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Lewis becomes MAC's eighth four-time champion, Erneste and Eierman claim their third titles

NORFOLK, Va. – No. 5 Mizzou Wrestling claimed its eighth straight conference tournament title after winning the Mid-American Conference Championship with 180.0 team points Saturday afternoon at the Ted Constant Convocation Center. Mizzou claimed six conference titles as all six wrestlers who advanced to the finals won their championships bouts. All 10 Mizzou wrestlers finished fourth or better, with nine of 10 taking at least third. Mizzou also broke its own championship record with 180.0 team points, topping the mark set by last year's team (177.0).

Mizzou's six individual MAC Champions are:

- RS senior **John Erneste** – 133 – Third Career Title
- RS junior **Jaydin Eierman** – 141 – Third Career Title
- Freshman **Brock Mauler** – 149 – First Career Title
- Freshman **Jarrett Jacques** – 157 – First Career Title
- RS senior **Daniel Lewis** – 174 – Fourth Career Title
- RS junior **Dylan Wisman** – 184 First Career Title

All six earn automatic spots to the NCAA Championships. After two pins and a technical fall, Eierman was named the tournament's Most Outstanding Wrestler. He won his third MAC title Saturday. Lewis became just the eighth wrestler to earn four MAC Championships and first to do so since J'den Cox did so. Erneste and Eierman each earned their third MAC titles.

"We struggled a little yesterday and lost some really tough matches, but today we won 13 of 14 matches and just wrestled with a purpose," head coach **Brian Smith** said. "It never gets old winning conference championships."

Team Scores

1. Missouri - 180.0
2. Buffalo - 113.5
3. Old Dominion - 113.0
4. Central Michigan - 110.5
5. Ohio - 99.5
6. Northern Illinois - 98.0
7. SIU Edwardsville - 68.5
8. Kent State - 64.0

Notes

- Mizzou claimed its seventh straight MAC Tournament title and its eighth straight conference title dating back to its final year in the Big 12.
- Mizzou racked up 180.0 total team points, the best in MAC Tournament history.
- Mizzou won six individual titles Saturday with all six of those wrestlers clinching a spot at the NCAA Championships. Mizzou also clinched spots to the NCAA Tournament at 125 and heavyweight based on the league's allocations. Mizzou will need wild cards at 165 and 197 in order to send all 10 to the NCAA Championships.
- Freshman **Dack Punke** picked up his first pin of the season in his first consolation match, pinning Shakur Laney of Ohio in 3:13 to advance to the third-place bout. He finished fourth on Saturday and earned his first berth to the NCAA Tournament.
- RS senior **John Erneste** claimed his third MAC Championship Saturday.
- RS junior **Jaydin Eierman** became a three-time MAC Champion as well.
- RS senior **Daniel Lewis** extended his personal win streak to 16 bouts, earning 10 pins during that stretch. With his 11-2 major decision Saturday in the finals, becomes just the eighth four-time MAC Champion in league history and first since Mizzou's J'den Cox did so in 2017.

Freshman **Brock Mauler**, with his title win, now has 29 wins in his true freshman campaign, the most for a Mizzou freshman grappler since J'den Cox had 38 in 2013-14. Mauler's only two losses of the season have come to the same wrestler.

