nagao awarded a takedown to lead 4-1 with :03 left. He picked up a riding time point and moved on in conso action with the 5-1 win.

He took on No. 12 Nick Bouzakis of Ohio State in his next conso bout. Nagao fought off an early Bouzakis shot, forcing a stalemate at 2:12. Nagao forced a scramble in the center circle at 1:00 and both wrestlers had opportunities, but a stalemate halted action at :25 and the bout moved to the second period tied 0-0. Bouzakis chose down to start the second and Nagao controlled the action deep into the second period. He built up over 1:30 in time and Bouzakis took injury time. Nagao took down on the reset with :22 left and quickly escaped to a 1-0 lead. He chose down to start the third period, escaped in seconds and still had 1:22 in riding time to his side. He finished in neutral, added the riding time point and continued on in conso action with the 3-0 win.

Nagao met No. 3 Kai Orine of North Carolina State in his 'All-America' battle, looking for one more win to become a two-time All-American. The duo battled through an even first minute. Orine slid down through a low double on the edge of the mat and notched the first takedown at midway through the period to take a 3-0 lead. Nagao escaped to a 3-1 score and nearly took the lead late with a low shot. But time ran out and Nagao trailed 3-1 after one. He took down to start the second period. Orine was able to turn the Lion for four back points and a 7-1 lead. Leading 7-1, Orine chose down to start the third period. Nagao went to work on top looking to turn the Wolfpack grappler for back points to get back in the match. He eventually cut Orine loose, took him down to cut the score to 8-4 and nearly turned him for back points. But Orine was able to slide through for a reversal and, with riding time, posted the 11-4 win. The loss ended Nagao's tournament at 2-2 and his season at 16-7.

141: #2 Beau Bartlett, Sr., Tempe, Ariz./Wyoming Seminary (Pa.) Rd. 1: #31 Kai Miller, Maryland – W, 6-1 dec.  
Rd. 2: #15 Mitch Moore, Rutgers – WBF (5:49)  
Cntr: #26 Vance Vombaur, Minnesota – WBF (6:48)  
Semi: #6 Lachlan McNeil, North Carolina – W, 5-1 dec.  
Finals: #1 Jesse Mendez, Ohio State – L, 1-4 dec.

Bartlett took on No. 31 Kai Miller of Maryland in the first round. The duo battled through an even first period, with Bartlett nearly scoring at the end of the period to no avail. With the score tied 0-0, Bartlett chose down to start the second stanza and eventually worked his way to an escape and a 1-0 lead at the 1:17 mark. He carried that lead into the third period. Miller chose down to start the third and worked his way to an escape and a 1-1 tie at the 1:30 mark. Bartlett forced a scramble with a dep shot at the :50 mark. He finished off the takedown, and added two near fall points, with seconds left in the bout to post the 6-1 win.

He faced No. 15 Mitch Moore of Rutgers in the second round. The duo worked neutral through the 1:30 mark, wrestling in the center of the mat. Neither wrestler was able to find an opening in the opening period and the bout moved to the second tied 0-0. Bartlett chose down to start the second period and quickly escaped to a 1-0 lead. Action continued in neutral through the :30 mark and to 0:00. Trailing 1-0, Moore chose down to start the third period. Moore escaped to a 1-1 tie at 1:30 and Bartlett quickly locked up a single. He finished off the takedown by locking up a cradle and got the fall at the 3:49 to advance to the quarterfinals.

Bartlett battled No. 26 Vance Vombaur of Minnesota in the quarters. The duo battled in the center of the mat for the first two minutes-plus with neither wrestler breaking through on offense. Bartlett fought off a late Vombaur shot, and the match moved to the second tied 0-0. Bartlett chose down to start the second period and escaped to a 1-0 lead. He worked in neutral for the rest of the period and led 1-0 after two. Vombaur chose down to start the third period and quickly escaped to a 1-1 tie. Bartlett worked his way in on a single and finished off the takedown to take a 4-1 lead at the 1:04 mark. Vombaur escaped and worked his way in on a deep single. But Bartlett was steady on one leg, counter scrambled to control and quickly locked up a cradle as action moved to the mat. He picked up the fall at 6:48, advancing to the national semifinals, and became a two-time All-American in the process.

Bartlett faced No. 6 Lachlan McNeil of North Carolina in the first of Penn State's six national semifinal bouts. Bartlett and McNeil worked neutral for the first three minutes of the bout and the first period ended in a 0-0 tie. McNeil chose down to start the second period and escaped to a 1-0 lead. Bartlett worked the middle of the mat on offense but could not break through McNeil's defense and trailed by one after two. He chose down to start the third period and worked his way to a reversal and a 2-1 lead. He nearly turned the Tar Heel grappler for back points but settled in back on top after McNeil avoided the count. He kept control and eventually turned McNeil for two back points to lead 4-1. Bartlett settled in on top and finished the period in control. With the added riding time point, Bartlett rolled into the National Finals with a strong 5-1 win.

