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Big Ten Recap

Senior heavyweight Youssif Hemida closed out the 2019 Big Ten Championships with a third-place finish this passed weekend.

The finish makes Hemida Maryland's highest Big Ten placer since the Terrapins joined the conference, passing Ryan Diehl and Alfred Bannister, who both placed fifth at the 2017 and 2018 championships, respectively. Hemida had previously placed sixth and seventh in the last two conference tournaments.

Hemida topped a trio of ranked wrestlers over the course of the weekend: seventh-ranked Hillger (Wis), 11th-ranked Chase Singletary (OSU) and 14th-ranked Jennings (NWU). He also entered the weekend unseeded, placing higher than five of the eight pre-seeded wrestlers on the way to his automatic qualification to the NCAA Championships.

The returning All-American will now look ahead to the 2019 NCAA Championships, which will be held from Mar. 21-23 in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Hemida will look to become the eighth wrestler in program history to earn multiple All-American honors.

[Click here for recap](#)

NCAA Tournament Alternate

Baby J Bannister was selected as the first alternate at 149 pounds for the NCAA Championship. If any wrestler at 149 withdraws or does not make weight, Baby J will be inserted into the bracket.

Stepping Down

This afternoon I informed my team and staff that I will be stepping as Maryland's Head Wrestling Coach after the NCAA tournament. I've had an awesome time at Maryland and thoroughly enjoyed being a part of the Terrapin Nation. I look forward to what God has planned for me next, but for now my focus is to help Youssif, and hopefully Baby J, prepare and compete for a National Championship.

Save the Date

Spring Awards Banquet Sunday April 7 2pm

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- (3) Ensure good communication and exchange of information between the coaching staff and supporters.

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Take care and thanks for your support,
Kerry

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