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**LARAMIE, Wyo. (Dec. 1, 2021)** – The Cowboy Wrestling squad is set for their first road trip of the season as they travel down to Las Vegas, Nevada to compete in Cliff Keen Las Vegas Invitational Dec. 3 – Dec. 4. The CKLV Invite is one of the toughest early season tournaments featuring numerous ranked teams and over 100 ranked wrestlers competing in the field.

“This will be a fun tournament and each one of our guys will have a great opportunity to wrestle some of the top ranked kids in the country.” Head Wrestling Coach Mark Branch said” It’s always a privilege and exciting to have a chance to test yourself against the best. We need to go wrestle with aggression and confidence and good things will happen.”

Heading into the tournament six Cowboys have earned pre-seeds at their respective weight with that group being led by Brian Andrews and Tate Samuelson who are pre-seeded second at 285 and 184 pounds respectively. At 197 pounds Stephen Buchanan was given the number three pre-seed sitting behind two top ten ranked wrestlers.

Hayden Hastings was pre-seeded fourth at 174 pounds while Jacob Wright earned the number five pre-seed at 157. Rounding out the pre-seeded pokes is Job Greenwood who was tabbed with the number eight pre-seed at 133 pounds.

Each weight class at the CKLV Invite will feature at least six nationally ranked wrestlers and at least one top ten ranked wrestler making for a very competitive weekend.

2019 was the last time the Pokes competed at the CKLV Invite and Hayden Hastings and Brian Andrews both earned top eight spots finishing seventh and eighth respectively.

Last time out the Cowboy got their season underway at the Cowboy Open and had a successful outing that saw them crown four champions. Job Greenwood highlighted the day by upsetting All-American and No. 8 ranked Michael McGee of Arizona State in the finals. Cooper Voorhees (157), Tate Samuelson (184) and Stephen Buchanan (197) all also captured Cowboy Open titles.

The Cowboy lineup this weekend will also feature a couple of changes, after spending last season at 133 pounds Jake Svihel is back down at 125 pounds and will be representing, the brown and gold this weekend. At 165 pounds Cooper Voorhees will be in action for the Cowboys.

Live results and video for the tournament will be available on FloWrestling and FloArena.

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