MVC WOMEN’S WRESTLING BEGINS ACTION AT OCU DUALS

Marshall, Mo. (October 25, 2013)- The No. 5 Missouri Valley College women’s wrestling team was in action Friday in the opening day of the Oklahoma City University Duals. The Vikings finished the day with a 2-2 record in duals.

The Vikings opened the tournament by taking on No. 10 Midland University. The Vikings narrowly defeated Midland by a 24-23 score. Picking up victories for the Vikings were No. 2 Junior Jacarra Winchester (San Leandro, Calif.) at 123 pounds by technical fall, Senior Maylun Sote (Azusa, Calif.) at 130 pounds by technical fall, No. 7 Senior Frances Efiong (Arlington, Texas) at 143 pounds by technical fall, No. 6 Senior Brittany Jones (Grapevine, Texas) at 170 pounds by a first period pin and Sophomore LaChae-Bynum Banks (Pittsburg, Calif.) by technical fall in the 191 pound weight class over No. 10 ranked Brionna Buenavista. Midland picked up 10 points due to MVC leaving the 101 and 109 pound weight classes open.

The next dual pitted Missouri Valley against No. 8 Missouri Baptist University, and the Vikings earned 24-19 victory. Winchester picked up another technical fall victory in the 123 pound weight class, Junior Terra Williams (Portland, Me.) won in a first period pin in the 130 pound weight class, Efiong won by technical fall in the 143 pound weight class, Sophomore Britteny Rodriguez (Beaville, Texas) won by technical fall in the 155 pound weight class, Jones won by forfeit in the 170 pound weight class as did Banks in the 191 pound weight class. The Vikings left the 101 pound and 109 pound weight classes open.

MVC narrowly lost its third dual of the day to No. 17 McKendree University 25-21. Sophomore Samantha Higa (Aiea, Hawai’i) won by first period pin in the 116 pound weight class. Winchester picked up her third victory of the day in the 123 pound weight class by first period pin. Efiong won by decision in the 143 pound weight class, Jones won by forfeit in the 170 pound weight class and Banks won by forfeit also in the 191 pound weight class. McKendree picked up points after MVC left the 101 and 109 pound weight classes open.
In the final dual of the day, the Vikings were defeated by No. 2 Oklahoma City by a 40-5 score. The lone victory for MVC in the dual was Winchester at 123 pounds thanks to a technical fall over No. 3 Brieana Delgado.

The Vikings will continue action Saturday at the OCU Duals Tournament. The Vikings will compete in the Silver Bracket against University of Jamestown, Northwest Kansas Technical, Midland University, Lindenwood University Gold, Oklahoma City University Blue, Cumberlands Red and Mystery Team. Action will begin Saturday at 9:00 a.m.

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