



# Athletic Media Relations

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## AIR FORCE WRESTLING

**vs. Northern Colorado**  
**Feb. 20, 2007**  
**USAFA, Colo.**

### THIS WEEK...

The Air Force wrestling team wraps up its regular season dual slate this week, as it plays host to Western Wrestling Conference foe Northern Colorado. The match is slated to begin at 6:00 p.m. in Clune Arena.

### LAST TIME OUT...

The Falcons picked up their second-straight WWC victory on Saturday, defeating Utah Valley State, 38-6. Sophomore **Stephen Crozier** picked up six team points for the Falcons, recording a fall at 174 pounds, while **Jake Kriegbaum** (141) and **Anthony Stegeman** (HWT) each registered technical falls to help lead Air Force to the win.

### SCOUTING THE FALCONS...

Air Force currently holds a 5-10 overall mark and 2-1 record in the WWC. The Falcons have won their last three dual meets and hold an even 2-2 record at home.

**Bridger Lord** and **Jake Kriegbaum**, who each have nine dual victories on the season, are among the leaders for the Falcons.

### SCOUTING THE BEARS...

Northern Colorado enters this week's matchup with a 5-9 overall record and 2-2 mark in the WWC. The Bears are coming off a pair of non-conference losses to Cal Poly and Cal State Fullerton.

Leading Northern Colorado is

sophomore **Kenny Hashimoto** (141), currently ranked 13th in the nation.

### THE LINEUP...

The Falcons' probable lineup for this week's dual matches follows:

125 Zach Valdez  
133 Stephen Makuka  
141 Jake Kriegbaum  
OR Kurt Spranger  
149 Bridger Lord  
157 Zach Lord  
165 Tony Dorward  
OR Duane Miller  
174 Stephen Crozier  
184 Jacob Devlin  
197 Jordan Tribble  
HWT Anthony Stegeman

### SENIOR DAY...

The Falcons will celebrate Senior Day prior to the Northern Colorado match, as they say goodbye to seven seniors. In addition to captains **Bridger and Zach Lord**, the Falcons will honor **Peter Bozynski, Matt Crippes, Chris Nissen** and **Andrew Teigeler**.

### WYOMING MATCH CANCELLED...

Due to road closures caused by stormy weather last week, the Falcons were unable to get to Laramie for their scheduled match

### 2006-07 SCHEDULE/RESULTS

<u>Date</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Time/Res.</u>
11/11	at Cowboy Open	NTS
11/18	at Kaufman-Brand Open	NTS
11/25	at Oklahoma Open	NTS
12/1-2	at Las Vegas Invitational	42nd/7.0
12/2	at FHSU-Bob Smith Open	NTS
12/8	at Western State	L, 12-19
<b>12/9</b>	<b>Colorado School of Mines</b>	<b>W, 29-16</b>
12/29-30	at Midlands Invitational	NTS
1/5-6	at Tourn. of Champions	NTS
1/6	vs. #4 Oklahoma State	L, 5-40
1/6	vs. Central Oklahoma	L, 0-38
1/6	vs. Brown	W, 18-13
1/6	vs. #19 Wisconsin	L, 6-37
1/20	at Pittsburgh	L, 9-28
1/20	at Glen Brand Open	NTS
1/21	vs. Cleveland State	L, 10-23
1/21	at Ashland	L, 9-24
1/21	vs. #21 Kent State	L, 4-33
<b>1/27</b>	<b>North Dakota State*</b>	<b>L, 15-24</b>
<b>1/27</b>	<b>Adams State</b>	<b>L, 15-23</b>
1/27	at Borah Duals	All Day
1/28	vs. Portland State	W, 31-9
<b>2/3</b>	<b>All-Academy Champ.</b>	<b>5th/33.5</b>
<b>2/10</b>	<b>South Dakota State*#</b>	<b>W, 25-21</b>
2/17	at Utah Valley State*	W, 38-6
<b>2/20</b>	<b>Northern Colorado*#</b>	<b>6:00 p.m.</b>
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

against Wyoming. The match was cancelled, with no plans to make up the competition date.