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149: #7 Tyler Kasak, Fr., Doylestown, Pa./Bethlehem Catholic Rd. 1: #26 Jaden Abas, Stanford – L, 2-4 dec.  
Cn. 1: #23 Drew Roberts, Minnesota – W, 14-5 maj. dec.  
Cn. 2: #9 Ethan Fernandez, Cornell – WBF (0:36)  
Cn. 3: #17 Graham Rooks, Indiana – W, 13-1 maj. dec.  
Cn. 4: #3 Jackson Arrington, North Carolina State – W, 5-4 dec.  
Cn. 5: #11 Quinn Kinner, Rider – W, 10-2 maj. dec.  
Cn. Semi: #1 Ridge Lovett, Nebraska – W, 10-1 maj. dec.  
3rd: #5 Ty Watters, West Virginia – W, 3-2 dec.

Kasak met No. 26 Jaden Abas of Stanford in his first match at nationals. Kasak fought off an early Abas shot, scrambling through the 2:00 mark before a stalemate ended things. After a scoreless first period, Kasak chose down to start the second and quickly escaped to a 1-0 lead. Abas worked his way on a deep single and Kasak fought off the move until the :10 mark, but Abas connected on a late double and led 3-1 after two. Abas chose down to start the third period and escaped to a 4-1 lead. Kasak spent the rest of the period working for a takedown. Abas gave up a stall point, but Kasak could not catch him and dropped into consolation action with the 4-2 loss.

He met No. 23 Drew Roberts of Minnesota in the first round of consolation action. Kasak paced the center circle, setting up on offense. He took a serious of quick shots that Roberts scrambled away from. Kasak connected on a shot late in the period and quickly rolled Roberts to his back for three near fall points, opening up a 6-0 lead. He added four more back points as the period ended and led 10-0 after one. Roberts chose down to start the second period and Kasak dominated the action on top. He built his riding time up over 2:00 before Roberts escaped and led 10-1 with 2:34 in time after two. Kasak chose down to start the third period and worked his way to a reversal and a 12-1 lead at 1:40. Roberts answered with an escape and a takedown before the bout ended. Kasak, with riding time, rolled into the second consolation round with a 14-5 major decision.

Kasak battled No. 9 Ethan Fernandez of Cornell in the second round of consolation action. Fernandez took an early shot and Kasak quickly countered to control. He got a neutral danger takedown and ended the bout with a fast fall at just 0:36. The quick pin moved him on to the third round of consolations.

He met No. 17 Graham Rooks of Indiana in the next conso round. Kasak shot quickly, forcing a scramble that ended in a takedown at the 2:06 mark. The Lion true freshman controlled the action from the top position, building up over 1:00 in time while trying to turn the Hoosier for nearfall points. Rooks was hit with stalling at :40 and Kasak at :30. Kasak finished the period on top and led 3-0 with 2:06 in time after one. Kasak chose neutral to start the second period. He battled Rooks in neutral through the 1:00 mark then connected on a low single. He scrambled through the action for a neutral danger takedown to open up a 6-0 lead, which held into the third. Rooks took neutral to start the final stanza. Kasak iced the match with a takedown and the :55 mark, opening up a 9-0 lead. Rooks escaped to a 9-1 score. Kasak added a late takedown and riding time to move on in consolation action with the strong 13-1 major decision.

Kasak met No. 3 Jackson Arrington of North Carolina State in his 'All-America' round bout, also needing one win to be a true freshman All-American. Arrington forced a scramble early with a shot and worked his way to a takedown and a 3-0 lead at 2:19. Kasak battled on bottom and worked his way to an escape to cut the lead to 3-1 at 1:21. Kasak worked the center circle, looking for a takedown but Arrington was able to defend his way to the end of the period. Arrington chose down to start the second stanza and escaped to a 4-1 lead. Kasak counter scrambled his way to a takedown with :25 left in the period, tying the bout 4-4. He finished on top, and the match moved to the third tied 4-4. Kasak chose down to start the third period. Arrington got hit with a stall warning and Kasak quickly escaped to a 5-4 lead. He worked the middle of the mat through the 1:00 mark, still leading by one. Kasak gave up a stall call at :44 then fought off a solid Arrington shot. He defended his way to All-America status as the clock hit :00. The 5-4 win over the third seeded Arrington made him an All-American.

In the next consolation round, he took on No. 11 Quinn Kinner of Rider. Kasak took Kinner down quickly, opening up an early lead and adding to it with four near fall points. Leading 7-0 in the first minute, Kasak built his riding time up over 1:00 with strong control. Kasak gave up a stall warning during his ride but finished on top to lead 7-0 with 2:18 in time to his side. Kasak chose down to start the second period. Steady underneath, he reversed Kinner quickly to lead 9-0 and went back to work, adding to his time advantage. Kinner escaped to a 9-1 score before the period ended. Kinner chose down to start the third period. Kasak clinched his riding time point with a strong ride, working the clock down to the 1:00 mark before Kinner escaped to a 9-2 score. Kasak used 3:36 in riding time for another point and rolled into the consolation semifinals with a 10-2 major decision.

