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LARAMIE, Wyo. (Nov. 27, 2021) – The Cowboy Wrestling squad officially got their season under way on Saturday as they hosted the Cowboy Open. The day was highlighted by four individual champions for the Cowboys and a top-ten upset win from Job Greenwood.

“It was our first competition, and we were knocking off some rust and we saw that, but we still got some good wins today.” Head Wrestling Coach Mark Branch said “It was good to see Job have such a good day and get a signature win early in the season. He really wrestled a complete match and it was a hard-earned win.”

Greenwood displayed grit and toughness all day on his way to winning the Cowboy Open. In the semifinals Greenwood was up against Julian Chlebove of Arizona State. Trailing early in the match, Greenwood busted things open with a takedown and four near fall points to take a lead that he would never surrender in his 7-3 victory.

That set up a finals match against No. 8 Ranked Michael McGee of Arizona State, who defeated Greenwood last season in a dual meet. After trading takedowns and escapes the match was tied 6-6 late in the third period. With time running out, Greenwood scored a reversal and held on for an 8-7 victory avenging his loss from a year ago.

“It feels really good to put a match together like that and come away with a win.” Greenwood said “My mindset during the match was to not get flustered and score next and win.” It was the first top-ten win of his Cowboy Career for Greenwood.

At 184 pounds Tate Samuelson would leave no doubt on his way to winning the Cowboy Open. In his three matches Samuelson outscored his opponents 31-1 only allowing one point to be scored on him all day. This included a shutout win in the finals defeating Western Wyoming’s Tyce Raddon, 8-0.

Stephen Buchanan wouldn’t miss a beat in his return to action, the 197-pound All-American picked up a fall in the quarterfinals and followed that up with a tech. fall in the semi-finals. In the finals, Buchanan rolled to a 12-2 victory over Utah Valley’s Evan Bockman to capture the Cowboy Open Title.

The final Cowboy to win a title was also the only unattached Wyoming wrestler to finish first. Cooper Voorhees had a workman’s like day at 157 pounds stringing together three decision victories to make the finals. In the first-place match Voorhees faced Cody Eaton (UNAT-UNC) in what would be a very tight match. Voorhees would use a late and decisive takedown to win the match, 3-2.

Jaron Jensen (149), Hayden Hastings (174) and Brian Andrews (285) all finished second at their respective weights with Jensen and Andrews both falling to top ten ranked wrestlers in the finals.

Cole Moody also finished second at 165 pounds but did not compete in the finals due to a medical forfeit. Moody picked up a gritty 2-1 win over Jackson Hemauer (UNAT-UNC) in the semifinals.

In total on the day the Cowboys finished with eleven total place winners while and additional five unattached wrestlers also finished the day as place winners.

Up next, the Cowboys will travel to Las Vegas, Nevada for the very competitive Cliff Keen Las Vegas Invitational. The tournament is set to take place Dec. 3 – Dec. 4 and will feature multiple ranked teams and wrestlers.

COWBOY RESULTS

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125 – Brendon Garcia – 5th

Garcia (WYO) dec. Quade Smith (CGST) 6-3

Garrett Ricks (WWYO) tech. fall Garcia (WYO) 16-0
Kase Mauger (UNAT-UVU) fall (1:34) Garcia (WYO)
Garcia (WYO) won by forfeit over Cian Apple (CMU)

125 – Darrick Stacey

Stacey (WYO) dec. Angelo Lozado (UNAT) 7-2
Jake Svihel (WYO) dec. Stacey (WYO) 5-3
Yusief Lillie (UVU) dec. Stacey (WYO) 3-1

125 – Jake Svihel – 4th

Svihel (WYO) dec. Darrick Stacey (WYO) 5-3
Brandon Courtney (ASU) dec. Svihel (WYO) 7-4
Svihel (WYO) major dec. Cian Apple (CMU) 13-5
Kase Mauger (UNAT-UVU) major dec. Svihel (WYO) 18-7

