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BROOKINGS, S.D. - North Dakota State senior 165-pounder Luke Weber won his eighth and ninth straight matches as the Bison wrestling team closed out its regular-season schedule Saturday, Feb. 20, with the Last Chance Challenge inside Frost Arena. There was no team scoring.

Competitors from NDSU and South Dakota State wrestled 41 matches in the round-robin event, which served as a final tune-up for the teams' starting lineups two weeks ahead of the Big 12 Championships and provided extra matches for reserves who did not have the benefit of open tournaments due to COVID-19.

Weber, who hasn't lost since Jan. 10, picked up a 4-1 victory by decision over SDSU's Kenny O'Neil and won by fall over Dalton Lakmann in 2 minutes, 7 seconds. Weber improved his record to a team-best 10-2 overall with four pins.

NDSU freshman Kellyn March, ranked No. 26 nationally at 133 pounds, picked up his first collegiate pin with a victory over Greg Coapstick at 1:25. The Bison also got pins from 149 Jaden Van Maanen and 184 TJ Pottinger.

At 157 pounds, No. 11-ranked Jared Franek picked up his third straight victory with a 19-4 technical fall over Jack Thomsen. Freshman 125 Ryan Henningson split four matches including a pair of wins by technical fall 17-2 over Coapstick and 18-3 over Ethan Bowman.

The Bison got wins from Ryan Ripplinger and Sam Stuhl at 133 pounds, Austin Braun picked up his first victory of the season at 157 pounds, Jesse Shearer, Riley Habisch and Austin Brenner all won matches at 174, while Gary Wokojance and Michael Nelson added victories at 184 pounds.

NDSU freshman 197 Owen Pentz was a 7-1 winner over SDSU's Jacob Schoon and No. 29-ranked Bison heavyweight Brandon Metz was a 4-3 winner over SDSU's Bowen McConville.

Last Chance Challenge Results

125-Ryan Henningson (NDSU) tech. fall Greg Coapstick, 17-2 (5:00)
125-Ryan Henningson (NDSU) tech. fall Ethan Bowman, 18-3 (4:38)
125-Danny Vega (SDSU) maj. dec. Ryan Henningson, 14-5
125-Danny Vega (SDSU) tech. fall Ryan Henningson, 21-4 (6:42)
133-#26 Kellyn March (NDSU) pinned Greg Coapstick, 1:25
133-#17 Zach Price (SDSU) maj. dec. Ryan Ripplinger, 9-0
133-#17 Zach Price (SDSU) dec. Sam Stuhl, 11-4
133-Trayton Anderson (SDSU) dec. Sam Stuhl, 5-4
133-Ryan Ripplinger (NDSU) dec. Trayton Anderson, 3-2
133-Tanner Jordan (SDSU) maj. dec. Ryan Ripplinger, 8-0
133-Sam Stuhl (NDSU) dec. Tanner Jordan, 5-4
141-#18 Clay Carlson (SDSU) pinned Zach Watts, 3:53
141-#18 Clay Carlson (SDSU) tech. fall Zach Watts, 20-4 (5:26)
141-#18 Clay Carlson (SDSU) pinned Sam Stuhl, 4:37
141-Caleb Gross (SDSU) pinned Zach Watts, 2:47
149-Rylee Molitor (SDSU) dec. Marc Shaeffer, 9-6
149-Daniel Kimball (SDSU) dec. Michael Weber, 8-3
149-Daniel Kimball (SDSU) dec. Marc Shaeffer, 8-1
149-Jaden Van Maanen (NDSU) pinned Lucus Anglin, 2:54
149-Lucus Anglin (SDSU) dec. Michael Weber, 8-5
149-Hunter Marko (SDSU) pinned Michael Weber, 2:29
157-Austin Braun (NDSU) dec. Dalton Lakmann, 6:5

157–Austin Braun (NDSU) dec. Dalton Lakmann, 0-0
157–#18 Cade DeVos (SDSU) tech. fall Canon Swanson, 20-5 (6:12)
157–#18 Cade DeVos (SDSU) tech. fall Austin Braun, 21-6 (6:17)
157–Jack Thomsen (SDSU) maj. dec. Austin Braun, 16-3
157–#11 Jared Franek (NDSU) tech. fall Jack Thomsen, 19-4 (6:22)
157–Jack Thomsen (SDSU) maj. dec. Canon Swanson, 13-5
165–Colten Carlson (SDSU) maj. dec. Canon Swanson, 15-5
165–Luke Weber (NDSU) pinned Dalton Lakmann, 2:07
165–Luke Weber (NDSU) dec. Kenny O'Neil, 4-1
174–Jesse Shearer (NDSU) dec. Kenny O'Neil, 7-3
174–Riley Habisch (NDSU) dec. Caleb Orris, 2-0
174–Austin Brenner (NDSU) maj. dec. Caleb Orris, 12-3
174–Caleb Orris (SDSU) dec. Jesse Shearer, 11-5
174–Austin Brenner (NDSU) dec. Riley Habisch (NDSU), 3-2
184–Gary Wokojance (NDSU) dec. Nick Casperson, 13-10
184–TJ Pottinger (NDSU) pinned Nick Casperson, 5:44
184–Michael Nelson (NDSU) maj. dec. Jacob Schoon, 12-3
184–Jacob Schoon (SDSU) maj. dec. Gary Wokojance, 13-0
197–Owen Pentz (NDSU) dec. Jacob Schoon, 7-1
285–#29 Brandon Metz (NDSU) dec. Bowen McConville, 4-3

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