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Penn State Wrestling, 2012 NCAA and Big Ten Champions -- Season Ending Notes, April 2, 2012

## PENN STATE'S 2012 NCAA CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT LINE-UP

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

WT	NAME	EL	HT/HS	REC
125	#10 Nico Megaludis	Fr.	Murrysville, Pa./Franklin Regional	28-8
<i>2012 NATIONAL RUNNER-UP AT 125, ALL-AMERICAN</i>				
133	Frank Martellotti	So.	Pittsburgh, Pa./Shady Side	9-11
<i>1-2 at 2012 NCAA Championships</i>				
149	#1 Frank Molinaro	Sr.	Barneget, N.J./Southern Regional	33-0
<i>PSU's 5th 4X All-American (8th at 141 in '09, 5th in '10, 2nd in '11, 1st in '12)</i>				
<i>2012 NCAA NATIONAL CHAMPION AT 149</i>				
157	#7 Dylan Alton	R-Fr.	Mill Hall, Pa./Central Mountain	30-6
<i>ALL-AMERICAN, 3RD AT 157</i>				
165	#1 David Taylor	So.	St. Paris, Ohio/St. Paris Graham	32-0
<i>2X All-American (2nd at 157 in '11, 1st at 165 in '12)</i>				
<i>2012 NCAA NATIONAL CHAMPION AT 165</i>				
174	#1 Ed Ruth	So.	Harrisburg, Pa./Susquehanna Twp.	31-0
<i>2X All-American (3rd in '11, 1st in '12)</i>				
<i>2012 NCAA NATIONAL CHAMPION AT 174</i>				
184	#6 Quentin Wright	Jr.	Wingate, Pa./Bald Eagle Area	30-4
<i>2011 NCAA National Champion, PSU's 20th 3X All-American (6th at 174 in '09, 1st in '11, 2nd in '12)</i>				
<i>2012 NATIONAL RUNNER-UP AT 184</i>				
197	Morgan McIntosh	Fr.	Santa Ana, Calif./Calvary Chapel	18-10
<i>1-2 at 2012 NCAA Championships</i>				
285	#6 Cameron Wade	Sr.	Twinsburg, Ohio/St. Peter Chanel	28-6
<i>2-2 at 2012 NCAA Championships</i>				

# Indicates tournament seed

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## 2011-12 SCHEDULE

### NOVEMBER

Sun.	13	BLOOMSBURG	W, 39-3
Sun.	20	#4 MINNESOTA*	L, 14-23

### DECEMBER

Sun.	4	NITTANY LION OPEN	
<i>(Penn State's six champions: Nico Megaludis at 125, Frank Molinaro at 149, David Taylor at 165, Ed Ruth at 174, Quentin Wright at 184, Cameron Wade at 285)</i>			
Fri.	9	at #10 Lehigh	W, 24-12
Sun.	11	WEST VIRGINIA	W, 34-6
Sun.	18	at Lock Haven	W, 50-0

### JANUARY

Sun.-Mon.	1-2	Southern Scuffle, Chattanooga, Tenn.	1st, 191.5
<i>(Molinaro 1st 149, Taylor 1st 165, Ruth 1st 174, Wright 1st 184, Alton 2nd 157, Brown 2nd 165, Megaludis 4th 125, Wade 4th HWT)</i>			
Sun.	8	at Michigan State*	W, 36-6
Fri.	13	at #17 Northwestern*	W, 38-3
Sun.	15	at Wisconsin*	W, 43-0
Sun.	22	#2 IOWA*	W, 22-12
Sun.	29	#5 OHIO STATE*	W, 34-9

### FEBRUARY

Fri.	3	at #7 Nebraska*	W, 31-6
Sun.	5	#12 MICHIGAN*	W, 34-7
Sat.	11	at Utah Valley	W, 39-3
Sun.	19	#9 PITTSBURGH	W, 33-6

### MARCH

Sat.-Sun.	3-4	2012 Big Ten Championships at Purdue	1st, 149.0
<i>(Molinaro 1st at 149, Taylor 1st at 165, Ruth 1st at 174, Alton 3rd at 157, Wright 3rd at 184, Wade 3rd at 285, Megaludis 5th at 125, McIntosh 5th at 197, Martellotti 7th at 133, Pearsall 7th at 141)</i>			

Thur.-Sat.	15-17	2012 NCAA Wrestling Championships, St. Louis, Mo.	1st, 143.0
<i>(Molinaro 1st at 149, Taylor 1st at 165, Ruth 1st at 174, Megaludis 2nd at 125, Wright 2nd at 184, Alton 3rd at 157, Wade 2-2 at 285, Martellotti 1-2 at 133, McIntosh 1-2 at 197)</i>			

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## TODAY'S ACTION

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## INDIVIDUAL SEASON RECORDS (as of 3/19/11)

<i>Name, Wt.</i>	<i>Record</i>
Andrew Alton, 149	9-1
Dylan Alton, 157	30-6
Seth Beitz, 149	20-6
Matt Brown, 174/197	27-2
Collin Campbell, 285	6-3
Andrew Church, 174	23-12
Jordan Conaway, 125	11-5
Dirk Cowburn	10-2
David Crowell	0-0
James English	0-0
Nick Fischer, 157	10-5
James Frascella, 174	5-4
Luke Frey, 141	9-1
Jon Gingrich, 285	21-4
Cameron Kelly, 133	2-4
Rex Lutz, 165	10-11
Frank Martellotti, 133	9-11
Morgan McIntosh, 197	18-10
Nico Megaludis, 125	28-8
Frank Molinaro, 149	33-0
Kyle Moran, 141	8-2
Nate Morgan, 141	0-0
Justin Ortega, 197	17-7
David Owens, 141	2-3
Bryan Pearsall, 141	15-12
Brandon Phillips, 174	10-8
Derek Reber, 133	10-9
Nick Ruggear, 285	8-3
Ed Ruth, 174	31-0
Sam Sherlock, 141	3-3
Clay Steadman	0-0
Scott Syrek, 197	2-2
David Taylor, 165	32-0
James Vollrath, 157	12-4
Cameron Wade, 285	28-6
Michael Waters, 141	7-9
Quentin Wright, 184	30-4

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

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# #1 PENN STATE AT 2012 NCAA CHAMPIONSHIPS

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The full season slate of live dual meet and tournament action was aired locally WRSC AM (1390 AM) with Friday evening duals being simulcast on WRSC FM (103.1 FM). Lock Haven's WBPZ (1230 AM) will also carry the entire season live, WIEZ (670 AM) in Huntingdon/Lewistown carries all Sunday events. The regular season schedule of radio broadcasts will be streamed live at [www.GoPSUsports.com](http://www.GoPSUsports.com) as part of Penn State's All-Access package. Fans are encouraged to follow Penn State wrestling via twitter at [www.twitter.com/pennstatepat](http://www.twitter.com/pennstatepat) and on Penn State Wrestling's facebook page at [www.facebook.com/pennstatewrestling](http://www.facebook.com/pennstatewrestling). The 2011-12 Penn State Wrestling season was presented by The Family Clothesline.

### 2012 NCAA WRESTLING CHAMPIONSHIPS – Top 5 Team Standings

#### Saturday, March 17, 2012 – Scottrade Center – St. Louis, Mo.

- 1: PENN STATE – 143.5
- 2: Minnesota – 117.5
- 3: Iowa – 107.5
- 4: Cornell – 102.5
- 5: Ohio State – 68.5

### 2012 NCAA WRESTLING CHAMPIONSHIPS – Championship Finals Agate

#### Saturday, March 17, 2012 – Scottrade Center – St. Louis, Mo.

125:	#1 Matt McDonough, Iowa	3-2 dec.
	<b>#10 NICO MEGALUDIS, PENN STATE</b>	
133:	#2 Logan Stieber, Ohio State	4-3 dec.
	#1 Jordan Oliver, Oklahoma State	
141:	#1 Kellen Russell, Michigan	6-4 (sv) dec.
	#3 Montel Marion, Iowa	
149:	<b>#1 FRANK MOLINARO, PENN STATE</b>	<b>4-1 dec.</b>
	#7 Dylan Ness, Minnesota	
157:	#1 Kyle Dake, Cornell	4-1 dec.
	#2 Derek St. John, Iowa	
165:	<b>#1 DAVID TAYLOR, PENN STATE</b>	<b>22-7 TF (5:55)</b>
	#11 Brandon Hatchett, Lehigh	
174:	<b>#1 ED RUTH, PENN STATE</b>	<b>13-2 maj. dec.</b>
	#3 Chris Amuchastegui, Stanford	
184:	#4 Steve Bosak, Cornell	4-2 (sv) dec.
	<b>#6 QUENTIN WRIGHT, PENN STATE</b>	
197:	#1 Cam Simaz, Cornell	7-5 dec.
	#2 Chris Honeycutt, Edinboro	
285:	#2 Mike Nelson, Minnesota	4-1 dec.
	#4 Zach Rey, Lehigh	

The following is a weight-by-weight breakdown/agate of Penn State's tournament to date:

#### 125: Nico Megaludis (Murrysville, Pa.), Fr. – #10 seed – 28-8 overall – ALL-AMERICAN

1st Rd: W, 13-5 maj. dec. Michael Martinez, Wyoming  
 2nd Rd: W, 7-3 dec. #7 Jarrod Patterson, Oklahoma  
 Qtrs: W, 7-4 dec. #2 Zach Sanders, Minnesota  
 Semis: W, 3-2 (tb2) dec. #6 Frank Perrelli, Cornell  
 Finals: L, 1-4 dec. #1 Matt McDonough, Iowa

True freshman Nico Megaludis opened up his first NCAA Championship tournament with an impressive win over fifth-year senior Michael Martinez of Wyoming. Megaludis dominated the action from start to finish and posted the 13-5 major decision, picking up an early bonus point for Penn State.

In the second round, Megaludis roared back from a 3-0 deficit in the third period to score seven unanswered points to post a 7-3 win over No. 7 Jarrod Patterson of Oklahoma. Megaludis used an escape, a takedown, three back points and 1:37 in riding time to roll to the win.

Megaludis exacted sweet revenge on No. 2 seed Zach Sanders of Minnesota in the national quarterfinals. The true freshman rolled to a 7-4 win thanks to three takedowns and an escape. Sanders downed Megaludis twice during the regular season by identical 6-2 scores. Megaludis bolted out to a 3-1 lead after two periods with an escape and takedown. In the third period, the Lion freshman dominated the action, taking Sanders down twice and picking up the win to become a true freshman All-American.

Avenging a loss to another wrestler he met earlier in the year, Megaludis thrilled the Penn State faithful with a 3-2 (tb2) win over No. 6 Frank Perrelli of Cornell in the national semifinals. Megaludis took the Cornell senior through two sudden victory periods and then maintained control for the full :30 in the second tie breaker. Then, taking bottom on his turn, Megaludis quickly escaped and advanced to the national finals with the win.

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#### 133: Frank Martellotti (Pittsburgh, Pa.), So. – 9-11 overall – Season Complete

1st Rd: LBF #1 Jordan Oliver, Oklahoma State (2:06)  
 Cns 1: W, 2-1 dec. Frank Lomas, CS-Bakersfield  
 Cns 2: L, 9-19 maj. dec. #6 Devin Carter, Virginia Tech

Sophomore Frank Martellotti made his NCAA Championship debut against the tournament's No. 1 seed, Oklahoma State's Jordan Oliver. Martellotti got taken down early by the top seed and then pinned at the 2:06 mark.

The true sophomore rebounded in the first round of wrestle backs, getting a reversal in the third period to post an important 2-1 decision over UC-Bakersfield's Frank Lomas. The win kept Martellotti alive and moved him into the second round of wrestle backs.

Martellotti was then eliminated in the second round of consolations, suffering a 19-9 major decision to No. 6 Devin Carter of Virginia Tech. Martellotti went 1-2 in his first trip to NCAAs but picked up a key team point in the first round of consolations.

#### 149: Frank Molinaro (Barnegat, N.J.), Sr. – #1 seed – 33-0 overall – ALL-AMERICAN

1st Rd: W, 9-0 maj. dec. Chris Villalonga, Cornell  
 2nd Rd: W, 6-5 dec. Scott Sakaguchi, Oregon State  
 Qtrs: W, 10-2 maj. dec. #8 Eric Grajales, Michigan  
 Semis: W, 5-0 dec. Justin Accordino, Hofstra  
 Finals: W, 4-1 dec. #7 Dylan Ness, Minnesota

Top seed Frank Molinaro began his quest for an NCAA title and his fourth All-America honor with a dominating 9-0 major over Cornell's Chris Villalonga at 149. Molinaro recorded three takedowns, an escape, a stall point and a riding time point off 4:07 in time to coast to the win.

In the second round, Molinaro battled through a tough match-up with Oregon State's Scott Sakaguchi. The Nittany Lion senior used a solid 2:27 riding time edge for the decisive point in a 6-5 win to more into the quarterfinals.

Molinaro became Penn State's fifth four-time All-American with a dominating 10-2 major decision over No. 8 Eric Grajales of Michigan. The Nittany Lion senior broke open a close match with a takedown and two near fall points in the second and then two more takedowns, an escape and riding time in the third. Molinaro heads to the national semifinals and joins Nittany Lion greats Greg Elinsky, Jim Martin, Sanshiro Abe and Phil Davis as a four-time All-American.

Molinaro then dominated Hofstra's Justin Accordino in the national semifinals. Molinaro notched a first period takedown and a third period reversal while rolling up a whopping 4:03 in riding time to coast to the 5-0 decision. The victory moved him into his second straight national championship match.

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**157: Dylan Alton (Mill Hall, Pa.), Fr. – #7 seed – 30-6 overall – ALL-AMERICAN**

1st Rd: W, 12-4 maj. dec. Jake O'Hara, Columbia  
2nd Rd: W, 2-1 dec. #10 Anthony Jones, Michigan State  
Qtrs: L, 1-3 (sv) #2 Derek St. John, Iowa  
Cns 4: W, 6-3 dec. Joshua Kreimier, Air Force  
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3rd Place: W, 6-2 dec. #3 Jason Welch, Northwestern

Red-shirt freshman Dylan Alton made his NCAA Championship debut in fine fashion with a dominating 12-4 major over Columbia's Jake O'Hara. Alton rolled up 3:01 in riding time for the important team bonus point.

In the second round, Alton used a strong third period ride to build up a riding time edge and grab an important 2-1 win over No. 10 Anthony Jones of Michigan State. Each wrestler had an escape and Alton's 1:14 in riding time provided the difference as the Lion freshman moved into the quarterfinals.

Alton battled No. 2 Derek St. John into sudden victory once again in the quarters. In the extra period, the Lion freshman got on in a single against the Hawkeye but St. John countered, rolled through and picked up the 3-1 sudden victory decision. Alton, still one win from All-America status, moved into the consolation fourth round.

In the 'round of 12', Alton used a takedown in each of the first two periods to roll to an impressive 6-3 win over Air Force's Joshua Kreimier, earning All-America status as a freshman and keeping his quest for third place alive. Alton added an escape and a riding time point for the victory and joins Nico Megaludis as Penn State's newest freshmen All-Americans.

Alton then used a late third period takedown to post a key 4-3 win over No. 11 James Green of Nebraska, earning a trip to the consolation semifinals and keeping a third place finish within reach. Alton got his takedown with less than :30 left and then rode Green out for the victory.

In the consolation semifinals Saturday morning, Alton met No. 5 Ganbayar Sanjaa of American. For the second straight bout, Alton went to extra time and once again, proved the victor. The Lion freshman used a swift low double in the second sudden victory period to notch a 7-5 (sv2) win over Sanjaa and move into the third place bout.

Alton took on No. 3 Jason Welch of Northwestern for third, closing out Penn State's medal round activity. The Nittany Lion freshman took care of the Wildcat, using two takedowns, an escape and 1:23 in riding time to roll to a 6-2 win. The victory closed out Alton's inaugural NCAA tourney run with a 7-1 mark and a third place finish, well above his No. 7 seed.

**165: David Taylor (St. Paris, Ohio), So. – #1 seed – 32-0 overall – ALL-AMERICAN**

1st Rd: WBF over Corey Lear, Bucknell (1:40)  
2nd Rd: WBF over Brandon Wright, UT-Chattanooga (1:51)  
Qtrs: WBF over #8 Robert Kokesh, Nebraska (0:29)  
Semis: WBF over #4 Bekzod Abdurakhmonov, Clarion (4:46)  
Finals: W, 22-7 tech. fall over #11 Brandon Hatchett, Lehigh (TF; 5:55)

Top-seed David Taylor opened up his run towards NCAA glory with a quick pin of Bucknell's Corey Lear. Taylor notched an early takedown and then turned the Bison to his shoulders for a quick first period fall at the 1:40 mark.

Taylor needed just :11 more seconds in his second round match-up. Taylor turned another first period takedown into a pin, getting the fall at the 1:51 mark over UT-Chattanooga's Brandon Wright. Taylor's second straight pin moved him into the quarterfinals.

In the quarterfinals, Taylor needed less than a half a minute to become a two-time All-American. The Nittany Lion sophomore used a low single against No. 8 Robert Kokesh of Nebraska to take the Husker to the mat. He then quickly locked up a cradle and decked the Husker for a pin at the :29 mark, moving into the national semifinals.

In the semifinals, Taylor made it four-for-four in pins, getting a fall over No. 4 Bekzod Abdurakhmonov of Clarion at the 4:46 mark. Taylor was in the middle of a blistering second period that saw him collect three takedowns before turning the Golden Eagle to his back and getting his fourth straight pin. The victory moved Taylor into his second straight national title bout.

In the finals, Taylor met No. 11 Brandon Hatchett of Lehigh. Closing out one of the most dominant performances in NCAA tournament history, Taylor put on a takedown clinic in rolling to a 22-7 technical fall at the 5:55 mark. The Nittany Lion sophomore notched three first period takedowns to lead 6-2 after one period. After choosing down to start the second, Taylor reversed Hatchett, cut him loose, took him down again and added two near fall points to lead 12-3 after two. The third period was a blistering display of takedowns as Taylor rolled up five takedowns to post the technical fall and finish a national championship run with a 5-0 record that included four pins and a technical fall. Taylor ends a perfect sophomore season with a 32-0 record. He heads into his junior year as a two-time All-American with a 70-1 record.

**174: Ed Ruth (Harrisburg, Pa.), So. – #1 seed – 31-0 overall – ALL-AMERICAN**

1st Rd: WBF over Jim Resnick, Rider (1:43)  
2nd Rd: WBF over Dorian Henderson, Missouri (1:25)  
Qtrs: W, 11-4 dec. #9 Nick Hefflin, Ohio State  
Semis: W, 16-1 tech fall over #4 Logan Storley, Minnesota (TF; 6:38)  
Finals: W, 13-2 maj. dec. #3 Nick Amuchastegi, Stanford

Top-seed Ed Ruth began his quest for an NCAA crown with a quick pin over Rider's Jim Resnick. Ruth turned his second takedown of the first period into a cradle and got the fall at the 1:42 mark.

Ruth needed even less time in his second round match-up with Missouri's Dorian Henderson. The Lion sophomore turned a first period takedown into a quick cradle and got the fall at the 1:25 mark, moving into the quarterfinals.

Ruth joined Taylor as a two-time All-American with a dominating 11-4 win over Ohio State's Nick Hefflin, the No. 9 seed. The Lion used three takedowns, stall points and 2:45 of riding time to roll to the win and into the national semifinals.

In the semifinals, Ruth dominated No. 4 Logan Storley in a rematch of the Big Ten Championship, won by Ruth two weekends ago. The Lion sophomore used two early takedowns and a three-point near fall to open up a big lead heading into the third period. In the third, Storley took down and Ruth made him pay by turning him for two three-point near falls and then tacking on a final takedown for the 16-1 technical fall at the 6:38 mark.

In the finals, Ruth met No. 3 Nick Amuchastegi of Stanford. Getting revenge for an injury default loss in the national quarters last year, Ruth dominated the Stanford wrestler from start to finish, rolling to a 13-2 major decision and become Penn State's third national champion of the night. Ruth used a takedown, two near fall points and an escape to bolt out to a 5-2 lead after one period. He added an escape and a takedown in the second to lead 8-3 and then, after Amuchastegi chose neutral, notched a takedown, two near fall points and a rideout to roll to the major. He ended the match with 3:39 in riding time. Ruth ends a simply dominating title run with a 5-0 mark, including two pins, a technical fall and the major in the title bout. The undefeated run gives him a 31-0 mark to close out the year. He heads into his sophomore season as a two-time All-American with a 69-2 record.

**184: Quentin Wright (Wingate, Pa.), Jr. – #6 seed – 30-4 overall – ALL-AMERICAN**

1st Rd: W, 11-0 maj. dec. Thomas Ferguson, North Carolina  
2nd Rd: W, 10-2 maj. dec. #11 Ben Clymer, Hofstra  
Qtrs: WBF #3 Ben Bennett, Central Michigan (2:35)  
Semis: W, 3-2 dec. #2 Robert Hamlin, Lehigh  
Finals: vs. L, 2-4 (sv) dec. #4 Steve Bosak, Cornell

Defending National Champion Quentin Wright began the defense of his NCAA title with a resounding 11-0 major decision over North Carolina's Thomas Ferguson. Wright used a late takedown and three near fall points to collect the bonus point.

Wright then hammered No. 11 Ben Clymer of Hofstra in the second round, using a late takedown and 2:28 in riding time to post a 10-2 major decision and move into the quarterfinals. The major also added important bonus points to the Lions' tally.

The Nittany Lion junior then thrilled the Scottrade Center in the quarterfinals, hitting a standing cradle against No. 3 Ben Bennett of Central Michigan and working nearly 1:30 to get the sizzling first period pin at the 2:35 mark. The pin makes Wright Penn State's 20th three-time All-American and moved him into the national semifinals.

In a rematch of last year's national title bout, Wright once again defeated No. 2 Robert Hamlin of Lehigh. The Nittany Lion junior notched a first period takedown and a second period escape and held on for a hard-fought 3-2 win, moving to the national finals to defend his title.

Wright took on No. 4 Steve Bosak of Cornell in the finals. Wright and Bosak battled through a scoreless first period and then the Lion junior chose down to start the second stanza. Wright worked his way to a reversal but Bosak was able to escape with around :20 on the clock, cutting the lead to 2-1 after two. Bosak then chose down to start the third period and escaped to tie the score. Wright pressured Bosak constantly throughout the match and, in particular, the third period. But Bosak was able to back away from the Lion and kill the clock in the third period, sending the match to sudden victory. Bosak then notched the decisive takedown midway through the period to post the 4-2 (sv) win. Wright ends the tournament with a 4-1 mark, earning national runner-up honors. He leaves St. Louis as Penn State's 20th three-time All-American after a 30-4 season and heads into his junior year with an 84-23 record.

**197: Morgan McIntosh (Santa Ana, Calif.), Fr. – 18-10 overall – Season Complete**

1st Rd: W, 9-3 dec. Taylor Meeks, Oregon State  
2nd Rd: L, 7-22 tech fall #1 Cam Simaz, Cornell (TF; 7:00)  
Cons Rd 2: L, 3-8 dec. Andrew Campolattano, Ohio State

True freshman Morgan McIntosh made his first NCAA Championship appearance against Oregon State's Taylor Meeks. McIntosh turned the Beaver to his back twice in the third period for three-point near falls and rolled to a 9-3 win in his NCAA tournament debut.

In the second round, the true freshman ran into top seeded Cornell senior Cam Simaz and suffered a 22-7 tech fall defeat at the 7:00 mark on riding time. The loss sent McIntosh into the consolation second round.

McIntosh met Ohio State's Andrew Campolattano for the third time this season in the second round of consolations. After defeating the Buckeye twice during the year, the Nittany Lion true freshman suffered an 8-3 setback and ended his tournament with a 1-2 record, picking up key team points with a first round win.

**285: Cameron Wade (Twinsburg, Ohio.), Sr. – #6 seed – 28-6 overall – Season Complete**

1st Rd: W, 17-2 tech fall over Quintas McCorkle, Clarion (TF; 7:00)  
2nd Rd: W, 8-2 dec. Maciej Jochym, Cornell  
Qtrs: L, 0-7 dec. #3 Clayton Jack, Oregon State  
Con 4: L, 4-7 dec. Nick Gwiazdowski, Binghamton

Senior Cameron Wade, the No. 6 seed at heavyweight, began the 2012 NCAA Championships with a superb 17-2 technical fall over Clarion's Quintas McCorkle. Wade picked up a last second takedown and, with the riding time point, picked up the tech fall at the 7:00 mark for 1.5 team bonus points.

In the second round, Wade used a six point first period to roll to an 8-2 win over Cornell's Maciej Jochym. The Lion senior notched a takedown, two back points and a reversal in the first period and then a reversal in the third to roll into the quarterfinals.

Wade then fell to No. 3 Clayton Jack of Oregon State in the quarterfinals. The Lion senior fell victim to two takedowns and a reversal and shifted down to the consolation rounds still one win from All-America stats.

In the 'round of 12', Wade fell victim to a third period reversal and dropped a hard-fought 7-4 decision to Binghamton's Nick Gwiazdowski. The Lion senior fell just one win shy of All-America status for the second straight year. He ends his senior season with a 28-6 overall record and leaves Penn State with a 94-39 career record.

# #1 PENN STATE AT 2012 BIG TEN CHAMPIONSHIPS

## March 3-4, 2012 -- Mackey Arena -- West Lafayette, ind.

### 1: PENN STATE – 149.0

- 2: Minnesota – 134.0
- 3: Iowa – 126.0
- 4: Illinois – 105.5
- 5: Ohio State – 91.0
- 6: Northwestern – 75.0
- 7: Michigan – 66.0
- 8: Nebraska – 65.0
- 9: Purdue – 51.5
- 10: Indiana – 41.0
- 10: Michigan State – 41.0
- 12: Wisconsin – 9.0

Championship Finals Agate (rankings are national, not seed):

- 125: #1 Matt McDonough, Iowa -- 6-1 dec.  
#2 Zach Sanders, Minnesota
- 133: #2 Logan Stieber, Ohio State – 5-2 dec.  
#3 Tony Ramos, Iowa
- 141: #1 Kellen Russell, Michigan – 7-2 dec.  
#4 Montell Marion, Iowa
- 149: #1 FRANK MOLINARO, PENN STATE – 15-0 TF (4:90)  
#9 Dylan Ness, Minnesota
- 157: #20 Derek St. John, Iowa – 4-3 dec.  
#2 Jason Welch, Northwestern
- 165: #1 DAVID TAYLOR, PENN STATE – 11-2 maj. dec.  
#6 Mike Evans, Iowa
- 174: #2 ED RUTH, PENN STATE – 13-2 maj. dec.  
#6 Logan Storley, Minnesota
- 184: #6 Kevin Steinhaus, Minnesota – 3-1 (sv) dec.  
#7 Josh Ihnen, Nebraska
- 197: #17 Mario Gonzales, Illinois – 10-4 dec.  
#3 Matt Powless, Indiana
- 285: #3 Tony Nelson, Minnesota – 2-0 dec.  
#6 Bobby Telford, Iowa

The Penn State Nittany Lion wrestling team was simply dominating on Sunday, crowning three repeat champions in a perfect title match run and rolling to the team's second straight Big Ten Championship. Penn State was nearly perfect throughout the Sunday session and ran away from both Minnesota and Iowa in the team title race. Penn State has also qualified nine wrestlers for NCAAs with a tenth alive for an at-large bid.

For Penn State, the Big Ten finals were a major victory. Three Nittany Lions repeated as Big Ten champions with each posting bonus point victories. Three-time All-American Frank Molinaro (Barnegat, N.J.) became a two-time Big Ten champion at 149 with a tech fall over Minnesota's Dylan Ness. All-American David Taylor (St. Paris, Ohio) majored Iowa's Mike Evans at 165 and All-American Ed Ruth (Harrisburg, Pa.) majored Minnesota's Logan Storley at 174.

The morning began with the consolation quarterfinals and seventh place bouts, with seven Lions looking for very important team points. True freshman Nico Megaludis (Murrysville, Pa.) opened up Penn State's day and was upset by fifth-seed Levi Mele of Northwestern, getting pinned in sudden victory at the 7:35 mark. Red-shirt Dylan Alton (Mill Hall, Pa.) was up next for Penn State in conso semis at 157. Alton worked his way to a hard-fought 3-2 win over No. 18 Josh Demas of Ohio State to move into the third place bout later in the day.

Two-time All-American Quentin Wright (Wingate, Pa.) picked up important bonus points with a 9-0 major over Michigan State's Ian Hinton in the conso semis at 184. True freshman Morgan McIntosh (Santa Ana, Calif.) mounted a serious comeback against top-seed Sonny Yohn of Minnesota at 197 in the conso semis before dropping a tough 4-2 decision. Senior Cameron Wade (Twinsburg, Ohio) picked up more bonus points by pinning Indiana's Adam Chalfant in the conso semis at 285 at the 2:09 mark.

Two Nittany Lions wrestled for seventh place. Sophomore Frank Martellotti (Pittsburgh, Pa.) took on No. 18 Ridge Kiley of Nebraska for seventh at 133 with an automatic bid to NCAAs on the line. Martellotti locked up Penn State's nine automatic bid by riding out Kiley in the third and using the riding time point for a 4-3 win. The victory allowed Martellotti to place above seed in seventh. Junior Bryan Pearsall (Lititz, Pa.) closed out a very strong tournament with an 8-2 win over Purdue's Brandon Nelson for seventh at 141. Pearsall, who went 3-2 with a pin and a major, finished above seed in seventh and is 15-12 on the year. The junior is on the board to be considered for an at-large bid. The full field and brackets, including the at-large qualifiers, will be announced on Wednesday, March 7, at 6 p.m. on NCAA.com.

The afternoon's championship session featured the fifth, third and finals bouts at each weight. Megaludis posted a solid 4-1 win over Purdue's Camden Eppert and took fifth place. Molinaro was up next with his championship finals bout at 149 against No. 9 Dylan Ness of Minnesota. The Nittany Lion senior, still undefeated on the year and now a two-time Big Ten Champion, used a takedown, a reversal and four near falls to roll to a 15-0 technical fall at the 4:90 mark. Molinaro's dominating performance in a 3-0 weekend included a pin and two technical falls.

After Molinaro's fireworks, Alton stepped onto the mat at 157 to take on No. 9 Anthony Jones of Michigan State for fifth place. Alton posted a 2-1 tiebreaker win for a solid third place finish. Taylor was next for Penn State and last year's 157-pound Big Ten champion and the Lion sophomore made it two in a row with a dominating 11-2 major decision over No. 6 Mike Evans of Iowa in the 165-pound final. Taylor broke open a close match in the second period with a reversal and then added two takedowns and a near fall to post the 11-2 win (getting riding time).

Ruth then made it a perfect day for Penn State in the finals, posting a superb 13-2 major over No. 6 Logan Storley in the 174-pound title tilt. Ruth was in control from the start, leading 4-1 after one period and moving out to an 8-2 lead with a reversal and takedown in the second. Two two-point turns and nearly 5:00 riding time in the third pushed Ruth on to the 13-2 major decision.

Penn State continued to roll after its finalists were done. Wright posted an 8-7 win over Dallago of Illinois to finish third at 184 and McIntosh received a forfeit win in the fifth-place bout at 197, picking up two more bonus points in the process. Senior Wade closed out Penn State's championship run with a solid 4-3 win over No. 12 Mike McMullan of Northwestern to take third at 285.

Penn State won the team title going away, tallying 149.0 points to second place Minnesota's 134.0. Iowa was in third with 126.0. Penn State dominated the team awards as well. Not only did Penn State follow up its 2012 Big Ten regular season co-title, it won its second straight tournament crown. Nittany Lion head coach was named 2012 Big Ten Coach of the Year, earning his second straight nod. Taylor was named 2012 Big Ten Wrestler of the Year, earning his second straight Wrestler of the Year award. Molinaro was named 2012 Big Ten Championships Co-Outstanding Wrestler with Michigan's Kellen Russell. Ohio State's Logan Stieber was named Big Ten Freshman of the Year.

The Nittany Lions were superb on the day, going 13-2 overall and picking up nine more bonus points. The superb Sunday allowed Penn State to post an outstanding 31-11 overall record with 26.5 bonus points. Penn State ends the day with 10 place winners: Three champions (Molinaro, Taylor and Ruth); three third place finishers (Alton, Wright and Wade); two fifth place finishers (Megaludis and McIntosh) and three seventh place finishers (Martellotti and Pearsall).

The following is a weight-by-weight breakdown/agate of Penn State's tournament:

125: #8 Nico Megaludis (Murrysville, Pa.), Fr. – 3rd seed – 24-7 overall

1st Rd: W, 12-3 maj. Dec. Grant Pizzo, Michigan  
Qtrs: W, 6-2 dec. #17 Johnni DeJulius, Ohio State  
Semis: L, 2-6 dec. #2 Zach Sanders, Minnesota  
Cons Semis: LBF (sv) #10 Levi Mele, Northwestern (7:35)  
5th Place: W, 4-1 dec. Camden Eppert, Purdue

True freshman Nico Megaludis opened up his first Big Ten Championship bout with a dominating 12-3 major over Michigan's Grant Pizzo. Megaludis notched a bevy of takedowns and built up 4:45 in riding time in the win. In the quarterfinals, Megaludis dominated No. 17 Johnni DeJulius of Ohio State, the 6th-seed, with a 6-2 decision, sending him to the semifinals.

Megaludis dropped a hard-fought 6-2 decision to second-ranked Zach Sanders of Minnesota in the semifinals and will take part in the consolation semifinals tomorrow morning. Megaludis is an NCAA qualifier.

In Sunday's consolation semi's, Megaludis met No. 10 Levi Mele of Northwestern. Megaludis got a late stall point to tie Mele up 3-3 in that bout but then was taken down and pinned at the 7:35 mark. The loss sent him to the fifth place bout where he met Purdue's Camden Eppert. Megaludis notched the bout's only takedown and rolled to a 4-1 win to take fifth place.

133: Frank Martellotti (Pittsburgh, Pa.), So. – 8th seed – 8-9 overall

1st Rd: bye  
Qtrs: L, 3-13 maj. dec. #2 Logan Stieber, Ohio State  
Cons: W, 8-2 dec. Joe Duca, Indiana  
Cons Qtr: L, 2-6 dec. #7 Chris Dardanes, Minnesota  
7th Place: W, 4-3 dec. #18 Ridge Kiley, Nebraska

Sophomore Frank Martellotti had a first round bye and then met top seed and second-ranked Logan Stieber of Ohio State in the quarterfinals. Stieber posted a strong 13-3 major decision, sending Martellotti into the consolation rounds.

In the first round of consolations, Martellotti hammered Indiana's Joe Duca, posting an 8-2 decision courtesy of four takedowns. The win moved him into the consolation quarterfinals where he met No. 7 Chris Dardanes of Minnesota, the 4th-seed. Martellotti dropped a tough 6-2 decision to Dardanes.

Martellotti took on No. 18 Ridge Kiley of Nebraska for seventh place and a shot an automatic NCAA bid. Martellotti notched a first period takedown and overcame a locked hands call by riding Kiley out for the entire third period to earn the 4-3 win and an automatic trip to NCAAs, giving Penn State nine automatic qualifiers.

141: Bryan Pearsall (Lititz, Pa.), Jr. – 8th seed – 15-12 overall

1st Rd: WBF over Thomas Glenn, Wisconsin (1:39)  
Qtrs: L, 0-6 dec. #1 Kellen Russell, Michigan  
Cons: W, 13-2 maj. dec. Matt Ortega, Indiana  
Cons Qtr: L, 2-5 dec. #9 Jake Suefohn, Nebraska  
7th Place: W, 8-2 dec. Brandon Nelson, Purdue

Junior Bryan Pearsall recorded Penn State's first pin of the tournament with a quick first period decking of Wisconsin's Thomas Glenn. Pearsall took Glenn down early then turned him to his back for a fall at the 1:39 mark. He moved on to face defending national champion and top seeded Kellen Russell of Michigan in the quarters. Pearsall battled Russell tough before dropping a 6-0 decision and moving into the consolation bracket.

In the first round of consolations, Pearsall hammered 7th-seed Matt Ortega of Indiana. Pearsall gave up only two escapes on his way to a dominating 13-2 major decision. The win pushed him into the consolation quarterfinals where he met No. 9 Jake Suefohn of Nebraska, the 5th-seed. Pearsall dropped a 5-2 decision to Suefohn in the consolation quarterfinals.

Pearsall took on Purdue's Brandon Nelson for seventh place. The Nittany Lion junior continued an impressive tournament with a solid 8-2 win, placing above seed at seventh and keeping his hopes of an NCAA at-large bid alive. Pearsall will now await word of an at-large bid, which will come out when the bracket is announced on Wednesday night at 6 p.m. live on NCAA.com.

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149: #1 Frank Molinaro (Barnegat, N.J.), Sr. – 1st seed – 28-0 overall

1st Rd: Bye  
Qtrs: WBF over Kaleb Friedley, Northwestern (2:18)  
Semis: W, 15-0 tech fall over #12 Ivan Lopouchanski, Purdue (TF; 6:07)  
Finals: W, 15-0 tech fall over #9 Dylan Ness, Minnesota (TF; 4:90)

Top seed Frank Molinaro opened up defense of his Big Ten title with a swift and decisive pin of 8th-seeded Kaleb Friedley of Northwestern. Molinaro took Friedley down early, worked a tilt and then got the pin at the 2:18 mark. The win moved him into the semifinals.

Molinaro met No. 12 Ivan Lopouchanski of Purdue in the semis, the 4th-seed. The Lion senior had no trouble with the Boilermaker, rolling to a 15-0 technical fall at the 6:07 mark.

The three-time All-American took on No. 9 Dylan Ness of Minnesota in the championship finals. Molinaro notched an early first period takedown and turned Ness over for three first period back points. Leading by five, Molinaro chose down to start the second, quickly reversed Ness and added two more near fall points for a 9-0 lead at the 1:30 mark. After that, the Lion senior turned Ness twice for three point near falls and posted a dominating 15-0 technical fall at the 4:90 mark, earning his second straight Big Ten title and picking up bonus points for the team race in the process.

157: #5 Dylan Alton (Mill Hall, Pa.), Fr. – 2nd seed – 24-5 overall

1st Rd: W, 4-2 dec. Danny Zilverberg, Minnesota  
Qtrs: W, 15-6 maj. dec. Tommy Churchard, Purdue  
Semis: L, 1-3 (sv) dec. #20 Derek St. John, Iowa  
Con Semis: W, 3-2 dec #18 Josh Demas, Ohio State  
3rd Place: W, 2-1 (tb) #9 Anthony Jones, Michigan State

Red-shirt freshman Dylan Alton took down Minnesota's Danny Zilverberg in tough first round match-up. Alton had two first period takedowns and rolled to a 4-2 win over the Gopher. He then moved on to the quarterfinals where he posted a 15-6 major decision over Purdue's Tommy Churchard to move into the semis.

Alton met Iowa's Derek St. John in the semifinals. St. John, an All-American last year, was the 6th-seed. St. John and Alton battled through an even 7:00, heading to sudden victory tied at 1-1. St. John countered a late Alton shot, forced a scramble and won the bout with a takedown with under :10 left, securing the 3-1 (sv) win. The loss moved Alton, an NCAA qualifier, in the consolation semifinals.

He took on No. 18 Josh Demas of Ohio State in the conso semis and worked a first period takedown to a hard-fought 3-2 win. The victory pushed him into the third place bout against Michigan State senior Anthony Jones, who was ranked No. 9 nationally. Alton used a ride out in his tiebreaker session to post an important 2-1 win and take third place at 157, picking up one more team point in the process.

165: #1 David Taylor (St. Paris, Ohio), So. – 1st seed – 27-0 overall

1st Rd: W, 20-5 tech fall over Derek Garcia, Ohio State (TF; 7:00)  
Qtrs: WBF over Pierce Harger, Northwestern (1:40)  
Semis: W, 12-0 maj. dec. #12 Conrad Polz, Illinois  
Finals: W, 11-2 maj. dec. #6 Mike Evans, Iowa

Top-seed David Taylor dominated Ohio State's Derek Garcia from the opening whistle, putting on a takedown clinic on his way to a 20-5 technical fall with over 4:00 riding time. The riding time point gave Taylor the 1.5 bonus points at the 7:00 mark. In the quarterfinals, Taylor made short work of 8th-seed Pierce Harger of Northwestern, getting a quick pin at the 1:40 mark for two more Lion bonus points. The 2-0 morning moved him into the semifinals.

In the semis, Taylor took on No. 12 Conrad Polz of Illinois. Polz was the 5th-seed. Taylor posted his third bonus point victory, notching a convincing 12-0 major decision to move into the finals.

Taylor battled No. 6 Mike Evans of Iowa in the finals. The undefeated sophomore took a 2-0 lead into the second period thanks to an early takedown. After choosing down to start the second, Taylor reversed Evans and rode a strong 4-0 lead into the third period. In the third period, Taylor rolled over the Hawkeye, picking up a takedown and then, with just seconds left, another takedown and two near fall points. The late flurry and a riding time point gave Taylor a sizzling 11-2 major and earned Penn State another bonus point as well while winning his second straight conference title.

174: #2 Ed Ruth (Harrisburg, Pa.), So. – 1st seed – 26-0 overall

1st Rd: bye  
Qtrs: W, 14-2 maj. dec. #9 Jordan Blanton, Illinois  
Semis: W, 15-7 maj. dec. #10 Nick Heflin, Ohio State  
Finals: W, 13-2 maj. dec. #6 Logan Storley, Minnesota

Top-seed Ed Ruth hammered No. 9 Jordan Blanton of Illinois, posting a 14-2 major with nearly 5:00 riding time. Blanton's only two points were via escapes and Ruth posted four takedowns and two near falls. The decisive victory moved the No. 1 seed into the semifinals.

Ruth took on No. 10 Nick Heflin of Ohio State in the semis, the 5th-seed. The All-American posted his second major decision of the tournament by downing Heflin 15-7 to move into the championship finals.

The sophomore All-American met No. 6 Logan Storley of Minnesota in the finals. Ruth completely dominated Storley, using two first period takedowns to open up a 4-1 lead. A reversal and a third takedown in the second period allowed the Nittany Lion sophomore to lead 8-2 heading into the third period. Storley chose down to start the third and Ruth turned the Gopher twice for near falls and, with 4:54 riding time, posted an outstanding 13-2 major to win his second straight Big Ten title.

184: #2 Quentin Wright (Wingate, Pa.), Jr. – 2nd seed – 26-3 overall

1st Rd: WBF over Luke Sheridan, Indiana (2:17)  
Qtrs: W, 7-2 (sv) dec. Tony Dallago, Illinois  
Semis: L, 1-3 dec. #7 Josh Ihnen, Nebraska  
Cons Semis: W, 9-0 maj. dec. Ian Hinton, Michigan State  
3rd Place: W, 8-7 dec. Tony Dallago, Illinois

Defending National Champion Quentin Wright hopped on the bonus point train early, getting a first period pin over Indiana's Luke Sheridan. Wright got the fall at the 2:17 mark. He followed that up with a hard fought 7-2 (sv) win over Illinois' Tony Dallago, moving into the semifinals.

Wright battled No. 7 Josh Ihnen of Nebraska in the semis. Ihnen was the 3rd-seed. Wright could not muster a takedown and dropped a tough 3-1 decision.

The two-time All-American met Ian Hinton of Michigan State in the consolation semis. Wright picked up a huge bonus point with a 9-0 major over Hinton and moved into the third place match against Illinois' Tony Dallago. In the third place meeting, Wright battled Dallago in another tight one, this time coming away with a hard fought and important 8-7 victory to take third place.

197: #12 Morgan McIntosh (Santa Ana, Calif.), Fr. – 3rd seed – 17-8 overall

1st Rd: bye  
Qtrs: W, 3-1 (sv) dec. Andrew Campolattano, Ohio State  
Semis: L, 6-7 dec. #3 Matt Powless, Indiana  
Conso Semis: L, 2-4 dec. #7 Sonny Yohn, Minnesota  
5th Place: W, med. forf. over A.J. Kissel, Purdue

True freshman Morgan McIntosh, the third-seed at 197, received a first round bye and then took on sixth-seed Andrew Campolattano of Ohio State in the quarterfinals. McIntosh finished off the bout's only takedown with just :01 left in sudden victory to post a 3-1 (sv) win and move into the semis.

McIntosh got a rematch against No. 3 Matt Powless of Indiana in the semis. McIntosh lost a close bout to Powless, the No. 2 seed, in the Southern Scuffle when a late takedown for McIntosh was reversed after the bout ended. Once again, a late score cost McIntosh as this time the Hoosier dove for a last second takedown to steal a 7-6 decision with just :03 left on the clock. McIntosh, a qualifier, will wrestle in the consolation semifinals.

A match-up with top-seed and 7th-ranked Sonny Yohn was McIntosh's first action in the consolation semis. McIntosh mounted a late comeback against Yohn but dropped a tough 4-2 decision and moved into the fifth place bout against Purdue's A.J. Kissel. Kissel was injured late in his prior match and took a medical forfeit, giving McIntosh two bonus points for the forfeit and earning the true freshman the fifth place finish.

285: #5 Cameron Wade (Twinsburg, Ohio.), Sr. – 2nd seed – 25-4 overall

1st Rd: bye  
Qtrs: W, 10-1 maj. dec. Steve Andrus, Michigan State  
Semis: L, 0-5 dec. #12 Bobby Telford, Iowa  
Conso Semis: WBF over Adam Chalfant, Indiana (2:09)  
3rd Place: W, 4-3 dec. #12 Mike McMullan, Northwestern

Senior Cameron Wade, the No. 2 seed at heavyweight, received a first round bye. In the quarterfinals, Wade dominated Michigan State's Steve Andrus, posting a 10-0 major with nearly 5:00 riding time. The victory, good for a bonus point as well, moved Wade into the semifinals.

Wade met No. 12 Bobby Telford of Iowa in the semifinals, the 6th-seed. Telford reversed Wade twice (once in the second period and once in the third) to notch a 5-0 win and push Wade, now a three-time NCAA qualifier, into the consolation semifinals.

Wade took on Indiana's Adam Chalfant in the consolation semifinals and picked up critical bonus points with a pin at the 2:09 mark. The victory moved him into the third place match against No. 12 Mike McMullan of Northwestern. Wade worked his way to a hard-fought 4-3 win over McMullan to take third place at heavyweight.



## HEAD COACH CAEL SANDERSON

Cael Sanderson, now in his third year as mentor of the Nittany Lions, 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 titles.

### 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. Last year, Sanderson guided the Nittany Lions to its first-ever Southern Scuffle Co-Championship (2010-11) and its first Virginia Duals Championship since 1991 (2010-11). 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. Coach Sanderson now sports an 86-18-2 dual meet mark in his sixth year as a collegiate head coach. He is 42-8-2 after three years at Penn State. This 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.

In three years as Penn State's coach, Sanderson has led the Nittany Lions to two-straight conference titles, two straight national titles, collected 14 All-Americans, three national champions, two Gorriaran winners, one NCAA tourney OW and one Hodge Trophy winner.

### NITTANY LIONS CLAIM SECOND STRAIGHT NCAA TITLE

The Penn State Nittany Lion wrestling team ran away from the field to claim its second straight NCAA title on March 15-17 in St. Louis' Scottrade Center. The Nittany Lions won going away with 143.0 points to second place Minnesota's 117.5. Iowa was further back in third with 107.5. The win was made all that more impressive as Penn State's school record three national champions and five national finalists. The back-to-back title run makes Penn State only the fifth team in NCAA history to win back-to-back crowns. Penn State's 2012 title facts:

- \* School record 3 National Champions
- \* School record 5 National Finalists
- \* School record 143.0 points, most scored in tournament since Oklahoma State had 153 on 2005.
- \* Penn State now has 3 NCAA team titles, tied for 5th all-time.
- \* David Taylor's 22 points scored in finals is an NCAA all-time record for points in the finals.
- \* Penn State now has 25 individual champions, 5th all-time in NCAA history.

### TAYLOR WINS HODGE!

David Taylor was named the winner of the 2012 Hodge Trophy as the national wrestler of the Year. Taylor is Penn State's second Hodge Trophy winner as former Lion great Kerry McCoy received the honor in 1997. Taylor's Hodge Award capped off an amazing sophomore season that saw the Lion 165-pounder go undefeated (32-0), win his second straight Big Ten title, be named Big Ten Wrestler of the Year of the second straight time, win the NCAA national title at 165, be named 2012 NCAA Championship Outstanding Wrestler, winning the 2012 Gorriaran Award and being named the 2012 NCAA Most Dominant Wrestler for the 2011-12 season. Taylor is only the third sophomore to ever win the Hodge Trophy, joining Iowa's Brent Metcalf and current Nittany Lion head coach Cael Sanderson as second-year grapplers to win the trophy.

## NATIONAL RANKINGS

### TEAM DUAL

#### NWCA (2/21/12)

1	Minnesota (9)	246
2	PENN STATE (1)	236
3	Oklahoma State	232
4	Iowa	221
5	Illinois	208
6	Cornell	197
7	Ohio State	194
8	Nebraska	176
9	Pittsburgh	160
10	Missouri	157
11	Wyoming	150
12	Oklahoma	143
13	Kent State	128
14	Michigan	125
15	Lehigh	112
16	Oregon State	99
17	Maryland	91
18	Northwestern	77
19	Binghamton	71
20	Virginia	70
T21	Edinboro	35
T21	Virginia Tech	35
23	Hofstra	32
24	Old Dominion	14
25	Purdue	12
RV:	American, Central Michigan, Chattanooga, West Virginia	

### THE OPEN MAT

#### (2/28)

Nico Megaludis	6th/125
Frank Molinaro	1st/149
Dylan Alton	5th/157
David Taylor	1st/165
Ed Ruth	1st/174
Quentin Wright	3rd/184
Morgan McIntosh	15th/197
Cameron Wade	5th/285

### AWN

#### (2/28)

Nico Megaludis	9th/125
Frank Molinaro	1st/149
Dylan Alton	6th/157
David Taylor	1st/165
Ed Ruth	2nd/174
Quentin Wright	3rd/184
Morgan McIntosh	13th/197
Cameron Wade	5th/285

### WIN

#### (2/28)

TEAM:	1st TPI
Nico Megaludis	9th/125
Frank Molinaro	1st/149
Dylan Alton	5th/157
David Taylor	1st/165
Ed Ruth	2nd/174
Quentin Wright	3rd/184
Morgan McIntosh	16th/197
Cameron Wade	5th/285

### INDIVIDUALS

#### INTERMAT

#### FINAL (2/28)

Team:	1st TPI
Nico Megaludis	8th/125
Frank Molinaro	1st/149
Dylan Alton	5th/157
David Taylor	1st/165
Ed Ruth	2nd/174
Quentin Wright	2nd/184
Morgan McIntosh	12th/197
Cameron Wade	5th/285

### vs. RANKED FOES

Check here throughout the season for Penn State's dual meet results against foes ranked in the NWCA/USA Today Coaches Top 25.