Kasak met No. 7 Ridge Lovett of Nebraska in the consolation semifinals. Kasak struck quickly, taking the Husker down to open up a 3-0 lead. Lovett worked his way in into control of Kasak's leg, looking for a reversal, but the Lion fought off the move and only gave up an escape. Kasak worked the center circle through the 1:00 mark. He connected on a high single for a second takedown at the :44 mark to up his lead to 6-1. Kasak maintained control of Lovett for the rest of the period and led 6-1 with 1:39 in riding time after one. The second period started in neutral. Kasak continued to work his offense and bulled through a third takedown at the 1:00 mark to open up a 9-1 lead. The Lion freshman controlled the Husker senior for the rest of the period once again and led 9-1 with 2:39 in time after two periods. Lovett also chose neutral to start the third period. The duo battled in neutral through the 1:00 mark and Kasak's riding time point was clinched. Kasak fought off one last Lovett shot at the buzzer and, with riding time, notched the impressive 10-1 major decision to move into the bronze medal match.

Kasak met No. 5 Ty Watters of West Virginia in the third place bout. Kasak came out and scored quickly, turning a single into a takedown and a 3-0 lead. Watters escaped to a 3-1 score and action continued in neutral. Action moved through the 1:00 mark in neutral with Kasak circling Watters, looking for an opening. The Mountaineers defense held through the period and Kasak led 3-1 after one. Watters chose down to start the second period and worked his way to an escaped and a 3-2 score. The duo battled in the center circle for the remainder of the period and Kasak carried the 3-2 lead into the third. Kasak chose neutral to start the third period. He continued to take low shots, looking for a second takedown. Kasak gained control of Watters' leg at the 1:10 mark, forcing a scramble. Watters was able to work his way out of bounds to force a reset at the :38 mark. Watters shot low on the reset and Kasak fought the move off to hold on to his lead. He finished the bout on his feet and posted the 3-2 win to take third place as a true freshman. Kasak, only the ninth wrestler to ever lose a first round bout and win seven straight to take third, ended the tournament with a 7-1 record including four majors and a pin. He concludes the season with a 24-5 record.

157: #1 Levi Haines, So., Arendtsville, Pa./Biglerville --  
Rd. 1: #32 Isaac Wilcox, Ohio State – W, 17-2 (TF; 7:00)  
Rd. 2: #16 Teague Travis, Oklahoma State – W, 19-4 (TF; 6:41)  
Qtr: #8 Peyton Robb, Nebraska – W, 8-0 maj. dec.  
Semi: #12 Bryce Andonian, Virginia Tech – WBF (7:48; SV)  
Finals: #2 Jacori Teemer, Arizona State – W, 5-0 dec.

Haines took on No. 32 Isaac Wilcox of Ohio State in the first round. Haines took an early 3-1 lead after a quick takedown in the opening seconds of the match. The Lion sophomore used a quick single to notch a second takedown and finished the period on top to lead 6-1 after one. Wilcox chose down to start the second period and escaped to a 6-2 score. Haines notched a third takedown to lead 9-2. He picked up a fourth takedown late and led 12-2 after two. Haines chose down to start the third, escaped to a 13-2 lead and quickly took Wilcox down again to open up a 16-2 lead with clinched riding time. He finished the period on top again and, with riding time, posted the 17-2 technical fall at 7:00.

He battled No. 16 Teague Travis of Oklahoma State in round two. Haines set a quick tempo to start, working for position in the center circle. He picked up the first takedown at the 1:47 mark to open up a 3-0 lead. Haines then went to work on top, working for a turn. Haines built up over 1:00 in riding time with control, finishing on top to lead 3-0 with 1:47 in time after one. Haines chose down to start the second period, escaped to a 4-0 lead and took the Cowboy down again to open up a 7-0 lead with 1:25 remaining. He added two more takedowns and led 13-2 after two. Travis chose down to start the third, Haines cut him to a 13-3 score and notched a counter takedown to lead 16-3 with clinched riding time. He took a 16-4 lead with another takedown and finished off the technical fall with a scrambling takedown with :19 left. Haines' 19-4 tech fall advanced him into the quarterfinals.

Haines took on No. 8 Peyton Robb of Nebraska in his quarterfinal bout. Haines and Robb worked the center circle for the first minute-plus. Haines turned a single leg into a scramble and worked his way to a takedown and a 3-0 lead at 1:09. He was strong on top and turned Robb for three back points before the period ended to lead 6-0 after one. Haines chose down to start the second period and quickly escaped to a 7-0 lead. He fought off a late Robb shot and carried that lead into the third period. Robb chose down to start the third period and Haines controlled the action deep into the period. He clinched riding time and finished on top to post the strong 8-0 major decision. The win made him a two-time All-American and pushed him into the national semifinals.

