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**MINNEAPOLIS** – Third-seeded [Dylan Lydy](#) pushed his way into the 174-pound semifinals of the Big Ten Championships on Saturday. Eight additional Purdue wrestlers will fight their way through consolation brackets in the second session starting at 7 p.m. ET from Williams Arena. All of the Session 1 results, upcoming opponents and brackets can be found on the [B1G Championships Hub](#).

Lydy secured his place in the semifinals by defeating sixth-seeded Ethan Smith of Ohio State 5-1. The win also guaranteed a second trip to the NCAA Championships for the redshirt junior hailing from Indianapolis, Indiana. He began the tournament by cruising past No. 14 Braxton Cody of Northwestern with a 17-2 (4:16) technical fall, the first of his career.

Lydy (25-6) will square off against No. 2-seeded Myles Amine of Michigan in tonight's semifinals.

Fourth-seeded [Christian Brunner](#) mirrored Lydy with a 15-0 technical fall of Northwestern's Zack Chakonis in 5:33. The 197-pounder was upended by fifth-seeded Eric Schultz of Nebraska 3-2 in the quarterfinals. An escape by the Husker with 1:17 to go in the match was the difference, sending Brunner (20-8) into the consolation bracket. With only five spots allotted, Brunner must win three matches in order to automatically qualify for the NCAA Championships.

The Boilermakers' 125-, 133- and 184-pounders also appeared in the quarterfinals, were denied and need to win their next match in order to secure automatic qualification. No. 9 [Devin Schroder](#) returned to action after missing the last four duals of the season with a commanding 13-5 major decision over eighth-seeded Malik Heinselmann of Ohio State. Northwestern's No. 1-seeded Sebastian Rivera used 6:22 in a 20-4 technical fall.

No. 7 Ben Thornton registered his 10<sup>th</sup> shutout of the season with a 3-0 outing against No. 10 Colin Valdiviez of Northwestern. Iowa's second-seeded Austin DeSanto took Thornton down once in each of the periods on his way to a 9-3 decision.

Schroder (18-9) will need to beat No. 7 Zeke Moisey of Nebraska, while Thornton (19-8) will need to knock Michigan State's No. 9 Anthony Tutolo off in order to lock up their spot in the NCAA Championships field.

At 184 pounds, Max Lyon avenged a 3-2 loss to Rutgers' Nick Gravina by dealing the ninth-seeded Scarlet Knight a 3-1 setback. The eight-seeded Boilermaker's second period takedown held for the win. Lyon ran into No. 1-seeded Myles Martin of Ohio State in the quarterfinals and suffered a 25-10 loss in 5:57. The 21-11 sophomore needs to beat No. 7 Jelani Embree of Michigan in order to lock in his first NCAA Championships bid.

No. 10 Nate Limmex (141), No. 9 Griffin Parriott (157) and Jacob Aven (285) dropped their opening matches and received a bye in the first round of wrestlebacks. Parker Filius' first Big Ten Championships ended at the hands of Nebraska's Jordan Shearer, pinning the redshirt freshman at 2:42.

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