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No. 1 Ashnault pins, No. 4 Suriano collects ranked win as six Scarlet Knights earn individual victories

**WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. (Feb. 10, 2019)** – No. 18 Rutgers wrestling (11-5, 4-3) used wins in six individual bouts to grind out a 22-15 dual victory over No. 20 Purdue (6-8, 2-5) on Sunday in West Lafayette, Indiana. The dual win against the Boilermakers was the third for the Scarlet Knights over a ranked foe this season and fourth victory over a Big Ten Conference foe in 2018-19.

RU erased an early 9-3 deficit by winning five consecutive bouts from heavyweight through 149 pounds. No. 1 **Anthony Ashnault** (149) pinned for the eighth time this season, No. 4 **Nick Suriano** (133) earned his ninth major decision and fourth win against a ranked individual, while **Nicholas Gravina** (184), **Christian Colucci** (HWT), **Shane Metzler** (125) and **Peter Lipari** (141) all secured decisions against Purdue.

RU has now won three consecutive dual wins dating back to last weekend's thriller over No. 20 Princeton.

"What a way to sweep the weekend," said head coach **Scott Goodale**. "We piece things together and find a way to win these dual meets. It's a long weekend, so I'm proud of our guys. We're banged up and we just keep fighting through it."

### How it Happened

- With the match starting at 174 pounds, **Joseph Grello** suffered a tough 4-3 loss to No. 11 Dylan Lydy. Grello trailed by just one point in the third period and had multiple shots on Lydy's legs, but could not complete the comeback.
- Gravina followed against Max Lyon and earned a point for unnecessary roughness for an immediate 1-0 lead to start the match. Lyon was again hit for a penalty in the second period to give Gravina a 2-1 lead with two minutes to go, while a late escape by Gravina earned him a 3-2 decision.
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• **Matthew Correnti** (197) was pinned in the third period of his match with No. 12 Christian Brunner, as Rutgers trailed 9-3 through three match. Colucci helped Rutgers regain its momentum with his 3-2 overtime win against Jacob Aven, riding him out in TB1 and then escaping in TB2 for his third conference win of the season.

- Metzler tied up the team score with his 4-1 decision against Marshall Craig, adding the takedown in the third period to make it a 9-9 dual at intermission.
- Suriano was once again dominant in his match, this one against No. 14 Ben Thornton. Suriano had two takedowns and 1:17 of riding time in the first period, added an escape and takedown in period two and closed the bout two takedowns in the final 1:20 of action for the 12-4 major decision.
- Lipari wrestled tough in his bout with Nate Limmex. Trailing 3-2 with just under 15 seconds left, Lipari escaped to force sudden victory. Then in TB2, Lipari worked a reversal for a 5-4 final, his second consecutive win of the weekend.
- Ashnault clinched the dual with his pin of Parker Filius, needing just 2:22 to get his opponent on his back for the fall. That put the match out of reach, as Rutgers led 22-9 with two matches to go.

### **Notables**

- The win over No. 20 Purdue was the third over a ranked foe, as the Scarlet Knights also secured victories against No. 10 Wisconsin (Jan. 11) and No. 20 Princeton (Feb. 3).
- Ashnault collected his eighth pin of the season and first since Dec. 16 against Rider. The graduate student, now 21-0, leads the program with 77 dual points in 2018-19.
- Ashnault has won 15 matches by bonus, including eight falls, four tech falls and three major decision.
- Ashnault now owns 112 career victories, good for fourth in program history. Ashnault needs just six more wins to become the school's all-time wins leader.
- Suriano is on a five-match winning streak, and has outscored his opponents, 89-26, during that span.
- Suriano collected his team-leading ninth major of the season and is now 19-2 with 17 wins by bonus, including nine majors, four tech falls, three pins, and a medical forfeit. His 17 wins by bonus leads the team while he is second with 67 dual points this season.

### **No. 18 Rutgers 22, No. 20 Purdue 15**

#### **Match started at 174 Pounds**

**Officials:** Curt Frost, Terry Giardini

**Attendance:** N/A

- 174:** No. 11 Dylan Lydy (PU) over Joseph Grello (RU) (D 4-3)
- 184:** Nicholas Gravina (RU) over Max Lyon (PU) (D 3-2)
- 197:** No. 12 Christian Brunner (PU) over Matthew Correnti (RU) (Fall 6:19)
- 285:** Christian Colucci (RU) over Jacob Aven (PU) (TB2 3-2)
- 125:** Shane Metzler (RU) over Marshall Craig (PU) (D 4-1)
- 133:** No. 4 Nick Suriano (RU) over No. 14 Ben Thornton (PU) (MD 12-4)
- 141:** Peter Lipari (RU) over Nate Limmex (PU) (TB2 5-4)
- 149:** No. 1 Anthony Ashnault (RU) over Parker Filius (PU) (Fall 2:24)
- 157:** No. 13 Griffin Parriott (PU) over No. 14 John Van Brill (RU) (D 3-2)
- 165:** Cole Wysocki (PU) over Jake Benner (RU) (D 8-1)

### **UP NEXT**

Rutgers will wrestle its final home match of the 2018-19 season when it hosts No. 3 Michigan on Sunday, Feb. 17

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