

Virginia Wrestling Falls To VMI in the "Rumble on the River," 27-9

Durkee, Etu and Sticca gather wins for UVa

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RICHMOND, Va. - The University of Virginia wrestling team dropped a 27-9 decision to the Virginia Military Institute (VMI) Keydets in a non-conference dual match in the "Wrestling Rumble on the River" at Jacobs Gym in the Collegiate School. UVa took an early 3-0 lead after one bout and trailed only 9-12 with four matches remaining in the event, but the Keydets won the last four bouts to pull out a 27-9 victory over the Cavaliers.

Virginia opened up a 3-0 lead in the first bout of the event when 165-pounder Will Durkee (Pittsburgh, Pa./Shady Side Academy) defeated Mike Parsons by the score of 7-4. VMI rattled-off three consecutive wins to take a 12-3 lead before UVa responded by recording back-to-back victories in the heavyweight class and at 125 to make the score 12-9. The Cavaliers' Josh Etu (Queensbury, N.Y./Queensbury) defeated Scott Bushman by the score of 5-4 in the heavyweight class before 125-pounder Brian Sticca (Greensburg, Pa./Greensburg Salem) defeated Juan Sanchez, also by the score of 5-4. However, the Keydets closed out the dual with four consecutive wins to post a 27-9 victory.

With the loss, Virginia's record falls to 1-4 on the season while the win improves VMI's record to 1-0. The Cavaliers will return to dual match action on Wednesday, January 15th when Virginia travels to Harrisonburg, Va. to face the James Madison Dukes. Competition is scheduled to begin at 7:00 PM.

Here is a closer look at UVa's dual match results from its match against VMI:

Virginia	9
VMI	27

Result	Opponents	Result	Team Score V/VMI
165	Will Durkee (UVa) def. Mike Parsons (VMI)	7-4	3-0
174	Matt Erwin (VMI) def. Peter Kang (UVa)	Fall @ :55	3-6
184	Jason Cox (VMI) def. Brian Muir (UVa)	9-3	3-9
197	David Walker (VMI) def. Zach Freday (UVa)	5-4 (2 ot)	3-12
285	Josh Etu (UVa) def. Scott Buhman (VMI)	5-4	6-12
125	Brian Sticca (UVa) def. Juan Sanchez (VMI)	5-4	9-12
133	Micah Amrozowicz (VMI) def. Ian Derath (UVa)	10-5	9-15
141	Chris Seta (VMI) def. Ryan Stewart (UVa)	Fall @ 3:55	9-21
149	Jason Kontopedes (VMI) def. Paul Bjorlo (UVa)	2-2 (rideout)	9-24
157	Adam Britt (VMI) def. Tim Foley (UVa)	8-3	9-27