

Wrestling Tops Brown, 33-4

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PHILADELPHIA - The No. 14 Penn wrestling team started off its day with an emphatic 33-4 victory over Ivy and EIWA foe Brown Friday morning at The Palestra.

It was the first of three duals on the day for the Quakers (4-5, 1-0 EIWA), who also take on Delaware State in a junior varsity battle and Drexel at 2 p.m. Penn got bonus points in five of its nine wins, including four major decisions.

No. 14 Lior Zamir started the match at 184 with a dominating 22-11 major over Matt Gevelinger, and the Quakers rolled from there. Jack Sullivan got off to a quick start with a nine-point first period to cruise by Larry Otsuka, 15-4, at 197.



Penn's only loss came at heavyweight, where Levon Mock majored Ben Reiter, 12-1.

But from there on out, it was all Penn. Rollie Peterkin used a first-period takedown with two back points to take an early lead, then reversed Greg Einfrank to start the second and rode out to earn a 7-1 win.

At 133, No. 2 Matt Valenti overcame a slow first period to major Jeff Schell, 14-4.

The meet's most entertaining match came at 141 pounds, where Mark Savino led Penn's Brett McCurdy, 1-0, going into the third. McCurdy chose down for the final period and escaped midway through. With neither grappler holding much riding time, the bout seemed destined for overtime before McCurdy scored a takedown with 10 seconds left for a dramatic 3-1 win.

At 157, No. 14 Matt Dragon was a 7-2 victor over Tom Fazio despite giving up the riding time point. Dragon did most of his scoring in the first period with two takedowns and a near-fall 3 to create what proved to be an insurmountable lead.

The final two matches proved to be all Penn, as Zach Shanaman earned an 18-5 major decision over Bran Crudden and No. 9 Matt Herrington teched Seth Podhoretz at 4:40. Shanaman only led 7-1 heading into the third, but turned on the jets for the final period, scoring five takedowns. Herrington dominated from the starting whistle, leading 12-4 at the first break and not letting up after that.

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184 - #14 Lior Zamir (P) def. Matt Gevelinger; MD, 22-11

197 - Jack Sullivan (P) def. Larry Otsuka; MD, 15-4

285 - Levon Mock (B) def. Ben Reiter; MD, 12-1

125 - Rollie Peterkin (P) def. Greg Einfrank; D, 7-1

133 - #2 Matt Valenti (P) def. Jeff Schell; MD, 14-4

141 - Brett McCurdy (P) def. Mark Savino; D, 3-1

149 - Brian Spangler (P) def. Bryan Tracy; D, 9-7

157 - #14 Matt Dragon (P) def. Tom Fazio; D, 7-2

165 - #17 Zach Shanaman (P) def. Bran Crudden; MD, 18-5

174 - #9 Matt Herrington (P) def. Seth Podhoretz; TFall, 4:40