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University of Iowa Wrestling
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4 Hawkeyes Advance to Semis at B1G Championships

MINNEAPOLIS -- The University of Iowa wrestling team advanced four wrestlers to the semifinals of the 2019 Big Ten Championships on Saturday afternoon at Williams Arena. Spencer Lee (125), Austin DeSanto (133), Alex Marinelli (165), and Jacob Warner (197) wrestle Saturday night for a chance to compete in the Big Ten finals Sunday afternoon.

Lee advanced to the semis with a pin in 1:37. DeSanto, Marinelli, and Warner all won by decision.

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The Hawkeyes have six wrestlers alive on the backside of the bracket. Five of them -- Max Murin (141), Pat Lugo (149), Kaleb Young (157), Cash Wilcke (184), and Sam Stoll (285) -- won their first-round matches before falling in the quarterfinals.

The Hawkeyes were 9-6 overall in Session I. Five of the six losses were by a combined seven points, and one was in overtime.

The Hawkeyes are in sixth place with 41 points following the quarterfinals. Penn State leads the team race with 77 points. Minnesota (54), Ohio State (53.5), Michigan (45), and Nebraska (45) are in the top five.

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QUOTING COACH TOM BRANDS

"We have four semifinalists and six on the backside starting at six o'clock. We have to be ready to go.

Points are hard to come by and we need to make them easier. We need to put our holds together and good things will happen. There is more wrestling to do."

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NCAA CHAMPIONSHIPS

Each of Iowa's four semifinalist have earned automatic berths to the 2019 NCAA Championships in Pittsburgh. Lugo and Stoll need two wins on the backside of the bracket to secure an automatic bid. Murin, Young, Bowman, and Wilcke are one win from earning an automatic bid.

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UP NEXT

Session II begins at 6 p.m. (CT) and will be streamed on BTN Plus. A round of consolations will be wrestled prior to the semis.

FIRST ROUND RESULTS (tournament seeds)

141 - #7 Max Murin (IA) dec. #10 Nate Limmex (PU), 4-0

149 - #3 Pat Lugo (IA) dec. Jordan Shearer (NEB), 8-5

157 - #5 Kaleb Young (IA) won by mff. Jake Tucker (MSU)

174 - #7 Ryan Christensen (WIS) dec. #10 Mitch Bowman (IA), 3-2

184 - #5 Cash Wilcke (IA) dec. #12 Brandon Krone (MINN), 2-1
285 - #8 Sam Stoll (IA) dec. Chase Beard (MSU), 6-1

QUARTERFINAL RESULTS

125 - #2 Spencer Lee (IA) pinned #10 Elijah Oliver (IND), 1:37
133 - #2 Austin DeSanto (IA) dec. #7 Ben Thornton (PU), 9-3
141 - #2 Nick Lee (PSU) dec. #7 Max Murin (IA), 8-3
149 - #6 Brady Berge (PSU) dec. #3 Pat Lugo (IA), 4-2 SV2
157 - #4 Alec Panteleo (MICH) dec. #5 Kaleb Young (IA), 3-2
165 - #2 Alex Marinelli (IA) dec. #7 Te'Shawn Campbell (OSU), 6-3
184 - #4 Emery Parker (ILL) dec. #5 Cash Wilcke (IA), 3-2
197 - #3 Jacob Warner (IA) dec. Beau Breske (WIS), 10-4
285 - #1 Gable Steveson (MINN) dec. #8 Sam Stoll (IA), 5-3

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CONSOLATION FIRST ROUND RESULTS

174 - #10 Mitch Bowman (IA) received a bye

SEMIFINAL MATCHUPS

125 - #2 Spencer Lee (IA) vs. #3 Sean Russell (MINN)
133 - #2 Austin DeSanto (IA) vs. #3 Nick Suriano (RUT)
165 - #2 Alex Marinelli (IA) vs. #3 Evan Wick (WIS)
197 - #3 Jacob Warner (IA) vs. #2 Kollin Moore (OSU)

CONSOLATION MATCHUPS

141 - #7 Max Murin (IA) vs. Pete Lipari (RUT)
149 - #3 Pat Lugo (IA) vs. Jaden Enriquez (MSU)
157 - #5 Kaleb Young (IA) vs. #11 Jake Danishek (IND)
174 - #10 Mitch Bowman (IA) vs. #8 Drew Hughes (MSU)
184 - #5 Cash Wilcke (IA) vs. Norman Conley (IND)
285 - #8 Sam Stoll (IA) vs. Jacob Aven (PU)

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TEAM STANDINGS

1	Penn State	77.0
2	Minnesota	54.0
3	Ohio State	53.5
4	Michigan	45.0
4	Nebraska	45.0
6	IOWA	41.0
7	Wisconsin	31.5
8	Rutgers	23.5
9	Northwestern	20.0
10	Michigan State	17.0
11	Purdue	16.5
12	Illinois	16.0
13	Indiana	9.0
14	Maryland	1.5

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