Haines met No. 12 Bryce Andonian of Virginia Tech in his national semifinal match-up. Haines worked the center circle for the first minute and got in on a high single, but Andonian was able to fight the move off to keep things scoreless. The duo traded shots at 1:15. Haines continued to shoot Andonian into defense, but the Hokie was able to defend his way out of the period. Tied 0-0, Andonian chose down to start the second period and escaped to a 1-0 lead. Haines continued to shoot and Andonian continued to back away for the rest of the period. Trailing 1-0, Haines chose down to start the third period and quickly escaped to a 1-1 tie. Andonian connected on a single and took a 4-2 lead after a quick Haines escape. Haines continued to shoot the Hokie backwards to the :45 mark. Haines took a 5-4 lead with a nifty takedown at the :45 mark and Andonian escaped to a 5-5 tie to send things to sudden victory. Haines immediately worked his way in on a shot and, once again, Andonian looked to scramble out of trouble. But Haines locked up control of the Hokie. Not settling for the takedown, Haines rolled Andonian to his back and pinned him at the 7:48 mark to move into the national finals.

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165: #2 Mitchell Mesenbrink, Fr., Hartland, Wis./Arrowhead  
Rd. 1: #31 Maxx Mayfield, Northwestern – W, 18-2 (TF; 5:32)  
Rd. 2: #15 Brevin Cassella, Binghamton – W, 11-3 maj. dec.  
Qtr: #10 Cameron Amine, Michigan – W, 6-1 dec.  
Semi: #6 Mikey Caliendo, Iowa – W, 17-9 maj. dec.  
Finals: #4 David Carr, Iowa State – L, 8-9 dec.

Mesenbrink battled No. 31 Maxx Mayfield of Northwestern in the first round. Mesenbrink opened the bout up with two quick takedowns to lead 6-1 early. He added a third takedown late in the period and led 9-2 after one. Mesenbrink chose down to start the second and escaped to a 10-2 lead. He picked up two stall points and added another takedown to lead 15-2 after two. Mayfield chose neutral to start the third period and Mesenbrink ended things quickly. He took the Wildcat to the mat for a final takedown, posting the 18-2 technical fall at the 5:32 mark.

He met No. 15 Brevin Cassella of Binghamton in the second round. Mesenbrink nearly scored off the whistle with a fast single. But Cassella worked his way out of bounds to force a reset. The Bearcat shot low and Mesenbrink was able to force a stalemate with 1:56 on the clock. Mesenbrink struck quickly on the reset, taking a 3-0 lead with a fast takedown at 1:50. He cut Cassella loose and went back to work on offense. He picked up a second takedown at :30, finished on top, and led 6-1 with 1:07 riding time after one. Mesenbrink chose

down to start the second and quickly reversed action to an 8-1 lead. He added one more takedown and led 11-3 with 1:27 in time after two. Mesenbrink chose down to start the third period. Cassella was able to control the action on top for the entire period. Mesenbrink's dominance over the first two periods allowed the Lion to roll to an 11-3 major decision and advance to the quarterfinals.

Mesenbrink battled No. 10 Cameron Amine of Michigan in the quarterfinals. Mesenbrink walked Amine off the mat in the first :22, picking up an early stall warning. Mesenbrink worked his way in on a low single and worked to pull Amine back onto the mat as the clock hit 2:00. Amine was able to flee the mat and keep the bout scoreless at 1:38. Mesenbrink continued to chase the Wolverine to the outside circle and took a 1-0 lead on another Amine stall at :20. Trailing 1-0, Amine chose down to start the second period. He escaped to a 1-1 tie and Mesenbrink went back to work in the center circle. Mesenbrink used a fast low shot for a takedown and a 4-1 lead with :55 on the clock. Mesenbrink finished the period on top and led 4-1 with 1:05 in time after two. Mesenbrink chose down to start the third period and quickly escaped to a 5-1 lead. He picked up another point on another stall and won 6-1 going away. Mesenbrink became an All-American with the victory and moved into the national semifinals.

Mesenbrink met No. 6 Mikey Caliendo of Iowa in the national semis. Mesenbrink forced Caliendo into defense with a high single. Caliendo worked his way to a takedown and a 3-1 lead at 1:30 after a quick Mesenbrink escape. Mesenbrink continued to work on offense and took a 4-3 lead with a takedown at :40. Caliendo escaped to a 4-4 tie. They finished the period in neutral and moved to the second tied 4-4. Caliendo chose down to start the second and escaped to a 7-5 lead. Mesenbrink quickly took him down to lead 7-6 after a quick Iowa escape. Mesenbrink continued to shoot and took the Hawkeye down a third time to lead 10-7 after Caliendo escaped. Mesenbrink led 10-7 after two and escaped to an 11-7 lead to start the third. He rolled through a high double and scrambled his way to another takedown to open up a 14-7 lead. Mesenbrink roared through a fifth takedown to open up a 17-9 lead. Mesenbrink finished the bout in neutral and rolled into the national finals with a 17-9 major decision.

