



AIR FORCE WRESTLING



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at CLIFF KEEN LAS VEGAS INVITATIONAL Dec. 4-5, 2009 Las Vegas, Nev.

at FHSU-BOB SMITH OPEN Dec. 5, 2009 Hays, Kan.

THIS WEEK...

The Air Force wrestling team returns to action this weekend, Dec. 4-5, for the prestigious Cliff Keen Las Vegas Invitational. Meanwhile, another group of Falcons will compete at the FHSU-Bob Smith Open in Hays, Kan., on Dec. 5.

ABOUT THE CLIFF KEEN LAS VEGAS INVITATIONAL...

The 28th-annual Cliff Keen Las Vegas Collegiate Wrestling Invitational is being held at the Star of the Desert Arena in Primm, Nev. Teams from 44 schools are slated to attend this weekend's tournament, including 11 teams that are nationally ranked in this week's NWCA/USA Today Coaches' Poll and four teams from the Western Wrestling Conference (Air Force, Northern Colorado, Utah Valley and Wyoming).

Action begins Friday morning with pigtail rounds at 9:00, while quarterfinals and consolation rounds 1 & 2 are scheduled to start at 7:00 p.m. Meanwhile, Saturday's action begins at 9:00 a.m., with the consolation finals slated to begin at 12:30 p.m. and the championship finals scheduled to start at 3:00 p.m.

LAST YEAR AT THE CLIFF KEEN LAS VEGAS INVITATIONAL...

Last year, Air Force sent four wrestlers to the Cliff Keen Las Vegas Invitational. The top performer was **Tyler French**, who compiled a 3-2 overall record over the weekend, just one victory away from finishing as a placewinner.

ABOUT THE FHSU-BOB SMITH OPEN...

The annual FHSU-Bob Smith Open will be held at Gross Memorial Coliseum. The top four wrestlers in each of 10 weight classes will be

awarded during the day's competition. Action is scheduled to begin at 9 a.m. (CT).

LAST YEAR AT THE FHSU-BOB SMITH OPEN...

Last year, **Andrew Zwirlein** led the Air Force contingent at the FHSU-Bob Smith Open, finished as the Falcons' lone placewinner with a third-place showing at 125 pounds.

LAST TIME OUT...

The Falcons competed at the Kaufman-Brand Open, hosted by Nebraska-Omaha, Nov. 21. Five Air Force wrestlers were placewinners, led by senior **Tyler French**, who placed second in the Elite Division at 174 pounds.

Also posting a top-six finish in the Elite Division for the Falcons was freshman **Cole VonOhlen**, who placed sixth at 141 pounds. Meanwhile, in the Amateur Division, freshmen **Clayton Gable** (157) and **Greg Isley** (184) each placed fourth, while **Tyler Spangler** finished fifth at 133 pounds.

SCOUTING THE FALCONS...

After the first two weekends of competition, five Falcons—senior **Tyler French** and freshmen **Tyler Spangler**, **Cole VonOhlen**, **Greg Isley** and **Josh Mohr**—share the team lead for total victories with seven each.

Thirteen different Air Force wrestlers have notched falls on the season, led by **Dake Williams**, who has recorded five pins. Meanwhile, freshman **Garrett Soileau** has posted the fastest fall of the young season, recording a pin in a time of 1:09.

2009-10 SCHEDULE/RESULTS

Date	Opponent	Time/Res.
11/14	at Cowboy Open	NTS
11/21	at Kaufman-Brand Open	NTS
12/4-5	at Cliff Keen Las Vegas Invitational	All Day
12/5	at FHSU-Bob Smith Open	All Day
12/11	Ohio	1:00 p.m.
	Colorado School of Mines	2:30 p.m.
12/18	at Oregon State	TBA
	vs. Southern Oregon	TBA
12/29-30	at Southern Scuffle	All Day
1/16	at Lone Star Duals	All Day
1/16	at Glen Brand Open	All Day
1/23	vs. CSU-Pueblo^	10:00 a.m.
	vs. Mesa State^	12:00 p.m.
	vs. Western State^	2:00 p.m.
1/28	Utah Valley*	7:00 p.m.
1/30	at South Dakota State*	7:00 p.m.
1/30	at Rocky Mountain Collegiate Open	All Day
1/31	at North Dakota State*	1:00 p.m.
2/6	at All-Academy Championships	All Day
2/12	at Northern Colorado*	7:00 p.m.
2/14	Cal State Fullerton	2:00 p.m.
2/18	Wyoming*	7:00 p.m.
2/21	at Northern Iowa*	2:00 p.m.
3/6	at NCAA West Regional	All Day
3/18-20	at NCAA Championships	All Day

Home matches in **bold**, held in Clune Arena

* - denotes Western Wrestling Conference match

^ - Borah Duals (Gunnison, Colo.)

