

# AIR FORCE WRESTLING



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## 2011-12 SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Time/Res.
10/26	Blue/Silver Intrasquad Match	Blue 19, Silver 16
11/6	at Hokie Open	NTS
11/19	at Nebraska-Kearney Holiday Inn Open	NTS
	at Old Chicago Open	NTS
12/2-3	at Cliff Keen Las Vegas Invitational	20th/27.5 pts.
12/3	at FHSU-Bob Smith Open	NTS
12/18	at Reno Tournament of Champions	9th/47.5 pts.
1/6	at Coe	W, 19-18
1/8	at Northern Iowa*	L, 12-33
1/14	vs. Chattanooga \$	L, 7-28
	vs. Brown \$	W, 33-16
	vs. Harvard \$	L, 12-27
	vs. Central Baptist \$	W, 56-0
	at Western State %	L, 3-37
	vs. Colorado Mesa %	L, 18-27
	vs. CSU-Pueblo %	L, 12-29
1/19	Utah Valley*	W, 26-15
1/21	Cal Poly	W, 30-15
	New Mexico Highlands	W, 44-0
	New Mexico Highlands	W, 34-10
1/27	at North Dakota State*	L, 18-21
1/29	at South Dakota State*	W, 37-6
2/2	#11 Wyoming*	7:00 p.m.
2/5	All-Academy Championships	All Day
2/19	at Northern Colorado*	2:00 p.m.
3/4	at NCAA West Regional	All Day
3/15-17	at NCAA Championships	All Day

Home competitions in **BOLD**; held in Clune Arena

\* - Denotes WWC match

\$ - Lone Star Duals (Grand Prairie, Texas)

% - Borah Duals (Gunnison, Colo.)

'B' Team in *italics*

All times local to site

## VS. #11 WYOMING

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## ALL-ACADEMY CHAMPIONSHIPS

Feb. 5, 2012

USAFA, Colo. • Clune Arena

### THIS WEEK...

The Air Force wrestling team wraps up its home schedule this week, first by hosting 11th-ranked conference rival Wyoming on Thursday, Feb. 2, at 7:00 p.m. Meanwhile, the Falcons will also host the 18th-annual All-Academy Championships, sponsored by USAA, on Sunday, Feb. 5.

### FOLLOWING THE FALCONS...

Fans who are unable to make it to Clune Arena this week for the Falcons competitions can follow the action on goairforcefalcons.com. During the Wyoming dual, a live video stream, along with live stats, will be available free of charge.

Meanwhile, brackets for the All-Academy Championships will be updated throughout the day at TrackWrestling.com. In addition, a live video stream of the championship finals, slated to begin at 5:00 p.m., will be available.

### LAST TIME OUT...

Air Force split a pair of road conference duals last weekend, dropping a narrow 21-18 decision to North Dakota State, while rolling to a 37-6 victory over South Dakota State.

**Dylan Hyder** (Fr., 133), **Carter McElhany** (Fr., 141), **Cole VonOhlen** (Jr., 149), **Clayton Gable** (Jr., 174) and **Josh Mohr** (Jr., 197) all posted 2-0 records to lead the Falcons last weekend, while **Josh Kreimier** (So., 157), **Greg Isley** (So., 184) and **Jared Erickson** (Jr., HWT) each earned one win each for Air Force.

### SCOUTING THE FALCONS...

Air Force currently holds a 7-4 overall ledger and 2-2 mark in WWC action. The Falcons are led by junior co-captain **Cole VonOhlen**, who is ranked third in the nation at 149 pounds with a 27-2 overall record and 11-0 mark in dual competition. VonOhlen also leads the team in total falls with eight.

Freshman **Carter McElhany** (141) is second on the team with 22 wins on the season, while sophomore **Josh Kreimier** (157) has registered 17 victories on the year. In addition, freshman **Dylan Hyder** (133) has posted a 14-4 record on the season, including a perfect 6-0 record in dual competition.

### SCOUTING THE COWBOYS...

Wyoming, currently ranked 11th in the latest NWCA/USA Today Coaches' Poll and seventh by InterMatWrestle.com, enters this week's dual with a 5-2 overall record and 2-0 mark in the Western Wrestling Conference.

