

# No. 4 @MizzouWrestling Concludes Perfect Home Slate with 35-7 Win over Eastern Michigan

## *Four Tigers score bonus points to lead Mizzou to victory*

**COLUMBIA, Mo.** – No. 4 Mizzou Wrestling (14-0, 5-0 MAC) closed the home portion of its 2017-18 schedule with a 35-7 win over Eastern Michigan (4-6, 0-3 MAC) on Saturday afternoon at the Hearnes Center. Mizzou honored its seniors prior to the dual, and redshirt senior 125-pounder **Barlow McGhee** (Rock Island, Ill.) and redshirt senior 157-pounder **Joey Lavallee** (Reno, Nev.) each responded with wins in the dual.

With the win, Mizzou finishes with a perfect 8-0 mark in home duals this season, the fourth time in the last five seasons Mizzou has won all of its home duals.

Mizzou continues its pursuit of its second-ever perfect season with the victory, as the Tigers improve to 14-0 overall for just the third time in program history. The 2017-18 campaign joins Mizzou's 15-0 start in 1967-68, and its 24-0 season in 2014-15. In five MAC duals this season, Mizzou has outscored its opponents, 188-25.

### DUAL RECAP

Wrestling in his final match at the Hearnes Center, McGhee helped the Tigers get on the scoreboard right away with an 11-6 win over Tomas Gutierrez. Mizzou won eight of the first nine bouts in the dual to take control and secure the victory.

### NOTABLE TIGERS

Redshirt junior 174-pounder **Daniel Lewis** (Blue Springs, Mo.) continued his remarkable season by recording his team-leading 14<sup>th</sup> fall of the season with a pin over Andrew McNally at 1:48. The Tiger junior is now 22-0 on the season (14-0 in duals), and has recorded bonus point wins in his past 12 matches, including eight falls during over that stretch. Lewis' 14<sup>th</sup> fall on the season now ranks tied for 10<sup>th</sup> most in a single season in program history.

Lavallee ended his home career on a high note, pinning J.J. Wolfe at 1:18 in the first period for his fourth fall this season. The Tiger senior improves to 21-1 on the season, with 15 of his victories coming with bonus points. With the win, Lavallee recorded his 104<sup>th</sup> career win, moving into a tie with 2010 National Champion Max Askren for the 19<sup>th</sup>-most victories in program history.

Redshirt sophomore 141-pounder **Jaydin Eierman** (Columbia, Mo.) recorded his second fall in as many matches with a fall over Sa'Derian Perry in the second period (4:27). It was Eierman's 10<sup>th</sup> fall of the season, as he improves to 20-1 on the season with 16 wins by bonus points.

Redshirt senior 197-pounder **Willie Miklus** (Altoona, Iowa) was the fourth Tiger to record bonus points in the dual, as he scored a 17-2 technical fall over Jared Langley. Miklus improves to 13-3 with the victory, and has recorded 11 of his wins with bonus points.

### QUOTABLES

#### Head Coach Brian Smith

*On the performance of the seniors on senior day...*

“They did unbelievable. Barlow (McGhee) got after it today. He got a lot of takedowns again today, and then finished the match off. And then Joey Lavallee going out there, I think he took eight shot attempts in the first minute and he eventually breaks through, takes the kid down, and pins him. I’m just really proud of both of them, and what they have done, not only on the mat, but what they’ve done off the mat representing the program. They have been exceptional young men.”

*On the emotional of senior day playing into Joey Lavallee’s performance...*

“The way Joey has been wrestling this year, he has been putting the hammer down on people. It’s just his style. When he is getting after it, he’s taking people down, putting them on their backs. That’s Joey’s style.”

### **Redshirt senior 157-pounder Joey Lavallee**

*On his takeaways from the dual...*

“Just a day to get better, I’m always looking improve. That’s how my mindset has been through the whole season. I take each day to get better and improve, because it doesn’t matter win or loss right now, it all matters when it comes down to March.”

*On the emotions of his last match at the Hearnese being a factor...*

“I figured it would be a very emotional day, especially for me, last day in the Hearnese, and I’m a very emotional wrestler. I let my emotions get the best of me sometimes, so I knew I had to stick to my routine.”

### **UP NEXT**

Mizzou will now hit the road for its final five duals of the 2017-18 season, beginning with a trip to No. 18 Central Michigan on Jan. 19. The dual is scheduled to start at 6 p.m. (CT) and will be streamed on ESPN 3.

For all the latest on Mizzou Wrestling, stay tuned to [MUTigers.com](http://MUTigers.com) and follow the team on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [Instagram](#) (MizzouWrestling).

### **Match-By-Match Results**

**125:** No. 22 Barlow McGhee (MIZ) dec. Tomas Gutierrez (EMU): 11-6 | MIZ 3, EMU 0  
**133:** No. 4 John Erneste (MIZ) dec. Noah Gonser (EMU): 4-2 | MIZ 6, EMU 0  
**141:** No. 2 Jaydin Eierman (MIZ) fall Sa’Derian Perry (EMU): 4:27 | MIZ 12, EMU 0  
**149:** Kyle Springer (EMU) major dec. Alex Butler (MIZ): 20-7 | MIZ 12, EMU 4  
**157:** No. 4 Joey Lavallee (MIZ) fall J.J. Wolfe (EMU): 1:18 | MIZ 18, EMU 4  
**165:** No. 23 Connor Flynn (MIZ) dec. Zac Carson (EMU): 9-7 | MIZ 21, EMU 4  
**174:** No. 4 Daniel Lewis (MIZ) fall Andrew McNally (EMU): 1:48 | MIZ 27, EMU 4  
**184:** No. 18 Canten Marriott (MIZ) dec. Kayne MacCallum (EMU): 7-3 | MIZ 30, EMU 4  
**197:** No. 7 Willie Miklus (MIZ) tech. fall Jared Langley (EMU): 17-2 (5:56) | MIZ 35, EMU 4  
**HWT:** No. 17 Gage Hutchison (EMU) TB-1 Jake Bohken (MIZ): 3-2 | MIZ 35, EMU 7

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