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INDIANA TALLIES THRILLING VICTORY OVER WOLVERINES

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. - The Indiana wrestling team scored a dramatic, 21-15 conference victory over No. 23 Michigan on Friday, Feb. 9. The Hoosiers got pins from Angel Escobedo and Brandon Becker in the victory, while senior Josh Buuck posted a last-second win at heavyweight to secure the victory for IU.

With the Hoosiers holding an 18-15 lead heading into the heavyweight match, Buuck and Casey White went back-and-forth in a struggle for the victory. White held a 9-6 lead in the closing seconds, but Buuck scored a reversal with 10 seconds to go, then added a three-point near fall as time expired to tally an 11-9 win, giving the Hoosiers (11-4, 2-3 Big Ten) the match.

IU nearly claimed victory after the 197-pound match, as freshman Nathan Everhart took No. 19 Nick Roy into sudden victory with the score tied 1-1, but Roy scored a takedown 32 seconds into the overtime to take three points. That followed a 184-pound bout between No. 11 Marc Bennett and No. 4 Tyrel Todd, with Todd taking a 13-7 decision.

The Hoosiers got out to a quick start, as Escobedo posted his 13th pin of the season at 125, dropping Michael Watts in 6:08. Escobedo moved his season record to 27-4 with the victory. No. 20 Andrae Hernandez then posted a 3-1 decision over Chris Diehl at 133 to make the score 9-0 in favor of the home squad. Michigan's Justin Chrzanowski trimmed the deficit to 9-3 with a win over Scott Kelly at 141.

In the 149-pound match, No. 18 Matt Coughlin took undefeated Josh Churella to the brink, sending the match into overtime tied 2-2. But Churella posted an escape in sudden victory to grab three points for the Wolverines. Becker followed with his fourth pin of the season, falling Braden L'Amoreaux in the second period at the 4:32 mark. Becker is now 21-5 on the year with a 3-2 mark in Big Ten competition.

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Trevor Perry moved to 5-0 in the Big Ten with a decisive 10-4 victory over Jordan Sherrod at 174. Perry nearly pinned his opponent in the first period, but Sherrod was able to stave off the offensive, giving Perry only a two-point near fall. The redshirt freshman is now 17-6 on the season. At 165, Max Dean took No. 2 Eric Tannenbaum down to the wire, earning an escape with 1:35 to go in the third. Dean, however, could not tally a decisive takedown, and Tannenbaum posted a 3-2 victory.

The Hoosiers are back in action on Sunday, Feb. 11, when they host Northwestern at 2 p.m. EST at University Gym. The dual will be the final home event of the season and the final home meet in Buuck's career.

** #22 INDIANA 21, #23 MICHIGAN 15
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125: #7 Angel Escobedo (IU) pins Michael Watts (UM), 6:08

133: #20 Andrae Hernandez (IU) dec. Chris Diehl (MICH), 3-1

141: Justin Chrzanowski (MICH) dec. Scott Kelly (IU), 5-0

149: #2 Josh Churella (MICH) dec. #18 Matt Coughlin, 3-2 TB

157: #7 Brandon Becker (IU) pins Braden L'Amoreaux (MICH), 4:32

165: #2 Eric Tannenbaum (MICH) dec. Max Dean (IU), 3-2

174: Trevor Perry (IU) dec. Jordan Sherrod (MICH), 10-4

184: #4 Tyrel Todd (MICH) dec. #11 Marc Bennett (IU), 13-7

197: #19 Nick Roy (MICH) dec. Nathan Everhart (IU), 3-1 SV

285: Josh Buuck (IU) dec. Casey White (UM), 11-9

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