

2009 EIWA Championships - EIWA Blog

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The 2009 EIWA Championships are at The Palestra this weekend, and our EIWA blog will bring you all the action - for Penn and every other EIWA team - throughout the championships.

5:07 p.m. - New brackets are posted above. Good night from the Palestra - don't forget to set your clocks ahead tonight! We'll be back tomorrow morning at 10:30 a.m.

4:43 p.m. - Here are your team scores with how many wrestlers are left for each - Cornell running away early, and the Big Red are the only team with all 10 wrestlers alive - seven in the semis, three more in consolations.



1. Cornell 63.5 - 7 championship, 3 consolation
2. Penn 48.0 - 6 and 2
3. Lehigh 46.0 - 6 and 2

4. Navy 41.0 - 5 and 2
5. Bucknell 37.5 - 3 and 4
6. American 36.0 - 3 and 5
7. Harvard 27.0 - 3 and 3
8. Rutgers 25.5 - 3 and 2
9. Army 25.0 - 2 and 5
10. Columbia 13.5 - 1 and 4
11. East Stroudsburg 10.0 - 1 and 2
12. Franklin & Marshall 8.5 - 0 and 2
13. Brown 7.5 - 0 and 4
14. Princeton 3.0 - none

4:38 p.m. - That's it for Saturday! We'll have an updated bracket and team scores in just a few minutes.

4:25 p.m. - Now wrestling 285 consolations as we are ahead of schedule here on Day 1. Some good consolation match-ups coming tomorrow - looking quickly at the bracket, Dunning vs. Borshoff at 133, Grajales vs. Peppelman at 149, Civan vs. Stout at 165, and Caruso and Whalen at 174 stick out immediately.

3:33 p.m. - We are moving so fast through consolations (up to 165 already), it's tough to keep up with the action. We'll get some updated brackets soon.

3:27 p.m. - Top team scores through the quarters:

1. Cornell 61.0
2. Penn 47.0
3. Lehigh 45.0
4. Navy 40.5
5. Bucknell 32.5
6. American 28.5
7. Harvard 24.5
8. Rutgers 23.5

3:04 p.m. - Now officially done with the championship bracket for today, and not a whole lot of upsets across the board. The seeds held up for the most part; no unseeded wrestlers danced into the semis, and the lowest remaining seed is Penn's Thomas Showlin, the #6 man at 197.

Here are the semifinal match-ups for tomorrow:

125

- #1 Nickerson (Cornell) vs. #5 Garner (Navy)
#3 Reber (Bucknell) vs. #2 Peterkin (Penn)

133

- #1 Baker (Navy) vs. #4 Marble (Bucknell)
#2 Grey (Cornell) vs. #3 Fisk (Lehigh)

141

- #1 Jantzen (Harvard) vs. #4 Meide (Rutgers)
#2 Ciasulli (Lehigh) vs. #3 Rappo (Penn)

149

#1 Kyler (Army) vs. #5 Borshoff (American)
#2 Saddoris vs. #3 Chinn (Lehigh)

157

#1 O'Connor (Harvard) vs. #4 Winston (Rutgers)
#3 Dragon (Penn) vs. #2 Leen (Cornell)

165

#1 Lewnes (Cornell) vs. #4 Pletcher (Rutgers)
#3 Galante (Lehigh) vs. #2 Rendos (Bucknell)

174

#1 Cannon (American) vs. #4 Rebertus (Navy)
#2 Anceravage (Cornell) vs. #3 Giffin (Penn)

184

#1 Craig (Lehigh) vs. #4 Caldwell (Navy)
#3 Kerber (Cornell) vs. #2 Caputo (Harvard)

197

#1 Starks (Army) vs. #5 Silber (American)
#2 Simaz (Cornell) vs. #6 Shovlin (Penn)

285

#1 Ryan Flores (Columbia) vs. #4 Chris Birchler (ESU)
#3 Trey McLean (Penn) vs. #2 Zach Rey (Lehigh)

2:39 p.m. - Starks holds on in a tiebreak, riding out and then getting cut by Miller as the Columbia man went for a takedown to win - it never came. We are now into consolation second round action. Meanwhile, the #2 seed, Cam Simaz, wins handily over Shane Mallory of ESU, getting more bonus points for Cornell with a 21-5 tech fall. Simaz will meet Shovlin in the semis.

