Wrestlers Finish In Seventh Place At Matman Invitational

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MT. VERNON, Iowa - The UW-Eau Claire wrestling team competed today in the Matman Invitational, hosted by Cornell College. The Blugolds finished in seventh place out of 13 teams with 61 points. Coe College won the event with 164.5 points. Buena Vista came in second with 129.5 points, and Cornell finished in third with 96.5 points.

The Blugolds had one champion in **Josh Holforty** *(Jr.-Bloomington, MN/Kennedy)*. Holforty was seeded second in the 197 weight class. Holforty started the tournament off with a bye, then pinned Karl Spain of William Penn. Holforty then had a major decision against Kevin Trullinger of Coe, 14-3. To get to the championship match, Holforty defeated third seed Brian Stueve of Buena Vista 9-3. Holforty defeated the top-seeded Paul Hartt of Lakeland in the championship match with a sudden victory of 3-1.

Andy Johnston *(So.-St. Cloud, MN/St. Cloud Tech)* finished in fourth place in the 149 weight class. Johnston lost his first match against second seed Jason Pyle of Luther 8-6. Johnston then received a bye and defeated five straight opponents on decisions. Johnston lost in overtime in the third place match to third-seed Tyler Baker of Coe.

Matt Frick *(Jr.-Blaine, MN)* finished in fourth place in the 197 weight class. Frick received a bye, and then had a major decision victory over Scott Modder of Buena Vista with a 14-3 score. Frick then lost to top-seeded Paul Hartt of Lakeland. Frick then went on to defeat Dan Borchers of Wartburg by a 4-2 score, and then defeated Rob Widmer of Cornell with a 9-3 score. Frick got to the third place match with a victory over third-seed Brian Stueve of Buena Vista. Frick lost the third place match to fourth-seed Rob Kramer of Coe.

Joey Miller *(Sr.-Lake Tomahawk, WI)* finished in fifth place of the 174 weight class. Miller was the fifth seed in the 174 bracket, but Miller lost his first match to Eric Hume of Morningside 7-5. Miller defeated Cliff Robertson of Cornell 9-1 and then received a forfeit win. Miller had a major decision over Tyler Winkleman of Buena Vista, but then lost to fourth-seed Dean Schultz of Truman State 3-1. Miller defeated Seth Rehn of Coe in the fifth place match.

Nick Hoeft *(Sr.-Merrill, WI)* finished in sixth place in the 285 weight class. Hoeft had two victories in the winners bracket before losing to fifth-seed John Carder. Hoeft did defeat the top-seeded John Miller of Luther with a decision victory of 5-2 in one of the two victories. Hoeft lost to third-seed Adam Sutter before losing to Allyn Plattner of Luther by a 5-2 score.

The wrestling team returns to action on Tuesday, January 8 against UW-Platteville in Platteville. The first match starts at 7 p.m.

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