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## Navy Wrestling Opens EIWA Competition With Longtime Rival Lehigh

**ANNAPOLIS, Md.** - The Navy wrestling team (1-4, 0-0) is back in Annapolis for the first time since Dec. 11 to begin EIWA conference play with its longest rival, 19th-ranked Lehigh (5-6, 2-1), on Saturday at 7:00 p.m. at Alumni Hall. The dual will be the first of three straight home contests for the Mids. Tickets to the dual cost 10 dollars for adults and five dollars for youth.

### Streaming Info

- Fans with an ESPN+ subscription can stream the match through links provided on [NavySports.com](http://NavySports.com).
- Scott Wykoff (PxP) and Jay Antonelli (Color) will provide broadcast coverage.

### Notes For Traveling Fans

- Vehicular access to the Naval Academy is limited to those drivers with a Department of Defense identification card.
- All other visitors may park outside of the Naval Academy grounds and walk through the security gates at Gate 1 or they may take the complimentary shuttles.
- The shuttles will run from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. and will pick up spectators at Navy-Marine Corps Memorial Stadium (550 Taylor Avenue, Annapolis, Md., 21401).
- Enter the blue/west parking lot through gate 5 off of Taylor Avenue.
- The cost of parking is 10 dollars per vehicle.
- Visitors 18 years and older must present a government-issued identification card (driver's license/passport) to gain access to the Academy grounds, while visitors under 18 must be accompanied by an adult.

### Projected Navy Lineup (2022-23 Dual Record, Career Dual Record)

- 125 - Grant Treaster (0-2, 0-2) / Dayton DelViscio (0-2, 1-2)
- 133 - Brendan Ferretti (2-2, 2-2) / Venumadhava Mirel (0-0, 0-0)
- 141 - #31 Josh Koderhandt (2-3, 11-5) / Frank Antonelli (0-0, 0-0) / Luke Lucerne (0-0, 0-0)
- 149 - Kaemen Smith (0-3, 0-3) / James Latona (0-2, 0-2)
- 157 - Andrew Cerniglia (0-1, 13-3)
- 165 - Val Park (1-3, 7-13) / Geno Quodala (1-0, 1-0)
- 174 - Sammy Starr (3-2, 4-3) / Orion Thivierge (0-0, 0-0)
- 184 - #33 David Key (4-0, 14-3) / Cael Crebs (0-1, 4-4)
- 197 - #30 Jacob Koser (1-3, 23-11) / Jacob Lucas (1-0, 1-0)

- 285 - #20 Grady Griess (3-1, 4-2) / Ryan Catka (0-1, 6-2)

### **Mids In The Rankings** (InterMat // FloWrestling // Amateur Wrestling News)

- 141 - Josh Koderhandt - 31 // 21 // NR
- 157 - Andrew Cerniglia - NR // HM // NR
- 184 - David Key - 33 // HM // NR
- 197- Jacob Koser - 30 // HM // NR
- 285 - Grady Griess - 20 // 19 // 16

