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AIR FORCE WRESTLING

at Cowboy Open
Nov. 11, 2006
Laramie, Wyo.

THIS WEEK...

The Air Force wrestling team gets its 2006-07 season off to a start this weekend, Nov. 11, as it travels to Laramie, Wyo., for the annual Cowboy Open, hosted by the University of Wyoming.

SCOUTING THE FALCONS...

The 2006-07 Air Force wrestling team will have a new look this season, as legendary head coach Wayne Baughman retired after 27 years at the helm of the program. Taking over the reins for the Falcons is former Navy assistant **Joel Sharratt**, whose extensive experience as both a coach and athlete should pay off dividends for the Air Force wrestling program.

While four Air Force wrestlers qualified for the NCAA Championships last season, just one returns—junior **Jake Kriegbaum**, a two-time NCAA participant at 141 pounds. Meanwhile, the Falcons will look to their senior captains—**Chris Nissen**, an NCAA qualifier in 2004, and the **Lord** brothers, **Bridger** and **Zach**—for leadership in the team's quest for success.

THE COMPETITORS...

Twenty-two Falcons will be taking part in this week's Cowboy Open. Competing in the Open Division for Air Force will be **Zach Valdez** (125), **Matt Crippes** (141), **Jake Kriegbaum** (141), **Chris Nissen** (149), **Chris Szabolcs** (149), **Bridger Lord**

(157), **Tony Dorward** (157), **Zach Lord** (165), **Duane Miller** (165), **Stephen Crozier** (174), **Jacob Devlin** (184), **Peter Bozynski** (HWT) and **Anthony Stegeman** (HWT).

Meanwhile, taking part in the 20 & Under Division will be **Samuel Sheppard** (125), **Stephen Makuka** (133), **Kurt Spranger** (133), **Joshua Lopez** (157), **Alec Schwartz** (165), **Justin Shadrix** (165), **Tyler French** (174), **James Ciccone** (174) and **Sterling Tribble** (184).

LAST YEAR AT THE COWBOY OPEN...

Senior captains **Brandon Strong** (133) and **Beau Tresemer** (165) each finished second in their respective weight classes at the 2005 Cowboy Open, while sophomore **Jake Kriegbaum** placed third at 141 pounds.

Meanwhile, three Falcons were placewinners in the 20 & Under Division, with **Billy Blumhoefer** taking second at 197 pounds, **Frank McGrath** finishing third at heavyweight and **Matt McDiarmid** taking fourth at 133 pounds.

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SCHEDULE/RESULTS

Date	Opponent	Time/Res.
11/11	at Cowboy Open	All Day
11/18	at Kaufman-Brand Open	All Day
11/25	at Oklahoma Open	All Day
12/2-3	at Las Vegas Invitational	All Day
12/8	at Western State	7:00 p.m.
12/9	Colorado School of Mines	7:00 p.m.
12/29-30	at Midlands Invitational	All Day
1/6	at Lone Star Duals	All Day
1/6	at Tourn. of Champions	All Day
1/20	at Pittsburgh	2:00 p.m.
1/20	at Glen Brand Open	All Day
1/21	at Wendy's Duals	All Day
1/27	North Dakota State*	5:00 p.m.
1/27	Adams State	7:00 p.m.
1/27	at Borah Duals	All Day
1/28	vs. Portland State	4:00 p.m.
2/3	All-Academy Champ.	All Day
2/10	South Dakota State*#	2:00 p.m.
2/16	at Wyoming*	7:00 p.m.
2/17	at Utah Valley State*	7:00 p.m.
2/20	Northern Colorado*#	7:00 p.m.
3/3	at NCAA West Regional	All Day
3/15-17	at NCAA Championships	All Day

Home matches in **bold**; held in Cadet East Gym, unless otherwise denoted

- Held in Clune Arena

* - denotes Western Wrestling Conference match

All times local to site and are subject to change

BLUE-SILVER INTRASQUAD MATCH...

Air Force gave its fans a preview of the upcoming season with the Blue-Silver Intrasquad Match on Oct. 27. With bouts contested at every weight class, the wrestle-offs resulted in a preliminary lineup for the season.

