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Spartans Top Bulldogs, 32-9

Greensboro, N.C. – The Citadel wrestling team fell to UNC Greensboro in Southern Conference action on Saturday morning, 32-9.

The Spartans (1-4, 1-1) won eight of the ten matches, including the last five, to pull away from the Bulldogs and earn their first dual meet victory of the season. The Bulldogs (1-4, 0-2) were without a few starters, out with injury as the 141 and 165-pound weight classes featured Citadel wrestlers in their first dual action of the season.

Ivan Muller started The Citadel with a win as he took down UNCG's Peter Sturgeon at heavyweight in two tie-breaking overtime sessions, 2-1. The redshirt sophomore earned an escape point in the first tie breaker and then rode Sturgeon out to claim the win and put the Bulldogs up 3-0. The Spartans' Eric Chandler used four takedowns to get past Richard Alarcon at 125 and even the team score at three.

UNCG's Casey Boyle earned three takedowns to get past the Bulldogs' Jordan Dix at 141, followed by Ivan Lopouchanski using two takedowns and two near falls at 141 to roll past David Ivashchenko, 10-0, and give the Spartans a 10-3 team edge.

The Citadel would close the gap at 149 as Derek Royster won at the 6:58 mark after the Spartans' Alejandro Soto-Perez was disqualified for five stalling call warnings. The Bulldogs closed the team score to 10-9, but would not any closer as UNC Greensboro won the final five matches, two of which were pins, to seal the victory.

At 157, Travis Sheehy downed the Bulldogs' Turtogtokh Luvsandorj, 4-1. Victor Hojilla pinned freshman Cameron Childs at the 2:54 mark at 165, followed by Byron Sigmon narrowly slipping past the Bulldogs' J.C. Oddo, 2-1, at 174. Reigning SoCon Wrestler of the Week Andrew Saunders pinned Kelby Smith 51 seconds into their match at 184. Odie Delaney could not stop the Spartans run as Ryan Sughrue would earn a major decision, 14-5, over the sophomore and give UNC Greensboro a 32-9 win.

UNC Greensboro 32, The Citadel 9

285: Ivan Muller (The Citadel) dec. Peter Sturgeon (UNCG), 2-1 TB2
125: Eric Chandler (UNCG) dec. Richard Alarcon Jr. (The Citadel), 11-6
133: Casey Boyle (UNCG) dec. Jordan Dix (The Citadel), 7-4
141: Ivan Lopouchanski (UNCG) maj. dec. David Ivashchenko (The Citadel), 10-0
149: Derek Royster (The Citadel) DQ Alejandro Soto-Perez (UNCG), 6:58
157: Travis Sheehy (UNCG) dec. Turtogtokh Luvsandorj (The Citadel), 4-1
165: Victor Hojilla (UNCG) fall Cameron Childs (The Citadel), 2:54
174: Byron Sigmon (UNCG) dec. J.C. Oddo (The Citadel), 2-1
184: Andrew Saunders (UNCG) fall Kelby Smith (The Citadel), 0:51
197: Ryan Sughrue (UNCG) maj. dec. Odie Delaney (The Citadel), 14-5

The Citadel returns to action on Wednesday as they travel to Pembroke, N.C. to participate in the UNC-Pembroke Tri-Meet against the host Braves at 3 p.m. and against Campbell at 5 p.m. For more information on the wrestling team and all Bulldogs sports, visit the official website at www.CitadelSports.com.