

**EIWA**

**EASTERN INTERCOLLEGIATE  
WRESTLING ASSOCIATION**



**The 2024 EIWA Championships will be held at  
Bucknell University on Fri.-Sat. March 8-9.**

## **This week's EIWA Calendar**

### **Friday, Dec. 8**

Lehigh at Oklahoma State - 7:00 PM  
Columbia at Iowa - 8:00 PM

### **Saturday, Dec. 9**

Army West Point at Cleveland State Open  
Nassau CC at LIU - 11:00 AM  
Bloomsburg at LIU - 3:00 PM  
Wisconsin at Drexel - 6:00 PM  
Rutgers at Princeton - 6:30 PM

### **Sunday, Dec. 10**

Hofstra at Penn State - 1:00 PM  
Navy at Ohio Univ. - 2:00 PM  
Columbia at Northern Iowa - 3:00 PM

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## **EIWA Wrestler of the Week** **Julian Ramirez - 165 lbs.**



Photo by Sam Janicki

Cornell's Julian Ramirez, 165lbs. has been named the EIWA Wrestler of the Week after a strong performance that included wins over three nationally ranked opponents at the Cliff Keen Invitational.

Ramirez placed second in a stacked field which included former NCAA Champion David Carr (Iowa State) who Ramirez defeated 4-3 in the semifinals. The two-time NCAA finalist, Carr entered the Cliff Keen ranked 2nd in the nation.

Finals: Ramirez vs. No. 4 Izzack Oljnick (Oklahoma St.) lost dec. 4-2  
Semifinals: Ramirez vs. No. 2 David Carr (Iowa St.) won dec. 4-3  
Quarterfinals: Ramirez vs. No. 8 Matt Olguin (Oregon St.) won fall 2:48  
Round Two: Ramirez vs. No. 29 Hunter Garvin (Stanford) won TF 18-1  
Round One: Ramirez vs. Gavin Bell (Maryland) won dec. 8-1

## EIWA at the Cliff Keen Invitational



*Navy Freshman Danny Wask (174) looked impressive with his fourth place showing!*

### **The Toughest In-Season NCAA Tournament How the EIWA Prevailed at The Cliff Keen Invitational**

by Austin Sommer, EIWA Sports Information Director

The general consensus within the wrestling community is the Cliff Keen Las Vegas Invite (CKLV) is the toughest in-season tournament of the NCAA wrestling season. A top eight finish in this event puts a wrestler in the driver seat into getting a high ranking while bettering the chances to end the season with the ultimate goal – being an NCAA All-American. Let's take a look at last year's results, for instance.

Just like most large-scale tournaments, CKLV's podium contains eight place finishers. With ten weights, that leads to 80 total place finishers. Of those eighty, 26 ended up being All-Americans at the end of the year. This does not count the dozens of All-Americans from years prior who were on the podium in Vegas but failed to make this NCAA podium at the end of last season. The weight classes of 141lbs, 184lbs, and 285lbs each led the way with four All-Americans on the CKLV and NCAA podium a year ago. This was a field without Penn State, Iowa, and Missouri – whom were first,

second, and fifth at the NCAA team race, respectively. M

Looking at ranked wrestlers in this year's event, the numbers are incredible. Forty-eight top-ten ranked wrestlers were in the field this year across all ten weights. This was after a handful of late scratches and no-shows. With a full field, the number would have been over fifty. This goes to show how incredibly tough this tournament is this year. Let's recap how the EIWA did this year and look at how it may affect the rest of their season.

At 125lbs, Brett Ungar (#8) of Cornell was the third seed coming in. He defeated Harvard's Sotelo (#25) by one point. His next opponent was All-American, Kaylor of Oregon State (#14), where he also won by a point. In the semi-finals, his 8-1 win over #5 DeAugustino of Northwestern earned him a spot in the finals. Defeating two former All-Americans on his way to the finals, puts Ungar in the hunt for an All-American finish this season. In the finals, he squared off with #20 Provo of Stanford (who had a heck of a tournament, himself). Ungar ended the weekend with a silver medal after losing to Provo 5-1 in the final.

Sotelo of Harvard lost in the blood round, ending top-12 in the tournament. He beat Hofstra's Ryder in the consolations. Babin (#24) of Columbia won a few matches, beating EIWA foe Wagner of Binghamton along the way. Wagner defeated Sagaris of LIU. It was nice to see some head-to-head match ups.

