

EIWA Newsletter

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Big Red Gunning for Fifth Straight EIWA Team Title

The EIWA Championships celebrate their 107th tournament by coming to Bucknell for the first time ever. The host Bison wrestling squad and Head Coach Dan Wirnsberger hope to impress the home town crowd with the progress they have made in the five short years since wrestling was reinstated as a varsity sport.

A renaissance of sorts has been taking place in the EIWA in recent years. While the traditional powers of Cornell, Lehigh, Navy and Penn are still very much alive and well, some new powers have emerged to challenge the leaders. That includes Bucknell, which crowned its first EIWA Champion and All-American last season. American University and Rutgers have also become part of the EIWA elite, as both have consistently been in lists of the Top 20 dual meet teams all season.

Cornell has been ranked #1 all season, except for a brief time after they had a hiccup when visiting arch-rival Lehigh in January, where the Mountain Hawks upset them 17-15. The Big Red have won the last four team championships, and are odds-on favorites to win #5 this weekend.

Cornell coach Rob Koll brings six wrestlers who will come into the tournament with either the #1 or #2 seed. That includes Mack Lewnes, a three-time champion at 165 and 174, and Cam Simaz, a two-time champion at 197. Sophomore Kyle Dake brings a lot of horsepower to the Big Red lineup as a returning EIWA and NCAA champion, and Mike Grey is a returning champion at 133. Justin Kerber is a likely finalist at 165, while Steve Bosak is a co-favorite at 184.

Lehigh, the only team to defeat Cornell all season, is probably the only team that can possibly steal the team title from the Big Red.

The Mountain Hawks have eight wrestlers who figure to be seeded fifth or higher, but they will have to score a number of upsets, especially when they meet Cornell wrestlers late in the tournament.

Lehigh coach Pat Santoro has only one defending champion in Zach Rey who has been ranked the #1 heavyweight in the nation all season. Sophomore Robert Hamlin is a co-favorite with Bosak at 184, and may cop the #1 seed based on a dual meet win over Bosak.

Frank Cagnina is an exciting true freshman at 133 who may grab the #2 seed after a late-season win over Rollie Peterkin of Penn. Another true freshman, Stephen Dutton, has been coming on strong in the late season, and could have stolen the #1 seed after beating two Top 10 wrestlers in the last four days of the dual meet season. At 165, Brandon Hatchett had a late season win over Scott Winston of Rutgers, and projects to be a finalist. Red shirt freshman

Austin Meys may see former teammate Alex Caruso of Rutgers again in the semifinals, while Joe
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EIWA Rankings #4*Poll taken 02-21-11***125**

1. Frank Perrelli
Cornell Sr 27-11
2. Mark Rappo
Penn Jr 25-7
3. Garrett Frey
Princeton So 24-8
4. Aaron Kalil
Navy Jr 26-8
5. Joe Langel
Rutgers So 17-7
6. Nick Arujau
American Fr 22-6

133

1. Mike Grey
Cornell Sr 8-0
2. Frank Cagnina
Lehigh Fr 16-4
3. Rollie Peterkin
Penn Sr 23-4
4. Matt Fusco
Rutgers Jr 17-11
5. Jake Bucha
F&M Sr 27-4
6. Jordan Thome
Army Fr 23-13

141

1. Stephen Dutton
Lehigh Fr 17-10
2. Zack Kemmerer
Penn Sr 31-6
3. Matt Mariacher
American Jr 27-7
4. Trevor Melde
Rutgers Jr 25-10
5. Casey Thome
Army Sr 26-8
6. Corey Manson
Cornell Sr 20-13

149

1. Kyle Dake
Cornell So 24-1
2. Kevin LeValley
Bucknell Sr 26-1
3. Ganbayar Sanjaa
American Jr
4. Joey Napoli
Lehigh So 14-9
5. Mariio Mason
Rutgers So 23-5
6. Steve Santos
Columbia So 11-5

157

1. Steve Fittery
American Sr 24-0
2. Bryce Saddoris
Navy Sr 31-5
3. Walter Peppelman
Harvard So 26-4
4. Daryl Cocozzo
Rutgers Sr 24-7
5. DJ Meagher
Cornell Sr 19-4
6. Sean Bilodeau
Lehigh Jr 8-8

165

1. Justin Kerber
Cornell Sr 28-2
2. Brandon Hatchett
Lehigh Jr 15-8
3. Scott Winston
Rutgers So 17-3
4. Gabriel Burak
Penn Sr 23-5
5. Eren Civan
Columbia Sr 18-10
6. Patrick Graham
American So 19-15

174

1. Mack Lewnes
Cornell Sr 32-2
2. Austin Meys
Lehigh Fr 19-8
3. Matt DeMichiel
Navy Sr 22-6
4. Alex Caruso
Rutgers Sr 28-8
5. Scott Giffin
Penn Sr 16-7
6. David Thompson
Bucknell Sr 12-11

184

1. Robert Hamlin
Lehigh So 24-2
2. Steve Bosak
Cornell Jr 27-2
3. Luke Rebertus
Navy Jr 27-7
4. Dan Rinaldi
Rutgers So 19-7
5. Nick Mills
Columbia So 18-10
6. Cameron Croy
Harvard Fr 13-17

197

1. Cam Simaz
Cornell Jr 27-1
2. Joe Kennedy
Lehigh Jr 17-8
3. Daniel Mitchell
American So 24-6
4. Micah Burak
Penn So 23-5
5. Jay Hahn
Bucknell Sr 24-8
6. Oscar Huntley
Navy 20-12

285

1. Zach Rey
Lehigh Jr 26-0
2. Ryan Flores
American Jr 18-5
3. DJ Russo
Rutgers Sr 26-5
4. Kevin Lester
Columbia Jr 23-6
5. Kyle Cowan
Penn Fr 16-12
6. Daniel Miller
Navy So 17-9

Team Ranking*(Tournament Ranking)*

1. Cornell	121
2. Lehigh	111
3. Rutgers	79
4. American	70
5. Penn	66
6. Navy	53
7. Columbia	29
8. Bucknell	25

Points are based on theoretical EIWA placement

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Kennedy will be looking for a rematch with Simaz.