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174: #9 Carter Starocci, Sr., Erie, Pa./Cathedral Prep  
Rd. 1: #24 Andrew Sparks, Minnesota – W, 12-6 dec.  
Rd. 2: #8 Adam Kemp, Cal Poly – W, 5-3 dec.  
Qtr: #1 Mekhi Lewis, Virginia Tech – W, 4-0 dec.  
Semi: #4 Shane Griffith, Michigan – W, 2-0 dec.  
Finals: #6 Rocco Welsh, Ohio State – W, 2-0 dec.

Starocci took on No. 24 Andre Sparks in the first round. Starocci took a quick single, but Sparks countered the effort for a takedown and an early 3-1 lead. Starocci immediately worked his way into a scramble and a takedown. He then turned Sparks to his back for four near fall and led 8-3 with over 1:00 in time after one. Starocci chose neutral to start the second period and took Sparks down at the 1:11 mark to lead 11-4 after two periods. Trailing 11-4, Sparks chose down to start the third period. He escaped and picked up a stall point, but Starocci added a riding time point and moved on with a strong 12-6 win.

He met No. 8 Adam Kemp of Cal Poly in round two. Kemp scored quickly, taking a 3-0 lead just :07 into the bout. Starocci was able to work to an escape in :30 and cut the lead to 3-1. The Lion went to work on offense, using a low double for a quick takedown on the edge of the mat with 1:16 left in the period. He controlled the action on top and rode Kemp out to lead 4-3 after one. Starocci chose down to start the second period and quickly escaped to a 5-3 lead. He and Kemp battled evenly for the remainder of the period, allowing Starocci to carry the two-point lead into the third period. Kemp chose neutral to start the third period. Starocci and Kemp battled through an even 2:00 to close out the bout. Starocci moved into the quarterfinals with a 5-3 victory.

Starocci faced No. 1 Mekhi Lewis of Virginia Tech in the quarters. The duo battled through an even first minute on the NCAA logo. Starocci worked his way in on a high single and muscled his way to a takedown and a 3-0 lead the :59 mark. He went to work on top, dominating the action while building up riding time. He finished the period on top and led 3-0 with :59 in time after one. Starocci chose down to start the second period and quickly escaped to a 4-0 lead. The Nittany Lion senior worked the center of the mat, forcing Lewis into defense as the clock moved past 1:00. They finished in neutral and Starocci led 4-0 after two. Lewis chose neutral to start the third period. He battled Lewis through the first minute and was hit with a first stall at :44. He then moved in quickly on a single leg as the clock hit :30. He finished the bout in the at scramble and posted the convincing 4-0 win. Starocci became a four-time All-American with the win and moved into the NCAA semifinals.

Starocci took on No. 4 Shane Griffith of Michigan in the national his semifinal bout. Starocci shot Griffith backwards off the opening whistle, forcing the Wolverine to the outside circle. The Lion continued to press the Wolverine backwards and gained control of his right leg at the 1:31 mark. He worked to pull Griffith back on to the mat, but Griffith was able to flee the circle and force a reset at :35. Starocci

forced Griffith into a first stall at :07 and the bout moved to the second tied 0-0. Griffith chose down to start the second period. Starocci broke the Wolverine down in the center of the mat and built his time edge up over 1:00 with a strong ride. He dominated the action on top and rode the Wolverine out. Tied 0-0, Starocci chose down to start the third and quickly escaped to a 1-0 lead with 1:48 in time to his side. Starocci battled in neutral over the final minute plus and roared back to the national finals, four a fourth time, with a 2-0 win.

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184: #6 Bernie Truax, Gr., Oceanside, Calif./Rancho Buena Vista  
Rd. 1: #27 Cameron Pine, Clarion – W, 18-3 (TF; 5:09)  
Rd. 2: #11 Colton Hawks, Missouri – W, 4-2 dec.  
Qtr: #3 Dustin Plott, Oklahoma State – L, 6-16 maj. dec.  
Cn. 4: #10 Dylan Fishback, North Carolina State – W, 5-0 dec.  
Cn. 5: #7 Thomas Stewart Jr., Virginia Tech – W, 5-1 dec.  
Cn. Semi: #4 Trey Munoz, Oregon State – LBF (2:29)  
5th: #2 Isaiiah Salazar, Minnesota – W, 12-0 maj. dec.

