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Men's Wrestling

Kroll and Rodriguez Place Fourth at Missouri Valley Invitational

Carter Kroll (Ontario, Ohio/Ontario H.S.) and **Nick Rodriguez** (Toledo, Ohio/Clay H.S.) both finished in fourth place in their weight classes while **Will Speight** (Bedford, Ohio/Bedford H.S.) finished in sixth place on Saturday as the Missouri Valley Invitational concluded inside the Burns Athletic Complex in Marshall, Mo.

As a team, Lourdes finished the two-day event in 13th place in a field of 43 schools with 60.5 points, just 3.0 points behind 12th place Indiana Tech and 3.5 points in back of 11th place Embry-Riddle (Ariz.). Grand View won the tournament with 230.5 points, 88.5 more than runner-up Eastern Oregon.

“We are so proud of our guys for the way that they battled over a two-day period,” head coach **Dock Kelly III** said. This is the toughest regular season tournament of the year and several of our guys responded to the challenge. This result will bode well for our national tournament aspirations.”

Kroll, ranked 25th nationally wrestling at 197 pounds, fell in a 10-4 decision in his semifinal match against fifth-ranked Marco Retano of Eastern Oregon. The sophomore bounced back in the consolation semifinals with a 16-4 decision over sixth-ranked Jay Smith of Eastern Oregon, downing him for the second time in the tournament. Kroll lost his third place match to fourth-ranked Garavous Kouekabakilaho of Grand View via fall at the end of the second period.

Rodriguez, unranked nationally at 125 pounds, fell in a 11-3 major decision against 24th-ranked Hunter Sparks of Eastern Oregon in the semifinals. He then downed 19th-ranked Brody Gee of Saint Mary (Kan.) in a 7-4 decision in the consolation semifinals. The freshman lost a 9-6 decision in the third place match against sixth-ranked Isaac Crowell of Southeastern.

Speight, ranked 14th at 184 pounds, lost his semifinal match against third-ranked Sam Osho in a 6-4 decision before falling by the same score in the consolation semis against seventh-ranked Asher Eichert of Life. He finished sixth after pulling out of the fifth place match by injury default.

Cole McKinley (Sylvania, Ohio/Northview H.S.) also returned to the mat in the consolation round on Saturday, but fell in his only bout in a 6-4 decision against 23rd-ranked Braden Carson of Eastern Oregon at 133 pounds.

ranked Braeden Carlson of Eastern Oregon at 155 pounds.

“We are going to rest up, heal up, and get ready for Rochester next week now,” Kelly added.

Lourdes will return to Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference dual action on Friday evening as the Gray Wolves host Rochester (Mich.) inside the Russell J. Ebeid Recreation Center. The first bout is set for 7 p.m.

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