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TULSA, Okla. – North Dakota State 165-pounder [Andrew Fogarty](#) reached the Big 12 Conference Wrestling championship for the second straight season and was joined by 125-pounder [Brent Fleetwood](#) in Sunday's 7 p.m. finals, while NDSU 157 [Luke Weber](#) and 174 [Lorenzo De La Riva](#) will wrestle for third or fifth place following the first day of competition Saturday, March 9, in the BOK Center.

The Bison are tied for sixth place in the team standings. Oklahoma State is in first with 129.5 points, Iowa State is second with 92.5 and Northern Iowa is third at 62.5.

Fogarty, a redshirt junior from Jordan, Minn., recorded a takedown in the first minute against top-seeded Branson Ashworth of Wyoming and then. Fogarty and Ashworth then went heavy in the top position in the second and third periods with neither budging. Both wrestlers were awarded penalty points for stalling, Fogarty in the second period and Ashworth in the third.

Fogarty (20-3), who entered the tournament as the No. 5 seed, had an impressive start with a pair of falls. The first at 2:20 over South Dakota State's Logan Peterson and the second at 4:49 over West Virginia's Nick Kiussis. He has a team-leading nine pins. Fogarty will face No. 2 seed Demetrius Romero of Utah Valley in the finals.

Fleetwood, a redshirt senior from Sycamore, Del., opened with a fall at 1:03 over South Dakota State's Gregory Coapstick and then tangled with Oklahoma's Christian Moody for the second time in two weeks with the same result. Fleetwood picked up a takedown with 24-seconds left to record a 3-1 sudden victory-1 decision. He improved to 3-0 in extra time this season.

Fleetwood (23-3) reached the finals with an 8-2 decision over Northern Iowa's Jay Schwarm. Leading 2-1 in the third period, the Central Michigan transfer gained a takedown and 4-point nearfall to take an 8-1 lead. No. 2-seed Fleetwood squares off with No. 1 seed Nick Piccininni in the finals. Piccininni defeated NDSU's [Josh Rodriguez](#) in the 2017 Big 12 championship match.

Weber, a redshirt sophomore from Forsyth, Mont., opened with a stunning 10-1 major decision over No. 4 seed Wyatt Sheets of Oklahoma State. However, Justin Thomas of Oklahoma defeated Weber 13-8 and into the consolation round. Weber (10-4) is scheduled to wrestle Alex Mossing of Air Force in the consolation semifinals at noon Sunday.

Sunday.

De La Riva, a redshirt junior from Folsom, Calif., rebounded with a pair of wins after dropping a 17-5 major decision to Northern Iowa's Taylor Lujan. The Cal State Bakersfield transfer beat Samuel Grove of South Dakota State by the score of 4-0 and then outlasted Oklahoma's Anthony Mantanona 17-10 in a topsy-turvy bout. De La Riva (24-9) will face Wyoming's Hayden Hastings in Sunday's consolation semis.

TEAM SCORES (Thru Session II): 1. Oklahoma State 129.5, 2. Iowa State 92.5, 3. UNI 62.5, 4. Oklahoma 56.5, 5. Wyoming 50, T6. NDSU 48, T6. Fresno State 48, 8. Utah Valley 43.5, 9. West Virginia 35.5, 10. Northern Colorado 15, 11. South Dakota State 14.5, 12. Air Force 11.5.

125 #2 [Brent Fleetwood](#), RSr., Smyrna, Del. (Smyrna HS/Central Michigan)

Overall: 24-3 / Big 12 Championships: 3-0

W fall Gregory Coapstick (SDSU), 1:03

W sudden victory-1 Christian Moody (Oklahoma), SV-1 3-1

W dec #25 Jacob Schwarm (Northern Iowa), 8-2

#2 Nick Piccininni (Oklahoma State),

133 #5 [Cam Sykora](#), RJr., Wheaton, Minn. (Wheaton HS/South Dakota State)

Overall: 20-8 / Big 12 Championships: 8-5

L dec #21 Matt Schmitt (West Virginia), 9-6

W tech fall Isaiah Delgato (Utah Valley), TF 16-0

L dec Gary Joint (Fresno State), 7-3

141 [Sawyer Degen](#), RFr., Belgrade, Mont. (Belgrade HS)

Overall: 10-16 / Big 12 Championships: 1-2

W dec Garrett O'Shea (Air Force), 6-2

L major dec #14 Ian Parker (Iowa State), MD 13-4

L major dec #7 Josh Alber (Northern Iowa)

149 #8 [Jaden Van Maanen](#), RFr., La Crosse, Wis. (La Crosse HS)

Overall: 15-13 / Big 12 Championships: 0-2

L dec #7 Kaden Gfeller (Oklahoma State), 9-8

L major dec Jaron Jensen (Wyoming), MD 14-6

157 #5 [Luke Weber](#), RSo., Forsyth, Mont. (Forsyth HS/Nebraska)

Overall: 10-4 / Big 12 Championships: 1-1

W major dec #23 Wyatt Sheets (Oklahoma State), MD 10-1

L dec Justin Thomas (Oklahoma), 13-8

Alex Mossing (Air Force)

165 #5 [Andrew Fogarty](#), RJr., Jordan, Minn. (Scott West HS)

Overall: 20-3 / Big 12 Championships: 6-4

W fall Logan Peterson (SDSU), 2:20

W fall #25 Nick Kiussis (West Virginia), 4:49

W dec #9 Branson Ashworth (Wyoming), 3-2

#11 Demetrius Romero (Utah Valley),

174 #6 [Lorenzo De La Riva](#). RJr.. Folsom. Calif. (Folsom HS/Cal State Bakersfield)

Overall: 24-9 / Big 12 Championships: 3-1
W dec Randy Meneweather (Air Force), 12-7
L major dec #6 Taylor Lujan (Northern Iowa), MD 17-5
W dec Samuel Grove (South Dakota State), 4-0
W dec Anthony Mantanona (Oklahoma), 17-10
#23 Hayden Hastings (Wyoming)

184 [Michael Otomo](#), RSo., Dover, Minn. (Dover-Eyota HS/Wisconsin-La Crosse)
Overall: 9-12 / Big 12 Championships: 0-2
L major dec Zach Carlson (SDSU), MD 10-1
L dec Kayne MacCallum (Oklahoma), 6-5

197 [Cordell Eaton](#), RJr., Long Grove, Iowa (Long Grove HS)
Overall: 17-10 / Big 12 Championships: 4-7
L dec #24 Noah Adams (West Virginia), 3-1
L dec #15 Tanner Orndorff (Utah Valley), 4-3

285 [Brandon Metz](#), RFr., West Fargo, N.D. (West Fargo HS)
Overall: 15-12 / Big 12 Championships: 0-2
L major dec Carter Isley (UNI), MD 11-0
L dec #24 Brian Andrews (Wyoming), 4-0

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