

PENN STATE

NITTANY LION WRESTLING



2012-13

MATCH NOTES

Season Ending Match Notes -- April, 2013

PENN STATE'S 2013 NCAA QUALIFIERS

#1 PENN STATE NITTANY LIONS (13-1, 7-1 B1G, B1G CHAMPS)

WT	NAME	EL	HT/HS	REC
125	#4 Nico Megaludis	So.	Murrysville, Pa./Franklin Regional	28-4
#3 Coaches/#7 RPI/#4 Intermat -- 4th seed -- 2x All-American -- '12, '13 National Runner-Up				
133	#12 Jordan Conaway	Fr.	Abbottstown, Pa./New Oxford	19-10
#12 Coaches/#10 RPI/#11 Intermat -- 12th seed -- 2013 'Round of 12'				
141	Bryan Pearsall	Sr.	Lititz, Pa./Warwick	24-11
#21 Coaches/#18 RPI/NR Intermat -- 2013 NCAA Qualifier				
149	#11 Andrew Alton	So.	Mill Hall, Pa./Central Mountain	27-6
#13 Coaches/#6 RPI/#12 Intermat -- 2x NCAA Qualifier (2011, 2013)				
157	#8 Dylan Alton	So.	Mill Hall, Pa./Central Mountain	28-8
#5 Coaches/#1 RPI/#8 Intermat -- 2012 All-American -- 2013 NCAA Qualifier				
165	#2 David Taylor	Jr.	St. Paris, Ohio/St. Paris Graham	30-2
#2 Coaches/#1 RPI/#2 Intermat -- 3x Big Ten Champion -- 3X All-American -- '12 National Champion -- '11, '13 National Runner-Up				
174	#2 Matt Brown	So.	West Valley City, Utah/Cyprus	29-5
#7 Coaches/#6 RPI/#4 Intermat -- 2013 Big Ten Champion -- All-American, '13 National Runner-Up				
184	#1 Ed Ruth	Jr.	Harrisburg, Pa./Susquehanna Township	33-0
#1 Coaches/#2 RPI/#1 Intermat -- 3X Big Ten Champion -- 3x All-American -- 2x National Champion (2012, 2013)				
197	#2 Quentin Wright	Sr.	Wingate, Pa./Bald Eagle Area	32-0
#2 Coaches/#4 RPI/#2 Intermat -- 2X Big Ten Champion -- 4x All-American -- 2x National Champion ('11, '13) -- National Runner-Up ('12)				
285	Jimmy Lawson	So.	Tom's River, N.J./Manchester Township	23-9
#12 Coaches/#10 RPI/#12 Intermat -- 2013 NCAA Qualifier				

Individual rankings are OFFICIAL NCAA TOURNAMENT SEED

Team Ranking is Intermat TPI as of 3/13/13

Coaches Rankings and RPI as of 2/28/13 (NCAA official)

THIS WEEK

Season Complete :(

UP NEXT

Season complete :(

ON THE AIR

TV - None.

Live Web Video - None

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2012-13 SCHEDULE

NOVEMBER

Fri. 16 #24 LEHIGH W, 29-6
Sun. 18 at West Virginia W, 44-3

DECEMBER

Sun. 2 NITTANY LION OPEN
A. Alton 1st at 149; Taylor 1st at 165; Brown 1st at 174; Ruth 1st at 184;
Wright 1st at 197; Megaludis 2nd at 125; Gulibon 2nd at 133; D. Alton 2nd at 157; McIntosh 2nd at 197; Lawson 2nd at 285

Sun. 9 INDIANA* W, 52-0
Sat. 15 LOCK HAVEN W, 42-3

JANUARY

T-W 1-2 Southern Scuffle, Chattanooga 1st -- 178.5
Megaludis 1st at 125; Ruth 1st at 184; Wright 1st at 197; Vollrath 2nd at 157;
Taylor 2nd at 165; Gulibon (UA) 3rd at 133; English 3rd at 149; Brown 3rd at 174; Frey 7th at 149; Lawson 7th at 285; Pearsall 8th at 141.

Sun. 13 MICHIGAN STATE* W, 41-0
Fri. 18 #24 WISCONSIN* W, 36-6
Sun. 20 at Purdue* W, 35-3
Sun. 27 #12 NEBRASKA* W, 33-9

FEBRUARY

Fri. 1 at #3 Iowa* L, 16-22
Sun. 3 at #8 Illinois* W, 37-0
Fri. 8 at #15 Pittsburgh W, 31-7
Sun. 10 at #6 Ohio State* W, 29-18
Sun. 17 RIDER W, 48-0
Sun. 24 at Rutgers W, 34-0

MARCH

Sa.-Su. 9-10 Big Ten Championships, Champaign, Ill. 1st -- 151.0
David Taylor, 1st at 165; Matt Brown 1st at 174; Ed Ruth 1st at 184; Quentin Wright 1st at 197; Nico Megaludis 3rd at 125; Andrew Alton 4th at 149; Jordan Conaway 5th at 133; Bryan Pearsall 5th at 141; Dylan Alton 6th at 157; Jimmy Lawson 8th at 285.

Thu.-Sa. 21-23 2013 NCAA Championships, Des Moines 1st -- 123.5
All-Americans: Ruth 1st at 184 (5-0), Wright 1st at 197 (5-0), Megaludis 2nd at 125 (4-1), Taylor 2nd at 165 (4-1), Brown 2nd at 174 (4-1); Round of 12: Conaway at 133 (3-2), D. Alton at 157 (3-2); Qualifiers: Pearsall at 141 (1-2), A. Alton at 149 (1-2), Lawson at 285 (1-2)

* Big Ten Dual -- All Dates and Times Subject to Change

All Times EASTERN

Rankings Listed are Intermat at time of dual

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TODAY'S ACTION

UNIVERSITY PARK, Pa.; April 14, 2013 -- The Penn State Nittany Lion wrestling team, under the guidance of head coach Cael Sanderson, were honored at the Penn State Wrestling Club's annual season-ending banquet. A number of team awards were handed out the event, held at the Penn State Conference Center Hotel.

Three-time All-American and two-time NCAA Champion Ed Ruth (Harrisburg, Pa.) was honored with the William N. Neidig Award as Outstanding Wrestler. He also claimed the Joe Scalzo Award for most team points. Ruth won his second NCAA title in complete and dominating fashion, closing out yet another undefeated season with a 12-4 major over Lehigh's Robert Hamlin in the 184-pound title bout at the 2013 NCAA Wrestling Championships. The win gave Ruth a perfect 33-0 record to end the season and he heads into his senior year riding a 68-match win streak dating back to 2011. The three-time All-American has now won two straight NCAA titles and has a 102-2 career record. Ruth is fourth on Penn State's all-time pins list with 35.

Senior Quentin Wright (Wingate, Pa.), four-time All-American and two-time NCAA Champion, was presented the Leadership Award by the coaching staff. Wright capped off a stellar collegiate career by blazing through an undefeated 32-0 season, culminating in an 8-6 win over top-seeded Dustin Kilgore of Kent State in the 197-pound title bout at the 2013 NCAA Wrestling Championships. The victory clinched the team title for the Lions and earned the four-time All-American his second national title (he won the 184-pound crown in 2011 and was runner-up last year). Wright finishes an undefeated season with a 32-0 mark, giving him a final career record of 116-23. Wright is tied for 10th on Penn State's all-time wins list with former four-time All-American and national champion Phil Davis. He leaves Penn State as its sixth four-time All-American (1st in '13, 2nd in '12, 1st in '11 and 6th in '09).

Three-time All-American and '12 NCAA Champion David Taylor (St. Paris, Ohio) took home a total of four awards at the event. Taylor claimed the Charles M. Speidel Award for most takedowns, the Bill Koll Award for most pins and the Most Bonus Points Scored Award. He also garnered one of five team Academic Excellence Awards, his fourth the 'Fourth Year Wrestler', having a class-best 3.55 GPA. Taylor was the 2013 NCAA National Runner-Up at 165, making the trip to the national finals for the third straight year. Taylor dropped a tough 5-4 decision on 1:13 riding time to Cornell's Kyle Dake in the final match of the 2013 NCAA Wrestling Championships. Taylor ended an outstanding junior year with a 30-2 record after a 4-1 tournament run. A three-time All-American and last year's 165-pound champ, Taylor is also a two-time NCAA finalist. He heads into his senior season with a stellar 100-3 career record and is tied for second with Quentin Wright on Penn State's all-time pins list with 37.

All-American and National Runner-Up Matt Brown (West Valley City, Utah) grabbed two awards. Brown was presented with the Commitment Award and took home the 'Third Year Wrestler' Academic Excellence Award with a 3.97 GPA. He rolled to the NCAA finals in his first trip to nationals, ending his 2012-13 campaign as the 2013 National Runner-Up and an All-American at 174. Brown, who was the No. 2 seed, took top-seeded Chris Perry of Oklahoma State into extra time before dropping a heart-stopping 2-1 tie-breaker decision. Brown ends his first NCAA tournament as the 2013 National Runner-Up at 174 with 29-5 record after a 4-1 tournament run. He heads into his junior year with a superb 56-7 career record.

Two-time All-American and National Runner-Up Nico Megaludis (Murrysville, Pa.) was honored with the 'Second Year Wrestler' Academic Excellence Award. Megaludis is now a two-time NCAA National Finalist, advancing to the championship bout at 125 for the second straight year at the 2013 NCAA Wrestling Championships. Megaludis, who also was a finalist as a true freshman and is now a two-time All-American, was even-up with Illinois' Jesse Delgado late into the bout when Delgado countered a Megaludis scoring attempt and posted a hard-fought 7-4 win. Finishing as National Runner-Up, Megaludis posted a 28-4 record this year after a 4-1 tournament and heads into his junior year with a 56-12 career record.

Red-shirt freshman Jordan Conaway (Abbottstown, Pa.) won the Kaye Vinson Award for Most Improved Wrestler. Conaway scored major points for Penn State in its 2013 team championship run, finishing just one win shy of All-America laurels, bowing out in the 'round of 12'. Conaway, a red-shirt freshman at 133, posted a 3-2 with a pin and ended his freshman year with a 19-10 record.

Senior James English (York, Pa.), who has been granted a sixth year of eligibility by the NCAA and could return in 2013-14, took home a pair of awards as well. English grabbed the Community Service Award as well as the 'Fifth Year Wrestler' Academic Excellence honor with a 3.44 GPA. English ended an outstanding 2012-13 season with a 14-4 record, including a 3-2 dual meet mark and a Runner-Up finish at 149 in the 2013 Southern Scuffle, helping drive Penn State to the title. He sports a 44-15 career mark.

True freshman Caleb Livingston (Drexel Hill, Pa.) was the final Academic Excellence winner, taking home the 'First Year Wrestler' honor with a 3.91 GPA. Livingston red-shirted this year. The final award went to senior manager Taylor Durci (North Huntingdon, Pa.), who was honored with the Carl A. Winterburn Award for a senior manager. Durci is a psychology major at Penn State.

2012-13 INDIVIDUAL RECORDS (as of 3/24/13)

<i>Name, Wt.</i>	<i>Record</i>
Andrew Alton, 149	27-6
Dylan Alton, 157	28-8
David Batkowski, 149	2-5
Seth Beitz, 149/157	14-5
Zack Beitz, 141	24-9
Matt Brown, 174	29-5
Andrew Church, 174/184	12-7
Jordan Conaway, 125	19-10
Dylan Dailey, 174/184	0-1
James English, 149	14-4
Nick Fischer, 157/165	17-5
James Frascella, 165/174	11-7
Luke Frey, 141/149	13-4
Jon Gingrich, 285	14-6
Jimmy Gulibon, 133	21-7
Cameron Kelly, 125/133	5-6
Jimmy Lawson, 285	23-9
Caleb Livingston, 165/174	1-7
Rex Lutz, 165	12-12
Frank Martellotti, 133	4-1
Morgan McIntosh, 197	12-2
Nico Megaludis, 125	28-4
Kyle Moran, 133	7-8
Nate Morgan, 133	0-1
David Owens, 141	10-13
Bryan Pearsall, 141	24-11
Brandon Phillips, 174	4-4
Wes Phipps, 174	13-10
Derek Reber, 133/141	2-6
Josh Rogers, 197	1-2
Nick Ruggear, 197	6-3
Ed Ruth, 184	33-0
Scott Syrek, 197	11-10
David Taylor, 165	30-2
James Vollrath, 157	23-5
Michael Waters, 133/141	8-8
Quentin Wright, 197	32-0

This includes records w/unattached results listed in current mark

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#1 PENN STATE AT 2013 NCAA CHAMPIONSHIPS

Thur.-Sat., March 21-23, 2013 - Des Moines, Iowa - Wells Fargo Arena.

FINAL TEAM STANDINGS (top five)

- 1: PENN STATE – 123.5
- 2: Oklahoma State – 119.5
- 3: Minnesota – 103.0
- 4: Iowa – 73.0
- 5: Cornell – 65.0

2013 NCAA CHAMPIONSHIP FINALS AGATE (# listed here is SEED)

- 174: #1 Chris Perry, Oklahoma State – 2-1 (TB) dec.
#2 **MATT BROWN, Penn State**
- 184: #1 **ED RUTH, Penn State – 12-4 maj. dec.**
#3 Robert Hamlin, Lehigh
- 197: #2 **QUENTIN WRIGHT, PENN STATE – 8-6 dec.**
#1 Dustin Kilgore, Kent State
- 285: #2 Tony Nelson, Minnesota – 5-2 dec.
#4 Mike McMullan, Northwestern
- 125: #2 Tony Delgado, Illinois – 7-4 dec.
#4 **NICO MEGALUDIS, Penn State**
- 133: #1 Logan Stieber, Ohio State – 7-4 dec.
#2 Tony Ramos, Iowa
- 141: #2 Kendrick Maple, Oklahoma – 4-3 dec.
#4 Mitchell Port, Edinboro
- 149: #1 Jordan Oliver, Oklahoma State – 3-2 dec.
#2 Jason Chamberlain, Boise State
- 157: #2 Derek St. John, Iowa – 3-2 dec.
#1 Jason Welch, Northwestern
- 165: #1 Kyle Dake, Cornell – 5-4 dec.
#2 **DAVID TAYLOR, PENN STATE**

The Penn State Nittany Lion wrestling team, under the guidance of head coach Cael Sanderson, won its third straight NCAA Wrestling Championship, continuing a run of dominance that began in Philadelphia in 2011. The Nittany Lions also crowned two NCAA Individual National Champions as Ed Ruth (Harrisburg, Pa.), and Quentin Wright (Wingate, Pa.) each claimed titles. The team championship is the third in a row for the Nittany Lions and the fourth NCAA title all time. Penn State also won the 2011 in Philadelphia and 2012 in St. Louis. The three straight titles are the first for Penn State since the Nittany Lions won in 1953.

The evening began at 174, where Nittany Lion sophomore Matt Brown (West Valley City, Utah), the No. 2 seed, faced No. 1 seed Chris Perry of Oklahoma State. Brown forced the issue throughout the match, forcing Perry to the edge of the mat consistently. But the Cowboy grappler was able to keep Brown at arm's length and send the match to the second period tied 0-0. Brown chose down to start the second stanza and quickly escaped to a 1-0 lead. The Lion sophomore continued to press Perry to no avail and lead 1-0 after two. Perry chose down to start the third and quickly escaped to a 1-1 tie. Brown's offensive pressure finally forced a stall call with just over :10 and the bout moved to sudden victory tied 1-1-1. After a scoreless sudden victory period, Brown chose down to start his tie-breaker period and nearly escaped twice. But Perry was able to hang on to Brown's foot and then at the end was able to ride him out. Perry was able to escape during his tie-breaker period and that point proved the difference in a 2-1 (TB) decision. Brown ends his first NCAA tournament as the 2013 National Runner-Up at 174. The Nittany Lion All-American ends his year at 29-5 record after a 4-1 tournament run. Brown was also named the NCAA Elite 89 Award as the nation's top Division I wrestling student-athlete with the top GPA of all 330 championship competitors.

Junior Ed Ruth (Harrisburg, Pa.), the top-seed at 184, met No. 3 seed Robert Hamlin of Lehigh in the title bout at 184. With the Lions trailing by three in the team title race, Ruth put on a display for the Penn State faithful to vault the Lions back into the lead. Ruth notched a first period takedown and made it count on his way to a 2-1 lead after the first three minutes. The Nittany Lion junior took down to start the second period and quickly escaped to a 3-1 lead. He then took Hamlin down once more right before the end of the period and led 5-1 after three. Seeking bonus points, Ruth put on a takedown clinic in the third period, getting three two takedowns and cutting Hamlin loose each time. After the last cut, Ruth used a low double to trip the LU senior to the mat for a final takedown. The points, combined with a massive 3:55 in riding time, gave Ruth the 12-4 major decision and bonus points for Penn State. The win gives Ruth a perfect 33-0 record to end the season and he heads into his senior year riding a 68-match win streak dating back to 2011. The three-time All-American has now won two straight NCAA titles and has a 102-2 career record.

With a chance to clinch Penn State's third-straight NCAA title at hand, senior Quentin Wright (Wingate, Pa.), the No. 2 seed at 197, faced No. 1 Dustin Kilgore of Kent State in the 197-pound final. Kilgore entered the match with an undefeated 43-0 record and Wright snapped his streak in style. The Nittany Lion drew first blood with a quick takedown in the first period. Kilgore was able to escape to a 2-1 Wright lead and then countered with his own takedown. Wright escaped after a brief Kilgore ride and the match moved to the second period tied 3-3. Wright chose down to start the second period and escaped in seconds for a 4-3 lead. The Nittany Lion began to up the tempo and nearly notched another takedown late in the period. But action was ruled out of bounds and Wright led 4-3 after two. Kilgore chose down to start the third and escaped as well. It was at this point that Wright, with the serendipitous twist of being able to clinch Penn State's third team title in his final collegiate bout at hand, took over. Wright used an underhook to a knee pick twice to take Kilgore down in the final minute and rolled to the 8-6 win. The victory clinched the team title for the Lions and earned the four-time All-American his second national title (he won the 184-pound crown in 2011 and was runner-up last year). Wright finishes an undefeated season with a 32-0 mark, giving him a final career record of 116-23. Wright is tied for 10th on Penn State's all-time wins list with former four-time All-American and national champion Phil Davis. He leaves Penn State as its sixth four-time All-American (1st in '13, 2nd in '12, 1st in '11 and 6th in '09).

Sophomore Nico Megaludis (Murrysville, Pa.), the No. 4 seed at 125, faced off against No. 2 seed Jesse Delgado of Illinois in the 125-pound final. Megaludis, like each Lion before him, set the tempo early, pushing the action throughout the opening period. But Delgado's outstanding defense allowed him to fight off Megaludis' offense and the bout was tied 0-0 after one. Delgado notched the second period's only point with an escape. Megaludis chose down to start the third and quickly escaped to a 1-1 tie. The Lion sophomore took a deep shot on Delgado and worked his way in on a takedown attempt. But Delgado forced a scramble and worked his way into control of the Lion's leg. The Illini then turned Megaludis for three back points and the five point move proved critical. Megaludis would escape and take Delgado down, but the damage was done and Delgado posted the hard-fought 7-4 win. Megaludis is now a two-time All-American and two-time National Finalist as a true sophomore. He posted a 28-4 record this year after a 4-1 tournament and heads into his sophomore year with a 56-12 career record.

In the evening's final match-up, junior David Taylor (St. Paris, Ohio), the defending NCAA champ at 165, met No. 1 seed Kyle Dake of Cornell, who was seeking his fourth individual title. Taylor stormed out of the gates quickly with a takedown in the first :30. After a :29 ride, Dake escaped to a 2-1 Taylor lead but a Cornell challenge halted action for a bit. Taylor held that lead until the final seconds of the period when Deck completed a shot and took the Lion junior down to lead 3-2 after one period. Dake chose down to start the second period and escaped to a 4-2 lead. Taylor spent the rest of the period setting the tempo but Dake's defense was able to keep the

Lion on scoring. Trailing 4-2, Taylor chose down to start the final period but could not escape a strong Dake ride until the Big Red grappler had built up a solid minute-plus riding time edge. Dake was hit for stalling twice and then Taylor escaped with :19 left to tie the bout at 4-4. But Dake was able to back away from Taylor and kill the clock. The 1:13 in riding time gave Dake the 5-4 win. Taylor ended an outstanding junior year with a 30-2 record after a 4-1 tournament run. A three-time All-American and last year's 165-pound champ, Taylor is also a two-time NCAA finalist. He heads into his senior season with a stellar 100-3 career record and is tied for second with Quentin Wright on Penn State's all-time pins list with 37.

Every member of Penn State's 10-man contingent has added points to Penn State's team total. Red-shirt freshman Jordan Conaway (Abbottstown, Pa.) advanced to the 'round of 12' at 133 and went 3-2 with a pin, sophomore Dylan Alton (Mill Hall, Pa.) advanced to the 'round of 12' at 157 and went 3-2 with two majors, senior Bryan Pearsall (Lititz, Pa.) went 1-2 with a major at 141, sophomore Andrew Alton (Mill Hall, Pa.) went 1-2 with a pin at 149 and sophomore Jimmy Lawson (Tom's River, N.J.) went 1-2 at heavyweight. Penn State posted a 2-3 record in the finals. Penn State leaves Des Moines with a 31-13 overall record having earned 29.5 bonus points off ten pins, one tech fall and eight majors. Taylor won the NCAA's Most Technical Falls Award with 10 and won the Gorriaran Award for most pins in the least amount of time at the 2013 NCAA Wrestling Championships (4 in 9:22 officially). Head coach Cael Sanderson was named the 2013 NWCA National Coach of the Year, the second time he has won the award (2007).

Twenty-two different individuals have now won a total of 27 NCAA titles. The Nittany Lions' point totals over the last three years under Sanderson are the top three in school history. Penn State set a school record during last year's title run with 143.0 and won the 2011 title with 107.5. Fans are encouraged to follow Penn State wrestling via twitter at www.twitter.com/pennstateWREST and on Penn State Wrestling's facebook page at www.facebook.com/pennstatewrestling. The 2012-13 Penn State Wrestling season is presented by The Family Clothesline. The following is a weight-by-weight breakdown/agate of Penn State's tournament to date (rankings listed are NCAA Coaches Rankings):

The following is a weight-by-weight breakdown/agate of Penn State's tournament to date (rankings listed are NCAA Championship Seed):

125: #4 Nico Megaludis (Murrysville, Pa.), Sr. – 28-4 overall – ALL-AMERICAN

- 1st Rd: vs. Kevon Powell, Ohio – W, 17-2 TF (6:25)
2nd Rd: vs. Christian Cullinan, Central Michigan – W, 5-2 dec.
Qtrs: vs. Dominic Parisi, Appalachian State – W, 12-4 maj. dec.
Semis: vs. #1 Alan Waters, Missouri – W, 2-2 (TB2, RT 0:18) dec.
Finals: vs. #2 Jesse Delgado, Illinois – L, 4-7 dec.

All-American Nico Megaludis (Murrysville, Pa.), the tournament's No. 4 seed at 125, began his quest for a national title with a big win. Megaludis, last year's NCAA runner-up as a true freshman, opened the tournament against Ohio's Kevon Powell, and rolled to a 17-2 technical fall at the 6:25 mark. The win, including 1.5 bonus points, moved Megaludis into the second round. Megaludis then drew Christian Cullinan of Central Michigan in round two. The Lion sophomore cruised to a 5-2 decision over Cullinan, using takedowns in the first two periods to roll to victory. The win moved him into the national quarterfinals. Nico met Dominic Parisi of Appalachian State in the national quarterfinals. The Nittany Lion clinched his second All-America tag and a trip to the national semifinals with a dominating 12-4 major decision, picking up more bonus points for Penn State. Megaludis notched five takedowns, an escape and 1:25 in riding time to roll to the win. Megaludis met top-seeded Alan Waters of Missouri in the semifinals. The duo battled evenly throughout the bout. With Waters slowing the pace down, Megaludis' patience kept the bout scoreless through the first period. Waters chose down to start the second and quickly escaped to a 1-0 lead. Trailing by one, Megaludis chose down to start the third and escaped as well. But neither wrestler scored again and the bout went into a first sudden victory period. After a scoreless minute, each wrestler completed a ride-out, keeping the bout tied at 1-1 into a second sudden victory period. Like the first one, this extra :60 was scoreless as well and the match entered a second and final tie-breaker. This time, Megaludis was down first and escaped in just seconds to a 2-1 lead. Waters then took down and did escape but not until the :04 mark. Tied at 2-2, Megaludis got the victory on criteria, a riding time of :18. The win pushed Megaludis into his second NCAA championship bout in as many years. For finals match recap, see story above the agate.

133: #12 Jordan Conaway (Abbottstown, Pa.) Fr. – 19-10 overall – Season Complete

- 1st Rd: vs. Vincent Dellafave, Rutgers – L, 1-3 dec. (SV)
Cn 1: vs. Dylan Hyder, Air Force – W, 6-4 dec. (SV2)
Cn 2: vs. Dane Harlow, Boston – W, 6-4 dec.
Cn 3: vs. Rosario Bruno, Michigan – WBF (4:17)
Rd. 12: vs. #8 Cody Brewer, Oklahoma – L, 4-14 maj. dec.

Red-shirt freshman Jordan Conaway (Abbottstown, Pa.), the No. 12 seed at 133 as a red-shirt freshman, made his NCAA Championship debut against Rutgers' Vincent Dellafave. Conaway battled the Knight into sudden victory and nearly one on a single leg, but Dellafave countered and got the takedown himself for a 3-1 (sv) win. The loss dropped Conaway into consolation action. Conaway then met Air Force's Dylan Hyder in the consolation bracket. In a thrilling bout, Hyder led throughout the bout but Conaway notched a takedown with under 1:00 left to take a 4-3 lead. Hyder escaped late to send the bout into extra time and the duo battled through a scoreless sudden victory period and a scoreless tiebreaker. Conaway then grabbed the win with a takedown midway through the second sudden victory period, posting the 6-4 (sv2) win and staying alive in consolation action. Jordan faced off against Boston's Dane Harlow in the second round of consolations on Friday morning. The Nittany Lion came back from a first period takedown and rolled to a 6-4 decision to keep his All-America dreams alive. Conaway used a first period takedown of his own and then a reversal after a mad scramble late in the third to secure the win. In his second consolation bout, the Lion freshman met Michigan's Rosario Bruno and joined Penn State's pin parade. Conaway led 3-2 into the second period and then forced a scramble that he turned into a pin at the 4:17 mark. The win moved Conaway just one win away from earning All-America status as a freshman in the 'round of 12'. Conaway faced No. 8 Cody Brewer of Oklahoma in the round of 12. Jordan fell behind early to the Sooner, giving up two takedowns and three back points to trail 7-1 after the opening period. Brewer would end Conaway's tournament, one win shy of All-American status, with Conaway fell behind early to the Sooner, giving up two takedowns and three back points to trail 7-1 after the opening period. Brewer would end Conaway's tournament, one win shy of All-American status, with a 14-4 decision. Conaway ended his tournament with a 3-2 record and a pin and ends his freshman campaign in the round of 12 with a 19-10 record.

141: Bryan Pearsall (Lititz, Pa.), Sr. – 24-11 – Season Complete

- 1st Rd: vs. Joey Lazor, Northern Iowa – L, 4-12 maj. dec.
Cn 1: vs. Frank Goodwin, Maryland – W, 10-2 maj. dec.
Cn 2: vs. Steven Keith, Harvard – L, 3-8 dec.

Senior Bryan Pearsall (Lititz, Pa.) made his NCAA Championship debut at 141 against Northern Iowa's Joey Lazor, who won a pigtail match earlier in the day. Lazor won a battle of scrambles and worked his way to a 12-4 win, dropping the Nittany Lion into consolation action. Pearsall met Frank Goodwin of Maryland in his first consolation bout. Pearsall rolled through Goodwin, turning him once in the first period and picking up two reversals while amassing 2:52 in riding time. The 10-2 major moved Pearsall into the second round of consolation action and added to Penn State's bonus point total. Bryan battled Harvard's Steven Keith in the second round of consolation and dropped an 8-3 decision. Keith used three early takedowns to grab the lead while Pearsall picked up three third period stall points. The loss ended Pearsall's tournament with a 1-2 mark and his season at 24-11. The Nittany Lion senior closes out his career with a 55-52 record as an NCAA qualifier.

149: #11 Andrew Alton (Mill Hall, Pa.), So. – 27-6 overall – Season Complete

1st Rd: vs. Drake Houdashelt, Missouri – L, 1-4
 Cn 1: Daniel Young, Army – WBF (2:05)
 Cn 2: vs. #12 Eric Grajales, Michigan – L, 1-8 dec.

Sophomore Andrew Alton (Mill Hall, Pa.) entered the NCAA tournament as the No. 11 seed at 149 and opened the tournament against Drake Houdashelt of Missouri. Houdashelt used near fall points in the second period to escape with a tough 4-1 win, sending Alton into the consolation bracket. Alton took on Army's Daniel Young in the first consolation round. Alton notched Penn State's fourth pin of the evening session. He took Young down early and the Black Knight escaped. But Alton then added another takedown and, gaining control of Young's shoulders, turned him to his back for a first period fall at the 2:05 mark. The win moved Alton along in the consolation bracket. Alton, the No. 11 seed, met No. 12 seed Eric Grajales of Michigan in the second round of consolations. Alton and Grajales embarked on a battle of throws midway through the second period with each man looking to take the other to his back. But it was Grajales who finished off the five point move and walked away with an 8-1 decision. The loss ends Alton's season at 27-6 after a 1-2 tournament with a pin.

157: #8 Dylan Alton (Mill Hall, Pa.), So. – 28-8 overall – Season Complete

Pigtail: vs. Jake O'Hara, Columbia – W, 10-2 maj. dec.
 1st Rd: vs. Donnie Tasser, Pittsburgh – W, 8-4 dec.
 2nd Rd: vs. Zac Cibula, Rider – W, 13-5 maj. dec.
 Qtrs: vs. #1 Jason Welch, Northwestern – L, 3-8 dec.
 Rd. 12: vs. #4 James Green, Nebraska – L, 4-14 maj. dec.

Sophomore All-American Dylan Alton (Mill Hall, Pa.), the No. 8 seed at 157, had Penn State's only pigtail and made it count with a 10-2 major over Columbia's Jake O'Hara, picking up bonus points and moving into a first round match-up with Pitt's Donnie Tasser. Alton then rolled up the takedowns in a thorough 8-4 win over the Panther, moving into the second round after a 2-0 morning. Alton then faced off against Zac Cibula in round two, his third bout of the day. Like in his first two bouts, Alton was methodical with takedowns, getting one in the first, two in the second and two in the third to roll to a 13-5 major decision with 2:23 in riding time. Picking up his second bonus point of the day, Alton moved into the national quarterfinals with the win. In the national quarterfinals, Alton took on No. 1 seed Jason Welch of Northwestern. Alton took an early lead off a first period takedown that he carried into the third period, leading 3-1. But Welch escaped and then caught the Lion sophomore on a throw for a late five point move that gave the Wildcat an 8-3 decision. Alton's loss moved him into the 'round of 12' consolation quarters, still one win away from All-America status and still alive for third. Alton took on No. 4 James Green of Nebraska in the round of 12. Green proved too much this time round, avenging an early season loss to Alton. Alton fell behind early and dropped a 14-4 bout. Alton ended his tournament with a 3-2 mark in the round of 12 and ended his sophomore campaign with a 28-8 record.

165: #2 David Taylor (St. Paris, Ohio), Jr. – 30-2 overall – ALL-AMERICAN

1st Rd: vs. John Staudenmayer, North Carolina – WBF (2:51)
 2nd Rd: vs. Zach Strickland, Appalachian State – WBF (2:41)
 Qtrs: vs. #7 Conrad Polz, Illinois – WBF (0:24)
 Semis: vs. #3 Peter Yates, Virginia Tech – WBF (3:41)
 Finals: vs. #1 Kyle Duke, Cornell – L, 4-5 dec.

Defending NCAA Champion David (St. Paris, Ohio), the No. 2 seed at 165, opened up defense of his 165-pound NCAA crown against North Carolina's John Staudenmayer. Taylor dominated from the start, turning the Tar Heel twice before picking up the first period pin at the 2:51 mark, grabbing key bonus points and moving into the second round. Taylor then faced Appalachian State's Zach Strickland in the second round. In a near mirror image of his first bout, Taylor dominated from the start. He quickly picked up two takedowns and then after the second, turned Strickland once for two near fall, a second time for three and then finished off his foe with another first period pin, this one at the 2:41 mark. Picking up more bonus points for Penn State, Taylor moved into the national quarterfinals with the win. David then faced off against No. 7 seed Conrad Polz of Illinois in the national quarterfinals, a rematch of the Big Ten Championship two weeks ago. Taylor became a three-time All-American in swift fashion, ending the match in just :24. The Lion junior locked up a cradle and pinned Polz to clinch All-American status and move him into the national semifinals. It was Taylor's third pin in as many matches at this year's event (all in the first period). Taylor met No. 3 Peter Yates of Virginia Tech in the national semifinals. Taylor advanced to the national finals for the third straight year in blazing fashion, picking up his fourth pin in as many bouts. After fighting off a Yates shot, Taylor got his own takedown and led 2-1 after a Yates escape. During the scramble, Taylor called for a brief injury timeout, giving Yates the choice on the reset. Taylor forced Yates into two stalls to pick up a point and then reversed him and took him to his back to lead 7-1 after one period. The second period began with Taylor on bottom. The Lion escaped quickly then moved in for a cradle. The Lion junior quickly locked the cradle up and finished off the bout with a pin at the 3:24 mark. Taylor is 4-0 with four falls in less than 10:00 minutes total time (three in the first period and one in the second). The win was also the 100th of Taylor's career. For final bout recap, please see the story above the agate.

174: #2 Matt Brown (West Valley City, Utah) -- 29-5 overall – ALL-AMERICAN

1st Rd: vs. Todd Porter, Missouri – W, 10-1 maj. dec.
 2nd Rd: vs. Nick Bonaccorsi, Pittsburgh – WBF (1:30)
 Qtrs: vs. Tanner Weatherman, Iowa State – W, 13-5 maj. dec.
 Semis: vs. #6 Logan Storley, Minnesota – W, 3-2 dec.
 Finals: vs. #1 Chris Perry, Oklahoma State – L, 1-2 (TB) dec.

Sophomore Matt Brown (West Valley City, Utah) entered his first NCAA Championship as the No. 2 seed at 174 and began his title quest against Missouri's Todd Porter. Brown was in charge from the start, using a takedown in each period and forced Porter to three stalls on his way to an impressive 10-1 major decision. The win, tacking on another team bonus point, moved Brown into the second round. Brown then went up against Pitt's nick Bonaccorsi in round two. After fighting through a scoreless minute, Brown used a fast double to bull through Bonaccorsi and put the Panther to his back. Brown needed just seconds to pick up the fall, getting the first period pin at the 1:30 mark to continue Penn State's bonus point rally and advance to the national quarterfinals. Matt then met Iowa State's Tanner Weatherman in the national quarterfinals. Brown earned his first All-America honor and a trip to the national semifinals with a dominating 13-5 major. The Nittany Lion sophomore opened up a 6-1 lead off two takedowns and two near falls and never looked back. The 3:08 riding time point gave Brown the major and added to Penn State's lofty bonus point total. Brown moved into the national semifinals with the win. Brown battled No. 6 Logan Storley of Minnesota in the national semifinals. Brown opened up an early lead with a takedown in the first period. Storley notched an escape to cut the lead to 2-1 heading into the second stanza. Brown took down to start the second period and quickly escaped to a 3-1 lead. The duo battled evenly for the rest of the period and Brown led 3-1 after two. Storley took down to start the third and steadily worked his way to an escape, cutting Brown's lead to 3-2. Brown then battled Storley for the rest of the bout and advanced to the national finals with a 3-2 win. Brown has won ten straight bouts dating back to Feb. 17. For final bout recap, see story above the agate.

184: #1 Ed Ruth (Harrisburg, Pa.), Jr. – 33-0 overall – ALL-AMERICAN

1st Rd: vs. Fred Garcia, Lock Haven – WBF (0:28)
 2nd Rd: vs. Kevin Radford, Arizona State – WBF (3:41)
 Qtrs: vs. Max Thomsseit, Pittsburgh – W, 11-1 maj. dec. (5:00 in riding time)
 Semis: vs. #4 Steve Bosak, Cornell – W, 4-1 dec.
 Finals: vs. #3 Robert Hamlin, Lehigh – W, 12-4 maj. dec.

Defending NCAA 174-pound champion Ed Ruth (Harrisburg, Pa.), the No. 1 seed at 184 with a 28-0 mark, opened up his third NCAA tournament against Lock Haven's Fred Garcia. After fighting off an early Garcia shot, Ruth put his patented cradle to work, taking Garcia down and quickly locking him up for a first period pin at the 0:28 mark. The win, which added more bonus points to Penn State's team score, moved Ruth into the second round. Ruth met Arizona State's Kevin Radford in round two. Ruth worked a 2-1 lead into the second period, chose down and escaped. He then continued a flurry of Penn State pins (as Taylor and Brown had just picked up falls) by locking up a cradle and getting the fall at the 3:41 mark. The pin, Ruth's second of the day, moved him into the national quarterfinals. In the national quarterfinals, Ruth took on Pittsburgh's Max Thomsseit. Ruth dominated Thomsseit in his quarterfinal bout. The Lion junior picked up four takedowns, an escape, a stall point and rolled up an amazing 5:00 in riding time to post the 11-1 major decision and moved into the national semifinals. The win made Ruth a three-time All-American and was his 100th career victory. Ruth faced No. 4 Steve Bosak of Cornell in the semifinals. Ruth scored quickly on Bosak, opening up a fast 2-1 lead after the Big Red grappler escaped. The duo then battled through an even first period with Bosak picking up a stall warning in the process. The second period featured only a Ruth escape, giving the Lion a 3-1 lead after two periods. Bosak chose down to start the third period and Ruth put together a crushing ride, controlling the Big Red grappler for the entire period and rolling up 1:51 in riding time. The ride-out and point gave Ruth a 4-1 win and moved him into his second straight national final. For final bout recap, see story above the agate.

197: #2 Quentin Wright (Wingate, Pa.), Sr. – 32-0 overall – ALL-AMERICAN

1st Rd: vs. Donald McNeil, Rider – W, 7-3 dec.
 2nd Rd: vs. Branden Palik, Drexel – W, 3-2 dec.
 Qtrs: vs. #10 Scott Schiller, Minnesota – WBF (2:48)
 Semis: vs. #3 Matt Wilps, Pittsburgh – W, 2-2 (TB2, RT :03) dec.
 Finals: vs. #1 Dustin Kilgore, Kent State – W, 8-6 dec.

Three-time All-American Quentin Wright (Wingate, Pa.), the undefeated No. 2 seed at 197, opened up the 2013 NCAA Championship against Rider's Donald McNeil. Wright controlled the action from start to finish three takedowns to roll to a 7-3 win and move into the second round. Wright met Drexel's Branden Palik in the second round. The senior battled his way to a 1-1 tie through two periods and then, in the third, notched the bout's first takedown late and walked away with a hard-fought 3-2 win. The victory moved Wright into the national quarterfinals. Quentin then met 10th seed Scott Schiller in the quarterfinals in a rematch of the Big Ten Championship match. Wright joined the bonus point parade with a first period pin. After two-plus minutes of even action, Wright locked up a shoulder throw and planted Schiller's back to the mat at the 2:48 mark. The pin pushed Wright into the national semifinals and made him Penn State's sixth four-time All-American. Wright battled No. 3 seed Matt Wilps of Pittsburgh in his semifinal bout. In a wild rematch of a bout Wright won earlier in the year in Pittsburgh, the high-powered duo wrestled through a scoreless first period. Wilps chose down to start the second and quickly escaped and, after no takedowns in that period, Wright chose down to start the third and quickly escaped to a 1-1 tie. Wright initiated a scramble late that Wilps nearly turned into a pin. But Wright moved out of trouble and the clock hit zeroes, sending the bout to sudden victory. After a scoreless sudden victory period, Wilps chose down and escaped in just :05. Wright then matched that in his tie-breaker period, escaping in :05. The match went to a second sudden victory tied 2-2. Another scoreless minute passed, setting up a final second tie-breaker. Wright chose down to start the bout and escaped in just :05 again. Wilps then took down for his session and Wright held the Panther for :08 and, by virtue of :03 in riding time, claimed the 2-2 (TB2, RT :03) decision. The win sent Wright to his third straight NCAA title bout. He won at 184 two years ago and lost in the finals last year. For a recap of the finals bout, please see the story above the agate.

285: Jimmy Lawson (Tom's River, N.J.) – 23-9 overall – Season Complete

1st Rd: vs. Jeremy Johnson, Ohio – L, 3-4 dec.
 Cn. PT: vs. Adam Fager, Utah Valley – W, 5-4 dec.
 Cn. 1: vs. Ben Apland, Michigan – L, 3-7 dec.

Sophomore Jimmy Lawson (Tom's River, N.J.) made his NCAA Championship debut at 285 against Ohio's Jeremy Johnson. Lawson tried to complete a comeback from a 4-0 deficit late with an escape and a late takedown but dropped a 4-3 decision. The loss pushed Lawson into the consolation bracket. Lawson took on Utah Valley's Adam Fager in a pigtail consolation bout and notched his first-ever NCAA tournament win with a late comeback. After trailing early, Lawson used a second period takedown and a third period reversal to post a 5-4 win. The victory moved him into the consolation first round where he met Michigan's Ben Apland. Lawson dominated action early, notching two takedowns to lead 4-3 into the third period. The Nittany Lion sophomore then chose down and Apland turned him for three back points and rode him out for a 7-3 decision. Lawson ended his NCAA tournament with a 1-2 mark and his season with a 23-9 record.

#1 PENN STATE AT 2013 BIG TEN CHAMPIONSHIPS

Sat.-Sun., March 9-10, 2013 -- Champaign, Ill.

FINAL TEAM STANDINGS

1: PENN STATE – 151.0

- 2: Minnesota – 139.0
- 3: Iowa – 133.5
- 4: Ohio State – 109.5
- 5: Illinois – 85.5
- 6: Michigan – 75.0
- 7: Nebraska – 61.0
- 8: Northwestern – 56.0
- 9: Purdue – 38.0
- 10: Wisconsin – 37.0
- 10: Indiana – 30.5
- 12: Michigan State – 22.0

2013 Big Ten Wrestling Championships – FINALS AGATE (# listed here is SEED)

- 125: #3 Jesse Delgado, Illinois – 10-4 dec.
#1 Matt McDonough, Iowa
- 133: #1 Logan Stieber, Ohio State – 3-1 (sv) dec.
#2 Tony Ramos, Iowa
- 141: #1 Hunter Stieber, Ohio State – 8-3 dec.
#3 Mark Ballweg, Iowa
- 149: #3 Dylan Ness, Minnesota – WBF (3:27)
#4 Jake Suefloh, Nebraska
- 157: #2 Jason Welch, Northwestern – WBF (6:38)
#4 James Green, Nebraska
- 165: #1 **DAVID TAYLOR, PENN STATE – 9-1 maj. dec.**
#2 Conrad Polz, Illinois
- 174: #5 **MATT BROWN, PENN STATE – 7-3 dec.**
#2 Mike Evans, Iowa
- 184: #1 **ED RUTH, PENN STATE – 5-3 dec.**
#2 Kevin Steinhuis, Minnesota
- 197: #1 **QUENTIN WRIGHT, PENN STATE – 5-3 dec.**
#2 Scott Schiller, Minnesota
- 285: #1 Tony Nelson, Minnesota – W, 4-1 dec.
#2 Mike McMullan, Northwestern

The Penn State Nittany Lion wrestlers, ranked No. 1 throughout the year on InterMat's national TPI ranking, lived up to that billing once again, winning their third straight Big Ten Championship. Head coach Cael Sanderson has now won three Big Ten crowns in his four years as mentor at Penn State. The Nittany Lions won with 151.0, Minnesota was second at 139.0 and Iowa third with 133.5.

Penn State went a perfect 4-0 in the finals and claimed half the post-season hardware as well. Junior Ed Ruth (Harrisburg, Pa.) was named 2013 Big Ten Wrestlers of the Year and Sanderson won his third straight Big Ten Coach of the Year (sharing this year's honor with Minnesota's J Robinson). In addition, to a third straight title and a bevy of conference laurels, all ten Nittany Lions will make their way to the NCAA Championships on March 21-23 in Des Moines, Iowa, as Penn State looks to win its third straight NCAA crown.

Junior David Taylor (St. Paris, Ohio) was Penn State's first finalist. Taylor, ranked No. 2 nationally at 165 and the top seed, took on second seed Conrad Polz of Indiana in the finals. As the Illini played defense, and was for three stall calls, Taylor notched two takedowns, a reversal and over 3:00 in riding time to roll to a 9-1 major, picking up key bonus points and becoming Penn State's third three-time Big Ten Champion. Taylor went 3-0 on the day and heads to Des Moines to defend his national title with a 26-1 overall record.

Sophomore Matt Brown (West Valley City, Utah), ranked No. 7 nationally at 174 and the fifth seed, battled No. 3 Mike Evans of Iowa in the finals. After Evans, the No. 2 seed was given an early lead on a penalty point due to a pulled sock, Brown went on a rampage. The Nittany Lion sophomore escaped to start the second period and then bulldozed through a high double, taking Evans to his back to take a commanding 6-1 lead off the five point move. He tallied 2:29 in riding time after riding Evans out for most of the third period and rolled to the 7-3 win, becoming a Big Ten Champion in his first trip to the conference tournament. Brown went 4-0 over the course of the weekend and heads to NCAAs with a 25-4 record.

Junior Ed Ruth (Harrisburg, Pa.), ranked No. 1 nationally at 184 and the top seed, looking for this third straight Big Ten championship, Ruth met Minnesota's Kevin Steinhuis, ranked No. 5 nationally and the No. 2 seed, in the finals. Ruth took care of the Gopher and nearly clinched the team title with a 5-3 win, using takedowns in the first and third periods to roll to victory. Ruth, like Taylor, becomes a three-time Big Ten Champion, Penn State's fourth. Ruth went 3-0 at the tourney and heads to the NCAA Champion looking for a second straight national title with a perfect 28-0 record.

Senior Quentin Wright (Wingate, Pa.), ranked No. 2 nationally at 197 and the top seed, k Wright took on second-seed Scott Schiller of Minnesota in the finals. Never threatened, Wright rolled his way to a 5-3 win over Schiller, using second and third period takedowns for the margin. Wright's win gives him his second Big Ten title and clinched the team title for Penn State. Wright went 3-0 for his second title, clinching the team title for Penn State in the process. Wright heads to Des Moines looking to become a four-time All-American and two-time NCAA Champion with a perfect 27-0 record.

All-American Nico Megaludis (Murrysville, Pa.), ranked No. 3 at 125, was outstanding today, rebounding from a loss in the semifinals last night. Megaludis downed No. 13 Nikko Triggas of Ohio State 4-1 in the conso semis and then rolled past No. 16 Sean Boyle of Michigan, 4-1, with over 3:00 in riding time. The burst gives Megaludis a third place finish after going 3-1. Sophomore Andrew Alton (Mill Hall, Pa.), ranked No. 13 at 149 and the sixth seed, went 1-1 in conso action. Alton picked up a 13-4 major over Michigan State's Dan Osterman in the conso semis. He then broke out to a 5-0 lead on No. 10 Ivan Loupochanski, the tournament's No. 2 seed. But in the second period, the Boilermaker grappler countered an Alton throw and pinned the Nittany Lion at the 4:06 mark. Alton's outstanding run to fourth place as the No. 6 seed came on a 4-2 mark and earned him a trip to NCAAs.

Red-shirt freshman Jordan Conaway (Abbottstown, Pa.), ranked No. 12 nationally at 133, dropped his consolation semifinal bout to sixth-ranked Chris Dardanes of Minnesota but rebounded for a resounding 4-1 win over 11th-ranked Daryl Thomas of Illinois. The win gave Conaway fifth place and a trip to NCAAs as a freshman. Conaway went 2-2 in his first Big Ten Championship. Senior Bryan Pearsall (Lititz, Pa.), having earned his first trip to the NCAA Championships, ended the Big Ten tournament with an outstanding win in the fifth place bout. After dropping his conso semifinal bout to No. 7 Nick Dardanes of Minnesota, Pearsall used a takedown in extra time to post the 4-2 (sv) win over Northwestern's Pat Greco. Pearsall went 4-2 to take fifth and earned his first trip to NCAAs.

All-American Dylan Alton (Mill Hall, Pa.), ranked No. 5 nationally at 157, went 0-2 in consolation action and took sixth with a 3-3 record. Alton was beaten by No. 2 Derek St. John of Iowa and Minnesota's Danny Zilverberg in the fifth place bout. Alton had already secured a trip to NCAAs. Sophomore Jimmy Lawson (Tom's River, N.J.) took fifth seed Mike McClure of Michigan State to sudden victory before giving up a takedown and fall at the 6:36 mark. Lawson's eighth place finish moves him on to nationals as one of Penn State's ten-man contingent having gone 2-3.

Penn State closed out the tournament with a 31-13 record with all ten wrestlers placing in the top eight. Penn State stacked up 20.5 bonus points off of five pins, three tech falls and six majors. Taylor and Ruth become Penn State's third and fourth three-time Big Ten Champions as well. Kerry McCoy won three titles from 1994-97 and Sanshiro Abe won three from 1993-96. In addition to Ruth's Wrestler of the Year and Sanderson's Coach of the Year awards, all four champions (Taylor, Brown, Ruth and Wright) were named First Team All-Big Ten honorees. Wisconsin heavyweight Connor Medberry was named Big Ten Freshman of the Year and Illinois' Jesse Delgado was the tournament's Outstanding Wrestler to round out post-season honors.

The following is a weight-by-weight breakdown/agate of Penn State's tournament to date (rankings listed are NCAA Coaches Rankings):

- 125: #3 Nico Megaludis (Murrysville, Pa.), Sr. – #2 seed – 24-3 overall – 3rd Place
1st Rd: bye
Qtrs: vs. #12 David Thorn, Minnesota (7th seed) – W, 4-2 dec.
Semis: vs. #4 Jesse Delgado, Illinois (3rd seed) – L, 3-6 dec.
Con Semis: vs. #13 Nikko Triggas, Ohio State (5th seed) – W, 4-1 dec.
3rd Place: vs. #16 Sean Boyle, Michigan (4th seed) – W, 4-1 dec.

Sophomore All-American Nico Megaludis opened up the tournament with a bye and then met seventh-seed David Thorn of Minnesota. Megaludis used a second period takedown to post a 4-2 win over seventh-seed David Thorn of Minnesota in the quarterfinals, moving to the semis and securing a spot in the NCAA tournament. In the semifinals, Megaludis took on fourth-ranked Jesse Delgado of Illinois, the third-seed. Megaludis fell behind early to the Illini and dropped a tough 6-3 decision. The loss sends Megaludis into tomorrow morning's consolation semifinals, still with the ability to take third place. Megaludis took on No. 13 Nikko Triggas of Ohio State in the consolation semifinals. Megaludis used a second period takedown as the impetus for a 4-1 win and moved into the third place bout against Michigan's Sean Boyle. In the third place bout, Megaludis dominated the action, picking up a second period takedown and rolling up over 3:00 in riding time on his way to a 4-1 win.

- 133: #12 Jordan Conaway (Abbottstown, Pa.) Fr. – #4 seed – 16-8 overall – 5th Place
1st Rd: bye
Qtrs: vs. #11 Daryl Thomas, Illinois (5th seed) – W, 6-5 dec. (TB2)
Semis: vs. #1 Logan Stieber, Ohio State (1st seed) – LBF (1:28)
Con Semis: vs. #6 Chris Dardanes, Minnesota (6th seed) – L, 2-7 dec.
5th Place: vs. #11 Daryl Thomas, Illinois, (5th seed) – W, 4-1 dec.