11/20	vs. #4 Minnesota	L, 14-23
12/9	at #10 Lehigh	W, 24-12
1/13	at #17 Northwestern	W, 38-3
1/22	vs. #2 Iowa	W, 22-12
1/29	vs. #5 Ohio State	W, 34-9
2/3	at #7 Nebraska	W, 31-6
2/5	vs. #12 Michigan	W, 34-7
2/19	vs. #9 Pittsburgh	W, 33-6

## TAYLOR CLAIMS 165-POUND NATIONAL CROWN; NAMED OW, GORRIARAN AND MOST DOMINANT

Sophomore David Taylor, the undefeated top seed at 165, pinned his way to the NCAA Finals and the put on a stunning performance to win the 2012 NCAA title. In the finals, Taylor met No. 11 Brandon Hatchett of Lehigh. Closing out one of the most dominant performances in NCAA tournament history, Taylor put on a takedown clinic in rolling to a 22-7 technical fall at the 5:55 mark. The Nittany Lion sophomore notched three first period takedowns to lead 6-2 after one period. After choosing down to start the second, Taylor reversed Hatchett, cut him loose, took him down again and added two near fall points to lead 12-3 after two. The third period was a blistering display of takedowns as Taylor rolled up five takedowns to post the technical fall and finish a national championship run with a 5-0 record that included four pins and a technical fall. Taylor pined Bucknell's Corey Lear, Chattanooga's Brandon Right, #8 Robert Kokesh of Nebraska and #4 Bekzod Abdurakhmonov of Clarion before teching Hatchett in the finals. Taylor's 22 points is an all-time record for points in the finals and his Gorriaran is Penn State's second straight (Ed Ruth won last year). Taylor ends a perfect sophomore season with a 32-0 record. He heads into his junior year as a two-time All-American with a 70-1 record. He was named the tournament's Outstanding Wrestler for his performance, won the Gorriaran Award (most pins in least time) and was honored as the NCAA's Most Dominant Wrestler for the entire 2011-12 season, all in a flurry of post-season awards handed out as the event drew to a close.

## MOLINARO WINS 149-POUND NATIONAL TITLE; BECOMES PSU'S 5TH 4X ALL-AMERICAN

Senior Frank Molinaro, the undefeated top-seed at 149, met No. 7 Dylan Ness of Minnesota in the NCAA title bout, meeting the talented Gopher for the fourth time this season. Molinaro fought off one early Ness shot and then tried to connect on multiple single legs in the first period before finally breaking through for a takedown with :20 left. Riding the 2-0 lead into the third period, he escaped to a 3-1 lead and then rode Ness for most of the third period to build up 1:50 in riding time and post the 4-1 win. Already Penn State's fifth four-time All-American, Molinaro is now Penn State's latest NCAA Champion. Molinaro majored Cornell's Chris Villalonga, beat Oregon State's Scott Sakaguchi, majored #8 Eric Grajales of Michigan and shut-out Hofstra's Justin Accordino to advance to the finals. He finished 8th, 5th, 2nd and 1st at NAAs and closes out a perfect senior season with a 33-0 record, giving him a 121-29 career mark. He leaves Penn State as one of the greatest wrestlers in school history and tied for 8th all-time on Penn State's career win list. Molinaro's 5-0 run through this year's tourney gives him 17 wins in the NCAA tournament, tied for fourth all-time in school history.

## RUTH MAJORS HIS WAY TO 174-POUND NATIONAL CROWN

Sophomore Ed Ruth, the undefeated top seed at 174, met No. 3 Nick Amuchastegui in a battle of two unbeaten wrestlers. Getting revenge for an injury default loss in the national quarters last year, Ruth dominated the Stanford wrestler from start to finish, rolling to a 13-2 major decision and become Penn State's third national champion of the night. Ruth used a takedown, two near fall points and an escape to bolt out to a 5-2 lead after one period. He added an escape and a takedown in the second to lead 8-3 and then, after Amuchastegui chose neutral, notched a takedown, two near fall points and a rideout to roll to the major. He ended the match with 3:39 in riding time. Ruth ends a simply dominating title run with a 5-0 mark, including two pins, a technical fall and the major in the title bout. Ruth pinned Rider's Jim Resnick and Missouri's Dorian Henderson before beating #9 Nick Heflin of Ohio State 11-4. He then teched #4 Logan Storley of Minnesota 16-1 before majoring Amachastegui in the finals. The undefeated run gives him a 31-0 mark to close out the year. He heads into his junior season as a two-time All-American with a 69-2 record.

## WRIGHT BECOMES PSU'S 20TH 3X ALL-AMERICAN WITH RUN TO NATIONAL FINALS AT 184

Junior Quentin Wright, the defending National Champion and No. 6 seed at 184, faced off against No. 4 Steve Bosak of Cornell in the final. Wright and Bosak battled through a scoreless first period and then the Lion junior chose down to start the second stanza. Wright worked his way to a reversal but Bosak was able to escape with around :20 on the clock, cutting the lead to 2-1 after two. Bosak then chose down to start the third period and escaped to tie the score. Wright pressured Bosak constantly throughout the match and, in particular, the third period. But Bosak was able to back away from the Lion and kill the clock in the third period, sending the match to sudden victory. Bosak then notched the decisive takedown midway through the period to post the 4-2 (sv) major. Wright ends the tournament with a 4-1 mark, earning national runner-up honors. Wright majored North Carolina's Thomas Ferguson and #11 Ben Clymer of Hofstra before pinning #3 Ben Bennett of Central Michigan and beating #2 Rober Hamlin of Lehigh in the national semifinals. He leaves St. Louis as Penn State's 20th three-time All-American after a 30-4 season and heads into his senior year with an 84-23 record.

## FINAL 2011-12 BIG TEN STANDINGS

(by Big Ten win % -- 2/20/2012)

Pl.	Team	Big Ten		Overall	
		W-L-T	PCT	W-L-T	PCT
1.	PENN STATE	7-1-0	.875	13-1-0	.929
	Minnesota	7-1-0	.875	14-3-0	.824
3.	Illinois	6-2-0	.750	16-4-0	.800
	Iowa	6-2-0	.750	14-4-0	.778
5.	Nebraska	5-3-0	.625	15-4-0	.789
	Ohio State	5-3-0	.625	13-4-0	.765
7.	Northwestern	4-4-0	.500	11-4-0	.733
	Michigan	4-4-0	.500	6-6-0	.500
9.	Purdue	3-5-0	.375	10-10-0	.500
10.	Michigan State	1-7-0	.125	3-11-0	.214
11.	Indiana	0-8-0	.000	11-8-0	.579
12.	Wisconsin	0-8-0	.000	5-12-0	.294

## BIG TEN WRESTLERS OF THE WEEK

- 11/8 Logan Stieber, Ohio State
- 11/15 B.J. Futrell, Illinois
- 11/22 Kevin Steinhaus, Minnesota
- 11/29 Matt Fields, Purdue
- 12/6 Tony Ramos, Iowa
- Logan Stieber, Ohio State
- 12/13 Robert Kokesh, Nebraska
- 12/20 BRYAN PEARSALL, PENN STATE
- 1/2 DAVID TAYLOR, PENN STATE
- 1/9 Eric Terrazas, Illinois
- Tony Ramos, Iowa
- 1/16 ED RUTH, PENN STATE
- Logan Stieber, Ohio State
- 1/23 Hunter Stieber, Ohio State
- 1/30 Matt McDonough, Iowa
- 2/6 FRANK MOLINARO, PENN STATE
- 2/13 Jesse Delgado, Illinois
- 2/20 Cody Yohn, Minnesota

## THE PENN STATE WRESTLING RADIO SHOW

The Penn State wrestling radio show, a weekly coach's show focusing on Nittany Lion wrestling and hosted by Byers, aired regionally on the Pennsylvania Sports Network. The show hit the airwaves every Wednesday from November 3 through the end of the season from 6 to 6:30 p.m. (airtime is actually 6:06 p.m. after station breaks and news at the top of the hour). The call in number for the Penn State wrestling show is 814 237 0953. The initial list of affiliates for the show is lengthy and more affiliates will be added as the season nears:

3WZ	95.3	FM	State College/Bellefonte
WCPA	900	AM	Clearfield/DuBois
WIEZ	670	AM	Lewistown/Huntingdon
WLYC	1050	AM	Williamsport/Lewisburg
WLYC	104.1	FM	Montoursville/Jersey Shore
WBPZ	1230	AM	Lock Haven
WTZN	1310	AM	Troy/Canton
WTTC	1550	AM	Towanda/Elmira, N.Y.
WGET	1330	AM	Gettysburg/Hanover



## FRESHMAN ALL-AMERICAN MEGALUDIS EMERGES AS 125-POUND NATIONAL FINALIST

True freshman Nico Megaludis, the No. 10 seed at 125, took on top-seed Matt McDonough of Iowa in the first national final of the night. Megaludis battled McDonough through two even periods before the Hawkeye used a third period takedown to break a 1-1 tie. McDonough then rode Megaludis out and, with the riding time point, posted the 4-1 victory. Megaludis ends a superb true freshman run through the 2012 NCAA Championships with a 4-1 record, as a freshman All-American and as the 2012 National Runner-Up. Megaludis majored Wyoming's Michael Martinez in the first round before hammering #7 Jarrod Patterson of Oklahoma in the second round. He then beat #2 Zach Sanders of Minnesota in the quarters to advance to the national semifinals, where he posted a thrilling 3-2 (tb2) win over #6 Frank Perrelli of Cornell to advance to the national finals as a true freshman. Both Perrelli and Sanders had beaten Megaludis twice during the regular season, allowing the Penn State true freshman a measure of revenge to close out the season. He ends his first season of collegiate wrestling with a 28-8 overall record.

## DYLAN ALTON ROARS TO THIRD PLACE ALL-AMERICAN STATUS AT 157

Red-shirt freshman Dylan Alton (Mill Hall, Pa.) finished off an outstanding season with a third place finish at 157 in the 2012 NCAA Championships. Alton's super 6-1 tourney run was highlighted by an outstanding Saturday morning session. Alton, the No. 7 seed, took down No. 5 Ganbayar Sanjaa of American by a 7-5 (sv2) decision in the consolation semifinals and then hammered No. 3 Jason Welch of Northwestern 6-2 in the third place bout. The Lion freshman majored Columbia's Jake O'Hara in the first round and then beat #10 Anthony Jones of Michigan State in the second. His only loss of the tournament was a 3-1 (sv) decision to #2 Derek St. John of Iowa in the national quarterfinals. He rebounded with a 6-3 win over Air Force's Joshua Kreimier and a 4-3 win over #11 James Green of Nebraska to secure All-American laurels and set up his 2-0 Saturday morning performance. Alton became Penn State's sixth All-American of the tournament and assured the Nittany Lions of having more than half their line-up place in the top three nationally.

## WADE, McINTOSH AND MARTELLOTTI ALL SCORE KEY POINTS IN PENN STATE'S NCAA TITLE RUN

With six All-Americans produced out of Penn State's nine national qualifiers, the Nittany Lions also received key points from its three non-placing wrestlers. Senior Cameron Wade went 2-2 at heavyweight, finishing just one win shy of All-America status. Wade notched a tech fall in the first round and a second round win to advance to the quarters. Also scoring points for Penn State was true freshman Morgan McIntosh, who went 1-2 at 197, including a 9-3 win over Oregon State's Taylor Meeks in the first round. Sophomore Frank Martellotti, making his first appearance at the NCAA Championships as well, went 1-2 at 133, getting a consolation round win over Bakersfield's Frank Lomas.

## ELEVEN NITTANY LIONS EARN ACADEMIC ALL-BIG TEN HONORS

The 2012 NCAA National Champion Penn State wrestling team not only dominated on the mat, but excelled in the classroom as nearly one-third of its full roster has earned Academic All-Big Ten honors. Eleven members of head coach Cael Sanderson's 35 man roster earned the honor. With first year wrestlers (true freshmen and first-year transfers) not eligible, 11 of Penn State's 25 eligible wrestlers were honored. Three of Penn State's six All-Americans led the charge. 149-pound national champion Frank Molinaro earned the honor for the first time, capping off an undefeated title season in stellar fashion. Sophomore David Taylor, the 165-pound NCAA titlist, earned his second Academic All-Big Ten honor. Junior Quentin Wright, 2011 NCAA Champion and 2012 NCAA Finalist, collected his third straight academic honor from the conference. Joining that trio is national qualifier Cameron Wade, who earned his fourth straight Academic All-Big Ten honor. Senior Clay Steadman, a Finance major, earned his fourth straight Academic All-Big Ten honor as well. Juniors James English and Nick Fischer were also honored. Sophomore Andrew Church claimed his first Academic All-Big Ten award. Three red-shirt freshmen round out Penn State's 11-man contingent of academic honorees. Cameron Kelly, Kyle Moran and Nate Morgan (McCook, Neb.) were all honored. The 11 honorees brings Penn State's total of Academic All-Big Ten honorees in Sanderson's tenure to 24 in three years. The total also ties the all-time school record for honorees as the 2002 team also had 11 members named to the list.

## 2011-12 ATTENDANCE

11/3	INTRASQUAD (appx*)	3,000
11/13	BLOOMSBURG	6,059
11/20	MINNESOTA	6,277
12/11	WEST VIRGINIA	6,078
1/22	IOWA	6,796
1/29	OHIO STATE	6,728
2/5	MICHIGAN	6,671
2/19	PITTSBURGH	6,755

\*TOTAL 45,364

\*AVG. (does not include intrasquad) 6,481

## 2011-12 RIDGE RILEY AWARD WINNERS (home)

11/13	BLOOMSBURG	Nico Megaludis, 125
11/20	MINNESOTA	David Taylor, 165
12/11	WEST VIRGINIA	Derek Reber, 133
1/22	IOWA	Morgan McIntosh, 197
1/29	OHIO STATE	Ed Ruth, 174
2/5	MICHIGAN	Frank Molinaro, 149
2/19	PITTSBURGH	Frank Molinaro, 149 and Cameron Wade, 285

## 2011-12 ERNIE LUCAS AWARD WINNERS (away)

12/9	LEHIGH	Dylan Alton, 157
12/18	LOCK HAVEN	Bryan Pearsall, 141
1/8	MICHIGAN STATE	Bryan Pearsall, 141
1/13	NORTHWESTERN	Nico Megaludis, 125
1/15	WISCONSIN	Frank Molinaro, 149
2/3	NEBRASKA	Matt Brown, 197
2/11	UTAH VALLEY	David Taylor, 157

## 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	<b>Frank Molinaro, '09-Prsnt.</b>
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	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	<b>Frank Molinaro, '09-Prsnt.</b>
	121	John Hughes, '92, 94-96
10.	116	Phil Davis, '05-08
11.	115	Ken Chertow, '85, 87-89
12.	114	Carl DeStefanis, '81-84
13.	112	Scott Moore, '00, '02-03
14.	110	Dan Mayo, '84, 86-88
15.	108	Pat Cummins, '01-04
16.	108	Dan Vallimont, '07-10
17.	107	Mark Becks, '00-03
18.	106	Glenn Pritzlaff, '94, 96-99
19.	105	John Hanrahan, '79-82
	105	Tim Flynn, '83, 85-87
21.	103	Eric Brugel, '82-84, 86

### FALLS

1.	53	Josh Moore, '01-04
2.	34	Scott Moore, '00, '02-03
	34	Kerry McCoy, '92-97
4.	32	<b>Cameron Wade, 2009-Prsnt.</b>
	32	Josh Walker, '02-05
6.	31	Biff Walizer, '95-99
7.	30	Phil Davis, '05-08
	30	Pat Cummins, '01-04
9.	29	Jeremy Hunter, '96-00
10.	28	Cary Kolat, '93-94
11.	26	<b>Quentin Wright, '09-Prsnt.</b>
	26	Shawn Nelson, '90, 92-94
13.	25	John Lange, '94-98
14.	24	DeWitt Driscoll, '03-06
	24	Jerry White, '74-77
16.	23	<b>Ed Ruth, '11-Prsnt.</b>
	23	<b>David Taylor, '11-Prsnt.</b>
	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
--	18	<b>Andrew Alton, '11-Prsnt.</b>

### 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	<b>Frank Molinaro, '09-Prsnt.</b>
	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.	48	Carl DeStefanis, '81-84
	48	Ken Chertow, '85, 87-89
	48	Bob Truby, '88-92
	48	Brad Pataky, 2006-11
18.	47	<b>Cameron Wade, '09-Prsnt.</b>
	47	Dan Mayo, '84, 86-88
	47	Andy Voit, '85, 87-89
	47	Jake Strayer, '06-09

## NITTANY LIONS CLAIM SECOND STRAIGHT BIG TEN TITLE

The Penn State Nittany Lion wrestling team blazed through a stunning Sunday session at the 2012 Big Ten Wrestling Championships at Purdue on March 3-4, going 13-2 overall, including ten straight wins. The outstanding team performance allowed head coach Cael Sanderson's crew to run away from the competition and claim its second straight Big Ten Championship. The Nittany Lions won going away with 149.0 points, outdistancing second place Minnesota which had 134.0. Iowa was third with 126.0. Other important notes of interest for Penn State from the tournament:

\* The Nittany Lions qualified nine wrestlers automatically, tied for most with Minnesota.

\* The Nittany Lions were the only team to have all ten wrestlers place.

\* Penn State was the only team with three champions.

\* All three of Penn State's champions won their title bouts by a major or better. In fact, none of Penn State's three titlists won a single bout by a decision. They (Molinaro, Ruth and Taylor) combined to go 10-0 with two pins, three tech falls and five majors.

\* As a team, Penn State rolled up the bonus points, collecting 26.5 off of one forfeit, five pints, three tech falls and ten majors.

\* The Nittany Lions dominated the team awards as well with Frank Molinaro earning Co-Outstanding Wrestler laurels with Michigan's Kellen Russell; Cael Sanderson earning his second straight Big Ten Coach of the Year honor and David Taylor earning his second straight Big Ten Wrestler of the Year award.

## SANDERSON NAMED BIG TEN COACH OF THE YEAR AGAIN

Nittany Lion head coach Cael Sanderson was named 2012 Big Ten Coach of the Year after guiding the Nittany Lions to their second straight Big Ten Championship at Purdue. Sanderson, also the 2011 Coach of the Year, led Penn State to a co-dual meet title this year as well. It is the third Coach of the Year award for Sanderson in six seasons as a head coach (he won one at Iowa State).

## TAYLOR NAMED BIG TEN WRESTLER OF THE YEAR FOR SECOND STRAIGHT SEASON

Sophomore David Taylor was named the 2012 Big Ten Wrestler of the Year, earning the conference wide season award for the second straight time. Taylor blazed through the competition at 165 this year earning his second straight Big Ten title (he won at 157 in 2011). He becomes only the fourth wrestler in Big Ten history to earn the award more than once since the 1980s, joining Iowa's Royce Alger ('87, '88), Iowa's Mark Ironside ('96, '97, '98) and Minnesota's Cole Konrad ('06, '07).

## MOLINARO EARNS SECOND STRAIGHT BIG CROWN AND IS NAMED BIG TEN CHAMPIONSHIP CO-O.W.

Senior 149-pounder Frank Molinaro dominated the field at the 2012 Big Ten Championships, winning his second straight conference title in fine fashion and being named the tournament's Co-Outstanding Wrestler. Molinaro went 3-0 and shut out the competition. He pinned Northwestern's Kaleb Friedley, posted a 15-0 tech fall over #15 Ivan Lopouchanski of Purdue in the semifinals and then hammered Minnesota's Dylan Ness in the finals with a 15-0 tech fall at the 4:30 mark. It is the second straight year that Molinaro won the Big Ten title without giving up a single point. He shared the O.W. award with Michigan 141-pounder Kellen Russell.

## TAYLOR EARNS SECOND STRAIGHT BIG TEN TITLE

Sophomore David Taylor made it two-for-two, winning his second Big Ten Championship in as many tries. Taylor, who won at 157 last year, went 4-0 to win the 165-pound crown this year. Taylor was untouchable once again, posting a tech fall over Ohio State's Derek Garcia and pinning Northwestern's Pierce Harger to advance to the semifinals. In the semis, he shut out #12 Conrad Polz of Illinois, getting a 12-0 major. Then, in the conference title tilt, Taylor dominated #6 Mike Evans of Iowa to the tune of an 11-2 major decision.

## RUTH MAJORS HIS WAY TO SECOND STRAIGHT TITLE

Sophomore Ed Ruth once again established himself as the conference's dominant 174-pounder by majoring his way to his second straight Big Ten Championship. Ruth went 3-0 with three majors, all over wrestlers ranked among the nation's top ten. Ruth posted a 14-2 win over #9 Jordan Blanton of Illinois, a 15-7 win over #10 Nick Heflin of Ohio State in the semifinals and a dominating 13-2 major over #6 Logan Storley in the finals.

## ALTON, WRIGHT AND WADE TAKE BIG TEN BRONZE

Nittany Lions Dylan Alton, Quentin Wright and Cameron Wade each roared back from semifinal upset losses to take third place. The trio combined to go 6-0 after their setbacks and help Penn State claim the 2012 Big Ten crown. Alton went 4-1 at 157 and downed #9 Anthony Jones of Michigan State in the third place match. Wright went 4-1 at 184 and beat Illinois' Tony Dallago in the third place bout. Wade went 4-1 at 285 and took down #12 Mike McMullan of Northwestern for third.

## TRUE FRESHMEN MEGALUDIS AND McINTOSH TAKE 5TH

Nittany Lion true freshmen Nico Megaludis and Morgan McIntosh each battled their way to fifth place finishes in their first-ever Big Ten Championship tournaments. Megaludis went 3-2 at 125 to place fifth while McIntosh was 2-2 at 197 to finish fifth.

## MARTELLOTTI SET FOR NAAs WITH 7TH PLACE FINISH

Sophomore Frank Martellotti beat #18 Ridge Kiley of Northwestern 4-3 in the 7th place bout at the 2012 Big Ten Championships to earn an automatic bid to the 2012 NCAA Championships. Martellotti entered the tourney as the 8th-seed and finished one spot higher, earning the qualifier. He went 2-2 in his first Big Ten tourney run.

## PEARSALL 7TH PLACE AT 141

Junior Bryan Pearsall was key in Penn State's run to the 2012 Big Ten Championship crown, taking seventh place at 141 as the 8th-seed and earning key bonus points along the way. Pearsall went 3-2 with a pin and a major. His only losses were decisions to #1 Kellen Russell of Michigan (6-0) and #9 Jake Suefloh of Nebraska (5-2).

## MOLINARO'S ASSAULT ON THE PSU RECORD BOOKS

Senior Frank Molinaro is currently moving up many of Penn State's all-time records lists. His 11-5 dismantling of Iowa's Mike Kelly on Jan. 22 was the 137th match of his Penn State career, moving him into the top 20 all-time. He is also top 20 in wins and dual meet wins. Here is a breakdown of where the Lion veteran sits on some Penn State lists: Matches wrestled (14th with 145); victories (9th with 116) and dual meet victories (7th with 55).

## WADE NOW 4TH ON ALL-TIME PINS LIST; WRIGHT MOVES INTO TOP 12

Cameron Wade entered the season with 21 career falls. The senior heavyweight has 11 on the year and now has 32 for his career, 4th on Penn State's all-time list. Junior Quentin Wright had 12 after two full seasons and has 13 this year, giving him 25 for his career and putting him in 12th all-time at Penn State.

## DAVID TAYLOR AND ED RUTH'S STUNNING DUAL MEET POINT AVERAGES

Just 22 matches into his collegiate dual meet career, sophomore David Taylor surpassed the 100 point mark in dual meet points. Taylor is now 33-0 in collegiate duals with 159 dual meet points. That's an average of 4.82 dual points per match. Classmate Ed Ruth passed the 100 point mark a mere 23 matches as well. Ruth is now 30-0 with 140 career dual meet points for an equally impressive average of 4.67 dual points per match.

## MOLINARO, TAYLOR, RUTH STILL PERFECT AND PILING UP BONUS WINS

The All-American trio of Frank Molinaro (149), David Taylor (157) and Ed Ruth (174) are all still perfect on the year and a combined 81-0 with 23 majors, 21 tech falls, 23 pins and an injury default victory. They have combined for 68 bonus point wins in 81 matches. Molinaro is 28-0 with 9 majors, 7 techs and 4 pins, giving him 20 bonus wins in 28 matches. Taylor is 27-0 with 11 pins, 8 tech falls and 6 majors, giving him 25 bonus point wins in 27 matches. Ruth is 26-0 with 8 pins, 6 techs, 8 majors and 1 injury default, giving him 23 bonus wins in 26 matches.

## NITTANY LION WRESTLING ATTENDANCE SOARS IN '11-12

With the dual meet portion of its schedule now finished, the Penn State Nittany Lion wrestling team has set a new standard for wrestling attendance in Happy Valley. All seven of Penn State's duals to date have topped the 6,000 fan mark, including sellouts against Minnesota, Iowa, Ohio State, Michigan and Pitt. Penn State averaged 6,481 fans per event, by far a school record since the Rec Hall reconfiguration two decades ago. Over 45,000 fans flowed through the Rec Hall turnstiles this year (45,364). With five of seven duals selling out, the high water mark this year was Penn State's win over Iowa on Jan. 22 when 6,796 filled the Rec. The season finale with Pitt on Feb. 19 was second with an attendance of 6,755. Penn State's average yearly attendance has gone up by over 1,000 per event per year since Sanderson's arrival in State College (4,341 per dual in 2009-10; 5,456 in 2010-11 and 6,480 in 2011-12).

## GINGRICH WINS NATIONAL COLLEGIATE OPEN CROWN

Four Nittany Lion wrestlers closed out their seasons at the National Collegiate Open in Richmond, Va., today. Three of the four Nittany Lion entries placed, led by red-shirt freshman Jon Gingrich (Wingate, Pa.), who won the title at heavyweight. Gingrich ends his red-shirt freshman season with an outstanding 21-4 mark, collecting three pins and six majors in the process. Red-shirt freshman Matt Brown dropped a 10-6 decision in the finals at 174 to former American University All-

## HONORS WON

### Dylan Alton, 157

All-American (3rd Place)

### Nico Megaludis, 125

2012 National Runner-Up (125)

All-American (2nd Place)

### Frank Molinaro, 149

Big Ten Wrestler of the Week, 2/6

2012 Big Ten Championship Co-OW 3/4

2012 Big Ten Champion (149)

First Team All-Big Ten

2012 NCAA National Champion (141)

All-American (1st place)

### Bryan Pearsall, 141

Big Ten Wrestler of the Week, 12/18

### Ed Ruth, 174

Big Ten Wrestler of the Week, 1/17

2012 Big Ten Champion (174)

First Team All-Big Ten

2012 NCAA Champion (174)

All-American (1st Place)

### Cael Sanderson, Head Coach

2012 Big Ten Coach of the Year

### David Taylor, 165

'12 Southern Scuffle Outstanding Wrestler, 1/2

Big Ten Wrestler of the Week, 1/3

2012 Big Ten Wrestler of the Year

2012 Big Ten Champion (165)

First Team All-Big Ten

2012 NCAA Champion (165)

All-American (1st place)

2012 Gorriaran Award Winner

2012 NCAA Championship OW

2012 Season NCAA Most Dominant Wrestler

2012 Hodge Trophy Winner

### Quentin Wright, 184

2012 National Runner-Up (184)

All-American (2nd place)



American Steve Fittery. The Lion freshman was dominant getting to the finals, posting two majors and a pin to go 3-0. The loss against Fittery does not count towards his overall record as Fittery was a non-collegiate entry into the tournament. Brown ends a super season with a 27-2 record, including multiple wins over ranked wrestlers at both 174 and 197. He was 5-0 in duals, 2-0 in Big Ten duals and had 10 majors, 4 technical falls and seven pins. Red-shirt freshman Dirk Cowburn ended the tournament with a 4-1 record and a fifth place finish at 165. He went 10-2 on the year. Sophomore Andrew Church went 2-2 at 174 and closes out his season with a solid 22-12 record.

## **WADE & MOLINARO LEAD LIONS OVER #9 PITT IN THEIR FINAL COLLEGIATE DUAL MEETS**

The senior duo of 149-pounder Frank Molinaro and heavyweight Cameron Wade closed out their collegiate dual meet careers in fine fashion by leading Penn State to a 33-6 dismantling of #9 Pittsburgh in sold out Rec Hall. Molinaro dominated #12 Tyler Nauman 5-2 and Wade pinned Joel Yahner at the 3:56 mark as Penn State won eight of ten bouts in front of 6,755 SRO fans. The crowd, the second largest of the year for Penn State, was also treated to a last-second Bryan Pearsall pin at 141, a Nico Megaludis double-SV victory over #15 Anthony Zanetta at 125 and majors from David Taylor, Matt Brown and Quentin Wright.

## **RECORD CROWD GREET'S NITTANY LIONS IN ROAD DUAL AT UTAH VALLEY, LIONS ROLL TO VICTORY**

Nearly 5,500 Utah wrestling fans (5,470) packed Utah Valley's UCCU Center on Saturday, Feb. 11, to watch the Penn State Nittany Lions take on the Utah Valley Wolverines. The dual set a Utah-state record for Division I wrestling attendance at a dual meet. The Nittany Lions won nine of ten bouts to roll to a 39-3 victory. Penn State got a major from Nico Megaludis at 125, a major from Bryan Pearsall at 141, a 6-0 Frank Molinaro win over #14 Josh Wilson at 149, a decision from Dylan Alton at 157, a pin from David Taylor at 165, a major from Matt Brown at 174, a pin from Quentin Wright at 184, a decision from Morgan McIntosh at 197 and a pin from Cameron Wade at 285.

## **MOLINARO DOMINATES #14 WILSON OF UVU FOR 200TH CAREER DUAL MEET POINT**

Three-time All-American Frank Molinaro downed #14 Josh Wilson of Utah Valley 6-0 (with 4:35 riding time) on 2/11. The decision pushed the Nittany Lion senior to 200 career dual meet points. He ends his Penn State career with 203 dual meet points.

## **COWBURN TAKE THIRD AT EDINBORO OPEN TO LEAD FOUR NITTANY LION PLACERS**

Penn State sent seven wrestlers to the Edinboro Open on Saturday, February 11, with four of them earning places at the event. Red-shirt freshman Dirk Cowburn went 6-1 to take third place at 165 in his season debut. Cowburn has steadily been working his way back from an injury and posted two pins, a major and a tech fall to earn the third place finish. Andrew Church placed fourth at 174 with a 3-2 mark, Justin Ortega was fourth at 197 with a 4-2 record and Derek Reber was 4-3 to finish 6th at 133. Cameron Kelly, Seth Beitz and Rex Lutz also competed. Lutz went 3-2 with two pins at 165.

## **MOLINARO WINS TITLE REMATCH, NAMED B1G WoW**

Frank Molinaro has been named the Big Ten Wrestler of the Week for the week ending February 5, 2012. The honor is the first for Molinaro and Penn State's fourth of the year. He won the award after a superb weekend that saw him go 2-0 with a major and amassing, amazingly, over 8:00 riding time in two match-ups. Molinaro posted a 14-6 major over Nebraska's Skylar Galloway on Friday night with 4:53 riding time. His win helped spark Penn State to a 31-6 win at No. 7 Nebraska. Two days later, Mo-

linaro thrilled a sold-out Rec Hall crowd in a rematch of last year's Big Ten Championship bout at 149. The Lion senior dominated No. 7 Eric Grajales of Michigan 6-1 with 3:13 in riding time, leading Penn State to a 34-7 win over 12th-ranked Michigan and a share of the 2012 Big Ten Dual Meet crown.

## **WADE'S WICKED GOOD WEEKEND**

Senior heavyweight Cameron Wade had a superb first weekend of February, helping Penn State win two conference duals with two resounding wins over top-10 Big Ten foes. Wade downed #8 Tucker Lane of Nebraska 8-2 with 1:31 riding time in Lincoln on 2/3 and followed that up by pinning #10 Ben Apland of Michigan at the 3:58 mark in the final big ten dual of his career on 2/5 in Rec Hall.

## **RUTH AND TAYLOR STILL UNBEATEN IN BIG TEN DUALS**

Sophomore All-Americans Ed Ruth and David Taylor have concluded two full Big Ten dual meet seasons and the duo remains unbeaten for their careers. Ruth closed out his second straight 8-0 regular season with a 12-1 major over #8 Justin Zeerip of Michigan on 2/5 and is now 16-0 all-time in conference duals. Twelve of Ruth's 16 conference dual wins are for bonus points (five pins, techs and four majors). Taylor posted a 15-0 technical fall over #14 Dan Yates of Michigan on 2/5 and, like Ruth, went 8-0 this year and is now 16-0 all-time. All but one of Taylor's 16 conference dual wins are for bonus points (eight techs, five majors and two pins).

## **BROWN GIVES UP 23, PICKS UP 2, WOVES SELL OUT CROWD IN REC HALL DUAL MEET DEBUT**

Red-shirt freshman Matt Brown stepped in for injured true freshman Morgan McIntosh in a big way the weekend of February 3-5. Brown weighed in at 174 for duals at Nebraska on 2/3 and home vs. Michigan on 2/5, gave up 23 pounds to move up two weight classes, and came up big for the Nittany Lions with two dual meet wins. Brown downed starting Nebraska 197-pounder, senior James Nakashima, 2-1 in Lincoln on 2/3 to help Penn State to a 31-6 win. Two days later, the Utah-native made his Rec Hall dual meet debut in Penn State's big ten finale against Michigan. This time, Brown beat #15 Max Huntley 3-1, using a last-second takedown to send a sold out Rec Hall to its feet and help Penn State to a 34-7 win over the Wolverines.

## **SCHOOL RECORD FOR B1G WINS GIVE LIONS SHARE OF REGULAR SEASON DUAL MEET CROWN WITH MINNESOTA**

The Nittany Lions' 34-7 win over #12 Michigan on 2/5 helped Penn State set a new school record for conference dual wins in a season (7). The victory allowed Penn State to end the conference dual meet campaign with a 7-1 mark, sharing the 2012 Big Ten regular season dual meet title with fellow conference power Minnesota.

## **RUTH'S QUICK PIN OVER #8 HEFLIN LEADS LIONS TO 34-9 ROUT OVER #5 OHIO STATE**

Sophomore All-American Ed Ruth made short work of 8th-ranked Nick Hefflin of Ohio State in a marquee match-up at 174 to lead Penn State to a resounding 34-9 thumping over the 5th-ranked Buckeyes on 1/29. The dual, in a sold out Rec Hall, saw Penn State win eight of ten bouts, post a 16-4 takedown edge and amass a number of lopsided riding time advantages. Penn State got wins from #8 Nico Megaludis at 125 (over #15 Johnnie DeJulius), #1 Frank Molinaro at 149 (a 12-0 major), #7 Dylan Alton at 157 (4-0 over #20 Josh Demas), #1 David Taylor at 165 (a tech fall), #2 Quentin Wright at 184 (a pin), #12 Morgan McIntosh at 197 (a 5-4 win over #20 Andrew Campolattano) and #6 Cameron Wade at 285 (a 9-0 major over #16 Peter Capone).

## **RUTH AND McINTOSH LEAD LIONS OVER IOWA**

All-American Ed Ruth posted a major at 174 and true freshman Morgan McIntosh clinched the deal with a win over a returning All-American as Penn State downed Iowa 22-12 in front of nearly 7,000 fans in a sold out Rec Hall on Sunday, Jan. 22. Ruth's 10-1 major over No. 9 Ethan Lofthouse at 174 helped keep the momentum going in what would be seven straight wins by Penn State to close out the dual. McIntosh thrilled the capacity crowd with a 5-3 sudden victory win over All-American Grant Gambrall at 197, clinching the victory. Penn State got consecutive wins from Frank Molinaro (149), Dylan Alton (157), David Taylor (165), Ruth (174), Quentin Wright (184), McIntosh (197) and Cameron Wade (285). The Lions dominated the dual in terms of wins (7), riding time points (4-0 edge) and takedowns (18-10).

## **IOWA CROWD LARGEST SINCE REC HALL RECONFIG!**

The crowd of 6,796 fans that saw Penn State take down Iowa 22-12 on 1/22 was the largest Rec Hall crowd since the building was reconfigured in the early/mid-1990s. The crowd out-distanced last year's Penn State/Iowa crowd of 6,686 on Jan. 30, 2011.

## **THREE WEEKENDS, THREE ROAD TRIPS, SUCCESS!**

Penn State left for the Southern Scuffle in Chattanooga, Tenn., on New Year's Eve Day to compete in the Scuffle on Jan. 1-2. Add to that three straight Big Ten road duals over the next two weekends and the Nittany Lions have been living, and feasting, on the road for quite a while. Penn State won the Southern Scuffle, running away from Minnesota and Cornell in the process; won nine of ten bouts in a 36-6 dual win at Michigan State on 1/8; won nine of ten bouts in a 38-3 dual win at Northwestern on 1/13; and won all ten bouts in a 43-0 shutout at Wisconsin on 1/15 (Penn State's first ever Big Ten dual shutout and the first shutout of UW since 1958). All in all, that's a major national tournament title with four individual champions and three Big Ten road duals by a combined score of 117-9 (with a 28-2 record).

## **RUTH NABS LIONS' THIRD BIG TEN WoW HONOR**

Penn State Nittany Lion wrestler Ed Ruth was named Big Ten Wrestler of the Week for the week ending Jan. 15, 2012. The honor is the second for the Nittany Lion sophomore and he shares this week's with Ohio State's Logan Stieber. The Lion All-American, ranked No. 2 at 174, was unstoppable in a 2-0 road weekend for Penn State in Big Ten action. Ruth made short work of No. 9 Lee Munster of Northwestern, blistering the top-ten Wildcat to the tune of an 18-3 technical fall at the 5:37 mark. Ruth helped spark Penn State to a 38-3 dismantling of No. 17 Northwestern in Evanston. Two days later, Ruth posted an equally quick 17-2 tech fall over Wisconsin's Matt Liegel at the same 5:37 mark. Ruth's win was part of Penn State's 43-0 shutout of Wisconsin in Madison. The shut-out was Penn State's first ever in a Big Ten dual and was the first shut-out of Wisconsin since 1958. The honor was the third for Penn State this year as junior Bryan Pearsall won on Dec. 20 and sophomore All-American David Taylor won on Jan. 3.

## **NITTANY LIONS POST FIRST EVER BIG TEN DUAL SHUTOUT AT WISCONSIN; HAND BADGERS FIRST ZERO SINCE 1958**

Two days after downing Northwestern 38-3 on 1/13, Penn State posted a resounding 43-0 shutout win at Wisconsin on 1/15. The shutout, highlighted by All-American Frank Molinaro's 12-0 major over #9 Cole Schmitt at 149, marks the first time that Penn State notched a shutout in a Big Ten dual, home or away. The blanking of the Badgers was the first against UW since Iowa shut out the Badgers in 1958.

## **MEGALUDIS DOWNS #7 MELE; RUTH TECHS #9 MUNSTER AS LIONS ROLL 38-3 AT NORTHWESTERN**

True freshman Nico Megaludis handed #7 Leve Mele of Northwestern a 7-3 loss at 125 and All-American Ed Ruth hammered #9 Lee Munster at 174 to the tune of an 18-3 technical fall at the 5:37 mark of the second period. The wins highlighted a 38-3 dismantling of the Wildcats in Evanston. Penn State's only loss was #9 Dylan Alton's close 2-1 decision on riding time to #3 Jason Welch at 157.

## **RUGGEAR TAKES THIRD AT HITCHCOCK INVITATIONAL**

– Red-shirting sophomore Nick Ruggear had a fine day at Sunday's Floyd 'Shorty' Hitchcock Invitational on the campus of Millersville University. The Nittany Lion heavyweight led a contingent of Penn Staters who competed unattached at the open event. Ruggear, who started at 197 for Penn State last year and is red-shirting this season, went 5-1 at heavyweight with a pin. He advanced to the semifinals before losing to Lehigh's John Delia by decision. Ruggear then wrestled back to take third place.

## **MOLINARO AND ALTON DOWN RANKED FOES IN NITTANY LIONS' WIN OVER MICHIGAN STATE**

Senior Frank Molinaro and red-shirt freshman Dylan Alton made short work of Michigan State's ranked grapplers in Penn State's 36-6 win over Michigan State in Battle Creek's Kellogg Arena on January 8. Molinaro downed #18 Dan Osterman 9-3 and Alton took care of #14 Anthony Jones 1-0 to lead Penn State to the victory.

## **NITTANY LIONS CLAIM SECOND STRAIGHT SOUTHERN SCUFFLE CHAMPIONSHIP, THIS TIME OUTRIGHT**

After tying Cornell for the Southern Scuffle championship last year, Penn State rolled away from the competition by crowning four champions and won the 2012 Southern Scuffle outright on Jan. 1-2 in Chattanooga. Penn State won the title with 191.5 points while Minnesota was second with 177.5. The Nittany Lions entered day two with a slim 7.5 point lead over the gophers and used a superb 6-3 run in the semifinals and a 4-2 showing in the finals to claim the crown. All-American David Taylor won the 165-pound title and was named Outstanding Wrestler. Joining Taylor as champs were All-American Frank Molinaro at 149, All-American Ed Ruth at 174 and All-American Quentin Wright at 184. Penn State posted a superb 56-23 overall mark among its 15 wrestlers, collecting 18 pins, nine tech falls and 11 majors along the way. 38 of Penn State's 56 wins were of the bonus point variety.

## **TAYLOR BLAZES HIS WAY TO SCUFFLE TITLE TO EARN TOURNEY OW AND BIG TEN WoW HONORS**

All-American David Taylor blazed his way to his second straight Southern Scuffle title and was named the tournament's Outstanding Wrestler (teammate Ed Ruth won the honor last year). Top-ranked Taylor took on No. 10 Cody Yohn of Minnesota in the finals at 165. Already owning a tech fall over the 10th-ranked Gopher, Taylor did it one better this time with a team-title clinching pin in the first period (2:36). Taylor, who claimed his second Scuffle crown, went 5-0 with three pins, a tech and a major. He was also named Big Ten Wrestler of the Week (1/3) for his efforts.

## **MOLINARO STRONG ON HIS WAY TO SCUFFLE CROWN AND 100TH CAREER WIN**

No. 1 Frank Molinaro met No. 11 Dylan Ness of Minnesota in the finals of the 2012 Southern Scuffle and the bout belonged in full to the three-time Nittany Lion All-American. Molinaro scored big for Penn State with a dominating 9-1 major over Ness and won his first Scuffle title with a 5-0 mark, including two techs and a major. His first win of the event was the 100th for his career, making him the 26th member of Penn State's 100-win club.

## **RUTH'S PERFECTION LEADS TO SECOND SCUFFLE CROWN**

All-American Ed Ruth, last year's Scuffle Outstanding Wrestler, won his second straight title in an All-PSU final at 174. Ruth downed talented teammate Matt Brown, posting a 6-3 decision. Ruth's win gave him his second straight Scuffle title and he went 6-0 with three pins, a tech and a major.

## **WRIGHT HAMMERS #4 BOSAK ON WAY TO SCUFFLE TITLE**

Defending National Champion Quentin Wright and put the exclamation point on Penn State's Southern Scuffle team title by dominating fourth-ranked Steve Bosak of Cornell to the tune of a 10-3 win in the 184-pound final. Wright claimed his first Scuffle title with the victory as he went 5-0 with three pins.

## **ALTON AND BROWN TAKE SECOND AT SOUTHERN SCUFFLE**

The red-shirt freshmen tandem of Dylan Alton and Matt Brown advanced to the finals of the 2012 Southern Scuffle to help Penn State claim the team title in Chattanooga. Alton, ranked No. 10, met No. 1 Kyle Dake of Cornell in the finals at 157. Alton battled the two-time NCAA champ tough before dropping a 3-0 decision to take second place in his first Scuffle. Alton went 4-1 with two pins and a major. Brown lost to teammate #2 Ed Ruth in the 174-pound title and ended an outstanding tournament with a 4-1 mark, including wins over the No. 7 and No. 11-ranked wrestlers.

## **PEARSALL PINS #14 BONSON TO LEAD LIONS TO 50-0 WIN AT LOCK HAVEN; NAMED BIG TEN WRESTLER OF THE WEEK**

Junior Bryan Pearsall pinned nationally ranked Matt Bonson of Lock Haven to lead the Nittany Lions to a 50-0 shut-out win at Lock Haven on 12/18. Pearsall pinned No. 14 Bonson in the second period of their battle at 141. The fall was one of four for Penn State in the dual (Nico Megaludis, Frank Molinaro and Cameron Wade added pins as well), which featured a 41-0 takedown edge for the Nittany Lions. Pearsall was named Big Ten Wrestler of the Week for the week ending 12/18, the first such honor of his career.

## **BROWN GETS TF IN PENN STATE DUAL DEBUT**

Matt Brown got the call at 174 in Penn State's 50-0 shut-out win at Lock Haven on 12/18 and posted a convincing 19-4 technical fall in just 3:47 over LHU's Aaron McKinney. The win helped Penn State earn its first shut-out since a 48-0 win over LHU back in December of '10.

## **WRIGHT PINS #17 RYAN TO LEAD LIONS TO 34-6 WIN OVER WEST VIRGINIA**

Defending national champion Quentin Wright, ranked No. 5 at 184, pinned No. 17 Matt Ryan of West Virginia in the first period (1:57) to spark Penn State to a 34-6 win over WVU in a packed Rec Hall. Over 6,000 fans watched Penn State post a 35-2 edge in takedowns in the lopsided win on 12/11.

## **LIONS RUN AWAY FROM #10 LEHIGH FOR ROAD WIN IN 100TH MEETING BETWEEN TWO TEAMS**

Penn State built up a huge early lead and coasted to a 24-12 win at No. 10 Lehigh on 12/9. Penn State got a key win from David Taylor over No. 9 Brandon Hatchett (8-5) and majors from Bryan Pearsall, Frank Molinaro and David Taylor while Ed Ruth, leading 12-1 at the time, got an injury forfeit win at 174. The win gave Penn State a 63-34-3 lead in the all-time series as the dual was the 100th meeting between the two eastern powers.

## **LIONS CROWN SIX CHAMPS AT '11 NLO**

Penn State crowned six champions at the 2011 Nittany Lion Open. Freshman Nico Megaludis won the title at 125; senior Frank Molinaro won the title at 149 (his third Open crown); sophomore David Taylor won the title at 165 (his second Open crown); sophomore Ed Ruth won the 174-pound bracket (his first NLO gold); junior Quentin Wright won the 184-pound title (his first as well); and senior Cameron Wade won the championship at heavyweight (his second). Wins over ranked wrestlers for the champions included: Molinaro with an 8-0 major over #20 Steve Santos of Columbia and a first period pin (1:23) of #9 Donnie Vinson of Binghamton; Taylor with a pin (4:40) of #14 Peter Yates of Virginia Tech and a 14-6 major over former American All-American Steve Fittery; and Ruth with a 7-4 win over #17 Jimmy Sheptock of Maryland.

## **PENN STATE WITH 18 PLACE WINNERS AT '11 NLO**

In addition to the above six champions, Penn State had 12 other place winners at the 2011 Nittany Lion Open, headed by finalists/runners-up Dylan Alton at 157 and Morgan McIntosh at 197. Jordan Conaway was fourth at 125, Frank Martellotti was eighth at 133, Andrew Alton was third at 149, Seth Beitz was fifth at 149, James Vollrath was third at 157, Nick Fischer was fourth at 157, Matt Brown was fifth at 174, Justin Ortega was eighth at 197, Nick Ruggear was fourth at 285 and Jon Gingrich was fifth at 285.

## **THREE LIONS GRAB WINS IN MINNESOTA DUAL**

Penn State's loss to Minnesota on 11/20 in front of a sold out Rec Hall crowd of over 6,200 including three dominating wins from a trio of Penn State All-Americans. No. 1 David Taylor handled No. 8 Cody Yohn with ease, notching a 16-1 technical fall in only 4:29 at 165. No. 1 Frank Molinaro roughed up No. 5 Dylan Ness, notching five takedowns to roll to a 16-10 win at 149. No. 2 Ed Ruth pinned Gopher Eric Ortiz at the 2:27 mark at 174.

## **FIVE LIONS WIN TITLES AT LAKER OPEN**

Five of Penn State's ten-man contingent taking part unattached at the Mercyhurst Laker Open came home with first place titles with seven of the nine playing in the top three. Penn State earned five firsts, a second and a third place showing in Erie. Red-shirt freshman Kyle Moran went 4-0 at 141 to win the first place title while classmate Seth Beitz was 5-0 with a pin at 149 to win the title. Red-shirt freshman Matt Brown was superb with a 5-0 mark to win the crown at 174. Brown notched two pins and three tech falls to roll to the title. Brown defeated teammate Andrew Church in the finals at 174. Church was 3-1 with a major to place second in front of a hometown crowd. Junior Justin Ortega was a perfect 4-0 at 197 to win the title while red-shirt freshman Jon Gingrich won another heavyweight title, this time going 4-0 with three pins to win it all. Also competing for Penn State was true freshman Mike Waters, who went 2-2 at 141; true freshman Rex Lutz, who won once at 165, and red-shirt freshman Brandon Phillips, who was 3-2 at 174.



## **LION FRESHMEN SHINE IN PENN STATE DEBUTS**

Plenty of new faces picked up big wins for Penn State in their collegiate debuts in the Nittany Lions' 39-3 win over Bloomsburg in the season opener on 11/13. True freshman Nico Megaludis pinned Bloomsburg's Sean Boylan at the 2:15 mark at 125, giving Penn State an early leg up in the dual. Red-shirt freshman Dylan Alton downed No. 14 Frank Hickman 10-8 at 157. True freshman Morgan McIntosh then posted a 6-0 win over Huskie Richard Perry at 197.

## **LIONS USE THREE FIRST PERIOD PINS TO BLAST HUSKIES**

Penn State used three early pins to rout the Bloomsburg Huskies before 6,059 fans in the team's season opener in Rec Hall on 11/13. True freshman Nico Megaludis got a pin over BU's Sean Boylan at the 2:15 mark at 125, getting the Nittany Lion season off to a fast start. All-American David Taylor pinned BU's Kevin Hartnett at the 2:21 mark at 165 and All-American Quentin Wright pinned Huskie Mike Mirra at the 1:55 mark at 184. Penn State also picked up tech fall from All-American Frank Molinaro at 149 and a major from Cameron Wade at HWT.

## **SIX LIONS WIN CROWNS AT ESU OPEN**

Eighteen Nittany Lion wrestlers trekked to East Stroudsburg University for the ESU Open on Saturday with six Penn Staters grabbing individual crowns. In all, 14 of Penn State's 18 entrants placed at the event. Red-shirt freshman Matt Brown went 5-0 with two pins and three majors to win the title at 174. True freshman Jordan Conaway went 4-0 with a pin and a major to win the title at 125. One win, the major, was against a non-collegiate wrestler, meaning Conaway was officially 3-0 on the day. True freshman Luke Frey was 4-0 at 141, winning the title and picking up two tech falls along the way. Sophomore Andrew Alton dominated 149, going 5-0 with two pins and two majors to win the title. One pin was against a non-collegiate wrestler, meaning Alton went 4-0 with a pin officially. Sophomore James Vollrath was 5-0 with a pin, a tech and a major to win the title at 157. Rounding out Penn State's champions was red-shirt freshman Jonathan Gingrich, who went 5-0 with a major and a pin at heavyweight. His pin was against an NC grappler, giving him a 4-0 official mark on the day.