Results

- **125 Pounds – #22 Dack Punke (11-10) – Fourth Place Finish – NCAA Qualifier**
 - Quarterfinal vs. Kyle Akins (Buffalo) – W, 4-1
 - Semifinal vs. Michael McGee (Old Dominion) – L, 7-1 (1:33 RT)
 - Consolation Round vs. Shakur Laney (Ohio) – W, Fall (3:13)
 - Third Place Match vs. Bryce West (NIU) – L, 3-2
- **133 Pounds – #7 John Erneste (18-4) – MAC Champion (third in his career) – NCAA Qualifier**
 - Quarterfinal vs. Austin Macias (SIU-Edwardsville) – W, Fall (0:57)
 - Semifinal vs. Tim Rooney (Kent State) – W, Fall (5:56)
 - Final vs. Derek Spann (Buffalo) – W, 6-2
- **141 Pounds – #4 Jaydin Eierman (24-3) - MAC Champion (third in his career) – NCAA Qualifier**
 - Quarterfinal vs. Lucas Bernal (SIU-Edwardsville) – W, Technical Fall, 19-3
 - Semifinal vs. Sa'Derian Perry (Old Dominion) – W, Fall (2:59)
 - Final vs. Bryan Lantry (Buffalo) – W, Fall (3:27)
- **149 Pounds – #6 Brock Mauler (28-2) – MAC Champion (first in his career) – NCAA Qualifier**
 - Quarterfinal vs. Jason Estevez (Buffalo) – W, Technical Fall, 17-0
 - Semifinal vs. Tyshawn Williams (SIU-Edwardsville) – W, 7-1
 - Final vs. Kevin Budock (Old Dominion) – W, 6-2 (2:49 RT)
- **157 Pounds – #16 Jarrett Jacques (26-6) – MAC Champion (first in his career) – NCAA Qualifier**
 - Quarterfinal vs. Mason Kauffman (NIU) – W, 2-1
 - Semifinal vs. Alex Smythe (Buffalo) – W, 10-3 (1:48 RT)
 - Final vs. Larry Early (Old Dominion) – W, 3-1
- **165 Pounds – #13 Connor Flynn (20-7) – Third Place – Will Need Wild Card**
 - Quarterfinal vs. Bret Fedewa (Central Michigan) –W, Fall (0:41)
 - Semifinal vs. Colt Yinger (Ohio) – L, 5-4 (Flynn, 2:40 RT)
 - Consolation vs. Shane Jones (Old Dominion) – W, Technical Fall, 17-0 (3:15 RT)
 - Third-Place Match vs. Nate Higgins (SIU-Edwardsville) – W, 15-2 (2:55 RT)
- **174 Pounds – #2 Daniel Lewis (24-1) – MAC Champion (fourth in his career) – NCAA Qualifier**
 - Quarterfinal vs. Logan Stanley (Ohio) – W, Fall (1:00)
 - Semifinal vs. Colin Lieber (Central Michigan) – W, Fall (2:59)
 - Final vs. Brit Wilson (NIU) – W, Major Decision, 11-2 (3:14 RT)
- **184 Pounds – #18 Dylan Wisman (16-7) – MAC Champion (first in his career) – NCAA Qualifier**
 - Quarterfinal vs. Logan Rill (Buffalo) – W, Technical Fall, 20-4 (2:40 RT)
 - Semifinal vs. Jordan Atienza (Central Michigan) – W, Fall (6:07)
 - Final vs. Andrew McNally (Kent State) – W, 9-4 (2:56 RT)
- **197 Pounds – #25 Wyatt Koelling (20-10) – Third Place – Will Need a Wild Card**
 - Quarterfinal vs. Max Ihry (NIU) – W, 6-2 (1:32 RT)
 - Semifinal vs. Timothy Young (Old Dominion) – L, 3-1
 - Consolation vs. Derek Hillman (Ohio) – W, 4-0 (2:09 RT)
 - Third Place Match vs. Max Ihry (NIU) – W, 3-2
- **285 Pounds – #23 Zach Elam (22-9) – Third Place – NCAA Qualifier**
 - Quarterfinal vs. Spencer Berthold (Kent State) – W, Major Decision, 12-0 (6:04 RT)
 - Semifinal vs. Colton McKiernan (SIU-Edwardsville) – L, Fall, 7:30 (SV-1)
 - Consolation vs. Zack Parker (Ohio) – W, 6-0 (2:54 RT)
 - Third-Place Match vs. Jake Gunning (Buffalo) – W, 3-0 (1:52 RT)

Mizzou will now wait for its NCAA Tournament seedings. At-large spots will be announced Tuesday (March 12) afternoon and the NCAA selection show, which unveils the complete brackets and seeds, is scheduled for Wednesday (March 13) at 5 p.m. (CT).

For all the latest on Mizzou Wrestling, stay tuned to MUTigers.com and follow the team on social media (@MizzouWrestling on Twitter, Instagram and Facebook).



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