# True freshman Alton dominating with pins

By Mike Still **COLLEGIAN STAFF WRITER** 

All it takes is an instant.

In just one instant, the match is over and Andrew Alton is standing in the center of the mat, his arm held high in victory by the referee.

The true freshman is on a tear this season, sitting undefeated at 11-0 in his first year of collegiate action and making a living pinning his opponents.

"He's phenomenal, there's no David Taylor said of Alton. "Him being able to pin people, as the season goes on it's gonna make good guys wrestle him a lot differ-

Alton is leading the Nittany Lions

with nine pins. His fastest pin of the year came in just 21 seconds.

This past Sunday at the Nittany Lion Open, Alton put his pinning ability on display before the more than 400 wrestlers in attendance at Rec Hall.

En route to his 141-pound title at

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> **Andrew Alton** freshman

the Open, Alton went 6-0 with five

His only scare came in the third doubt about it," redshirt freshman round before the quarterfinals, a 7-5 decision over North Carolina's Danny Lopes.

"I like to stay calm and relaxed,` Alton said.

"I try not to get too built up to In his 11 matches this season, wrestle, too warmed up and then go out there and lose all my energy. I just try to stay relaxed all day.

Though he was focusing on conserving his energy throughout the day, Alton didn't need to use much of it in his 141-pound final on Sunday, pinning No. 20 Zach Kemerer of Penn in just 39 seconds to take the championship.

Knowing Kemerer had strong single-leg and high-crotch moves, Alton countered with an effective move of his own.

"He got in there pretty quick, but I got the underhook," Alton

"I went to my side, went over and pinned him.

That move, the underhook, has become Alton's bread and butter move this season.

By sweeping his leg behind his opponent's leg. Alton can knock his opponent off his balance and easily take him to the mat.

From there Alton can stay on top, force the pin, and walk away victorious as he's been doing all



Alton (top) prepares to pin a Lehigh opponent earlier this season.

"He can pin a guy from so many different positions with that one move," Taylor said. "So guys are gonna have to respect that.

"And he's just going to keep getting better and better.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Juesday, Dec.

this year would be exposed to many ew opportunities. Some of your choices ought test cour value of the status quo and traditional thought. You must make a decision. Can you walk down the unfroddei path 'Honor who you are, and let go of what doesn't work. It you are single, new doors open, especially after the new year. Realize that no commitment is appropriate until you get to know each other. A second person could enter your life out of the blue. If you are attached, a new aspect to your bond arises, adding super Glue and excitement Flow with changes. CAPRICORN'S opinions on finance might not be right for you.

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll 5-Dynamic Average, 2/So/so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19) \*\*\* (ref a grip on a situation before you need to make a major change. By catching this problem at the seedling stage, you'll prevent a big headache, for you and for others. If you're feeling lim-ited, don't blame others, It is the value on put on their opinions. Tonight

EAURUS (April 20-May 20)
\*\*\*\*\* Challenges can be interesting. as long as you use them to exercise your reativity and intelligence. The only lim itation you could experience is from yourself. Fatigue marks the late day. Jonight Let your body relax to a good GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

ng the candle at both ends

\*\* Dealing with a narmer associate or loved one takes all the energy you have. You not only think this is no funbut you are concerned with the long-term ramifications. You are clearly off and cannot change the immediate situation

Tonight Forget today, rest CANCER (June 21 July 22) \*\*\*\* Others are determined to have their way. Listen to what is being shared. If you want a high peace factor, you will go along with the request. Otherwise, be ready for a battle of wills, where no one really wins. Tonight, Take suggestions, but do what you want. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

\*\*\* Keep your intent clear, but others still might react. Understand that what triggers one person might not even bother another. Don't wonder so much about the situation. Recognize your frustration and fatigue. Tonight: Take care of your-

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

\*\*\* The unexpected carries a kick. which isn't surprising. In some ways, a key partner or associate has the ability to debilitate you. Understanding evolves, but you might have to look past a feeling of insecurity and or financial tightness Tonight: Let go of your worries LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

\*\*\* Is it possible that you are making a situation a lot harder than necessary? If this is the case, loosen up and see what happens. Sometimes you only get wound tighter and tighter, causing yourself an bundance of problems. Tonight: Head

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) \*\*\* Communication makes a difference. What seems like it's too good to be true probably is. Understanding evolves new dimension. A child or new friend could be full of surprises. Tonight

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 De \*\*\* | Xaminie ans offers of the Frustration builds in a meets could involve an older perso, one you consider a stick in

★★★★ You could be more in tone the goals of a project than someone has a more vested inferes. You can change this person, so do as tirrely a can on your own. A surprise comp-

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 Leb. 18) \*\* Moaning and gireminichange the state of affairs, but it is necessary for you. Listen to a 'vischeme that involves an initiate estifinances Decide it you really can walk this path. Fought. Oo where you teel good. Talk to a responsive pal.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) \*\*\*\* You might want to venture tor-ward and try another approach. Your unexpected actions could send many into a tizzy, especially a boss or associate Understanding evolves as a discussion occurs. Tonight: Leave a grumpy person

Political activist Noam Chonisks (1928), actress Ellen Burstyn (1832), basketball player Larry Bird (1856)

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