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Future Badger Amos finishes 3rd, Hillger and Wick finish 4th

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CORALVILLE, Iowa — In an uncertain year of postponed seasons and challenging training, this weekend's USA Wrestling Senior Nationals offered a bright spot in the otherwise quiet fall.

Three wrestlers with ties to the Badgers competed at the elite event against the country's best — Trent Hillger, Evan Wick and Braxton Amos.

"Proud of our effort this weekend with not ideal training situations. All the guys performed above expectations," said Wisconsin head coach Chris Bono. "Very proud of their preparation, but even prouder of the way they competed. They left it all out there!"

Current Wisconsin heavyweight Hillger, a redshirt junior at UW, finished fourth overall in men's freestyle at 125 kilograms (kg).

Fellow Badger Wick, who's currently taking a year away from Wisconsin to train for the Olympics, also finished fourth in freestyle at 74 kg.

Joining the two veterans, future Badger Amos competed in men's Greco-Roman and finished third overall at 97 kg against a seasoned field. After signing his national letter of intent last November, Amos will start at UW next year for the 2021-22 season.

Amos claimed third place after earning an 8-0 technical victory against Jeremiah Imonode (West Point Wrestling Club).

"This was a national tournament," Bono highlighted. "For Braxton to finish his first senior national tournament top three and Evan and Trent finishing fourth shows where our Badger program is going!"

A full list of results is below or you can view the brackets along with video highlights [via FloWrestling](#).

Trent Hillger

Men's Freestyle 125 kg – 4th Place

- Trent Hillger (Badger Regional Training Center) VPO1 Mauro Correnti (New York Ath. Club), 4-3
- Trent Hillger (BRTC) VPO1 Youssif Hemida (New York Ath. Club), 6-2
- Mason Parris (Cliff Keen WC-RTC) VFA Trent Hillger (BRTC), 2:11 7-0
- **Consolation Semifinals:** Trent Hillger (BRTC) VFA Daniel Chaid (TMWC / California RTC), 1:14 2-0
- **Third-Place Match:** Dominique Bradley (Sunkist Kids WC) VSU Trent Hillger (BRTC), 1:00 2-0

(BRIC), 10-0 4:37

Evan Wick

Men's Freestyle 74 kg – 4th Place

- Evan Wick (Titan Mercury Wrestling Club) VFA Jake Keating (Cavalier Wrestling Club), 0:21 4-0
- Evan Wick (TMWC) VSU Dennis Owcarz (Unattached), 10-0 0:51
- Evan Wick (TMWC) VPO1 Cameron Amine (Cliff Keen Wrestling Club), 8-5
- Evan Wick (TMWC) VSU Joey Lavallee (TMWC / Valley RTC), 10-0 5:01
- Anthony Valencia (Sunkist Kids WC) VPO1 Evan Wick (TMWC), 10-8
- **Consolation Semifinals:** Evan Wick (TMWC) VSU Ryan Deakin (TMWC / Wildcat WC), 10-0 4:22
- **Third-Place Match:** Hayden Hidlay (TMWC / Wolfpack RTC) VPO1 Evan Wick (TMWC), 11-8

Braxton Amos

Men's Greco-Roman 97 kg – 3rd Place

- Braxton Amos (Badger Regional Training Center) VSU Tyler Westlund (Unattached), 8-0 0:48
- Braxton Amos (BRTC) VSU Tyler Hannah (Combat W.C. School of Wrestling), 8-0 0:42
- Nicholas Boykin (Sunkist Kids WC) VPO1 Braxton Amos (BRTC), 3-2
- **Consolation Semifinals:** Braxton Amos (BRTC) VFA John Kent (Unattached), 1:02 6-0
- **Third-Place Match:** Braxton Amos (BRTC) VSU Jeremiah Imonode (West Point WC), 8-0 0:37

Note: Scoring Acronyms for Wrestling

- VFA - Fall
- VPO - Points without the opponent scoring, ex 6-0
- VPO1 - Points and the opponent scores, ex 5-1
- VSU - Superiority aka Technical Fall
- VSU1 - Superiority aka Technical Fall with opponent scoring
- VIN - Injury default



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