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Junior Dominic Parisi and red-shirt freshman Dylan Cottrell of the Appalachian State University wrestling team were eliminated on Thursday in the opening-round of the 2014 Division I NCAA Wrestling Championships in Oklahoma City, OK.

Parisi dropped a 6-4 decision to No. 14 Edward Klimara of Oklahoma State in the first round; he lost 11-5 to Darian Cruz of Lehigh in the consolation round.

In the first match, Parisi (18-11) fell behind 4-1 before he rallied. Parisi executed an escape and a takedown to narrow the gap at 6-4, but time ran out and he lost the match.

After Cruz established himself right away. He got the first takedown and Parisi despite a quick escape by Parisi that made it 2-1, Cruz pretty much dominated things from there and won the match, 11-5.

quickly got the one-point escape to make it 2-1. Cruz was reluctant to get more takedowns and by the third period Parisi found himself down.

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Despite his quick exit, Parisi was an all-SoCon honoree and Southern Conference Champion at the 125-pound weight class.

It was a tough day for Cottrell as well.

The red-shirt freshman, and No.12 seed, Dylan Cottrell was upended 5-4 in the second tiebreaker by James English of Penn State in the first round. He was eliminated 6-1 by Bryce Busler of Bloomsburg in his first consolation match.

Trailing 3-2 to start the third period, English got a two-point reversal and his first lead of the match at 4-3. But Cottrell managed to get an escape to tie the match and send it into sudden victory.

Following a scoreless first tie-breaker, English won the match as he engineered an escape to beat Cottrell, 5-4.

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In his second match, Busler registered a takedown to take an 2-0 lead and it was all downhill from there. going into the second period.

An escape in the second period gave Busler a 3-0 lead. Cottrell pulled off an escape of his own to make it 3-1, but Busler settled things with a take down that gave him a commanding 5-1 lead.

Cottrell finished his season as the SoCon freshman of the year, an all-Socon honoree and the SoCon champion at the 149-pound weight class. His finished with a 26-3 record.

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