Red-shirt freshman Jordan Conaway made his Big Ten tournament debut as the fourth seed at 133 and, after a first round bye, took on fifth-seed Daryl Thomas of Illinois, who was ranked No. 11 nationally in the final NCAA coaches poll. Conaway came out on top in an epic battle between the two grapplers, grinding to a 6-5 TB2 win. Each wrestler traded takedowns in regulation and Conaway fought off two strong takedown attempts in sudden victory. He then rode Thomas out in the second tiebreaker after escaping in his period to post the 6-5 win. The victory moved him into the semifinals and qualified him for the NCAA Championships as a freshman. Conaway then met the nation's top-ranked wrestler, Ohio State's Logan Stieber, in the semifinals. The top-seeded Buckeye took Conaway down twice early and then turned him for a pin at the 1:28 mark. Conaway's loss moved him to the consolation semifinals, with third place still in his grasp. Conaway met No. 6 Chris Dardanes of Minnesota in the consolation semifinals and dropped a hard-fought 7-2 decision. The loss moved Conaway into the fifth place bout where he took Illinois' Thomas again. This time, Conaway did not need extra time, turning a third period takedown into a ride out and rolling to a 4-1 win to take fifth at 133 as a freshman and advance to NCAAs.

141: #21 Bryan Pearsall (Lititz, Pa.), Sr. – #4 seed – 23-9 – 5th Place
1st Rd: vs. Tom Kelliher, Wisconsin – WBF (1:24)
Qtrs: vs. #23 Brandon Nelsen, Purdue (5th seed) – L, 1-2 dec.
Conso Rd. 2: vs. Alex Gregory, Indiana – W, 6-4 dec.
Conso Rd. 3: vs. Camryn Jackson, Michigan (8th seed) – W, 19-11 maj. dec.
Conso Semis: vs. #7 Nick Dardanes, Minnesota (2nd seed) – L, 2-6 dec.
5th Place: vs. Pat Greco, Northwestern (7th seed) – W, 4-2 (sv) dec.

Senior Bryan Pearsall got Penn State started in the tournament, taking to the mat for Penn State's first bout and getting a quick first period pin over Tom Kelliher of Wisconsin. Pearsall turned a single leg into a scramble and then a cradle, finishing off the move by pulling Kelliher in off the edge of the mat and turning him to his back for a fall at the 1:24 mark. Pearsall then met fifth seed Brandon Nelson of Purdue in the quarters and dropped a tough 2-1 decision, giving up a reversal late in the first period. Pearsall dropped into consolation action, still looking for top six finish at his weight to get to NCAAs. In his first consolation bout, Pearsall took on Indiana's Alex Gregory. The Lion senior came back from a first period takedown and an early third period takedown to score four points late and win 6-4. The victory pushed him into a conso third round bout against Michigan's Camryn Jackson, the eighth-seed. Pearsall came back from an early 6-2 deficit to dominate the final four minutes, turning Jackson three times in the second period on his way to a 19-11 major decision, bonus points for the Lions, and his first trip to the NCAA Championships. Pearsall met No. 7 Nick Dardanes of Minnesota in the consolation semifinals, the tournament's second seed. Dardanes ground out a 6-2 win over Pearsall, pushing the Nittany Lion senior into the fifth place bout against Northwestern's Pat Greco. Pearsall battled Greco through an even three periods and then countered a Greco shot to post a thrilling 4-2 (sv) win to take fifth place and earn the ticket to Des Moines.

149: #13 Andrew Alton (Mill Hall, Pa.), So. – #5 seed – 26-4 overall – 4th Place
1st Rd: vs. Josh Dziewa, Iowa – W, 3-2 dec.
Qtrs: vs. #11 Jake Suefloh, Nebraska (4th seed) – L, 6-10 dec.
Conso Rd. 2: vs. Dylan Marriott, Northwestern – WBF (0:16)
Conso Rd. 3: vs. #7 Eric Grajales, Michigan (1st seed) – W, 14-8 dec.
Conso Semis: vs. Dan Osterman, Michigan State (7th seed) – W, 13-4 maj. dec.
3rd Place: vs. #10 Ivan Lopouchanski, Purdue (2nd seed) – LBF (4:06)

Sophomore Andrew Alton, the No. 5 seed, picked up an important 3-2 decision over Iowa's Josh Dziewa in the opening round, turning a first period takedown and a third period escape into the win. Alton then took on fourth-seed Jake Suefloh of Nebraska in the quarters. Alton dropped a tough 10-6 decision to the 11th-ranked Husker and moved into consolation action, still alive for a top seven finish and a trip to NCAAs. In consolation action, Alton took on Dylan Marriott of Northwestern and made short work of the Wildcat. Alton came out quickly, gained control of Marriott's shoulders and flipped him to his back for a pin in just 0:16, the fastest pin in Big Ten tournament history. The fall moved Alton into the consolation third round against top-seed Eric Grajales of Michigan. Alton dominated the action from start to finish, using six takedowns to roll to a 14-8 win, punch his ticket to NCAAs and move into the conso semis. Alton took to the mat against Michigan State's Dan Osterman in the consolation semis. The Nittany Lion sophomore came out of the gates fast with a five-point move and then rolled to a 13-4 major decision, moving him into the third place bout against second-seed Ivan Lopouchanski of Purdue, who was ranked No. 10 nationally. Alton led 5-2 early but Lopouchanski countered an Alton throw attempt and turned the Lion sophomore to his back for a pin. The loss gives Alton the fourth place nod as the sixth seed and sends him to Des Moines.

157: #5 Dylan Alton (Mill Hall, Pa.), So. – #3 seed – 25-6 overall – 6th Place
1st Rd: vs. Kalvin York, Wisconsin – W, 8-3 dec.
Qtrs: vs. Josh Demas, Ohio State (6th seed) – L, 1-6 dec. (TB2)
Conso Rd. 2: vs. Tommy Churchard, Purdue – WBF (1:03)
Conso Rd. 3: vs. Ryan Watts, Michigan State (7th seed) – W, 3-2 dec.
Conso Semis: vs. #2 Derek St. John, Iowa (1st seed) – LBF (6:36)
5th Place: vs. Danny Zilverberg, Minnesota (8th seed) – L, 2-6 dec.

Sophomore All-American Dylan Alton breezed to an 8-3 decision over Wisconsin's Kalvin York in the first round, notching three first period takedowns to bolt out to an early lead. Alton then took on sixth-seed Josh Demas of Ohio State in the quarterfinals battled the buckeye through two sudden victory periods before dropping a 6-1 TB2 decision. Alton dropped to the consolation round, still working towards third place and a trip to NCAAs. Alton met Purdue's Tommy Churchard in his first consolation bout. Like his brother Andrew a few minutes before, Dylan wasted little time in moving on in the bracket. He quickly took Churchard down, allowed the Boiler an escape and then caught his shoulders, turned him to his back and picked up a first period pin at the 1:03 mark. Alton moved on to battle Michigan State's Ryan Watts and earned a trip to NCAAs with a 3-2 win. Alton faced off against top-seeded Derek St. John in the consolation semifinals. The duo once again battled through two even periods. With the score tied late in the third period, Alton shot, St. John countered and notched a takedown that he turned into a pin at the 6:36 mark. The loss moved Alton into the fifth place bout against Minnesota's Danny Zilverberg. Alton led Zilverberg 2-0 with just :20 left but the Gopher reversed Alton late in the final stanza and took him to his back for three near fall points and, with riding time, posted a 6-2 win. Alton took sixth place with a 3-3 record and heads to NCAAs.

165: #2 David Taylor (St. Paris, Ohio), Jr. – #1 seed – 26-1 overall -- CHAMPION
1st Rd: bye
Qtrs: vs. Mark Martin, Ohio State (9th seed) – W, 20-5 tech fall (TF; 5:45)
Semis: vs. #12 Nick Moore, Iowa (4th seed) – W, 15-0 tech fall (TF; 2:37)
Finals: vs. #8 Conrad Polz, Illinois (2nd seed) – W, 9-1 maj. dec.

Defending NCAA Champion David Taylor opened up his quest for a third straight Big Ten title with a first round bye. He then took on ninth seed Mark Martin of Ohio State in the quarterfinals. Taylor was once again workmanlike, rolling up points at will on his way to a 20-5 technical fall at the 5:45 mark. The win moved him into the semis and sends him to Des Moines. Taylor met

fourth-seed Nick Moore of Iowa in the semifinals and dismantled the talented Hawkeye, rolling to a 15-0 tech fall in the first period. Taylor used a takedown and a series of turns to end the match at the 2:37 mark and become Penn State's first finalist of the day. The defending Big Ten champion Taylor met Illinois' Conrad Polz, ranked No. 8, in the finals. Taylor was dominating from start to finish. As the Illini played defense, and was for three stall calls, Taylor notched two takedowns, a reversal and over 3:00 in riding time to roll to a 9-1 major, picking up key bonus points and becoming Penn State's third three-time Big Ten Champion.

174: #7 Matt Brown (West Valley City, Utah) – #5 seed – 25-4 overall -- CHAMPION
1st Rd: vs. Cheney Dale, Indiana (12th-seed) – WBF (6:15)
Qtrs: vs. #6 Nick Hefflin, Ohio State (4th-seed) – W, 7-1 dec.
Semis: vs. #11 Dan Yates, Michigan (8th seed) – W, 5-1 dec.
Finals: vs. #3 Mike Evans, Iowa (2nd seed) – W, 7-3 dec.

Sophomore Matt Brown made his Big Ten tournament debut picking up big bonus points for Penn State by pinning Indiana's Cheney Dale at the 6:15 mark. Brown was nearing a tech fall in the third period when he got the fall with :45 left in the bout. He then faced fourth seed Nick Hefflin of Ohio State in the quarterfinals. Brown was dominant in the match, setting the tempo throughout the bout, with the pressure paying off in the third when the Lion sophomore took the sixth-ranked Buckeye down and added three back points. Brown's 7-1 win moved him into the semifinals and punched his ticket to his first NCAA Championship. In his semifinal match-up with Michigan's Dan Yates, Brown was dominant once again. The sophomore used takedowns in the second and third periods to roll to a 5-1 win and move into the finals. Brown battled No. 3 Mike Evans of Iowa in the finals. After Evans was given an early lead on a penalty point due to a pulled sock, Brown went on a rampage. The Nittany Lion sophomore escaped to start the second period and then bulled through a high double, taking Evans to his back to take a commanding 6-1 lead off the five point move. He tallied 2:29 in riding time after riding Evans out for most of the third period and rolled to the 7-3 win, becoming a Big Ten Champion in his first trip to the conference tournament.

184: #1 Ed Ruth (Harrisburg, Pa.), Jr. – #1 seed – 27-0 overall – CHAMPION
1st Rd: bye
Qtrs: vs. Cody Magrum, Ohio State (8th seed) – W, 18-3 tech fall (TF; 5:58)
Semis: vs. #14 Ethan Lofthouse, Iowa (5th seed) – W, 10-1 maj. dec.
Finals: vs. #5 Kevin Steinhaus, Minnesota (2nd seed) – W, 5-3 dec.

Defending NCAA 174-pound champion Ed Ruth, now up at 184, began his quest for a third straight Big Ten title with a bye as well. He then took on Ohio State's Cody Magrum, the eighth seed, in the quarterfinals. Ruth, like Taylor, was steady, rolling up points on his way to an 18-3 technical fall at the 5:58 mark. Ruth's win moved him into the semifinals and pushed him on to NCAAs as well. Ruth then took on Iowa's Ethan Lofthouse in the semifinals and rolled his way to a 10-1 major over the Hawkeye. Ruth used three takedowns and a two-point turn to open up his lead and move into the finals tomorrow. Looking for this third straight Big Ten championship, Ruth met Minnesota's Kevin Steinhaus, ranked No. 5 nationally, in the finals. Ruth took care of the Gopher and nearly clinched the team title with a 5-3 win, using takedowns in the first and third periods to roll to victory. Ruth, like Taylor, becomes a three-time Big Ten Champion, Penn State's fourth.

197: #2 Quentin Wright (Wingate, Pa.), Sr. – #1 seed – 27-0 overall -- CHAMPION
1st Rd: bye
Qtrs: vs. Max Huntley, Michigan (8th seed) – WBF (1:20)
Semis: vs. #15 Andrew Campolattano, Ohio State (4th-seed) – W, 1-0 dec.
Finals: vs. #9 Scott Schiller, Minnesota (2nd seed) – W, 5-3 dec.

Three-time All-American Quentin Wright, looking for his second Big Ten crown, had a first round bye at 197. He then faced off against eighth-seed Max Huntley. He made short work of his Wolverine foe, using a shoulder throw to toss Huntley to his back and secure the first period pin at the 1:20 mark. The win pushed him into the semifinals and will send Wright to his fourth NCAA Championship. Wright then faced Ohio State's Andrew Campolattano in the semifinals. In the semis, Wright used a second period escape to post a hard-fought 1-0 win and become Penn State's fourth finalist. Looking for his second Big Ten title, Wright took on second-seed Scott Schiller of Minnesota in the finals. Never threatened, Wright rolled his way to a 5-3 win over Schiller, using second and third period takedowns for the margin. Wright's win gives him his second Big Ten title and clinched the team title for Penn State.

285: #12 Jimmy Lawson (Tom's River, N.J.) – #7 seed – 22-7 overall -- 8th Place
1st Rd: vs. Kosta Karageorge, Ohio State (10th seed) – W, 9-1 maj. dec.
Qtrs: vs. #8 Mike McMullan, Northwestern (2nd seed) – L, 4-6
Conso 2: vs. Spencer Johnson, Nebraska (9th seed) – W, 13-5 maj. dec.
Conso 3: vs. #15 Adam Chalfant, Indiana – L, 4-7
7th Place: vs. Mike McClure, Michigan State (5th seed) – LBF (SV; 6:36)

Sophomore Jimmy Lawson, the third member of the Nittany Lion line-up making his Big Ten Championships debut, picked up bonus points as well to round out a 5-0 first period for the Nittany Lions. Lawson posted a 9-1 major over Ohio State's Kosta Karageorge (with over 4:00 riding time). He then met second seed Mike McMullan of Northwestern in the quarterfinals. Lawson made a late comeback attempt but his flurry fell short in a 6-4 loss. The defeat dropped him into the consolation bracket, still alive for a top eight finish and a trip to NCAAs. Lawson then met Nebraska's Spencer Johnson in his first consolation bout. Lawson punched his ticket to the NCAA Championship and picked up key bonus points with a dominating 13-5 major over Johnson. The win was highlighted by a late five point move (takedown and three near-fall) that gave Lawson the major. The Lion sophomore then met sixth-seed Adam Chalfant of Indiana, who was ranked No. 15 nationally. Lawson dropped a 7-4 decision and moved into the seventh place bout. Lawson met Michigan State's Mike McClure, the No. 5 seed, in the seventh place bout. A furious third period featured McClure getting a late takedown to take a 4-2 lead but Lawson reversing the Spartan with just :08 left to send the bout to sudden victory. McClure then countered a Lawson shot in sudden victory, got the takedown and then picked up a fall at the 6:36 mark. Lawson went 2-3 in his first Big Ten Championship, placing eighth and advancing to NCAAs.

HEAD COACH CAEL SANDERSON

Cael Sanderson just concluded his fourth season as head coach of the Penn State Nittany Lion wrestling team. The veteran head coach now has three straight NCAA and three straight Big Ten titles in hand. He has been named Big Ten Coach of the Year three straight times and was named the 2013 National Coach of the Year after guiding Penn State to yet another NCAA title in Des Moines.

THE PENN STATE YEARS...

In his first year at Penn State (2009-10), he guided the Lions to a 13-6-1 dual meet mark, 5-3 in Big Ten action, and crowned his first Big Ten Champion. The Lions finished No. 10 in the final USA Today/Coaches dual meet poll and placed ninth at NCAAs.

In 2010-11, Sanderson guided the Nittany Lions to its first-ever Southern Scuffle Co-Championship and its first Virginia Duals Championship since 1991. In guiding Penn State to a 6-1-1 conference mark, Sanderson equaled the most Big Ten dual meet wins in Penn State history in just his second year at the helm of the Nittany Lions (Penn State won six Big Ten duals in 1998). Sanderson led Penn State to the school's first ever Big Ten Championship on March 5-6 and was named 2011 Big Ten Coach of the Year. Saving the best for last, he led the Nittany Lions to the 2011 NCAA National Championship in Philadelphia on March 17-19, Penn State's first since 1953 and Sanderson's first as a collegiate head coach.

Last year, Sanderson led Penn State to a school record 7-1 Big Ten dual record and 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 on March 3-4 and 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 just the fourth team in NCAA history to win back-to-back titles.

This year, Penn State went 13-1 overall in dual meets this year and won its third straight Southern Scuffle title in early January. The Nittany Lions followed that up with a third straight Big Ten Championship on March 9-10 at Illinois and a third straight NCAA National Title in Des Moines on March 21-23. He was named Big Ten Coach of the Year for the third straight season (sharing this year's honor as a co-CotY) and 2013 National Coach of the Year (the second time he has earned that honor). In his four years as Penn State's coach, Sanderson has led the Nittany Lions to three-straight conference titles, three straight national titles, collected 19 All-Americans, five national champions, three Gorriaran winners, one NCAA tourney OW and one Hodge Trophy winner. He and his coaching staff have a perfect 13-0 record in Big Ten championship finals. Coach Sanderson now sports a 100-19-2 dual meet mark in this, his seventh year as a head coach. He is 57-9-2 and in his fourth year at Penn State.

THE IOWA STATE YEARS...

Sanderson came to Penn State after three extremely successful years as the head coach at his alma mater. Sanderson's teams did not finish any lower than fifth at the NCAA Championships and never had a wrestler not qualify for nationals, getting 30 of 30 grapplers through to the championship tournament. In 2007, Sanderson's rookie campaign, he led ISU to a 13-3 dual meet record and the first of three straight Big 12 Championships. An NCAA Runner-Up finished in Detroit capped off a wildly successful year as the Cyclones crowned one national championship and Sanderson was honored as Big 12 Coach of the Year, National Rookie Coach of the Year and National Coach of the Year. The next year, Sanderson led ISU to a 16-4 dual meet mark, another Big 12 title and a fifth place finish at nationals. Iowa State's seven All-Americans in 2008 were the most at the school since 1993. In his final year at ISU, Sanderson's team went 15-3 in duals, won its third straight Big 12 title and took third place at the NCAA Championships in St. Louis (just 12 points out of first place). The Cyclones also crowned another national champion. In three years, Sanderson's teams went 44-10, won three conference crowns, qualified all 30 wrestlers for nationals, and earned 15 All-America awards and two individual national title.

Sanderson's Career Coaching Record

Season	Record	%	B10 Dual	Conf.	NCAA	Qual.	AA	NC
2006-07	13-3-0	.813	---	1st	2nd	10	4	1
2007-08	16-4-0	.800	---	1st	5th	10	7	0
2008-09	15-3-0	.833	---	1st	3rd	10	4	1
2009-10	13-6-1	.675	5-3-0	5th	9th	6	3	0
2010-11	17-1-1	.921	6-1-1	1st	1st	8	5	1
2011-12	13-1-0	.929	7-1	1st	1st	9	6	3
2012-13	13-1-0	.929	7-1	1st	1st	10	5	2
Career	100-19-2	.835	25-6-1	---	---	63	34	8

Italics are Cael's ISU years

NATIONAL RANKING

TEAM RANKINGS INTERMAT TPI (2/26/13)

- PENN STATE
- Oklahoma State
- Minnesota
- Iowa
- Missouri
- Ohio State
- Cornell
- Oregon State
- Illinois
- Oklahoma
- Central Michigan
- Virginia Tech
- Nebraska
- Lehigh
- Northwestern
- Pittsburgh
- Boise State
- Edinboro
- Binghamton
- Maryland
- Kent State
- Air Force
- Virginia
- Wisconsin
- North Carolina

USA TODAY COACHES POLL (2/26/13) (dual)

- Minnesota
 - Oklahoma State
 - PENN STATE
 - Missouri
 - Iowa
 - Ohio State
 - Virginia Tech
 - Illinois
 - Oregon State
 - Cornell
 - Central Michigan
 - Nebraska
 - Virginia
 - Purdue
 - Bloomsburg
 - Pittsburgh
 - Edinboro
 - Michigan
 - Boise State
 - Iowa State
 - Penn
 - Northern Iowa
 - Wyoming
 - Maryland
 - Rutgers
- RV: Kent State, Lehigh, Navy, North Dakota State, Northwestern, Wisconsin

INDIVIDUALS INTERMAT

(2/26/13)		
Nico Megaludis	erd/125	
Jordan Conaway	13th/133	
Andrew Alton	13th/149	
Dylan Alton	5th/157	
David Taylor	2nd/165	
Matt Brown	7th/174	
Ed Ruth	1st/184	
Quentin Wright	2nd/197	
Jimmy Lawson	12th/285	

NCAA DIVISION I Coaches Rank/RPI (2/27/13) - Rel. 3

Nico Megaludis, 125	3/7
Jordan Conaway, 133	12/10
Bryan Pearsall, 141	21/18
Andrew Alton, 149	13/6
Dylan Alton, 157	5/1
David Taylor, 165	2/1
Matt Brown, 174	7/6
Ed Ruth, 184	1/2
Quentin Wright, 197	2/4
Jimmy Lawson, 285	12/10

WIN MAGAZINE (2/26/13)

TEAM TPI:	1st
TEAM DUAL:	3rd
Nico Megaludis	3rd/125
Jordan Conaway	14th/133
Andrew Alton	13th/149
Dylan Alton	5th/157
David Taylor	2nd/165
Matt Brown	6th/174
Ed Ruth	1st/184
Quentin Wright	2nd/197
Jimmy Lawson	16th/285

AWN/TOM (2/26/13)

Nico Megaludis	3rd/125
Jordan Conaway	12th/133
Andrew Alton	14th/149
Dylan Alton	5th/157
David Taylor	2nd/165
Matt Brown	7th/174
Ed Ruth	1st/174
Quentin Wright	2nd/197
Jimmy Lawson	16th/285

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.

11/16: vs #24 Lehigh	W, 29-6
1/15: vs. #24 Wisconsin	W, 36-6
1/27: vs. #12 Nebraska	W, 33-9
2/1: at #3 Iowa	L, 16-22
2/3: at #8 Illinois	W, 37-0
2/8: at #15 Pittsburgh	W, 31-7
2/10: at #6 Ohio State	W, 29-18

PENN STATE WINS THIRD STRAIGHT NCAA CHAMPIONSHIP

The Penn State Nittany Lion wrestling team, under the guidance of head coach Cael Sanderson, won its third straight NCAA Wrestling Championship, continuing a run of dominance that began in Philadelphia in 2011. The Nittany Lions also crowned two NCAA Individual National Champions as Ed Ruth and Quentin Wright each claimed titles. The team championship is the third in a row for the Nittany Lions and the fourth NCAA title all time. Penn State also won the 2011 in Philadelphia and 2012 in St. Louis. The three straight titles are the first for Penn State since the Nittany Lions won in 1953. Penn State becomes only the third school in NCAA history to win three straight Division I wrestling titles, joining only Oklahoma State and Iowa in that elite club.

CAEL SANDERSON NAMED NATIONAL COACH OF THE YEAR

Penn State head coach Cael Sanderson was named the 2013 National Coach of the Year by the NWCA at the conclusion of the 2013 NCAA Wrestling Championships. For Sanderson, it is the second time he has claimed the honor, having won it in 2007. He just led Penn State to its third straight NCAA and Big Ten titles and has been named Big Ten Coach of the Year for three straight seasons.

MATT BROWN WINS PRESTIGIOUS ELITE 89 AWARD

Penn State Nittany Lion wrestler Matt Brown was the recipient of the 2013 Elite 89 award for the 2013 NCAA Division I Wrestling Championship. Brown, majoring in Crime, Law and Justice, has near-perfect 3.97 grade point average. He was presented with the award after the championship finals at the 2013 NCAA Wrestling Championships on Saturday, March 23, in Des Moines, Iowa, as Penn State its third straight NCAA team title. The Nittany Lion sophomore entered the 2013 NCAA Wrestling Championship as the Big Ten Champion at 174 and the No. 2 seed overall. Brown went 4-1 to end the year as National Runner-Up and an All-American. He ended his year with a 29-5 mark. The Elite 89, an award founded by the NCAA, recognizes the true essence of the student-athlete by honoring the individual who has reached the pinnacle of competition at the national championship level in his or her sport, while also achieving the highest academic standard among his or her peers. The Elite 89 is presented to the student-athlete with the highest cumulative grade-point average participating at the finals site for each of the NCAA's championships.

TAYLOR WINS 2013 GORRIARAN AWARD

Three-time All-American and '12 NCAA Champion David Taylor won the 2013 Gorriaran Award, presented at the conclusion of the 2013 NCAA Wrestling Championship, for most pins at the event in the least amount of time. Taylor pinned his way to the finals for the second straight year and won the award with four pins in just 9:22.

WRIGHT 4X ALL-AMERICAN, WINS SECOND NCAA TITLE

Senior Quentin Wright capped off a stellar collegiate career by blazing through an undefeated 32-0 season, culminating in an 8-6 win over top-seeded Dustin Kilgore of Kent State in the 197-pound title bout at the 2013 NCAA Wrestling Championships. The victory clinched the team title for the Lions and earned the four-time All-American his second national title (he won the 184-pound crown in 2011 and was runner-up last year). Wright finishes an undefeated season with a 32-0 mark, giving him a final career record of 116-23. Wright is tied for 10th on Penn State's all-time wins list with former four-time All-American and national champion Phil Davis. He leaves Penn State as its sixth four-time All-American (1st in '13, 2nd in '12, 1st in '11 and 6th in '09).

RUTH 3X ALL-AMERICAN, WINS SECOND NCAA TITLE

Junior Ed Ruth won his second NCAA title in complete and dominating fashion, closing out yet another undefeated season with a 12-4 major over Lehigh's Robert Hamlin in the 184-pound title bout at the 2013 NCAA Wrestling Championships. The win gave Ruth a perfect 33-0 record to end the season and he heads into his senior year riding a 68-match win streak dating back to 2011. The three-time All-American has now won two straight NCAA titles and has a 102-2 career record. Ruth is fourth on Penn State's all-time pins list with 35.

TAYLOR A 3X ALL-AMERICAN, 3X NATIONAL FINALIST

Junior David Taylor was the 2013 NCAA National Runner-Up at 165, making the trip to the national finals for the third straight year. Taylor dropped a tough 5-4 decision on 1:13 riding time to Cornell's Kyle Dake in the final match of the 2013 NCAA Wrestling Championships. Taylor ended an outstanding junior year with a 30-2 record after a 4-1 tournament run. A three-time All-American and last year's 165-pound champ, Taylor is also a two-time NCAA finalist. He heads into his senior season with a stellar 100-3 career record and is tied for second with Quentin Wright on Penn State's all-time pins list with 37.

MEGALUDIS 2X ALL-AMERICAN, 2X NATIONAL FINALIST

True sophomore Nico Megaludis is now a two-time NCAA National Finalist, advancing to the championship bout at 125 for the second straight year at the 2013 NCAA Wrestling Champion-

2012-13 BIG TEN STANDINGS

(by Big Ten win % -- 2/26/13)

Pl.	Team	Big Ten		Overall	
		W-L-T	PCT	W-L-T	PCT
1.	Iowa	8-0-0	1.000	20-3-0	.870
2.	PENN STATE	7-1-0	.875	13-1-0	.923
	Minnesota	7-1-0	.875	16-2-0	.889
4.	Purdue	5-3-0	.625	17-6-0	.739
	Ohio State	5-3-0	.625	11-4-0	.733
6.	Nebraska	4-4-0	.500	11-6-0	.647
	Wisconsin	4-4-0	.500	7-8-0	.467
8.	Michigan	3-5-0	.375	10-7-0	.588
	Illinois	3-5-0	.375	7-6-0	.538
10.	Northwestern	2-6-0	.250	9-8-0	.529
11.	Indiana	0-8-0	.000	9-10-0	.474
	Michigan State	0-8-0	.000	4-14-0	.222

BIG TEN WRESTLERS OF THE WEEK

11/6	Tony Dallago, Illinois
11/13	Michael McClure, Michigan State
11/20	Matt McDonough, Iowa
11/27	Daryl Thomas, Illinois
12/4	Logan Stieber, Ohio State
12/11	Derek St. John, Iowa
12/18	Michael McClure, Michigan State
1/2	Robert Kokesh, Nebraska
	Jason Welch, Northwestern
1/8	ED RUTH, PENN STATE
1/15	JON GINGRICH, PENN STATE
1/22	Scott Schiller, Minnesota
1/29	Nick Moore, Iowa
2/5	Matt McDonough, Iowa
2/12	Jesse Delgado, Illinois
2/19	Tony Ramos, Iowa
2/26	Logan Storley, Minnesota

HONORS WON

Dylan Alton, 157

NWCA All-Star Classic Participant

Matt Brown, 174

Big Ten Champion, 174

First Team All-Big Ten

All-American (Runner-Up)

Elite 89 Award (Most Outstanding Student-Athlete)

Jon Gingrich, 285

Big Ten Wrestler of the Week (1/15)

Nico Megaludis, 125

NWCA All-Star Classic Participant

All-American (Runner-Up)

Ed Ruth, 184

Big Ten Wrestler of the Week (1/8)

Big Ten Champion, 184

First Team All-Big Ten

2013 Big Ten Wrestler of the Year

All-American (2013 NCAA Champion)

Cael Sanderson

Big Ten Coach of the Year (co-)

NWCA National Coach of the Year

David Taylor, 165

NWCA All-Star Classic Participant

Big Ten Champion, 165

First Team All-Big Ten

All-American (Runner-Up)

2013 NCAA Championships Gorriaran Award

2013 NCAA National Most Technical Falls Award

Quentin Wright, 197

NWCA All-Star Classic Participant

Big Ten Champion, 197

First Team All-Big Ten

All-American (2013 NCAA Champion)

ships. Megaludis, who also was a finalist as a true freshman and is now a two-time All-American, was even-up with Illinois' Jesse Delgado late into the bout when Delgado countered a Megaludis scoring attempt and posted a hard-fought 7-4 win. Finishing as National Runner-Up, Megaludis posted a 28-4 record this year after a 4-1 tournament and heads into his junior year with a 56-12 career record.

BROWN ALL-AMERICAN, NATIONAL FINALIST

Sophomore Matt Brown rolled to the NCAA finals in his first trip to nationals, ending his 2012-13 campaign as the 2013 National Runner-Up and an All-American at 174. Brown, who was the No. 2 seed, took top-seeded Chris Perry of Oklahoma State into extra time before dropping a heart-stopping 2-1 tie-breaker decision. Brown ends his first NCAA tournament as the 2013 National Runner-Up at 174 with 29-5 record after a 4-1 tournament run. He heads into his junior year with a superb 56-7 career record.

CONAWAY, D. ALTON REACH 'ROUND OF 12'

Nittany Lions Jordan Conaway and Dylan Alton both scored major points for Penn State in its 2013 team championship run, with each man finishing just one win shy of All-America laurels, bowing out in the 'round of 12'. Conaway, a red-shirt freshman at 133, posted a 3-2 with a pin while Alton (a 2012 All-American at 157 as the third place finisher) went 3-2 with two majors.

PEARSALL, A. ALTON, LAWSON ALL PICK UP KEY POINTS IN PENN STATE'S TITLE RUN

Senior Bryan Pearsall and sophomores Andrew Alton and Jimmy Lawson each tally critical points as all ten Nittany Lions scored points in the team's 2013 National Championship run. Pearsall went 1-2 with a major at 141, Andrew Alton went 1-2 with a pin at 149 and Lawson went 1-2 at heavyweight.

15 NITTANY LIONS EARN ACADEMIC ALL-BIG TEN LAURELS

The Penn State Nittany Lion wrestling team, under the guidance of head coach Cael Sanderson, followed up its third straight NCAA National and Big Ten titles by dominating the classroom as well. Just under half of Penn State's entire roster, 15 of 37, has been named to the Academic All-Big Ten list. Led by four All-Americans, over 40 percent of Penn State's squad, all letter winners, met the criteria of being in their second academic year at Penn State and carrying a cumulative grade-point average of 3.0 or higher. Penn State's total of 15 was far and away the most of any Big Ten school for wrestling and comprised almost 25 percent of Penn State's total of 64 Academic All-Big Ten honorees for the Winter sports season. Four-time All-American and two-time NCAA Champion Quentin Wright was one of four 2013 All-Americans on the list. The honor is Wright's fourth. Three-time All-American and NCAA Champion David Taylor earned his third Academic All-Big Ten nod. Sophomore All-American Matt Brown followed up an outstanding season by earning his first Academic All-Big Ten honor. Two-time All-American Nico Megaludis earned his first Academic All-Big Ten award as well. Senior James English (York, Pa.) earned his third honor. Nick Fischer, another senior, grabbed his fourth Academic All-Big Ten award and senior Derek Reber was named to the Academic All-Big Ten team for the first time as well. Three sophomores earned the honor as well. Cameron Kelly, Kyle Moran and Nate Morgan each earned their second Academic All-Big Ten awards. Four red-shirt freshmen were named to the Academic All-Big Ten list for the first time. Luke Frey, James Frascella, Rex Lutz and Dylan Dailey round out Penn State's 15 award winners.

LIONS CLAIM THIRD STRAIGHT BIG TEN TITLE WHILE QUALIFYING ALL TEN GRAPPLERS FOR NCAA CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Penn State Nittany Lion wrestling team outran the field to claim the 2013 Big Ten Championship with a school record 151.0 points, 12 points ahead of the field. The title was the third straight for Penn State and the third in Cael Sanderson's four years as head coach. Penn State rode a balanced team effort to the record setting performance as it qualified all 10 wrestlers for the NCAA Championships in Des Moines (the first time since 1997 that Penn State has qualified its entire roster). Penn State crowned four champions, going 4-0 in the finals. David Taylor won at 165, Matt Brown at 174, Ed Ruth at 184 and Quentin Wright at 197. Nico Megaludis took third at 125, Andrew Alton fourth at 149, Jordan Conaway fifth at 133, Bryan Pearsall fifth at 141, Dylan Alton sixth at 157 and Jimmy Lawson eighth at 285.

SANDERSON COACHING STAFF A PERFECT 13-0 ALL-TIME IN BIG TEN FINALS BOUTS

Since taking over as the head of the Penn State wrestling family for the 2009-10 season, head coach Cael Sanderson and his staff have put together a pretty stunning run in Big Ten finals bouts. Sanderson, associate head coach Cody Sanderson and head assistant coach Casey Cunningham, assistant coach Nick Fanthorpe (and a bevy of talented former assistants) have not lost a Big Ten finals bout, posting a perfect 13-0 mark in four years at the event. Penn State was 1-0 in 2010, 5-0 in 2011, 3-0 in 2012 and 4-0 in 2013.

2012-13 ATTENDANCE

11/16	LEHIGH	6,422
12/9	INDIANA	6,152
12/15	LOCK HAVEN	6,292
1/13	MICHIGAN STATE	6,353
1/18	WISCONSIN	6,515
1/27	NEBRASKA	6,618
2/17	RIDER	6,523
TOTAL		44,875
AVG.		6,411

2012-13 RIDGE RILEY

AWARD WINNERS (home)

11/16	LEHIGH	James English, 149
12/9	INDIANA	Jon Gingrich, 285
12/15	LOCK HAVEN	Matt Brown, 174
1/13	MICHIGAN ST.	Jon Gingrich, 285
1/18	WISCONSIN	Jordan Conaway, 133
1/27	NEBRASKA	Dylan Alton, 157
2/17	RIDER	Bryan Pearsall, 141 Quentin Wright, 197

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AWARD WINNERS (away)

11/18	WEST VIRGINIA	Bryan Pearsall, 141
1/20	PURDUE	David Taylor, 165
2/1	IOWA	David Taylor, 165
2/3	ILLINOIS	Nico Megaludis, 125 Jordan Conaway, 133
2/8	PITTSBURGH	Quentin Wright, 197
2/10	OHIO STATE	Ed Ruth, 184
2/24	RUTGERS	Bryan Pearsall, 141

ED RUTH NAMED BIG TEN WRESTLER OF THE YEAR

Nittany Lion junior Ed Ruth was named the 2013 Big Ten Wrestlers of the Year after claiming his third straight conference title on March 10 in Champaign. Ruth rolled through the field at his weight class all year long and remained undefeated on the year (28-0) with his title run. Ruth becomes Penn State's third straight Big Ten Wrestler of the Year (teammate David Taylor won the last two) and fifth overall (Cary Kolat in 1994 and Jeremy Hunter in 2000).

CAEL SANDERSON NAMED BIG TEN COACH OF THE YEAR FOR THIRD STRAIGHT SEASON

Nittany Lion head coach Cael Sanderson was named Big Ten Coach of the Year, sharing this year's honor with Minnesota's J Robinson. The award is Sanderson's third straight and the fifth for Penn State overall (John Fritz won in 1998 and Troy Sunderland won in 2003). For Sanderson it is the fourth conference Coach of the Year award as he was Big 12 Coach of the Year in 2007, making him the only coach in NCAA history to win the award in both the Big Ten and Big 12.

TAYLOR AND RUTH BECOME PENN STATE'S THIRD AND FOURTH THREE-TIME BIG TEN CHAMPIONS

The junior duo of returning National Champions David Taylor and Ed Ruth both claimed their third respective Big Ten titles, helping to lead Penn State to its third straight team title at the 2013 Big Ten Wrestling Championships on March 9-10 in Champaign, Ill. Taylor went 3-0 at 165 to win his third crown while Ruth went 3-0 at 184 to win his third. The duo joins Sanshiro Abe ('93-96) and Kerry McCoy ('94-'97) in the elite club.

WRIGHT WINS SECOND BIG TEN TITLE

Senior Quentin Wright won his second Big Ten individual championship while helping Penn State win its third straight team title at the 2013 Big Ten Wrestling Championships on March 9-10 in Champaign, Ill. Wright went 3-0 at 197, winning the title to become Penn State's eighth two-time conference champion.

MATT BROWN STORMS THE FIELD FOR BIG TEN TITLE

Sophomore Matt Brown entered the 2013 Big Ten Championship as the fifth-seed at 174 and proceeded to roll through the field to claim the Big Ten title in his first trip to the event. Brown began his impressive run by pinning Indiana's Cheney Dale at the 6:15 mark in round one. He then took care of seventh-ranked Nick Heflin 7-1 and 11th-ranked Dan Yates of Michigan 5-1. In the Big Ten finals, Brown defeated No. 3 Mike Evans, the tournament's second-seed, 7-3 to win the title.

MEGALUDIS AND ANDREW ALTON TAKE THIRD AND FOURTH AT BIG TEN CHAMPIONSHIPS

All-American Nico Megaludis rebounded from a loss in the semifinals to reel off two straight wins to take third at 125 in the 2013 Big Ten Championships. Megaludis went 3-1 overall at the event. Andrew Alton advanced to the consolation finals as the sixth seed and, in an entertaining bout with second seed Ivan Lopouchanski of Purdue, traded near falls before getting pinned at the 4:06 mark to take fourth at 149.

CONAWAY AND PEARSALL IMPRESSIVE IN QUALIFYING FOR FIRST TRIPS TO NCAA CHAMPIONSHIPS

For Penn State red-shirt freshman Jordan Conaway and senior Bryan Pearsall, the 2013 Big Ten Championships will be memorable as each earned automatic bids to the NCAA Championships with fifth place finishes. For Conaway, the talented 133-pounder went 2-2 to take fifth place and earn a trip to NCAAs in his first attempt. For Pearsall, the long journey from a character building freshman year to missing out on an at-large bid last year is set aside as the senior's strong effort at 141 earned him a fifth place finish with a 4-2 record.

DYLAN ALTON AND JIMMY LAWSON HEADED TO NCAAs

All-American Dylan Alton qualified for the tournament with a sixth place finish at Big Tens in Champaign on March 9-10. Alton went 3-3 to help lead the Nittany Lions to their third straight Big Ten Championship. Sophomore Jimmy Lawson took eighth at heavyweight in his first-ever trip to NCAAs with a 2-3 mark as well. The duo helped Penn State advance all 10 of its wrestlers to the NCAA Championships for the first time since 1997.

ANDREW ALTON RECORDS FASTEST PIN IN BIG TEN CHAMPIONSHIP HISTORY

Sophomore Andrew Alton pinned Northwestern's Dylan Marriott at the 0:16 mark at the 2013 Big Ten Wrestling Championships, recording the fastest pin in the tournament's long and illustrious history. The previous record was :23 seconds held by two different wrestlers (Bart Chelesvig of Iowa in 1992 and Tony Dallago of Illinois in 2012).

THE PENN STATE WRESTLING RADIO SHOW

Fans all across Pennsylvania will be treated to the full season of the nation's best collegiate wrestling once again as up to six stations will be airing Penn State Nittany Lion wrestling in the 2012-13 season. In addition, the Penn State Wrestling Radio Show will air weekly all across the Commonwealth on Wednesday nights on the PA Sports Network.

Forever Broadcasting's WRSC-AM, 1390, will once again serve as the flagship station for the full season of duals and tournament action, beginning with the Intrasquad dual on Nov. 1 at 7 p.m. When conflicts arise, WRSC-FM, 103.1, will carry the action. Joining WRSC to carry the full season of Nittany Lion wrestling will be WLAK-FM, 103.5, in Huntingdon and WMRF-FM, 97.5, in Lewistown. WIEZ-AM, 670, will also carry select Sunday matches. WBPZ-AM, 1230, will also carry the entire season to Lock Haven and the Clinton County area.

Jeff Byers, longtime voice of Nittany Lion wrestling, will once again call the action as head coach Cael Sanderson and the Nittany Lions embark on another national title chase. In addition, Byers will host the weekly Penn State Wrestling Radio Show. The show, which will feature Byers and a rotating line-up of guest coaches and wrestlers, will air live on Wednesday evenings beginning Nov. 7. The broadcast runs from 6:05-6:30 p.m. on over 10 outlets of the PA Sports Network. The full list of affiliates for duals and the weekly show is as follows

Penn State Wrestling 2012-13 Season Coverage

WRSC	1390 AM	State College
WLAK	103.5 FM	Huntingdon
WMRF	97.5 FM	Lewistown
WBPZ	1230 AM	Lock Haven
*WRSC	103.1 FM	State College
#WIEZ	670 AM	Lewistown

(*select dates based on conflicting schedules on WRSC; #select Sunday dates)

Penn State Wrestling Radio Show

3WZ	95.3 FM	State College/Bellefonte
WMRF	97.5 FM	Lewistown
WLAK	103.5 FM	Huntingdon
WLYC	104.1 FM	Jersey Shore/Lock Haven
WLYC	1050 AM	Williamsport
WTZN	1320 AM	Troy/Canton
WTTC	1550 AM	Towanda/Elmira, NY
WCPA	900 AM	Clearfield/Dubois
WLPA	1490 AM	Lancaster/Reading
WKQW	1120 AM	Oil City/Clarion
Comcast	Channel 4	State College, Huntingdon
Comcast	Channel 2 & 12	Lewistown, Reedsville

LAWSON'S LAST-SECOND WIN PRESERVES 34-0 SHUTOUT AT RUTGERS

New Jersey native Jimmy Lawson used a last second reversal in his tie-breaker period to turn a one point deficit into a 3-2 win over Billy Smith, capping off a 34-0 shut-out victory for the Nittany Lions on 2/24. Lawson's performance was also bolstered by a pin from Bryan Pearsall at 141, a major from David Taylor at 165, Matt Brown's 6-2 win over #14 Greg Zannetti at 174 and Ed Ruth's 11-4 win over #10 Dan Rinaldi at 184. The shut-out was Penn State's fifth of the year, an all-time school best for shut-outs in a season.

CAEL SANDERSON NOTCHES 100TH CAREER COACHING VICTORY IN WIN AT RUTGERS

With Penn State's 34-0 shut-out win at Rutgers on 2/24, Nittany Lion head coach Cael Sanderson claimed his 100th career dual meet victory as a head coach. Sanderson now sports a 100-19-2 career record, including a 57-9-2 mark as Penn State's head coach. Sanderson is in his seventh year as a head coach and his fourth at Penn State. He now owns the top winning percentage in Nittany Lion history for a head coach with more than ten duals to his credit. Sanderson sits at .853 all-time with the 57-9-2 record. Charlie Speidel is Penn State's all-time leader in coaching victories with 191 in 34 seasons as head coach (1927-42, 47-64).

FREY LEADS LIONS AT NATIONAL COLLEGIATE OPEN

Red-shirt freshman Luke Frey led the way with a runner-up finish at 149 at the 2013 National Collegiate Open on 2/24. The Lion freshman went 3-1 with a major to get to the finals before dropping a hard-fought sudden victory decision in the finals. Frey improved his record to 13-4 on the year. Red-shirt freshman Scott Syrek also placed at 197, going 4-3 with a pin to take sixth. Two true freshmen who wrestled unattached were Penn State's other placers. Freshman Jimmy Gulibon went 4-2 at 133, including two tech falls, to take fourth place. Classmate Zack Beitz went 6-2 at 141, with two majors, to finish fourth as well.

LIONS TALLY FIVE PINS IN HOME FINALE, SHUTOUT RIDER

The Nittany Lions closed out a fully sold out home schedule with a 48-0 shut-out of Rider on 2/17, using five pins, three majors and two decisions to roll to victory. Nico Megaludis (125), Bryan Pearsall (141), David Taylor (165), Matt Brown (174) and Ed Ruth (184) all got falls while Jordan Conaway (133), Andrew Alton (149) and Quentin Wright (197) had majors. Dylan Alton (157) and Jimmy Lawson (285) won by decision. The shut-out was the fourth of the year for Penn State (and the eighth under head coach Cael Sanderson), marking the first time in the school's long and storied history that the team has tallied four shut-outs in one season.

PEARSALL AND WRIGHT LEAVE HOME IN STYLE

Seniors Bryan Pearsall (141) and Quentin Wright (197) left Rec Hall in fine fashion on 2/17, posting big wins in their final appearances on the Lion mat at home. Pearsall thrilled an SRO sell-out crowd of over 6,500 with a pin of Rob Cigna at the 2:01 mark while Wright majored Donald McNeil 12-4. The duo helped lead Penn State to a 48-0 win over the visiting Broncos.

LIONS COMPLETE FULL HOME SLATE OF SOLD OUT HOME DUALS WITH PERFECT RECORD

The Penn State Nittany Lion wrestling team closed out the home portion of its schedule this year in front of one final SRO sell-out crowd against Rider on 2/17. 6,532 fans packed Rec Hall for the Senior Day win over Rider (48-0 shut-out). The Nittany Lions also beat Lehigh in front of 6,422 on 11/16 (29-6), downed Indiana in front of 6,152 (52-0 shut-out) on 12/9, bested Lock Haven in front of 6,292 on 12/15 (42-3), hammered Michigan State in front of 6,353 on 1/14 (41-0 shut-out), beat Wisconsin in front of 6,515 on 1/18 (36-6) and took down Nebraska in front of a season-high 6,618 on 1/27 (33-9). In all, Penn State averaged 6,411 fans per dual, which is the second highest per season average in the last 30 years (since a Rec Hall reconfiguration and new fire safety standards capped attendance capacity). The top mark in that span was last year's 6,481 per dual.

RUTH AND TAYLOR WRAP UP THIRD SEASON OF UNBEATEN BIG TEN DUAL ACTION

Juniors Ed Ruth (184) and David Taylor (165) wrapped up their third season of Big Ten dual meet action with pins at Ohio State on Sunday in the final conference dual of the season. With the wins, the duo posted identical 8-0 Big Ten dual meet records this year, matching their perfect 8-0 marks as freshmen and sophomores. The tandem is now 24-0 through three years as starters in Big Ten dual meets.

RUTH & TAYLOR LEAD LIONS TO BIG WIN AT #6 OHIO STATE

After a hot start by the homestanding Ohio State Buckeyes in the conference dual finale on 2/10, juniors Ed Ruth and David Taylor helped Penn State pin its way to a big 29-18 win in front of over

RECORDS WATCH - 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
	158	Clint Musser, '94, 96-99
7.	154	Ken Chertow, '85, 87-89
	154	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
	149	Eric Brugel, '82-84, 86
	149	John Hughes, '92, 94-96
15.	144	Andy Voit, '85, 87-89
16.	143	Dan Vallimont, '07-10
17.	142	John Hanrahan, '79-82
18.	140	Jeremy Hunter, '96-00
	140	Sanshiro Abe, '93-96
20.	139	Quentin Wright, '09-13
	139	Tim Flynn, '83, 85-87

VICTORIES

1.	155	Jim Martin, '86-89
2.	150	Kerry McCoy, '92-97
3.	146	Josh Moore, '01-04
4.	138	Greg Elinsky, '83-87
5.	125	Sanshiro Abe, '93-96
6.	123	Jeremy Hunter, '96-00
	123	Clint Musser, '94, 96-99
8.	121	Frank Molinaro, '09-12
	121	John Hughes, '92, 94-96
10.	116	Quentin Wright, '09-13
	116	Phil Davis, '05-08
12.	115	Ken Chertow, '85, 87-89
13.	114	Carl DeStefanis, '81-84
14.	112	Scott Moore, '00, '02-03
15.	110	Dan Mayo, '84, 86-88
16.	108	Pat Cummins, '01-04
	108	Dan Vallimont, '07-10
18.	107	Mark Becks, '00-03
19.	106	Glenn Pritzlaff, '94, 96-99
20.	105	John Hanrahan, '79-82
	105	Tim Flynn, '83, 85-87
--	102	Ed Ruth, 2011-Prsnt.
--	100	David Taylor, 2011-Prsnt.

FALLS

1.	53	Josh Moore, '01-04
2.	37	David Taylor, '11-Prsnt.
	37	Quentin Wright, '09-13
4.	35	Ed Ruth, '11-Prsnt.
5.	34	Scott Moore, '00, '02-03
	34	Kerry McCoy, '92-97
7.	32	Cameron Wade, 2009-12
	32	Josh Walker, '02-05
9.	31	Biff Walizer, '95-99
10.	30	Andrew Alton, '11-Prsnt.
	30	Phil Davis, '05-08
	30	Pat Cummins, '01-04
13.	29	Jeremy Hunter, '96-00
14.	28	Cary Kolat, '93-94
15.	26	Shawn Nelson, '90, 92-94
16.	25	John Lange, '94-98
17.	24	DeWitt Driscoll, '03-06
	24	Jerry White, '74-77
19.	23	Bob Bury, '79-81, 83
	23	Gary Kaschak, '82, 84-86
	23	Shawn Nelson, '90, 92-93
	23	Sanshiro Abe, '93-96
	23	Johnston Oberly, '59-61
	23	Greg Haladay, '86-87, 89-90
	23	Jeff Prescott, '89-92

DUAL MEET VICTORIES

1.	73	Jim Martin, '86-89
2.	71	Kerry McCoy, '92-97
3.	62	Jeremy Hunter, '96-00
4.	58	Phil Davis, '05-08
5.	57	Sanshiro Abe, '93-96
	57	Dan Vallimont, '07-10
7.	55	Frank Molinaro, '09-12
	55	Greg Elinsky, '83-87
9.	54	Glenn Pritzlaff, '94, 96-99
10.	53	Clint Musser, '94, 96-99
11.	52	Troy Sunderland, '89, 91-93
	51	Jeff Prescott, '89-92
13.	50	Dave Hart, '89, 91-93
14.	49	Quentin Wright, '09-Prsnt.
	48	Carl DeStefanis, '81-84
	48	Ken Chertow, '85, 87-89
	48	Bob Truby, '88-92
	48	Brad Pataky, 2006-11
19.	47	Ed Ruth, '11-Prsnt.
	47	David Taylor, '11-Prsnt.
	47	Cameron Wade, '09-12
	47	Dan Mayo, '84, 86-88
	47	Andy Voit, '85, 87-89
	47	Jake Strayer, '06-09

6,000 fans in Columbus. Taylor picked up his ninth pin of the year at 165 while Ruth notched his ninth at 184. Nico Megaludis majored No. 12 Nikko Triggas at 125, Quentin Wright picked up a major at 197, Jimmy Lawson was up 6-0 on No. 12 Peter Capone when the Buckeye had to take an injury default. Penn State closed out the conference dual season with a 7-1 mark.

WRIGHT PINS #2 WILPS, CONAWAY DOWNS #16 MACK AS LIONS WIN AT PITT

Senior Quentin Wright won the night's marquee bout with a first period pin of then second-ranked Matt Wilps in the 197-pound showdown on 2/8. Wright's pin, combined with Jordan Conaway's 5-3 sudden victory over #16 Shelton Mack, helped Penn State roll to a 31-7 win in front of a sold out crowd in Pittsburgh.

