

Medbery finishes outstanding career as a two-time All-American

Colorado native ends career with 112 wins

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ST. LOUIS -- With 112 wins and two All-America honors, Connor Medbery wrapped up his Wisconsin wrestling career on college wrestling's biggest stage by earning runner-up honors at the NCAA Championships.

In a rematch of the Big Ten final and Medbery's only loss of the season, the NCAA championship came down to a classic No. 1 vs. No. 2 seed matchup: Ohio State's Kyle Snyder versus Medbery. Snyder struck first with a takedown, but Medbery responded with an escape and a penalty point gave Snyder a 3-1 lead after the first period. To end the second period, Snyder recorded one more takedown and widen his lead to 5-1.

With just two minutes remaining, Snyder opened the final period with an escape but Medbery refused to go down without a fight and recorded one final takedown at the 22-second mark.

Notes to Know:

-Medbery ends his incredible season with a 29-2 record. Medbery led the country in tech falls (12) over Division I opponents at the end of the regular season.

-He held a perfect 22-0 regular season record, 11-0 dual record and 9-0 Big Ten record.

-Medbery ended his stellar career with a 112-25 career record and .818 winning percentage. He ranks 11th all-time in the Wisconsin record books with his winning percentage.

-He earned the ninth and 10th All-America honors at heavyweight for the program. He was also the third two-time Wisconsin All-American at heavyweight.

-He also ranks 10th all-time with 112 wins.

-Medbery became the fourth Big Ten Freshman of the Year in 2013.

-Medbery claimed back-to-back Big Ten Conference Wrestler of the Week honors two weeks in a row, making him the first Badger to claim the award in back-to-back weeks. He conquered three top-five opponents within the span of a week to make it just the second time in program history that UW had back-to-back weekly honors.

-He was awarded the prestigious Hammer Award at the Journeymen Classic for his dominant performance at the tournament.

-Medbery was ranked second in the country by every media outlet in the country all season long.

-He recorded 10 wins over ranked opponents this season.

Mat Talk:

“Just good job, Connor. Great tournament. He's a good friend. So I hope that he continues to have a lot of success in the future, whatever he does.”

-Kyle Snyder, Ohio State

“He had a great season. I think he wrestled great, he just fell a little short. He pretty much wrestled a perfect match and we were close, it was just two takedowns to one. I thought Connor held his own. I thought we had a shot at the end and that's why we took top, it just didn't work out.

“We had great leadership from Connor and Isaac Jordan all year long. Those guys helped the young guys learn a lot and that helps.”

-Head Coach Barry Davis

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