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### Hoosiers Fall Against No. 18 Rutgers

**BLOOMINGTON, Ind.**— The Indiana wrestling team won three bouts, but No. 18 Rutgers earned the match victory 24-11 on Saturday at Wilkinson Hall.

#### Notes

- Indiana drops to 4-10 overall and 1-6 in the Big Ten. Rutgers improves to 10-5 overall and 3-3 in the Big Ten.
- Bryce Martin got a takedown and four-point near fall early in his match as he earned a major decision 13-0.
- Martin won his 16<sup>th</sup> match of the season and improved to 5-2 in Big Ten dual matches.
- Elijah Oliver returned to the Hoosiers lineup for the first time since the dual against Ohio State and earned a 16-5 major decision.
- Oliver, who has competed in several tournaments this season outside of dual competition, recorded his 20<sup>th</sup> win of the season.
- Fernie Silva opened the match against the No. 1 ranked wrestler in his weight class (149) Anthony Ashnault and led 4-2 in the first period and was even 6-6 with in the second period. Ashnault won the dual by a narrow margin, 8-7.

#### IU Head Coach Angel Escobedo

“I thought we competed tonight. We had a couple matches slip away that were really close that changed the momentum of the dual. I preached to my guys before the match to try to ring together a couple of consistent wins to get the crowd involved. I think we missed some opportunities in that, but we have to rebound for tomorrow and come back strong.”

#### Up Next

Up next the Hoosiers host No. 25 Stanford on Sunday Feb. 9 at 7:00 p.m.

#### #18 Rutgers 24, Indiana 11

149: #1 Anthony Ashnault (RU) dec. Fernie Silva (IU) 8-7 (RU 3, IU 0)  
157: #17 John Van Brill (RU) dec. Jake Danishek (IU) 5-2 (RU 6, IU 0)  
165: Bryce Martin (IU) maj. dec. Jake Benner (RU) 13-0 (RU 6, IU 4)  
174: Joe Grello (RU) dec. Jake Covaciu (IU) 3-1 (RU 9, IU 4)  
184: Norman Conley (IU) dec. Willie Scott (RU) 13-7 (RU 9, IU 7)  
197: Matthew Correnti (RU) dec. Jake Kleimola (IU) 7-4 (RU 12, IU 7)  
285: Christian Colucci (RU) maj. dec. Fletcher Miller (IU) 10-1 (RU 16, IU 7)  
105: Elijah Oliver (IU) maj. dec. Chase Mathen (RU) 10-5 (RU 10, IU 11)

125: Eiljan Oliver (IU) maj. dec. Shane Metzler (RU) 16-5 (RU 16, IU 11)  
133: #4 Nick Suriano (RU) maj. dec. Garrett Pepple (IU) 20-7 (RU 20, IU 11)  
141: Peter Lipari (RU) maj. dec. Kyle Luigs (IU) 11-2 (RU 24, IU 11)