Barring heroics from Lehigh, there will be a spirited battle for second place involving Penn, Rutgers, and American.

The Penn Quakers have been flying under the radar most of the season, but they have some outstanding individuals who could propel them to a high finish.

The team leader is former champion Rollie Peterkin, who took last season off after placing 1,2 in 2008-09. Peterkin has been ranked as high as fourth in the nation at 133 this season, and could give Grey, who defeated him 10-5 in the dual, all he can handle in a rematch. But first he'll have to win the rematch with Cagnina in the semifinals.

Zack Kemmerer is another senior who is a probable finalist at 141. Kemmerer, who placed third a year ago, is the highest returning placer at this weight. Lightweight Mark Rappo has been overlooked by the rankers all season, but he defeated Princeton's Garrett Frey, ranked EIWA #1 at the time, in the dual.

The Burak brothers present a double threat for coach Rob Eiter at 165 and 197. Micah, a sophomore, has been ranked #2 behind Simaz all season, while Gabriel is a threat to make the finals at 165.

Scott Giffin was runnerup at 174 a year ago, but missed most of the dual meet season with an injury. He returned to the Quaker lineup in February, but injury defaulted against Lehigh in his last bout, so he may be questionable.

Rutgers coach Scott Goodale has developed the Scarlett Knights into a true national power. The Scarlet Knights have 21 dual meet wins, and have been ranked in the Top Ten in recent weeks. While they probably won't draw any #1 seeds, they are a well-balanced team which can score place points at all ten weights.

Their leaders are sophomore Scott Winston, who was third in 2009 before taking a year off, and Alex Caruso who transferred in from Lehigh after completing his undergraduate work. Junior D. J. Russo, ranked in the Top Five nationally most of the season, holds down the heavyweight spot, while Mario Mason, who transferred in from Minnesota where he was just one win short of All-American status last season.

American under coach Mark Cody has developed a reputation for developing top-notch individuals who develop into All-Americans and National Champions.

The Eagles are led by senior Steve Fittery, who has been ranked #1 at 157 all season. Ryan Flores is a junior who was heavyweight champion for Columbia in 2009 before transferring and taking last season off from competition.

The Eagles have six other wrestlers who figure to place high in the tournament, and if they perform as expected, American could place high in the tournament.

Some 50 or more wrestlers will qualify for the NCAA Championships in Philadelphia in two weeks. About 40 of these will qualify based on how they place in this tournament, with the others named by an NCAA committee a few days later.

Here is a closer look at each weight class.

125_ While Cornell's Perelli may draw the #1 seed over Penn's Rappo, this is a weight class where any one of seven wrestlers can beat the other six on any given day. Garrett Frey of Princeton has been ranked #1 during the season, and Joe Langel of Rutgers has a win over him. Freshman Nick Arujau broke into the American lineup late in the season, and Aaron Kalil of Navy has been looking strong in the late season. Harvard's Steven Keith is a returning EIWA 3rd who upset Perretti on the last day of the dual meet season. Don't count out Bucknell sophomore Derek Reber, who placed third here in 2009.

133_ Cornell's Grey missed most of the dual meet season with an injury, but will draw the #1 seed based on a 10-5 win over Penn's Peterkin. Lehigh freshman Cagnina upset Peterkin in the dual, and will likely get a rematch in the semifinals. Possible NCAA qualifiers are Jordan Thome of Army, Kyle Gilchrist of Columbia and F&M senior Jake Bucha. Bucknell freshman Alex Pellicotti is a possible place winner here.

141_ This is one of the toughest weight classes in the tournament. Lehigh's Dutton and Penn's Kemmerer

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will be the likely top seeds, but there are plenty of challengers, including Trevor Melde of Rutgers and Matt Mariacher of American. Casey Thome of Army and Corey Manson of Cornell are likely NCAA Qualifiers.

149 Cornell's Dake is up a weight this season, but appears to be nearly unbeatable. His most likely challenger will be Bucknell senior Kevin LeValley, who is ranked #2 in the nation. Rutgers sophomore Mario Mason and American junior Ganbayar Sanjaa are also highly ranked and will be looking for upset opportunities. Lehigh's Napoli had a late-season upset over Mason, and may be ready to challenge the leaders.

157 Fittery's finals opponent is expected to be Bryce Sadoris of Navy, last year's runnerup who was a champion at 149 two seasons ago. But he was defeated in a late season dual by Daryl Cocozzo of Rutgers, so their likely semifinal bout will be critical. In another deep weight class, D. J. Meagher of Cornell and Walter Poppelman of Harvard will also be looking to pull off the key upset.

165 Cornell's Kerber may get the #1 seed, but he has three strong challengers. Scott Winston of Rutgers was third two seasons ago and sat out last season, while Lehigh's Brandon Hatchett was second a year ago, thanks to a semifinal win over Kerber. Hatchett also won the dual this season, and they could meet again in the semifinals. Don't overlook Gabriel Burak of Penn.

