

# UPDATED: Minnesota beats Pennsylvania to claim Greco-Roman title at Cadet National Duals

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ROCHESTER, Minn. -- Minnesota has always prided itself in its strong Greco-Roman wrestling tradition. The land of 10,000 lakes has produced numerous U.S. Open champions, World Team members, and Olympians in Greco-Roman.

On Thursday, Minnesota 2 showed its strength at the Cadet level by capturing the Greco-Roman title at the 2010 Cadet National Duals on its home turf in Rochester, Minnesota with a 37-28 victory over Pennsylvania 1 in the championship match.

Cadets are 15-16 year old wrestlers.

"We wrestled really well," said Minnesota coach Gary Auer. "It's our first national title in a while. Winning it in Rochester is a really good feeling and it's nice to have the title come back home."

Pennsylvania raced out to an early 5-0 lead against Minnesota when Colin Mashack pinned Gannon Volk at 84 pounds. Minnesota's Jarred Oftedahl, a 2009 Cadet Nationals All-American in Greco-Roman, received a forfeit victory at 91 pounds due to the fact that Pennsylvania was without its 91-pounder, Rodney Sunday, who was injured in the previous dual against Michigan.

Pennsylvania retook the lead, 8-6, when Darian Cruz won a hard-fought three-period match against Kyle Gliva at 98 pounds. Cruz, who posted a 9-1 record over the two-day event, scored with a gut wrench in the closing seconds of the final period to take the match.

At 105 pounds, Minnesota's Nate Thomas, a returning Cadet Nationals All-American in Greco-Roman, used several gut wrenches to win in two straight periods over Pennsylvania's Zeke Moisey, which put Minnesota on top 9-8. At 112 pounds, Cadet Nationals Greco-Roman runner-up Sam Brancale extended Minnesota's lead to 13-8 with a technical fall shutout victory over Vito Pasone.

Pennsylvania picked up a key victory at 119 pounds when Corey Keener, who went undefeated in the competition, defeated Mitch Bengtson in three periods. Keener, a 2009 Cadet Nationals Greco-Roman All-American, scored a gut wrench with just under 30 seconds remaining to win the match and cut the deficit to 14-11.

Pennsylvania's Matt Bryer won in two straight periods over Minnesota's Mike Simeon at 125 pounds to knot the score at 14-14.

Dakota Trom, a two-time Minnesota state high school champion for Apple Valley High School, had little trouble with Laike Gardner at 130 pounds, winning in two straight periods, which put Minnesota on top 17-15. Jake Short came back to defeat Casey Kent at 135 pounds, which extended Minnesota's lead to 20-16.

Pennsylvania coach Cameron Plocus points to the matches at 130 and 135 pounds as pivotal matches in the dual.

"I was expecting wins out of both Laike Gardner and Casey Kent," said Plocus. "Obviously, they faced really tough kids, but those matches were crucial. I really thought we were going to start building momentum, but it didn't happen."

Minnesota picked up its third straight victory when Brandon Kingsley, a two-time state high school champion for Apple Valley High School, rolled to a shutout victory in two periods against Pennsylvania's Patrick Coover at 140 pounds.

Pennsylvania phenom Chance Marsteller defeated Minnesota's Daniel Woiwor at 145 pounds.

Minnesota took the next two matches as Nick Wanzek and Tommy Longendyke picked up decisions at 152 and 160 pound respectively to give Minnesota its biggest lead of the dual at 30-21.

"Tommy Longendyke's match was great," said Auer. "He wrestled really well. He came up with a huge win for us."

Pennsylvania's Dakota DesLauriers won at 171 pounds, but Minnesota clinched the dual with wins in the next two weight

classes from Adam Josephson (189) and Michael Kroells (215). Pennsylvania's Brooks Black, who wrestles in high school for Blair Academy, won at 285, but it was too little too late as Minnesota took the dual 37-28.

Despite the loss, Plocus was pleased with Pennsylvania's effort in the Greco-Roman competition.

"Obviously, it's not what wanted, but I thought the team wrestled extremely hard," said Plocus. "I thought there were a few matches that could have gone the other way in the Minnesota match. We're more of a freestyle team, so we're excited to start up tomorrow."

