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AIR FORCE WRESTLING

at All-Academy Championships Feb. 2, 2008 West Point, N.Y.

THIS WEEK...

The Air Force wrestling team heads to West Point, N.Y., for the All-Academy Championships this weekend, Feb. 2. The tournament is scheduled to begin at 9:30 a.m. (ET). Live updates from the championship bouts, slated to begin at 5:00 p.m., will be available on Army's website at goARMYsports.com.

ABOUT THE ALL-ACADEMY CHAMPIONSHIPS...

The All-Academy Championships, now in their 14th year, feature teams from the service/military academies: Army, Navy, Air Force, The Citadel, Coast Guard, Virginia Military Institute, Merchant Marine Academy and Norwich University. Navy leads the way with seven team titles at the event, including the last four, while Air Force is second with four titles. Army and VMI have each won the tournament twice.

LAST TIME OUT...

The Falcons went 5-1 in six dual meets last weekend, defeating Colorado School of Mines, Utah Valley State, Grand Canyon, Mesa State and New Mexico Highlands, while falling to Western State. **Anthony Stegeman** (5-0), **Jake Kriegbaum** (5-0) and **Stephen Crozier** (4-0) all went undefeated on the weekend for Air Force.

SCOUTING THE FALCONS...

Leading Air Force with 20 total wins on the season is junior **Stephen Crozier**. Close behind is senior **Anthony Stegeman** with 19 wins, while freshman **Derek Gillespie** has 17 wins on the season.

Meanwhile, **Chris Szabolcs** lead the team with five falls this year, while sophomore **Kurt**

Spranger owns a fastest fall of 46 seconds.

LAST YEAR AT THE ALL-ACADEMY CHAMPIONSHIPS...

Air Force, which hosted the 2007 All-Academy Championships, finished fifth at last year's event. The Falcons had five placemen in the tournament, led by Zach Lord (157) and **Tony Dorward** (165), who each finished third in their respective weight classes. Meanwhile, **Zach Valdez** (125), **Jordan Tribble** (197) and **Anthony Stegeman** (HWT) each finished fourth.

AIR FORCE MALE ATHLETE OF THE WEEK...

Senior **Anthony Stegeman** became the first Air Force Male Athlete of the Week on Jan. 14, following his performance in the Falcons' 22-21 victory over Adams State. Stegeman produced a major decision which helped Air Force secure the one-point win.

WWC WRESTLER OF THE WEEK...

Junior **Stephen Crozier** was named the Western Wrestling Conference Wrestler of the Week on Dec. 5 after capturing first place at the FHSU-Bob Smith Open.

Crozier was one of two champions for the Falcons at the FHSU Open.

Wrestling at 165 pounds, the unseeded Crozier began the day with a pair of tech falls, before knocking off the top-seed, pinning Oklahoma State's Kyle Griffin in a time of 3:22. After registering a major decision in the next round, Crozier picked up an 8-6 decision in overtime

2007-08 SCHEDULE/RESULTS

Date	Opponent	Time/Res.
11/10	at Cowboy Open	NTS
11/17	at Kaufman/Brand Open	NTS
12/1	at Fort Hays Open	NTS
12/29-30	at Midlands Invitational	25th/15 pts.
1/5	at Tournament of Champions	All Day
1/5	vs. Eastern Michigan\$	L, 12-20
1/5	vs. Appalachian State\$	L, 9-25
1/5	vs. Brown\$	L, 15-19
1/12	at Adams State	W, 22-21
1/18	at Purdue	L, 6-35
1/19	vs. Indianapolis%	L, 14-21
1/19	at No. 17 Indiana%	L, 3-39
1/19	vs. Gardner-Webb%	W, 36-6
1/19	at Glen Brand Open	NTS
1/25	Colorado School of Mines	W, 39-3
	Utah Valley State*	W, 33-6
1/26	at Western State^	L, 11-25
1/26	vs. Grand Canyon^	W, 42-12
1/26	vs. Mesa State^	W, 37-6
1/26	vs. New Mexico Highlands^	W, 36-6
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

\$ - Lone Star Duals (Grand Prairie, Texas)

% - Hoosier Quad (Bloomington, Ind.)

