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Trotman Continues Streak, Apps Fall to Liberty 25-10

BOONE, N.C. - Austin Trotman (Winston-Salem, N.C./Mount Tabor) won his 13th consecutive match but Appalachian State University wrestling fell to Liberty 25-10 Tuesday night in Varsity Gym.

The match featured five matches that were decided by three points or less, with the Flames' winning four of the five. Liberty improves to 11-9 with the win while ASU falls to 9-11 on the season.

Liberty started quick, winning the first three matches, all three decided by three or less. Shaun Smith started the match at 157 with a takedown of **Chip Powell** (Greensboro, N.C./SE Guilford). Powell was able to escape and score a takedown before Smith escaped to tie the score at the end of the period but Powell took down Smith with 10 seconds left to take a 5-3 lead. After a scoreless second period, Smith picked up an escape and a takedown to begin the third period. Powell was able to escape but Smith hung held a one minute riding time advantage to take the win, 7-6.

Chad Porter and **Kyle Blevins** (Sapulpa, Okla./Sapulpa) were locked in another close match, with Porter winning 4-2 in overtime. Porter earned a takedown with 25 seconds left in the extra session to get the win.

Brad Clark gave LU its third straight win to start the match a 5-2 win over **Carter Downs** (Tequesta, Fla./Jupiter Christian). Neither wrestler scored in the first two periods, but Downs started the third with a two-point nearfall. Clark countered with a reversal and a three-point nearfall for the win.

Trotman was able to get ASU on the board with a hard fought win over Nick Knowles. Knowles took a 3-0 lead into the third period, but Trotman scored an escape and a takedown to tie the score. Knowles escaped, and after a brief delay due to Knowles' head gear tearing, Trotman scored the winning takedown with 20 seconds remaining to get the 5-4 win, and his 13th straight.

Dylan Temple (Marietta, Ga./Walton) followed with a dominating 11-3 major decision over Jacobi Johnson to bring the score to 9-7. The win was Temple's 20th of the year marking the junior's second-straight 20-win season.

Josh Pelleteir gave LU a boost with a 4-2 win over **Ken Altarac** (Johnsonville, N.Y./Lasalle Institute), but ASU right back in it with a 5-2 win over Jonathan Childress. Gravely came out fast with a takedown and a three-point nearfall and almost ended the match, but Childress hung on. Despite a late takedown, Gravely earned his third win in a row.

Liberty was able to finish the match the way they started, winning the final three matches. Joe Pantaleo pinned **Weston Haney** (Robbinsville, N.C./Robbinsville) in the first period to give the Flames' an 18-10 lead.

At 141 pounds, Scott Clymer earned a 14-2 major decision over **Chris Collura** (Spencerport, N.Y./Spencerport) to clinch the match. Frankie Gayeski defeated **Savva Kostis** (Boone, N.C./Watauga) 8-3 in the final match of the night.

The Mountaineers will now get ready for the Southern Conference Tournament, held in Davidson on March 6. Kostis and Trotman will be No. 1 seeds in their weight class by virtue of going unbeaten in conference action.

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157 - Shaun Smith (LU) dec. Chip Powell (ASU) 7-6, LU 3-0
165 - Chad Porter (LU) dec. Kyle Blevins (ASU) 4-2 OT, LU 6-0
174 - Brad Clark (LU) dec. Carter Downs (ASU) 5-2, LU 9-0
184 - Austin Trotman (ASU) dec. Nick Knowles (LU) 5-4, LU 9-3
197 - Dylan Temple (ASU) major dec. Jacobi Johnson (LU) 11-3, LU 9-7
285 - Josh Pelleteir (LU) dec. Ken Altarac (ASU) 4-2, LU 12-7
125 - Tony Gravely (ASU) dec. Jonathan Childress (LU) 5-2, LU 12-10
133 - Joe Pantaleo (LU) Fall Weston Haney (ASU) 1:28, LU 18-10
141 - Scott Clymer (LU) major dec. Chris Collura (ASU) 14-2, LU 22-10
149 - Frankie Gayeski (LU) dec. Savva Kostis (ASU) 8-3, LU 25-10
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