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Ferretti, Koser and Griess Crowned Champions At Franklin & Marshall Open

Lancaster, Pa. - For the second time this season, the Navy wrestling team (0-1) finished a tournament with three individual champions, as team captain Jacob Koser (197-pounds), Grady Griess (285-pounds) and Brendan Ferretti (133-pounds) all placed first at the Franklin & Marshall Open on Friday in Lancaster, Pa. Navy's three champions are the most ever won in a single Franklin & Marshall Open in Navy history and tied North Carolina for the most champions from one institution at this year's event.

Navy had won just four individual titles in its nine prior appearances and hadn't seen a champion since 2020. The Mids have now claimed seven titles at Franklin & Marshall Open, tied for the third most from one program in the tournament's ten year history.

Koser dominated all five opponents en route to a 5-0 performance to win his fifth career tournament title. He opened the tournament with a 17-2 (4:00) tech fall victory over Garrett Henigin of Air Force and then won his round of 16 match by fall in just 1:33. The senior used a major decision and decision to advance to the finals, where he defeated John Crawford of Franklin & Marshall by a 10-2 major decision. Koser's five victories in Lancaster give him 71 all-time, as he becomes the first Mid to surpass 70 career wins since Jared Prince ('20), who achieved the mark during the 2019-20 season.

The underdog story of the tournament came from Ferretti. The freshman entered the tournament with just 11 career matches wrestled and had only appeared in the Soldier Salute since suffering an injury in the Bearcat Open back on Nov. 13. Despite not having a lot of reps entering the tournament, the Macomb, Mich., native finished 5-0 to win his first career tournament title. Ferretti kicked off his day with a fall victory (4:52) and then won his next three matches by decision to earn a shot at his first championship. He fell behind to top-seeded Gabe Hixenbaugh of Campbell early on a takedown but scored the next four points to take a 4-2 lead into the final period. Ferretti allowed Hixenbaugh to score just one point on an escape in period three to win the match by a 4-3 decision.

Griess won his third tournament crown of the season and the fourth of his career after finishing a perfect 6-0. He advanced to the quarterfinals with back-to-back fall victories and then proceed to win his next two matches by 3-1 decisions to advance to the championship bout. Navy's heavyweight handled Tyrie Houghton of N.C. State with ease, winning by an 8-1 decision. Griess' six wins give him

a team-leading 20 total this season, already surpassing his total from a year ago (19).
Joining Griess in placing in the heavyweight class was Ryan Catka, who finished the tournament 2-2 to place sixth. The sophomore made his second appearance of the season and had a pair of dominating wins. Catka defeated Dom Petracci of Drexel by a 23-9 major decision and Ethan Miller of Lock Haven by a 17-2 (5:00) tech fall for his two victories.

Navy will resume dual competition next weekend for the Virginia Duals Friday, Jan. 13 and Saturday, Jan. 14 in Hampton, Va. Navy will face South Dakota State at 11:30 a.m. and Virginia at 1:00 p.m. on Friday and then battle Kent State at 2:30 p.m. and Oklahoma at 4:00 p.m. on Saturday.

Franklin & Marshall Open Results

125 - Dayton DeViscio (1-2, Did Not Place)

- Rd of 32: defeated Benny Herrera, Sacred Heart / Fall / 4:21
- Rd of 16: lost to Mason Leiphart, Franklin & Marshall / Tech Fall / 15-0 (3:46)
- Cons. of 16 #2: lost to Cole Hunt, North Carolina / Dec / 4-0

125 - Matthew Ricci (0-2, Did Not Place)

- Rd of 32: lost to Jared Brunner, Brown-Unattached / Dec / 10-3
- Cons. of 16 #1: lost to Brady Pruet, Penn / Fall / 0:31

133 - Brendan Ferretti (5-0, Champion)