174 As a three-time defending champion, Lewnes is the easy choice here. Fans will be looking forward to a possible match between Caruso of Rutgers and Alex Meys of Lehigh, who often worked out with each other in the Lehigh wrestling room last season. Penn's Giffin was runnerup last season, while Matt DeMichiel of Navy is another strong candidate to make the finals.

184 As noted above, Hamlin and Bosak are co-favorites here. Both are ranked in the Top six in the nation. The two primary challengers are Luke Rebertus of Navy and Dan Rinaldi of Rutgers.

197 Two-time defending champion Simaz is the heavy favorite here, with his chief challenger being Micah Burak of Penn. Also in the hunt are Danny Mitchell of American and Joe Kennedy of Lehigh, who upset Burak in their dual. Bucknell's Jay Hahn has been somewhat overlooked during the season, and could mount a challenge.

285 Rey, ranked #1 in the nation all season, is undefeated and has defeated all of the challengers except Kevin Lester of Columbia. American's Flores and Russo of Rutgers are both ranked Top Five in the nation, so there should be some classic battles at heavyweight among three athletic heavyweights.

50 Years Later: A Look Back at the 1961 Ivy League Wrestling Championship Team

by Kate Lombard; Columbia Sports Information

The 1961 Columbia wrestling season was not supposed to be anything special. In 1960, the team had gone 5-5-1, and 2-4 in the Ivy League. Though it was the first relatively successful season for the Lions in almost a decade, and the team was a young one, that didn't mean that Columbia wrestling got any respect from those in the know.

Joe Whritenour, editor of the Bethlehem, Pa. *Globe-Times*, predicted Cornell to win the Ivy League title, followed by Yale, Harvard, Brown, Penn, Princeton and finally, Columbia.

But under the guidance of a new coach, the Lions didn't see that article as a slight: they saw it as motivation. New head coach Stan Thornton, who had taken over the team in the offseason, placed the article written by Whritenour front and center in the locker room for all to see.

Under the article, Thornton wrote: "There is no doubt in my mind that this is a wrong evaluation - let's keep working hard to prove Joe Whritenour wrong."

For Bob Dickstein, the 157-pound starter for the 1961 Lions, this is a classic example of the type of coach Thornton was.

"On the mat, Coach Thornton had that intangible quality of being able to motivate us," Dickstein said. "Off the mat, he was an exceptionally nice person, very approachable with no ego. The biggest advantage to his coaching style was that he encouraged each wrestler to develop his own style, thus

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encouraging a wrestler to perfect the areas that he was naturally good at."

In the five years prior to the 1960-61 season, Columbia won a combined total of five Ivy League matches. Under new guidance, people were ready to see the team move in a different direction in the standings: up. The team had a solid lineup, and finishing in the middle of the Ivy League seemed to be a logical goal for the Lions.

But logic had nothing to do with what the 1961 squad set out to achieve. The team started off with a pair of duals against local teams CCNY and Brooklyn Poly, easily defeating both 24-6 and 33-3, respectively. Columbia suffered its first setback on December 17 when it lost to a talented Rutgers team 23-6. But the Lions put that behind them, and were ready to kick off the Ivy League portion of the schedule.

Columbia hit the ground running, and set the tone early in the season with a decisive 22-8 victory over Princeton. They followed that up with a thumping of Brown, 26-9, two weeks later. By this point, people started to take notice of the noise the Lions were making.

After falling in a tough match to Army, Columbia once again bounced back, with two critical conference wins. This time the victims were the Crimson and the Bulldogs. The Lions defeated Harvard 21-12 on February 2, and Yale 17-12 in a battle on February 11. With the pair of wins, Columbia took over control of first place in the Ivy League with a conference-best 4-0 record, setting the stage for a dramatic showdown against Cornell in a battle of two unbeaten teams.

The Lions were able to notch one more win before the big Cornell match, as Columbia pulled out a win over Colgate, narrowly edging the Raiders 15-14. The team's ability to come out on top in a close battle would prove invaluable the following week.

The stage was set. 4-0 Columbia versus 2-0 Cornell, in a battle of unbeaten Ivy League teams that was slated to take place February 25, in Columbia's University Gymnasium. Columbia was becoming the "Cinderella team" of the Ivy League, surpassing everyone's expectations, and putting together its best record since the 1932-33 season. Cornell, on the other hand, was looking for its fifth-straight Ivy League title, after winning 28 consecutive conference matches.

On the morning of February 25, Coach Thornton had something to show his wrestlers: an Ivy League championship medal, leant to him by Irv DeKoff, the Columbia fencing coach at the time. The team now literally had their eye on the prize, and it was go-time.

After Columbia jumped out to an early 3-0 lead, the two teams went back and forth, and eventually the score was knotted at 12-12 after Columbia's Bob Asack had an 8-2 win over Philip Oberlander at 191 pounds. The scene couldn't have been scripted better: the match came down to the heavyweight bout, and this time it was Bob's brother, Lou, who took to the mat.

Lou fell in a 3-0 hole to begin the match, but the 6'6", 235-pounder managed a reversal, followed by a half-nelson and crotch hold. The sudden swing in momentum drew hundreds of fans to the edge of the mat, just in time for Asack to pin William Werst in 7:18, marking the first time all season a Cornell wrestler had been pinned. As if that wasn't enough, not only did he win the bout, he sealed the 17-12 team win for the Lions, ultimately giving the team at least a share of the Ivy League crown. Fifty years later, that overwhelming sense of emotion is still there for Dickstein when he recalls that unforgettable match.

"The first two words that hit me are ecstasy and euphoria," Dickstein said. "This is especially true because all of the experts on Ivy League wrestling gave us no chance at the beginning of the season. But some time during the middle of the season, we were gaining confidence and honestly believed we could win. And then before a packed gymnasium we pulled it off and the ecstasy and euphoria set in."

