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DURHAM, N.C.—Redshirt senior Mitch Finesilver enters his final NCAA Wrestling Championship as the No. 3 overall seed in the 149-pound bracket as the NCAA announced each of the 33 seeds in all 10 weights this evening on NCAA.com. The NCAA Championships get underway March 21 at PPG Paints Arena in Pittsburgh.

Mitch Finesilver earns the highest seed for a Duke wrestler in program history. Jacob Kasper was a two-time No. 4 seed and former heavyweight Konrad Dudziak was as well. Matt Finesilver garnered a solid No. 12 seed at 174. Zach Finesilver is 23rd at 165, Josh Finesilver 25 as a 141-pounders and Benjamin Anderson the No. 33 seed at 157.

A four-time ACC finalist, Mitch broke through to win the ACC title at 149 pounds by dominating the NCAA's No. 5 seed Austin O'Connor 4-1 in the championships match. The Greenwood Village, Colo., native is 28-3 overall and hasn't lost since Jan. 2 in the Southern Scuffle.

He will wrestle the No. 30 seed Parker Kropman of Drexel. Kropman is 10-8 overall and earned an at-large selection at 149 after going 1-2 at the EIWA Championships. The highlight of the Drexel redshirt sophomore's season was a Feb. 22 win over NCAA No. 4 seed Matthew Kolodzik of Princeton. Kropman and Mitch share four common opponents with the Blue Devil senior going 4-0 and Kropman 2-2.

Matt heads to Pittsburgh with a 12-seed and will wrestle the No. 21 seed Marcus Coleman of Iowa State. The Duke sophomore is 24-7 overall and recently took runner-up honors at the ACC Championships. Meanwhile, redshirt freshman Coleman is 27-12 and is making his first postseason appearance after taking fifth at the Big 12 Championships.

Competing in his third and final NCAA Championships, Zach was tabbed with the No. 23 seed at 165 pounds. He grabbed an automatic bid to the field with a third-place showing at the ACC Championships last weekend and will wrestle No. 10 seed Branson Ashwroth of Wyoming. The Cowboy is 33-5 overall and took fourth at the Big 12 Championships.

Josh Finesilver earned the No. 25 seed and will face eighth-seeded Kanen Storr of Michigan. Josh Finesilver sports a 22-11 overall record and recently took third at the ACC Championships to earn his second consecutive bid to the NCAA Championships. His opponent, Storr, previous of Iowa State is 24-6 on the year and took fifth at the Big Ten Championships to earn an automatic berth.

After an upset victory in the consolation match secured an automatic bid for Duke's Anderson, the redshirt freshman will wrestle No. 32 seed Alexander Klucker of Lock Haven in the nictail match for a chance to take on top-seeded Jason Nolf of Penn State

haven in the pivotal match for a chance to take on top seeded Saban from Oklahoma State.

Anderson, the No. 6 seed at the ACC Championships, pinned Virginia's Jake Keating to earn one of the four spots at the weight. He heads to Pittsburgh with an 8-14 overall record after missing last season to injury.

NCAA Opening Round Matches

141

No. 25 Josh Finesilver vs. No. 8 Kanen Storr (Michigan, 24-6)

149

No. 3 Mitch Finesilver (28-3) vs. No. 30 Peter Kropman (Drexel, 10-8)

157

No. 33 Ben Anderson (8-14) vs. No. 32 Alexander Klucker (Lock Haven, 21-9)

165

No. 23 Zach Finesilver (19-8) vs. No. 10 Branson Ashworth (Wyoming, 33-5)

174

No. 12 Matt Finesilver (24-7) vs. No. 21 Marcus Coleman (Iowa State, 27-12)

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