^ - Borah Duals (Gunnison, Colo.)

All times local to site and are subject to change

over second-seed Taylor May of Nebraska-Kearney to take the championship.

UP NEXT...

The Falcons travel to Northern Colorado next week, Feb. 10, for a conference dual meet.

2007-08 Roster

Name	Yr.	Wt.	Hometown (High School)
Casey Butikofer	Jr.	174	Rigby, Idaho (Bonneville)
James Ciccone	So.	184	Mentor, Ohio (Lake Catholic)
Stephen Crozier	Jr.	165	Monona, Iowa (MFL Mar Mac)
Neil Delaney	Fr.	184	Grand Rapids, Mich. (Forest Hills Central)
Jacob Devlin	Sr.	184	Livingston, N.J. (Livingston)
Tony Dorward	Sr.	157	Seattle, Wash. (Mt. Rainier)
Michael Erickson	So.	157	O'Fallon, Ill. (Robert E. Lee)
Alex Flori	Fr.	165	Eagle River, Alaska (Emerald Ridge)
Tyler French	So.	174	Malta, Mont. (Malta)
Kyle Gadoury	Fr.	149	West Warwick, R.I. (West Warwick)
Derek Gillespie	Fr.	133	Chesapeake, Va. (Great Bridge)
Thomas Gorry	So.	149	Stuttgart, Germany (Patch American)
Justin Graff	Fr.	157	El Cajon, Calif. (Steele Canyon)
AJ Harris	Sr.	174	Boise, Idaho (Centennial)
Kazden Ikehara	Fr.	HWT	Mililani, Hawaii (Kamehameha)
Jake Kriegbaum	Sr.	141	Abilene, Kan. (Abilene)
Josh Larson	Fr.	197	Windsor, Colo. (Windsor)
Joshua LeMair	Fr.	133	Madison, S.D. (Madison)
Joshua Lopez	So.	149	Colorado Springs, Colo. (St. Mary's)
Stephen Makuka	So.	141	Columbus, N.J. (Northern Burlington County Regional)
Duane Miller	Sr.	174	Bellevue, Idaho (Wood River)
Randall Mitchner	So.	157	Cordova, Tenn. (Cordova)
Akira Nervik	So.	165	Bellflower, Calif. (Mayfair)
Wesley Osborn	Fr.	125	Phoenix, Ariz. (Desert Vista)
Juancarlos Pino	Jr.	133	Yuma, Ariz. (Kofa)
Derek Potter	So.	165	Granite Falls, N.C. (South Caldwell)
Carlos Sandoval	Fr.	133	Colorado Springs, Colo. (Harrison)
Justin Shadrix	So.	165	Bremen, Ga. (Bremen)
Samuel Sheppard	So.	125	Ramstein AB, Germany (Ramstein American)
Kurt Spranger	So.	133	Tampa, Fla. (Tampa Jesuit)
Joseph Stafford	Fr.	165	Loomis, Calif. (Del Oro)
Anthony Stegeman	Sr.	HWT	Cincinnati, Ohio (Elder)
Patrick Steppe	Fr.	149	Swansea, Ill. (Belleville East)
Darren Stowe	Fr.	149	The Colony, Texas (The Colony)
Chris Szabolcs	Sr.	149	Westlake, Ohio (St. Edward)
Chris Thomas	Fr.	184	El Cajon, Calif. (Valhalla)
Matt Torrence	Fr.	149	Tulsa, Okla. (East Central)
Jordan Tribble	Jr.	197	Midwest City, Okla. (Midwest City)
Zach Valdez	Sr.	125	Parker, Colo. (Chaparral)
Andrew Zwirlein	Fr.	125	Nashotah, Wis. (Arrowhead)



Head Coach: Joel Sharratt
Assistant Coaches: Bart Horton, Maj. Tom Tingley
Volunteer Assistant Coach: Mike McArthur

WESTERN WRESTLING CONFERENCE

WWC Standings

	<u>Conf.</u>	<u>Pct.</u>	<u>Overall</u>	<u>Pct.</u>
Northern Iowa	2-0	1.000	3-5-1	.389
Air Force	1-0	1.000	7-7	.500
North Dakota State	2-1	.667	8-8	.500
Northern Colorado	2-1	.667	4-5	.444
Utah Valley State	1-2	.333	6-9	.400
Wyoming	0-1	.000	1-6	.143
South Dakota State	0-3	.000	0-6	.000

