

Brown Wrestling Defeats Sacred Heart in Home Finale on Senior Day, 29-13

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PROVIDENCE, R.I. – Sophomore **Ian Butterbrodt** tallied a pin, classmate **Jon Viruet** won via technical fall, and Brown University wrestling defeated Sacred Heart University, 29-13, in an EIWA dual on Saturday afternoon at the Pizzitola Sports Center.

In their home finale on Senior Day, the Bears (7-7, 4-5 EIWA) won six straight bouts from 157 to 285 lbs. to overcome a 13-6 deficit against the visiting Pioneers (2-11, 0-6 EIWA).

Butterbrodt (North Andover, Mass.) notched his fourth fall of the season while Viruet (Springfield, Mass.) tallied his team-best 25th win on the year.

Senior **Steven Galiardo** (Chicago, Ill.) juniors **Andrew LaBrie** (Exeter, R.I.) and **Josh Durso-Finley** (Lawrenceville, N.J.), and sophomore **CJ LaFragola** (Little Egg Harbor, N.J.) all took wins via decision. Junior **Michael Russo** (Jersey City, N.J.) won via forfeit at 125 lbs.

Prior to the dual, the Bears honored the five members of their Class of 2017 – Galiardo, **William McDonald** (Carson City, Nev.), **Richard Muniz** (Corona, Calif.), **Galloway Thurston** (St. Ignace, Mich.), and **Jack Twomey-Kozak** (Hillsborough, N.C.) – for their dedication to the program.

Galiardo started a run of six straight wins and brought Brown back within 13-9 in the team score with a 4-2 win over Casey Mitchell at 157 lbs. Galiardo posted a takedown in the first period and added an escape and a point for riding time in the victory.

Viruet pushed the Bears ahead in the team score, 14-13, with a 23-4 technical fall win in two periods against Matt Fisher at 165 lbs. Viruet gained a 12-3 lead after the first period behind four takedowns and a 4-point near fall. He finished the match in the second period with two 4-point near falls.

LaBrie extended the hosts edge in the team score to 17-13 with a 14-7 win over Dom Celli at 174 lbs. LaBrie went ahead 8-3 after the first period and remained ahead 10-5 through two frames en route to the triumph.

LaFragola kept the advantage with the Bears, pushing Brown ahead 20-13 in the team score with a 5-3 win over Elliott Antler at 184 lbs. LaFragola tallied two takedowns in the opening period and tacked on an escape in the second stanza.

Durso-Finley secured the team win for Brown, notching a 5-2 win over Mark Boyle at 197 lbs. to make the score 23-13. Durso-Finley scored a takedown in the first, an escape in the second, and a takedown late in the third.

Butterbrodt ended the dual with a fall in 5:50 over John Hartnett at 285 lbs., scoring the pin with 1:10 left in the third period.

Next, Brown competes at Hofstra on Saturday, Feb. 18 at 1:00 p.m. in its regular season finale.

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- 125: **Michael Russo** (B) wins via forfeit (Brown 6-0)
133: Gerard Daly (S) def. **Nick Lattanze** (B), Fall 5:33 (Tied 6-6)
141: Paul Klee (S) def. **Zeke Salvo** (B), MD 13-4 (SHU 10-6)
149: Alex Harnsberger (S) def. **Travis Vasquez** (B), Dec. 7-2 (SHU 13-6)
157: **Steven Galiardo** (B) def. Casey Mitchell (S), Dec. 4-2 (SHU 13-9)
165: **Jon Viruet** (B) def. Matt Fisher (S), TF 23-4 (Brown 14-13)
174: **Andrew LaBrie** (B) def. Dom Celli (S), Dec. 14-7 (Brown 17-13)
184: **CJ LaFragola** (B) def. Elliott Antler (S), Dec. 5-3 (Brown 20-13)
197: **Josh Durso-Finley** (B) def. Mark Boyle (S), Dec. 5-2 (Brown 23-13)
285: **Ian Butterbrodt** (B) def. John Hartnett (S), Fall 5:50 (Brown 29-13)

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