133 – Job Greenwood – 1st

Greenwood (WYO) dec. Kobe Nelms (UVU) 8-1
Greenwood (WYO) dec. Julian Chlebove (ASU) 7-3
Greenwood (WYO) dec. Michael McGee (ASU) 8-7

133 – Josh Kyle

Michael McGee 9ASU tech. fall Kyle (UNAT-WYO) 19-2
Kyle (UNAT-WYO) dec. Elijah Olguin (UNAT) 12-5
Kobe Nelms 9UVU) major dec. Kyle (UNAT-WYO) 12-3

141 – Darren Green – 2nd

Green (UNAT-WYO) dec. Tyson Humpherys (UNAT-UVU) 9-7
Green (UNAT-WYO) tech. fall Hunter Gilmore (UNAT-CHST) 17-1
Green (UNAT-WYO) fall (2:33) Ethan Leake (CHST)
Isaiah Delgado (UNAT-UVU) dec. Green (UNAT-WYO) 5-3

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141 – Chase Zollmann – 3rd

Zollmann (WYO) fall (4:30) Carson Jensen (WWYO)
Zollmann (WYO) fall (1:28) Joseph Ritzen (CHST)
Isaiah Derlgado (UNAT-UVU) major dec. Zollmann (WYO) 11-2
Zollmann (WYO) dec. Hunter Gilmore (UNAT-CHST) 15-2
Zollmann (WYO) dec. Ethan Leake (CHST) 6-5

141 – Aidan Noonan

Noonan (UNAT-WYO) medical forfeit over Jesse Vasquez (ASU)
Ethan Leake (CHST) dec. Noonan (UNAT-WYO) 7-2
Ethan Pickren (ASU) dec. Noonan (UNAT-WYO) 6-4

149 – Jaron Jensen – 2nd

Jensen (WYO) dec. Benji Alanis (UNAT-UNC) 6-1
Jensen (WYO) dec. Chance Bockenstedt (CHST) 6-2
Jensen (WYO) major dec. Branden Pagurayan (UNAT-WYO) 14-3
Kyle Parco (ASU) dec. Jensen (WYO) 9-3

149 – Branden Pagurayan – 3rd

Pagurayan (UNAT-WYO) dec. Gavin Patterson (WWYO) 10-3
Pagurayan (UNAT-WYO) dec. Samuel Edelblute (UVU) 5-3
Jaron Jensen (WYO) major dec. Pagurayan (UNAT-WYO) 14-3
Pagurayan (UNAT-WYO) dec. River Wardler (WWYO) 8-5
Pagurayan (UNAT-WYO) dec. Ivan Morris (UNAT-UNC) 4-3

149 – Warren Carr

Carr (UNAT-WYO) major dec. Ivan Morris (UNAT-UVU) 11-2
Carr (UNAT-WYO) dec. Harrison Gocke (CHST) 6-2

Kyle Parco (ASU) dec. Carr (UNAT-WYO) 8-3
Ivan Morris (UNAT-UNC) dec. Carr (UNAT-WYO) 6-4
River Wardle (WWYO) dec. Lieb (UNAT-WYO) 6-4

149 – Analu Benabise

Harrison Gocke (CHST) dec. Benabise (UNAT-WYO) 4-0
Ivan Morris (UNAT-UNC) fall (0:57) Benabise (UNAT-WYO)

157 – Cooper Voorhees – 1st

Voorhees (UNAT-WYO) dec. Jaziah Waley (UNAT-UNC) 4-2
Voorhees (UNAT-WYO) dec. Gustavo Fonseca-Walker (UNAT-ASU) 7-4
Voorhees (UNAT-WYO) dec. Nathan Moore (UNAT-UNC) 6-4
Voorhees (UNAT-WYO) dec. Cody Eaton (UNAT-UNC) 3-2

