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## 2015-16 WRESTLING



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### NCAA CHAMPIONSHIPS RESULTS, NOTES

Friday, March 18 / Sessions III, IV / Madison Square Garden / New York, New York

#### 141 / DANNY SABATELLO

Session III / Consolation Second Round / Seth Gross, South Dakota State / L, D, 12-10

Sabatello created immediate action ... 11 seconds in and he had Gross taken down and looked strong on top ... attempted to lock Gross in a cradle, had him rolled but no points awarded as the two go out of bounds ... Sabatello rides the period out and takes 6-0 lead into the second ... Gross defers and Sabatello goes neutral ... wild second period saw Gross return the six-point series Sabatello had in the first to tie it at 6-6 ... Sabatello escapes and takes Gross down ... that series repeats for Gross to knot it at 9-9 going into final 3:00 of action ... Gross escapes to start third for a 10-9 edge ... Sabatello has riding time locked in ... with under a minute to go, Sabatello took a double shot that was countered by Gross resulting in a scramble situation ... Sabatello had a hold on Gross' leg, but he got around and earned the takedown with just 12 seconds left ... Gross rides out the match.

Gross opened the tournament with a 6-3 decision over 13th-seeded Steve Bleise of Northern Illinois ... was major decided by No. 4 Anthony Ashnault of Rutgers in the second round 15-2 ... season record of 25-13 ... first-ever match vs. Gross.

#### 165 / NO. 8 CHAD WELCH

Session IV / Consolation Fourth Round / No. 6 Steven Rodrigues, Illinois / L, D, 4-2

Welch gets first points on the board, taking Rodrigues down at the 1:56 mark in the opening period ... Welch got Rodrigues flat on his belly and rode the period out ... Rodrigues warned for stalling at the end of the frame ... Welch win toss in second, defers, Rodrigues goes neutral ... 25 seconds in Rodrigues ties it at 2-2 with a takedown ... rides for a minute and gets Welch tilted on the edge for a two count, takes 4-2 lead with under 30 to go in the second ... Welch receives first stalling warning late ... Welch goes neutral in the third ... aggressor in the final two minutes, but has calm method, not frenzied tone ... got a nice shot in on the far side, but Rodrigues found his way out of bounds with 20 seconds left ... time not on his side, nor was the opportunity to score as the seconds ticked away.

Rodrigues is 28-4 ... lost in the quarterfinals to third-seeded Bo Jordan of Ohio State by major decision 10-2 ... scored a 5-2 decision over Cornell's George Pickett in first round, escaped with a 3-1 decision in sudden victory over Geno Morelli of Penn State in the second round ... Rodrigues and Welch met in the consolation semifinals at Big Tens, Rodrigues had takedowns in the first and second for a 5-1 decision.

Session III / Consolation Third Round / No. 16 Devon Gobbo, Harvard / W, D, 8-4

Welch controls the early ties and snaps Gobbo to the mat for two at the 2:10 mark ... keeps Gobbo on his belly and rides the first out ... Welch defers in the second, Gobbo goes neutral ... Gobbo gets the inside trip after Welch fought off previous attempts to tie it at 2-2 at the end of the second ... Welch takes 1:51 riding time into the final period and is on bottom ... Welch bides his time, gets through and reverses Gobbo ... had him tilted, but couldn't hold him still, takes 4-2 lead ... Gobbo evens it again with a reversal of his own, but Welch still has the advantage thanks to riding time ... Gobbo cuts Welch with 14 seconds left ... Welch puts a seal on the match with a quick-strike takedown with four seconds left ... finishes with 2:18 of riding time.

Welch moves to 33-8 ... win total ties best since Logan Brown won 33 matches at 197 pounds in 2010.

Gobbo is 27-7 ... opened Session I with a 1:17 fall vs. Tyrel White of Columbia ... was then pinned by top-seeded Alex Dieringer of Oklahoma State in the second round ... won first match in wrestlebacks with a 9-5 decision over Lehigh's Ryan Preisch ... first-ever meeting between Gobbo and Welch.

Session III / Consolation Second Round / Forrest Przybysz, Appalachian State / W, MD, 11-1

Off the whistle Welch throws Przybysz, he escapes ... at the 44-second mark, Welch takes Przybysz down again and rides the period out for a 4-1 while racking up 1:01 riding time ... Welch defers in the second, Przybysz takes bottom ... Welch rides hard on top, Przybysz takes injury time ... Welch takes bottom out of the injury time, reverses Przybysz and rides the period out for a 6-1 lead ... Przybysz takes bottom in the third and works Welch's riding time under a minute ... Welch received a penalty point from Przybysz grabbing head gear ... Welch reverses Przybysz for a second time in the match and tilts him for a two-point nearfall to close out the match.

Second major decision of the tournament for Welch ... 12th of the season and 16th of his career ... 21 bonus point victories ... pushes season record to 32-8, which matches the most wins since Ivan Lopouchanski's 32 in 2013 at 149 pounds ... the two-point nearfall gives him 165 career back points, which ranks 10th at Purdue ... he has eight through the tournament ... his season total is now 90, which ranks 11th.