## **FREY, CHURCH AND CONAWAY PLACE AT CLARION OPEN**

Six members of Penn State's wrestling team competed unattached at the 2011 Clarion Knight Point Open on Sunday. True freshmen Jordan Conaway and Luke Frey and sophomore Andrew Church each placed at their respective weights. Frey, a true freshman from Montoursville, took the runner-up spot at 141, advancing to the finals with three wins including a major and a tech fall before dropping a 5-1 decision in the finals to unattached Daniel Neff. Conaway, an Abbottstown native, placed third at 125 with a 4-1 mark that included two tech falls and a 13-7 loss in the semifinals to the eventual champion. Church, an Erie native, went 3-1 at 174 and advanced to the finals before losing to take the runner-up spot. Other Nittany Lions competing included Michael Waters, who went 2-2 at 141; and Brandon Phillips, who went 2-2 at 174.

## 2011-12 PENN STATE WRESTLING ROSTER

NAME	Wt.	YR.-EL.	HOMETOWN/HIGH SCHOOL
Andrew Alton	141/149	So.-So.	Mill Hall, Pa./Central Mountain
Dylan Alton	149/157	So.-Fr.	Mill Hall, Pa./Central Mountain
Seth Beitz	149/157	So.-Fr.	Juniata, Pa./Juniata
Matt Brown	165/174	So.-Fr.	West Valley City, Utah/Cyprus
Andrew Church	174/184	Jr.-So.	Erie, Pa./Fort LeBoeuf
Jordan Conaway	125	Fr.-Fr.	Abbottstown, Pa./New Oxford
Dirk Cowburn	165/174	So.-Fr.	Coudersport, Pa./Coudersport
David Crowell	197	Sr.-Sr.	Easton, Pa./Nazareth
James English	149/157	Sr.-Jr.	York, Pa./Central York
Nick Fischer	157/165	Sr.-Jr.	Unionville, Pa./Unionville
James Frascella	165/174	Fr.-Fr.	Carmel, Ind./Carmel
Luke Frey	141/149	Fr.-Fr.	Montoursville, Pa./Montoursville
Jon Gingrich	HWT	So.-Fr.	Wingate, Pa./Bald Eagle Area
Cameron Kelly	125	So.-Fr.	Pittsford, N.Y./Pittsford
Rex Lutz	165	Fr.-Fr.	Easton, Pa./Penn Argyl
Frank Martellotti	125/133	So.-So.	Pittsburgh, Pa./Shady Side
Morgan McIntosh	184/197	Fr.-Fr.	Santa Ana, Calif./Calvary Chapel
Nico Megaludis	125	Fr.-Fr.	Murrysville, Pa./Franklin Regional
Frank Molinaro	149	Sr.-Sr.	Barneget, N.J./Southern Regional
Kyle Moran	149	So.-Fr.	Oxford, Pa./Oxford
Nate Morgan	125	So.-So.	McCook, Neb./McCook
Justin Ortega	184/197	Sr.-Jr.	Oxford, Pa./Oxford
David Owens	141	Fr.-Fr.	Derry, N.H./Pinkerton
Bryan Pearsall	133/141	Sr.-Jr.	Lititz, Pa./Warwick
Brandon Phillips	174	So.-Fr.	Timonium, Md./Delaney
Derek Reber	125/133	Sr.-Jr.	Lewisburg, Pa./Lewisburg
Nick Ruggear	197	So.-So.	Oxford, Pa./Oxford
Ed Ruth	174/184	Jr.-So.	Harrisburg, Pa./Susquehanna Township
Clay Steadman	197	Sr.-Sr.	McKean, Pa./General McLane
Scott Syrek	184/197	Fr.-Fr.	Chester Springs, Pa./Owen J. Roberts
David Taylor	157/165	Jr.-So.	St. Paris, Ohio/St. Paris Graham
James Vollrath	157	Jr.-So.	Richboro, Pa./Council Rock South
Cameron Wade	HWT	Sr.-Sr.	Twinsburg, Ohio/St. Peter Chanel
Michael Waters	125/133	Fr.-Fr.	Advance, N.C./Davie
Quentin Wright	184/197	Sr.-Jr.	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:** Aaron Anspach (Penn State, '07)

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

**MANAGERS:** Taylor Durci, Sami Gundaker, Jen Ronayne and Kirsten Valania

# 2011-12 PENN STATE WRESTLING INDIVIDUAL RECORDS & STATS

13-1, 7-1 B1G, 6-1 HOME, 6-0 ROAD, 1-0 NEUTRAL, 2012 BIG TEN CHAMPIONS, 2012 NCAA CHAMPIONS

Wrestler, Wt.	Overall Record	Collegiate Record	Dual Record	Big 10 Dual* Record	Dual Pts. For/Against	SV W-L	TB W-L	MD W-L	TF W-L	Pins W-L	Fastest Fall
Andrew Alton, 149	9-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0-0	0-0	3-0	0-0	2-0	0:55
Dylan Alton, 157	30-6	30-6	12-2	6-2	39/6	1-2	2-0	10-0	0-0	2-1	0:47
Seth Beitz, 149	20-6	11-5	0-0	0-0	0/0	1-0	0-0	3-0	1-0	2-0	1:32
Matt Brown, 174/197	27-2	27-2	5-0	2-0	19/0	0-0	0-0	10-0	4-0	7-0	1:10
Collin Campbell, 285	6-3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0-0	0-0	1-1	0-0	0-0	---
Andrew Church, 174	23-12	23-12	0-0	0-0	0/0	0-0	0-1	3-1	1-1	0-1	---
Jordan Conaway, 125	11-5	0-0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0-0	0-0	0-0	2-0	1-0	4:21
Dirk Cowburn	10-2	10-2	0-0	0-0	0/0	0-0	0-0	1-0	1-0	3-0	0:54
David Crowell	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	---
James English	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	---
Nick Fischer, 157	10-5	10-5	0-0	0-0	0/0	0-0	0-0	3-2	1-0	2-0	2:25
James Frascella, 174	5-4	0-0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	2-0	2:22
Luke Frey, 141	9-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0-0	0-0	2-0	3-0	0-0	---
Jon Gingrich, 285	21-4	13-4	0-0	0-0	0/0	0-0	0-0	6-0	0-0	3-0	1:22
Cameron Kelly, 133	2-4	0-0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	1-0	1:20
Rex Lutz, 165	10-11	0-0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0-0	0-0	0-2	0-1	4-2	2:41
Frank Martellotti, 133	9-11	6-10	3-6	3-4	10/24	0-0	0-0	2-2	0-0	0-3	---
Morgan McIntosh, 197	18-10	18-10	8-2	5-1	25/6	2-0	0-0	3-0	0-1	3-0	4:03
Nico Megaludis, 125	28-8	28-8	11-3	5-3	46/12	1-1	1-0	6-0	3-0	3-1	2:15
Frank Molinaro, 149	33-0	33-0	14-0	8-0	53/0	0-0	0-0	12-0	7-0	4-0	0:58
Kyle Moran, 141	8-2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0/0	1-0	0-0	3-1	0-0	0-1	---
Nate Morgan, 141	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	---
Justin Ortega, 197	17-7	17-7	0-2	0-0	0/6	0-0	0-1	3-0	0-0	3-1	1:48
David Owens, 141	2-3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0-0	0-0	0-1	2-0	0-2	---
Bryan Pearsall, 141	15-12	15-12	7-5	3-4	35/16	0-0	0-0	3-1	1-1	6-0	1:06
Brandon Phillips, 174	10-8	0-0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0-0	0-0	3-2	0-0	0-2	---
Derek Reber, 133	10-9	10-9	2-3	0-1	7/10	0-0	0-0	1-1	1-0	2-0	1:10
Nick Ruggear, 285	8-3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	1-0	4:22
Ed Ruth, 174	31-0	31-0	11-0	8-0	54/0	0-0	0-0	9-0	7-0	10-0	1:05
Sam Sherlock, 141	3-3	3-3	1-1	0-1	3/4	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-0	---
Clay Steadman	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	---
Scott Syrek, 197	2-2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0/0	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	---
David Taylor, 165	32-0	32-0	14-0	8-0	66/0	0-0	0-0	6-0	9-0	15-0	0:29
James Vollrath, 157	12-4	3-3	0-0	0-0	0/0	0-0	0-1	3-0	1-0	3-0	1:08
Cameron Wade, 285	27-6	27-6	12-2	7-1	51/6	0-0	0-0	4-0	4-0	11-0	1:26
Michael Waters, 141	7-9	0-0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0-1	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-3	---
Quentin Wright, 184	30-4	30-4	12-2	7-1	63/6	1-1	0-0	5-0	4-0	14-0	1:12
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>495-167</b>	<b>377-108</b>	<b>112-28</b>	<b>62-18</b>	<b>471/96</b>	<b>8-5</b>	<b>3-3</b>	<b>105-17</b>	<b>54-4</b>	<b>104-17</b>	<b>0:29</b>

SV - sudden victory • TB - tiebreak • MD - major decision • TF - technical fall • \* Big Ten Dual record for eight regular season duals only

## SEASON LEADERS -- OVERALL\*

WINS	Wrestler	Wins	FALLS	Wrestler	Falls
1.	Frank Molinaro, 149	33	1.	David Taylor, 165	15
2.	David Taylor, 165	32	2.	Quentin Wright, 184	14
3.	Ed Ruth, 174	31	3.	Cameron Wade, 285	11
4.	Dylan Alton, 157	30	4.	Ed Ruth, 174	10
5.	Quentin Wright, 184	30	5.	Matt Brown, 174	7
6.	Nico Megaludis, 125	28	6.	Bryan Pearsall, 141	6
7.	Matt Brown, 174	27	7.	Frank Molinaro, 149	4
8.	Cameron Wade, 285	27	8.	Rex Lutz, 165	4
9.	Andrew Church, 174	23	9.	Dirk Cowburn, 165	3
10.	Jon Gingrich, 285	21	10.	Jon Gingrich, 285	3
11.	Seth Beitz, 149	20	11.	Morgan McIntosh, 197	3
12.	Morgan McIntosh, 197	18	12.	Nico Megaludis, 125	3
13.	Justin Ortega, 197	17	13.	Justin Ortega, 197	3
14.	Bryan Pearsall, 141	15	14.	James Vollrath, 157	3
15.	James Vollrath, 157	12	15.	Andrew Alton, 149	2
16.	Jordan Conaway, 125	11		Dylan Alton, 157	2
17.	Derek Reber, 133	11		Seth Beitz, 149	2
18.	Dirk Cowburn, 165	10		Nick Fischer, 157	2
19.	Nick Fischer, 157	10		James Frascella, 174	2
20.	Rex Lutz, 165	10		Derek Reber, 133	2
21.	Brandon Phillips, 174	10			
22.	Andrew Alton, 149	9			
23.	Luke Frey, 141	9			
24.	Frank Martellotti, 133	9			
25.	Kyle Moran, 141	8			
26.	Nick Ruggear, 285	8			
27.	Mike Waters, 141	7			
28.	James Frascella, 174	5			
29.	Cameron Kelly, 133	2			
30.	David Owens, 141	2			
31.	Scott Syrek, 197	2			

## DUAL TAKEDOWNS

(numbers listed FOR/AGAINST)

Wt.	Wrestler	1st	2nd	3rd	OT	Total
125	Nico Megaludis	31-1	18-1	7-1	1-1	57-4
133	Derek Reber	1-4	1-3	4-1	0-0	6-8
133	Frank Martellotti	5-7	0-2	4-4	0-0	9-13
141	Sam Sherlock	0-3	2-2	2-4	0-0	4-9
141	Bryan Pearsall	5-8	4-3	1-8	0-0	10-18
149	Frank Molinaro	17-2	10-2	12-4	0-0	39-8
157	Dylan Alton	17-1	9-2	9-4	0-0	35-7
165	David Taylor	38-2	23-0	6-0	0-0	62-2
174	Ed Ruth	19-0	9-0	11-0	0-0	38-0
174/97	Matt Brown	5-0	6-0	3-0	0-0	14-0
184	Quentin Wright	20-3	7-1	4-3	0-0	31-7
197	Morgan McIntosh	9-3	2-2	5-1	1-0	17-6
197	Justin Ortega	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-1
285	Cameron Wade	9-1	3-2	4-2	0-0	16-5

TOTAL 176-35 94-21 71-31 2-1 343-88

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



# 2011-12 DUAL MEET TEAM POINTS SCORED BY WEIGHT/FINAL SCORES

Opponent	125	133	141	149	157	165	174	184	197	HWT	FINAL
11/13: BLOOMSBURG	6-0	0-3	3-0	5-0	3-0	6-0	3-0	6-0	3-0	4-0	39-3
11/20: #4 MINNESOTA*	0-3	0-4	0-4	3-0	0-3	5-0	6-0	0-3	0-3	0-3	14-23
12/9: at #10 Lehigh	3-0	0-3	4-0	4-0	4-0	3-0	6-0	0-3	0-3	0-3	24-12
12/11: WEST VIRGINIA	3-0	4-0	0-3	4-0	4-0	5-0	4-0	6-0	0-3	4-0	34-6
12/18: at Lock Haven	6-0	3-0	6-0	6-0	4-0	5-0	5-0	5-0	4-0	6-0	50-0
1/8: at Michigan State*	0-6	3-0	6-0	3-0	3-0	4-0	5-0	6-0	3-0	3-0	36-6
1/13: at #17 Northwestern*	3-0	3-0	6-0	4-0	0-3	5-0	5-0	6-0	3-0	3-0	38-3
1/15: at Wisconsin*	6-0	4-0	3-0	4-0	3-0	6-0	5-0	6-0	3-0	3-0	43-0
1/22: #2 IOWA*	0-3	0-6	0-3	3-0	3-0	3-0	4-0	3-0	3-0	3-0	22-12
1/29: #5 OHIO STATE*	3-0	0-6	0-3	4-0	3-0	5-0	6-0	6-0	3-0	4-0	34-9
2/3: at #7 Nebraska*	5-0	0-3	0-3	4-0	3-0	4-0	6-0	3-0	3-0	3-0	31-6
2/5: #12 MICHIGAN*	4-0	0-3	0-4	3-0	3-0	5-0	4-0	6-0	3-0	6-0	34-7
2/11: at Utah Valley	4-0	0-3	4-0	3-0	3-0	6-0	4-0	6-0	3-0	6-0	39-3
2/19: PITTSBURGH	3-0	0-3	6-0	3-0	3-0	4-0	4-0	4-0	0-3	6-0	33-6
TEAM TOTALS	46-12	17-34	38-20	53-0	39-6	66-0	67-0	63-6	31-12	51-6	471-96

## INDIVIDUAL DUAL RECORD BY WEIGHT

125	133	141	149	157	165	174	184	197	HWT	TOTAL
11-3	5-9	8-6	14-0	12-2	14-0	14-0	12-2	10-4	12-2	112-28

## DUAL PINS BY WEIGHT

125	133	141	149	157	165	174	184	197	HWT	TOTAL
3-0	0-2	3-0	1-0	0-0	3-0	3-0	8-0	0-0	4-0	25-2

## DUAL TECHNICAL FALLS BY WEIGHT

125	133	141	149	157	165	174	184	197	HWT	TOTAL
1-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	0-0	6-0	4-0	1-0	0-0	0-0	13-0

## DUAL MAJOR DECISIONS BY WEIGHT

125	133	141	149	157	165	174	184	197	HWT	TOTAL
2-0	2-1	2-2	6-0	3-0	3-0	5-0	1-0	1-0	3-0	28-3

## DUAL FORFEITS/DISQ./INJURY DEFAULTS BY WEIGHT

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

## DUAL DECISIONS BY WEIGHT

125	133	141	149	157	165	174	184	197	HWT	TOTAL
5-2	3-6	2-4	6-0	9-2	2-0	1-0	2-2	9-4	5-2	44-22

## TEAM RECORD AT DUAL'S STARTING WEIGHT

125	133	141	149	157	165	174	184	197	HWT	TOTAL
9-3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	11-3

## SEASON LEADERS -- DUAL MEETS

### DUAL POINTS

1. David Taylor, 165	66
2. Quentin Wright, 184	63
3. Ed Ruth, 174	54
4. Frank Molinaro, 149	53
5. Cameron Wade, 285	51
6. Nico Megaludis, 125	46
7. Dylan Alton, 157	36
8. Bryan Pearsall, 141	35
9. Morgan McIntosh, 197	25
10. Matt Brown, 174	19
11. Frank Martellotti, 133	10
12. Derek Reber, 133	7

### DUAL BONUS POINTS

1. Quentin Wright, 184	27
2. David Taylor, 165	24
3. Ed Ruth, 174	21
4. Cameron Wade, 285	15
5. Bryan Pearsall, 141	14
6. Nico Megaludis, 125	13
7. Frank Molinaro, 149	11
8. Matt Brown, 174	4
9. Dylan Alton, 157	3
10. Frank Martellotti, 133	1
Morgan McIntosh, 197	1
Derek Reber, 133	1

### DUAL TECH FALLS

1. David Taylor, 165	6
2. Ed Ruth, 174	3
3. Matt Brown, 174	1
Nico Megaludis, 125	1
Frank Molinaro, 149	1
Quentin Wright, 184	1

### DUAL MAJOR DECISIONS

1. Frank Molinaro, 149	6
2. Dylan Alton, 157	3
Cameron Wade, 285	3
Ed Ruth, 174	3
5. Nico Megaludis, 125	2
Bryan Pearsall, 141	2
David Taylor, 165	2
8. Frank Martellotti, 133	1
Morgan McIntosh, 197	1
Matt Brown, 174	1
Derek Reber, 133	1

### DUAL PINS

1. Quentin Wright, 184	8
2. Cameron Wade, 285	4
3. Nico Megaludis, 125	3
Ed Ruth, 174	3
David Taylor, 165	3
Bryan Pearsall, 141	3
7. Frank Molinaro, 149	1

### DUAL TAKEDOWNS

1. David Taylor, 165	67
2. Nico Megaludis, 125	57
3. Frank Molinaro, 149	39
Ed Ruth, 174	37
5. Dylan Alton, 157	35
6. Quentin Wright, 184	31
7. Morgan McIntosh, 197	17
8. Cameron Wade, 285	16
9. Matt Brown, 174	14
10. Bryan Pearsall, 141	10
11. Frank Martellotti, 133	9
12. Derek Reber, 133	6

### DUAL REVERSALS

1. Frank Martellotti, 133	4
2. Morgan McIntosh, 197	4
3. David Taylor, 165	3
Cameron Wade, 285	3
Quentin Wright, 184	3
6. Dylan Alton, 157	2
Frank Molinaro, 149	2
Derek Reber, 133	2
Bryan Pearsall, 141	2
10. Matt Brown, 174	1
Nico Megaludis, 125	1
Ed Ruth, 174	1

### DUAL NEAR FALL 2

1. David Taylor, 165	9
2. Ed Ruth, 174	6
3. Frank Molinaro, 149	4
Quentin Wright, 184	4
5. Matt Brown, 174	3
Bryan Pearsall, 141	3
7. Cameron Wade, 285	2
8. Frank Martellotti, 133	1
Bryan Pearsall, 141	1

### DUAL NEAR FALL 3

1. David Taylor, 165	10
2. Frank Molinaro, 149	8
3. Ed Ruth, 174	7
4. Cameron Wade, 285	6
Quentin Wright, 184	6
6. Bryan Pearsall, 141	4
7. Dylan Alton, 157	2
Matt Brown, 174	2
9. Morgan McIntosh, 197	1
Nico Megaludis, 125	1

### DUAL STALLS FORCED/TAKEN

125: Nico Megaludis	10	0
133: Derek Reber	3	1
133: Frank Martellotti	3	4
141: Sam Sherlock	0	3
141: Bryan Pearsall	3	5
149: Frank Molinaro	5	2
157: Dylan Alton	8	5
165: David Taylor	6	0
174: Ed Ruth	14	1
174: Matt Brown	3	2
184: Quentin Wright	6	1
197: Morgan McIntosh	2	1
285: Cameron Wade	4	6
TOTAL	67	31

### DUAL RIDING TIME POINTS FOR/AGAINST

125: Nico Megaludis	5	1
133: Derek Reber	2	2
133: Frank Martellotti	4	2
141: Sam Sherlock	0	1
141: Bryan Pearsall	3	3
149: Frank Molinaro	13	0
157: Dylan Alton	6	2
165: David Taylor	7	0
174: Ed Ruth	5	0
174: Matt Brown	2	0
184: Quentin Wright	2	2
197: Morgan McIntosh	3	0
197: Justin Ortega	0	1
285: Cameron Wade	6	1
TOTAL	58	15



# Nico MEGALUDIS

Fr./Fr. Eligible  
Murrysville, Pa./  
Franklin Regional  
2012 National Runner-Up  
All-American (2nd in 2012)

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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
<b>Career</b>	<b>28-8</b>	<b>11-3 (5-3)</b>	<b>17-5 (3-2/4-1)</b>	<b>3-1</b>	<b>3-0</b>	<b>7-0</b>	<b>46</b>

closed out Big Ten dual season with wins against Nebraska and Michigan to go 5-3 in-conference as a true freshman...posted 4-2 (sv2) win over #15 Anthony Zanetta of Pittsburgh on 2/19...went 3-2 at first Big Ten Championship at Purdue on 3/3-4 to take fifth place.

\* **First Penn State true freshman All-American since Quentin Wright was a sixth-place finisher at 174 in 2009...**

\* **Went 4-1 as true freshman at NCAAs in 2012 to advance to national finals, including wins over #7 Jarrod Patterson of Oklahoma, #2 Zach Sanders of Minnesota and #6 Frank Perrelli of Cornell.**

\* **Dropped 4-1 dec. to #1 Matt McDonough of Iowa in national finals.**

## MEGALUDIS ALL-TIME IN THE NCAA TOURNAMENT

Year	Wt.	Result	Opponent	Place	Record
2012	125	W, 13-5	Michael Martinez, Wyoming	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	4-1

## MEGALUDIS MATCH-BY-MATCH

Date	Wt.	Result	Opponent	Place	Record
11/13	125	WBF	Sean Boylan, Bloomsburg (2:15)	dual	1-0
11/20	125	L, 2-6	#2 Zach Sanders, Minnesota	dual	1-1
12/4	125	W, 17-3	Ryan Dowd, Boston	NLO	2-1
12/4	125	W, 10-1	Conor Youtsey, UA-Army (major)	NLO	3-1
12/4	125	W, 12-3	Max Soria, Buffalo (major)	NLO	4-1
12/4	125	W, 3-2	Erik Spjut, Virginia Tech	NLO	5-1
12/4	125	W, 11-1	Coltin Fought, North Carolina St. (maj.)	NLO (1st)	6-1
12/9	125	W, 4-0	Mason Beckman, Lehigh	dual	7-1
12/11	125	W, 8-2	Shane Young, West Virginia	dual	8-1
12/18	125	WBF	Bobby Rehm, Lock Haven (4:02)	dual	9-1
1/1	125	W, 18-3	Richard Alarcon, The Citadel (TF; 4:58)	Scuffle	10-1
1/1	125	W, 19-7	David White, Army (major)	Scuffle	11-1
1/1	125	L, 3-9	#7 Frank Perrelli, Cornell	Scuffle	11-2
1/2	125	W, 18-2	Pat Rollins, Oregon State (TF; 6:17)	Scuffle	12-2
1/2	125	W, 5-2	Bricker Dixon, Cornell	Scuffle	13-2
1/2	125	W, 4-1	#9 Matt Snyder, Virginia	Scuffle	14-2
1/2	125	L, 4-6	#7 Frank Perrelli, Cornell	Scuffle (4th)	14-3
1/8	125	L, DQ	Eric Olanowski, Michigan State (ill. hold)	dual	14-4
1/13	125	W, 7-3	#7 Levi Mele, Northwestern	dual	15-4
1/15	125	WBF	Austin Hietpas, Wisconsin (6:05)	dual	16-4
1/22	125	L, 1-3 (sv)	#2 Matt McDonough, Iowa	dual	16-5
1/29	125	W, 6-2	#15 Johnni DeJulius, Ohio State	dual	17-5
2/3	125	W, 23-6	Shawn Nagel, Nebraska (TF; 5:59)	dual	18-5
2/5	125	W, 22-10	Grant Pizzo, Michigan (major)	dual	19-5
2/11	125	W, 19-7	Colby Christensen, Utah Valley (major)	dual	20-5
2/19	125	W, 4-2 (sv2)	#15 Anthony Zanetta, Pittsburgh	dual	21-5
3/3	125	W, 12-3	Grant Pizzo, Michigan (major)	B10	22-5
3/3	125	W, 6-2	#17 Johnni DeJulius, Ohio State	B10	23-5
3/3	125	L, 2-6	#2 Zach Sanders, Minnesota	B10	23-6
3/4	125	LBV (sv)	#10 Levi Mele, Northwestern	B10	23-7
3/4	125	W, 4-1	Camden Eppert, Purdue	B10 (5th)	24-7
3/15	125	W, 13-5	Michael Martinez, Wyoming (major)	NCAA	25-7
3/15	125	W, 7-3	#7 Jarrod Patterson, Oklahoma	NCAA	26-7
3/16	125	W, 7-4	#2 Zach Sanders, Minnesota	NCAA	27-7
3/16	125	W, 3-2 (tb2)	#6 Frank Perrelli, Cornell	NCAA	28-7
3/17	125	L, 1-4	#1 Matt McDonough, Iowa	NCAA (2nd)	28-8

## NOTES

**Parents: Linda and Dan Megaludis -- Major: Business Administration**

Downed Jordan Conaway 5-1 in Intrasquad on 11/3....pinned Bloomsburg's Sean Boylan in collegiate debut (2:15) on 11/13...lost close 6-2 decision to #2 Zach Sanders of Minnesota on 11/20...went 5-0 (plus a NC win) to claim the 125 crown at the Nittany Lion Open on 12/4...went 5-2 at the Southern Scuffle to take fourth, only two losses to #7 Frank Perrelli of Cornell...downed #9 Matt Snyder of Virginia at Scuffle...was dominating MSU's Eric Olanowski 8-3 on 1/8 when illegal throw call and subsequent injury gave him a DQ loss...rebounded in stellar fashion with 7-3 win over #7 Levin Mele of Northwestern in Big Ten road dual on 1/13...took former national champion and #2 Matt McDonough of Iowa to SV before losing 3-1 on 1/22...downed #15 Johnni DeJulius 6-2 with nearly 3:00 RT on 1/29....



Frank  
**MARTELOTTI**  
So./So. Eligible  
Pittsburgh, Pa./Shady Side  
NCAA Qualifier (2012)

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## MARTELOTTI ALL-TIME IN THE NCAA TOURNAMENT

Year	Wt.	Result	Opponent	Place	Record
2012	133	LBF	#1 Jordan Oliver, Oklahoma State (2:06)	NCAA	0-1
2012	133	W, 2-1	Frank Lomas, CS-Bakersfield	NCAA	1-1
2012	133	L, 9-19	#6 Devin Carter, Virginia Tech	NCAA	1-2

### CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Overall	Duals (B10)	TRN (B10/NCAA)	F	TF	M	PTS
2010-11	18-3	7-0 (1-0)	11-3 (0-0/0-0)	3-0	1-0	5-1	23
2011-12	9-11	3-6 (3-4)	6-5 (2-2/1-2)	0-3	0-0	2-2	10
<b>Career</b>	<b>27-14</b>	<b>10-6 (4-4)</b>	<b>17-8 (2-2/1-2)</b>	<b>3-3</b>	<b>1-0</b>	<b>7-3</b>	<b>33</b>

### MARTELOTTI MATCH-BY-MATCH

Date	Wt.	Result	Opponent	Place	Record
12/4	133	L, 0-3	Geoffrey Alexander, Navy	NLO	0-1
12/4	133	W, 12-0	Taylor Golba, Buffalo (major)	NLO	1-1
12/4	133	W, 6-0	Joe Waltko, Clarion	NLO	2-1
12/4	133	W, 6-0	Erik Galloway, UA-Pittsburgh	NLO (8th)	3-1
1/8	133	W, 7-5	Brandon Fifield, Michigan State	dual	4-1
1/13	133	W, 10-4	Jameson Oster, Northwestern	dual	5-1
1/15	133	W, 14-6	Shane McQuade, Wisconsin (major)	dual	6-1
1/22	133	LBF	#3 Tony Ramos, Iowa (4:20)	dual	6-2
1/29	133	LBF	#3 Logan Stieber, Ohio State (1:38)	dual	6-3
2/3	133	L, 3-4	#18 Ridge Kiley, Nebraska	dual	6-4
2/5	133	L, 7-11	#16 Zac Stevens, Michigan	dual	6-5
2/11	133	L, 1-3	Blake Mangum, Utah Valley	dual	6-6
2/19	133	L, 3-4	Shelton Mack, Pittsburgh	dual	6-7
3/3	133	L, 3-13	#2 Logan Stieber, Ohio State	B10	6-8
3/3	133	W, 8-2	Joe Duca, Indiana	B10	7-8
3/3	133	L, 2-6	#7 Chris Dardanes, Minnesota	B10	7-9
3/4	133	W, 4-3	#18 Ridge Kiley, Nebraska	B10 (7th)	8-9
3/15	133	LBF	#1 Jordan Oliver, Oklahoma State (2:06)	NCAA	8-10
3/15	133	W, 2-1	Frank Lomas, CS-Bakersfield	NCAA	9-10
3/16	133	L, 9-19	#6 Devin Carter, Virginia Tech	NCAA	9-11

### NOTES

**Parents: Wendy and Mark Martellotti -- Major: Liberal Arts**

Wrestled unattached at the 2011 Nittany Lion Open, going 3-1 (with a NC win) and placing eighth on 12/4...made season dual debut on 1/8 with 7-5 win over Michigan State's Brandon Fifield at 133...downed NU's Jameson Oster on the road on 1/13...majored Wisconsin's Shane McQuade 14-6 on 1/15...went 2-2 at his first Big Ten Championships, going 2-2 at 133 ast the No. 8 seed, finishing seventh and earning an automatic qualifier...earned the qualifying spot with a 4-3 win over #17 Ridge Kiley of Nebraska.

\* Went 1-2 at first NCAA Championship tournament, with losses to #1 and #6 seeded wrestlers.





# Frank MOLINARO

Sr./Sr. Eligible  
Barnegat, N.J./Southern Regional  
4X All-American -- National Champion  
(2009, 8th at 141; 2010, 5th at  
149; 2011, 2nd; 2012, 1st)

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## CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Overall	Duals (B10)	TRN (B10/NCAA)	F	TF	M	PTS
2007-08			Red-shirt season				
2008-09	23-19	9-12 (3-5)	14-7 (1-3/4-3)	4-2	0-1	5-4	33
2009-10	33-7	17-3 (6-2)	16-4 (2-2/4-2)	1-2	1-0	12-1	62
2010-11	32-3	15-0 (8-0)	17-3 (3-0/4-1)	3-0	3-0	10-0	55
2011-12	33-0	14-0 (8-0)	19-0 (3-0/5-0)	4-0	7-0	11-0	53
<b>Career</b>	<b>121-29</b>	<b>55-15 (25-7)</b>	<b>66-14 (9-5/17-6)</b>	<b>12-4</b>	<b>11-1</b>	<b>38-5</b>	<b>203</b>

crown at 149 with dominating 3-0 run (with a pin and two TFs)...second TF was 15-0 white-wash of #9 Dylan Ness of Minnesota in the finals...named 2012 Big Ten Championship Co-Outstanding Wrestler with Michigan's Kellen Russell...won last two Big Ten titles without giving up a point.

- \* Two-time Big Ten Champion (2011, 2012)
- \* Only fifth four-time All-American in Penn State history.
- \* Second appearance in NCAA Finals (2011, 2nd)
- \* Tied for 7th on PSU's all-time NCAA tourney win list with 16, a win would move him into tie for fourth.
- \* Currently tied for 11th on PSU's all-time matches wrestled list (149)
- \* Currently 9th on PSU's all-time wins list (120).
- \* 2012 Big Ten Championship Co-Outstanding Wrestler.
- \* 2012 NCAA National Champion at 149.
- \* Went 5-0 to win national title with two majors.
- \* Tied for 4th all-time at Penn State in NCAA tourney wins with 17.

## MOLINARO ALL-TIME IN THE NCAA TOURNAMENT

Year	Wt.	Result	Opponent	Place	Record
2009	141	L, 1-7	#8 Ryan Williams, Old Dominion	NCAA	0-1
2009	141	W, md. fff.	#9 Corey Jantzen, Harvard	NCAA	1-1
2009	141	W, 5-4	Tyler Nauman, Pittsburgh	NCAA	2-1
2009	141	W, 4-0	Seth Ciasulli, Lehigh	NCAA	3-1
2009	141	W, 10-6	#12 Drew Lashaway, Kent State	NCAA	4-1
2009	141	L, 6-8	#2 Zach Tanelli, Wisconsin	NCAA	4-2
2009	141	L, 4-7	#1 Kellen Russell, Michigan	NCAA (8th)	4-3
2010	149	W, 9-4	Donal Vinson, Binghamton	NCAA	5-3
2010	149	W, 8-0	Eric Albright, Pittsburgh (major)	NCAA	6-3
2010	149	W, 8-0	Torsten Gillespie, Edinboro (major)	NCAA	7-3
2010	149	L, 0-2	#1 Lance Palmer, Ohio State	NCAA	7-4
2010	149	L, 1-7	#4 Kyle Ruschell, Wisconsin	NCAA	7-5
2010	149	W, 10-1	Torsten Gillespie, Edinboro (major)	NCAA (5th)	8-5
2011	149	W, 9-0	Zac Cibula, Rider (major)	NCAA	9-5
2011	149	W, 6-3	Derek Valenti, Virginia	NCAA	10-5
2011	149	W, 4-2	#7 Marion Mason, Rutgers	NCAA	11-5
2011	149	W, 4-1	#6 Jason Chamberlain, Boise State	NCAA	12-5
2011	149	L, 1-4	#4 Kyle Dake, Cornell	NCAA (2nd)	12-6
2012	149	W, 9-0	Chris Villalonga, Cornell	NCAA	13-6
2012	149	W, 6-5	Scott Sakaguchi, Oregon State	NCAA	14-6
2012	149	W, 10-2	#8 Eric Grajales, Michigan (major)	NCAA	15-6
2012	149	W, 5-0	Justin Accordino, Hofstra	NCAA	16-6
2012	149	W, 4-1	#7 Dylan Ness, Minnesota	NCAA (1st)	17-6

## MOLINARO MATCH-BY-MATCH

Date	Wt.	Result	Opponent	Place	Record
11/13	149	W, 16-0	Bryce Busler, Bloomsburg (TF; 5:05)	dual	1-0
11/20	149	W, 16-10	#5 Dylan Ness, Minnesota	dual	2-0
12/4	149	W, 16-0	Jake Kazimir, Columbia (TF; 7:00)	NLO	3-0
12/4	149	W, 11-0	Peyton Walsh, Navy (major)	NLO	4-0
12/4	149	W, 17-0	Leonard Drummond, Kutztown (TF; 4:08)	NLO	5-0
12/4	149	WBF	Cameron Moran, Clarion (0:58)	NLO	6-0
12/4	149	W, 8-0	#20 Steve Santos, Columbia (major)	NLO	7-0
12/4	149	WBF	#9 Donnie Vinson, Binghamton (1:23)	NLO (1st)	8-0
12/9	149	W, 14-3	Anthony Salupo, Lehigh (major)	dual	9-0
12/11	149	W, 10-1	George Scheffel, West Virginia (major)	dual	10-0
12/18	149	WBF	Owen Wilkenson, Lock Haven (2:30)	dual	11-0
1/1	149	W, 16-0	Samuel McCauley, The Citadel (TF; 3:28)	Scuffle	12-0
1/1	149	W, 9-3	Chris Villalonga, Cornell	Scuffle	13-0
1/1	149	W, 16-0	Dean Pavlou, Chattanooga (TF; 3:25)	Scuffle	14-0
1/2	149	W, 4-0	#20 Scott Sakaguchi, Oregon State	Scuffle	15-0
1/2	149	W, 9-1	#11 Dylan Ness, Minnesota (major)	Scuffle (1st)	16-0
1/8	149	W, 9-3	#18 Dan Osterman, Michigan State	dual	17-0
1/13	149	W, 10-0	Kaleb Friedley, Northwestern	dual	18-0
1/15	149	W, 12-0	#9 Cole Schmitt, Wisconsin (major)	dual	19-0
1/22	149	W, 11-5	Mike Kelly, Iowa	dual	20-0
1/29	149	W, 12-0	Alex Gordon, Ohio State (major)	dual	21-0
2/3	149	W, 14-6	Skylar Galloway, Nebraska (major)	dual	22-0
2/5	149	W, 6-1	#7 Eric Grajales, Michigan	dual	23-0
2/11	149	W, 6-0	#14 Josh Wilson, Utah Valley	dual	24-0
2/19	149	W, 5-2	#12 Tyler Nauman, Pittsburgh	dual	25-0
3/3	149	WBF	Kaleb Friedley, Northwestern (2:18)	B10	26-0
3/3	149	W, 15-0	#12 Ivan Lopouchanski, Purdue (TF; 6:07)	B10	27-0
3/4	149	W, 15-0	#9 Dylan Ness, Minnesota (TF; 4:90)	B10 (1st)	28-0
3/15	149	W, 9-0	Chris Villalonga, Cornell	NCAA	29-0
3/15	149	W, 6-5	Scott Sakaguchi, Oregon State	NCAA	30-0
3/16	149	W, 10-2	#8 Eric Grajales, Michigan (major)	NCAA	31-0
3/16	149	W, 5-0	Justin Accordino, Hofstra	NCAA	32-0
3/17	149	W, 4-1	#7 Dylan Ness, Minnesota	NCAA (1st)	33-0

## NOTES

**Parents: Michele and Frank Molinaro -- Major: Crime, Law and Justice**  
Downed Seth Beitz 8-1 in Intrasquad on 11/3....opened season w/ tech fall over Bloom's Bryce Busler on 11/13...downed #5 Dylan Ness of Minnesota 16-10 on 11/20...went 6-0 to win 2011 Nittany Lion Open crown on 12/4, including an 8-0 major over #20 Steve Santos of Columbia and a pin (1:23) of #9 Donnie Vinson of Binghamton in the finals (it was his third NLO crown)... won the 2012 Southern Scuffle title with 5-0 mark, beating #20 Scott Sakaguchi of Oregon State, then majored #11 Dylan Ness of Minnesota in the finals... downed #18 Dan Osterman of Michigan State 9-3 on 1/8...majored #9 Cole Schmitt of Wisconsin 12-0 in Madison on 1/15...majored Ohio State's Alex Gordon 12-0 on 1/29...downed #7 Eric Grajales of Michigan 6-1 with 3:13 RT on 2/5....beat #14 Josh Wilson of Utah Valley 6-0 (with 4:35 riding time) on 2/11 for his 200th career dual meet point...took down #12 Tyler Nauman of Pitt 5-2 in final dual meet of career on 2/19...won second straight Big Ten



# Dylan ALTON

So./Fr. Eligible  
Mill Hall, Pa./Central Mountain  
All-American (2012, 3rd)

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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
<b>Career</b>	<b>30-6</b>	<b>12-2 (6-2)</b>	<b>18-4 (4-1/6-1)</b>	<b>2-1</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>10-0</b>	<b>39</b>

on 2/3...went 4-1 at his first Big Ten Championship, taking third place as a freshman..lost 3-1 (sv) decision to eventual champion in semis, rebounded with two wins to take third.

\* Took third place in his first NCAA tournament, going 6-1, earning All-America laurels.

\* Rebounded from 3-1 (sv) loss to #2 Derek St. John in quarterfinals to win four straight to take third.

\* Downed #10 ranked grappler in round two, beat #11 and #3 ranked wrestlers during consolations.

## ALTON ALL-TIME IN THE NCAA TOURNAMENT

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

## ALTON MATCH-BY-MATCH

Date	Wt.	Result	Opponent	Place	Record
11/13	157	W, 10-8	#14 Frank Hickman, Bloomsburg	dual	1-0
11/20	157	L, 4-9	#9 Jake Deitchler, Minnesota	dual	1-1
12/4	157	W, 16-5	Aaron Fry, Lock Haven (major)	NLO	2-1
12/4	157	W, 12-3	Jake O'Hara, Columbia (major)	NLO	3-1
12/4	157	W, 13-4	Eric Hess, UA-Lehigh (major)	NLO	4-1
12/4	157	W, 9-1	Nick Fischer, Penn State (major)	NLO	5-1
12/4	157	LBF	#8 James Fleming, Clarion (1:58)	NLO (2nd)	5-2
12/9	157	W, 10-1	Sean Bilodeau, Lehigh (major)	dual	6-2
12/11	157	W, 16-4	Dominic Prezgia, West Virginia (major)	dual	7-2
12/18	157	W, 19-8	Aaron Fry, Lock Haven (major)	dual	8-2
1/1	157	WBF	Tanner Hirstine, Virginia (3:51)	Scuffle	9-2
1/1	157	WBF	Harrison Hightower, Ohio (0:47)	Scuffle	10-2
1/1	157	W, 13-2	Matt Stephens, Virginia Tech (major)	Scuffle	11-2
1/2	157	W, 4-1	Corey Mock, North Carolina	Scuffle	12-2
1/2	157	L, 0-3	#1 Kyle Dake, Cornell	Scuffle (2nd)	12-3
1/8	157	W, 1-0	#14 Anthony Jones, Michigan State	dual	13-3
1/13	157	L, 1-2	#3 Jason Welch, Northwestern	dual	13-4
1/15	157	W, 11-4	Shawn Perry, Wisconsin	dual	14-4
1/22	157	W, 5-3	Nick Moore, Iowa	dual	15-4
1/29	157	W, 4-0	#20 Josh Demas, Ohio State	dual	16-4
2/3	157	W, 2-1 (TB)	#7 James Green, Nebraska	dual	17-4
2/5	157	W, 5-4	Brandon Zeerip, Michigan	dual	18-4
2/11	157	W, 12-9	Napoleon Aniciete, Utah Valley	dual	19-4
2/19	157	W, 5-3	Donnie Tasser, Pittsburgh	dual	20-4
3/3	157	W, 4-2	Danny Zilverberg, Minnesota	B10	21-4
3/3	157	W, 15-6	Tommy Churchard, Purdue (major)	B10	22-4
3/3	157	L, 1-3 (sv)	#20 Derek St. John, Iowa	B10	22-5
3/4	157	W, 3-2	#18 Josh Demas, Ohio State	B10	23-5
3/4	157	W, 2-1 (tb)	#9 Anthony Jones, Michigan State	B10 (3rd)	24-5
3/15	157	W, 12-4	Jake O'Hara, Columbia (major)	NCAA	25-5
3/15	157	W, 2-1	#10 Anthony Jones, Michigan State	NCAA	26-5
3/16	157	L, 1-3 (sv)	#2 Derek St. John, Iowa	NCAA	26-6
3/16	157	W, 6-3	Joshua Kreimier, Air Force	NCAA	27-6
3/16	157	W, 4-3	#11 James Green, Nebraska	NCAA	28-6
3/17	157	W, 7-5 (sv2)	#5 Ganbayar Sanjaa, American	NCAA	29-6
3/17	157	W, 6-2	#3 Jason Welch, Northwestern	NCAA (3rd)	30-6

## NOTES

**Parents: Donna and Neil Alton -- Major: Recreation, Park and Tourism**

Downed Dirk Cowburn 5-3 in Intrasquad on 11/3...made collegiate dual debut with 10-8 win over #14 Frank Hickman of Bloomsburg on 11/13... advanced to the finals of the 2011 Nittany Lion Open, taking second with a 4-1 record. (plus an NC victory)...went 4-1 at Southern Scuffle on 1/1-2 to take second place, losing in finals by close 3-0 dec. to #1 Kyle Dake of Cornell, had two pins and a major...beat #14 Anthony Jones of Michigan State 1-0 on 1/8...lost tough 2-1 decision on riding time to #3 Jason Welch of Northwestern on 1/13...dominated #20 Josh Demas of Ohio State 4-0 with nearly 2:00 RT on 1/29...downed #7 James Green of Nebraska 2-1 (tb)



# David TAYLOR

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

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## CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Overall	Duals (B10)	TRN (B10/NCAA)	F	TF	M	PTS
2009-10			Red-shirt season				
2010-11	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
<b>Career</b>	<b>70-1</b>	<b>33-0 (16-0)</b>	<b>37-1 (7-0/9-1)</b>	<b>23-1</b>	<b>24-0</b>	<b>17-0</b>	<b>159</b>

## TAYLOR MATCH-BY-MATCH

Date	Wt.	Result	Opponent	Place	Record
11/13	165	WBF	Kevin Hartnett, Bloomsburg (2:21)	dual	1-0
11/20	165	W, 16-1	#8 Cody Yohn, Minnesota (TF; 4:29)	dual	2-0
12/4	165	WBF	Ross Renzi, UA-West Virginia (3:12)	NLO	3-0
12/4	165	WBF	Kyle Czarnecki, Boston (2:33)	NLO	4-0
12/4	165	WBF	Joseph Favia, Stevens Tech (1:48)	NLO	5-0
12/4	165	WBF	#14 Peter Yates, Virginia Tech (4:40)	NLO (1st)	6-0
12/9	165	W, 8-5	#9 Brandon Hatchett, Lehigh	dual	7-0
12/11	165	W, 22-7	Kyle Eason, West Virginia (TF; 4:17)	dual	8-0
12/18	165	W, 21-5	Seth Creasy, Lock Haven (TF; 3:21)	dual	9-0
1/1	165	WBF	Justin Guthrie, UA-Gardner Webb (1:54)	Scuffle	10-0
1/1	165	W, 21-6	Tristan Warner, Old Dominion (TF; 7:00)	Scuffle	11-0
1/1	165	WBF	John Staudenmayer, North Carolina (2:13)	Scuffle	12-0
1/2	165	W, 12-3	#20 Kyle Blevins, Appalachian St. (major)	Scuffle	13-0
1/2	165	WBF	#10 Cody Yohn, Minnesota (2:34)	Scuffle (1st)	14-0
1/8	165	W, 13-5	David Cheza, Michigan State (major)	dual	15-0
1/13	165	W, 20-5	Pierce Harger, Northwestern (TF; 7:00)	dual	16-0
1/15	165	WBF	Alex Yde, Wisconsin (2:28)	dual	17-0
1/22	165	W, 9-4	#6 Mike Evans, Iowa	dual	18-0
1/29	165	W, 18-3	Derek Garcia, Ohio State (TF; 6:20)	dual	19-0
2/3	165	W, 13-3	#6 Robert Kokesh, Nebraska (major)	dual	20-0
2/5	165	W, 15-0	#14 Dan Yates, Michigan (TF; 5:25)	dual	21-0
2/11	165	WBF	Ethan Smith, Utah Valley (2:40)	dual	22-0
2/19	165	W, 20-9	Tyler Wilps, Pittsburgh (major)	dual	23-0
3/3	165	W, 20-5	Derek Garcia, Ohio State (TF; 7:00)	B10	24-0
3/3	165	WBF	Pierce Harger, Northwestern (1:40)	B10	25-0
3/3	165	W, 12-0	#12 Conrad Polz, Illinois (major)	B10	26-0
3/4	165	W, 11-2	#6 Mike Evans, Iowa (major)	B10 (1st)	27-0
3/15	165	WBF	Corey Lear, Bucknell (1:40)	NCAA	28-0
3/15	165	WBF	Brandon Wright, UT-Chattanooga (1:51)	NCAA	29-0
3/16	165	WBF	#8 Robert Kokesh, Nebraska (0:29)	NCAA	30-0
3/16	165	WBF	#4 Bekzod Abdurakhmonov, Clarion (4:46)	NCAA	31-0
3/17	165	W, 22-7	#11 Brandon Hatchett, Lehigh (TF; 5:55)	NCAA (1st)	32-0

## NOTES:

**Parents: Kathy and Dave Taylor -- Major: Recreation, Park and Tourism**  
 21-6 tech. fall over Nick Fischer in Intrasquad on 11/3...pinned Bloomsburg's Kevin Hartnett in season opening dual on 11/13...sizzling 16-1 tech fall in just 4:29 over #8 Cody Yohn of Minnesota on 11/20, win put him over the 100 career dual meet point mark in just his 21st dual meet...went 4-0 with four pins to win the 2011 Nittany Lion Open on 12/4 plus downed former All-American Steve Fittery, a NC entry, 14-6 in the finals (which does not count on his record)...downed #9 Brandon Hatchett of Lehigh on 12/9 at LU...rolled to the 2012 Southern Scuffle title, earning OW honors as well, with three pins, a tech and a major...pinned #10 Cody Yohn of Minnesota at the 2:34 mark in the finals...20-5 TF over NU's Pierce Harger on 1/13 and a pin of UW's Alex Yde at 2:28 on 1/15...dominated #6 Mike Evans of Iowa 9-4 in dual on 1/22 with over 3:00 riding time...18-3 TF (6:20) over Ohio State's Derek Garcia on 1/29...closed out second straight unbeaten Big Ten dual season with 13-3 major over #6 Robert Kokesh on 2/3 and 15-0 TF of #14 Dan Yates of Michigan on 2/5...is 16-0 all-time in Big Ten

duals through two years...won second straight Big Ten title (and first at 165) with sizzling 4-0 run through 2012 Big Ten Championship field...advanced to semis with a tech fall and a pin and then majored #12 Conrad Polz of Illinois in semis before majoring #6 Mike Evans of Iowa in finals...was named 2012 Big Ten Wrestler of the Year for seconds straight year.

- \* Two-time Big Ten Champion (2011, 2012)
- \* Has never lost to a Big Ten foe, regular season or tourney.
- \* Already has 159 career dual meet points in only two years.
- \* 23 career falls is top 20 all-time at PSU.
- \* Two-time Big Ten Wrestler of the Year (2011, 2012)
- \* Big Ten Freshman of the Year (2011)
- \* Won 2012 NCAA National Championship at 165 with 22-7 TF in finals.
- \* Went 5-0 at nationals with four pins and a tech fall.
- \* Beat #8, #4 and #11 ranked wrestlers in title run.
- \* Named 2012 NCAA Championship Outstanding Wrestler
- \* Named 2012 NCAA Championship Gorriaran Award Winner
- \* Named 2012 NCAA Most Dominant Wrestler (season long award)
- \* Named 2012 Hodge Trophy winner as National Collegiate Wrestler of the Year.

