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WOLFPACK UPENDS INDIANA, 22-18

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. – The Indiana wrestling team was defeated by NC State 22-18, on Saturday, Feb. 3, at University Gym. The Hoosiers are now 10-4 on the season, while NC State is 8-7 on the year.

No. 9 Angel Escobedo earned his 12th pin of the season in the match, while Brandon Becker, Max Dean, Trevor Perry and Marc Bennett also earned victories. NC State earned a pair of pins and a major decision to take the upset victory.

Escobedo opened the match by pinning Taylor Cummings at the 3:45 mark to get IU out to a quick 6-0 lead. But NCSU bounced back with a pin of its own at 1:33, as Garrett Cummings used a first period reversal to position himself on top, then pinned Hernandez at the 1:20 mark to bring the score even at 6-6.

At 1:41, Darrion Caldwell earned bonus points of his own with a major decision over Scott Kelly, 10-2, then Joe Caramanica responded with an upset victory over No. 18 Matt Coughlin. Down 13-6, No. 7 Brandon Becker earned a crucial 9-4 decision over No. 19 Kody Hamrah with four points in each of the first two periods.

No. 16 Max Dean bounced back from four consecutive losses with an enormous 3-2 victory over Obie Simpson in the second tiebreak period. Dean earned three escape points in the match to Simpson's one, but Simpson got an additional point on a Dean stalling violation in the first tiebreak period. Trevor Perry added to the IU lead with an 11-6 win over Rick Brownlee at 1:54, and nearly pinned his opposition just 20 seconds in, but Brownlee was able to escape to extend the match.

At 2:18, Bennett earned a crucial victory, using a third-period comeback to take an 11-9 victory and give IU an 18-13 lead. No. 15 Ryan Goodman followed by pinning IU's Nathan Everhart in the second period, and it all came down to the heavyweight bout. Josh Buuck held a late 3-2 lead over No. 10 Jainor Palma, but Palma earned a takedown with under 10 seconds to go, and took a 4-3 victory to give the Wolfpack the match.

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The Hoosiers will be in action next weekend when they play host to Michigan and Northwestern at University Gym. IU faces Michigan on Friday, Feb. 9, at 7 p.m. EST, and Northwestern on Sunday, Feb. 11, at 2 p.m.

** NC STATE 22, INDIANA 18
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125: #9 Angel Escobedo (IU) pins Taylor Cummings (NCSU), 3:45

133: Garrett Cummings (NCSU) pins Andrae Hernandez (IU), 1:20

141: Darrion Caldwell (NCSU) maj. dec. Scott Kelly (IU), 10-2

149: Joe Caramanica (NCSU) dec. #18 Matt Coughlin (IU), 7-1

157: #7 Brandon Becker (IU) dec. #19 Kody Hamrah, 9-4

165: #16 Max Dean (IU) dec. Obie Simpson (NCSU), 3-2 TB2

174: Trevor Perry (IU) dec. Rick Brownlee (NCSU), 11-6

184: #11 Marc Bennett (IU) dec. Jeremy Colbert (NCSU), 11-9

197: #15 Ryan Goodman (NCSU) pins Nathan Everhart (IU), 4:17

285: #10 Jainor Palma (NCSU) dec. Josh Buuck (IU), 4-3

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