Wrestling Falls to Navy in Friday Evening Matchup, 22-13

PHILADELPHIA - The Drexel wrestling team fell to Navy in its first conference matchup of the season, 22-13 on Friday evening. The Dragons jumped out to an early lead after winning their first two matches, but the Midshipmen dominated the majority of the remaining matches to go on to victory.

Zack Fuentes started things out for the Dragons at 125 and despite trailing in the first period came back to pin Navy's Brant Ledbetter just over a minute into the second. At 133, No. 6 Austin DeSanto fought his way to a 13-6 win over Cody Trybus to give the Dragons a 9-0 advantage after two matches.

The Midshipmen turned the momentum in their favor in the 141 match as Nicholas Gil secured a major decision over Julian Flores to put Navy on the board. 149 proved to be a very tight match with Trevor Elfvin putting up a strong fight, but Navy's Corey Wilding walked away with a 14-11 win to bring the Midshipmen within two points, 9-7. Navy then took a 13-9 lead at 157 as Zack Davis defeated Evan Barczak, 10-4.

Ebed Jarrell had a strong performance in the 165 match, but was ultimately edged by Drew Daniels by a 3-2 decision. At 174, Austin Rose held No. 8 Jadaen Bernstein scoreless into the third period, but an escape and a late takedown combined with a riding time point gave Bernstein the victory. Then No. 17 Michael Coleman gave Navy a 19-9 advantage as he defeated Joshua Murphy, 6-2 at 184.

Trailing by 10 points with two matches to go, No. 20 Stephen Loiseau got the Dragons back within striking distance as he picked up an 11-2 major decision over Steban Cervantes at 197. Sean O'Malley fought hard in the heavyweight match to end the day, but could not overcome Navy's Austin Faunce who was able to secure a 3-2 win and lead the Midshipmen to a 22-13 dual victory.

With the loss the Dragons move to 4-1 overall and 0-1 in EIWA action. Meanwhile, Navy improves to 3-0, 1-0 EIWA.
The Dragons will return to action at the Daskalakis Athletic Center on Sunday, Dec. 10 as they host No. 5 Lehigh. Matches are set to begin at 4 p.m.

**Navy 22, Drexel 13**

125: Zack Fuentes (DU) WBF Brant Leadbeter (Navy) @ 4:05

133: No. 6 Austin DeSanto (DU) DEC Cody Trybus (Navy), 13-6

141: Nicholas Gil (Navy) MAJ Julian Flores (DU), 12-3

149: Corey Wilding (Navy) DEC Trevor Elfvin (DU), 14-11

157: Zack Davis (Navy) DEC Evan Barczak (DU), 10-4

165: Drew Daniels (Navy) DEC Ebed Jarrell (DU), 3-2

174: No. 8 Jadaen Bernstein (Navy) DEC Austin Rose (DU), 4-0

184: No. 17 Michael Coleman (Navy) DEC Joshua Murphy (DU), 6-2

197: No. 20 Stephen Loiseau (DU) MAJ Steban Cervantes (Navy), 11-2

285: Austin Faunce (Navy) DEC Sean O'Malley (DU), 3-2

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