"We're Ivy League champions, and nobody's going to take that away from us!" exclaimed Bob Asack from the locker room. "We're going down to Penn next week and wrap up that title." Asack was right, but in order to win the title outright, the Lions had one more fierce competitor in their way - the Penn Quakers.

On March 4 the team traveled to Philadelphia and once again the fate of the Lions fell in the

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hands of the Asack brothers. In a must win situation, both Bob and Lou picked up decision wins, giving Columbia its first Ivy League wrestling title in program history.

It was a storybook ending to a Cinderella season. So how do you describe the team that shocked the Ivy wrestling world back in 1961?

"Most of the wrestlers on that team came from winning traditions, which transformed to a positive psyche of the team," Dickstein said. "The group of guys was special, in that each wrestler was a good guy and we really enjoyed each other. There were no jealousies. We were rooting for each other, and all had great senses of humor, which translated into a lot of fun."

Fun. Historic. Unexpected. Special. 1961, a year Columbia wrestling fans will never forget.

Feature Dual: Lehigh 21 Rutgers 9

The #7 Rutgers wrestling team) had its 16-match win streak snapped by #10 Lehigh, Thursday night in front of a record crowd of 5,011 at the RAC, as three Lehigh wrestlers upset their higher-ranked opponents..

The 5,011 fans in attendance marked the largest crowd for the wrestling team in program history.

"It was a great environment tonight," said Lehigh head coach Pat Santoro. "Rutgers really did a nice job promoting the match. We lost those first two, which put us in a hole but the guys responded well. We got key wins from Joey Napoli, Brandon Hatchett all the way through. It was an outstanding performance."

To start the dual, Joe Langel was taken down by Mitch Berger early in the 125-pound bout, but Langel bounced back to get a quick reversal for two points tying the match. After starting down in the second, Langel recorded another reversal to go up two points. A third period takedown pushed Langel's lead to 6-2 and riding time gave the redshirt sophomore a 7-2 victory, which gave RU and early 3-0 lead.

Rutgers pushed its lead to 6-0 after redshirt sophomore Matt Fusco downed #17 Frank Cagnina, 5-2. In his first match at 133 pounds this season, Fusco used a second period takedown as time expired to take a 5-1 lead which he would not relinquish. The two wrestlers had been workout partners at Queen of Peace High School in North Arlington, NJ.

Freshman Stephen Dutton put Lehigh on the scoreboard with an impressive 6-1 win over Trevor Melde at 141. Dutton scored takedowns in the first and third periods plus a second period escape and riding time.

"Dutton got things rolling and after that we just kept pushing the pace and pushing the pace," Santoro said. "It made a big difference in the matches."

At 149, sophomore Joey Napoli upset top-ten ranked Mario Mason 7-2. Mason scored first, but Napoli reversed and built a large riding time advantage heading into the second period. Napoli escaped for the only points of the second period and added a penalty point for Mason's second stalling warning and a third period takedown plus a riding time advantage.

At 157, redshirt senior #15 Daryl Cocozzo took down Sean Bilodeau early in the first period to take a 2-0 lead. After an escape by the Mountain Hawk, Cocozzo brought him down a second time, taking a 4-2 lead into the third period. Earning the riding time point, Cocozzo put the Scarlet Knights up 9-6 with a 5-3 decision.

Junior Brandon Hatchett impressed in a 7-2 win over Scott Winston at 165. After a scoreless first period Hatchett escaped to open the second and added a takedown to lead 3-0. Hatchett was reversed to open the third but escaped and added a second takedown to account for the final margin.

The deadlock was broken at 174 as former Lehigh teammates Austin Meys and Alex Caruso squared off. The bout was deadlocked at one into the third period before Meys took Caruso down and picked up over one minute of riding time to win 4-1 and give Lehigh its first lead of the night.

Sophomore Robert Hamlin extended the lead with a 5-2 decision over Dan Rinaldi at 184

In a heated match at 197, Joe Kennedy escaped freshman Mike Wagner to take a 1-0 lead in the second. Wagner fought back with one minute left in the second period earning a takedown to take a 2-1

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lead. Kennedy escaped again and used riding time to take a slim 3-2 decision. The match ended in controversy as the RU coaching staff and fans felt that Wagner had earned the victory on a reversal in the final seconds.

In a close match at heavyweight, Zach Rey used riding time to defeat D. J. Russo 2-1. In another controversy contested by the Rutgers coaching staff, Rey was caught napping at the edge of the mat late in the third period and was saved from being taken down by the buzzer.

Feature Dual: Lehigh 35 Penn 4

In its final meet of the dual season #10 Lehigh put forth a dominant performance, winning nine bouts in a 35-4 rout of Penn Sunday inside Leeman-Turner Arena at Grace Hall. The Mountain Hawks won the final nine bouts, including four bonus point wins and three upsets of top-ten ranked Penn wrestlers.

"I'm really pleased," said Lehigh head coach Pat Santoro. "Penn's a really good team and we knew that on paper there would be a lot of tight matches. We were fortunate to come out on top tonight, but as we always say, it's about the postseason. Last year we won the dual and Penn came back and had a great conference tournament, so we have to peak in two weeks."

True freshmen Frank Cagnina and Stephen Dutton keyed the Lehigh run as they provided back-to-back upset wins to give Lehigh a 6-4 lead.

Cagnina bounced back from a loss to Matt Fusco of Rutgers Thursday night by defeating fifth-ranked Rollie Peterkin 5-3 at 133. Cagnina chose neutral in the second after a scoreless first period and scored the first takedown of the match. He added a second takedown in the third period to secure his second win over a top-ten wrestler this season.