It marked the third straight year that Minnesota reached the finals in the Greco-Roman competition. In 2008, Wisconsin edged Minnesota on criteria. Last year Illinois topped Minnesota in the finals.

Auer said losing in the finals the previous two years gave Minnesota motivation this year.

"We pride ourselves in wrestling Greco," said Auer. "Kids in Minnesota want to wrestle Greco. They go on to do great things. If you just take a look at the most recent World Team Trials, we had Jake Clark and Chas Betts both in the finals at 84 kg. It feels great to bring the title back to Minnesota."

Last year's Greco-Roman champion, Illinois, finished third in this year's competition. Illinois went undefeated in its pool before falling to Pennsylvania, 42-24, in the championship pool. Illinois topped Wisconsin, 42-23, in the third-place match.

"After you win it, you want to win it again," said Illinois coach George Kirgan. "It's a little bit of a disappointment, but I think the big goal is to get the kids experience. We learn a lot about our kids and hopefully come Fargo time they're ready to compete and win a national title."

So what was the difference in Illinois' loss to Pennsylvania?

"Pennsylvania beat us in those key situations," said Kirgan. "Times where we needed to get pins and we didn't get pins ... and times where we need to keep them from scoring and they scored. You can tell Pennsylvania is a well-coached team. I'll take my hat off to them. They wrestled really well."

Michigan defeated Kansas, 42-21, to place fifth, while New Jersey placed seventh with a 40-29 victory over Idaho.

The freestyle competition is scheduled to begin at 9:30 a.m. Central Time on Friday.

## **CADET NATIONAL DUALS at Rochester, Minn., June 17**

### **Greco-Roman Championship Results**

First Place - Minnesota 2

Second Place - Pennsylvania 1

Third Place - Illinois

Fourth Place - Wisconsin

Fifth Place - Michigan 1

Sixth Place - Kansas

Seventh Place - New Jersey

Eighth Place - Idaho

First Place: Minnesota 2 defeated Pennsylvania 1, 37-28

Third Place: Illinois defeated Wisconsin, 42-23

Fifth Place: Michigan 1 defeated Kansas 42-31

Seventh Place: New Jersey defeated Idaho, 40-29

Consolation 1 Bracket

1st Place Match - Missouri defeated Florida 41-28

Consolation 2 Bracket

1st Place Match - Pennsylvania 2 defeated Texas 47-21

Semi-Finals

Consolation 3 Bracket

1st Place Match - Colorado defeated Delaware 49-32

### **Championship Dual**

#### **Minnesota 37, Pennsylvania 28**

84 - Colin Mashack (Pennsylvania 1) pinned Gannon Volk (Minnesota 2), Pin 1:46  
91 - Jarred Oftedahl (Minnesota 2) Forfeit  
98 - Darian Cruz (Pennsylvania 1) decision Kyle Gliva (Minnesota 2), 0-2, 5-0, 2-0  
105 - Nate Thomas (Minnesota 2) decision Zeke Moisey (Pennsylvania 1), 7-0, 3-0  
112 - Sam Brancale (Minnesota 2) technical fall Vito Pasone (Pennsylvania 1), 6-0, 7-0  
119 - Corey Keener (Pennsylvania 1) decision Mitch Bengtson (Minnesota 2), 1-0, 0-1, 2-0  
125 - Matt Bryer (Pennsylvania 1) decision Mike Simeon (Minnesota 2), 5-0, 3-0  
130 - Dakota Trom (Minnesota 2) decision Laike Gardner (Pennsylvania 1), 5-1, 6-2  
135 - Jake Short (Minnesota 2) decision Casey Kent (Pennsylvania 1), 0-1, 5-0, 6-0  
140 - Brandon Kingsley (Minnesota 2) decision Patrick Coover (Pennsylvania 1), 7-0, 3-0  
145 - Chance Marsteller (Pennsylvania 1) decision Daniel Woiwor (Minnesota 2), 3-8, 4-0, 2-0  
152 - Nick Wanzek (Minnesota 2) decision Tim Riley (Pennsylvania 1), 6-0, 1-2, 3-0  
160 - Tommy Longendyke (Minnesota 2) decision Ty Walter (Pennsylvania 1), 7-4, 6-0  
171 - Dakota DesLauriers (Pennsylvania 1) decision Richard Carlson (Minnesota 2), 1-0, 5-1  
189 - Adam Josephson (Minnesota 2) decision Ryan Solomon (Pennsylvania 1), 6-0, 1-1, 1-0  
215 - Michael Kroells (Minnesota 2) decision Dawson Peck (Pennsylvania 1), 1-0, 6-0  
285 - Brooks Black (Pennsylvania 1) decision Tim Twohey (Minnesota 2), 1-0, 3-0

