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Wrestling Comes up Short at Bucknell, 20-16

LEWISBURG, Pa. - Old Dominion University wrestling jumped out to a 13-0 lead but was unable to hang on, falling at Bucknell 20-16 Friday night in Lewisburg.

James Nicholson (Des Moines, Iowa/Theodore Roosevelt) got Old Dominion (4-8-1) on the board first with a dominating 14-5 major decision over Derek Reber. Nicholson delivered four first period takedowns en route to the victory.

Kyle Hutter (Mokena, Ill./Providence Catholic) received a forfeit at 133 before Brennan Brumley gave ODU a 13 -0 lead with a 4-2 decision over Zac Hancock. Brumley took down Hancock in the first period but Hancock escaped to cut the lead to 2-1. Brumley earned a third period escape and earned the riding time point for the 4-2 win.

Kevin LeValley got two takedowns and two nearfalls to top Joey Metzler (Dayton, Va./Turner Ashby) 11-2 at 149. At 157, Brantley Hooks took down Micah Blair three times for a 7-2 decision.

Dan Rivera (Winter Springs, Fla./Winter Springs) and Corey Lear each earned an escape in regulation. After a scoreless sudden victory, Lear earned an escape in the first 30 second overtime and held down Rivera for a 2-1 decision.

The 174 pound match with David Thompson and Tristan Warner (Mechanicsburg, Pa./Cumberland Valley) also went into overtime, with Thompson earning a reversal but Warner only able to get an escape in the final overtime, to give Thompson a 4-3 decision.

Joe Budi (Appleton, Wis./Kaukauna) earned a 2-0 decision over Rob Waltko at 184. Budi got a point in the first period when Waltko was called for two stall warning and earned another in the second period with an escape. That was all Budi would need for the win.

Jay Hahn and Joe McMullan clinched the team win for Bucknell with wins at 197 and 285, respectively.

The Monarchs come home to the Ted Constant Convocation Center on Sunday to face George Mason in the home opener at 5:30 p.m.