Dutton then gave the Mountain Hawks the lead with an 8-7 decision over #9 Zack Kemmerer at 141. Dutton scored a takedown 19 seconds into the first period and rode Kemmerer for the remaining 2:41. Kemmerer responded with a takedown in the second period but with two escapes Dutton led 4-2. Dutton scored his second takedown in the third period and with riding time was able to hold on for a one-point victory after Kemmerer mounted a late charge with two third period takedowns.

Lehigh picked up its first two bonus wins of the day to take a 16-4 lead into intermission. At 149, sophomore Joey Napoli racked up four takedowns in a 10-2 major decision over Andrew Lenzi, while junior Sean Bilodeau followed with his sixth fall of the year, putting Brad Wukie on his back for a pin in just 23 seconds.

The Mountain Hawks were able to continue their momentum into the second half of the dual. Junior Brandon Hatchett concluded a strong weekend by defeating Gabe Burak 7-2 at 165. Hatchett scored two second period takedowns and reversed Burak to open the 3rd.

At 174 freshman Austin Meys squared off against returning All-American Scott Giffin. After a scoreless first period Meys rode Giffin out in the second period and reversed him to take a 2-0 lead early in the third. Meys went to work from the top position and looked to turn Giffin with his quarter nelson. Giffin fought valiantly wrestling with an injured shoulder and knee, but when Meys turned him, Giffin called for injury time and defaulted at 6:04 to give Meys the win and Lehigh six more team points.

Junior Robert Hamlin extended Lehigh's lead with a 12-4 major decision over Erich Smith at 184. After a slow start Hamlin worked his way into three third period takedowns to secure the major.

Lehigh's third upset came at 197 where junior Joe Kennedy knocked off fourth ranked Micah Burak 4-3. Kennedy countered a Burak charge with a throw late in the first period and ended up on top with a takedown to lead 4-3 after one. Burak trailed 3-0 before escaping and taking down Kennedy in the third, but Burak allowed Kennedy to escape for the deciding point and Kennedy held his ground defensively in the final seconds.

"Joe hasn't really been sharp lately," Santoro said. "To come back and beat a guy who I think is one of the best wrestlers in the country was really good for him. It was a hard fought match. Micah keeps coming and Joe's a goer too but Joe got that throw at the end of the first period which was huge."

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In the final bout of the day junior Zach Rey was challenged at times by Kyle Cowan, but scored two first period takedowns and added another in the third to win 9-2, moving his season record to 26-0. Rey is the first Lehigh wrestler to post an undefeated regular season since Troy Letters in 2005.

"As a team, this is the way you want to be wrestling at the end of the year," Santoro said. "We just have to keep this momentum going forward."

Weekly Roundup

Brown hosted Sacred Heart and Cornell on Friday, and the Bruins picked up their second win of the season 36-2 over Sacred Heart before getting shut out 44-0 by the Big Red.

Ziad Kharbush had a pin for the Bruins against Sacred Heart, while Kyle Dake, Cam Simaz and Stryker Lane had pins for the Big Red.

Over in Cambridge, Columbia came out on fire as the Lions defeated Ivy League rival. Columbia won eight of the 10 bouts en route to a 32-7 victory over the Crimson.

Harvard took a 4-0 lead with a major decision at 125 pounds, but the Lions won the next three bouts to take a 15-4 lead and never looked back.

In the final match, Kevin Lester had a thrilling overtime win against Andrew Knapp. After neither wrestler managed to score in the first period, Knapp escaped in the second while Lester escaped in the third to knot the match at 1-1. After a scoreless sudden victory period, both wrestlers escaped in each of the first tie-breakers to keep the match going. In the second tie-breaker, Knapp escaped and got a penalty point, but Lester managed a reversal to once again tie the match. Ultimately it was Lester that won the bout on 0:33 of riding time.

Franklin & Marshall won three of the final four bouts at Millersville to pick up a 22-13 win over the Marauders in the Fourth Annual Battle for the Rupp Cup. The win marks the first time the Diplomats (4-9) have taken the Cup from the Marauders since its inception in 2008.

The teams were knotted 10-10 heading into the 174-pound bout, where the Diplomats' Matt Fullowan gave F&M the lead for good with a methodical 4-1 decision of Shane Smith.

While Fullowan gave F&M the boost it needed, it was Matt Latessa (6-14) that provided the big push down the stretch. Latessa threw Jason Foor (3-17) straight to his back for what appeared to be a sure pin. The fall was not to be as Foor's shoulder popped when it hit the mat, leaving Latessa with a win by injury default.

Despite giving up 16-pounds, F&M's Colin Lahiff only gave up three points at 197. Lahiff, who started the season at 157, was filling in for Colin Ely, who had not lost in dual met competition this season. The freshman frustrated Dan Cox and flirted with a few takedowns on the Marauders' 197-pounder.

"I am extraordinarily proud of the intensity we had throughout the lineup tonight," said W. Roy Phillips Wrestling Coach, Mike Rogers. "But Colin's effort really displayed the kind of tenacity we are trying to make a staple in our wrestling room."

Heavyweight Daniel Canfield took any doubt out of things countering several throws for takedowns of Millersville's Bradley Ladd. The senior's effort sealed F&M's first win over Millersville in eight matches, running the Diplomats' winning streak to four consecutive matches. It is F&M's longest winning streak since taking five in January of 2007.

Canfield sealed the deal, but Jake Bucha set the tone at 133 with an early second period pin of Daniel Calzarette.