Truax met No. 27 Cameron Pine of Clarion in the first round. He took the Golden Eagle down quickly and turned him to his back for three nearfall to lead 6-1 out of the gates. Truax took Pine down a second time before the period's midway point and built his riding time point up over 2:00 with a strong ride. He finished the period on top and led 9-1 with 2:40 in riding time after one. After a neutral start to the second period, Truax turned a low single into a scramble and a takedown to lead 12-1. He worked his riding time up over 3:00, gave up a penalty point and an escape, then took Pine down once more to lead 15-3 after two. After another neutral start to begin the third, Truax ended the bout with a final takedown, posting the 18-3 tech fall at 5:09.

He faced No. 11 Colton Hawks of Missouri in round two. Truax and Hawks battled evenly to begin the match, working on their fee in the center circle. Truax nearly connected on a fast shot at the :50 mark but Hawks skipped out of trouble to keep the match tied 0-0. After a scoreless first period, Hawks chose down to start the second period and escaped to a 1-0 lead. Truax moved in on a low shot and finished off the takedown to lead 3-1 at 1:30. Hawks escaped to a 3-2 score and action continued in neutral. Truax forced Hawks towards the outside circle but settling for a 3-2 lead after two periods. Truax escaped to a 4-2 lead to begin the final period. With the clock moving to 1:00, the Lion stepped back from a quick shot and settled into position in the middle of the mat. He battled back a late Hawks surge and moved into the quarterfinals with a 4-2 victory.

Truax faced No. 3 Dustin Plott of Oklahoma State in his quarterfinal bout. Truax struck quickly, taking a fast low single to take Plott down and lead 3-1 after a quick Cowboy escape. Plott connected on a low single and the Penn State corner immediately called for a dangerous or illegal hold. Action continued, Plott got the takedown and Truax called for injury time. Plott took the 4-3 lead and chose down after injury time. He escaped to a 5-3 lead. Truax worked his way in on a high shot, but Plott was able to fight off the effort at :55. Truax trailed 5-3 after one, Plott took down to start the second and escaped to a 6-3 lead. The Cowboy took a 9-3 lead at 1:11 with a takedown. Truax added an escape and trailed 9-4 after two. Truax chose neutral to start the third, but Plott added another takedown and led 12-4. Truax escaped at 1:00. Plott picked up a late takedown and riding time to win 16-6.

Truax met No. 10 Dylan Fishback of North Carolina State in Penn State's final 'All-America' round bout, looking to become a four-time All-American with a victory. Truax battled Fishback through an even first period, finishing off the first 3:00 knotted in a 0-0 tie. Fishback chose down to start the second period and Truax went to work on top. Truax controlled Fishback for the full period and, while still tied 0-0, had 2:00 in riding time heading into the third. He chose down to start the third period and quickly escaped to a 1-0 lead. He then moved in on a takedown at the 1:37 mark to open up a 4-0 lead. Truax controlled the action from the top position again and finished off the period on top. His added riding time point gave him the 5-0 win and earned him All-America status for the fourth time.

He took on No. 7 Thomas Stewart Jr. of Virginia Tech in his next consolation bout. He battled Stewart through a scoreless first period. Tied 0-0, Truax chose down to start the second period and worked his way to a quick escape just :04 into the bout. The duo battled in neutral for the bulk of the second stanza with Truax getting called for stalling once. Stewart chose down to begin the third period and escaped to a 1-1 tie. Truax worked his way to a winning takedown in the final seconds, nearly pinning Stewart in the process. He finished the match on top and, with riding time, rolled into the consolation semifinals with the 5-1 win.

Truax battled No. 4 Trey Munoz of Oregon State in the consolation semifinals. Truax and Munoz worked the middle of the mat in Neutral to start the bout. Munoz moved behind Truax for a takedown :30 into the bout and then caught the Lion in a throw. He took him to the mat and finished off the pin at 2:29. The loss moved Truax to the fifth place bout.

He met No. 2 Isaiah Salazar of Minnesota for fifth place. The duo battled in neutral through the 2:00 mark. Truax worked his way in on a shot and took a 3-0 lead with a takedown at the 1:46 mark. He forced Salazar into a first stall warning while working his time edge up over 1:00. He controlled the action to finish on top and led 3-0 with 1:46 in riding time after one period. Truax chose down to start the second period and quickly escaped to a 4-0 lead. He countered a slight Salazar shot for a second takedown and a 7-0 lead with 1:10 left in the stanza. He picked up a stall point as his time moved up over 2:00. He finished the period on top again and led 8-0 with 2:48 in time. Salazar chose neutral to start the final period. With riding time clinched, Truax went to work in the center of the mat and connected on a third takedown to up his lead to 11-0. Truax once again dominated the Gopher from the top position. He ended the period on top and, with over 3:00 in riding time, capped off a stellar collegiate career with a 12-0 major over Salazar. Truax went 5-2 over the weekend and became a four-time All-American with a fifth place finish. He ended his final season with a 19-6 record and finished with an 86-27 mark.

