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Wrestling Drops Home Opener to UNCG and Virginia

BOONE, N.C. - Austin Trotman and Kyle Blevins won two matches apiece but Appalachian State University wrestling dropped its home openers to UNC Greensboro and Virginia Thursday night in Varsity Gym.

Appalachian lost the first match of the night to UNCG 28-13. The Spartans started fast by winning the first two matches of the night to build a 9-0 lead.

Savva Kostis cut into the lead when he pinned Matt Barbo at the 4:11 mark at 149 pounds. Kostis had built a 7-0 lead on two takedowns and a near fall, before pinning Barbo.

Travis Sheehy built the Spartans' lead back to six with an 11-4 decision over Chip Powell, but ASU fought back to its closest score of the night when Kyle Blevins beat Victor Hojilla by major decision to put the score at 12-10. Blevins scored the first points of the match with a takedown with just five seconds left in the first period. Blevins continued with a three point near fall in the second period and was dominant in third, scoring a takedown and near fall in the final period.

Austin Trotman dominated Andrew Saunders at 184 for his second win at the weight class. Trotman delivered three takedowns in the first period. Saunders came back to make the score 8-7 but a reversal put Trotman up by three. Trotman ended the second period with a three point near fall and closes out the match with a takedown for the final 15-7 margin.

The Mountaineers were unable to keep the momentum falling the three of the final four matches of the night.

ASU won the first match against the Cavaliers but were unable to hang with the No. 18 team in the country, falling 27-12.

Jacob Earp gave the Mountaineers a 6-0 lead against Virginia by pinning Matt Snyder with 49 seconds left in the third period. Earp had been down 4-2, but slipped on top of Snyder and with his back on Snyder got the pin call.

Blevins picked up his second win of the night with a hard fought 2-1 win over Beau Fisher. Blevins scored the first point by escaping to begin the second period. Fisher was able to escape from Blevins late in the third period but Blevins earned the riding time point to earn the victory.

Trotman also earned his second win of the night with a 10-6 win over No. 21 Mike Salopek. Trotman started fast scoring three first period takedowns, but Salopek was able to escape all three times. Salopek cut the lead to 7-6 with a third period takedown but Trotman escaped and scored a late takedown for the final margin.

The Mountaineers continue their homestand with another doubleheader on Sunday when they host Franklin & Marshall and Belmont Abbey starting at 1 p.m.

UNCG (2-4, 2-0) 28 ASU (2-7, 0-1) 13

125- Eric Chandler (UNCG) Fall Brett Boston (ASU) 3:31 UNCG 28-13
133- Casey Boyle (UNCG) dec. Jacob Earp (ASU) 5-3 UNCG 3-0
141- Ivan Lopouchanski (UNCG) Fall Chris Collura (ASU) 2:53 UNCG 9-0
149- Savva Kostis (ASU) Fall Matt Barbo (UNCG) 4:11 UNCG 9-6
157- Travis Sheehy (UNCG) dec. Chip Powell (ASU) 11-4 UNCG 12-6
165- Kyle Blevins (ASU) major dec. Victor Hojilla (UNCG) 10-1 UNCG 12-10
174- Byron Sigmon (UNCG) major dec. Carter Downs (ASU) 9-1 UNCG 16-10
184- Austin Trotman (ASU) dec. Andrew Saunders (UNCG) 15-8 UNCG 16-13
197- Ryan Sughrue (UNCG) dec. Dylan Temple (ASU) 5-1 UNCG 19-13
285- Peter Sturgeon (UNCG) dec. Ken Altarac (ASU) 3-1 UNCG 22 13
* match started at 133

No. 18 Virginia (10-4) 27 ASU 12(2-8)

125- Ross Gitomer (UVA) major dec. Brett Boston (ASU) 18-8 UVA 27-12
133- Jacob Earp (ASU) Fall Matt Snyder (UVA) 6:11 ASU 6 UVA 0
141- Derek Valenti (UVA) Fall Chris Collura (ASU) 1:31 ASU 6 UVA 6
149- Kellon Ballum (UVA) major dec. Savva Kostis (ASU) 11-3 UVA 10-6
157- No. 17 Danny Gonsor (UVA) Tech. Fall Travis Puckett (ASU) 17-0 UVA 15-6
165- Kyle Blevins (ASU) dec. Beau Fisher (UVA) 2-1 UVA 15-9
174- Stephen Doty (UVA) dec. Carter Downs (ASU) 9-3 UVA 18-9
184- Austin Trotman (ASU) dec. Mike Salopek (UVA) 10-6 UVA 18-12
197- No. 16 Brent Jones (UVA) dec. Dylan Temple (ASU) 8-4 UVA 21-12
285- Jack Daniilkowicz (UVA) dec. Ken Altarac (ASU) 4-2 UVA 24-12

* match starter at 133

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