All times local to site and are subject to change

UP NEXT...

Air Force opens its 2009-10 home and dual slate next weekend, Dec. 11, when they host Ohio and Colorado School of Mines. The Falcons host Ohio at 1:00 p.m., followed by a 2:30 p.m. match against Colorado School of Mines. The Bobcats and Orediggers will face each other in the final dual of the day, slated for 4:00 p.m. All matches will be held in Clune Arena.

2009-10 ROSTER

Name	Yr.	Wt.	Hometown (High School)
Zaq Berridge	Fr.	165	Tampa, Fla. (Brandon)
Logan Burch	Fr.	141	Colorado Springs, Colo. (Rampart)
James Ciccone	Sr.	184	Mentor, Ohio (Lake Catholic)
Neil Delaney	Jr.	197	Grand Rapids, Mich. (Forest Hills Central)
Caleb Egli	So.	197	Colorado Springs, Colo. (Air Academy)
Jared Erickson	Fr.	HWT	Newton, Utah (Sky View)
Michael Erickson	Sr.	157	Springfield, Va. (Robert E. Lee)
Alex Flori	Jr.	157/165	Eagle River, Alaska (Emerald Ridge)
Jonathan Fonbuena	Fr.	133	Rancho Cucamonga, Calif. (Rancho Cucamonga)
Ryan Fountain	So.	149	Frederick, Colo. (Frederick)
Tyler French	Sr.	174	Malta, Mont. (Malta)
Clayton Gable	Fr.	157/165	Dallastown, Pa. (Dallastown Area)
Derek Gillespie	Jr.	141	Chesapeake, Va. (Great Bridge)
Thomas Gorry	Sr.	157	Hickory, N.C. (Patch American [Germany])
Taylor Hollister	Fr.	157	Colorado Springs, Colo. (Air Academy)
Kazden Ikehara	Jr.	197	Mililani, Hawaii (Kamehameha)
Tetsuya Ishizuka	Sr.	184	Nagoya, Japan (Youth Technical School)
Greg Isley	Fr.	184	Toledo, Ohio (Sylvania Southview)
Steven Joseph	Fr.	125	Middleburg, Fla. (Clay)
Josh Larson	Jr.	197	Windsor, Colo. (Windsor)
Stephen Larson	Sr.	HWT	Lakeville, Minn. (Apple Valley)
Rafael Magana	Fr.	165	Palm Springs, Calif. (Palm Springs)
Stephen Makuka	Sr.	141	Columbus, N.J. (Northern Burlington County Regional)
Ethan Martinez	Fr.	125	Colorado Springs, Colo. (St. Mary's)
Gabe Martinez	Fr.	141/149	Colorado Springs, Colo. (Pine Creek)
Samuel Mitchel	So.	157	Peru, Ind. (Peru)
Josh Mohr	Fr.	184/197	Pewaukee, Wis. (Pewaukee)
Brandon Mueller	Fr.	141	Greenleaf, Wis. (Wrightstown)
Akira Nervik	Sr.	184	Bellflower, Calif. (Mayfair)
David Nissen	Fr.	165	Denver, Colo. (Standley Lake)
Karl Oeser	So.	184	Wichita, Kan. (Maize)
Andrew Olejnik	Fr.	141	Chesterfield, Mo. (Lafayette)
Randy Pence	Fr.	133	Columbia Station, Ohio (Columbia Station)
Mengyuan Qiu	So.	125	Glendale, Ariz. (Ironwood)
Juan Rodriguez	So.	149	Chicago, Ill. (Northside College Preparatory)
David Salinas	Fr.	165/174	Corpus Christi, Texas (Richard King)
Justin Shadrix	Sr.	165	Bremen, Ga. (Bremen)
Samuel Sheppard	Sr.	125/133	Ramstein AB, Germany (Ramstein American)
Joshua Smith	Sr.	174	Orem, Utah (Timpanogos)
Garrett Spileau	Fr.	133	Orange Park, Fla. (Clay)
Tyler Spangler	Fr.	125	Midlothian, Va. (St. Christopher's School)
Joseph Stafford	Jr.	165	Loomis, Calif. (Del Oro)
Wade Stowe	Jr.	157	The Colony, Texas (The Colony)
Steven Suhrie	Sr.	165	Mercer, Pa. (Mercer)
Matt Torrence	Jr.	149	Tulsa, Okla. (East Central)
Tyler Untrauer	So.	133	Midwest City, Okla. (Midwest City)
Chris Velez	Fr.	165	Port Charlotte, Fla. (Port Charlotte)
Cole VonOhlen	Fr.	141	Jackson, Minn. (Jackson County Central)
Tanner Weltzin	So.	149	Alexandria, Minn. (Jefferson)
Alec Williams	So.	149	Birmingham, Ala. (Fultondale)
Dake Williams	Fr.	HWT	Gaithersburg, Md. (Quince Orchard)
Lee Wise	Fr.	125	O'Fallon, Ill. (O'Fallon Township)
Andrew Zwirlein	So.	125	Nashotah, Wis. (Arrowhead)