WWC Wrestler of the Week

Nov. 14	Adam Aho, North Dakota State
Nov. 21	Moza Fay, Northern Iowa
Nov. 28	Reece Hopkin, Northern Colorado
Dec. 5	Stephen Crozier, Air Force
Dec. 12	Gabriel Mooney, North Dakota State
Jan. 9	Moza Fay, Northern Iowa
Jan. 16	Daniel Prater, Northern Colorado
Jan. 23	Andrew Anderson, Northern Iowa
Jan. 30	Ben Kjar, Utah Valley State



Season Records (as of Jan. 27, 2008)

	Overall	Dual
125		
Samuel Sheppard	4-6	
Zach Valdez	12-13	4-7
Andrew Zwirlein	7-9	2-1

	Overall	Dual
133		
Derek Gillespie	17-11	3-7
Juancarlos Pino	0-2	
Wesley Osborn	0-2	
Kurt Spranger	9-9	2-1
Zach Valdez	1-0	1-0

	Overall	Dual
141		
Jake Kriegbaum	16-10	8-5
Joshua LeMair	0-2	
Stephen Makuka	6-8	1-0
Carlos Sandoval	0-2	

	Overall	Dual
149		
Chris Szabolcs	11-17	5-9
Matt Torrence	6-8	

	Overall	Dual
157		
Tony Dorward	12-15	6-7
Michael Erickson	1-7	0-1
Thomas Gorry	1-2	
Patrick Steppe	0-2	

	Overall	Dual
165		
Stephen Crozier	20-9	9-3
Michael Erickson	0-1	0-1
Justin Graff	0-2	
Randall Mitchner	0-2	
Justin Shadrix	6-6	
Joseph Stafford	10-7	
Patrick Steppe	0-1	0-1

	Overall	Dual
174		
Tyler French	16-11	4-2
Duane Miller	1-11	0-5
Akira Nervik	1-4	
Justin Shadrix	1-2	1-2

	Overall	Dual
184		
James Ciccone	8-9	1-1
Neil Delaney	1-2	
Jacob Devlin	12-12	6-6
A.J. Harris	1-2	
Chris Thomas	6-6	

	Overall	Dual
197		
James Ciccone	3-1	3-1
Neil Delaney	1-2	
Jacob Devlin	3-2	
Josh Larson	3-3	
Jordan Tribble	11-8	7-2
Chris Thomas	0-1	0-1

Pins	Number (Fastest)
Ciccone	2 (3:03)
Crozier	3 (2:51)
Devlin	3 (0:53)
Dorward	1 (4:31)
French	4 (3:12)
Gillespie	4 (1:36)
Kriegbaum	3 (0:56)
Larson	2 (2:07)
Makuka	3 (1:40)
Miller	1 (4:45)
Nervik	1 (1:13)
Shadrix	1 (2:56)
Sheppard	1 (5:45)
Spranger	3 (0:46)
Stafford	4 (1:21)
Stegeman	4 (1:31)
Szabolcs	5 (1:31)
Thomas	1 (2:23)
Torrence	1 (1:53)
Tribble	1 (3:23)
Valdez	2 (0:53)
Zwirlein	1 (4:18)

	Overall	Dual
HWT		
Kazden Ikehara	1-6	
Anthony Stegeman	19-10	9-4
Chris Thomas	0-1	0-1

**records do not include results from the Tournament of Champions (1/5/08)*

Tournament Placeliners

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)

Kaufman/Brand Open

Tyler French, 4th (174)

Kaufman/Brand Open (Amateur)

Derek Gillespie, 3rd (133)

FHSU-Bob Smith Open

Zach Valdez, 1st (125)
 Stephen Crozier, 1st (165)
 Derek Gillespie, 2nd (133)
 Anthony Stegeman, 2nd (HWT)

Glen Brand Open

Samuel Sheppard, 4th (125)
 Chris Thomas, 5th (184)
 Tyler French, 6th (174)
 Josh Larson, 6th (197)