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NORFOLK, Va. – Kent State will send two wrestlers to the NCAA Championships following a wild day two of the Mid-American Conference Championships **inside Old Dominion’s Ted Constant Center.**

Sophomore **Andrew McNally** (184) and junior **Tim Rooney** (133) each finished above their seed to punch their ticket to Pittsburgh.

Rooney went 2-0 on the day for a third place finish. He defeated Central Michigan’s Devin Perez 3-2 in the consolation semifinals. Rooney then topped No. 2 seed Mario Guillen (Ohio) 4-2 with a takedown in sudden victory 2 of the consolation finals.

“Tim’s figured what he needs to do to win,” **Head Coach Jim Andrassy** said of the many close bouts Rooney has been in this season. “He didn’t make any mistakes today and showed he has the ability to be a really good wrestler.”

McNally dropped his finals bout to No. 1 seed Dylan Wisman of Missouri 9-4. McNally scored a pair of takedowns in the second period to grab a 4-3 lead, but Wisman came back with two more takedowns of his own. With two NCAA qualifying spots available at 184, McNally then had to take on Central Michigan’s Jordan Atienza in a true second place match.

Atienza led 6-4 early in the second period and got in on a shot, but McNally spun his leg around and threw Atienza on his back and claimed his 14th pin of the season. He finished 3-1 on the weekend with a pair of pins.

“It looked like a crazy move to us,” Andrassy said. “But he can put guys on their back in so many different ways. He should be a top 16 seed at NCAAs and get a decent draw in the first round.”

Sophomore **Jake Ferri** won his seventh place match at 125 pounds with a 19-7 decision over Gage Datlovsky (SIU Edwardsville).

The Flashes got another seventh place from sophomore **Kade Byland**, who topped Kevin Gschwendtner (SIU Edwardsville) at 174 pounds.

Sophomore 141-pounder Cory Simpson settled for a sixth place Saturday after pulling off the upset of the tournament on Friday. Senior **Isaac Bast** (165) also finished sixth following a win on Friday.

McNally and Rooney will head to PPG Paints Arena in Pittsburgh March 21-23 for the 2019 NCAA Championships.

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