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Piotrowski, Duncan and Carr each qualify for NCAA Championships later this month.

Brackets

MINNEAPOLIS - Three Fighting Illini wrestlers won matches in Session II of Big Ten Championships to clinch themselves an automatic bid in their weight class to this month's NCAA Championships in Pittsburgh. Junior [Travis Piotrowski](#) (125) and redshirt sophomores [Dylan Duncan](#) (133) and [Mike Carr](#) (141) all clinched a top-eight podium finish Saturday night, which subsequently earns each Illini wrestler one of the weight classes' automatic bids to nationals. The three wrestlers join redshirt senior [Emery Parker](#) in qualifying for NCAA Championships, as Parker earned an automatic bid with his wins to guarantee himself a podium finish this afternoon in Session I .

[Travis Piotrowski](#) won both of his 125-pound wrestlebacks matches to lead the Illini in Session II at Big Ten Championships. The No. 5 seed at 125-pounds, Piotrowski would first defeat Wisconsin's Ethan Rotondo in an 8-4 decision. He then went on to take a 7-4 decision over No. 9 Devin Schroder. Piotrowski's first win clinched him the automatic qualifying spot for NCAA Championships. Piotrowski has qualified for nationals each year in his three-year Illini career.

With the second victory over Schroder, Piotrowski guarantees himself at least a sixth-place finish at this year's championships. Still eyeing the third-place bout, No. 5 Piotrowski is set to take on No. 3 Sean Russell of Minnesota tomorrow in round four of the 125-pound consolation bracket.

Redshirt sophomores [Dylan Duncan](#) and [Mike Carr](#) each qualified for NCAAs by winning their first wrestlebacks matchups. Duncan was strong throughout his bout against Colin Valdiviez, and earned a 6-3 decision to advance in wrestlebacks and qualify for nationals. This is the second straight year Duncan has qualified for NCAA Championships. Duncan will wrestle tomorrow in the Big Ten Championships seventh-place matchup against Purdue's Ben Thornton.

[Mike Carr](#) also qualified for NCAAs for the second consecutive year by winning his first consolation matchup at 141-pounds in a 6-2 decision against Nate Limmex. He will face Iowa's Max Murin in the seventh-place match tomorrow afternoon.

Redshirt juniors [Eric Barone](#) (157), [Joey Gunther](#) (165) and [Carver James](#) (174) all will wrestle tomorrow in ninth-place bracket matchups, which are used to determine who will earn the final conference automatic bids at the weight classes for NCAA Championships. Barone will take on Jake Danishek of

Indiana in the ninth-place, 157-pound semifinal matchup. At 165-pounds, Gunther is slated to square off in the ninth-place semis against Michigan State's Austin Hiles. After winning his first matchup in the ninth-place quarterfinals this evening with a pin of Braxton Cody, [Carver James](#) advances to face Joe Grello in the 174-pound ninth-place semi match tomorrow afternoon.

The Illini are currently in 11th place with 30 points. Session III of Big Ten Championships begins tomorrow at 12 p.m. CT.

Team Results:

1. Penn State- 131
2. Ohio State- 111.5
3. Nebraska- 84
4. Iowa- 83.5
5. Minnesota- 76.5
6. Wisconsin- 63.5
7. Michigan- 62.5
8. Rutgers- 45.5
9. Northwestern- 43.5
10. Purdue- 38
- 11. Illinois- 30**
12. Michigan State- 25.5
13. Indiana- 24.5
14. Maryland- 7.5

Full Results (Session I and Session II)

125: #12 (5) [Travis Piotrowski](#) | 3-1

Champ Round 1: #12 (5) [Travis Piotrowski](#) tech fall (12) Devin Schnupp (Penn State), 17-0

Quarterfinal: #8 (4) RayVon Foley (Michigan State) dec. #12 (5) [Travis Piotrowski](#), 7-3

Cons. Round 2: #12 (5) [Travis Piotrowski](#) dec. (14) Ethan Rotondo (Wisconsin), 8-4

Cons. Round 3: #12 (5) [Travis Piotrowski](#) dec. #18 (9) Devin Schroder (Purdue), 7-4

