

Blevins SoCon Wrestler of Month

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Appalachian State University senior wrestler Kyle Blevins has been named as the Southern Conference Wrestler of the Month for February, the league office announced Wednesday. Blevins was 5-0 on the mat during the

month of February, including a 3-0 mark in Southern Conference dual matches. Blevins began the month with a 6-3 decision over UTC's Brandon Wright in the final bout of Appalachian's 21-17 victory over the seven-time defending SoCon Champion Mocs.

The next weekend, Blevins won his dual with VMI's Jonathan Jones, posting a 15-2 major decision over the Keydet. The Sapulpa, Okla., native tacked on a 4-0 shutout over No. 16 Nick Sulzer of Virginia, his fourth win over a ranked opponent this season.

One week later, Blevins downed Duke's Ryan Harding by an 8-2 margin before concluding his SoCon slate with a 23-8 technical fall against Davidson's Tyler Mullen, securing a perfect 6-0 league dual record.

The SoCon Wrestler of the Year concluded the regular season with a 16-1 mark in dual competitions and a 33-5 record overall. Blevins is one of four Mountaineer wrestlers who will compete at the NCAA Championship in St. Louis, Mo. beginning on Thursday.

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