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Mountain Hawks Claim Three Hammer Awards At Journeymen Collegiate Classic

MANHEIM, Pa. – Three Lehigh wrestlers captured Hammer Awards for winning “A” brackets as the Mountain Hawks competed at the Journeymen Collegiate Classic Sunday at Spooky Nook Sports Complex. Senior Jordan Wood (285A), junior Jaret Lane (125A) and sophomore Brian Meyer (165) were Lehigh’s Hammer Award winners. For Wood, it was his second career Hammer after winning in 2018.

The Mountain Hawks had a total of 22 entrants Sunday with 18 wrestlers competing attached and four unattached. In addition to the three Hammer Award winners, freshman Caden Wright won his bracket at 184. Junior Satoshi Abe (133B) and freshman Luca Frinzi (157C) were runners-up in their respective brackets.

Lane’s road to the Hammer Award included three falls. He began the day with a first period pin of Bloomsburg’s Shawn Orem and then posted third period falls in his final two matches. In the finals against Harvard’s Diego Sotelo, Lane fell behind early but came back to take a 4-3 lead after two. Tied 4-4 in the third, Lane took Sotelo to his back and picked up his third fall of the day in 5:35.

Wood needed to wrestle just two bouts Sunday but both came against ranked opponents in the 285A bracket. He began with a rematch from last Saturday against Oregon State’s Gary Traub. After a 4-3 win a week ago, Wood scored a first period takedown on Sunday and added an escape and riding time in a 4-0 decision. In the finals, Wood met Matt Stencel of Central Michigan and made a late first period takedown stand in a 3-1 decision.

Meyer’s day featured three close bouts, with the sophomore finding a way to win all three. In his first match he used a second period ride out and third period escape to defeat Matthew Olquin of Oregon State 2-0. Meyer nearly lost a big lead against Hofstra’s Holden Heller but scored a takedown in sudden victory to win 9-7. His finals bout with Penn’s Lucas Revano was 1-1 through regulation and sudden victory. Meyer then escaped in the first half of the tiebreaker and rode out the second half to win 2-1.

At 184F, Wright went 3-0 with a major decision and a fall to win his bracket.

Third place finishers for the Mountain Hawks included freshman Malyke Hines (133A), junior Dan Moran (141B) and freshman Jake Logan (174A).

“Our three champs had a good plan,” Lehigh head coach Pat Santoro said. “They went out and wrestled three periods, seven minutes and fought the whole time. In Meyer’s case he went overtime, but you have to fight the whole time. You have to prepare to battle and those three guys came away champions because that’s what they did.”

“Some of our guys were too focused on how they felt,” Santoro continued. “A couple could have been weight cut, put a couple we just lost momentum and we didn’t wrestle with the intensity that we needed to in the second and third periods. That’s not typically what our team does, but that’s what they did today. That’s something we have to address. Effort is always the number one thing we’re looking for. We just have to do better with that across the board.”

Four first-year Mountain Hawks also competed unattached, with Carter Bailey finishing fourth at 125A, Connor Herceg placing sixth at 165A, Jack Wilt finishing fifth at 184C and Nathan Taylor taking fourth at 285B.

Complete Lehigh results are listed below.

The Mountain Hawks will open their home schedule next weekend when they host No. 15 Pitt, Sunday at 2 p.m. inside Leeman-Turner Arena at Grace Hall. Tickets can be purchased at LehighTickets.com or by calling 610-7LU-GAME during business hours.

The 2021-22 Lehigh wrestling season is presented by the Historic Hotel Bethlehem.

