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- Pitt led five ACC teams with a seventh-place finish at last weekend's Cliff Keene Las Vegas Invitational ... Paced by redshirt freshman Micky Phillippi's runner-up showing at 133 pounds, the Panthers finished with 77 team points ... North Carolina and Virginia Tech tied for 11th place with 64.5 points each ... Virginia (51.5) placed 16th and Duke (22.5) was 28th in the 43-team field.

- A pair of redshirt freshmen – Pitt's Phillippi (133 pounds) and Virginia Tech's Mekhi Lewis (165) – are ACC Co-Wrestlers of the Week after runner-up finishes in their respective weight classes in Las Vegas ... Both wrestlers defeated three nationally-ranked opponents en route to the finals, including a pair of opponents each ranked among the top 10 ... Phillippi moved up seven spots to No. 6 in this week's InterMat weight class rankings, while Lewis jumped six spots to No. 8.

- Another notable performance in Las Vegas came from Virginia sophomore 197-pounder Jay Aiello, who scored two wins over No. 8 Nathan Traxler of Stanford and defeated a pair of other top-15 opponents in placing third ... Aiello was the only wrestler who entered the tournament unseeded and unranked to finish among the top three in any weight class ... He broke into the InterMat rankings this week at No. 11 in the 197-pound weight class.

Twenty-six ACC wrestlers are among the top 20 of their respective weight classes in the latest InterMat rankings, including 13 top-10 wrestlers.

