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TULSA, Okla. - The Fresno State Wrestling team sits in a tie for sixth place and had six student-athletes advance to day two of the 2019 Big 12 Championship on Sunday as three 'Dogs have earned their berths to the 2019 NCAA Championships.

For a second straight season, the Bulldogs will have one representative in the finals as sophomore heavyweight [AJ Nevills](#) will make his second trip in as many years to the center stage as he will get a rematch with top-seed Derek White of Oklahoma State. The two meet in the finals a season ago with White edging Nevills, 13-6.

Nevills, the number two seed in the field, reached the finals with a pair of hard-fought wins topping seventh-seed Brandon Ngati of West Virginia, 4-2 in the quarterfinals and then defeated third-seed Gannon Gremmel of Iowa State, 3-2 ([watch](#)) using a key second period takedown as the separator. It was a sweet revenge match for Nevills who was edged by Gremmel, 6-5 earlier this season.

With Nevills punching a second straight ticket to the NCAA Championships with his two wins, two more 'Dogs also earned their berths to Pittsburgh in redshirt junior 149-pounder [Khristian Olivas](#) and junior 197-pounder [Josh Hokit](#).

Both Bulldogs advanced to the semifinals as Olivas narrowly won his first match needing overtime to top Dante Rodriguez of Northern Colorado, 9-8 ([watch](#)) before defeating fourth-seeded Christian Monserrat of West Virginia, 4-2 in the quarterfinals ([watch](#)). Advancing to the semifinals, Olivas fell to top-seed Kaden Gfeller of Oklahoma State, 7-2 and will wrestle on Sunday for a top-six place finish at the championships.

Hokit will join Olivas and Nevills at the NCAA Championships this season as the dual-sport athlete needed just one win on Saturday to clinch his spot in Pittsburgh and delivered with a 9-7 win over sixth-seeded Noah Adams of West Virginia ([watch](#)) and then fell in the semifinals to second-seeded Willie Miklus of Iowa State, 6-0.

Redshirt freshman [Jacob Wright](#) made it four 'Dogs in the semifinals with 5-2 win over Alex Mossing of Air Force in the quarterfinals ([watch](#)) sealing the match with a late takedown before being tripped up in the semifinals by third-seed Chase Straw of Iowa State, 4-0.

Redshirt freshman [Jackson Hemauer](#) had a team-high three wins on the day opening up with a 16-1 technical fall over Tucker Nadeau of West Virginia in 3:45 ([watch](#)) and after falling 5-2 to fourth-seeded Tate Samuelson of Wyoming in the quarterfinals, the Wisconsin native stormed back with back-to-back wins in the consolation. He started off with a 7-2 win over Dalton Robertson of Northern Colorado ([watch](#)) and ended the evening session with a 8-4 win over eighth-seeded Kayne MacCallum of Oklahoma, 8-4.

Joining those five 'Dogs in still being alive on Sunday is redshirt freshman [Gary Joint](#) at 133 pounds as the Lemoore native bounced back from an opening round loss to top-seeded Daton Fix of Oklahoma State in the quarterfinals to defeat seventh-seeded John Twomey of Air Force, 6-4 and fifth-seeded Cam Sykora of North Dakota State, 7-3 ([watch](#)) in the consolation bracket.

Four other Bulldogs who competed on Saturday bowed out of the tournament as [Robert Garcia IV](#) at 125 pounds and [Chris Deloza](#) at 141 pounds each dropped a pair of matches. [Isaiah Hokit](#) at 165 pounds won two matches defeating Jacoby Ward of Air Force, 5-3 ([watch](#)) and Logan Peterson of South Dakota State, 6-3 before being bounced out of the tournament with a 8-2 loss to seventh-seeded Joe Smith of Oklahoma State.

Finally, [Dominic Kincaid](#) at 174 pounds also won two matches defeating Seth Bogulski of Northern Colorado, 5-2 ([watch](#)) and James Wujeck of West Virginia by a technical fall, 18-0 in 2:56.

Fresno State is back in action for the final day of the Big 12 Championship on Sunday starting at 10 a.m. PT with the consolation and third, fifth and seventh place matches. The finals will be held at 5 p.m. PT and will be televised live on Fox Sports West.