RUTH AND MEGALUDIS GET PINS IN 37-0 ROAD SHUT-OUT AT ILLINOIS; CONAWAY DOWNS #8 THOMAS

All-American's Ed Ruth and Nico Megaludis pinned nationally ranked opponents and freshman Jordan Conaway beat yet another top-ten opponent as Penn State rolled to a 37-0 Big Ten road shut-out at Illinois on 2/3. Ruth got a first period pin over #20 Tony Dallago at 184 (0:47) and Megaludis used a late scramble to pin #5 Jesse Delgado with just fifteen seconds left (6:45) at 125. Conaway dominated the action in an 8-6 win over #8 Daryl Thomas at 133, his second win over a top-ten ranked grappler as of 2/3.

LIONS NOTCH THIRD BIG TEN DUAL SHUT-OUT; FIRST ROAD SHUT-OUT SINCE LAST YEAR

Penn State rolled to a 37-0 shut-out win at Illinois on 2/3. The win was Penn State's third Big Ten dual shut-out of the year and the first road shut-out in conference action for the Nittany Lions since a 43-0 win in Madison last January. Penn State also shut out Indiana (52-0) and Michigan State (41-0), both in Rec Hall.

LAWSON PICKS UP FIRST BIG TEN DUAL WIN AT ILLINOIS

Sophomore Jimmy Lawson picked up his first career Big Ten dual meet victory, posting a 9-4 win over Illinois' Chris Lopez on 2/3. The win secured a 37-0 Big Ten road shut-out victory for Penn State in Champaign.

LIONS' 20-DUAL WIN STREAK SNAPPED AT #3 IOWA

The Penn State Nittany Lions had their 20-dual win streak snapped at No. 3 Iowa on 2/1, dropping three one-point decisions on the way to a hard-fought 22-16 loss. David Taylor (a tech fall at 165), Andrew Alton (a major at 149), Ed Ruth (a major at 184) and Quentin Wright (a decision at 197) picked up wins for the Nittany Lions. The loss was Penn State's first since a set-back to Minnesota last season in November of 2011.

PEARSALL DOWNS #19 KILEY, ALTON TAKES DOWN #4 GREEN AS NITTANY LIONS HAMMER #12 NEBRASKA 33-9

In a dual featuring a number of outstanding performances, senior Bryan Pearsall and sophomore Dylan Alton posted signature wins as Penn State beat visiting Nebraska 33-9 on 1/27. Pearsall continued his unbeaten ways in Big Ten duals, beating #19 Ridge Kiley 2-0 at 141. Alton used a third period takedown to defeat No. 4 James Green 3-1 at 157. Top-ranked Ed Ruth dismantled #8 Josh Ihnen 18-3, getting the tech fall at 184.

SYREK WINS MESSIAH OPEN CROWN

Four members of the Penn State Nittany Lion wrestling team competed at the Messiah Open on Saturday, with three earning a place at the event. Red-shirt freshman Scott Syrek won the 197-pound title to lead the Nittany Lions. Syrek went 4-0 at 197 with a pin to claim his crown. Red-shirt freshman Michael Waters took second at 141, going 2-1 with a pin. Red-

shirt freshman David Owens placed fifth at 149, going 5-2 with three pins. Josh Rogers also competed, going 1-2 at 197.

TAYLOR, RUTH AND CONAWAY LEAD LIONS TO ROAD WIN AT PURDUE

All-Americans David Taylor and Ed Ruth both notched pins to lead Penn State to a rousing 35-3 road dual victory at Purdue on 1/20. Taylor picked up the pin over Doug Welch at the 2:41 mark of the first period while Ruth got the fall over Dion Crowder at the 3:42 mark. Conaway stayed, at the time, unbeaten in dual meets with a 13-4 major over Danny Sabatello. Quentin Wright posted a 7-1 win over #17 Braden Atwood and Nico Megaludis downed #17 Camden Eppert 5-1.

WRIGHT PINS #20 HEIN FOR 100TH CAREER WIN

Senior Quentin Wright got his 100th career win in rousing fashion, pinning #20 Jackson Hein of Wisconsin in the final bout of Penn State's 36-6 blowout win over the Badgers. Wrestled in front of a sold out Rec Hall crowd of over 6,500 fans on 1/18, Wright turned a first period takedown into a spladle at the 1:24 mark to hit the century mark in career victories. It was also, at the time, his 34th career pin.

CONAWAY'S WIN OVER #3 GRAFF SPURS PENN STATE ONTO 36-6 VICTORY OVER WISCONSIN

Red-shirt freshman Jordan Conaway came back from a 7-3 third period deficit to beat #3 Tyler Graff of Wisconsin on 1/18, bringing a sold out Rec Hall crowd of 6,515 to hits feat and leading Penn State to a 36-6 win over the visiting Badgers. Conaway wore the UW All-American down, notching two third period takedowns to tie the bout and then securing the 10-8 (sv) win with a takedown midway through the sudden victory period.

FOUR LIONS WIN TITLES AT HITCHCOCK

Thirteen members of the Penn State Nittany Lion wrestling team took park in the Floyd 'Shorty' Hitchcock Memorial Tournament held at Millersville University. With five finalists, the Nittany Lions came home with four coming home champions. Sophomore Andrew Alton won at 149, sophomore Dylan Alton won at 157, senior Nick Fischer won at 165 and sophomore Jimmy Lawson won at 285, beating teammate Nick Ruggear in the finals.

GINGRICH DOWNS #4 McCLURE TO SPARK LIONS IN WIN OVER MICHIGAN STATE; NAMED BIG WRESTLER OF WEEK

Sophomore Jon Gingrich used a four-point move late in the third period to break a 1-1 tie and roll to a 5-3 win over #4 Michael McClure of Michigan State on 1/13, securing Penn State's second straight Big Ten dual meet shutout in a 41-0 win. The victory, in front of over 6,300 fans in Rec Hall, was also Gingrich's second over a top-ten Big Ten foe to secure a shut-out (Gingrich beat then #8 Adam Chalfant of Indiana in Penn State's 52-0 win over the Hoosiers). Gingrich was named Big Ten Wrestler of the Week (1/15) for his efforts.

VOLLRATH DOWNS #19 CHEZA OF MICHIGAN STATE

Junior James Vollrath got the nod at 157 against #19 David Cheza of Michigan State in the Nittany Lions' 41-0 dual meet win over the Spartans on 1/13. Vollrath came away with a convincing 6-4 win in helping Penn State secure the shut-out.

PENN STATE SHUTS OUT MICHIGAN STATE FOR 2ND STRAIGHT BIG TEN DUAL SHUT-OUT

Head coach Cael Sanderson led Penn State to its second straight shut-out in a Big Ten dual as his Lions blanked Michigan State 41-0 on 1/13. Penn State used two pins, a tech fall and three majors, as well as two big wins over MSU's ranked wrestlers, to roll the victory. The shut-out was Penn

State's second in Big Ten action to start the season as the Nittany Lions opened Big Ten dual action with a 52-0 win over Indiana in December. Penn State went 20-0 in its first two conference duals, outscoring IU and MSU 93-0 and owning a 60-2 edge in takedowns. The MSU shut-out was the sixth for Penn State under Sanderson. The Lions had two in 2011-12 and two in 2010-11, but the IU and MSU ones were Penn State's first ever in its Big Ten history. Penn State last had three shut-outs in one year in 1971-72.

LIONS CLAIM THIRD STRAIGHT SOUTHERN SCUFFLE TITLE

By virtue of five finalists, including three champions, and a number of strong individual performances, the Penn State Nittany Lion wrestling team ran away from the field to claim its third straight Southern Scuffle Championship on Jan. 1-2. Wrestled over two days in Chattanooga, Tenn., Penn State tallied 178.5 team points, more the 20 points ahead of second place Oklahoma State's 158.0. The Nittany Lions had 11 of 17 competing wrestlers place and crowned three champs: Nico Megaludis at 125, Ed Ruth at 184 and Quentin Wright at 197.

RUTH NAMED BIG WRESTLER OF THE WEEK

Nittany Lion wrestler Ed Ruth has been named the Big Ten Wrestler of the Week for the week ending Jan. 6, 2013. The honor is Ruth's third overall and the first for Penn State this season. Ruth dominated the competition at the 2013 Southern Scuffle, winning his third straight Scuffle individual crown and leading Penn State to its third straight Scuffle team title. Ruth went 6-0 with three pins and two majors, advancing to the finals where he dismantled defending NCAA 184-pound champion Steve Bosak of Cornell 7-3 with nearly 3:00 riding time. Ruth's unstoppable performance helped Penn State to a runaway team title. Ruth is now 15-0 on the year with five pins, five majors and two tech falls.

MEGALUDIS, RUTH AND WRIGHT WIN SCUFFLE GOLD

All-Americans Nico Megaludis, Ed Ruth and Quentin Wright were three of Penn State's five finalists at the 2013 Southern Scuffle and the trio came away with Scuffle Gold on Jan. 1-2. Megaludis went 4-0 over the tournament at 125, including wins over the No. 10 and No. 8 ranked wrestlers. Ruth was a stellar 6-0 with three pins and two majors to win at 184. He downed defending national champion Steve Bosak by a lopsided 7-3 score in the finals with over 3:00 riding time. For Ruth, it was his third straight Scuffle championship (he won two at 174). Wright went 5-0 with two pins at 197 to win his second Scuffle crown, pinning No. 9 Jake Meredith in the finals. Penn State had two second place finishers as All-American David Taylor lost 3-2 in heated fashion to No. 1 Kyle Dake at 165 and junior James Vollrath lost a tough 3-1 (sv) decision to No. 14 Jedd Moore in the finals at 157.

BROWN AND ENGLISH LEAD PENN STATE PLACERS AT SOUTHERN SCUFFLE

Sophomore Matt Brown and senior James English each rolled to third place finishes at the 2013 Southern Scuffle, helping lead Penn State to its third straight Scuffle team title. Brown took third at 174 while English took third at 149. Joining that duo as placers was true freshman Jimmy Gulibon, who placed third at 133 as an unattached wrestler; senior Bryan Pearsall, who was eighth at 141; red-shirt freshman Luke Frey, who was seventh at 149; and sophomore Jimmy Lawson, who was seventh at 285.

TWO LIONS WIN TITLES AND F&M OPEN

Five members of the top-ranked Penn State Nittany Lion wrestling team trekked to the Franklin and Marshall Open as unattached wrestlers. Four of those five unattached grapplers placed at the one day event. Sophomore Andrew Alton, ranked No. 5 at 149, blazed through his weight class, going 5-0 with three pins, a tech fall and a major to win the title. Andrew improves his unblemished record to 13-0. Sophomore Dylan Alton, ranked No. 5 at 157, was equally impressive, going 5-0 with three pins and a major

to win his weight class. Dylan improves to 12-2 on the year. True freshman Wes Phipps had an outstanding tournament. Phipps rebounded from a quarterfinal loss at 184 to take fourth place. Phipps went 4-2. Red-shirt freshman Rex Lutz posted a 3-2 mark with a pin at 165 and placed eighth. Junior Andrew Church competed at 174, going 2-2.

LIONS NOTCH FOUR PINS IN 42-3 ROUT OF LOCK HAVEN

Penn State notched four pins in a 42-3 home win over Lock Haven on 11/15/12. Nico Megaludis (125), David Taylor (165), Matt Brown (174) and Quentin Wright (197) all got falls while Ed Ruth (184) picked up a tech fall and Jordan Conaway (133) posted a major. The Nittany Lions also got decisions from Andrew Alton (149), Dylan Alton (157) and Jimmy Lawson (285).

LAWSON WINS REC HALL DUAL DEBUT

Sophomore heavyweight Jimmy Lawson thrilled a sold out Rec Hall crowd of nearly 6,300 fans with a 5-1 win in his Rec Hall dual meet debut. Lawson posted a 5-1 win over Lock Haven's Harry Turner in the final bout of a 42-3 win on 12/15/12.

LIONS POST HISTORIC NUMBERS IN SHUT-OUT WIN OVER INDIANA HOOSIERS

Penn State won all ten bouts, including tallying six pins, in a record-breaking 52-0 shut-out win over the visiting Indiana Hoosiers on Dec. 9, 2012. The Big Ten opener for both teams saw Penn State reel off four straight pins to begin the dual from Nico Megaludis at 125, Jordan Conaway at 133, Bryan Pearsall at 141 and Andrew Alton at 149. Matt Brown added one at 174 and Ed Ruth picked up one at 184 as well. David Taylor added a major at 165 and Quentin Wright picked up a forfeit at 197. Dylan Alton grabbed a decision at 157 but the evening belonged to sophomore heavyweight Jon Gingrich, who upset No. 8 Adam Chalfant 6-5 (with two third period takedowns) to secure the shut-out. The win was the most-lopsided in Penn State's Big Ten history dating back to 1992-93. It was also the second largest margin of victory for the Lions (Penn State beat Millersville 54-0 in 1983).

GINGRICH DOWNS #8 CHALFANT TO SECURE PENN STATE'S SHUT-OUT WIN OVER BIG TEN FOE INDIANA

Heavyweight Jon Gingrich used two third period takedowns to beat No. 8 Adam Chalfant of Indiana in the Big Ten dual meet debut for the Lion sophomore. Gingrich's 6-5 decision helped secure a team dual shut out as Penn State downed Indiana 52-0 on 12/9/12. With teammate Jimmy Lawson holding the No. 15 spot at 285 in the official Intermat rankings, Gingrich debuted in other national rankings, getting the No. 20 spot from W.I.N. (12/11/12) and AWN/TOM (12/11/12).

ANDREW ALTON, TAYLOR, BROWN, RUTH AND WRIGHT WIN NITTANY LION OPEN TITLES

Sophomore Andrew Alton made a stellar return to the mat after missing Penn State's first two duals, posting a 6-0 mark at 149 with five pins to win the title. Four of Alton's five pins were in the first period, including two in the first minute. Junior All-American David Taylor was Penn State's next champion, going 5-0 with three pins and two tech falls to win the title at 165. Taylor pinned No. 13 Mark Lewandowski of Buffalo in the finals. Sophomore Matt Brown stormed through 174 to win his first NLO title. Brown went 5-0 on the day with a tech fall and two majors. He downed No. 11 Greg Zanetti of Rutgers in the finals. All-American Ed Ruth was untouchable at 184 as well. Ruth went 5-0 win the 184-pound crown with a pin, a tech fall and two majors. He downed No. 10 Jimmy Sheptock of Maryland in the finals. All-American Quentin Wright met teammate Morgan McIntosh in the finals at 197. Wright grabbed a hard-fought 5-3 (sv) win to claim the crown while McIntosh, who is red-shirting, placed second. Wright went 5-0 with three pins, including two first period falls.

MEGALUDIS, GULIBON, DYLAN ALTON, McINTOSH AND LAWSON RUNNERS-UP AT NLO

All-American Nico Megaludis went 4-1 at 125, advancing to the finals before losing a 3-2 decision to red-shirting Pitt Panther upperclassman Anthony Zanetta in the finals, taking second place. True freshman Jimmy Gulibon lost a hard-fought 3-2 decision on riding time to Lehigh's Mason Beckman in the finals at 133. Gulibon went 4-1 on the day. All-American Dylan Alton, ranked No. 5 at 157, was 4-1 on the day, advancing to the finals before dropping a tough sudden victory decision (9-4) to No. 3 James Fleming of Clarion. Sophomore Morgan McIntosh lost to teammate Quentin Wright in the finals at 197 to take second. McIntosh was superb with a 4-1 mark, including two majors. Sophomore Jimmy Lawson had a good run to the finals at 285, going 4-1 on the day, his only loss in the finals. Lawson had a major and a pin to take second place.

LAWSON CLAIMS MAT-TOWN TITLE

Penn State Nittany Lion wrestler Jimmy Lawson was the lone Penn Stater competing at the 2012 Mat-Town Open at nearby Lock Haven University. Lawson stormed through the field to claim the heavyweight title at the event. The sophomore heavyweight began the day with two wins over unattached non-collegiate wrestlers (meaning the results do not count towards his official record). Lawson posted a first period pin (1:11) and a quick tech fall in those two bouts. He then downed Penn's Steven Graziano 5-1 in the semifinals before beating Lock Haven's Harry Turner 4-1 in the finals. Lawson went 2-0 on the day officially plus picked up a pin and tech fall against non-collegiate wrestlers.

PENN STATE USES FOUR PINS TO HAMMER WEST VIRGINIA 44-3 IN ROAD DUAL

The Nittany Lion wrestlers used four pins to coast to a 44-3 road dual win at West Virginia on 11/18. Penn State got falls from Nico Megaludis at 125 (5:53), Dylan Alton at 157 (2:28), Matt Brown at 174 (4:10) and Quentin Wright at 197 (0:25). The Lions also got majors from Jimmy Lawson at 285, Ed Ruth at 184 and James English at 149 as well as a tech fall from David Taylor at 165.

PEARSALL TAKES DOWN #19 PENNESI IN WIN AT WVU

Senior Bryan Pearsall picked up an impressive win in Penn State's 44-3 dual victory at West Virginia on 11/18. The 141-pounder used an impressive third period ride-out (along with a second period escape) to post the 2-0 win over #19 Nathan Pennesi in the win.

LAWSON WINS IN NITTANY LION DEBUT AT WVU

Sophomore heavyweight Jimmy Lawson was impressive in his first bout in the Blue and White singlet. Lawson beat West Virginia senior Phil Mandzik handily in PSU's 44-3 win at WVU on 11/18, posting a convincing 9-0 major to cap off Penn State's lopsided win in Morgantown.

BROWN AND RUTH LEAD NITTANY LIONS OVER #24 LEHIGH IN SEASON OPENER

The top-ranked Penn State wrestling team won eight of ten bouts on its way to a 29-6 win over #24 Lehigh in the season opener for Cael Sanderson's Lions. Wrestled in front of a sold-out Rec Hall crowd over nearly 6,500, Penn State got two tech falls (Nico Megaludis and David Taylor) and a major (Matt Brown) in the win. All-American Ed Ruth posted a strong 11-9 win over #3 Robert Hamlin and Brown majored #18 Nathaniel Brown 12-1 at 174.

CONAWAY WINS DUAL MEET DEBUT

Red-shirt freshman Jordan Conaway made his Penn State dual meet debut against Lehigh on 11/16 and grabbed an impressive win in the process. Conaway got a takedown with just :07 left to post a 3-2 win over Laike Gardner in Penn State's 29-6 win over Lehigh in front of a sold-out Rec Hall crowd.

ENGLISH DOWNS #18 WELSH IN SEASON OPENER

Senior James English got the nod at 149 in Penn State's season opening dual against Lehigh on 11/18 and answered with a strong performance. English dominated #18 Shane Welsh of Lehigh on his way to a 5-2 win, helping spur Penn State on to a 29-6 win in Rec Hall.

McINTOSH WINS TITLE AT ESU OPEN

Fifteen members of the Penn State Nittany Lion wrestling team took part in the East Stroudsburg Open, which concluded late last evening. Red-shirting sophomore Morgan McIntosh claimed the title at the event in which most Lions wrestled unattached. McIntosh was unstoppable, going 4-0 with three majors and a technical fall to win the 197 pound crown. Junior James Vollrath went 3-1 at 157 with a pin and a major to finish second at 157. True freshman Jimmy Gulibon took second at 133, going 4-1 with two majors. Red-shirt freshman James Frascella had an outstanding tournament, going 4-1 with a tech fall to place second at 174. Also placing for Penn State were the Beitz brothers. Sophomore Seth Beitz went 5-2 with a major to take fourth at 149 while true freshman Zack Beitz was 7-2 with two majors at 141 to take fifth.

GINGRICH WINS HWT CROWN AT BINGHAMTON OPEN

The Penn State Nittany Lion wrestling team sent 17 wrestlers to the Binghamton Open at Binghamton University. Seven Nittany Lions placed at the event, which featured over 300 wrestlers, led by sophomore heavyweight Jon Gingrich who won the crown at 285. Most of the Nittany Lions competing were wrestling unattached. Gingrich was a perfect 4-0 on the day, including a 9-1 major decision over Lock Haven's Harry Turner in the finals.

REGULAR SEASON SOLD OUT BEFORE FIRST DUAL

The Penn State Nittany Lion wrestling team has, for the first time in school history, sold out its entire season in advance of the first dual.

2012-13 PENN STATE WRESTLING ROSTER

NAME	Wt.	YR.-EL.	HOMETOWN/HIGH SCHOOL
Andrew Alton	149	Jr.-So.	Mill Hall, Pa./Central Mountain
Dylan Alton	157	Jr.-So.	Mill Hall, Pa./Central Mountain
David Batkowski	149	Fr.-Fr.	Montoursville, Pa./Montoursville
Seth Beitz	149/157	Jr.-So.	Mifflintown, Pa./Juniata
Zack Beitz	141	Fr.-Fr.	Mifflintown, Pa./Juniata
Matt Brown	165/174	Jr.-So.	West Valley City, Utah/Cyprus
Andrew Church	174/184	Sr.-Jr.	Erie, Pa./Fort LeBoeuf
Jordan Conaway	125	So.-Fr.	Abbottstown, Pa./New Oxford
Dylan Dailey	174/184	So.-Fr.	Danville, Pa./Danville
James English	149/157	Sr.-Sr.	York, Pa./Central York
Nick Fischer	157/165	Sr.-Sr.	Unionville, Pa./Unionville
James Frascella	165/174	So.-Fr.	Carmel, Ind./Carmel
Luke Frey	141/149	So.-Fr.	Montoursville, Pa./Montoursville
Jon Gingrich	HWT	Jr.-So.	Wingate, Pa./Bald Eagle Area
Jimmy Gulibon	133	Fr.-Fr.	Latrobe, Pa./Derry Area
Cameron Kelly	125/133	Jr.-So.	Pittsford, N.Y./Pittsford
Jimmy Lawson	HWT	Jr.-So.	Tom's River, N.J./Manchester Township
Caleb Livingston	165/174	Fr.-Fr.	Drexel Hill, Pa./Upper Darby
Rex Lutz	165	So.-Fr.	Easton, Pa./Pen Argyl
Frank Martellotti	133	Jr.-Jr.	Pittsburgh, Pa./Shady Side
Morgan McIntosh	197	So.-So.	Santa Ana, Calif./Calvary Chapel
Nico Megaludis	125	So.-So.	Murrysville, Pa./Franklin Regional
Kyle Moran	149	Jr.-So.	Oxford, Pa./Oxford
Nate Morgan	133	Jr.-So.	McCook, Neb./McCook
David Owens	141	So.-Fr.	Derry, N.H./Pinkerton
Bryan Pearsall	141	Sr.-Sr.	Lititz, Pa./Warwick
Brandon Phillips	174	Jr.-So.	Timonium, Md./Delaney
Wes Phipps	174	Fr.-Fr.	Grove City, Pa./Grove City
Derek Reber	133	Sr.-Sr.	Lewisburg, Pa./Lewisburg
Josh Rogers	197	So.-Fr.	Pottstown, Pa./St. Pius X-Valley Forge MA
Nick Ruggear	197	Jr.-So.	Oxford, Pa./Oxford
Ed Ruth	184	Sr.-Jr.	Harrisburg, Pa./Susquehanna Township
Scott Syrek	197	So.-Fr.	Chester Springs, Pa./Owen J. Roberts
David Taylor	165	Sr.-Jr.	St. Paris, Ohio/St. Paris Graham
James Vollrath	157	Sr.-Jr.	Richboro, Pa./Council Rock South
Michael Waters	133	So.-Fr.	Advance, N.C./Davie
Quentin Wright	197	Sr.-Sr.	Wingate, Pa./Bald Eagle Area

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: Nick Fanthorpe (Iowa State, '10)

DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS: Adam Lynch (Penn State, '10)

MANAGERS: Jen Ronayne, Taylor Durci, Claudia Bogdan, Wyleisha Branch

2012-13 PENN STATE WRESTLING INDIVIDUAL RECORDS & STATS

13-1, 7-1 B1G, 7-0 HOME, 6-1 ROAD, 0-0 NEUTRAL/2013 BIG TEN CHAMPS/2013 NCAA 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
Andrew Alton, 149	27-6	27-6	7-2	3-2	26/9	0-0	0-0	6-0	2-0	12-2	0:16
Dylan Alton, 157	28-8	28-8	9-2	4-1	31/6	0-1	1-0	4-1	0-0	9-1	0:08
David Batkowski, 149	2-5	0-0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0-0	0-0	1-0	0-1	1-0	1:19
Seth Beitz, 149/157	14-5	14-5	0-0	0-0	0/0	0-0	0-1	4-0	0-0	4-0	2:04
Zack Beitz, 141	24-9	0-0	0-0	0-0	0/0	1-0	1-1	6-0	1-0	0-0	---
Matt Brown, 174	29-5	29-5	11-3	5-3	49/9	0-0	0-1	7-0	2-0	8-1	1:37
Andrew Church, 174/184	12-7	12-7	0-0	0-0	0/0	0-1	0-0	2-1	0-0	2-0	0:35
Jordan Conaway, 125	19-10	19-10	11-2	6-2	40/12	3-1	1-0	4-1	0-0	2-3	4:17
Dylan Dailey, 174/184	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-0	0/0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	---
James English, 149	14-4	14-4	3-2	1-2	10/6	0-0	0-1	1-0	0-0	1-0	3:24
Nick Fischer, 157/165	17-5	17-5	0-0	0-0	0/0	0-0	0-0	3-2	1-0	3-0	1:25
James Frascella, 165/174	11-7	11-7	0-0	0-0	0/0	1-0	1-2	1-1	1-1	1-0	0:58
Luke Frey, 141/149	13-4	13-4	0-0	0-0	0/0	1-1	0-0	5-1	1-0	0-0	---
Jon Gingrich, 285	14-6	14-6	4-3	4-2	12/9	0-0	0-0	2-0	0-0	0-1	---
Jimmy Gulibon, 133	21-7	0-0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0-0	0-0	5-1	6-0	0-2	---
Cameron Kelly, 125/133	5-6	5-6	0-0	0-0	0/0	0-0	0-0	1-1	1-2	0-1	---
Jimmy Lawson, 285	23-9	23-9	6-1	2-0	+22/3	1-1	1-0	5-0	0-0	3-1	2:45
Caleb Livingston, 165/174	1-7	0-0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0-0	0-0	0-4	0-1	1-0	2:59
Rex Lutz, 165	12-12	12-12	0-0	0-0	0/0	0-1	0-1	0-2	0-0	2-3	0:55
Frank Martellotti, 133	4-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	0-0	---
Morgan McIntosh, 197	12-2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0-1	0-0	6-0	1-0	1-0	5:46
Nico Megaludis, 125	28-4	28-4	*13-1	*7-1	65/3	0-0	1-1	5-0	3-0	6-0	3:18
Kyle Moran, 133	7-8	7-8	0-0	0-0	0/0	0-0	0-0	1-3	0-1	0-0	---
Nate Morgan, 133	0-1	0-1	0-1	0-0	0/3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	---
David Owens, 141	10-13	10-13	0-0	0-0	0/0	0-0	0-0	0-4	0-0	4-2	0:43
Bryan Pearsall, 141	24-11	24-11	10-2	6-1	43/7	1-0	0-0	3-2	0-0	8-1	1:22
Brandon Phillips, 174	4-4	4-4	0-0	0-0	0/0	1-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	---
Wes Phipps, 174	13-10	0-0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0-0	0-0	3-1	1-0	1-0	1:10
Derek Reber, 133/141	2-6	2-6	0-2	0-1	0/10	0-0	0-0	0-2	0-0	0-2	---
Josh Rogers, 197	1-2	1-2	0-0	0-0	0/0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	---
Nick Ruggear, 197	6-3	6-3	0-0	0-0	0/0	0-0	0-0	2-0	0-0	2-0	1:52
Ed Ruth, 184	33-0	33-0	*14-0	*8-0	70/0	0-0	0-0	10-0	4-0	12-0	0:28
Scott Syrek, 197	11-10	11-10	0-0	0-0	0/0	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	2-1	1:32
David Taylor, 165	30-2	30-2	14-0	8-0	70/0	0-0	0-0	5-0	10-0	14-0	0:24
James Vollrath, 157	23-5	23-5	3-0	3-0	9/0	0-1	1-0	4-0	1-0	3-1	0:41
Michael Waters, 133/141	8-8	8-8	0-0	0-0	0/0	0-0	0-0	3-4	0-2	2-1	2:30
Quentin Wright, 197	32-0	32-0	*14-0	*8-0	61/0	2-0	1-0	4-0	0-0	11-0	0:25
TOTALS	510-196	435-154	119-21	65-15	+508/77	11-9	8-8	106-32	36-8	114-24	0:08

SV - sudden victory • TB - tiebreak • MD - major decision • TF - technical fall • *dual record includes a forfeit • NOTE: Big Ten Dual record for eight regular season duals only • + lost team point

SEASON LEADERS -- OVERALL*

WINS	TECHNICAL FALLS	James English, 149	1
1. Ed Ruth, 184	33	James Frascella, 174	1
2. Quentin Wright, 197	32	Caleb Livingston, 165	1
3. David Taylor, 165	30	Morgan McIntosh, 197	1
4. Matt Brown, 174	29	Wes Phipps, 197	1
5. Dylan Alton, 157	28		
Nico Megaludis, 125	28		
7. Andrew Alton, 149	27		
8. Zack Beitz, 141	24		
Bryan Pearsall, 141	24		
10. Jimmy Lawson, 285	23		
James Vollrath, 157	23		
12. Jimmy Gulibon, 133	21		
13. Jordan Conaway, 133	19		
14. Nick Fischer, 165	17		
15. Seth Beitz, 149	14		
James English, 149	14		
Jon Gingrich, 285	14		
18. Luke Frey, 149	13		
Wes Phipps, 184	13		
20. Andrew Church, 174	12		
Rex Lutz, 165	12		
Morgan McIntosh, 197	12		
23. James Frascella, 174	11		
Scott Syrek, 197	11		
25. David Owens, 149	10		
26. Michael Waters, 141	8		
27. Kyle Moran, 141	7		
28. Nick Ruggear, 285	6		
29. Cameron Kelly, 133	5		
30. Frank Martellotti, 133	4		
Brandon Phillips, 174	4		
32. David Batkowski, 149	2		
Derek Reber, 141	2		
34. Caleb Livingston, 165	1		
Josh Rogers, 197	1		
1. David Taylor, 165	14		
2. Andrew Alton, 149	12		
Ed Ruth, 184	12		
4. Quentin Wright, 197	11		
5. Dylan Alton, 157	9		
6. Matt Brown, 174	8		
Bryan Pearsall, 141	8		
8. Nico Megaludis, 125	6		
9. Seth Beitz, 149	4		
David Owens, 149	4		
11. Nick Fischer, 165	3		
Jimmy Lawson, 285	3		
James Vollrath, 157	3		
14. Jordan Conaway, 133	2		
Andrew Church, 174	2		
Rex Lutz, 165	2		
Nick Ruggear, 285	2		
Scott Syrek, 197	2		
Michael Waters, 141	2		
20. David Batkowski, 149	1		

DUAL TAKEDOWNS

(numbers listed FOR/AGAINST)

Wt.	Wrestler	1st	2nd	3rd	OT	Total
125	Nico Megaludis	25-2	15-0	9-0	0-0	49-2
133	Jordan Conaway	9-8	8-3	13-2	2-0	32-13
133	Nate Morgan	0-0	0-1	0-2	0-0	0-2
141	Bryan Pearsall	4-4	2-0	1-4	0-0	7-8
141	Derek Reber	1-1	0-1	0-0	0-0	1-2
149	Andrew Alton	18-1	6-1	4-3	0-0	26-5
149	James English	2-0	1-2	4-0	0-0	7-2
157	Dylan Alton	11-0	3-1	12-2	0-0	26-3
157	James Vollrath	3-1	2-1	2-1	0-0	7-3
165	David Taylor	34-2	13-0	13-0	0-0	60-2
174	Matt Brown	22-0	12-2	11-5	0-0	45-7
184	Ed Ruth	24-2	11-2	10-0	0-0	45-4
197	Quentin Wright	14-1	9-0	9-1	0-0	32-2
285	Jon Gingrich	1-3	1-1	4-3	0-0	6-7
285	Jimmy Lawson	4-0	2-1	3-0	0-0	9-1
TOTAL		172-24	84-16	94-22	2-0	352-63

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

2012-13 DUAL MEET TEAM POINTS SCORED BY WEIGHT/FINAL SCORES

Opponent	125	133	141	149	157	165	174	184	197	HWT	FINAL
11/16: #24 LEHIGH	5-0	3-0	3-0	3-0	0-3	5-0	4-0	3-0	3-0	0-3	29-6
11/18: at West Virginia	6-0	0-3	3-0	4-0	6-0	5-0	6-0	4-0	6-0	4-0	44-3
12/9: INDIANA*	6-0	6-0	6-0	6-0	3-0	4-0	6-0	6-0	6-0	3-0	52-0
12/15: LOCK HAVEN	6-0	4-0	0-3	3-0	3-0	6-0	6-0	5-0	6-0	3-0	42-3
1/13: MICHIGAN STATE*	4-0	3-0	4-0	3-0	3-0	6-0	5-0	6-0	4-0	3-0	41-0
1/18: #24 WISCONSIN*	4-0	3-0	6-0	0-3	3-0	5-0	3-0	6-0	6-0	0-3	36-6
1/20: at Purdue*	3-0	4-0	3-0	0-3	3-0	6-0	4-0	6-0	3-0	3-0	35-3
1/27: #12 NEBRASKA*	6-0	4-0	3-0	0-6	3-0	5-0	0-3	5-0	4-0	3-0	33-9
2/1: at #3 Iowa*	0-3	0-6	0-4	4-0	0-3	5-0	0-3	4-0	3-0	0-3	16-22
2/3: at #8 Illinois*	6-0	3-0	3-0	3-0	4-0	3-0	3-0	6-0	3-0	3-0	37-0
2/8: at #15 Pittsburgh	6-0	3-0	0-4	3-0	3-0	4-0	3-0	4-0	6-0	+0-3	+31-7
2/10: at #6 Ohio State*	4-0	0-6	0-6	0-3	3-0	6-0	0-3	6-0	4-0	6-0	29-18
2/17: RIDER	6-0	4-0	4-0	3-0	3-0	6-0	6-0	6-0	4-0	3-0	48-0
2/24: at Rutgers	3-0	3-0	6-0	3-0	3-0	4-0	3-0	3-0	3-0	3-0	34-0
TEAM TOTALS	65-3	40-15	41-17	35-15	40-6	70-0	49-9	70-0	61-0	34-12	508-77

* Big Ten Dual -- Rankings are Intermat Team TPI -- * Penn State was deducted a team point after 285 match against Pitt (thrown head gear)

INDIVIDUAL DUAL RECORD BY WEIGHT

125	133	141	149	157	165	174	184	197	HWT	TOTAL
13-1	11-3	10-4	10-4	12-2	14-0	11-3	14-0	14-0	10-4	119-21

DUAL PINS BY WEIGHT

125	133	141	149	157	165	174	184	197	HWT	TOTAL
5-0	1-2	4-1	1-1	1-0	5-0	4-0	6-0	4-0	0-0	31-4

DUAL TECHNICAL FALLS BY WEIGHT

125	133	141	149	157	165	174	184	197	HWT	TOTAL
2-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	5-0	1-0	2-0	0-0	0-0	10-0

DUAL MAJOR DECISIONS BY WEIGHT

125	133	141	149	157	165	174	184	197	HWT	TOTAL
2-0	4-0	1-1	3-0	1-0	3-0	2-0	3-0	4-0	1-0	24-1

DUAL FORFEITS/DISQ./INJURY DEFAULTS BY WEIGHT

125	133	141	149	157	165	174	184	197	HWT	TOTAL
2-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	1-0	1-0	5-0

DUAL DECISIONS BY WEIGHT

125	133	141	149	157	165	174	184	197	HWT	TOTAL
2-1	6-1	5-2	6-3	10-2	1-0	4-3	2-0	5-0	8-4	49-16

TEAM RECORD AT DUAL'S STARTING WEIGHT

125	133	141	149	157	165	174	184	197	HWT	TOTAL
12-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	12-2

SEASON LEADERS -- DUAL MEETS

DUAL POINTS

1. Ed Ruth, 184	70
David Taylor, 165	70
3. Nico Megaludis, 125	65
4. Quentin Wright, 197	61
5. Matt Brown, 174	46
6. Bryan Pearsall, 141	43
7. Jordan Conaway, 133	40
8. Dylan Alton, 157	31
9. Andrew Alton, 149	26
10. Jimmy Lawson, 285	22
11. Jon Gingrich, 285	12
12. James English, 149	10
13. James Vollrath, 157	9

DUAL BONUS POINTS

1. Ed Ruth, 184	28
David Taylor, 165	28
3. Nico Megaludis, 125	23
4. Quentin Wright, 197	19
5. Matt Brown, 174	16
6. Bryan Pearsall, 141	13
7. Jordan Conaway, 133	7
8. Andrew Alton, 149	5
9. Dylan Alton, 157	4
Jimmy Lawson, 285	4
11. James English, 149	1

DUAL TECH FALLS

1. David Taylor, 165	5
2. Nico Megaludis, 125	2
Ed Ruth, 184	2
4. Matt Brown, 174	1

DUAL MAJOR DECISIONS

1. Jordan Conaway, 133	4
Quentin Wright, 197	4
3. Ed Ruth, 184	3
David Taylor, 165	3
5. Andrew Alton, 149	2
Matt Brown, 174	2
Nico Megaludis, 125	2
8. Dylan Alton, 157	1
James English, 149	1
Jimmy Lawson, 285	1
Bryan Pearsall, 141	1

DUAL PINS

1. Ed Ruth, 184	6
2. Nico Megaludis, 125	5
David Taylor, 165	5
4. Matt Brown, 174	4
Bryan Pearsall, 141	4
Quentin Wright, 197	4
7. Andrew Alton, 149	1
Dylan Alton, 157	1
Jordan Conaway, 133	1

DUAL TAKEDOWNS

1. David Taylor, 165	60
2. Nico Megaludis, 125	49
3. Matt Brown, 174	45
Ed Ruth, 184	45
5. Jordan Conaway, 133	32
Quentin Wright, 197	32
7. Andrew Alton, 149	26
Dylan Alton, 157	26
9. Jimmy Lawson, 285	9
10. James English, 149	7
James Vollrath, 157	7
Bryan Pearsall, 141	7
13. Jon Gingrich, 285	6
14. Derek Reber, 141	1

DUAL REVERSALS

1. Jordan Conaway, 133	4
Jimmy Lawson, 285	4
3. Andrew Alton, 149	3
David Taylor, 165	3
5. Matt Brown, 174	2
Nico Megaludis, 125	2
Bryan Pearsall, 141	2
Quentin Wright, 197	2
9. Dylan Alton, 157	1
Jon Gingrich, 285	1
Ed Ruth, 184	1
James Vollrath, 157	1

DUAL NEAR FALL 2

1. David Taylor, 165	8
2. Jordan Conaway, 133	5
3. Andrew Alton, 149	3
Ed Ruth, 184	3
5. Jimmy Lawson, 285	2
Nico Megaludis, 125	2
7. Matt Brown, 174	1
Quentin Wright, 197	1

DUAL NEAR FALL 3

1. David Taylor, 165	10
2. Ed Ruth, 184	5
3. Nico Megaludis, 125	4
4. Bryan Pearsall, 141	3
5. Andrew Alton, 149	2
Matt Brown, 174	2
Jordan Conaway, 133	2

DUAL FORFEIT WINS

1. Nico Megaludis, 125	2
Ed Ruth, 184	1
Quentin Wright, 197	1

DUAL STALLS FORCED/TAKEN

125: Nico Megaludis	12	1
133: Jordan Conaway	9	1
141: Bryan Pearsall	1	4
141: Derek Reber	0	2
149: Andrew Alton	3	5
149: James English	4	3
157: Dylan Alton	0	3
165: David Taylor	14	0
174: Matt Brown	11	0
184: Ed Ruth	10	2
197: Quentin Wright	7	2
285: Jimmy Lawson	3	0
285: Jon Gingrich	1	7
TOTAL	75	30

DUAL RIDING TIME POINTS

FOR/AGAINST		
125: Nico Megaludis	5	0
133: Jordan Conaway	6	0
141: Bryan Pearsall	6	2
141: Derek Reber	0	1
149: James English	2	0
149: Andrew Alton	4	2
157: Dylan Alton	3	1
165: David Taylor	4	0
174: Matt Brown	5	1
184: Ed Ruth	5	0
197: Quentin Wright	9	0
285: Jimmy Lawson	3	0
285: Jon Gingrich	2	2
TOTAL	54	9



Nico
MEGALUDIS
So./So. Eligible
Murrysville, Pa./Franklin Regional
2X All-American (2013, 2nd;
2012, 2nd)

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CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Overall	Duals (B10)	TRN (B10/NCAA)	F	TF	M	PTS
2011-12	28-8	11-3 (5-3)	17-5 (3-2/4-1)	3-1	3-0	7-0	46
2012-13	28-9	13-1 (7-1)	15-3 (3-1/4-1)	6-0	3-0	5-0	65
Career	56-12	24-4 (12-4)	32-8 (6-3/8-2)	9-1	6-0	12-0	111

MEGALUDIS MATCH-BY-MATCH

Date	Wt.	Result	Opponent	Place	Record
11/16	125	W, 19-4	Alex Abreu, Lehigh (TF; 5:07)	dual	1-0
11/18	125	WBF	Gage Swartz, West Virginia (5:53)	dual	2-0
12/2	125	WBF	Jordan Wigger, The Citadel	NLO	3-0
12/2	125	W, 12-4	Nick Hermann, Virginia (major)	NLO	4-0
12/2	125	W, 13-2	Godwin Nyama, Pittsburgh (major)	NLO	5-0
12/2	125	W, 8-1	#14 Nathan Kraisser, North Carolina	NLO	6-0
12/2	125	L, 2-3	Anthony Zanetta, Pittsburgh	NLO (2nd)	6-1
12/9	125	WBF	Joe Duca, Indiana (4:36)	dual	7-1
12/15	125	WBF	Bobby Rehm, Lock Haven (4:10)	dual	8-1
1/1	125	W, 11-4	Eddie Klimara, Oklahoma State	Scuffle	9-1
1/1	125	W, 9-3	David Terao, American	Scuffle	10-1
1/2	125	W, 3-1	#10 Nashon Garrett, Cornell	Scuffle	11-1
1/2	125	W, 8-4	#8 Matt Snyder, Virginia	Scuffle (1st)	12-1
1/13	125	W, 19-6	Brenan Lyon, Michigan State (major)	dual	13-1
1/18	125	W, 22-7	Matt Cavallaris, Wisconsin (TF4; 7:00)	dual	14-1
1/20	125	W, 5-1	#17 Camden Eppert, Purdue	dual	15-1
1/27	125	W, forfeit	Forfeit, Nebraska	dual	16-1
2/1	125	L, 1-2 (TB)	#1 Matt McDonough, Iowa	dual	16-2
2/3	125	WBF	#5 Jesse Delgado, Illinois (6:45)	dual	17-2
2/8	125	W, forfeit	Forfeit, Pittsburgh	dual	18-2
2/10	125	W, 9-1	#12 Nikko Triggas, Ohio State (major)	dual	19-2
2/17	125	WBF	Patrick Skinner, Rider (3:48)	dual	20-2
2/24	125	W, 8-2	Joe Langel, Rutgers	dual	21-2
3/9	125	W, 4-2	#12 David Thorn, Minnesota	B10	22-2
3/9	125	L, 3-6	#4 Jesse Delgado, Illinois	B10	22-3
3/10	125	W, 4-1	#13 Nikko Triggas, Ohio State	B10	23-3
3/10	125	W, 4-1	#16 Sean Boyle, Michigan	B10 (3rd)	24-3
3/21	125	W, 17-2	Kevon Powell, Ohio (TF; 6:25)	NCAA	25-3
3/21	125	W, 5-2	Christian Cullinan, Central Michigan	NCAA	26-3
3/22	125	W, 12-4	Dominic Parisi, Appalachian St. (major)	NCAA	27-3
3/22	125	W, 2-2 (tb 2)	#1 Alan Waters, Missouri (0:18 RT)	NCAA	28-3
3/23	125	L, 4-7	#2 Jesse Delgado, Illinois	NCAA (2nd)	28-4

NOTES -- #3 Coaches/#7 RPI/#4 Intermat

Parents: Linda and Dan Megaludis -- Major: Business Administration
Ranked No. 3 by Intermat...beat #3 Jesse Delgado of Illinois 3-2 in U.S. Marine Corps All-Star Classic exhibition on 11/3...19-4 tech fall over Lehigh's Alex Abreu on 11/16 followed by a pin (5:53) of WVU's Gage Swartz on 11/18...went 4-1 to take second at Nittany Lion Open on 12/2 including 8-1 dec. over #14 Nathan Kraisser of UNC, dropped 3-2 decision to red-shirting Pitt Panther Anthony Zanetta in finals...perfect 4-0 mark to win Southern Scuffle on 1/1-2, including wins over #10 Nashon Garrett of Cornell and #8 Matt Snyder of Virginia...downed #17 Camden Eppert of Purdue 5-1 in road dual on 1/20...lost tough 2-1 (TB) dec. to #1 Matt McDonough at Iowa on 2/1...pinned #5 Tony Delgado (6:45) in Penn State's 37-0 win at Illinois on 2/3...majored #12 Nikko Triggas of Ohio State 9-1 on 2/10...went 3-1 at 2013 Big Ten Championships to take third place, dropping 6-3 decision to eventual champ Jesse Delgado in semis, wrestling back to take third.

MEGALUDIS CAREER AT NCAAs

Year	Wt.	Result	Opponent	Place	Record
2012	125	W, 13-5	Michael Martinez, Wyoming (major)	NCAA	1-0
2012	125	W, 7-3	#7 Jarrod Patterson, Oklahoma	NCAA	2-0
2012	125	W, 7-4	#2 Zach Sanders, Minnesota	NCAA	3-0
2012	125	W, 3-2 (tb2)	#6 Frank Perrelli, Cornell	NCAA	4-0
2012	125	L, 1-4	#1 Matt McDonough, Iowa	NCAA (2nd)	4-1
2013	125	W, 17-2	Kevon Powell, Ohio (TF; 6:25)	NCAA	5-1
2013	125	W, 5-2	Christian Cullinan, Central Michigan	NCAA	6-1
2013	125	W, 12-4	Dominic Parisi, Appalachian St. (major)	NCAA	7-1
2013	125	W, 2-2 (tb 2)	#1 Alan Waters, Missouri (0:18 RT)	NCAA	8-1
2013	125	L, 4-7	#2 Jesse Delgado, Illinois	NCAA (2nd)	8-2



Jordan CONAWAY

So./Fr. Eligible
Abbottstown, Pa./New Oxford
NCAA Qualifier (2013)

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CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Overall	Duals (B10)	TRN (B10/NCAA)	F	TF	M	PTS
2011-12		Red-shirt season					
2012-13	19-10	11-2 (6-2)	8-8 (2-2/3-2)	2-3	0-0	4-1	40
Career	19-10	11-2 (6-2)	8-8 (2-2/3-2)	2-3	0-0	4-1	40

NOTES -- #12 Coaches/#10 RPI/#11 Intermat

Parents: Jackie and David Conaway -- Major: DUS

Ranked No. 13 by Intermat...defeated Frank Martellotti 5-1 in Intrasquad Dual on 11/1...made Penn State dual meet debut on 11/16, beating Lehigh's Laike Gardner in Rec Hall...went 2-2 at NLO on 12/2, lost 9-5 dec. to #19 Joseph Ward of UNC...picked up first Big Ten dual win by pinning Quin Murphy of Indiana (4:42) on 12/9 in Rec Hall...went 1-2 at Southern Scuffle on 1/1-2...downed MSU's Brandon Fifield in dual on 1/13...stunned #3 Tyler Graff 10-8 (sv) in dual win on 1/18, using two third period take-downs and takedown in sudden victory to get win...majored Purdue's Danny Sabatello 13-4 on 1/20...majored Nebraska's Shawn Nagel on 1/27, 14-5...downed #8 Daryl Thomas 8-6 at Illinois on 2/3, picking up second win over top-ten wrestler...downed #16 Shelton Mack of Pitt 5-3 (sv) on 1/8 for third win over ranked foe this year...went 6-2 in Big Ten duals as a red-shirt freshman this year...placed fifth at his first Big Ten Championship tournament, going 2-2 and qualifying for nationals as a freshman.

CONAWAY CAREER IN NCAA

Year	Wt.	Result	Opponent	Place	Record
2013	133	L, 1-3 (sv)	Vincent Dellafave, Rutgers	NCAA	0-1
2013	133	W, 6-4 (sv)	Dylan Hyder, Air Force	NCAA	1-1
2013	133	W, 6-4	Dane Harlowe, Boston	NCAA	2-1
2013	133	WBF	Rosario Bruno, Michigan (1:17)	NCAA	3-1
2013	133	L, 4-14	#8 Cody Brewer, Oklahoma	NCAA	3-2

CONAWAY MATCH-BY-MATCH

Date	Wt.	Result	Opponent	Place	Record
11/16	133	W, 3-2	Laike Gardner, Lehigh	dual	1-0
12/2	133	W, 11-7	Zack Watson, Virginia	NLO	2-0
12/2	133	L, 5-9	#19 Joseph Ward, North Carolina	NLO	2-1
12/2	133	W, 11-4	Jenkins Monzey, Maryland	NLO	3-1
12/2	133	L, 6-8	Sam Speno, North Carolina State	NLO	3-2
12/9	133	WBF	Quin Murphy, Indiana (4:42)	dual	4-2
12/15	133	W, 13-3	Matt Bryer, Lock Haven (major)	dual	5-2
1/1	133	W, 5-2	Scott Festejo, Old Dominion	Scuffle	6-2
1/1	133	L, 5-6	#16 George DiCamillo, Virginia	Scuffle	6-3
1/2	133	L, 3-10	Zach Watson, Virginia	Scuffle	6-4
1/13	133	W, 7-2	Brandon Fifield, Michigan State	dual	7-4
1/18	133	W, 10-8 (sv)	#3 Tyler Graff, Wisconsin	dual	8-4
1/20	133	W, 13-4	Danny Sabatello, Purdue (major)	dual	9-4
1/27	133	W, 14-5	Shawn Nagel, Nebraska (major)	dual	10-4
2/1	133	LBF	#2 Tony Ramos, Iowa (4:23)	dual	10-5
2/3	133	W, 8-6	#8 Daryl Thomas, Illinois	dual	11-5
2/8	133	W, 5-3 (sv)	#16 Shelton Mack, Pittsburgh	dual	12-5
2/10	133	LBF	#1 Logan Stieber, Ohio State (1:59)	dual	12-6
2/17	133	W, 19-5	Mike Shupin, Rider (major)	dual	13-6
2/24	133	W, 6-1	Vincent Dellafave, Rutgers	dual	14-6
3/9	133	W, 6-5 (tb2)	#11 Daryl Thomas, Illinois	B10	15-6
3/9	133	LBF	#1 Logan Stieber, Ohio State (1:28)	B10	15-7
3/10	133	L, 2-7	#6 Chris Dardanes, Minnesota	B10	15-8
3/10	133	W, 4-1	#11 Daryl Thomas, Illinois	B10 (5th)	16-8
3/21	133	L, 1-3 (sv)	Vincent Dellafave, Rutgers	NCAA	16-9
3/21	133	W, 6-4 (sv)	Dylan Hyder, Air Force	NCAA	17-9
3/22	133	W, 6-4	Dane Harlowe, Boston	NCAA	18-9
3/22	133	WBF	Rosario Bruno, Michigan (1:17)	NCAA	19-9
3/23	133	L, 4-14	#8 Cody Brewer, Oklahoma	NCAA	19-10



NOTES -- #21 Coaches/#18 RPI/NR Intermat

Parents: Joanne & Thomas Pearsall - Maj: Rehabilitation & Human Services
 Ranked #19 by Interimat...downed Zack Beitz 4-2 in Intrasquad Dual on 11/1...beat Lehigh's Anthony Salupo in dual on 11/16 then downed #19 Nathan Pennesi of WVU on 11/18...posted 5-2 mark with two pins at NLO on 12/2, placing eighth...went 4-3 at Southern Scuffle on 1/1-2 to place eighth...downed #15 Justin LaValle of Old Dominion in the process...major MSU's Nick Trimble 10-2 on 1/13...pinned Wisconsin's Tom Kelliher (1:22) on 1/18...got third win over ranked wrestler with 2-0 decision over #19 Ridge Kiley of Nebraska on 1/27...downed Illinois' Steven Rodrigues 2-0 in road dual on 2/3...ended season by pinning Riders' Rob Cigna on 2/17 (2:01) and Rutgers' Trevor Melde on 2/24 (2:40), both first period falls...qualified for first NCAA Championship with outstanding 4-2 run in Big Ten Championships, placing fifth.

CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Overall	Duals (B10)	TRN (B10/NCAA)	F	TF	M	PTS
2008-09			Red-shirt season				
2009-10	3-23	1-16 (1-7)	2-7 (0-2/0-0)	0-5	0-1	0-5	3
2010-11	13-6	5-2 (1-0)	8-4 (0-0/0-0)	8-1	0-0	0-1	24
2011-12	15-12	7-5 (3-4)	8-7 (3-2/0-0)	6-0	1-1	3-1	35
2012-13	24-11	10-2 (6-1)	14-9 (4-2/1-2)	8-1	0-0	3-2	43
Career	55-52	23-25 (11-12)	32-27 (7-6/1-2)	22-7	1-2	6-9	105

PEARSALL CAREER IN NCAA's

Year	Wt.	Result	Opponent	Place	Record
2013	141	L, 4-12	Joey Lazor, Northern Iowa	NCAA	0-1
2013	141	W, 10-2	Frank Goodwin, Maryland (major)	NCAA	1-1
2013	141	L, 3-8	Steven Keith, Harvard	NCAA	1-2

PEARSALL MATCH-BY-MATCH

Date	Wt.	Result	Opponent	Place	Record
11/16	141	W, 7-6	Anthony Salupo, Lehigh	dual	1-0
11/18	141	W, 2-0	#19 Nathan Pennesi, West Virginia	dual	2-0
12/2	141	WBF	Danny O'Malley, Maryland (4:31)	NLO	3-0
12/2	141	WBF	Blake Morder, Clarion (4:32)	NLO	4-0
12/2	141	L, 9-12	William Switzer, Lehigh	NLO	4-1
12/2	141	W, 10-4	Jake Keller, Pittsburgh	NLO	5-1
12/2	141	W, 9-4	Joseph Moon, North Carolina	NLO	6-1
12/2	141	W, 7-2	Shyheim Brown, Maryland	NLO	7-1
12/2	141	LBF	Tyler Hunt, North Carolina State (4:38)	NLO	7-2
12/9	141	WBF	Eric Roach, Indiana (4:32)	dual	8-2
12/15	141	L, 4-9	Dan Neff, Lock Haven	dual	8-3
1/1	141	W, 10-8	Nick Flannery, Cleveland State	Scuffle	9-3
1/1	141	L, 1-7	Dean Pavlou, Chattanooga	Scuffle	9-4
1/1	141	WBF	Trevor Jauch, Missouri (1:52)	Scuffle	10-4
1/1	141	W inj. for.	Matt Nelson, Virginia	Scuffle	11-4
1/2	141	W, 5-0	#15 Justin LaValle, Old Dominion	Scuffle	12-4
1/2	141	L, 4-7	Julian Feikert, Oklahoma State	Scuffle	12-5
1/2	141	L, 2-4	Dean Pavlou, Chattanooga	Scuffle (8th)	12-6
1/13	141	W, 10-2	Nick Trimble, Michigan State (major)	dual	13-6
1/18	141	WBF	Tom Kelliher, Wisconsin (1:22)	dual	14-6
1/20	141	W, 4-2	Brandon Nelsen, Purdue	dual	15-6
1/27	141	W, 2-0	#19 Ridge Kiley, Nebraska	dual	16-6
2/1	141	L, 2-12	#8 Matt Ballweg, Iowa	dual	16-7
2/3	141	W, 2-0	Steven Rodrigues, Illinois	dual	17-7
2/17	141	WBF	Rob Cigna, Rider (2:01)	dual	18-7
2/24	141	WBF	Trevor Melde, Rutgers (2:40)	dual	19-7
3/9	141	WBF	Tom Kelliher, Wisconsin (1:24)	B10	20-7
3/9	141	L, 1-2	Brandon Nelson, Purdue	B10	20-8
3/9	141	W, 6-4	Alex Gregory, Indiana	B10	21-8
3/9	141	W, 19-11	Camryn Jackson, Michigan (major)	B10	22-8
3/10	141	L, 2-6	#7 Nick Dardanes, Minnesota	B10	22-9
3/10	141	W, 4-2	Pat Greco, Northwestern	B10 (5th)	23-9
3/21	141	L, 4-12	Joey Lazor, Northern Iowa	NCAA	23-10
3/21	141	W, 10-2	Frank Goodwin, Maryland (major)	NCAA	24-10
3/22	141	L, 3-8	Steven Keith, Harvard	NCAA	24-11



NOTES -- #13 Coaches/#6 RPI/#12 Intermat

Parents: Neil and Donna Alton --

Major: Recreation, Park and Tourism Management

Ranked No. 13 by Intermat...went 6-0 with five pins and a major to win NLO on 12/2 in first action of year, including four first-period pins...returned to dual action on 12/9 by pinning Indiana's Geno Capezio (0:52), his sixth pin in his first seven bouts of the year....went 5-0 with three pins, a tech and a major to win F&M Open on 1/5...went 4-0 (plus one win over NC) on 1/20 to win Hitchcock Open in Millersville...18-8 major over Iowa's Brody Grothus in CHA on 2/1...solid run through Big Ten Championships on 3/9-10, going 4-2 to take fourth place as the six-seed, including fastest pin in Big Ten Championship history (0:16 over Northwestern's Dylan Marriott...also beat top seed and #7 Eric Grajales during tourney.

CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Overall	Duals (B10)	TRN (B10/NCAA)	F	TF	M	PTS
2010-11	30-10	14-5 (4-4)	16-5 (2-2/2-2)	18-0	1-0	4-0	74
2011-12	Red-shirt Season						
2012-13	27-6	7-2 (3-2)	20-4 (4-2/1-2)	12-2	2-0	6-0	26
Career	57-16	21-7 (7-6)	36-9 (6-4/3-4)	30-2	3-0	10-0	100

ALTON CAREER IN NCAA'S

Year	Wt.	Result	Opponent	Place	Record
2011	141	WBF	Anwar Goeres, Binghamton (2:20)	NCAA	1-0
2011	141	W, 13-4	#11 Michael Mariarcher, American (major)	NCAA	2-0
2011	141	L, 0-2	#3 Boris Novochkov, Cal Poly	NCAA	2-1
2011	141	L, 4-5	#12 Zach Kemerer, Penn	NCAA	2-2
2013	149	L, 1-4	Drake Houdashelt, Missouri	NCAA	2-3
2013	149	WBF	Daniel Young, Army (2:05)	NCAA	3-3
2013	149	L, 1-8	#12 Eric Grajales, Michigan	NCAA	3-4

ALTON MATCH-BY-MATCH

Date	Wt.	Result	Opponent	Place	Record
12/2	149	WBF	Albert Woody, Lehigh (5:34)	NLO	1-0
12/2	149	WBF	Christian Barber, North Carolina (0:44)	NLO	2-0
12/2	149	WBF	Colin Saunders, Boston (0:43)	NLO	3-0
12/2	149	W, 13-5	Matt Cimato, Drexel (major)	NLO	4-0
12/2	149	WBF	Nick Heilmann, North Carolina (1:36)	NLO	5-0
12/2	149	WBF	Augustus Sako, Virginia (2:12)	NLO (1st)	6-0
12/9	149	WBF	Geno Capezio, Indiana (0:52)	dual	7-0
12/15	149	W, 10-6	Mac Maldarelli, Lock Haven	dual	8-0
1/5	149	WBF	Frank Alley, Belmont-Abbey (1:17)	F&M	9-0
1/5	149	WBF	Feliz Perez, Nassau (1:13)	F&M	10-0
1/5	149	W, 16-7	Jahiani Callender, Hofstra (major)	F&M	11-0
1/5	149	W, 24-8	Zachary Ross, Clarion (TF)	F&M	12-0
1/5	149	WBF	Ronnie Garbinsky, Pittsburgh (n/a)	F&M (1st)	13-0
1/20	149	WBF	Matt Cimato, Drexel (0:49)	Hitchcock	14-0
1/20	149	W, 21-6	Brad Mutchnik, American (TF; 5:45)	Hitchcock	15-0
1/20	149	W, 14-5	Zachary Ross, Clarion (major)	Hitchcock	16-0
1/20	149	W, 3-2	Ian Paddock, Ohio State	Hitchcock (1st)	17-0
1/27	149	LBF	#12 Jake Sueflohn, Nebraska	dual	17-1
2/1	149	W, 18-8	Brody Grothus, Iowa (major)	dual	18-1
2/3	149	W, 6-3	Caleb Ervin, Illinois	dual	19-1
2/8	149	W, 14-7	Ronnie Garbinsky, Pittsburgh	dual	20-1
2/10	149	L, 1-3	#19 Cam Tessari, Ohio State	dual	20-2
2/17	149	W, 12-4	Curt Delia, Rider (major)	dual	21-2
2/24	149	W, 11-7	Ken Theobald, Rutgers	dual	22-2
3/9	149	W, 3-2	Josh Dziewa, Iowa	B10	23-2
3/9	149	L, 6-10	#11 Jake Sueflohn, Nebraska	B10	23-3
3/9	149	WBF	Dylan Marriott, Northwestern (0:16)	B10	24-3
3/9	149	W, 14-8	#7 Eric Grajales, Michigan	B10	25-3
3/10	149	W, 13-4	Dan Osterman, Michigan State (major)	B10	26-3
3/10	149	LBF	#10 Ivan Loupochanski, Purdue (4:06)	B10 (4th)	26-4
3/21	149	L, 1-4	Drake Houdashelt, Missouri	NCAA	26-5
3/21	149	WBF	Daniel Young, Army (2:05)	NCAA	27-5
3/22	149	L, 1-8	#12 Eric Grajales, Michigan	NCAA	27-6



Dylan ALTON

Jr./So. Eligible
Mill Hall, Pa./Central Mountain
All-American (3rd in 2012)
2X NCAA Qualifier ('12, '13)

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CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Overall	Duals (B10)	TRN (B10/NCAA)	F	TF	M	PTS
2010-11			Red-shirt season				
2011-12	30-6	12-2 (6-2)	18-4 (4-1/6-1)	2-1	0-0	10-0	39
2012-13	28-8	9-2 (4-1)	19-6 (3-3/3-2)	9-1	0-0	4-1	31
Career	58-14	21-4 (10-3)	37-10 (7-4/9-3)	11-2	0-0	14-1	70

ALTON MATCH-BY-MATCH

Date	Wt.	Result	Opponent	Place	Record
11/16	157	L, 2-4	#13 Joey Napoli, Lehigh	dual	0-1
11/18	157	WBF	Jason Luster, West Virginia	dual	1-1
12/2	157	W, 6-3	Connor Brennan, Rider	NLO	2-1
12/2	157	WBF	Dakota Cooley, Central Michigan (0:32)	NLO	3-1
12/2	157	W, 4-0	Matt Stephens, Virginia Tech	NLO	4-1
12/2	157	W, 3-1	Jake Kemerer, Lock Haven	NLO	5-1
12/2	157	L, 4-9 (SV)	#3 James Fleming, Clarion	NLO (2nd)	5-2
12/9	157	W, 11-6	Taylor Walsh, Indiana	dual	6-2
12/15	157	W, 5-2	Jake Kemerer, Lock Haven	dual	7-2
1/5	157	WBF	Brenan McAllister, Bucknell (0:49)	F&M	8-2
1/5	157	W, 21-7	Martin Mitchell, UMBC (major)	F&M	9-2
1/5	157	WBF	Ben Dorsay, Maryland (0:51)	F&M	10-2
1/5	157	WBF	Connor Sutton, Columbia (4:10)	F&M	11-2
1/5	157	W, 3-2	Donnie Tasser, Pittsburgh	F&M (1st)	12-2
1/20	157	WBF	Dalton Ahern, Hofstra (0:08)	Hitchcock	13-2
1/20	157	WBF	Brian Harvey, Army (0:19)	Hitchcock	14-2
1/20	157	WBF	Cody Copeland, Lock Haven (1:32)	Hitchcock	15-2
1/20	157	W, 4-2	Bryce Busler, Bloomsburg	Hitchcock (1st)	16-2
1/27	157	W, 3-1	#4 James Green, Nebraska	dual	17-2
2/1	157	L, 3-4	#1 Derek St. John, Iowa	dual	17-3
2/3	157	W, 14-6	Matt Nora, Illinois (major)	dual	18-3
2/8	157	W, 7-3	Donnie Tasser, Pittsburgh	dual	19-3
2/10	157	W, 4-3	#19 Josh Demas, Ohio State	dual	20-3
2/17	157	W, 5-2	Zac Cibula, Rider	dual	21-3
2/24	157	W, 10-3	Scott Winston, Rutgers	dual	22-3
3/9	157	W, 8-3	Kalvin York, Wisconsin	B10	23-3
3/9	157	L, 1-6 (TB2)	Josh Demas, Ohio State	B10	23-4
3/9	157	WBF	Tommy Churchard, Purdue (1:03)	B10	24-4
3/9	157	W, 3-2	Ryan Watts, Michigan State	B10	25-4
3/10	157	LBF	#2 Derek St. John, Iowa (6:36)	B10	25-5
3/10	157	L, 2-6	Danny Zilverberg, Minnesota	B10 (6th)	25-6
3/21	157	W, 10-2	Jake O'Hara, Columbia (major)	NCAA	26-6
3/21	157	W, 8-4	Donnie Tasser, Pittsburgh	NCAA	27-6
3/22	157	W, 13-5	Zac Cibula, Rider (major)	NCAA	28-6
3/22	157	L, 3-8	#1 Jason Welch, Northwestern	NCAA	28-7
3/23	157	L, 4-14	#4 James Green, Nebraska	NCAA	28-8

NOTES -- #5 Coaches/#1 RPI/#8 Internat

Parents: Neil and Donna Alton --

Major: Recreation, Park and Tourism Management

Ranked No. 5 by Internat...beat #3 Jason Welch of Northwestern 3-2 in U.S. Marine Corps All-Star Classic on 11/3...pinned WVU's Jason Luster (2:28) on 11/18...went 4-1 to take second at NLO on 12/2 with a pin, lone loss a SV decision to #3 James Fleming of Clarion...went 5-0 with three pins and a major to win F&M Open on 1/5...went 4-0 with three pins to win Hitchcock Open on 1/20, including pins in just :08 and :19...beat #4 James Green of Nebraska 3-1 on 1/27...hard-fought 4-3 loss to #1 Derek St. John at Iowa on 2/1...14-6 major over Matt Nora in road dual at Illinois on 2/3...4-3 win over #19 Josh Demas at Ohio State on 2/10...went 3-3 to take sixth place at 2013 Big Ten Championships at Illinois.

ALTON CAREER IN NCAAs

Year	Wt.	Result	Opponent	Place	Record
2012	157	W, 12-4	Jake O'Hara, Columbia (major)	NCAA	1-0
2012	157	W, 2-1	#10 Anthony Jones, Michigan State	NCAA	2-0
2012	157	L, 1-3 (sv)	#2 Derek St. John, Iowa	NCAA	2-1
2012	157	W, 6-3	Joshua Kreimier, Air Force	NCAA	3-1
2012	157	W, 4-3	#11 James Green, Nebraska	NCAA	4-1
2012	157	W, 7-5 (sv2)	#5 Ganbayar Sanjaa, American	NCAA	5-1
2012	157	W, 6-2	#3 Jason Welch, Northwestern	NCAA (3rd)	6-1
2013	157	W, 10-2	Jake O'Hara, Columbia (major)	NCAA	7-1
2013	157	W, 8-4	Donnie Tasser, Pittsburgh	NCAA	8-1
2013	157	W, 13-5	Zac Cibula, Rider (major)	NCAA	9-1
2013	157	L, 3-8	#1 Jason Welch, Northwestern	NCAA	9-2
2013	157	L, 4-14	#4 James Green, Nebraska	NCAA	9-3



David TAYLOR

Sr./Jr. Eligible
 St. Paris, Ohio/St. Paris Graham
 3X All-American
 (2013, 2nd at 165; 2012, 1st at 165; 2011, 2nd at 157)

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CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Overall	Duals (B10)	TRN (B10/NCAA)	F	TF	M	PTS
Red-shirt season							
2009-10	38-1	19-0 (8-0)	19-1 (3-0/4-1)	8-1	15-0	11-0	93
2011-12	32-0	14-0 (8-0)	18-0 (4-0/5-0)	15-0	9-0	6-0	66
2012-13	30-2	14-0 (8-0)	16-2 (3-0/4-1)	14-0	10-0	5-0	70
Career	100-3	47-0 (24-0)	52-3 (10-0/13-2)	37-1	34-0	22-0	229

NOTES -- #2 Coaches/#1 RPI/#2 Internat

Parents: Kathy and Dave Taylor -- Major: RPTM/Business

Ranked No. 2 by Internat...dropped 2-1 (TB) dec. to #1 Kyle Dake in U.S. Marine Corps All-Star Classic on 11/3...opened up season with two 20-5 tech falls, over Lehigh's Eric Hess (5:46) on 11/16 and West Virginia's Dominic Prezgia (6:04) on 11/18....rolled to 2012 NLO title on 12/2 with 5-0 mark, including three pins and two tech falls, pinned #13 Mark Lewandowski of Buffalo in finals at 5:42 mark...majored #18 Ryan LeBlanc of Indiana 9-0 on 12/9...went 4-1 at Southern Scuffle on 1/1-2 to place second with two pins, a tech fall and a major...lost close late decision to #1 Kyle Dake of Cornell in finals...pinned Purdue's Doug Welch in first period (2:41) in road dual on 1/20...16-1 tech fall over Nebraska's Tyler Koehn on 1/27...18-2 tech fall over #13 Nick Moore at Iowa on 2/1...strong 13-7 win over #8 Conrad Polz at Illinois on 2/3...20-6 major over #17 Tyler Wilps of Pitt on 2/8...pinned Ohio State's Mark Martin (2:55) on 2/10...ends third year of Big Ten dual action unbeaten in conference duals (24-0)...pinned #20 Ramon Santiago of Rider (3:48) on 2/17...became Penn State's third three-time Big Ten Champion with 3-0 run through 2013 B1G Championships on 3/9, including 15-0 TF of #12 Nick Moore of Iowa and 9-1 major over #8 Conrad Polz of Illinois in finals.

TAYLOR CAREER IN NCAs

Year	Wt.	Result	Opponent	Place	Record
2011	157	W, 13-2	Robert Erisman, Oklahoma State (major)	NCAA	1-0
2011	157	W, 20-3	David Bonin, Northern Iowa (TF; 5:49)	NCAA	2-0
2011	157	W, 6-3	#6 Derek St. John, Iowa	NCAA	3-0
2011	157	W, 7-1	#2 Steve Fittery, American	NCAA	4-0
2011	157	LBF	#4 B. Jenkins, Arizona State (4:14)	NCAA (2nd)	4-1
2012	165	WBF	Corey Lear, Bucknell (1:40)	NCAA	5-1
2012	165	WBF	Brandon Wright, UT-Chattanooga (1:51)	NCAA	6-1
2012	165	WBF	#8 Robert Kokesh, Nebraska (0:29)	NCAA	7-1
2012	165	WBF	#4 Bekzod Abdurakhmonov, Clarion (4:46)	NCAA	8-1
2012	165	W, 22-7	#11 Brandon Hatchett, Lehigh (TF; 5:55)	NCAA (1st)	9-1
2013	165	WBF	John Staudenmayer, North Carolina (2:51)	NCAA	10-1
2013	165	WBF	Zach Strickland, Appalachian St. (2:41)	NCAA	11-1
2013	165	WBF	#7 Conrad Polz, Illinois (0:24)	NCAA	12-1
2013	165	WBF	#3 Peter Yates, Virginia Tech (3:24)	NCAA	13-1
2013	165	L, 4-5	#1 Kyle Dake, Cornell	NCAA (2nd)	13-2

TAYLOR MATCH-BY-MATCH

Date	Wt.	Result	Opponent	Place	Record
11/16	165	W, 20-5	Eric Hess, Lehigh (TF; 5:46)	dual	1-0
11/18	165	W, 20-5	Dominic Prezgia, West Virginia (6:04)	dual	2-0
12/2	165	WBF	Michael Harper, The Citadel (4:05)	NLO	3-0
12/2	165	WBF	Russell Benner, Hofstra (3:29)	NLO	4-0
12/2	165	W, 23-6	Bobby Nash, Michigan State (TF; 5:20)	NLO	5-0
12/2	165	W, 17-2	Corey Mock, North Carolina (TF; 6:06)	NLO	6-0
12/2	165	WBF	#13 Mark Lewandowski, Buffalo (5:42)	NLO (1st)	7-0
12/9	165	W, 9-0	#18 Ryan LeBlanc, Indiana (major)	dual	8-0
12/15	165	WBF	Aaron McKinney, Lock Haven (4:41)	dual	9-0
1/1	165	W, 22-7	Jesse Stafford, Air Force (TF)	Scuffle	10-0
1/1	165	WBF	Parker Madl, Arizona State (1:31)	Scuffle	11-0
1/1	165	WBF	Paul Hancock, Army (4:39)	Scuffle	12-0
1/2	165	W, 10-0	#4 Tyler Caldwell, Oklahoma State (major)	Scuffle	13-0
1/2	165	L, 2-3	#1 Kyle Dake, Cornell	Scuffle (2nd)	13-1
1/13	165	WBF	Nick Proctor, Michigan State (1:37)	dual	14-1
1/18	165	W, 25-7	Frank Cousins, Wisconsin (TF; 6:22)	dual	15-1
1/20	165	WBF	Doug Welch, Purdue (2:41)	dual	16-1
1/27	165	W, 16-1	Tyler Koehn, Nebraska (TF; 5:09)	dual	17-1
2/1	165	W, 18-2	#13 Nick Moore, Iowa (TF; 6:42)	dual	18-1
2/3	165	W, 13-7	#8 Conrad Polz, Illinois	dual	19-1
2/8	165	W, 20-6	#17 Tyler Wilps, Pittsburgh (major)	dual	20-1
2/10	165	WBF	Mark Martin, Ohio State (2:55)	dual	21-1
2/17	165	WBF	#20 Ramon Santiago, Rider (3:48)	dual	22-1
2/24	165	W, 14-6	Nick Visicaro, Rutgers (major)	dual	23-1
3/9	165	W, 20-5	Mark Martin, Ohio State (TF; 5:45)	B10	24-1
3/9	165	W, 15-0	#12 Nick Moore, Iowa (TF; 2:37)	B10	25-1
3/10	165	W, 9-1	#8 Conrad Polz, Illinois (major)	B10 (1st)	26-1
3/21	165	WBF	John Staudenmayer, North Carolina (2:51)	NCAA	27-1
3/21	165	WBF	Zach Strickland, Appalachian St. (2:41)	NCAA	28-1
3/22	165	WBF	#7 Conrad Polz, Illinois (0:24)	NCAA	29-1
3/22	165	WBF	#3 Peter Yates, Virginia Tech (3:24)	NCAA	30-1
3/23	165	L, 4-5	#1 Kyle Dake, Cornell	NCAA (2nd)	30-2



Matt BROWN

Jr./So. Eligible
West Valley, Utah/Cyprus
All-American
(2nd, 2013)

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CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Overall	Duals (B10)	TRN (B10/NCAA)	F	TF	M	PTS
2008-09			Red-shirt season				
2011-12	27-2	5-0 (2-0)	22-2 (0-0/0-0)	7-0	4-0	10-0	19
2012-13	29-5	11-3 (5-3)	19-2 (4-0/4-1)	8-1	2-0	7-0	49
Career	56-7	16-3 (7-3)	41-4 (4-0/4-1)	15-1	6-0	16-0	68

BROWN MATCH-BY-MATCH

Date	Wt.	Result	Opponent	Place	Record
11/16	174	W, 12-1	#18 Nathaniel Brown, Lehigh (major)	dual	1-0
11/18	174	WBF	Ross Renzi, West Virginia (4:10)	dual	2-0
12/2	174	W, 15-6	Elliott Riddick, Lehigh	NLO	3-0
12/2	174	W, 20-5	Steven Nelson, Clarion (TF; 5:45)	NLO	4-0
12/2	174	W, 12-4	Kevin Bailey, Lehigh (major)	NLO	5-0
12/2	174	W, 9-0	T. Luvsandorj, The Citadel (major)	NLO	6-0
12/2	174	W, 7-4	#11 Greg Zanetti, Rutgers	NLO (1st)	7-0
12/9	174	WBF	Cheney Dale, Indiana (6:40)	dual	8-0
12/15	174	WBF	Zach Heffner, Lock Haven (1:37)	dual	9-0
1/1	174	WBF	Trey Adamson, Duke (5:46)	Scuffle	10-0
1/1	174	WBF	Keithen Cast, American (1:42)	Scuffle	11-0
1/1	174	W, 17-8	#20 Cody Walters, Ohio (major)	Scuffle	12-0
1/2	174	LBF	#4 Logan Storley, Minnesota (4:06)	Scuffle	12-1
1/2	174	W, 9-4	Todd Porter, Missouri	Scuffle	13-1
1/2	174	W, 10-3	#16 Jon Fausey, Virginia	Scuffle (3rd)	14-1
1/13	174	W, 22-7	Jordan Wohlfert, Michigan State (TF; 6:17)	dual	15-1
1/18	174	W, 12-8	Scott Liegel, Wisconsin	dual	16-1
1/20	174	W, 15-3	Kyle Mosier, Purdue (major)	dual	17-1
1/27	174	L, 7-10	#4 Robert Kokesh, Nebraska	dual	17-2
2/1	174	L, 3-4	#6 Mike Evans, Iowa	dual	17-3
2/3	174	W, 6-4	#8 Jordan Blanton, Illinois	dual	18-3
2/8	174	W, 10-4	P.J. Tasser, Pittsburgh	dual	19-3
2/10	174	L, 3-2	#7 Nick Heflin, Ohio State	dual	19-4
2/17	174	WBF	James Brundage, Rider (4:06)	dual	20-4
2/24	174	W, 6-2	#14 Greg Zannetti, Rutgers	dual	21-4
3/9	174	WBF	Cheney Dale, Indiana (6:15)	B10	22-4
3/9	174	W, 7-1	#6 Nick Heflin, Ohio State	B10	23-4
3/9	174	W, 5-1	#11 Dan Yates, Michigan	B10	24-4
3/10	174	W, 7-3	#3 Mike Evans, Iowa	B10 (1st)	25-4
3/21	174	W, 10-1	Todd Porter, Missouri (major)	NCAA	26-4
3/21	174	WBF	Nick Bonaccorsi, Pittsburgh (1:30)	NCAA	27-4
3/22	174	W, 13-5	Tanner Weatherman, Iowa State (major)	NCAA	28-4
3/22	174	W, 3-2	#6 Logan Storley, Minnesota	NCAA	29-4
3/23	174	L, 1-2 (TB)	#1 Chris Perry, Oklahoma State	NCAA (2nd)	29-5

NOTES -- #7 Coaches/#6 RPI/#4 Intermat

Parents: Cindy Riley and Dave Brown -- Major: Crime, Law and Justice
Ranked No. 7 by Intermat...pinned James Frascella (1:49) in Intrasquad Dual on 11/1...notched 12-1 major over #18 Nathaniel Brown of Lehigh on 11/16 then pinned West Virginia's Ross Renzi (4:10) on 11/18...rolled to 2012 NLO title at 174 with 5-0 record, including a tech fall and two majors, downed #11 Greg Zanetti of Rutgers 7-4 in finals...posted 5-1 mark to take third at Southern Scuffle on 1/1-2, with two pins and a major...upset by #4 Logan Storley of Minnesota in the semifinals...majored Purdue's Kyle Mosier 15-3 in road dual on 1/20...10-7 loss to #4 Robert Kokesh of Nebraska on 1/27...tough 4-3 loss to #6 Mike Evans at Iowa on 2/1...6-4 win over #8 Jordan Blanton of Illinois on 2/3...last second loss to #7 Nick Heflin of Ohio State on 2/10...downed #14 Greg Zannetti of Rutgers 6-2 on 2/24 in final dual of the season...stormed to 4-0 record and first Big Ten title as the five-seed at the 2013 Big Ten Wrestling Championships, beating #6 Nick Heflin of Ohio State, #11 Dan Yates of Michigan and #3 Mike Evans of Iowa (7-3 in the finals).

BROWN CAREER IN NCAs

Year	Wt.	Result	Opponent	Place	Record
2013	174	W, 10-1	Todd Porter, Missouri (major)	NCAA	1-0
2013	174	WBF	Nick Bonaccorsi, Pittsburgh (1:30)	NCAA	2-0
2013	174	W, 13-5	Tanner Weatherman, Iowa State (major)	NCAA	3-0
2013	174	W, 3-2	#6 Logan Storley, Minnesota	NCAA	4-0
2013	174	L, 1-2 (TB)	#1 Chris Perry, Oklahoma State	NCAA (2nd)	4-1



Ed RUTH

Sr./Jr. Eligible
Harrisburg, Pa./Susquehanna Twp.
3X All-American
(2013, 1st at 184; 2012, 1st at 174; 2011, 3rd at 174)

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CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Overall	Duals (B10)	TRN (B10/NCAA)	F	TF	M	PTS
Red-shirt season							
2010-11	38-2	19-0 (8-0)	19-2 (3-0/6-1)	13-0	5-0	4-0	86
2011-12	31-0	11-0 (8-0)	20-0 (3-0/5-0)	10-0	7-0	9-0	54
2012-13	33-0	14-0 (8-0)	19-0 (3-0/5-0)	12-0	4-0	10-0	70
Career	102-2	44-0 (24-0)	58-2 (9-0/16-1)	35-0	16-0	23-0	210

NOTES -- #1 Coaches/#2 RPI/#1 Internat

Parents: Thanayi and Eddie Ruth -- Major: Communications

Ranked No. 1 by Internat...beat #3 Robert Hamlin of Lehigh 11-9 on 11/16...downed WVU's Lance Bryson 11-1 on 11/18...rolled to 2012 NLO title at 184 with perfect 5-0 showing, including a pin, a tech and two majors...downed #10 Jimmy Sheptock of Maryland 11-4 in finals...won third straight Southern Scuffle crown on 1/1-2, going 6-0 with three pions and two majors...majored #9 Mike Larson of Missouri in semis before dismantling #2 and defending NCAA Champion Steve Bosak 7-3 in finals...named Big Ten Wrestler of the Week on 1/8...pinned Purdue's Dion Crowder (3:42) in road dual on 1/20...18-3 tech fall over #8 Josh Ihnen of Nebraska on 1/27...majored Grant Gambrell of Iowa on 2/1...quick fall over #20 Tony Dallago at Illinois on 2/3, getting pin at 0:47 mark...17-3 major over #13 Max Thonusseit on 2/8...pinned Ohio State's C.J. Magrum (1:51) on 2/10 to close out third season of Big Ten dual action unbeaten (24-0)...ended dual season with dominating 11-4 win over #10 Dan Rinaldi at Rutgers on 2/24...became Penn State's fourth three-time Big Ten Champion with 3-0 run at 2013 Big Ten Championships on 3/9-10, including major over #14 Ethan Lofthouse of Iowa and win over #5 Kevin Steinhaus of Minnesota in finals...named 2013 Big Ten Wrestler of the Year.

RUTH CAREER IN NCAs

Year	Wt.	Result	Opponent	Place	Record
2011	174	WBF	Royal Brettrager, Liberty (0:24)	NCAA	1-0
2011	174	W, 5-3	Scott Glasser, Minnesota	NCAA	2-0
2011	174	L, def.	#7 Nick Amuchastegui, Stanford	NCAA	2-1
2011	174	W, 7-6	Luke Manuel, Purdue	NCAA	3-1
2011	174	WBF	#6 Ben Bennett, Central Michigan (0:42)	NCAA	4-1
2011	174	W, 7-2	#5 Chris Heinrich, Virginia	NCAA	5-1
2011	174	W, 6-2	#3 Mack Lewnes, Cornell	NCAA (3rd)	6-1
2012	174	WBF	Jim Resnick, Rider (1:43)	NCAA	7-1
2012	174	WBF	Dorian Henderson, Missouri (1:25)	NCAA	8-1
2012	174	W, 11-4	#9 Nick Heflin, Ohio State	NCAA	9-1
2012	174	W, 16-1	#4 Logan Storley, Minnesota (TF; 6:38)	NCAA	10-1
2012	174	W, 13-2	#3 Nick Amuchastegui, Stanford (major)	NCAA (1st)	11-1
2013	184	WBF	Fred Garcia, Lock Haven (0:28)	NCAA	12-1
2013	184	WBF	Kevin Radford, Arizona State (3:41)	NCAA	13-1
2013	184	W, 11-1	Max Thonusseit, Pittsburgh (major)	NCAA	14-1
2013	184	W, 4-1	#4 Steve Bosak, Cornell	NCAA	15-1
2013	184	W, 12-4	#3 Robert Hamlin, Lehigh (major)	NCAA (1st)	16-1

RUTH MATCH-BY-MATCH

Date	Wt.	Result	Opponent	Place	Record
11/16	184	W, 11-9	#3 Robert Hamlin, Lehigh	dual	1-0
11/18	184	W, 11-1	Lance Bryson, West Virginia	dual	2-0
12/2	184	W, 16-2	Chris Heald, Michigan (major)	NLO	3-0
12/2	184	W, 19-1	Austin Coburn, Old Dominion (TF; 4:37)	NLO	4-0
12/2	184	WBF	Brandon Griffin, Lehigh (3:28)	NLO	5-0
12/2	184	W, 11-2	Victor Avery, Edinboro (major)	NLO	6-0
12/2	184	W, 11-4	#10 Jimmy Sheptock, Maryland	NLO (1st)	7-0
12/9	184	WBF	Luke Sheridan, Indiana (1:24)	dual	8-0
12/15	184	W, 17-2	Fred Garcia, Lock Haven (TF; 4:55)	dual	9-0
1/1	184	WBF	Thomas Barriero, American (2:14)	Scuffle	10-0
1/1	184	WBF	James Cook, Campbell (3:29)	Scuffle	11-0
1/1	184	WBF	Diego Bencomo, Duke (3:37)	Scuffle	12-0
1/1	184	W, 13-4	Stephen Doty, Virginia (major)	Scuffle	13-0
1/2	184	W, 11-0	#9 Mike Larson, Missouri (major)	Scuffle	14-0
1/2	184	W, 7-3	#2 Steve Bosak, Cornell	Scuffle (1st)	15-0
1/13	184	WBF	John Rizqallah, Michigan State (1:37)	dual	16-0
1/18	184	W, forf.	Forfeit, Wisconsin	dual	17-0
1/20	184	WBF	Dion Crowder, Purdue (3:42)	dual	18-0
1/27	184	W, 18-3	#8 Josh Ihnen, Nebraska (TF; 7:00)	dual	19-0
2/1	184	W, 21-10	Grant Gambrell, Iowa (major)	dual	20-0
2/3	184	WBF	#20 Tony Dallago, Illinois (0:47)	dual	21-0
2/8	184	W, 17-3	#13 Max Thonusseit, Pittsburgh (major)	dual	22-0
2/10	184	WBF	C.J. Magrum, Ohio State (1:51)	dual	23-0
2/17	184	WBF	Ryan Wolfe, Rider (2:38)	dual	24-0
2/24	184	W, 11-4	#10 Dan Rinaldi, Rutgers	dual	25-0
3/9	184	W, 18-3	C.J. Magrum, Ohio State (TF; 5:58)	B10	26-0
3/9	184	W, 10-1	#14 Ethan Lofthouse, Iowa (major)	B10	27-0
3/10	184	W, 5-3	#5 Kevin Steinhaus, Minnesota	B10 (1st)	28-0
3/21	184	WBF	Fred Garcia, Lock Haven (0:28)	NCAA	29-0
3/21	184	WBF	Kevin Radford, Arizona State (3:41)	NCAA	30-0
3/22	184	W, 11-1	Max Thonusseit, Pittsburgh (major)	NCAA	31-0
3/22	184	W, 4-1	#4 Steve Bosak, Cornell	NCAA	32-0
3/23	184	W, 12-4	#3 Robert Hamlin, Lehigh (major)	NCAA (1st)	33-0



Quentin WRIGHT

Sr./Sr. Eligible
Wingate, Pa./Bald Eagle Area
4X All-American -- (2013, 1st at 197; 2012, 2nd at 184; 2011, 1st at 184; 2009, 6th at 174)

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CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Overall	Duals (B10)	TRN (B10/NCAA)	F	TF	M	PTS
2008-09	33-13	15-7 (5-3)	18-6 (3-1/4-3)	7-1	2-0	5-1	55
2009-10	Red-shirt season						
2010-11	21-6	8-5 (3-4)	13-1 (4-0/5-0)	5-1	0-0	5-1	36
2011-12	30-4	12-2 (7-1)	18-2 (4-1/4-1)	14-0	4-0	5-0	63
2012-13	32-0	14-0 (8-0)	18-0 (3-0/5-0)	11-0	0-0	4-0	61
Career	116-23	49-14 (23-8)	67-9 (14-2/18-4)	37-2	6-0	20-2	216

WRIGHT MATCH-BY-MATCH

Date	Wt.	Result	Opponent	Place	Record
11/16	197	W, 10-4	John Bolich, Lehigh	dual	1-0
11/18	197	WBF	A.J. Vizcarrando, West Virginia (0:25)	dual	2-0
12/2	197	WBF	Matt Snook, Maryland (2:00)	NLO	3-0
12/2	197	WBF	Bobby LeVelle, Virginia Tech	NLO	4-0
12/2	197	WBF	Angelo Malvestuto, Buffalo (3:34)	NLO	5-0
12/2	197	W, 6-1	William George, Cornell	NLO	6-0
12/2	197	W, 5-3 (sv)	Morgan McIntosh, Penn State	NLO (1st)	7-0
12/9	197	W, forfeit	Forfeit, Indiana	dual	8-0
12/15	197	WBF	Phil Sprenkle, Lock Haven (6:10)	dual	9-0
1/1	197	WBF	Devon Bradley, American (1:19)	Scuffle	10-0
1/1	197	W, 4-0	Peter Huntley, Navy	Scuffle	11-0
1/1	197	W, 9-2	Conner Hartman, Duke	Scuffle	12-0
1/2	197	W, 9-3	#13 Scott Schiller, Minnesota	Scuffle	13-0
1/2	197	WBF	#9 Jake Meredith, Arizona State (5:33)	Scuffle (1st)	14-0
1/13	197	W, 13-4	Luke Jones, Michigan State (major)	dual	15-0
1/18	197	WBF	#20 Jackson Hein, Wisconsin (1:24)	dual	16-0
1/20	197	W, 7-1	#17 Braden Atwood, Purdue	dual	17-0
1/27	197	W, 10-2	Caleb Kolb, Nebraska	dual	18-0
2/1	197	W, 8-3	#19 Nathan Burak, Iowa	dual	19-0
2/3	197	W, 4-2	#13 Mario Gonzalez, Illinois	dual	20-0
2/8	197	WBF	#2 Matt Wilps, Pittsburgh (2:43)	dual	21-0
2/10	197	W, 9-1	#16 Kenny Courts, Ohio State (major)	dual	22-0
2/17	197	W, 12-4	Donald McNeil, Rider (major)	dual	23-0
2/24	197	W, 7-4	Dan Seidenberg, Rutgers	dual	24-0
3/9	197	WBF	Max Huntley, Michigan (1:20)	B10	25-0
3/9	197	W, 1-0	#15 Andrew Campolattano, Ohio State	B10	26-0
3/10	197	W, 5-3	#9 Scott Schiller, Minnesota	B10 (1st)	27-0
3/21	197	W, 7-3	Donald McNeil, Rider	NCAA	28-0
3/21	197	W, 3-2	Branden Palik, Drexel	NCAA	29-0
3/22	197	WBF	#10 Scott Schiller, Minnesota (2:48)	NCAA	30-0
3/22	197	W, 2-2 (tb2)	#3 Matt Wilps, Pittsburgh (RT :08)	NCAA	31-0
3/23	197	W, 8-6	#1 Dustin Kilgore, Kent State	NCAA (1st)	32-0

NOTES -- #2 Coaches/#4 RPI/#2 Internat

Parents: Nola and Paul Wright --

Major: Labor Studies/Employment Relations (double major)

Ranked No. 2 by Internat...lost to #3 Matt Wilps of Pitt in U.S. Marine Corps All-Star Classic on 11/3 (fall at 6:50 mark)...opened season with 10-4 win over Lehigh's John Bolich on 11/16...pinned WVU's A.J. Vizcarrando at the 0:25 mark on 11/18...stormed to the 197-pound title at the 2012 NLO on 12/2 with three pins...beat red-shirting teammate Morgan McIntosh 5-3 (sv) in finals...went 5-0 to win Southern Scuffle title on 1/1-2 with two pins... beat #13 Scott Schiller of Minnesota 9-3 in semis and then pinned #9 Jake Meredith of Arizona State (5:33) in finals...pinned #20 Jackson Hien (1:24) in front of over 6,500 fans in sold out Rec Hall for 100th career victory on 1/18...beat #17 Braden Atwood 7-1 on 1/20 in road dual at Purdue...8-3 win over #19 Nathan Burak of Iowa on 2/1...4-2 win over #13 Mario Gonzalez at Illinois on 2/3...thrilling first period pin of #2 Matt Wilps of Pitt on 2/8 (2:43)...9-1 major over #16 Kenny Courts at Ohio State on 2/10...rolled to his second Big Ten title with 3-0 run at 2013 Big Ten Championships on 3/9-10, including wins over #15 Andrew Campolattano of Ohio State and #9 Scott Schiller of Minnesota in finals.

WRIGHT CAREER IN NCAAAs

Year	Wt.	Result	Opponent	Place	Record
2009	174	WBF	Byron Sigmon, UNC-Greensboro (1:17)	NCAA	1-0
2009	174	W, 8-6	#6 Steve Anceravage, Cornell	NCAA	2-0
2009	174	L, 1-4	#3 Brandon Browne, Nebraska	NCAA	2-1
2009	174	W, 4-3	Trevor Perry, Indiana	NCAA	3-1
2009	174	W, 10-6	#2 Michael Cannon, American	NCAA	4-1
2009	174	L, 2-4	#5 Raymond Jordan, Missouri	NCAA	4-2
2009	174	L, 3-13	#6 Steve Anceravage, Cornell	NCAA (6th)	4-3
2011	184	W, 8-4	Jonathan Fausey, Virginia	NCAA	5-3
2011	184	W, 8-4	#8 Kevin Steinhaus, Minnesota	NCAA	6-3
2011	184	W, 7-3	#1 Chris Honeycutt, Edinboro	NCAA	7-3
2011	184	WBF	#12 Grant Gambrell, Iowa (3:53)	NCAA	8-3
2011	184	W, 5-2	#2 Robert Hamlin, Lehigh	NCAA (1st)	9-3
2012	184	W, 11-0	Thomas Ferguson, North Carolina (major)	NCAA	10-3
2012	184	W, 10-2	#11 Ben Clymer, Hofstra (major)	NCAA	11-3
2012	184	WBF	#3 Ben Bennett, Central Michigan (2:35)	NCAA	12-3
2012	184	W, 3-2	#2 Robert Hamlin, Lehigh	NCAA	13-3
2012	184	L, 2-4 (sv)	#4 Steve Bosak, Cornell	NCAA (2nd)	13-4
2013	197	W, 7-3	Donald McNeil, Rider	NCAA	14-4
2013	197	W, 3-2	Branden Palik, Drexel	NCAA	15-4
2013	197	WBF	#10 Scott Schiller, Minnesota (2:48)	NCAA	16-4
2013	197	W, 2-2 (tb2)	#3 Matt Wilps, Pittsburgh (RT :08)	NCAA	17-4
2013	197	W, 8-6	#1 Dustin Kilgore, Kent State	NCAA (1st)	18-4



Jimmy LAWSON

Jr./So. Eligible
Toms River, N.J./
Manchester Township
NCAA Qualifier (2013)

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CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Overall	Duals (B10)	TRN (B10/NCAA)	F	TF	M	PTS
2012-13	23-9	6-1 (2-0)	18-8 (2-3/1-2)	3-1	0-0	5-1	22
Career	23-9	6-1 (2-0)	18-8 (2-3/1-2)	3-1	0-0	5-1	22

LAWSON MATCH-BY-MATCH

Date	Wt.	Result	Opponent	Place	Record
11/16	285	W, 9-0	Phil Mandzik, West Virginia	dual	1-0
11/24	285	W, 5-1	Steven Graziano, Penn	Mat-Town	2-0
11/24	285	W, 4-1	Harry Turner, Lock Haven	Mat-Town (1st)	3-0
12/2	285	W, 14-1	Wyatt Baker, Columbia (major)	NLO	4-0
12/2	285	W, 6-0	Terrance Jean-Jacques, Rutgers	NLO	5-0
12/2	285	WBF	Jacob Kettler, George Mason (6:18)	NLO	6-0
12/2	285	W, 2-1 (tb)	#13 Odie Delaney, The Citadel	NLO	7-0
12/2	285	L, 1-12	Nick Gwiazdowski, North Carolina St.	NLO (2nd)	7-1
12/15	285	W, 5-1	Harry Turner, Lock Haven	dual	8-1
1/1	285	W, 2-0	Joshua Davis, North Carolina	Scuffle	9-1
1/1	285	W, 5-1	Kevin Malone, Chattanooga	Scuffle	10-1
1/1	285	L, 1-8	#3 Alan Gelogaev, Oklahoma State	Scuffle	10-2
1/1	285	W, 3-1 (sv)	Daniel Miller, Navy	Scuffle	11-2
1/1	285	L, 2-6	#17 Jeremy Johnson, Ohio	Scuffle	11-3
1/1	285	WBF	#14 Levi Cooper, Arizona State (6:11)	Scuffle (7th)	12-3
1/20	285	WBF	Gaylen Edmo, Army (2:45)	Hitchcock	13-3
1/20	285	W, 11-0	Cody Mason, Lock Haven (major)	Hitchcock	14-3
1/20	285	W, 3-1 (sv)	Jack Delia, Lehigh	Hitchcock	15-3
1/20	285	W, inj.def.	Nick Ruggear, Penn State	Hitchcock (1st)	16-3
2/3	285	W, 9-4	Chris Lopez, Illinois	dual	17-3
2/8	285	L, 4-5	#8 Zac Thomsseit, Pittsburgh	dual	17-4
2/10	285	W, inj.frfr.	#12 Peter Capone, Ohio State (leading 6-0)	dual	18-4
2/17	285	W, 3-0	Greg Velasco, Rider	dual	19-4
2/24	285	W, 3-2 (tb)	Billy Smith, Rutgers	dual	20-4
3/9	285	W, 9-1	Kosta Karageorge, Ohio State (major)	B10	21-4
3/9	285	L, 4-8	#8 Mike McMullan, Northwestern	B10	21-5
3/9	285	W, 13-5	Spencer Johnson, Nebraska	B10	22-5
3/9	285	L, 4-7	#15 Adam Chalfant, Indiana	B10	22-6
3/10	285	LBF (sv)	Mike McClure, Michigan State (7:36)	B10	22-7
3/21	285	L, 3-4	Jeremy Johnson, Ohio	NCAA	22-8
3/21	285	W, 5-4	Adam Fager, Utah Valley	NCAA	23-8
3/22	285	L, 3-7	Ben Apland, Michigan	NCAA	23-9

NOTES -- #12 Coaches/#10 RPI/#12 Intermat

Parents: Pam and James Lawson -- Major: Telecommunications

Ranked No. 12 by Intermat...defeated Jon Gingrich 3-2 in Intrasquad Dual on 11/1....made Nittany Lion wrestling debut with 9-0 major over WVU senior Phil Mandzik on 11/18 in dual at West Virginia...won Mat-Town Open title on 12/24...picked up four wins but 2-0 officially (he wrestled two non-rostered wrestlers)...made NLO debut by advancing to the finals at 285 on 12/2 before losing, going 4-1 with a pin and major to take second place, beat #13 Odie Delaney of The Citadel in the semifinals...went 4-2 to take 7th at the Southern Scuffle on 1/1-2...lost 8-1 to #3 Alan Gelogaev of Oklahoma State in quarters...took seventh with pin of #14 Levi Cooper of Arizona State...went 4-0 (plus one win over non-collegiate) to win Hitchcock Open on 1/20...picked up first career Big Ten dual meet win with 9-4 victory over Chris Lopez of Illinois on 2/3...tough 5-4 loss to #8 Zac Thomsseit at Pittsburgh on 2/8...was beating #12 Peter Capone 6-0 at Ohio State on 2/10 when Capone took injury forfeit with Lawson getting six-point team win...placed 8th at first Big Ten Championships, going 2-3 and qualifying for NCAAs.

LAWSON CAREER IN NCAAs

Year	Wt.	Result	Opponent	Place	Record
2013	285	L, 3-4	Jeremy Johnson, Ohio	NCAA	0-1
2013	285	W, 5-4	Adam Fager, Utah Valley	NCAA	1-1
2013	285	L, 3-7	Ben Apland, Michigan	NCAA	1-2

#1 PENN STATE HOSTS INTRASQUAD DUAL Thursday, Nov. 1, 2012 -- University Park, Pa. -- Rec Hall

133: Jordan Conaway 5-1 dec. Frank Martellotti
133: Jimmy Gulibon 13-5 maj. dec. Cameron Kelly
133: Nate Morgan 6-4 dec. Mike Waters
141: Bryan Pearsall 4-2 dec. Zack Beitz
141: Derek Reber 4-1 dec. Kyle Moran
149: James English 5-1 dec. Seth Beitz
165: James Vollrath 5-3 dec. Rex Lutz
174: Matt Brown WBF James Frascella (1:49)
174: Andrew Church 4-0 dec. Brandon Phillips
184: Ed Ruth 21-4 TF Wes Phipps (5:59)
197: Morgan McIntosh 20-8 maj. dec. Scott Syrek
285: Jimmy Lawson 3-2 dec. Jon Gingrich
Attendance: 2,000 (appx.)

The Penn State Nittany Lion wrestling team hosted its annual Intrasquad Dual at Rec Hall and showcased many new faces at the event. Over 2,000 fans witnessed 12 bouts, including three matches at 133.

Sophomore Matt Brown (West Valley City, Utah), ranked No. 5 nationally at 174, got a first period pin in his match, pinning James Frascella (Carmel, Ind.) at the 1:49 mark. Two-time All-American Ed Ruth (Harrisburg, Pa.), ranked No. 1 at 184, posted a 21-4 technical fall (5:59) over talented true freshman Wes Phipps (Grove City, Pa.).

True freshman Jimmy Gulibon (Latrobe, Pa.) posted a 13-5 major over Cameron Kelly (Pittsford, N.Y.) at 133 and red-shirt freshman Jordan Conaway (Abbottstown, Pa.) got a 5-1 win over Frank Martellotti (Pittsburgh, Pa.) at 133 as well. Nate Morgan (McCook, Neb.) posted a 6-4 win over Mike Waters (Advance, N.C.) at 133, too.

Senior Bryan Pearsall (Lititz, Pa.) notched a 4-2 win over true freshman Zack Beitz (Mifflintown, Pa.) and senior Derek Reber (Lewisburg, Pa.) got a 4-1 decision over Kyle Moran (Oxford, Pa.) in two 141-pound match-ups. Senior James English (York, Pa.) posted a 5-1 win over Seth Beitz (Mifflintown, Pa.) at 149 and James Vollrath (Richboro, Pa.) downed Rex Lutz (Easton, Pa.) 5-3 at 165.

Andrew Church (Erie, Pa.) posted a 4-0 win over Brandon Phillips (Timonium, Md.) at 174 and sophomore Morgan McIntosh (Santa Ana, Calif.), red-shirting this year, was impressive with a 20-8 win over Scott Syrek (Chester Springs, Pa.) at 197. Sophomore transfer Jimmy Lawson (Tom's River, N.J.) posted a 3-2 win over Jon Gingrich (Wingate, Pa.) at heavyweight in the evening's final bout.

