Wrestlers Pin Mason, Broderick Wins Again

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The Virginia Tech wrestling team won big again in Cassell Coliseum as they buried George Mason University 40-6 in Saturday afternoon action.

The Hokies never gave George Mason a chance as they swept 9 out of 10 matches. GMU’s Blaine Underwood garnered their only victory when he surprisingly pinned Tech’s Corbin Johnson early in the second period.

Johnston started out controlling the match, holding a tight 3-2 lead over Underwood. However, as the second period got underway, Underwood caught Johnson sleeping, locked him in a cradle and nailed him to the mat.

The Gobblers claimed victories in the rest of the weight classes.

Lavern Hovey waited until the last second in the third period to an impressive 9-0 by scoring a fall over Chris Kiest. Kiest put up a good fight as he held Broderick to a 0-0 tie until the final period. The third period was Broderick’s, though, as he chalked up 6 points over the scrappy Kiest and ended the match by pinning him with 23 seconds remaining on the clock.

Steve Gransback scored three near falls but failed to pin George Mason’s Chris Kirkwood in the 150 pound weight class. Gransback did tally up the most points of the afternoon as he emerged with a 22-10 victory.

Virginia state collegiate champion Bill Pfeffer subdued an enthusiastic Stu Roberts in the heavyweight class 9-4. Pfeffer had an easy time as Roberts could only nab points with escape and stall points. He remains undefeated at 5-0-1. Pfeffer and Chuck Broderick are the only undefeated wrestlers in team competition for the Hokies.

Lebbad seemed to tire as the match wore on, and for the remainder of the match wrestled defensively, not scoring many points but not yielding many either.

Bob Reisch and Dayrl Kanach both registered easy 14-2 victories in their divisions while Mark Miller defeated GMU’s Paul Tunney (11-2-1) 9-2 in a surprisingly easy match. Tunney only scored one escape and stole one point for a false start levied against Miller. Miller is 8-3 for the Gobblers.

Tom Chamberlain wrestled in place of regular Dave Gitlin against George Mason’s Tim Ryan. Chamberlain scored an impressive 9-2 victory over Ryan, allowing him only two escapes during the match.

The Hokies are 7-4-0 in team competition. They hit the road on Feb. 11 wrestling both Madison University and Liberty Baptist in Harrisonburg and then travel...