2:35 p.m. - Upset brewing at 197? Columbia's Louis Miller, the eight seed, is taking Richard Starks, Army's #1 seed, to overtime after a 1-1 regulation.

2:25 p.m. - We have our first certifiable upset of the tournament, and it's a good one for the home team. Penn's Thomas Shovlin pins Lehigh's Joe Kennedy, the third seed, in 1:09 to move into the semis.

Meanwhile, earlier at 184, Louis Caputo beat Colin Hitschler, and Cornell's Justin Kerber moves on over Brown's Matt Gevelinger.

2:10 p.m. - Into 174, and Penn's Scott Giffin barely gets by Shane Riccio of Bucknell, 9-8, thanks to a late takedown. Giffin will get Steve Anceravage in the semis, a 13-4 major decision winner over Justin Herbert of F&M.

1:48 p.m. - The Big Red are rolling. Mack Lewnes turns a 7-0 advantage into a pin on ESU's Thad Frick to move onto the semis. Cornell is rolling up bonus points right now. He'll face Matt Pletcher from Rutgers, a 3-1 sudden victory winner over Matt DeMichiel from Navy. On the other side of that bracket, #3 seed Mike Galante (Lehigh) will wrestle Andy Rendos (Bucknell) after both won easily.

1:30 p.m. - Things have quieted down now that we're about halfway through the quarters... But we have another near-upset at 157 as Columbia's Derek Sickles takes J.P. O'Connor to overtime. O'Connor escapes on his turn on bottom, then holds Sickles for the 5-4 win. Also at 157, Matt Dragon (Penn) escapes Princeton's Marty Everin, 10-8, after Everin missed a takedown at the buzzer. Dragon will face Jordan Leen, a 20-5 tech fall winner over Bryan Tracey of Brown. The other 157 semi will be Scott Winston, the freshman out of Rutgers, against O'Connor.

1:12 p.m. - Our first overtime bout of the quarterfinals as Cesar Grajales of Penn and American's Kyle Borshoff trade escapes in regulation. After a scoreless first overtime, Grajales goes under but can't escape (and nearly gets turned in the process); Borshoff gets out easily on his turn, and last year's EIWA Most Outstanding Wrestler goes down in the quarterfinals, 2-1.

1:04 p.m. - The crowd is really fired up after a heated match at 141. Harvard's Corey Jantzen hung on - barely - to beat Cornell's Corey Manson 5-4 on riding time after Manson scored a third-period takedown and Jantzen was hit for stalling. Manson looked to have gotten a final-second two on the edge of the mat but the referee didn't award it, and Harvard's #1 seed moves on to the semis. The Cornell fans were, shall we say, displeased.

Meanwhile, at 133, Baker will meet David Marble in the semis after Marble beat Penn's Bryan Ortenzio 7-3.

New brackets are up above - sorry for the delay.

12:55 p.m. - The bonus points are still racking up in the quarters. Lehigh's Matt Fisk gets a late third-period takedown to major Jasen Borshoff of American, 10-2. He'll meet Mike Grey in the semis, who majored Mike DeMarco.

12:49 p.m. - Nearly a huge upset at 133 - Harvard's Tom Picarsic scored a late takedown to go up a point on Navy's Joe Baker, the #1 seed, but Baker worked a reversal with four seconds left to win 4-3. At 125, the semifinals will be Nickerson vs. Prescott Garner (Navy), and Peterkin vs. Derek Reber (Bucknell).

12:40 p.m. - Rollie Peterkin works to a third-period tech fall of Brown's Greg Einfrank, his second TF of the tournament.

