

After waiting 238 days the wrestling season is finally upon us! Today we wrestled at the Bearcat Open in Binghamton. The team wrestled “unattached” which means we could not coach or pay for our player’s expenses. By doing this we save a date of competition that can be used later. Overall, I was pleased with the team’s performance. As a team I am pleased that we looked consistently tough on top and our guys appeared to be physically, very strong. I didn’t feel that our conditioning was better than average, but this may be a function of this being the first time our guys made weight.

Here is a weight by weight breakdown. P.S. It is midnight, I’m tired therefore all mistakes are to be overlooked!

125 -Unseeded freshman Tyler Biscaha dominated everyone except his teammate, #10 ranked Frank Perrelli, who he defeated in overtime. Tyler missed almost all of last year due to knee surgery. His other victories were by scores of 12-5, 17-2, 19-4, and 5-1.

Frank Perrelli placed 4th with a 3-2 record. Frank wrestled an uncharacteristically uninspired tournament. He stood around for much of many of his matches. When you are in as good as shape as Perrelli this makes no sense.

I hope to see these two in the Body Bar finals next week!

133 –Unseeded sophomore Joe Stanzione dominated everyone in his weight class including #12 ranked Kyle Hutter 10-4. Joe has looked great in practice and we expected that he would compete for the title. I cannot say that anyone expected he would look this good. Joe, like most of our team, was extremely effective on top. He didn’t only ride but he turned and pinned many of his opponents.

141 –Manson wrestled well but came up short in the finals losing in overtime. In the past Corey would have found ways to lose one of two of his pre-finals matches so I am pleased, but not satisfied with his results. The good news is Corey always finishes strong so this is a very good sign of things to come!

Mike Nevinger went 5-2 and placed 6th

149- Kyle Dake picked up where he left off by defeating highly regarded Cory Jantzen in the finals. Kyle showed that he is a full sized 149 pounder and there will be no growing pains.

157-It is comforting to finally have a healthy DJ Meagher back in the line-up. DJ got better as the tournament progressed and capped a brilliant day with an exciting victory over Walter Peppelman from Harvard .

Freshman Jesse Shanaman went 4-1 and placed 3rd.

Craig Eifert went 5-1 and placed 5th.

165-Justin Kerber only gave up two escapes in his five match march to the championship. Justin’s physically punishing wrestling style will serve him in racking up bonus points for the Big Red.

Marshall Peppelman went 6-1 and placed 5th.

174-Mack wasn't ever seriously tested as he claimed his fourth straight Bearcat Open title.

184-I have been telling anyone who cares to listen that Steve Bosak is the most improved wrestler on the team and that he has very good shot at the NCAA championship... this year. I started telling people this after I made the mistake of challenging Steve to a match over the summer. Up until that point Steve had never beaten me. I am not proud to say that within twenty seconds into the match I had been taken down and within five more seconds I was worrying about my life and my limbs. I don't claim to be what I used to be but I can assure you, neither is Steve! Assuming we can convince Steve he is as good as he is, this Bearcat Open title is a precursor to NCAA gold!

197 Cam walked into the finals where he found himself down by one in the third period. His opponent (Micah Burak-Penn) chose the bottom position and Cam not only rode him out for the riding time point but turned him for the win. This was a little too close for my comfort level but it was a great victory for Cam.

285-Oney Snyder placed third losing 3-2 to the eventual champion. Oney looked strong throughout the tournament. He keeps great position and is terribly hard to score upon.

Stryker Lane placed fifth losing only to the runner-up. Lane looked great throughout the tournament and was actually winning in the third period when he got overly confident and found himself on his back with a 280 pound body on top of him. The end result was not positive and will not happen again.

That's all I have for you. We will give the team tomorrow off and then start preparing for our Friday night Central Michigan match. CM has a very tough dual meet team and I expect a dogfight. If you have not already purchased your ticket please do asap. We have 125 remaining so you should not just show up at the door. All the best, Rob

Championship Finals

125_ **Tyler Biscaha, Cornell** 5-1 Eric Dunnet, Old Dominion
133_ **Joe Stanzione, Cornell** 10-4 #10 Kyle Hutter, Old Dominion
141_ Zach Kemmerer, Penn 9-7;tb2 **Hicks Manson, Cornell**
149_ **#2 Kyle Dake, Cornell** 2-0 #9 Corey Jantzen, Harvard
157_ **DJ Meagher, Cornell** 4-2 Walter Peppelman, Harvard
165_ **#4 Justin Kerber, Cornell** 6-0 Daniel Rivera, Old Dominion
174_ **#1 Mack Lewnes, Cornell** F5:51 Rob Morrison, Rider
184_ **#6 Steve Bosak, Cornell** 8-1 Nate Schiedel, Binghamton
197_ **#1 Cam Simaz, Cornell** 6-4 #12 Micah Burakk, Penn
285_ Orlando Scales Notre Dame College 9-4 Kevin Lester, Columbia

Consolation Finals (for third and fifth)

125_ #17 Garrett Frey, **Princeton** 8-1 **#10 Frank Perelli, Cornell**; Nick Arujau, American 2-0 Mark Rappo, Penn
133_ Jimmy Kirchner, Rider F2:40 Matt Bystol, Columbia; Daniel Riggi, Binghamton 3-2 Adam Krop, Princeton
141_ Anwar Goeres, Binghamton 3-1 Aaron Nestor, Rider; Luke Veith, Hofstra 4-2 **Mike Nevinger, Cornell**
149_ Steve Santos, Columbia 5-1;tb Donald Vinson, Binghamton; Zac Cibula, Rider 4-3 Jeffrey Pelton, Notre Dame College
157_ **Jesse Shanaman, Cornell** 4-1 Brian Tanen, Lehigh; **Criag Eifert, Cornell** 7-1 Tyler Banks, Cornell
165_ Matt Kaylor, Binghamton 6-1 Adam Hogue, Harvard; **Marshall Peppelman, Cornell** 7-0 Matt Magill, NYU
174_ Greg Zannetti, Rutgers 10-5 Ryam McGarrity, Binghamton; Ryan Callahan, Princeton 3-1 Canaan Bethea, Penn
184_ Kadeem Samuels, Lehigh 7-3 Joe Budi, Old Dominion; Nick Mills, Columbia 5-3;ot Kevin Bailey, Lehigh
197_ Cody Reed, Binghamton MFF Daniel Hopkins, Rutgers; Jall Bennett, Finger Lakes WC 6-2 Max Wessell, Lehigh
285_ **Oney Snyder, Cornell** 2-1 Zeal McGrew, Hofstra; **Stryker Lane, Cornell** 5-0 Blake Herrin, American