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Luvsandorj and Delaney Win Titles, Bulldogs Place Second at SoCon Championships

Davidson, N.C. – Turtohtokh Luvsandorj and Odie Delaney won SoCon titles and helped lead The Citadel wrestling team to their best tournament finish since the 2004-2005 season on Saturday.

It was the second straight NCAA bid for the sophomore Delaney who earned his spot at the NCAA Championships via the heavyweight division this season. Luvsandorj became the second straight true freshman to earn a trip to nationals as Delaney accomplished that feat last season at 197 pounds.

The second place team finish was the best for the Bulldogs since they finished second at the SoCon Championships in 2005 at UNC Greensboro. The Citadel had an early lead after the first round as all 10 Bulldog wrestlers advanced to the semifinal round, the only squad to accomplish that feat. Four Bulldogs then advanced to the championship match, with five others moving through the consolation ladder in a chance to earn third place. Only three points separated the top three teams, UNC Greensboro, The Citadel and Appalachian State heading into the consolation finals.

Luvsandorj continued his hot streak in 2010 as he earned a bye as the third seed in the opening round, followed by a 7-4 decision over second-seeded Travis Sheehy of UNCG in the semifinals. In the finals, the Mongolian dominated Appalachian State's Chip Powell in a 14-6 major decision to claim the title.

Delaney also was seeded third and downed Davidson's Charlie Wolff, 1-0. In the semifinals, he dominated Chattanooga's second-seeded Tom Minwell, 7-0. A tight championship match went in the sophomore's favor in the third period as he earned the title, 3-1, over UNCG's Peter Sturgeon.

Taking second place finishes were J.C. Oddo at 174 pounds and Justin Sparrow at 197 pounds. Oddo was narrowly beaten by top-seeded Byron Sigmon of UNCG in the finals, 5-2. Sparrow pulled possibly the largest upset of the day when he shocked top-seeded Nikolas Brown of Chattanooga by pinning him at the 2:08 mark to advance to the championships match. ASU's Dylan Temple proved to be too much however, as he took out the Bulldog, 8-2, to claim the title.

Two Bulldogs took home third place finishes as Derek Royster at 149 pounds and Pierre Frazile at 165 pounds managed to win in the consolation brackets. Royster went 3-1 on the day as he earned a tech fall and a major decision and shutout VMI's Michael Long, 6-0, to take third. Frazile also went 3-1 on the day. He downed VMI's Conor Black twice and his late takedown in the third period over the Keydet the second time earned him the third place finish.

Jordan Dix, Nick LaFevre and Kelby Smith all took home fourth place finishes for the Bulldogs. UNC Greensboro won the SoCon Tournament as they won a tightly contested race at the top. Five-time defending conference tournament champion and 2009-2010 regular season champions Chattanooga finished in a distant fourth place.

Final team scores: UNC Greensboro (81.5), The Citadel (74.0), Appalachian State (71.5), Chattanooga (43.0), VMI (37.0) and Davidson (21.0).

Full Results

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#3 Richard Alarcon (CIT) dec. #6 Ben Altman (DAV), 5-2

#2 Eric Chandler (UNCG) maj. dec. #3 Richard Alarcon (CIT), 14-3
#5 Josh Pope (VMI) dec. #3 Richard Alarcon, 3-2

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#4 Jordan Dix (CIT) maj. dec. #5 Luke Todd (VMI), 11-3
#1 Josh Statum (UTC) dec. #4 Jordan Dix (CIT), 9-3
#4 Jordan Dix (CIT) dec. #6 Brett Boston (ASU), 4-1
#3 Angel Garcia (UNCG) maj. dec. #4 Jordan Dix, 13-4
Jordan Dix finishes fourth

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#3 Nick LaFevre (CIT) dec. #6 Jeremy Sandoval (UTC), 5-0
#2 Ivan Lopouchanski (UNCG) dec. #3 Nick LaFevre, 3-2
#3 Nick LaFevre (CIT) maj. dec. #5 Chris Collura (ASU), 10-0
#4 David Yost (VMI) dec. #3 Nick LaFevre, 4-1
Nick LaFevre finishes fourth

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#3 Derek Rosyer (CIT) maj. dec. #6 Carl Sandercock (DAV), 12-4
#2 Dean Pavlou (UTC) dec. #3 Derek Royster (CIT), 12-9
#3 Derek Royster (CIT) tech. fall #5 Alejandro Soto-Perez (UNCG), 15-0
#3 Derek Royster (CIT) dec. #4 Michael Long (VMI), 6-0
Derek Royster finishes third

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#3 Turtogtokh Luvsandorj (CIT) earns a bye
#3 Turtogtokh Luvsandorj (CIT) dec. No. 2 Travis Sheehy (UNCG), 7-4
#3 Turtogtokh Luvsandorj (CIT) maj. dec.. #5 Chip Powell (ASU), 14-6
Turtogtokh Luvsandorj wins the SoCon Title

165

#4 Pierre Frazile (CIT) dec. #5 Connor Black (VMI), 3-2
#1 Kyle Blevins (ASU) dec. #4 Pierre Frazile (CIT), 7-3
#4 Pierre Frazile (CIT) dec. #6 Bond David (UTC), 5-2
#4 Pierre Frazile (CIT) dec. #5 Conor Black (VMI), 3-1
Pierre Frazile finishes third

174

#2 J.C. Oddo (CIT) earns a bye
#2 J.C. Oddo (CIT) dec. #3 Carter Downs (ASU), 9-2
#1 Byron Sigmon (UNCG) dec. #2 J.C. Oddo, 5-2
J.C. Oddo finishes second

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#4 Kelby Smith (CIT) dec. #5 Vinnie Gallo (VMI), 6-4
#1 Austin Trotman (ASU) dec. #4 Kelby Smith (CIT), 6-3
#4 Kelby Smith (CIT) pinned #6 Ike Crews (DAV), 1:09
#2 Andrew Saunders (UNCG) dec. #4 Kelby Smith, 7-5 OT
Kelby Smith finishes fourth

197

#4 Justin Sparrow (CIT) dec. #5 John Dommert (VMI), 6-0
#4 Justin Sparrow (CIT) fall #1 Nikolas Brown (UTC), 2:07
#3 Dylan Temple (ASU) dec. #4 Justin Sparrow, 8-2
Justin Sparrow finishes second

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#3 Odie Delaney (CIT) dec. #6 Charlie Wolff (DAV), 1-0

#3 Odie Delaney (CIT) dec. #2 Tom Minwell (UTC), 7-0

#3 Odie Delaney (CIT) dec. #4 Peter Sturgeon (UNCG), 3-1

Odie Delaney wins SoCon Title

Delaney and Luvsandorj will compete in the NCAA Championships on March 18-20 at the Qwest Center in Omaha, Neb. A full recap of their coverage will be available at CitadelSports.com. For information regarding Bulldog wrestling, visit the official website.