

Classes have finished up and our wrestlers are gearing up for the "finals" push to the end of the semester. We will train in Ithaca until Friday the 14th, fly out of Ithaca on the 15th and wrestle Northern Iowa on the 16th. After that the team is free to head home for the break. Many wrestlers will hang around Cornell for a couple more days to train, while the remainder of the team will return to their homes with a promise to work hard. We will see how those promises are honored when we get back to competition at the South Beach Duals on Dec. 29-30!

Binghamton and WVU Duals

We kicked off the season with a pair of victories against Binghamton and West Virginia. I don't believe we had our best performance but I am thankful to come away with an unblemished record. Although the team was missing a couple starters this is more the norm than an exception so we need to get a little more out of everyone.

#9 Cornell 36, Binghamton 6

125: Audey Ashkar (B) won by forfeit
133: Vito Arujau (C) won by technical fall over Joe Nelson (B), 22-7
141: #15 [Chas Tucker](#) (C) won by decision over Anthony Sparacio (B), 8-2
149: [Hunter Richard](#) (C) won by decision over Frankie Garcia (B), 5-4
157: [Fredy Stroker](#) (C) won by major decision over Dylan Wood (B), 8-0
165: [Milik Dawkins](#) (C) won by decision over Aidan Monteverdi (B), 7-5
174: #16 [Brandon Womack](#) (C) won by decision over Vincent DePrez (B), 4-1
184: #9 [Max Dean](#) (C) won by technical fall over Nunzio Crowley (B), 17-0
197: #18 [Ben Honis](#) (C) won by fall over Anthony DePrez (B), 6:34
HWT: [Brendan Furman](#) (C) won by decision over Joe Doyle (B), 7-6

#9 Cornell 20, West Virginia 15

197: Noah Adams (WVU) won by decision over #18 [Ben Honis](#), 13-7
285: David Smith (WVU) won by decision over [Brendan Furman](#) (C), 9-5
125: KJ Fenstermacher (WVU) won by decision over Dominic LaJoie (C), 8-3
133: Vito Arujau (C) won by major decision over Caleb Rea (WVU), 17-3
141: #15 [Chas Tucker](#) (C) won by decision over Luke Martin (WVU), 6-2
149: Christian Moserrat (WVU) won by decision over [Hunter Richard](#) (C), 8-7
157: [Fredy Stroker](#) (C) won by major decision over Hunter Jones (WVU), 11-1
165: Nick Kiussis (WVU) won by decision over [Milik Dawkins](#) (C), 7-1
174: #16 [Brandon Womack](#) (C) won by decision over Josh Ramirez (WVU), 6-4
184: #9 [Max Dean](#) (C) won by fall over Jackson Moomau (WVU), 2:46

Las Vegas Tournament

Last year we came out of this tournament licking our wounds with only three place-finishers. This year was little different, only this time we had two wrestlers place. I'm confident Ben Honis would have made it three but he was pulled after a heartbreaking last second loss to the eventual champion. I was disappointed we didn't have any breakout performances but I'm confident the experience will serve us well as we work our way in the dual meet portion of our schedule.

Next Up

Northern Iowa has a very rugged squad. They looked very good in Las Vegas and we will need to bring our A-game to take them down again this year. The good news is we will have most of our team back in time for the Panthers. I also expect to see a vastly improved Jeremy Sweany the next time he steps on the mat. He wrestled in Vegas after only a couple practices due to minor surgery that kept him out of the room for most of the past month. He convinced me he was ready...he lied. Fortunately he is now.

Cornell Pin Pool

We only have one pin so far so don't fear signing up! To join our Pin Pool please go to: [Cornell Pin Pool](#)

That's all for now.

All the best, Rob