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Cowboy Wrestling 1-1 After Day One at Virginia Duals

Hampton, Va. (January 9, 2004) -- The Wyoming Cowboy wrestling team took one of two Friday at the 2004 Virginia Duals in Hampton, Va. Wyoming opened the tournament with a loss to top-ranked Purdue 19-17 but fought back to defeat Lockhaven by a score of 25-9.

The Virginia Duals is one of the largest college wrestling tournaments in the world and is hosted by The Peninsula Wrestling Association. This year's tournament features some of the best collegiate teams in the nation. The Cowboys could face many top-ranked teams as #3 Lehigh, #6 Nebraska, #10 Arizona State, #19 Wisconsin, #20 Purdue and #22 Edinboro are competing in the two-day tournament.

The Pokes picked up their first dual win of the season in their consolation match against Lockhaven late Friday afternoon. Wyoming took eight of ten matches against the Bald Eagles for a 25-9 victory.

The Cowboys got on the board early with three match wins in the lower weights jumping out to a 9-0 lead. 125 pounder Bryce Leonhardt took care of Jim Collins 8-4. In the 133 pound bout Tyson Shatto out scored James Barnes 8-2 and senior Blake Gunter got by Chad Goldrick 4-3 at 141 pounds.

Lockhaven got one of their two victories at 149 pounds as Mike Manley pinned UW's Patrick Shuler in 3:48. The Pokes would win the next three matches as 157 pound senior Andrew Shuler defeated Charlie Brennenman by a 8-2 decision. Senior Trevor Murray followed suit by recording a 12-2 major decision over Dave Beard and redshirt freshman Josh Prevost won his 174 pound match against Dan Riggs 5-1 to give Wyoming a 19-6 lead.

Mike Greenburg of Lockhaven was too much for Wyoming sophomore Sam Wendland taking the 184 pound dual 5-1. UW would finish with two more victories in the 197 and 285 pound matches. Junior Malcolm Havens defeated Eric Ponce 3-1 at 197 and sophomore Dusty Hoffschneider prevailed 9-3 over Steve Itterly at heavyweight.

"Our guys wrestled pretty tough today," said Wyoming head wrestling coach Steven Suder.

"Andrew Shuler, Trevor Murray, Blake Gunter, Bryce Leonhardt and Tyson Shatto were all 2-0 on the day. They wrestled really solid and got us some big victories. My hat goes off to them for how hard they fought today."

In their first round match the Cowboys jumped out to a 10-0 lead on the No. 21 ranked Purdue Boilermakers, taking the first three matches by a combined score of 25-8. Bryce Leonhardt got the Cowboys off to their great start by defeating Sean Smaltz in the 125 pound bout by a major decision, 10-2.

At 133 pounds Tyson Shatto made the score 7-0 with an overtime victory over Chase Beebe. The Douglas, Wyo., native scored the only takedown of the match in the extra frame prevailing 2-0.

Senior Blake Gunter put the Pokes up 10-0 with a 13-6 victory over Ben Sprunger. Gunter shutout Sprunger in the second and third periods while scoring ten points in the final two frames.

Purdue got on the scoreboard in the 149 pound bout as Dan Jankowski outlasted UW's Patrick Shuler 4-1, making the score 10-3.

Wyoming would go onto win the next two matches as senior Andrew Shuler got past Brad Harper on a much needed riding time point 2-1 and 165 pound senior Trevor Murray handled Bryce Markley in a 11-2 major decision.

With the score 17-3 the Pokes looked to be on their way to the second round, but the Boilermakers staged a comeback taking the final four matches prevailing 19-17.

With the win over Lockhaven, Wyoming advances to the next round of the consolation bracket. The Cowboys will take on No. 22 ranked Edinboro at 8 a.m. on Saturday at the Hampton Coliseum. Edinboro defeated Old Dominion in the first round but fell in their next dual against No. 11 Arizona State.

(see attached pages for complete results)

DUALMATCH-BY-MATCHBREAKDOWN

Wyoming Cowboys (0-1) vs. #21 Purdue Boilermakers (10-0)

- 125 - Bryce Leonhardt (WYO) def. Sean Schmaltz (PUR) MDec. 10-2 (4-0)
- 133 - Tyson Shatto (WYO) def. Chase Beebe (PUR) (ot) Dec. 2-0 (7-0)
- 141 - Blake Gunter (WYO) def. Ben Sprunger (PUR) Dec. 13-6 (10-0)
- 149 - Dan Jankowski (PUR) def. Patrick Shuler (WYO) Dec. 4-1 (10-3)
- 157 - Andrew Shuler (WYO) def. Brad Harper (PUR) Dec. 2-1 (13-3)
- 165 - Trevor Murray (WYO) def. Bryce Markley (PUR) MDec. 10-2 (17-3)
- 174 - Ryan Lange (PUR) def. Josh Prevost (WYO) Fall 2:52 (17-9)
- 184 - Ben Wissel (PUR) def. Sam Wendland (WYO) Dec. 4-1 (17-12)
- 197 - Nathan Moore (PUR) def. Malcolm Havens (WYO) MDec. 14-6 (17-16)
- 285 - Israel Blevins (PUR) def. Dusty Hoffschneider (WYO) Dec. 8-6 (17-19)

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125 - Sean Schmaltz (PUR) vs. Bryce Leonhardt (WYO) 1st - Leonhardt takedown 2:43 (0-2). 2nd - Leonhardt Down; Leonhardt escape 3:18 (0-3); Leonhardt takedown 4:42 (0-5). 3rd - Schmaltz Down; Schmaltz escape 5:09 (1-5); Leonhardt takedown 5:27 (1-7); Schmaltz escape 6:03 (2-7); Schmaltz takedown 6:22 (4-7); Leonhardt escape 6:23 (4-8); Leonhardt takedown 6:42 (4-10); Leonhardt riding time [1:25] (4-11).

