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**BOONE, N.C.** – Redshirt senior **Matt Finesilver** won his second straight title this fall, taking the top spot at 174 pounds to lead the Duke wrestling program at the Mountaineer Invitational on Sunday.

Finesilver dropped just two points on the day, opening the day with a 6-2 decision over Indiana's Nick South. After earning a spot in the final due to a medical forfeit, Finesilver controlled his final from the start, securing a 6-0 decision over Michael Ferre of Kent State.

Finesilver was one of two Blue Devils to reach a final on the day, with junior **Jonah Niesenbaum** also reaching the final at 285 pounds. Niesenbaum won his first match via major decision and advanced to the final on a 7-4 decision over Indiana's Jacob Bullock. While ultimately falling to the No. 4 wrestler in the nation in Arizona State's Cohlton Schultz, Niesenbaum continued his hot start to the season, improving to a 6-2 record through two invitationals.

Redshirt senior **Josh Finesilver** recorded his first ranked victory of the year, en route to a third-place finish at 149 pounds. Finesilver opened the event with his second win over Air Force's Dylan Martinez this season, winning a 6-0 decision. While falling to No. 9 Jonathan Millner, Finesilver bounced back with a 5-3 decision over 30th-ranked Graham Rooks of Indiana to finish in third.

Redshirt sophomore **Brandon LaRue** and junior **Wade Unger** also notched strong finishes at Appalachian State. LaRue took third place in the 165-pound open division, finishing off his placement with a win via fall over the unattached Will Miller (Appalachian State) at 4:02. Unger tallied two wins on the day to place fourth at 157 pounds, with a win by fall over Indiana's Kasper McIntosh to headline his day.

The Blue Devils will return to action and open dual match play on Nov. 21, facing off against Bellarmine, Northern Illinois and No. 21 Purdue, in West Lafayette, Ind.

### RESULTS

125:

Quarterfinal: Caleb Smith (Appalachian State) def. Logan Agin (Duke) – Fall, 4-0 (3:43)

Quarterfinal: No. 4 Brandon Courtney (Arizona State) def. Ty Naquin (Duke) – TF, 19-3 (3:17)

Consolation Semifinal: Logan Agin (Duke) def. Aedyn Concepcion (Gardner-Webb) – Fall, 2-0 (1:13)

Consolation Semifinal: Quinn Melofchik (Air Force) def. Ty Naquin (Duke) – TF, 19-1 (6:59)

Fifth Place: Logan Agin (Duke) def. Quinn Melofchik (Air Force) – Dec., 5-2

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133:

Round of 16: Codi Russell (Appalachian State) def. Drake Doolittle (Duke) – TF, 20-5 (4:44)

Consolation Quarterfinal #2: No. 25 Sean Carter (Appalachian State) def. Drake Doolittle (Duke) – MD, 16-4

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141 – Invitational:

Round of 16: No. 22 Cayden Rooks (Indiana) def. Patrick Rowland (Duke) – Dec., 9-4

Consolation Quarterfinal #2: Garrett Ruchan (Air Force) def. Patrick Rowland (Duke) – Dec., 9-3

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141 – Open:

Quarterfinal: Riley Edwards (Unattached – Appalachian State) def. Parker Decker (Duke) – Dec., 7-3

Consolation Semifinal: Parker Decker (Duke) def. Jordan Mitchell (Life) – Dec., 8-6

Fifth Place: Domenico Digena (Arizona State) def. Parker Decker (Duke) – Fall, 3-0 (3:38)

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149:

Quarterfinal: No. 12 Josh Finesilver (Duke) def. Dylan Martinez (Air Force) – Dec., 6-0

Semifinal: No. 9 Jonathan Millner (Appalachian State) def. No. 12 Josh Finesilver (Duke) – MD, 15-5

Third Place: No. 12 Josh Finesilver (Duke) def. No. 30 Graham Rooks (Indiana) – Dec., 5-3

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157 – Invitational:

Round of 16: Wade Unger (Duke) def. Enrique Munguia (Kent State) – Dec., 9-6

Quarterfinal: Wade Unger (Duke) def. Kasper McIntosh (Indiana) – Fall, 2-0 (1:19)