## TAYLOR ALL-TIME IN THE NCAA TOURNAMENT

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 Bubba 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





# Ed RUTH

Jr./So. Eligible  
Harrisburg, Pa./Susquehanna Twp.  
2X All-American / National Champion  
(2011, 3rd; 2012, 1st)

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## CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Overall	Duals (B10)	TRN (B10/NCAA)	F	TF	M	PTS
2009-10		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
<b>Career</b>	<b>69-2</b>	<b>30-0 (16-0)</b>	<b>39-2 (6-0/11-1)</b>	<b>23-0</b>	<b>12-0</b>	<b>13-0</b>	<b>140</b>

## RUTH MATCH-BY-MATCH

Date	Wt.	Result	Opponent	Place	Record
11/13	174	W, 10-4	#20 Mike Dessino, Bloomsburg	dual	1-0
11/20	174	WBF	Alec Ortiz, Minnesota (2:28)	dual	2-0
12/4	174	W, 17-0	Collin Zeerip, Michigan (TF; 7:00)	NLO	3-0
12/4	174	WBF	Stephen West, Columbia (2:49)	NLO	4-0
12/4	174	W, 24-9	Stephen Doty, Virginia (TF; 7:00)	NLO	5-0
12/4	174	WBF	James Mannier, Navy (1:38)	NLO	6-0
12/4	174	W, 11-3	John-Martin Cannon, UA-Buffalo (major)	NLO	7-0
12/4	174	W, 7-4	#17 Jimmy Sheptock, Maryland	NLO (1st)	8-0
12/9	174	W, inj. def.	Nathaniel Brown, Lehigh (up 12-1)	dual	9-0
12/11	174	W, 18-6	Lance Bryson, West Virginia (major)	dual	10-0
1/1	174	W, 16-1	William Coggins, Virginia (TF; 3:33)	Scuffle	11-0
1/1	174	WBF	Cody Walters, UA-Ohio (1:22)	Scuffle	12-0
1/1	174	WBF	Levin Clemmons, Chattanooga (3:11)	Scuffle	13-0
1/1	174	WBF	William George, Cornell (1:05)	Scuffle	14-0
1/2	174	W, 10-1	Patrick Wright, Missouri (major)	Scuffle	15-0
1/2	174	W, 6-3	Matt Brown, Penn State	Scuffle	16-0
1/8	174	W, 17-2	Curran Jacobs, Michigan St. (TF; 6:33)	dual	17-0
1/13	174	W, 18-3	#9 Lee Munster, Northwestern (TF; 5:37)	dual	18-0
1/15	174	W, 17-2	Scott Liegel, Wisconsin (TF; 5:37)	dual	19-0
1/22	174	W, 10-1	#9 Ethan Lofthouse, Iowa (major)	dual	20-0
1/29	174	WBF	#8 Nick Heflin, Ohio State (2:05)	dual	21-0
2/3	174	WBF	Tyler Koehn, Nebraska (5:58)	dual	22-0
2/5	174	W, 12-1	#8 Justin Zeerip, Michigan (major)	dual	23-0
3/3	174	W, 14-2	#9 Jordan Blanton, Illinois (major)	B10	24-0
3/3	174	W, 15-7	#10 Nick Heflin, Ohio State (major)	B10	25-0
3/4	174	W, 13-2	#6 Logan Storley, Minnesota (major)	B10 (1st)	26-0
3/15	174	WBF	Jim Resnick, Rider (1:43)	NCAA	27-0
3/15	174	WBF	Dorian Henderson, Missouri (1:25)	NCAA	28-0
3/16	174	W, 11-4	#9 Nick Heflin, Ohio State	NCAA	29-0
3/16	174	W, 16-1	#4 Logan Storley, Minnesota (TF; 6:38)	NCAA	30-0
3/17	174	W, 13-2	#3 Nick Amuchastegi, Stanford (major)	NCAA (1st)	31-0

## NOTES

**Parents: Thanayi and Eddie Ruth -- Major: Communication Arts & Sciences**  
Beat Matt Brown 7-4 in intrasquad on 11/3...downed #20 Mike Dessino 10-4 in season opening dual on 11/13...pinned Minnesota's Alex Ortiz at the 2:28 mark on 11/20...went 6-0 to win the 2011 Nittany Lion Open title on 12/4, downing #17 Jimmy Sheptock of Maryland in the finals...rolled through the field at the 2012 Southern Scuffle for his second title, going 6-0 with three pins, a tech fall and a major...dominating 18-3 tech fall over #9 Lee Munster of Northwestern on 1/13...majored #9 Ethan Lofthouse of Iowa 10-1 in dual win on 1/22...pinned #8 Nick Heflin of Ohio quickly at the 2:05 mark of the first period on 1/29...closed out second straight undefeated Big Ten dual season with pin of Nebraska's Tyler Koehn on 2/3 and a 12-1 major over #8 Justin Zeerip on 2/5...is 16-0 all-time in conference duals through two seasons...rolled to his second straight Big Ten

Championship with three majors, all over top-ten foes...majored #9 Jordan Blanton of Illinois, #10 Nick Heflin of Ohio State and #6 Logan Storley of Minnesota in the finals.

- \* Two-time Big Ten Champion (2011, 2012)
- \* Only loss at NCAA tournament was default in semis last year.
- \* 2011 NCAA Championships Gorriaran Award winner.
- \* Has never lost to a Big Ten foe, dual or tourney.
- \* 23 pins is top 20 in PSU history.
- \* Already has 140 dual meet points in just two seasons.
- \* 2012 NCAA National Champion at 174
- \* Went 5-0 in title run with two pins, a tech fall and a major.
- \* Beat #9, #4 and #3 seeded wrestlers in his title run.

## RUTH ALL-TIME IN THE NCAA TOURNAMENT

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 Amuchastegi, 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
3/17	174	W, 13-2	#3 Nick Amuchastegi, Stanford (major)	NCAA (1st)	11-1



# Quentin WRIGHT

Sr./Jr. Eligible  
Wingate, Pa./Bald Eagle Area  
3X All-American / '11 Champion  
(2009, 6th at 174; 2011, 1st at  
184; 2012, 2nd)

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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
<b>Career</b>	<b>84-23</b>	<b>35-14 (15-8)</b>	<b>49-9 (11-2/13-4)</b>	<b>26-2</b>	<b>6-0</b>	<b>16-2</b>	<b>154</b>

## WRIGHT MATCH-BY-MATCH

Date	Wt.	Result	Opponent	Place	Record
11/13	184	WBF	Mike Mirra, Bloomsburg (1:55)	dual	1-0
11/20	184	L, 1-6	#6 Kevin Steinhaus, Minnesota	dual	1-1
12/4	184	WBF	Giovanni Ortiz, Kutztown (4:58)	NLO	2-1
12/4	184	W, 25-10	Luke Johnston, The Citadel (TF; 7:00)	NLO	3-1
12/4	184	W, 15-0	Alex Najjar, Boston (TF; 6:01)	NLO	4-1
12/4	184	W, 15-1	John Dickson, Virginia Tech (major)	NLO	5-1
12/4	184	W, 17-0	Cole Baxter, UA-Kent State (TF; 6:23)	NLO (1st)	6-1
12/9	184	L, 3=8	#1 Robert Hamlin, Lehigh	dual	6-2
12/11	184	WBF	#17 Matt Ryan, West Virginia (1:57)	dual	7-2
12/18	184	W, 17-2	Zach Heffner, Lock Haven (TF; 7:00)	dual	8-2
1/1	184	WBF	Jesse Johnson, Appalachian State (5:13)	Scuffle	9-2
1/1	184	WBF	Angelo Malvestuto, Virginia Tech (6:51)	Scuffle	10-2
1/1	184	WBF	#17 Mike Larson, Missouri (1:12)	Scuffle	11-2
1/2	184	W, 7-3	#15 Luke Rebertus, Navy	Scuffle	12-2
1/2	184	W, 10-3	#4 Steve Bosak, Cornell	Scuffle (1st)	13-2
1/8	184	WBF	John Rizqallah, Michigan State (5:52)	dual	14-2
1/13	184	WBF	Marcus Shrewsbury, Northwestern (2:41)	dual	15-2
1/15	184	WBF	Timmy McCall, Wisconsin (6:05)	dual	16-2
1/22	184	W, 8-2	Vinnie Wagner, Iowa	dual	17-2
1/29	184	WBF	Craig Thomas, Ohio State (3:18)	dual	18-2
2/3	184	W, 9-6	#7 Josh Ihnen, Nebraska	dual	19-2
2/5	184	WBF	Hunter Collins, Michigan (4:22)	dual	20-2
2/11	184	WBF	David Prieto, Utah Valley (4:46)	dual	21-2
2/19	184	W, 12-2	Andy Vaughan, Pittsburgh (major)	dual	22-2
3/3	184	WBF	Luke Sheridan, Indiana (2:17)	B10	23-2
3/3	184	W, 7-2 (sv)	Tony Dallago, Illinois	B10	24-2
3/3	184	L, 1-3	#7 Josh Ihnen, Nebraska	B10	24-3
3/4	184	W, 9-0	Ian Hinton, Michigan State (major)	B10	25-3
3/4	184	W, 8-7	Tony Dallago, Illinois	B10 (3rd)	26-3
3/15	184	W, 11-0	Thomas Ferguson, North Carolina (major)	NCAA	27-3
3/15	184	W, 10-2	#11 Ben Clymer, Hofstra (major)	NCAA	28-3
3/16	184	WBF	#3 Ben Bennett, Central Michigan (2:35)	NCAA	29-3
3/16	184	W, 3-2	#2 Robert Hamlin, Lehigh	NCAA	30-3
3/17	184	L, 2-4 (sv)	#4 Steve Bosak, Cornell	NCAA (2nd)	30-4

## NOTES

### Parents: Nola and Paul Wright -- Major: Mangement

Pinned David Crowell at the 4:47 mark in the Intrasquad on 11/3...pinned Bloomsburg's Mike Mirra at the 1:55 mark in season opening dual on 11/13...went 5-0 with three tech falls to win the 2011 Nittany Lion Open on 12/4...lost tough 8-3 decision to #1 Robert Hamlin of Lehigh on 12/9, rebounded by pinning #17 Matt Ryan of West Virginia (1:57) on 12/11... excellent showing at Southern Scuffle, going 5-0 to win title at 184...pinned #17 Mike Larson in quarters, beat #15 Luke Rebertus in the semis. and then hammered #5 Steve Bosak 10-3 in finals, totalled three pins at the tourney... Big Ten road pins over John Rizqallah of MSU on 1/8, Marcus Shrewsbury of Northwestern on 1/13 and Timmy McCall of Wisconsin on 1/15...

pinned Ohio State's Craig Thomas at the 3:18 mark on 1/29...downed #7 Josh Ihnen of Nebraska 9-6 on 2/3...rebounded from upset loss to Ihnen in the Big Ten semifinals to finish third at Big Tens on 3/3-4, going 4-1 at tourney.

- \* 2011 Big Ten Champion
- \* 2011 NCAA Champion
- \* Penn State's 20th three-time All-American.
- \* 2011 Big Ten Championship Outstanding Wrestler
- \* Has 154 dual meet points in three years.
- \* Has 26 career pins, 11th all-time in Penn State history.
- \* 2012 NCAA National Runner-Up at 184.
- \* Beat #11, #3 and #2 seeded wrestlers before sudden victory loss to #4 in finals.
- \* 13 career NCAA tourney wins is top 15 all-time in Penn State history.

## WRIGHT ALL-TIME IN THE NCAA TOURNAMENT

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



Matt Wilps of Pitt on 2/19...went 2-2 at first Big Ten Championship to take fifth place at 197 on 3/3-4.

\* Went 1-2 at first NCAA Championship, picking up first round win...one loss was to #1 seeded wrestler.

## McINTOSH ALL-TIME IN THE NCAA TOURNAMENT

Year	Wt.	Result	Opponent	Place	Record
2012	197	W, 9-3	Taylor Meeks, Oregon State	NCAA	1-0
2012	197	L, 7-22	#1 Cam Simaz, Cornell	NCAA	1-1
2012	197	L, 3-8	Andrew Campolattano, Ohio State	NCAA	1-2

### CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Overall	Duals (B10)	TRN (B10/NCAA)	F	TF	M	PTS
2011-12	18-10	8-2 (5-1)	10-8 (2-2/1-2)	3-0	0-1	3-0	25
<b>Career</b>	<b>18-10</b>	<b>8-2 (5-1)</b>	<b>10-8 (2-2/1-2)</b>	<b>3-0</b>	<b>0-1</b>	<b>3-0</b>	<b>25</b>

## McINTOSH MATCH-BY-MATCH

Date	Wt.	Result	Opponent	Place	Record
11/13	197	W, 6-0	Richard Perry, Bloomsburg	dual	1-0
11/20	197	L, 3-4	#2 Sonny Yohn, Minnesota	dual	1-1
12/4	197	W, 14-4	Kelby Smith, The Citadel (major)	NLO	2-1
12/4	197	WBF	Austin Akins, Columbia (4:40)	NLO	3-1
12/4	197	W, 15-1	Tim Murphy, UA-Hofstra (major)	NLO	4-1
12/4	197	W, 8-1	Kadeem Samuels, Lehigh	NLO	5-1
12/4	197	L, 9-12	#20 Christian Boley, Maryland	NLO (2nd)	5-2
12/18	197	W, 13-4	Matt Parlier, Lock Haven (major)	dual	6-2
1/1	197	WBF	Paul Weiss, Appalachian State (4:03)	Scuffle	7-2
1/1	197	WBF	Zach Bennett, North Carolina (6:39)	Scuffle	8-2
1/1	197	W, 13-8	Paul Rands, Navy	Scuffle	9-2
1/2	197	L, 5-12	#1 Cam Simaz, Cornell	Scuffle	9-3
1/2	197	L, 3-4	#4 Matt Powless, Indiana	Scuffle	9-4
1/2	197	L, 6-11	Scott Schiller, Minnesota	Scuffle (6th)	9-5
1/8	197	W, 7-5	Nick McDiarmid, Michigan State	dual	10-5
1/13	197	W, 6-4	John Schoen, Northwestern	dual	11-5
1/15	197	W, 7-3	Jackson Heim, Wisconsin	dual	12-5
1/22	197	W, 5-3 (sv)	Grant Gambrell, Iowa	dual	13-5
1/29	197	W, 5-4	#20 Andrew Campolattano, Ohio State	dual	14-5
2/11	197	W, 4-3	Brian Chamberlain, Utah Valley	dual	15-5
2/19	197	L, 3-4	#4 Matt Wilps, Pittsburgh	dual	15-6
3/3	197	W, 3-1 (sv)	Andrew Campolattano, Ohio State	B10	16-6
3/3	197	L, 6-7	#3 Matt Powless, Indiana	B10	16-7
3/4	197	L, 2-4	#7 Sonny Yohn, Minnesota	B10	16-8
3/4	197	W, md. frf.	A.J. Kissel, Purdue	B10 (5th)	17-8
3/15	197	W, 9-3	Taylor Meeks, Oregon State	NCAA	18-8
3/15	197	L, 7-22	#1 Cam Simaz, Cornell	NCAA	18-9
3/16	197	L, 3-8	Andrew Campolattano, Ohio State	NCAA	18-10

### NOTES

#### Parents: Rebecca and Brooke McIntosh -- Major: Agriculture

Majored Justin Ortega 13-5 in Intrasquad on 11/3...beat Bloomsburg's Richard Perry 6-0 in collegiate debut on 11/13...thrilled over 6K Rec Hall fans by nearly upsetting #2 Sonny Yohn of Minnesota on 11/20, losing 4-3 decision on last second takedown...went 4-1 and advanced to the finals of the 2011 Nittany Lion Open on 12/4, losing 12-9 to #20 Christian Boley of Maryland in the finals...went 3-3 with two pins to take sixth at Southern Scuffle, losing to #1 Cam Simaz of Cornell and close 4-3 dec. to #4 Matt Powless (on last second officials overrule)...picked up first Big Ten dual win with 7-5 dec. over Michigan State's John McDiarmid on 1/8...6-4 win over fifth-year senior John Schoen of Northwestern on 1/13...5-3 sudden victory win over Iowa All-American Grant Gambrell at 197 clinched Lions' 22-12 victory over Hawkeyes on 1/22...5-4 win without giving up takedown over #20 Andrew Campolattano on 1/29...dropped tough 4-3 decision to #4





# Cameron WADE

Sr./Sr. Eligible  
Twinsburg, Ohio/St. Peter Chanel  
3X National Qualifier (2010, 2011,  
2012)

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## CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Overall	Duals (B10)	TRN (B10/NCAA)	F	TF	M	PTS
2007-08			Red-shirt season				
2008-09	15-14	7-9 (2-3)	8-5 (2-3/0-0)	5-1	0-0	0-0	27
2009-10	22-11	13-6 (6-2)	9-5 (2-2/2-2)	7-0	3-0	1-0	56
2010-11	30-8	15-4 (7-1)	15-4 (2-2/2-2)	9-0	3-0	3-0	64
2011-12	27-6	12-2 (7-1)	15-4 (3-1/2-2)	11-0	4-0	4-0	51
<b>Career</b>	<b>94-39</b>	<b>47-21 (22-7)</b>	<b>47-18 (9-8/6-6)</b>	<b>32-1</b>	<b>10-0</b>	<b>8-0</b>	<b>198</b>

Pitt's Joel Yahner (3:56) in final collegiate dual on 2/19....rebounded from upset loss to Iowa's Bobby Telford in semifinals to take third at 2012 Big Ten Championships on 3/3-4 with a 3-1 record.

\* Went 2-2 at 2012 NCAA Championships, ending career with 6-6 mark in NCAA tournament, picked up one TF in first round.

## WADE ALL-TIME IN THE NCAA TOURNAMENT

Year	Wt.	Result	Opponent	Place	Record
2010	285	L, 1-3 (sv)	#3 Zach Rey, Lehigh	NCAA	0-1
2010	285	W, 1-0	David Wade, Eastern Michigan	NCAA	1-1
2010	285	W, 8-3	#8 Ryan Tomei, Pittsburgh	NCAA	2-1
2010	285	L, 0-7	#11 Mitchell Montiero, CS-Bakersfield	NCAA	2-2
2011	285	W, 9-2	Clayton Jack, Oregon State	NCAA	3-2
2011	285	W, 4-1	#8 Tony Nelson, Minnesota	NCAA	4-2
2011	285	L, def.	#1 Zach Rey, Lehigh	NCAA	4-3
2011	285	L, 2-4 (sv)	Ricky Alcalá, Indiana	NCAA (Rd. 12)	4-4
2012	285	W, 17-2	Quintas McCorkle, Clarion (TF; 7:00)	NCAA	5-4
2012	285	W, 8-2	Maciej Jochym, Cornell	NCAA	6-4
2012	285	L, 0-7	#3 Clayton Jack, Oregon State	NCAA	6-5
2012	285	L, 4-7	Nick Gwiazdowski, Binghamton	NCAA	6-6

## WADE MATCH-BY-MATCH

Date	Wt.	Result	Opponent	Place	Record
11/13	285	W, 8-0	Zach Walsh, Bloomsburg (major)	dual	1-0
11/20	285	L, 0-5	#3 Tony Nelson, Minnesota	dual	1-1
12/4	285	W, 17-1	Austin Schaler, UA-Army (TF; 7:00)	NLO	2-1
12/4	285	WBF	Brandon Clark, Kutztown (2:50)	NLO	3-1
12/4	285	WBF	Cody Mason, Lock Haven (2:36)	NLO	4-1
12/4	285	WBF	Jack Delia, UA-Lehigh (2:03)	NLO	5-1
12/4	285	W, 9-2	Nick Ruggear, UA-Penn State	NLO	6-1
12/4	285	WBF	Quintas McCorkle, Clarion (1:26)	NLO (1st)	7-1
12/9	285	L, 2-3	#3 Zach Rey, Lehigh	dual	7-2
12/11	285	W, 11-0	Brandon Williamson, West Virginia (major)	dual	8-2
12/18	285	WBF	Harry Turner, Lock Haven (3:53)	dual	9-2
1/1	285	W, 17-2	Brock Durfee, Appalachian St. (TF; 5:20)	Scuffle	10-2
1/1	285	W, 15-0	Bobby Lavelle, Virginia Tech (TF; 3:36)	Scuffle	11-2
1/1	285	WBF	Andy Hartshorn, Ohio (2:13)	Scuffle	12-2
1/2	285	L, 3-4	#4 Clayton Jack, Oregon State	Scuffle	12-3
1/2	285	WBF	#5 Jeremy Johnson, Ohio (1:34)	Scuffle (4th)	13-3
1/8	285	W, 8-3	Steve Andrus, Michigan State	dual	14-3
1/13	285	W, 6-3	#19 Mike McMullan, Northwestern	dual	15-3
1/15	285	W, 6-4	Cole Tobin, Wisconsin	dual	16-3
1/22	285	W, 4-0	Blake Raising, Iowa	dual	17-3
1/29	285	W, 9-0	#16 Peter Capone, Ohio State (major)	dual	18-3
2/3	285	W, 8-2	#9 Tucker Lane, Nebraska	dual	19-3
2/5	285	WBF	#10 Ben Apland, Michigan (3:58)	dual	20-3
2/11	285	WBF	Dustin Dennison, Utah Valley (1:15)	dual	21-3
2/19	285	WBF	Joel Yahner, Pittsburgh (3:56)	dual	22-3
3/3	285	W, 10-1	Steve Andrus, Michigan State (major)	B10	23-3
3/3	285	L, 0-6	#12 Bobby Telford, Iowa	B10	23-4
3/3	285	WBF	Adam Chalfant, Indiana (2:09)	B10	24-4
3/3	285	W, 4-3	#12 Mike McMullan, Northwestern	B10 (3rd)	25-4
3/15	285	W, 17-2	Quintas McCorkle, Clarion (TF; 7:00)	NCAA	26-4
3/15	285	W, 8-2	Maciej Jochym, Cornell	NCAA	27-4
3/16	285	L, 0-7	#3 Clayton Jack, Oregon State	NCAA	27-5
3/16	285	L, 4-7	Nick Gwiazdowski, Binghamton	NCAA	27-6

## NOTES

Parents: Trish and Kevin Wade -- Major: Finance

Did not compete in the Intrasquad on 11/3...majored Bloomsburg's Zach Walsh 8-0 in season opener on 11/13...went 6-0 with four pins to win the 2011 Nittany Lion Open on 12/4...dropped tough 3-2 decision to #3 Zach Rey of Lehigh on 12/9, countered with 11-0 major over WVU senior Brandon Williamson on 12/11...went 4-1 at Southern Scuffle to place fourth, had two pins and one tech fall, including a first period pin over #5 Jeremy Johnson of Ohio...solid 6-3 win over #19 Mike McMullan of Northwestern on 1/13...majored #16 Peter Capone of Ohio State on 1/29, 9-0...superb weekend to close out Big Ten dual career, beating #9 Tucker Lane 8-2 in Nebraska on 2/3 and pinning #10 Ben Apland of Michigan on 2/5...pinned

## #1 PENN STATE HOSTS INTRASQUAD DUAL Thursday, Nov. 3, 2011 -- University Park, Pa. -- Rec Hall

**125: #19 Nico Megaludis PSUW dec. Jordan Conaway PSUB, 5-1**  
**133: Derek Reber PSUB dec. Cameron Kelly PSUW, 4-0**  
**141: Sam Sherlock PSUW dec. Bryan Pearsall PSUB, 11-5**  
**149: #1 Frank Molinaro PSUW dec. Seth Beitz PSUB, 8-1**  
**157: #13 Dylan Alton PSUB dec. Dirk Cowburn PSUW, 5-3**  
**165: #1 David Taylor PSUW tech fall Nick Fischer PSUB, 21-6 (TF; 6:38)**  
**174: #2 Ed Ruth PSUW dec. Matt Brown PSUB, 7-4**  
**184: #1 Quentin Wright PSUB pinned David Crowell PSUW (4:47)**  
**197: #9 Morgan McIntosh PSUB maj. dec. Justin Ortega PSUW, 13-5**  
**285: Nick Ruggear PSUW dec. Jon Gingrich PSUB, 5-3**

Attendance: 3,000 Appx.

An energized crowd of over 3,000 fans filled Rec Hall for a simple exhibition as the No. 1 Penn State Nittany Lion wrestling team entertained the Penn State wrestling nation with its 2011 Intrasquad dual exhibition. A number of freshmen, both true and red-shirt, had fine performances in the exhibition.

True freshman Nico Megaludis (Murrysville, Pa.) got the first win of the evening with a 5-1 win over fellow true freshman Jordan Conaway at 125. Megaludis is ranked No. 19 nationally. Junior transfer Derek Reber (Lewisburg, Pa.) followed that up with a 4-0 win over Cameron Kelly (Pittsford, N.Y.) at 133. Red-shirt freshman Sam Sherlock (West Mifflin, Pa.) posted an impressive 11-5 win over junior Bryan Pearsall (Lititz, Pa.) at 141 before three-time All-American Frank Molinaro (Barnegat, N.J.), ranked No. 1 at 149, posted an 8-1 win with 4:03 in riding time over freshman Seth Beitz (Juniata, Pa.).

At 157, red-shirt freshman Dylan Alton (Mill Hall, Pa.), ranked No. 13 nationally, battled talented classmate Dirk Cowburn (Coudersport, Pa.) to a 5-3 decision. Top-ranked All-American David Taylor (St. Paris, Ohio) then posted a convincing 21-6 technical fall over junior Nick Fischer (Unionville, Pa.) at 165. All-American Ed Ruth (Harrisburg, Pa.), ranked No. 2 at 174, posted a hard-fought 7-4 win over red-shirt freshman Matt Brown (West Valley City, Utah).

No. 1 Quentin Wright (Wingate, Pa.), last year's national champion at 184, pinned senior David Crowell (Easton, Pa.) at the 4:47 mark for the evening's first pin. The two-time All-American countered a Crowell shot in the second to work his way to the pin. True freshman Morgan McIntosh (Santa Ana, Calif.), ranked No. 9 at 197, thrilled the crowd with a convincing 13-5 major over veteran junior Justin Ortega (Oxford, Pa.). With No. 5 Cameron Wade (Twinsburg, Ohio) set to wrestle against Bloomsburg in the season opener, sophomore Nick Ruggear (Oxford, Pa.) moved up a weight to take on red-shirt freshman Jon Gingrich (Wingate, Pa.) at 285 and came away with a 5-3 win.

### BOUT-BY-BOUT:

125: The night began the fans' first chance to see true freshmen Nico Megaludis (Murrysville, Pa.) and Jordan Conaway (Abbottstown, Pa.) as the talented duo met at 125. Megaludis enters the season ranked No. 19 nationally. Megaludis got in on a single leg at the 1:20 mark and steadily worked his into a scoring position, getting the takedown and a 2-0 lead at the :35 mark. Megaludis rode Conaway out to lead 2-0 after one. The Murrysville native chose down to start the second period and quickly escaped to a 3-0 lead. Megaludis then took Conaway down with :55 left in the middle stanza to up his lead to 5-0. Another ride out allowed the 19th-ranked Megaludis to carry a 5-0 lead into the third period. Conaway chose down to start the third and quickly escaped to a 5-1 deficit. Megaludis and Conaway battled through a scoreless third period allowing Megaludis to post a 5-1 win.

133: Junior transfer Derek Reber (Lewisburg, Pa.), a national qualifier as a freshman at Bucknell, met red-shirt freshman Cameron Kelly (Pittsford, N.Y.) at 133. Kelly had the first real scoring chance of the period, getting in on a high double at the midway point of the opening period, but Reber was able to gain control of Kelly's legs and worked his way around for a takedown and a 2-0 lead. Reber then rode Kelly out to carry that lead into the second. Reber chose down to start the second period and quickly escaped to a 3-0 lead. Kelly got in on a single late in the period but Reber was able to keep the red-shirt freshman from scoring and kill the clock. Trailing 3-0, Kelly chose down to start the third period. Reber began working to turn Kelly for back points and while not turning him, he clinched the riding time point. Reber maintained solid control for the entire period and ended the match with 2:49 in riding time to post a 4-0 win.

141: Junior Brian Pearsall (Lititz, Pa.) took on red-shirt freshman Sam Sherlock (West Mifflin, Pa.) in a battle at 141. Sherlock scored quickly, taking Pearsall down for an early 2-1 lead after a quick Pearsall escape. Sherlock added a second takedown at the 1:10 mark to up his lead to 4-1. Pearsall escaped to a 4-2 deficit but Sherlock led 4-2 with just under 2:00 RT after one period. Pearsall chose down to start the second and quickly escaped to a 4-3 deficit. Neither man managed a takedown for the rest of the middle stanza and Sherlock maintained a one point lead heading to the final stanza. Sherlock chose down to start the third period and quickly reversed Pearsall for a 6-4 lead. Pearsall escaped but Sherlock took him down twice more to post an impressive 11-5 win with riding time.

149: Three-time All-American Frank Molinaro (Barnegat, N.J.), ranked No. 1, met red-shirt freshman Seth Beitz (Juniata, Pa.) at 149. Molinaro scored first with a quick takedown. The three-time All-American controlled the action from the top and turned Beitz for a three-point near fall to lead 5-0 after one period. Molinaro chose down to start the second and quickly reversed Beitz to up his lead to 7-1 after a Beitz escape. The duo battled evenly for the rest of the period and Molinaro led 7-1 after two periods. Beitz chose down to start the third stanza but could not break free of a strong Molinaro ride as the Lion senior built up over 3:00 in riding time. Molinaro rode Beitz out to post a convincing 8-1 win with 4:03 in riding time.

157: Red-shirt freshman Dylan Alton (Mill Hall, Pa.), ranked no. 13 at 157, took on talented classmate Dirk Cowburn (Coudersport, Pa.) at 157. Alton quickly scored, throwing Cowburn down near the edge of the mat for an early 2-1 lead after a quick Dirk escape. Alton used a low single to notch another takedown and lead 4-2 at the :30 mark. Trailing 4-2, Cowburn chose down to start the second period and quickly escaped to a 4-3 deficit. The duo battled evenly for bulk of the period with neither wrestler managing a real scoring threat. Alton chose down to start the third period and steadily escaped to a 5-3 lead. Alton countered a Cowburn shot at the :35 mark and tried to turn it into a takedown, but Cowburn was able to work his way out of bounds and keep the score close. Alton would then hold on for the hard-fought 5-3 win.

165: Top-ranked All-American David Taylor (St. Paris, Ohio) met junior Nick Fischer (Unionville, Pa.) at 165. Taylor took Fischer down quickly to lead 2-1 after a Fischer escape and then began working his way for another takedown. Fischer forced a stalemate, only to be taken down at the 1:38 mark to trail the All-American 4-1. Fischer escaped, but Taylor took the Lion junior down once again to up his lead to 6-2. Fischer chose down to start the second period, escaped and was quickly taken down by Taylor once again. Taylor then began looking to turn the Lion and picked up the two-point near fall at the 1:20 mark to up his lead to 10-3. Another Fischer escape led to another quick Taylor takedown and the Lion sophomore was up 12-4 with :30 left in the period. Taylor used a low ankle pick to take Fischer down and turn him to his back for three back points and a 17-5 lead

after two periods. Taylor chose down to start the second period and steadily worked his way to a reversal and a 19-5 lead. Fischer escaped to a 19-6 deficit. Taylor countered a low Fischer shot and countered for a takedown and a 21-6 technical fall at the 6:38 mark.

174: All-American Ed Ruth (Harrisburg, Pa.), ranked No. 2, met talented red-shirt freshman Matt Brown (West Valley City, Utah) in a match-up at 174. Ruth scored quickly with a takedown at the 2:42 mark. Brown escaped but Ruth used a low single to pull the red-shirt freshman onto the mat for another takedown and a 4-2 lead after another Brown escape. Ruth used a low ankle pick to gain control of Brown and notch a third takedown to lead 6-2 with :50 left. Brown escaped before the opening period ended to trail 6-3 after three minutes. He then chose down to start the second and escaped to a 6-4 deficit with 1:38 left in the middle stanza. Brown used a slick move on the edge of the mat to nearly tie the bout up at the :10 mark, but Ruth was able to shift the action out of bounds and keep his 6-4 lead heading into the third. Ruth chose down to start the third and Brown was able to work off the riding time edge. Ruth got hit with a stall warning at the :30 mark as Brown controlled the action from the top. The Lion All-American was not able to break free of Brown's strong ride until the :08 mark and posted a hard-fought 7-4 win.

184: Defending National Champion Quentin Wright (Wingate, Pa.), ranked No. 1 nationally, took on senior David Crowell (Easton, Pa.) at 184. Wright notched the first takedown of the bout early and led 2-1 after a Crowell escape. The duo battled evenly for the rest of the opening period and Wright carried the one point lead into the second period. Wright chose down to start the middle stanza and quickly escaped to a 3-1 lead. He then gained control of Crowell's legs and tried to work his way to another takedown but Crowell adeptly forced a stalemate to keep the bout close. But Wright was able to counter a Crowell shot and worked his way into a pin, getting the unconventional fall at the 4:47 mark, forcing Crowell's shoulders down with his right leg.

197: True freshman Morgan McIntosh (Santa Ana, Calif.), ranked No. 9 in the country, met veteran junior Justin Ortega (Oxford, Pa.) at 197. The duo battled evenly for the first three minutes with McIntosh working out of the way of a late Ortega shot to keep the bout scoreless after one. Ortega chose down to start the second, escaped and was quickly taken down and cut loose by McIntosh. McIntosh notched a second takedown and cut and led 4-3 with 1:20 on the clock. Ortega countered a McIntosh shot, nearly scored, only to be countered by McIntosh who worked his way to a 6-3 lead as the second period ended. McIntosh chose down to start the third period and quickly escaped to a 7-3 lead. McIntosh used a low single to score again, leading 9-4 after cutting Ortega loose with 1:10 left on the clock. A strong high double with :40 on the clock and another cut gave the true freshman an 11-5 lead. Needing one more takedown for a major, McIntosh scrambled to a final takedown with :02 left to post the 13-5 major.

285: With No. 5 Cameron Wade (Twinsburg, Ohio) on track to open the season against Bloomsburg, sophomore Nick Ruggear (Oxford, Pa.) moved up a weight to take on red-shirt freshman Jon Gingrich (Wingate, Pa.) in the heavyweight exhibition. The duo battled evenly for the first period with neither man mounting a scoring threat until Ruggear used a solid double leg to trip Gingrich to the mat at the :31 mark to lead 2-0. Gingrich escaped as the period wound down and cut Ruggear's lead to 2-1. Gingrich chose down to start the second period and quickly escaped to a 2-2 tie. Gingrich nearly scored with a high double leg with :45 left, but Ruggear was able to fight off the effort and keep the bout tied. Deadlocked at 2-2, Ruggear chose down to start the third. A quick escape gave the sophomore a 3-2 lead and action resumed in the center circle. Ruggear scored on a low shot with 1:13 on the clock to up his lead to 5-3 after a quick Gingrich escape. That escape was the final point and Ruggear notched the 5-3 win.

# #1 PENN STATE 39, BLOOMSBURG 3

## Sunday, Nov. 13, 2011 -- University Park, Pa. -- Rec Hall

<b>125: #18 Nico Megaludis PSU</b> pinned Sean Boylan BU, WBF (2:15)	6-0
<b>133: Nick Wilcox BU</b> dec. <b>Derek Reber PSU</b> , 2-0	6-3
<b>141: Sam Sherlock PSU</b> dec. Matt Rappo BU, 10-5	9-3
<b>149: #1 Frank Molinaro PSU</b> tech fall Bryce Busler BU, 16-0 (TF; 5:05)	14-3
<b>157: #12 Dylan Alton PSU</b> dec. #14 Frank Hickman BU, 10-8	17-3
<b>165: #1 David Taylor PSU</b> pinned Kevin Hartnett BU, WBF (2:21)	23-3
<b>174: #2 Ed Ruth PSU</b> dec. #20 Mike Dessino BU, 10-4	26-3
<b>184: #1 Quentin Wright PSU</b> pinned Mike Mirra BU, WBF (2:55)	32-3
<b>197: #10 Morgan McIntosh PSU</b> dec. Richard Perry, 6-0	35-3
<b>285: #5 Cameron Wade PSU</b> maj. dec. Zac Walsh BU, 8-0	39-3

Attendance: 6,059

The top-ranked Penn State wrestling team opened up the 2011-12 season with a 39-3 win over visiting Bloomsburg in a nearly sold-out Rec Hall today. After the championship banners for last year's Big Ten and NCAA titles were raised prior to the dual, over 6,000 fans roared as Penn State used three first period pins to roll to victory.

True freshman Nico Megaludis (Murrysville, Pa.), ranked No. 18 at 125, made a stellar Penn State debut, pinning Bloomsburg's Sean Boylan at the 2:15 mark to give the Lions a lead they would never relinquish. Bloomsburg got its only win of the bout when Nick Wilcox downed Lion junior Derek Reber (Lewisburg, Pa.) 2-0. Red-shirt freshman Sam Sherlock (West Mifflin, Pa.) made successful Penn State debut by downing talented Huskie Matt Rappo 10-5 at 141.

Three-time All-American Frank Molinaro (Barnegat, N.J.), ranked No. 1 at 149, hammered Bloomsburg's Bryce Busler, turning the Huskie three-times in the second period alone on his way to a 16-0 technical fall at the 5:05 mark. Red-shirt freshman Dylan Alton (Mill Hall, Pa.), ranked No. 12 at 157, took care of No. 14 Frank Hickman 10-8 in a bout of ranked foes. The win gave Penn State a 17-3 lead at the intermission.

All-American David Taylor (St. Paris, Ohio), ranked No. 1 at 165, thrilled the crowd after intermission with a pin over Bloomsburg's Kevin Hartnett at the 2:21 mark. Taylor's win was followed up by All-American Ed Ruth (Harrisburg, Pa.), who downed No. 20 Mike Dessino 10-4 at 174. Ruth is ranked No. 2 nationally. Two-time All-American and defending national champion Quentin Wright (Wingate, Pa.), ranked No. 1 at 184, notched Penn State's third first period pin, decking Huskie Mike Mirra at the 1:55 mark.

True freshman Morgan McIntosh (Santa Ana, Calif.), ranked No. 10 heading into his collegiate debut at 197, posted a convincing 6-0 with nearly 4:00 riding time over BU's Richard Perry. Nittany Lion senior Cameron Wade (Twinsburg, Ohio), ranked No. 5 at heavyweight, closed out the dual with a resounding 8-0 major over Bloomsburg's Zach Walsh. Penn State gave up only two takedowns in the dual and rolled up a 24-2 edge. Penn State won the bonus point battle 12-0 as well. The win moved Penn State to 1-0 on the year while Bloomsburg falls to 2-3.

### BOUT-BY-BOUT:

125: Freshman Nico Megaludis (Murrysville, Pa.) made his collegiate debut against Bloomsburg's Sean Boylan. Megaludis entered the bout ranked No. 18 at 125. Megaludis quickly got in on a single leg and took Boylan down at the 2:35 mark. The true freshman then cut Boylan loose and quickly took the Huskie sophomore down again for a 4-1 lead. Boylan got hit with a stall in the process. Megaludis then turned Boylan for a pin in his Penn State debut at the 2:15 mark to put Penn State up 6-0.

133: Junior Derek Reber (Lewisburg, Pa.) made his Nittany Lion debut at 133 against Bloomsburg's Nick Wilcox. The duo battled through a feisty but scoreless first period. Reber chose down to start the second and fought off a strong turning attempt by Wilcox for the first part of the period. The Lion junior nearly reversed Wilcox but could not finish off the move and Wilcox rode the Lion for the full two minutes. Wilcox chose down to start the third period and Reber began controlling the Huskie, looking to turn him and working off the riding time edge. Reber maintained control for over a minute but Wilcox reversed Reber with :20 to post a 2-0 win and cut Penn State's lead to 6-3.

141: Red-shirt freshman Sam Sherlock (West Mifflin, Pa.) made his Penn State debut at 141 against Bloomsburg's Matt Rappo. Sherlock forced the bout's first scramble, nearly taking Rappo down. But Rappo countered the move and rolled around the Lion freshman for a takedown and a 2-0 lead. Sherlock escaped to a 2-1 deficit but Rappo had a 1:15 riding time edge. Rappo, leading 2-1, took down to start the second period. The Huskie escaped to a 3-1 lead with 1:35 left in the period but Sherlock used a fast low double to tie the bout up at 3-3 with :55 on the clock. Rappo quickly escaped to a 4-3 lead. Sherlock shot high, forced a scramble on the edge of the mat and turned it into a takedown with :23 left to take a 5-4 lead. Sherlock then managed a short ride to carry that lead into the final period. Sherlock chose down to start the final period and scramble to a quick escape and a 6-4 lead. Sherlock powered through a high double to up his lead to 8-4 with another takedown at the 1:00 mark. Rappo escaped with :40 left, cutting the Sherlock lead to 8-5, and Sherlock would scramble for a late takedown and a 10-5 win.

149: Three-time All-American Frank Molinaro (Barnegat, N.J.), ranked No. 1 at 149, battled Huskie Bryce Busler. Molinaro spent the first half of the opening period looking for an opening and fending off a few head slaps from Busler. The Lion senior then used a swift high single for a takedown and a 2-0 lead. Molinaro then used the final minute to dominate Busler from the top position, working up 1:12 in riding time heading into the second period. Molinaro chose down to start the second stanza and quickly escaped to a 3-0 lead. Another high duck-under single by Molinaro led to another takedown and a 5-0 lead. Molinaro then turned the Huskie to his back for three near fall points, reset himself after getting the points and turned him again for three more. Leading 11-0, Molinaro reset, turned Busler to the mat once again and added a third three-point turn to lead 14-0 after two. Busler chose neutral but Molinaro wasted no time in ending the bout, using a fast high double off the whistle for a final takedown and a 16-0 technical fall at the 5:05 mark.

157: Red-shirt freshman Dylan Alton (Mill Hall, Pa.), ranked No. 12 at 157, made his Penn State debut against No. 14 Frank Hickman of Bloomsburg in one of the dual's two bouts pitting ranked grapplers against each other. Alton scored quickly, taking Hickman down for a 2-1 lead after a Huskie escape. Alton gained control of Hickman's right ankle and forced a scramble on the edge of the mat midway through the opening period. But Hickman was able to force a stalemate and keep the match close. Alton was relentless, however, working a high single into a second takedown and a 4-2 lead after another Hickman escape. Trailing 4-2, Hickman chose down to start the second and quickly escaped. But Alton scored another swift takedown and led 6-4 after Hickman escaped at the 1:20 mark. The Lion freshman continued his takedown clinic, turning a high shot into a low single and an 8-5 lead as Hickman continued quick escapes. Alton, leading 10-5, chose down to start the third period. Hickman was able control Alton for a minute and a half, but Alton notched a reversal and led 10-6 after the BU escape. Hickman countered an Alton shot with :10 left to notch a takedown but Alton walked away with the 10-8 win, giving Penn State a 17-3 lead at the break.

165: All-American David Taylor (St. Paris, Ohio), ranked No. 1 at 165, faced off against Bloomsburg's Kevin Hartnett. Hartnett had the first scoring chance of the bout, working in on a high single but Taylor forced a stalemate and kept the bout scoreless early on. Taylor countered a Hartnett scramble and worked his way to a takedown and a 2-0 lead. Taylor cut Hartnett loose and then used a low ankle pick for another takedown and a 4-1 lead. Taylor then turned Hartnett quickly, worked his shoulders to the mat and got Penn State's second fall of the bout at the 2:21 mark.

174: All-American Ed Ruth (Harrisburg, Pa.), ranked No. 2 at 174, met No. 20 Mike Dessino in a battle of ranked opponents at 174. Ruth scored quickly off the opening whistle, using a high double to take a 2-1 lead early. Ruth then added a second takedown and two back points to lead 6-2 after a Dessino escape. Dessino chose down to start the second period and Ruth nearly turned him again. Dessino finally escaped at the 1:10 mark, but Ruth notched another takedown to up his lead to 8-3. Dessino escaped before the period ended to cut Ruth's lead to 8-4. Ruth chose down to start the third period but Dessino maintained control for the period's first minute. Ruth escaped with :40 left to take a 9-4 lead and, with the riding time point, posted a 10-4 win.

184: Two-time All-American Quentin Wright (Wingate, Pa.), ranked No. 1 at 184, took on Huskie freshman Mike Mirra. Wright used a sliding double leg to trip Mirra to the mat for an early 2-0 lead. Mirra escaped, Wright quickly took him down and Mirra escaped again to give Wright a 4-2 lead at the 1:25 mark of the first period. Wright then took Mirra down again and this time turned the Huskie to his back for Penn State's third pin at the 1:55 mark, giving the Lions a 32-3 lead.

197: True freshman Morgan McIntosh (Santa Ana, Calif.) made his collegiate debut at 197 against Bloomsburg's Richard Perry. McIntosh entered the dual ranked No. 10. Perry was the aggressor early on, trying to set the tempo and taking numerous shots early. The Huskie sophomore worked in on McIntosh's left leg, forcing a scramble at the 1:15 mark, but the Lion forced a stalemate and action resumed in the center circle. Perry gained control of McIntosh's left leg again and nearly scored as the bout ended, but the Lion true freshman was able to work his way out of bounds to send the match to the second period in a scoreless tie. Perry chose down to start the second period and McIntosh used the opportunity to punish the Huskie from the top position. McIntosh spent over a minute trying to turn Perry to his back. He got a one count at the :40 mark and then finished the tilt as the period ended, getting the three point turn to lead 3-0 after two periods. McIntosh chose down to start the third and quickly reversed the Huskie for a 5-0 lead. McIntosh steadily gained control of Perry's arms, working his way into another turning opportunity. While Perry was able to fight the move off, McIntosh's strong ride out gave the Lion rookie a 6-0 win with 3:52 riding time.

285: Senior Cameron Wade (Twinsburg, Ohio), ranked No. 5 at heavyweight, met Bloomsburg's Zac Walsh in the dual's final bout. The duo battled evenly for nearly two minutes, but Wade used a high double to take a 2-0 lead. Wade then began looking for a chance to tilt Walsh but the Huskie forced a stalemate with :31 left in the opening period. Wade nearly turned Walsh but could not finish the move as the period ended and led 2-0 with 1:18 in riding time heading into the second. Walsh chose neutral to start the second stanza. Wade used a fast single to up his lead to 4-0 at the :40 mark and then rode the Huskie out to carry that lead into the final period. Wade chose down to start the third period and steadily worked his way to an escape and a 5-0 lead. The Lion senior used a low trip and single leg for another takedown and a 7-0 lead with :45 left. He clinched the riding time point and then continued to work for a tilting opportunity. Wade maintained control for the rest of the period and posted an 8-0 major.



## #2 PENN STATE 14, #4 MINNESOTA 23 Sunday, Nov. 20, 2011 -- University Park, Pa. -- Rec Hall

<b>125:</b> #2 Zach Sanders MINN dec. #18 Nico Megaludis PSU, 6-2	0-3
<b>133:</b> #7 David Thorn MINN maj. dec. Derek Reber PSU, 14-5	0-7
<b>141:</b> #10 Nick Dardanes MINN maj. dec. Sam Sherlock PSU, 19-6	0-11
<b>149:</b> #1 Frank Molinaro PSU dec. #5 Dylan Ness MINN, 16-10	3-11
<b>157:</b> #9 Jake Deitchler MINN dec. #11 Dylan Alton PSU, 9-4	3-14
<b>165:</b> #1 David Taylor PSU tech. fall #8 Cody Yohn MINN, 16-1 (TF; 4:29)	8-14
<b>174:</b> #2 Ed Ruth PSU pinned Eric Ortiz MINN, WBF (2:28)	14-14
<b>184:</b> #6 Kevin Steinhaus MINN dec. #1 Quentin Wright PSU, 6-1	14-17
<b>197:</b> #2 Sonny Yohn MINN dec. #10 Morgan McIntosh PSU, 4-3	14-20
<b>285:</b> #3 Tony Nelson MINN dec. #4 Cameron Wade PSU, 5-0	14-23
Attendance: 6,277	

In an early season Big Ten match-up between two of the nation's top teams, the Penn State Nittany Lion wrestlers dropped a 23-14 dual meet to visiting Minnesota in a packed Rec Hall. Penn State, ranked No. 2 nationally, lost seven of ten bouts to No. 4 Minnesota in front of over 6,200 fans.

Minnesota got off to a fast start in the dual, which began at 125. Fifth-year senior Zach Sanders, ranked No. 2 nationally, held off talented Penn State true freshman Nico Megaludis (Murrysville, Pa.), ranked No. 18, for a 6-2 win. No. 7 David Thorn then majored Lion junior Derek Reber (Lewisburg, Pa.) 14-5 to give the Gophers an early 7-0 lead. No. 10 Nick Dardanes of Minnesota then notched an impressive 19-6 major over Penn State's Sam Sherlock (West Mifflin, Pa.) at 141 to give the Gophers an 11-0 lead.

Three-time All-American Frank Molinaro (Barnegat, N.J.), ranked No. 1 at 149, posted a resounding 16-10 win over No. 5 Dylan Ness of Minnesota to give Penn State its first win of the dual. Minnesota got a key win at 157, however, when No. 9 Jake Deitchler downed No. 11 Dylan Alton (Mill Hall, Pa.) 8-4 in a hotly contested bout. The decision gave Minnesota a 14-3 lead heading into the break.

Penn State came out of the locker room on fire thanks to two sophomore All-Americans. Sophomore David Taylor (St. Paris, Ohio), ranked No. 1 at 165, crushed No. 8 Cody Yohn, posting a furious 16-1 technical fall at the 4:29 mark. Classmate Ed Ruth, ranked No. 2 at 174, followed that up with a quick pin of Minnesota's Eric Ortiz, getting the fall at the 2:28 mark to tie the dual at 14-14. But Minnesota got a key upset at 184 to silence the Lion crowd as No. 6 Kevin Steinhaus downed No. 1 Quentin Wright (Wingate, Pa.) 6-1 to give Minnesota a 17-14 lead.

Lion true freshman Morgan McIntosh (Santa Ana, Calif.) nearly pulled off the upset of the day, taking No. 2 Cody Yohn down with under :20 left to take a 3-1 lead at 197. But Yohn, ranked No. 2 nationally, escaped notched a takedown as the bout ended to steal a thrilling 4-3 win and put Minnesota up 20-14. In the final match-up, No. 3 Tony Nelson of Minnesota downed Penn State's Cameron Wade (Twinsburg, Ohio), ranked No. 4, 5-0 at heavyweight. The final decision gave the Gophers a 23-14 win.

### BOUT-BY-BOUT:

**125:** True freshman Nico Megaludis (Murrysville, Pa.), ranked No. 18 nationally, took on Gopher senior Zach Sanders, who was ranked No. 2 at 125. The duo traded early shots with Sanders trying to work a shoulder throw. Megaludis fought off the fifth-year senior's early attempts until Sanders scored the first takedown on a solid low single at the 1:42 mark. Megaludis quickly escaped and action resumed in the center circle with the second-ranked Gopher up 2-1. Megaludis trailed 2-1 after one period and chose down to start the second period but could not break free of a strong Sanders ride. Megaludis continued to battle, looking for a chance to escape and tie the bout up, but Sanders was able to ride the Lion out. Leading 2-1 with 2:19 in riding time, Sanders chose down to start the third period and Megaludis cut him loose to a 3-1 deficit. Megaludis worked for his shots, shooting low. But Sanders fought off numerous Megaludis shots until countering one and taking a 5-1 lead with a takedown at the 1:00 mark. Megaludis escaped to a 5-2 deficit. Megaludis continued shooting, but Sanders fought off every attempt to hold on for a 6-2 win.