133lbs was a tough weight for the EIWA. Without #2 Vito Arujau of Cornell (last year's CKLV and NCAA champ), the conference needed others to step up in his place. Angelo Rini (#11) of Columbia was a last-minute scratch after earning a 5th seed. Next man up was Navy's (#12) Brendan Ferretti, who came in seeded 4th. He ended the weekend 2-2, with a win over Harvard's Garcia. In the wrestle backs, Andrew Fallon of Sacred Heart lost to Farber of Northern Iowa by a 2-1 score. This ended up being his closest win on the backside before placing top 8. It's good to see Fallon in the mix here.

Vince Cornella (#14), of Cornell, found himself in the quarterfinals, where he dropped a match to a red-hot Jesse Mendez (#5) of Ohio State. He won in his blood-round match over #21 Belton of Oregon State. He ended the weekend with an 8th place finish to #19 Echemendia of Iowa State. The next best performer was LIU's Devin Matthews. He used a decision over Emmer of Utah Valley, and a medical forfeit win over Navy's Koderhandt (#18). This year's new rule states that this is a win for Matthews, making this his first quality win of the season. Kai Owen of Columbia, Ivan Garcia of Binghamton, and Harvard's Jaden Pepe each had a win on the weekend.

The 149lbs bracket was not very friendly to the EIWA. The biggest win for the conference came from Hofstra's Noah Tapia when he defeated #14 Jordan Williams of Oklahoma State. Noah's weekend ended with a 2-2 record, but that quality win could easily pay dividends at the end of the year. James Latona of Navy had a quality win over Stanford's Jaden Abas (#9) via medical forfeit. Besides these quality wins from Tapia and Latona, there was not much else happening in Vegas at this weight for the conference. It must have an unlucky roll of the dice...

The 157lbs bracket was considered to be the most interesting, by most people's opinions. Cornell's Meyer Shapiro (#21) was the talk of the early rounds when he major decisioned Virginia Tech's multiple time All-American, Bryce Andonian (#5). Meyer made the quarter-finals, losing to #9 Cardenas of Stanford and then #10 Chumbley of Northwestern in the wrestle backs – both by close decisions. The roller coaster of emotions was on full display for Shapiro and Cornell. On a positive note, most EIWA participants walked away with at least one win. Jaden Le of Columbia, Rhise Royster of LIU, Carter Baer of Binghamton, and Joe Cangro of Harvard each had a victory.

With a majority of the wrestlers mentioned being underclassmen, expect them to improve as the season progresses.

The EIWA's deepest weight showcased its talents in the 165lbs bracket. Julian Ramirez (#7) won in the semi-finals over #2 David Carr of Iowa State – a former NCAA Champion. Ramirez used his slick scrambling ability to earn a takedown in the final period. His finals match against #4 Olejnik of Oklahoma State was a hard fought loss. Olejnik scored the only takedown of the match, securing a 4-2 win. It may be noteworthy that Josh Ogunsanya of Columbia did not wrestle in this event, after placing at last year's event. Kyle Mosher wrestled in his place, where he was victorious in one match. Binghamton's Brevin Cassella (#21) earned his way on the podium. He utilized a tiebreaker win over #17 Mayfield of Northwestern and a one-point win over App State's Miller to place top 8. For 7th, he faced #8 Olguin of Oregon State – where he was defeated. For what it's worth, Cassella lost to #3 Amine of Michigan 4-2, who is a multiple time All-American. He is right in the mix at a deep weight.

Navy's Danny Wask (#30) should see his ranking improve after placing top four on the weekend. In the round of 16, he won over #23 Faison of NC State. He lost a one-point match to Oregon State's 12th-ranked Wittlake. In the consolation semis, he had a win over Campbell's Murphy (#22). His final match against All-American Kharchla of Ohio State ended with a loss, earning Wask 4th place on the weekend. Expect a sizable jump in the rankings for him. It was great to see Cornell's Benny Baker get the nod for the Big Red. With a slew of options, he wrestled to the bloodround with a 3-2 record overall. The other wrestlers from the conference earning a win were Will Ebert of Binghamton, Blake Bahna of LIU, Ross McFarland of Hofstra, and Luke Rada of Harvard.