Five different wrestlers in the Wyoming lineup are currently ranked among the nation's top 20 by InterMatWrestle.com. Leading the way for the Cowboys is senior Joe LeBlanc, ranked first in the nation at 184 pounds. Also ranked in the top 10 are senior Shane Onufer (3rd/165) and junior Alfonso Hernandez (8th/197), while freshman Zach Zehner (133) and senior Michael Martinez (125) are ranked 17th and 18th, respectively.

## THIS WEEK'S LINEUP

Listed below is the tentative lineup for this week's competitions:

125	Greg Rinker, So.
or	Mengyuan Qiu, Sr.
133	Dylan Hyder, Fr.
or	Tyler Untrauer, Sr.
141	Carter McElhany, Fr.
149	#3 Cole VonOhlen, Jr.
157	Josh Kreimier, So.
165	Colby Kluesner, So.
174	Clayton Gable, Jr.
184	Greg Isley, So.
or	Devin Hightower, So.
197	Josh Mohr, Jr.
HWT	Jared Erickson, Jr.
or	Bentley Alsup, Fr.

<u>NAME</u>	<u>YR.</u>	<u>WT.</u>	<u>HOMETOWN (HIGH SCHOOL)</u>
Carter Adams	So.	165	Coon Rapids, Minn. (Coon Rapids)
Bentley Alsup	Fr.	HWT	Missoula, Mont. (Sentinel)
Dan Barringer	So.	165	Monument, Colo. (Lewis-Palmer)
Daniel Baucke	So.	149	Memphis, Tenn. (Christian Brothers)
Zach Benson	Fr.	141	Gallup, N.M. (Miyamura)
Clif Bostick	So.	174	Laurinburg, N.C. (Scotland)
Logan Burch	Jr.	141	Colorado Springs, Colo. (Rampart)
Jack Carda	Fr.	197	Kimball, S.D. (Kimball)
Daniel Cotton	Fr.	165	Phoenix, Ariz. (Sandra Day O'Connor)
Cody Davis	So.	197	The Woodlands, Texas (The Woodlands)
Jeremy Delzer	Fr.	165	Altus, Okla. (Altus)
Will Dengler	Fr.	165	Haddonfield, N.J. (Haddonfield Memorial)
Joshua Durbin	So.	174	Nineveh, Pa. (West Greene)
Jared Erickson	Jr.	HWT	Newton, Utah (Sky View)
Jeremy Etling	Fr.	174	Auburn Township, Ohio (Kenston)
Ryan Fountain	Sr.	157	Frederick, Colo. (Frederick)
Clayton Gable	Jr.	174	Dallastown, Pa. (Dallastown Area)
Brook Gosch	So.	197	Orwigsburg, Pa. (Blue Mountain)
Evan Gros	So.	184	Lake Orion, Mich. (Lake Orion)
Cody Hancock	Fr.	141	Wrightwood, Calif. (Serrano/Martin Luther King)
Joshua Hastings	Fr.	133	Pleasant Hill, Mo. (Pleasant Hill)
Vance Hawk	So.	174	Ridgway, Colo. (Ridgway)
Devin Hightower	So.	184	Colorado Springs, Colo. (Widefield)
Jarret Hoepfner	So.	165	Apple Valley, Minn. (Apple Valley)
Dylan Hyder	Fr.	133	Yelm, Wash. (Yelm)
Greg Isley	So.	184	Toledo, Ohio (Sylvania Southview)
Andy Jones	Fr.	141	Grand Ledge, Mich. (Grand Ledge)
Ty Jones	Fr.	125	Brandon, Fla. (Brandon)
Steven Joseph	Jr.	125	Middleburg, Fla. (Clay)
Colby Kluesner	So.	165	Denver, Colo. (Conifer)
Josh Kreimier	So.	149	Fort Collins, Colo. (Loveland)
Elijah Levee	Fr.	157	Mandeville, La. (Mandeville)
Rafael Magana	Jr.	174	Palm Springs, Calif. (Palm Springs)
Garrett Manley	So.	157	Holland, Ohio (Springfield)
Gabe Martinez	Jr.	149	Colorado Springs, Colo. (Pine Creek)
Justin Martinez	So.	165	Henderson, Nev. (Wyoming Seminary)
Carter McElhany	Fr.	141	Colorado Springs, Colo. (Coronado)
Samuel Mitchel	Sr.	165	Peru, Ind. (Peru)
Josh Mohr	Jr.	184	Pewaukee, Wis. (Pewaukee)
Trevor Moore	Fr.	174	Guam (Guam)
Chris Morales	So.	174	Rio Rancho, N.M. (Rio Rancho)
Kyle Morse	Fr.	125	Barre, Vt. (Spaulding)
Jason Mossing	Fr.	165	Sylvania, Ohio (Central Catholic)
Brandon Mueller	Jr.	149	Greenleaf, Wis. (Wrightstown)
Daniel Nissen	Jr.	174	Denver, Colo. (Standley Lake)
Karl Oeser	Sr.	184	Wichita, Kan. (Maize)
Max Piazza	So.	197	St. Louis, Mo. (Westminster Christian Academy)
Mengyuan Qiu	Sr.	125	Glendale, Ariz. (Ironwood)
Greg Rinker	So.	125	Northampton, Pa. (Northampton)
Tyler Untrauer	Sr.	133	Midwest City, Okla. (Midwest City)
Chris Velez	Jr.	174	Port Charlotte, Fla. (Port Charlotte)
Cole VonOhlen	Jr.	149	Jackson, Minn. (Jackson County Central)
Garrett Wells	Fr.	174	Corvallis, Ore. (Crescent Valley)
Tanner Weltzin	Sr.	157	Alexandria, Minn. (Jefferson)
Alec Williams	Sr.	157	Fultondale, Ala. (Fultondale)