2019 Big 12 Wrestling Championship Day One Results (NCAA Championship automatic qualifiers)

125 lbs. (5): [Robert Garcia IV](#), RFr. (finishes tournament 0-2; finishes season 6-14 overall)

Preliminary: No. 3 seed Jay Schwarm (UNI) won by fall over Garcia IV (FS), 3:44

Consolation: No. 5 seed Alex Mackall (ISU) maj. dec. Garcia IV (FS), 16-2

133 lbs. (5): No. 8 seed [Gary Joint](#), RFr. (2-1 in the tournament; 16-12 overall)

Preliminary: Bye

Quarterfinals: No. 1 seed Daton Fix (OSU) dec. Joint (FS), 7-3

Consolation: Joint (FS) dec. No. 7 seed John Twomey (AFA), 6-4

Consolation: Joint (FS) dec. No. 5 seed Cam Sykora (NDSU), 7-3

***Joint to wrestle No. 2 seed [Austin Gomez](#) (Iowa State) on Sunday at 10 a.m. PT in Session III.**

141 lbs. (6): No. 8 seed [Chris Deloza](#), So. (finishes tournament 0-2; finishes season 12-13 overall)

Preliminary: Bye

Quarterfinals: Chris Sandoval (UNCO) dec. Deloza (FS), 4-3

Consolation: No. 7 seed Garrett O'Shea (AFA) dec. Deloza (FS), 4-2

149 (7): No. 5 seed [Khristian Olivas](#), R Jr. (2-1 in tournament; 21-10 overall)

Preliminary: Olivas (FS) dec. Dante Rodriguez (Northern Colorado), 9-8 TB1

Quarterfinals: Olivas (FS) dec. No. 4 seed Christian Monserrat (WVU), 4-2

Semifinals: No. 1 seed Kaden Gfeller (OSU) dec. Olivas (FS), 7-2

***Olivas to wrestle No. 6 seed [Davion Jeffries](#) (Oklahoma) on Sunday at 10 a.m. PT in Session III.**

157 (1): No. 2 seed [Jacob Wright](#), RFr. (1-1 in tournament; 22-10 overall)

Preliminary: Bye

Quarterfinals: Wright (FS) dec. No. 7 seed Alex Mossing (AFA), 5-2

Semifinals: No. 3 seed Chase Straw (ISU) dec. Wright (FS), 4-0

***Wright to wrestle No. 4 seed [Wyatt Sheets](#) (Oklahoma State) on Sunday at 10 a.m. PT in Session III.**

165 (6): No. 6 seed [Isaiah Hokit](#), R Jr. (finishes tournament 2-2; finishes season 15-12 overall)

Preliminary: Hokit (FS) dec. Jacoby Ward (AFA), 5-3

Quarterfinals: No. 3 seed Bryce Steiert (UNI) dec. Hokit (FS), 9-3

Consolation: Hokit (FS) dec. Logan Peterson (SDSU), 6-3

Consolation: No. 7 seed Joe Smith (OSU) dec. Hokit (FS), 8-2

174 (5): No. 8 seed [Dominic Kincaid](#), R Jr. (finishes tournament 2-2; finishes season 12-11 overall)

Preliminary: Kincaid (FS) dec. Seth Bogulski (UNCO), 5-2

Quarterfinals: No. 1 seed Jacobe Smith (OSU) won by fall over Kincaid (FS), 2:59

Consolation: Kincaid (FS) tech. fall James Wujeck (WVU), 18-0 (2:56)

Consolation: No. 4 seed Marcus Coleman (ISU) dec. Hokit (FS), 9-4

184 (5): No. 5 seed [Jackson Hemauer](#), RFr. (3-1 in the tournament; 22-10 overall)

Preliminary: Hemauer (FS) tech. fall over Tucker Nadeau (WVU), 16-1 (3:45)

Quarterfinals: No. 4 seed Tate Samuelson (WYO) dec. Hemauer (FS), 5-2

Consolation: Hemauer (FS) dec. Dalton Robertson (UNCO), 7-2

Consolation: Hemauer (FS) dec. No. 8 seed Kayne MacCallum (OU), 8-4

***Hemauer to wrestle No. 3 seed [Dakota Greer](#) (Oklahoma State) on Sunday at 10 a.m. PT in Session III.**

197 (1): No. 3 seed [JOSH HOKIT, JR.](#) (1-1 in the tournament; 2U-5 overall)

Preliminary: Bye

Quarterfinals: Hokit (FS) dec. No. 6 seed Noah Adams (WVU), 9-7

Semifinals: No. 2 seed Willie Miklus (ISU) dec. Hokit (FS), 6-0

****Hokit to wrestle No. 4 seed Tanner Orndorff (Utah Valley) on Sunday at 10 a.m. PT in Session III.***

285 (6): No. 2 seed [AJ Nevills, So.](#) (2-0 in the tournament; 21-6 overall)

Preliminary: Bye

Quarterfinals: Nevills (FS) dec. No. 7 seed Brandon Ngati (WVU), 4-2

Semifinals: Nevills (FS) dec. No. 3 seed Gannon Gremmel (ISU), 3-2

****Nevills advances to Big 12 Championship finals on Sunday at 5 p.m. PT against No. 1 seed Derek White (OSU).***

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