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## Finesilvers Split on Day One at NCAA Championships

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**DETROIT, Mich.** – Redshirt senior brothers **Josh Finesilver** and **Matt Finesilver** each earned main draw victories on day one of the NCAA Championships at Little Caesars Arena on Thursday.

Josh opened the day in the round of 32 against Northwestern's Yahya Thomas. After Thomas built an early 4-2 lead behind a pair of takedowns, Finesilver responded to chip away at the lead in the second. Finesilver shaved the deficit down to 8-7 and completed the comeback in the third period, taking the match in a 13-10 decision.

With the win, Finesilver advanced to the round of 16 for the first time in his collegiate career, with all of his previous NCAA wins coming in the consolation bracket. Josh's win was also the fourth of his career, moving him into a tie for fifth on the program's all-time list (tying **Frank Cornely** and **Immanuel Kerr-Brown**).

Matt would follow up his brother's win with one of his own, leading from the beginning against Wyoming's Hayden Hastings. After a first period takedown, Finesilver extended the lead to 5-1 in the second period and would hold on for a 5-3 decision to earn his third career NCAA victory.

Both would move on to their round of 16 contests in the evening, with Josh facing the third-seeded Austin Gomez of Wisconsin. Finesilver battled throughout the entire match but came up short in a 19-7 major decision.

Matt faced a familiar foe in NC State's Hayden Hidlay, having met twice this season. Finesilver kept the match close, but Hidlay was able to pull away late with a pair of late takedowns for a 13-5 major decision.

Both brothers are headed for the consolation bracket, with eyes on the top remaining prizes of third place and All-America status. Both matches will take place on Friday, Mar. 18.

### **RESULTS**

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Round of 32: #14 Josh Finesilver def. #19 Yahya Thomas (Northwestern) – Dec., 13-10

Round of 16: #3 Austin Gomez (Wisconsin) def. #14 Josh Finesilver – MD, 19-7

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Round of 32: #13 Matt Finesilver vs. #20 Hayden Hastings (Wyoming) – Dec., 5-3

Round of 16: #4 Hayden Hidlay (NC State) def. #13 Matt Finesilver – MD, 13-5

### **UPCOMING SCHEDULE**

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Consolation Round Two: #14 Josh Finesilver vs. #20 Colin Realbuto (Northern Iowa) –

March 18

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Consolation Round Two: #13 Matt Finesilver vs. #14 Chris Foca (Cornell) – March 18

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