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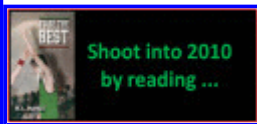
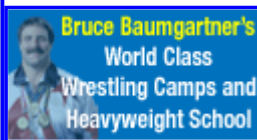
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Varner's pin helps propel Iowa State over Minnesota



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MINNEAPOLIS, Minn. -- On Sunday, No. 2 Iowa State and No. 5 Minnesota split 10 matches, but Jake Varner's pin against Sonny Yohn at 197 pounds with one second remaining on the clock helped propel the Cyclones over the Gophers, 19-16, at the Sports Pavilion in Minneapolis.

"That's Jake's win right there," said Iowa State coach Kevin Jackson. "He did what the best guy in the country is supposed to do. And I'm talking about *the* best guy. He's dominating all his opponents. I thought Sonny Yohn actually wrestled a very, very strong match for a young kid. He was in that match all the way up until Jake caught him, unfortunately. He should have known not to roll the half nelson because Jake loves that position."



Jake Varner of Iowa State (Photo/The Guillotine)

The dual meet started at 174 pounds with Minnesota's Scott Glasser defeating No. 11 Duke Burk of Iowa State, 7-2, to put the Gophers up 3-0.

"I think that I've made a lot of improvements," said Glasser who improved to 18-3 on the season. "I'm basically injury free right now ... besides some nicks, but everyone has them."

Earlier this week, Glasser dropped his first round match at the Southern Scuffle, but won eight straight matches in the consolation bracket, which included a win over No. 10 Ryan Patrovich of Hofstra, to place third.

"I've come off some good wins at the Scuffle," said Glasser. "I think it just gave me a lot of confidence. That's just what I needed."

Iowa State won the next two matches as No. 12 Jerome Ward won by decision at 184 pounds before Varner pinned Yohn to put the Cyclones in front 9-3.

At heavyweight, Iowa State held out starter David Zabriskie, who is ranked No. 5, because of an injury he sustained at the Midlands Championships and sent out freshman Eric Thompson against No. 10 Ben Berhow.

Thompson picked up the first takedown of the match to go up 2-0 and eventually held a 4-3 lead heading into the final period. But in the third period, Berhow picked up an escape to tie the match at 4-4 ... and then registered the go-ahead takedown with under a minute remaining to win the match 6-4.



Iowa State's Andrew Long defeated Minnesota's Zach Sanders at 125 pounds (Photo/The Guillotine)

At 125 pounds, Iowa State's Andrew Long picked up two takedowns in the second period and added another as time expired to upset No. 3 Zach Sanders of Minnesota, 8-4, which put Iowa State up 12-6 heading into the intermission.

"Andrew is a true competitor," said Jackson. "He will wrestle. He will try his best. And he will try to do the things that he needs to do to win. He's getting better every time out there."

Long, a freshman, improved to 15-2 on the season. Both of Long's losses this season have come to Iowa's Matt McDonough ... with the most recent loss coming earlier this week in the final of the Midlands Championships.

"That match at the Midlands was his to win," said Jackson. "He was in that exact same position here in the third period with Sanders. And I think Sanders might be a better offensive wrestler than McDonough ... with his shots anyway. He was able to finalize this match. I think he did that because he gained from that experience from the Midlands. If that wouldn't have happened, we probably wouldn't have gotten the victory here. I think he's continuing to learn and understand and figure out what it takes to win against these very good wrestlers."

Minnesota's second-ranked Jayson Ness dominated No. 5 Nick Fanthrope of Iowa State, 6-1, at 133 pounds to improve to 17-0 on the season. At 141 pounds, Mike Thorn won by major decision over Dalton Jensen, who was filling in for the injured Nick Gallick, which put the Gophers in front 13-12.

At 149 pounds, Minnesota's David Zilverberg led Iowa State's Mitch Mueller 1-0 heading into the third period. In the third period, Mueller, a three-time NCAA qualifier, picked up an escape, added two takedowns and a riding time point to win 6-3 and put the Cyclones back in front 15-13.

Zilverberg was filling in for Mario Mason, who was suspended for violating team rules.

At 157 pounds, Iowa State's Andrew Sorenson nearly pinned Minnesota's Luke Mellmer, but settled for a 12-0 major decision. Minnesota is hoping to get 2008 Olympian Jake Deitchler in its lineup soon at 157 pounds, but according to Minnesota coach J Robinson, it's a "wait and see" situation.

Sorenson's major decision gave the Cyclones a 19-13 lead heading into the marquee matchup of the dual meet between No. 3 Jon Reader of Iowa State and No. 4 Dustin Schlatter of Minnesota at 165 pounds.



Minnesota's Dustin Schlatter topped Iowa State's Jon Reader at 165 pounds (Photo/The Guillotine)

Schlatter, who made the U.S. World Team in freestyle this past summer, scored first, picking up a takedown just under 30 seconds into the match to go up 2-0. That takedown proved to be the difference as neither scored another takedown and Schlatter held on for the 3-2 win to improve to 8-1 on the season.

"I thought Jon Reader had a couple opportunities to win the match and got a little excited and lost those positions," said Jackson. "Schlatter is a tough guy. He's a true competitor. We've got to finalize those positions in order to win. And we have a couple other guys that really have to figure out how they're going to wrestle to win and tie into our basic philosophy. If we can get that done, we'll be fine.

With the victory, Iowa State improved to 3-1, while Minnesota fell to 3-2.

Both teams will now prepare to compete at the NWCA/Cliff Keen National Duals Saturday and Sunday at the UNI-Dome in Cedar Falls, Iowa.

Results:

174 Scott Glasser (MINN) dec. No. 11 Duke Burk (ISU) 7-2 / 3-0
 184 No. 12 Jerome Ward (ISU) dec. Kaleb Young (MINN) 4-0 / 3-3
 197 No. 1 Jake Varner (ISU) pinned Sonny Yohn (MINN) 6:59 / 3-9
 HWT No. 10 Ben Berhow (MINN) dec. Eric Thompson (ISU) 6-4 / 6-9
 125 No. 13 Andrew Long (ISU) dec. No. 3 Zach Sanders (MINN) 8-4 / 6-12
 133 No. 2 Jayson Ness (MINN) dec. No. 5 Nick Fanthorpe (ISU) 6-1 / 9-12
 141 No. 6 Mike Thorn (MINN) major dec. Dalton Jensen (ISU) 11-3 / 13-12
 149 No. 14 Mitch Mueller (ISU) dec. David Zilverberg (MINN) 6-3 / 13-15
 157 Andrew Sorenson (ISU) major dec. Luke Mellmer (MINN) 12-0 / 13-19
 165 No. 4 Dustin Schlatter (MINN) dec. No. 3 Jon Reader (ISU) 3-2 / 16-19

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