**Head Coach:** Joel Sharratt

**Assistant Coaches:** Bart Horton, Sam Barber

## SEASON RECORDS (AS OF JAN. 29, 2012)

	Overall	Dual
<b>125</b>		
Ty Jones	1-5	
Steven Joseph	1-2	
Kyle Morse	0-2	
Mengyuan Qiu	0-5	0-2
Greg Rinker	13-13	5-4

<b>133</b>		
Dylan Hyder	14-4	6-0
Ty Jones	0-3	
Kyle Morse	0-3	
Tyler Untrauer	3-5	2-3

<b>141</b>		
Zach Benson	0-2	
Logan Burch	3-5	
Cody Hancock	10-7	
Andy Jones	2-2	
Carter McElhany	22-13	6-5
Randy Pence	0-2	
Tyler Untrauer	4-6	

<b>149</b>		
Daniel Baucke	3-8	
Andy Jones	0-1	
Cole VonOhlen	27-2	11-0

<b>157</b>		
Jeremy Etling	0-2	
Ryan Fountain	3-6	
Josh Kreimier	17-11	7-4
Elijah Levee	5-4	
Garrett Manley	4-5	
Gabe Martinez	7-7	
Brandon Mueller	1-1	
Alec Williams	7-8	

	Overall	Dual
<b>165</b>		
Dan Barringer	6-7	
Daniel Cotton	0-2	
Jeremy Delzer	3-4	
Colby Kluesner	9-12	3-8
Samuel Mitchel	0-2	

<b>174</b>		
Dan Barringer	1-0	
Clayton Gable	14-12	6-5
Vance Hawk	2-6	
Rafael Magana	1-3	
Chris Morales	5-3	
Jason Mossing	0-4	
Chris Velez	0-2	
Garrett Wells	8-5	

<b>184</b>		
Dalton Henderson	0-1	
Devin Hightower	8-7	
Greg Isley	14-10	7-4
Daniel Nissen	0-3	

<b>197</b>		
Jack Carda	5-6	
Cody Davis	5-6	
Brook Gosch	3-4	
Evan Gros	8-6	
Josh Mohr	13-12	7-4

