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**Lee and Marinelli Advance to B1G Finals**

**MINNEAPOLIS** -- University of Iowa sophomores Spencer Lee and Alex Marinelli advanced to the finals of the 2019 Big Ten Championships following semifinal wins on Saturday night at Williams Arena.

Lee, the No. 2 seed at 125, won by 8-0 major decision. He scored takedowns in the first and third periods added a point for riding time to top third-seeded Sean Russell of Minnesota.

"I wrestled a full match and felt I wrestled hard," Lee said. "My mindset was to keep scoring points. I could've probably scored some more points and was maybe too tentative. Overall, I was happy with my performance and feel like I had more in the tank and was ready to keep going."

Marinelli, seeded No. 2 at 165, scored takedown in the first period and held on to earn a 2-1 decision against No. 3 Evan Wick at 165.

"I need to get to my attacks more," Marinelli said. "Even if I score in the first period, it doesn't mean I can't score in the second and third. Morningstar told me after the match good job, but that I could do more. I think the crowd, my teammates, and my coaches know I can do a lot more and that's a good thing."

Lee will face top-seeded Sebastian Rivera in the finals. Marinelli will face top-seeded Vincenzo Joseph.

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Six more Hawkeyes are alive on the backside of the bracket. Austin DeSanto and Jacob Warner both lost in the championships semifinals on Saturday and compete in the consolation semifinals Sunday morning with Pat Lugo (149), Kaleb Young (157), and Cash Wilcke (184). Lugo, Young, and Wilcke each won a pair of matches Saturday night. Max Murin (141) split two matches and will wrestle for seventh place Sunday.

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Each of Iowa's eight wrestlers still competing in the tournament have earned automatic berths to the NCAA Championships in Pittsburgh on March 21-23. Seniors Mitch Bowman and Sam Stoll were eliminated from the tournament.

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The Hawkeyes are in fourth place after Session II with 73.5 points. Penn State leads the team race with 131 points. Ohio State (111.5), Nebraska (84) and Minnesota (76.5) round out the top five.

"We have two in the finals. That's important," said Iowa head coach Tom Brands. "We have five going for third. There is one session to go. We are two-thirds of the way through

the tournament, and the most important match is the next one in front of us.”

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Session III begins at 12 a.m. (CT) at Williams Arena. The championship matches follow at 3:15 p.m. (CT). BTN will televise the finals.

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### SEMIFINAL RESULTS

125 - #2 Spencer Lee (IA) major dec. #3 Sean Russell (MINN), 8-0

133 - #3 Nick Suriano (RUT) dec. #2 Austin DeSanto (IA), 3-2

165 - #2 Alex Marinelli (IA) dec. #3 Evan Wick (WIS), 2-1

197 - #3 Jacob Warner (IA) vs. #2 Kollin Moore (OSU)

### CONSOLATION RESULTS

141 - #7 Max Murin (IA) dec. Pete Lipari (RUT), 6-2

141 - #6 Mitch McKee (MINN) dec. #7 Max Murin (IA), 2-1

149 - #3 Pat Lugo (IA) dec. Jaden Enriquez (MSU), 12-3

149 - #3 Pat Lugo (IA) dec. #7 Shane Oster (NU), 7-4

157 - #5 Kaleb Young (IA) dec. #11 Jake Danishek (IND), 8-0

157 - #5 Kaleb Young (IA) vs. #7 Ke-Shawn Hayes (OSU)

174 - #8 Drew Hughes (MSU) tech. fall #10 Mitch Bowman (IA), 20-5

184 - #5 Cash Wilcke (IA) dec. #11 Norman Conley (IND), 5-2

184 - #5 Cash Wilcke (IA) dec. #8 Max Lyon (PU), 8-3

285 - Jacob Aven (PU) dec. #8 Sam Stoll (IA), 5-2

### CHAMPIONSHIP MATCHUPS

125 - #1 Sebastian Rivera (NU) vs. #2 Spencer Lee (IA)

165 - #1 Vincezo Joseph (PSU) vs. #2 Alex Marinelli (IA)

### CONSOLATION MATCHUPS

133 - #2 Austin DeSanto (IA) vs. #4 Roman Bravo-Young (PSU)

149 - #3 Pat Lugo (IA) #4 Thomas Thorn (MINN)

157 - #5 Kaleb Young (IA) vs. #6 Steve Bleise (MINN)

184 - #5 Cash Wilcke (IA) vs. #3 Tyler Venz (NEB)

197 - #3 Jacob Warner (IA) vs. Christian Brunner (PU)

### SEVENTH-PLACE MATCHUPS

141 - #7 Max Murin (IA) vs. #1 Michael Carr (ILL)

### TEAM STANDINGS

1	Penn State	131.0
2	Ohio State	111.5
3	Nebraska	84.0
<b>4</b>	<b>IOWA</b>	<b>83.5</b>
5	Minnesota	76.5
6	Wisconsin	63.5
7	Michigan	62.5
8	Rutgers	45.5
9	Northwestern	43.5
10	Purdue	38.0
11	Illinois	30.0
12	Michigan State	25.5
13	Indiana	24.5
14	Maryland	25



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