

Sacramento City College wrestling traveled to Susanville California and competed in the North Regional Tournament. The Panthers finished second to the powerful Fresno City College team currently ranked number one in the state. SCC moved up from 4th to 3rd in the newest State Rankings after the Regionals in the North and South were complete.

SCC qualified 10 wrestlers to the state meet this week at Delta College in Stockton. Two other Panthers received alternate positions and could compete if someone is hurt or cannot attend the state meet.

Leading the charge for Sacramento City was [Robby Nickerson](#) who finished in first place in 197 lb. division. Nickerson, the #1 seed, had a first round bye, then defeated teammate Daniel Warden by a 4-3 score in the semifinal. He met Marcus Macias, the #2 seed in the finals. After Rob took a 5 point lead early in the third round, Macias succumbed to an injury and defaulted out.

Three other Panthers finished second place [Morgan Sauseda](#) at 125 lbs., [Isaac Bertalotto](#) at 165 lb. and Abel Garcia at 174 lbs.

The North had the top 3 ranked wrestlers in the state going into the meet at 125. Sauseda, ranked #2 in the state, earned a pin in his first match, then decisioned #3 state ranked Greg Vilorio of Delta College, 5-0. He lost a hard fought final to #1 ranked Brandon Betancourt of Fresno in the final by a 7-2 margin.

Isaac Bertalotto, the #2 seed, scored 2 falls and a decision to reach the final. He lost to #1 ranked Victor Vargas of Fresno in the final.

Abel Garcia, ranked #3 in the state, had a bye, a fall and a decision on the way to the finals. He lost a physical match up with #2 ranked in the state Anthony Cress of Chabot.

Isaac Sillas finished in third place at 184 lb. Sillas had a bye and a fall, but was upset in the semi-final match by Dylan Krancich of Delta. He came back with another fall and a 4-3 decision over Jay Johnson of Fresno City to get 3rd place.

Trevor Mattox finished in fourth place at 133 lbs. He went 2-2 on the day including 2 wins by fall.

Jason Stokkeland (149), Brian Horn(165), and Daniel Warden (197) all finished in 5th place. Stokkeland went 4-2 on the day with 2 falls. That moves his team lead in falls to 21. Horn went 2-2 on the day with a fall and a major decision. Warden also went 2-2 on the day including a fall.

Dylan Crawford (157) and Sal Pochiero (141) both finished in sixth place. Sal lost his true sixth match and is now an alternate. Beau Medicine Crow (285) pinned his opponent to finish seventh, his second pin of the day and is also an alternate to the state meet.

For full results from the North Region go to:

<https://caccwrestling.wordpress.com/2017/12/04/results-from-the-north-regional-championships/>

As mentioned above, the state meet is this weekend. The brackets have been drawn up. You can check them out here:

https://cdn3.sportngin.com/attachments/document/0140/6082/2017_CCCAA_State_Brackets_as_of_12-3-17.pdf

The awards for the BIG 8 conference were passed out the night before the region. Here are the results:

BIG 8 Conference Outstanding Wrestler: Morgan Sauseda 133 – Sacramento City College /
Runner up: Abel Garcia 184 – Sacramento City College

BIG 8 Conference Coach of the Year: The SCC Wrestling Coaching Staff

BIG 8 All Conference:

- 125 – Brandon Gonzales – SCC – 1st Team
- 133 – Morgan Sauseda – SCC – 1st Team
- 141 – Trevor Mattox – SCC – 2nd Team
- 149 – Jason Stokkeland – SCC – 2nd Team
- 157 – NA
- 165 – Hunter Larue – SCC – 2nd Team
- 174 – Brian Horn – SCC – 1st Team
- 184 – Abel Garcia – SCC – 1st Team
- 197 – Isaac Bertalotto – SCC – 1st Team
- 285 – Beau Medicine Crow – SCC – 2nd Team

And of course, the SCC Panthers won their 7th consecutive BIG 8 Conference title. We are calling it SAUSEY SEVEN after our team leader Morgan Sauseda.

Alumni in the Wrestling News:

Chris Vaughan (157-SR) Hastings College, NE (NAIA) – Went 3-0 to win the Wayland Open in Texas. Vaughan is ranked #17 / Albert Landeros (141-SR) was out for the week.

Derek Lee Loy (165-JR) Wartburg College, IA (NCAA D3) – After winning the CUW Open the week before and taking 2nd at the Luther Open the previous week, Lee Loy went 1-1 in duals this past weekend. Wartburg is ranked #1 in the Nation and Lee Loy is ranked #8 in his weight. It is only his 2nd loss of the year and first in dual competition. He lost 3-2.

Dylan Forzani (157-SR) Tennessee-Chattanooga (NCAA D1) – Went 1-1 in dual competition last week for the Mocs. In the p[revious week he finished in 4th place at the Black Knight invite losing twice to the same wrestler from Binghamton.

Keyshawn Franklin (157-JR) University of the Ozarks (NCAA D3) and Benjay Gacayan (157-JR) Simpson University are both recovering from injury and should be ready to get back to it

soon.

Jason Zecchini (184-SR) Dickinson State University (NAIA) has not started their season. They begin matches in January.

Alumni in the MMA News:

Josh Emmett, fighting for Team Alpha Male take to the octagon on December 18th on UFC on Fox 26. Emmett, 12-1, took the fight on short notice against the #3 Ranked Ricardo Lamas. He is coming off a record performance win over Felipe Arantes back in October.

Juan Archuleta – The Spaniard just won in the King of the Cage battle on Dec. 3rd. Juan is 16-1 and owns 3 KOTC belts. He fights for Joe Stevenson’s Cobra Kai.

Tyler Diamond is another Team Alpha Male fighter. Fighting at 145, he is 9-0 after winning his latest match in November.

Kaleio Romero is fighting with Team Alpha Male as well. Romero is 6-0 as an amateur and is looking to turn pro soon.

Lake Gee is with Team Stand Alone and currently is 4-0 as an amateur.

Albert Tapia, fighting with Plainview Extreme Fighters is currently 5-6 as a pro.

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2015, 2013 and 1996 State Champions

2000 State Dual Champions

2011, 2012, 2013. 2014, 2015 and 2016 – Big 8 Conference Champions

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