<b>HWT</b>		
Bentley Alsup	5-1	3-1
Jared Erickson	10-7	3-2
Brook Gosch	2-4	0-2

Falls	Number (Fastest)
Alsup	2 (0:26)
Barringer	2 (4:18)
Delzer	1 (3:57)
Erickson	1 (6:15)
Fountain	3 (0:51)
Gable	3 (0:29)
Hancock	2 (3:58)
Hyder	5 (1:37)
Isley	2 (1:17)
T. Jones	1 (4:58)
Joseph	1 (4:09)
Kluesner	3 (2:05)
Kreimier	3 (2:32)
Levee	1 (1:27)
G. Martinez	1 (1:31)
McElhany	2 (2:47)
Mohr	4 (3:27)
Morales	2 (2:56)
Rinker	7 (0:35)
Untrauer	1 (2:03)
VonOhlen	8 (1:41)
Wells	1 (4:38)
Williams	2 (4:30)

TOURNAMENT  
PLACEWINNERS**Hokie Open**

Cole VonOhlen, 1st (149)  
Clayton Gable, 3rd (174)  
Josh Mohr, 5th (197)  
Greg Rinker, 6th (125)

**Cowboy Open (Amateur)\*\***

Carter McElhany, 3rd (141)  
Garrett Wells, 3rd (174)  
Elijah Levee, 4th (157)

**UNK Holiday Inn Open (Elite)**

Cole VonOhlen, 1st (149)  
Jared Erickson, 1st (HWT)  
Greg Rinker, 2nd (125)  
Josh Kreimier, 3rd (157)  
Devin Hightower, 3rd (184)  
Tyler Untrauer, 4th (141)  
Logan Burch, 6th (141)  
Gabe Martinez, 6th (157)  
Evan Gros, 6th (197)

**UNK Holiday Inn Open (Amateur)**

Dylan Hyder, 1st (133)  
Carter McElhany, 2nd (141)  
Garrett Wells, 6th (174)

**Cliff Keen Las Vegas Invitational**

Cole VonOhlen, 2nd (149)

**FHSU-Bob Smith Open**

Carter McElhany, 2nd (141)

**Reno Tournament of Champions**

Cole VonOhlen, 2nd (149)  
Greg Rinker, 6th (125)

\*\*wrestlers competed unattached

**SENIOR NIGHT...**

Prior to the beginning of the dual versus Wyoming on Thursday, the Air Force wrestling program will honor its senior class. The Falcons' Class of 2012 includes **Ryan Fountain, Samuel Mitchel, Karl Oeser, Mengyuan Qiu, Tyler Untrauer** and senior captain **Alec Williams**, along with team managers **Estrella Ham** and **Wesley Stowe**.

**ABOUT THE ALL-ACADEMY CHAMPIONSHIPS...**

This weekend, the Falcons will host the 18th-annual All-Academy Championships, sponsored by USAA. The tournament features teams from eight service academies--Air Force, Army, The Citadel, Coast Guard, Merchant Marine, Navy, Norwich and VMI. Navy has won seven of the last eight team titles, including the last three championships.

Doors open for the All-Academy Championships at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday. Action will begin at 10:00 a.m., while finals are slated to start at 5:00 p.m. Tickets for the event are \$6 for adults and \$3 for youths.

**LAST YEAR AT THE ALL-ACADEMY CHAMPIONSHIPS...**

With eight placewinners, including a runner-up finish by Derek Gillespie, Air Force placed fourth at the 2011 All-Academy Championships, hosted by The Citadel. Meanwhile, Navy captured the team title for the third-consecutive season.

## WESTERN WRESTLING CONFERENCE

### WWC STANDINGS

	Conf.	Pct.	Overall	Pct.
#11 Wyoming	2-0	1.000	5-2	.714
North Dakota State	2-0	1.000	5-6	.455
Northern Iowa	3-1	.750	5-4	.556
<b>Air Force</b>	<b>2-2</b>	<b>.500</b>	<b>7-4</b>	<b>.636</b>
South Dakota State	0-2	.000	3-4	.429
Northern Colorado	0-1	.000	3-5	.375
Utah Valley	0-3	.000	3-7	.300

