

Wrestling Finishes Ninth Out Of 14 Teams At Matman Invite

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MOUNT VERNON, IA - The UW-Eau Claire wrestling team finished ninth out of 14 teams today with both **Josh Kasuboski** (So. -Wautoma, WI) at 184 pounds and **Josh Holforty** (So. -Bloomington, MN/Kennedy) at 197 pounds placing third at the 29th annual Cornell Matman Invitational.

The Blugolds had a two, third place finishers and two, six place finishers and had a total score of 45 points. Buena Vista University (IA) won the invite with a score of 140.5. William Penn University (IA) finished second with a score of 135.5 and Coe College (NE) finished third with a score of 112.0. The Blugolds finished right behind conference foe UW-Oshkosh, who tied for seventh with a score of 49.0

Josh Kasuboski started off the day with a major decision win, 15-2, over Mike Christiansen of Coe College in the quarterfinals. He then, however lost in semifinals 4-2 against Jake Brinkman of Coe College. Kasuboski did bounce back and defeat Austin Hayes of Buena Vista University by a score of 5-4 to advance to the third-place match. In a rematch, Kasuboski faced Christiansen again and the outcome remained the same as Kasuboski took third place by a major decision, 11-1.

Josh Holforty began his day by defeating Rob Kramer of Coe College in the quarterfinals by a score of 6-2. The fifth-seeded Holforty then lost to top-seeded Ben Strandberg of Buena Vista University by a score of 10-4. Holforty advanced to the third place match by forfeit where he faced Kramer again and Holforty shut him out, taking third place by a score of 5-0.

Patrick Sensig (So.-Lyndon Station, WI/Mauston) placed sixth for the Blugolds at 149 pounds. Sensig won his first match of the day by default but then lost his next two matches.

Lance Valiquette (Sr.-Auburn, WA) also placed sixth at 165 pounds. Valiquette defeated Jon Forbes of MacMurray College (IL) by pin in 5:50. He then defeated Drew Vickers of Cornell College (IA) 6-5 and then beat Lucas Pontier of Coe by a major decision 10-2. He would then win his fourth match in a row over Tyler Winkleman of Buena Vista by another major decision 9-1. However, Valiquette would lose his next two matches to finish sixth

The Blugolds will return to dual meet action on Wednesday when they host UW-Platteville. The meet is scheduled to begin at 7 p.m. in the McPhee Physical Education Center.

Final Results

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