Looking at the 184lbs bracket, we expected Chris Foca (#4) of Cornell to put on a great performance. He fell short, and was upset twice in the process at his new weight class. There were three top 16 finishes at this weight from David Key (#14) of Navy, Aaron Ayzerov of Columbia, and Anthony D'Alesio of LIU. Ayzerov won by major decision over Foca, while D'Alesio had a quality win over #13 Fisher of Northwestern.

Jacob Cardenas (#6) of Cornell was a semi-finalist at 197lbs. He lost a tough one to #5 Hiday of NC State. He was impressive in his quarter-final bout with a tech all over #12 Allred of Nebraska. In the consolation bracket, he wrestled returning NCAA runner-up (#3) Sloane of South Dakota State for third. Cardenas dropped this last match – walking away with 4th place. Columbia's Jack Wehmeyer (#29) was the next best finisher. He went 2-2 on the weekend.

Heavyweight was the most successful class for the conference. The conference walked away with three place-finishers. Grady Griess (#10) of Navy was a semi-finalist before ending the weekend in 5th place, after a loss to #22 McDermott of Oregon State and a win over Ohio State's Feldman (#17). Binghamton's Cory Day (#23) and Lewis Fernandes (#21) of Cornell wrestled for 7th and 8th place where Day came out the winner via medical forfeit. Fernandes had a win over #18 Catka of Virginia Tech while Day had a medical forfeit win over #16 Doucet of OK State.

The EIWA had nine place winners in Las Vegas. It may be a bit of underperformance, but there were many wrestlers not competing that could have easily produced a top-eight finish. Thankfully, this event is at the beginning of December and not March. There is plenty of time to improve so wrestlers can peak for the post season in March. More importantly, the wrestlers who missed the event will be healthy – which will obviously improve chances of more EIWA All-Americans

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# Last Week's EIWA Recap

Princeton Freshman Eligh Rivera upsets No. 8 Graham Rooks (IU)!



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## Key Takeaways

**Cornell's Ungar (125lbs) and Ramirez (165lbs) earn silver at CKLV.**

**Princeton Freshman Eligh Rivera upsets #8 Rooks of Indiana.**

**Lehigh's Crookham defeats Penn St. returning All-American #3 Nagao.**

### American

The Eagles were victorious in seven of ten bouts against Davidson. Shamil Kalmatov and Raymond Lopez each saw some mat time at 125lbs and 141lbs, respectively. American had five shutout wins in their seven victories.

#### American 31 – Davidson 7

- 125 - Shamil Kalmatov (AU) dec. Enis Ljivic (Davidson), 5-0
- 133 - Maximilian Leete (AU) major dec. Hale Robinson (Davidson), 9-0
- 141 - Raymond Lopez (AU) tech. fall Josh Viarengo (Davidson), 17-1 (5:23)
- 149 - Tyler-Xavier McKnight (Davidson) dec. Ethan Szerencsits (AU), 11-8 SV
- 157 - Jack Nies (AU) dec. Tanner Peake (Davidson), 9-6 TB
- 165 - Bryce Sanderlin (Davidson) major dec. Breon Phifer (AU), 11-2
- 174 - Lucas White (AU) dec. Marc Koch (Davidson), 6-0
- 184 - Connor Bourne (AU) dec. Wyatt Ferguson (Davidson), 4-0

197 - Carsten Rawls (AU) major dec. Cameo Blankenship (Davidson), 9-0  
285 - Will Jarrell (AU) pinned Jake Fernicola (Davidson), 2:58

Next up for American is a bout with Navy at home, right before Christmas break.

### **Army**

The Black Knights of Army West Point competed in the Cougar Clash at SIUE. At 125lbs, both Ethan Berginc and Charlie Farmer made the finals where a no contest was decided. Lucas Stoddard was 2nd in his 285lbs bracket with his only loss coming to #5 Elam of Missouri. Also finishing as runner-up was Dakota Morris – wrestling at 165lbs. He outplaced Dalton Harkins, who was 3rd. They both lost to Fernandes of Northern Colorado. Also finishing in 3rd place were Logan Brown (141lbs) and Dillon Sheehy (174lbs). Sheehy's lone loss was to #17 Sparks of Minnesota. Nate Lukez was 4th at 149lbs. The Knights had two 5th place finishers in Braden Basile and Rich Treanor at 133lbs and 141lbs, respectively. Rounding out the place winners for the team were at 149lbs – both Thomas Deck and Matthew Williams tied for 6th place.