- Rd of 32: defeated Jackson Sichelstiel, Davidson / Fall / 4:52
- Rd of 16: defeated Andrew Fallon, Sacred Heart / Dec / 6-3
- Quarterfinals: defeated Nico Nardone, Penn / Dec / 7-4
- Semifinals: defeated John Hildebrandt, Drexel / Dec / 4-0
- Finals: defeated Gabe Hixenbaugh, Campbell / Dec / 4-3

133 - Venumadhava Mirel (2-2, Did Not Place)

- Rd of 64: lost to Jake Ice, Sacred Heart / Dec / 8-1
- Cons. of 32 #2: defeated Collin Higgins, Millersville / Dec / 5-2
- Cons. of 16 #1: defeated Drew Currier, Franklin & Marshall / Dec / 5-3
- Cons. of 16 #2: lost to Jaxon Maroney, Drexel / Dec / 4-0

141 - Frank Antonelli (1-2, Did Not Place)

- Rd of 64: lost to Zack Zeamer, Lock Haven / Dec / 9-5
- Cons. of 32 #2: defeated Josh Viarengo, Davidson / Fall / 2:07
- Cons. of 16 #1: lost to Mark Montgomery, Army / Dec / 9-4

141 - Luke Lucerne (0-2, Did Not Place)

- Rd of 64: lost to Mark Montgomery, Army / Dec / 6-1
- Cons. of 32 #2: lost to Matt Mclaughlin, Davidson / Injury Default (0:17)

149 - Chase Caprella (3-1, Did Not Place)

- Rd of 64: lost to Jacob Mann, Unattached / Dec / 8-6
- Cons. of 32 #1: defeated Colin Calvetti, Columbia-Unattached / Dec / 8-3
- Cons. of 32 #2: defeated Andrew Pace, Harvard / Fall / 4:05
- Cons. of 16 #1: defeated Eric Alderfer, Lock Haven-Unattached / Medical Forfeit
- Cons. of 16 #2: lost to Wil Guida, North Carolina / Fall / 4:21

149 - James Latona (2-2, Did Not Place)

- Rd of 64: lost to Dom Findora, Drexel-Unattached / Dec / 9-5
- Cons. of 32 #1: defeated Will Gil, Unattached / Medical Forfeit
- Cons. of 32 #2: defeated Mikey Lewarchick, Kent State / Major / 10-1
- Cons. of 16 #1: defeated Dakota Asuncion, Sacred Heart / Tech Fall / 15-0 (3:12)
- Cons. of 16 #2: lost to Thomas Deck, Army / Fall / 2:35

149 - Kaemen Smith (0-2, Did Not Place)

- Rd of 64: lost to Wil Guida, North Carolina / Dec / 9-3
- Cons. of 32 #1: lost to Evan Maag, George Mason / Dec / 6-4

165 - #32 Val Park (3-1, Did Not Place)

- Rd of 64: defeated Jonathan Conrad, Brown / Dec / 6-0
- Rd of 32: defeated Nico Bogardus, Sacred Heart / Fall / 4:18
- Rd of 16: defeated Jonathan Parrilla, Millersville / Dec / 5-2
- Quarterfinals: lost to Matthew Singleton, N.C. State / Dec / 4-3
- Cons. of 8 #2: lost to Bryce Sanderlin, Davidson / Medical Forfeit

165 - Geno Quodala (2-1, Did Not Place)

- Rd of 64: defeated Nate Stephenson, Davidsion / Major / 15-3
- Rd of 32: defeated Luca Pontone, Princeton / Major / 17-3
- Rd of 16: lost to Gunner Filipowicz, Army-Prep / Tech Fall / 19-4 (6:29)
- Cons. of 16 #2: lost to Mason Stein, Maryland-Unattached / Forfeit

174 - Sammy Starr (2-2, Did Not Place)

- Rd of 32: defeated Garrett Bilgrav, Columbia-Unattached / Major / 9-1
- Rd of 16: lost to Isaac Dean, Rider / Dec / 3-2
- Cons. of 16 #2: defeated Gage Musser, Air Force / Dec / 3-2
- Cons. of 8 #1: lost to Mike Kistler, Penn / Dec / 8-4

