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LINCOLN, Neb. – Lehigh hung tough with No. 14 Nebraska, trailing 15-13 with three bouts remaining, but the final three all went the Cornhuskers way as they picked up a 28-13 victory Friday night at the NU Coliseum. The Mountain Hawks effort was highlighted by Mike Galante’s first period pin of eleventh-ranked Stephen Dwyer at 165, but Lehigh only won on three of ten bouts overall on the night. Lehigh falls to 0-2 with the loss, while Nebraska improves to 2-0.

The first four bouts of the night were all decided by major decision. With the dual starting at 133, junior Kevin Vinh gave the Mountain Hawks a promising start with a 10-2 major decision over Austin Baier. Vinh scored takedowns in the first and third periods, and added in a reversal and a late two-point near fall in the second to improve to 2-0 on the year.

Nebraska captured the next three bouts, all by major decision. At 141 Robert Sanders spoiled Kyle Rosser’s varsity debut 14-4. Jordan Burroughs then followed with an 18-9 win over Trevor Chinn at 149, and Chris Oliver completed the run, limiting senior Dave Nakasone

to a first period escape in a 13-1 major.

Galante provided a spark for the Brown and White at 165. Galante executed a lateral drop 1:25 into the bout to bring Dwyer to his back, and then held on to secure the fall and the upset in 1:41, to bring Lehigh within two points at the halfway point of the dual. Of the six nationally ranked Nebraska wrestlers to compete on Friday night, only Dwyer failed to come away with a victory.

At 174, freshman Alex Caruso met No. 10 Brandon Browne. Caruso scored the first takedown in the opening period, but Browne turned on his offense, with four takedowns in the final two periods for an 11-5 decision. The following bout saw sophomore David Craig pick up his first win of the season, overcoming an early takedown to defeat Andy Johnson 9-4.

The Huskers were without fourth-ranked Craig Brester at 197, but Levi Wofford helped extend the lead, with a 13-4 major over sophomore Alex Iacocca. Nebraska featured top-five ranked grapplers in each of the final two weights, and both delivered victories as No. 5 heavyweight Jon May earned a 7-3 decision over sophomore Justin Allen, and defending national champion and top-ranked Paul Donahoe pinned freshman Mitch Berger halfway through the opening period.

The Mountain Hawks will wrap up their trip to the Cornhusker state on Saturday when they travel to Omaha to compete in the Kaufman-Brand Open. The single-day tournament kicks off at 9 a.m. CST (10 a.m. EST) from Nebraska-Omaha’s Sapp Fieldhouse.

Weight	Match-up	Result		Score/Time
133	Kevin Vinh (LU)	maj. dec.	Austin Baier (NU)	10-2
141	Robert Sanders (NU)	maj. dec.	Kyle Rosser (LU)	14-4
149	Jordan Burroughs (NU)	maj. dec.	Trevor Chinn (LU)	18-9
157	Chris Oliver (NU)	maj. dec.	Dave Nakasone (LU)	13-1
165	Mike Galante (LU)	fall	Stephen Dwyer (NU)	1:41
174	Brandon Browne (NU)	dec.	Alex Caruso (LU)	11-5
184	David Craig (LU)	dec.	Andy Johnson (NU)	9-4
197	Levi Wofford (NU)	maj. dec.	Alex Iacocca (LU)	13-4
285	Jon May (NU)	dec.	Justin Allen (LU)	7-3
125	Paul Donahoe (NU)	fall	Mitch Berger (LU)	1:29