Next on Army's agenda is the Cleveland State Open on Saturday.

### **Binghamton**

The Bearcats had two place finishers at the CKLV, earning a 19th place finish in the team standings. 23rd ranked heavyweight, Cory Day was 7th over the weekend. His two losses were to higher ranked opponents in Feldman of Ohio State (#17) and Ghadiali (#15) of Campbell. Brevin Cassella (#21 at 165lbs) earned 8th place. He had a win over #17 Mayfield of Northwestern, among other solid wins. The two place winners are a good showing for them. It may be noteworthy, Jacob Nolan (#21 at 184lbs) did not wrestle in this event due to injury. He's a candidate that may have put some serious points up for the team.

The next competition for Binghamton is at the Wilkes Open a few days before Christmas.

### **Brown**

The Bears of Brown University will be off for a few weeks. They do not compete until right before the Christmas Holiday. Expect improvements over this span.

### **Bucknell**

The Bison had a top-30 road matchup with #29 Wisconsin. They split matches with Wisconsin but fell 24-22. Kurt Phipps (#21 at 133lbs) led the way with a fall. At 165lbs, Noah Mulvaney (#26) and Dorian Crosby (285lbs) each had a tech fall for the Bison. Both Braden Bower (141lbs) and Nick Delp (157lbs) each earned a decision. There was one ranked match-up, and it occurred at 149lbs where Bucknell's #31 Chappell fell to #18 Zargo.

#### Wisconsin 24 – Bucknell 22

125: No. 10 Eric Barnett (WIS) tech fall over Grayson McLellan (BUC), 16-0  
133: No. 21 Kurt Phipps (BUC) fall over Nicolar Rivera (WIS), 3:40  
141: Braden Bower (BUC) dec. over Felix Lettini (WIS), 5-0  
149: No. 18 Joseph Zargo (WIS) maj. dec. over No. 31 Dylan Chappell (BUC), 11-2  
157: Nick Delp (BUC) dec. over Luke Mechler (WIS), 11-7  
165: No. 26 Noah Mulvaney (BUC) tech fall over Gavin Model (WIS), 19-3 (5:05)  
174: No. 5 Dean Hamiti (WIS) fall over Myles Takats (BUC), 1:37  
184: No. 26 Max Maylor (WIS) fall over Mikey Bartush (BUC), 0:27  
197: Shane Liegel (WIS) dec. over Nolan Springer (BUC), 5-0  
HWT: Dorian Crosby (BUC) tech fall over Peter Christensen (WIS), 19-4 (5:56)

The Bison will have a week off this coming weekend.

## **Columbia**

The Lions were one of the teams competing at the CKLV Invite. With two of the team's highest ranked wrestlers out with injury (Angelo Rini #11 at 133lbs and Josh Ogunsanya #14 at 165lbs), they finished in 21st place with zero place finishers. Unfortunately, Lennox Wolack (#24 at 174lbs) was injured as well. Aaron Ayzerov went through a gauntlet of competition at 184lbs, losing to #5 Plott of Oklahoma St and #18 Fisher of Virginia Tech. His lone win was a huge one, as he defeated #4 Foca of Cornell. Nick Babin (#24 at 125lbs) was 2-2 on the day losing two to higher ranked opponents. At heavyweight, Nolan Neves had a great win over #19 Nevills of Maryland, as he competed to a 3-2 record on the weekend. Jack Wehmeyer came into the weekend ranked #29 at 197lbs. He had a win over #30 Striggow of Michigan to help solidify his ranking. Columbia's performance was tainted thanks to injuries – let's hope they heal up quickly.

The Lions have a road trip this weekend to compete at #3 Iowa and #20 Northern Iowa.

