

Finesilvers Bring Home Gold at Maccabiah Games

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DURHAM, N.C.—The brother duo of Mitch and Matt Finesilver kicked off the 2017 Maccabiah Games for the Duke contingent competing in Israel by capturing Gold Medals in freestyle wrestling. The Finesilvers were two of the 12 United States wrestlers to win gold in the competition.

Mitch and Matt were two of the five gold medal winners wearing Red, White and Blue as they return to Durham as freestyle champions at the Maccabiah Games.

Wrestling at 70 kg, Mitch opened his day with a tech fall over his opponent from Israel. Matt, competing at 74 kg, followed suit with a fall over the Canadian representative to advance to the semifinals.

In the semifinal round, Mitch rallied from a 4-1 deficit and scored a fall, while Matt continued his day with a tech fall and a fall to advance to the gold medal match.

The pair finished out the day the way it started with matching victories to return to Durham with the top honor.

Since 1932, over 62,000 athletes have participated in the Maccabiah Games, in a celebration of Jewish Strength and Solidarity. Team USA's success is not only measured by the medals won, but by the impact that the Maccabiah experience had on their lives as well as the friendships they formed.

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