**133:** Penn State junior Derek Reber (Lewisburg, Pa.) took to the mat against No. 7 David Thorn at 133. Thorn took a quick 2-0 lead with a high shot at the 2:45 mark. Reber worked his way to an escape to cut the lead to 2-1 and action resumed in the center circle. Thorn notched a second takedown to up his lead to 4-1 with 1:32 on the clock. Reber fought off an early turn attempt and then fought his way to an escaped and a 4-2 deficit. Thorn added a third takedown at the :31 mark but Reber escaped with :10 left to trail 6-3 heading into the second period. Thorn chose down to start the second period and escaped to a 7-3 lead. The ranked Gopher added a takedown and cut to lead 9-4 with 1:10 on the clock and then immediately got in on a high single, finishing it off for a takedown and an 11-4 lead. Thorn rode Reber out to lead 11-4 with 2:39 in time after two. Reber chose down to start the third and was cut loose to an 11-5 deficit. Reber scrambled for a shot and Thorn countered, forcing Reber down for a takedown as the Lion called for an injury timeout with 1:03. Thorn chose down after the injury time by Reber but Reber was able to maintain control for the rest of the period. Thorn got the riding time point and posted the 14-5 major.

**141:** Lion red-shirt freshman Sam Sherlock (West Mifflin, Pa.) got a stern early season test at 141 against Minnesota's Nick Dardanes, who entered the bout ranked No. 10. The duo battled evenly for the first minute until Sherlock nearly connected on a high single. Dardanes was able to fight off the shot and keep the bout scoreless. Sherlock was hit with a stall warning at the 1:30 mark. Sherlock shot again and this time Dardanes countered, moved around the Lion and got the first takedown at the 1:08 mark. Sherlock escaped to a 2-1 deficit with :40 left and action resumed in the center circle. Dardanes drove through a low double and took a 4-1 lead with :06 on the clock, a lead he took into the second period. Sherlock chose down to start the second period and escaped to a 4-2 deficit with 1:10 on the clock. Dardanes continued to find success with low doubles, getting a third takedown right after Sherlock escaped and, after cutting Sherlock loose, led 6-3 with 1:15 on the clock. Another Sherlock stall gave Dardanes a 7-3 lead. Dardanes added a fourth takedown, a stall point and a ride out to lead 10-3 with 1:53 in riding time after two periods. Dardanes chose neutral two start the third period, took Sherlock down and cut him loose to a 12-4 lead. Sherlock looked to connect on a single but Dardanes countered for another takedown to lead 14-4 with :36 and a clinched riding time point. Sherlock was cut loose to a 14-5 deficit but was taken down and cut loose twice more, giving Dardanes the 19-6 major.

**149:** In a bout featuring literally ten marquee match-ups, Nittany Lion senior Frank Molinaro (Barnegat, N.J.) met Minnesota's Dylan Ness in a key battle at 149. Molinaro was ranked No. 1 while Ness carried a No. 5 ranking. Ness had an early chance to score, but Molinaro quickly skipped out of trouble and remained scoreless :30 into an up tempo bout. Molinaro used a high double to take a 2-0 lead and broke the Gopher down. Molinaro began looking for a chance to turn the fifth-ranked Gopher. Ness was able to fight off three different Molinaro turns and keep the bout close. After a reset with :26 left, Molinaro fought to ride Ness out and led 2-0 with 2:01 in riding time after one. The three time All-American chose down to start the second, quickly escaped and then bulled through a high double for another takedown and a 5-0 lead. Molinaro's strong ride forced Ness into a stall warning while the Lion continued to try and turn him. A full ride out gave Molinaro a 5-0 lead with 3:44 in riding time after two, clinching the extra point. Ness chose down to start the third and was cut loose. Molinaro quickly

took the Gopher down to up his lead to 7-2 after another cut. Ness got his first takedown with 1:28 on the clock, cutting the lead to 8-4 after a Molinaro escape. Molinaro notched another takedown to up his lead to 10-4 with 1:00 but Ness reversed the Lion to cut the lead to 10-6. After a reset with :28 left, Molinaro escape to an 11-6 lead and but was taken down twice in the final :30. The Lion All-American finished on top, however, with a final takedown to win 16-10 with 4:01 in riding time.

**157:** Red-shirt freshman Dylan Alton (Mill Hall, Pa.), ranked No. 11 at 157, took on No. 9 Jake Deitchler of Minnesota in a hotly contested battle at 157. Deitchler and Alton fought off each other's shots until the 2:05 mark when Alton used a low duck-under to finish off a single leg and lead 2-0. Deitchler quickly escaped and action resumed in the center circle. Alton nearly notched another takedown but Deitchler managed to fight off the move and keep the score at 2-1 with 1:00 left. Alton nearly thrilled the crowd with a quick throw for back points, but Deitchler rolled through the effort and Alton led 2-1 after the opening period. Alton chose down to start the middle stanza and quickly escaped to a 3-1 lead. He then got in on a single leg and forced a scramble that Deitchler turned into a takedown and a 3-3 tie with 1:15 on the clock. Alton worked for an escape as the period ended, but Deitchler was able to ride him out. Tied 3-3, Deitchler, who had 1:20 in riding time, chose down to start the third. The Gopher escaped to a 4-3 lead with 1:40 left and a 1:04 time edge. Alton looked to score on a high single, but Deitchler countered and used a low double to take a 6-3 lead with 1:18 left in the bout. Alton escaped to a 6-4 deficit and immediately got in on a low single. But Deitchler forced a scramble that ended in a stalemate with :34 on the clock. Alton scrambled for a late takedown, but Deitchler scrambled his way to a trip and a clinching takedown to lead 8-4. The riding time point gave the Gopher a 9-4 win and Minnesota a 14-3 lead at the break.

**165:** No. 1 David Taylor (St. Paris, Ohio) faced off against No. 8 Cody Yohn of Minnesota in a key bout at 165. Yohn got in on a single leg, but Taylor quickly countered, turned it into a cradle and had the Gopher seemingly pinned. But the Lion did not get the call, getting only two near fall points instead, and led 4-0 early. Yohn escaped to a 4-1 deficit, shot again, and once again Taylor scrambled around the Gopher for another takedown and a 6-1 lead at the 1:18 mark. Taylor began working to turn the Gopher junior, getting two more near fall points to lead 8-1 with :40 left. A three-point turn gave Taylor an 11-1 lead, another two-point turn a 13-1 lead, and a ride out gave the Lion a 13-1 lead with 2:20 in riding time after one period. Taylor chose down to start the second period. The Lion All-American escaped to a 14-1 lead and then quickly took the eighth-ranked Gopher down for the 16-1 technical fall at the 4:29 mark.

**174:** Sophomore Ed Ruth (Harrisburg, Pa.), ranked No. 2 at 174, met Minnesota's Alec Ortiz. Ruth wasted no time in taking Ortiz down, scoring off the opening whistle to lead 2-0 just :06 into the bout. The Lion All-American then began looking for a chance to turn Ortiz by finishing off a cradle. Ortiz got hit with a stall warning at the 1:31 mark. Ruth cut Ortiz loose at the 1:06 mark and then tripped the Gopher to the mat for another takedown and a 4-1 lead. The second-ranked Lion then quickly finished off a cradle, getting the pin at the 2:28 mark, sending over 6,200 Rec Hall fans to their feet and tying the dual at 14-14.

**184:** Junior Quentin Wright (Wingate, Pa.), ranked No. 1 at 184, met Gopher rival Kevin Steinhaus, who entered the bout ranked No. 6. Wright came out looking for an early throw, but Steinhaus fought off the first few attempts, keeping the bout scoreless at the midway point of the opening period. The duo continued to battle evenly, with Steinhaus fighting off another Ruth shot at the :40 mark. Tied 0-0, Wright chose down to start the second stanza. The Lion quickly escaped but a scramble allowed Steinhaus to work his way to a takedown and a 2-1 lead. Wright worked for an escape, but Steinhaus continued a strong ride, building up a minute-plus in riding time in the process. Steinhaus maintained control of the Lion All-American for the rest of the period and led 2-1 with 1:50 in riding time after two periods. Steinhaus chose down to start the final period and escaped to a 3-1 lead. Wright shot low, Steinhaus forced a scramble and the duo battled in the center circle with the Gopher coming out on top for a takedown and a 5-1 lead with :38 left in the bout. Steinhaus rode Wright out for the 6-1 win, giving Minnesota a 17-14 lead.

**197:** Lion true freshman Morgan McIntosh (Santa Ana, Calif.), ranked No. 10 nationally at 197, faced off against No. 2 Sonny Yohn. The young Lion battled the second-ranked Gopher evenly, taking low shots and setting the tempo early. The top-ten duo traded high shots in the middle of the mat with neither man finding an opening to score until McIntosh nearly finished a takedown at the buzzer. But Yohn fought off the move and the bout headed to the second period tied 0-0. McIntosh chose down to start the second and quickly escaped to a 1-0 lead. McIntosh got in on another high single but Yohn was able to hold tight and force a stalemate with 1:00 left in the period. McIntosh continued to pressure the second-ranked Gopher, forcing Yohn into defense for the rest of the period. Trailing 1-0, the Gopher chose down to start the final stanza and escaped to a 1-1 tie. McIntosh shot low, Yohn countered and the Lion freshman countered himself, forcing a scramble with :50 left. Each man had a chance to notch the takedown with McIntosh working his way around for a takedown and a 3-1 lead with just :20 left. Yohn scrambled to an escape and quickly got in on a shot that ended with a takedown as the bout ended. The mad scramble gave the second-ranked Gopher a 4-3 win and put Minnesota up 20-14.

**285:** In perhaps the dual's most anticipated bout, Lion senior Cameron Wade (Twinsburg, Ohio), ranked No. 4 at heavyweight, met No. 3 Tony Nelson of Minnesota. The evenly matched duo worked their way through the first half of the opening period with neither wrestler securing an opening to score. After a scoreless first period, Nelson chose down to start the second stanza and Wade went to work looking for a chance to turn the Gopher. But Nelson countered Wade's effort and reversed the Lion senior for a 2-0 lead at the 1:20 mark. Nelson then put together a strong ride and killed the clock. Wade, trailing 2-0, chose neutral to start the final period. Wade worked for an opening to score but could not break through Nelson's defense. The Lion shot low, looking to score, but Nelson countered and got a late takedown to, with the RT point, post a 5-0 win.

## #5 PENN STATE AT THE 2011 NITTANY LION OPEN Sunday, Dec. 4, 2011 -- University Park, Pa. -- Rec Hall

### FINALS RECAP:

**125: #17 Nico Megaludis PSU** maj. dec. Coltin Fought NC State, 11-1  
**133: #7 Devin Carter VATECH** maj. dec. Nick Arujua UANR, 17-7  
**141:** Zach Neibert VATECH dec. #19 Kevin Smith BUF, 7-3  
**149: #1 Frank Molinaro PSU** pinned #9 Donnie Vinson BING, WBF (1:23)  
**157: #8 James Flemming CLAR** pinned **#11 Dylan Alton PSU**, WBF (1:58)  
**165: #1 David Taylor PSU** maj. dec. Steve Fittery UANR, 14-6  
**174: #2 Ed Ruth PSU** dec. #17 Jimmy Sheptock MD, 7-4  
**184: #6 Quentin Wright PSU** tech fall Cole Baxter UA-KSU, 17-0 (TF; 6:43)  
**197: #20 Christian Boley MD** dec. **#11 Morgan McIntosh PSU**, 12-9  
**285: #5 Cameron Wade PSU** pinned Quintas McCorkle CLAR, WBF (1:26)

The fifth-ranked Penn State wrestling team blazed its way through the 2011 Nittany Lion Open, crowning six champions and collecting 18 place winners at the event. Penn State sent 29 wrestlers into action at the all-day event, which featured 475 grapplers from around the country.

Freshman Nico Megaludis (Murrysville, Pa.), ranked No. 17, went 5-0 on the day including an 11-1 major over North Carolina State's Coltin Fought in the finals at 125. No. 1 Frank Molinaro (Barnegat, N.J.) was a perfect 6-0 at 149, pinning No. 9 Donnie Vinson of Binghamton in the finals. No. 1 David Taylor (St. Paris, Ohio) was 4-0 on the day plus a win over former American All-American Steve Fittery in the finals at 165. Taylor majored Fittery 14-6 but the result does not count in Taylor's win/loss record.

No. 2 Ed Ruth (Harrisburg, Pa.) went 6-0 at 174, downing No. 17 Jimmy Sheptock of Maryland 7-4 in the finals. No. 6 Quentin Wright (Wingate, Pa.) went 6-0 at 184, getting a 17-0 tech fall over Kent State's Cole Baxter in the finals at 184. Senior Cameron Wade (Twinsburg, Ohio), ranked No. 5 at heavyweight, blazed his way to a 6-0 mark to win the title, getting a pin at the 1:26 mark over Clarion's Quintas McCorkle in the finals. Red-shirt freshman Dylan Alton (Mill Hall, Pa.), ranked No. 11 at 157, was pinned by No. 8 James Fleming of Clarion in the finals and placed second with a 4-1 record. True freshman Morgan McIntosh (Santa Ana, Calif.), ranked No. 10 at 197, was upset by No. 20 Christian Boley of Maryland in the finals, 12-9, and took second as well. No. 7 Devin Carter of Virginia Tech won the crown with a 17-7 major over Nick Arujua at 133 while Zach Neibert of Virginia Tech upset No. 19 Kevin Smith of Buffalo in the finals at 141, getting a 7-3 win.

Jordan Conaway (Abbottstown, Pa.) went 3-2 and placed fourth at 125 while sophomore Frank Martellotti (Pittsburgh, Pa.) went 3-1 and took eighth at 133. Seth Beitz (Juniata, Pa.) was 7-1 on the day and placed fifth at 149 while red-shirt freshman Andrew Alton (Mill Hall, Pa.) was 5-1 to take third at that weight. James Vollrath (Richboro, Pa.) downed teammate Nick Fischer (Unionville, Pa.) in the third place bout at 157, getting an 11-2 major to take third while Fischer finished fourth.

Red-shirt freshman Matt Brown (West Valley City, Utah) went 5-1 at 174 to take fifth place and junior Justin Ortega (Oxford, Pa.) went 4-2 at 197 to take eighth. Red-shirt freshman Nick Ruggear (Oxford, Pa.) went 3-2 at heavyweight, advancing to the semifinals before losing to teammate Wade as well as No. 10 Spencer Myers in the third place bout. Ruggear took fourth. Red-shirt freshman Jon Gingrich (Wingate, Pa.) went 5-1 at heavyweight and placed fifth.

Penn State got fine performances from a number of Lions who did not place as well. At 133, Nittany Lion junior Derek Reber (Lewisburg, Pa.) went 2-0 on the day and then took a cautionary medical forfeit, ending his tournament after the quarterfinals began in order to further rest an injury. At 141, Lion freshman Sam Sherlock (West Mifflin, Pa.) went 2-2, injury defaulting out in his second loss of the day. Freshman Luke Frey (Montoursville, Pa.) won his first match but an illness forced him to cut his day short, going 1-1. Bryan Pearsall (Lititz, Pa.), Kyle Moran (Oxford, Pa.), David Owens (Derry, N.H.) and Mike Waters (Advance, N.C.) each went 0-1 on the day. Rex Lutz (Easton, Pa.) went 0-1 at 165. At 174, sophomore Andrew Church (Erie, Pa.) had a nice run, going 4-2. Teammate James Frascella (Carmel, Ind.) went 1-2 and Brandon Phillips (Timonium, Md.) went 0-1.

Penn State was solid through the early going of the tournament, with 16 of Penn State's 29 wrestlers advancing to the quarterfinals. In the quarters, Penn State went 13-2 with one wrestler taking a medical forfeit which does not count as a loss. In the semifinals, Penn State went 8-5 with two of the losses coming in bouts that pitted Lion against Lion. Penn State then went 6-2 in the finals, crowning its six champions to go along with two runners-up. Penn State went 95-29 overall on the day.

#### Penn State's 125 agate:

#18 Nico Megaludis  
 Rd. 1: W, 2-1 dec. Caleb Richardson, UANR  
 Rd. 2: W, 17-3 maj. dec. Ryan Dowd, Boston  
 Rd. 3: W, 10-1 maj. dec. Conor Youtsey, UA-Army  
 Qtrs: W, 12-3 maj. dec. Max Soria, Buffalo  
 Semis: W, 3-2 dec. Erik Spjut, Virginia Tech  
 Finals: W, 11-1 maj. dec. Coltin Fought, NC State  
 1st place; 5-0 overall

\*Jordan Conaway  
 Rd. 1: Bye  
 Rd. 2: W, 12-6 dec. Derrick Nelson, UA Pittsburgh  
 Rd. 3: W, 9-2 dec. Desmond Moore, Kutztown  
 Qtrs: W, 5-2 dec. Austin Miller, Bucknell  
 Semis: L, 5-10 dec. Colton Fought, NC State  
 3rd: L, 0-4 dec. Erik Spjut, Virginia Tech  
 4th place; 3-2 overall

#### Penn State's 133 agate:

Derek Reber  
 Rd. 1: W, 13-0 maj. dec. Mike Savastone, UANR  
 Rd. 2: W, 4-1 dec. Taylor Golba, Buffalo  
 Rd. 3: W, 3-2 dec. Joseph Gosinski, Hofstra  
 Qtrs: Medical Forfeit (precautionary)  
 DNP; 2-0 overall

\*Frank Martellotti  
 Rd. 1: bye  
 Rd. 2: W, 8-7 dec. Justis Flamio, UANR

Rd. 3: L, 0-3 dec. Geoffrey Alexander, Navy  
 Cn. 2: W, 12-0 maj. dec. Taylor Golba, Buffalo  
 Cn. 3: W, 6-0 dec. Joe Waltko, Clarion  
 Cn. 4: W, 6-0 dec. Erik Galloway, UA-Pitt  
 Cn. Semis: Med. Forfeit  
 8th place, 3-1 overall

#### Penn State's 141 agate:

Sam Sherlock  
 Rd. 1: WBF over Alex Scheinert, UANR  
 Rd. 2: L, 3-10 dec. Elijah Sullivan, Columbia  
 Cn. 1: W, 8-5 dec. Tanner Hough, UA-Duke  
 Cn. 2: W, 6-2 dec. Louis Mascola, Maryland  
 Cn. 4: L, inj. def. vs. Anthony Perrotti, Rutgers  
 DNP; 2-2 overall

Bryan Pearsall  
 Rd. 1: L, 0-2 dec. Derek Heyman, UA-Binghamton  
 DNP; 0-1 overall

Kyle Moran  
 Rd. 1: L, 2-4 dec. Michael Depalma, UA-Edinboro  
 DNP; 0-1 overall

\*Luke Frey  
 Rd. 1: bye  
 Rd. 2: W, 11-0 maj. dec. Alex Johnson, Navy  
 Rd. 3: L, forf. Chris Conti, Buffalo (illness)  
 Cn. 2: L, med. forfeit  
 DNP; 1-1 overall

\*David Owens  
 Rd. 1: L, 2-12 maj. dec. Jordan Dix, The Citadel  
 DNP; 0-1 overall

\*Mike Waters  
 Rd. 1: L, 2-5 dec. Casey Smith, Army  
 DNP; 0-1 overall

#### Penn State's 149 agate:

#1 Frank Molinaro  
 Rd. 1: W, 16-0 TF over Jake Kazimir, Columbia  
 Rd. 2: W, 11-0 maj. dec. Peyton Walsh, Navy  
 Rd. 3: W, 17-0 TF over Leonard Drummond, Kutztown (4:08)  
 Qtrs: WBF over Cameron Moran, Clarion  
 Semis: W, 8-0 maj. dec. #20 Steve Santos, Columbia  
 Finals: WBF #9 Donnie Vinson, Binghamton (1:23)  
 1st place; 6-0 overall

Seth Beitz  
 Rd. 1: W, 8-1 dec. Derek Leiby, Penn College  
 Rd. 2: W, inj. def. Gregory Flournoy, George Mason  
 Rd. 3: L, 2-6 dec. Steve Santos, Columbia  
 Cn. 2: W, 9-7 dec. Peter Ferrara, UA-Virginia  
 Cn. 3: W, 2-0 dec. Eric Filipowicz, Navy  
 Cn. 4: W, 2-1 dec. John Bellanger, Army  
 Cn. Semis: W, 11-3 maj. dec. Matthew Nereim, North Carolina State  
 5th: W, 7-6 dec. Malcolm Martin, Central Michigan  
 5th place; 7-1 overall

\*Andrew Alton  
 Rd. 1: WBF over Josh Micek, Buffalo (0:55)  
 Rd. 2: W, 11-6 dec. Eric Filipowicz, Navy  
 Rd. 3: W, 12-3 maj. dec. Malcolm Martin, Central Michigan  
 Qtrs: W, 9-4 dec. Owen Wilkinson, Lock Haven  
 Semis: L, 6-8 dec. #8 Donnie Vinson, Binghamton  
 3rd: W, 9-5 dec. #20 Steve Santos, Columbia  
 3rd place; 5-1 overall

#### Penn State's 157 agate:

#11 Dylan Alton  
 Rd. 1: WBF over Hector Santana, UANR (0:35)  
 Rd. 2: W, 16-5 maj. dec. Aaron Fry, Lock Haven  
 Rd. 3: W, 12-3 maj. dec. Jake O'Hara, Columbia  
 Qtrs: W, 13-4 maj. dec. Eric Hess, UA-Lehigh  
 Semis: W, 9-1 maj. dec. Nick Fischer, Penn State  
 Finals: LBF vs. #8 James Fleming, Clarion (1:58)  
 2nd place; 4-1 overall

Nick Fischer  
 Rd. 1: W, 16-0 TF over Nick Terdick, UA-Hofstra  
 Rd. 2: W, 5-2 dec. Jaaziah Bethea, George Mason  
 Rd. 3: W, 6-2 dec. Jacob Salazar, UA-Michigan  
 Qtrs: W, 4-2 dec. #16 Kyle John Maryland  
 Semis: L, 1-9 maj. dec. #11 Dylan Alton, Penn State  
 3rd: L, 2-11 maj. dec. James Vollrath, UA-Penn State  
 4th place; 4-2 overall

James Vollrath  
 Rd. 1: WBF over James Shields, Millersville (1:39)  
 Rd. 2: W, 13-4 maj. dec. Owen Scott, UANR  
 Rd. 3: WBF over Matt Spataro, Hofstra (1:08)  
 Qtrs: W, 3-2 dec. Joey Napoli, Lehigh  
 Semis: L, 0-1 dec. #8 James Fleming, Clarion  
 3rd: W, 11-2 maj. dec. Nick Fischer, Penn State  
 3rd place; 4-1 overall

#### Penn State's 165 agate:

#1 David Taylor  
 Rd. 1: Bye  
 Rd. 2: WBF Ross Renzi, UA-West Virginia (3:12)  
 Rd. 3: WBF over Kyle Czarnecki, Boston (2:33)  
 Qtrs: WBF over Joseph Favia, Stevens Tech (1:48)  
 Semis: WBF #14 Peter Yates, Virginia Tech (4:40)  
 Finals: W, 14-6 maj. dec. Steve Fittery UANR  
 1st place; 4-0 overall (the Fittery result does NOT count in his record)

\*Rex Lutz  
 Rd. 1: L, 0-4 dec. Adam Fondale, Columbia  
 DNP; 0-1 overall

#### Penn State's 174 agate:

#2 Ed Ruth  
 Rd. 1: W, 17-0 TF over Collin Zeerip, UA-Michigan  
 Rd. 2: WBF over Stephen West, Columbia (2:49)  
 Rd. 3: W, 24-9 TF over Stephen Doty, Virginia (7:00)  
 Qtrs: WBF over James Mannier, Navy (1:38)  
 Semis: W, 11-3 maj. dec. John Martin Cannon, UA-Buffalo  
 Finals: W, 7-4 dec. #17 Jimmy Sheptock, Maryland  
 1st place; 6-0 overall

Matt Brown  
 Rd. 1: bye  
 Rd. 2: W, 14-4 maj. dec. Chris Moon, Virginia Tech  
 Rd. 3: W, 19-5 maj. dec. Stephen McPeck, Bucknell  
 Qtrs: L, 5-8 dec. #17 Jimmy Sheptock, Maryland  
 Cn. 4: W, 15-6 maj. dec. Vinny Waldhauer, Virginia  
 Cn. Semis: W, 3-2 dec. Quinton Godley, NC State  
 5th: W, def. Stephen West, Columbia  
 5th place; 5-1 overall

Andrew Church  
 Rd. 1: W, 11-6 dec. Julio Arredondo, Kutztown  
 Rd. 2: W, 5-4 dec. Aaron McKinney, Lock Haven  
 Rd. 3: L, 5-10 dec. #12 Tortogtokh Luvsandorj, The Citadel  
 Cn. 2: W, 3-1 dec. James Frascella, UA-Penn State  
 Rd. 3: W, 5-2 dec. Owen Smith, Maryland  
 Cn. 4: L, 6-12 dec. James Mannier, Navy  
 DNP; 4-2 overall

Brandon Phillips  
 Rd. 1: L, 3-11 maj. dec. Quinton Godley, NC State  
 DNP; 0-1 overall

\*James Frascella  
 Rd. 1: Bye  
 Rd. 2: W, 3-9 dec. John-Martin Cannon, Buffalo  
 Cn. 1: WBF over Zach Marlatt, Kutztown (2:29)  
 Cn. 2: L, 1-3 dec. Andrew Church, Penn State  
 DNP; 1-2 overall

#### Penn State's 184 agate:

#6 Quentin Wright  
 Rd. 1: Bye  
 Rd. 2: WBF over Giovanni Ortiz, Kutztown (4:58)  
 Rd. 3: W, 25-10 TF Luke Johnson, The Citadel (7:00)  
 Qtrs: W, 15-0 TF over Alex Najjar, Boston (6:01)  
 Semis: W, 15-1 maj. dec. John Dickson, Va. Tech  
 Finals: W, 17-0 TF (6:23) Cole Baxter, Kent State  
 1st place; 5-0 overall

#### Penn State's 197 agate:

#10 Morgan McIntosh  
 Rd. 1: Bye  
 Rd. 2: W, 14-4 maj. dec. Kelby Smith, The Citadel  
 Rd. 3: WBF over Austin Akins, Columbia (4:40)  
 Qtrs: W, 15-1 maj. dec. Tim Murphy, UA-Hofstra  
 Semis: W, 8-1 dec. Kadeem Samuels, Lehigh  
 Finals: L, 9-12 dec. #20 Christian Boley, Maryland  
 2nd place; 4-1 overall

Justin Ortega  
 Rd. 1: Bye  
 Rd. 2: L, 3-5 dec. #20 Christian Boley, Maryland  
 Cn. 1: W, 12-0 maj. dec. Mike McKeever, Bucknell  
 Cn. 2: W, 8-2 dec. Zack Nye, Virginia  
 Cn. 3: W, 9-3 dec. Bryce Barnes, UA-Army  
 Cn. 4: W, 6-3 dec. Ryan Malo, Virginia  
 Cn. Semis: LBF vs. Alex Thomas, Clarion (3:27)  
 7th: took med forfeit, does not count as loss  
 8th place; 4-2 overall

#### Penn State's 285 agate:

#5 Cameron Wade  
 Rd. 1: W, 17-1 TF Austin Schaler, UA Army  
 Rd. 2: WBF over Brandon Clark, Kutztown (2:50)  
 Rd. 3: WBF over Cody Mason, Lock Haven (2:36)  
 Qtrs: WBF over Jack Delia, UA-Lehigh (2:03)  
 Semis: W, 9-2 dec. Nick Ruggear, UA-Penn State  
 Finals: WBF over Quintas McCorkle, Clarion (1:26)  
 1st place; 6-0 overall

Jon Gingrich  
 Rd. 1: Bye  
 Rd. 2: W, 4-0 dec. Michael Horton, UA-Edinboro  
 Rd. 3: W, 11-2 maj. dec. Bobby LaVelle, Va. Tech  
 Qtrs: L, 3-5 dec. #10 Spencer Myers, Maryland  
 Cn. 4: W, 3-1 dec. William Smith, UA-Rutgers  
 Cn. Semis: W, 8-4 dec. Henry Turner, Lock Haven  
 5th: W, 2-0 dec. Kevin Lester, Columbia  
 5th place; 5-1 overall

\*Nick Ruggear  
 Rd. 1: Bye  
 Rd. 2: W, 5-1, Daniel Ortiz, Thaddeus Stevens  
 Rd. 3: W, 17-2 TF over Stephen Snyder, Army (6:03)  
 Qtrs: W, 7-4 dec. Chris Penny, Virginia Tech  
 Semis: L, 2-9 dec. #5 Cameron Wade, Penn State  
 3rd: L, 2-8 dec. #10 Spencer Myers, Maryland  
 4th place; 3-2 overall

## #5 PENN STATE 24, #10 LEHIGH 12 Friday, Dec. 9, 2011 -- Bethlehem, Pa.

<b>125: #15 Nico Megaludis PSU</b> dec. Mason Beckman LU, 4-0	3-0
<b>133: Chris Dinnien LU</b> dec. <b>Derek Reber PSU</b> , 10-7	3-3
<b>141: Bryan Pearsall PSU</b> maj. dec. Jimmy Carucci LU, 12-2	7-3
<b>149: #1 Frank Molinaro PSU</b> maj. dec. Anthony Salupo LU, 14-3	11-3
<b>157: #10 Dylan Alton PSU</b> maj. dec. Sean Bilodeau LU, 10-1	15-3
<b>165: #1 David Taylor PSU</b> dec. #9 Brandon Hatchett LHU, 8-5	18-3
<b>174: #2 Ed Ruth PSU</b> inj. def. Nathaniel Brown LU, (5:00, Ruth up 12-1)	24-3
<b>184: #1 Robert Hamlin LU</b> dec. <b>#5 Quentin Wright PSU</b> , 8-3	24-6
<b>197: #7 Joe Kennedy LU</b> dec. <b>Justin Ortega PSU</b> , 2-0	24-9
<b>285: #3 Zach Rey LU</b> dec. <b>#8 Cameron Wade PSU</b> , 3-2	24-12
Attendance: 5,584	

The fifth-ranked Penn State Nittany Lion wrestling team dominated No. 10 Lehigh in the 100th dual meet between the two venerable eastern powers and rolled to a 24-12 win in LU's Stabler Arena. The Nittany Lions won six of ten bouts, bolted out to a big early lead and coasted to the victory to take a 63-34-3 lead in the all-time series.

True freshman Nico Megaludis (Murrysville, Pa.) ranked No. 15 nationally at 125, put Penn State up 3-0 early with a resounding 4-0 win (with 2:44 in riding time) over Lehigh's Mason Beckman. Lehigh countered with a 10-7 win for Chris Dinnien over Lion junior Derek Reber (Lewisburg, Pa.) at 133. Junior Bryan Pearsall (Lititz, Pa.) made his season dual debut in fine fashion with a dominating 12-2 major over LU's Jimmy Carucci (with over 4:00 in riding time) at 133. Three-time All-American Frank Molinaro (Barnegat, N.J.), ranked No. 1 at 149, then dominated Lehigh's Anthony Salupo to the tune of a 14-3 major with 3:53 in riding time. Red-shirt freshman Dylan Alton (Mill Hall, Pa.), ranked No. 10 at 157, majored Sean Bilodeau 10-1 to give Penn State a 15-3 lead at the break.

In marquee match-up at 165, Penn State All-American David Taylor (St. Paris, Ohio), ranked No. 1, downed No. 9 Brandon Hatchett 8-5 with 1:09 in riding time. All-American Ed Ruth (Harrisburg, Pa.), ranked No. 2 at 174, then built up a 12-1 lead over LU's Nathaniel Brown after two periods before Brown injury defaulted, giving Ruth the six team points and clinching the dual meet victory for Penn State (24-3). In a rematch of last year's national championship bout at 184, Nittany Lion Quentin Wright (Wingate, Pa.), the defending national champion, dropped a tough 8-3 decision to top-ranked Robert Hamlin, whom he defeated in the finals last year. At 197, 10th-ranked LU freshman Morgan McIntosh (Santa Ana, Calif.) was held out of action after being a bit banged up from the Nittany Lion Open last Sunday. Junior Justin Ortega (Oxford, Pa.) stepped in and nearly upset No. 7 Joe Kennedy of Lehigh before dropping a hard-fought 2-0 decision. Nittany Lion senior Cameron Wade (Twinsburg, Ohio), ranked No. 8 at heavyweight, then lost a hard-fought 3-2 decision to defending national champion Zach Rey.

Penn State dominated the dual statistically as well, winning the takedown battle 15-9 and picking up riding time points in six matches (while Ruth had over 3:00 in his injury default win). Penn State picked up six bonus points to none for LU as well.

### BOU-T-BY-BOU-T:

125: True freshman Nico Megaludis (Murrysville, Pa.), ranked No. 15 nationally, met Lehigh's Mason Beckman at 125. Megaludis set the tempo early, forcing Beckman back towards the edge of the mat. Beckman continued to play defense for the first half of the period while Megaludis continued to force the LU grappler off the mat. Beckman finally got hit with a first stall warning at the :30 mark and Megaludis continued to pressure the Mountain Hawk. The first period ended in a 0-0 tie and Megaludis chose down to start the second. He quickly escaped to a 1-0 lead and then proceeded to force Beckman off the mat over again. Beckman got in deep on Megaludis' right leg with his first shot at the 1:20 mark but Megaludis was able to force a stalemate with 1:08 left in the period. Megaludis got in on a low single with :50 left and finished off the takedown to move out to a 3-0 lead. The Nittany Lion rookie then rode Beckman out to lead 3-0 with :44 in riding time. Beckman took a second long time out to have some blood cleaned off his nose and chose down to start the third period. Megaludis controlled Beckman for the entire period, keeping Beckman down while the Hawk crawled out of bounds repeatedly. The ride out gave Megaludis a 4-0 win with 2:44 in RT.

133: Junior Derek Reber (Lewisburg, Pa.) took on LU's Chris Dinnien at 133. Dinnien caught Reber on the edge of the mat, nearly pinning him but getting the quick takedown. Reber, however, deftly reversed the Hawk wrestler for a 2-2 tie at the 1:20 mark. Reber then put together a strong ride, building up over a minute in time. But Dinnien reversed Reber and then turned him to his back for three near fall points to lead 7-2 after one period. Reber chose down to start the second period and quickly escaped to a 7-3 deficit. Reber got in on a low single and forced a scramble, but Dinnien countered the move for his own takedown to up his lead to 9-3 with :20 left. Reber escaped before the period ended and nearly scored at the end of the period, but time ran out and the Lion trailed 9-4. Dinnien chose down to start the final period and escaped to a 10-4 lead. Reber then got his first takedown and then began trying to turn the Hawk, trailing 10-6. Dinnien was able to keep from giving up the near fall and, though Reber got the riding time point, won 10-7.

141: Junior Bryan Pearsall (Lititz, Pa.) took to the mat for Penn State at 141 to take on Lehigh's Jimmy Carucci. Pearsall, making his season dual debut, turned a low single into a takedown on the edge of the mat to lead 2-0 at the 2:18 mark. Once in control on top, Pearsall began looking for an opportunity to turn Carucci for back points. Pearsall stayed in control and got a two point near fall with :30 on the clock to lead 4-0. The Lion junior then tagged on two more back points as the period ended to lead 6-0. Carucci chose neutral to start the second period but Pearsall quickly got in on a single, forced a scramble that lasted nearly :30, and finished off the takedown to lead 8-0 with 1:15 on the clock. Pearsall spent the rest of the period looking for a turn and kept control for a ride out and an 8-0 lead with 3:36 in RT. Pearsall chose down to start the third period and quickly escaped to a 9-0 lead. But Carucci got his first takedown to cut the lead to 9-2 with 1:25 on the clock. Pearsall, with a clinched riding time point, reversed Carucci to lead 11-2 with 1:00 left in the match. Pearsall forced Carucci into a stall warning with :17 on the clock and then rode the Hawk out for a 12-2 major with 4:17 in RT.

149: Three-time All-American Frank Molinaro (Barnegat, N.J.), ranked No. 1 at 149, met Lehigh's Anthony Salupo. Molinaro got his first takedown by using a high single and lift to put Salupo to the mat with 1:48 on the clock. Molinaro then put together a strong ride, keeping Salupo on the mat for the rest of the period to lead 2-0 with 1:48 in riding time after one. Molinaro chose down to start the second period and quickly escaped to a 3-0 lead. Molinaro then used a high double to take Salupo down once more for a 5-0 lead with 1:10 on the clock. Molinaro cut Salupo loose with :45 on the clock to begin looking for another takedown. But Salupo turned in quickly and took the Lion senior down to cut the lead to 6-3 after a quick Molinaro escaped. An energized Molinaro notched another takedown with :10 on the clock and led 8-3 with 2:20 in RT after two. Salupo chose neutral to start the third period but Molinaro quickly scored again, lifting the Hawk off the mat and taking a 10-3 lead with 1:20 on the clock and a clinched riding time point. Molinaro then turned Salupo for three near fall points and a 13-3 lead. Salupo could not break free and Molinaro's ride out gave him the 14-3 major with 3:53 in riding time.

157: Red-shirt freshman Dylan Alton (Mill Hall, Pa.), ranked No. 10 at 157, met Lehigh's Sean Bilodeau. Alton scored first, getting an early takedown to lead 2-1 after a Bilodeau escape. The duo battled evenly after that with Bilodeau fighting off numerous Alton shots to keep the bout close. But Alton's pressure paid off as the Lion freshman got a late takedown, sending Bilodeau to his back for three near fall points and a 7-1 lead after one period. Bilodeau chose down to start the second stanza but Alton was dominant in control, keeping Bilodeau down and building up a 2:37 riding time advantage with a ride out. Leading 7-1, Alton chose neutral to start the third. Alton quickly gained control of Bilodeau's right ankle, forcing a tie-up on the edge of the mat. But a stalemate sent action back to the center circle with 1:08 on the clock with Alton still up 7-1. Alton forced Bilodeau's head to the mat, circled around the LU grappler and upped his lead to 9-1 with another takedown. An Alton ride out and a bonus point gave the Lion a 10-1 major and put Penn State up 15-3 at the intermission.

165: Sophomore All-American David Taylor (St. Paris, Ohio), ranked No. 1 at 165, battled Lehigh senior Brandon Hatchett, who was ranked No. 9. Taylor fought off an early Hatchett shot but was then taken down to trail 2-0 at the 2:08 mark. Taylor deftly scrambled his way to a reversal and a 2-2 tie with 1:20 on the clock. Hatchett escaped to a 3-2 lead with :40 on the clock and carried that lead into the second period. Taylor chose down to start the second stanza and quickly escaped to a 3-3 tie. He never lost contact w/ Hatchett, forced a scramble and got his first takedown at the 1:40 mark to lead 5-3. Hatchett escaped to a 5-4 deficit at the 1:10 mark. Taylor used a quick low double off a reset w/ :10 left to take Hatchett down again and lead 7-4 after two. Hatchett chose down to start the final period but could not break free of Taylor's control as the Lion sophomore built up a 1:09 time edge before Hatchett escaped to a 7-5 deficit. Taylor fought off a late Hatchett shot and with the bonus point, posted an 8-5 win.

174: Sophomore All-American Ed Ruth (Harrisburg, Pa.), ranked No. 2 at 174, met Lehigh freshman Nathaniel Brown. Ruth scored first, getting a quick takedown to lead 2-0 at the 2:43 mark. He quickly tried to lock up a cradle and end the bout, but Brown was able to roll through to stay in the match. Ruth finished off a nearside cradle for three near fall points and a 5-0 lead midway through the period. Ruth maintained control of Brown for the rest of the period and led 5-0 with 2:42 in riding time heading to the second. Ruth chose down and steadily worked his way to a reversal and a 7-0 lead. Ruth then cut Brown loose at the :30 mark and added another takedown at the :18 mark. He locked up a cradle and nearly pinned Brown at the buzzer, picking up three near fall points to lead 12-1 with a clinched riding time point (3:34) heading into the third. Brown could not continue after being injured as the period ended and Ruth got six team points for the injury default (he was leading 12-1 at the time).

184: In a rematch of last year's national championship bout at 184, junior Quentin Wright (Wingate, Pa.), ranked No. 5 as the defending national champion, took on No. 1 Robert Hamlin of Lehigh, last year's runner-up. Hamlin drew first blood with a strong takedown to lead 2-1 after a quick Wright escape. Wright nearly picked up a takedown, forcing a solid scramble on the edge of the mat, but Hamlin was able to work his way into position to notch his second takedown and lead 4-1 after one period. Wright chose down to start the second period and quickly escaped to a 4-2 deficit. Wright worked for a takedown but Hamlin was able to hold his 4-2 lead heading into the third. Hamlin chose down to start the period, quickly reversed Wright and led 6-3 after a quick Lion escape. Wright attacked Hamlin, appearing to take him down at the :40 mark, but Wright did not get the call and trailed by three still. Hamlin countered a slight Wright shot, added another takedown and posted a strong 8-3 win over Wright.

197: Junior Justin Ortega (Oxford, Pa.) filled in for No. 10 Morgan McIntosh (Santa Ana, Calif.) at 197 to take on No. 7 Joe Kennedy of Lehigh. Ortega appeared to have a takedown, locking up a cradle on the edge of the mat. But like Wright before him, he did not get the call and the bout moved on to a scoreless tie. The Lion junior battled the fifth-year LU senior evenly for the entire period and went to the second period tied 0-0. Kennedy chose down to start the second stanza and worked his way to an escape and a 1-0 lead. The duo traded shots for the bulk of the period with neither wrestler finding a solid opening to score until Ortega nearly finished off a high single as the period ended. But the buzzer sounded and action moved to the final period with Ortega down 1-0. Ortega chose down to start the third period but could not break free of a strong Kennedy ride as the seventh-ranked senior built up more than a minute in riding time first and then rode Ortega out for a hard-fought 2-0 win.

285: Nittany Lion senior Cameron Wade (Twinsburg, Ohio), ranked No. 8 at heavyweight, took on defending national champion Zach Rey of Lehigh, who was ranked No. 3. The duo battled evenly for the first period, with neither man finding a real solid opening to score as action remained in the center circle. The bout went to the second period in a scoreless tie and Rey chose down to start the second. A quick escape gave the third-ranked Rey a 1-0 lead and the duo continued action in the center circle. Rey got the bout's first takedown at the :58 mark, using a high single to take a 3-1 lead after Wade escaped. Trailing 3-1 after two periods, Wade chose down to start the final period and quickly escaped to a 3-2 deficit. Wade worked for an opening to take the lead, but Rey's defense was solid and the Mountain Hawk All-American was able to hold on to his lead and escape with a tough 3-2 win.



## #5 PENN STATE 34, WEST VIRGINIA 6 Sunday, Dec. 11, 2011 -- University Park, Pa. -- Rec Hall

<b>125: #15 Nico Megaludis PSU</b> dec. Shane Young WVU, 8-2	3-0
<b>133: Derek Reber PSU</b> maj. dec. Jesse Schiffbauer WVU, 12-4	7-0
<b>141: #19 Nathan Pennesi WVU</b> dec. <b>Bryan Pearsall PSU</b> , 5-4	7-3
<b>149: #1 Frank Molinaro PSU</b> maj. dec. George Scheffel WVU, 10-1	11-3
<b>157: #10 Dylan Alton PSU</b> maj. dec. Dominic Prezgia WVU, 16-4	15-3
<b>165: #1 David Taylor PSU</b> tech fall Kyle Eason WVU, 22-7 (TF; 4:17)	20-3
<b>174: #2 Ed Ruth PSU</b> maj. dec. Lance Bryson WVU, 18-6	24-3
<b>184: #5 Quentin Wright PSU</b> pinned #17 Matt Ryan WVU, WBF (1:57)	30-3
<b>197: Mac Mancuso WVU</b> dec. <b>Justin Ortega PSU</b> , 3-2	30-6
<b>285: #8 Cameron Wade PSU</b> maj. dec. Brandon Williamson WVU, 11-0	34-6
Attendance: 6,078	

The fifth-ranked Penn State Nittany Lion wrestling team dominated visiting West Virginia in a non-conference wrestling dual. The Nittany Lions posted a resounding 34-6 win in front of over 6,000 fans in another packed Rec Hall.

Nittany Lion freshman Nico Megaludis (Murrysville, Pa.), ranked No. 15 at 125, put Penn State up 3-0 early with an 8-2 win over WVU junior Shane Young. Junior Derek Reber (Lewisburg, Pa.) then majored Jesse Schiffbauer for his first Penn State dual win, getting the 12-4 win to put the Nittany Lions up 7-0. Junior Bryan Pearsall (Lititz, Pa.) nearly pulled off a major upset at 141, dropping a hard fought 5-4 decision to No. 19 Nathan Pennesi of West Virginia. The win cut Penn State's lead to 7-3 before three-time All-American Frank Molinaro (Barnegat, N.J.), ranked No. 1 at 149, majored George Scheffel 10-1 (with 4:25 in riding time) to put Penn State back up 11-3. Dylan Alton (Mill Hall, Pa.), ranked No. 10 at 157, dominated West Virginia's Dominic Prezgia to the tune of a 16-4 major (with 4:09 RT) to give Penn State a 15-3 lead at the halftime break.

Top-ranked All-American David Taylor (St. Paris, Ohio) hammered WVU senior Kyle Eason at 165, picking up a 22-7 technical fall at the 4:17 mark before second-ranked All-American Ed Ruth (Harrisburg, Pa.) majored Lance Bryson 18-6. Leading 24-3, defending national champion Quentin Wright (Wingate, Pa.), ranked No. 5 at 184, thrilled over 6,000 Rec Hall faithful by pinning No. 17 Matt Ryan at the 1:57 mark, using a swift throw to counter a Ryan move and get the pin. West Virginia's Mac Mancuso picked up a 3-2 win over Lion junior Justin Ortega (Oxford, Pa.), who was filling in for No. 10 Morgan McIntosh (Santa Ana, Calif.) at 197. Nittany Lion senior Cameron Wade (Twinsburg, Ohio), ranked No. 8 at heavyweight, dominated WVU senior Brandon Williamson, posting an 11-0 major with nearly 3:00 riding time to give the Lions the 34-6 final.

The Nittany Lions won the takedown battle by a gaudy 35-2 margin. Penn State picked up 10 bonus points to none for the Mountaineers.

### BOUT-BY-BOUT:

125: Nittany Lion true freshman Nico Megaludis (Murrysville, Pa.), ranked No. 15 at 125, met West Virginia junior Shane Young. Megaludis wasted no time getting in on a single leg, finishing off the takedown and leading 2-1 after a Young escape. Megaludis fought off a shot by Young, gained control of his shoulders and forced a reset in the middle of the mat. Young began playing defense, backing away constantly from Megaludis and working time off the clock in an effort to keep the bout close. Megaludis fought off a late Young shot and went to the second leading by one. The Lion freshman chose down to start the second period and quickly escaped to a 3-1 lead. His pressure forced Young into a first stall warning as well. Megaludis countered a slight Young shot, worked his way behind the Mountaineer junior for another takedown and a 5-1 lead. A ride out allowed the Lion to lead 5-1 with 1:15 in riding time heading into the third period. Young chose down to start the final period but could not break free of a strong Megaludis ride until the Lion let him up at the 1:32 mark to a 5-2 deficit. Megaludis continued to pressure the WVU junior, getting a stall point for a 6-2 lead at the 1:04 mark. Megaludis got another point with a third stall to lead 7-2 and, with the bonus point got the 8-2 win.

133: Junior Derek Reber (Lewisburg, Pa.) took on WVU's Jesse Schiffbauer at 133. Reber got the first takedown at the 2:08 mark, taking an early lead and then putting together a strong ride to build up a solid riding time edge. Reber maintained control of Schiffbauer for the entire period, taking a 2-0 lead with 2:08 in time into the second period. Reber chose down to start the second and quickly escaped to a 3-0 lead. He then used a swift low double to tack on another takedown, to lead 5-0. Schiffbauer reversed Reber and then gave up a penalty point on an illegal hold before Reber escaped to a 7-2 lead. Reber almost added a third takedown at the end of the period but the WVU grappler fought it off. Schiffbauer chose down to start the third, Reber let him up and then quickly took him down for two more points and a 9-3 lead. After a WVU escape, Reber gained control of Schiffbauer again and took him down for an 11-4 lead with a clinched riding time point. Reber rode Schiffbauer out, picked up the riding time point, and walked away with a strong 12-4 major decision.

141: Penn State junior Bryan Pearsall (Lititz, Pa.) got the nod at 141 and took on No. 19 Nathan Pennesi. The duo battled evenly for the first half of the opening period until Pearsall got in on a low single and forced a scramble on the Nittany Lion logo. Pennesi got the takedown at the :47 mark but Pearsall quickly escaped to a 2-1 deficit. Leading 2-1, Pennesi chose down to start the second stanza. Pearsall gained control of the Mountaineer and began working for a chance to turn the Mountaineer for back points. Pearsall maintained control for the entire period, then finished off a cradle near the end of the period and picked up three late back points to lead 4-2 heading into the third. The Nittany Lion chose down to start the third but spent the first minute fighting off a Pennesi turn attempt. Pennesi picked up three back points to lead 5-4 before a reset stopped action at the :11 mark. With just over :10 to escape and force a tie, the Nittany Lion junior could not quite scramble out of Pennesi's grasp and dropped a hard-fought 5-4 decision.

149: Top-ranked Nittany Lion senior Frank Molinaro (Barnegat, Pa.) met WVU freshman George Scheffel at 149. Molinaro got the bout's first takedown at the 2:15 mark and then put together a dominating ride, building up a large riding time edge while trying to turn the Mountaineer freshman for back points. Molinaro rode Scheffel out for the entire period and took the 2-0 lead into the second. Molinaro chose down to start the second and quickly escaped to a 3-0 lead. He then tacked on a second takedown, cut Scheffel loose and began working for more points with a 5-1 lead. Scheffel fought off two high singles but Molinaro connected on the next one to lead 7-1 at the :30 mark. Another ride out allowed the Lion senior to lead 7-1 with 2:52 RT after two periods. Scheffel chose neutral to start the final period and Molinaro essentially clinched the riding time point. He then quickly took the WVU freshman down, upped his lead to 9-1 and maintained control for the remainder of the match. With 4:25 in riding time, Molinaro posted the 10-1 major and put the Lions up 11-3.

