

Navy Wrestling Beats Maryland, Improves to 5-0

ANNAPOLIS, Md. — The Navy wrestling team won seven of 10 bouts Friday evening at Alumni Hall to claim a 29-10 victory over in-state rival Maryland (3-7) and keep its unbeaten record intact at 5-0. It marked the Mids' sixth consecutive win over the Terps as they now lead the all-time series, 55-11-3.

The Terps' lone lead of the match came in the opening bout of the night when rookie 125-pound Brandon Cray scored the match-winning escape in the final 25 seconds of the match to earn a 10-9 decision over Navy freshman Aslan Kilic (Marietta, Ga.).

The Mids stormed back to win two in a row, including a 16-8 major decision by freshman Cody Trybus (Elkton, Md.) at 133 pounds. Trybus took the lead for good in the second period on a takedown with eight seconds remaining, however, it was his performance in the third period that sealed the first of four bonus-point victories on the night for the Mids. Trybus recorded four takedowns, an escape and a bonus point for riding time to pick up a 16-8 victory over Danny Bestoni.

Junior Nicholas Gil (Crystal Lake, Ill.), one of three nationally-ranked wrestlers in action for the Mids, became the first Navy wrestler to reach 20 wins (20-5) this season behind a 7-3 win over 141-pound Ryan Diehl. Ranked 18th, Gil scored the opening points with a takedown 15 seconds into the second period and never trailed in the match.

Team captain Corey Wilding (Sr / Pittsburgh, Pa.), meanwhile, dropped a heartbreaker to Maryland redshirt junior Alfred Bannister at 149 pounds when Bannister got to Wilding's legs and scored the match-winning takedown 37 seconds into sudden victory (6-4).

With the Mids' lead trimmed to just one at 7-6, a 10-4 victory by senior 157-pound Zack Davis (Granger, Ind.) helped spark a 5-0 run by the Mids. Following a scrappy opening series between Davis and his counterpart, Kyle Cochran, Davis jumped out to a 3-2 lead in the first period before riding out Cochran the entire two-minute second stanza. Davis opened the third period with a reversal, tacked on a pair of takedowns and built more than three minutes of riding time to secure a 10-4 victory.

Twentieth-ranked Drew Daniels (Sr. / Overland Park, Kan.) pushed his season dual mark to 4-0 with a 3-2 victory over Maryland redshirt sophomore Brendan Burnham at 165 pounds. After Burnham knotted the match with an escape in the final 30 seconds of the second period, Daniels would go on to score the victory with an escape just three seconds into the final period.

Starters Jadaen Bernstein (Sr. / Glen Gardner, N.J.) and Steban Cervantes (Sr / Poway, Calif.) were not in the lineup Friday evening, however, sophomores AJ Alford (Beech Island, S.C.) and Joshua Roetman (So / Kotzebue, Alaska) left little doubt in their own abilities. Alford stepped to the mat in place of Bernstein where he got off to a slow start in his bout against redshirt junior Pat Gerish. The Terp took Alford down just 11 seconds into the match and had built a 4-0 advantage with a two-point nearfall near the end of the period. Gerish built his lead to five with an early escape in the second stanza, but Alford gained momentum after he was able to get Gerish airborne and went on to score 12 points in the final 45 seconds of the period. Alford once again put Gerish on his back and would get the win by fall at the 5:56 mark. It was just the third career pin by Alford.

Before Roetman would get his chance to match Alford's performance, 18th-ranked Michael Coleman (Sr / Hudson, Ohio) got the call at 184 pounds for the Mids. Coleman built a 6-0 lead with a takedown and four-point nearfall in the opening period and never looked back in the 10-0 victory over redshirt freshman Nick Cappello. The win also clinched the team victory with the Mids leading 23-6 with just two matches remaining.

Roetman, meanwhile, picked up his fifth career victory by fall via a pin against Mansur Abdul-Malik at the 3:32 mark.

Maryland claimed the final bout of the night as sixth-ranked heavyweight Youssif Hemida scored a 12-4 major decision over Austin Faunce (Lake Oswego, Ore.), handing the Navy senior his first dual loss of his career (5-1) / season (3-1).

The Mids return to action on Sunday when they make the trip to Bethlehem, Pa. to face sixth-ranked Lehigh. Action is set for 2:00 pm at Grace Hall and will be streamed live.

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125 | Brandon Cray dec over Aslan Kilic (NAVY), 10-9

133 | Cody Trybus (NAVY) major dec over Danny Bertoni, 16-8

141 | #18 Nicholas Gil (NAVY) dec over Ryan Diehl, 7-3

149 | Alfred Bannister dec over Corey Wilding (NAVY), 6-4 SV

157 | Zack Davis (NAVY) dec over Kyle Cochran, 10-4

165 | #20 Drew Daniels (NAVY) dec over Brendan Burnham, 3-2

174 | AJ Alford (NAVY) fall over Pat Gerish, 5:56

184 | #18 Michael Coleman (NAVY) major dec over Nick Cappello 10-0

197 | Joshua Roetman (NAVY) fall over Mansur Abdul-Malik 3:32

107 Youssif Hemida (NAVY) fall over Mansur Abdul Malik, U.S.A.
285 I #6 Youssif Hemida major dec over Austin Faunce (NAVY), 12-4

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