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Wrestling Starts 2025 Off Right With Pair Of Wins At Mariner Duals Web Release: <u>https://tinyurl.com/3vj6fvv5</u>

KINGS POINT, N.Y. (Jan. 11, 2025) – The USMMA wrestling team hosted the 2025 Mariner Duals on Saturday afternoon inside the Liebertz Gymnasium, welcoming in Norwich University, Plymouth State University, New York University and Hunter College. The Mariners squared off and defeated both Norwich (37-15) and Plymouth State (42-17). With the victories, Merchant Marine's record improves to 5-1 on the season.

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<u>Complete Results</u>

In the opener against the Cadets, the Mariners won five of the first six bouts contested, as senior Eddie Pinc (Medina, Ohio) earned a 16-6 major decision at 157, followed by a pin by freshman Matthew Gauthier (Forked River, N.J.) at 165. Two bouts later, sophomore Tyler Withers (Gettysburg, Pa.) started a three-bout win-streak with a pin in just 59 seconds at 184. That was followed by a third-period fall by senior Jimmy Dunagan (Boulder City, Nev.) and then a major decision by senior Reid Garrison (Broadway, Va.) at heavyweight that gave the Mariners a commanding 26-3 lead.

Sophomore Colin Dragon (Richmond Hill, Ga.) recorded his first of two pins on the day at 133 and classmate Matthew Trinidad (Mesa, Ariz.) closed out the match with a tech. fall as time expired in the first period at 149.

Versus the Panthers in the nightcap, USMMA picked up four pins in the first five bouts by sophomore **Matthew Ferrucci (Killingworth, Conn.)** at 157, freshman **Colby Cloutier (Wrentham, Mass.)** at 174, Withers once again at 184 and sophomore **Grant Mathias (Rockwood, Pa.)** at 197. The Mariners led 24-5.

After back-to-back forfeits inched Plymouth State closer, 24-17, two pins and a forfeit win for themselves clinched the victory for the Mariners. Dragon earned his second fall of the day, followed by a forfeit win at 141 by junior **Corey Haney (Medina, Ohio)** and a quick 57-second pin by freshman **Kieran Bruen (Farmingdale, N.J.)** at 149 that finished the day for Merchant Marine.

There were exhibition matches that were contested, however results are unavailable at this time.

The Mariners return to action next Saturday, Jan. 18, when they travel into Manhattan to take part in the New York/Pennsylvania Duals hosted by New York University. They are slated to take on Wilkes, Keystone & Penn Tech. Action is set to get underway at 6 p.m.

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