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EAST LANSING, Mich. – The No. 18 Illinois wrestling squad closed out Big Ten dual season with a 17-16 win over Michigan State on Sunday, Feb. 5. Redshirt freshman [Danny Pucino](#) picked up a tech. fall win over Blake Noonan (23-8, 6:15) that gave the Illini the necessary bonus points to edge the Spartans.

Redshirt freshman [Maximo Renteria](#) (125 lbs.) got the scoring started for the Illini right off the bat. He defeated Benny Gomez by a 5-1 decision and compiled 1:09 of ride time. Redshirt sophomore No. 10 [Lucas Byrd](#) (133 lbs.) extended his win streak to 11 with his 6-1 decision over No. 18 Rayvon Foley. He built up 1:19 of riding time and the Illini led 6-0.

Freshman [Jake Harrier](#) won his bout at 149 pounds by an 8-4 decision over Peyton Omania to put the Fighting Illini ahead 14-0. He scored six unanswered points between periods one and two. No. 12 [Edmond Ruth](#) (174 lbs.) handled his business over Ceasar Garza with his 13-7 decision win and pushed the lead to 17-7.

UP NEXT

The Illini wrestling crew has one more dual meet before they are off for a few weeks ahead of the Big Ten Championships. The travel out to Ames, Iowa on Sunday, Feb. 12 to take on No. 3 Iowa State at Noon CT.

FULL RESULTS

Weight	Matchup	Score
125:	Maximo Renteria dec. Benny Gomez, 5-1	ILL 3 MSU 0
133:	#10 Lucas Byrd dec. #18 Rayvon Foley, 6-1	ILL 6 MSU 0
141:	#16 Danny Pucino tech. fall Blake Noonan, 23-8 (6:15)	ILL 11 MSU 0
149:	Jake Harrier dec. Peyton Omania, 8-4	ILL 14 MSU 0
157:	#12 Chase Saldate dec. Anthony Federico , 2-0	ILL 14 MSU 3
165:	#27 Caleb Fish major dec. #20 Danny Braunagel , 12-4	ILL 14 MSU 7
174:	#12 Edmond Ruth dec. Ceasar Garza, 13-7	ILL 17 MSU 7
184:	#14 Layne Malczewski dec. #24 Dylan Connell , 2-0	ILL 17 MSU 10
197:	#21 Cameron Caffey dec. #10 Zac Braunagel , 6-4	ILL 17 MSU 13
HWT:	Ryan Vasbinder dec. Matt Wroblewski , 1-0	ILL 17 MSU 16



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