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Three Hoosiers Earn Podium Spots at Big Ten Championships

MINNEAPOLIS – Senior Elijah Oliver led the way with a fourth-place finish as a trio of Hoosiers earned top-eight spots at the Big Ten Wrestling Championships on the campus of Minnesota.

Oliver finished in fourth-place at 125 pounds, senior Bryce Martin finished in seventh-place at 165 pounds and redshirt sophomore Jake Kleimola finished in eighth-place at 197 pounds.

Indiana finished in 12th place in the tournament with 31 team points. The 31 points represents an improvement on their 10 points at the 2018 Big Ten Championships. The 31 points is the most for Indiana at the Big Ten Championships since 2014 and best overall finish since 2016.

Oliver and Martin have automatically qualified for the NCAA Championships. Oliver is the Hoosiers seventh wrestler in program history to be a four-time NCAA qualifier. The last Indiana wrestler to accomplish the feat was IU head coach Angel Escobedo from 2007-10.

“It was a team effort,” IU head coach Angel Escobedo said. “I was really happy with how the guys competed. We saw a lot of positive things that we can build on. Right now we are going upwards and it’s going to be fun to continue to build this program up.”

Up next the Hoosiers will compete at the 2019 NCAA Wrestling Championships, March 21-23 in Pittsburgh, Pa.

Final Results from 2019 Big Ten Wrestling Championships

125 Elijah Oliver

No. 18 Elijah Oliver (IU) fall No. 14 Zeke Moisey (NEB) 0:18

No. 3 Spencer Lee (IOWA) fall No. 18 Elijah Oliver (IU) 1:37

No. 18 Elijah Oliver (IU) SV 2 dec. Malik Heinselman (OSU) 13-11

No. 18 Elijah Oliver (IU) dec. No. 13 Drew Mattin (MICH) 6-3

No. 18 Elijah Oliver (IU) medical forfeit RayVon Foley (MSU)

No. 6 Sean Russell (MINN) dec. No. 18 Elijah Oliver (IU) 6-0

133 Paul Konrath

No. 10 Luke Pletcher (OSU) MD Paul Konrath (IU) 12-4

Paul Konrath (IU) dec. Jevon Parrish (NEB) 8-3

No. 6 Ethan Iizak (MINN) TE Paul Konrath (IU) 16-0

NO. 9 Elijah Lizar (MINN) TF Paul Konrath (IU) 10-0
Jevon Parrish (NEB) dec. Paul Konrath (IU) 3-2

141 Kyle Luigs

No. 9 Mitch McKee (MINN) Fall Kyle Luigs (IU) 4:09
Kyle Luigs (IU) dec. Alec McKenna (NU) 7-0
No. 8 Tristan Moran (WIS) MD Kyle Luigs (IU) 14-5
Kyle Luigs (IU) dec. Alec McKenna (NU) 9-5
Nate Limmex (PUR) MD Kyle Luigs (IU) 11-3

149 Fernando Silva

No. 1 Anthony Ashnault (RUT) MD Fernando Silva (IU) 14-2
Shayne Oster (NU) MD Fernando Silva (IU) 14-3

157 Jake Danishek

No. 10 Steve Bleise (MINN) dec. No. 18 Jake Danishek (IU) 8-5
No. 18 Jake Danishek (IU) MD Adam Whitesell (MD) 12-2
No. 7 Kaleb Young (IOWA) MD No. 18 Jake Danishek (IU) 8-0
No. 18 Jake Danishek fall Adam Whitesell (MD) 2:11
No. 16 Griffin Parriott (PUR) dec. No. 18 Jake Danishek (IU) 6-2

165 Bryce Martin

Bryce Martin (IU) dec. Phillip Spadafora (MD) 9-2
No. 3 Evan Wick (WIS) dec. Bryce Martin (IU) 6-1
Bryce Martin (IU) dec. Stephan Glasgow (RUT) 11-4
Te'Shan Campbell (OSU) MD Bryce Martin (IU) 11-1

174 Jacob Covaciu

No. 13 Devin Skatzka (MINN) MD Jacob Covaciu (IU) 10-0
Jacob Covaciu (IU) dec. Josh Ugalde (MD) 8-2
No. 14 Ethan Smith (OSU) dec. Jake Covaciu (IU) 7-3
Jake Covaciu (IU) dec. Josh Ugalde (MD) 7-2
Joe Grello (RUT) dec. SV1 Jake Covaciu (IU) 6-4

184 Norman Conley

Mason Reinhardt (WIS) dec. Norman Conley (IU) 2-0
Norman Conley (IU) TF Brandan Devine (NU) 22-7
No. 15 Cash Wilcke (IOWA) dec. Norman Conley (IU) 5-2
Norman Conley (IU) MD Brandon Devine (NU) 9-0
Cameron Caffey (MSU) dec. Norman Conley (IU) 7-6

197 Jake Kleimola

Brad Wilton (MSU) Fall Jake Kleimola (IU) 6:16
Jake Kleimola (IU) MD Dylan Anderson (MINN) 13-4
Beau Breske (WIS) fall Jake Kleimola (IU) 1:08
Brad Wilton (MSU) dec. Jake Kleimola (IU) 9-5

285 Fletcher Miller

No. 11 Chase Singletary (OSU) dec. Fletcher Miller (IU) 4-0
No. 9 Mason Parris (MICH) dec. Fletcher Miller (IU) 6-2

Final Team Scores

1. Penn State, 157.0
2. Ohio State, 122.5
3. Iowa, 107.5
4. Minnesota, 101.5
5. Nebraska, 96.5
6. Michigan, 76.5
7. Wisconsin, 76.0
- T8. Northwestern, 53.5
- T8. Rutgers, 53.5
10. Purdue, 42.0
11. Illinois, 39.5
12. Indiana, 31.0
13. Michigan State, 29.5
14. Maryland, 13.0