

No. 13 Rutgers Wrestling Sweeps RAC Quad Meet

Six Scarlet Knights combine for 10 pins to open 2018-19 season

PISCATAWAY, N.J. (Nov. 3, 2018) – No. 13 Rutgers wrestling began its season with a bang, sweeping its dual matches with Centenary, Fresno State and Johnson & Wales Saturday at the RAC. The Scarlet Knights produced 16 wins by bonus points, including 10 pins, five major decisions and a tech fall.

After missing all of last season due to injury, graduate senior No. 2 **Anthony Ashnault** collected three pins in his three bouts, all in the first period. The 149-pounder electrified the crowd of 4,242 in his matchup with 2018 NCAA qualifier Khristian Olivas of Fresno State, getting Olivas on his back with 2:29 left in period one for the fall.

No 2 **Nick Suriano** (133 pounds) and **Joseph Grello** (174) each had two pins on Saturday, while redshirt junior **Christian Colucci** (285), redshirt freshman **Robert Cleary** (141) and rookie **Stephan Glasgow** (165) all added falls to the pin pool. Glasgow, Grello and Suriano all went 3-0 in their matches.

“We scored a lot of bonus points today,” said head coach **Scott Goodale**. “We got a lot out of today and were able to get acclimated to warmups, one-hour weigh-ins and everything else that comes with wrestling at this level. All around, it was really good to see where our guys are at.”

Notables

- Ashnault now owns 94 career wins and is now tied with Rick Romeri for 19th in program history.
- Goodale now owns 164 career wins as head coach and needs one more to tie John Sacchi for the most in program history.
- Suriano is now 28-1 in his Scarlet Knight career, which includes 20 by bonus points.
- Rookies Glasgow and **Max Wright** (197) went a combined 5-0 on Saturday.

What to Know: Rutgers vs. Fresno State

- Rutgers collected four wins by bonus points against Fresno State, including three major decisions and a pin.

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- Grello followed with a 10-0 major decision over Ricky Padilla, highlighted by four-point near fall in the first period.
- Redshirt senior Jordan Pagano (184) and redshirt sophomore Matthew Correnti (197) added decisions against the Bulldogs.
- The match of the day came courtesy of Colucci and No 17 AJ Nevills, which needed four overtime periods to decide. Colucci held a 1-0 lead late in the third period, but Nevills followed with an escape to force sudden victory. Both traded shots until Nevills was able to ride out Colucci in TB4.
- After a loss from **Shane Metzler** at 125 pounds, Rutgers closed out the dual with four consecutive wins. Three of those wins were by bonus points, including Ashnault's first-period pin on Olivas.

Match 2: No. 13 Rutgers 30, Fresno State 6

Match started at 165 pounds

- 165:** Stephan Glasgow (RU) dec. over Brandon Martino (FSU), 3-2, Rutgers lead, 3-0.
174: Joe Grello (RU) MD over Ricky Padilla (FSU), 10-0, Rutgers leads, 7-0
184: Jordan Pagano (RU) dec. over Jackson Hemauer (FSU), 4-0, Rutgers leads, 10-0
197: Matthew Correnti (RU) dec. over Danny Salas (FSU), 5-4, Rutgers leads, 13-0
Hwt: No. 17 AJ Nevills (FSU) TB4 over Christian Colucci (RU), 3-2, Rutgers leads, 13-3
125: Robert Garcia IV (FSU) dec. over Shane Metzler (RU), 4-3, Rutgers leads, 13-6
133: No. 2 Nick Suriano (RU) MD over Gary Joint (FSU), 15-4, Rutgers leads, 17-6
141: Michael Van Brill (RU) MD over Christopher Deloza (FSU), 12-1, Rutgers leads, 21-6
149: No. 2 Anthony Ashnault (RU) fall over Khristian Olivas (FSU) (2:32), Rutgers leads, 27-6
157: No. 9 John Van Brill (RU) dec. over Isaiah Hokit (FSU), 3-2, Rutgers wins, 30-6

