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## No. 17 Illinois Fall to No. 15 Northwestern via Tiebreakers

*All rankings according to InterMat*

**EVANSTON, Ill.** – The No. 17 Illinois wrestling squad lost to in-state rival No. 15 Northwestern 17-17 via tiebreakers on Friday, Jan. 20. Northwestern had the edge in the third tie breaking criteria of total match points scored outside of pins, 52-46.

The meet started with a couple ranked on ranked wins for the Illini. First at 133 lbs., redshirt sophomore No. 10 [Lucas Byrd](#) decisioned No. 13 Chris Cannon 5-2 and clocked in 1:41 of riding time. Next at 141 lbs. redshirt sophomore [Danny Pucino](#) upset No. 10 Frankie Tal-Shahar 8-6. This put the Illini up 6-0 early.

Illinois next win wouldn't come until the 174-pound bout. Redshirt sophomore No. 10 [Edmond Ruth](#) got the technical fall over Ankhaha Enkhamdakh, 16-0 at the 5:28 mark. This is Ruth's 19th straight win and put the Illini back on top 11-10.

No. 26 [Dylan Connell](#) (184 lbs.) thrives in the last 15 seconds of the match as this is his third win with a takedown in the last 15 seconds give him the edge. He defeated Jon Halvorsen by decision 3-1. Redshirt junior No. 11 [Zac Braunagel](#) built his win streak to seven with a 3-2 decision over No. 29 Andrew Davidson. The Illini led 17-10 at this point.

### UP NEXT

The Orange and Blue wrestling team is back home Sunday, Jan. 22 at 2 p.m. CT from the State Farm Center. It will be Military Appreciation Day in the SFC, the first 200 fans will be rewarded with a special free Illinois Military Appreciation t-shirt.

### Full Results

Weight	Matchup	Score
133:	#10 <a href="#">Lucas Byrd</a> dec. #13 Chris Cannon, 5-2	ILL 3   NW 0
141:	#14 <a href="#">Danny Pucino</a> dec. #10 Frankie Tal-shahar, 8-6	ILL 6   NW 0
149	#4 Yahya Thomas dec. <a href="#">Jake Harrier</a> , 7-3	ILL 6   NW 3
157:	#14 Trevor Chumbley major dec. <a href="#">Anthony Federico</a> , 10-2	ILL 6   NW 7
165:	#23 Maxx Mayfield dec. #11 <a href="#">Danny Braunagel</a> , 8-3	ILL 6   NW 10
174:	#10 <a href="#">Edmond Ruth</a> tech. fall Ankhaha Enkhamdakh, 16-0 5:28	ILL 11   NW 10
184:	#26 <a href="#">Dylan Connell</a> dec. Jon Halvorsen, 3-1	ILL 14   NW 10
197:	#11 <a href="#">Zac Braunagel</a> dec. #29 Andrew Davison, 3-2	ILL 17   NW 10
HWT:	#4 Lucas Davison dec. <a href="#">Matt Wroblewski</a> , 6-2	ILL 17   NW 13
125:	#4 Michael DeAugustino major dec. <a href="#">Maximo Renteria</a>	ILL 17   NW 17