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MVC MEN’S WRESTLER EARN WEEKLY CONFERENCE HONOR

Marshall, Mo. (January 13, 2014)- The No. 3 Missouri Valley College men’s wrestling team wrapped up action at the NAIA National Duals in Des Moines, Iowa on Sunday with a sixth place finish. For his effort in the tournament, Sophomore Jake Ekster (Houston, Texas) has been named the Heart of America Athletic Conference Wrestler of the Week.

Ekster finished 5-0 in his matches in the 149 pound weight class at the NAIA National Duals. He defeated Manny Reyes of Dickinson State (N.D.) University in a third period pin, Isaac Thomas of Lindsey Wilson (Ky.) University in a 13-4 major decision, Connor Middleton of Baker University in a 3-1 decision, Hunter Azure of Montana State University-Northern in a 15-5 major decision and Colby Reinhart of Campbellsville (Ky.) University in a 5-2 decision.

Ekster is the No. 1 ranked NAIA wrestler in the 149 pound weight class, and improved his record this season to 12-1. This is the first weekly conference award for Ekster.

The MVC men’s wrestling team will host the Missouri Valley College Invitational this Friday at 5:30 p.m., and Saturday at 9 a.m. at the Burns Athletic Complex.

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