Przybysz has a record of 22-13 ... Przybysz was pinned by seventh-seeded Anthony Perrotti of Rutgers in 1:18 to open tournament ... notched a 4-1 decision over Pittsburgh's Cody Wiercioch in first round of wrestlebacks ... first-ever match vs. Przybysz for Welch.



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Thursday, March 17 / Sessions I, II / Madison Square Garden / New York, New York

### 141 / DANNY SABATELLO

Session I / First Round / No. 3 Kevin Jack, NC State / L, D, 5-0

A couple shots each in the opening period ... scoreless first ... Jack defers, Sabatello goes neutral in second ... few shots exchanged in second ... Jack picked both of Sabatello's ankles with six seconds left in the second for first points ... Jack escaped early in the third to make it 3-0 ... Jack scored a second takedown on the edge with under 30 seconds to go and rode the third out for a 5-0 decision.

Jack is a 2015 All-American, he finished fifth at 141 pounds ... 2016 ACC Champion.

Session II / Wrestlebacks First Round / Robert Mathers, Arizona State / W, F, 6:52

Sabatello wasted no time getting after the Sun Devil, striking for first takedown 17 seconds in ... Mathers escaped and got a takedown of his own after escaping ... Sabatello gets free and with three seconds on the clock, hit a Sabatello-standard double for a 5-4 lead ... Sabatello had been called twice for stalling in the first, giving Mathers a point ... an escape from Mathers and an illegal hold by Sabatello made it a 6-5 edge for Mathers after two periods ... Sabatello took bottom in the third and quickly escaped, making it 6-6 ... a takedown by Mathers made it an 8-6 lead with 36 seconds left ... with his back against the wall, Sabatello was able to gain position to reverse Mathers and sent him to his back in a single motion to get the fall.

Fifth fall of the season for Sabatello and 10th of his career ... two takedowns in the match pushed career total to 264, which ranks 12th all-time at Purdue ... moves record to 20-16.

Mathers (22-12) was major decisioned by No. 14 Bryce Meredith of Wyoming 16-3 in the first round ... sophomore placed third at PAC-12 Championships ... first-ever meeting between Sabatello and Mathers.

### 149 / ALEX GRIFFIN

Session I / First Round / No. 10 Mike DePalma, Kent State / L, MD, 10-1

DePalma takedown 30 seconds in, hit Griffin with a double ... tilted for a four count a minute later for a 6-0 lead in the first ... Griffin defers in second, DePalma goes neutral ... adds another takedown late in the period for an 8-1 lead going into third ... Griffin took top in the final period, DePalma escaped for only points in the period ... DePalma finished with 2:09 riding time.

DePalma is a three-time NCAA qualifier ... MAC champion.

Session II / First Round / Joseph Galasso, Cornell / L, D, 4-1

Little action in the first period ... Galasso takes bottom in second with choice and escapes 11 seconds in ... no more scoring in the period ... Griffin on bottom in third and escapes to tie it at 1-1 ... with 53 seconds remaining, Galasso takes Griffin down for a 3-1 advantage and rides the period out for a fourth and final point.

Galasso (19-13) was shutout by seventh-seeded Jake Suefloh of Nebraska in the first round 8-0 ... Galasso was the EIWA 149-pound runner-up ... first-ever meeting between Griffin and Galasso.

### 165 / NO. 8 CHAD WELCH

Session I / First Round / Seth Thomas, Oregon State / W, MD, 13-4

Welch built an 8-0 lead in just 1:15 during first period ... scored first takedown 18 seconds into the match ... escaped twice in the second ... Thomas took Welch down with 16 seconds left in the period ... Welch took advantage of a neutral start in the third with a takedown 40 seconds into the period ... Thomas' final points came off a reversal, once again at the 16-second mark ... Welch accumulated 3:11 of riding time.

The six back points pushes his season total to 88 and career total to 163 ... major decision was 11th of the season and 15th of his career ... his 31 wins this season are the most since Colton Salazar had 30 in 2010.

Thomas went 21-9 during the season ... took third place at the Pac-12 tournament.

Session II / Second Round / No. 9 Tanner Weatherman, Iowa State / L, D, 7-4

Tight in on Weatherman's head early in match ... 0-0 after first period ... Weatherman defers, Welch takes bottom in second ... rolled Welch for a four-point nearfall with shoulders nearly flat on the mat ... tilt went to stalemate and Welch escaped soon after the reset ... Welch came around on a Weatherman shot attempt for the takedown as time ended in the second to make it a 4-3 lead for the Cyclone ... Weatherman used his neutral start in the third by taking Welch down with 48 seconds left ... Weatherman held on long enough to gain the riding time advantage before Welch escaped with short time ... final 7-4 after point awarded for 1:28 riding time.

Rematch from Midlands final ... Welch pinned Weatherman in 3:54 ... Weatherman (30-8) opened with a 4:26 fall of Eastern Michigan's Dakota Juarez ... Weatherman was Big 12 runner-up and is a four-time NCAA qualifier.

**Note:** Nos. reflect tournament seeds, InterMat rankings are not included