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Mids Drop Both Contests On First Day Of Virginia Duals

HAMPTON, Va. - The Navy wrestling team (0-3) fell in both matchups on the first day of the 42nd annual Virginia Duals on Friday. The Mids lost their opening dual to 19th-ranked South Dakota State (4-2, 1-0) 31-6 and then suffered a 29-9 defeat later in the day to Virginia (4-1). The losses are Navy's first against both programs in its history.

Dual 1: South Dakota State 31, Navy 6

The Mids opened the Virginia Duals with its first matchup against the Jackrabbits since 1970. Navy fell behind 4-0 after a 12-0 major decision win by 28th-ranked Tanner Jordan over Dayton DeViscio in the 125-pound bout but Brendan Ferretti (133-pounds) had a big response for Navy. The freshman defeated Tanner Jordan by a 4-3 decision for his first career dual victory to get Navy on the board, trailing 4-3.

The most anticipated matchup followed between Navy's 14th-ranked Josh Koderhandt (141-pounds) and ninth-ranked Clay Carlson. The two met previously twice at the Cliff Keen Las Vegas Invitational back in December, where each wrestler claimed a win. Carlson managed to edge Koderhandt in Hampton by an 11-6 decision, putting the Jackrabbits up 7-3.

SDSU went ahead by double digits with wins at 149 and 157 pounds and Navy needed a victory from veteran Val Park against 18th-ranked Tanner Cook, who came into the match tied for third in the nation in fall victories. Cook added to his fall win total, pinning park in 29 seconds for his eighth of the season to give South Dakota State another six points and a 20-3 advantage.

The Jackrabbits added another 11 points with wins at 174, 184 and 197 pounds before Grady Griess (285-pounds) managed to end the dual on a good note for the Mids, defeating Bowen McConville by a 5-1 decision for his third career dual victory and 40th win overall.

125 | #28 Tanner Jordan major Dayton DeViscio (Navy), 12-0 // South Dakota State 4, Navy 0

133 | Brendan Ferretti (Navy) dec Tanner Jordan, 4-3 // South Dakota State 4, Navy 3

141 | #9 Clay Carlson dec #14 Josh Koderhandt (Navy), 11-6 // South Dakota State 7, Navy 3

149 | Alex Martin dec Kaemen Smith (Navy), 12-5 // South Dakota State 10, Navy 3

157 | #22 Cael Swensen major Devon Deem (Navy), 13-1 // South Dakota State 14, Navy 3

165 | #18 Tanner Cook fall Val Park (Navy), 0:29 // South Dakota State 20, Navy 3

174 | #17 Cade DeVos major Sammy Starr (Navy), 11-3 // South Dakota State 24, Navy 3
184 | #19 Cade King dec Cael Crebs (Navy), 10-3 // South Dakota State 27, Navy 3
197 | #13 Tanner Sloan major #29 Jacob Koser (Navy), 11-0 // South Dakota State 31, Navy 3
285 | #20 Grady Griess (Navy) dec Bowen McConville, 5-1 // South Dakota State 31, Navy 6

Dual 2: Virginia 29, Navy 9

Although Griess provided a win at the end of the SDSU dual, the momentum didn't carry into Navy's next contest versus Virginia. The Cavaliers jumped out to a 26-0 lead with wins at 125, 133, 141, 149, 157 and 165 pounds. The Mids suffered two fall losses, as well as a tech fall to give the Cavaliers eight bonus points in the first six matchups.

Although Navy had a large deficit, the team showed no quit and won three of the final four matches of the contest. Sammy Starr (174-pounds) won his second career dual match by a 3-1 decision over Justin Phillips to give Navy its first points of the matchup. David Key (184-pounds) followed up with a big upset victory over 16th-ranked Neil Antrassian by an 8-6 decision for Navy's first win over a nationally ranked wrestler on the day. The junior earned his second dual win of the season and 12th in his career.

Griess again ended things on a positive note for Navy, defeating Ethan Weatherspoon by a 7-4 decision in the final matchup of the day. Navy's heavyweight finished the first day of competition 2-0 and outscored his opponents 12-5. Griess has won nine straight matches and 13 of his last 14 to bring his season total to a team-leading 22 wins.

125 | Patrick McCormick dec Dayton DeViscio (Navy), 6-1 // Virginia 3, Navy 0
133 | Garrett Grice fall Brendan Ferretti (Navy), 3:51 // Virginia 9, Navy 0
141 | Brian Courtney dec #14 Josh Koderhandt (Navy), 4-2 // Virginia 12, Navy 0
149 | Michael Gioffre tech fall James Latona (Navy), 24-9 // Virginia 17, Navy 0
157 | Denton Spencer fall Devon Deem (Navy), 1:54 // Virginia 23, Navy 0
165 | Nick Hamilton dec Val Park (Navy), 8-4 // Virginia 26, Navy 0
174 | Sammy Starr (Navy) dec Justin Phillips, 3-1 // Virginia 26, Navy 3
184 | David Key (Navy) dec #16 Neil Antrassian, 8-6 // Virginia 26, Navy 6
197 | Michael Battista dec #29 Jacob Koser (Navy), 7-6 // Virginia 29, Navy 6
285 | #20 Grady Griess (Navy) dec Ethan Weatherspoon, 7-4 // Virginia 29, Navy 9

Up Next

Navy will compete in day two of the Virginia Duals tomorrow with a matchup versus Kent State at 2:30 p.m. and Oklahoma at 4 p.m. Fans can watch the duals with a FloWrestling subscription as well as links provided on NavySports.com.