BOUT-BY-BOUT:

Junior Frank Martellotti (Pittsburgh, Pa.) took on red-shirt freshman Jordan Conaway (Abbottstown, Pa.) in one bout at 133. Conaway got in on a single leg, fought off a Martellotti counter and took a 2-0 lead at the :20 mark. The freshman rode Martellotti out and led 2-0 after one. He then took down to start the second, quickly escaped and led 3-0 at the 1:30 mark. Conaway turned a single leg at the :40 mark into a scramble and added a second takedown to lead 5-0 after two periods. Martellotti took down to start the third and escaped at the 1:20 and trailed 5-1. Conaway fought off a solid Martellotti shot at the :40 mark and maintained his lead. He maintained that lead for the rest of the period and posted the 5-1 win.

Sophomore Cameron Kelly (Pittsford, N.Y.) met true freshman Jimmy Gulibon (Latrobe, Pa.) in another 133-pound match-up. Gulibon wasted no time in opening up a 2-0 lead, taking Kelly down quickly. Kelly escaped quickly and the duo battled evenly for the next minute plus. He then used a swift double leg with :55 left to up his lead to 4-0. Gulibon rode Kelly out to lead 4-1 after one period. Gulibon took down to start the second period and quickly reversed Kelly to lead 6-1 less than :15 into the middle stanza. Gulibon cut Kelly loose to lead 6-2 at the 1:10 mark, then drove through a double leg for a third takedown and an 8-2 lead. Kelly escaped once more, but Gulibon added another takedown and led 10-3 after two periods. Gulibon chose down, quickly escaped and added another takedown to lead 12-4 at the 1:15 mark. Kelly got the late escape but, with 3:31 riding time, Gulibon posted the 13-5 major decision.

Sophomore Nate Morgan (McCook, Neb.) took on red-shirt freshman Michael Waters (Advance, N.C.) in the third bout at 133. The duo battled through an even first period with neither man finding an opening. Scoreless after one, Waters chose down to start the second period and quickly escaped to a 1-0 lead. Waters got the bout's first takedown at the 1:00 mark and Morgan quickly escaped, making the score 3-1 with :45 left in the second period. Waters led 3-1 after one, Morgan took down to start the third and quickly escaped to a 3-2 deficit. Morgan then used a nice double leg for his first takedown and took a 4-3 lead at the 1:20 mark. Morgan put together a strong ride and then turned Waters to his back for two near fall points and upped his lead to 6-3. Waters escaped at the buzzer but Morgan posted the 6-4 win.

At 141, senior Bryan Pearsall (Lititz, Pa.) faced off against true freshman Zack Beitz (Mifflintown, Pa.) in one match-up. Beitz used a low single leg to get the bout's first takedown and led 2-0 at the 1:11 mark. Pearsall escaped quickly and Beitz carried the 2-1 lead into the second stanza. Beitz chose neutral to start the second period. Neither man managed a takedown during the second period and Beitz led by one heading into the final period. Pearsall chose down to start the third stanza and maintained control of Pearsall for the first :35 before Pearsall escaped to a 2-2 tie. Pearsall drove through a high lift to get his first takedown and led 4-2 at the :30 mark. He then rode Beitz out to post the 4-2 win.

Senior Derek Reber (Lewisburg, Pa.) battled sophomore Kyle Moran (Oxford, Pa.) in another 141-pound bout. The duo battled through a scoreless two-plus minutes before Moran got in on a single leg to force a late scramble. Reber countered the shot and worked out from underneath the scramble, but could not finish off the late takedown. Scoreless after one, Moran chose down to start the second stanza. Reber maintained control for over a minute then nearly picked up back points with a scrambling turn. Moran then worked his way around for a near reversal but got the escape to take a 1-0 lead at the :35 mark. Trailing by one with 1:25 riding time, Reber chose down to start the third and escaped to a 1-1 tie. Moran instigated a scramble that Reber turned into a takedown to lead 3-1 at the :20 mark. With 1:41 riding time, Reber posted the 4-1 win.

Red-shirt freshman Seth Beitz (Mifflintown, Pa.) took on senior James English (York, Pa.) at 149. The duo battled through a scoreless two minutes. English nearly scored on a quickly single but Beitz was able to step out of trouble and keep the bout at zeroes. English chose down to start the second period and worked his way around to a quick reversal to lead 2-0 at the 1:44 mark. English maintained control of Beitz for the rest of the period and led 2-0 heading into the third. Beitz chose neutral to start the third period. English added a second takedown to lead 4-0 with 1:00 left in the bout. Beitz added a late takedown and, with 2:30 riding time, English posted the 5-1 win.

At 165, red-shirt freshman Rex Lutz (Easton, Pa.) met junior James Vollrath (Richboro, Pa.). Vollrath got the scoring started early with a quick takedown and led 2-1 after a quick Lutz escape. Vollrath's early takedown was the only one of the opening stanza and the junior lead 2-1 heading into the second. Lutz chose down to start the second and quickly escaped to a 2-2 tie. Vollrath then got in on Lutz' left leg and turned the shot into a takedown to lead 4-2 with :55 on the clock. Lutz escaped quickly and Vollrath led 4-3 after two periods. Vollrath took down to start the third period and quickly escaped to a 5-3 lead. Vollrath held on for the 5-3 win.

Sophomore Matt Brown (West Valley City, Utah), ranked No. 5 nationally at 174, faced off against red-shirt freshman James Frascella (Carmel, Ind.). Brown used a quick low double to take an early 2-0 lead and then rode Frascella for over a minute. He then worked his way into a near tilt but Frascella was able to escape to a 2-1 Brown lead. Frascella then whirled behind Brown for his own takedown and a 3-2 lead. Brown used a swift throw to send Frascella to his back and, after a quick adjustment, got the pin at the 1:49 mark.

In another 174-pound meeting, sophomore Brandon Phillips (Timonium, Md.) met junior Andrew Church (Erie, Pa.). Church got the bout's first takedown at the 1:00 mark, moving out to a 2-0 lead and then keeping control of Phillips for the rest of the period. Phillips chose down to start the second period and Church maintained control once again. The Church ride-out gave the Lion a 2-0 lead with 3:12 riding time heading to the third period. Church escaped to a 3-0 lead and then worked his way into a single leg that led to a stalemate with :48 left on the clock. Church rolled to a 4-0 win with 2:52 in riding time.

Two-time All-American and 2012 NCAA Champion Ed Ruth (Harrisburg, Pa.), ranked No. 1 at his new weight at 184, met true freshman Wes Phipps (Grove City, Pa.). Ruth scored quickly on Phipps, getting a takedown early to bolt out to a 2-0 lead. Phipps worked his way to an escape at the 1:24 mark to cut the lead to 2-1. Ruth scrambled to a second takedown and led 4-1 with :40 left. Ruth then turned Phipps for three near fall points and upped his lead to 7-2 after a late Phipps escape. Ruth chose down to start the second and then rolled to a reversal and a 9-2 lead with 1:20 left in the middle period. Ruth then added another three-point near fall and led 12-2 with 2:47 riding time after two periods. Phipps chose neutral to start the third. Ruth took him down and cut him loose and led 14-3 at the 1:40 mark. He then added another takedown to lead 16-3. Ruth cut Phipps and then took him down once more, added three near fall points and rolled to the 21-4 technical fall at the 5:59 mark.

Sophomore NCAA qualifier Morgan McIntosh (Santa Ana, Calif.), red-shirting this season at 197, met red-shirt freshman Scott Syrek (Chester Springs, Pa.) at 197. McIntosh broke out to an early 2-0 lead with a takedown and then rode Syrek for over a minute before cutting him loose at the :55 mark. McIntosh added a nice takedown at the :20 mark and carried a 4-2 lead into the second period. Syrek chose down to start the second period but McIntosh controlled the action from the top position for nearly a minute before Syrek escaped. McIntosh answered with a third takedown and cut to lead 6-3 at the :40 mark. He cut Syrek loose and added another takedown to lead 8-4. The sophomore put together a series of takedowns and cuts and rolled to a 20-8 major decision with 3:26 in riding time.

At heavyweight, sophomore Jon Gingrich (Wingate, Pa.) took on sophomore transfer Jimmy Lawson (Tom's River, N.J.). The duo battled through a scoreless first period with neither man finding an opening to score. Gingrich chose down to start the second period and quickly escaped to a 1-0 lead. Lawson got in on a quick low single but Gingrich was able to fight the move off and keep his 1-0 lead with :20 left in the middle period. Lawson chose down to start the third period and quickly escaped to a 1-1 tie. Gingrich got in on a low single but Lawson countered the move and, after a scramble, got the takedown to lead 3-2 after a quick Gingrich escape. He then fought off a late Gingrich takedown attempt and grabbed the 3-2 win.

#1 PENN STATE 29, #24 LEHIGH 6

Friday, Nov. 16, 2012 -- University Park, Pa. -- Rec Hall

125: #2 Nico Megaludis PSU tech fall Alex Abreu LU, 19-4 (TF; 5:07)	5-0
133: Jordan Conaway PSU dec. Laike Gardner LU, 3-2	8-0
141: Bryan Pearsall PSU dec. Anthony Salupo LU, 7-6	11-0
149: James English PSU dec. #18 Shane Welsh LU, 5-2	14-0
157: #13 Joey Napoli LU dec. #2 Dylan Alton PSU, 4-2	14-3
165: #2 David Taylor PSU tech fall Eric Hess LU, 20-5 (TF; 5:46)	19-3
174: #4 Matt Brown PSU maj. dec. #18 Nathaniel Brown LU, 12-1	23-3
184: #1 Ed Ruth PSU dec. #3 Robert Hamlin LU, 11-9	26-3
197: #3 Quentin Wright PSU dec. John Bolich LU, 10-4	29-3
285: Jack Delia LU dec. Jon Gingrich PSU, 5-3	29-6
Attendance: 6,422	

The Penn State wrestling team, holding the No. 1 spot on InterMat's TPI, hammered No. 24 Lehigh in the 2012-13 season opener for the team. The Nittany Lions, under the direction of head coach Cael Sanderson, won eight of ten bouts on their way to a 29-6 win.

All-American Nico Megaludis (Murrysville, Pa.), ranked No. 2 at 125, got the season off to a hot start for Penn State with a dominating 19-4 technical fall over Lehigh's Alex Abreu (5:07). Red-shirt freshman Jordan Conaway (Abbotstown, Pa.) made his Penn State dual meet debut with a superb 3-2 decision over Lehigh's Laike Gardner at 133, followed by senior Bryan Pearsall's (Lititz, Pa.) 7-6 win over LU's Anthony Salupo. Senior James English (York, Pa.) got the call at 149 for Penn State and posted thrilling 5-2 upset over No. 18 Shane Welsh. The Lions' bid for a 5-0 start to the dual was stopped when No. 13 Joey Napoli upset No. 2 Dylan Alton (Mill Hall, Pa.) 4-2 at 157. The Nittany Lions carried a 14-3 lead into the halftime break.

Defending national champion David Taylor (St. Paris, Ohio) opened up the second half in fine fashion with a 20-5 technical fall over Lehigh's Eric Hess. Sophomore Matt Brown (West Valley City, Utah), ranked No. 4 at 174, then majored No. 18 Nathaniel Brown 12-1. Top-ranked 184-pounder Ed Ruth (Harrisburg, Pa.), the defending national champion at 174, then beat No. 3 Robert Hamlin of Lehigh in the evening's marquee bout. Ruth posted a thrilling 11-9 win. Three-time All-American Quentin Wright (Wingate, Pa.), ranked No. 3 up at his new weight of 197, downed John Bolich and Lehigh's Jack Delia downed Nittany Lion sophomore Jon Gingrich (Wingate, Pa.) in the bout's final match-up.

The Nittany Lions won eight of ten bouts and dominated the takedown war 28-6. The Nittany Lions owned a gaudy 40-6 point advantage in the third period alone. Penn State is now 1-0 on the year while Lehigh falls to 1-1.

BOUT-BY-BOUT:

125: All-American Nico Megaludis (Murrysville, Pa.), ranked No. 2 at 125, took on Lehigh junior Alex Abreu. Megaludis scored early, notching a quick takedown at the 2:08 mark and taking an early 2-1 lead after an Abreu escape. He quickly tacked on another and upped his lead to 4-1 with 1:32 on the clock. Abreu escaped to a 4-2 deficit but was called for stalling. Megaludis then added a late takedown to lead 6-2 at the end of one period. Megaludis chose down to start the second and quickly reversed Abreu to up his lead to 8-2. He then worked an arm bar into place, turned the Mountain Hawk and got three-near fall points to lead 11-3 after an escape. Megaludis tacked on two more takedowns and then turned Abreu once more to lead 18-4 with 2:19 in riding time after two periods. Abreu chose top to and Megaludis quickly escaped to a 19-4 technical fall at the 5:07 mark.

133: Red-shirt freshman Jordan Conaway (Abbotstown, Pa.) made his Penn State dual meet debut against Lehigh's Laike Gardner at 133. Neither wrestler found an opening to score in during the first period and the freshman duo went to the second period scoreless. Gardner chose down to start the second period and escaped to a 1-0 lead just :19 into the period. Conaway got hit with a stall warning at the :45 mark and then used a quick low single to force a scramble with :25 on the clock. Gardner fought off the move, though, and kept his 1-0 lead heading into the third. Conaway chose down to start the third period and quickly escaped to a 1-1 tie. Conaway got in on another single leg and forced another scramble, this time with 1:10 left to wrestle. Gardner was able to fight off the attempt again and the bout remained tied 1-1 with :43 on the clock. Conaway gained control of Gardner's waist and leg and forced the Mountaineer's hands to the mat, picking up a takedown with just :07 on the clock. Gardner scrambled to an escape but Conaway's late score gave the Lion a thrilling 3-2 win.

141: Senior Bryan Pearsall (Lititz, Pa.) faced off against Mountain Hawk Anthony Salupo at 141. Salupo had the first scoring chance of the bout, gaining control of Pearsall's ankle early, but the veteran Lion deftly forced a stalemate to keep the bout scoreless at the first period's midway point. Salupo used a strong high double to take Pearsall to the mat and lead 2-1 after a quick Lion escape with :40 left in the period. Salupo would carry that lead into the second stanza. Salupo chose down to start the second and escaped to a 3-1 lead. But Pearsall quickly gained control of the Mountain Hawk, turning a single leg into a takedown and a 3-3 tie with 1:15 on the clock. Pearsall rode Salupo long enough to build up a minute's worth of riding time before he escaped to a 4-3 lead with :08 left in the period. Pearsall chose down to start the third period and nearly worked his way into a cradle on a reversal. But action was stopped with Salupo still in control. Pearsall escaped to a 4-4 tie with 1:10 left to wrestle. He then turned a single leg shot into a low ankle pick and took a 6-4 lead with a takedown at the :40 mark. Pearsall then upped his riding time edge to over a minute. He gave up a stall point, Salupo escaped but Pearsall's 1:09 riding time gave the Lion a thrilling 7-6 win.

149: With No. 6 Andrew Alton (Mill Hall, Pa.) not wrestling in the opener, talented senior James English (York, Pa.) got the nod at 149 and met No. 18 Shane Welsh of Lehigh. The duo battled through an even first period with neither wrestler breaking through the other's defense. Tied 0-0 after three minutes of wrestling, English chose down to start the second period. He worked his way to an escape at the 1:07 mark to take a 1-0 lead. The final minute was wrestled even and Pearsall led by one after two periods. Welsh chose down to start the third period and quickly escaped to a 1-1 tie. English connected on a high single and nearly scored, but Welsh scrambled his way into a stalemate and the bout remained tied with :42 left on the clock. Welsh shot high, but English countered, gained control of the Mountain Hawk's foot and took him down. Welsh escaped but English then bullied his way through another late takedown and posted the convincing 5-2 win.

157: All-American Dylan Alton (Mill Hall, Pa.), ranked No. 2 at 157, took on No. 13 Joey Napoli in one of the dual's marquee match-ups. Alton set the temp early, steadily working his way into an offensive opening. The Lion sophomore used a low single leg to force a scramble but Napoli was able to counter to a stalemate with 1:00 left in the opening period. Alton scrambled his way to a go-ahead takedown with :05 on the clock to lead 2-0 after one period. Napoli chose down to start the second period and escaped to a 2-1 deficit. He then forced a scramble on the edge of the mat and got the takedown with :45 left, taking a 3-2 lead. Alton nearly picked up a reversal but Napoli was able to hold on and kill the clock to lead 3-2 heading into the final period. Alton chose down to start the third period and Napoli worked a ride long enough to build up over a minute's worth of riding time. He then continued his ride long enough to clinch the riding time point and continued it for the rest of the period to grab the 4-2 win with 2:35 in riding time.

165: Defending National Champion David Taylor (St. Paris, Ohio) met Lehigh freshman Eric Hess at 165. A quick ankle pick put Taylor up 2-0 at the 2:35 mark. He quickly turned Hess to his back for three near fall points, taking a 5-0 lead with 1:15 on the clock. Taylor maintained his control of Hess for the entire period and carried that lead, and 2:29 in riding time, into the second period. Taylor chose down to start the second period. He deftly picked up a reversal and then added two back points to lead 9-0 before cutting Hess loose to a 9-1 lead. Taylor began piling up the takedowns, picking up two more takedowns to lead 13-2 with :30 on the clock. The two-time All-American picked up a point on two Hess stalls and led 14-2 after three periods. Hess chose down and was allowed to escape by Taylor. Taylor then took Hess down quickly, using a low ankle pick. He then added on a flurry of takedowns to post the 20-5 tech fall at the 5:46 mark.

174: Sophomore Matt Brown (West Valley City, Utah), ranked No. 4 at 174, met No. 18 Nathaniel Brown of Lehigh. Nathaniel had the first solid scoring chance of the bout, but Matt was able to force a stalemate and keep the bout scoreless midway through the first period. Matt rolled through a slight Lehigh shot and bullied his way to a takedown and a 2-0 lead with just under a minute left. Brown nearly worked his way into a cradle at the period's end but action moved out of bounds and the Nittany Lion led 2-0 with :59 riding time after one. Matt chose down to start the second period and quickly reversed Nathaniel to up his lead to 4-0 and up his riding time edge to a minute-plus. Matt led 5-0 after Nathaniel gave up a stall point. He then cut the Mountain Hawk loose and picked up another point on another Lehigh stall. Matt then used a solid low single to add a late takedown and led 8-1 after two periods. Nathaniel chose down to start the final period and escaped to an 8-2 lead but Matt still had 2:30 in riding time. Nathaniel gave up another stall point and Matt then turned a low shot into a takedown and a 12-2 major with 2:35 in riding time.

184: Defending 174-pound National Champion Ed Ruth (Harrisburg, Pa.), ranked No. 1 at his new weight of 184, met No. 3 Robert Hamlin in one of the dual's most anticipated match-ups. Ruth wasted no time in getting his first takedown at 184 this year, using a fast double leg to take a 2-0 lead early. Hamlin escaped quickly but Ruth continued to pressure the Mountain Hawk, gaining control with a high single leg and rolling to a second takedown to lead 4-1 with 1:20 on the clock. Hamlin escaped with 1:05 left in the period but Ruth was relentless, using a fast low shot to trip Hamlin up, taking a 6-2 lead with :40 on the clock. Hamlin added a late escape but Ruth carried a 6-3 lead with 1:03 RT into the second period. Ruth chose down to start the second period and quickly escaped to a 7-3 lead. He added a fourth takedown and led 9-4 after a quick Hamlin escape. Ruth tried a low under hook that Hamlin was able to slide behind, allowing the Mountain Hawk to get his first takedown and cut the lead to 10-6 after a quick Ruth escape. Hamlin added a second takedown and Ruth escaped quickly, sending the match to the third period with Ruth up 11-8 with :36 in riding time. Hamlin chose down to start the third and escaped to an 11-9 Ruth lead. Ruth shot low and Hamlin countered to gain control of Ruth's leg, but the Nittany Lion stepped out of trouble and maintained his 11-9 lead with :37 on the clock. Hamlin shot high, gaining control of Ruth's legs, nearly tying the bout with :20 left. But Ruth was able to work his way out of bounds to force a reset and grab the 11-9 win.

197: Three-time All-American Quentin Wright (Wingate, Pa.), ranked No. 3 at his new weight of 197, met Lehigh's John Bolich. Neither wrestler was able to find an opening to score in the opening stanza and the bout was knotted at 0-0 after three minutes of wrestling. Wright chose down to start the second period and quickly escaped to a 1-0 lead. Wright got the first takedown of the bout, countering a Bolich shot, to lead 3-0 at the :50 mark. Bolich escaped but Wright quickly added another takedown and led 5-1 with :20 on the clock. Bolich chose down to start the final period but Wright was able to maintain control and build up over a minute's worth of riding time. Bolich escaped to a 5-2 Wright lead with 1:15 on the clock only to be taken down by quick low single by the Lion senior. Leading 7-2, Wright cut Bolich loose to a 7-3 lead and began working for more points. The Lion picked up the takedown with a low double on the edge of the mat and led 9-3 with :21 left. Wright cut Bolich loose but was unable to finish off the major. The 1:44 riding time edge gave Wright the 10-4 win.

285: Sophomore Jon Gingrich (Wingate, Pa.) took to the mat at heavyweight, facing off against LU's Jack Delia. Gingrich and Delia wrestled through a scoreless two minutes before Delia turned a single leg into a takedown and a 2-0 lead. Gingrich quickly escaped however, and trailed 2-1 after three minutes of wrestling. Delia chose down to start the second period and quickly escaped to a 3-1 lead. Gingrich fought off a Delia shot and was able to keep the lead to just two points heading into the final stanza. Trailing 3-1, Gingrich chose down to start the third period. Gingrich quickly escaped to a 3-2 deficit and then turned into the action in the center of the mat. The Lion sophomore took a number of shots that Delia was able to step away from. He slipped to the ground on a shot at the :40 mark and Delia was able to counter for a takedown and a 5-3 lead with :30 on the clock after Gingrich escaped. Delia held on for the 5-3 win.

#1 PENN STATE 44, WEST VIRGINIA 3

Sunday, Nov. 18, 2012 -- Morgantown, W. Va.

125: #2 Nico Megaludis PSU pinned Gage Swartz WVU, WBF (5:53)	6-0
133: #17 Colin Johnston WVU dec. Nate Morgan PSU, 6-2	6-3
141: Bryan Pearsall PSU dec. #19 Nathan Pennesi WVU, 2-0	9-3
149: James English PSU maj. dec. Brutus Scheffel WVU, 8-0	13-3
157: #2 Dylan Alton PSU pinned Jason Luster WVU, WBF (2:28)	19-3
165: #2 David Taylor PSU tech. fall Dominic Prezzia WVU, 20-5 (6:04)	24-3
174: #4 Matt Brown PSU pinned Ross Renzi WVU, WBF (4:10)	30-3
184: #1 Ed Ruth PSU maj. dec. Lance Bryson WVU, 11-1	34-3
197: #3 Quentin Wright PSU pinned A.J. Vizcarrando WVU, WBF (0:25)	40-3
285: Jimmy Lawson PSU maj. dec. Phil Mandzik WVU, 9-0	44-3

Attendance: 1,631

The Penn State wrestling team, holding the No. 1 spot on Intermat's TPI, rolled through West Virginia in the first round of the year for the team. The Nittany Lions, under the direction of head coach Cael Sanderson, used four pins to post the 44-3 victory in Morgantown.

Sophomore All-American Nico Megaludis (Murrysville, Pa.) got Penn State's its first dual meet pin of the year by getting a fall at the 5:53 mark over WVU's Gage Swartz. West Virginia picked up a tough win at 133 when No. 17 Colin Johnston battled to a 6-2 victory over Lion sophomore Nate Morgan (McCook, Neb.). Nittany Lion senior Bryan Pearsall (Lititz, Pa.) then posted a superb 2-0 win over No. 19 Nathan Pennesi of West Virginia, using an escape and full third period ride-out to post the victory.

Senior James English (York, Pa.) continued Penn State's strong start with a dominant 8-0 major decision over WVU's Brutus Scheffel. English got the major with a 1:44 riding time edge. No. 2 Dylan Alton (Mill Hall, Pa.) turned a first period takedown quickly into a pin. Alton took WVU's Jason Luster down with just over :30 left in the opening period and swiftly turned him to his back for a fall at the 2:28 mark, giving Penn State a 19-3 lead midway through the dual.

Two-time All-American David Taylor (St. Paris, Ohio), ranked No. 2 at 165, put on a takedown clinic against West Virginia's Dominic Prezzia. He tallied eight takedowns on his way to a 20-5 technical fall at the 6:04 mark. Sophomore Matt Brown (West Valley City, Utah), ranked No. 4 nationally at 174, matched Alton's quick pin, turning a second period takedown into a swift pin over WVU's Ross Renzi at the 4:10 mark.

Two-time All-American Ed Ruth (Harrisburg, Pa.), ranked No. 1 at 184, dominated West Virginia's Lance Bryson, rolling to an 11-1 major decision with 4:33 in riding time. Three-time All-American Quentin Wright (Wingate, Pa.), ranked No. 3 at 197, made short work of WVU's A.J. Vizcarrando. Wright caught Vizcarrando's shoulders early, getting the pin just :25 into the bout to put Penn State up 40-3. Nittany Lion sophomore Jimmy Lawson (Tom's River, N.J.) made his Penn State debut a fine one, rolling to a 9-0 major decision with 3:43 in riding time, giving Penn State the final 44-3 victory.

The Nittany Lions posted a 30-2 edge in takedowns and racked up 17 bonus points off four pins, three majors and a technical fall. Penn State is now 2-0 on the year while West Virginia falls to 1-2.

BOUT-BY-BOUT:

125: All-American Nico Megaludis (Murrysville, Pa.), ranked No. 2 at 125, met West Virginia's Gage Swartz. Megaludis used a quick ankle pick to take Swartz down and, after cutting him loose, took him down again to lead 4-1 less than :40 into the bout. Megaludis rode Swartz for a bit, cut him loose and took him down a third time. Another cut and another takedown and Megaludis led 8-3 at the 1:00 mark. The Nittany Lion sophomore ended the first period with five takedowns and a 13-4 lead thanks to three late back points. Swartz chose down to start the second period and Megaludis quickly took him down to up his lead to 15-4. Megaludis worked his way to a near pin, grabbed the three near fall points and led 18-4 after two. Megaludis chose top to start the third period, looking to turn the WVU grappler for a pin. Megaludis turned Swartz quickly and then spent a minute working for the fall, finally getting the pin at the 5:53 mark.

133: Sophomore Nate Morgan (McCook, Neb.) took to the mat against Colin Johnston, who was ranked No. 17 at 133. The bout was Morgan's first in 19 months after red-shirting last season with an injury. The duo battled evenly for the entire first period, with neither man finding an opening to score. Tied 0-0, Johnston chose down to start the second stanza. Morgan put together a nice ride to start the second period, maintaining control of the ranked Mountaineer for a full minute before Johnston escaped to a 1-0 lead. Johnston countered with a quick low double that led to a takedown on the edge of the mat, giving him a 3-0 lead. Morgan quickly escaped and quickly turned into Johnston, forcing the action. Johnston held that lead into the third period and Morgan chose down to start the final stanza. The Lion sophomore was struggling to work his way out of the hold when had had to take an injury timeout, giving Johnston the choice. Johnston chose down and Morgan was able to control him long enough to build his riding time edge to 1:01. Morgan cut him loose to a 4-1 lead and then got in on a high single. But Johnston was able to work out of bounds and the bout resumed at 1:08 with Johnston in the lead. Morgan continued to shoot in on Johnston but the Mountaineer was able to counter his shot and got another takedown to up his lead to 6-1. Morgan added a late escape but dropped a tough 6-2 decision.

141: Senior Bryan Pearsall (Lititz, Pa.) took on No. 19 Nathan Pennesi at 141. Pearsall set the early tempo, taking quick shots and forcing Pennesi back for the first minute-plus. Pennesi tried to connect on a high double at the 1:05 mark but Pearsall turned the move into a front headlock that led to a stalemate with :45 left in the opening period. Pennesi nearly scored on a low single with :04 left but action moved out of bounds and the bout moved to the second period tied 0-0. Pearsall chose down to start the second stanza and quickly escaped to a 1-0 lead just :16 in. Pennesi rolled into a double leg that Pearsall looked to counter on the edge of the mat. Pearsall fought off a near pin and then rolled through, countering the move for a scoring chance of his own. But a stalemate stopped action and the Lion still led 1-0 with :05 on the clock. Trailing by one, Pennesi chose down to start the third period. Pearsall put together a strong ride to start the period, keeping the control of Pennesi for the first minute and then working for a chance to turn the Mountaineer for back points. The Lion senior continued his dominant ride, pushing his riding time edge over 1:00. He continued the strong work for the entire period, riding the ranked Mountaineer out and, with the riding time point (1:43), posted the strong 2-0 win.

149: With No. 6 Andrew Alton (Mill Hall, Pa.) again held out of the line-up, senior James English (York, Pa.) took to the mat at 149 to meet Mountaineer Brutus Scheffel. English notched the first takedown, using a high single to work Scheffel to the mat and picking up the takedown at with :22 left in the opening period. A short ride-out gave English a 2-0 lead after one period. English chose down to start the second period and quickly escaped to a 3-0 lead. The duo traded shots over the course of the middle period until English turned a low single into his second takedown with :25 left in the period. Another ride-out gave English a 5-0 lead heading into the third period. Scheffel chose neutral to start the third period but English continued to set the offensive tempo. English snapped down on a quick Scheffel shot for another takedown and a 7-0 lead. English rode Scheffel out and, with 1:44 in riding time, posted the 8-0 major.

157: All-American Dylan Alton (Mill Hall, Pa.), ranked No. 2 at 157, faced off against Jason Luster. Alton and Luster wrestled even-up for the first half of the opening period. Neither wrestler connected on slight offensive chances until Alton turned a high single into a quick pin at the 2:28 mark. Alton turned the takedown into the pin in less than :05.

165: Defending National Champion David Taylor (St. Paris, Ohio), ranked No. 2 at 165, met WVU's Dominic Prezzia. Taylor pressured Prezzia to the edge of the mat as the Mountaineer wrestled on the edge of the mat for nearly two minutes before Taylor took a 2-0 lead with a low ankle pick. Taylor then began taking Prezzia down and cutting him loose, building up a 6-2 lead before turning him to his back for two near fall points and an 8-3 lead after a Prezzia escape. Taylor used an under hook for another takedown and this time, Taylor rode the Mountaineer out for a 10-3 lead and 1:04 in riding time after one period. Taylor chose down to start the second period and quickly escaped to an 11-3 lead. A high double gave the Lion a 13-4 lead after another cut. Taylor scored immediately off the reset and led 15-4 with 1:00 on the clock. Taylor cut Prezzia loose and then countered a shot to get another takedown and led 17-5 after two. Prezzia chose neutral to start the third, but Taylor was undaunted, getting another takedown quickly. Prezzia gave up a stall point and Taylor rolled to the 20-5 technical fall at the 6:04 mark.

174: Sophomore Matt Brown (West Valley City, Utah), ranked No. 4 at 174, took on Mountaineer Ross Renzi. In steady fashion, Brown worked his offense to an open shot and a takedown just over two minutes into the opening period. Leading 2-0, Brown then controlled Renzi for :43 seconds before Renzi escaped. Brown circled around for another takedown and a 4-1 lead with :28 on the clock. The Nittany Lion sophomore then rode Renzi out to hold that lead with 1:14 in riding time after one period. Brown chose down to start the second period and quickly escaped to a 5-1 lead. A relentless Brown notched his third takedown of the bout early in the second period, upping his lead to 7-2 after a Renzi escape. Brown added another takedown and then quickly turned Renzi to his back for a pin at the 4:10 mark.

184: Defending 174-pound National Champion Ed Ruth (Harrisburg, Pa.), ranked No. 1 at his new weight of 184, met WVU junior Lance Bryson. Ruth gained control of Bryson early, getting a takedown and putting together a strong ride early in the first period. Ruth cut Bryson loose to a 2-1 lead and action resumed in the center circle. Ruth circled around a low Bryson shot for another takedown and a 4-1 lead. The two-time All-American controlled Bryson for the rest of the period to carry that lead into the second period. Ruth chose down to start the middle stanza and quickly escaped to a 5-1 lead. He then used a low single to open up a 7-1 lead with 1:32 on the clock. Another strong Ruth ride by Ruth lasted the rest of the period and the Lion junior led 7-1 with a clinched riding time point (3:17). Bryson chose neutral to start the third period and nearly took Ruth down with a quick shot. But Ruth was able to hop out of trouble and gain control of the Mountaineer for another takedown and a 9-1 lead. Ruth picked up a stall point and, with the ride-out and point, posted a dominating 11-1 major decision with 4:33 in riding time.

197: Three-time All-American Quentin Wright (Wingate, Pa.), ranked No. 3 at his new weight of 197, battled A.J. Vizcarrando. Wright caught Vizcarrando's shoulders early, turned the Mountaineer to his back and picked up a stunningly fast pin at the 0:25 mark of the first period.

285: Sophomore Jimmy Lawson (Tom's River, N.J.) made his Penn State wrestling debut in the dual against WVU senior Phil Mandzik. The two big men battled evenly for nearly two minutes until Lawson used a quick shot to gain control of Mandzik and get his first takedown as a Nittany Lion, pushing out to a 2-0 lead. Lawson rode Mandzik out and led 2-0 with 1:12 riding time after one period. Mandzik chose neutral to start the second but Lawson was quick to take control, using a single leg to trip Mandzik to the mat and up his lead to 4-1 with another takedown. Lawson put together another rideout and led 4-0 with 2:47 in riding time after two periods. He chose down to start the third stanza and quickly escaped to a 5-0 lead. Continuing his offensive prowess, Lawson used a nice single leg to up his lead to 7-0 and clinch the riding time point. Lawson picked up a stall point and then another ride-out with the riding time point gave him a strong 9-0 major decision.

#1 PENN STATE IN NITTANY LION OPEN

Sunday, Dec. 2, 2012 -- University Park, Pa. -- Rec Hall

FINALS RECAP

125: Anthony Zanetta, UA-Pitt 3-2 dec. #2 Nico Megaludis, Penn State
133: Mason Beckman, UA-Lehigh 3-2 dec. Jimmy Gulibon, UA-Penn State
141: Devin Carter, UA-Virginia Tech 16-8 maj. dec. Evan Henderson, North Carolina
149: #6 Andrew Alton, Penn State WBF Augustus Sako, UA-Virginia (2:12)
157: #3 James Fleming, Clarion 9-4 (SV) dec. #5 Dylan Alton, Penn State
165: #2 David Taylor, Penn State WBF #13 Mark Lewandowski, Buffalo (5:42)
174: #3 Matt Brown, Penn State 7-4 dec. #11 Greg Zannetti, Rutgers
184: #1 Ed Ruth, Penn State 11-4 dec. #10 Jimmy Sheptock, Maryland
197: #3 Quentin Wright, Penn State 5-3 (SV) dec. Morgan McIntosh, UA-Penn State
285: Nick Gwiazdowski, UA-N.C. State 12-1 maj. dec. Jimmy Lawson, Penn State

The top-ranked Penn State wrestling team sent nearly its entire roster into action at the 2012 Nittany Lion Open on Sunday and came away with five champions. Of Penn State's 30 participants (both attached and unattached), 18 placed at their respective weights.

Sophomore Andrew Alton (Mill Hall, Pa.) made a stellar return to the mat after missing Penn State's first two duals, posting a 6-0 mark at 149 with five pins to win the title. Four of Alton's five pins were in the first period, including two in the first minute. Junior All-American David Taylor (St. Paris, Ohio) was Penn State's next champion, going 5-0 with three pins and two tech falls to win the title at 165. Taylor pinned No. 13 Mark Lewandowski of Buffalo in the finals. Sophomore Matt Brown (West Valley City, Utah) stormed through 174 to win his first NLO title. Brown went 5-0 on the day with a tech fall and two majors. He downed No. 11 Greg Zannetti of Rutgers in the finals.

All-American Ed Ruth (Harrisburg, Pa.) was untouchable at 184 as well. Ruth went 5-0 win the 184-pound crown with a pin, a tech fall and two majors. He downed No. 10 Jimmy Sheptock of Maryland in the finals. All-American Quentin Wright (Wingate, Pa.) met teammate Morgan McIntosh (Santa Ana, Calif.) in the finals at 197. Wright grabbed a hard-fought 5-3 (sv) win to claim the crown while McIntosh, who is red-shirting, placed second. Wright went 5-0 with three pins, including two first period falls. McIntosh was superb with a 4-1 mark, including two majors.

All-American Nico Megaludis (Murrysville, Pa.) went 4-1 at 125, advancing to the finals before losing a 3-2 decision to red-shirting Pitt Panther upperclassman Anthony Zannetta in the finals, taking second place. True freshman Jimmy Gulibon (Latrobe, Pa.) lost a hard-fought 3-2 decision on riding time to Lehigh's Mason Beckman in the finals at 133. Gulibon went 4-1 on the day. All-American Dylan Alton (Mill Hall, Pa.), ranked No. 5 at 157, was 4-1 on the day, advancing to the finals before dropping a tough sudden victory decision (9-4) to No. 3 James Fleming of Clarion. Sophomore Jimmy Lawson (Tom's River, N.J.) had a good run to the finals at 285, going 4-1 on the day, his only loss in the finals. Lawson had a major and a pin to take second place.

Setting up Penn State's run to 10 finalists and five champions was a superb first half of the event. By 3 p.m., with the quarterfinals set, Penn State still had 21 of its 30 wrestlers alive, including a gaudy 17 quarterfinalists. Penn State had four quarterfinalists at 149 alone.

Junior Frank Martellotti (Pittsburgh, Pa.) went 4-1 at 133 and took third place, his only loss to teammate Gulibon in the semis. Senior James English (York, Pa.) went 5-1 at 149, taking third place. Sophomore Jon Gingrich (Wingate, Pa.) went 4-1 at 285, placing third. Gingrich had a major decision in the third place bout.

Freshman Luke Frey (Montoursville, Pa.) was outstanding at 149 as well, going 6-1 with a tech fall and a major to place fifth. Junior James Vollrath (Richboro, Pa.) was 5-2 at 157 with two pins to place sixth. Senior Nick Fischer (Unionville, Pa.) went 4-2 with two pins to take sixth at 165. True freshman Zack Beitz (Mifflintown, Pa.) went 6-2 at 141 to take seventh place. Senior Bryan Pearsall (Lititz, Pa.) went 5-2 with two pins at 141 to place eighth.

Jordan Conaway (Abbottstown, Pa.) posted a 2-2 record at 133. Kyle Moran (Oxford, Pa.) had a 2-2 day at 141 for Penn State. Seth Beitz (Mifflintown, Pa.) went 3-2 and advanced to the quarterfinals at 149. Rex Lutz (Easton, Pa.) was 3-2 at 165. Brandon Phillips (Timonium, Md.) and James Frascella (Carmel, Ind.) both went 1-2 at 174.

Also competing at the event were Michael Waters (Advance, N.C.) at 141; David Batkowski (Montoursville, Pa.) at 141; David Owens (Derry, N.H.) at 149; Caleb Livingston (Drexel Hill, Pa.) at 165; Andrew Church (Erie, Pa.) at 174; and Scott Syrek (Chester Springs, Pa.) at 197.

In all, The Nittany Lions ended the event with 18 placers and a 97-34 overall record. Penn State put on a pinning clinic, tallying 23 falls at the event, led by Andrew Alton with five.

FEATURED PENN STATE AGATE:

125: #2 Nico Megaludis
Rd. 1: WBF over Jordan Wigger, UA-The Citadel (3:18)
Rd. 2: W, 12-4 maj. dec. Nick Hermann, Virginia
Qtrs: W, 13-2 maj. dec. Godwin Nyama, Pittsburgh
Semis: W, 8-1 dec. Nathan Kraisser, North Carolina
Finals: L, 2-3 dec. Anthony Zanetta, UA-Pittsburgh
2nd place; 4-1 overall

133: Jordan Conaway
Rd. 1: W, 11-7 dec. Zaack Watson, UA-Virginia
Rd. 2: L, 5-9 dec. Joe Ward, North Carolina
Con 2: W, 11-4 dec. Jenkins Monzey, UA-Maryland
Con 3: L, 6-8 dec. Sam Speno, North Carolina State
2-2 overall

Frank Martellotti*
Rd. 1: W, 9-2 dec. Joe Walko, Clarion
Rd. 2: W, 16-0 tech fall over Aaron Hansne, The Citadel (5:47)
Qtrs: W, 6-4 dec. Anthony Abidin, UA-Nassau
Semis: L, 2-7 dec. Jimmy Gulibon, UA-Penn State
3rd: W, 9-6 dec. Johnni DjJulius, UA-Ohio State
3rd place; 4-1 overall

141: #19 Bryan Pearsall
Rd. 1: WBF over Danny O'Malley, Maryland (4:31)
Rd. 2: WBF over Blake Morder, Clarion (4:32)
Rd. 3: L, 9-12 dec. William Switzer, UA-Lehigh
Con 2: W, 10-4 dec. Jake Keller, UA-Pittsburgh
Con 3: W, 9-4 dec. Joe Moon, UA-North Carolina
Con Qtrs: W, 7-2 dec. Shyheim Brown, UA-Maryland
Con Semi: LBF Tyler Hunt, UA-North Carolina State
Did not wrestle for seventh
8th place; 5-2 overall

149: #6 Andrew Alton
Rd. 1: WBF over Albert Woody, Lehigh (5:34)
Rd. 2: WBF over Christian Barber, North Carolina (0:44)
Rd. 3: WBF over Colin Saunders, Boston (0:43)
Qtrs: W, 13-5 maj. dec. Matt Cimato, UA-Drexel
Semis: WBF over Nick Heilmann, North Carolina
Finals: WBF over Augustus Sako, UA-Virginia
1st place; 6-0 overall

James English
Rd. 1: W, 8-2 dec. Dillon Gavlok, UA-Lock Haven
Rd. 2: W, 8-0 maj. dec. Jordan Michelson, Penn
Rd. 3: W, 2-0 dec. Mitchell Minotti, UA-Lehigh
Qtrs: W, 3-0 dec. Seth Beitz, Penn State
Semis: LBF (sv) to Augustus Sako, UA-Virginia (7:37)
3rd: W, 7-3 dec. Nick Heilmann, North Carolina
3rd place; 5-1 overall

157: #5 Dylan Alton
Rd. 1: W, 6-3 dec. Connor Brennan, UA-Rider
Rd. 2: WBF over Dakota Cooley, Central Michigan (0:32)
Qtrs: W, 4-0 dec. Matt Stephens, Virginia Tech
Semis: W, 3-1 dec. Jake Kemerer, Lock Haven
Finals: L, 4-9 (sv) #3 James Fleming, Clarion
2nd place; 4-1 overall

165: #2 David Taylor
Rd. 1: WBF over Michael Harper, The Citadel (4:05)
Rd. 2: WBF over Russ Benner, UA-Hofstra (3:29)
Qtrs: W, 23-6 tech fall over Bobby Nash, Michigan State (5:20)
Semis: W, 17-2 tech fall over Corey Mock, UA-North Carolina (TF; 6:06)
Finals: WBF over #13 Mark Lewandowski, Buffalo (5:42)
1st place; 5-0 overall

174: #3 Matt Brown
Rd. 1: W, 15-6 maj. dec. Elliott Riddick, UA-Lehigh
Rd. 2: W, 20-5 tech fall over Steven Nelson, UA-Clarion (TF; 5:45)
Qtrs: W, 12-4 maj. dec. Kevin Bailey, Lehigh
Semis: W, 9-0 maj. dec. T. Luvsandorj, UA-The Citadel
Finals: W, 7-4 dec. #11 Greg Zannetti, Rutgers
1st place; 5-0 overall

184: #1 Ed Ruth
Rd. 1: W, 16-2 maj. dec. Chris Heald, Michigan
Rd. 2: W, 19-1 tech fall over Austin Coburn, Old Dominion (TF; 4:37)
Qtrs: WBF over Brandon Griffin, UA-Lehigh (3:28)
Semis: W, 11-2 maj. dec. Victor Avery, UA-Edinboro
Finals: W, 11-4 dec. #10 Jimmy Sheptock, Maryland
1st place; 5-0 overall

197: #3 Quentin Wright
Rd. 1: WBF over Matt Snook, Maryland (2:00)
Rd. 2: WBF over Bobby LaVelle, Virginia Tech (1:45)
Qtrs: WBF over Angelo Malvestuto, Buffalo (3:34)
Semis: W, 6-1 dec. William George, UA-Cornell
Finals: W, 5-3 (sv) dec. Morgan McIntosh, UA-Penn State
1st place; 5-0 overall

285: Jimmy Lawson
Rd. 1: W, 14-1 maj. dec. Wyatt Baker, Columbia
Rd. 2: W, 6-0 dec. Terrance Jean-Jacques, UA-Rutgers
Qtrs: WBF over Jacob Kettler, UA-George Mason (6:18)
Semis: W, 2-1 (tb0 dec. Odie Delaney, The Citadel
Finals: L, 1-12 maj. dec. Nick Gwiazdowski, UA-North Carolina State
2nd place; 4-1 overall

Jon Gingrich
Rd. 1: W, 6-2 dec. Dan Garwood, Virginia Tech
Rd. 2: W, 8-2 dec. Chris Nash, Michigan State
Qtrs: W, 3-2 dec. William Smith, Rutgers
Semis: LBF to Nick Gwiazdowski, UA-North Carolina State
3rd: W, 14-1 maj. dec. Odie Delaney, The Citadel
3rd place; 4-1 overall

#1 PENN STATE 52, INDIANA 0

Sunday, Dec. 9, 2012 -- University Park, Pa. -- Rec Hall

125: #3 Nico Megaludis PSU, WBF Joe Duca IND (4:36)	6-0
133: Jordan Conaway PSU, WBF Quin Murphy IND (4:42)	12-0
141: Bryan Pearsall PSU, WBF Eric Roach IND (4:32)	18-0
149: #5 Andrew Alton PSU, WBF Geno Capezio IND (0:52)	24-0
157: #5 Dylan Alton PSU, 11-6 dec. Taylor Walsh IND	27-0
165: #2 David Taylor PSU, 9-0 maj. dec. #18 Ryan LeBlanc IND	31-0
174: #3 Matt Brown PSU, WBF Cheney Dale IND (6:40)	37-0
184: #1 Ed Ruth PSU, WBF Luke Sheridan IND (1:24)	43-0
197: #3 Quentin Wright PSU won by forfeit	49-0
285: Jon Gingrich PSU, 6-5 dec. #8 Adam Chalfant IND	52-0
Attendance: 6,152	

The Penn State wrestling team, holding the No. 1 spot on Intermat's TPI, shut-out visiting Indiana 52-0 in the Big Ten dual meet opener for each team. The Nittany Lions collected six pins and sophomore Jon Gingrich (Wingate, Pa.) tallied the evening's biggest win with a victory at heavyweight for head coach Cael Sanderson.

With over 6,100 fans packing sold-out Rec Hall, Penn State put on a pinning show to begin the match. The Nittany Lions notched four straight falls on their way to a 27-0 halftime lead. Sophomore All-American Nico Megaludis (Murrysville, Pa.), ranked No. 3 at 125, pinned Indiana's Joe Duca at the 4:36 mark. Red-shirt freshman Jordan Conaway (Abbottstown, Pa.) picked up his first collegiate fall, pinning Hoosier Quin Murphy at the 4:42 mark.

Senior Bryan Pearsall (Lititz, Pa.) picked up his third pin of the year, getting a fall (4:42) over IU's Eric Roach. Sophomore Andrew Alton (Mill Hall, Pa.), ranked No. 5 nationally at 149 and making his season dual meet debut, made it four in a row for the team with a quick 0:52 fall over Hoosier senior Geno Capezio. Alton's pin was his sixth in a 7-0 start to the year. Sophomore All-American Dylan Alton (Mill Hall, Pa.), ranked No. 5 nationally at 157, dominated Indiana's Taylor Walsh to the tune of an 11-6 decision, giving Penn State a 27-0 lead heading into intermission.

Two-time All-American David Taylor (St. Paris, Ohio), ranked No. 2 at 165, dominated No. 18 Ryan LeBlanc in the bout's marquee match-up, posting the 9-0 major. Sophomore Matt Brown (West Valley City, Utah), ranked No. 3 at 174, followed that up with Penn State's fifth pin, getting a fall over Cheney Dale at the 6:40 mark. Two-time All-American Ed Ruth (Harrisburg, Pa.), ranked No. 1 at 184, connected on Penn State's sixth fall of the dual, finishing off an early cradle for a pin (1:24).

Senior Quentin Wright (Wingate, Pa.), ranked No. 3 at 197, received a forfeit at 197, putting the Nittany Lions up 49-0. With a packed Rec Hall looking for a shut-out, sophomore heavyweight Jon Gingrich (Wingate, Pa.) brought the fans to their feet, collecting two third period takedowns on his way to a 6-5 win over No. 8 Adam Chalfant of Indiana. The final victory gave Penn State the 52-0 shut-out.

The Nittany Lions posted a lop-sided 27-1 edge in takedowns, with Chalfant getting IU's only one. PSU's six pins, a forfeit and a major amounted to 22 bonus points. The shut-out is Penn State's fifth under Sanderson and the first since a 43-0 Big Ten road shut-out at Wisconsin on Jan. 15, 2012. The margin of victory was the most for a Penn State team since joining the Big Ten conference in 1992-93 and the most-lopsided win for Penn State since a 54-0 win over Millersville on Jan. 25, 1983. Top-ranked Penn State moves to 3-0, 1-0 in the Big Ten. Indiana is now 5-3, 0-1 Big Ten.

BOUT-BY-BOUT:

125: All-American Nico Megaludis (Murrysville, Pa.), ranked No. 3 at 125, took on Indiana sophomore Joe Duca. Megaludis gained control of Duca's leg and finished off his first takedown at the 1:40 mark. He then cut Duca loose and quickly took him down again for a 4-2 lead at the 1:10 mark. The Lions sophomore added a third takedown off a reset and then rode Duca out to lead 6-2 after three minutes of wrestling. Duca chose down to start the second period, was cut loose by Megaludis. The Lion picked up a stall point and then tacked on a flurry of takedowns to up his lead to 11-5 at the 1:00 mark of the second period. Continuing his offensive outburst, Megaludis tacked on two more takedowns before turning Duca to his back for a pin at the 4:36 mark. It was Megaludis' third pin of the year.

133: Red-shirt freshman Jordan Conaway (Abbottstown, Pa.) met IU freshman Quin Murphy at 133. Conaway drew first blood with a fast takedown that he turned into a near fall and a 4-0 lead early. But Murphy managed a reversal to cut the lead to 4-2 before Conaway reversed Murphy and led 6-2 after one period. Conaway chose neutral to start the second period and used a quick low double to up his lead to 8-2 at the 1:30 mark. Conaway then put together a strong ride, picking up a riding time point before cutting Murphy loose. A quick takedown led to a fast Conaway turn and the Nittany Lion freshman picked up the pin at the 4:42 mark to put Penn State up 12-0. The pin was Conaway's first of the year.

141: Senior Bryan Pearsall (Lititz, Pa.) battled Hoosier freshman Eric Roach at 141. Pearsall and Roach traded shots early in the match, battling evenly for two minutes. The Lion senior connected on a low double to lead 2-0 at the 1:00 mark and the put together an effective ride, building up a solid time advantage with a ride-out. Trailing 2-0, Roach chose down to start the second stanza. Pearsall took advantage of the decision, connecting on a cradle and turning Roach to his back for three back points, nearly getting the pin. Leading 5-0 with 1:05 on the clock, Pearsall continued to dominate Roach and this time finished off the cradle to get the pin at the 4:32 mark, Penn State's third straight fall (and the third for Pearsall this year).

149: Sophomore Andrew Alton (Mill Hall, Pa.), ranked No. 5 at 149, made his '12-13 dual meet debut against Indiana senior Geno Capezio. Alton connected on the first takedown to lead 2-0 less than :20 into the bout. Capezio escaped to cut the lead to 2-1. Alton wasted no time connecting after that, gaining control of Capezio's shoulders, turning the Hoosier to his back and getting the quick pin at the 0:52 mark. Alton moved to 7-0 on the year with six pins.

