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AIR FORCE WRESTLING

at Kaufman-Brand Open Nov. 10, 2007 Omaha, Neb.

THIS WEEK...

The Air Force wrestling team is back in action this weekend, Nov. 17, as it heads to the Kaufman-Brand Open, hosted by Nebraska-Omaha.

SCOUTING THE FALCONS...

The Falcons, who finished with five placewinners at last weekend's Cowboy Open, will send 22 wrestlers to this weekend's Kaufman-Brand Open. Slated to compete in the Elite Division are **Zach Valdez** (125), **Jake Kriegbaum** (141), **Stephen Makuka** (141), **Chris Szabolcs** (149), **Tony Dorward** (157), **Stephen Crozier** (165), **Justin Shadrix** (165), **Duane Miller** (174), **Tyler French** (174), **James Ciccone** (184), **Jacob Devlin** (184), **Jordan Tribble** (197) and **Anthony Stegeman** (HWT).

Meanwhile, scheduled to compete in the Amateur Division are **Andrew Zwirlein** (125), **Samuel Sheppard** (125), **Derek Gillespie** (133), **Kurt Spranger** (133), **Matt Torrence** (149), **Michael Erickson** (157), **Joseph Stafford** (165), **Chris Thomas** (184) and **Kazden Ikehara** (HWT).

LAST TIME OUT...

Five different Falcons were placewinners at the season-opening Cowboy Open last week, paced by freshman **Derek Gillespie**, who captured first place at 133 pounds in the Amateur Division. Gillespie was a perfect 5-0 in his collegiate debut, recording four decisions and a fall.

In the Elite Division, senior **Jake Kriegbaum** took second place at 141 pounds, going 4-1 on the day. Senior **Anthony Stegeman** finished third at heavyweight, compiling a 6-1 record, while **Jacob Devlin** took fourth place at 197 pounds, ending the day with

a 3-2 record. Also placing for Air Force was freshman **Joseph Stafford**, who took third place at 165 pounds in the Amateur Division with a 6-1 record.

ABOUT THE KAUFMAN-BRAND OPEN...

The Kaufman-Brand Open, being held at the Sapp Fieldhouse on the campus of Nebraska-Omaha, is the nation's largest single-day collegiate meet in the nation. At least 42 teams are expected to send more than 650 athletes to compete in the meet, which includes some of the top teams in the nation.

The first matches will get underway at 9 a.m. in two divisions, the Elite and Amateur Divisions. The meet will proceed with no set times for semifinals or finals until its conclusion.

Among the teams expected to compete this weekend are top-ranked Minnesota, No. 2 Iowa State, No. 3 Oklahoma State, No. 4 Iowa, No. 11 Wisconsin, No. 14 Nebraska and No. 15 Ohio State.

UP NEXT...

The Falcons return to action on Dec. 1, when they take part in the Fort Hays Open, hosted by Fort Hays State.

2007-08 SCHEDULE/RESULTS

Date	Opponent	Time/Res.
11/10	at Cowboy Open	NTS
11/17	at Kaufman-Brand Open	All Day
12/1	at Fort Hays Open	All Day
12/8	Western State	2:00 p.m.
12/29-30	at Midlands Invitational	All Day
1/4-5	at Tournament of Champions	All Day
1/5	at Lone Star Duals	All Day
1/12	at Adams State	3:00 p.m.
1/18	at Purdue	6:00 p.m.
1/19	at Hoosier Quad	All Day
1/19	at Glen Brand Open	All Day
1/25	Utah Valley State*	4:30 p.m.
	Colorado School of Mines	6:00 p.m.
1/26	at Borah Duals	All Day
2/2	All-Academy Championships	All Day
2/10	at Northern Colorado*	2:00 p.m.
2/15	at North Dakota State*	7:00 p.m.
2/16	at South Dakota State*	7:30 p.m.
2/23	Wyoming*	2:00 p.m.
3/8	at WWC Tournament	All Day
3/20-22	at NCAA Championships	All Day

Home matches in **bold**

* - denotes Western Wrestling Conference match

All times local to site and are subject to change

Season Records (as of Nov. 11, 2007)

	Overall	Dual		Overall	Dual
125			165		
Samuel Sheppard	0-2		Stephen Crozier	2-2	
Zach Valdez	2-2		Justin Shadrix	1-2	
Andrew Zwirlein	3-2		Joseph Stafford	6-1	
133			174		
Derek Gillespie	5-0		Tyler French	2-2	
Kurt Spranger	3-2		Duane Miller	0-2	
			Akira Nervik	1-2	
141			184		
Jake Kriegbaum	4-1		James Ciccone	2-2	
Stephen Makuka	1-2		Neil Delaney	1-2	
			A.J. Harris	1-2	
149			Chris Thomas	2-2	
Chris Szabolcs	2-2				
Matt Torrence	3-2		197		
			Jacob Devlin	3-2	
157			HWT		
Tony Dorward	1-2		Kazden Ikehara	0-2	
			Anthony Stegeman	6-1	

Pins	Number (Fastest)
Crozier	1 (3:50)
Gillespie	1 (2:37)
Nervik	1 (1:13)
Spranger	1 (3:22)
Stafford	2 (1:21)
Stegeman	1 (1:31)
Szabolcs	1 (1:31)

Tournament Placewinners

Cowboy Open
 Jake Kriegbaum, 2nd (141)
 Anthony Stegeman, 3rd (HWT)
 Jacob Devlin, 4th (197)

Cowboy Open (Amateur)
 Derek Gillespie, 1st (133)
 Joseph Stafford, 3rd (165)