

Wrestling Contact: Tony Wirt January 15, 2006

IOWA WRESTLING HAWKEYES FINISH SIXTH AT NATIONAL DUALS

CEDAR FALLS, IA – The University of Iowa wrestling team finished sixth at the 2006 N.W.C.A/Cliff Keen National Duals on Sunday. The Hawkeyes were defeated by Michigan, 19-15 in the fifth place match.

Iowa jumped out to an early 3-0 lead after **Lucas Magnani** (125) gained a 5-4 decision over Michigan's Michael Watts. Michigan evened the match when Mark Moos defeated **Daniel Dennis** (133), 12-6. The Wolverines took their first lead of the match after **Alex Tsirtsis** (141) was defeated by Josh Churella, 3-1. Iowa tied the match at 6-6 with a 7-4 decision from Ty Eustice (149) and Joe Johnston (157) followed with a 6-4 overtime decision to give the Hawkeyes a 9-6 lead. Johnston recorded a takedown in the first overtime period for the win.

Michigan countered with an 8-0 major decision from Ryan Churella over Eric Luedke (165) and a fall from Nick Roy over **Ben Stedman** (174) to regain the lead at 16-9. **Paul Bradley** (184) and **Dan Erekson** (197) recorded back-to-back decisions to bring the match score to 16-15 in favor of the Wolverines heading into the final bout of the match. Unfortunately for the Hawkeyes, Matt Fields (Hwt.) was unable to overcome Greg Wagner, who won the match, 4-0 to give Michigan the final advantage.

The Hawkeyes return to action on Friday, January 20 when the travel to Madison to face the Wisconsin Badgers. Match time is set for 7 p.m.

Michigan 19, **Iowa 15**

- 125 Lucas Magnani (I) dec. Michael Watts (M), 5-4
- 133 Mark Moos (M) dec. **Daniel Dennis** (I), 12-6
- 141 Josh Churella (M) dec. Alex Tsirtsis (I), 3-1
- 149 **Ty Eustice** (**I**) dec. Eric Tannenbaum (M), 7-4
- 157 **Joe Johnston (I)** dec. Steve Luke (M), 6-4
- 165 Ryan Churella (M) maj. dec. Eric Luedke (I), 8-0
- 174 Nick Roy (M) pinned **Ben Stedman (I)**, 3:25
- 184 Paul Bradley (I) dec. Tyrel Todd (M), 7-5
- 197 **Dan Erekson** dec. William Breyer (M), 6-2
- Hwt. Greg Wagner dec. Matt Fields (I), 4-0