157: Sophomore All-American Dylan Alton (Mill Hall, Pa.), ranked No. 5 at 157, met talented Hoosier sophomore Taylor Walsh, who carried a 15-3 record into the bout. Alton scored first, taking Walsh down for a 2-1 lead after quick Walsh escape at the 2:20 mark. Alton was continued to force the action. The Lion sophomore countered a Walsh shot for a 4-1 lead with 1:16 on the clock. Walsh escaped after a reset and action resumed in the center circle. Alton chose down to start the second period and quickly reversed Walsh to lead 6-3 after a quick IU escape. Trailing 6-3, Walsh chose down to start the third period and quickly escaped to a 6-4 deficit. Alton answered with yet another takedown, upping his lead to 8-4 at the 1:40 mark. Walsh escaped to an 8-5 score. Alton continued to pour on the offense, using a high double for another takedown and a 10-6 lead as time wound down. Alton rolled on to the 10-6 win, putting Penn State up 27-0 at the half.

165: Two-time All-American David Taylor (St. Paris, Ohio), ranked No. 2 at 165, took on No. 18 Ryan LeBlanc of

Indiana. Taylor came out fast, nearly connecting on a shot out of the blocks. LeBlanc fought off the early effort, keeping the bout scoreless a minute in. Taylor continued to shoot and LeBlanc played defense into the midway point of the opening period. Taylor took a low single and LeBlanc countered, nearly scoring himself. But Taylor was able to get to his feet and keep the bout scoreless at the :45 mark. Tied 0-0, Taylor chose down to start the second period. He quickly escaped to a 1-0 lead. Taylor worked steadily to break through LeBlanc's defense, picking up his takedown at the :55 mark to lead 3-0. Taylor then rode LeBlanc out to lead 3-0 after two periods. LeBlanc chose neutral to start the third period. Taylor worked to force the tempo and LeBlanc backed off the mat. With the Hoosier playing defense, Taylor used a low single to take the IU grappler down and up his lead to 5-0. The Lion All-American worked for a turning combination, picking up three near fall points to post the convincing 9-0 major decision with riding time.

174: Sophomore Matt Brown (West Valley City, Utah), ranked No. 3 at 174, met IU's Cheney Dale. Brown and Dale battled through an even first period with the Lion sophomore forcing Dale towards the outside circle and the Hoosier fighting off Brown's shots. Brown turned a low single into a scramble and a takedown at the :30 mark to lead 2-0. A quick ride out gave the Lion the two point lead after one period. Brown chose down to start the second period and quickly escaped to a 3-0 lead. Brown used a low shot at Dale's ankle to up his lead to 5-0 with another takedown, which led to a strong Brown ride. The Lion then forced Dale over on his shoulder, picking up two near fall points to lead 7-0 at the :20 mark. Dale chose down to start the third period and Brown continued to build his riding time edge. Dale escaped at the 1:30 mark, but Brown quickly shot low and upped his lead to 9-1 with another takedown. Brown cut Dale loose to a 9-2 lead. He picked up a stall point then added three more quick takedowns before hitting a cradle. Brown got the pin at the 6:40 mark, Penn State's fifth of the dual and Brown's second of the year.

184: Two-time All-American Ed Ruth (Harrisburg, Pa.), ranked No. 1 at 184, battled Indiana sophomore Luke Sheridan. Ruth wasted no time opening up a lead, getting a quick takedown and cutting Sheridan loose to lead 2-1. He then added another takedown and cut and led 4-2 with 2:06 on the clock. Quickly joining in Penn State's pin barrage, Ruth turned the takedown into a cradle and picked up the pin at the 1:24 mark, Penn State's second first period pin of the dual and sixth overall.

197: Three-time All-American Quentin Wright (Wingate, Pa.), ranked No. 3 at 197, received a forfeit at 197 and improved his season record to 8-0.

285: With Penn State sophomore Jimmy Lawson (Tom's River, N.J.), ranked No. 15 at 285, getting the day off, the Lions sent talented sophomore Jon Gingrich (Wingate, Pa.) into action where he met Indiana junior Adam Chalfant, who was ranked No. 8. Chalfant got the first takedown, taking a 2-0 lead early. But Gingrich battled to an escape and trailed 2-1 with :40 on the clock. The duo battled evenly for the rest of the period and the Nittany Lion sophomore trailed by one after the first period. Chalfant chose down to start the second period and escaped to a 3-1 lead with 1:40 on the clock. Gingrich got hit with a first stall warning at the :55 mark and then shot low, looking to connect on a single. Chalfant countered but Gingrich fought the move off and trailed 3-1 after two periods. Gingrich chose down to start the third period and quickly escaped to a 3-2 deficit. Sensing an upset, Gingrich countered a Chalfant shot and posted a takedown to briefly lead 4-3. Chalfant escaped and the bout resumed knotted at 4Gingrich chose down to start the third period and quickly escaped to a 3-2 deficit. Sensing an upset, Gingrich countered a Chalfant shot and posted a takedown to briefly lead 4-3. Chalfant escaped and the bout resumed knotted at 4-4 with 1:10 on the clock. Gingrich forced a scramble and then took Chalfant down again, taking a 6-4 lead with :45 on the clock. The Lion sophomore then rode Chalfant to the :22 mark, with the Hoosier escaping to a 6-5 Lion lead. Gingrich fought off Chalfant's last efforts and thrilled the SRO crowd with the 6-5 win.

#1 PENN STATE 42, LOCK HAVEN 3

Saturday, Dec. 15, 2012 -- University Park, Pa. -- Rec Hall

125: #2 Nico Megaludis PSU, WBF Bobby Rehm LHU (4:10)	6-0
133: Jordan Conaway PSU, 13-3 maj. dec. Matt Bryer LHU	10-0
141: Dan Neff LHU 4-9 dec. Bryan Pearsall PSU	10-3
149: #5 Andrew Alton PSU, 10-6 dec. Mac Maldarelli LHU	13-3
157: #5 Dylan Alton PSU, 5-2 dec. Jake Kemerer LHU	16-3
165: #2 David Taylor PSU, WBF Aaron McKinney LHU (4:41)	22-3
174: #3 Matt Brown PSU, WBF Zach Heffner LHU (1:37)	28-3
184: #1 Ed Ruth PSU, 17-2 tech fall Fred Garcia LHU (TF; 4:55)	33-3
197: #3 Quentin Wright PSU, WBF Phil Sprenkle LHU (6:10)	39-3
285: #15 Jimmy Lawson PSU, 5-1 dec. Harry Turner LHU	42-3
Attendance: 6,292	

The Penn State wrestling team, holding the No. 1 spot on Intermat's TPI, racked up four pins on its way to a decisive win over visiting Lock Haven. The Nittany Lions won nine of ten bouts to roll to a 42-3 win in a sold out Rec Hall. The day was highlighted by four military heroes being honored at halftime of Military Appreciation Day.

With nearly 6,300 fans once again in attendance, the Nittany Lions of head coach Cael Sanderson's team dominated the competition. All-American Nico Megaludis (Murrysville, Pa.), ranked No. 2 at 125, got things started in fast fashion by pinning LHU's Bobby Rehm at the 4:10 mark. Red-shirt freshman Jordan Conaway (Abbottstown, Pa.) remained unbeaten in duals for Penn State, picking up a 13-3 major over Matt Bryer at 133.

Lock Haven then picked up its lone win over the dual when Dan Neff posted a 9-4 decision over Nittany Lion senior Bryan Pearsall (Lititz, Pa.) at 141. No. 5 Andrew Alton (Mill Hall, Pa.) notched a hard-fought 10-6 win over LHU's Mac Maldarelli at 149 to put Penn State up 13-3. All-American Dylan Alton (Mill Hall, Pa.), ranked No. 5 at 157, then downed Lock Haven's Jake Kemerer 5-2 to send Penn State into the halftime break leading 16-3.

All-American David Taylor (St. Paris, Ohio), ranked No. 2 at 165, got a second period pin over Lock Haven's Aaron McKinney, getting the fall at 4:41. Taylor's pin was followed up by sophomore Matt Brown (West Valley City, Utah). Brown, ranked No. 3 at 174, got a pin at the 1:37 mark over Zach Heffner to up Penn State's lead to 28-3. All-American Ed Ruth (Harrisburg, Pa.), ranked No. 1 at 184, posted a dominating 17-2 technical fall (4:55) over Fred Garcia. Senior All-American Quentin Wright (Wingate, Pa.), ranked No. 3 at 197, pinned Phil Sprenkle at the 6:10 mark and Jimmy Lawson (Tom's River, N.J.), ranked No. 15 at 285, downed LHU's Harry Turner 5-1 to close out the dual and give Penn State the 42-3 win.

Penn State rolled up a 27-6 edge in takedowns in winning nine of ten bouts. The Lions' four pins, tech fall and major gave the team 15 bonus points. Penn State is now 4-0 on the year, 1-0 in Big Ten duals. Lock Haven falls to 1-2.

BOUT-BY-BOUT:

125: Sophomore All-American Nico Megaludis (Murrysville, Pa.), ranked No. 2 at 125, took on Lock Haven's Bobby Rehm. Rehm opened up the scoring with a takedown at the 2:15 mark, taking a 2-0 lead. Megaludis escaped quick and then immediately worked his way into a low single. Megaludis forced a scramble that led to a takedown and a 3-2 lead. Megaludis rode Rehm out and led 3-2 after one period. Megaludis chose down to start the second period and quickly escaped to a 4-2 lead. Another quick takedown and the Lion sophomore led 6-3 after cutting Rehm loose. Megaludis added another takedown and then quickly turned Rehm to his shoulders for a pin at the 4:10 mark.

133: Red-shirt freshman Jordan Conaway (Abbottstown, Pa.) looked to stay undefeated in duals for Penn State, taking on Lock Haven's Matt Bryer at 133. Conaway scored first with a takedown nearly a minute into the bout and led 2-1 early. Conaway continued to press Bryer and grabbed a second takedown midway through the period to lead 4-1. The Lion freshman maintained control long enough to build up a 1:04 riding time edge before Bryer escaped. Conaway added a third takedown and then turned Bryer to his back for two near fall points as the period ended to lead 8-2. Bryer chose down to start the second and Conaway added to his riding time edge. Bryer escaped to an 8-3 deficit after giving up a stall warning. Conaway gained control of Bryer's shoulders low on the mat and scrambled around for a late takedown to lead 10-3 after two periods. Conaway chose neutral to start the third period. Conaway exploded through a high double off a reset and upped his lead to 12-3 with 1:00 left in the bout. Having clinched the riding time point, Conaway then put together a strong ride, working all the time off the clock on his way to a 13-3 major with 3:54 in riding time.

141: Senior Bryan Pearsall (Lititz, Pa.) took to the mat against LHU freshman Dan Neff at 141. Neff got the bout's first takedown to lead 2-1 at the 1:20 mark. The Lion senior fought off another solid Neff shot to stay within a point after the opening period. The duo battled evenly for the next minute with neither wrestler managing a scoring opportunity. Pearsall fought off another Neff shot and was then called for stalling. After a scoreless second period and trailing 2-1, Pearsall chose down to start the third stanza. He steadily worked his way to an escape and a 2-2 tie, but Neff shot low and added another takedown to lead 4-2 at the 1:25 mark. Pearsall escaped and trailed 4-3 with 1:07 on the clock. The Nittany Lion senior worked for a tying takedown, but Neff countered for a late-takedown and, with the riding time point posted the 9-4 win.

149: Sophomore Andrew Alton (Mill Hall, Pa.), ranked No. 5 at 149, faced off against junior Mac Maldarelli. Alton scored early, taking Maldarelli down and lead 2-1 within the first minute. Maldarelli picked up a takedown of his own and took a brief lead, but Alton quickly escaped and then took the Bald Eagle junior down again. Two near fall points gave Alton a 7-3 lead. Maldarelli escaped before the period ended and Alton led 7-4 after one period. Maldarelli chose down to start the second period and Alton quickly cut him to neutral, looking for another takedown. But Maldarelli was able to fight off Alton for the bulk of the period, keeping the bout close. Alton used a low single at the :20 mark to force a late scramble and pick up a last second takedown and led 9-5 heading into the third. Alton chose down to start the third period and Maldarelli controlled the action for the first minute-plus of the period. Alton was hit with a stall warning while Maldarelli built up over a minute's worth of riding time. Alton escaped to a 10-5 lead and then wound out the clock. Maldarelli picked up riding time but Alton walked away with the 10-6 decision.

157: All-American Dylan Alton (Mill Hall, Pa.), ranked No. 5 at 157, took on Bald Eagle Jake Kemerer. Alton and Kemerer battled evenly for the first minute-plus but Alton finally broke through Kemerer's defense. The Lion sophomore used a shoulder throw to turn Kemerer to his back on the edge of the mat, picking up the takedown at the 1:05 mark. Action moved out of bounds before back points could be called and Alton led 2-1 after a Kemerer escape. Leading 2-1, Alton chose down to start the second period. A quick escape gave the Lion a 3-1 lead. The duo traded shots for the remainder of the period with neither wrestler scoring. With Alton leading 3-1, Kemerer chose down to start the third period. He quickly escaped to cut the lead to 3-2 and then began pressuring Alton on the edge of the mat. Alton got called for stalling and then gained control of Kemerer's shoulders, forcing a scramble that ended in a stalemate at the :40 mark. The Lion sophomore countered a Kemerer shot for a clinching takedown at the :20 mark and posted the 5-2 win.

165: Two-time All-American David Taylor (St. Paris, Ohio), ranked No. 2 at 165, met Lock Haven's Aaron McKinney. Taylor came out fast, notching a quick takedown to lead 2-0 at the 2:42 mark. Taylor then put together a strong ride and built up :43 in riding time before McKinney escaped to a 2-1 score. Taylor exploded off a reset through a double leg to up his lead to 4-2 lead after cutting McKinney loose. This time, a high single leg led to a third Taylor takedown and this time Taylor maintained control long enough to build up over a minute in riding time. Taylor cut McKinney loose at the :30 mark and within seconds added a fourth takedown to lead 8-3 at the :20 mark. This time, Taylor rode McKinney out to carry that lead, with 2:01 in riding time, into the second stanza. McKinney chose down to start the second period and Taylor made him pay for the choice. He turned the Bald Eagle to his back for three near fall points. After resetting himself, Taylor adjusted, turned McKinney's shoulders to the mat and picked up the pin at the 4:41 mark.

174: Sophomore Matt Brown (West Valley City, Utah), ranked No. 3 at 174, battled Zach Heffner. Brown, like Taylor, scored quickly, getting a takedown less than :20 into the bout. Heffner escaped to a 2-1 deficit but Brown was relentless offensively, using a high double for a second takedown and a 4-1 lead. After allowing Heffner out, Brown gained control of the Bald Eagle's shoulders, quickly turned him to his back and picked up a quick pin (1:37).

184: Two-time All-American Ed Ruth (Harrisburg, Pa.), ranked No. 1 at 184, met LHU junior Fred Garcia. Ruth scored quickly, cut Garcia loose and led 2-1 early. The Nittany Lion junior fought off a low Garcia shot and used the ensuing scramble to get his second takedown and lead 4-1 with 1:30 on the clock. Ruth put together a strong ride, building up over a minute's worth of riding time before turning Garcia to his back for two near fall and a 6-1 lead. Ruth turned him one more time before the period ended, this time for three, and led 9-1 after one period. Ruth chose down to start the second period and quickly escaped to a 10-1 lead. Ruth used a low single to pick up another takedown and then added three back points to lead 15-1 with :40 on the clock. Garcia escaped and tried to score a takedown of his own, but Ruth countered late, rolled the Bald Eagle over and ended the bout with takedown, getting a 17-2 technical fall (4:55).

197: Three-time All-American Quentin Wright (Wingate, Pa.), ranked No. 3 at 197, battled LHU freshman Phil Sprenkle. Wright used an early shoulder throw to try and end the match early, nearly getting a quick pin. But Sprenkle was able to roll out of trouble without even giving up a takedown and the bout remained scoreless. Wright and Sprenkle then wrestled evenly for the entire period and action moved to the second stanza tied 0-0. Wright chose down to start the second and quickly escaped to a 1-0 lead. The Lion senior steadily worked himself into control of Sprenkle's upper body then tripped him to the mat for at 3-0 lead with 1:10 on the clock. Wright then rode Sprenkle out to lead 3-0 with 1:16 riding time after two periods. Sprenkle chose neutral to start the third period but Wright had the answer. Wright used a low single to take Sprenkle down and then turned him to his back. After resetting himself, Wright got the fall at 6:10 mark to put Penn State up 39-3.

285: Sophomore Jimmy Lawson (Tom's River, N.J.), ranked No. 15 at 285, met LHU senior Harry Turner in a rematch of this year's Mat-Town Open title bout (won by Lawson in early December). Lawson almost picked up the first points of the match, lifting Turner off the mat and working for a takedown. But momentum took both wrestlers off the mat and onto the floor and the bout remained scoreless two minutes in. The duo traded shots over the last minute and action moved to the second tied 0-0. Turner chose down to start the second period and Lawson was able to control the action for :46 before Turner escaped to a 1-0 lead. Lawson used his quickness to work his way behind Turner on their feet and then pulled the Bald Eagle down for a takedown to lead 2-1 with :15 on the clock. A short ride-out later allowed Lawson to carry that lead into the third period. Lawson chose down to start the third and worked his way to an escaped and a 3-1 lead at the 1:35 mark. Lawson stepped away from one low Turner shot and then countered another for a final takedown and a 5-1 win.

#1 PENN STATE AT SOUTHERN SCUFFLE

Jan. 1-2, 2013 -- Chattanooga, Tenn. -- UT-Chattanooga

- 1: PENN STATE – 178.5
- 2: Oklahoma State – 158.0
- 3: Missouri – 147.5
- 4: Minnesota – 139.5

ATTENDANCE: 5,399

The Penn State Nittany Lion wrestling team, ranked No. 1 in the latest Intermat TPI, used a complete team effort to claim its third straight Southern Scuffle crown. Penn State ran away from second place Oklahoma State, posting 178.5 points to 158.0 for the Cowboys. The Nittany Lions used a dominating 5-1 performance in the semifinals to set up a 3-2 run in the finals, crowning three champions. In all, 11 of Penn State's 17 competing wrestlers placed at the event.

Sophomore All-American Nico Megaludis (Murrysville, Pa.), ranked No. 2 at 125, began his day with a 3-1 win over No. 10 Nashon Garrett in the semifinals. He then took on No. 8 Matt Snyder of Virginia in the finals and rolled to an 8-4 victory. Megaludis used two takedowns and a reversal in the finals to grab the crown. The Lion freshman gave up all four of his points in the first period and dominated action from there. Megaludis went 4-0 over the course of the tournament, improving his record to 12-1. Junior James Vollrath (Richboro, Pa.) entered the tournament as the fifth-seed at 157 and notched the biggest upset of the finals, grabbing a 2-1 (tb) win over top-seeded Alex Dieringer of Oklahoma State, ranked No. 8 nationally. Vollrath moved into the finals to face No. 14 Jedd Moore of Virginia. Like his prior bout against a ranked foe, Vollrath took the ranked Tiger into extra time before dropping a hard-fought 3-1 (sv) decision. The second place finish came courtesy of a 4-1 record with two majors. Vollrath is 20-5 overall.

Junior All-American David Taylor (St. Paris, Ohio), ranked No. 2 at 165, majored No. 4 Tyler Caldwell of Oklahoma State 11-0 in the semifinal, setting up a match-up with No. 1 Kyle Dake of Cornell in the finals. The duo battled through an even first period, Dake took down to start the second and escaped for a 1-0 lead after two. Taylor chose down in the third and worked his way to a reversal and a 2-1 lead. With just under 1:00 left, the duo rolled out of bounds and Dake was given a reversal by the official after action moved out of the circle. Taylor then worked to escape, while maintaining a riding time edge to grab the win. Dake held on for most of the bout and Taylor was not awarded an escape at the end of the match (and his riding time fell to :59), giving Dake a 3-2 decision. Taylor went 4-1 with two pins and a tech fall to take second. His record now stands at 13-1. Sophomore Matt Brown (West Valley City, Utah) was impressive during the tournament as well. Ranked No. 3 at 174, Brown rolled to a 5-1 record, including two pins and a major, to take third place. Brown rebounded from a loss in the semifinals to roll through to consolation bouts, including a 10-3 victory over No. 16 Jon Fausey of Virginia in the third place match. Brown's 5-1 record moves his season mark to 14-1.

Junior All-American Ed Ruth (Harrisburg, Pa.), ranked No. 1 at 184, dominated No. 9 Mike Larson of Missouri in the semis, posting an 11-0 major. He moved into the finals where he took on No. 2 Steve Bosak of Cornell. Ruth wasted no time in establishing his dominance over Bosak, using two first period takedowns to bolt out to a 4-1 lead. He then added a reversal and 2:55 in riding time to coast to the 7-3 win and claim yet another Southern Scuffle title. Ruth went 6-0 at the tournament, notching three pins and two majors. He remains undefeated with a 15-0 record. Senior All-American Quentin Wright (Wingate, Pa.) downed No. 13 Scott Schiller of Minnesota 9-5 in his semifinal bout and met No. 9 Jake Meredith of Arizona State in the finals. After giving up a takedown in the first period on a throw attempt, Wright steadily waited for his chance to pounce. Tied 2-2 in the second, and with Meredith taking down, Wright used a split-scissors to turn the Sun Devil to his back and get the pin at the 5:33 mark to claim the Scuffle crown. Wright was superb on the weekend, going 5-0 with two pins. He improves his undefeated record to 14-0 overall.

True freshman Jimmy Gulibon (Latrobe, Pa.) rolled through his first three consolation bouts, picking up a tech fall and a major over No. 16 George DiCamillo in the process. Gulibon, wrestling unattached as the sixth seed, then lost to No. 6 Nathan McCormick of Missouri in the third place bout and took fourth place. He finished the tournament with a 5-2 mark (including one win over a non-collegiate grappler) with three tech falls and a major. Senior James English (York, Pa.) also won his first three bouts of the day in consolation action and, as the 10th-seed, advanced to the bronze medal match where he met Missouri's Drake Houdashelt. English used two takedowns and relentless pressure to post the 5-2 win and take third place. The senior went 6-1 overall at the tournament with a pin and a forfeit victory. English is now 13-2 on the year.

Senior Bryan Pearsall (Lititz, Pa.) entered the tournament unseeded but had a fine showing. Pearsall went 4-3 overall, including a win over No. 15 Justin LaValle of Old Dominion in consolation action, and placed eighth at 141. Red-shirt freshman Luke Frey (Montoursville, Pa.), also unseeded, was superb at 149 for Penn State, posting a 4-2 mark with three majors and placing seventh. Sophomore Jimmy Lawson (Tom's River, N.J.) split his opening consolation bouts and wrestled for seventh place. He met No. 14 Levi Cooper of Arizona State for seventh and rolled to an 11-7 win, going 4-2 and taking seventh. In addition to those top performances, the entire Nittany Lion contingent picked up wins at the event. Red-shirt freshman Jordan Conaway (Abbotstown, Pa.) was Penn State's scoring wrestler at 133. Conaway lost his first consolation bout of the day and ended his initial Southern Scuffle run with a 1-2 mark. True freshman Zack Beitz (Mifflintown, Pa.) did not compete in consolation action on day two, taking a medical forfeit (non-loss) as a precaution. Beitz, wrestling unattached, finished his first Scuffle with a 3-1 mark at 141. Senior Nick Fischer (Unionville, Pa.) dropped his first consolation bout, losing 7-0 to No. 15 Zach Toal of Missouri. Fischer ended his tournament with a 3-2 mark. Sophomore Jon Gingrich (Wingate, Pa.) dropped a tough 9-3 decision to No. 17 Jeremy Johnson of Ohio in his consolation bout today and ended his tourney run with a 2-2 mark. Yesterday, freshman James Frascella (Carmel, Ind.) went 1-2 at 174 and Nick Ruggear (Oxford, Pa.) went 2-2 at 285.

FEATURED PENN STATE AGATE:

Penn State's 125 agate:
#2 Nico Megaludis (No. 1 seed):
1st Round: bye
2nd Round: W, 11-4 dec. Eddie Klimara, Oklahoma State
Qtrs: W, 9-3 dec. David Terao, American
Semis: W, 3-1 dec. #10 Nashon Garrett, Cornell
Finals: W, 8-4 dec. #8 Matt Snyder, Virginia
4-0, CHAMPION

Penn State's 133 agate:
Jordan Conaway:
1st Round: bye
2nd Round: W, 5-2 dec. Scott Festejo, Old Dominion
Qtrs: L, 5-6 dec. #16 George DiCamillo, Virginia
Cons 5: L, 3-10 dec. Zach Watson, Virginia
1-2, DNP

Jimmy Gulibon (No. 6 seed/wrestling UNATTACHED):
1st Round: W, 19-4 TF over Luke Mario, North Carolina (TF; 5:16)
2nd Round: W, 15-0 TF over Aaron Hansen, The Citadel (TF; 5:06)
Qtrs: L, 5-9 dec. #7 Jon Morrison, Oklahoma State
Cons 5: W, 15-0 TF over Scott Festejo, Old Dominion (TF; 3:13)
Cons Qtrs: W, 7-5 (sv) dec. Mark Gray, non-collegiate
Cons Semis: W, 13-5 maj. dec. #16 George DiCamillo, Virginia
3rd Place: LBF to #6 Nathan McCormick, Missouri (4:45)
Currently 5-2, 4th place

Penn State's 141 agate:
Bryan Pearsall:
1st Round: W, 10-8 dec. Nick Flannery, Cleveland State
2nd Round: L, 1-7 dec. Dean Pavlou, Chattanooga
Cons 3: WBF over Trevor Jauch, Missouri (1:52)
Cons 4: WB inj. forf. Matt Nelson, Virginia
Cons 5: W, 5-0 dec. #15 Justin LaValle, Old Dominion
Cons Qtrs: L, 4-7 dec. Julian Feikert, Oklahoma State
7th Place: L, 2-4 dec. Dean Pavlou, Chattanooga
4-3, 8th place

Penn State's 149 agate:
James English (No. 10 seed):
1st Round: WBF over Charles Holt, The Citadel (3:24)
2nd Round: W, 6-2 dec. Seth Lange, Minnesota
Qtrs: L, 6-12 dec. #1 Jordan Oliver, Oklahoma State
Cons 5: W, 5-2 dec. Ryan Dunphy, Cornell
Cons Qtrs: W, 5-1 dec. Dustin Walraven, South Dakota St.
Cons Semis: W, medical forfeit (No. 2 Dylan Ness DNC)
3rd Place: W, 5-2 dec. Drake Houdashelt, Missouri
6-1, 3rd Place

Luke Frey:
1st Round: W, 9-1 maj. dec. Dustin Walraven, South Dakota State
2nd Round: W, 10-0 maj. dec. Jared Pressley, Chattanooga
Qtrs: L, 4-9 dec. #2 Dylan Ness, Minnesota
Cons 5: W, 13-2 maj. dec. John Belanger, Army
Cons Qtrs: L, 0-10 maj. dec. Drake Houdashelt, Missouri
7th Place: W, 4-3
4-2, 7th Place

Penn State's 157 agate:
James Vollrath (No. 5 seed):
1st Round: W, 14-4 maj. dec. Andrew DeHart, Duke
2nd Round: W, 6-5 dec. Ryan Harrington, North Carolina
Qtrs: W, 11-3 maj. dec. Matthew Frisch, The Citadel
Semis: W, 2-1 (tb) dec. #8 Alex Dieringer, Oklahoma State
Finals: L, 1-3 (sv) dec. #14 Jedd Moore, Virginia
4-1, 2nd Place

Penn State's 165 agate:
#2 David Taylor (No. 2 seed):
1st Round: W, 22-7 TF over Jesse Stafford, Air Force
2nd Round: WBF over Parker Madl, Arizona State (1:31)
Qtrs: WBF over Paul Hancock, Army (4:39)
Semis: W, 10-0 maj. dec. #4 Tyler Caldwell, Oklahoma State
Finals: L, 2-3 dec. #1 Kyle Dake, Cornell
4-1, 2nd Place

Penn State's 174 agate:
#3 Matt Brown (No. 3 seed):
1st Round: WBF over Trey Adamson, Duke (5:46)
2nd Round: WBF over Keithen Cast, American (1:42)
Qtrs: W, 17-8 maj. dec. #20 Cody Walters, Ohio
Semis: LBF to #4 Logan Storley, Minnesota (4:06)
Cons Semis: W, 9-4 dec. Todd Porter, Missouri
3rd Place: W, 10-3 dec. #16 Jon Fausey, Virginia
5-1, 3rd place

Penn State's 184 agate:
#1 Ed Ruth (No. 1 seed):
Pigtail: WBF over Thomas Barriero, American (2:14)
1st Round: WBF over James Cook, Campbell (3:29)
2nd Round: WBF over Diego Bencomo, Duke (3:37)
Qtrs: W, 13-4 maj. dec. Stephen Doty, Virginia
Semis: W, 11-0 maj. dec. #9 Mike Larson, Missouri
Finals: W, 7-3 dec. #2 Steve Bosak, Cornell
6-0, CHAMPION

Penn State's 197 agate:
#3 Quentin Wright (No. 1 seed):
1st Round: WBF over Devon Bradley, American (1:19)
2nd Round: W, 4-0 dec. Peter Huntley, Navy
Qtrs: W, 9-2 dec. Conner Hartman, Duke
Semis: W, 9-5 dec. #13 Scott Schiller, Minnesota
Finals: WBF over #9 Jake Meredith, Arizona State (5:33)
5-0 Overall, CHAMPION

Penn State's 285 agate:
Jimmy Lawson (No. 6 seed):
1st Round: W, 2-0 dec. Joshua Davis, North Carolina
2nd Round: W, 5-1 dec. Kevin Malone, Chattanooga
Qtrs: L, 1-8 dec. #3 Alan Gelogaev, Oklahoma State
Cons 5: W, 3-1 (sv) Daniel Miller, Navy
Cons Qtrs: , 2-6 dec. #17 Jeremy Johnson, Ohio
7th Place: W, 11-7 dec. #14 Levi Cooper, Arizona State
4-2, 7th Place

#1 PENN STATE 41, MICHIGAN STATE 0

Sunday, Jan. 13, 2013 -- University Park, Pa. -- Rec Hall

125: #2 Nico Megaludis PSU maj. dec. Brenan Lyon MSU, 19-6	4-0
133: Jordan Conaway PSU dec. Brandon Fifield MSU, 7-2	7-0
141: Bryan Pearsall PSU maj. dec. Nick Trimble MSU, 10-2	11-0
149: James English PSU dec. Dan Osterman MSU, 6-0	14-0
157: James Vollrath PSU dec. #19 David Cheza MSU, 6-4	17-0
165: #2 David Taylor PSU pinned Nick Proctor MSU, WBF (1:37)	23-0
174: #3 Matt Brown PSU tech fall Jordan Wohlfert MSU, 22-7 (TF; 6:17)	28-0
184: #1 Ed Ruth PSU pinned John Rizqallah MSU, WBF (1:37)	34-0
197: #3 Quentin Wright PSU maj. dec. Luke Jones MSU, 13-4	38-0
285: Jon Gingrich PSU dec. #4 Michael McClure MSU, 5-3	41-0
Attendance: 6,353	

The Penn State wrestling team, holding the No. 1 spot on Intermat's TPI, shut-out visiting Michigan State 41-0 in Big Ten wrestling action. Another sold out, SRO crowd of over 6,300 fans roared in the dual's finale as sophomore Jon Gingrich (Wingate, Pa.) capped the shut-out victory with a win over his fourth-ranked Spartan foe at heavyweight.

Before the final fireworks, head coach Cael Sanderson's crew bolted out to an early lead thanks to No. 2 Nico Megaludis (Murrysville, Pa.) at 125. Megaludis rolled to a 19-6 major over Brenan Lyon and the Nittany Lions were up 4-0 early. Red-shirt freshman Jordan Conaway (Abbotstown, Pa.) remained unbeaten in dual meets with a 7-2 win over Brandon Fifield at 133 and senior Bryan Pearsall (Lititz, Pa.) notched a 10-2 major over MSU's Nick Trimble to up Penn State's lead to 11-0. Senior James English (York, Pa.) was outstanding at 149, posting a 6-0 shut-out over MSU senior Dan Osterman. Classmate James Vollrath (Richboro, Pa.) then brought another sell-out crowd to its feet with a 6-4 win over No. 19 David Cheza of Michigan State. Vollrath's win sent Penn State into intermission with a 17-0 lead.

Two-time All-American David Taylor (St. Paris, Ohio) continued Penn State's day with a first period pin, getting the fall at the 1:37 mark over Spartan Nick Proctor. Sophomore Matt Brown (West Valley City, Utah), ranked No. 3 at 174, put on a takedown show in a 22-7 technical fall win over Jordan Wohlfert. Two-time All-American Ed Ruth (Harrisburg, Pa.) matched teammate Taylor with a pin at the 1:37 mark as well, this one over MSU's John Rizqallah at 184. Three-time All-American Quentin Wright (Wingate, Pa.) posted a 13-4 major over Luke Jones at 197, leading to the night's capstone victory. Gingrich put the finishing touches on a 41-0 shut-out with a thrilling 5-3 win over No. 4 Michael McClure at heavyweight. Tied 1-1 late in the third period, Gingrich bored through on a high double, took McClure down and to his back for two near fall points, and walked away with a 5-3 win. The victory was Gingrich's second over a top-ten Big Ten foe to secure a shut-out (Gingrich also downed No. 8 Adam Chalfant of Indiana to secure PSU's shutout over the Hoosiers in December).

The Nittany Lions owned the dual, posting a 33-1 advantage in takedowns. The shut-out is Penn State's second of the year, both in Big Ten duals. The MSU blanking marks the first time in school history the team has notched two shut-outs in Big Ten dual meets in the same season. In two duals, Penn State is now 20-0, outscoring its conference foes 93-0 and collecting a 60-2 takedown advantage. Penn State moves to 5-0, 2-0 BIG, while Michigan State falls to 4-6, 0-3 BIG.

BOU-T-BY-BOU-T:

125: Sophomore All-American Nico Megaludis (Murrysville, Pa.), ranked No. 2 at 125, took on Spartan junior Brenan Lyon. Megaludis wasted no time taking Lyon down, using a low double to take a 2-1 lead after cutting him loose. The Lion All-American added another takedown and cut to lead 4-2 at the 1:00 mark. Megaludis used a low single to gain control of Lyon's right ankle for a third takedown. This time, he rode Lyon out and carried a 6-2 lead with :43 riding time into the second period. Megaludis chose down to start the second stanza and burst out for a quick escape. He then used a low double to tack on a fourth takedown and led 9-2 midway through the period. Megaludis added two near fall points to lead 11-3 at the :30 mark, tacked on another takedown and led 13-3 with 2:00 riding time after two. Lyon chose down to start the third period and Megaludis cut him loose early. Megaludis tacked on two more takedowns, a stall point and 3:00 riding time to roll to the 19-6 major decision.

133: Red-shirt freshman Jordan Conaway (Abbotstown, Pa.) faced off against Michigan State's Brandon Fifield at 133. Conaway fought off a quick Fifield shot and countered for a takedown of his own and an early lead. The freshman nearly turned Fifield for back points but the Spartan was able to keep the count to a one count and Conaway's lead held firm at 2-0 at the 1:00 mark. Conaway put together a strong ride out and carried that lead, plus 1:53 riding time, into the second. Conaway chose down to start the second period and worked his way to a reversal and a 4-0 lead with :45 on the clock. Another ride out and Conaway lead 4-0 with 1:31 RT after two. Fifield took down to start the third period and Conaway immediately began looking for a chance to turn the Spartan wrestler. Conway maintained control long enough to clinch a riding time point before Fifield escaped. Fifield shot low on Conaway, forcing a scramble that worked the clock down to :42 before a stalemate ended the action. Conaway tacked on another takedown and, with the riding time point, rolled to a 7-2 win. Conaway remained undefeated in dual meet action.

141: Senior Bryan Pearsall (Lititz, Pa.) met MSU freshman Nick Trimble at 141. Pearsall notched the first takedown of the match, turning an early shot into a scramble and a 2-0 lead at the 2:00 mark. The Lion senior put together a strong ride, maintaining control and looking for a chance to turn Trimble in the process. Pearsall turned Trimble at the end of the period and led 5-0 with over 2:00 riding time after the opening period. Pearsall chose down to start the second stanza and quickly escaped to a 6-0 lead. Pearsall then picked up one more takedown and led 8-0 heading into the third. Trimble chose down to start the third period and reversed Pearsall to cut the lead to 8-2. But Pearsall had a riding time point clinched and then escaped to a 9-2 lead. Pearsall then fought off a late Trimble shot to kill the clock. With 2:18 riding time, Pearsall posted the 10-2 major and put Penn State up 11-0 in the dual.

149: Nittany Lion senior James English (York, Pa.) took on Spartan senior Dan Osterman at 149. English countered an early Osterman shot and led 2-0 at the 1:17 mark. The York native then put together a strong ride, building up over 1:00 riding time while working for a chance to turn Osterman. English's ride out gave the Nittany Lion a 2-0 lead with 1:17 riding time after the first period. English chose down to start the second period and quickly escaped to a 3-0 lead. The duo then traded shots for the remainder of the period with neither man finding an opening to score. Trailing 3-0, Osterman chose neutral to start the third. English nearly scored out of the gates but Osterman was able to fight the shot off. The Lion senior continued to pressure Osterman and then countered an Osterman shot for a final, bout clinching takedown. With 1:08 in riding time, English posted the convincing 6-0 decision.

157: Penn State junior James Vollrath (Richboro, Pa.) battled No. 19 David Cheza in a key bout at 157. Cheza had the first chance to open up the scoring with a high single :30 in. But Vollrath was able to work his way out of trouble and keep the bout scoreless early on. Vollrath then worked in on a single leg, but Cheza was able to counter

and open up the scoring to take a 2-1 lead after a quick Vollrath escape. Leading by one, Cheza told down to start the second period. Vollrath maintained control for :30 before the ranked Spartan escaped to a 3-1 lead. With 1:10 on the clock, Vollrath worked in on a high single and finished off the takedown to tie the bout at 3-3. Cheza quickly escaped to lead 4-3 with :45 on the clock. Trailing by one, Vollrath chose down to start the third period and quickly escaped to a 4-4 tie. The duo battled evenly for the next minute-plus, the score still tied at 4-4. With :20 left, Vollrath turned a low single into a bout clinching takedown and brought the Penn State crowd to its feet with a 6-4 win over the ranked Cheza.

165: Two-time All-American David Taylor (St. Paris, Ohio), ranked No. 2 at 165, met Michigan State's Nick Proctor. Taylor quickly opened up a 4-1 lead with a takedown and two nearfall points. After the escape, Taylor notched another takedown and led 6-1 just over a minute in. Taylor cut Proctor loose again, worked into a takedown and then ended the match. Taylor worked into a cradle and got the first period pin at the 1:37 mark and put Penn State up 23-0.

174: Sophomore Matt Brown (West Valley City, Utah), ranked No. 3 at 174, took on Spartan freshman Jordan Wohlfert. Brown wasted no time opening up an early lead, using a low double on the edge of the mat to take Wohlfert down and lead 2-0. Brown then put together a dominating ride, building up :57 in riding time before cutting Wohlfert loose. But less than :05 after cutting him, Brown worked his way around for another takedown and a 4-2 lead. Brown notched a third takedown and led 6-3 after a Wohlfert escape at the 1:10 mark. A fourth takedown put Brown up 8-4. Another takedown for the Nittany Lion and Brown led 10-4 with more than 2:00 riding time after a furious first period. Wohlfert took down to start the second stanza and escaped to a 10-5 deficit. He took a single leg but Brown quickly countered and turned the Spartan to his back for a takedown and three near fall points to lead 15-5 at the 1:09 mark. Brown cut Wohlfert loose with :30 left and tacked on another takedown as the period ended to lead 17-6 with 3:24 in riding time. Brown chose down to start the third period and escaped to an 18-6 lead. With the riding time point clinched, Brown added another takedown with 1:15 on the clock to up his lead to 20-6. One more cut and Brown ended the match with another takedown, getting the 22-7 technical fall at the 6:17 mark.

184: Two-time All-American Ed Ruth (Harrisburg, Pa.), ranked No. 1 at 184, faced Michigan State sophomore John Rizqallah. Ruth scrambled his way to an early takedown and led 2-0 at the 2:10 mark. Ruth began working for a chance to finish off a cradle and hit the mark. After a brief ride, Ruth worked his way into his patented pinning move and got the fall at the 1:37 mark, putting Penn State up 34-0.

197: Three-time All-American Quentin Wright (Wingate, Pa.), ranked No. 3 at 197, battled Luke Jones. Wright got the first takedown early, taking a 2-0 lead on the edge of the mat. Jones worked his way to an escape and action moved to the center circle with the Nittany Lion senior up 2-1. Wright countered a Jones single leg and picked up his second takedown with 1:40 left in the opening period. Two near fall points later and Wright led 6-1 with :45 on the clock. After a Jones escape, Wright used a high shot to force the Spartan to the mat for another takedown to lead 8-2 with 1:31 riding time after one period. Wright chose down to start the second period and steadily worked his way to a reversal and a 10-2 lead. Jones escaped to a 10-3 deficit before the period ended but Wright had 1:20 in riding time. Jones chose down to start the third period and Wright cut him loose to a 10-4 score. Wright blasted through a high double to up his lead to 12-4 with :45 on the clock. After clinching the riding time point, Wright then rode Jones out to roll to the 13-4 major decision (with 2:13 in time).

285: Sophomore Jon Gingrich (Wingate, Pa.) took to the mat to face off with No. 4 Michael McClure of Michigan State, who carried a 20-1 record into the dual (an MSU best). Gingrich and McClure battled through an even first minute, with the Lion sophomore forcing McClure to the edge of the mat early on. McClure took a high single at the 1:30 mark but Gingrich stepped back out of trouble and kept the bout scoreless. Tied 0-0 after one period, Gingrich chose down to start the second period. He quickly escaped to a 1-0 lead action returned to the center circle. McClure took his second shot of the match at the 1:00 mark and Gingrich was called for stalling. With Gingrich leading 1-0, McClure took down to start the final stanza. A quick MSU escape and the bout was tied again, this time at 1-1. Gingrich then brought the crowd to its feet by blowing through a high double for a takedown and two near fall points to lead 5-1 at the :50 mark. McClure managed an escape but Gingrich's fast offense was all the Lion needed. With a stall point to McClure, Gingrich thrilled the 6,300 plus with a 5-3 win over the fourth-ranked Spartan.

#1 PENN STATE 36, #24 WISCONSIN 6

Friday, Jan. 18, 2013 -- University Park, Pa. -- Rec Hall

285: #11 Connor Medbery UW dec. #16 Jon Gingrich PSU, 6-3	0-3
125: #2 Nico Megaludis PSU tech fall (4) Matt Cavallaris UW, 22-7 (TF4; 7:00)	4-3
133: Jordan Conway PSU dec. (sv) #3 Tyler Graff UW, 10-8 (SV)	7-3
141: Bryan Pearsall PSU pinned Tom Kelliher UW, WBF (1:22)	13-3
149: Cole Schmitt UW dec. (tb2) James English PSU, 8-4 (TB2)	13-6
157: James Vollrath PSU dec. Calvin York UW, 5-3	16-6
165: #2 David Taylor PSU tech fall Frank Cousins UW, 25-7 (TF; 6:22)	21-6
174: #3 Matt Brown PSU dec. Scott Liegel UW, 12-8	24-6
184: #1 Ed Ruth PSU win by forfeit	30-6
197: #3 Quentin Wright PSU pinned #20 Jackson Hein UW, WBF (1:24)	36-6
Attendance: 6,515	

In yet another sold out Rec Hall, the top-ranked Penn State wrestling team crushed No. 24 Wisconsin 36-6 to stay unbeaten on the year. Senior Quentin Wright (Wingate, Pa.) picked up a pin for win 100 and red-shirt freshman Jordan Conway (Abbottstown, Pa.) notched the dual's signature victory to thrill the Lion faithful.

With the match starting at heavyweight, No. 11 Connor Medbery of Wisconsin notched the first win for a Big Ten opponent against Penn State this year, posting a hard fought 6-3 victory over No. 16 Jon Gingrich (Wingate, Pa.). All-American Nico Megaludis (Murrysville, Pa.) made short work of the Badger lead, however, posting a 22-7 four-point technical fall (no back points) to put Penn State on top 4-3.

That set the stage for red-shirt freshman Conway, who 6,515 Penn State faithful through the roof of Rec Hall. Conway battled back from a 7-3 deficit in the third period to stun No. 3 Tyler Graff of Wisconsin 10-8 in sudden victory. Conway posted two late takedowns, including one with less than :20 left, to tie the bout at 8-8 and sent it into extra time. After fighting off a Graff shot, Conway brought the sell-out crowd to its feet with a takedown and a 10-8 win. Senior Bryan Pearsall (Lititz, Pa.) kept the momentum going with a quick first period pin over Wisconsin's Tom Kelliher, getting the fall at 1:22. Wisconsin picked up a second win at 149 as senior Cole Schmitt downed Lion senior James English (York, Pa.) in a wild one, winning 8-4 in two tie-breakers. The Badger victory cut Penn State's lead to 13-6 heading into halftime.

Senior James Vollrath (Richboro, Pa.) got the second half off to a good start, posting a strong 5-3 win over Wisconsin's Calvin York at 157. All-American David Taylor (St. Paris, Ohio), ranked No. 2 at 165, then rolled to a 25-7 technical fall at the 6:22 mark over Frank Cousins, putting Penn State up 21-6. Sophomore Matt Brown (West Valley City, Utah), ranked No. 3 at 174, kept the rout going with a 12-8 win over UW's Scott Liegel. All-American Ed Ruth (Harrisburg, Pa.), ranked No. 1 at 184, won by forfeit at 184, setting up a keystone moment for a local product.

Wright, a three-time All-American, National Champion in 2011 and ranked No. 3 at 197, picked up his 100th career win in sizzling fashion. The Nittany Lion turned a first period takedown of No. 20 Jackson Hein into a spladle and picked up the signature win by pin at the 1:24 mark. The victory made Wright the 27th member of Penn State's 100-win club and improved his career mark to 100-23. It also posted the final dual score, giving the Nittany Lions a lop-sided 36-6 win.

Penn State won the takedown battle 28-8 and rolled to a 9-0 edge in bonus points thanks to two pins and two tech falls (one five-pointer and one four-pointer). The win moves Penn State to 6-0 overall, 3-0 in Big Ten action. Wisconsin falls to 6-3, 3-1 in conference action.

BOUT-BY-BOUT:

285: Sophomore Jon Gingrich (Wingate, Pa.), ranked No. 16 at 285, took on No. 11 Connor Medbery in one of the dual's marquee match-ups as a Penn State dual started at a weight other than 125 for the first time this year. Medbery took the first shot at the 1:50 mark but Gingrich was able to step back and out of trouble to keep the match scoreless. The Nittany Lion sophomore fought off a second shot with 1:00 left and then got hit for his first stalling. Tied 0-0, Gingrich chose down to start the second period and steadily worked his way to an escape and a 1-0 lead. Medbery continued to pressure the Lion and picked up the first takedown to take a 2-1 lead. Gingrich forced Medbery into a stall warning and then with just :01 left in the period, escaped to a 2-2 tie. Medbery, however had over 1:40 in riding time. Medbery chose down to start the third period and quickly escaped to a 3-2 lead while holding 1:31 in riding time. Gingrich nearly scored on a takedown at the 1:00 mark, but Medbery was able to scramble around and counter for a 5-2 lead with a clinched riding time point. Gingrich notched a late escape, but Medbery posted the hard fought 6-3 win.

125: Sophomore All-American Nico Megaludis (Murrysville, Pa.) met Wisconsin's Matt Cavallaris. Megaludis, ranked No. 2 at 125, posted the first takedown early on to lead 2-1. The Lion freshman then picked up his second takedown at the 1:26 mark and this time put together a strong ride, building up over 1:00 in riding time before cutting Cavallaris loose. Megaludis went on to lead 6-2 after one period with over a minute in riding time. Megaludis chose down to start the period and quickly escaped. He then began to tack on the takedowns. By the time the second period ended, the Lion All-American led 11-3 with nearly 3:00 riding time. Cavallaris chose down to start the third period and escaped to an 11-4 Lion lead. Megaludis forced Cavallaris into giving up a stall point and then put on a takedown show, tacking on three more in quick succession to lead 18-7 with 1:00 left in the bout. Megaludis picked up a final takedown and looked to pick up the tech fall, but Cavallaris was able to stay off his back and Megaludis rolled to a 22-7 four-point tech fall (no back points). The Lion had 4:00 in riding time.

133: Jordan Conway (Abbottstown, Pa.) entered the dual against Wisconsin undefeated in dual meet action. The Lion sophomore took on No. 3 Tyler Graff of Wisconsin, who was 18-3 coming into the match-up. Graff picked up an early takedown but Conway quickly escaped to trail 2-1 at the 2:00 mark. The Badger junior notched another takedown and led 4-2 midway through the bout. Graff scrambled for a third takedown and a 6-3 lead after a Conway escape. Conway fought off a late Graff shot and the Badger led 6-3 after one. Graff chose down to start the third period and escaped to a 7-3 lead. The duo traded shots for the next minute and the bout moved to the third with Graff up 7-3. Conway chose down to start the third period and quickly escaped to a 7-4 deficit. Conway was the aggressor for the last half of the match, forcing Graff to the edge of the mat and into a stall warning. The Lion sophomore then countered a Graff shot and forced a scramble that ran the clock down to :29 left. Conway then took Graff down and led 8-6 after a quick cut. With just :20 left, the Lion freshman tied the bout with another takedown and the action moved to sudden victory tied 8-8. Graff and Conway scrambled their way to a stalemate with :28 left and then Conway sent over 6,300 Penn State faithful through the roof of Rec Hall with a bout winning takedown at the :22 mark. Conway's 10-8 sudden victory win over the third-ranked Badger put Penn State up 7-3.

141: Nittany Lion senior Bryan Pearsall (Lititz, Pa.) faced off against UW senior Tom Kelliher in a key match-up at 141. Pearsall quickly took Kelliher down and turned the Badger over for three near fall points. After a brief adjustment, the Lion senior then finished off a cradle and got the first period pin at the 1:22 mark.

149: Senior James English (York, Pa.) battled veteran Badgers Cole Schmitt at 149. The duo battled evenly for over 2:00 with the official calling a double stall at that point. Pearsall took a slight shot at Schmitt's right leg but the Badger was able to step back out of trouble and the duo moved to the second period in a scoreless tie. Pearsall chose down to start the second period and quickly escaped to a 1-0 lead. More hand-fighting in the center circle worked the clock down to 1:00. English looked to force the tempo over the last minute but Schmitt's defense killed the clock and English led 1-0 after one. Schmitt chose down to start the third period and worked his way to an escaped and a 1-1 tie at the 1:20 mark. The duo was hit for a double stall late in the third, making the score 2-2 but action moved into a first sudden victory period. Neither scored and action moved into a tie breaker. English chose down for the first period but nearly reversed Schmitt at the end of the :30 period. The move was reviewed and the ruling stood. Schmitt quickly escaped to a 3-2 lead and English began scrambling for a takedown. The action forced Schmitt into a stall with :05 left, tying the bout at 3-3 and sending it to a second sudden victory period. Neither wrestler scored again and a second round of tie breakers began. Schmitt reversed English to a 5-4 lead in his tie breaker and then turned English for three back points and an 8-4 win (tb2).

157: Junior James Vollrath (Richboro, Pa.) got the call at 157 and met Wisconsin junior Calvin York. Vollrath set the early pace, forcing York back to the outside of the mat throughout the first minute-plus. The Lion senior took an early lead, getting an escape after York called for an injury timeout and taking down. He quickly added a takedown after the escape and then rode York out to lead 3-0 with :43 in riding time after one. Vollrath chose down to start the second period and quickly escaped to a 4-0 lead. York blew through a solid low double to cut Vollrath's lead to 4-2 at the :40 mark, but Vollrath quickly escaped to a 5-2 lead. Trailing 5-2, York chose down to start the third period and worked his way to a 5-3 score. Vollrath and York then battled through an even period, with the Lion fighting off a couple late Badger shots to hold on to his lead. Vollrath's defense allowed the Nittany Lion to kill the clock and grab the hard-fought 5-3 win.