Head Coach: Joel Sharratt (Iowa, 1995) - Fourth Season

Assistant Coaches: Bart Horton (Iowa State, 1997) - Third Season; Sam Barber (Upper Iowa, 1995) - First Season

TOURNAMENT PLACEWINNERS

Cowboy Open

Cole VonOhlen, 1st (141)
 Andrew Zwirlein, 3rd (125)
 Tyler French, 3rd (174)

Cowboy Open (Amateur)

Greg Isley, 1st (184)
 Tyler Spangler, 2nd (133)
 Josh Mohr, 3rd (184)
 Dake Williams, 4th (HWT)

Kaufman-Brand Open

Tyler French, 2nd (174)
 Cole VonOhlen, 6th (141)

Kaufman-Brand Open (Amateur)

Clayton Gable, 4th (157)
 Greg Isley, 4th (184)
 Tyler Spangler, 5th (133)

SEASON RECORDS (AS OF NOV. 21, 2009)

	Overall	Dual		Overall	Dual	Falls	Number (Fastest)
125			165			French	1 (2:17)
Samuel Sheppard	3-4		Justin Shadrix	1-2		Gillespie	1 (4:32)
Andrew Zwirlein	4-3		Joseph Stafford	4-4		Isley	2 (2:48)
133			174			J. Larson	1 (1:52)
Ethan Martinez	1-2		Tyler French	7-2		Mohr	2 (1:13)
Garrett Soileau	3-2		Joshua Smith	0-4		Shadrix	1 (2:07)
Tyler Spangler	7-3		184			Sheppard	2 (2:40)
Tyler Untrauer	1-4		James Ciccone	2-2		Soileau	1 (1:09)
141			Greg Isley	7-2		Stafford	1 (3:55)
Derek Gillespie	4-4		Josh Mohr	7-3		Stowe	2 (2:59)
Gabe Martinez	0-2		197			VonOhlen	4 (1:37)
Cole VonOhlen	7-3		Neil Delaney	3-4		D. Williams	5 (2:03)
149			Kazden Ikehara	2-4		Zwirlein	1 (5:25)
Tanner Weltzin	0-4		Josh Larson	3-4			
Alec Williams	2-4		HWT				
157			Jared Erickson	3-4			
Clayton Gable	4-2		Stephen Larson	0-4			
Taylor Hollister	3-4		Dake Williams	6-4			
Wade Stowe	2-4						

WESTERN WRESTLING CONFERENCE

WWC STANDINGS

	Conf.	Pct.	Overall	Pct.
Utah Valley	0-0	.000	3-0	1.000
Wyoming	0-0	.000	2-1	.667
Northern Iowa	0-0	.000	3-3	.500
South Dakota State	0-0	.000	1-4	.200
Air Force	0-0	.000	0-0	.000
North Dakota State	0-0	.000	0-0	.000
Northern Colorado	0-0	.000	0-4	.000

WWC WRESTLER OF THE WEEK

Nov. 10	Tyler Sorenson, South Dakota State
Nov. 17	Michael Martinez, Wyoming
Nov. 24	Ben Kjar, Utah Valley
Dec. 1	Kenny Hashimoto, Northern Colorado