197: #1 Aaron Brooks, Sr., Hagerstown, Pa./North Hagerstown  
Rd. 1: #33 Evan Bates, Northwestern – W, 18-4 (TF; 5:24)  
Rd. 2: #17 Joseph Novak, Wyoming – WBF (2:20)  
Qtr: #8 Stephen Buchanan, Oklahoma – WBF (2:44)  
Semi: #12 Rocky Elam, Missouri – W, 17-2 (TF; 5:45)  
Finals: #2 Trent Hilday, North Carolina State – W, 6-0 dec.

Brooks met No. 33 Evan Bates of Northwestern. Brooks notched a quick takedown after countering a Bates shot, cut the Wildcat loose and then quickly took him down again to lead 6-1 at the 2:00 mark. He finished the period on top and carried that lead with a riding time edge into the second. Brooks escaped to a 7-1 lead to start the middle period. He quickly tacked on two more escapes to lead 13-2 with :50 on the clock. Brooks finished off the period with one more takedown and led 16-2 w/ 2:34 in time after two. Bates chose down to start the third and escaped to a 16-54 score. Brooks finished off the tech fall with a counter takedown, notching the 19-4 tech at the 5:24 mark.

He battled No. 17 Joseph Novak of Wyoming in the second round. After a scoreless first minute, Brooks moved in on Novak, took him down and locked up a cradle. He picked up two near fall points and led 5-0 at the 1:32 mark. After resetting his position on top, Brooks worked Novak's shoulders to the mat and picked up the first period fall at the 2:20 mark. His pin moved the Lion senior into the quarterfinals.

Brooks met No. 8 Stephen Buchanan of Oklahoma in the quarterfinals. Brooks battled Buchanan in neutral through the 1:30 mark. He quickly worked his way behind the Sooner for the bout's first takedown and a 3-0 lead at 1:25. Buchanan escaped to a 3-1 score and Brooks immediately moved in for the finish. He worked a takedown into chest control, turned Buchanan's back to the mat and got his second straight first period pin, this one at 2:44. Brooks' victory earned him his fifth All-America honor and moved him into the national semifinals.

Brooks met No. 12 Rocky Elam in his semifinal bout. He fought off an early Elam shot to force a reset and then settled in on offense in the center circle. He pressed Elam backwards and finished off a takedown on the outside of the mat to lead 3-0 at 1:25. Elam escaped to a 3-1 score and Brooks moved in once again, forcing the Tiger to the outside circle. He notched his second takedown with just :18 left and finished on top to lead 6-1 after the first period. He forced a second stall warning for a point and cut Elam loose to lead 7-2 at 1:00. He worked his way to another takedown to open up a 10-2 lead and then added another stall point. He picked up a takedown on the edge of the mat to open up a 14-2 lead at the 1:34 mark. Brooks continued to shoot Elam backwards and finished off the match with a final takedown, posting the 17-2 tech fall at 5:45.

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285: #1 Greg Kerkvliet, Sr., Inver Grove Heights, Minn./Simley  
Rd. 1: #32 Nick Willham, Indiana – W, 19-3 (TF; 5:16)  
Rd. 2: #17 Grady Griess, Navy – W, 9-1 maj. dec.  
Qtr: #9 Nick Feldman, Ohio State – W, 1-0 dec.  
Semi: #4 Cohilton Schultz, Arizona State – W, 8-1 dec.  
Finals: #10 Lucas Davison, Michigan – W, 13-4 maj. dec.

Kerkvliet battled No. 32 Nick Willham of Indiana in Penn State's final first round bout. The Nittany Lion big man used a lightning fast low single to take a 3-0 lead at 2:05. He then went to work on offense, looking for a turn from the top position. Kerkvliet built up over 1:00 in time, working for near fall. He finished the period on top and led 3-0 with 2:05 in time after one. Kerkvliet chose down to start the second period and quickly escaped to a 4-0 lead. He picked up a quick takedown, cut Willham loose and took him down again to lead 10-2. He notched a fourth takedown and worked his riding time up to 2:58 before cutting Willham loose again. Kerkvliet added a late takedown to lead 16-3 after two. Willham chose neutral to start the final period and Kerkvliet quickly ending things, picking up a final takedown for the 19-3 technical fall at 5:16.

He took on No. 17 Grady Griess of Navy in round two. Kerkvliet scored quickly, taking Griess down off the whistle to lead 3-0 at 2:43. He then went to work on top, building up a riding time edge while trying to turn Griess for back points. He controlled the action with a strong ride, working his time up over 2:00. He picked up a stall point and led 4-0 with 2:42 in time after one. Kerkvliet chose down to start the second period and quickly escaped to a 5-0 lead. He took Griess down on the center circle for an 8-0 lead and went back to work on top. He finished the period on top and led 8-0 with 4:05 in time after two periods. Griess chose down to start the third and escaped to an 8-1 score, but Kerkvliet had riding time clinched. The duo finished the bout in neutral. Kerkvliet, with riding time, rolled into the semifinals with a 9-0 major decision.

