MEN’S WRESTLING TAKE PART IN UCM OPEN SUNDAY

Marshall, Mo. (November 17, 2013)- The No. 3 Missouri Valley College men’s wrestling team took part in the University of Central Missouri Open in Warrensburg, Mo., Saturday. The Vikings had one second place finisher and a sixth place finisher.

Wrestling in the 133 pound weight class Freshman Darren Trujillo (Albuquerque, N.M.) was eliminated after two matches, losing in the second round to Casey Rowell of University of Central Oklahoma by a major decision and then to Dean Heil of Oklahoma State University in the consolation second round in a first period pin.

In the 141 pound weight class No. 16 Junior Brian Bitney (Puyallup, Wash.) earned a 10-3 decision victory over Michael Gregerson of Maryville University, but lost to Michael Williams of Northeastern Oklahoma A & M College in the second round by a major decision. In his first consolation match Bitney earned a win by forfeit, but lost to Tyler Tustin of Central Oklahoma in a 5-2 decision.

Freshman Dalton Mudgett (Chewelah, Wash.) started his day in the 149 pound bracket with a loss to Chance Smith of King College in a 10-4 decision. After
receiving a bye in the consolation first round, Mudgett earned a major decision victory over Austin Miller of Northeastern Oklahoma A&M, but lost to Brandon Rice of University of Missouri in the consolation third round in a 6-1 decision.

At 157 pounds, Junior Jared Sterling (Tacoma, Wash.) received a first round bye, but lost his second round match to Sam Son of Neosho County Community College in an 8-7 decision. Sterling then won four straight consolation bracket matches, including a decision victory over Matthew Lemanowicz of University of Missouri, 3-1. In the consolation semifinals, Sterling was defeated by Chris Koo of Oklahoma State University in a major decision. In the fifth place match against Josh Ballard of McKendree University, Sterling was defeated in a first round pin to take sixth at the open.

In the 184 pound weight class Freshman Clark Poston (Essex Junction, Vt.) received a first round bye, but was defeated in the second round by Jordan Rogers of Oklahoma State University in a first period pin. Poston then advanced with a consolation second round bye and victory in the third round over Clay Wilson of McKendree University by a major decision. Poston was defeated by John Vogt of McKendree in third period pin. Also, No. 11 Sophomore Brett Bader (Farmington, Mo.) advanced with a first round bye, and a second round victory by a second period pin over Nick Meck of Northeastern Oklahoma A&M. In the quarterfinals, Bader was defeated by Kyle Crutchmer of Oklahoma State University in a 7-5 decision. In his first consolation bracket match, Bader was defeated by Kyle Buckley of University of Central Oklahoma in a 4-1 decision. Wade Aylett advanced through the bracket with a first round bye and a second round major decision victory over Jacob Reiman of University of Central Missouri. In the quarterfinals, Aylett was defeated by Nick Burghardt of Maryville University, but won in his first consolation bracket match over Meck. Aylett was defeated in the consolation fifth round by Buckley.
At 285 pounds No. 11 Sophomore Gabi Musallam (San Diego, Calif.) advanced to the championship match thanks to a first round win by decision over John Close of Fort Hays State University 7-5. In the second round Musallam won by a 5-3 decision over Jacob Clark of University of Central Missouri, and advanced to the semifinals with a 4-2 decision victory over Evan McGee of Northeastern Oklahoma A&M. In the semifinals Musallam edged Garrett Fosdyck of King College 2-1. Wrestling for an individual championship, Musallam was defeated by Donnell Walker of Maryville University in a 6-5 decision. Also, Freshman Justin Smith (Corral Springs, Fla.) won his first two matches, in a second period pin of Jordan Moffett of Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College, then a third period pin over Devin Cagle of McKendree University. In the quarterfinals, Smith lost to Cody Davis of King College in an 8-5 decision, and was defeated in his first consolation bracket match to Ross Janney of McKendree in a 3-0 decision.

The MVC men’s wrestling team will be in action Wednesday in a dual with No. 17 Missouri Baptist University in St. Louis, Mo., at 6:00 p.m.

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