What to Know: Rutgers vs. Centenary

- Rutgers collected five pins, a tech fall and a major decision against the Cyclones.
- Glasgow started the dual with a third-period fall of Haakon Mathewson. After leading 15-5 in the third period, Glasgow caught Mathewson at the edge of the circle for the pin.
- Grello followed with his first pin of the season, this one coming midway through the second period against Jeremy Numberger.
- In his collegiate debut, Wright (197) earned an 8-4 decision over 2018 Division III All-American Ettini Udott.
- In his first collegiate match since his transfer from Lehigh, Colucci worked a fall late in the first period on Jerold Goodman.
- Rutgers closed the bout with three pins in their final five matches, including falls from Suriano, Cleary and Ashnault.
- Ashnault wrestled in a collegiate match for the first time since March 18, 2017 at the NCAA Championships.

No. 13 Rutgers 48, Centenary 3

Match started at 165 pounds

- 165:** Stephan Glasgow (RU) fall over Haakon Mathewson (CU) (5:18), Rutgers leads, 6-0
174: Joe Grello (RU) fall over Jordan Juliano (CU) (4:52), Rutgers leads, 12-0
184: Jordan Pagano (RU) TF over Justin Hopman (CU), 20-5 (6:28), Rutgers leads, 17-0
197: Max Wright (RU) dec. over Ettini Udott (CU), 8-4, Rutgers leads, 20-0
Hwt: Christian Colucci (RU) fall over Jerold Goodman (CU) (2:56), Rutgers leads, 26-0
125: Shane Metzler (RU) MD over Jacy Jones (CU), 14-1, Rutgers leads, 30-0
133: No. 2 Nick Suriano (RU) fall over Bobby Demeter (CU) (1:53), Rutgers leads, 36-0
141: Robert Cleary (RU) fall over Cameron Bruffy (CU) (5:50), Rutgers leads, 42-0
149: No. 2 Anthony Ashnault (RU) fall over Logan Long (CU) (0:09), Rutgers leads, 48-0
157: Christopher Muce (CU) dec. over Jake Benner (RU), 8-2, Rutgers wins, 48-3

What to Know: Rutgers vs. Johnson & Wales

- Rutgers collected five wins by bonus points, including three pins and two major decisions.
- Glasgow closed out his perfect 3-for-3 day with an 18-7 major decision on Nick Munsch.
- Ashnault, Grello and Suriano all won by fall. All three pins came in the third period.

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• Redshirt junior Willie Scott (184) and redshirt senior Ralph Normandia (285) both contributed wins in their lone matches of the day. Scott won by major decision, 12-0.

No. 13 Rutgers 38, Johnson & Wales 5

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165: Stephan Glasgow (RU) MD over Nick Munsch (J&W), 18-7, Rutgers leads, 4-0

174: Joe Grello (RU) fall over Nick Caracappa (J&W) (1:46), Rutgers leads, 10-0

184: Willie Scott (RU) MD over Khamri Thomas (J&W), 12-0, Rutgers leads, 14-0

197: Max Wright (RU) dec. over Michael DiNardo (J&W), 7-2, Rutgers leads, 17-0

Hwt: Ralph Normandia (RU) dec. over London Leka (J&W), 4-0, Rutgers leads, 20-0

125: Jay Albis (J&W) TF over Shane Metzler (RU), 16-0, Rutgers leads, 20-5

133: No. 2 Nick Suriano (RU) fall over Christopher Caban (J&W) (1:52), Rutgers leads, 26-5

141: Michael Van Brill (RU) dec. over Joseph Ferinde (J&W), 7-2, Rutgers leads, 29-5

149: No. 2 Anthony Ashnault (RU) fall over Da'mani Burns (J&W) (1:50), Rutgers leads, 35-5

157: No. 9 John Van Brill (RU) dec. over Malik Rasheed (J&W), 11-5, Rutgers wins, 38-5

Up Next

• Rutgers heads to upstate New York to take on No. 25 Appalachian State and Utah Valley on Nov. 10 at the Journeymen duals in Clifton Park, N.Y.

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