

## **Kansas wrestler who won NJCAA National Title, Then he puts on his leg**

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**W**hen Earl Jones steps to the wrestling mat, the first thing he does is take off his warmup. Then he removes his leg. And no, we're not pulling your leg.

Jones lost his lower right leg at the age of seven in a freak accident. He says a horse

bit it off. Normally he wears a prosthesis, but not when he wrestles. He leaves that at the edge of the mat. Jones, a freshman from Labette (Kan.) Community College, entered the National Junior College Athletic Association wrestling tournament in Rochester as the top-ranked 125-pounder in the nation. He lived up to his billing. He

won all four of his matches, all by decisions, to capture the 125-pound national championship.

Jones doesn't think wrestling on one leg is a big deal. "I don't think about it," he said. "I just go out there and wrestle like everybody else." Jones wrestles from a kneeling position. His right leg ends at the knee and