Kerkvliet took on No. 9 Nick Feldman of Ohio State in Penn State's last quarterfinal match. Kerkvliet forced Feldman into defense from the onset, tracking the Buckeye down around the mat as the clock moved through the 1:40 mark. The first period ended in a 0-0 tie. Kerkvliet chose down to start the second period and quickly escaped to a 1-0 lead. He continued to press Feldman into defense, shooting the Buckeye backwards at 1:20 and 1:05. Kerkvliet carried the 1-0 lead into the third period. Feldman, trailing 1-0, chose neutral to start the third. Kerkvliet took the only two shots over the next minute, working to widen his lead. He almost connected on a high double to Feldman blocked off the effort at :40. Kerkvliet fought off a solid low double in the final seconds and walked away with the 1-0 win. The victory earned Kerkvliet his fourth All-America honor and moved him into the semifinals.

Kerkvliet took on No. 4 Cohilton Schultz of Arizona State in Penn State's last semifinal bout. Kerkvliet scored quickly, taking Schultz down for a quick takedown and a 3-0 lead at the 2:44 mark. Kerkvliet put together a strong ride, building up over 1:00 in riding time while looking for a turn. Kerkvliet kept the Sun Devil on the mat, working him flat and looking to turn him. Schultz was able to fight off the near fall efforts, but the Nittany Lion big man finished on top and led 3-0 with 2:45 in time after one. Kerkvliet chose down to start the second period and quickly escaped to a 4-0 lead. He used a low single to take Schultz down again and upped his lead to 7-0 at :28. Kerkvliet finished on top once more and led 7-0 with 3:16 in time after two. Kerkvliet worked the center of the mat for the remainder of the bout, gave up a stall point, and, with 3:16 in riding time, rolled to the national finals with an 8-1 win.

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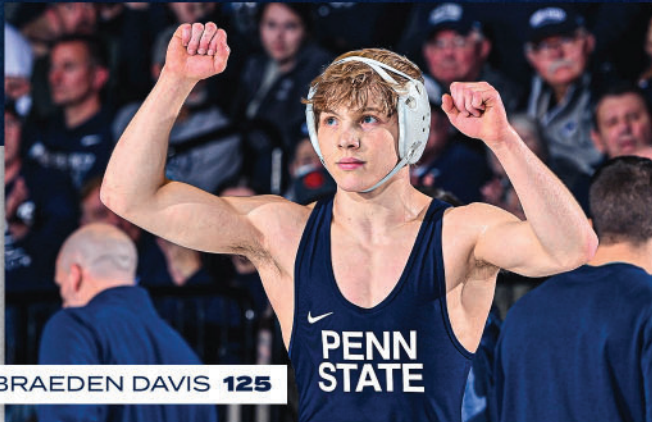




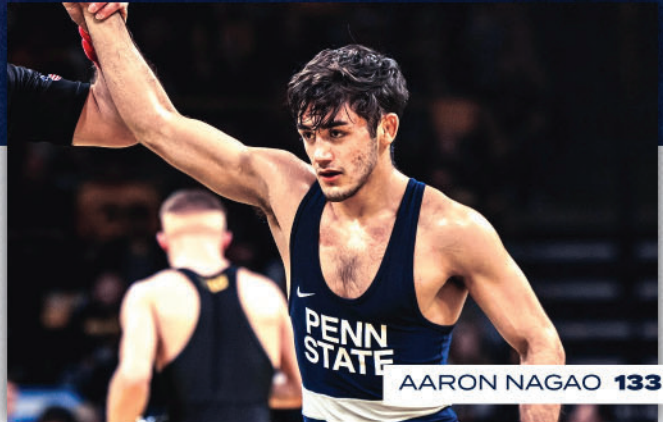
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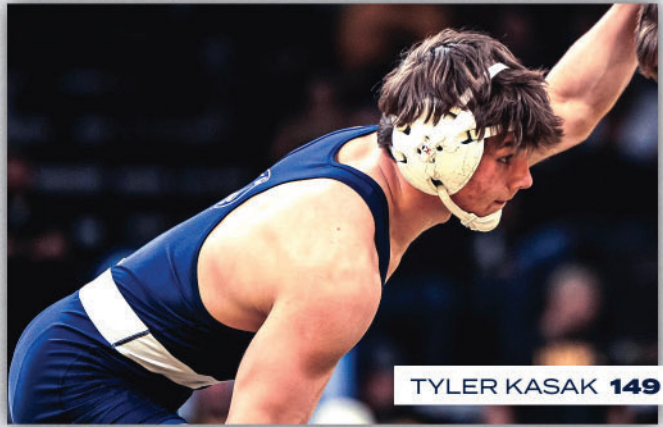
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