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OFFICIAL STATEMENT – FINAL DECISION OF 157-POUND QUATERFINAL

“The NCAA Division I Wrestling Committee met to discuss the scoring error in the match between Brian Realbuto (Cornell) and Ian Miller (Kent State), and our determination was that there is a protocol in place for coaches to challenge errors in a match via the coach’s challenge (Rule 3.21.2 b). Kent State had challenges remaining and did not raise the challenge flag to declare an error in the match, therefore the resulting Cornell victory stands.”

Matt Whisenant – chair of the 2015 NCAA Division I Wrestling Committee

Rule 3.21.2 b) – Coach’s Challenge

b) Coach’s Challenge. Each team is allowed one challenge per dual meet, including team advancement tournaments, to be used at the coach’s discretion. Each team in an individual advancement tournament, excluding open tournaments, is allowed one challenge for one to three participants, two challenges for four to six participants, and three challenges for seven to 10 participants, to be used at the coach’s discretion. If a coach’s challenge is supported after the review, the team retains that challenge.

If a coach believes an error was made, the coach shall immediately approach the mat-side table and raise a flag matching the color assigned to his corner (red or green) thereby indicating to the mat-side table scorer the request for a video challenge. This signifies the coach believes an error was made, and the referee will stop the match when there is no significant action taking place to conduct the video review. Once the coach raises the flag, the challenge cannot be retracted. Wrestlers and coaches are to remain in their designated coaching area (restricted zone, see Rule 3.13.1 and 3.13.2) during the review.