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MADISON, Wisconsin – The second-ranked University of Iowa wrestling team shutout Wisconsin, 45-0, on Sunday afternoon at the UW Field House. The Hawkeyes improved to 7-0 overall and 1-0 in Big Ten competition.

The Hawkeyes recorded 31 takedowns to Wisconsin's two and had bonus points in eight of 10 matches. Iowa improves to 41-4-2 against the Badgers in Madison, with the Hawkeyes last loss coming in 1945.

"Lot of bonus points," said head coach Tom Brands. "A shutout, so 10-of-10 in matches. We have Illinois in five days, don't want to downplay this but we do have to get ready. It's going quick now."

The Hawkeyes got the action started with a pair of ranked wins. At 125 pounds Joey Cruz defeated 18th ranked Nicolar Rivera, 8-2. At 133 pounds, Drake Ayala added a technical fall over No. 24 Zan Fuggit scoring 21 points in 6:08.

Jace Rhodes notched a takedown in sudden victory to claim the win at 141 pounds defeating Brock Bobzien, 6-3. At 149, Kyle Parco quickly dispatched Royce Nilo needing only 3:24 to win a 19-3 tech. fall.

"I liked the first period," said Rhodes. "I gave up the reversal, not exactly ideal. That guy is good on top, putting in the legs. Overall, it was a gutsy win, and I am glad I could pull it out, and keep giving myself more opportunities to go out there and win.

At 157, true freshman Miguel Estrada got win, 10-4, over Luke Mechler and sent the Hawkeyes to the intermission leading 19-0.

Iowa came out firing after the break, winning the next four matches before the clock expired. The Hawkeyes needed only 15 minutes and three seconds of wrestling time to close out the dual.

At 165, Michael Caliendo won a 21-6 tech. fall over Gavin Model in the first period needing only 2:43 to get his hand raised.

Patrick Kennedy had a tech. fall of his own in 3:13 defeating No. 31 Luke Condon, 19-4, at 174 pounds.

Gabe Arnold (184) and Stephen Buchanan (197) each pinned their opponents with Arnold needing 1:27 to stick Dylan Russo, and Buchanan tallying a quick 40 second fall over Niccolo Colucci.

"It was good to be back home," said Buchanan. "Had a lot of people come out, so that was nice seeing them in the crowd. I didn't really know how many people had come down, but it was nice talking to them afterwards."

Ben Kueter closed out the dual at 285 pounds defeating Gannon Rosenfeld via major decision, 8-0.

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125 – Joey Cruz (I) dec. #18 Nicolar Rivera (W), 8-2

133 – #4 Drake Ayala (Iowa) tech. fall #24 Zan Fugitt (W), 21-6

141 – Jace Rhodes (I) dec. Brock Bobzien (W), 6-3 SV1

149 – #4 Kyle Parco (I) tech. fall Royce Nilo, 19-3

157 – Miguel Estrada (I) dec. Luke Mechler (W), 10-4

165 – #2 Michael Caliendo (I) tech. fall Gavin Model (W), 21-6

174 – #5 Patrick Kennedy (I) tech. fall #31 Luke Condon (W), 19-4

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197 – #2 Stephen Buchanan (I) pinned Niccolo Colucci (W), 0:40

285 – #12 Ben Kueter (I) major dec. Gannon Rosenfeld (W), 8-0

Attendance: 3,377

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