## **Cornell**

The Big Red wrestled to an impressive 6th place finish as a squad. Brett Ungar (#8 at 125lbs) helped lead the way with a 2nd place finish. Highlighting his tournament was a win over, former All-American, #5 DeAugustino of Northwestern. Another big win for the Big Red came at 165lbs, where #7 Julian Ramirez defeated NCAA Champion, David Carr in the semifinals. His silver medal came at a loaded weight class. Jacob Cardenas was 4th place this weekend. The 6th ranked wrestler at 197lbs had losses to #5 Hidlay of NC State and #3 Sloane of South Dakota State. At 141lbs, #14 Vince Cornella took home 6th place. At heavyweight, Lewis Fernandes was 8th – losing by medical forfeit in his final match. Stud freshman, #21 Meyer Shapiro defeated #5 Andonian of Virginia Tech, then failed to place. His major decision over Andonian was the talk of the first day. Benny Baker filled in nicely at 174lbs with Foca moving up to 184lbs. He finished a win short of placing.

Cornell is off this weekend with some much-needed rest. They will be at the National Collegiate Duals in a few weeks.

## **Drexel**

The Dragons hosted The Dragon Duals where Little Rock, West Liberty (D2), and Clarion all came to for a quad. Drexel was 1-2, falling to Little Rock and Clarion, but had a dominant win over West Liberty. Dom Findora (149lbs) led the Dragons with three wins – all by bonus points. Chad Walsh was also 3-0 with two bonus point wins. Jordan Soriano won both matches he competed in at 141lbs. This is a young team that took some lumps but will improve as time goes on.

### Drexel 10, Little Rock 30

125: Jeremiah Reno (Little Rock) def. Desmond Pleasant, Dec. 15-8  
133: #22 Nasir Bailey (Little Rock) def. Jaxon Maroney, MD 15-2  
141: Jordan Soriano def. Brennan Van Hoecke (Little Rock), Dec. 12-9  
149: Dom Findora def. Kyle Dutton (Little Rock), MD 10-1  
157: #25 Matty Bianchi (Little Rock) def. Tyler Williams, MD 11-2  
165: #31 Cody Walsh def. Bilal Bailey (Little Rock), Dec. 7-3  
174: #17 Tyler Brennan (Little Rock) def. Jasiah Queen, Fall 6:39  
184: Triston Wills (Little Rock) def. Justin Griffith, TF 21-4 (6:08)  
197: #7 Stephen Little (Little Rock) def. Ibrahim Ameer, TF 21-4 (7:00)  
285: #28 Josiah Hill (Little Rock) def. Santino Morina, Dec. 4-2

### Drexel 42, West Liberty 3

125: Desmond Pleasant def. Alexander Crane (West Liberty), TF 21-4 (5:41)  
133: John Hildebrandt def. Vincent Scollo (West Liberty), Dec. 3-2

141: Gabe Onorato def. Khyvon Grace (West Liberty) Dec. 7-3  
149: Dom Findora def. AJ Nettey (West Liberty), TF 18-2 (3:26)  
157: Tyler Williams def. Tyler Beckley (West Liberty), TF 15-0 (3:31)  
165: #31 Cody Walsh def. Alec Cook (West Liberty), Fall (4:09)  
174: Jack Janda def. Breagan Pearson (West Liberty), Fall 1:42  
184: Ty McGeary (West Liberty) def. Natty Lapinski, Dec. 10-3  
197: Ibrahim Ameer def. Keaton Grider (West Liberty), Fall (1:44)  
285: Dom Petracci def. Jamie Kilmer (West Liberty), Dec. 9-2

#### Drexel 17, Clarion 23

125: Joey Fischer (Clarion) def. Desmond Pleasant, Dec 8-3  
133: TJ England (Clarion) def. Jaxon Maroney, Dec 10-7  
141: Jordan Soriano def. Tye Varndell (Clarion), TF 20-4 (4:53)  
149: Dom Findora def. Kyle Schickel (Clarion), TF 15-0 (7:00)  
157: #24 Alejandro Herrera-Rondon (Clarion) def. Tyler Williams, TF 18-3 (7:00)  
165: #31 Cody Walsh def. Trevor Elfin (Clarion), MD 9-1  
174: #29 John Worthing (Clarion) def. Jasiah Queen, TF 18-1 (3:35)  
184: Cam Pine (Clarion) def. Justin Griffith, TF 20-5 (6:09)  
197: Ethan Wiant (Clarion) def. Ibrahim Ameer, Dec 6-5  
285: Santino Morina def. John Meyers (Clarion), SV-1 4-1  
\*One point deducted for Clarion unsportsmanlike conduct

Drexel will host #29 Wisconsin to a dual on Saturday this week.