125A – Jaret Lane – 1st
Fall Shawn Orem (Bloomsbug) 1:25
Fall Ryan Miller (Penn) 6:08
Fall Diego Sotelo (Harvard) 5:35

125A – Carter Bailey (Unattached) – 4th
L by major dec. Diego Sotelo (Harvard) 10-1
Dec. Brock Bergelin (CMU) 7-4
L by dec. Ryan Miller (Penn) 10-4

133A – Malyke Hines – 3rd
Dec. Mark Montgomery (Army) 4-2
L by dec. Devan Turner (Oregon St.) 4-3
W by medical forfeit Jason Shaner (Oregon State)

133C – Satoshi Abe – 2nd
Dec. Dillon Murphy (Harvard) 3-2
Dec. Lukas Richie (Penn) 5-3
L by dec. Gable Strickland (Lock Haven) 2-1

141B – Drew Munch – 4th
L by dec. Thomas Deck (Army) 5-3, sv
Major dec. Michael Jaffe (Harvard) 19-10
L by major dec. Dan Moran (Lehigh) 12-4

141B – Dan Moran – 3rd
Fall Chris Gomez (LIU) 5:50
L by dec. Andrew Marten (CMU) 5-4
Major dec. Drew Munch (Lehigh) 12-4

149A – Jimmy Hoffman – 5th
L by dec. Lane Stigall (Oregon State) 7-5
L by major dec. PJ Ogunsanya (Army) 14-5
L by dec. Manzona Bryant IV (Lehigh) 4-1

149A – Manzona Bryant IV – 5th
L by fall Corbyn Munson (CMU) 7:00
L by dec. Cory Crooks (Oregon St.) 6-3
Dec. Jimmy Hoffman (Lehigh) 4-1

149B – Steven Storm – 6th
Dec. Trenton Harder (Bloomsburg) 3-2
L by dec. Drew Witham (LIU) 8-7
L by dec. Cade Balestrini (Bloomsburg) 9-4

157A - Josh Humphreys – 6th
L by dec. Doug Zapf (Penn) 9-8
Medical forfeit out of tournament

157C – Tyler Sung – 6th
L by major dec. Jeremy Ridge (Penn) 15-3
L by major dec. Nick Young (Gannon) 17-4
L by major dec. Caden Blust (Army) 13-4

157C – Luca Frinzi – 2nd
Dec. Caden Blust (Army) 14-8
Fall Noah Tarr (Davis & Elkins) 2:42
L by dec. Nick Young (Gannon)

165A – Brian Meyer – 1st
Dec. Matthew Olguin (Oregon St.) 2-0
Dec. Holden Heller (Hofstra) 9-7, sv
Dec. Lucas Revano (Penn) 2-1, tb

165A – Connor Herceg (Unattached) 6th
L by dec. Lucas Revano (Penn) 6-2
L by Fall Ricky Stamm (Hofstra) 6:44
L by major dec. Matthew Olguin (Oregon State) 11-1

174A – Jake Logan – 3rd
L by dec. Josh Kim (Harvard) 8-3
Dec. Tyler Stoltzfus (Lock Haven) 7-5
Dec. Ben Pasiuk (Army) 8-4

184A – AJ Burkhart – 5th
L by dec. Zach Brown (VMI) 8-3
L by dec. Brad Laughlin (Army) 8-2
Dec. Neil Antrassian (Penn) 8-6

184C – Jack Wilt (Unattached) – 5th
L by dec. Leo Tarantino (Harvard) 4-2
L by major dec. Maximus Hale (Penn) 9-0
W by medical forfeit Anthony Franden (LIU)

184F – Caden Wright – 1st
Major dec. Isaiah Reinert (Lock Haven) 11-0
Fall Owen Ayotte (Sacred Heart) 2:16
Dec. Maxwell Gourley (VMI) 5-2

197A – JT Davis – 4th
Dec. Parker McClellan (Lock Haven) 4-1
L by major dec. Michael Beard (Penn State) 22-8
L by Fall Nunzio Crowley (LIU) 7:50, sv

285A – Jordan Wood – 1st
Dec. Gary Traub (Oregon State) 4-0

Dec. Matt Stencel (CMU) 3-1

285B – Nathan Taylor (Unattached) – 4th

Dec. Paul Robinson (Army) 3-0

L by dec. Ben Goldin (Penn) 7-2

L by dec. Brandon Phillips (Army) 6-4

Extra match: L by dec. Gary Traub (Oregon State)

285E – Victor Lacombe – 6th

L by dec. Toby Cahill (Buffalo) 6-4, sv

Dec. Isaac Dolph (VMI) 5-3

Medical Forfeit out

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