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## WRESTLING UPDATE

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### SMITH, YOHN WIN TITLES AT UNIVERSITY NATIONALS

Akron, Ohio - Pat Smith and Sonny Yohn each won championships at the Asics University Nationals, held Apr. 9-11 at the University of Akron.

Wrestling for the Minnesota Storm, 17 total Gophers participated competed at the University Nationals, with six finishing as placewinners.

Fresh off claiming his first All-America honor at the NCAA Championships, Yohn took the top spot at 96 Kg (211.5 lbs) in freestyle wrestling. An Alamosa, Colo. native, Yohn was one of three Gophers to place in the freestyle brackets. David Zilverberg (Wayzata, Minn.) placed fifth at 63 Kg (138.75 lbs) and Kaleb Young (Tenstrike, Minn.) finished in eighth place at 84 Kg (185 lbs).

Yohn, a sophomore, went 5-0 to claim his championship, logging a pair of tech falls along the way. In the championship match Yohn, won 1-0, 4-0 over Jared Platt.

A native of Chaska, Minn., Smith claimed top honors in Greco Roman wrestling at the 70 Kg (154.25 lbs) weight class. Smith was one of four Gophers to place in Greco Roman, as he was joined by Alec Ortiz (Grand Rhonde, Ore.) who placed fifth at 74 Kg (163 lbs), Jake Filkins (Prescott, Wis.) who finished eighth at 96 Kg (211.5 lbs) and Young who finished seventh at 84 Kg (185 lbs), also the only Gopher to place twice on the weekend.

Smith, a freshman, went 5-0 at the tournament at 70 Kg (154.35 lbs), scoring a first round pin before winning the rest of his matches by shutout. In the championship match he won 1-0, 1-0 over Josh Castellano.

Brian Peterson (Richmond, Mich.) also competed in Greco Roman at 70 Kg (154.25 lbs) while Steven Avalos (Mundelein, Ill.) at 79 Kg (174 lbs) Ryan Blake (Chicago, Ill.) at 66 Kg (145.5 lbs), Brent Eidenschink (Detroit Lakes, Minn.) at 84 Kg (185 lbs), Austin Enoch (Redmond, Ore.) at 66 Kg (145.5 lbs), Tom Giaimo (Appleton, Wis.) at 63 Kg (138.75 lbs), Joe Grygelko (Greenfield, Minn.) at 70 Kg (154.25 lbs), Joel Hill (Overland Park, Kans.) at 74 Kg (163 lbs), David Thorn (St. Michael, Minn.) at 60 Kg (132.25 lbs) and Danny Zilverberg (Wayzata, Minn.) at 66 Kg (145.5 lbs) all competed in freestyle.

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