Thanks to five bonus-point victories, the Bucknell wrestling team won its season-best third straight match on Saturday as it defeated Brown 31-7 at the Pizzitola Sports Center. The Bison recorded four major decisions and one pin in the victory.

Kevin LeValley posted an 8-4 decision at 149 pounds. It was career win No. 118 for LeValley, who moved into a tie for second in program history with Bobby Ferraro. LeValley has won seven consecutive bouts since his lone loss of the year. He is now 25-1 this season and has won 13

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consecutive EIWA duals

Princeton got big efforts from its two starting upperclassmen, but those wouldn't be enough to lead the Tigers past either a nationally ranked Hofstra squad or Boston University during Saturday's regular season finale at Dillon Gym. The Pride won their 12th match in 14 tries with a 22-15 victory over the Tigers, while Boston University moved to 11-5 by holding on late for a 25-18 victory.

Daniel Kolodzik and Travis Erdman both posted two wins, with Erdman getting a fall and Kolodzik, who leads the EIWA in technical falls, picked up No. 8 against Hofstra.

The Big Red wrestling team won its ninth-straight Ivy League with a 40-9 victory over Harvard at the Malkin Athletic Center. Cornell won eight out of 10 bouts including pins by Mike Grey (133), Justin Kerber (165), Mack Lewnes (174) and Cam Simaz (197). The Big Red completes its Ancient Eight record with a perfect 5-0 mark, and Cornell finishes 13-1 overall.

There were two feature bouts.

At 125, #10 Frank Perrelli faced Steven Keith. After a scoreless first period, Keith held a 2-1 advantage after scoring two back points. Perrelli notched a takedown in the third period to send the bout into overtime. Neither wrestler scored in sudden victory. In the second tiebreaker, Keith escaped from his opening down position for a point that would win the bout, 4-3.

After a scoreless first period at 157, #11 DJ Meagher was awarded a point in the second period when #6 Walter Peppelman locked his hands. Peppelman chose to start the third period down and escaped. Peppelman took down Meagher late in the period and turned him to win by fall in 6:30.

Columbia won seven bouts, including four by major decision as it defeated Brown 24-9 in Providence R.I. After the weekend sweep, the Lions finish the dual portion of its season 9-6 overall, and 3-2 in the Ivy League.

The 55th installment of the Army-Navy wrestling rivalry was contested inside Christl Arena on Saturday evening with the Midshipmen winning seven of the 10 bouts en route to a 24-9 victory over the Black Knights.

Navy won the first three bouts to take an early 11-0 lead, but Army responded to win the next three matchups and trim the Mids' advantage to 11-9. Navy finished off the match by winning the final four contests to set the final margin.

Both coaches commented after the meet.

"The bottom line is that we fought hard, but this is not a sport where you get an 'E' for effort," said Army first-year head coach Joe Heskett. "You've got to get the 'W' for win. I loved the effort that we put out, and going in I knew we would have some uphill battles in some of the individual matchups, but we put ourselves in position to win, especially at 165 and 174.

"Collin Wittmeyer's effort was phenomenal," said Heskett. "I think that's what he needs to have to hit the next level, because he's only a sophomore. Seeing that type of effort gives me a lot of comfort knowing that we have him for another two years. I think it was a great turning point for him.

"There were some bright spots in that we won the matches we were favored to win at 133, 141 and 149," added Heskett. "Other than that, there are not a lot of positives when you think about losing to Navy.

"We didn't wrestle our best tonight, but we still won and I'm proud of our team," said Navy head coach Bruce Burnett, who is 11-0 against the Black Knights since his arrival in Annapolis. "There were a bunch of close matches and we hung on to win most of them. I know how important this rivalry is to both schools so for us to get another win against Army it's a great honor for the men and women of the Navy and Marine Corps, the Naval Academy and especially our team."

Navy team captain Bryce Saddoris also had some remarks.

"The Army-Navy match is easily the dual we prepare the most for and look forward to the most as a team," said Saddoris. "Because the rivalry has such deep roots, Coach Burnett takes the time to make sure we are as prepared as we possibly can be going into the match. A win is sweet and I'm proud to graduate having won all four years."

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#10 Lehigh 21

125 Mitch Berger
 133 #12 Frank Cagnina
 141 Stephen Dutton
 149 Joey Napoli
 157 Sean Bilodeau
 165 #14 Brandon Hatchett
 174 #9 Austin Meys
 184 #5 Robert Hamlin
 197 #12 Joe Kennedy
 285 #1 Zach Rey
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#7 Rutgers 7

2 Joe Langel
 2 Matt Fusco
 6 #19 Trevor Melde
 7 #7 Marion Mason
 3 #13 Daryl Cocozzo
 7 #5 Scott Winston
 4 Alex Caruso
 5 #19 Dan Rinaldi
 3 Mike Wagner
 2 #5 DJ Russo
 Ref. G. Kessel/A. Zullo

Boston U 25

7 125 Ryan Dowd
 5 133 Fred Santaite
 1 141 Jordan Frease
 2 149 Nestor Taffur
 5 157 Nick Tourville
 2 165 Kyle Czarnecki
 1 174 Hunter Meys
 2 184 Brock Mantella
 2 197 John Hall
 1 285 Kevin Innis
 February 19 at Princeton

Princeton 18

1 Garrett Frey 4
 WBF Adam Krop 1:55
 0:41 Zach Bintliff WBF
 3 Greg Ott 1
 1 Daniel Kolodzick 6
 3 Andy lowy 9
 FF -
 1 Travis Erdman 5
 WBF Dan Santoro 1:47
 14 Charles Fox 5
 Ref. Jeff Cook

