EMU Men's Wrestling: Eagles Place Seven at Cleveland State Open December 15, 2013

Eastern Michigan University

Follow this and additional works at: http://commons.emich.edu/sports_scr

Recommended Citation
Eastern Michigan University, "EMU Men's Wrestling: Eagles Place Seven at Cleveland State Open December 15, 2013" (2013). Eastern Michigan University, Department of Intercollegiate Athletics. EMU Archives, Digital Commons @ EMU (http://commons.emich.edu/sports_scr/481)
Eagles Place Seven at Cleveland State Open

Abro and Klosz grab second-place finishes in respective weight classes

CLEVELAND, Ohio (EMUEagles.com) – The Eastern Michigan University wrestling squad had seven grapplers place at the Cleveland State Open, Saturday, Dec. 14 at Woodling Gym in Cleveland, Ohio.

Both James Klosz (Parma, Ohio-Holy Name) and Anthony Abro (Canton, Mich.-Canton) claimed second-place finishes for the Eagles in their respective weight classes. After earning a bye in the first round, Klosz went on to win four-straight bouts in the championship bracket at 157 lbs. before falling in a 6-4 decision in the finals to Old Dominion's Jordan Marshall.

Abro also earned a bye in the first round and went on to win three-straight bouts using two decisions and one major decision to get to the finals. Abro was unable to hold off Matt Sliga from Northwestern as he fell in a 7-4 decision in the finals at 184 lbs.

Freshman Shayne Wireman (Lansing, Mich.-Holt) placed for the third time in as many tournament showings as he picked up a third-place spot in the 125 lb. weight class. The Lansing, Mich. native grabbed a 12-1 major decision in his first bout of the night before falling in 2:57 in his second bout to Virginia's Will Mason. The "true" freshman went on to win six-straight bouts en route to placing in his third tournament of the season. Wireman defeated Michigan's
Sean Boyle in the deciding match as he grabbed a 2-0 decision.

The Green and White saw a third-place finish in the 157 lb. weight class as redshirt-senior Brandon Zeerip (Freemont, Mich.-Hesperia) won five bouts but was unable to defeat Klosz in the semifinals as he fell in an 8-4 decision to his teammate. In the fifth-place match, Zeerip grabbed a 7-5 decision over Ohio's Andrew Romanchik to place in his first tournament of the season.

EMU saw its third third-place finish of the day when sophomore Jacob Davis (North Ridgeville, Ohio-St. Edward) secured wins in his first four bouts at 165 lbs. before falling to Edinboro’s Casey Fuller in the semifinals. Davis faced off against MAC foe Devin Geoghegan in the bout that determined the third and fourth-place finisher and was able to come away with a 13-3 major decision to grab the third-place spot for the Eagles.

Redshirt-senior Mike LeHolm (Jackson, Mich.-Jackson Northwest) clinched a fifth-place spot in the 149 lb. weight class as he went 4-2 on the afternoon. The Jackson, Mich. native won three-straight bouts before falling in a 2-1 decision to Mid-American Conference foe Cullen Cummings of Ohio. LeHolm grabbed the fifth-place spot after Purdue's Alex Griffin forfeited due to injury.

Mitchell Malott (Saginaw, Mich.-Swan Valley) also grabbed a fifth-place spot for the Eagles as he won three-straight in the championship bracket before pinning William Randt of Lock Haven in the fifth-place bout. Malott earned the fall in 4:19 second to grab the fifth-place spot for the Green and White. The pin over Randt marked the second time in the open that Malott had pinned Randt as Malott racked up three pins on the afternoon.

"It was a very long but successful day," said Head Coach Derek DelPorto, "We had a lot of our guys wrestle a bunch of matches and all of our guys faced great competition. We will continue to train and try to peek for the Midlands (Dec. 28-29)."

Eastern Michigan returns to Ypsilanti to take on Olivet College on Wrestler's Night, Tuesday, Dec. 17 at Bowen Field House. The dual is scheduled to start at 7 p.m. Wrestlers of all ages will get into the dual free of charge if they RSVP to Head Coach Derek DelPorto at ddelport@emich.edu.