#### **Franklin & Marshall**

The Diplomats were at home hosting the Diplomat duals where they defeated VMI, Presbyterian, and Bloomsburg. They were defeated by Michigan State. Mason Leiphart (133lbs) and James Conway (#17 at 184lbs) were each 4-0 on the day. Conway had three bonus point victories in the process. 30th ranked John Crawford was 3-1 on the day at 197lbs. Noah Fox had three wins in his four matches at 174lbs. Pat Phillips was 2-1 at 141lbs, while Josh Palmucci was 2-2.

#### Michigan State 34, Franklin & Marshall 10

125: #30 Tristan Lujan (MSU) dec. Eric Howe (F&M); 6-1 (MSU 3-0)  
133: Mason Leiphart (F&M) dec. Andrew Hampton (MSU); 8-3 (Tied 3-3)  
141: Andrew Hampton (MSU) major dec. Pat Phillips (F&M); 8-0 (MSU 7-3)  
149: Clayton Jones (MSU) WBF Luke Bender (F&M); 6:03 (MSU 13-3)  
157: #14 Chase Saldate (MSU) WBF Dominic Wheatley (F&M); 4:42 (MSU 19-3)  
165: #12 Caleb Fish (MSU) major dec. Josh Palmucci (F&M); 13-5 (MSU 23-3)  
174: Noah Fox (F&M) dec. DJ Shannon (MSU); 11-8 (MSU 23-6)  
184: #17 James Conway (F&M) major dec. Ryan Boucher (MSU); 15-2 (MSU 23-10)  
197: Kael Wisler (MSU) WBF #30 John Crawford (F&M); 5:49 (MSU 29-10)  
285: Josh Terrill (MSU) TF Harrison Shapiro (F&M); 21-4 (5:25) (MSU 34-10)

#### Franklin & Marshall 21, VMI 14

125: Anthony Burke (VMI) dec. Jack Parker (F&M); 8-5 (SV) (VMI 3-0)  
133: Mason Leiphart (F&M) dec. Dyson Dunham (VMI); 7-1 (Tied 3-3)  
141: Pat Phillips (F&M) dec. Patrick Jordon (VMI); 8-4 (F&M 6-3)  
149: Ryan Vigil (VMI) major dec. Luke Bender (F&M); 11-3 (VMI 7-6)  
157: Josh Yost (VMI) major dec. Dominic Wheatley (F&M); 17-3 (VMI 11-6)  
165: Josh Palmucci (F&M) dec. Luke Hart (VMI); 7-0 (VMI 11-9)  
174: Braxton Lewis (VMI) dec. Noah Fox (F&M); 9-4 (VMI 14-9)  
184: #17 James Conway (F&M) WBF Riley Finck (VMI); 2:21 (F&M 15-14)  
197: #30 John Crawford (F&M) dec. Josh Evans (VMI); 4-1 (F&M 18-14)  
285: Harrison Shapiro (F&M) dec. Brian Jackson (VMI); 5-1 (F&M 21-14)

#### Franklin & Marshall 34, Presbyterian 9



125: Jack Parker (F&M) dec. Trent Dominguez (PRES); 9-4 (F&M 3-0)  
133: Mason Leiphart (F&M) TF Brayden Adams (PRES); 15-0 (1:41) (F&M 8-0)  
141: Bryce Kresho (F&M) dec. Ryan Luna (PRES); 9-6 (F&M 11-0)  
149: Trent Donahue (PRES) WBF Luke Bender (F&M); 2:36 (F&M 11-6)  
157: Dominic Wheatley (F&M) major dec. Elijah Holiday (PRES); 10-2 (F&M 15-6)  
165: Josh Palmucci (F&M) major dec. Joshua Roe (PRES); 16-3 (F&M 19-6)  
174: Noah Fox (F&M) dec. Reed Douglass (PRES); 15-10 (F&M 22-6)  
184: #17 James Conway (F&M) WBF Caleb Roe (PRES); 4:16 (F&M 28-6)  
197: #30 John Crawford (F&M) WBF Connor Garren (PRES); 5:59 (F&M 34-6)  
285: Nathan Carnes (PRES) dec. Harrison Shapiro (F&M); 4-2 (F&M 34-9)