Brown 36

125 Billy Watterson
 133 Cortlandt Choate
 141 Grant Overcashier
 149 Giuseppe Lanzi
 157 Patrick LaBuz
 165 Max Lewin
 174 Jeff Lemmer
 184 Ziad Kharbush
 197 Brandon Shull
 285 Tyler Cowman
 February 18 at Brown

Sacred Heart 2

11 Billy Chamberlain
 10 Andrew Polidore
 9 Anthony Ricco
 12 Joseph Evangelista
 FF -
 5 Jonathon Rizzatello
 10 Zacary Moran
 WBF Sam Sheppard
 9 Sam Norison
 5 Paul Schweighardy

Bucknell 31

7 125 Derek Reber
 2 133 Alex Pellicotti
 1 141 Adam Healey
 3 149 #4 Kevin LeValley
 157 Brantley Hooks
 10 165 Corey Lear
 4 174 Stephen McPeek
 0:55 184 Rob Waltko
 3 197 Jay Hahn
 4 285 Joe McMullan
 February 19 at Brown

Brown 7

2 Billy Watterson 1
 WBF TJ Popolizio 2:31
 0 Grant Overcashier 9
 8 Giuseppe Lanzi 2
 17 Patrick LaBuz 8
 12 David Foxen 1
 9 Jeff Lemmer 13
 5 Ziad Kharbush 2
 15 Brandon Shull 2
 11 Tyler Cowman 2

Columbia 32

125 Penn Gottfried
 133 Kyle Gilchrist
 141 Josh Houldsworth
 149 Streve Santos
 157 Jake O'Hara
 165 Eren Civan
 174 Stephen West
 184 Nicholas Mills
 197 Michael Pushpak
 285 #20 Kevin Lester
 February 18 at Harvard

Harvard 7

1 Steven Keith
 WBF Fermin Mendez
 FF -
 6 Joseph Marino
 #7 Walter Peppelman
 18 Erik Gobbo
 5 Ian Roy
 15 Michael Sadler
 8 Bryan Panzano
 W 4 Andrew Knapp

Columbia 24

10 125 Penn Gottfried
 3:48 133 Kyle Gilchrist
 141 Josh Houldsworth
 2 149 Steve Santos
 1 157 Jake O'Hara
 6 165 Eren Civan
 1 174 Stephen West
 3 184 Nickk Mills
 2 197 Mike Pushpak
 L tb 4 285 #20 Kevin Lester
 February 19 at Brown

Brown 9

5 TJ Popolizio 3
 12 Billy Watterson 3
 0 Grant Overcashier 2
 9 Giuseppe Lanzi 1
 8 Patrick LaBuz 2
 7 Dave Foxen 4
 3 Jeff Lemmer 4
 2 Ziad Kharbush 3
 4 Brandon Shull 3
 12 Tyler Cowman 3

#1 Cornell 44

125 #13 Frank Perelli
 133 #6 Mike Grey
 141 Corey Manson
 149 #3 Kyle Dake
 157 Craig Eifert
 165 #3 Justin Kerber
 174 #2 Mack Lewnes
 184 Michael Alexander
 197 #1 Cam Simaz
 285 Stryker Lane
 February 18 at Brown

Brown 0

3 TJ Popolizio
 17 Cortlandt Choate
 4 Grant Overcashier
 WBF Giuseppi Lanzi
 24 Patrick LaBuz
 15 Max Lewin
 16 Jeff Lemmer
 5 Ziad Kharbush
 WBF Brandon Shull
 WBF Tyler Cowman

#1 Cornell 40

0 125 #13 Frank Perelli
 4 133 #6 Mike Grey
 3 141 Corey Manson
 2:06 149 #3 Kyle Dake
 11 157 #14 DJ Meagher
 5:35 0 165 #3 Justin Kerber
 5 174 #2 Mack Lewness
 3 184 Michael Alexander
 4:02 197 #1 Cam Simaz
 2:19 285 Stryker Lane
 February 19 at Harvard

Harvard 9

tb 3 Steven Keith 4
 WBF Fermin Mendez 1:50
 FF -
 16 Joseph Marino 3
 6:30 #7 Walter Peppelman WBF
 WBF Erik Gobbo 0:57
 WBF Ian Roy 4:18
 6 Cameron Croy 4
 WBF Bryan Panzano 0:44
 2 Andrew Knapp 0

Franklin & Marshall 22

165 Anthony Bongarzone
 174 Matt Fullowan
 184 Matt Latessa
 197 Colin Lahiff
 285 Dan Canfield
 125 no bout
 133 Jake Bucha
 141 Aaron V elasquez
 149 Andrew Murano
 157 Eric Norgard
 February 18 at Millersville

Millersville 13

3 Brandon Vernalli
 4 Shane Smith
 WBD Jason Foor
 1 Daniel Cox
 10 Bardley Ladd
 WBF Daniel Calzarette
 5 Mike Greck
 15 Steve Hess
 5 Dakota Kuhn

Hofstra 22

10 125 Steve Bonanno
 1 133 #4 Lou Ruggerello
 inj 1:05 141 Vicente Varela
 3 149 Zach Clemente
 3 157 Matt Spataro
 3:25 165 Tyler Banks
 14 174 #15 PJ Gillespie
 14 184 Pat Murphy
 4 197 Matt Loew
 6 285 Paul Snyder
 February 19 at Princeton

Princeton 15

3 Garrett Frey 2
 9 Adam Krop 3
 8 Zach Bintliff 3
 WBF Greg Ott 4:32
 5L10 0 Daniel Kolodzick 16
 WBF Seth Hazleton 2:58
 WBF Andy Lowy 4:32
 1:56 Travis Erdman WBF
 7 Dan Santoro 5
 3 Charles Fox 2
 Ref. George Chilmonik

