



East Alton-Wood River Grad Blasioli, Granite City's Millet Compete For Millikin Wrestling Over Weekend

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DECATUR - The Millikin wrestling team picked up two 52-0 shutout victories over Milwaukee School of Engineering (MSOE) and Carthage College in College Conference of Illinois and Wisconsin (CCIW) duals action on November 3 in Kenosha, Wisconsin.

Against MSOE, **Tommy Russell (Brookfield, St. Cloud University)** at 125, **DJ Millet (Granite City, H.S.)** at 133, and **Jordan Carson (St. Louis, Mo., Triton College)** at 149 scored technical fall wins to get things rolling for the Big Blue. Millikin then posted three straight falls with **Peter McCusker (Rantoul, H.S.)**, **Bradán Birt (Epworth, Iowa, Western Dubuque H.S.)** and **Dejon Glaster (Murfreesboro, Tenn., Oakland H.S.)** all scoring six team points for the Big Blue. **Micah Downs (Wapella, Tolono Unity H.S.)** won 12-3 at 184 (major decision) and **Niles Ager (Rock Falls, H.S.)** won 8-3 at 197 pounds. **Brayan Reyes (Springfield, Lanphier H.S.)** rounded out the Millikin scoring with a win by fall at 285.

Russell and **Zac Blasioli (Wood River, East Alton H.S.)** opened the Carthage dual with technical fall victories. Millet scored a 12-4 major decision at 141 and Carson posted a 22-4 technical fall win at 149. McCusker scored his second win by fall at 157. Birt won scored a 22-4 technical fall win at 165. Glaster and Downs posted win by fall at 174 and 184 before Ager won a major decision 12-0 at 197 pounds. Reyes scored a fall 1:41 into the 285 pound match to close out the scoring.

The defending two-time College Conference of Illinois and Wisconsin Champions Millikin wrestling team opened the season in dominating fashion defeating Elmhurst University 44-6 on November 1 home

Millikin wasted no time taking control with Russell scoring a pin at 125 pounds at the 1:23 mark of the match over Jake Mora. Blasioli won at 133 pounds with a 14-5 major decision over Justin Hames. After an Elmhurst win, Millikin then posted three straight wins by pin with Carson pinning Andre Neal at 2:45 at 149, McCusker pinning Jeff Nugent at 4:12 and defending national champion Birt pinning Ronnie Massari in 51 seconds at 165. Glaster scored a 14-6 major decision win over Joe Caringella at 174 pounds and Downs pinned Scott Anderson in 45 seconds at 184. Ager made his Big Blue debut with a victory by fall at 2:56 over Norbert Crecan. Millikin's final victory was at 285 pounds with Reyes defeating Robert Pena 10-3.