### WWC WRESTLER OF THE WEEK

Nov. 8	<b>Cole VonOhlen, Air Force</b>
Nov. 15	Shane Onufer, Wyoming
Nov. 22	Steven Monk, NDSU/Kasey Garnhart, Wyoming
Nov. 29	Ryan Loder, Northern Iowa
Dec. 6	Joe LeBlanc, Wyoming
Dec. 13	Zach Zehner, Wyoming
Dec. 20	Shane Onufer, Wyoming
Jan. 3	Steven Monk, North Dakota State
Jan. 10	Pat Martinez, Wyoming
Jan. 17	<b>Cole VonOhlen, Air Force</b>
Jan. 24	Joe LeBlanc, Wyoming
Jan. 31	Joe Colon, Northern Iowa



### IN THE NATIONAL RANKINGS...

Junior co-captain **Cole VonOhlen**, a two-time NCAA qualifier at 141 pounds, is currently ranked third in the nation at 149 pounds by several wrestling publications. VonOhlen is rated third in the nation by InterMatWrestle.com, W.I.N. Magazine, Amateur Wrestling News, WrestlingReport.com, The Open Mat and DI College Wrestling.

### COLE GETS TO 100...

With his win versus New Mexico Highlands on Jan. 21, junior **Cole VonOhlen** reached the 100-win plateau for his career, becoming the first Air Force wrestler to reach the mark since the 2001-02 season. That year, four different Falcons—Kevin Hoy, Scott Frohardt, Terry Parham and Andy Peters—surpassed 100 wins for their respective careers. VonOhlen joins Hoy, who currently holds the school record for career wins with 162, as the only Falcons to reach the mark as a junior.

### AIR FORCE ATHLETE OF THE WEEK...

On Jan. 23, junior **Cole VonOhlen** was named the Air Force Athlete of the Week honor for the second time this season. VonOhlen led Air Force to a 3-0 dual record at home, as the Falcons defeated conference foe Utah Valley (26-15) and non-conference opponents Cal Poly (30-15) and New Mexico Highlands (44-0).

VonOhlen registered a pair of technical falls and a fall in his three matches, as he improved to 25-2 on the season and 9-0 in dual competition. In addition, with his fall over NMHU's Stephen Apodaca, VonOhlen earned his 100th career victory, becoming the first Falcon since 2002 to reach the 100-win mark.

### WWC WRESTLER OF THE WEEK...

On Jan. 17, junior **Cole VonOhlen** received his second Western Wrestling Conference Wrestler of the Week honor of the season and the seventh of his career.

VonOhlen led the Falcons with a 4-0 record at the Lone Star Duals, registering a fall, a technical fall and a pair of decisions. Among his wins was an 11-5 decision over Harvard's previously undefeated Corey Jantzen, currently ranked seventh

in the nation by InterMatWrestle.com.

### AIR FORCE ATHLETE OF THE WEEK...

Junior **Cole VonOhlen** became the first Air Force wrestler of the season to earn Air Force Athlete of the Week honors following his performance at the Cliff Keen Las Vegas Invitational.

VonOhlen posted a 4-1 record at the CKLV Invitational over the weekend to capture second place at 149 pounds. He won his first four matches of the tournament before dropping the championship bout to Michigan's Eric Grajales. VonOhlen, who placed seventh at the event in 2010, became the first Air Force wrestler to advance to the finals at the CKLV Invitational since Kevin Hoy won back-to-back titles in 2001-02.

### WWC WRESTLER OF THE WEEK...

For the second-straight season, junior **Cole VonOhlen** was named the Western Wrestling Conference Wrestler of the Week in the opening week of competition. The award marked the sixth of VonOhlen's career.

For the third-straight year, VonOhlen opened the season by winning an individual title, this time taking first place at the Hokie Open, hosted by Virginia Tech. Competing at 149 pounds for the first time in his career, VonOhlen put together a 5-0 record in the largest bracket of the tournament. His five wins included a technical fall, a pair of falls and two decisions. In the championship bout, VonOhlen battled back from an injury, coming from behind for an 8-7 victory over North Carolina's Jon Burns.

### UP NEXT...

The Falcons wrap up the regular season on Sunday, Feb. 19, when they visit WWC foe Northern Colorado in a 2:00 p.m. dual.