Holforty Takes Home Third At NCAA Championship

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CEDAR RAPIDS, Iowa- After picking up two wins on day one, UW-Eau Claire wrestler **Josh Holforty** *(Sr. -Bloomington, Minn./Kennedy)* rattled off three more wins to take home third place in the 197 pound weight class at the NCAA Championships at the U.S. Cellular Center.

Holforty's third place finish surpasses his sixth place performance last season at the NCAA Championships. The third place finish is the highest individual finish for the Blugolds since Derek Sikora won the national title in 2006 at 165 pounds.

In a win or go home format, Holforty came out strong in his opening match of the day, posting a 6-1 decision over MIT's Joseph Silverman to advance to the semifinal round of the third place bracket. In the semifinal, Holforty faced off against WIAC opponent and No. 3 seed Karl Voeck of UW-Whitewater. Holforty continued his hot streak and picked up a 10-5 decision to advance to the final round.

His final opponent was a familiar one, in UW-La Crosse's Andy Moore, the No. 8 seed. Moore had handed Holforty his only loss of the tournament in the third round of the championship bracket by way of a 5-2 decision. Holforty would have the last laugh, as he defeated Moore by a slim 7-6 margin to earn the third place finish.

Holforty finishes his season with a 34-8 record, and captures his second straight All-American recognition in the process. Over his career with the Blugolds, Holforty compiled an overall record of 109-35.

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