## Season Records (as of Feb. 18, 2007)

	<b>Overall</b>	<b>Dual</b>		<b>Overall</b>	<b>Dual</b>	<b>Pins</b>	<b>Number (Fastest)</b>
<b>125</b>			<b>165</b>			Bozynski	1 (5:29)
Samuel Sheppard	5-11	1-3	Felix Abeyta	0-2		Butikofer	1 (6:43)
Zach Valdez	11-17	4-7	Tony Dorward	3-6	0-5	Ciccione	2 (1:19)
			Zach Lord	7-6		Crippes	1 (4:25)
<b>133</b>			Duane Miller	4-17	2-7	Crozier	3 (1:39)
Stephen Makuka	7-20	4-10	Akira Nervik	2-2		Devlin	2 (3:05)
Juancarlos Pino	0-4		Alec Schwartz	0-2		Dorward	3 (3:13)
Kurt Spranger	3-13		Justin Shadrix	9-11	1-0	French	5 (0:06)
Zach Valdez	1-0	1-0				Gorry	1 (5:30)
			<b>174</b>			Harris	2 (0:31)
<b>141</b>			James Ciccione	6-8		Kriegbaum	3 (0:21)
Matt Crippes	2-2		Stephen Crozier	10-22	4-10	Lopez	1 (4:53)
Jake Kriegbaum	16-18	9-6	Tyler French	16-13	0-1	B. Lord	1 (1:33)
Juancarlos Pino	1-3		A.J. Harris	6-10		Z. Lord	2 (1:55)
						Makuka	2 (3:41)
<b>149</b>			<b>184</b>			Miller	1 (0:28)
Bridger Lord	11-10	9-4	James Ciccione	0-1	0-1	Nervik	2 (0:54)
Chris Nissen	1-2		Jacob Devlin	12-20	6-8	Nissen	1 (1:32)
Chris Szabolcs	7-10	1-1	A.J. Harris	1-3		Shadrix	3 (1:54)
Andrew Teigeler	3-6		Jordan Tribble	7-5		Sheppard	1 (3:43)
						Spranger	1 (5:11)
<b>157</b>			<b>197</b>			Stegeman	7 (0:56)
Tony Dorward	5-8	1-0	Peter Bozynski	2-8	0-6	Szabolcs	6 (2:04)
Michael Erickson	0-2		Casey Butikofer	1-6		Tribble	2 (1:51)
Thomas Gorry	2-4		Jordan Tribble	4-9	2-7	Valdez	2 (4:09)
Joshua Lopez	3-12						
Bridger Lord	5-6		<b>HWT</b>				
Zach Lord	8-15	4-10	Peter Bozynski	1-8			
Randall Mitchner	0-2		Steve Larson	0-3			
			Kevin Quinn	1-3			
			Anthony Stegeman	16-17	7-8		

### WWC WRESTLER OF THE WEEK...

On Feb. 14, senior captain **Bridger Lord** became the second Air Force wrestler this season to earn WWC Wrestler of the Week honors. Lord helped the Falcons pick up their first conference victory against South Dakota State, recording his first fall of the season, pinning Sean Flynn in a time of 1:33.

Earlier this season, junior heavy-weight **Anthony Stegeman** became the first Air Force wrestler to receive WWC accolades after going 3-0 against North Dakota State, Adams State and Portland State. The Cincinnati, Ohio, native registered a fall, a decision and a tech fall in his three wins, snapping an eight-match losing streak and improving his dual record to 5-8.

### Tournament Placewinners

#### Cowboy Open (Amateur)

Jordan Tribble, 2nd (184)

#### Kaufman-Brand Open (Amateur)

Tyler French, 5th (174)

#### Oklahoma Open

Anthony Stegeman, 3rd (HWT)

Zach Valdez, 4th (125)

Bridger Lord, 4th (157)

Stephen Crozier, 4th (174)

#### Tournament of Champions

Tyler French, 3rd (174)

A.J. Harris, 4th (174)

#### All-Academy Championships

Zach Lord, 3rd (157)

Tony Dorward, 3rd (165)

Zach Valdez, 4th (125)

Jordan Tribble, 4th (197)

Anthony Stegeman, 4th (HWT)

### UP NEXT...

Air Force will have the next week and a half to rest up before heading to the NCAA West Regional in Cedar Falls, Iowa, on March 3. There the Falcons will compete for the opportunity to earn a spot at the NCAA Championships, to be held March 15-17 in Auburn Hills, Mich.