#### Franklin & Marshall 27, Bloomsburg 12

125: Eric Howe (F&M) dec. Bronson Garber (BLOOM); 7-2 (F&M 3-0)  
133: Mason Leiphart (F&M) won by forfeit (F&M 9-0)  
141: Pat Phillips (F&M) won by forfeit (F&M 15-0)  
149: Cade Balestrini (BLOOM) dec. Bryce Kresho (F&M); 10-9 (F&M 15-3)  
157: William Morrow (BLOOM) dec. Dominic Wheatley (F&M); 11-8 (SV) (F&M 15-5)  
165: Caden Dobbins (BLOOM) maj. Josh Palmucci (F&M); 8-0 (F&M 15-9)  
174: Noah Fox (F&M) maj. Josh Bonomo (BLOOM); 11-2 (F&M 19-9)  
184: #17 James Conway (F&M) dec. Tanner Culver (BLOOM); 9-2 (F&M 22-9)  
197: #30 John Crawford (F&M) TF Kolby Flank (BLOOM); 15-0 (7:00) (F&M 27-9)  
285: Shane Noonan (BLOOM) dec. Harrison Shapiro (F&M); 6-3 (F&M 27-12)  
\*\*\* Bloomsburg was deducted one team during the 157 lb. match for coach's misconduct

The Dips will take a few days off this coming weekend.

#### **Harvard**

The Crimson were in Las Vegas for the CKLV. 25th ranked Diego Sotelo was the team's leader in wins with three. His two losses came to #2 Ramos of Purdue and #8 Ungar of Cornell – each within a takedown. He finished in the top-12. Jameson Garcia competed in the 133lbs bracket. He had a single win over #23 Drury. Other Harvard wrestlers getting wins were Pepe (141lbs), Cangro (157lbs), Rada (174lbs), Bittner (197lbs) and Crooks (285lbs)

The Crimson will be off until the holiday break.

#### **Hofstra**

The Pride of Hofstra were also in attendance at the CKLV in Las Vegas. Noah Tapia competed in the 149lbs bracket and earned the best win for the squad. His upset in the consolations was over #14 Jordan Williams of Oklahoma State. He led the team with two wins. Other Hofstra wrestlers earning wins were Ryder (125lbs) and McFarland (174lbs). This was a tough test for Hofstra, losing to many ranked opponents.

Catch them back in action next weekend when they travel to #1 Penn State.

#### **Lehigh**

The Mountain Hawks had a tough road test when they traveled to #1 Penn State. Sheldon Seymour got the team off to a hot start with a late takedown victory. #5 Ryan Crookham kept the train rolling when he defeated #3 Nagao, a returning All-American. Finally, Michael Beard (#10 @ 197lbs) won via major.

#### No. 1 Penn State 30, No. 20 Lehigh 10

125 – Sheldon Seymour (Lehigh) dec. Gary Steen (PSU) 4-1  
133 – Ryan Crookham (Lehigh) dec. Aaron Nagao (PSU) 6-4  
141 – Beau Bartlett (PSU) major dec. Carter Bailey (Lehigh) 14-6  
149 – Tyler Kasak (PSU) dec. Drew Munch (Lehigh) 7-5

157 – Levi Haines (PSU) dec. Max Brignola (Lehigh) 12-6  
165 – Mitchell Mesenbrink (PSU) tech fall Jake Logan (Lehigh) 17-2, 6:13  
174 – Carter Starocci (PSU) Fall Thayne Lawrence (Lehigh) 2:07  
184 – Bernie Truax (PSU) tech fall Jack Wilt (Lehigh) 19-4, 7:00  
197 – Michael Beard (Lehigh) major dec. Lucas Cochran (PSU) 20-6  
285 – Greg Kerkvliet (PSU) major dec. Nathan Taylor (Lehigh) 11-1

They will return to the mat this week against #11 Oklahoma State.

### **Long Island**

The Sharks were at the CKLV event also. Anthony D'Alesio (184lbs) and Devin Matthews (141lbs) each won two matches. D'Alesio had a quality win over #13 Fisher of Northwestern. Matthews had a medical forfeit win over #18 Koderhandt of Navy. Rhise Royster (157lbs), Aeden Begue (285lbs) and Drew Witham (149lbs) each had a win on the weekend. Of the eight teams in the EIWA competing in Las Vegas, LIU was the 5th best overall. Drastic improvements are easily seen in this team.

