

PHILADELPHIA – The Drexel wrestling team continued its strong start to the 2018 calendar year Thursday night with a 30-12 win over Franklin & Marshall and a 50-6 victory over Keystone College at the Daskalakis Athletic Center. The Dragons improved to 6-2 (1-2 EIWA) with the two victories.

In the second leg of the mid-week doubleheader, the Dragons downed EIWA foe Franklin & Marshall, 30-12. Zack Fuentes opened the match with a 7-2 decision over Edgar Garcia at 125 pounds, followed by Tanner Shoap with a dominant 17-1 technical fall over Mike Simonetti wrestling up at 133 pounds. After losing by fall in overtime and by decision at 141 and 149, respectively, the Dragons got back on track with 16-8 major decision by Garrett Hammond over Emmett LiCastrì. Then after Felix Belga gutted out a 3-1 decision in overtime at 165 pounds over Dylan Gumaer using a takedown with 21 seconds left to win, Austin Rose at 174, Alex DeCiantis at 184 and No. 20 Stephen Loiseau at 197 followed with technical fall victories. Rose closed out his 18-2 tech fall over Josh Young with 26 seconds remaining; DeCiantis finished off Steven Mercadante, 20-4, with 45 seconds left in the second period; and Loiseau closed out a 17-0 tech fall against Reid Robilotto just 2:45 into the match.

Drexel opened the night with a 50-6 victory over Keystone College. Keystone is coached by former Drexel standout Steven Mytych. Fuentes began the evening with a 21-6 technical fall win over Colby Bronzburg at 125 pounds. After Shoap wrestled up at 133 pounds and fell, Julian Flores got the Dragons back on track with 14-4 major decision over Harry Marr at 141 pounds. At 149 pounds, Evan Barczak pinned Thomas Michaels in 2:50. After Keystone forfeited at 157, 165, 174, 184 and 197 pounds, Vincenzo Pelusi closed out the match at heavyweight with a 19-4 technical fall win over Josh Newhart in 5:10.

The Dragons return to the mat next weekend with a New York swing on Saturday, Jan. 20 when they head to Army West Point and Columbia.

Drexel 50, Keystone College 6

125: Zack Fuentes (DU) TF Colby Bronzburg (KC), 21-6 (w/ riding time)

133: Paul Miller (KC) WBF Tanner Shoap (DU), 2:45

141: Julian Flores (DU) MAJ Harry Marr (KC), 14-4

149: Evan Barczak (DU) WBF Thomas Michaels (KC), 2:30

157: Garrett Hammond (DU) by forfeit

165: Felix Belga (DU) by forfeit

174: Austin Rose (DU) by forfeit

184: Alex DeCiantis (DU) by forfeit

197: No. 20 Stephen Loiseau (DU) by forfeit

285: Vincenzo Pelusi (DU) TF Josh Newhart (KC), 19-4 (5:10)

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125: Zack Fuentes (DU) DEC Edgar Garcia (FM), 7-2
133: Tanner Shoap (DU) TF Mike Simonetti (FM), 17-1 (3:12)
141: Brett Kulp (FM) WBF Julian Flores (DU), 7:37 (SV-1)
149: Wil Gil (FM) DEC Evan Barczak (DU), 4-2
157: Garrett Hammond (DU) MAJ Emmett LiCastrì (FM), 16-8
165: Felix Belga (DU) DEC Dylan Gumaer (FM), 3-1 (SV-1)
174: Austin Rose (DU) TF Josh Young (FM), 18-2 (6:34)
184: Alex DeCiantis (DU) TF Steven Mercadante (FM), 20-4 (4:15)
197: No. 20 Stephen Loiseau TF (DU) Reid Robilotto, 17-0 (2:45)
285: Parker Fox (FM) DEC Vincenzo Pelusi (DU), 3-1 (SV-1)

Attendance: 426

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