



Army Wrestling Rebounds, Beat Brown

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Austin Milster

WEST POINT, N.Y. – The Army wrestling team rebounded from its first Eastern Intercollegiate Wrestling Association loss of the season by beating Brown, 23-10, Sunday at Gillis Field House.

Shortly after dropping a decision to Harvard, the Black Knights won seven bouts and improved to 9-4 overall and 5-1 in EIWA matches.

Fernando Martinez and Richard Starks had major decisions and Matt Kyler, Austin Milster, Brent Smith, Scott Ferguson and Nathan Thobaben won by decisions to lead the Black Knights.

"We rebounded in the second match," Army head coach Chuck Barbee said. "We wrestled a little better in the second match. Before the match, we talked about firing and off and being aggressive which is what you need to do to beat good teams."

Martinez got the Black Knights off to a great start with a 13-5 major decision at 125. Martinez had a first-period takedown, a takedown and near fall points in the second and an escape and riding time in the third. He also benefited from a locking hands penalty and had riding time.

Brown's Jeff Schell tied the match one weight class later with a major decision over William Simpson. Schell had a takedown and three back points in the second period and then a takedown and riding time for a 9-1 win.

Kyler put Army ahead 7-4 with a hard-fought win at 141. Kyler had three takedowns in the first period, including one on the end of the mat late in the period for a 6-4 victory.

Milster battled his way to an 8-5 win at 149. Milster had a takedown early and then escaped following a reversal. Brown's Leonard Marandino then had a takedown for a 4-3 lead. Marandino took down to start the second and had an escape. Milster countered with a takedown to tie the match heading into the final period. Milster was down to start the third period and quickly escaped. He sealed the victory with a takedown with 15 seconds left and gave Army a 10-4 lead.

Brown cut its deficit to 10-7 when Tom Fazio scored a 4-2 decision at 157. Army's Christian Snook trailed 3-0 going into the final period. He chose down and had a reversal but could not get back points. Fazio also had riding time and moved Brown within three points.

Brown tied the match after Bran Crudden's 4-3 win at 165. Crudden had an early takedown but Army's Brian Rowan escaped. Crudden had an escape in the second period and then riding time to make it 10-10 after six weights.

Smith put the Black Knights back ahead with a workman-like effort at 174. Smith had a takedown in the first, a reversal in the second and then rode out Chris Musser in the third for a 5-0 win.

Ferguson put together three takedowns, three back points and an escape for a 10-6 win at 184 to increase the Army advantage to 16-10.

Starks had more than three minutes of riding time, along with a three takedowns and an escape for an 8-0 win that gave the Black Knights a 20-10 lead.

Thobaben closed the dual with a 10-5 victory at heavyweight. Thobaben trailed 2-0 early but scored three takedowns, two back points and a pair of escapes.

Army will return to action Wednesday when nationally ranked Columbia visits West Point for a 7:30 p.m. match.

Army 23, Brown 10

125 – Fernando Martinez (A) major dec. Greg Einfrank, 13-5

133 – Jeffrey Schell (B) major dec. William Simpson, 9-1

141 – Matt Kyler (A) dec. Mark Savino, 6-4

149 – Austin Milster (A) dec. Leonard Marandino, 8-5

157 – Tom Fazio (B) dec. Christian Snook, 4-2

165 – Bran Crudden (B) dec. Brian Rowan, 4-3

174 – Brent Smith (A) dec. Chris Musser, 5-0

184 – Scott Ferguson (A) dec. Matt Gevelinger, 10-6

197 – Richard Starks (A) major dec. Larry Otsuka, 8-0

285 – Nathan Thobaben (A) dec. Levon Mock, 10-5

Referee: Matt Sorochinsky

Records: Army 9-4, 5-1 EIWA; Brown is 1-7, 1-3 EIWA

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