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ROSEMONT, Ill. – No. 4 at 133 pounds redshirt senior [Lucas Byrd](#) was named the Big Ten Wrestler of the Week the conference announced on Thursday (Jan. 30). He's the first Illinois wrestler to earn this honor since [Zac Braunagel](#) was named Big Ten Wrestler of the Week on Jan. 11, 2023.

Byrd had a big bounce back weekend after suffering his first loss of the season at Iowa, he went 2-0 in this past weekend's duals picking up ranked wins against Maryland and Rutgers. First, he defeated No. 11 Braxton Brown of Maryland in a 7-3 decision to put Illinois up 6-0 in their eventual 33-7 win; then two days later he beat No. 9 Dylan Shawver of Rutgers by a 6-5 decision. With his wins this weekend Byrd moves up to No. 7 on the Illinois career win percentage leaderboard, 87-16 (.845).



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