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MVC's COLIN PIERCE NAMED OUTSTANDING WRESTLER



Marshall, Mo. (February 9, 2010)— Colin Pierce, Missouri Valley College sophomore wrestler, received the *Outstanding Wrestler Award* at the MVC Wrestling Open for his performance in the tournament.

Colin was 4-0 this weekend defeating #3 ranked Wade Lowe of McKendree 10-3 in the finals en route to the 133lb title. He is currently ranked #1 nationally in the NAIA at 133lbs and has either won or placed third in all of his tournaments he has entered as a Viking.

Colin is a graduate of Kearney High School in Kearney Mo., where he was a four-time Missouri State Wrestling Champion and wrestled for former Viking and two-time All-American Chad Hopkins.

With his wins this weekend, Colin improved his record to 21-4 on the season.

“Colin wrestled a great tournament and has been progressing each match that he competes,” said Head Men’s Wrestling Coach Mike Machholz. “Conditioning was the main factor in a couple of his losses earlier in the semester against Division I opponents but we are getting that where we want it. He has dominated all of the NAIA opponents and is focused toward winning the National Title.”

Colin is the son of Terry and Leone Pierce of Kearney, Mo.

ABOUT MISSOURI VALLEY COLLEGE

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