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## **NU WRESTLING: #25 Northwestern Upsets #16 Wisconsin, 18-14**

**EVANSTON, III.** — #25 Northwestern (7-1, 2-1 Big Ten) knocked off #16 Wisconsin, 18-14, in commanding fashion on Friday night at historic Patten Gym. For the 'Cats, it was their first ranked win since topping #23 Indiana on Jan. 4, 2014.

Chicago's Big Ten Team started the dual with three-straight wins to open up a 12-point lead.

Redshirt junior Conan Jennings (285) started the Wildcats' evening on a high note, taking a start-to-finish, 3-1 decision over Wisconsin's heavyweight Ben Stone.

Redshirt first-year Sebastian Rivera (125) followed up that performance with a quick, 3:57 tech fall of Johnny Jimenez. Rivera topped the Badger 16-0, which marked the second time that he has beaten Jimenez since Dec. 29.

After Rivera's bout, Wisconsin was docked two team points for unsportsmanlike penalties. Northwestern also lost a team point.

Fresh off entering the Intermat poll for the first time, first-year Colin Valdiviez showed that he belongs. He commanded his bout against UW's Jens Lantz, finishing with a 13-4 major decision over the redshirt junior.

Before the intermission, redshirt first-year Ryan Deakin (149) went on a point-scoring frenzy against Wisconsin's Cole Martin, topping him with a 19-7 major decision. That pushed NU's team score lead to 12 before the break.

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Tasked with putting the team back on track following two straight set-backs, redshirt junior Johnny Sebastian was faced with a grind-it-out bout against Ryan Christensen — a Badger that he had twice beaten this season. Tied 1-1 with less than 30 seconds left in the third period, Christensen was issued his second stalling warning, giving Sebastian the decisive, 2-1 lead.

It was NU's first win over Wisconsin since topping the Badgers, 33-9, on Jan. 8, 2012.

Northwestern wrestles at home again on Jan. 19 against Nebraska. The match is set for 7 p.m. CT at Patten Gym.

### #25 Northwestern 18, #16 Wisconsin 14

**285:** Conan Jennings (NU) dec. Ben Stone (WIS), 3-1 | NU 3, WIS 0

**125:** #10 Sebastian Rivera (NU) Tech. Fall Johnny Jimenez (WIS), 16-0 (3:57) | NU 8, WIS 0

*One point unsportsmanlike penalties assessed to both teams after the 125 bout  
One point Wisconsin deduction on head Coach Barry Davis*

**133:** #18 Colin Valdiviez (NU) maj. dec. Jens Lantz (WIS), 13-4 | NU 11, WIS -2

**141:** Eli Stickley (WIS) dec. Alec McKenna (NU), 6-0 | NU 11, WIS 1

**149:** #4 Ryan Deakin (NU) maj. dec. Cole Martin (WIS), 19-7 | NU 15, WIS 1

**157:** Andrew Crone (WIS) dec. Shayne Oster (NU), 7-5 | NU 15, WIS 4

**165:** #6 Evan Wick (WIS) maj. dec. Michael Sepke (NU), 12-3 | NU 15, WIS 8

**174:** #18 Johnny Sebastian (NU) dec. Ryan Christensen (WIS), 2-1 | NU 18, WIS 8

**184:** #9 Ricky Robertson (WIS) dec. Mitch Sliga (NU), 3-1 | NU 18, WIS 11

**197:** Hunter Ritter (WIS) dec. Regis Durbin (NU), 3-1 | NU 18, WIS 14

### - #B1GCats -

Weight	Wrestlers	Period 1	Choice 1	Period 2	Choice 2	Period 3	Result	NOF
285	Conan Jennings Ben Stone	T2	Bot Def	E1	Bot	E1	Dec 3-1	3
125	Sebastian Rivera Johnny Jimenez	T2 N4 SW	Bot	R2 N4 N4 Ca			TF 16-0 3:57	5
133	Colin Valdiviez Jens Lantz	T2 N4 E1 T2	Bot Def	E1 T2 R2	Neu	T2 RT	MD 13-4	4
141	Alexander McKenna Eli Stickley		Def Bot	SW R2	Bot	SW P1 SW SW P1 P1	Dec 6-0	0
149	Ryan Deakin Cole Martin	T2 T2 E1	Bot Def	Ca E1 T2 E1 E1 E1 SW T2 T2 T2	Bot	T2 T2 SW E1 E1 E1 SW P1 RT	MD 19-7	4
157	Shayne Oster Andrew Crone	T2 SW E1	Bot	E1 E1 T2	Bot	E1 SW E1 T2 P1	Dec 7-5	0
165	Michael Sepke Evan Wick	E1 T2 T2	Bot Def	SW E1 T2 T2	Neu	SW P1 T2 SW RT	MD 12-3	0
174	Johnny Sebastian Ryan Christensen		Def Bot	E1 SW	Bot	Ca E1 Ca SW P1 SW	Dec 2-1	3
184	Mitch Sliga Ricky Robertson		Def Neu		Bot	E1 T2 SW RT	Dec 4-0	0
197	Regis Durbin Hunter Ritter		Bot	E1 SW SW	Bot	E1 T2	Dec 3-1	0
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<b>Team Score:</b>								<b>18</b>