### **Navy Notes**

- Navy is 1-4 in duals this season. The Mids defeated Kent State 27-21 on Jan. 14 at the Virginia Duals for its first victory of the season.
- Navy's four losses have come to 23rd-ranked Maryland (18-15), 19th-ranked South Dakota State (31-6), Virginia (29-9) and Oklahoma (28-12).
- Head coach Cary Kolat has used a different lineup in every dual this season. Sammy Starr (174-pounds) is the only Mid to compete in all five duals.
- Starr entered the Virginia Duals with just one career dual victory but left with four after winning three of his four matches. He defeated Justin Phillips of Virginia by a 3-1 decision, Michael Ferree by fall in 2:44 and Tate Picklo of Oklahoma by a 9-7 decision in sudden victory for his three wins in Hampton.
- Navy has dominated the 184-pound bout in duals this season, outscoring opponents 15-3 on the scoreboard.
- David Key (184-pounds) went undefeated at the Virginia Duals and scored 12 points in his three victories. Key pulled off a huge upset against Virginia, defeating 16th-ranked Neil Antrassian by an 8-6 decision. On Saturday, he began the day with a crucial victory in Navy's win over Kent State, beating Tyler Bates by a 6-1 decision to give the Mids a 23-18 lead in the match. Later on, Key earned another upset win over 31st-ranked Keegan Moore by fall in 1:08 for Navy's fastest fall win at the Virginia Duals. His victory over Moore was the 40th in his career.
- Key owns a 4-0 record in duals this season and is now 14-3 overall in his career. He was the only Mid to defeat a nationally ranked wrestler at the Virginia Duals and now has three this season.
- Grady Griess (285-pounds) won his 40th career match over Bowen McConville by a 5-1 decision in Navy's dual versus South Dakota State. Griess' 22 wins this season leads Navy and ranks first nationally in the 285-pound weight class.
- Matthew Ricci (125-pounds), Brendan Ferretti (133-pounds), Kaemen Smith (149-pounds), Devon Deem (157-pounds), Geno Quodala (165-pounds) and Jacob Lucas (197-pounds) all made their dual debuts at the Virginia Duals. Ferretti had the top performance amongst Navy's freshmen class, going 2-2 with a 4-3 decision win over South Dakota State's Tanner Jordan and a 5-3 decision win over Kent State's Brendon Fenton. Lucas and Quodala also earned their first career dual wins. Lucas defeated Oklahoma's Seth Seago by a 3-1 decision in sudden victory and Quodala defeated 25th-ranked Enrique Munguia of Kent State by medical forfeit.
- Val Park (165-pounds) looks for his 50th career victory on Saturday. The senior is currently second in all-time wins on Navy's current roster with 49.
- Navy is yet to get a win at 125-pounds, 149-pounds and 157-pounds in duals this season.

### **Navy Individual Records vs. Lehigh**

#### **Ryan Catka (1-3)**

- 11-28-21: Defeated Nathan Taylor (Mat Town College Open I), Dec / 7-3
- 12-5-21: Lost to Nathan Taylor (GMU Patriots Open), Dec / 6-1
- 1-7-22: Lost to Nathan Taylor (Franklin & Marshall Open), Dec / 10-6
- 1-15-22: Lost to seventh-ranked Jordan Wood (Dual), Fall / 3:31

### **Andrew Cerniglia (3-1)**

- 1-16-21: Defeated AJ Burkhart (Dual), Dec / 9-8
- 2-26-21: Defeated Luca Frinzi (EIWA Championship), Major / 10-1
- 1-15-22: Lost to eighth-ranked Josh Humphreys (Dual), Major / 9-1
- 3-6-22: Defeated sixth-ranked Josh Humphreys (EIWA Championship), Fall / 2:52

### **Dayton DeViscio (0-1)**

- 1-15-22: Lost to Sheldon Seymour (Extra Match), Fall / 2:58

### **David Key (1-0)**

- 1-16-21: Defeated JT Davis (Dual), Dec / 5-3

### **Josh Koderhandt (0-1)**

- 1-15-22: Lost to 19th-ranked Malyke Hines (Dual), Dec / 13-7

### **Jacob Koser (4-0)**

- 1-18-20: Defeated Jake Jakobsen (Dual), Dec / 6-5
- 1-16-21: Defeated 15th-ranked Jake Jakobsen (Dual), Dec / 6-1
- 1-15-22: Defeated JT Davis (Dual), Dec / 1-0
- 3-6-22: Defeated JT Davis (EIWA Championship), Major / 11-0

### **Luke Lucerne (0-2)**

- 1-16-21: Defeated Satoshi Abe (Extra Match), Dec / 8-6
- 1-16-21: Lost to Malyke Hines (Extra Match), Major / 13-3

### **Val Park (2-1)**

- 1-7-22: Defeated Thayne Lawrence (Franklin & Marshall Open), Dec / 7-0
- 1-15-22: Lost to 25th-ranked Brian Meyer (Dual), Dec / 5-4
- 3-5-22: Defeated 25th-ranked Brian Meyer (EIWA Championship), Dec / 7-2