Following are complete results

2006-07 Roster

Name	Yr.	Wt.	Hometown (High School)
Felix Abeyta	Fr.	157	Colorado Springs, Colo. (Coronado)
Patrick Arkwright	Fr.	149	Allen Park, Mich. (Allen Park)
John Bowman	Fr.	149	Smithville, Mo. (Dakota Valley)
Peter Bozynski	Sr.	197	Birmingham, Mich. (Seaholm)
Casey Butikofer	So.	174	Rigby, Idaho (Bonnevill)
James Ciccone	Fr.	174	Mentor, Ohio (Lake Catholic)
Matt Crippes	Sr.	141	Cloverdale, Calif. (Healdsburg)
Stephen Crozier	So.	174	Monona, Iowa (MFL Mar Mac)
Jacob Devlin	Jr.	184	Livingston, N.J. (Livingston)
Tony Dorward	Jr.	157	Seattle, Wash. (Mt. Rainier)
Daniel Dreier	Fr.	184	Appleton, Wis. (Appleton West)
Michael Erickson	Fr.	157	O'Fallon, Ill. (Robert E. Lee)
Tyler French	Fr.	174	Malta, Mont. (Malta)
AJ Harris	Jr.	174	Boise, Idaho (Centennial)
Jake Johnston	Fr.	165	Green Bay, Wis. (Green Bay Preble)
Jake Kriegbaum	Jr.	141	Abilene, Kan. (Abilene)
Joshua Lopez	Fr.	149	Colorado Springs, Colo. (St. Mary's)
Bridger Lord	Sr.	157	Missoula, Mont. (Sentinel)
Zach Lord	Sr.	165	Missoula, Mont. (Sentinel)
Steve Makuka	Fr.	133	Columbus, N.J. (Northern Burlington County Regional)
Duane Miller	Jr.	165	Bellevue, Idaho (Wood River)
James Miller	So.	141	Absarokee, Mont. (Absarokee)
Randall Mitchner	Fr.	157	Cordova, Tenn. (Cordova)
Akira Nervik	Fr.	165	Bellflower, Calif. (Mayfair)
Chris Nissen	Sr.	149	Denver, Colo. (Standley Lake)
Juancarlos Pino	So.	133	Yuma, Ariz. (Kofa)
Derek Potter	Fr.	165	Granite Falls, N.C. (South Caldwell)
Alec Schwartz	Fr.	165	Valrico, Fla. (Bloomington)
Justin Shadrix	Fr.	165	Bremen, Ga. (Bremen)
Samuel Sheppard	Fr.	125	Ramstein AB, Germany (Ramstein American)
Kurt Spranger	Fr.	133	Tampa, Fla. (Tampa Jesuit)
Tony Stegeman	Jr.	HWT	Cincinnati, Ohio (Elder)
Chris Szabolcs	Jr.	149	Westlake, Ohio (St. Edward)
Andrew Teigeler	Sr.	149	Yorktown, Va. (Grafton)
Sterling Tribble	So.	184	Midwest City, Okla. (Midwest City)
Zach Valdez	Jr.	125	Parker, Colo. (Chaparral)



Head Coach: Joel Sharratt

Assistant Coaches: Maj. Matt Ciccarello, Maj. Tom Tingley

Volunteer Assistant Coach: Mike McArthur

from the Blue-Silver Match:

- 125** Zach Valdez dec. Samuel Sheppard, 11-6
- 133** Stephen Makuka fall Kurt Spranger, 6:53
- 141** Jake Kriegbaum maj. dec. Andrew Teigeler, 15-1
- 149** Chris Nissen tech. fall Chris Szabolcs, 5:16 (18-2)
- 157** Bridger Lord dec. Tony Dorward, 5-0
- 165** Duane Miller fall Zach Lord, 2:10
- 174** Stephen Crozier dec. Tyler French, 6-2
- 184** Jacob Devlin dec. Sterling Tribble, 6-0
- 197** James Ciccone maj. dec. Casey Butikofer, 12-1
- hwt** Anthony Stegeman dec. Peter Bozynski, 3-2

UP NEXT...

The Falcons are back in action next weekend, Nov. 18, at the Kaufman-Brand Open, hosted by Nebraska-Omaha.