165 – Cole Moody – 2nd

Moody (WYO) fall (4:31) Stone Durham (CHST)
Moody (WYO) major dec. Vincent Zerban (UNAT-UNC) 10-2
Moody (WYO) dec. Jackson Hemauer (UNAT-UNC) 2-1
Anhtony Valencia (ASU) won by medical forfeit over Moody (WYO)

165 – Hayden Lieb

Lieb (UNAT-WYO) major dec. Collin Smith (CHST) 9-1
Lieb (UNAT-WYO) major dec. Tanner Lofthouse (UVU) 12-2
Anhtony Valencia (ASU) fall (0:33) Lieb (UNAT-WYO)
Kendall Norfleet (UNAT-ASU) dec. Lieb (UNAT-WYO) 10-4
Max Wilner (UNAT-ASU) fall (1:40) Lieb (UNAT-WYO)

165 – Brett McIntosh

Preston Renner (CHST) dec. McIntosh (UNAT-WYO) 7-3
Vincent Zerban (UNAT-UNC) major dec. McIntosh (UNAT-WYO) 11-2

165 – Kevin Anderson

Kendall Norfleet (UNAT-ASU) dec. Anderson (UNAT-WYO) 8-3
Anderson (UNAT-WYO) tech. fall Mathew Holdredge (UNAT) 15-0
Tanner Lofthouse (UVU) dec. Anderson (UNAT-WYO) 8-3

174 – Guillermo Escobedo

Cael Valencia (UNAT-ASU) dec. Escobedo (UNAT-WYO) 3-2
Escobedo (UNAT-WYO) major dec. Merrell Morley (UNAT-UVU) 12-0
Hunter Morse (UVU) dec. Escobedo (UNAT-WYO) 3-1

174 – Gage Hockett

Zane Coleman (ASU) major dec. Hockett (WYO) 9-1
Hockett (WYO) dec. Christian Smoot (WWYO) 11-9

174 – Hayden Hastings – 2nd

Hastings (WYO) dec. Christian Smoot (WWYO) 10-5
Hastings (WYO) Major dec. Ryan Rochford (ASU) 9-1
Cael Valencia (UNAT-ASU) dec. Hastings (WYO) 3-2

184 – Tate Samuelson – 1st

Samuelson (WYO) tech fall. Andrew Nicholson (WWYO) 17-0
Samuelson (WYO) dec. Branson Bitten (UNAT-UNC) 6-1
Samuelson (WYO) dec. Tyce Raddon (WWYO) 8-0

184 – Colby Huynh

Rowdy Pfeil (CHST) dec. Huynh (UNAT-WYO) 6-2
Daemyen Middlebrooks (UNAT) dec. Huynh (UNAT-WYO) 9-2

197 – Stenhen Buchanan – 1st

Stephen Buchanan –
Buchanan (WYO) fall (1:54) Parker Schlater (CHST)
Buchanan (WYO) tech. fall Jack Forbes (UNAT-UVU) 21-4
Buchanan (WYO) major dec. Evan Bockman (UVU) 12-2

285 – Brian Andrews – 2nd
Andrews (WYO) fall (1:14) Wyatt Kearn (WWYO)
Andrews (WYO) dec. Chad Porter (ASU) 6-0
Andrews (WYO) dec. Chase Trussell (UVU) 2-1
Cohlton Schultz (ASU) dec. Andrews (WYO) 6-1

285 - Terren Swartz – 5th
Swartz (WYO) dec. Koby Johnson (WWYO) 8-1
Cohlton Schultz (ASU) dec. Swartz (WYO) 2-1
Chad Porter (ASU) dec. Swartz (WYO) 5-4
Swartz (WYO) fall (1:59) Koby Johnson (WWYO)

285 – Bradley Moore
Chase Trussell (UVU) dec. Moore (UNAT-WYO) 8-1
Chad Porter (ASU) dec. Moore (UNAT-WYO) 10-4

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