157: Red-shirt freshman Dylan Alton (Mill Hall, Pa.), ranked No. 10 nationally, took on Mountaineer Dominic Prezgia at 157. Alton came out the aggressor, looking for points early with multiple shots. Gaining control of Prezgia's shoulders, the Lion freshman worked his way around for a takedown and a 2-0 lead at the 2:12 mark. Alton forced Prezgia into a first stall warning and then proceeded to control him for the remainder of the period. But Alton gave up a point with an illegal hold and led 2-1 with 2:12 in RT after one. Prezgia chose neutral to start the second period but found himself fighting off a flurry of Alton shots. The Nittany Lion freshman finished his

second one off and led 4-1 :30 into the middle stanza. Alton got called for a stall warning and then he allowed Prezgia up at the reset. He quickly took the Mountaineer down to lead 6-2 with :54 on the clock. He picked up a point on another Prezgia stall and, with the ride out, led 7-2 with a clinched riding time point (3:35) after two periods. Alton chose down to start the third, quickly escaped to an 8-2 lead and then took Prezgia down again for a 10-2 lead. Alton cut him loose and began working for another takedown. Alton picked up another stall point, then added another takedown at the :50 mark to lead 13-4 after another cut. The Lion freshman looked to finish on top with a late takedown and picked a final one up at the :08 mark to post the 16-4 win (with 4:09 in RT).

165: Top-ranked Lion sophomore David Taylor (St. Paris, Ohio) battled WVU senior Kyle Eason at 165. Taylor notched the first takedown early, getting two points and cutting Eason loose quickly. Eason got in on a high single, but Taylor countered the move and worked his way around for another takedown and a 4-1 lead at the 1:40 mark. He quickly added two back points before cutting Eason loose and leading 6-2. The Lion All-American added a third takedown at the :35 mark and turned Eason for two more back points to lead 10-3 after cutting him loose. Taylor added a fourth as the period ended and led 12-4. The Lion continued to dominate the action, picking up three quick takedowns in the first :30 to lead 18-6 after cutting Eason loose. Two more takedowns set up a chance for a second period tech fall. Leading 20-7, Taylor got the tech fall at the 4:17 mark with a final takedown, getting the 22-7 win and putting Penn State up 20-3.

174: Second-ranked Nittany Lion sophomore Ed Ruth (Harrisburg, Pa.) faced off against Lance Bryson at 174. Ruth notched little time in building up a 2-1 lead, taking Bryson down and cutting him loose in the first :30. The Lion All-American was relentless, grabbing a second takedown and cut to lead 4-2 just over a minute into the bout. A third Ruth takedown gave the Lion a 6-2 lead and this time Ruth worked from the top position to build up a bit of a riding time edge midway through the first. A Ruth ride-out gave the Lion a 6-2 lead with 2:02 RT after one. Ruth chose down to start the second period and quickly escaped to a 7-2 lead. Ruth took Bryson down midway through the period to lead 9-2. Bryson escaped with :12 left in the period and Ruth picked up a last second takedown to lead 11-2 after two. Bryson chose down to start the third period and Ruth worked to finish off a cradle. Bryson was called for a first stall warning while Ruth set the tone from the top. Bryson escaped at the 1:10 mark, but Ruth continued to dominate the action, with another takedown and cut to lead 13-5. Ruth used a low single trip for a takedown with :24 left, cut Bryson loose, and added a final takedown and with 4:02 riding time, notched the 18-6 major.

184: Defending national champion Quentin Wright (Wingate, Pa.), ranked No. 5 at 184, met No. 17 Matt Ryan of West Virginia. The duo battled evenly for the first half of the period with Ryan setting an early aggressive tone. Wright fought off two Ryan shots and then countered a third, gained control of the senior's shoulders, and tossed him to the mat. Just :20 later, Wright picked up the fall at the 1:57 mark, giving Penn State a 30-3 lead and thrilling over 6,000 Rec Hall faithful.

197: True freshman Morgan McIntosh (Santa Ana, Calif.), ranked No. 10 at 197, was held out once again as a precaution, and junior Justin Ortega (Oxford, Pa.) faced off against WVU's Mac Mancuso at 197. The duo traded shots early in the first period with neither man finding an opening. Tied 0-0 after the first three minutes, Ortega chose down to start the second period and quickly escaped to a 1-0 lead. Mancuso scrambled his way to the bout's initial takedown, working his way into control of Ortega for a 2-1 lead at the 1:10 mark. Ortega quickly escaped to tie the bout at 2-2 and action resumed in the center circle. Ortega fought off a late shot attempt and the bout moved to the final period tied 2-2. Mancuso chose down to start the third period and quickly escaped to a 3-2 lead. Ortega mounted a late charge, trying to get a late takedown, but Mancuso fought off each attempt and escaped with a 3-2 win.

285: Penn State senior Cameron Wade (Twinsburg, Ohio), ranked No. 8 at 285, met WVU's Brandon Williamson. The two veteran big men battled each other through an even first period, with each man taking shots the other was able to step away from. After a scoreless first period, Wade chose down to start the second and quickly worked his way into a reversal and a 2-0 lead at the 1:39 mark. Wade then put together a strong ride, gaining control of Williamson's legs and looking for a chance to turn the WVU big man. Williamson got hit with a first stall warning at the :32 mark. Wade then turned the Mountaineer for three late back points to lead 5-0 after two periods. Williamson chose neutral to start the third, shot low, and was quickly countered by Wade for another PSU takedown to give the Lion a 7-0 lead with a solid riding time edge. Another stall on Williamson put Wade up by eight. Williamson called for an injury timeout with :09 left in the match and Wade then turned him for two more back points and posted the 11-0 major with 2:54 riding time.

## #5 PENN STATE 50, LOCK HAVEN 0 Sunday, Dec. 18, 2011 -- Lock Haven, Pa.

<b>125: #15 Nico Megaludis PSU</b> pinned Bobby Rehm LHU, WBF (4:02)	6-0
<b>133: Derek Reber</b> PSU dec. John Trumbetti LHU, 6-3	9-0
<b>141: Bryan Pearsall PSU</b> pinned #14 <b>Matt Bonson LHU, WBF (4:22)</b>	<b>15-0</b>
<b>149: #1 Frank Molinaro PSU</b> pinned Owen Wilkinson LHU, WBF (2:30)	21-0
<b>157: #10 Dylan Alton PSU</b> maj. dec. Aaron Fry LHU, 19-8	25-0
<b>165: #1 David Taylor PSU</b> tech fall Seth Creasy LHU, 21-5 (TF; 3:21)	30-0
<b>174: Matt Brown PSU</b> tech fall Aaron McKinney LHU, 19-4 (TF; 3:47)	35-0
<b>184: #5 Quentin Wright PSU</b> tech fall Zach Heffner LHU, 17-2 (TF; 7:00)	40-0
<b>197: #10 Morgan McIntosh PSU</b> maj. dec. Matt Parlier LHU, 13-4	44-0
<b>285: #8 Cameron Wade PSU</b> pinned Harry Turner LHU, WBF (3:53)	50-0
Attendance: 1,094	

The fifth-ranked Penn State Nittany Lion wrestling team put forth a dominating effort at Lock Haven on Sunday, shutting out the Bald Eagles 50-0 in non-conference wrestling action. Penn State won all ten bouts, including a thrilling pin by junior Bryan Pearsall (Lititz, Pa.) at 141, as Penn State rolled to victory.

True freshman Nico Megaludis (Murrysville, Pa.), ranked No. 15 at 125, opened up the bout by pinning LHU's Bobby Rehm at the 4:02 mark. Junior Derek Reber (Lewisburg, Pa.) followed that up with a 6-3 win over LHU's John Trumbetti at 133. Junior Pearsall then notched the dual's hallmark win by pinning No. 14 Matt Bonson at the 4:22 mark at 141. All-American Frank Molinaro (Barnegat, N.J.), ranked No. 1 at 149, then pinned Owen Wilkinson at the 2:30 mark. Red-shirt freshman Dylan Alton (Mill Hall, Pa.), ranked No. 10 at 157, posted a 19-8 major over the Haven's Aaron Fry to give Penn State a 25-0 lead at the midway point.

All-American David Taylor (St. Paris, Ohio), ranked No. 1 at 165, notched a furious 21-5 technical fall of Seth Creasy in just 3:21. With second-ranked Ed Ruth (Harrisburg, Pa.) getting the night off, talented red-shirt freshman Matt Brown (West Valley City, Utah) stepped in and the Nittany Lions did not skip a beat. Brown posted a 19-4 technical fall over Lock Haven's Aaron McKinney in just 3:47. All-American Quentin Wright (Wingate, Pa.), ranked No. 5 at 184, posted a 17-2 technical fall at the 7:00 mark over Zach Heffner before true freshman Morgan McIntosh (Santa Ana, Calif.), ranked No. 10 at 197, majored LHU junior Matt Parlier 13-4. Senior Cameron Wade (Twinsburg, Ohio), ranked No. 8 at heavyweight, capped off the shut-out by pinning Harry Turner at the 3:53 mark to give Penn State the 50-0 win.

The Nittany Lions move to 4-1 while Lock Haven shifts to 3-3. Penn State was simply dominant in the dual, posting a gaudy 41-0 edge in takedowns and collecting 20 bonus points off four pins, three tech falls and two majors. The shut out is Penn State's first since a 48-0 shutout of Lock Haven last December in Rec Hall.

### BOU-T-BY-BOU-T:

125: Penn State's Nico Megaludis (Murrysville, Pa.), ranked No. 15 nationally at 125, met Lock Haven's Bobby Rehm. Megaludis countered an early Rehm shot, gained control of his shoulders and turned a low ankle pick into a takedown and a 2-0 lead. Rehm escaped quickly only to get taken down again by the Lion freshman. Another Rehm escape cut Megaludis' lead to 4-2 with 1:08 on the clock, but Megaludis began adding takedowns at a quick rate. By the end of the period, Megaludis had a 10-4 lead thanks to five takedowns. Rehm chose down to start the second, was allowed up by Megaludis and immediately taken down by the Lion. Megaludis cut him loose and took him down again. This time, Megaludis worked the Bald Eagle to his back and got the pin at the 4:02 mark.

133: Junior Derek Reber (Lewisburg, Pa.) took on Bald Eagle senior John Trumbetti at 133. Reber and Trumbetti battled evenly for the first half of the opening period, wrestling to a series of stalemates as each man looked for an opening to score. Reber got in on a low single with :30 left in the opening period and forced a scramble as the period wound down. Trumbetti was able to fight the move off to keep things scoreless through three minutes. Reber chose down to start the second period and worked to escape. But Trumbetti was able to maintain control although he picked up a stall warning at the :55 mark. Reber finally reversed the Bald Eagle with :10 left to take a 2-0 lead after two periods, but Trumbetti had 1:46 in riding time. Trumbetti chose down to start the final stanza and worked his way into a chance to reverse Reber himself. He finished off the reversal with 1:25 and tied the bout. Trumbetti was called for an illegal hold, Reber then escaped to take a 4-2 lead. Reber added a final takedown and won 6-3 with Trumbetti getting the riding time point.

141: Junior Bryan Pearsall (Lititz, Pa.) took to the mat at 141 for Penn State against Lock Haven's Matt Bonson, who entered the bout 12-1 and ranked No. 14 nationally. Bonson gained control of Pearsall's legs early but Pearsall was able force a scramble and a stalemate to keep the bout scoreless early. Pearsall then scrambled around behind Bonson after a short scramble to take an early 2-0 lead. He then turned the ranked Bald Eagle for two back points and a 4-0 lead with :55 on the clock. Pearsall then rode Bonson out for a 4-0 lead with 1:11 RT after one period. Bonson chose down to start the second and Pearsall was hit with a quick stall warning just :08 into the period. Pearsall was able to break Bonson down and began looking for a chance to turn the ranked Eagle for more back points. After a reset, Pearsall gained control of Bonson's shoulders and turned him to his back with a solid headlock. A brief twenty second's worth of work led to a Pearsall pin of the ranked Bonson at the 4:22 mark, giving Penn State a 15-0 lead.

149: Three-time All-American Frank Molinaro (Barnegat, N.J.), ranked No. 1 at 149, met LHU senior Owen Wilkenon. Molinaro got the bout's first takedown at the 1:55 mark and began looking for a chance to turn the Bald Eagle for back points. The Lion senior got two near fall points, reset and began working for another turn. Molinaro gained control of the Bald Eagle, turned him to his back and got the fall at the 2:30 mark to remain undefeated on the year.

157: Red-shirt freshman Dylan Alton (Mill Hall, Pa.), ranked No. 10 at 157, met LHU's Aaron Fry. Alton wasted no time in taking a 2-0 lead with a takedown less than ten seconds into the bout. Alton added a second takedown after a Fry escape to lead 4-1 midway through the period. Fry worked his way for a reversal at the :46 mark to cut the lead to 5-3 after an Alton escape. Trailing 5-3, Fry chose down to start the second period and was cut loose by Alton at the 1:20 mark. Alton never lost contact and quickly slid behind the Bald Eagle to lead 7-5 after another Fry escape. Alton picked up a stall point and then took Fry down for a 10-5 lead with :35 on the clock. He then rode Fry out to lead 10-5 with 3:11 in riding time after two. Alton chose down to start the third, quickly escaped, and then added another takedown to lead 13-5 with 1:29 on the clock. The Lion freshman dominated the remainder of the rest of the period and rolled to a 19-8 major with 4:14 in riding time.

165: All-American David Taylor (St. Paris, Ohio), ranked No. 1 nationally at 165, faced off against Bald Eagle senior Seth Creasy. The sophomore Lion dominated the opening period, rolling up takedowns and adding a three-point near fall to lead 11-4 after less than 2:00 of time. Taylor's fifth takedown allowed the Nittany Lion to lead 13-5 and his sixth on a quick low ankle pick gave Taylor a 15-5 lead with :20 on the clock. Taylor added three late back points to lead 18-5 after one period. Creasy chose top to start the second stanza and Taylor quickly escaped for a 19-5 lead. He then ended the match with a takedown to get the 21-5 technical fall at the 3:21 mark.

174: All-American Ed Ruth (Harrisburg, Pa.), ranked No. 2 at 174, stepped aside for a dual to give talented red-shirt freshman Matt Brown (West Valley City, Utah) a chance to wrestle in front of a dual meet crowd. Brown made his Penn State dual debut against LHU's Aaron McKinney. Brown took an early 2-0 lead with a solid takedown and then put together a nice ride, breaking McKinney down and looking for a chance to turn the Bald Eagle. Brown notched a second takedown and turned McKinney for three back points, nearly picking up the fall. The move gave the Lion freshman a 7-2 lead with :50 on the clock after cutting McKinney loose. Brown took McKinney down again at the :30 mark. A Brown ride out gave the Lion a 9-2 lead heading to the second. Brown chose down to start the second and quickly escaped to a 10-2 lead. Another takedown and three more back points put Brown up 15-2 with 1:20 on the clock. Brown cut the Bald Eagle loose at the :35 mark and picked up another takedown with :20 left, cut the Bald Eagle loose and then ended the bout with a final takedown at the :12 mark. The 19-4 technical fall came at the 3:47 mark.

184: All-American and defending national champion Quentin Wright (Wingate, Pa.), ranked No. 5 at 184, took on Lock Haven's Zach Heffner. Wright nearly ended the match in seconds, throwing Heffner to his back for a quick takedown and near fall. While Heffner was able to keep from getting pinned, the move gave Wright a 5-1 lead after cutting Heffner loose less than :20 into the bout. Wright set the tone on offense, looking for a chance at another shoulder throw or turning those shots into low singles. Heffner was able to fight off numerous Wright shots but the Lion All-American got his second takedown with :15 left and led 7-1 after one. Heffner chose down to start the second period and escaped :45 into the period. But Wright was relentless, tacking on another takedown to lead 9-2 with 1:00 on the clock. Wright then turned Heffner for back points at the end of the period to lead 12-2 after two periods. Wright quickly escaped and took Heffner down to lead 15-2. He picked up a stall point and, after a ride out, the bonus point for a 17-2 technical fall at the 7:00 mark.

197: Nittany Lion Morgan McIntosh (Santa Ana, Calif.), ranked No. 10 at 197, met Bald Eagle junior Matt Parlier. McIntosh got the first takedown at the 2:05 mark and led 2-1 after cutting Parlier loose. The Lion freshman added a second takedown and cut, then a third one with 1:00 left to lead 6-3. McIntosh then forced a scramble and picked up a fourth takedown with :40 on the clock. He then rode Parlier out to carry an 8-3 lead into the second period. McIntosh chose neutral to start the second period and added a fifth takedown less than :30 in. He then controlled the action from the top, looking for a chance to turn the Bald Eagle for back points. While not picking up any back points, the ride out gave the Nittany Lion a 10-3 lead with 3:00 RT after two periods. Parlier chose down to start the third period and escaped to a 10-4 deficit, but McIntosh continued his offensive pressure, using a low ankle pick to up his lead to 12-4 with another takedown. McIntosh spent the rest of the bout in control and walked away with a convincing 13-4 major (with 4:31 riding time).

285: Senior Cameron Wade (Twinsburg, Ohio), ranked No. 8 at heavyweight, met LHU's Harry Turner. Wade got the bout's first takedown and was looking for back points when Turner was able to reverse him at the 1:30 mark. A quick Wade escape gave the Lion a 3-2 lead. Wade continued to set the tempo, looking for chances to score high and shift to low singles. Turner was able to step back from numerous Wade shots and the Nittany Lion led 3-2 after one period. Turner chose down to start the second stanza but Wade was able to gain control of Turner and turn him to his back. Wade turned a three point near fall into a fall at the 3:53 mark, giving Penn State the 50-0 win.

## #5 PENN STATE WINS SOUTHERN SCUFFLE TITLE

### Saturday-Sunday, Jan. 1-2, 2012 -- Chattanooga, Tenn.

#### FINALS AGATE:

125: #1 Zach Sanders MINN dec. #3 Alan Waters MIZ, 1-0  
 133: Chris Dardanes MINN dec. Nick Soto CHATT, 7-2  
 141: #5 Michael Mangrum ORE ST dec. Darius Little NCST, 4-1  
 149: #1 Frank Molinaro PSU maj. dec. #11 Dylan Ness MINN, 9-1  
 157: #1 Kyle Dake COR dec. #10 Dylan Alton PSU, 0-3  
 165: #1 David Taylor PSU pinned #10 Cody Yohn MINN, WBF (2:34)  
 174: #2 Ed Ruth PSU dec. Matt Brown PSU, 6-3  
 184: #5 Quentin Wright PSU dec. #4 Steve Bosak COR, 10-3  
 197: #19 Brent Haynes MIZ inj. def. #1 Cam Simaz COR  
 285: #7 Tony Nelson MINN dec. #4 Clayton Jack ORE ST, 2-0

#### TOP FIVE TEAM STANDINGS:

1:	PENN STATE – 191.5
2:	Minnesota – 177.5
3:	Missouri – 136.0
4:	Cornell – 130.0
5:	Oregon State – 103.0

The Penn State Nittany Lion wrestling team, ranked No. 5 nationally, stormed through the finals of the 2012 Southern Scuffle, crowning four champions and winning the team title over No. 3 Minnesota by 14 points. Penn State won the title with 191.5 points while Minnesota was second with 177.5. The Nittany Lions entered day two with a slim 7.5 point lead over the gophers and used a superb 6-3 run in the semifinals and a 4-2 showing in the finals to claim the crown. The morning's semifinal fireworks led way to Penn State crowning four individual champions and getting the tournament's Outstanding Wrestler Award, given to All-American David Taylor (St. Paris, Ohio) for his 165-pound title. Joining Taylor as titlists were All-American Frank Molinaro (Barnegat, N.J.) at 149, All-American Ed Ruth (Harrisburg, Pa.) at 174 and All-American Quentin Wright (Wingate, Pa.) at 184.

In the morning's semifinals, Penn State sent nine grapplers into action at seven weights and came away with six finalists in five weights. Three-time All-American Molinaro, ranked No. 1 at 149, downed No. 20 Scott Sakaguchi of Oregon State 4-0; No. 10 Dylan Alton (Mill Hall, Pa.) beat Corey Mock of North Carolina 4-1 at 157; teammate James Vollrath (Richboro, Pa.) dropped a tough 6-0 decision to No. 1 Kyle Dake of Cornell at 157; Taylor, ranked No. 1 at 165, downed No. 20 Kyle Blevins to the tune of a 12-3 major; Ruth, ranked No. 2 at 174, majored Patrick Wright of Illinois 10-1; teammate Matt Brown (West Valley City, Utah) downed No. 11 Logan Storley in the other semifinal at 174, 7-5, to set up a meeting with teammate Ruth in the finals; Wright, ranked No. 5 at 184, beat No. 15 Luke Rebertus of Navy 7-3; true freshman Morgan McIntosh (Santa Ana, Calif.), ranked No. 11 at 197, lost 12-5 to No. 1 Cam Simaz of Cornell; and senior Cameron Wade (Twinsburg, Ohio), ranked No. 8 at 258, lost a close 4-3 decision to No. 4 Clayton Jack of Oregon State.

The blistering run through the semifinals set up five championship finals matches featuring six Nittany Lions. For Penn State the championship finals began at 149 where No. 1 Molinaro met No. 11 Dylan Ness of Minnesota. Molinaro scored big for Penn State with a dominating 9-1 major over Ness. Molinaro won his first Scuffle title with a 5-0 mark with two techs and a major. Red-shirt freshman Alton, ranked No. 10, met No. 1 Kyle Dake of Cornell in the finals at 157. Alton battled the two-time NCAA champ tough before dropping a 3-0 decision to take second place in his first Scuffle. Alton went 4-1 with two pins and a major. Top-ranked Taylor took on No. 10 Cody Yohn of Minnesota in the finals at 165. Already owning a tech fall over the 10th-ranked Gopher, Taylor did it one better this time with a team-title clinching pin in the first period (2:36). Taylor, who claimed his second Scuffle crown, went 5-0 with three pins, a tech and a major. At 174, the all-Penn State final pitted No. 2 Ruth against teammate Brown. In a spirited battle, Ruth downed his talented teammate, posting a 6-3 decision. Ruth's win gave him his second straight Scuffle title and he went 6-0 with three pins, a tech and a major. Brown ended an outstanding tournament with a 4-1 mark, including wins over the No. 7 and No. 11-ranked wrestlers. No. 5 Wright met No. 4 Steve Bosak of Cornell in the title bout at 184 and put the exclamation point on the team title by dominating the fourth-ranked Bosak to the tune of a 10-3 win. Wright claimed his first Scuffle title with the victory as he went 5-0 with three pins.

Penn State had 11-place winners at the event. True freshman Nico Megaludis (Murrysville, Pa.) opened up the day in consolation action at 125 and rolled three straight wins to advance to the third place bout at 125. Megaludis downed No. 7 Matt Snyder of Virginia in the conso semis to advance to the bronze medal bout. In the third place bout, the Lion freshman lost another close decision to No. 7 Perrelli of Cornell, this one by a 6-4 score. He ended the tournament with a 5-2 record for fourth place. Vollrath dropped a tough 3-2 (ot) decision to Chattanooga's Daniel Waddell in the conso semis before moving to the fifth place bout. Vollrath ended the tournament with a tough 4-1 loss to Mock of UNC and placed sixth with a 3-3 mark. McIntosh had a 5-4 win taken from him when a last second reversal was waved off when clock operator was asked by the official and overruled the officials call, sending him to a 4-3 loss to No. 4 Matt Powless of Indiana. He then lost in the fifth place bout and ended the day with a 3-3 mark and with a sixth place finish. Wade rebounded from his close loss to Jack by picking up a key pin at the 1:34 mark over No. 5 Jeremy Johnson of Ohio in the conso semis. He finished the day an upset loss in the third place match and went 4-2 to take fourth place. Red-shirt freshman Jon Gingrich (Wingate, Pa.) was in the heavyweight consolation bracket for Penn State and won his first match, clinching a place. Gingrich ended the day with two losses in consolations but still took eighth place with a 4-3 record.

Junior Bryan Pearsall (Litzitz, Pa.) was in action in consolations at 141 and dropped his first match of the day to No. 15 Michael Nevinger of Cornell. The loss eliminated Pearsall with a 3-2 mark. On day one, Penn State had three wrestlers eliminated but still picked up important wins from them. Red-shirt freshman Seth Beitz (Juniata, Pa.) had a solid showing at 141, going 3-2 before being eliminated. Junior Nick Fischer (Unionville, Pa.) posted a 2-2 mark at 165 before being eliminated. At 133, Nittany Lion junior Derek Reber (Lewisburg, Pa.) went 0-2 one day one. Penn State posted a superb 56-23 overall mark among its 15 wrestlers, collecting 18 pins, nine tech falls and 11 majors along the way. 38 of Penn State's 56 wins were of the bonus point variety.

Penn State's 125 agate:  
 #13 Nico Megaludis:  
 1st Round: W, 18-3 TF Richard Alarcon, The Citadel (4:58)  
 2nd Round: W, 19-7 maj. dec. David White, Army  
 Qtrs: L, 3-9 dec. #7 Frank Perrelli, Cornell  
 Cn. 4: W, 18-2 TF Pat Rollins, Oregon State (TF; 6:17)  
 Cn Qtrs: W, 5-2 dec. Bricker Dixon, Cornell  
 Cn. Semis: W, 4-1 dec. #9 Matt Snyder, Virginia  
 3rd Place: L, 4-6 dec. #7 Frank Perrelli, Cornell  
 Went 5-2, fourth place

Penn State's 133 agate:  
 Derek Reber:  
 1st Round: L, 3-4 dec. Jordan O'Donnell, Virginia Tech  
 Cn. 1: bye  
 Cn. 2: L, 3-5 dec. Nikkolas Pena, Cornell  
 Went 0-2, did not place

Penn State's 141 agate:  
 Bryan Pearsall:  
 1st Round: WBF Jimmy Nehls, UA-Virginia (1:06)  
 2nd Round: L, 4-6 (sv) dec. Darius Little, North Carolina State  
 Cn. 2: W, 3-1 dec. Undrakhb Khishigayam, UA-The Citadel  
 Cn. 3: W, 17-1 TF Chris Mullin, Duke (6:37)  
 Cn. 4: L, 0-17 TF #15 Michael Nevinger, Cornell (6:36)  
 Went 3-2, did not place

Seth Beitz:  
 Pigtail: W, 12-3 maj. dec. Jordan Tolbert, Campbell  
 1st Round: L, 1-6 dec. Casey Smith, Army  
 Cn. 1: bye  
 Cn. 2: W, 5-4 dec. Jordan Dix, The Citadel  
 Cn. 3: W, 10-8 (sv) Raymond Borja, Navy  
 Cn. 4: L, 1-2 dec. Matt Ortega, Indiana  
 Went 3-2, did not place

Penn State's 149 agate:  
 #1 Frank Molinaro:  
 1st Round: W, 16-0 TF Samuel McCauley, UA-The Citadel (3:28) (Career Win 100)  
 2nd Round: W, 9-3 dec. Chris Villalonga, Cornell  
 Qtrs: W, 16-0 TF Dean Pavlou, Chattanooga (3:25)  
 Semis: W, 4-0 dec. #20 Scott Sakaguchi, Oregon State  
 Finals: W, 9-1 maj. dec. #11 Dylan Ness, Minnesota  
 Went 5-0, 1st place

Penn State's 157 agate:  
 #10 Dylan Alton:  
 1st Round: WBF Tanner Hirstine, Virginia (3:51)  
 2nd Round: WBF Harrison Hightower, Ohio (0:47)  
 Qtrs: W, 13-2 maj. dec. Matt Stephens, Virginia Tech  
 Semis: W, 4-1 dec. Corey Mock, North Carolina  
 Finals: L, 0-3 dec. #1 Kyle Dake, Cornell  
 Went 4-1, 2nd place

James Vollrath:  
 1st Round: W, 10-5 dec. William Powell, Appalachian State  
 2nd Round: W, 11-3 maj. dec. Chad Strube, Virginia Tech  
 Qtrs: W, 5-4 dec. #20 Drake Houdashelt, Missouri  
 Semis: L, 0-6 dec. #1 Kyle Dake, Cornell  
 Cn. Semis: L, 2-3 (ot) dec. Daniel Waddell, Chattanooga  
 5th Place: L, 1-4 dec. Corey Mock, North Carolina  
 Went 3-3, 6th place

Penn State's 165 agate:  
 #1 David Taylor:  
 1st Round: WBF Justin Guthrie, UA-Gardner Webb (1:54)  
 2nd Round: W, 21-6 TF Tristan Warner, Old Dominion (7:00)  
 Qtrs: WBF John Staudenmayer, UA-North Carolina (2:13)  
 Semis: W, 12-3 maj. dec. #20 Kyle Blevins, Appalachian State  
 Finals: WBF dec. #11 Cody Yohn, Minnesota (2:34)  
 Went 5-0, 1st place

Nick Fischer:  
 Pigtail: W, 11-2 maj. dec. Nijel Jones, N.C. State  
 1st Round: L, 4-8 dec. Jordan Gagliano, Missouri  
 Cn. 1: Bye  
 Cn. 2: W, 5-2 dec. Kenneth Radford, UA-The Citadel  
 Cn. 3: L, 5-11 dec. Ryan Kreeker, Campbell  
 Went 2-2, did not place

Penn State's 174 agate:  
 #2 Ed Ruth:  
 Pigtail: W, 16-1 TF William Coggins, Virginia (3:33)  
 1st Round: WBF Cody Walters, UA-Ohio (1:22)  
 2nd Round: WBF Levi Clemmons, Chattanooga (3:11)  
 Qtrs: WBF William George, Cornell (1:05)  
 Semis: W, 10-1 maj. dec. Patrick Wright, Missouri  
 Finals: W, 6-3 dec. Matt Brown, Penn State  
 Went 6-0, 1st place

Matt Brown:  
 1st Round: WBF Aric Thurn, Cleveland State (4:56)  
 2nd Round: WBF Michael Alexander, Cornell (3:20)  
 Qtrs: W, 6-3 dec. #7 Dorian Henderson, Missouri  
 Semis: W, 7-5 dec. #11 Logan Storley, Minnesota  
 Finals: L, 3-6 dec. #2 Ed Ruth, Penn State  
 Went 4-1, 2nd place

Penn State's 184 agate:  
 #5 Quentin Wright:  
 1st Round: WBF Jesse Johnson, Appalachian State (5:13)  
 2nd Round: WBF Angelo Malvestro, Virginia Tech (6:51)  
 Qtrs: WBF #17 Mike Larson, Missouri (1:12)  
 Semis: W, 7-3 dec. #15 Luke Rebertus, Navy  
 Finals: W, 10-3 dec. #4 Steve Bosak, Cornell  
 Went 5-0, 1st place

Penn State's 197 agate:  
 #11 Morgan McIntosh:  
 1st Round: WBF Paul Weiss, Appalachian State (4:03)  
 2nd Round: WBF Zach Bennett, North Carolina (6:39)  
 Qtrs: W, 13-8 dec. Paul Rands, Navy  
 Semis: L, 5-12 dec. #1 Cam Simaz, Cornell  
 Cn. Semis: L, 3-4 dec. #4 Matt Powless, Indiana  
 5th Place: L, 6-11 dec. Scott Schiller, Minnesota  
 Went 3-3, 6th place

Penn State's 285 agate:  
 #8 Cameron Wade:  
 1st Round: W, 17-2 TF Brock Durfee, Appalachian State (5:20)  
 2nd Round: W, 15-0 TF Bobby Lavelle, UA-Virginia Tech (3:36)  
 Qtrs: WBF Andy Harshorn, Ohio (2:13)  
 Semis: L, 3-4 dec. #4 Clayton Jack, Oregon State  
 Cn. Semis: WBF #5 Jeremy Johnson, Ohio (1:34)  
 3rd Place: L, 3-7 dec. Chad Hanke, UA-Oregon State  
 Went 4-2, fourth place

Jon Gingrich:  
 1st Round: W, 9-1 maj. dec. Bradley Rogers, Chattanooga  
 2nd Round: L, 3-5 dec. Paul Snyder, Hofstra  
 Cn. 2: W, 15-1 maj. dec. Brock Durfee, Appalachian State  
 Cn. 3: W, 10-2 maj. dec. Devon Mellon, Missouri  
 Cn. 4: W, 4-0 dec. Maciej Jochym, Cornell  
 Cn. Qtrs: L, 2-5 dec. Andy Harshorn, Ohio  
 7th Place: L, 4-8 dec. Adam Chalfant, UA-Indiana  
 Went 4-3, eighth place



## #4 PENN STATE 36, MICHIGAN STATE 6 Sunday, Jan. 8, 2012 -- Kellog Arena -- Battle Creek, Mich.

<b>285: #6 Cameron Wade PSU</b> dec. Steve Andrus, 8-3	3-0
<b>125: Eric Olanowski MSU DQ over #10 Nico Megaludis PSU</b> <i>(Illegal Throw, Megaludis up 8-3 early in second period, 3:45)</i>	3-6
<b>133: Frank Martellotti PSU</b> dec. Brandon Fifield MSU, 7-5	6-6
<b>141: Bryan Pearsall PSU</b> pinned Brian Gibbs MSU, WBF (4:21)	12-6
<b>149: #1 Frank Molinaro PSU</b> dec. #18 Dan Osterman MSU, 9-3	15-6
<b>157: #9 Dylan Alton PSU</b> dec. #14 Anthony Jones MSU, 1-0	18-6
<b>165: #1 David Taylor PSU</b> maj. dec. David Cheza MSU, 13-5	22-6
<b>174: #2 Ed Ruth PSU</b> tech fall Curran Jacobs MSU, 17-2 (TF; 6:33)	27-6
<b>184: #3 Quentin Wright PSU</b> pinned John Rizqallah MSU, WBF (5:52)	33-6
<b>197: #13 Morgan McIntosh PSU</b> dec. Nick McDiarmid MSU, 7-5	36-6

Attendance: 3,000

The fourth-ranked Penn State wrestling team dominated host Michigan State to pick up a 36-6 Big Ten road win. The dual, wrestled in front of a packed house at Kellog Arena in Battle Creek, Mich., saw Penn State win nine of ten bouts, losing only once on an illegal throw disqualification.

The dual began at heavyweight, where Nittany Lion senior Cameron Wade (Twinsburg, Ohio), ranked No. 6 nationally, gave Penn State a 3-0 lead with an 8-3 decision over Steve Andrus. Nittany Lion freshman Nico Megaludis (Murrysville, Pa.), ranked No. 10 at 125, was crushing Spartan senior Eric Olanowski 8-3 early in the second period before being called for an illegal hold and, when Olanowski could not continue, lost the match on a disqualification, giving MSU a 6-3 lead. Lion sophomore Frank Martellotti (Pittsburgh, Pa.) made his 133-pound dual debut with a 7-5 win over Brandon Fifield to tie the dual and then Bryan Pearsall (Lititz, Pa.) put Penn State on top for good by pinning Brian Gibbs at the 4:21 mark.

No. 1 Frank Molinaro (Barnegat, N.J.) handled No. 18 Dan Osterman 9-3 at 149 to put Penn State up 15-6. With the win, Molinaro moved into 18th place on Penn State's all-time victories list (105) and into 17th on Penn State's all-time dual meet victory list (47). Freshman Dylan Alton (Mill Hall, Pa.), ranked No. 9 at 157, then downed No. 14 Anthony Jones 1-0 to put the Nittany Lions up 18-6. Top-ranked David Taylor (St. Paris, Ohio) then majored David Cheza 13-5 at 165.

Second-ranked Ed Ruth (Harrisburg, Pa.) dominated Michigan State's Curran Jacobs, posting a second period technical fall at the 6:33 mark, getting the 17-2 win. Third-ranked Quentin Wright (Wingate, Pa.) then fought off an early struggle to pin Michigan State's John Rizqallah at the 5:52 mark to put Penn State up 33-6. True freshman Morgan McIntosh (Santa Ana, Calif.), ranked No. 13 at 197, closed out the dominating performance with a 7-5 win to give Penn State the 36-6 victory.

### BOUT-BY-BOUT:

**285:** Senior Cameron Wade (Twinsburg, Ohio), ranked No. 6 at heavyweight, battled Spartan Steve Andrus. Wade set the tempo early, taking a couple shots out of the gate, looking to take control early. Wade got in on a low single at the 1:46 mark and taking a 2-0 lead at the 1:29 mark. The Lion senior then began working for a chance to turn Andrus for back points. Wade finished off the tilt for three near fall points at the :15 mark and led 5-0 at the end of the first period. Wade chose down to start the second period and quickly escaped to a 6-0 lead. The duo then battled evenly for the rest of the period, allowing Wade to hold that lead heading into the third period. Andrus chose neutral to start the second period, Wade shot low and Andrus countered for a quick takedown to cut the lead to 7-2 after a Wade escape. Wade got called for a stall warning at the :35 mark and then another at the :12 mark, giving Andrus a third point. Wade got the riding time point at the match's end and claimed a hard-fought 8-3 win.

**125:** True freshman Nico Megaludis (Murrysville, Pa.), ranked No. 10 nationally at 125, took on Michigan State senior Eric Olanowski. The Lion freshman took the senior down at the 2:02 mark with a low single for an early 2-1 lead. Megaludis notched his second takedown at the 1:10 mark, cut the Spartan loose and led 4-2 at the 1:10 mark. The Nittany Lion freshman countered an Olanowski shot at the :25 mark, worked his way around him for a third takedown and then rode him out to lead 6-2 after one period. Megaludis chose neutral to start the second stanza, shot low off the whistle and quickly added another takedown and cut to lead 8-3 at the 1:40 mark. But Megaludis was quickly called for an illegal throw. Olanowski did not continue to wrestle and Megaludis lost via a disqualification.

**133:** Sophomore Frank Martellotti (Pittsburgh, Pa.) made his season dual meet debut against the Spartans and took on Brandon Fifield. Fifield got an early takedown and rode the Lion sophomore for over a minute before the Nittany Lion escaped to a 2-1 deficit. Fifield immediately got in on another single, but this time Martellotti scrambled behind the Spartan for a takedown and led 3-2. With a one point lead after one, Martellotti chose down to start the second period, quickly scrambled into a position to reverse Fifield but could not get the call before a stalemate call at the :30 mark. On the reset, Martellotti did reverse Fifield to lead 5-3 after a Fifield escape. Martellotti held that lead after two periods and Fifield chose down to start the third period. The Nittany Lion sophomore was strong on top to start the third, working off a minute's time before Fifield reversed him to tie the bout at 5-5. Martellotti escaped and then fought off a late Spartan shot and, with 1:10 riding time, posted a 7-5 win.

**141:** Junior Bryan Pearsall (Lititz, Pa.) took to the mat at 141 for Penn State and met MSU freshman Brian Gibbs. Pearsall got on the board at the 1:39 mark, countering a Gibbs shot for a takedown and a 2-0 lead. The Nittany Lion junior then put together a strong ride, controlling Gibbs and turning him for three near fall points at the buzzer to lead 5-0 after one. Gibbs chose neutral to start the second stanza but Pearsall quickly took the Spartan down, turned him for two back points and led 9-0 at the 1:22 mark. Pearsall locked up a far side cradle and worked his way into a chance for a fall, getting the pin at the 4:21 mark.

**149:** Top-ranked Nittany Lion Frank Molinaro (Barnegat, N.J.) faced off against Michigan State's Dan Osterman, who was ranked No. 18, at 149. Osterman energized the packed Spartan crowd with an early takedown to lead 2-0 out of the gate. Molinaro quickly escaped, only to see Osterman pressure the Lion senior into another near takedown. Molinaro was able to fight off that move and then, on a reset, used a fierce double leg to take Osterman down and lead 3-2 at the 1:30 mark. The three-time All-American then controlled the action from top, building up over 1:00 in riding time on his way to a ride out. Leading 3-2 with 1:31 in riding time, Molinaro chose down and quickly escaped to a 4-2 lead. Molinaro turned a head outside single into another takedown and a 6-2 lead at the :38 mark. Osterman chose neutral to start the third period. With the riding time point clinched, Molinaro needed just one more takedown to secure a major and picked it up at the :45 mark to lead 8-3 after a takedown and a cut. But it was Osterman who nearly scored at the buzzer with Molinaro holding off the effort and posting the 9-3 win.

**157:** Red-shirt freshman Dylan Alton (Mill Hall, Pa.), ranked No. 9 at 157, met Michigan State senior Anthony Jones, ranked No. 14, in one of the dual's most anticipated bouts. The ranked duo battled through the first half of the opening period evenly. Jones tried to score off a throw at the 1:20 mark but Alton was able to roll out of trouble and force a reset with the bout still scoreless. After a scoreless first period, Jones chose neutral to start the

second stanza. As in the first period, neither man could find a chance to work their offense in the second period and the bout went to the third scoreless. Alton took down to start the third and quickly escaped to a 1-0 lead. Alton pressured the senior Jones for the entire third period with Jones backing away and playing the edge of the mat. Alton fought off one Jones shot at the :17 mark and then escaped with a 1-0 win.

**165:** Top-ranked Lion sophomore David Taylor (St. Paris, Ohio) face off against MSU senior David Cheza at 165. Taylor took a 2-0 lead with a quick takedown but was reversed by Cheza at the 1:50 mark for a 2-2 tie. Taylor quickly escaped, got in on a single leg and pulled Cheza back onto the mat and got the takedown to lead 5-2 at the :49 mark. The Lion sophomore then rode Cheza out to lead 5-2 after one period. Taylor took down to start the second period and quickly escaped to a 6-2 lead. Another low single for Taylor gave the Nittany Lion an 8-2 lead at the 1:10 mark. He then turned Cheza for two back points and led 10-2 at the :45 mark but Cheza notched his second reversal to cut Taylor's lead to 10-4 at the :08 mark. Cheza took neutral to start the third period only to be quickly taken down by Taylor, giving the Lion a 12-4 lead with well over 1:00 in riding time. After clinching the riding time point, Taylor continued to build the riding time edge before Cheza escaped at the :23 mark. With the riding time point, Taylor posted the 13-5 major decision.

**174:** Second-ranked Penn State sophomore Ed Ruth (Harrisburg, Pa.) met MSU senior Curran Jacobs at 174. Ruth was relentless from the start, forcing Jacobs into a stall warning less than a minute into the bout. He then took Jacobs down at the 2:09 mark to open up an early lead. He then spent the next minute-plus looking to turn Jacobs for back points. He picked up two near fall points and the :25 mark and led 4-0 with 2:09 in riding time after one. Ruth took down to start the second stanza and quickly escaped to a 5-0 lead. The Lion All-American then turned a head lock into a pinning opportunity, getting the takedown and three back points to lead 10-0 at the 1:06 mark. Another dominating ride by Ruth led to a stall point for the Nittany Lion and an 11-0 lead after two periods. Jacobs took neutral to start the third period, but Ruth quickly gained control of the action, working his way around the Spartan for another takedown and a 13-1 lead after a quick Jacobs escape. Another Ruth takedown and cut at the :45 mark gave Ruth a chance for a technical fall. The Lion added the last takedown to post the 17-2 tech fall at the 6:33 mark.

**184:** Third-ranked junior Quentin Wright (Wingate, Pa.) took to the mat against Spartan John Rizqallah at 184. Wright dominated the action from the start, picking up a quick takedown and then turning Rizqallah for three near fall points to lead 5-0. Rizqallah escaped and countered Wright's next shot for his own takedown, cutting the lead to 5-3 at the :55 mark. He then nearly ended the bout with a pin of Wright, turning the Nittany Lion All-American for three back points to lead 6-5. Wright escaped at the :14 mark to tie the score at 6-6 after the opening period. Wright chose down to start the second period and quickly escaped to a 7-6 lead. He added to his lead with a nice double leg on the edge of the mat to lead 9-6 with :32 left in the middle stanza. Trailing 9-6, Rizqallah chose top to start the third period. Wright quickly reversed Rizqallah, turned him to his back for two near fall points and reset himself with a 13-6 lead. The defending national champion then turned Rizqallah to his back and, after a brief struggle, pinned the Spartan at the 5:52 mark.

**197:** True freshman Morgan McIntosh (Santa Ana, Calif.), ranked No. 13 at 197, met MSU's Nick McDiarmid. The Nittany Lion freshman picked up the bout's first takedown at the 1:49 mark, moving out to a 2-0 lead with 1:43 on the clock. McDiarmid escaped after a brief McIntosh ride and action resumed in the center circle with the Nittany Lion up by one. McDiarmid countered a McIntosh shot to lead 3-2 as the period wound down and rode McIntosh out to lead 3-2 after one period. McIntosh chose down to start the second stanza and, after a brief McDiarmid ride, reversed the Spartan to retake the lead, 4-3. McIntosh was called for locked hands while riding McDiarmid out and the match went to the third tied 4-4. McDiarmid chose down to start the final period and quickly escaped to a 5-4 lead. McIntosh turned a swift low single into a takedown in front of the MSU bench to take a 6-5 lead at the :45 mark. McIntosh maintained control long enough to build up over a minute's riding time. He then rode McDiarmid out and, with the riding time point, posted the 7-5 win.

### #3 PENN STATE 38, #17 NORTHWESTERN 3 Friday, Jan. 13, 2012 -- Evanston, Ill.

<b>125: #10 Nico Megaludis PSU</b> dec. #7 Levin Mele NU, 7-3	3-0
<b>133: Frank Martellotti PSU</b> dec. Jameson Oster NU, 10-4	6-0
<b>141: Bryan Pearsall PSU</b> inj. def. Colin Shober NU (Inj. Def.; 3:18)	12-0
<i>Pearsall leading 4-2 at the time of injury default</i>	
<b>149: #1 Frank Molinaro PSU</b> maj. dec. Kaleb Friedley NU, 10-0	16-0
157: #3 Jason Welch NU dec. #9 Dylan Alton PSU, 2-1	16-3
<b>165: #1 David Taylor PSU</b> tech fall Pierce Harger NU, 20-5 (TF; 7:00)	21-3
<b>174: #2 Ed Ruth PSU</b> tech fall #9 Lee Munster NU, 18-3 (TF; 5:37)	26-3
<b>184: #2 Quentin Wright PSU</b> pinned Marcus Shrewsbury NU (WBF; 2:41)	32-3
<b>197: #12 Morgan McIntosh PSU</b> dec. John Schoen NU, 6-4	35-3
<b>285: #6 Cameron Wade PSU</b> dec. #19 Mike McMullan NU, 6-3	38-3
Attendance: 719	

No. 3 Penn State continued a lengthy January road trip with a 38-3 win at No. 17 Northwestern on Friday night. The Nittany Lions got a key win out of the gates from true freshman Nico Megaludis (Murrysville, Pa.) at 125 and rolled to nine wins in ten bouts.

Megaludis, ranked No. 10 at 125, got Penn State off to a fast start, posting a convincing 7-3 win over No. 7 Levi Mele in the dual's opening bout. Sophomore Frank Martellotti (Pittsburgh, Pa.) followed that up with a sound 10-4 win over Jameson Oster at 133 and the Nittany Lions quickly bolted out to a 6-0 lead. Junior Bryan Pearsall (Lititz, Pa.) was leading Colin Shober 4-2 at 141 in the second period when Shober was forced to take an injury default, giving Pearsall the win at the 3:18 mark and putting the Lions up 12-0. No. 1 Frank Molinaro (Barnegat, N.J.) then posted a dominating 10-0 major decision over Kaleb Friedley at 149. The All-American's major put Penn State up 16-0. In one of the dual's marquee match-ups, Nittany Lion freshman Dylan Alton (Mill Hall, Pa.) faced off against No. 3 Jason Welch of Northwestern at 157. Alton gave the undefeated Wildcat all he could handle before dropping a 2-1 decision on riding time. Penn State led 16-3 at intermission.

Top-ranked David Taylor (St. Paris, Ohio) continued Penn State's roll with a 20-5 technical fall over Pierce Harger at 165. The All-American got the tech at the 7:00 mark with 4:45 in riding time. Second-ranked Ed Ruth (Harrisburg, Pa.) then posted perhaps the night's most dominating win, posting an 18-3 technical fall over No. 9 Lee Munster at 174. The All-American got the tech at the 5:37 mark. All-American Quentin Wright (Wingate, Pa.), also ranked No. 2, pinned NU's Marcus Shrewsbury at the 2:41 mark in the first period before Nittany Lion true freshman Morgan McIntosh (Santa Ana, Calif.), ranked No. 12 at 197, downed Wildcat senior John Schoen 6-4. Senior Cameron Wade (Twinsburg, Ohio), ranked No. 6 at heavyweight, closed out the 38-3 win with a sound 6-3 victory over No. 19 Mike McMullan.

Penn State improves to 6-1 overall, 2-1 in the Big Ten with the win. Northwestern falls to 5-2, 1-2 in the conference. The Nittany Lions owned the takedown battle as well, posting a 22-4 advantage. Penn State notched 11 bonus points off an injury default, a pin, two tech falls and a major.

#### BOUT-BY-BOU:

125: True freshman Nico Megaludis (Murrysville, Pa.), ranked No. 10 at 125, met No. 7 Levi Mele in one of the dual's most anticipated match-ups. Mele gained control of Megaludis' head early but the Lion freshman worked out of trouble and shot low for a quick takedown attempt of his own. But Mele scrambled out of trouble twice and forced a stalemate at the 1:55 mark, still scoreless. Another low single by Megaludis off the reset gave the Lion a 2-1 lead at the 1:41 mark after a quick Mele escape. Megaludis got in on another low single with a quick shot off the reset, forcing a scramble in the center circle. But Mele once again forced a stalemate with Megaludis up 2-1 at the :32 mark. Megaludis forced Mele into a stall warning and then notched a takedown at the buzzer to lead 4-1 after one. Mele chose down to start the second stanza and escaped to a 4-2 deficit at the 1:36 mark. Nico used another low ankle pick for his third takedown off a reset and led 6-2 at the midway point of the second stanza. A Mele escape at the :52 mark cut into that lead, but Megaludis continued to connect on low singles. Mele forced a stalemate on a potentially dangerous hold and action resumed with Megaludis up 6-3 at the :27 mark. Megaludis chose down on the reset but Mele was able to ride the Lion freshman out to end the period. Megaludis chose down to start the third period and steadily worked his way to an escape and a 7-3 lead at the 1:38 mark. Mele got in on his first real scoring attempt off a reset at the 1:10 mark, but Megaludis was able to force a scramble that worked the clock down to the :30 mark before the reset. The Lion freshman then used a low double to force Mele into defense for the rest of the bout and the Lion posted the 7-3 win.

133: Sophomore Frank Martellotti (Pittsburgh, Pa.) faced off against Wildcat Jameson Oster at 133. Martellotti notched the first takedown by using a single leg to pull Oster onto the mat, finishing off the move at the 2:19 mark. The Lion sophomore then put together a strong ride, maintaining control of Oster for over a minute while forcing the Wildcat into a first stall warning. Martellotti tried to turn Oster for back points, got caught and reversed as time wound down, then immediately reversed the Wildcat for his own two points and then nearly pinned him at the buzzer. The five point flurry gave him a 7-2 lead after one period. Martellotti chose down to start the second stanza but could not break free of a solid Oster ride. Oster worked off Martellotti's riding time advantage first and then finished off the ride out. Trailing 7-2, Oster chose down to start the third period and escaped to a 7-3 deficit at the 1:18 mark. The duo battled evenly until Martellotti gained control of Oster's body and tossed him to the mat for another takedown and, with the riding time point, notch a 10-4 win (Oster escaped late).

