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AMES, Iowa – No. 13 Iowa State (8-3, 3-0 Big 12) looked as impressive as it has all season in a 25-6 victory over No. 22 Oklahoma (6-3, 2-3 Big 12) Friday night inside Hilton Coliseum. In front of a Beauty and the Beast record crowd of 9,470, the Cyclones took eight of 10 bouts from the Sooners.

MJ Gaitan highlighted the night with a top-10 victory at 174 pounds over No. 8 Gavin Sax while Paniro Johnson secured a top-15 win over No. 13 Willie McDougald at 149 pounds. At 157 pounds, true freshman Kane Naaktgeboren notched his first-career dual victory.

ISU won the takedown battle over OU, 15-5. The Cyclones have won four duals in a row and seven of their last eight.

Oklahoma started the dual with a decision at 125 pounds before No. 5 Evan Frost put together a dominant outing against No. 22 Cleveland Belton at 133 pounds. Frost got a first-period takedown, followed by a ride out, and then tilted Belton for four near fall points in the third period to secure a 9-0 major decision.

At 141 pounds, No. 13 Jacob Frost followed his twin brother with a 10-4 decision over No. 19 Mosha Schwartz. Frost controlled the match from start to finish and tallied three takedowns in the win.

No. 11 Paniro Johnson prevailed over No. 13 Willie McDougald, 4-2, in a top-15 battle at 149 pounds. Johnson got the only takedown of the match in the second period as he improved to 7-0 since moving to the weight class.

Kane Naaktgeboren secured his first collegiate dual victory with an 8-3 decision over Layton Schneider at 157 pounds. Naaktgeboren locked up a cradle for a big seven-point move in the first period which proved to be the difference in the match.

At 165 pounds, Aiden Riggins got back into the win column with a 7-3 decision over No. 30 Tate Picklo. Riggins was looking to get to his offense often in the match and was rewarded with a pair of takedowns in the win.

No. 23 MJ Gaitan got his biggest win of the season with a victory over No. 8 Gavin Sax at 184 pounds. Gaitan took Sax down twice in the match for his third career top-10 win.

No. 12 Evan Bockman extended his winning streak to six in a row with a 7-2 decision over Eli Cordy at 184 pounds. Bockman is now 11-3 on the season. At 197 pounds, Nate Schon picked up his first dual win on ISU's home mat with a back-and-forth 14-7 decision over Bradley Hill.

Oklahoma book-ended the dual with a decision at heavyweight.

Up Next

It's a quick turnaround for the Cyclones as they welcome the David Taylor-led No. 3 Oklahoma State Cowboys Sunday at 4 p.m. That dual will be nationally broadcast on ESPN.

Match-By-Match Results

No. 13 Iowa State 25, No. 22 Oklahoma 6

125: #29 Antonio Lorenzo (OU) dec. <u>Ethan Perryman</u> (ISU), 5-2 133: #5 <u>Evan Frost</u> (ISU) Maj. Dec. #22 Cleveland Belton (OU), 9-0 141: #13 <u>Jacob Frost</u> (ISU) dec. #19 Mosha Schwartz (OU), 10-4 149: #11 <u>Paniro Johnson</u> (ISU) dec. #13 Willie McDougald (OU), 4-2 157: <u>Kane Naaktgeboren</u> (ISU) dec. Layton Schneider (OU), 8-3

165: <u>Aiden Riggins</u> (ISU) dec. #30 Tate Picklo (OU), 7-3 **174:** #23 <u>MJ Gaitan</u> (ISU) dec. #8 Gaven Sax (OU), 7-2 **184:** #12 <u>Evan Bockman</u> (ISU) dec. Eli Cordy (OU), 7-2 **197:** <u>Nate Schon</u> (ISU) dec. Bradley Hill (OU), 14-7

285: #26 Juan Mora (OU) dec. #23 Daniel Herrera (ISU), 4-2

Attendance: 9,470

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