



Bulldog Wrestling well represented at U.S. Open

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LAS VEGAS - Four athletes from the Valley Regional Training Center along with current Fresno State Wrestling student-athlete [Danny Salas](#) placed at this weekend's Marine Corps U.S. Open held at South Poine Arena.

A pair of Bulldog assistant coaches, [Joe Colon](#) and [Jason Chamberlain](#), each won their respective weight classes at the senior freestyle men's level with Colon finishing first at 61 kg./134.5 lbs. while Chamberlain claimed the 70 kg./154.3 lbs. title.

Colon was named the tournament's Outstanding Wrestler after going a perfect 3-0 on the weekend. The Clear Lake, Iowa native defeated Nico Megaludis (Nittany Lion Wrestling Club), 5-2 in the quarterfinals before downing Brandon Wright (NYAC/IndWC), 7-5 in the semifinals. The Bulldogs volunteer assistant coach then squared off with Nashon Garrett (Sunset Kids Wrestling Club) in the finals winning a high-scoring affair, 20-13.

Chamberlain similarly completed a perfect 3-0 mark on the weekend as the Bulldog assistant coach opened up the tournament with a 15-4 technical fall win over Hunter Steiber (TMWC) before narrowly topping Frank Molinario (TMWC), 4-2 in the semifinals. Moving onto the finals, Chamberlain met up with Hayden Hidlay (Wolfpack Wrestling Club) defeating the North Carolina State redshirt freshman, 4-1 for the 70 kg. title.

In addition to Colon and Chamberlain, Valley RTC athletes Nikko Reyes and Blaize Cabell placed fifth and eighth, respectively. After falling in the quarterfinals to Hayden Zillmer (Minnesota Storm), Reyes bounced back in the consolation bracket to defeat Donald McNeil (NYAC), 10-0 and Jeremiah Imonde (Army West Point), 8-5. A loss to Deron Winn (TMWC) sent him to the fifth place match where he topped Timmy McCall (TMWC).

Cabell placed eighth at 97 kg./213.8 lbs. going 2-3 with a win over Ross Larson (VWC), 9-4 in the round of 16 before falling to Austin Schaefer (NYAC/FLWC), the eventual champion, in the quarterfinals, 10-0. He defeated Elana Flor (NYAC) in the consolation before falling to Ben Honnis (Cornell) and Braden Atwood (Sunset Kids Wrestling Club).

Finally, Salas finished sixth at 92 kg./202.8 lbs. in the UWW Junior Freestyle division and qualifies for the Junior World Team Trials held in Rochester, Minn. May 18-19. The Bellflower, Calif., native went 4-3 on the weekend falling to Alex Hopkins (Army West Point), 8-8 in the fifth place match.

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