141: Junior Bryan Pearsall (Lititz, Pa.) went to battle at 141 against NU' Colin Shober. Shober had the first scoring chance of the bout but Pearsall was able to fight off the move and force a stalemate at the 1:59 mark. The tandem battled through the next minute-plus looking for an opening to score with each man's defense equal to the task. But Shober broke into the scoring column, rolling Pearsall to the mat for a takedown at the :23 mark to lead 2-0. Pearsall spun out of Shober's control at the buzzer and was awarded an escape to trail by one after the opening stanza. Pearsall chose down to start the second stanza and quickly escaped to a 2-2 tie. He then got in on a single leg, took Shober down and the Wildcat was unable to continue due to an injury. The injury default win for Pearsall came at the 3:18 mark.

149: No. 1 Frank Molinaro (Barnegat, N.J.) put his undefeated record on the line against Northwestern's Kaleb Friedley at 149. Molinaro gained control of the match quickly with an early takedown, tacking on a solid ride to build up over 2:00 riding time while looking for a chance to turn the Wildcat to his back. Friedley was able to hold off on giving up any back points, but the ride out gave Molinaro a 2-0 lead with 2:15 in riding time after one. Molinaro chose down to start the second period and Friedley worked off a minute's worth of time before Molinaro rolled through Friedley's control for a reversal and a 4-0 lead at the :58 mark. The Nittany Lion All-American maintained control of the Wildcat for the rest of the period to lead 4-0 with 2:17 in riding time heading into the third period. Friedley chose down to start the third period but this time Molinaro was able to turn the Wildcat to his back for two near fall points and a 6-0 lead with 1:28 left to wrestle. The Lion senior then reset himself, turned Friedley to his back for three more back points and moved out to a 9-0 lead. Molinaro continued to dominate Friedley, riding the Wildcat out to post the 10-0 major with 4:17 in riding time. With the win, Molinaro moved to No. 17 on Penn State's all-time wins list (106) and 13th on its all-time dual meet victories list (48).

157: Red-shirt freshman Dylan Alton (Mill Hall, Pa.), ranked No. 9 at 157, met No. 3 Jason Welch, who carried a 13-0 mark into the bout, in another key bout. Alton quickly got in on a single leg and forced Welch into a scramble that ended with a stalemate at the 2:10 mark. Alton countered a Welch shot with 1:38 left, forcing a stalemate with the score still 0-0. The duo continued to scramble, trading quick shots for the next minute, with each man holding firm defensively. Scoreless after one period, Welch chose down to start the second stanza and quickly escaped to a 1-0 lead. Welch looked to get in on a single leg at the :50 mark, but Alton was able to push the move aside, although he picked up a first stall warning in the process. Down 1-0, Alton chose down to start the third period. Welch was able to control Alton long enough to build up a minute's worth of riding time. Alton then scrambled for a reversal but the Wildcat junior was able to maintain control of the Lion freshman until Alton escaped with just a second left. The brief 1-1 tie was short-lived as Welch had 1:55 in riding time and got the hard fought 2-1 win.

165: No. 1 David Taylor (St. Paris, Ohio) looked to continue his unbeaten start to the season against Northwestern's Pierce Harger at 165. Harger notched the first takedown of the bout, taking a 2-0 lead at the 2:22 mark with a solid high double. Taylor quickly escaped and then used his low ankle pick to take a 3-2 lead at the 1:51 mark. The Lion All-American then controlled Harger for over a minute, looking to turn him to his back for near fall points. The Lion rode Harger out to lead 3-2 with 1:37 riding time after one period. Harger chose neutral to start the second period and Taylor quickly upped his lead to 7-3 with two takedowns (cutting Harger once in the process). Taylor cut Harger loose at the :54 mark, countered a Harger shot and took him down once more to lead 9-4 with :44 left. Another Taylor cut led to a late Taylor takedown with :06 left, giving the Lion sophomore an 11-5 lead after two periods. Taylor chose down to start the middle stanza and quickly reversed Harger to lead 13-5. He added three near fall points to up his lead to 16-5 with 1:18 left. A near cradle led to three more back points and a 19-5 lead with :47 on the clock. With the riding time point clinched, Taylor rode Harger out and got the 20-5 technical fall at the 7:00 mark with 4:45 in riding time.

174: No. 2 Ed Ruth (Harrisburg, Pa.) also looked to remain unbeaten at 174 in a marquee match-up against No. 9 Lee Munster. Ruth took a quick 2-1 lead with a single leg to takedown and then nearly scored on another quick shot. Munster fought off Ruth's effort but the Lion All-American quickly took him down again at the 2:00 mark to lead 4-1. He then locked in on a cradle and picked up three near fall points to lead 7-1 with 1:30 on the clock. Two more back points gave Ruth a 9-1 lead before Munster escaped with :55 on the clock. Ruth tacked on yet another takedown with :20 left in the opening period and, with the ride out, led 11-2 after one period. Munster chose down to start the second stanza, but Ruth maintained control of the Wildcat freshman. Ruth cut Munster loose with :38 on the clock and quickly gained control of the Wildcat for another takedown in front of the Penn State bench. Ruth added two near fall points in the final seconds and carried a 15-3 lead with 3:17 riding time (clinching the point) after two. Ruth chose down to start the third period and fought off a quick Munster turn effort before escaping to a 16-3 lead. A final Ruth takedown gave the Lion a convincing 18-3 tech fall over the ninth-ranked Wildcat at the 5:37 mark.

184: No. 2 Quentin Wright (Wingate, Pa.) met Marcus Shrewsbury at 184. The defending National Champion quickly took control of the bout with two early takedowns to lead 4-1 at the midway point of the opening period. Wright then turned Shrewsbury to his back for three near fall points and a 7-1 lead with :40 left in the first period. The All-American then turned Shrewsbury to his back, adjusted, and picked up the pin at the 2:41 mark.

197: True freshman Morgan McIntosh (Santa Ana, Calif.), ranked No. 12 at 197, met Wildcat senior John Schoen. The duo battled evenly for the first half of the opening period, with neither man finding an opening to score early. McIntosh countered a Schoen shot, moved behind the Wildcat and got the bout's first takedown at the :37 mark. A quick Schoen escape halved the lead and action resumed in the center circle. Trailing by one, Schoen chose down to start the second stanza and quickly escaped to a 2-2 tie. Schoen broke the tie open with a takedown at the :40 mark, taking the 4-2 lead. McIntosh quickly escaped and trailed by one with :25 left in the middle period. McIntosh chose down to start the third period and quickly escaped to a 4-4 tie. The duo continued to battle for position for the bulk of the third period. Schoen tried to score on a high double but the Lion true freshman was able to back out of trouble, keeping the bout tied 4-4 at the :22 mark. McIntosh scrambled off a Schoen shot, powered the NU senior to the mat and got the winning takedown at the :02 mark, posting the 6-4 win.

285: Senior Cameron Wade (Twinsburg, Ohio), ranked No. 6 at heavyweight, took on No. 19 Mike McMullan. McMullan shot first, forcing Wade to counter and get a reset out of bounds. The duo then battled for position in the center circle. Wade shot low on McMullan but slipped to the mat, allowing the Wildcat to work around the Nittany Lion for a takedown and a 2-1 lead after a quick Wade escape. Wade chose top to start the second stanza, Wade turned him for two back points and McMullan escaped to a 3-3 tie, all before :20 had elapsed in the period. Wade turned a low single into a scramble and a takedown with :48 on the clock to take a 5-3 lead. The Lion senior then rode McMullan out to lead 5-3 after two periods. McMullan chose top to start the third period, looking for a chance to turn Wade. Wade got called for a stall warning at the :54 mark then escaped to a 6-3 lead with :30 left in the bout. A late scramble led to no scoring and Wade posted the 6-3 win.

### #3 PENN STATE 43, WISCONSIN 0 Sunday, Jan. 15, 2012 -- Madison, Wis.

<b>125: #10 Nico Megaludis PSU</b> pinned Austin Hietpas UW, WBF (6:05)	6-0
<b>133: Frank Martellotti PSU</b> maj. dec. Shane McQuade UW, 14-6	10-0
<b>141: Bryan Pearsall PSU</b> dec. Thomas Glenn UW, 4-2	13-0
<b>149: #1 Frank Molinaro PSU</b> maj. dec. #9 Cole Schmitt UW, 12-0	17-0
<b>157: #9 Dylan Alton PSU</b> dec. Shawn Perry UW, 11-4	20-0
<b>165: #1 David Taylor PSU</b> pinned Alex Yde UW, WBF (2:28)	26-0
<b>174: #2 Ed Ruth PSU</b> tech fall Scott Liegel UW, 17-2 (TF; 5:37)	31-0
<b>184: #2 Quentin Wright PSU</b> pinned Timmy McCall UW, WBF (6:05)	37-0
<b>197: #12 Morgan McIntosh PSU</b> dec. Jackson Hein UW, 7-3	40-0
<b>285: #6 Cameron Wade PSU</b> dec. Cole Tobin UW, 6-4	43-0

Attendance: 719

The third-ranked Penn State Nittany Lions put on a clinic against Wisconsin on Sunday in Madison, hammering the home-standing Badgers to the tune of a 43-0 shutout. The shut out marked the first time Wisconsin had been shut out in over half a century and was the first shutout for Penn State in a Big Ten dual meet.

Coming off a 38-3 dismantling of Northwestern in Evanston two days ago, Penn State continued its dominating road wrestling. True freshman Nico Megaludis (Murrysville, Pa.), ranked No. 10 at 125, once again gave Penn State a bolt of energy out of the gates, pinning Wisconsin's Austin Hietpas at the 6:05 mark. Sophomore Frank Martellotti (Pittsburgh, Pa.) followed that up with a 14-6 major decision over Shane McQuade at 133 and junior Bryan Pearsall (Lititz, Pa.) downed UW's Thomas Glenn 4-2 at 141, giving Penn State an early 13-0 lead. All-American Frank Molinaro (Barnegat, N.J.), ranked No. 1 at 149, had no trouble with No. 9 Cole Schmitt of Wisconsin, posting a 12-0 major decision. The shutout was Molinaro's second of the weekend and his tenth of the year. Red-shirt freshman Dylan Alton (Mill Hall, Pa.), ranked No. 9 at 157, closed out the first half with a solid 11-4 win over Shawn Perry, giving Penn State a 20-0 lead at intermission.

All-American David Taylor (St. Paris, Ohio), ranked No. 1 at 165, opened up the second half with a quick pin of Wisconsin's Alex Yde. Taylor got the fall at the 2:28 mark in the first period. Fellow All-American Ed Ruth (Harrisburg, Pa.), ranked No. 2 at 174, followed that pin up with a 17-2 technical fall over Scott Liegel, getting the TF at 5:37. Defending National Champion Quentin Wright (Wingate, Pa.), ranked No. 2 at 184, then pinned UW's Timmy McCall, getting the fall at the 6:05 mark. True freshman Morgan McIntosh (Santa Ana, Calif.), ranked No. 12 at 197, was then dominant in a 7-3 decision over UW's Jackson Hein. Senior Cameron Wade (Twinsburg, Ohio), ranked No. 6 at heavyweight, closed out the dual and secured the shut out with a 6-4 win over Cole Tobin, giving the Nittany Lions the 43-0 victory.

The Nittany Lions move to 7-1 on the year, 3-1 in the Big Ten. Wisconsin is now 5-5, 0-3 in the league. Penn State dominated the dual from start to finish, amassing a 31-2 takedown advantage and picking up 13 bonus points off three pins, one technical fall and two majors. The shut out of Wisconsin was the first for the Badgers since Iowa turned the trick 30-0 in 1958. It was Penn State's second shutout of the year and marks the first time Penn State notched a shutout in a Big Ten dual.

#### BOUT-BY-BOUT:

125: Nittany Lion freshman Nico Megaludis (Murrysville, Pa.), ranked No. 10 at 125, faced off against Wisconsin's Austin Hietpas. Megaludis set the tempo of the bout from the start, forcing Hietpas into defense for the bulk of the opening period. The Nittany Lion freshman took a 2-1 lead with a takedown at the 1:40 mark and then used another quick low single to a scramble and takedown to lead 4-2 with :45 on the clock. Megaludis added two more takedowns before a rideout allowed him to lead 8-3 after one period. Megaludis chose neutral to start the second period and quickly took Hietpas down. Megaludis would pile on the takedowns and lead 19-7 with nearly 2:00 riding time after two. Hietpas chose down to start the third and Megaludis worked his way to a pin at the 6:05 mark.

133: Sophomore Frank Martellotti (Pittsburgh, Pa.) met Badger junior Shane McQuade at 133. Martellotti got the bout's first takedown with a strong body lock for a 2-0 lead just :16 into action. The Lion sophomore then put together a strong ride before cutting the Badger junior loose at the 1:45 mark. McQuade caught Martellotti with a takedown and two near fall points, almost pinning the Lion sophomore. But Martellotti rolled through, quickly reversed him and then tacked on two near fall points of his own to lead 6-5 after one period. Martellotti chose down to start the second period and quickly worked his way into a position to notch a reversal. After a brief scramble, Martellotti got the two points and lead 8-5. Martellotti then maintained control of McQuade for the rest of the period, picking up a stall point during a ride out. McQuade chose neutral to start the third period turning a swift single into a takedown and an 11-5 lead at the 1:28 mark. The Lion then cut the Badger loose, looking for one more takedown to notch a major. Martellotti snared McQuade's foot on the edge of the mat, pulled him back into the circle and got the takedown at the :20 mark to take a 13-6 lead with a clinched riding time point. Needing a ride out without stalling to get the major, Martellotti was strong over the final :20 and posted the 14-6 major.

141: Penn State junior Bryan Pearsall (Lititz, Pa.) battled UW's Tommy Glenn at 141. Pearsall took a quick 2-0 lead with a takedown at the 2:43 mark. He then put together a dominating ride, building up a minute-plus in riding time while looking for a chance to turn Glenn. Pearsall got called for locked hands and led 2-1 at the 1:30 mark. He turned Glenn quickly at the reset but the Badger was able to roll through and stave off any back points. Pearsall led 2-1 after one period but had two cautions and a stall warning, while totaling 2:46 in riding time. Glenn chose neutral to start the second stanza and the duo battled evenly through the period with neither man scoring. Pearsall chose down to start the third and escaped to a 3-1 lead. With the riding time point clinched, Pearsall fought off a brief Glenn flurry and walked away with a 4-2 win.

149: In a marquee match-up at 149, top-ranked All-American Lion Frank Molinaro (Barnegat, N.J.) met No. 9 Cole Schmitt of Wisconsin. Molinaro notched the first takedown at the 1:48 mark, taking Schmitt down in front of the Penn State bench. The Lion senior then built up a solid riding time edge with a ride out and led 2-0 after one. Molinaro chose down to start the second period and quickly escaped to a 3-0 lead. Molinaro turned a single leg into a scoring opportunity at the edge of the mat but Schmitt was able to move the action out of bounds and the Lion led 3-0 after two periods with 1:45 riding time. Schmitt chose down to start the third and Molinaro quickly turned the Badger to his back for two near fall points and a 5-0 lead. Another three point near fall and the Lion was quickly up 8-0 with :45 on the clock. Molinaro added another three point near fall and, with the riding time point, posted the convincing 12-0 major.

157: Nittany Lion Dylan Alton (Mill Hall, Pa.), ranked No. 9 at 157, faced off against Shawn Perry. Alton wasted no time taking Perry down and led 2-1 at the 2:44 mark. The Lion freshman continued to set the pace, taking low singles and forcing Perry back on his heels. Alton's offensive pressure led to a second takedown at the 1:32 mark. Alton caught Perry on a reset, nearly pinning the Badger before he could roll out of trouble. Perry escaped at the :55 mark and Alton led 7-2. Leading by five, Alton chose down to start the second period and escaped to an 8-2 lead in seconds. The Lion freshman carried that six point lead into the third period where Perry chose down to begin the final stanza. Perry escaped to an 8-3 deficit and action resumed in the center circle with 1:45 on the

clock. Alton dove through a low double for another takedown to lead 10-4 after cutting Perry loose at the :20 mark. Needing one more takedown, Alton scrambled for the final score but the clock ran out, giving the Nittany Lion an 11-4 decision.

165: All-American David Taylor (St. Paris, Ohio), ranked No. 1 at 165, met Wisconsin's Alex Yde. Yde was making his Wisconsin dual meet debut and Taylor quickly scored on a series of takedowns and cuts, taking an early 6-3 lead a minute into the bout. Taylor added a fourth takedown and turned Yde to his back for three back points and an 11-4 lead. One more takedown later and Taylor was able to plant Yde to his back for a quick first period pin at the 2:28 mark.

174: All-American Ed Ruth (Harrisburg, Pa.), ranked No. 2 at 174, battled Badger Scott Liegel. Ruth started with a similar flurry, taking Liegel down twice in thirty seconds to lead 4-2 early on. Liegel was able to hold off Ruth for a bit, but the Lion added a third takedown with 1:27 on the clock to lead 6-2. Ruth continued to control Liegel for the rest of the period and led 6-2 with 1:40 in riding time after the opening period. Ruth chose down and quickly escaped to a 7-2 lead. Ruth then picked up a stall point and added another takedown to lead 10-2 at the 1:25 mark. Ruth turned Liegel to his back for two near fall points to up the margin to 12-2. Another two point turn gave Ruth a 14-2 lead heading into the third period. Liegel chose down to start the third period and Ruth first clinched the riding time point and then turned McCall to his back for three near fall points and the technical fall. The 17-2 TF came at the 5:37 mark.

184: All-American Quentin Wright (Wingate, Pa.), ranked No. 2 at 184, met UW's Timmy McCall. Wright quickly threw McCall to his back, getting a fast takedown and nearly pinning him out of the gates. But McCall was able to roll out of trouble without giving up any back points and the Lion led 2-0. Wright put together a strong ride, looking for a chance to turn the Badger to his back. McCall was able to hold off Wright's efforts but the Nittany Lion's ride out gave him a 2-0 lead with 2:30 in riding time after one period. Wright chose down to start the second stanza and quickly rolled his way to a reversal and a 4-0 lead. He then maintained control of McCall for the remainder of the period and led 4-0 with 4:02 in riding time after two periods. McCall chose neutral to start the final period and Wright made him pay for the decision, catching him in a headlock and turning him to his back for a pin at the 6:05 mark.

197: Penn State's Morgan McIntosh (Santa Ana, Calif.), ranked No. 12 at 197, took on Jackson Hein of Wisconsin. McIntosh got in on an early low single, turning it into a scramble that led to a takedown and a 3-1 lead as McIntosh picked up a penalty point for a locked hands call on Hein before the Badger escaped. McIntosh looked to score more in the first period but Hein was able to keep the bout close, 3-1, after one. The Lion freshman chose down to start the second and quickly escaped to a 4-1 lead. McIntosh forced Hein into a stall warning and then used a low single to finish off a takedown to lead 6-2 after a Hein escape with just :15 left. McIntosh led 6-2 after two periods, Hein chose down to start the third and quickly escaped and the Lion led 6-3. McIntosh continued to pressure Hein back, forcing the Badger towards the outside circle continuously. McIntosh used another single leg to nearly take Hein down again but did pick up a point off another Hein technical violation. The Lion freshman rolled to a 7-3 decision.

285: Veteran heavyweight Cameron Wade (Twinsburg, Ohio), ranked No. 6, met UW sophomore Cole Tobin. Wade set the tempo early, controlling the action high while looking for an opening to score with a single leg. Wade's pressure paid off as the Lion senior gained control of Tobin's leg, slid down for a low double for the takedown and a 2-0 lead at the :40 mark. A short rideout gave the Lion a 2-0 lead heading into the second period. Tobin chose neutral to start the second stanza and tied the bout with a takedown :30 into the middle period. Wade worked his way to an escaped and a 3-2 lead at the :25 mark. He then chose down to start the third period and quickly reversed the Badger for a 5-2 lead with 1:32 on the clock. Wade then maintained control until the :20 mark when Tobin reversed him to cut the lead to 6-4 after a Wade escape. Wade fought off a late Tobin shot and escaped with a 6-4 win.



### #3 PENN STATE 22, #2 IOWA 12 Sunday, Jan. 22, 2012 -- Rec Hall -- University Park, Pa.

<b>125:</b> #2 Matt McDonough IOWA dec. #8 Nico Megaludis PSU, 3-1 (sv)	0-3
<b>133:</b> #3 Tony Ramos IOWA pinned Frank Martellotti PSU, WBF (4:20)	0-9
<b>141:</b> #3 Montell Marion IOWA dec. Bryan Pearsall PSU, 7-3	0-12
<b>149:</b> #1 Frank Molinaro PSU dec. Mike Kelly IOWA, 11-5	3-12
<b>157:</b> #8 Dylan Alton PSU dec. Nick Moore IOWA, 5-3	6-12
<b>165:</b> #1 David Taylor PSU dec. #6 Mike Evans IOWA, 9-4	9-12
<b>174:</b> #2 Ed Ruth PSU maj. dec. #9 Ethan Lofthouse IOWA, 10-1	13-12
<b>184:</b> #2 Quentin Wright PSU dec. Vinnie Wagner IOWA, 8-2	16-12
<b>197:</b> #12 Morgan McIntosh PSU dec. Grant Gambrall IOWA, 5-3 (sv)	19-12
<b>285:</b> #6 Cameron Wade PSU dec. Blake Raising IOWA, 4-0	22-12

Attendance: 6,796

The third-ranked Penn State Nittany Lion wrestling team reeled off seven straight wins to run away from No. 2 Iowa in a marquee Big Ten dual today in sold out Rec Hall. Nearly 7,000 fans came to their feet as true freshman Morgan McIntosh (Santa Ana, Calif.) clinched the dual with a win over Iowa All-American Grant Gambrall at 197.

The bout began with a thriller at 125, where No. 2 Matt McDonough of Iowa was taken to sudden victory by talented Penn State freshman Nico Megaludis, ranked No. 8. The true freshman dropped a 3-1 (sv) decision. Iowa followed that up with a pin at 133, where No. 2 Tony Ramos pinned Lion sophomore Frank Martellotti (Pittsburgh, Pa.). The Hawkeyes were all three straight out of the gates when No. 3 Montell Marion posted a hard-fought 7-3 decision over Penn State junior Bryan Pearsall (Lititz, Pa.) at 141.

Penn State got on the scoreboard at 149 when Nittany Lion senior Frank Molinaro (Barnegat, N.J.), ranked No. 1, dominated Iowa's Mike Kelly to the tune of an 11-5 decision. The three-time All-American had over 3:00 in riding time. Red-shirt freshman Dylan Alton (Mill Hall, Pa.), ranked No. 8 at 157, followed that up with a sound 5-3 win over Iowa's Nick Moore and Penn State trailed 12-6 at the break. Nittany Lion All-American David Taylor (St. Paris, Ohio), ranked No. 1 at 165, dominated No. 6 Mike Evans of Iowa to the tune of a 9-4 decision with over 3:00 in riding time. Fellow All-American Ed Ruth (Harrisburg, Pa.), ranked No. 2 at 174, then hammered No. 9 Ethan Lofthouse, posting a dominating 10-1 major decision with 2:45 in riding time as well. Defending national champion Quentin Wright (Wingate, Pa.), ranked No. 2 at 184, posted a solid 8-2 win over Iowa's Vinnie Wagner, setting up the heroics at 197.

McIntosh, ranked No. 12 at 197, took returning Hawkeye All-American Grant Gambrall to sudden victory tied a 3-3 and then sent a packed Rec Hall into hysterics with a takedown and a 5-3 (sv) win. The win clinched the dual and then Nittany Lion senior Cameron Wade (Twinsburg, Ohio), ranked No. 6 at heavyweight, closed it out with a superb 4-0 win over Iowa's Blake Raising. While Penn State only managed one bonus point (on Ruth's major), Penn State dominated the dual by winning seven of the ten bouts and posting an 18-10 takedown advantage.

#### BOUT-BY-BOUT:

125: Penn State true freshman Nico Megaludis (Murrysville, Pa.), ranked No. 8 at 125, took on two time All-American and former national champion Matt McDonough, who entered the bout ranked No. 2. The duo battled evenly for the first minute-plus with neither man getting in on a shot to score. Megaludis countered an early McDonough headlock attempt, got in on a single leg and worked to finalize his own takedown as the period wound down. While neither man scored, the flurry allowed the match to move to the second tied 0-0. McDonough chose down to start the second period and quickly escaped to a 1-0 lead. Megaludis took a high single shot but McDonough was able to counter and pressure the Lion, looking for his first takedown. Megaludis shot again as the period wound down and McDonough countered to kill the clock. Megaludis chose down to start the second period and escaped to a 1-1 tie with :55 on the clock. With McDonough only having :45 riding time, the match moved into the final seconds tied 1-1. Megaludis fought off a late McDonough shot and sent the match to overtime. McDonough notched a takedown with just :02 left on the clock to give the second-ranked grappler a 3-1 SV win and put Iowa up 3-0 early.

133: Sophomore Frank Martellotti (Pittsburgh, Pa.) took to the mat at 133 to battle No. 3 Tony Ramos of Iowa. Ramos notched the first takedown early and led 2-1 after a quick Martellotti escape. The third-ranked Ramos added a second takedown at the :20 mark and the ride out gave the Hawkeye a 4-1 lead after one period. Ramos chose down to start the second period and quickly escaped to a 5-1 lead. Ramos then took Martellotti down again and finished off a cradle for a pin at the 4:20 mark.

141: Junior Bryan Pearsall (Lititz, Pa.) faced off against Iowa senior Montell Marion, who was ranked No. 3 at 141. Pearsall and Marion battled evenly for the first minute plus, with neither man finding an opening to score. Marion got in on a single leg at the 1:20 mark, Pearsall countered by gaining control of Marion's left leg and a stalemate was called at the 1:00 mark. Marion gained control of Pearsall's shoulder and moved behind him for a takedown and a 2-0 lead with :17 on the clock. A short ride out and Marion led by two after one. Marion chose down to start the second stanza and escaped at the 1:30 mark. Marion then countered a Pearsall shot and notched another takedown for a 5-0 lead with 1:20 left in the middle period. Pearsall escaped to a 5-1 deficit and action resumed with :50 on the clock. Marion got in on a single leg with :10 left but Pearsall was able to kill the clock and trailed 5-1 after two. Pearsall chose down to start the final period and escaped to a 5-2 deficit. Pearsall shot, was countered by Marion, but fought off the move to stay close with 1:10 left. Marion finished off a takedown with :50 left and led 7-3 after a Pearsall escape. Pearsall tried to score late but Marion was able to hold off the effort and earned a hard-fought 7-3 decision.

149: Three-time All-American Frank Molinaro (Barnegat, N.J.), ranked No. 1 at 149, met Iowa's Mike Kelly. Molinaro set the tempo early, looking for an opening to score. A high single turned into a lift and takedown with 2:17 on the clock and Molinaro led 2-0. Molinaro then put together a strong ride, building up over a minute's riding time. Kelly escaped at the :58 mark but Molinaro quickly took the Hawkeye down to lead 4-1 with :20 on the clock. A short ride-out later and the Lion led 4-1 with 1:45 riding time after one. Kelly chose down to start the second stanza but Molinaro maintained control for over a minute and led 4-2 with :40 after Kelly escaped. Leading 4-2, Molinaro chose down to start the third period and quickly escaped to a 5-2 lead. Molinaro added a quick takedown to lead 7-3 with 1:09 on the clock. Kelly gained control of Molinaro's ankle, looking for his own takedown and got it with :35 on the clock to lead 8-5 after Molinaro escaped. With the riding time point clinched, Molinaro With :15 left, Molinaro closed out the win with another takedown and posted the 11-5 decision.

157: Red-shirt freshman Dylan Alton (Mill Hall, Pa.), ranked No. 8 at 157, faced off against Iowa's Nick Moore. Alton wasted no time taking the lead, getting in on a takedown to move out to a 2-0 advantage early. Moore escaped after :29, but Alton continued to pressure the Hawkeye, looking for an opening to add to his lead. Alton continued to shoot and Moore was forced into defense for the rest of the period, allowing Alton to lead 2-1 after one. Moore chose down to start the second period and quickly escaped to a 2-2 tie. Alton shot low after the Moore escape, gained control of his waist and led 4-2 with 1:15 left in the period. Moore escaped quickly and cut Alton's lead to one. Leading 4-3, Alton chose down to start the third and quickly escaped to a 5-3 lead. The Lion freshman used a swift low single to force a scramble in the middle of the mat. Moore was able to fight off the move

and Alton continued to lead by two. Neither man would score down the stretch and Alton sent the Lions into the locker-room on a high with the 5-3 decision.

165: All-American David Taylor (St. Paris, Ohio), ranked No. 1 at 165, faced off against Iowa's Mike Evans, who entered the bout ranked No. 6. Taylor quickly gained control of the Hawkeye, using a low single to double for a 2-0 lead. The sophomore then maintained control of the Hawkeye for over a minute until he cut him loose. Taylor quickly took Evans down again and cut him quickly to a 4-2 lead. Taylor continued to shoot Evans back on his heels, but the Hawkeye stepped back for the rest of the period and trailed Taylor 4-2 after one. Taylor chose down to start the second period and deftly reversed Evans for a 6-2 lead with 1:34 on the clock. Taylor controlled the action from the top, spending the next minute-plus looking for a chance to turn the Hawkeye for back points. Evans managed to not give up near fall points and Taylor led 6-2 with nearly 3:00 riding time after two. Evans chose down to start the third and Taylor immediately cut him loose. Taylor took Evans down, forced a first stall warning and then cut him loose to an 8-4 lead with 1:00 left. Looking for a major, Taylor continued to pressure Evans off the mat. Evans defense allowed the Hawkeye to escape without giving up bonus points as Taylor posted the 9-4 win with over 2:00 riding time.

174: All-American Ed Ruth (Harrisburg, Pa.), ranked No. 2 at 174, met Hawkeye Ethan Lofthouse, who was ranked No. 9. Ruth quickly took Lofthouse down for an early 2-0 lead, cut the ninth-ranked wrestler loose and then immediately began looking for a second takedown. With the Hawkeye wrestler back on his heels, Ruth continued to pressure Lofthouse for the next two minutes. Ruth's pressure paid off as the Lion notched a second takedown with :20 on the clock and, after a short ride out, led 4-1 with :40 in riding time after the opening period. Ruth chose down to start the second stanza and steadily worked his way to an escape and a 5-1 lead. Ruth notched another takedown with :45 on the clock, upping his lead to 7-1. The sophomore then spent the rest of the period forcing Lofthouse into a stall warning with a ride out. Lofthouse chose down to start the third period and got his with a quick stall for an 8-1 Ruth lead. Ruth turned Lofthouse to his back but did not get the back point call. He did pick up another point on stalling and, with nearly 3:00 in riding time, walked away with a resounding 10-1 major decision.

184: Two-time All-American Quentin Wright (Wingate, Pa.), ranked No. 2 at 184, met Hawkeye Vinnie Wagner. Wright, like the Lions before him, set the tempo early, looking for a chance to take an early lead. Wagner got in on a single leg, but Wright was able to counter the move and nearly threw Wagner to his back for a pin. Wagner worked out of trouble and the bout resumed tied 0-0 with 1:15 left in the first period. Wright countered a Wagner shot with :15 left and took the Hawkeye down to lead 2-0 after one. Wright chose down to start the second period and quickly escaped to a 3-0 lead. Wagner got in on a high single leg and Wright once again forced a stalemate with 1:10 on the clock. Trailing 3-0, Wagner chose down to start the third period. A quick escape cut into Wright's lead but the Lion then drove through a double leg for another takedown and a 5-1 lead for the Lion junior. Wright cut Wagner at the :52 mark and then countered a Wagner shot off the reset. Wright added one more takedown and, with the riding time point, posted the 8-2 win.

197: True freshman Morgan McIntosh (Santa Ana, Calif.), ranked No. 12 at 197, met talented Hawkeye junior Grant Gambrall. McIntosh and Gambrall battled evenly for the opening minute, with McIntosh taking shots that Gambrall was able to step away from. Gambrall took a high single that led to a stalemate at the 1:15 mark and the bout moved on scoreless. McIntosh shot at the :42 mark, but Gambrall was able to counter and got a go-ahead takedown late in the period. McIntosh steadily worked his way to a reversal with :11 left to tie the bout up at 2-2 heading into the second period. McIntosh chose down to start the second period and quickly escaped to a 3-2 lead. McIntosh gained control of Gambrall's left leg, worked his way into a scoring chance but a dangerous hold call stopped the action at the :55 mark. McIntosh nearly scored at the end of the second, but time ran out. Trailing by one, Gambrall chose down to start the final period and escaped to a 3-3 tie with 1:34 on the clock. The duo battled evenly down the stretch until McIntosh got in on a low single with :35 on the clock. Gambrall was able to defend the move and force a stalemate with :09 left, keeping the bout tied. Gambrall shot low off the opening whistle in sudden victory, but McIntosh countered the move, forcing a stalemate with :35 on the clock. McIntosh countered another Gambrall shot and this time, the Lion true freshman sent nearly 7,000 into hysterics with a dual clinching takedown. The 5-3 win with just :17 left in sudden victory put Penn State up 19-12 with just one bout remaining.

285: Senior Cameron Wade (Twinsburg, Ohio), ranked No. 6 at 285, took to the mat against Iowa senior Blake Raising. Wade got the bout's first takedown at the 1:20 mark, using a swift low double to take Raising to the mat and open up an early 2-0 lead. Wade spent the remainder of the period turning Raising to his shoulder but could not get him to his back for any near fall points. Leading by two, Wade chose down to start the second stanza and quickly escaped to a 3-0 lead. Neither man scored for the remainder of the second period and Wade led by three with 1:16 in riding time heading into the final period. Raising chose neutral to start the third period. The veteran duo battled evenly for much of the period with Raising getting in deep on two low doubles that Wade was able to counter and end with stalemates. Wade held on for the 3-0 win and the Lions walked away with a 22-12 win.

## #2 PENN STATE 34, #5 OHIO STATE 9 Sunday, Jan. 29, 2012 -- Rec Hall -- University Park, Pa.

<b>125: #8 Nico Megaludis PSU</b> dec. #15 Johnni DeJulius OSU, 6-2	3-0
<b>133: #3 Logan Stieber OSU</b> pinned <b>Frank Martellotti PSU</b> , WBF (1:38)	3-6
<b>141: #6 Hunter Stieber OSU</b> dec. <b>Bryan Pearsall PSU</b> , 9-5	3-9
<b>149: #1 Frank Molinaro PSU</b> maj. dec. Alex Gordon, 12-0 (5:20 RT)	7-9
<b>157: #7 Dylan Alton PSU</b> dec. #20 Josh Demas OSU, 4-0	10-9
<b>165: #1 David Taylor PSU</b> tech fall Derek Garcia OSU, 18-3 (6:20)	15-9
<b>174: #2 Ed Ruth PSU</b> pinned #8 Nick Hefflin OSU, WBF (2:05)	21-9
<b>184: #2 Quentin Wright PSU</b> pinned Craig Thomas OSU, WBF (3:18)	27-9
<b>197: #12 Morgan McIntosh PSU</b> dec. #20 Andrew Campolattano OSU, 5-4	30-9
<b>285: #6 Cameron Wade PSU</b> maj. dec. #16 Peter Capone, 9-0	34-9

Attendance: 6,728

The Penn State Nittany Lion wrestling team followed up a win over Iowa with yet another statement victory by hammering visiting Ohio State 34-9 in a key Big Ten dual. Penn State won eight of ten bouts in front of yet another sold out Rec Hall crowd of nearly 7,000 fans, not giving up a single takedown in its eight victories over the fifth-ranked Buckeyes.

True freshman Nico Megaludis (Murrysville, Pa.), ranked No. 8 at 125, opened up the dual with a dominating 6-2 win over No. 15 Johnni DeJulius with 2:41 in riding time. Buckeye Logan Stieber, ranked No. 3 at 133, then pinned Nittany Lion sophomore Frank Martellotti (Pittsburgh, Pa.) at the 1:38 mark. At 141, Lion junior Bryan Pearsall (Litzitz, Pa.) battled No. 6 Hunter Stieber tough before dropping a 9-5 decision, giving the Buckeyes a 9-3 lead. Three-time All-American Frank Molinaro (Barnegat, N.J.), ranked No. 1 at 149, began a Penn State onslaught with a thorough dismantling of Ohio State's Alex Gordon. Molinaro posted a 12-0 major with an impressive 5:20 in riding time. Red-shirt freshman Dylan Alton (Mill Hall, Pa.) then hammered No. 20 John Demas, shutting out the ranked Buckeye 4-0 with 1:28 in riding time to give Penn State a 10-9 lead heading into the halftime break.

Coming out of the locker room, All-American David Taylor (St. Paris, Ohio), ranked No. 1 at 165, posted a devastating 18-3 tech fall over Ohio State's Derek Garcia (6:20). Keeping the Lion train rolling, All-American Ed Ruth (Harrisburg, Pa.) ranked No. 2 at 174, pinned No. 8 Nick Hefflin in the first period, getting the fall at the 2:05 mark. Defending national champion Quentin Wright (Wingate, Pa.), ranked No. 2 at 184, then pinned Buckeye Craig Thomas at the 3:18 mark for Penn State's third straight bonus point win. In a much-anticipated bout at 197, Lion true freshman Morgan McIntosh, ranked No. 12 at 197, took care of No. 20 Andrew Campolattano with a 5-4 win. Senior heavyweight Cameron Wade (Twinsburg, Ohio), ranked No. 6 at heavyweight, then took care of No. 16 Peter Capone, posting a 9-0 major with 3:00 in riding time to cap off the 34-9 win.

The Nittany Lions dominated the match from start to finish, winning eight of ten bouts, notching 10 bonus points off two pins, a tech fall and two majors, and winning the takedown war by a gaudy 16-4 margin. Penn State did not give up a single takedown in its eight victories and had five wrestlers get riding time points.

### BOU-T-BY-BOU-T:

125: True freshman Nico Megaludis (Murrysville, Pa.) met fellow true freshman Johnni DeJulius in a battle of ranked 125-pounders. Megaludis entered the bout ranked No. 8 while DeJulius was ranked No. 15. Megaludis gained control of DeJulius' right leg with a high single and steadily worked his way into a scoring position, getting the takedown for a 2-0 lead at the 1:20 mark. The true freshman then maintained control for :51 before the Buckeye escaped to a 2-1 Lion lead. DeJulius chose down to start the second period and Megaludis gained control of the Buckeyes arm, working to turn the Buckeye over for back points with an arm bar. A dangerous hold call stopped action with Megaludis still in control with over 2:00 riding time. DeJulius escaped to a 2-2 tie, but Megaludis continued to pressure the Buckeye, forcing him into defense for the rest of the period. Tied 2-2 but with 2:11 in time to his advantage, Megaludis chose down to start the third and quickly escaped to 3-2 lead. A quick low single led to another Megaludis takedown with :40 left, giving the Lion a 5-2 lead with a clinched riding time point. Megaludis then maintained control for the remainder of the match and rolled to a 6-2 win with 2:41 in riding time.

133: Nittany Lion sophomore Frank Martellotti (Pittsburgh, Pa.) took on Ohio State's Logan Stieber, who was ranked No. 3 at 133. Stieber got in on a quickly single leg and drove through for an early takedown and a 2-0 lead. He then worked his way into a pin, getting the fall over Martellotti at the 1:38 mark.

141: Penn State junior Bryan Pearsall (Litzitz, Pa.) battled Buckeye Hunter Stieber, who was ranked No. 6 at 141. Stieber scored first, using a high single to take Pearsall down for an early 2-0 lead. Stieber put together a strong ride, trying to turn Pearsall for back points before cutting him loose at the 1:38 mark with 1:04 in riding time. Another quick high single led to a second Stieber takedown and a 4-1 lead for the sixth-ranked Buckeye. Stieber then rode Pearsall out and led 4-1 with 2:11 in riding time after one period. Stieber chose down to start the second period but could not break free of a strong Pearsall ride as the Lion junior maintained control for over a minute. But the sixth-ranked sophomore worked his way into a reversal at the :50 mark to take a 6-1 lead. But Pearsall answered the reversal to cut the lead to 6-3 as the period ended. The Lion junior took down to start the third period and quickly escaped to a 6-4 deficit, but Stieber had 1:59 in riding time. Stieber took a low single and worked his way into a takedown and an 8-4 lead with a clinched riding time point at the :45 mark. Pearsall escaped to an 8-5 deficit and continued to pressure the Buckeye, looking for his takedown. Stieber held off a late Pearsall shot and posted the 9-5 decision.

149: Top-ranked Nittany Lion Frank Molinaro (Barnegat, N.J.) faced off against Alex Gordon at 149. The Lion senior pressured Gordon from the offset, forcing the Buckeye back on his heels. Molinaro connected on a head inside single to take a 2-0 lead with 1:58 left. He then turned Gordon to his back for three near fall points and a 5-0 lead. Molinaro reset himself after action moved out of bounds and maintained control of the Buckeye for the rest of the period to lead 5-0 with 2:03 in time after one. Molinaro chose down to start the second stanza and quickly escaped to a 6-0 lead. Another takedown with 1:20 left gave the Lion an 8-0 lead and another turn for two near fall points put him up 10-0. Down by ten, Gordon chose down to start the third period (Molinaro had a riding time point clinched). Molinaro spent the entire period trying to turn Gordon for more back points, picking up a stall point in the process. Molinaro posted a 12-0 win with 5:20 in riding time.

157: Red-shirt freshman Dylan Alton (Mill Hall, Pa.), ranked No. 7 at 157, met Ohio State's Josh Demas, who was ranked No. 20. Alton dove through a high double at the 1:37 mark to take a 2-0 lead, getting the takedown in front of the Buckeye bench. He then maintained control of Demas for over a minute, looking for a chance to turn his foe and forcing him into a first stall warning with :25 on the clock. Alton rode Demas out to lead by two with 1:41 in riding time after one period. Alton chose down to start the second period and quickly escaped to a 3-0 lead. The Lion continued to pressure Demas, forcing the Buckeye backwards for the rest of the period. Demas, down 3-0 and giving up 1:38 in time, chose neutral to start and Alton quickly got in on a single. Demas once again worked his way towards the outside circle and forced a reset with 1:30 on the clock. Demas took a shot at the 1:00 mark of the third period but Alton nearly turned it into a throw. With the riding time point clinched, Alton rolled on to a 4-0 win to give Penn State a 10-9 lead at the break.

165: Top-ranked Penn Stater David Taylor (St. Paris, Ohio) met OSU freshman Derek Garcia at 165. Taylor used a blazing fast low single to notch the first takedown at the 2:00 mark. Garcia got hit with a first stall warning quickly as the Buckeyes continued to belly out underneath. Taylor cut Garcia loose at the :30 mark and then worked his way for a second takedown even as Garcia worked to move out of bounds. Up 4-1 with :18 left, Taylor maintained control of the Buckeye for the ride out. Garcia chose down to start the second period and Taylor cut him loose. Garcia got in on a high single, but Taylor easily countered for his own takedown and a 6-2 lead with 1:25 on the clock. Taylor picked up a stall point before turning Garcia to his back. But the Buckeye was able to roll out of trouble without any near falls. Taylor cut Garcia loose, took him down against with :30 on the clock. A third stall gave Taylor a 10-3 lead and two near fall points put him up 12-3 after two periods. Taylor chose down to start the third period and quickly escaped to a 13-3 lead. The Lion sophomore countered another Garcia shot, took him down for a 15-3 lead, and then turned him for three near fall points and the 18-3 technical fall at the 6:20 mark.

174: Second-ranked Nittany Lion Ed Ruth (Harrisburg, Pa.) took on Ohio State's Nick Hefflin, who was ranked No. 8 at 174. Ruth shot quick out of the gates, turning a high double into a scramble on the edge of the mat. But Hefflin was able to keep from giving up the takedown and the match remained scoreless. Ruth countered a Hefflin shot and then nearly completed a cradle on the takedown. Hefflin fought to his belly and the Lion led 2-0. Ruth reset himself, worked his way into a position for a cradle and locked it up. The Lion All-American finished off the eighth-ranked Buckeye at the 2:05 mark with the pin.

184: Second-ranked Quentin Wright (Wingate, Pa.) battled Buckeye Craig Thomas at 184. Wright quickly took the Buckeye down, taking a 2-0 lead just :30 into the bout. The All-American then began working for a chance to turn Thomas, steadily breaking the Buckeye down while building up a solid riding time edge. Wright got two near fall points before Thomas rolled over and out of trouble, giving the Nittany Lion a 4-1 lead at the 1:10 mark. Another high Wright double leg led to a 6-1 lead less than :20 after that and the Nittany Lion once again set to breaking Thomas down. He picked up a riding time point and then added on two more near fall points to lead 9-1 with :11 on the clock. Wright chose down to start the second, quickly escaped and then caught Thomas in a shoulder throw, tossing the Buckeye to the mat and getting the pin at the 3:18 mark, just :18 into the second period.

197: True freshman Morgan McIntosh (Santa Ana, Calif.), ranked No. 12 at 197, met Ohio State's Andrew Campolattano, who was ranked No. 20. McIntosh gained control of Campolattano's left ankle and steadily worked his way to a 2-0 lead with a takedown at the 1:47 mark. The Buckeye quickly escaped and action moved to the center circle with McIntosh up by a point. Another low ankle pick by McIntosh led to a second takedown and a 4-2 lead after a quick Campolattano escaped. Campolattano chose down to start the second period and quickly escaped to a 4-3 McIntosh lead. McIntosh continued to shoot low, working for a takedown, but an injury forced McIntosh to call for time out, allowing the Buckeye to choose down and escape to a 4-4 tie. With the score dead-locked heading into the third, McIntosh chose down to start the third period and quickly escaped to a 5-4 lead. The ranked duo battled evenly for the bulk of the period, with the Nittany Lion freshman fighting off a late shot to hold on for a thrilling 5-4 win.

285: Nittany Lion senior Cameron Wade (Twinsburg, Ohio), ranked No. 6 at heavyweight, met Buckeye Peter Capone, who was ranked No. 16. Each wrestler took an early shot, with neither man breaking through to score early. The ranked duo battled through an even first period and action moved to the second scoreless. Capone chose down to start the second period and Wade quickly gained control of the Buckeye, working for back points. The Lion senior dominated action from the top, controlling Capone for the full two minutes. Tied 0-0 but with 2:00 riding time to his favor, Wade chose down to start the final period. Wade deftly reversed the 16th-ranked Buckeye for a 2-0 lead and then he once again went to work, turning the Buckeye for three near fall points and a 5-0 lead. After a reset, Wade picked up three more back points and posted a dominating 9-0 major with 3:00 in riding time.

## #2 PENN STATE 31, #7 NEBRASKA 6 February 3, 2012 -- Lincoln, Neb.

174: #2 Ed Ruth PSU pinned Tyler Koehn NU, WBF (5:58)	6-0
184: #2 Quentin Wright PSU dec. #7 Josh Ihnen NU, 9-6	9-0
197: Matt Brown PSU dec. James Nakashima NU, 2-1	12-0
285: #6 Cameron Wade PSU dec. #9 Tucker Lane NU, 8-2	15-0
125: #9 Nico Megaludis PSU tech fall Shawn Nagel NU, 23-6 (TF; 5:59)	20-0
133: #18 Ridge Kiley NU dec. Frank Martellotti PSU, 4-3	20-3
141: #5 Jake Suefloh NU dec. Bryan Pearsall PSU, 6-1	20-6
149: #1 Frank Molinaro PSU maj. dec. Skylar Galloway NU, 14-6 (4:53 RT) 24-6	
157: #6 Dylan Alton PSU dec. #7 James Green NU, 2-1 (OT)	27-6
165: #1 David Taylor PSU maj. dec. #6 Robert Kokesh NU, 13-3	31-6
Attendance: 2,673	

The second-ranked Penn State wrestling team travelled to Lincoln, Neb., to take on No. 7 Nebraska in the first-ever Big Ten dual between the two teams and recorded yet another statement victory. Penn State won eight of ten bouts on its way to a lopsided 31-6 win over the home standing Cornhuskers, keeping its hopes of the Big Ten regular season dual meet title alive.

The host Cornhuskers opted to draw for the starting weight and the match began at 174. Nittany Lion All-American Ed Ruth (Harrisburg, Pa.), ranked No. 2, pinned Husker Tyler Koehn at the 5:58 mark to give Penn State an early 6-0 lead. All-American Quentin Wright (Wingate, Pa.), ranked No. 2 at 184 and battling a serious cold all week long, took down No. 7 Josh Ihnen 9-6, nearly pinning the seventh-ranked grappler right out of the gates and using that quick flurry to coast to victory.

At 197, 12th-ranked true freshman Morgan McIntosh (Santa Ana, Calif.) was cleared to wrestle but was held out as a precaution. Red-shirt freshman Matt Brown (West Valley City, Utah), who weighed in at 174, moved up two weights and beat starting Husker senior James Nakashima, 2-1. The win put the Lions up 12-0 after three bouts. Senior heavyweight Cameron Wade (Twinsburg, Ohio), ranked No. 6 at 285, then dominated No. 9 Tucker Lane of Nebraska, picking up an 8-2 win with 1:31 in riding time. True freshman Nico Megaludis (Murrysville, Pa.), ranked No. 9 at 125, tacked on a 23-6 technical fall over Shawn Nagel (5:59) to give Penn State a 20-0 lead at the midway point of the dual.

At 133, sophomore Frank Martellotti (Pittsburgh, Pa.) nearly downed No. 18 Ridge Kiley, but the ranked Husker notched a late reversal to steal a 4-3 win and put NU on the board. Junior Bryan Pearsall (Lititz, Pa.) then lost a hard fought 6-1 decision to No. 5 Jake Suefloh at 141 to cut Penn State's lead to 20-6. Three-time All-American Frank Molinaro (Barnegat, N.J.), ranked No. 1 at 149, dominated Husker Skylar Galloway, posting a 14-6 major with 4:53 in riding time. Red-shirt freshman Dylan Alton (Mill Hall, Pa.), ranked No. 6 at 157, then beat No. 7 James Green in a thrilling 2-1 overtime bout. Sophomore All-American David Taylor (St. Paris, Ohio), ranked No. 1 at 165, then closed out the lopsided Penn State win with a resounding 13-3 major over No. 6 Robert Kokesh of Nebraska.

The sixth Big Ten dual meet victory ties the Penn State record for conference dual wins in a season with the team having a chance to set a new school mark on Sunday. Molinaro moved into tenth all-time on Penn State's dual meet win list with his victory at 149, he now has 52. Penn State dominated the dual from start to finish, winning eight of the ten bouts and picking up seven bonus points off a pin, a tech fall and two majors. The Nittany Lions won the takedown battle in convincing fashion, notching a 25-4 margin in takedowns.

