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Wrestling Completes Action at The Citadel Open and Hokie Open

Charleston, S.C. – The Citadel wrestling team completed action over the weekend when they hosted their annual season-opening tournament in The Citadel Open on Saturday at McAlister Field House and took part in the Hokie Open in Salem, Va. on Sunday.

The Citadel Open

On Saturday, true freshman Joaquin Marquez (Las Cruces, N.M.) faired the best for the Bulldogs as he took third place at 125 pounds as an unattached wrestler in the freshman and sophomore tournament. Marquez went 5-1 on the day and defeated Davidson's Matt Zarth by a 3-1 decision to take third place.

Also finding success on the mat on Saturday was J.J. Hellinger (Orlando, Fla.), who went 5-2 at 125 pounds. Posting records of 3-2 on the day were Hampton Motley (Lexington, S.C.) at 133 pounds, Shane Lee (West Columbia, S.C.) at 141 pounds, Josh Tuck (Rock Hill, S.C.) at 184 pounds and Luke Johnson (Beaufort, S.C.) at heavyweight. Unattached Bulldogs posting 3-2 records were Eli Ashby (Summerville, S.C.) at 133 pounds, Kenneth Radford (Fayetteville, N.C.) at 165 pounds and Gerald Johnson (Beaufort, S.C.) at heavyweight.

Also participating in the tournament for the Bulldogs were Scott Edelson (197) and Manuel Camargo (HWT). Additionally, wrestling unattached for The Citadel were Steven Cox (125), Zak Thompson (125), Kyle Paradiso (133), Cory Burres (149), Matthew Shotwell (149), Ben Willard (149), Zach Boyer (157) and Andrew Dempsey (184).

Full results of The Citadel Open are in the linked PDF documents to this story.

Hokie Open

Many of the Bulldog upperclassmen took part in a very competitive Hokie Open in Salem, Va. on Sunday as teams from around the country gathered to compete. Redshirt junior J.C. Oddo (Greenville, S.C.) took home fourth place, while sophomore Turtogtokh Luvsandorj (Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia) grabbed fifth place to lead The Citadel.

Oddo advanced to the semifinals after upending Virginia Tech's Nick Vetterlein with an 8-4 decision, but an injury forfeit for Oddo against UNCG's Byron Sigmon to advance to the finals would derail his title run. The injury also kept him out of the third place championship match against Old Dominion's Tristan Warner, giving the Bulldog fourth place on the day.

Luvsandorj found success at his new weight class at 165 pounds when he placed fifth by going 5-2 on the day. He downed North Carolina's Thomas Scotton by a decision of 8-5 to capture fifth place.

Richard Alarcon (Lakewood, Calif.) and Kelby Smith (Norcross, Ga.) also found success for The Citadel by posting 3-2 records each at 125 pound and 197 pounds, respectively.

Also participating for the Bulldogs was Tyler Sim (Washington, Pa.) at 125 pounds, Jordan Dix (Richmond, Va.) and Kip Thompson (Atlanta, Ga.) at 141 pounds, David Ivashchenko (Pittsburgh, Pa.) and Derek Royster (Woodruff, S.C.) at 149 pounds, Pierre Frazile (Aux Cayes, Haiti) at 157 pounds, Justin Sparrow (Gastonia, N.C.) at 184 pounds and Odie Delaney (Santa Rosa Beach, Fla.) at heavyweight.

The Citadel returns to action on Saturday, Nov. 13 when they take part at the Hershey Duals when they take on Virginia Tech, Virginia, Drexel and George Mason. For more information on Bulldog Wrestling, go to the official website of The Citadel Athletics, www.CitadelSports.com.