Navy 24

197 Oscar Huntley
 285 Dan Miller
 125 Aaron Kaili
 133 Allen Stein
 141 Dustin Haislip
 149 Joe Locksmith
 157 #6 Bryce Saddoris
 165 Mason Bailey
 174 #20 Matt DeMichiel
 184 #13 Luke Rebertus
 February 19 at Army

Army 9

15 Orion Ross
 11 Daniel Mills
 8 Travis Coffey
 2 Jordan Thome
 3 Casey Thome
 1 Daniel Young
 8 Jimmy Rafferty
 5 Alex Smith
 3 Collin Wittmeyer
 11 Wil Brown

STATS CORNER

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 4 **Most Wins:**
 0 Mack Lewnes, Cornell 32
 7 Zach Kemmerer, Penn 31
 7 Bryce Saddoris, Navy 31
 5 Justin Kerber, Cornell 28
 4 Jake Bucha, Franklin & Marshall 28
 3 Alex Caruso, Rutgers 28
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 3 **Best Won/Loss %:**
 Zach Rey, Lehigh 26-0 1.000
 Steve Fittery, American 24-0 1.000
 Mike Grey, Cornell 8-0 1.000
 Cam Simaz, Cornell 27-1 .964
 Kevin LeValley, Bucknell 26-1 .963

#18 American 25

125 Thomas Williams
 133 Kevin Tao 2:27
 141 #15 Matt Mariacher WBF
 149 #10 Ganbayar Sanjaa 6
 157 #1 Steve Fittery 18
 165 Patrick Graham 5
 174 Tanner Shaffer 5
 184 Thomas Barreiro 8
 197 Daniel Mitchell 6
 285 #3 Ryan Flores WBF
 February 20 at American

Bucknell 14

4 Derek Reber 2
 1 Alex Pellicotti 17
 Adam Healy 1:57
 #2 Kevin LeValley 9
 Brantley Hooks 7
 Corey Lear 3
 David Thompson 8
 Rob Waltko 13
 Jay Hahn 4
 Joe McMullan 1:59

Most Falls:
 7 Mack Lewnes, Cornell 13
 3 Cam Simaz, Cornell 13
 8 Steve Fittery, American 12
 13 DJ Russo, Rutgers 12
 4 Jordan Beverly, Rutgers 10

#10 Lehigh 35

125 Mitch Berger
 133 #12 Frank Cagnina
 141 Stephen Dutton
 149 Joey Napoli
 157 Sean Bilodeau WBF
 165 #14 Brandon Hatchett 7
 174 #9 Austin Meys WBD
 184 #5 Robert Hamlin 12
 197 #12 Joe Kennedy 4
 285 #1 Zach Rey 9
 February 20 at Lehigh Att. 1,554

Penn 4

6 #16 Mark Rappo 14
 5 #8 Rollie Peterkin 3
 #9 Zack Kemmerer 7
 Andrew Lenzi 2
 Brad Wukie 0:23
 Gabriel Burak 2
 Scott Giffin Inj 6:04
 Erich Smith 4
 #6 Micah Burak 3
 Kyle Cowan 2
 Ref. Joe Bartell

Most Major Decisions:
 Micah Burak, Penn 11
 Kevin LeValley, Bucknell 9
 Jay Hahn, Bucknell 9
 Mack Lewnes, Cornell 9
 Patrick Graham, American 8
 Matt Mariacher, American 8
 Jay Hahn, Bucknell 8
 Frank Cagnina, Lehigh 8
 Rollie Peterkin, Penn 8
 Steve Bosak, Cornell 8

#7 Rutgers 39

125 Joe Langel
 133 Mike DeMarco
 141 #19 Trevor Melde WBF
 149 David Greenwald WBF
 157 #13 Daryl Cocozzo 17
 165 Nick Visicaro 21
 174 #20 Alex Caruso 6
 184 #19 Dan Rinaldi 17
 197 Dan Hopkins 4
 285 #5 DJ Russo WBF
 February 20 at Drexel

Drexel 6

9 Michael Gomez 1
 3 Frank Cimato 6
 Josh Yurasits 6:04
 Garth Mahosky 5:23
 Charles Aungst 5:16 1
 TJ Laky 5:56 5
 Justin Wieller 4
 Shawn Fausey 5
 Brandon Palik 7
 Jack Callender 3:48

Most Technical Falls:
 Daniel Kolodzick, Princeton 8
 Steve Fittery,, American 5
 Marshall Peppelman, Cornell 5
 Mike Nevinger, Cornell 4
 Nick Arujau, American 4

Hofstra 26

125 Steve Bonanno
 133 #5 Lou Ruggirello
 141 Vicente Varela
 149 Zach Clemente
 157 Tyler Banks
 165 #15 PJ Gillespie
 174 Matt Spataro
 184 Ben Clymer
 197 Matt Loew
 285 Paul Snyder
 February 22 at Hofstra

Army 10

18 TGravis Coffey 6:45 3
 16 Jordan Thome 5:00 0
 Casey Thome 4
 Daniel Young 4
 Jimmy Rafferty 6
 Jake Vetter 3
 Collin Wittmeyer 11
 Wil Brown 5
 Daniel Mills 1
 Orion Ross 1

SCHEDULE

(Check locally to confirm time and location)

Sat-Sun Mar. 5-6
 EIWA Championships at Bucknell
Thur-Sat Mar 17-19
 NCAA Championships at Philadelphia