### **Third Place Match**

#### **Illinois 42, Wisconsin 23**

84 - Jordan Lind (Illinois) Forfeit  
91 - Jacob Mudlaff (Wisconsin) over Coery Perkins-Willett (Illinois) Dec 0-1,1-0,5-4  
98 - Phillip Oppelt (Wisconsin) over Jordan Laster (Illinois) Dec 1-0,3-0  
105 - Mark Duda (LEFT CHEST) (Illinois) over Austin Loos (Wisconsin) Dec 1-0,5-0  
112 - Darius Henry (Illinois) over Gabe Grahek (Wisconsin) Dec 1-0,0-1,2-0  
119 - Zach Synon (Illinois) over Robert Csukker (Wisconsin) TF 6-0,8-0  
125 - Ben Whitford (Illinois) over Roarke Langer (Wisconsin) Dec 5-0,6-0  
130 - Mitchell Alexander (Illinois) over Cameron Kleven (Wisconsin) Dec 3-0,1-0  
135 - Zane Richards (Illinois) over Joe Mattson (Wisconsin) Pin 1-0,1:36  
140 - Troy Valdez (Illinois) over Nick Mudlaff (Wisconsin) Dec 1-2,5-2,1-0  
145 - Ryan Gartner (Wisconsin) over Chad Whitford (Illinois) Dec 4-0,6-0  
152 - Michael Uliana (Wisconsin) over Nathan Cowan (Illinois) Dec 2-0,0-4,5-4  
160 - Justin Valencia (Illinois) over Jacob Stilling (COVER) (Wisconsin) Dec 1-1,2-2,2-1  
171 - Sam Brooks (Illinois) over Ryan Cone (Wisconsin) Pin 1:50  
189 - Mason Wright (Illinois) over Aaron Rothwell (Wisconsin) Dec 1-0,4-0  
215 - Brett Geilenfeldt (Wisconsin) over Cole Whitford (Illinois) Pin 1-0,0:09  
285 - Newton Smercheck (Wisconsin) over Anthony Dobson (Illinois) Dec 2-0, 1-0

### **Fifth Place Match**

#### **Michigan 142, Kansas 31**

84 - Parker Howell (Kansas) over Gaven Daniels (Michigan 1) TF 6-0,6-0  
91 - Tyler Mies (Kansas) over Branden Cameron (Michigan 1) TF 7-0,6-0  
98 - Zac Hall (Michigan 1) over Cullen Hood (Kansas) Dec 2-0,3-0  
105 - Jacob Schmitt (Michigan 1) over Javier Vieyra (L WR/R CK) (Kansas) Pin 6-0,1:00  
112 - Austin Hood (Kansas) over Hunter Machus (Michigan 1) Dec 6-0,4-0  
119 - Brant Schafer (Michigan 1) over Quinton Harrison (Kansas) TF 6-0,10-0  
125 - Josh Pennell (Michigan 1) over Dustin Reed (Kansas) TF 6-0,7-0  
130 - Logan Marcicki (Michigan 1) over Calvin Ochs (Kansas) Pin 0:22  
135 - John Weldon (Michigan 1) over Jonathan Blackwell (R ARM/R CK) (Kansas) Dec 1-0,1-0  
140 - Payne Hayden (Michigan 1) over Kyle Armstrong (Kansas) Pin 0:34  
145 - Levi Eck (Kansas) over Travis Curley (Michigan 1) Dec 5-3,1-0  
152 - Andrew Garcia (Michigan 1) over Bryant Guillen (Kansas) Dec 1-0,1-3,4-2  
160 - Spencer Wilson (Kansas) over Kyle Lake (Michigan 1) Pin 0:08  
171 - Matt Reed (Kansas) over Gage Hutchinson (Michigan 1) Pin 8-5,0:35  
189 - Darien Willis (Kansas) over Brian Moran (Michigan 1) Pin 0:20  
215 - Adam Coon (Michigan 1) over Nathan Butler (Kansas) TF 6-0,2-3,6-0  
285 - Logan Rimmer (Michigan 1) over Jarin Brown (Kansas) Pin 1-0,1:29