174 - Orion Thivierge (0-2, Did Not Place)

- Rd of 32: lost to Jack Janda, Drexel / Major / 10-2
- Cons. of 16 #1: lost to Jake Stefanowicz, Penn / Dec / 7-3

184 - Cael Crebs (0-1, Did Not Place)

- Rd of 32: lost to Dylan Fishback, N.C. State / Dec / 6-1
- Cons. of 32 #2: lost to David Key, Navy / Dec / 6-0

184 - David Key (2-2, Did Not Place)

- Rd of 64: lost to Josh Stillings, Drexel / Dec / 7-3
- Cons. of 32 #2: defeated Cael Crebs, Navy / Dec / 6-0
- Cons. of 16 #1: defeated Michael Caniglia, Kent State / Dec / 4-0
- Cons. of 16 #2: defeated Noah Blake, Air Force / Dec / 9-5
- Cons. of 8 #1: lost to Luke Rada, Harvard / Dec / 8-7

184 - Hunter Johns (2-2, Did Not Place)

- Rd of 32: lost to James Conway, Franklin & Marshall / Dec / 10-4
- Cons. of 16 #1: defeated Asa Terrell, Rider / Major / 13-5
- Cons. of 16 #2: defeated Drake Buchanan, Air Force / Dec / 10-9
- Cons. of 8 #1: lost to Remy Brancato, Lehigh / Dec / 4-2

197 - #28 Jacob Koser (5-0, Champion)

- Rd of 32: defeated Garrett Henigin, Air Force / Tech Fall / 17-2 (4:00)
- Rd of 16: defeated Conor Maslanak, Campbell / Fall / 1:33
- Quarterfinals: defeated Sean O'malley, Drexel / Major / 13-3
- Semifinals: defeated Aidan Conner, Princeton / Dec / 6-1
- Finals: defeated John Crawford, Franklin & Marshall / Major / 10-2

197 - Jacob Lucas (2-2, Did Not Place)

- Rd of 32: defeated Will Hoeft, Harvard / Fall / 2:32
- Rd of 16: defeated Blake Schaffer, Kent State / Dec / 6-4
- Quarterfinals: lost to #33 Max Shaw, North Carolina / Dec / 3-2
- Cons. of 8 #2: lost to Cade Lautt, North Carolina / Dec / 4-1

285 - Ryan Catka (2-2, 6th Place)

- Rd of 32: defeated Dom Petracci, Drexel / Major / 23-9
- Rd of 16: defeated Ethan Miller, Lock Haven / Tech Fall / 17-2 (5:00)
- Quarterfinals: lost to Tyrie Houghton, N.C. State / Fall / 6:08
- Cons. of 4: defeated Billy Mcchesney, Columbia-Unattached / No Contest
- Cons. Semifinals: lost to Travis Stefanik, Princeton / No Contest
- 5th place: lost to Chase Horne, N.C. State / Major / 11-2

285 - Jamier Ferere (2-2, Did Not Place)

- Rd of 32: defeated Thomas Mukai, Brown / Major / 14-4
- Rd of 16: lost to Vincenzo Pelusi, Franklin & Marshall / Dec / 3-2
- Cons. of 16 #2: defeated Karam Chakif, Lehigh / Dec / 5-3
- Cons. of 8 #1: lost to Alex Semenenko, Brown / Dec / 8-3

285 - #20 Grady Griess (6-0, Champion)

- Rd of 64: defeated Isaac Righter, American / Forfeit (2-0)
- Rd of 32: defeated Aeden Begue, Long Island / Fall / 2:01
- Rd of 16: defeated Matthew Cruise, Penn / Fall / 0:29
- Quarterfinals: defeated Brandon Whitman, North Carolina / Dec / 3-1
- Semifinals: defeated Travis Stefanik, Princeton / Dec / 3-1
- Finals: defeated Tyrie Houghton, N.C. State / Dec / 8-1