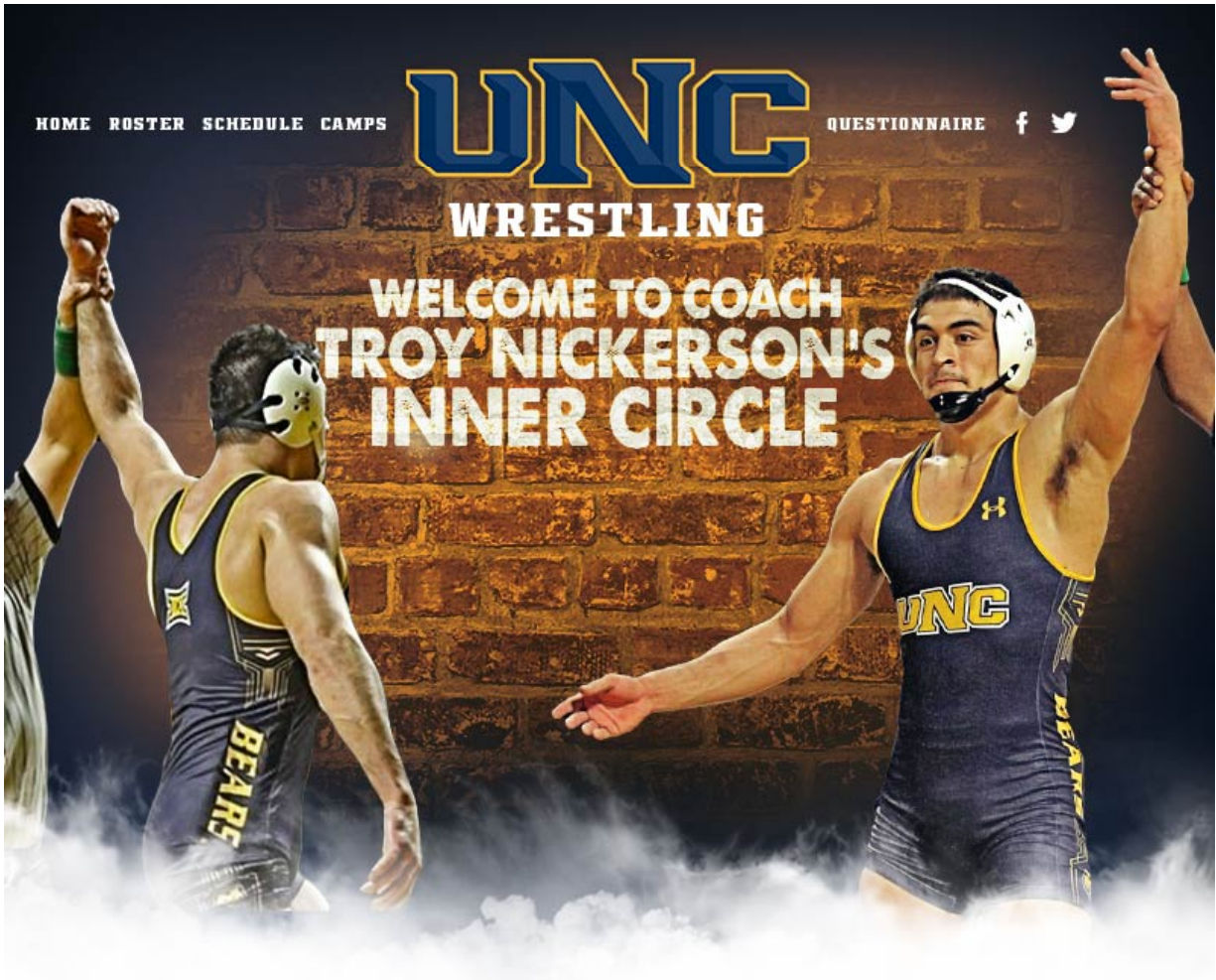


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Bears Fans, Friends and Alumni,

It feels good to be back on the competition mat! Yesterday, we had our first competition of the season in a dual meet versus our neighbors to the north, Wyoming. I felt like this team had a strong chance of winning, however, it played out nothing like I expected. Regardless, the Bears were able to come away with the victory which I believe is the first in quite some time. Moving forward, we have a week break, before we head west to take on Cal Poly and Cal Baptist next Monday.