Bloomsburg comes to town this weekend for a dual against LIU.

### **Navy**

The Midshipmen were in competition at CKLV as well. Coming home with two place finishers, and a 16th overall team placement – it was a successful day. Danny Wask at 174lbs made the semifinals. Losing to only #12 Wittlake and #5 Kharchla, expect him to improve on his #30 ranking. Grady Griess was 5th at 285lbs. He was also in the semifinals, losing to #7 Bostida and #22 McDermott. Unfortunately, Koderhandt went down with an injury and had to forfeit on the backside. Navy most likely expected better results. They were without Cerniglia at 165lbs, which did not help their cause.

They will be in action this weekend against Ohio at Jefferson Morgan High School – Coach Kolat's alma mater.

### **Penn**

The Quakers hosted #3 Iowa to a dual. It was competitive throughout. The Quakers saw wins from Colaiocco, Incontrera, and Hale. In matches that Iowa won, Penn wrestled them very well – notably in the middleweights where Iowa is very tough.

Iowa 22 - Penn 13

125 – #15 Drake Ayala (I) def. #19 Max Gallagher (P), 8-7 DEC  
133 – #13 Michael Colaiocco (P) def. Jace Rhodes (I), 5-0 DEC  
141 – #1 Real Woods (I) def. #11 CJ Composto (P), 5-0 DEC  
149 – #15 Victor Voinovich III (I) def. Andy Troczynski (P), 1-0 DEC  
157 – #2 Jared Franek (I) def. #26 Jude Swisher (P), 4-2 DEC  
165 – #6 Michael Caliendo (I) Lucas Revano (P), 14-5 MD  
174 – #10 Nick Incontrera (P) def. #9 Patrick Kennedy (I), 10-2 MD  
184 – #32 Maximus Hale (P) def. Aiden Riggins (I), FALL (1:55)  
197 – #22 Zach Glazier (I) def. #26 Martin Cosgrove (P), 9-5 DEC  
285 – Bradley Hill (I) def. Cole Urbas (P), 8-3 DEC

Penn also had some wrestlers at the Patriot Open at George Mason. Ryan Miller was runner up at 125lbs, losing to top-ranked Noto of Lock Haven. Nico Nardone was 4th at 141lbs – as were Jackson Polo (149lbs) and Kaya Sement (165lbs). At 285lbs, Zach Delsanter was 5th.

Penn will be off until the holiday break, where they compete at the Midlands.

### **Princeton**

Princeton held a dual against Indiana. They split matches 5-5, but lost the bout due to

lack of bonus points. Eligh Rivera had an upset victory over #8 Rooks. Cover had a win over #32 Wilhelm. Drew Heethuis made his dual debut and earned a win. Luke Stout and Nate Dugan continue to win. Overall, it was a nice effort from the squad.

#### Indiana 18 – Princeton 15

149: Eligh Rivera (Princeton) DEC #8 Graham Rooks (Indiana), 7-4 (SV)  
157: #17 Brayton Lee (Indiana) DEC Rocco Camillaci (Princeton), 3-2  
165: #11 Derek Gilcher (Indiana) DEC Blaine Bergey (Princeton), 8-1  
174: #9 D.J. Washington (Indiana) TF Mikey Squires (Princeton), 19-3 (3:59)  
184: #28 Nate Dugan (Princeton) DEC Roman Rogotzke (Indiana), 15-10  
197: #10 Luke Stout (Princeton) DEC Gabe Sollars (Indiana), 3-1  
285: Matt Cover (Princeton) DEC #32 Nick Wilhelm (Indiana), 5-4  
125: Drew Heethuis (Princeton) DEC Blaine Frazier (Indiana), 10-8  
133: Cayden Rooks (Indiana) DEC Sean Pierson (Princeton), 8-3  
141: #28 Danny Fongaro (Indiana) MD Tyler Vazquez (Princeton), 15-1

Princeton will wrestle in-state rival #15 Rutgers at Rutgers this weekend.

#### **Sacred Heart**

The Pioneers were at the CKLV event. Andre Fallon won a match at 133lbs. Scott Jarosz also won a match at 165lbs. This event was a tough break for Sacred Heart. They'll be back in the room working on things, and we'll see better results soon.

SHU will be off this coming weekend.

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