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# Scott Parker closes All-America campaign with eighth place finish at NCAAs

ST. LOUIS – Lehigh All-American Scott Parker wrapped-up his sophomore campaign with an eighth place finish at 133 pounds as he wrestled in the medal round Saturday afternoon at Scottrade Center.

Parker entered the seventh place match looking to reverse the result of his 7-6 loss to Illinois' Zane Richards in Thursday night's round of 16, but Richards was tough on his feet in the rematch, claiming a 14-4 major decision.

The EIWA Champion at 133, Parker finished one place higher than his No. 9 seed and finishes his sophomore campaign with a 20-5 record.

In Saturday's seventh place bout, Richards tallied five takedowns with two in the first, two in the second and one in the third. He added a two-point near fall following his first takedown of the second period plus a third period escape and more than two minutes of riding time advantage.

Parker claimed the 147th All-America medal in Lehigh history and is the 87th Lehigh wrestler to earn All-America honors.

The Mountain Hawks finished session five with 36 points and sit in 14th place. Penn State clinched its second straight team title and sixth in the last seven seasons during Saturday's afternoon session.

Lehigh has one more match remaining in the 2017 NCAA Tournament. Junior Darian Cruz will wrestle Minnesota's Ethan Lizak for the 125 pound national championship Saturday night in a battle of Lehigh Valley products. The NCAA Finals begin at 8 p.m. ET/7 p.m. CT from Scottrade Center. Cruz and Lizak will be the third match of the evening, with this year's finals beginning at 197. Saturday night's NCAA finals will be televised on ESPN and WatchESPN, while audio of Cruz's finals match will be available on [lehighsports.com/watch](http://lehighsports.com/watch).

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7th place match: L by major dec. No. 8 Zane Richards (Illinois) 14-4

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