133 - Chase Beebe (PUR) vs. Tyson Shatto (WYO) 1st - -X- 2nd - Shatto Down. 3rd - Beebe Down. OT1 - Shatto takedown 7:37 (0-2).

141 - Ben Sprunger (PUR) vs. Blake Gunter (WYO) 1st - Sprunger takedown 1:36 (2-0); Gunter escape 1:43 (2-1); Gunter takedown 2:51 (2-3). 2nd - Gunter Down; Gunter escape 3:10 (2-4). 3rd - Sprunger Down; Gunter nearfall-2 6:50 (2-6); Gunter riding time [1:51] (2-7).

149 - Dan Jankowski (PUR) vs. Patrick Shuler (WYO) 1st - -X- 2nd - Jankowski Down. 3rd - Neutral; Jankowski takedown 5:23 (2-0); Shuler escape 5:40 (2-1); Jankowski takedown 6:03 (4-1).

157 - Brad Harper (PUR) vs. Andrew Shuler (WYO) 1st - -X- 2nd - Harper Down; Harper penalty point [locked hands] 3:23 (1-0). 3rd - Shuler Down; Shuler escape 5:59 (1-1); Shuler riding time [1:01] (1-2).

165 - Bryce Markley (PUR) vs. Trevor Murray (WYO) 1st - Markley takedown 0:30 (2-0); Murray escape 0:41 (2-1). 2nd - Markley Down; Murray nearfall-3 4:47 (2-4); Murray nearfall-3 5:00 (2-7). 3rd - Markley Down; Murray nearfall-3 6:26 (2-10); Murray riding time [3:49] (2-11).

174 - Ryan Lange (PUR) vs. Josh Prevost (WYO) 1st - Prevost takedown 0:20 (0-2); Lange escape 0:47 (1-2); Lange takedown 1:27 (3-2); Prevost escape 1:55 (3-3); Lange takedown 2:47 (5-3); Lange pin 2:52.

184 - Ben Wissel (PUR) vs. Sam Wendland (WYO) 1st - Wissel takedown 1:29 (2-0). 2nd - Wissel Down; Wissel escape 3:30 (3-0). 3rd - Wendland Down; Wendland escape 5:14 (3-1); Wissel riding time [1:45] (4-1).

197 - Nathan Moore (PUR) vs. Malcolm Havens (WYO) 1st - Moore takedown 0:27 (2-0); Havens escape 1:05 (2-1); Moore takedown 1:57 (4-1); Moore nearfall-3 2:47 (7-1). 2nd - Havens Down; Havens escape 3:27 (7-2); Moore takedown 3:40 (9-2); Havens escape 4:03 (9-3). 3rd - Neutral; Moore takedown 5:07 (11-3); Havens escape 5:47 (11-4); Moore takedown 6:07 (13-4); Havens reversal 6:20 (13-6); Moore riding time [2:36] (14-6).

285 - Israel Blevins (PUR) vs. Dusty Hoffschneider (WYO) 1st - Blevins takedown 0:14 (2-0); Hoffschneider escape 0:30 (2-1); Blevins takedown 0:48 (4-1); Hoffschneider escape 1:00 (4-2). 2nd - Blevins Down; Blevins escape 3:12 (5-2). 3rd - Hoffschneider Down; Hoffschneider escape 5:07 (5-3); Hoffschneider takedown 5:53 (5-5); Blevins escape 6:01 (6-5); Blevins takedown 6:07 (8-5); Hoffschneider escape 6:27 (8-6).

DUALMATCH-BY-MATCHBREAKDOWN

Wyoming Cowboys (1-1) vs. Lockhaven Bald Eagles (3-3)

- 125- Bryce Leonhardt (WYO) def. Jim Collins (LU).....Dec. 8-4 (3-0)
- 133- Tyson Shatto (WYO) def. James Barnes (LU).....Dec. 8-2 (6-0)
- 141- Blake Gunter (WYO) def. Chad Goldrick (LU).....Dec. 4-3 (9-0)
- 149- Mike Manley (LU) def. Patrick Shuler (LU).....Fall 3:48 (9-6)
- 157- Andrew Shuler (WYO) def. Charlie Brenneman.....Dec. 8-2 (12-6)
- 165- Trevor Murray (WYO) def. Dave Beard.....Maj. Dec. 12-2 (16-6)
- 174- Josh Prevost (WYO) def. Daniel Riggs.....Dec. 5-1 (19-6)
- 184- Mike Greenburg (LU) def. Sam Wendland (WYO).....Dec. 5-1 (19-9)
- 197- Malcolm Havens (WYO) dec. Eric Ponce (LU).....Dec. 3-1 (22-9)
- HWT- Dusty Hoffschneider (WYO) dec. Steve Itterly (LU).....Dec. 9-3 (25-9)

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