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PITTSBURGH - In only its second year back as a program since 2006 and for the first time since 2003, the Fresno State Wrestling program will have an All-American at the NCAA Wrestling Championships.

With four victories in the consolation bracket on Friday, junior 197-pounder [Josh Hokit](#) has assured himself of a top six finish in this year's 197-pound weight class.

"It is amazing and a dream come true," said Hokit on the moment he clinched the win that officially clinched him as an All-American. "When you first start wrestling, you watch the NCAA championship and I am finally here and I get to be on the podium. It is amazing."

Staying alive on Friday morning with a pair of victories, the two-sport athlete got his day started with a 6-3 win over No. 31 seed Brett Perry of Buffalo breaking open a 2-2 tie with an escape & takedown in the third period to go along with a riding time point for the victory.

Moving on to face No. 24 seed Jake Jakobsen of Lehigh in the next round of consolation, Hokit squeaked out a 4-3 win over the Mountain Hawk sophomore as a pair of first period takedowns were enough to hold on for the one-point win.

Heading into the evening session one victory away from securing All-American honors, Hokit delivered with a dominant 13-4 major decision victory over No. 11 seed Christian Brunner of Purdue and wrapped up action on Friday evening with a hard-fought 5-4 win over No. 5 seed Jacob Warner of Iowa.

Hokit will take on No. 4 seed Patrick Brucki of Princeton, who will enter the match with a 32-2 overall record, on Saturday morning at 8 a.m. PT. With a win over Brucki, Hokit will wrestle for third place while a loss will place him in the fifth place match.

The morning session got started with 133-pounder [Gary Joint](#) still alive in the consolation bracket, but he was one-and-done as he was pinned by No. 14 seed Korbin Myers from Virginia Tech in 4:54. The Lemoore native finishes his redshirt freshman season with a 18-15 overall record.

Fresno State sits in 32nd place as a team with 10.5 points after two days and sixth among Big 12 teams with Oklahoma State (3rd, 73.5 pts.), Northern Iowa (13th, 36.5 pts.), Iowa State (15th, 31 pts.), Oklahoma (25th, 15 pts.) and Utah Valley (28th, 11.5 pts.) in front of them.

Attendance through the first four sessions has been strong at the NCAA Championships with Session I on Thursday morning drawing 17,949 fans followed by Session II on Thursday evening with 17,957 fans. Friday's morning session saw the number reach past 18,000 with 18,013 fans in attendance while Friday night's session drew 18,100 fans.

Fresno State 2019 NCAA Wrestling Championship Day Two Results

133 lbs. - No. 29 seed [Gary Joint, RJr.](#) (finishes season 18-15 overall)

First Round: No. 4 seed Mickey Phillipi (Pittsburgh) dec. Joint (FS), 4-2
Consolation: Joint (FS) dec. No. 20 seed Brandon Paetzell (Lehigh), 7-4

Consolation: No. 14 seed Korbin Myers (Virginia Tech) won by fall over Joint (FS), 4:54

197 lbs. - No. 16 seed [Josh Hokit, Jr.](#) (26-7 overall record)

First Round: Hokit (FS) dec. No. 17 seed Stephen Loiseau (Drexel), 5-1

Second Round: No. 1 seed Bo Nickal (Penn State) won by fall over Hokit (FS), 2:28
Consolation: Hokit (FS) dec. No. 31 seed Brett Perry (Buffalo), 6-3
Consolation: Hokit (FS) dec. No. 24 seed Jake Jakobsen (Lehigh), 4-3
Consolation: Hokit (FS) maj. dec. No. 11 seed Christian Brunner (Purdue), 13-4
Consolation: Hokit (FS) dec. No. 5 seed Jacob Warner (Iowa), 5-4
Consolation Semifinal on Saturday at 8 a.m. PT vs. No. 4 seed Patrick Brucki (Princeton)

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