### **Seventh Place Match**

#### **New Jersey 40, Idaho 29**

84 - CASEY COBB (Idaho) over Tyler Casamenti (New Jersey) Dec 1-0,6-0  
91 - Double Forfeit  
98 - Joe McKenna (New Jersey) over MICHAEL COOK (Idaho) TF 7-0,6-0  
105 - Anthony Ashnault (New Jersey) over BLAINE INVERNON (Idaho) Dec 0-2,6-0,5-0  
112 - Xaviel Ramos (New Jersey) over PETER BERGER (Idaho) TF 0-6,6-0,7-0  
119 - HAYDEN TUMA (Idaho) over Mike Pongracz (New Jersey) TF 6-0,6-0  
125 - Brandon Keller (New Jersey) over CHASE CALL (Idaho) TF 7-1,0-5,6-0  
130 - TJ Miller (New Jersey) over GARRETT WOOD (Idaho) TF 7-0,7-0  
135 - KRIS MCFARLANE (Idaho) over Toby Hague (New Jersey) TF 10-4,7-0  
140 - Russ Parsons (New Jersey) over TORIN BRUNSON (Idaho) Pin 3-1,1:20  
145 - Wayne Stinson (New Jersey) over JASON GILLETTE (Idaho) Dec 1-0,0-3,4-0  
152 - AUSTIN DEWEY (Idaho) over Terrell Forbes (New Jersey) Dec 2-0,2-1  
160 - Ryan Harrington (New Jersey) over STORM ANDERSON (Idaho) Pin 0:30  
171 - GARRETT DEMERS (Idaho) over Conor Wasson (New Jersey) Dec 7-4,7-0  
189 - COREY CALHOUN (Idaho) over Corey Damiana (COVER HD) (New Jersey) Pin 0-6,0:21  
215 - Dave Farr (New Jersey) over DJ MAURER (Idaho) Forf  
285 - GAYLEN EDMO (Idaho) over Greg Webb (New Jersey) Dec 1-0,1-0

### **All Tournament Greco – Cadet National Duals**

84

Jordan Lind - Illinois 8-0

91

Brandon George - Utah 6-0

98

Joe McKenna - New Jersey 10-0

Darshawn Sharp - Georgia 7-0

105

Anthony Ashnault - New Jersey 7-0

112

Sam Brancale - Minnesota 7-0

119

Corey Keener - Pennsylvania 10-0

125

Ben Whitford - Illinois 9-0

Grant LaMont - Utah 7-0

130

Zane Richards - Illinois 8-0

Dakota Trom - Minnesota 6-0

135

Jake Short - Minnesota 6-0

140

Blake Bowman - Pennsylvania 8-0

Brandon Kingsley - Minnesota 6-0

Jake Marlin - Iowa 7-0

145

Chance Marsteller - Pennsylvania 9-0

Ryan Gartner - Wisconsin 7-0

Jared Reis - North Dakota 6-0

152

Jason Grimes - Georgia 7-0

Darick Vancura - Minnesota 6-0

160

Justin Valencia - Illinois 8-0

Andras Lukacs-Farkas - Iowa 6-0

171

Matt Reed - Kansas 9-0

Sam Brooks - Illinois 8-0

189

Mickey Pelfrey - Iowa 6-0

215

Brett Geilenfeldt - Wisconsin 8-0

Michael Kroells - Minnesota 6-0

Joe Scanlan - Iowa 7-0

285

Brooks Black - Pennsylvania 9-0