125: Jace Koelzer Fall (5:59) over Brendon Garcia

Jace gave up the first takedown of the match but was able to recover quickly and unleash a whirlwind of points before pinning his opponent at the end. Jace has had a fantastic summer and fall of training and has done an excellent job of managing his weight. He is post season ready today.

133: #10 Mosha Schwartz Dec. (6-5) over Job Greenwood

Mosha was far from at his best but able to hold on for the win. This summer, Mosha put on way too much size and it has been a process getting him back down to 133lbs. In any other situation, a guy like Mosha would have made a weight class change this summer, however, Moshas wrestling goals go far beyond college wrestling and his best international weight class is 60kg which is basically 133lbs. Moving forward, he will need to continue to shrink his body and do things right to make sure he is at his best. I have no doubt he will make the necessary changes.

141: Chris Sandoval Dec. (3-1) over Chase Zollman

After a 10-month hiatus, Chris is finally back to 100% health and he was able to pull out a nice, hard fought win. We knew his opponent posed some problems for him; however, Chris stayed the course and was able to grab a 3rd period takedown to seal the victory. I am very high on Chris right now and looking for him to turn that corner this season!

149: #17 Andrew Alirez Fall (4:40) over #31 Jaron Jensen

Boo looked nothing short of spectacular in his first match of the season against a very formidable opponent. The past few months, we have been working on his attack rate and ways to dominate his opponents. I would still like him to fire off a few more attacks and to stop worrying about everything being perfect, however, he executed his game plan and was able to come away with the fall.

157: Nick Knutson Fall (2:59) over Logan Jensen

Nick is a graduate transfer from North Dakota State and in his first match as a Bear he performed valiantly. It is hard to judge exactly where he is at since his match did not get out of the first period, however, there is a lot to say for finishing a match early.

165: Cole Moody Fall (6:15) over **Billy Higgins**

Billy looked big and strong early on in his match and lead the majority until a late 3rd period takedown where he ended up on his back. I am still not entirely sure what happened here at the end but we will continue to evaluate.

174: #15 Hayden Hastings Dec. (5-0) over **Damen Pape**

Unfortunately, incoming transfer Jackson Hemauer was not academically certified to participate in this competition. We expect him to be good to go next week. In his absence, we had a last-minute decision to give True Freshman Damen Pape a shot in the lineup. Your first college match is always a tough one, not to mention when it is against a Top 15 opponent. With the dual on the line, Damen did an excellent job of sticking to the game plan and keeping the match close. I was really impressed with how he competed and look forward to his progressions. While he did not win the match, I think this opportunity skyrocketed his confidence for the future and he has the opportunity for a great career as a Bear.

184: #21 Tate Samuelson Dec. (3-1 SV) over **#19 Alan Clothier**

Alan found himself struggling to take advantage of scoring opportunities early in the match which put him into an overtime match with a tough opponent. Last year, Alan bested his opponent 3 times and each match was close. Late, Alan switched up his attacks which ultimately cost him. While it was not his best match, I almost am glad that this match is out of the way and Alan can focus on continuing to improve himself and worry about finding more ways to score.

197: #18 Stephen Buchanan Dec. (7-2) over **#19 Jacob Seely**


Jacob looked flat in his first match of the season. He reverted to some old habits that we have worked on correcting and against a tough opponent, you need to be on your A game. Like Alan, nothing too concerning here. These guys have not competed in 10 months and I know Jacob will find himself soon.

HWT: #9 Brian Andrews Maj. Dec. (10-2) over **#11 Dalton Robertson**

Not a ton to say at heavyweight. Dalton was bested by a really good opponent. We saw his opponent take some big leaps last season, and it is evident he took more leaps this summer. For us to be able to compete with this guy come conference tournament time, we are going to need to find a way to take him down.

TEAM SCORE: UNC 24 WYO 19

GO BEARS!


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