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Bulldogs Hold Off Blue Devils for 23-19 Win

Charleston, S.C. – The Citadel wrestling team used two pins and a tech fall to propel past Duke, 23-19, on Sunday afternoon at McAlister Field House.

The Bulldogs (8-5) won four of the first five matches and took a commanding 20-3 lead, but had to hold off a late charge by Duke (2-8) to win their fourth straight dual and their seventh contest out of their last eight matches. It was the first win over an opponent from the Atlantic Coast Conference since the Bulldogs bested Duke, 20-17, on January 24, 2007.

Richard Alarcon started The Citadel off on a strong foot as pinned Duke's Pete Terrezza at 125 at the 6:37 mark. Freshman Jordan Dix followed with three takedowns in a 7-3 decision over the Blue Devils' Nick Adamo to give the Bulldogs an early 9-0 lead. Duke got on the board at 141 as Mike Bell slid past Nick LaFevre, 5-3.

The Citadel got a pair of strong performances at 149 and 157 as Derek Royster earned a tech fall over Duke's Chris Mullen, 17-2, behind three takedowns and two near falls. Turtogtokh Luvsandorj continued the Bulldog momentum as he pinned Duke's Spencer Jasper at the 3:33 mark to give The Citadel a 20-3 team lead.

Stepping in for a banged up Pierre Frazile at 165, Cameron Childs was not able to fend off Duke's Ben Wales as he fell at the 4:47 mark to start the Blue Devils late rally. J.C. Oddo's 5-2 decision over the Blue Devils' Voris Tejada behind two takedowns gave The Citadel a 23-9 lead at 174 pounds. Duke would win the final three matches as Diego Bencomo downed Kelby Smith, 9-4, at 184 pounds. John Barone used a pair of near falls and three takedowns to get a major decision over Justin Sparrow, 14-0, at 197 pounds. In the highest touted match of the day, NCAA runner-up Konrad Dudziak was able to get past Odie Delaney, 10-3, with two takedowns, a near fall and a reversal. It was not enough for the Blue Devils however, as the Bulldogs won the dual, 23-19.

The Citadel 23, Duke 19

125: Richard Alarcon (CIT) pinned Pete Terrezza (DUKE), 6:37; CIT 6-0
133: Jordan Dix (CIT) dec. Nick Adam (DUKE), 7-3; CIT 9-0
141: Mike Bell (DUKE) dec. Nick LaFevre (CIT), 5-3; CIT 9-3
149: Derek Royster (CIT) tech. fall Chris Mullen (DUKE), 17-2; CIT 14-3
157: Turtogtokh Luvsandorj (CIT) pinned Spencer Jasper (DUKE), 3:33; CIT 20-3
165: Ben Wales (DUKE) pinned Cameron Childs (CIT), 4:47; CIT 20-9
174: J.C. Oddo (CIT) dec. Voris Tejada (DUKE), 5-2; CIT 23-9
184: Diego Bencomo (DUKE) dec. Kelby Smith (CIT), 9-4; CIT 23-12
197: John Barone (DUKE) maj. dec. Justin Sparrow (CIT), 14-0; CIT 23-16
HWT: Konrad Dudziak (DUKE) dec. Odie Delaney (CIT), 10-3; CIT 23-19

The Bulldogs return to the mat on Monday as they travel to Gardner-Webb for a 7 p.m. dual. A recap and agate will be available following the action. For more information on Citadel Wrestling, visit the official website at www.CitadelSports.com.