12:34 p.m. - Quarters are underway, and we already have a win. Troy Nickerson gets another pin, and the all-important team bonus points, to go through the semifinals.

12:18 p.m. - Team scores through the first round.

1. Cornell 13.0
2. American 12.5
2. Bucknell 12.5
4. Navy 12.0
5. Lehigh 10.0
6. Harvard 8.5
6. Penn 8.5
8. Rutgers 7.0
9. Army 6.5
10. Columbia 6
11. F&M 3.0
12. Brown 2.0
13. East Stroudsburg 1.0
13. Princeton 1.0

12:05 p.m. - That'll do it for the first round. After being virtually devoid of upsets, Harvard's Andrew Knapp gets the biggest one yet, beating Army's Michael Sprigg, the fifth seed, at heavyweight. Quarters and consolations start at 12:30. We'll have brackets in just a few minutes.

Noon - And yet another fastest pin candidate - at 197, American's Andy Silber over Columbian Ely of F&M in 32 seconds.

11:50 a.m. - We have our first overtime match of the championships, and it almost ended in a big upset. At 197 lbs., Army's Richard Starks pulls out a 7-5 victory in a ride-out over Brandon Stearns of Brown; Starks managed a reversal in his turn on bottom.

We also have a new early leader for fastest pin - Justin Herbert of F&M over Jeff Jacobs from ESU in 1:04.

11:35 a.m. - Quarterfinals, by the way, start at 12:30. We have a very vocal crowd on hand, with big Lehigh and Cornell sections on the north side of the arena and a good-sized Penn crowd on the other side. Another huge ovation - you know it's got to be a Lehigh win, and it is, David Craig pins John Drew at 184.

11:30 a.m. - Now most of the way through the first round, and no major surprises. At 165, all the seeds got through, and Rutgers' Matt Pletcher has, I believe, our quickest fall so far in 1:38. A great match just took place at 174 as Brown's Bran Crudden tested Penn's Scott Giffen. Crudden was up 4-3 late in the third, but Giffen worked a takedown on the edge of the mat with 25 seconds left to pull out a win.

10:55 a.m. - All the seeds held at 149, setting up some great second-round matches, including Borshoff-Grajales and Chinn-LeValley. Cornell is racking up the bonus points right now with another pin, this time Jordan Leen over East Stroudsburg's Ken Monarque in 2:09. He joins Nickerson and Manson with earlier falls. A really entertaining match at 157 as Brown's Bryan Tracy upsets 7-seed Rudy Shelednik of Army.

10:45 a.m. - We have our first upset of the day as Navy's Matt Pagan beats Brown's Stephen DeLorenzo 7-3 at 141. Meanwhile, in the meat grinder that is 149, Penn's Cesar Grajales and Lehigh's Trevor Chinn are through.

10:31 a.m. - No upsets so far through 141 - a huge ovation just came up from the sizable Lehigh contingent here as Seth Ciasulli pinned American's Adam Healey in their first-round bout.

10:14 a.m. - A quick first pass at 125 as we see three falls and a tech. Nickerson, Reber, and Navy's Prescott Garner all advance by fall, and Peterkin techs Matt Fusco of Rutgers in the third period.

10:00 a.m. - And we're underway with the 2009 EIWA Championships! We have a four-mat set-up here on the floor of The Palestra, and preliminaries will start with our first four 125-lbs. matches. Both the 1 and 2 seeds, Cornell's Troy Nickerson and Penn's Rollie Peterkin, respectively, are in action, along with Bucknell freshman Derek Reber, the third seed in the bracket.

9:48 a.m. - Good morning everyone, from the historic Palestra on the campus of the University of Pennsylvania. We're about 10 minutes away from wrestling on the opening day of the 2009 EIWA Championships. It's a spectacular March day here in Philadelphia, and the fans are already out in force. This blog will have all the EIWA action throughout the weekend, plus photos from key matches - if you want to check out info on just Penn wrestling, click the blog link at the top of the page.

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