### **Scouting Lehigh**

- Lehigh is currently 5-6 overall and 2-1 against EIWA opponents. Lehigh will face Penn on Friday in Philadelphia, Pa., prior to its dual versus Navy.
- The Mountain Hawks were ranked 19th in the nation in the most recent NWCA Div. I Wrestling Coaches Top 25 Poll. Lehigh has faced eight nationally ranked opponents this season and has been victorious over 19th-ranked Oregon State (20-13) and 25th-ranked Cal Poly (26-6). The Mountain Hawks' other victories have come against Sacred Heart (44-0), Oklahoma (24-17) and Binghamton (26-12).
- Although Lehigh has accumulated six losses, they've been to some of the top wrestling programs in the country. Their losses have come to 11th-ranked Oklahoma State (25-6), 17th-ranked Pitt (24-12), top-ranked and defending national champion Penn State (24-12), seventh-ranked N.C. State (24-10), third-ranked Ohio State (23-12) and sixth-ranked Cornell (18-15).
- Six wrestlers in Lehigh's projected lineup are ranked nationally by InterMat, including three in the top-10. Connor McGonagle (133-pounds) is ranked sixth in the nation with an 8-1 record and Josh Humphreys (157-pounds) is ranked fifth with a 9-0 record. Michael Beard (197-pounds) has the highest ranking on Lehigh's roster, ranked third in the country with a 9-2 record.

## **Navy vs. Lehigh Series**

- Saturday's dual will be the 103rd meeting between the Mids and Mountain Hawks.
- Navy's 102 dual meetings with Lehigh are the most against one program.
- Lehigh leads the all-time series 54-48
- The first meeting took place on Feb. 24, 1910, which was a 24-8 victory for Navy.
- Navy's 48 victories in the series are the third most against one program behind Army (51) and Maryland (72).
- Lehigh and Binghamton are the only current EIWA members that Navy doesn't have a winning record against.
- The Mountain Hawks took last year's matchup 24-9 in Bethlehem, Pa.
- Navy's last victory in the series was a 21-9 victory in Annapolis in 2021, which snapped a nine-year losing skid for Navy.

## **2022 Dual Results vs. Lehigh**

### **#17 Lehigh 24, Navy 9**

- 125 | #15 Jaret Lane dec Jacob Allen (NAVY), 10-6 // Lehigh 3, Navy 0  
133 | #19 Malyke Hines dec #23 Josh Koderhandt (NAVY), 13-7 // Lehigh 6, Navy 0  
141 | Connor McGonagle dec Tyler Hunt (NAVY), 1-0 // Lehigh 9, Navy 0  
149 | Jonathan Miranda (NAVY) dec Paul Watkins, 4-3 // Lehigh 9, Navy 3  
157 | #8 Josh Humphreys major #18 Andrew Cerniglia (NAVY), 9-1 // Lehigh 13, Navy 3  
165 | #25 Brian Meyer dec Val Park (NAVY), 5-4 // Lehigh 16, Navy 3  
174 | #33 Jake Logan dec Shane Finney (NAVY), 7-2 // Lehigh 18, Navy 3  
184 | Hunter Johns (NAVY) dec AJ Burkhart, 14-8 // Lehigh 18, Navy 6  
197 | #26 Jacob Koser (NAVY) dec JT Davis, 1-0 // Lehigh 18, Navy 9  
285 | #7 Jordan Wood fall Ryan Catka (NAVY), 3:31 // Lehigh 24, Navy 9  
\* Lehigh was deducted a team point for unsportsmanlike conduct

## **Projected Lehigh Lineup**

- 125 - Carter Bailey or Jaret Lane  
133 - #6 Connor McGonagle  
141 - Malyke Hines  
149 - #26 Max Brignola or Manzona Bryant IV  
157 - #5 Josh Humphreys or Tyler Sung  
165 - Luca Frinzi or Brian Meyer  
174 - Jake Logan or AJ Burkhart  
184 - #19 Tate Samuelson  
197 - #3 Michael Beard  
285 - #31 Nathan Taylor

## **Up Next**

The Mids compete in Annapolis twice next week for its final home competitions of the season. Navy battles Hofstra on Saturday, Jan. 28 at 1:00 p.m. at Dahlgren Hall and is right back in action on Sunday versus Binghamton at 2:00 p.m. at Alumni Hall. Navy will honor its seniors prior to its dual versus Binghamton. Sunday's contest will be streamed on ESPN+.