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## Wrestling

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**LEXINGTON, Va.** — For the third time in the last month and a national-leading 12th time since the calendar flipped to 2020, App State Wrestling posted a dual shutout.

The 21st-ranked Mountaineers took all 10 matches in a 37-0 victory at VMI, which entered Friday with a 6-3 overall record that already gave the Keydets their most single-season wins in 18 years.

App State (6-2 overall with losses to two top-10 teams) improved to 3-0 in SoCon duals with 29 wins in the 30 official individual matches. It is back in action Tuesday for a 7 p.m. home dual against Duke, and tickets are available by [clicking HERE](#).

Facing the Keydets (6-4, 0-2), App State earned bonus points in the first four completed matches and totaled five bonus-point victories. Young starters recorded wins in tightly contested matches at the final three weights, and the Mountaineers capped a 12-for-12 night with a pair of victories in extra matches.

Luke Uliano used a strong third period to win 6-2 at 184 pounds against Zach Brown, who has had a top-33 ranking at VMI and had posted two victories against the Mountaineers earlier in his career. Carson Floyd's strong third period at 197 propelled him to an 8-5 decision against Tyler Mousaw, who has also been ranked during his career, and Triston Norris capped his first dual appearance with a 4-3 win against heavyweight Josh Evans.

Caleb Smith (12-3 major decision at 125), Ethan Oakley (13-4 decision at 133) and Heath Gonyer (11-2 major decision at 141) produced a 12-0 lead to begin the dual before Jon Jon Millner pushed the advantage to 18-0 with a pin in 92 seconds.

VMI avoided bonus points in wins from Tommy Askey (12-6 decision at 157) and Will Formato (5-0 decision at 165), but Will Miller delivered a 16-5 major decision at 174.

VMI totaled two takedowns in the first seven matches, including the first one at 133 pounds, but Oakley used an escape, takedown and four-point near fall to lead 7-2 after one period in his second straight dual start.

Trailing 2-1 after two periods, Uliano took the lead on a reversal with 1:43 left, added back points with 25 seconds remaining and finished on top.

Reversals in the first period (after a Floyd takedown) and in the second period (with Mousaw starting on bottom) put Floyd in a 4-2 hole, but he got his own reversal with 50 seconds left in the second period and finished it on top. Starting neutral in the third, Floyd posted a tiebreaking takedown with 1:36 left and added another one with 1:09 remaining.

In the dual finale, Norris opened the scoring on a takedown with 25 seconds left in the first period, and he pushed his lead to 3-1 on an escape early in the third period. Evans had a tying takedown with 1:07 left, but Norris earned an escape point 10 seconds later and held on for the victory.

The extra matches resulted in a 5-2 win by Oren Bost at 174 pounds and a second-period pin for Chopper Mordecai at 184.

The 2022-23 season is presented by Hungry Howie's and Penn Station.

### **No. 21 App State 37, VMI 0**

125: No. 11 Caleb Smith (APP) def. Tony Burke (VMI), 12-3 maj. dec.

133: Ethan Oakley (APP) def. Dyson Dunham (VMI), 13-4 maj. dec.

141: Heath Gonyer (APP) def. Freddy Junko (VMI), 11-2 maj. dec.

149: No. 9 Jon Jon Millner (APP) def. Noah Roulo (VMI), fall (1:32)

157: No. 28 Tommy Askey (APP) def. Job Chishko (VMI), 12-6 dec.

165: No. 26 Will Formato (APP) def. Braxton Lewis (VMI), 5-0 dec.

174: No. 27 Will Miller (APP) def. Luke Hart (VMI), 16-5 maj. dec.

184: Luke Uliano (APP) def. Zach Brown (VMI), 6-2 dec.

197: Carson Floyd (APP) def. Tyler Mousaw (VMI), 8-5 dec.

Hwt: Triston Norris (APP) def. Josh Evans (VMI), 4-3 dec.

### **Extra matches:**

174: Oren Bost (APP) def. River Carroll (VMI), 5-2 dec.

184: Chopper Mordecai (APP) def. Isaac Dolph (VMI), fall (4:44)

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