133: #22 (8) [Dylan Duncan](#) | 2-2

Champ Round 1: #22 [Dylan Duncan](#) SV-1 Anthony Tutolo (Michigan State), 3-1

Quarterfinal: #1 (1) Stevan Micic (Michigan) dec. #22 (8) [Dylan Duncan](#), 9-4

Cons. Round 2: #22 (8) [Dylan Duncan](#) dec. (10) Colin Valdiviez (Northwestern), 6-3

Cons. Round 3: #9 (4) Roman Bravo-Young (Penn State) dec. #22 (8) [Dylan Duncan](#), 3-2

141: #5 (1) [Mike Carr](#) | 1-2

Champ Round 1: #5 (1) [Mike Carr](#) receives BYE

Quarterfinal: #23 (8) Chad Red Jr. dec. #5 (1) [Mike Carr](#), 8-4

Cons. Round 2 #5 (1) [Mike Carr](#) dec. #27 (10) Nate Limmex (Purdue), 6-2

Cons. Round 3 #8 (4) Tristan Moran (Wisconsin) dec. #5 (1) [Mike Carr](#), 9-4

149: [Christian Kanzler](#) | 0-2

Champ Round 1: #14 (5) Cole Martin (Wisconsin) Fall [Christian Kanzler](#), 2:35

Cons. Round 1: Jaden Enriquez (Michigan State) dec. [Christian Kanzler](#), 3-1

[Christian Kanzler](#) is eliminated.

157: #10 (8) [Eric Barone](#) | 1-2

Champ Round 1: #10 (8) [Eric Barone](#) TB-1 #13 (9) Griffin Parriott (Purdue), 5-4
Quarterfinal: #1 (1) Jason Nolf (Penn State) Fall #10 (8) [Eric Barone](#), 2:14
Cons. Round 2: #7 (7) Ke-Shawn Hayes (Ohio State) dec. #10 (8) [Eric Barone](#), 3-1

165: #20 (9) [Joey Gunther](#) | 1-2

Champ Round 1: #20 (9) [Joey Gunther](#) TB-2 #28 (8) Carson Broolsma (Minnesota), 3-2
Quarterfinal: #1 (1) Vincenzo Joseph (Penn State) tech fall #20 (9) [Joey Gunther](#), 21-6
Cons. Round 2: (10) Tyler Morland (Northwestern) dec. #20 (9) [Joey Gunther](#), 7-4

174: (11) [Carver James](#) | 2-2

Champ Round 1: #20 (6) Ethan Smith (Ohio State) dec. [Carver James](#), 5-2
Cons. Round 1: (11) [Carver James](#) tech fall (14) Braxton Cody (Northwestern), 20-5
Cons. Round 2: #8 (4) Mikey Labriola (Nebraska) Fall (11) [Carver James](#), 2:22
9th Place Quarterfinal: (11) [Carver James](#) Fall (14) Braxton Cody (Northwestern), 1:10

184: #7 (4) [Emery Parker](#) | 2-1

Champ Round 1: #7 (4) [Emery Parker](#) dec. (13) Kyle Jasenski (Maryland), 7-3
Quarterfinal: #7 (4) [Emery Parker](#) dec. (5) #13 Cash Wilcke (Iowa), 3-2
Semifinal: #1 (1) Myles Martin (Ohio State) dec. #7 (4) [Emery Parker](#), 8-3

197: [Andre Lee](#) | 1-2

Champ Round 1: (7) Dylan Anderson (Minnesota) dec. [Andre Lee](#), 4-1
Cons. Round 1: [Andre Lee](#) dec. Matt Correnti (Rutgers), 10-6
Cons. Round 2: (8) Brad Wilton (Michigan State) dec. [Andre Lee](#), 5-3
[Andre Lee](#) is eliminated.

285: [Deuce Rachal](#) | 0-2

Champ Round 1: #7 (6) Conan Jennings (Northwestern) dec. [Deuce Rachal](#), 1-0
Cons. Round 1: #8 Youssif Hemida (Maryland) major dec. [Deuce Rachal](#), 13-4
[Deuce Rachal](#) is eliminated.

#- Coach's Poll Ranking

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