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Sports Information



Four Wildcats Place Second in Davidson Wrestling Open

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DAVIDSON, N.C. — In the first-ever Davidson Open, the host Wildcats had four wrestlers place second in their respective bracket as more than a dozen regional schools participated in the event. No team scores were kept, but only Gardner-Webb had more than one champion with a total of three.

At 125, Davidson freshman Ben Altman won his semifinal bout against Lance Long of VMI before Belmont Abbey's Chris Niedermeyer won the championship bout.

Wildcat senior Marcus Boyd won three matches to reach the championship round, But Joey Schrecknise of Limestone prevailed in a close bout.

Following a first-round bye, sophomore Sam O'Hair defeated wrestlers from Gardner-Webb and James Madison to earn a shot at the 184 crown. Brandon Beach of Gardner-Webb triumphed in the finals, however, by a 3-1 score.

Davidson's fourth finalist was freshman Mike Waters at 197. Like O'Hair, he scored a pair of victories to advance to the championship round. Unfortunately his run ended like O'Hair's as well, with a loss to a Gardner-Webb wrestler, Dustin Porter.

Senior Jim Avola also performed well for the Wildcats, placing third at 141.

The four wrestlers to place in each weight class are listed below.

125

Champion: Chris Neidermeyer (Belmont Abbey)
2nd Place: Ben Altman (Davidson)
3rd Place: Andy Wade (Anderson)
4th Place: Jonathon Pope (VMI)

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Champion: Aiduzu Azumendi (Newberry)
2nd Place: Robert Buck (Virginia Tech)
3rd Place: Phil Bliss (Belmont Abbey)
4th Place: Matthias Piasecki (Gardner-Webb)

133

Champion: Matt Rosen (Vriniga Tech)
2nd Place: Rob Tate (Gardner-Webb)
3rd Place: David Sledz (Belmont Abbey)
4th Place: Reimark Neidermeyer (Belmont Abbey)

174

Champion: Joey Schrecknise (Limestone)
2nd Place: Marcus Boyd (Davidson)
3rd Place: Chad Davis (Gardner-Webb)
4th Place: Jordan Lowe (Gardner-Webb)

141

Champion: Chaz Franz (Gardner-Webb)
2nd Place: Andre Johnson (Virginia Tech)
3rd Place: Jim Avola (Davidson)
4th Place: Nick DiCarlo (Anderson)

184

Champion: Brandon Beach (Gardner-Webb)
2nd Place: Sam O'Hair (Davidson)
3rd Place: Brandon Brothers (Appalachian State)
4th Place: Jared Skinner (Anderson)

149

Champion: David Meltzer (VMI)
2nd Place: Mark Maya (Appalachian State)
3rd Place: Michael Degli Obizzi (Duke)
4th Place: Zach Martin (Appalachian State)

197

Champion: Dustin Porter (Gardner-Webb)
2nd Place: Mike Waters (Davidson)
3rd Place: Kevin O'Connor (Virginia Tech)
4th Place: David Bush (Limestone)

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Champion: Byron Sigman (UNC Greensboro)
2nd Place: Casey Bradley (Limestone)
3rd Place: Forrest Garner (Anderson)
4th Place: Derek Gallagher (Virginia Tech)

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Champion: Rowan Dzik (Duke)
2nd Place: Jim Powers (Virginia Tech)
3rd Place: Aaron Lambert (Anderson)
4th Place: Derek Callaway (Appalachian State)