Semifinal: No. 26 Cody Bond (Appalachian State) def. Wade Unger (Duke) – Dec., 10-3

Third Place: Giano Petrucelli (Air Force) def. Wade Unger (Duke) – Dec., 3-2

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157 – Open:

Quarterfinal: Jack Bass (Life) def. Marvin Pineda-Lobo (Duke) – Fall, 2-0 (1:26)

Consolation Semifinal: Tyler Brignola (Unattached – Gardner-Webb) def. Marvin Pineda-Lobo (Duke) – Dec., 6-3

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165 – Invitational:

Quarterfinal: Jack Ganos (Air Force) def. Bryson Neace (Duke) – Dec., 6-0

Consolation Semifinal: Brady Chrisman (Kent State) def. Bryson Neace (Duke) – Dec., 3-2

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165 – Open:

Quarterfinal: Brandon LaRue (Duke) def. Cole Drescher (Life) – Dec., 5-4

Semifinal: Max Wilner (Unattached – Arizona State) def. Brandon LaRue (Duke) – Dec., 11-5

Third Place: Brandon LaRue (Duke) def. Will Miller (Unattached – Appalachian State) – Fall, 0-0 (4:02)

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174 – Invitational:

Round of 16: No. 8 Matt Finesilver (Duke) – BYE

Round of 16: No. 24 Thomas Hlitz (Appalachian State) def. Conor Becker (Duke) – MD, 11-0

Quarterfinal: No. 8 Matt Finesilver (Duke) def. Nick South (Indiana) – Dec., 6-2

Consolation Quarterfinal #2: Conor Becker (Duke) def. Nick South (Indiana) – Dec., 8-2

Semifinal: No. 8 Matt Finesilver (Duke) def. Sam Wolf (Air Force) – Medical Forfeit

Consolation Semifinal: Evan Schenk (Gardner-Webb) def. Conor Becker (Duke) – Dec., 4-1

Final: No. 8 Matt Finesilver (Duke) def. Michael Ferre (Kent State) – Dec., 6-0

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174 – Open:

Quarterfinal: Asher Eichert (Life) def. Preston Decker (Duke) – TF, 17-1 (6:46)

Consolation Semifinal: Sam Mora (Unattached – Gardner-Webb) def. Preston Decker (Duke) – Dec., 10-4

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184:

Quarterfinal: Jhaquan Anderson (Gardner-Webb) def. Vincent Baker (Duke) – Dec., 5-3

Consolation Semifinal: Vincent Baker (Duke) def. Calvin Sund (Air Force) – Dec., 7-4

Fifth Place: Barrett Blakely (Appalachian State) def. Vincent Baker (Duke) – Dec., 4-3

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197:

Quarterfinal: Anthony Perrine (Gardner-Webb) def. Luke Chakonis (Duke) – Dec., 3-2

Quarterfinal: Nich Willhan (Indiana) def. Kaden Russell (Duke) – Dec., 5-3

Consolation Semifinal: Kayne Hutchinson (Air Force) def. Luke Chakonis (Duke) – Dec., 7-1

Consolation Semifinal: Kaden Russell (Duke) def. Tyler Bates (Kent State) – Fall, 2-0 (1:38)

Fifth Place: Kaden Russell (Duke) def. Kayne Hutchinson (Air Force) – Dec., 10-1

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285:

Quarterfinal: No. 4 Cohlton Schultz (Arizona State) def. Brayden Ray (Duke) – Fall, 3-0 (1:27)

Quarterfinal: Jonah Niesenbaum (Duke) def. Peyton McComas (Gardner-Webb) – MD, 12-4

Consolation Semifinal: Jacob Cover (Kent State) def. Brayden Ray (Duke) – Forfeit

Semifinal: Jonah Niesenbaum (Duke) def. Jacob Bullock (Indiana) – Dec., 7-4

Final: No. 4 Cohlton Schultz (Arizona State) def. Jonah Niesenbaum (Duke) – Fall, 2-0 (0:56)

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