165: Defending NCAA Champion David Taylor (St. Paris, Ohio), ranked No. 2 at 165, wrestled UW's Frank Cousins. Taylor wasted no time taking Cousins down, rolling through a lot single leg to take a 2-1 edge after cutting Cousins loose. Taylor put on a takedown clinic, quickly rolling up four takedowns less the :90 into the bout. Leading 10-4, Taylor cut Cousins loose one more time and added a fifth takedown on the edge of the mat to lead 12-5 with 1:00 left in the opening period. He then turned Cousins for three near fall points and led 15-5 with 1:48 in riding time after one period. Cousins chose neutral to start the second period to no avail. Taylor quickly took Cousins down to lead 17-5 and began working for a turning combination. Cousins escaped at the end of the period and Taylor led 17-6 after two. Taylor chose neutral to start the final period and quickly took the Badger down. He forced him into a stall point as well and led 20-6. A Cousins escape led to another Taylor takedown. The Lion All-American turned Cousins to his back one final time and walked away with a dominating 25-7 tech fall at the 6:22 mark.

174: Sophomore Matt Brown (West Valley City, Utah), ranked No. 3 at 174, took on Wisconsin's Scott Liegel. Brown came out of the gates aggressive as usual, forcing the pace and keeping his Badger foe on defense. He got his first takedown at the 1:51 mark and then controlled Liegel for nearly a minute before he escaped. The duo battled evenly with Liegel working the edge of the mat and Brown taking low singles. Brown led 2-1 after one period with :50 in riding time. Liegel chose down to start the third period but could not break free of Brown's ride. The Nittany Lion sophomore maintained control for nearly a minute before cutting Liegel loose, building up a 1:37 riding time edge. Liegel took a 4-2 lead with a solid single at the :45 mark, forcing Brown to play catch up. The Lion escaped quickly cutting the lead to 4-3, and then turned a low single into a takedown and a 5-4 lead with :18. Another Brown ride-out allowed the Lion to carry the 5-4 lead into the third period. Brown chose down to start the third and quickly escaped. He then countered a Liegel shot and moved out to an 8-5 lead with 1:10 on the clock after the Badger escaped. Brown picked up another takedown with :45 on the clock and clinched the riding time point. He cut Liegel to a 10-6 lead but Liegel was able to notch a takedown. A late Brown escape and a riding time point gave the Lion a 12-8 win.

184: Defending NCAA Champion Ed Ruth (Harrisburg, Pa.), ranked No. 1 at 184, received a forfeit at 184, improving his record to 17-0 and putting Penn State up 30-6.

197: Three-time All-American Quentin Wright (Wingate, Pa.), ranked No. 3 at 197, stepped onto the mat with 99 career wins. Wright looked make it 100 in his bout with No. 20 Jackson Heim of Wisconsin in one of two bouts pitting nationally ranked wrestlers against each other. Wright quickly took Heim down, picking up a takedown at the 2:02 mark. With the stage set for a benchmark win, Wright then worked his way into a spladle and got the pin at the 1:24 mark, sending the Rec Hall crowd to its feet once again and improving his career record to 100-23. The pin gave the Nittany Lions a 36-6 victory as well.

#1 PENN STATE 35, PURDUE 3

Sunday, Jan. 20, 2013 -- West Lafayette, Ind.

125: #2 Nico Megaludis PSU dec. #17 Camden Eppert PUR, 5-1	3-0
133: Jordan Conaway PSU maj. dec. Danny Sabatello PUR, 13-4	7-0
141: Bryan Pearsall PSU dec. Brandon Nelsen PUR, 4-2	10-0
149: #13 Ivan Lopouchanski PUR dec. James English PSU, 5-2	10-3
157: James Vollrath PSU dec. Tommy Churchard PUR, 12-9	13-3
165: #2 David Taylor PSU pinned Doug Welch PUR, WBF (2:41)	19-3
174: #3 Matt Brown PSU maj. dec. Kyle Mosier PUR, 15-3	23-3
184: #1 Ed Ruth PSU pinned Dion Crowder PUR, WBF (3:42)	29-3
197: #3 Quentin Wright PSU dec. #17 Braden Atwood PUR, 7-1	32-3
285: #16 Jon Gingrich PSU dec. Alex White PUR, 4-1	35-3

Attendance: 803

The Penn State Nittany Lion wrestling team, ranked No. 1 nationally in Intermat's TPI, beat home standing Purdue 35-3 in a Big Ten road dual on Sunday. The Nittany Lions, under the guidance of veteran head coach Cael Sanderson, received pins from David Taylor (St. Paris, Ohio) and Ed Ruth (Harrisburg, Pa.) in the win.

Sophomore All-American Nico Megaludis (Murrysville, Pa.) once again got the dual off to a hot start, posting a dominating 5-1 win over No. 17 Camden Eppert of Purdue. Megaludis piled up 3:43 in riding time in the victory over the ranked Boilermaker. Red-shirt freshman Jordan Conaway (Abbotstown, Pa.) remained unbeaten in dual meets with a convincing 13-4 major over Purdue's Danny Sabatello at 133. Senior Bryan Pearsall continued his strong season with a 4-2 win over Boilermaker Brandon Nelsen at 141.

Purdue picked up a win at 149 as undefeated Ivan Lopouchanski, ranked No. 13, downed Nittany Lion James English (York, Pa.) 5-2 to cut Penn State's lead to 10-3. The victory would end up being the lone one for the home standing Boilermakers as Penn State went on to real off six straight wins to close out the dual. Junior James Vollrath (Richboro, Pa.) posted a strong 12-9 win over Purdue senior Tommy Churchard at 157 to give Penn State a 13-3 lead at intermission.

Two-time All-American Taylor, ranked No. 2 at 165, continued the Lion onslaught after the break, getting a first period fall over Doug Welch at the 2:41 mark. Sophomore Matt Brown (West Valley City, Utah), ranked No. 3 at 174, was impressive as well, notching a 15-3 major over Kyle Mosier. Two-time All-American Ruth, ranked No. 1 at 184, matched Taylor's pin, this time with a second period fall over Dian Crowder at the 3:42 mark. Three-time All-American Quentin Wright (Wingate, Pa.), ranked No. 3 at 197, downed No. 17 Braden Atwood 7-1 in a key battle at 197. Sophomore Jon Gingrich (Wingate, Pa.) rounded out the Penn State victory with a 4-1 win over Alex White at 285.

The Nittany Lions improve to 7-0, 4-0 in Big Ten action, while Purdue falls to 10-5, 1-3. Penn State is now 37-3 in its four Big Ten duals and has outscored its opponents by a combined score of 164-9. Taylor and Ruth both joined Wright on Penn State's top ten career pins list as well. Taylor now has 31 and Ruth now has 30. Wright picked up his 34th last night. Wright is tied for second, Taylor is tied for 7th and Ruth is tied for 10th.

BOUT-BY-BOUT:

125: All-American Nico Megaludis (Murrysville, Pa.), ranked No. 2 at 125, met No. 17 Camden Eppert of Purdue in one of the dual's marquee match-ups. Megaludis quickly took Eppert down by countering an early Eppert shot. Leading 2-1, Megaludis controlled the action for the bulk of the first period, keeping Eppert moving backwards while looking for a chance to score. Trailing 2-1, Eppert chose down to start the second period. Megaludis put together a strong ride, however, maintaining control for the entire period to lead 2-1 with 2:36 riding time after two periods. Megaludis chose down to start the third period and steadily worked his way to a reversal and a 4-1 lead at the 1:30 mark. Megaludis clinched the riding time point and then began looking for a chance to turn the ranked Boilermaker. While not managing to turn Eppert, Megaludis rolled to a 5-1 win with 3:43 in riding time.

133: Sophomore Jordan Conaway (Abbotstown, Pa.) met Purdue's Danny Sabatello at 133. The Boilermaker red-shirt freshman notched the first takedown, opening up a 2-0 lead at the 2:20 mark. Conaway forced a scramble trying to reverse Sabatello but the Boiler was able to force a stalemate and keep his 2-0 lead at the :35 mark. Conaway continued to work his magic underneath, however and scrambled his way to a reversal with :10 left, nearly turning Sabatello in the process. Tied 2-2, Conaway chose down to start the second period and quickly escaped to a 3-2 lead. He then used a swift low single for his first takedown. He then turned Sabatello for three near fall points to lead 8-2 after two periods. Sabatello chose down to start the final stanza and quickly reversed Conaway to cut the lead to 8-5 after a quick Conaway escape. The Nittany Lion freshman was undaunted, however, notching another takedown and turning Sabatello for two more back points and a 13-4 lead. Conaway then rode the Boiler out to post the convincing 13-4 major decision.

141: Senior Bryan Pearsall (Litzitz, Pa.) took on Boilermaker Brandon Nelsen at 141. The duo battled through a scoreless two minutes before Nelson instigated a scramble that resulted the duo fighting for position. The action resulted in a stalemate at the :20 mark and the bout moved to the second period tied 0-0. Nelsen chose down to start the second period and Pearsall nearly turned the Boiler for back points. But Nelsen continued to work and reversed Pearsall for a 2-0 lead at the :55 mark. Pearsall escaped to a 2-1 deficit with :40 left in the period and trailed by one heading into the third. Pearsall chose down to start the third period and returned the reversal favor but working his way around Nelsen for the two-pointer. Leading 3-2, Pearsall put together a strong ride, building up over 1:00 in riding time in the process. Pearsall went on to ride Nelsen out and posted the strong 4-2 win, putting Penn State up 10-0.

149: Senior James English (York, Pa.) faced off with No. 13 Ivan Lopouchanski in a key battle at 149. Lopouchanski entered the dual undefeated at 17-0. English forced the bout's first scramble, getting in on a low single that nearly led to a takedown on the edge of the mat. But the ranked Boiler forced a stalemate at the 1:15 mark and action returned to the center circle. The Lion senior took another solid single but once again Lopouchanski was able to defend the move and force a stalemate. Tied 0-0, English chose down to start the second period and quickly escaped to a 1-0 lead. A quick scramble in the middle of the mat led to a Lopouchanski takedown, giving the Boilermaker a 2-1 lead at the 1:14 mark. English quickly escaped to a 2-2 tie. The Boilermaker added a second takedown with :20 left and then rode English out to lead 4-2 after two periods. Lopouchanski chose down to start the third and English cut him loose to a 5-2 score. English fought for a takedown but Lopouchanski was able to stay out of trouble and the Boilermaker picked up a hard-fought 5-2 win.

157: Junior James Vollrath (Richboro, Pa.) took on Purdue senior Tommy Churchard at 157. Vollrath used a quick low single to notch the bout's first takedown and led 2-1 early on. Vollrath continued to work on offense with Churchard's defense holding steady. With :25 on the clock, Vollrath used a head inside single to gain control of the Boilermaker and get a second takedown as the period ended. Trailing 4-1, Churchard chose down to start the second period and escaped to a 4-2 score. Vollrath continued his offensive pressure, picking up a third takedown at the 1:05 mark. But Churchard quickly reversed the Lion junior and cut the lead to 6-4. Vollrath worked his way to an escape and a 7-4 lead at the :22 mark. Vollrath chose down to start the third period and quickly escaped to

an 8-4 lead. After a Churchard shot, Vollrath used another low single for another takedown and led 10-5 after a quick Purdue escape. Churchard got his first takedown but was countered by a Vollrath reversal. Churchard had a final reversal of his own but Vollrath went on to post the 12-9 win.

165: Two-time All-American David Taylor (St. Paris, Ohio), ranked No. 2 at 165, met up with Purdue's Doug Welch. Taylor wasted no time, getting a takedown five seconds into the bout. Taylor cut Welch loose and then immediately took him down again. Another cut led to a third takedown and a 6-2 Taylor lead just over 1:00 into the bout. Taylor then spent the next minute-plus trying to turn Welch but eventually cut him loose to an 8-4 lead with :35 on the clock. Welch took a low single that Taylor countered. Taylor then stepped over Welch, got the takedown and quickly turned the Boilermaker to his back, picking up another first period pin (this one at the 2:41 mark).

174: Sophomore Matt Brown (West Valley City, Utah), ranked No. 3 at 174, wrestled Purdue's Kyle Mosier. Brown picked up the first takedown early, opening up a 2-0 lead on the edge of the mat at the 2:24 mark. Brown then dominated action from the top position, working up over 1:00 in riding time. Mosier worked his way to an escape but Brown quickly slid down through a low double and another takedown. Brown wrapped up a cradle and picked up three near fall points to lead 7-1 after the opening stanza. Mosier chose down to start the second period but Brown continued to maintain control, building up nearly 3:00 total riding time before Mosier escaped. Brown forced Mosier into a first stall warning and then used a low diving double for a takedown and a 9-2 lead. Brown, leading 9-2 with over 3:00 of riding time, chose down to start the third period. Brown quickly escaped and then countered a Mosier shot, working his way into control and another takedown. Brown cut Mosier loose and worked for one final takedown. With just :01 left, Brown's continued pressure led to a final takedown and a 15-3 major.

184: Two-time All-American Ed Ruth (Harrisburg, Pa.), ranked No. 1 at 184, met Boiler sophomore Dion Crowder. Ruth used a low single early to gain control of Crowder. But a minute's worth of work on the edge of the mat did not lead to any score and action resumed in the center circle scoreless. Ruth picked up his takedown with :55 left in the opening period and then turned Crowder to his back for two near fall points. Trailing 4-0, Crowder chose down to start the second period. Ruth quickly took the Boilermaker down and cut him loose to 6-1 lead. Another Ruth takedown and the Lion was up 8-1 with 1:24 on the clock. Ruth then gained control of Crowder's arm, turned him to his back and got the pin at the 3:42 mark, putting Penn State up 29-3.

197: Three-time All-American Quentin Wright (Wingate, Pa.), ranked No. 3 at 197, met No. 17 Braden Atwood in another of the dual's key bouts. Wright wasted no time taking an early lead, taking the ranked Boilermaker down for a 2-0 lead with just over 2:00 on the first period clock. Wright put together a strong ride, forcing Atwood into a stall warning and building up over 2:00 riding time with the ride-out. Wright chose down to start the second period and steadily worked his way to an escape and a 3-0 lead with 1:22 on the clock. The duo traded high shots with :35 left on the clock with no one connecting and Wright carried the 3-0 lead with 1:31 riding time into the third period. Atwood chose down to start the third period and quickly escaped to a 3-1 deficit. Atwood was called for a second stall and Wright led 4-1 with :40 left with a clinched riding time point. The Lion senior battled his way for a final takedown and, with the bonus point, rolled to the 7-1 win.

285: Sophomore Jon Gingrich (Wingate, Pa.), ranked No. 16 at 285, battled Purdue's Alex White. The tandem battled through a scoreless first period and Gingrich chose down to start the second stanza. A quick escape gave the Nittany Lion sophomore a 1-0 lead and action resumed in the center circle. Gingrich then reset himself and blew through a high double leg for a takedown and a 3-0 lead with just over 1:00 on the clock. Gingrich then controlled the action, building up nearly 1:00 riding time before White escaped. Trailing 3-1, White chose down to start the third period but Gingrich controlled the action, working his way to more than 1:00 in riding time. Gingrich spent the entire period in control and, with the ride-out, rolled to the 4-1 win with 2:57 in riding time.

#1 PENN STATE 33, #12 NEBRASKA 9

Sunday, Jan. 27, 2013 -- University Park, Pa. -- Rec Hall

125: #2 Nico Megaludis PSU win by forfeit	6-0
133: Jordan Conaway PSU maj. dec. Shawn Nagel NEB, 14-5	10-0
141: Bryan Pearsall PSU dec. #19 Ridge Kiley, 2-0	13-0
149: #12 Jake Sueflohn NEB pinned #3 Andrew Alton PSU, WBF (5:33)	13-6
157: #6 Dylan Alton PSU dec. #4 James Green NEB, 3-1	16-6
165: #2 David Taylor PSU tech fall Tyler Koehn NEB, 16-1 (TF; 5:09)	21-6
174: #4 Robert Kokesh NEB dec. #3 Matt Brown PSU, 10-7	21-9
184: #1 Ed Ruth PSU tech fall #8 Josh Ihnen NEB, 18-3 (TF; 7:00)	26-9
197: #3 Quentin Wright PSU maj. dec. Caleb Kolb NEB, 10-2	30-9
285: #17 Jon Gingrich PSU dec. Spencer Johnson NEB, 7-4	33-9
Attendance: 6,618	

The Penn State Nittany Lion wrestling team, ranked No. 1 nationally in Intermat's TPI, took apart No. 12 Nebraska in front of another sold out Rec Hall crowd. The Nittany Lions won eight of ten bouts in their way to a 33-9 win in front of 6,618 fans in a Rec Hall White Out.

All-American Nico Megaludis (Murrysville, Pa.), ranked No. 2 nationally at 125, received a forfeit victory to start the dual and put Penn State up 6-0 early. The win improved Megaludis to 16-1 on the year. Red-shirt freshman Jordan Conaway (Abbottstown, Pa.) remained undefeated in duals with a dominating 14-5 major over Nebraska junior Shawn Nagel at 133. Senior Bryan Pearsall (Lititz, Pa.) posted a 2-0 win over No. 19 Ridge Kiley at 141, putting Penn State up 13-0 early.

Nebraska picked up its first win of the dual when No. 12 Jake Sueflohn rebounded from an early 4-0 deficit to get a third period fall over No. 3 Andrew Alton (Mill Hall, Pa.). The pin, at the 5:33 mark, cut Penn State's lead to 13-6. Nittany Lion All-American Dylan Alton (Mill Hall, Pa.), ranked No. 6 at 157, then brought another sold out Rec Hall crowd to its feet with a late takedown to notch a 3-1 win over No. 4 James Green. The thrilling win put Penn State up 16-6 at intermission.

Two-time All-American David Taylor (St. Paris, Ohio), ranked No. 2 at 165, dominated Husker senior Tyler Koehn, controlling the action from start to finish on his way to a 16-1 technical fall at the 5:09 mark. Nebraska picked up its only other win, a tough 10-7 victory by No. 4 Robert Kokesh over No. 3 Matt Brown (West Valley City, Utah) at 174. Two-time All-American Ed Ruth (Harrisburg, Pa.), ranked No. 1 at 184, was dominant once again, posting an 18-3 technical fall (7:00) over No., 8 Josh Ihnen.

Three-time All-American Quentin Wright (Wingate, Pa.) posted a strong 10-2 major over Husker Caleb Kolb at 197. Wright, ranked No. 3 nationally, had 3:25 in riding time. Sophomore Jon Gingrich (Wingate, Pa.), ranked No. 17 at 285, closed out the dual with a strong 7-4 win over Spencer Johnson. The decision gave Penn State a 33-9 victory.

Penn State won the takedown battle 18-5. The Nittany Lions remain undefeated, holding an 8-0 mark, 5-0 in Big Ten action. Nebraska falls to 9-4, 3-3 in Big Ten duals.

BOUT-BY-BOUT:

125: All-American Nico Megaludis (Murrysville, Pa.), ranked No. 2 at 125, received a forfeit victory to start the dual and improved his record to 16-1.

133: Red-shirt freshman Jordan Conaway (Abbottstown, Pa.) met Husker junior Shawn Nagel at 133. The duo battled through an even minute-plus before Conaway connected on a single leg, forcing a scramble in the middle of the mat. Nagle forced a stalemate and then quickly opened u the scoring with a takedown of his own, taking a 2-1 lead after a quick Conaway escape. With :20 left, Conaway gained control of Nagel's ankle and worked his way to a takedown with :01 left to lead 3-2 after one period. Nagel chose down to start the second period and Conaway made him pay for the decision. The Lion freshman controlled the action from the top, building up over 1:00 riding time and forcing Nagel into a first stall warning. Conaway's ride out gave the Lion a 3-2 lead with 1:53 in riding time after two periods. Conaway chose down to start the third period and steadily worked his way to a reversal and a 5-2 lead with 1:30 on the clock. Nagel escaped with 1:05 left, cutting the lead to 5-3. Conaway stepped aside a quick Nagel shot, sliding by and behind him for another takedown and a 7-3 lead. He then cut Nagel loose, added on two takedowns, two late near fall points and a riding time point, surging to a 14-5 major decision with a dominant close to the third period.

141: Senior Bryan Pearsall (Lititz, Pa.) faced off against No. 19 Ridge Kiley at 141. The duo battled through an even two minutes, with each man fighting off the other's offense. Continuing to work the shoulders, the senior tandem worked their way through a scoreless first period, sending the bout to the second period tied 0-0. Kiley chose down to start the second period but Pearsall was able to break the Husker down and maintain control. A stalemate was called with Pearsall still in control and :57 on the clock. Pearsall was too much on top, however, maintaining control for the full two minutes. Tied 0-0 but with 2:00 riding time, Pearsall chose down to start the third period and quickly escaped to a 1-0 lead. Pearsall worked to control Kiley's shoulders, looking for a way to get the bout's first takedown. Kiley was able to keep from giving up any points and Pearsall held his 1-0 lead at the :50 mark. Pearsall fought off a late Kiley shot and, with the riding time, posted the hard fought 2-0 win.

149: Sophomore Andrew Alton (Mill Hall, Pa.), ranked No. 3 nationally at 149, took on No. 12 Jake Sueflohn in one of the dual's key bouts. Alton wasted no time taking a lead, taking Sueflohn down right out of the gates and then turning the Husker for two back points and a 4-0 lead less than :30 into the bout. After a Sueflohn escape, Alton fought off two Sueflohn shots, and led 4-1 at the 1:00 mark. The Lion sophomore nearly caught Sueflohn in a shoulder throw, but the Husker was able to roll out of trouble. Alton got called for a first stall warning at the :10 mark but led 4-1 after one period. Alton chose down to start the second period and steadily worked his way to an escaped and a 5-1 lead at the 1:20 mark. Sueflohn continued to pressure Alton, picking up his first takedown to cut the lead to 5-3 at the :35 mark. Sueflohn forced a second Alton stall and trailed 5-4 after two. Sueflohn chose down to start the second period and quickly reversed the Lion sophomore. Sueflohn then turned Alton to his back and put Nebraska on the scoreboard with a pin, getting the fall at the 5:33 mark.

157: All-American Dylan Alton (Mill Hall, Pa.), ranked No. 6, met No. 4 James Green in a marquee match-up at 157. Alton sent Green to his back at the 1:30 mark, sending the sold out Rec Hall crowd to its back with the takedown. But Alton did not get the fall or the takedown after a review and the match remained scoreless two minutes in. The ranked duo wrestled through an even final minute and action moved to the second period tied 0-0. Alton chose down to start the second period and quickly escaped to a 1-0 lead. Alton fought off a Green single leg to hold onto his 1-0 lead into the third period. Green chose down to start the third period and escaped to a 1-1 tie at the 1:41 mark. Alton shot low on Green, forcing a counter shot and a scramble that ended out of bounds with :58 on the clock. Alton forced Green backwards for :30 and then rolled through a low double to ice the bout with a takedown at the :20 mark! Alton's 3-1 win over No. 4 Green put Penn State up 16-6 at the break.

165: All-American David Taylor (St. Paris, Ohio), ranked No. 2 at 165, faced off against Husker senior Tyler Koehn. Taylor set the early tempo, forcing Koehn back and gaining control of his right ankle on the edge of the mat. Taylor worked his way to the takedown and led 2-0 with 1:46 on the clock. Taylor built up over 1:00 in riding time, looking for a chance to turn the Husker for back points. The Lion junior turned Koehn for three near fall points and a 5-0 lead with :35 left. He then reset and picked up a two point near fall to lead 7-1 after a late Koehn escape. Koehn chose down to start the second period only to be turned to his back one again for three more back points. Leading 10-1, Taylor picked up two more near fall points with 1:00 left. Taylor controlled action for the action for the remainder of the period, picking up three more back points to lead 15-1 after two. Taylor chose down and quickly escaped to a 16-1 tech fall at the 5:09 mark.

174: Sophomore Matt Brown (West Valley City, Utah), ranked No. 3 at 174, met No. 4 Robert Kokesh in yet another anticipated match-up. Brown was the aggressor early on, gaining control of Kokesh's shoulders and forcing a scramble on the edge of the mat that nearly led to a takedown. Kokesh was able to roll out of trouble and the bout returned to the center circle tied 0-0 with :40 left in the period. Brown used a low single to gain control of Kokesh's ankle but could not work his way to a takedown as the period ended. Brown chose down to start the second period but Kokesh was able to control the action, holding tight to Brown's ankle for :30 as the Lion sophomore worked to get free. Brown's efforts forced Kokesh into a first stall warning and then the Lion sophomore escaped to a 1-0 lead with :50 on the clock. Brown then shot low on Kokesh, gaining control of the Husker and picking up a takedown on the edge of the mat for a 3-0 lead at the :37 mark. Kokesh escaped quickly to a 3-1 deficit. Kokesh then took Brown down and scored two near fall points as the period ended to storm to a 5-3 lead after two periods. Brown chose down to start the third but Kokesh quickly reversed him to up his lead to 7-4. He then added another takedown and led 9-4 with 1:02 on the clock. Brown looked to score late, but Kokesh was able to force a stalemate with :27 on the clock. Brown notched a late takedown and nearly stole the match with a pin at the buzzer. But time ran out as Brown finished off the cradle and Kokesh, with 1:09 in riding time, posted the 10-7 win.

184: All-American Ed Ruth (Harrisburg, Pa.), ranked No. 1 at 184, met No. 8 Josh Ihnen in yet another top-ten match-up. Ihnen scored early, getting control of Ruth's legs and taking an early 2-0 lead with a takedown. Ruth quickly escaped and turned into the Husker, looking to score himself. Ruth quickly picked up his first takedown, using a low single and leading 3-2 with 1:30 left. He then cut Ihnen loose to a 3-3 tie. Ruth tacked on a second takedown and led 5-3 with :30 left in the opening period. Leading 5-3, Ruth chose down to start the second period and quickly escaped to a 6-3 lead. Ruth forced Ihnen into a stall warning and then used a high single to pick up another takedown. Leading 8-3, Ruth rode Ihnen for the rest of the period. Ihnen chose down to start the third period but Ruth easily turned the Husker to his back for three back points. After pickup up another point on an Ihnen stall, Ruth maintained control for the next minute before turning him to his back for two more near fall points and a 14-3 lead. Looking to finish off a stalemate match, Ruth turned Ihnen for three more back points, picked up a riding time point thanks to 2:47 in riding time, and notched the 18-3 tech fall at the 7:00 mark.

197: All-American Quentin Wright (Wingate, Pa.), ranked No. 3 at 197, took on Nebraska's Caleb Kolb. Wright notched the first takedown, taking Kolb to the mat for an early 2-0 lead. Continuing to look for a turning combination, Wright dominated the action and broke Kolb down in the center of the mat. Wright rode Kolb out and led 2-0 with 2:03 riding time after one period. Wright chose down to start the second period and quickly escaped to a 3-0 lead. Wright added to his lead with a late second period takedown and carried the 5-0 edge into the third with nearly 3:00 riding time. Kolb chose down to start the second period and quickly escaped to a 5-1 deficit. Wright continued to pressure Kolb, forcing the Husker backwards for the first minute before taking him down for a 7-1 lead with :52 left on the clock. With the riding time point clinched, Wright cut Kolb loose and began looking for a major decision. Wright picked up the takedown and then rode Kolb out. The 3:25 in riding time gave Wright the 10-2 major decision.

285: Sophomore Jon Gingrich (Wingate, Pa.), ranked No. 17 at 285, met Husker sophomore Spencer Johnson. Gingrich used a high double to score early, taking a 2-0 lead with 2:40 on the clock. The Nittany Lion then controlled the action from the top, keeping control for :30 until Johnson escaped to a 2-1 score. Gingrich pressured Johnson for the remainder of the period, nearly scoring again on a high double with :20 left. But Johnson was able to back away from the shot and Gingrich led 2-1 after one. Johnson chose down to start the second period but Gingrich was too strong up top, keeping control and building up over 1:00 in riding time. Johnson worked his way to a reversal and a 3-2 lead of his own with :25 on the clock, but Gingrich was able to escape quickly and tied the bout at 3-3. Gingrich chose down to start the third and quickly escaped to a 4-3 lead with 1:45 in riding time. The Lion sophomore blew through a high double leg to up his lead to 6-3 with 1:31 left to wrestle. Gingrich nearly turned Johnson to his back but only got a one-count and the Lion held his 6-3 lead with a clinched riding time point with :50 on the clock. Johnson escaped to a 6-4 deficit with :30 on the clock but Gingrich finished with a low single that killed the clock. The 7-4 win for Gingrich included 2:47 in riding time.

#1 PENN STATE 16, #3 IOWA 22

Friday, Feb. 1, 2013 -- Iowa City, Iowa

125: #1 Matt McDonough IOWA dec. #2 Nico Megaludis PSU, 2-1 (TB)	0-3
133: #2 Tony Ramos IOWA pinned Jordan Conaway PSU, WBF (4:23)	0-9
141: #8 Matt Ballweg IOAW maj. dec. Bryan Pearsall PSU, 12-2	0-13
149: #8 Andrew Alton PSU maj. dec. Brody Grothus IOWA, 18-8	4-13
157: #1 Derek St. John IOWA dec. #5 Dylan Alton PSU, 4-3	4-16
165: #2 David Taylor PSU tech fall #13 Nick Moore IOWA, 18-2 (TF; 6:42)	9-16
174: #6 Mike Evans IOWA dec. #4 Matt Brown PSU, 4-3	9-19
184: #1 Ed Ruth PSU maj. dec. Grant Gambrell IOWA, 21-10	13-19
197: #3 Quentin Wright PSU dec. #19 Nathan Burak IOWA, 8-3	16-19
285: #6 Bobby Telford IOWA dec. #17 Jon Gingrich PSU, 9-2	16-22
Attendance: 15,077	

The Penn State Nittany Lion wrestling team dropped its first dual meet of the year, falling 22-16 at Iowa in a sold out Carver-Hawkeye Arena. Iowa won six of ten bouts, including three thrilling one-point decisions in the dual's key match-ups.

A rematch of last year's NCAA title bout at 125 was the first bout of the night, and Lion sophomore Nico Megaludis (Murrysville, Pa.), ranked No. 2, and Iowa senior Matt McDonough, ranked No. 1, did not disappoint. The duo battled to a 1-1 tie and through a sudden victory period before McDonough was able to ride Megaludis out and then escape in his tie-breaker period for a thrilling 2-1 (TB) win. Tony Ramos, ranked No. 3 at 133, then pinned Lion freshman Jordan Conaway (Abbotstown, Pa.), handing Conaway his first dual meet loss, to put Iowa up 9-0 early.

Iowa's Matt Ballweg, ranked No. 8 at 141, then posted a 12-2 major over Lion senior Bryan Pearsall (Lititz, Pa.), giving Iowa a 13-0 lead. Penn State sophomore Andrew Alton (Mill Hall, Pa.), ranked No. 8 at 149, put Penn State on the board with a sound 18-8 major over Iowa's Brody Grothus. Then, in another epic rematch of a key NCAA bout from a year ago, Lion All-American Dylan Alton (Mill Hall, Pa.), ranked No. 5 at 157, took on No. 1 Derek St. John. Like the 125-pound bout, the All-American duo did not disappoint. Alton took a lead midway through the second period and carried that lead into the third. Alton looked to increase his lead late in the bout, but St. John was able to counter and get a late takedown to post a thrilling 4-3 win. The victory, Iowa's fourth in the first five, put the Hawkeyes up 16-4 at intermission.

The second half began with a bang for Penn State as All-American David Taylor (St. Paris, Ohio), ranked No. 2 at 165, dominated No. 13 Nick Moore. Taylor turned Moore three times in the first period alone and rolled to an 18-2 technical fall at the 6:42 mark. Iowa won a third epic battle by a single point. This time, No. 6 Mike Evans used a late third period counter takedown to down No. 4 Matt Brown (West Valley City, Utah) in a thriller at 174, putting the Hawkeyes up 19-9 with only three bouts left.

All-American Ed Ruth (Harrisburg, Pa.), ranked No. 1 at 184, remained undefeated on the year with a dominating 21-10 major over Iowa's Grant Gambrell. All-American Quentin Wright (Wingate, Pa.), ranked No. 3 at 197, then pulled Penn State to within striking distance, picking up an 8-3 win over No. 19 Nathan Burak to cut the Iowa lead to 19-16. In the dual's final bout, No. 6 Bobby Telford of Iowa stopped Penn State's comeback short with a 9-2 win over No. 17 Jon Gingrich (Wingate, Pa.) at heavyweight.

While Iowa won six of ten bouts, Penn State owned a 22-13 lead in takedowns. The loss snaps a 20 dual win streak for Penn State.

BOUT-BY-BOUT:

125: In a rematch of last year's NCAA Championship battle at 125, No. 2 Nico Megaludis (Murrysville, Pa.) took on No. 1 Matt McDonough of Iowa. Megaludis came out quick, looking for low singles off shoulder ties from the onset. Megaludis got in on a quick single but McDonough was able to work action out of bounds and force a reset with 2:00 on the clock. Megaludis continued to set the pace, fighting off a McDonough shot at the :40 mark and keeping the bout scoreless. McDonough chose down to start the second period and quickly turned it into a chance for a reversal. But Megaludis was able to maintain control of McDonough's ankle and force a stalemate at the 1:11 mark. McDonough worked his way to an escape and a 1-0 lead at the :56 mark and action resumed with both wrestlers on their feet. Megaludis shot low, gaining control of the Hawkeye's ankle, but McDonough forced a stalemate and ending the period. Megaludis chose down to start the final period and worked his way to an escape and a 1-1 tie at the 1:45 mark. Megaludis had a :50 riding time edge. Megaludis continued to force McDonough to the edge of the mat and the bout was tied 1-1 with :50 left. After a reset at the :24 mark, Megaludis got in on a single. He nearly got the takedown but time ran out and the bout moved into a sudden victory period. The duo battled evenly until Megaludis nearly scored again at the buzzer. With time running out, the bout went to a tie breaker. Megaludis chose down and was not able to escape in his tie breaker. McDonough was able to escape in his tie-breaker session with just :04 left and grabbed a hard fought 2-1 TB win.

133: Red-shirt freshman Jordan Conaway, riding a four-bout win streak, entered his bout with No. 2 Tony Ramos of Iowa undefeated in duals at 133. Ramos got in on a high single, forcing a scramble in the center of the mat at the 1:30 mark. Conaway escaped to a 2-1 deficit quickly and action resumed in the center circle. Ramos added a second quick takedown, this time taking control of Conaway and building up some riding time with a ride-out. Trailing 4-1, Conaway chose down to start the second period and escaped. Ramos quickly picked up a third takedown to lead 6-2 with 1:40 on the clock. Conaway escaped to a 6-3 deficit but Ramos added another takedown on a counter. After cutting Conaway loose, Ramos then gained control of the freshman's shoulders and turned him to his back for a pin at the 4:23 mark, putting Iowa up 9-0.

141: Senior Bryan Pearsall (Lititz, Pa.), the only member of the Nittany Lion squad to have wrestled in Carver-Hawkeye Arena prior to the dual, met No. 8 Matt Ballweg at 141. Pearsall fought off the first Ballweg shot and then looked to connect on a single leg of his own. Each man was good on defense and the bout remained scoreless at the 1:30 mark. Pearsall connected on a low single with :30 left but Ballweg was able to counter, working his way on top of Pearsall and getting the counter takedown at the :10 mark to take a 2-0 lead. Ballweg chose down to start the second period and Pearsall was able to break the Hawkeye down for :30 before the Hawkeye reversed the Lion to lead 4-0. Ballweg then turned Pearsall for three back points and a 7-0 lead at the :40 mark. Pearsall escaped to a 7-1 deficit with :10. Trailing by six, Pearsall chose down to start the third period but could not escape a strong Ballweg ride. Ballweg worked up over 1:00 in riding time and Pearsall got hit with a first stall warning before escaping to a 7-2 deficit. Ballweg pulled his way through another takedown at the :30 mark and upped his lead 9-2. A two point turn and a riding time point gave the Hawkeye a 12-2 major, putting Iowa up 13-0 after three bouts.

149: Sophomore Andrew Alton (Mill Hall, Pa.), ranked No. 8 at 149, faced off against Iowa's Brody Grothus. Alton quickly took the Hawkeye to his back, using a shoulder throw for a takedown and three back points to lead 5-0 early. Grothus escaped quickly and action resumed in the center circle. Alton added another quick takedown, this one on a low double, to take a 7-1 lead. Grothus escaped again at the 1:18 mark and Alton quickly blew through another takedown with three more back points and a 12-2 lead. Grothus escaped before the period ended

and Alton led 12-3 after one period. Grothus chose down to start the second period and quickly escaped to a 12-4 lead. He shot low only to be countered by Alton who got another takedown and led 14-4 with over 2:00 riding time. After a Grothus escape, Alton quickly hit a high double for another takedown and a 16-5 lead. Alton chose neutral to start the third period and fought off a Grothus shot early on, forcing a stalemate at the 1:29 mark. With the clock hitting the 1:00 mark, Grothus notched his first takedown at the :40 mark, cutting Alton's lead to 17-8. That was the final tally of the bout and Alton, with 2:36 in riding time, posted the 18-8 major.

157: All-American Andrew Alton (Mill Hall, Pa.), ranked No. 5 at 157, took on No. 1 Derek St. John. The All-American tandem battled through an even two minutes, with neither wrestler finding an opening to score. The first period ended in a scoreless tie and action headed to the second stanza at 0-0. St. John chose down to start the second period and quickly escaped to a 1-0 lead. Alton connected on a low single, getting the bout's first takedown at the 1:05 mark to take a 2-1 lead. St. John escaped to a 2-2 tie with :49 left and the Iowa bench asked for a video replay. The call stood after review and action resumed in the center circle tied 2-2 with :49 left in the period. The rest of the period was scoreless and Alton chose down to start the third period. A quick escape gave the Lion a 3-2 lead with 1:50 left to wrestle. With 1:25 on the clock, Alton got in deep on a single leg and nearly scored again. St. John countered and nearly scored himself. The scramble continued and with :30 left, St. John worked his way to a takedown and a 4-3 lead. With :19 left, Alton needed an escape to tie the bout. After a reset with :09, St. John was able to ride Alton out and grab a hard-fought 4-3 win, putting Iowa up 16-4 heading into the halftime break.

165: Defending NCAA Champion David Taylor (St. Paris, Ohio), ranked No. 2 at 165, met Iowa's Nick Moore, who entered the dual ranked No. 13. Taylor took the first two shots, connecting on the second for an early 2-0 lead. The junior then controlled Moore for over 1:24 before cutting him loose. Taylor used a quick low double for a 4-1 lead and, with the ride out led 4-1 with 1:41 in time after one period. Moore chose down to start the second and Taylor quickly cut him loose. The Lion's pressure led to another takedown and this time, Taylor used a two on one title for two back points and an 8-2 lead. Taylor then turned Moore for two more back points and upped his lead to 10-1. Taylor added a three-point turn and led 13-2 after two. Taylor chose down to start the third period, quickly escaped and then took Moore down once again to lead 16-2. Taylor spent the rest of the period, looking for a tilt. He added two more back points and posted the dominating 18-2 technical fall at the 6:42 mark.

174: Sophomore Matt Brown (West Valley City, Utah), ranked No. 4 at 174, faced off against No. 6 Mike Evans of Iowa. Each man worked for control up top as action stayed in the center of the mat. Evans had the first chance to score, gaining control of Brown's left foot. But Brown was able to work his way free and force a stalemate to keep the bout scoreless at the :20 mark. Brown chose down to start the second period, stood up and worked his way into control of Evans' feet, notching the reversal. Evans escaped and Brown led 2-1 at the 1:30 mark. The duo then battled through the rest of the period scoreless and Brown led 2-1 heading into the third. Evans chose down to start the third period and escaped to a 2-2 tie. Brown gained control of Evans leg and looked to score. But Evans was able to fight the move off and countered for his own takedown and led 4-2 with :30 on the clock. Brown escaped with :14 left and looked for a final takedown, but Evans was able to kill the clock and posted the 4-3 win, giving Iowa a 19-9 lead.

184: Defending 174-pound NCAA Champion Ed Ruth (Harrisburg, Pa.), ranked No. 1 at 184, met Iowa's Grant Gambrell. Ruth opened up the match with a quick throw of Gambrell, picking up a takedown just :20 into the bout. Ruth then controlled the action from the top, looking for a chance to connect on a cradle and pick up a pin. Ruth cut Gambrell loose and the Hawkeye quickly turned in on a takedown of his own, tying the bout at 3-3. Ruth quickly took Gambrell down again, working his riding time over 1:00 in the process. A Ruth ride-out gave the Lion a 5-3 lead with 2:00 riding time after one period. Gambrell chose down to start the second period and escaped to a 5-4 deficit. Ruth quickly shot and grabbed another takedown to lead 7-4 with 1:01 on the clock. Ruth cut Gambrell loose and began collecting takedowns. Three second period takedowns gave the Lion an 11-6 lead with a clinched riding time point thanks to 3:36 in time. Ruth chose down to start the third and quickly escaped to a 12-6 lead. Ruth picked up another takedown and cut Gambrell loose again. Ruth tacked on three more takedowns and, with 4:26 in riding time, rolled to a 21-10 major decision.

197: Three-time All-American Quentin Wright (Wingate, Pa.), ranked No. 3 at 197, faced off against No. 19 Nathan Burak. Wright scored quickly, taking a 2-0 lead at the 2:00 mark. Wright then controlled the action from the top, building up :47 in time before Burak escaped. The duo battled for the rest of the period without any scoring and Wright led 2-1 after the opening stanza. Wright chose down to start the second period and quickly escaped. He then pushed through a low double leg for another takedown and a 5-1 lead. Burak escaped and then shot on Wright's left leg. But Wright quickly countered to a low double and a 7-2 lead after another escape. Wright then rode Burak out to carry that lead and 1:51 in time into the third period. Burak chose down to start the third period and quickly escaped. The third period was otherwise scoreless and Wright posted the 8-3 win with the riding time point.

285: Sophomore Jon Gingrich (Wingate, Pa.), ranked No. 17 at 285, took to the mat against No. 6 Bobby Telford, looking to forge a tie or more with an upset victory. Telford gained control of Gingrich's shoulders and notched the first takedown of the bout, taking a 2-0 lead at the 1:56 mark. Gingrich then put together a strong ride, maintaining control of Gingrich for the rest of the period. Trailing 2-0, Gingrich chose down to start the second period but Telford was once again able to maintain control. Gingrich gave up two stall points and trailed 4-0 while the Hawkeye put together another ride out. Telford chose down to start the final period and quickly escaped to a 5-0 lead. Telford countered a low Gingrich shot and notch another takedown, taking a 7-0 lead. Gingrich countered, however, with a swift reversal to cut the lead to 7-2. Telford countered that with his own reversal and, with the riding time, posted the 9-2 win.

#1 PENN STATE 37, #8 ILLINOIS 0

Sunday, Feb. 3, 2013 -- Champaign, Ill.

125: #2 Nico Megaludis PSU pinned #5 Jesse Delgado ILL, WBF (6:45)	6-0
133: Jordan Conaway PSU dec. #8 Daryl Thomas ILL, 8-6	9-0
141: Bryan Pearsall PSU dec. Steven Rodrigues ILL, 2-0	12-0
149: #8 Andrew Alton PSU dec. Caleb Ervin ILL, 6-3	15-0
157: #5 Dylan Alton PSU maj. dec. Matt Nora ILL, 14-6	19-0
165: #2 David Taylor PSU dec. #8 Conrad Polz ILL, 14-7	22-0
174: #4 Matt Brown PSU dec. #8 Jordan Blanton ILL, 6-4	25-0
184: #1 Ed Ruth PSU pinned #20 Tony Dallago ILL, WBF (0:47)	31-0
197: #3 Quentin Wright PSU dec. #13 Mario Gonzalez ILL, 4-2	34-0
285: Jimmy Lawson PSU dec. Chris Lopez ILL, 9-4	37-0
Attendance: 1,247	

The Penn State Nittany Lion wrestling team rebounded from having a 20-dual win streak snapped at Iowa on Friday by posting a Big Ten road dual shut-out. Penn State won all ten bouts in blanking No. 8 Illinois 37-0 in Champaign, its third Big Ten dual shut-out of the year.

Sophomore All-American Nico Megaludis (Murrysville, Pa.), ranked No. 2 at 125, pinned No. 5 Jesse Delgado to get Penn State off to a fast start. The Lion used a third period scramble to get the fall at the 6:45 mark. Red-shirt freshman Jordan Conaway (Abbotstown, Pa.) picked up yet another win over a top-ten opponent, rolling to a convincing 8-6 victory over No. 8 Daryl Thomas at 133. Senior Bryan Pearsall (Lititz, Pa.) then posted a 2-0 win over Steven Gonzales at 141 and the Nittany Lions led 12-0 early.

Sophomore Andrew Alton (Mill Hall, Pa.), ranked No. 8 at 149, then posted a 6-3 win over Caleb Ervin. Brother Dylan Alton (Mill Hall, Pa.), ranked No. 5 at 157, then blistered Illini Matt Nora with four third period takedowns to roll to a 14-6 major decision, putting the Nittany Lions up 19-0 at the midway point.

All-American David Taylor (St. Paris, Ohio), ranked No. 2 at 165, then posted a strong 14-7 win over No. 8 Conrad Polz to keep the Lion hopes of a road shut-out going. Sophomore Matt Brown (West Valley City, Utah), ranked No. 4 at 174, posted a 6-4 win over No. 8 Jordan Blanton at 174. All-American Ed Ruth (Harrisburg, Pa.), ranked No. 1 at 184, remained undefeated with a blistering pin of No. 20 Tony Dallago, getting the fall less than a minute into the bout with a cradle at the 0:47 mark.

Senior All-American Quentin Wright (Wingate, Pa.), ranked No. 3 at 197, also stayed unbeaten, posting a tough 4-2 win over No. 13 Mario Gonzalez to put Penn State up 34-0 heading into the final bout. At 285, sophomore Jimmy Lawson (Tom's River, N.J.) secured the road shutout with a strong 9-4 win over Chris Lopez, posting the final dual score at 37-0.

Penn State, in addition to winning all ten bouts, tallied seven bonus points off Ruth and Megaludis' pin and Dylan Alton's major. Penn State also won the takedown battle 20-4. The shut out is Penn State's third in Big Ten action this year and its first road shut out of a Big Ten foe since blanking Wisconsin 43-0 in Madison last year on Jan. 15, 2012. The victory is Penn State's first ever at Illinois.

BOUT-BY-BOUT:

125: All-American Nico Megaludis (Murrysville, Pa.), ranked No. 2 at 125, took on No. 5 Jesse Delgado in a rematch of the NWCA All-Star Classic exhibition match, wrestled this past November (won in tight fashion by Megaludis, 3-2). The highly ranked duo traded early shots with neither wrestler finding an opening at the bout's start. Delgado connected on a single leg at the 1:00 mark, gaining control of Megaludis on the edge of the mat for a takedown and a 2-0 lead. The Lion sophomore was not able to escape and a Delgado ride out gave the Illini the lead heading into the second. Delgado chose down to start the second period and quickly escaped to a 3-0 lead. Megaludis worked for his first takedown but Delgado was able to fight off the Lion's shots through the bulk of the second period. Trailing 3-0, Megaludis chose down to start the third period. He quickly escaped and began pressing Delgado towards the outside circle. Delgado got hit with a first stall warning at the 1:00 mark and Megaludis gained control of his ankle. But the Illini was able to work out of bounds and force a reset. Megaludis picked up a stall point at :40, cutting the lead to 3-2, and continued to press. The Lion sophomore forced a scramble that allowed him to work into control of Delgado's waist. He shifted his hips and forced the Illini's shoulders to the mat, getting the pin at the 6:45 mark.

133: Red-shirt freshman Jordan Conaway (Abbotstown, Pa.) took on Illinois senior Daryl Thomas, who was ranked No. 8 at 133. After the tandem worked through the first minute plus, Conaway drew first blood with a counter takedown at the 1:28 mark, taking a 2-0 lead early. Thomas escaped at the :46 mark and action resumed in the center circle. Conaway nearly connected on a second takedown late in the period but Thomas fought off the move. Leading 2-1, Conaway chose down to start the second period. A quick escape gave the Lion a 3-1 lead. Conaway countered a high Thomas shot, using a duck under for a single leg to takedown and a 5-1 lead with :35 left in the period. A Conaway ride out gave the Lion a 5-1 lead with 1:18 riding time after two periods. Thomas chose down to start the final period but Conaway once again proved to be strong on top. The Lion freshman clinched the riding time point before escaping. He then cut Conaway loose and took him down again, but a Conaway escape gave the Lion a 7-6 lead. The Lion freshman was able to fight off Thomas' final shot and, with the bonus point, picked up the 8-6 win over the eighth-ranked Illini.

141: Senior Bryan Pearsall (Lititz, Pa.) met Illini freshman Steven Rodrigues at 141. The duo battled through a scoreless first period, with neither wrestler finding an opening. Pearsall chose down to start the second stanza and quickly escaped to a 1-0 lead. Continuing to work the shoulders, Pearsall and Rodrigues worked the center of the mat with the Lion fighting off two shots to hold his 1-0 lead at period's end. Rodrigues chose down to start the third period but Pearsall was able to break the Illini down, nearly finishing off a cradle in the process. The Nittany Lion senior maintained control for the entire period, nearly turning him to his back in the process. While not getting back points, the ride out gave Pearsall a bonus point and a 2-0 win, putting Penn State up 12-0.

149: Sophomore Andrew Alton (Mill Hall, Pa.), ranked No. 8 at 149, battled Caleb Ervin. Alton quickly took Ervin down, gaining control of his shoulders for a 2-0 lead just seconds into the bout. The duo scrambled in the center of the mat, with Alton fighting off a reversal and maintaining control. Ervin escaped at the 1:15 mark, and Alton quickly worked in on his shoulders once again, working the Illini to the mat for another takedown and a 4-1 lead. Ervin escaped and Alton shot low once again, but the clock wound down and Alton led 4-2 after the opening period. Alton chose down to start the second stanza but Ervin was able to control the Lion long enough to work of Alton's riding time edge. Alton worked his way to a last second reversal and led 6-2 after two periods. Ervin chose down to start the final stanza and steadily worked his way to an escape and a 6-3 deficit. With riding time not a factor, Ervin shot low on Alton, forcing a scramble that Alton eventually fought off. Alton got in on a single leg after a reset with :30 on the clock. The move forced a scramble that killed the clock and Alton posted the 6-3 win.

157: Sophomore All-American Dylan Alton (Mill Hall, Pa.), ranked No. 5 at 157, faced off against Illini freshman Matt Nora. Alton quickly gained control of Nora's shoulders and nearly turned him to his back for a five point

move. But the takedown alone gave Alton an early 2-0 lead. Nora escaped to a 2-1 score and action returned to the center circle. Alton quickly took Nora down again and cut him loose to a 4-2 score with 1:30 on the clock. Trailing 4-2, Nora chose down to start the second period and worked his way to an escape, but not before Alton built up 1:32 in riding time. Leading by one, Alton chose down to start the third period and quickly escaped to a 5-3 lead. The Lion sophomore then upped his offensive pressure, forcing Nora towards the edge of the mat. He countered a low Nora shot and took the Illini down on the edge of the mat with 1:20 left, taking 7-3 lead. He then cut him loose and began working for another takedown. He went on to add three more takedowns. He finished the bout off with a ride out and, with 2:03 riding time, posted the 14-6 major.

165: Two-time All-American David Taylor (St. Paris, Ohio), ranked No. 2 at 165, took to the mat against No. 8 Conrad Polz. Taylor scored quickly, forcing Polz' head to the mat, allowing him a clear shot at a low single and a takedown. Leading 2-0, Taylor then put together a strong ride, building up well over a minute's worth of riding time. Polz escaped, only to get taken down again by Taylor and this time the Lion rode him out to lead 4-1 after one period. Polz chose down to start the second stanza and escaped to a 4-2 deficit. Polz took a shot that Taylor countered at the :35 mark and the Nittany Lion led 6-2 late in the second. Another Taylor ride out gave the Lion a 6-2 lead with 2:37 riding time after two periods. Taylor chose down to start the final period, quickly escaped and then stepped right in for a fourth takedown and a 9-2 lead. With the riding time point clinched, Taylor then turned Polz to his back for three near fall points and a 12-2 lead. Taylor continued to control the action from the top. Polz was able to reverse Taylor and pick up three late back points. The late flurry was enough to keep Taylor from getting bonus points but 4:14 in riding time gave Taylor a 14-7 win.

