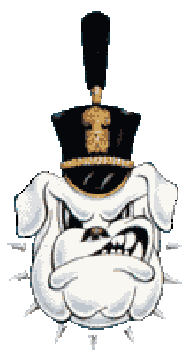


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### **Three Bulldogs Go Undefeated at Liberty Quad Meet**

**Lynchburg, Va.** – The Bulldog grapplers took a 32-9 victory over Messiah in their first round dual of the Liberty Quad meet on Saturday, Jan. 26 at the Schilling Center. The meet featured host team Liberty, along with Messiah, Bucknell, Davidson and The Citadel. The Cadets accumulated 56 team points in three duals topping their opponents 52 total points, but the grapplers from Bucknell and Liberty were able to edge out the Dogs for the dual victories.

Tyler Sim gave the Bulldogs an early 6-0 lead over Messiah after the 125-pound bout, recording his first fall of the season against the Falcons' Andrew Clark at the 2:50 mark. Two other Citadel grapplers recorded first period falls against their Messiah foes, Anthony Easter at 133 pounds and Aaron Brown in the heavyweight division pinned their opponents at the 2:13 and 0:58 marks respectively.

Redshirt freshman Derek Royster continued The Citadel's run with a 7-2 victory over Messiah's Craig Gin. The win improved the 149-pound Bulldog grappler's record to 17-12. Following Royster's lead, true freshman Keith Koziel dominated his 157-pound bout downing Messiah's Jordan Ohmen 15-2. The major decision marked Koziel's third of the season.

Also recording his third major decision of the year was 184-pound Bulldog Darius Caldwell. The redshirt senior's 9-0 shut-out gave The Citadel a 23-9 insurmountable lead. This did not stop fellow redshirt senior John Buck as he tacked three more team points on the board for the Bulldogs with his 9-4 victory of the Falcon's Robert Spears.

Adding in the six points from Brown's impressive first period put the Cadets ahead by 23 points to finish off their 32-9 victory over Massiah in the first round of Saturday's competition.

The Citadel then faced Bucknell, whose squad is highlighted by their No. 15 David Marble and No. 19 Andy Rendos nationally ranked wrestlers at 133 and 165 pounds respectively. The Bulldogs were the first to score as Sim notched his second win of the day at 125 pounds. The 5-2 decision over Bucknell's Greg Hart put the Cadets up 3-0.

Bucknell came back to take the next six matches before The Citadel could finish the dual with three victories of their own. Caldwell, Buck and Brown all recorded their second victories of the day with decisions over their Bucknell opponents. The nine points were not enough though as the Bison bested the Bulldogs 22-12.

The Cadets closed the meet with a dual against host school Liberty. Sim, Caldwell and Buck all recorded their third wins in the dual going undefeated on the day. Sim started the dual with a 5-1 win over Liberty's Sean Katz putting the Bulldogs up 3-0.

Easter put three more team points on the board for the Dogs with his 8-2 victory over T.J. Mitch in the 133-pound bout. True freshman Koziel and Derek Sickel both wrestled tough matches being defeated by only two points in the end. After Sickel's 174-pound match-up The Citadel was down 19-6 going into the final three bouts.

Caldwell recorded a 6-3 decision over Liberty's Chris Daggett and Buck followed by shutting out Nick Knowles in the 197-pound bout. Buck's 6-0 win leveled his record out at 13-13 on the season. The pair added six more points to the Dogs team score, but the Flames' lead was too much to overcome though as Liberty took the dual victory 22-12.

The Bulldogs will travel to West Point, N.Y. next weekend, Saturday, Feb. 2 to represent The Citadel in the All-Academy Championships. The Cadets will return home on Saturday, Feb. 9 when they host Appalachian State in McAlister Field House. For complete coverage of Bulldog Wrestling, visit the official home of The Citadel Athletics at [www.CitadelSports.com](http://www.CitadelSports.com).

## **Results**

### **The Citadel 32, Messiah 9**

**125:** Tyler Sims (CIT) Fall Andrew Clark (MC), at 2:50; Citadel leads 6-0

**133:** Anthony Easter (CIT) Fall John Ayers (MC), at 2:13; Citadel leads 12-0

**141:** Alex Dehart (MC) Dec. Michael Fenton (CIT), 4-2; Citadel leads 12-3

**149:** Derek Royster (CIT) Dec. Craig Gin (MC), 7-2; Citadel leads 15-3

**157:** Keith Koziel (CIT) M. Dec. Jordan Ohmen (MC), 15-2; Citadel leads 19-3

**165:** Trent Zempel (MC) Dec. Brendan Prince (CIT), 5-2; Citadel leads 19-6

**174:** David Jones (MC) Dec. Derek Sickel (CIT), 8-3; Citadel leads 19-9

**184:** Darius Caldwell (CIT) M. Dec. Matt McHugh (MC), 9-0; Citadel leads 23-9

**197:** John Buck (CIT) Dec. Robert Spears (MC), 9-4; Citadel leads 26-9

**HWT:** Aaron Brown (CIT) Fall Elias Arbaiza (MC), at 0:58; Citadel leads 32-9

### **The Citadel 12, Bucknell 22**

**125:** Tyler Sim (CIT) Dec. Greg Hart (BU), 5-2; Citadel leads 3-0

**133:** No. 15 David Marble (BU) M. Dec. Anthony Easter (CIT); 14-4, Bucknell leads 4-3

**141:** Luke Chohany (BU) M. Dec. Kirby Thompson (CIT), 16-4; Bucknell leads 8-3

**149:** Kevin LeValley (BU) Dec. Derek Royster (CIT), 5-0; Bucknell leads 11-3

**157:** Brantley Hooks (BU) Dec. Keith Koziel (CIT), 6-2; Bucknell leads 14-3

**165:** No. 19 Andy Rendos (BU) T. Fall Brendan Prince (CIT), 25-9; Bucknell leads 19-3

**174:** Shane Riccio (BU) Dec. Derek Sickel (CIT), 7-2; Bucknell leads 22-3

**184:** Darius Caldwell (CIT) Dec. David Thompson (BU); Bucknell leads 22-6

**197:** John Buck (CIT) Dec. Charlie Wonsettler (BU), 5-2; Bucknell leads 22-9

**HWT:** Aaron Brown (CIT) Dec. Rivera (BU), 3-2; Bucknell leads 22-12

### **The Citadel 12, Liberty 22**

**125:** Tyler Sim (CIT) Dec. Sean Katz (LU), 5-1; Citadel leads 3-0

**133:** Anthony Easter (CIT) Dec. T.J. Mitchell (LU), 8-2; Citadel leads 6-0

**141:** Tim Harner (LU) Fall Mike Fenton (CIT), at 2:12; Tied 6-6

**149:** Scott Clymer (LU) Dec. Derek Royster (CIT), 8-2; Liberty leads 9-6

**157:** Shaun Smith (LU) Dec. Keith Koziel (CIT), 6-4; Liberty leads 12-6

**165:** Chad Porter (LU) M. Dec. Brendan Prince (CIT), 8-0; Liberty leads 16-6

**174:** Aaron Kelley (LU) Dec. Derek Sickel (CIT), 6-4; Liberty leads 19-6

**184:** Darius Caldwell (CIT) Dec. Chris Daggett (LU), 6-3; Liberty leads 19-9

**197:** John Buck (CIT) Dec. Nick Knowles (LU), 6-0; Liberty leads 19-12

**HWT:** Patrick Walker (LU) Dec. Aaron Brown (CIT), 8-1; Liberty leads 22-12