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BAKERSFIELD, Calif. - In a dual labeled "Feud on the Field", it turned out to be that and more on Saturday afternoon between No. 24 Fresno State and CSU Bakersfield as all 10 matches were decided by a decision as it came down to the final match at 141 pounds with the Roadrunners edging the Bulldogs, 18-12.

Fresno State (8-7) saw its four-match winning streak come to an end despite picking up four wins in the dual. Redshirt junior 149-pounder [Khristian Olivas](#) picked up his fifth win over a ranked opponent this season with a 10-3 win over No. 17 Russell Rohlifing.

The 'Dogs also got wins by redshirt freshman [Jacob Wright](#) at 157 pounds, junior [Josh Hokit](#) at 197 pounds and sophomore [AJ Nevills](#) at heavyweight.

How It Happened

With every point in each match crucial, Olivas opened the dual with the largest margin of victory in any match jumping all over Rohlifing early taking a 10-2 lead after one period using three takedowns and a four-point near fall to take command early. An escape by Rohlifing would be the only score of the final two periods as the Roadrunner was able to avoid bonus points.

Wright followed with a 5-0 decision over Wyatt Gerl at 157 pounds as the Dinuba native used a first period takedown followed by an escape, penalty point and riding time for the shutout victory.

Looking to keep the early momentum going at 165 pounds, redshirt junior [Isaiah Hokit](#) took a 3-2 lead with a takedown near the end of the first period, but it was all CSUB's Jacob Thalín from there as the redshirt junior went on for a 7-3 win.

Another hard-fought battle ensued at 174 pounds as the 'Dogs [Dominic Kincaid](#) took a 4-2 lead into the final two minutes over Bryan Battiso, but a reversal and four-point near fall gave the Roadrunner senior a 8-4 lead. Kincaid responded with an escape and takedown to cut the deficit to one, but an escape by Battiso made it 9-7 in favor of CSUB as the win locked up the team score at 6-6.

A critical match came at 184 pounds as No. 19 [Jackson Hemauer](#) lost in overtime to Dominic Ducharme, 3-2 in overtime as the Roadrunner sophomore was able to keep the Bulldog down for 30 seconds to seal the win in the first tiebreaker.

After a short intermission, [Josh Hokit](#), ranked No. 13 in the nation at 197 pounds, extended his winning streak to eight matches with a 6-2 win over Mark Penyacsek getting two early takedowns and with signs pointing towards rolling to a bonus point win for the Bulldog, the Clovis native was only able to garner one more takedown as his win tied the match score at 9-9.

The Bulldogs took their final lead of the day after a 4-0 win by Nevills at heavyweight pushed the 'Dogs out ahead, 12-9 as the sophomore used a takedown, escape and riding time for his 17th win of the season.

With the three lightweights remaining, the 'Dogs looked to need at least one more win to seal up the dual victory, but unfortunately the Roadrunners came up victorious in each of the three matches for the 18-12 win.

Notes

- Olivas won his fifth straight match.
- It was Wright's 20th win of the season while he improves to 7-0 in duals at 157 pounds.
- Hokit remains perfect in duals moving to 7-0.
- Nevills picked up his team-leading 12th dual meet win of the season.

Up next

The Bulldogs close out their two dual meet day on Saturday evening at Cal Poly (0-5, 0-2 Pac-12) at 7 p.m. in San Luis Obispo.

No. 24 Fresno State (12) at CSU Bakersfield (18) Results

149: No. 19/18/17/12 [Khristian Olivas](#) (FS) dec. No. 17/20/-/17 Russell Rohlfing (CSUB), 10-3 | FS 3, CSUB 0

157: [Jacob Wright](#) (FS) dec. Wyatt Gerl (CSUB), 5-0 | FS 6, CSUB 0

165: Jacob Thalin (CSUB) dec. [Isaiah Hokit](#) (FS), 7-3 | FS 6, CSUB 3

174: Bryan Battiso (CSUB) dec. [Dominic Kincaid](#) (FS), 9-7 | FS 6, CSUB 6

184: No. 31/-/-/ Dominic Ducharme (CSUB) dec. No. 25/19/-/23

[Jackson Hemaueer](#) (FS), 3-2 TB1 | CSUB 9, FS 6

197: No. 13/13/13/14 [Josh Hokit](#) (FS) dec. Mark Penyacsek (CSUB), 6-2 | FS 9, CSUB 9

285: No. 20/-/-/19 [AJ Nevills](#) (FS) dec. Jarrod Snyder (CSUB), 4-0 | FS 12, CSUB 9

125: Eddie Flores (CSUB) dec. [Robert Garcia IV](#) (FS), 9-8 | FS 12, CSUB 12

133: No. 23/18/17/20 Sean Nickell (CSUB) dec. [Gary Joint](#) (FS), 3-1 | CSUB 15, FS 12

141: Carlos Herrera (CSUB) dec. [Chris Deloza](#) (FS), 15-11 | CSUB 18, FS 12

- *Rankings by NCAA Coaches Panel rankings, FloWrestling, InterMat & Trackwrestling*

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