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Ohio State turns attention to Big Ten Championships March 8-9

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COLUMBUS, Ohio -- No. 8 Ohio State (13-3, 5-3) closed out the 2024-25 dual season with a 27-13 loss to No. 1 Penn State (13-0, 7-0) Friday at the Covelli Center (4,494/Sellout).

The match started with a bang for the Buckeyes when redshirt sophomore Brendan McCrone pinned No. 7 Luke Lilledahl in just under four minutes for a 6-0 Ohio State lead. Penn State won the next three matches by decision, each a close match decided by three or fewer points.

The Buckeyes led after the first five matches 10-9 after redshirt freshman Brandon Cannon won by major decision over Penn State's Joseph Sealey, 10-1.

Penn State won the next four before Nick Feldman won the final bout of the night for the Buckeyes.

How it Happened

125-No. 21 Brendan McCrone (OSU) def. No. 7 Luke Lilledahl (PSU) | F, 3:58

Lilledahl opened the scoring with a takedown a minute into the opening period. McCrone escaped before a Lilledahl takedown and McCrone escape made it 6-2 Penn State after three minutes. From the top position to open the second, McCrone got the cradle secured and pinned Lilledahl at 3:58.

133-No. 8 Braeden Davis (PSU) def. No. 11 Nic Bouzakis (OSU) | D, 8-5

Bouzakis was the aggressor in the opening frame but the period ended scoreless. Bouzakis escaped to open the second for a 1-0 lead. Davis took a 3-1 lead with a takedown but Bouzakis added a two-point nearfall to tie it at 3-all. Penn State challenged the call for two nearfall points for Bouzakis, that call was overturned but Bouzakis was awarded two points for a reversal to keep the score 3-all after two periods. Davis escaped to open the third to lead 4-3 and then added a takedown. Bouzakis got the reversal to make it 7-6 Penn State. Bouzakis cut Davis loose to trail 8-5. Davis then got the win by decision, 8-5.

141-No. 3 Beau Bartlett (PSU) def. No. 1 Jesse Mendez (OSU) | D, 4-2

In the rematch of both the 2024 Big Ten and NCAA Championships, Mendez opened with a shot but did not score in the battle of undefeated wrestlers. Bartlett scored first with a takedown with under 30 seconds left in the opening period to lead 3-0 after three minutes. Bartlett added an escape point early in the second to go up 4-0 after two periods. From bottom, Mendez quickly escaped to make it 4-1 Penn State. Bartlett then got the win by decision, 4-2, after a stalling point was awarded to Mendez

late in the third.

149-No. 2 Shayne Van Ness (PSU) def. No. 7 Dylan D'Emilio (OSU) | D, 4-2

Neither wrestler was able to score in the first three minutes. D'Emilio chose bottom to open the second and earned the escape point for a 1-0 lead after five minutes. Van Ness evened the bout at 1-all with an escape and got the win by decision, 4-2, after Van Ness was called for locked hands to end the final period.

157-Brandon Cannon (OSU) def. Joseph Sealey (PSU) | MD, 10-1

Cannon scored the opening takedown for a 3-1 lead after a Sealey escape. That score held going to the second. Sealey was giving a stalling warning from bottom while Cannon built riding time to over 1:30. Cannon added a point after another stalling call on Sealey for a 4-1 lead after five minutes. Cannon escaped early in the lead to lead 5-1. Cannon then got a takedown to go up 8-1. Another stalling point for Cannon made it 9-1 and after a point for riding time, Cannon to the win by major decision, 10-1.

165-No. 1 Mitchell Mesenbrink (PSU) def. Brock Herman (OSU) | TF, 19-4

Mesenbrink put three points on the board with an early takedown. Mesenbrink added four more takedowns around four Herman escapes for a 15-4 lead after three minutes. The score moved to 17-4 after a Mesinbrink reversal. After two points for stalling on Ohio State, Mesenbrink got the win by technical fall, 19-4.

174-No. 2 Levi Haines (PSU) def. No. 5 Carson Kharchla (OSU) | D, 6-4

Kharchla scored first for a 3-1 lead after the first. Haines opened from bottom to start the second and got the escape to trail 3-2 after two periods. Kharchla went up 4-2 with an escape to open the third. Haines then got a takedown to go up 5-4 with over a minute left in the match. Haines then got the win by decision after a point for riding time, 6-4.

184-No. 1 Carter Starocci (PSU) def. No. 18 Ryder Rogotzke (OSU) | TF, 22-7

The first takedown went to Starocci with just over a minute remaining in the opening period. After a Rogotzke escape, Starocci added another takedown for a 6-1 lead. After a couple Rogotzke escapes, Starocci added another takedown to lead 9-4. Rogotzke added another escape before a Penn State takedown made it 12-4 Nittany Lions. Starocci closed out the battle to win by technical fall, 22-7.

197-No. 3 Josh Barr (PSU) def. No. 23 Seth Shumate (OSU) | TF, 20-5

There was no score in the opening three minutes. Barr escaped early in the second for a 1-0 lead. Barr added a takedown midway through the middle period to take a 4-0 advantage. Barr recorded three takedowns around Shumate escapes for a 13-4 lead. Barr added another two takedowns to earn the win by technical fall, 20-5.

HWT-No. 9 Nick Feldman (OSU) def. Cole Mirasola (PSU) | D, 10-3

Feldman scored first to lead 3-1 after a Mirasola escape. Headed to the second, Feldman escaped for a 4-1 advantage. A Feldman takedown made it 7-2 after five minutes. Mirasola escaped early in the third and then added a final takedown to win by decision, 10-3.

Up Next: Ohio State will have some time off before the 2025 Big Ten Championships March 8-9 at Welsh-Ryan Arena on the Northwestern campus.

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	Attendance: 4,494 (Sellout)		

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