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No. 2 Cyclones Head East to Visit No. 6 Cornell

AMES, Iowa - The second-ranked Iowa State wrestling continues its road tour to the Northeast to face No. 6 Cornell Sunday in Ithaca, N.Y. The Cyclones (9-2) are winners of their last three duals, including a 2-0 mark in Big 12 Conference action. Cornell holds a dual mark of 3-3-1.

The ISU-CU dual will be broadcast by SportsNet New York (SNY) and Time Warner Cable Sports. Cyclone wrestling faithful can watch the dual with appropriate satellite television packages on Dish (Multi-Sport) and DirecTV (Sports Pack).

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Dual 12: Cornell

Sun., Jan. 31, Noon CST
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Cyclone Notebook

- No. 2 Iowa State will face No. 6 Cornell Sunday in Ithaca, N.Y. Cornell beat Iowa State, 22-15 in the 2009 NWCA/Cliff Keen National Duals last season.
- Iowa State's win at No. 10 Oklahoma (21-12) and No. 3 Oklahoma State (20-18) last weekend marks just the second time in Cyclone history (1971) that ISU has won at OU and at OSU in the same season.
- The Cyclones posted their best National Duals finish since 2000, earning second place Jan. 10 in Cedar Falls, Iowa. The Cyclones beat Bloomsburg, No. 8 Maryland and No. 3 Ohio State before falling to No. 1 Iowa, 19-12.
- Iowa State notched a team runner-up finish at the 47th Annual Midlands Championships in Evanston, Ill., Dec. 29-30. ISU's Jake Varner took the 197-pound crown.
- The Cyclones are 9-2 in the 2009-10 season with earlier dual victories coming Nov. 12 in Hilton Coliseum over South Dakota State (43-3), Dec. 19 at UNI, 42-0, Jan. 3 at No. 6 Minnesota, 19-16 and Jan. 16 at home over Illinois by a score of 33-9.
- ISU is currently ranked 2/2 in the Intermat and W.I.N. Magazine polls, respectively.
- Iowa State is 998-263-20 all-time in duals, dating back to 1916.
- The Cyclones are coming off a third-place showing at last year's NCAA Championships.
- Four Iowa Staters have at least 20 wins on their record this season. Varner (197) is perfect with a 20-0 record. ISU's Andrew Long leads the team with 21 victories. Cyclones Mitch Mueller (149) and Andrew Sorenson (157) each have tallied 20 wins.

Iowa State vs. Cornell Series Notes

- Iowa State leads Cornell in the all-time series, 4-2.
- Cornell beat Iowa State, 22-15 in the 2009 NWCA/Cliff Keen National Duals. The Big Red took six of the 10 contested weights from the Cyclones.
- ISU has dropped the last two dual matchups to Cornell, both at the NWCA/Cliff Keen National Duals. The Cyclones fell 23-16 in 2003 and 22-15 last season.
- The Cyclones started the series by beating Cornell 18-11 Jan. 10, 1959 while on a tour of the Northeast. ISU also won over Syracuse (21-10) and Colgate (25-5) that trip.

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Scouting Cornell

- Cornell is 3-3-1 in dual competition thus far in the 2009-10 season.
- The Big Red won the New York State Championships last weekend as five Cornell wrestlers won titles. The squad totaled 194 points to best the runner-up Army wrestling team's 158 points.
- Cornell was sixth at National Duals, posting a 3-2 mark Jan. 9-10. The Big Red notched dual victories over Wisconsin (24-11), Missouri (23-15) and Maryland (19-15).
- CU returns two All-Americans from the 2008-09 team that won the Ivy League and EIWA Conference titles last season and placed fifth at the 2009 NCAA Championships.
- The Big Red's 125-pounder, Troy Nickerson is the returning NCAA champion at his weight. Nickerson is currently ranked second. Teammate Cam Simaz (197) placed eighth at last season's NCAA Championships.
- Two ISU-CU rematches could occur at 133 pounds and 197 pounds. Cyclone Nick Fanthorpe (133) fell in overtime to CU's Mike Grey, 7-5 (SV), at the 2009 NWCA/Cliff Keen National Duals in Cedar Falls, Iowa. ISU 197-pounder Jake Varner won by injury default over Simaz of Cornell at the same event.

Varner Pins To Seal 20-18 Iowa State Victory At OSU

- Iowa State's defending NCAA 197-pound champion and U.S. Freestyle team member Jake Varner pinned sixth-rated Alan Gelogaev of Oklahoma State on the Cowboy's mat Jan. 24 to lead No. 2 Iowa State to a 20-18 victory over No. 3 OSU in Gallagher-Iba Arena. The Cyclones improved to 9-2 in duals and 2-0 in Big 12 Conference action. The Cowboys fell to 8-2-1. It is Iowa State's fourth win in its last five matches against Oklahoma State.
- Varner's 10th fall of his senior season came at the 4:43 mark of the 197-pound bout. The first period's score was 0-0 after several fruitless shot attempts by Varner. Gelogaev elected to take the bottom position to begin the second period and the Cyclones' three-time NCAA finalist ended the matchup with a cradle. Varner is 20-0 this season while Gelogaev is 21-2
- The star-studded dual featured top-10 matchups at 125 pounds, 165 pounds, 197 pounds and heavyweight. Iowa State won three of those four matches.

No. 2 Cyclones Down 10th-Ranked Sooners, 21-12

- No. 2 Iowa State wrestling team was victorious in its Big 12 Conference opener against 10th-ranked Oklahoma 21-12 Jan. 22 in the McCasland Field House. ISU's Jon Reader turned in the standout performance with a technical fall for team bonus points at 165 pounds. ISU improved to 8-2 in duals. The Sooners fell to 12-2-1.
- The dual victory over the Sooners was Jackson's first conference win of his coaching career.

Varner Takes Second Big 12 Honor

- Iowa State's Jake Varner was named the Big 12 Wrestler of the Week, it was announced by the conference Jan. 25. This was the second league honor of the season earned by Varner, and the fourth of his career.
- This is the fourth Big 12 weekly honor received by a Cyclone this season. Varner's teammates Andrew Long (125) and Jerome Ward (184) have been honored this season.

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