### BOU-T-BY-BOU-T:

174: Undefeated sophomore Ed Ruth (Harrisburg, Pa.), ranked No. 2 at 174, took on NU's Tyler Koehn. Koehn got in on a quick shot but Ruth deftly stepped out of trouble. Ruth countered with his own single leg but Koehn fought off that move and the bout hit the midway point of the first period scoreless. Ruth chose down to start the second period and quickly escaped. He then gained control of Koehn's ankle and turned a low single into a double on the edge of the mat for a 3-0 lead at the 1:25 mark. The Lion sophomore then put together a dominating ride and finished off a cradle with :38 left to pick up three near fall points. Leading 6-0, Ruth rode Koehn out to carry that lead, plus 1:20 riding time, into the final period. Koehn chose neutral to start the third period and shot low on Ruth, but the Nittany Lion countered the move, worked his way into his own takedown and then clinched a cradle to get a quick pin at the 5:58 mark.

184: In yet another match-up of top ranked wrestlers, two-time All-American Quentin Wright (Wingate, Pa.), ranked No. 2 at 184, met No. 7 Josh Ihnen. Wright quickly caught Ihnen in a shoulder throw and tossed him to his back for a quick takedown and three near fall points. While Ihnen fought off the pin, Wright maintained control till the 1:30 mark and led 5-1 early. Wright tossed Ihnen one more time, picking up another takedown and led 7-2 after a quick Ihnen escape with :45 left in a furious opening period. Wright chose down to start the second period but could not break free of a strong Ihnen ride. The Husker maintained control of the Lion junior for the entire period, forcing one stall warning but picking up one of his own as well. Wright scrambled to a late escape with :02 left and led 8-2 after two but Ihnen had 1:25 in riding time. Ihnen chose down to start the third and quickly escaped to an 8-3 deficit. Ihnen forced a scramble at the :40 mark and rolled his way to a takedown to cut the lead to 9-5 at the :30 mark after a Wright escape. Wright held on to the 9-6 win after battling a serious cold all week long.

197: True-freshman Morgan McIntosh (Santa Ana, Calif.), ranked No. 12 at 197, was cleared to wrestle but was held out as a precaution. Red-shirt freshman Matt Brown (West Valley City, Utah), who weighed in at 174, stepped up two weights to take on Nebraska senior James Nakashima. The duo battled through an even first period, with Brown fighting off a quick Nakashima shot and then forcing the tempo as the period wound down. Tied 0-0, Nakashima chose down to start the second period and escaped to a 1-0 lead at the 1:28 mark. Brown shot Nakashima out of bounds twice, forcing the Husker to the edge of the mat repeatedly. Brown shot low once again but Nakashima was able to move out of bounds once more and led 1-0 after two. Brown chose down to start the third period and quickly escaped to a 1-1 tie. Brown's offense forced Nakashima into a stall at the 1:20 mark and the Nittany Lion freshman continued to pressure the Husker to the edge of the mat. Brown shot low on the Husker with :44 left, but the Husker countered for a near takedown. Brown forced a reset with :42 left and the score tied 1-1 and continued to pressure Nakashima. The Husker was hit with a second stall warning, giving Brown a point and a 2-1 lead while the Lion freshman nearly notched a takedown. Brown worked his way to a strong 2-1 win, up two weights.

285: In the fourth match-up of top ten wrestlers, Nittany Lion senior Cameron Wade (Twinsburg, Ohio), ranked No. 6 at 285, met No. 9 Tucker Lane. Wade fought off an early Lane shot as Lane tried to connect on a single leg. The Nittany Lion senior then took Lane down on a counter for a 2-0 lead. Lane worked his way into a position to reverse Wade, but the Lion senior forced a stalemate and maintained his lead at the :24 mark. Wade rode Lane out for the final seconds and carried that two point lead into the second period. Lane chose down to start the second period and quickly escaped to a 2-1 deficit. The duo then battled through an even period and Wade led by one after two periods. The Lion senior chose down to start the third stanza and Lane cut him loose to a 3-1 Wade lead.

Lane got in on a low single but Wade confidently worked his way around the Husker for a counter and his own takedown. The Lion led 5-2 after a Lane escape with :57 on the clock. Wade countered another Lane shot, getting a final takedown to roll to an 8-2 win with 1:31 riding time.

125: Ninth-ranked Nico Megaludis (Murrysville, Pa.) took on Nebraska sophomore Shawn Nagel at 125. Megaludis quickly gained control of Nagel for a takedown and cut him loose right away for an early 2-1 lead. Megaludis would add two more takedowns and cuts to lead 6-3 with 1:06 on the clock. The Lion freshman fought off one Nagel shot, forcing a stalemate with :30 left. The Lion then scored quickly with a high double off the reset and, after a ride out, led 8-3 after one period. Megaludis chose down to start the second period and worked his way to a reversal and then tacked on three quick takedowns to lead 14-6 with :45 left in the middle period. Megaludis then took Nagel down with :22 on the clock and turned him for three near fall points to lead 19-6 after two periods. Nagel chose down to start the final stanza and quickly gave up a stall point to fall behind 20-6. Megaludis then turned Nagel to his back for three final near fall points and a 23-6 technical fall at the 5:59 mark.

133: Penn State sophomore Frank Martellotti (Pittsburgh, Pa.) took to the mat at 133 against No. 18 Ridge Kiley of Nebraska. The Lion sophomore scored quickly, taking the ranked Husker down for an early 2-0 lead. Kiley was not able to break free of a strong Martellotti ride as the Nittany Lion built up over 2:00 riding time while trying to turn Kiley to his back. Kiley finally escaped at the :20 mark and Martellotti led 2-1 with 2:28 riding time. Martellotti chose down to start the second stanza but this time it was Kiley who was able to maintain control. The Nittany Lion sophomore was not able to break free and Kiley notched the two minute ride out. Martellotti led 2-1 with Kiley having :28 in riding time after two. Kiley chose down to start the final period but Martellotti was able to maintain control of the Husker but was hit with a late stall warning. Kiley then scrambled around for a reversal with just :02 left and escaped the upset with a 4-3 win. Martellotti had 2:12 in riding time.

141: Junior Bryan Pearsall (Lititz, Pa.) faced off against No. 5 Jake Suefloh at 141. The Nittany Lion junior scrambled through an early Suefloh scoring attempt, nearly turning it into his own score. He then countered a second Suefloh left and kept the bout scoreless at the :30 mark. Tied 0-0, Pearsall chose down to start the second stanza. He quickly escaped and then spent :50 fighting off a Suefloh takedown attempt before the Husker got the call at the :38 mark to take a 2-1 lead. Suefloh chose down to start the third period and escaped to a 3-1 lead. Suefloh then added a second takedown with 1:00 on the clock to take a 5-1 lead. A riding time point gave the fifth-ranked Husker a 6-1 win.

149: Undefeated senior Frank Molinaro (Barnegat, N.J.), ranked No. 1 at 149, met Husker Skylar Galloway. Molinaro scored early, getting a takedown just over :30 into the bout to lead 2-0. He then dominated the action from the top position, building up 2:17 in riding time with the ride out. Molinaro chose down to start the second and quickly escaped to a 3-0 lead. Another high single leg led to a second takedown and the Lion cut Galloway loose. The top-ranked senior then used a high double to lift Galloway off the ground for a third takedown and a 7-1 lead with :53 left in the middle stanza. Galloway countered a Molinaro shot, got his own takedown only to be quickly reversed by the Nittany Lion, giving Molinaro a 9-4 lead with over 3:00 riding time for a clinched bonus point. Galloway chose down to start the third period and was cut loose and immediately takedown down by the Lion. Molinaro added another takedown and then spent the remainder of the bout looking for back points. While not picking up any back points, the Lion walked away with a 13-6 major decision with 4:53 in riding time.

157: Sixth-ranked freshman Dylan Alton (Mill Hall, Pa.) met No. 7 James Green in a key battle at 157. The evenly matched duo battled through a scoreless first period, with neither man finding an opening in which to move through to score. Green chose down to start the second period and quickly escaped to a 1-0 lead. Alton gained control of Green's shoulders, pulled him down to the mat and then worked his way into a low single. But Green was able to work the action out of bounds to hold his one point lead at the :57 mark. Alton fought off a late Green shot and trailed by one after two periods. Alton chose down to start the third and quickly escaped to a 1-1 tie. Alton gained control of Green's leg, worked to pull him in but was nearly countered for an NU takedown. The scramble led to no scoring and action resumed in the center circle tied 1-1 with :40 on the clock. With no one scoring down the stretch, action moved into a sudden victory overtime. Alton nearly got taken down at the :18 mark, but the Lion was able to fight off the move and send the bout to overtime. Alton was down to start the first overtime period and quickly escaped to a 2-1 lead. Green was down for the second period and Alton strongly rode the Husker out to post the 2-1 OT victory.

165: Undefeated sophomore David Taylor (St. Paris, Ohio), ranked No. 1, met No. 6 Robert Kokesh in a marquee match-up at 165. Taylor spent the first minute-plus working Kokesh's shoulders, looking for an opening to score. The sophomore finally notched the takedown, rolling through Kokesh at the :39 mark for a 2-0 lead. Taylor then rode the Husker out to carry that lead into the second period. Kokesh chose down to start the second period. Kokesh got his escape at the 1:20 mark, but Taylor quickly turned him to his back for a takedown and two near fall points. Kokesh escaped to a 6-2 deficit, but Taylor quickly took him to his back once again for a takedown and two more near fall points. Leading 10-2, Taylor chose neutral to start the final period. The Lion All-American added another takedown at the 1:06 mark and upped his lead to 12-2. With 2:51 in riding time, Taylor went on to post the convincing 13-3 major over the sixth-ranked Kokesh.



## #2 PENN STATE 34, #12 MICHIGAN 7 February 5, 2012 -- Rec Hall -- University Park, Pa.

<b>125: #9 Nico Megaludis PSU</b> maj. dec. Grant Pizzo UM, 22-10	4-0
<b>133: #16 Zac Stevens UM</b> dec. <b>Frank Martellotti PSU</b> , 11-7	4-3
<b>141: #1 Kellen Russell UM</b> maj. dec. <b>Bryan Pearsall PSU</b> , 12-2	4-7
<b>149: #1 Frank Molinaro PSU</b> dec. #7 Eric Grajales UM, 6-1	7-7
<b>157: #6 Dylan Alton PSU</b> dec. Brandon Zeerip UM, 5-4	10-7
<b>165: #1 David Taylor PSU</b> tech fall #14 Dan Yates UM, 15-0 (TF; 5:25)	15-7
<b>174: #2 Ed Ruth PSU</b> maj. dec. #8 Justin Zeerip UM, 12-1	19-7
<b>184: #2 Quentin Wright PSU</b> pinned Hunter Collins UM, WBF (4:22)	25-7
<b>197: Matt Brown PSU</b> dec. #15 Max Huntley UM, 3-1	28-7
<b>285: #6 Cameron Wade PSU</b> pinned #10 Ben Apland UM, WBF (3:58)	34-7

Attendance: 6,671

The Penn State Nittany Lion wrestlers hammered visiting Michigan 34-7 in their Big Ten dual finale to claim a share of the Big Ten regular season dual meet championship. The Nittany Lions won eight of ten bouts, including seven straight to close out the dual.

True freshman Nico Megaludis (Murrysville, Pa.), ranked No. 9 at 125, put on a takedown show in the first bout, posting 10 takedowns on route to a 22-10 major over Michigan's Grant Pizzo (with 3:19 in riding time). No. 16 Zac Stevens downed Nittany Lion sophomore Frank Martellotti (Pittsburgh, Pa.) 11-7 at 133 to cut Penn State's lead to one before No. 1 Kellen Russell majored Bryan Pearsall (Lititz, Pa.) 12-2 at 141 to give UM a 7-4 lead.

Three-time All-American Frank Molinaro (Barnegat, N.J.), undefeated and ranked No. 1 nationally, hammered No. 7 Eric Grajales, posting a 6-1 win with 3:13 in riding time. Red-shirt freshman Dylan Alton (Mill Hall, Pa.), ranked No. 6 at 157, followed that up with a 5-4 victory over Wolverine senior Brandon Zeerip to give Penn State a 10-7 lead heading into the halftime break.

Top-ranked sophomore All-American David Taylor (St. Paris, Ohio) hammered No. 14 Dan Yates at 165, posting a 15-0 technical fall at the 5:25 mark. Fellow sophomore All-American Ed Ruth (Harrisburg, Pa.), ranked No. 2 at 174, then dominated No. 8 Justin Zeerip to the tune of a 12-1 major with 3:50 in riding time. Two-time All-American Quentin Wright (Wingate, Pa.), ranked No. 2 at 184 as the defending national champion, then clinched the dual victory with a pin of UM's Hunter Collins at the 5:25 mark.

With true freshman Morgan McIntosh (Santa Ana, Calif.) cleared to wrestle but held out as a precaution, red-shirt freshman 174-pounder Matt Brown (West Valley City, Utah) stepped up two weights once more and this time took down a ranked wrestler. Brown posted a late takedown to post a 3-1 win over No. 15 Max Huntley. Senior Cameron Wade (Twinsburg, Ohio), ranked No. 6 at heavyweight, capped off a resounding win by pinning No. 10 Ben Apland at the 3:58 mark to give the Nittany Lions the lopsided 34-7 win.

Penn State's 7-1 conference mark sets a new school record for Big Ten wins in a season and helped the team share the conference's regular season dual meet crown with Minnesota. Penn State's dominating performance showed up in the match's stats as well. The Nittany Lions won eight of ten bouts and picked up ten bonus points off two pins, a tech fall and two majors. The Nittany Lions owned a lopsided 24-9 edge in takedowns.

### BOUT-BY-BOUT:

125: True freshman Nico Megaludis (Murrysville, Pa.), ranked No. 9 at 125, faced off against Michigan sophomore Grant Pizzo. Megaludis wasted no time taking Pizzo down, using a single leg to grab an early lead. The Lion let Pizzo up right away and quickly turned a low ankle pick into another takedown and a 4-2 lead (after cutting Pizzo loose). Putting on a takedown clinic in the first, Megaludis added three more takedowns before spending the final :30 looking for a turning combination. Megaludis rode Pizzo out and carried the 10-4 lead into the second period. Pizzo chose down to start the third period and Megaludis cut the Wolverine loose to a 10-5 score. Megaludis took Pizzo down at the 1:22 mark, cut him loose but fell into a takedown to lead 12-8. Megaludis escaped at the :40 marks, quickly took Pizzo down to lead 15-8 and then rode him out to carry that lead and over 2:00 riding time into the second stanza. Megaludis chose neutral to start the third period and dove through a low double to another takedown just :10 into the stanza. A Pizzo escape was swiftly followed by another Megaludis takedown. Megaludis worked to another takedown with :20 left to lead 21-10 and then rode Pizzo out to post the strong 22-10 major with 3:19 riding time.

133: Nittany Lion Frank Martellotti (Pittsburgh, Pa.) took on No. 16 Zac Stevens at 133. Martellotti and the ranked Stevens battled evenly for the first half of the opening period before Martellotti took a blood time out with the bout scoreless. Stevens got in on a single leg on the reset and took Martellotti down at the 1:09 mark to take a 2-1 lead after a quick Martellotti escape. Stevens countered a Martellotti shot at the :30 mark for another takedown and, with a ride out, led 4-1 after the opening period. Stevens chose down to start the second period and quickly reversed Martellotti to lead 6-1 just :20 into action. Stevens then controlled the Nittany Lion sophomore until the 1:00 mark before he escaped and cut the lead to 6-2. Down by four, Martellotti chose down to start the third period and quickly escaped to a 6-3 deficit. But Stevens moved around Martellotti for another takedown to up his lead to 8-4 at the 1:28 mark. Stevens tacked on one more takedown on and then Martellotti took the Wolverine senior down for a takedown of his own to cut the lead to 10-7 at the :45 mark. Martellotti worked to turn Stevens for back points, but Stevens was able to kill the clock to escape with an 11-7 victory.

141: Facing his second top-five opponent in three nights, Penn State junior Bryan Pearsall (Lititz, Pa.) met top-ranked Kellen Russell at 141. Russell notched the first takedown early to lead 2-1 with 2:12 on the clock as Pearsall escaped quickly. Pearsall fought off a couple more Russell scoring attacks over the next minute before Russell connected on a high single leg for another takedown with :40 left. Russell then added three back points as the period wound down to lead 7-1 after one. Russell chose down to start the second period and reversed Pearsall to up his lead to 9-1. Trailing by eight, Pearsall chose down to start the final period and was allowed up to a 9-2 deficit. Pearsall countered a Russell shot as the bout wound down, nearly notching a takedown. But Russell was able to fight off the final blast and added a late takedown and riding time point to post the 12-2 major decision.

149: Three-time All-American Frank Molinaro (Barnegat, N.J.), ranked No. 1 at 149, met Michigan's Eric Grajales, who was ranked No. 7. Molinaro set the tempo early, forcing Grajales backwards from each starting whistle before connecting on a fast high single duck-under to lead 2-0 with 1:57 on the clock. Grajales escaped quickly but Molinaro used another high single to take Grajales down and then began working for a turning combination. Molinaro dominated action from the top, riding Grajales out to lead 4-1 with 1:26 in riding time after the opening period. Molinaro chose down to start the second period and quickly escaped to a 5-1 lead. The Lion continued to force Grajales backwards as the Wolverine worked the edge of the mat. Molinaro fought off Grajales first shot at the :12 mark of the second period and led 5-1 with 1:13 riding time after two. Grajales chose down to start the final period but could not break free of Molinaro as the Lion senior tacked on over a minute's more riding time to clinch the bonus point. The top-ranked Nittany Lion then kept Grajales belted out for the remainder of the match, posting the 6-1 major with 3:13 riding time.

157: Red-shirts freshman Dylan Alton (Mill Hall, Pa.), ranked No. 6 at 157, took on Brandon Zeerip. Alton took Zeerip down right out of the gates and led 2-1 after a quick Zeerip escape. Alton nearly added a second score, but Zeerip was able to work his way out of bounds in front of the Michigan bench to keep the bout close with 1:38 left. The senior Wolverine countered an Alton shot and took a 3-2 lead with :24 on the clock. A ride out allowed the Wolverine to lead 3-2 after one period. Zeerip chose down to start the second stanza and quickly escaped to a 4-2 lead. Alton gained control of Zeerip's left thigh but was countered and action moved out of bounds with the Nittany Lion still down by two. Alton drove through Zeerip at the :20 mark and worked his way for a tying takedown and rode the Wolverine out to tie the bout at 4-4 after two periods. Alton chose down to start the third period and quickly escaped to a 5-4 lead. Alton nearly connected on another high double, but Zeerip fought off the move and shifted action out of bounds at the 1:00 mark with Alton still leading by one. Alton fought off a late Zeerip flurry and escaped with a 5-4 win, putting Penn State up 10-7 heading into the lockerroom.

165: All-American David Taylor (St. Paris, Ohio), ranked No. 1 at 165, met No. 14 Dan Yates. Taylor used shoulder control to toss Yates to the mat at the 1:50 mark for his first takedown. He then maintained control of Yates for over a minute and gained control of his arm for three back points and a 5-0 lead after one period (with 1:54 riding time). Taylor chose down to start the second period and steadily worked his way to an escaped and a 6-0 lead. Taylor turned a low ankle pick into a takedown and four near fall points (three back points and blood time) to up his lead to 12-0 at the :28 mark. Taylor then rode Yates out to carry that lead into the third period. Yates chose down to start the final period but Taylor made quick work of him, turning him for a final three-point near fall and a 15-0 technical fall at the 5:25 mark.

174: All-American Ed Ruth (Harrisburg, Pa.), ranked No. 2 at 174, faced off against No. 8 Justin Zeerip. Ruth wasted no time in getting in on a single leg, gaining control of Zeerip off the opening whistle and taking the eighth-ranked Wolverine down for an early lead. Ruth spent the bulk of the period in control, looking for an opportunity to lock a cradle and turn Zeerip to his back. Zeerip got hit for a first stall warning at the 1:20 mark. Ruth continued to control the action from the top position for the remainder of the period, picking up a late stall point to lead 3-0 with 2:37 riding time after one. Ruth chose down to start the second stanza and quickly escaped to a 4-0 lead. The rest of the period was uneventful and Ruth led 4-0 after two. Zeerip chose down to start the third period and escaped to a 4-1 deficit. Ruth countered a Zeerip shot and notched a takedown on the edge of the mat to lead 6-1 with 1:27 left. Zeerip gave up another stall point and Ruth led 7-1 with a clinched riding time point with :48 left. Ruth then turned the Wolverine for three near fall points and a 10-1 lead. Another stall point and a riding time point gave Ruth a 12-1 major with 3:50 riding time.

184: Defending national champion Quentin Wright (Wingate, Pa.), ranked No. 2 at 184, met Michigan's Hunter Collins. Wright spent the first minute looking for a chance to score and broke through with a takedown at the 1:58 mark. The Lion junior then spent a minute work for back points and turned him for three with :50 on the clock, taking a 5-0 lead. Collins escaped but Wright used a slick low single to take him down with just :01 on the clock to lead 7-1 after the opening period. Collins chose down to start the second period and escaped, but Wright quickly caught him in a throw, tossing him to mat for a blistering pin at the 4:22 mark that sent the sell-out Lion crowd to its feet.

197: True freshman Morgan McIntosh (Santa Ana, Calif.), ranked No. 12 at 197, was once again held out as a precaution. Red-shirt freshman Matt Brown (West Valley City, Utah), who weighed in at 174, moved up two weights once more and this time met No. 15 Max Huntley of Michigan. The duo battled through an even first period with neither man finding a chance to score. Huntley chose down to start the second period and worked his way to an escape and a 1-0 lead. McIntosh was the aggressor during the third period, forcing Huntley to the edge of the mat throughout the period. Brown could not break through to score and chose down to start the third period. The Lion freshman escaped to a 1-1 tie with 1:40 on the clock and immediately began forcing Huntley backwards once again. Huntley got hit with a first stall warning with 1:25 on the clock. Brown worked to get in on a high single, but Huntley was able to fight off the move and keep the bout tied at 1-1 with :30 on the clock. Huntley then shot, but Brown countered the move, took the ranked 197-pounder down and sent the crowd to its feet once more with a 3-1 win.

285: Senior Cameron Wade (Twinsburg, Ohio), ranked No. 6 at heavyweight, battled No. 10 Ben Apland of Michigan. Wade got the bout's first takedown early, using a low single to open up a 2-0 lead early. Wade then dominated the action from the top position, turning Apland to his back for three near fall points and a 5-0 lead with 1:00 on the clock. Wade reset himself and gained control of Apland's arm and turning him once more for three back points. Wade led 8-0 with 2:37 riding time after one period. Wade chose top to start the second period

## #2 PENN STATE 39, UTAH VALLEY 3 February 11, 2012 -- Orem, Utah

165: #1 David Taylor PSU pinned Ethan Smith UVU, WBF (2:40)	6-0
174: Matt Brown PSU maj. dec. Monte Schmalhaus UVU, 13-3	10-0
184: #2 Quentin Wright PSU pinned David Prieto UVU, WBF (4:46)	16-0
197: #12 Morgan McIntosh PSU dec. Brian Chamberlain UVU, 4-3	19-0
285: #6 Cameron Wade PSU pinned Dustin Dennison UVU, WBF (1:15)	25-0
125: #8 Nico Megaludis PSU maj. dec. Colby Christensen UVU, 19-7	29-0
133: Blake Mangum UVU dec. Frank Martellotti PSU, 3-1	29-3
141: Bryan Pearsall PSU maj. dec. Avery Garner UVU, 13-4	33-3
149: #1 Frank Molinaro PSU dec. #14 Josh Wilson UVU, 6-0 (4:35 RT)	36-3
157: #6 Dylan Alton PSU dec. Napoleon Aniciete UVU, 12-9	39-3
PRELIM at 285: Jon Gingrich PSU maj. dec. Zac Jensen UVU, 13-2	-----
Attendance: 5,470	

The Penn State Nittany Lion wrestling closed out the road portion of its dual meet season with a 39-3 win at Utah Valley in Orem, Utah. Nearly 5,500 fans (5,470) watched as Penn State, led by Utah-native Cael Sanderson, won nine of ten bouts including three pins in the non-conference road win.

The match began at 165, where Nittany Lion All-American David Taylor (St. Paris, Ohio), ranked No. 1, opened up the dual with a quick first period fall, pinning Utah Valley's Ethan Smith at the 2:40 mark to put the Nittany Lions up 6-0 early. All-American Ed Ruth (Harrisburg, Pa.), ranked No. 2 at 174, stepped aside to let Utah-native Matt Brown (West Valley City, Utah) wrestle in front of a hometown crowd. Brown, a red-shirt freshman, answered the call with a dominating 13-3 major over UVU's Monte Schmalhaus. Defending national champion Quentin Wright (Wingate, Pa.), ranked No. 2 at 184, added a second Lion pin, getting the fall over David Prieto at the 4:46 mark to put Penn State up 16-0 after three bouts.

True freshman Morgan McIntosh (Santa Ana, Calif.), ranked No. 12 at 197, returned to the mat for Penn State and posted a hard-fought 4-3 win over Utah Valley's Brian Chamberlain. Senior heavyweight Cameron Wade (Twinsburg, Ohio), ranked No. 6, then pinned UVU's Dustin Dennison at the 1:15 mark of the first period. The fall was the 30th of Wade's career, moving him into sixth place on Penn State's all-time falls list. Penn State's Nico Megaludis (Murrysville, Pa.), ranked No. 8 at 125, posted a 19-7 major over UVU's Colby Christensen. Utah Valley got on the board at 133 where Blake Mangum used a last-second takedown to notch a 3-1 win over Nittany Lion sophomore Frank Martellotti (Pittsburgh, Pa.). Penn State junior Bryan Pearsall (Lititz, Pa.) countered with a strong 13-4 major decision over UVU's Avery Garner at 141, piling up almost 4:00 riding time in the process.

Three-time All-American Frank Molinaro (Barnegat, N.J.), ranked No. 1 at 149, posted a convincing 6-0 win with 4:35 in riding time over No. 14 Josh Wilson in the only bout between ranked wrestlers. Molinaro built up 4:35 in riding time in the process. Red-shirt freshman Dylan Alton (Mill Hall, Pa.), ranked No. 6 at 157, closed out the dual with a tough 12-9 decision over Utah Valley's Napoleon Aniciete to help Penn State post the 39-3 final. The Nittany Lions picked up 12 bonus points off three pins and three majors. In a pre-dual bout (not counting in the team score) at 285, Nittany Lion red-shirt freshman Jon Gingrich (Wingate, Pa.) notched a 13-2 major over UVU's Zac Jensen.

### BOUT-BY-BOUT:

PRE-DUAL BOUT AT 285: In a pre-dual match-up (not counted in the team score), Nittany Lion red-shirt freshman Jon Gingrich met UVU sophomore Zac Jensen. Gingrich scored first with a fast high double that put the Nittany Lion up 2-0 at the 2:30 mark. Jensen escaped to cut the lead to 2-1. With Gingrich leading 2-1 after one, Jensen chose down to start the second period and Gingrich was able to maintain control throughout the first period. Gingrich tilted Jensen for three back points with :45 on the clock. The Lion freshman added two more back points to lead 7-1 after two periods. Gingrich chose down to start the third, escaped and used a low double for a quick takedown and cut to lead 10-2 at the 1:24 mark with the riding time point clinched. Gingrich added another takedown with :30 left to up his lead to 12-2 and, with the ride out, posted the 13-2 major in the preliminary bout.

165: Sophomore David Taylor (St. Paris, Ohio), ranked No. 1 at 165, met Ethan Smith in the first official bout of the dual. A swift low single gave Taylor an early 2-0 lead and the Nittany Lion cut Smith loose right away. Taylor turned a second low single leg into a second takedown and a 4-1 lead with 1:40 on the clock. Taylor built up a solid riding time edge looking for a turning combination and then cut Smith loose on a reset. Taylor quickly shifted to a low double and added two more takedowns and then, after letting Smith up, countered a Wolverine shot, used gained control of Smith's shoulders and turned him to his back for a quick first period pin (getting the call at the 2:40 mark).

174: Sophomore Ed Ruth (Harrisburg, Pa.), ranked No. 2 at 174, stepped aside at 174 to allow red-shirt freshman Matt Brown (West Valley City, Utah) to compete in front of a hometown crowd. The West Valley City native faced off against Monte Schmalhaus. Brown set the tempo early, forcing Schmalhaus towards the edge of the mat for the first part of the opening period. The Lion freshman broke through with a takedown at the 1:08 mark and then gained control of his opponent's wrist, looking to tilt Schmalhaus for back points. Schmalhaus was able to stave off any back points but a ride out gave Brown a 2-0 lead with 1:12 riding time. Schmalhaus chose down to start the second period and escaped, but Brown drove through a high double leg to take the Wolverine down again and open up a 4-2 lead after cutting him loose. Brown drove in on a double leg and scrambled his way to a late takedown to carry a 6-2 lead into the third period. Brown chose down to start the third period and quickly reversed Schmalhaus for an 8-3 lead after cutting him loose. Brown took Schmalhaus down, looking to finish off a nearside cradle and turned Schmalhaus to his back for two near fall points and a 13-3 major (including 3:11 in riding time).

184: Three-time All-American Quentin Wright (Wingate, Pa.), ranked No. 2 at 184, met UVU's David Prieto. Prieto came out of the gates fast, nearly taking Wright down for an early takedown. But Wright did not panic, scrambled through the shot and worked his way around for his own takedown and a 2-0 lead of his own. Wright steadily worked his way to a near fall and a 5-0 lead after the back points. The Lion junior then reset himself and tried to turn Prieto, but the Wolverine almost reversed Wright before escaping to a 5-1 deficit. Wright carried that lead into the second period and chose down to start. A quick escape led to a fast high double leg takedown and an 8-1 lead for the Nittany Lion. Wright cut Prieto loose and then locked him up at the shoulders and tossed him down of a fast pin, getting the call at the 4:46 mark.

197: True freshman Morgan McIntosh (Santa Ana, Calif.), ranked No. 12 at 197, faced off against Wolverine Brian Chamberlain. The duo battled through a scoreless first two minutes before McIntosh got in on a low single. Chamberlain was able to counter, however, and took the Lion down for a 2-1 lead after a quick McIntosh escape. Leading 2-1, Chamberlain chose down to start the second period and quickly escaped to a 3-1 lead. McIntosh countered a swift Chamberlain double and fought off a near takedown, keeping himself within striking distance at the 1:00 mark. McIntosh countered a Chamberlain shot, locked up his shoulders in an attempt to get a counter takedown, but could not finish off the move and trailed 3-1 after two periods. McIntosh chose down to start the third period and quickly escaped to a 3-2 deficit. McIntosh worked Chamberlain's upper body, trying to create

an opening, but the Wolverine was able to fight off two high singles and keep his lead. McIntosh dove behind the Wolverine at the :52 mark for a counter takedown and a 4-3 lead. The Nittany Lion freshman was able to keep control of the Chamberlain till the :07 mark before he got his first stall warning, forcing a reset. McIntosh kept control for the last seven seconds and posted a hard-fought 4-3 win.

285: Senior Cameron Wade (Twinsburg, Ohio), ranked No. 6 at 285, took on UVU freshman Dustin Dennison. Wade slid down to a low double leg takedown and a 2-0 lead at the 2:17 mark. Wade used a power half to turn Dennison to the mat for three back points, then finished off the quick pin at the 1:15 mark.

125: True freshman Nico Megaludis (Murrysville, Pa.), ranked No. 8 nationally at 125, took on Utah Valley's Colby Christensen. Megaludis used a very fast ankle pick to take Christensen down for an early 2-0 lead. Christensen escaped after the reset but Megaludis answered with a second takedown to lead 4-1 with 1:43 on the clock. After cutting Christensen loose, the Lion freshman added a third takedown and cut and led 6-3. Megaludis tacked on a fourth takedown and then rode Christensen out to lead 8-3 after one period. Christensen chose down to start the second and Megaludis cut him loose. The Lion freshman turned a low single into a takedown and a 10-4 lead with 1:25 on the clock. Megaludis cut Christensen again loose and picked up a sixth takedown with :20 on the clock. A short ride out gave the Lion a 12-5 lead heading into the third period. Megaludis chose neutral to start the third period. He took Christensen down twice more and cut him loose to lead 16-7, clinching the bonus point in the process. Megaludis added one final takedown and posted a 19-7 major decision.

133: Lion sophomore Frank Martellotti (Pittsburgh, Pa.) took to the mat at 133 against Wolverine Blake Mangum. The tandem fought through a scoreless first period with neither man finding an opening to score. Tied 0-0, Martellotti chose down to start the second stanza and quickly escaped to a 1-0 lead. Like the first period, neither wrestler was able to connect on any offense and Martellotti rode that 1-0 lead into the final period. Mangum chose down to start the third period but the Nittany Lion sophomore was able to keep control of the Wolverine for a minute, but Mangum worked his way into a near reversal, working through a scramble on the edge of the mat that finally resulted in a stalemate at the :48 mark with Martellotti still in control. Mangum escaped at the :40 mark but Martellotti had a minute-plus in riding time. Mangum took the Lion down, however, with a double leg at the :20 mark and posted a hard-fought 3-1 win to put UVU on the board.

141: Junior Bryan Pearsall (Lititz, Pa.) faced off against UVU's Avery Garner at 141. Pearsall countered a Garner headlock attempt for a quick takedown. The Nittany Lion tried to use a split scissors into back points but Garner was able to fight off the move initially. But Pearsall readjusted himself, turned the takedown into a cradle and three near fall points for a 5-0 lead with 1:20 on the clock. Pearsall then rode Garner out and led 5-0 with 2:46 riding time after one period. Garner chose neutral to start the second period but Pearsall countered a quick UVU double leg for his own takedown and a 7-0 lead with 1:30 on the clock. Pearsall maintained control of Garner, looking to lock another cradle for more back points. Pearsall locked up a far side cradle and picked up three more back points to lead 10-0 after two periods. The Lion chose neutral with a riding time point clinched but it was Garner who got the third period's first takedown, turning a high double into a score. Pearsall escaped to an 11-2 lead but Garner added a second takedown. Pearsall added an escape and the riding time point to post the 13-4 major with 3:55 in riding time.

149: No. 1 Frank Molinaro (Barnegat, N.J.) battled No. 14 Josh Wilson of Utah Valley in a battle of ranked wrestlers at 149. The three-time All-American turned a high single leg into an early takedown and a 2-0 lead. Molinaro then began working from the top position, looking for a chance to turn the ranked Wolverine to build upon his lead. He kept control of Wilson for nearly 2:00 and went to the second period with a 2-0 lead and 1:53 in riding time. Wilson chose down to start the second period only to have Molinaro continue a punishing ride. Molinaro maintained his ride for the entire period, and while he did not pick up any back points, led by two with 3:52 in riding time after two periods. Molinaro, with a riding time point clinched, chose down to start the third period and quickly escaped to a 3-0 lead. Molinaro used a head outside single for a second takedown and a 5-0 lead. Molinaro then rode Wilson out and posted a convincing 6-0 win with 4:35 riding time over the 14th-ranked Wilson.

157: Red-shirt freshman Dylan Alton (Mill Hall, Pa.), ranked No. 6 at 157, met Utah Valley's Napoleon Aniciete. Alton wasted little time notching the dual's first takedown, moving out to a 2-0 lead less than :30 into the bout. Aniciete escaped at the 1:54 mark, but Alton quickly worked his way into another single leg for a second takedown and a 4-1 lead. An Aniciete escape gave Alton a 4-2 lead after one period. Aniciete chose down to start the second period and escaped to a 4-3 deficit at the 1:30 mark. Alton drove through a high double leg to post his third takedown and move out to a 6-3 lead with :30 on the clock. Alton rode Aniciete out to lead by three with 2:11 in riding time after two. He chose down to start the third, quickly escaped, and notched a fourth takedown to up his lead to 9-4. Alton dove low on a shot that Aniciete countered for his own takedown. But Alton quickly reversed him for an 11-6 lead. He cut Aniciete loose with :30 on the clock, hoping to major him, but Aniciete got a final takedown. Alton picked up the riding time point and posted the 12-9 win.

## #2 PENN STATE 33, #9 PITTSBURGH 6 February 19, 2012 -- Rec Hall -- University Park, Pa.

125: #8 Nico Megaludis PSU dec. (2 sv) #15 Anthony Zanetti PITT, 4-2	3-0
133: Shelton Mack PITT dec. Frank Martellotti PSU, 4-3	3-3
141: Bryan Pearsall PSU pinned Travis Shaffer PITT, WBF (6:57)	9-3
149: #1 Frank Molinaro PSU dec. #12 Tyler Nauman, 5-2	12-3
157: #5 Dylan Alton PSU dec. Donnie Tasser PITT, 5-3	15-3
165: #1 David Taylor PSU maj. dec. Tyler Wilps PITT, 20-9	19-3
174: Matt Brown PSU maj. dec. Ethan Headlee PITT, 12-2	23-3
184: #2 Quentin Wright PSU maj. dec. Andy Vaughan PITT, 12-2	27-3
197: #4 Matt Wilps PITT dec. #12 Morgan McIntosh PSU, 4-3	27-6
285: #6 Cameron Wade PSU pinned Joel Yahner PITT, WBF (3:56)	33-6
Attendance: 6,755	

The Penn State Nittany Lion wrestling team closed out the 2011-12 dual meet season in rousing fashion, hammering No. 9 Pittsburgh 33-6 in front of yet another sold out Rec Hall crowd. Nearly 6,800 fans cheered as seniors Frank Molinaro (Barnegat, N.J.) and Cameron Wade (Twinsburg, Ohio) closed out their career with decisive victories.

The dual began at 125, where true freshman Nico Megaludis (Murrysville, Pa.), ranked No. 8, sent the sold out crowd to its feet early, posting a 4-2 double-sudden victory decision over No. 15 Anthony Zanetta. Sophomore Frank Martellotti (Pittsburgh, Pa.) gave up a late takedown and dropped a hard-fought 4-3 decision on riding time to Pitt's Shelton Mack at 133. Junior Bryan Pearsall (Lititz, Pa.) then sent over 6,700 fans to their feet by staging a stunning third period comeback against Pittsburgh's Travis Shaffer. Pearsall was trailing 6-0 after two periods, cut the lead to 6-3 with a late takedown and then locked up a cradle for a pin with just :03 left (6:57), putting Penn State up 9-3.

Three-time All-American Frank Molinaro (Barnegat, N.J.), ranked No. 1 at 149, then handled No. 14 Tyler Nauman, posting the 5-2 win with nearly 2:00 riding time. The win was the final dual meet in Rec Hall for Molinaro, who ends his PSU dual career with 55 wins, seven all-time at Penn State in dual meet victories. Red-shirt freshman Dylan Alton (Mill Hall, Pa.), ranked No. 5 at 157, fought off Pitt junior Donnie Tasser for a 5-3 decision to give Penn State a 15-3 lead at the break. All-American David Taylor (St. Paris, Ohio), ranked No. 1 at 165, hammered Pitt's Tyler Wilps, posting a 20-9 major with 2:33 riding time to give Penn State a 19-3 lead. With All-American Ed Ruth (Harrisburg, Pa.) being held out as a precaution, red-shirt freshman Matt Brown (West Valley City, Utah) got the call at 174 once again and dominated three-time NCAA qualifier Ethan Headlee the tune of a 12-2 major with 2:19 riding time. Defending national champion Quentin Wright (Wingate, Pa.), ranked No. 2 at 184, posted a convincing 12-2 major over Panther Andy Vaughan to put the Nittany Lions up 27-3.

True freshman Morgan McIntosh (Santa Ana, Calif.), ranked No. 12 at 197, nearly upset No. 4 Matt Wilps, who entered the bout with a 26-3 record. Wilps forced a late stalemate on a McIntosh single leg with :09 left to escape with a 4-3 win. Senior heavyweight Cameron Wade (Twinsburg, Ohio), ranked No. 6, closed out his Penn State dual meet career with a pin of Pitt's Joel Yahner at the 3:56 mark. The pin is the 31st of Wade's career, moving him to fifth on Penn State's all-time list. The Nittany Lions dominated the dual, winning eight of ten bouts and posting a decisive 22-5 edge in takedowns. Penn State got nine bonus points off two pins and three majors.

### BOU-T-BY-BOU-T:

125: True freshman Nico Megaludis (Murrysville, Pa.), ranked No. 8 at 125, met No. 15 Anthony Zanetta of Pittsburgh in the dual's first bout. The nationally ranked duo battled through a scoreless first two minutes, with neither man finding a chance to score early. Megaludis battled the fourth year wrestler, setting the tempo with single legs early. But Zanetta blocked off every shot, working defensively for the opening period 0-0 tie. Zanetta chose down to start the second period and quickly escaped to a 1-0 lead. Megaludis nearly connected on a high single, but Zanetta's defense kept the Lion freshman from scoring. Zanetta spent the rest of the period simply tying Megaludis' shoulders up and working time off the clock. Megaludis chose down to start the third period and quickly escaped to a 1-1 tie. The Nittany Lion freshman continued to take shots while Zanetta worked his defense by locking up the Lion's shoulders. Zanetta took a shot at the 1:00 mark of the third period that Megaludis easily deflected, and action resumed in the center circle still tied 1-1. Megaludis got in on a high single with :15 left, but Zanetta was able to step out of trouble and send the bout to sudden victory tied 1-1. Megaludis continued to shoot, Zanetta continued to hang on his shoulders and the first sudden victory period went by scoreless. Zanetta chose down to start the first tie breaker and escaped at the :15 mark to take a 2-1 lead. Megaludis was down to start his tie breaker and he quickly escaped to a 2-2 tie, sending the bout into a second sudden victory. Megaludis got in on a low single leg and ended the match with :15 left, posting a 3-2 second SV decision.

133: Sophomore Frank Martellotti (Pittsburgh, Pa.) battled Panther sophomore Shelton Mack at 133. Mack had the bout's first scoring chance, working in on a single leg at the 1:55 mark, but Martellotti was able to work out of trouble and keep the bout scoreless. Martellotti then connected on a high single to double leg takedown and led 2-0 at the :23 mark. He rode Mack out to lead 2-0 after one period. Mack chose down to start the second period and quickly escaped to a 2-1 deficit. Neither wrestler was able to connect on anything offensively, with each man working low singles that the other was able to step away from. Leading 2-1, Martellotti chose down to start the third period. Martellotti chose down to start the third period and steadily worked his way to an escaped and a 3-1 lead. But the Lion sophomore was hit with a first stall warning in the process. Mack upped his pressure, forcing Martellotti into a slow shot that Mack was able to counter for a takedown and a 3-3 tie. Martellotti needed an escaped to seal a victory, but Mack was able to ride him out, build up more than a minute's riding time, and a 4-3 win.

141: Penn State junior Bryan Pearsall (Lititz, Pa.) faced off at 141 against Pitt's Travis Shaffer. Shaffer blazed out to a quick takedown and two near fall points, bolting out to a 4-0 lead less than :30 into the bout. Shaffer then put together a strong ride, maintaining control of Pearsall for the remainder of the period. Trailing 4-0 and giving up 2:51 in riding time, Pearsall chose neutral to start the second. Shaffer was able to work through a high single leg for another takedown and a 6-0 lead with 1:45 on the clock. Shaffer was able to control Pearsall once again, tacking on another minute's riding time before finally getting hit with a stall warning. Shaffer maintained control, however, for another ride out and a 6-0 lead with a clinched riding time point (4:33) heading into the third. Pearsall countered a Shaffer shot, worked his way behind him and notched his takedown at the 1:20 mark, cutting the lead to 6-2. Pearsall frantically worked for a chance to turn Shaffer, but the Panther was able to fight off every turning attempt. Pearsall picked up a point on stalling. Pearsall continued to work, locking up a cradle with just :08 left and getting pin at the 6:57 mark, with just :03 on the clock.

149: Senior All-American Frank Molinaro (Barnegat, N.J.), ranked No. 1 at 149 and wrestling in the final dual meet of his career, met No. 12 Tyler Nauman of Pitt in the dual's marquee match-up. Nauman got in on a high single early, but Molinaro was able to counter the move and force a stalemate at the 2:04 mark with the score still 0-0. Another quick low single by Nauman was kicked way by the three-time All-American and action resumed in the center circle. Nauman worked in on a third shot, and Molinaro countered, gaining control of the Panther's shoulders and keeping the bout scoreless with 1:00 left in the opening period. Molinaro got hit with a first stall

warning, was quickly taken down with just :15 left, then escaped. Not to enter the second period trailing, Molinaro used a high double for a last second takedown and led 3-2 after one period. Molinaro chose down to start the middle stanza and quickly escaped to a 4-2 lead. Molinaro upped his offensive pressure, forcing Nauman towards the edge of the mat for the rest of the second period. Nauman chose down to start the third period and was immediately broken down by Molinaro. The Lion senior locked up Nauman's left leg and began working for a chance to turn the Panther. While Nauman was able to belly out, Molinaro built up over 1:00 riding time. Molinaro rode Nauman out and, with the riding time point, posted the 5-2 win.

157: Red-shirt freshman Dylan Alton (Mill Hall, Pa.), ranked No. 5 at 157, took on Pittsburgh junior Donnie Tasser. Alton wasted no time in taking Tasser down for an early 2-0 lead. Tasser worked his way to an escaped at the 2:00 mark. Alton continued to set the tempo, shooting high on Tasser's right leg. But Tasser was able to defend each Alton shot and keep the bout close two minutes in. Alton scrambled through a high single for a second takedown and a 4-1 lead. A short ride out allowed Alton to lead 4-1 heading into the second period. Alton chose down to start the second period. Alton worked for an escaped, with Tasser maintaining control for a minute before Alton escaped to a 5-1 lead. Alton fought off two Tasser shots in the last :30 and led 5-1 heading into the third period (riding time was not a factor). Alton was called for an unsportsmanlike penalty at the end of the second period and led 5-2. Tasser chose down to start the third, quickly escaped and cut the lead to 5-3. Alton fought off Tasser's pressure for the first minute. He then got called for a first stall warning at the :20 mark. The Lion freshman then held the Pitt junior off for the final seconds and posted a hard-fought 5-3 win.

165: All-American David Taylor (St. Paris, Ohio), ranked No. 1 at 165, met Panther Tyler Wilps. Taylor came out of the gates fast, setting a fast tempo from the get go and forcing Wilps backwards for :90 before connecting on a high single and a 2-0 lead. Taylor tried to connect on a cradle but Wilps was able to step out of trouble for an escaped. Taylor, however, was undaunted, sliding behind Wilps for another takedown. The Lion sophomore cut him loose, took him down again and cut him once more to lead 6-3 with :40 left in the period. Taylor continued to pressure Wilps, picking up a fourth takedown with :30 on the clock. Taylor rode Wilps out to carry that 8-3 lead into the second period. Wilps chose down to start the second period and was cut loose by Taylor. Wilps was then called for a stall and Taylor then rolled through a high double for another takedown and a 10-4 lead at the 1:26 mark. Wilps escaped again, only to be taken down once more by Taylor with 1:05 on the clock. Taylor cut Wilps to a 12-6 deficit and then rolled behind him for another takedown and a 14-6 lead with :12 left. Leading 14-6 with 2:30 in riding time, Taylor chose down to start the third period. The All-American escaped to a 15-6 lead and then worked Wilps' shoulders to the ground for another takedown and a 17-6 edge. With the riding time point clinched, Taylor cut Wilps loose once again and notched another takedown for a 19-7 lead with :50 on the clock. Needing back points to secure a five-point technical fall, Taylor was not able to turn Wilps and gave up a reversal on a last turn attempt. With 2:33 riding time, Taylor posted the 20-9 major.

174: All-American Ed Ruth (Harrisburg, Pa.), ranked No. 2 at 174, was held out as a precaution, allowing red-shirt freshman Matt Brown (West Valley City, Utah) to meet Pittsburgh senior Ethan Headlee. Brown pressured the Pitt senior, a three-time NCAA qualifier, from the start and picked up a takedown on a scramble at the 2:08 mark. Keeping control of Headlee, Brown dominated the action from the top position, building up a sizeable riding time edge before Headlee escaped to a 2-1 deficit with :44 on the clock. Leading 2-1, Brown chose down to start the second period and quickly escaped to a 3-1 lead (with 1:07 riding time). He then gained control of Headlee's ankle with 1:20 left, but the Panther was once again able to work his way out of bounds to keep the bout close. Headlee, a fifth-year senior, was called for a first stall warning with :40 left in the second stanza. Brown then used a swift move to work his way into a near pinning combination as the period ended, picking up a takedown and two near fall points at the buzzer to lead 7-1 after two. Brown chose down to start the third period and quickly reversed Headlee for a 9-1 lead. Headlee escaped with 1:02 on the clock, but Brown quickly took him down once more, moving out to an 11-2 lead with :35 on the clock. Brown then rode Headlee out to post the 12-2 major with 2:19 in riding time.

184: All-American Quentin Wright (Wingate, Pa.), ranked No. 2 at 184, took on Andy Vaughan. Wright wasted no time in taking Vaughan down, using a single leg to take a 2-0 lead at the 2:15 mark. Wright then turned Vaughan to his back for two near fall points and a 4-0 lead midway through the period. Vaughan escaped to a 4-1 deficit, but Wright used another swift trip to take the Panther down with :05 left to lead 6-1 after the opening period. Wright chose down to start the second stanza and quickly escaped to a 7-1 lead. Wright spent the second period, looking for a chance to lock up a throw. He blasted through a high double with :35 on the clock to move out to a 9-1 lead, a lead he carried into the third period. Vaughan chose top to start the third period, but Wright quickly reversed the Panther for an 11-1 lead with 1:20 on the clock. Vaughan escaped at the 1:05 mark but Wright coasted to the 12-2 major decision.

197: True freshman Morgan McIntosh (Santa Ana, Calif.), ranked No. 12 at 197, met No. 4 Matt Wilps in one of three battles of ranked grapplers. The ranked duo battled through a scoreless opening period, with neither wrestler finding an opening to score. Wilps, a junior, chose down to start the second period and quickly escaped to a 1-0 lead. McIntosh got in deep on Wilps' right ankle, forcing a scramble on the Nittany Lion logo that Wilps turned into a takedown and a 3-0 lead with 1:04 on the clock. McIntosh used a stunning roll to reverse Wilps with :20 left and, after a quick Wilps escape, trailed 4-2 after two periods. McIntosh chose down to start the third period and quickly escaped to a 4-3 deficit with riding time, at this point, not a factor. McIntosh shot low at the :50 mark and nearly connected, then skirted away from a Wilps counter. Trailing by one, McIntosh gained control of Wilps left leg and forced a scramble in the middle of the mat that nearly led to a takedown. But Wilps forced a stalemate with :09 left and then held McIntosh off to escape with a 4-3 win.

285: Senior Cameron Wade (Twinsburg, Ohio), ranked No. 6 at 285 and wrestling in the final dual meet of his Penn State career, took on Panther Joel Yahner. Wade countered a Yahner low single and worked his way to a stalemate with the match still scoreless and 2:05 on the clock. Wade took Yahner down with a high single at the 1:38 mark, taking a 2-0 lead. The Nittany Lion senior forced Yahner into a stall warning and then spent the next 1:38 looking for a turn. The ride out gave Wade a 2-0 lead after one period and Yahner chose neutral to start the second stanza. Wade quickly took Yahner down turned him to his back. After a brief bit of work, Wade got the pin at the 3:56 mark, ending his Penn State career with a pin and bringing nearly 7,000 fans to their fit.