

ASU Places 6th at Roadrunner Open

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Appalachian State University wrestling captured some key victories and placed five, as the Mountaineers concluded the 2013 Roadrunner Open on Sunday in Fresno, which was hosted by CSU Bakersfield.

With five place winners, the Mountaineers took sixth with 42 points. Maryland came into the Roadrunner Open ranked 25th nationally and took first place with 81 points on the day.

Redshirt freshman Dylan Cottrell (Spencer, W.Va./Roane County) has continued his dominant streak so far this season. Cottrell won his first two matches over Alex Abono (Unattached) and Robby Workman (Embry-Riddle) by technical fall and then earned three straight decisions over Kyle Chene (Cal Poly), Frank Goodwin (Maryland) and Blake Kastl (Cal Poly) to capture first place for 149 pounds. The Spencer, W.Va. native defeated Kastle in the first place match by a 7-0 decision and headlined the day for the Black and Gold.

At 125 pounds, redshirt junior Dominic Parisi (Concord, N.C./Jay M. Robinson) was dominant early on for the Apps. Parisi pinned his first opponent, Kimoni Pollard, in 3:31 before winning his next two matches by major decisions over Matthew Correa (CSU Bakersfield) and Seth Hood (Fresno City). Parisi earned a 5-0 decision in the semifinal match against Tommy Pawelski (Stanford) to earn a spot in the first-place match against Evan Silver (Stanford). Parisi fell in a close decision 3-1, but finished with a terrific second place finish.

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After falling to Dominic Kastl (Cal Poly) in the first match at 174 pounds, junior Colin Hedash (Slatington, Pa./Northern Lehigh) worked his way through the consolation bracket with six straight wins to capture third place. Hedash highlighted the run with a technical fall over Tim Hollowell (Menlo College), decision over Johnny Watson (Navy), a win in overtime over Keaton Subjeck (Stanford - unattached) and a decision over Martin Fabbian (Grand Canyon). Hedash won the consolation semifinal over Dominic Kastl and the third place match over eight ranked Bryce Hammond both by medical forfeits.

Redshirt sophomore Zack Strickland (Muncy, Pa./Muncy) started his tournament on a high note. After receiving a bye in the first round, Strickland earned a major decision over Robin Callas (Sierra College) and pinned Juan Maynes (Grand Canyon) to reach the 165 pound quarterfinal. There, Strickland fell to Adam Fierro (CSU Bakersfield) by decision. Once in the consolation bracket, Strickland got on a roll once again. The Muncy, Pa. native pinned Vince Aboytes (San Francisco) and won by decision over his next two opponents, Tyler Manion (Maryland) and Justin Lozano (Unattached). In the third place match, Strickland fell to Peyton Walsh (Navy) to take fourth place for the Mountaineers.

The fifth wrestler to place for the Mountaineers on the day was Denzel Dejournette (Winston-Salem, N.C./R.J. Reynolds) at 285 pounds. Dejournette received a bye to start the day and won by decision in his next two matches against Narciso Juarez (Fresno City) and Sam Cervantes (CSU Bakersfield) to reach the semifinals. Once there, Dejournette lost a close decision to Spencer Empey (Cal Poly). Dejournette would move to the semifinals of the consolation bracket, but fell in his next two matches to Nathan Butler (Stanford - unattached) and Josh Marchok (Stanford - unattached) to take sixth place.

Jake Smith (Newark, Calif./Newark Memorial) and Aaron Scott (Todd, N.C./Ashe County) earned four victories at 141 pounds and 157 pounds, respectively. Vito Pasone (Wilkes-Barre, Pa./E.L. Meyers) and Acton Pifer (Marietta, Ga./Lassiter) both earned three wins a piece on the

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day at 125 and 141 pounds. Nick Vetell (Trinity, N.C./Trinity) earned two wins at 184 pounds, while Colby Langford (Hendersonville, N.C./North Henderson), Adrian Soto-Perez (Laurinburg, N.C./Laurinburg) and PJ Shuler (Wendell, N.C./Southeast Raleigh) all earned one victory each at 133, 165 and 285 pounds. Nick Hall (Alabaster, Ala./Thompson) wrestled two matches, but did not record a victory at 157 pounds.

The Mountaineers will return to the mat next Sunday when they travel to Philadelphia, Pa. to compete in the 2013 Keystone Classic.

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