174: Sophomore Matt Brown (West Valley City, Utah), ranked No. 4 at 174, met No. 8 Jordan Blanton of Illinois. Brown scored first, getting a takedown just under a minute into the bout to lead 2-1 after a Blanton escape. The Lion sophomore continued to set the tempo offensively, gaining control of Blanton in the center circle. Blanton countered the move and forced a stalemate with 1:00 left in the opening period. Brown used a strong high double to work his way into control of Blanton, picking up a late takedown and potential near fall points. With the near-fall not being called, the Penn State bench challenged the call, but to no avail. Trailing 4-1, Blanton chose down to start the second period and quickly escaped to a 4-2 score. Neither wrestler found a way to score for the rest of the period and Brown rode that score into the third. The Lion chose down to start the third and quickly escaped to a 5-2 lead. He then gained control of Blanton and forced a scramble in the middle of the mat, but a stalemate was called at the 1:05 mark. Blanton used a single leg to work towards his first takedown, cutting Brown loose to a 6-4 Lion lead with :30 on the clock. With riding time not a factor, Brown rolled to the 6-4 win over the ranked Illini.

184: Two-time All-American Ed Ruth (Harrisburg, Pa.), ranked No. 1 at 184, battled No. 20 Tony Dallago. Ruth wasted no time taking Dallago down, working his way to a 2-0 lead just :15 into the bout. The Lion junior then completed a cradle and eventually stuck the ranked Illini for the pin at the 0:47 mark.

197: Three-time All-American Quentin Wright (Wingate, Pa.), ranked No. 3 at 197, wrestled No. 13 Mario Gonzalez. Wright used an early opening to slide down to a low double and a 2-0 lead with a takedown at the 1:00 mark. Gonzalez escaped and action resumed in the center circle. Wright and Gonzalez then battled through the rest of the period without any more scoring and Wright led by one after one. Gonzalez chose down to start the second period but could not break free of a dominating Wright ride. He escaped to a 2-2 tie but not until Wright had built his riding time edge to 1:49. Wright chose down to start the third period and quickly escaped to a 3-2 lead. Wright shot through a high single, working Gonzalez to the mat and forcing a scramble that nearly ended in a Wright pin. But Gonzalez countered and almost notched a takedown before action moved out of bounds. Wright carried the one point lead and, with the riding time point, posted the 4-2 win.

285: Sophomore Jimmy Lawson (Tom's River, N.J.) got the nod at 285 and met Illinois freshman Chris Lopez. Lawson wasted no time, blowing through a high shot at Lopez and getting a takedown early. He then added two back points before Lopez escaped to a 4-1 score with 1:45 on the clock. Lawson fought off a Lopez shot at the :30 mark and rode the 4-1 lead into the second period. Lopez chose down to start the second stanza but was not able to break free of Lawson until the :45 mark. The escape cut the Lawson lead to 4-2, but the Lion had 1:38 in riding time. Lawson chose down to start the third period and quickly worked his way to a reversal and a 6-2 lead. Lopez escaped at the 1:08 mark but Lawson had the riding time point clinched. Lopez dove low at a double leg with :40 on the clock, but Lawson forced a stalemate and action resumed in the center circle. The Lion sophomore finished on top, working through another high double for a takedown. Lopez added an escape, but with the riding time point Lawson posted a 9-4 win, securing the 37-0 road shutout.

#1 PENN STATE 31, #15 PITTSBURGH 7 Friday, Feb. 8, 2013 -- Pittsburgh, Pa.

125: #2 Nico Megaludis PSU win by forfeit	6-0
133: Jordan Conway PSU dec. #16 Shelton Mack PITT, 5-3 (sv)	9-0
141: Travis Shaffer PITT maj. dec. Derek Reber PSU, 14-2	9-4
149: #7 Andrew Alton PSU dec. Ronnie Garbinsky PITT, 14-7	12-4
157: #5 Dylan Alton PSU dec. Donnie Tasser PITT, 7-3	15-4
165: #2 David Taylor PSU maj. dec. #17 Tyler Wilps, 20-6	19-4
174: #5 Matt Brown PSU dec. P.J. Tasser PITT, 10-4	22-4
184: #1 Ed Ruth PSU maj. dec. #13 Max Thomsseit PITT, 17-3	26-4
197: #3 Quentin Wright PSU pinned #2 Matt Wilps PITT, WBF (2:43)	32-4
285: #8 Zac Thomsseit PITT dec. Jimmy Lawson PSU, 5-4*	31-7

*Lions lose team point for unsportsmanlike conduct (thrown head gear)

Attendance: 3,294

The Penn State Nittany Lion wrestling team took care of No. 15 Pitt in front of sold out Fitzgerald Fieldhouse in Pittsburgh. Head coach Cael Sanderson's Lions, ranked No. 1 in Intermat's Tournament Power Index, won all but two bouts and rolled to the 31-7 win. Senior Quentin Wright (Wingate, Pa.) picked up the dual's signature win with a pin at 197.

Sophomore All-American Nico Megaludis (Murrysville, Pa.), ranked No. 2 nationally at 125, received a forfeit to start the match for Penn State, with nearly 200 of his hometown fans in attendance. Red-shirt freshman Jordan Conway (Abbottstown, Pa.) continued his outstanding season, taking No. 16 Shelton Mack to sudden victory and grabbing the 5-3 win. Conway has now beaten three wrestlers ranked in the top 16, including two top tens. With senior Bryan Pearsall (Lititz, Pa.) getting the evening off, senior Derek Reber (Lewisburg, Pa.) stepped into action for Penn State. Panther Travis Shaffer was able to defeat Reber 14-2, cutting Penn State's lead to 9-4 with the major.

Sophomore Andrew Alton (Mill Hall, Pa.), ranked No. 7 at 149, posted a strong 14-7 win over Pitt's Ronnie Garbinsky, tallying five takedowns in the win. Brother Dylan Alton (Mill Hall, Pa.), ranked No. 5 at 157, notched a strong 7-3 win over Panther Donnie Tasser, putting Penn State up 15-4 at the midway point. Junior All-American David Taylor (St. Paris, Ohio), ranked No. 2 at 165, then rolled through No. 17 Tyler Wilps to the tune of a 20-6 major decision with 3:36 in riding time.

Nittany Lion Matt Brown (West Valley City, Utah), ranked No. 5 at 174, was strong once again in a 10-4 win over Panther P.J. Tasser to put Penn State up 22-4. Junior All-American Ed Ruth (Harrisburg, Pa.), ranked No. 1 at 184, stayed unbeaten on the year with a 17-3 dismantling of No. 13 Max Thomsseit. The major gave Penn State a 26-4 lead.

Senior All-American Quentin Wright (Wingate, Pa.), ranked No. 3 at 197, then thrilled a great crowd of Penn State faithful in the Panthers' house by pinning No. 2 Matt Wilps. A quick scramble at the end of the first period allowed Wright to gain control of the Panther and stay unbeaten on the year with the pin at the 2:43 mark. Sophomore Jimmy Lawson (Tom's River, N.J.) battled No. 8 Zac Thomsseit tough at heavyweight before dropping a tough 5-4 decision. The Lions then lost a team point for thrown head gear as the Lion left the mat frustrated.

In winning eight of ten bouts, Penn State posted a lop-sided 27-4 takedown advantage. Taylor led the way with six while Ruth and Andrew Alton each had five.

BOUT-BY-BOUT:

125: Sophomore All-American Nico Megaludis (Murrysville, Pa.), ranked No. 2 at 125, received yet another forfeit to start the match for Penn State. With nearly 200 of his hometown fans in attendance, Megaludis' forfeit victory put Penn State up 6-0 early.

133: Red-shirt freshman Jordan Conway (Abbottstown, Pa.) battled No. 16 Shelton Mack of Pittsburgh at 133. The duo battled through two minutes of scoreless action in the middle of the mat. Each wrestler took slight shots over the final minute but no one broke through and the bout moved into the second period as a scoreless tie. Conway chose down to start the second period and quickly escaped to a 1-0 lead. Leading 1-0, Conway began to pressure the Panther, forcing Mack backwards to the outer circle and into a first stall warning. Mack got in on a single leg at the end of the period and turned it into a 2-1 lead at the buzzer, getting the takedown. Leading 2-1, Mack chose down to start the third period and quickly escaped to a 3-1 lead. Conway proceeded to press the ranked Panther, forcing him to the out of bounds circle and picking up a stall point at the :58 mark to trail 3-2. Mack quickly picked up another stall and Conway tied the bout 3-3. Conway continued his pressure and Mack continued backing up and the bout went to a sudden victory period. Conway, true to form, scrambled around for a bout winning takedown with just :25 left and posted the thrilling 5-3 (sv) win.

141: Senior Bryan Pearsall (Lititz, Pa.) got the evening off, allowing Penn State to send senior Derek Reber (Lewisburg, Pa.) into action against Pitt's Travis Shaffer at 141. Reber scored quickly, taking Shaffer down and early taking the Panther to his back. But Shaffer was able to counter the move and worked his way into a reversal to tie the bout 2-2. Shaffer then controlled Reber from the top, turning the Lion for three back points and 5-2 lead at the 1:10 mark. He added a second three point turn and led 8-2 after one. Reber chose neutral to start the second period but was quickly reversed. Shaffer then rode the Lion out and led 10-2 with a clinched riding time point (3:40) after two. Shaffer chose down to start the third period and reversed Shaffer once again. He then picked up a stall point and led 13-2 with :30 left on the clock. The ride out and bonus point gave Shaffer the 14-2 major decision.

149: Sophomore Andrew Alton (Mill Hall, Pa.), ranked No. 7 at 149, met Panther freshman Ronnie Garbinsky. Alton scored quickly, taking Garbinsky down to a 2-1 lead after a quick Panther escape. The Lion sophomore then countered a Garbinsky shot for a second takedown and a 4-1 lead at the 1:45 mark. Alton then put together a strong ride, maintaining control until the 1:15 mark to build up :54 in riding time. After the Garbinsky escape, Alton continued to work to set up his offense. After a Garbinsky counter, Alton worked down for a low double and a third takedown to lead 6-2. Garbinsky managed another escape but Alton was undeterred, diving through a low double to add a fourth takedown to lead 8-3 after one period. Garbinsky chose down to start the second but Alton was strong in control. Alton built up nearly 3:00 of riding time. Each wrestler was warned once for stalling during the process. Garbinsky escaped to an 8-4 lead with :32 on the clock and Alton quickly used a low double as the period ended to lead 10-4 with 3:02 in time after two. Alton chose down to start the third and steadily worked his way to a reversal and a 12-4 lead. With the bonus point clinched, Alton picked up a stall point and then cut Garbinsky loose with :29 left. Alton shot low on Garbinsky but the Panther countered for his own takedown, preventing the major. Alton's 14-7 decision put Penn State up 12-4.

157: All-American Dylan Alton (Mill Hall, Pa.), ranked No. 5 nationally at 157, battled veteran Pitt senior Donnie Tasser. Alton hit the scoreboard first with a strong high double and led 2-1 after a quick escape. With Alton leading 2-1, action continued in the middle of the mat. Tasser was able to fight off another Alton double and keep the bout close with :20 left in the opening stanza. Trailing by one, Tasser chose down to start the second period and quickly escaped to a 2-2 tie. Alton worked his way behind Tasser and took the Panther down to the mat quickly for

another takedown and a 4-3 lead after the Panther escaped at the 1:30 mark. The Nittany Lion sophomore worked for a high single with less than a minute left, but Tasser's solid defense kept him from connecting and Alton led 4-3 after two periods. The Lion chose down to start the third period and quickly escaped to a 5-3 lead. The duo traded shots over the course of the next minute-plus with Alton picking up a first stall warning with :35 left in the bout. Alton blew through a double leg with :15 on the clock and iced the bout with another takedown. A short ride out gave the Lion a strong 7-3 win.

165: Two-time All-American David Taylor (St. Paris, Ohio), ranked No. 2 at 165, took to the mat against No. 17 Tyler Wilps. Taylor and Wilps battled evenly for over a minute before Taylor used a low single for the opening takedown with 1:35 on the clock. Wilps escaped after a :35 Taylor ride, only to get taken down again by Taylor. The defending national champion turned Wilps for three back points during a strong ride out and led 7-1 after one period. Wilps chose down to start the second period and Taylor let him loose in order to go on offense once again. A swift duck-under led to another Taylor takedown and a 9-2 lead with 1:25 on the clock. Taylor cut Wilps loose and quickly took him down again to lead 11-3 with :48 on the clock. Taylor forced Wilps into a stall warning in another ride out. Leading 11-3 with a clinched riding time point (3:01), Taylor chose down to work towards his third takedown and a 6-3 lead after a quick Tasser escape. Leading by three, Brown chose down to start the third period and quickly escaped to a 7-3 lead. The Lion sophomore continued to attack and picked up a fourth takedown with :30 left. Looking for a major, Brown cut Tasser loose but could not beat the clock for another takedown and won 10-4 with 1:04 in riding time.

174: Sophomore Matt Brown (West Valley City, Utah), ranked No. 5 at 174, faced off against Panther P.J. Tasser. Brown set the tempo early, taking a 2-0 lead at the 1:00 mark after a short scramble off a low double. Tasser escaped to a 2-1 score but Brown extended his lead to 4-1 with a takedown at the :10 mark. A short ride out gave the Lion a 4-1 lead after one period and Tasser chose down to start the middle stanza. The Panther scrambled his way to an escaped and a 4-2 Brown lead with 1:35 on the clock. Brown used a head-inside single to work towards his third takedown and a 6-3 lead after a quick Tasser escape. Leading by three, Brown chose down to start the third period and quickly escaped to a 7-3 lead. The Lion sophomore continued to attack and picked up a fourth takedown with :30 left. Looking for a major, Brown cut Tasser loose but could not beat the clock for another takedown and won 10-4 with 1:04 in riding time.

184: Two-time All-American Ed Ruth (Harrisburg, Pa.), ranked No. 1 at 184, tangled with No. 13 Max Thomsseit of Pittsburgh. Ruth wasted no time, using a single leg for a takedown, nearly turning Thomsseit in the process. With the Panther able to fight off back points but call for injury time, Ruth chose neutral and then took the Panther down again to lead 4-0 after one. Ruth chose down to start the second period and quickly escaped to a 6-0 lead with well over 1:00 in riding time. The Lion worked for a cradle for the rest of the period and, while not turning the Panther, led 6-0 with 2:50 in time after two. Thomsseit chose down to start the third and Ruth quickly turned the Panther for three point and a near pin. Leading 9-0 with 1:25 on the clock, Ruth allowed Thomsseit to escape and took him down again quickly. He then cut the Panther loose and added two more takedowns to roll to the 17-3 major with over 4:00 in riding time.

197: Three-time All-American Quentin Wright (Wingate, Pa.), ranked No. 3 at 197, met No. 2 Matt Wilps in the dual's marquee bout. Wilps connected first, using a single leg for a takedown and a 2-0 lead with 1:45 on the clock. Wright quickly escaped, cutting the lead to 2-1 and action resumed in the middle of the mat. Wright rolled through a single leg, gained control of Wilps for a takedown and then worked the Panther to his back, picking up the thrilling pin of the second-ranked Panther at the 2:43 mark.

285: Sophomore Jimmy Lawson (Tom's River, N.J.) met No. 8 Zac Thomsseit at heavyweight and scored early, roaring through a high double to lead 2-0 early. But Thomsseit quickly countered, tying the bout at 2-2 with a reversal. Lawson escaped to lead by one and action resumed in the middle of the mat. Neither wrestler was able to break through for any scoring over the final minute-plus and Lawson led 3-2 after the opening stanza. Thomsseit chose down to start the second and quickly escaped to a 3-3 tie. Thomsseit tried to connect on a double leg and Lawson pushed the shot off to keep the bout tied with :40 on the clock. Thomsseit was able to connect on a single leg with :20 left and, after a ride out, led 5-3 heading to the final period. Lawson chose down to start the third period but Thomsseit was able to break the Lion down and keep control of the action. Lawson rolled through for a near reversal but did manage the escape before action moved out of bounds with 1:10 left and Lawson down 5-4. Lawson shot in on a high double but the ranked Panther was able to play defense for the rest of the bout and escaped with a 5-4 win. Penn State was deducted a team point after the bout when Lawson through his head gear in frustration.

#1 PENN STATE 29, #6 OHIO STATE 18

Sunday, Feb. 10, 2013 -- Columbus, Ohio

125: #2 Nico Megaludis PSU maj. dec. #12 Nikko Triggas OSU, 9-1	4-0
133: #1 Logan Stieber OSU pinned Jordan Conaway PSU, WBF (1:59)	4-6
141: #2 Hunter Stieber OSU pinned Derek Reber PSU, WBF (1:25)	4-12
149: #19 Cam Tessari OSU dec. #7 Andrew Alton PSU, 3-1	4-15
157: #5 Dylan Alton PSU dec. #19 Josh Demas OSU, 4-3	7-15
165: #2 David Taylor PSU pinned Mark Martin OSU, WBF (2:55)	13-15
174: #7 Nick Heffin OSU dec. #5 Matt Brown PSU, 3-2	13-18
184: #1 Ed Ruth PSU pinned C.J. Magrum OSU, WBF (1:51)	19-18
197: #3 Quentin Wright PSU maj. dec. #16 Kenny Courts OSU, 9-1	23-18
285: Jimmy Lawson PSU inj. frf #12 Peter Capone OSU, (up 6-0 at time)	29-18
Attendance: 6,061	

The Penn State Nittany Lion wrestling team, ranked No. 1 nationally in InterMat's Tournament Power Index, took care of business at No. 6 Ohio State, rolling up bonus points in a 29-18 win in Columbus. Junior All-American's David Taylor (St. Paris, Ohio) and Ed Ruth (Harrisburg, Pa.) led head coach Cael Sanderson's squad with big pins at 165 and 184.

Sophomore All-American Nico Megaludis (Murrysville, Pa.), ranked No. 2 at 125, put the Lions up early with a 9-1 major over No. 12 Nikko Triggas. Megaludis used a furious third period that included two near fall points. No. 1 Logan Stieber then pinned Lion freshman Jordan Conaway (Abbottstown, Pa.) at 133, getting the fall at the 1:59 mark. No. 2 Hunter Stieber matched his brother, pinning Lion senior Derek Reber (Lewisburg, Pa.) at 141 (1:25). The Buckeyes got a boost at 149 when No. 19 Cam Tessari upset No. 7 Andrew Alton (Mill Hall, Pa.) 3-1, putting Ohio State up 15-4 after four bouts.

All-American Dylan Alton (Mill Hall, Pa.), ranked No. 5 at 157, then notched a hard-fought 4-3 win over No. 19 Josh Demas to cut into the Buckeye lead. Defending National Champion Taylor, ranked No. 2 at 165, then nearly erased the lead with a pin of Mark Martin with just :05 left in the opening period. The fall (2:55) cut Ohio State's lead to 15-13. Ohio State picked up another upset win at 174 with No. 7 Nick Heffin using a last second takedown to grab a 3-2 win over No. 5 Matt Brown.

Defending National Champion Ruth, ranked No. 1 at 184, then gave Penn State the lead with a quick cradle. Ruth got the pin early in the first period, getting the fall at the 1:51 mark and putting Penn State up 19-18. Three-time All-American Quentin Wright (Wingate, Pa.), ranked No. 3 at 197, then majored OSU's Kenny Courts 9-1. The win put the Lions up 23-18. Sophomore Jimmy Lawson (Tom's River, N.J.) then put the capper on the dual with a strong showing against No. 12 Peter Capone at 285. Lawson used a takedown, two back points and reversal after choice to roll up a 6-0 lead before Capone took an injury forfeit. The six-point victory gave Penn State the 29-18 win.

The Nittany Lions won the takedown battle 10-5 but dominated the bonus point war, picking up 11 while winning six of ten bouts. Penn State had two pins, two majors and the forfeit win at 285 (with Lawson already leading 6-0 at the time). Taylor and Ruth each recorded their 32nd career pins, moving them into a tie for fifth all-time at Penn State. Wright currently sits in second with 35.

BOU-T-BY-BOU-T:

125: In one of many bouts pitting ranked wrestlers against each other, Nittany Lion Nico Megaludis (Murrysville, Pa.) faced off against Ohio State's Nikko Triggas. Megaludis entered the dual ranked No. 2 while Triggas was No. 12. Triggas tried an early throw that Megaludis quickly rolled through for a takedown of his own and a 2-1 lead after a quick Triggas escape. The duo then battled through an even minute with Megaludis holding on to the one point lead through the 1:00 mark. With no more scoring, Megaludis led by one after the opening stanza and chose down to start the second. A quick escape gave the Lion a 3-1 lead at the 1:35 mark and action continued in the center circle with Megaludis fighting off a quick Triggas shot. Megaludis looked to get in on a single leg with :10 left on the clock but could not finish off the move and led by two after two periods. Triggas chose top to start the third period and Megaludis quickly escaped. He was then able to gain control of Triggas' ankle and work his way to a takedown and a 5-1 lead. The sophomore then turned the senior for two near fall points and with a ride out and a bonus point, rolled to a 9-1 major decision.

133: Red-shirt freshman Jordan Conaway (Abbottstown, Pa.) took to the mat against the nation's top-ranked 133-pounder, Ohio State's Logan Stieber. Stieber got the first takedown early, gaining control of Conaway's leg and rolling to a 2-0 lead under a minute into the bout. The top-ranked Buckeye then put together a strong ride, turning Conaway for three near fall points and a 5-0 lead at the 1:03 mark. He was able to readjust and work Conaway's shoulders to the mat for a first period pin at the 1:59 mark.

141: Senior Bryan Pearsall (Litzitz, Pa.) was held out of action once again, giving senior Derek Reber (Lewisburg, Pa.) a shot at No. 2 Hunter Stieber at 141. Stieber scored quickly, taking Reber down for an early 2-0 lead. The second-ranked Buckeye then put together a strong ride and was able to turn Reber to his back for a quick pin, getting the fall at the 1:25 mark.

149: Sophomore Andrew Alton (Mill Hall, Pa.), ranked No. 7 at 149, met No. 19 Cam Tessari for Ohio State. Alton came out quick, looking for an early throw and nearly getting it. But Tessari was able to roll out of trouble and force a scramble that ended in a stalemate at the 1:50 mark. Alton and Tessari then battle through and even two minutes and the bout moved to the second tied 0-0. Tessari chose down to start the second period and quickly worked his way to a reversal and a 2-0 lead at the 1:32 mark. Tessari controlled the action from the top position, building up a 1:13 riding time edge with a ride out. Trailing 2-0, Alton chose down to start the third period but could not break free of Tessari's ride once again. Tessari clinched the riding time point and maintained control until an Alton escape at the 3:25 mark. Alton scrambled for a takedown but Tessari was able to work the clock down to zeros and, with the riding time point, post the 3-1 win.

157: Sophomore Dylan Alton (Mill Hall, Pa.), ranked No. 5 at 157, tangled with Buckeye Josh Demas, ranked No. 19. The tandem battled through scoreless action deep into the first period with Alton connecting on a high double at the :40 mark and rolling to a takedown and a 2-0 lead. Alton maintained control for the rest of the period and, with a ride-out, carried a 2-0 lead into the second. Alton chose down to start the second and quickly escaped to a 3-0 lead. Alton kept up the offensive pressure, setting the tempo in the middle of the mat with quick low single leg shots. The Lion sophomore fought off a late Demas flurry and held the 3-0 lead after two periods. Demas chose down to start the third and quickly escaped to a 3-1 deficit. He then stepped back from an Alton shot and notched his own takedown. Alton quickly escaped to a 4-3 lead with 1:30 on the clock. Alton got called for a first stall warning at the :45 mark. He dove in at Demas' feet after a reset and was nearly countered for a takedown. Alton then fought off a late Demas shot, with time running out and Alton escaping with a 4-3 win. The victory cut Ohio State's lead to 15-7.

165: Junior David Taylor (St. Paris, Ohio), ranked No. 2 nationally at 165, met freshman Mark Martin. Martin

scored early, taking Taylor down for a 2-0 lead at the 2:11 mark. Taylor then worked his way to an escape and action resumed in the center of the mat. Taylor took the lead with a low single and then cut Martin loose to a 3-3 tie. Taylor rolled through a single leg for a takedown. The two-time All-American then turned Martin to his back, spending the final :20 of the period working for a fall and getting the pin with just :05 left on the clock. The fall at the 2:55 mark cut the Buckeye lead to 15-13.

174: Sophomore Matt Brown (West Valley City, Utah), ranked No. 5 at 174, took on No. 7 Nick Heffin of Ohio State in one of the dual's most anticipated match-ups. The highly ranked duo battled evenly for two-plus minutes, with each wrestler looking for control up high. Neither wrestler was able to score and the bout moved to the second stanza tied 0-0. Brown chose down to start the second period and quickly escaped to a 1-0 lead. Brown looked to score on a high double at the 1:00 mark but Heffin was able to step out of bounds. Brown's pressure forced Heffin into a first stall warning. Trailing by one, Heffin chose down to start the third period. Heffin escaped and Brown immediately turned into the Buckeye, forcing him backwards towards the edge of the mat. Brown continued to try and connect on high singles with Heffin's defense holding firm. Brown continued to scramble for a score but Heffin was able to counter a shot with just :05 on the clock and get a takedown to steal the win. The 3-2 victory put Ohio State up 18-13.

184: Junior Ed Ruth (Harrisburg, Pa.), ranked No. 1 in the country at 184, faced off against C.J. Magrum. Ruth quickly took the Buckeye down and began looking for way to complete a cradle. With Magrum working to his base, Ruth worked into a cradle and ended the bout early, sending Magrum's shoulders flat at the 1:51 mark and giving the Nittany Lions a slim 19-18 lead.

197: Senior Quentin Wright (Wingate, Pa.), ranked No. 3 at 197, met Kenny Courts for Ohio State. Courts was ranked No. 16 at 184. Wright looked to scramble to another first period pin, nearly turning Courts to his back at the 1:33 mark. But a stalemate was called and action resumed with the bout scoreless. Wright's steady offense led to a go-ahead takedown with :25 on the clock and, with the ride out, the Lion senior led 2-0 after one period. Wright chose down to start the second period and quickly escaped to a 3-0 lead. Wright countered a solid Courts shot, rolling underneath the Buckeye and gaining control for a takedown and a 5-0 lead with 1:20 on the clock. Wright then put together a strong ride and led 5-0 with over 1:00 in time after two. Courts took top to start the final stanza and Wright quickly escaped to a 6-0 lead. Wright rolled around a slight Courts shot, moving quickly behind the Buckeye for another takedown and an 8-0 lead with :45 on the clock. Courts escaped to an 8-1 score with :25 left but Wright had clinched the riding time point. The bonus point gave Wright an impressive 9-1 major and Penn State a 23-18 lead.

285: Sophomore Jimmy Lawson (Tom's River, N.J.) took to the mat for Penn State against No. 12 Peter Capone at 285. The duo battled evenly in the center of the mat for the entire period with neither wrestler finding an opening to score until the :30 mark. Lawson then countered a Capone shot and rolled through a takedown and two near fall points before Capone called for an injury timeout with :20 on the clock. Lawson then chose down after the injury time and quickly reversed the ranked Buckeye with :10 on the clock. With Lawson leading 6-0, Capone could not continue and the injury forfeit gave the Lions a 29-18 win.

#1 PENN STATE 48, RIDER 0 Sunday, Feb. 17, 2013 -- University Park, Pa.

125: #2 Nico Megaludis PSU pinned Patrick Skinner RID, WBF (3:48)	6-0
133: #14 Jordan Conaway PSU maj. dec. Mike Shupin RID, 19-5	10-0
141: Bryan Pearsall PSU pinned Rob Cigna RID, WBF (2:01)	16-0
149: #12 Andrew Alton PSU maj. dec. Curt Delia RID, 12-4	20-0
157: #5 Dylan Alton PSU dec. Zac Cibula RID, 5-2	23-0
165: #2 David Taylor PSU pinned #20 Ramon Santiago RID, WBF (3:48)	29-0
174: #7 Matt Brown PSU pinned James Brundage RID, WBF (4:06)	35-0
184: #1 Ed Ruth PSU pinned Ryan Wolfe RID, WBF (2:38)	41-0
197: #2 Quentin Wright PSU maj. dec. Donald McNeil RID, 12-4	45-0
285: #12 Jimmy Lawson PSU dec. Greg Velasco RID, 3-0	48-0
Attendance: 6,523	

The Penn State Nittany Lion wrestling team, ranked No. 1 nationally in Intermat's Tournament Power Index, closed out the home portion of its schedule with a 48-0 shut-out win over visiting Rider. Seniors Quentin Wright (Wingate, Pa.) and Bryan Pearsall (Lititz, Pa.) thrilled a sold out SRO crowd of over 6,500 with big wins in their final home appearances.

All-American Nico Megaludis (Murrysville, Pa.), ranked No. 2 at 125, opened up the dual by pinning Bronc Patrick Skinner, getting the fall at the 3:48 mark. Red-shirt freshman Jordan Conaway (Abbottstown, Pa.), ranked No. 14 nationally at 133, then rolled to a 19-5 major with 3:19 in riding time over Mike Shupin.

Senior Bryan Pearsall (Lititz, Pa.), wrestling for the final time in Rec Hall, then thrilled over 6,000 fans in a sold out Rec Hall by getting a pin in his final appearance in front of the home crowd. Pearsall completed a cradle and pinned Rob Cigna at the 2:01 mark. Sophomore Andrew Alton (Mill Hall, Pa.), ranked No. 12 at 149, rolled to a 12-4 major over Curt Delia. Brother Dylan Alton (Mill Hall, Pa.), ranked No. 5 at 157, posted a 5-2 win over Rider's Zac Cibula to give the Nittany Lions a 23-0 lead at intermission.

Junior All-American David Taylor (St. Paris, Ohio), ranked No. 2 at 165, then pinned No. 20 Ramon Santiago in the only bout pitting ranked wrestlers against each other. Taylor got the fall early in the second period, getting a pin at the 3:48 mark. Sophomore Matt Brown (West Valley City, Utah), ranked No. 7 at 174, then matched Taylor, getting a fall of his own. Brown pinned Rider junior James Brundage at the 4:06 mark.

Junior All-American Ed Ruth (Harrisburg, Pa.), ranked No. 1 at 184, kept the pin parade going, picking up yet another first period pin. This one, over Rider freshman Ryan Wolfe at the 2:38 mark to put Penn State up 41-0. Three-time All-American Quentin Wright (Wingate, Pa.), ranked No. 2 at 197, then made his final appearance in Rec Hall count, rolling to a 12-4 major (with 4:44 in riding time) over Donald McNeil. Sophomore heavyweight Jimmy Lawson (Tom's River, N.J.), ranked No. 12 nationally, then secured the shut-out with a dominating 3-0 decision (including 3:46) in riding time over Greg Velasco.

The Nittany Lions compiled a lop-sided 30-1 margin in takedowns and rolled up 18 bonus points thanks to five pins and three majors. Ruth and Wright remain undefeated on the year, checking in at 24-0 and 23-0 respectively while Taylor improves to 22-1. The shut-out was Penn State's fourth of the year, marking the first time in Nittany Lion history the team has logged four shut-outs in one season. The blanking was the eighth under Sanderson in this, his fourth year at the helm of the program.

125: All-American Nico Megaludis (Murrysville, Pa.), ranked No. 2 at 125, met Ride freshman Patrick Skinner. Skinner came out looking for an initial takedown but Megaludis countered his early shots and notched a takedown at the 1:57 mark. After cutting Skinner loose, Megaludis took him down again with 1:15 left to up his lead to 4-1. The Lion sophomore went on to tack on two more takedowns to lead 8-3 with over 1:00 in riding time after one period. Skinner chose down to start the second period and Megaludis let him up. The Lion then added a final takedown before turning the Bronc wrestler to his back for a pin at the 3:48 mark.

133: Red-shirt freshman Jordan Conaway (Abbottstown, Pa.), ranked No. 14 nationally at 133, took on Bronc Mike Shupin. Conaway got in on an early single leg but Morris was able to counter and force a stalemate at the 1:45 mark. Conaway notched his takedown using a quick duck-under at the 1:00 mark. Shupin escaped at period's end and Conaway led 2-1 after one period. Shupin chose down to start the second, quickly escaped, but was immediately taken down by Conaway. Conaway let the Bronc loose and then rolled through a third takedown to up his lead to 6-3. Another takedown and two near fall points gave Conaway a 10-4 lead after two periods. Conaway chose down to start the third period and quickly escaped to an 11-4 lead. Shupin got in on a single and Conaway forced a stalemate. The Lion then used a low single after the reset to notch another takedown and led 13-4 with 1:10 on the clock. Conaway added another takedown and then turned Shupin for three near fall points and an 18-5 lead with :20 left. Conaway picked up the bonus point with 3:19 in riding time and rolled to the 19-5 major.

141: Senior Bryan Pearsall (Lititz, Pa.), wrestling in his final home dual as a Nittany Lion, met Robert Cigna at 141. Pearsall notched a quick takedown and then spent the next minute working his way to finishing off a cradle. Pearsall then thrilled the SRO Rec Hall sell-out one final time, notching the pin at the 2:01 mark and ending his Rec Hall career in style.

149: Sophomore Andrew Alton (Mill Hall, Pa.), ranked No. 12 at 149, met Rider's Curt Delia. Alton nearly booked a quick pin of his own, catching Delia in a shoulder throw and turning him to his back for a near fall. Delia was able to fight off his back but the four-point move put Alton up 4-0 less than a minute into the bout. Delia managed an escape but Alton was able to turn a single leg into another takedown and led 6-2 with :50 on the clock. The duo battled evenly for the rest of the period and Alton led 6-2 after one period. The Lion sophomore chose down to start the second period and quickly escaped to a 7-2 lead. The escape was the lone scoring of the period and the Lion led by five heading into third period. Delia chose down to start the third period but Alton was able to maintain control long enough to build up 1:44 in riding time. Alton then added another takedown and led 9-4 with 1:10 after a Delia escape. Alton tacked on one more takedown and with a ride out posted the 12-4 major (with 2:41 in riding time).

157: All-American Dylan Alton (Mill Hall, Pa.), ranked No. 5 at 157, took on Bronc senior Zac Cibula. The duo battled evenly for the first minute-plus until Alton worked in on a high double. But Cibula was able to force a reset and action resumed in the center circle at the 1:40 mark. The Lion sophomore then turned a swift single leg into a takedown and the first score of the bout, taking a 2-1 lead after a Cibula escape. The Lion blew through a high double at the :05 mark, tacking on late takedown to lead 4-1 after one period. Alton chose down to start the second period and quickly escaped to a 5-1 lead. Alton continued to press the Bronc, forcing the action in the middle of the mat. But Cibula was able to fight off Alton's efforts and the Lion carried a 5-1 lead into the third period. Cibula chose down to start the third and escaped to a 5-2 lead. Alton was unable to break through the Bronc's defense but still walked away with the 5-2 win, putting Penn State up 23-0 at intermission.

165: In the lone match-up between ranked wrestlers, All-American David Taylor (St. Paris, Ohio), ranked No. 2 at 165, met No. 20 Ramon Santiago. Santiago got the bout's first takedown, using a fast low double to take a quick lead. But Taylor deftly worked his way to a reversal and tied the bout at 2-2 with 2:14 on the clock. The Lion junior then put together a strong ride, forcing the ranked Bronc into a stall warning. Taylor nearly locked a cradle and forced Santiago into another stall and led 3-2 after one period. Santiago chose down to start the second period and Taylor nearly turned him to his back for a pin. The Bronc was able to roll out of trouble once, but Taylor turned his shoulders to the mat and got the fall at the 3:48 mark, putting Penn State up 29-0.

174: Sophomore Matt Brown (West Valley City, Utah), ranked No. 7 at 174, took on James Brundage. Brown wasted no time gaining control, picking up a quick takedown on the edge of the mat just :15 into the bout. Brundage escaped and worked his way in on a single, but Brown fought off the move and then gained control himself, working around for another takedown and a 4-1 lead. Brown locked his hands while trying to turn Brundage and led 4-3 after the Bronc escaped with :25 on the clock. Brown would not be denied a final takedown, using a fast low double and a ride out to lead 6-3 after one period. Brown chose down to start the second period and quickly escaped. The Utah-native then notched another takedown to lead 9-3 with 1:25 on the clock. Brown then turned his control into a pin, turning Brundage to his back and getting the pin (4:06) to put the Lions up 35-0.

184: All-American Ed Ruth (Harrisburg, Pa.), ranked No. 1 at 184, battled Bronc freshman Ryan Wolfe. Ruth gained quick control of the bout, taking Wolfe down and leading 2-1 after cutting the Bronc loose less than :15 into action. Ruth tacked on another takedown and cut before rolling through a low double for a third takedown and a 6-2 lead with 1:01 on the clock. He then worked himself into control of Wolfe's shoulders, turning the Bronc to his back for another first period pin, this one at the 2:38 mark.

197: Wrestling in his final home dual meet, All-American Quentin Wright (Wingate, Pa.), ranked No. 2 at 197, faced off against Rider's Donald McNeil. Wright wasted no time taking the lead in his Rec Hall swan song, rolling through a takedown to lead 2-0 less than :10 in. Wright added a second takedown and then went to work on offense. The Lion senior then put together a strong ride, maintaining control for nearly 2:00 while working to turn McNeil to his back. McNeil was hit for stalling twice and led 5-2 after McNeil escaped at the :10 mark. Wright chose down to start the second period and quickly escaped to a 6-2 lead. Wright then blew through another takedown and upped his lead to 8-2 with 1:00 left in the middle stanza. Wright picked up another stall point and carried a 9-2 lead with a clinched bonus point into the third period. McNeil chose down to start the third period and escaped to a 9-3 score. Wright countered a McNeil double and picked up his fourth takedown to lead 11-3 with 1:03 left in the match. McNeil escaped as the bout ended but 4:44 in riding time gave Wright a 12-4 major in his final home bout.

285: Sophomore Jimmy Lawson (Tom's River, N.J.), ranked No. 12 nationally at 285, took on Rider freshman Greg Velasco. The duo battled through a scoreless two-minute plus with neither man finding an opening to score. Lawson looked to score late in the period, but Velasco was able to step back from his shots and the bout moved to the second period tied 0-0. Velasco chose down to start the second period but Lawson was able to break the Bronc down and maintain his offensive position. Lawson then gained control of Velasco's arm and looked to turn him for back points, but Velasco belled out with :40 left in the period. The strong ride-out kept things scoreless and Lawson chose down to start the third. The ranked Lion sophomore then reversed Velasco to lead 2-0 with over 2:00 in riding time. Lawson spent the rest of the period trying to turn Velasco to no avail. Still, the dominating performance on top gave the Lion sophomore a 3-0 win with 3:46 in riding time.

#1 PENN STATE 34, RUTGERS 0

Sunday, Feb. 24, 2013 -- New Brunswick, N.J.

125: #2 Nico Megaludis PSU dec. Joe Langel RU, 8-2	3-0
133: #13 Jordan Conaway PSU dec. Vincent Dellafave RU, 6-1	6-0
141: Bryan Pearsall PSU pinned Trevor Melde RU, WBF (2:40)	12-0
149: #12 Andrew Alton PSU dec. Ken Theobald RU, 11-7	15-0
157: #5 Dylan Alton PSU dec. Scott Winston RU, 10-3	18-0
165: #2 David Taylor PSU maj. dec. Nick Visicaro RU, 14-6	22-0
174: #7 Matt Brown PSU dec. #14 Greg Zannetti RU, 6-2	25-0
184: #1 Ed Ruth PSU dec. #10 Dan Rinaldi RU, 11-4	28-0
197: #2 Quentin Wright PSU dec. Dan Seidenberg RU, 7-4	31-0
285: #12 Jimmy Lawson PSU dec. (TB) Billy Smith RU, 3-2 (tb)	34-0
Attendance: 3,557	

The Penn State Nittany Lion wrestling team, ranked No. 1 nationally in InterMat's Tournament Power Index, capped the 2012-13 dual meet season by shutting out Rutgers 34-0 in New Brunswick on Sunday. Sophomore Jimmy Lawson (Tom's River, N.J.) capped off the victory with a last second tie-breaker win at heavyweight and head coach Cael Sanderson notched his 100th career dual meet win as a coach.

Sophomore All-American Nico Megaludis (Murrysville, Pa.), ranked No. 2 at 125, got Penn State off to a fast start with a dominating 8-2 win over Rutgers senior Joe Langel at 125. Red-shirt freshman Jordan Conaway (Abbotstown, Pa.), ranked No. 13 at 133, was equally impressive, rolling to a 6-1 lead with 1:51 in time over Rutgers' Vincent Dellafave.

Senior Bryan Pearsall (Lititz, Pa.) then pushed Penn State out to a 12-0 lead with a pin of RU senior Trevor Melde at the 2:40 mark. Pearsall gave up an early takedown but locked up the cradle from the bottom position. Sophomore Andrew Alton (Mill Hall, Pa.), ranked No. 12 at 149, posted a strong 11-7 win over RU's Ken Theobald. Sophomore All-American Dylan Alton (Mill Hall, Pa.), ranked No. 5 at 157, closed out the first half with a dominant win over Rutgers' senior Scott Winston, posting the 10-3 decision to give the Lions an 18-0 lead at halftime.

Junior All-American David Taylor (St. Paris, Ohio), ranked No. 2 at 165, opened up the second half with a strong 14-6 major over Nick Visicaro. In the first of two bouts featuring ranked foes, No. 7 Matt Brown (West Valley City, Utah), downed No. 14 Greg Zannetti 6-2 at 174 to give Penn State a 25-0 lead. Junior All-American Ed Ruth (Harrisburg, Pa.), ranked No. 1 at 184, remained undefeated with a dominating 11-4 win over No. 10 Dan Rinaldi.

Senior Quentin Wright (Wingate, Pa.), ranked No. 2 at 197, worked his way to a 7-4 win over Rutgers' junior Dan Seidenberg to remain undefeated as well. Sophomore heavyweight Lawson, ranked No. 12 at 285, then closed out the shutout with a thrilling 3-2 tie-breaker win Rutgers' Billy Smith. With just :06 left, Lawson worked his way to his feet in his tie-breaker period and rolled down to a reversal at Smith's ankles with just :02 left, pushing Penn State to the 34-0 shut-out win.

The Nittany Lions rolled to a 28-3 edge in takedowns and picked up four bonus points off Pearsall's pin and Taylor's major. Ruth and Wright remain undefeated on the year, with the former sitting at 25-0 and the latter at 24-0. Taylor improved to 23-1 with his win. The victory was Sanderson's 100th as a collegiate head coach and his 57th at Penn State. The attendance of 3,557 was the largest of the year for Rutgers. Penn State closes out the dual meet season with a 13-1 record while Rutgers concludes an outstanding dual season with a 15-4 mark.

BOUT-BY-BOUT:

125: Sophomore All-American Nico Megaludis (Murrysville, Pa.), ranked No. 2 at 125, took on talented Scarlet Knight senior Joe Langel. Megaludis set the tempo early, working Langel's shoulders until finding an opening to get in on a low single. Langel was able to force a stalemate and keep the bout scoreless at the 1:58 mark. The Lion connected on a second single leg and this time turned it into a takedown and a 2-1 lead after a quick Langel escape. Langel fought off a third Megaludis single leg at the :35 mark and the Lion led 2-1 after the opening stanza. Langel chose down to start the second period but Megaludis was able to maintain control long enough to build up well over 1:00 in riding time. The Nittany Lion broke Langel down at the 1:00 mark and then continued his strong ride for the remainder of the period. The ride out gave Megaludis a 2-1 lead with 2:16 in time heading into the third. Megaludis chose down to start the third and quickly escaped to a 3-1 lead. Megaludis tacked on a second takedown at the 1:20 mark and upped his lead to 5-2 after cutting Langel loose. With a riding time point clinched, Megaludis tacked on another takedown and, with another ride-out, rolled to the 8-2 win with 2:45 in riding time.

133: Red-shirt freshman Jordan Conaway (Abbotstown, Pa.), ranked No. 13 nationally at 133, took on RU junior Vincent Dellafave. Conaway, like Megaludis, set the early tempo, forcing the Rutgers junior backwards while looking to set up his shot. The Lion freshman's pressure paid off on the edge of the mat as Conaway started high on a shot and then finished low with a single leg to takedown at the :22 mark. Conaway then kept a scrambling Dellafave down for a ride out and a 2-0 lead. Dellafave chose down to start the second period but could not work his way free of a strong Conaway ride. The Nittany Lion maintained control long enough to build up a 1:25 time edge before the Knight escaped to a 2-1 score. Dellafave got in on a single leg with :10 left in the period but Conaway forced a scramble that killed the clock to lead 2-1 after two. Conaway chose down to start the third period and escaped at the 1:35 mark, maintaining a one-minute plus riding time edge. Conaway used a swift duck-under for a second takedown and upped his lead to 5-1 with :45 left to secure the match. Conaway broke Dellafave under at the end of the match and rolled to a 6-1 with 1:51 in riding time.

141: Senior Bryan Pearsall (Lititz, Pa.) took on Rutgers senior Trevor Melde at 141 in his final dual meet as a Nittany Lion. Melde blew through a high double to start the match and took Pearsall to his back for two quick nearfall points. Down 4-0 with 2:25 on the clock, the Lion senior worked to break free of a strong Melde ride. Pearsall steadily found his base and then began working not for a reversal, but to lock up a cradle. The Nittany Lion senior completed the outstanding move from underneath, hitting the cradle and pinning Melde at the 2:40 mark to put Penn State up 12-0.

149: Sophomore Andrew Alton (Mill Hall, Pa.), ranked No. 12 at 149, met Rutgers' Ken Theobald. Alton scored quickly, opening up a 2-1 lead less than :30 into the bout. Alton dominated the action early, picking up a second and third takedown to lead 6-2 with 1:30 left in the opening period. Alton then controlled Theobald for the rest of the period and led 6-2 after one period. Alton chose down to start the second stanza and quickly reversed the Knight to lead 8-3 after a Theobald escape. Alton quickly notched his fourth takedown and built his time edge up to 2:45 before the Knight escaped. Theobald chose down to start the third period. Alton clinched the bonus point before Theobald escaped and then the Lion rolled through a low single, forcing a scramble that led to a stalemate with 1:20 left to wrestle. Theobald picked up his first takedown, cutting the lead to 10-7 with :38 left to wrestle. The offense was not enough for the Knight and Alton rolled to an 11-7 win including 2:23 in riding time.

157: All-American Dylan Alton (Mill Hall, Pa.), ranked No. 5 nationally at 157, met RU senior Scott Winston. The duo battled evenly for the first half of the period with no one finding an opening to score. Alton nearly took

the lead with 1:30 left, using a single leg for a near takedown on the edge of the mat. But action moved out of bounds and the duo resumed with 1:05 in the middle of the mat. Alton nearly pinned Winston at the :15 mark, but action was stopped for potentially dangerous and the bout moved to the second period in a scoreless tie. Alton chose down to start the second period and quickly escaped to a 1-0 lead. Alton began to string low singles together, working for a chance to get the bout's first takedown. With 1:04 on the clock, Alton used a low single to secure a takedown and up his lead to 3-0. The Lion sophomore then maintained control of the Knight senior for the rest of the period and carried that lead, with 1:01 in time, into the third period. Winston chose down to start the third period but Alton once again dominated action from the top. Winston escaped to a 3-1 score with 1:10 left. Alton then countered a slight Winston shot and led 5-2 with a clinched bonus point at the :40 mark. Looking for a major, Alton added on two more late takedowns and posted the dominating 10-3 decision with 2:08 in riding time.

165: Two-time All-American David Taylor (St. Paris, Ohio), ranked No. 2 at 165, battled Scarlet Knight Nick Visicaro. Taylor fought off an early Visicaro shot and worked action out of bounds. The Nittany Lion junior then used a low single leg for his first takedown and a 2-0 lead. He then nearly turned the Knight for back points but Visicaro was able to roll out of trouble and keep the bout close with 1:00 left in the period. Taylor let Visicaro loose and then added a second takedown with :12 left to lead 4-1 after the opening period. Taylor chose down to start the second period and quickly escaped. He then rolled through a Visicaro single, forced a scramble on the edge of the mat and finished off a takedown of his own to lead 7-1 with 1:29 on the clock. After a Visicaro escape, Taylor notched another takedown and then spent the rest of the period looking for a turning combination. Taylor led 8-3 with 2:46 in time after two. Taylor went on to pick up two more takedowns and with, 3:43 in time, post the 14-6 major.

174: In one of two match-ups featuring ranked opponents, sophomore Matt Brown (West Valley City, Utah) faced off against RU senior Greg Zannetti. Brown was ranked No. 7 and Zannetti No. 14. The duo battled evenly for the better part of the opening period before Brown connected on a low single and turned it into a takedown and a 2-0 lead with :31 on the clock. Leading by two, Brown chose down to start the second period and quickly escaped to a 3-0 lead. The Lion sophomore then countered a Zannetti shot and worked his way around for a second takedown and a 5-1 lead after Zannetti escaped. Trailing 5-1, Zannetti chose down to start the final stanza. Brown maintained control long enough to build up over 1:00 in riding time before Zannetti escaped to a 5-2 score. The duo then traded shots for the next minute plus with Brown going on to post a strong 6-2 decision with 1:14 in time.

184: In another marquee match-up, two-time All-American Ed Ruth (Harrisburg, Pa.), ranked No. 1 at 184, battled No. 10 Dan Rinaldi of Rutgers. Ruth nearly scored on an early low single but Rinaldi was able to step back out of trouble and keep the bout scoreless early on. Ruth's offensive pressure paid off as the Lion connected on a solid high double to lead 2-0 with 1:05 in the opening stanza. The Nittany Lion waited for an opening to hit a cradle but Rinaldi was able to get out of the period without giving up any back points. Leading by two, Ruth chose down to start the second period. A quick escape gave Ruth a 3-0 lead with 1:35 and the Nittany Lion continued to pressure the Knight back to the outside circle. Ruth used a solid high shot to up his lead to 5-0 at the 1:05 mark and once again went to work from the top position. Ruth cut Rinaldi loose at the :42 mark and then fought off a Rinaldi shot with :22 left. Rinaldi chose down to start the third period but quickly got hit with a stall warning from the bottom. Ruth continued to look for a cradle. After clinching the bonus point and picking up a stall point, Ruth upped his lead to 8-3 with a takedown and cut. Ruth added a late takedown and rolled to an 11-4 win with 2:32 in riding time.

197: Three-time All-American Quentin Wright (Wingate, Pa.), ranked No. 2 at 197, met RU's Dan Seidenberg in his final dual meet as a Nittany Lion. The duo traded early shots with neither man finding an opening. But Wright's steady offense led to a late takedown and a 2-0 lead with :21 on the clock. A short ride out gave Wright a 2-0 lead after one. Wright chose down to start the second period and quickly reversed the Scarlet Knight junior for a 4-0 lead with 1:30 on the clock. Wright then put together a dominating ride, working for a chance to turn Seidenberg. Seidenberg was able to escape only to get taken down by Wright again with :15 left in the period. Another ride out and Wright led 6-1 with 1:47 in time after two periods. Seidenberg chose down to start the second and Wright cut him loose to a 6-2 lead. Wright shot low on Seidenberg but the Knight was able to counter the move and get a takedown of his own, cutting the Lion's lead to 6-4 with :40 on the clock. A Rutgers ride out was not enough and, with 1:04 in riding time, Wright posted the 7-4 win.

285: Sophomore Jimmy Lawson (Tom's River, N.J.), ranked No. 12 at 285, battled talented Rutgers freshman Billy Smith. The tandem of big men wrestled even up for over two minutes with neither man working an offensive combination to score. With time winding down in the period, Lawson fought off a Smith shot but was not able to complete the counter move and the bout moved to the second period tied 0-0. Smith chose down to start the second period and quickly escaped to a 1-0 lead. Like the first period, the duo wrestled evenly in the middle of the mat but no scoring opportunities arose. Lawson countered a Smith shot and nearly locked his shoulders up for a throw, but action moved out of bounds and the Knight led 1-0 heading into the final stanza. Lawson chose down to start the third period and quickly escaped to a 1-1 tie. Both men worked for shoulder control for the next minute-plus but no one found the scoring column. The bout moved to a sudden victory period tied 1-1. The first sixty seconds were scoreless and a first tie-breaker ensued. Smith escaped with :18 left in his tie breaker period to lead 2-1. Lawson then secured the shutout with a thrilling reversal in his tie breaker period. With just :06 on the clock, Lawson worked his way to his feet and with time running out, the Lion bulled his way around for control of Smith's ankles with just :02 on the clock. The swift move gave Lawson the 3-2 (TB) decision and secured the 34-0 shut-out.