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The Panthers traveled to Bakersfield for a multi dual meet. SCC finished 3-1.

In the first round SCC met last year's 4th place team in the state, Cerritos College. Cerritos was well prepared and won the first 6 matches before SCC could get on the board at 174 where Abel Garcia (Soph – 174 – Oakdale) defeated Zach Gonzales. Garcia was 2nd in State last year while Gonzales was 7th in State. At 184, Bronson Harmon (Fresh – 184 – Oakdale), defeated Isaiah Leyva who took 6th in JC state in 2016 by a 10-4. Brian Horn took an early lead at 197 but injured himself and had to default out. SCC lost by a final score of 41-6.

The second round was against last year's 5th place team in state, Bakersfield. BC won 2 of the first 3 matches to take a 9-4 lead heading into 149. The win for SCC came from Devon Silva (Soph – 133 – Chico) who had a 19-6 major. At 149, Brian Galeno (Fresh – 149 – Valley) threw everything he had at his opponent and came up with a 1st period fall. This started a 6 match winning streak for SCC. Marques Evans (Soph – 157 – Cappuchino) followed with a major decision. Manny Curry (Fresh – 165 – Pleasant Grove) got a 1st period fall as did Abel Garcia. Harmon had another tough match against Jeremy Maas who finished 4th in JC State last season. Harmon scored two early takedowns for the decision, 5-4. Steven Abbott (Soph – 197 – Orland) got another SCC first period fall to close out the wins for SCC and a 35-15 victory. The first win of the season would be followed by more.

Next up was a short-handed Moorpark team in its second year back after being dropped about 10 years ago. Moorpark won the first match, but SCC won the next 4 in a row. Galeno at 149 got a fall in the 2nd period after falling behind 15-6. Mikey Mello (Fresh – 157 – Oak Ridge) got on the winning trial with a major decision. After losing at 165, SCC won the last 4 matches highlighted by first period falls by Abel Garcia, his 2nd of the day and by Eddie Zamora (Fresh – 285 – Rocklin). SCC won the match by a 46-12 score.

In the final match of the day, SCC met up with Victor Valley. SCC won all but the final match for a 53-3 win. Coming up big for SCC were Abel Garcia with his 3rd pin of the day; Jordan Denny (Soph – 184 – Folsom) with a first period fall; and Steven Abbott with getting his 2nd fall of the day. Denny also had another fall in a extra match earlier.

Others getting wins in the extra matches were Thomas Thornton (Soph – 141 – Yuba City); Trevor Vath (Fresh – 157 – Calaveras); Manny Curry; Joe Rodondi (Fresh – 197 – College Park) had including a fall in extra matches.

This week the Panthers shift to their own tournament, the 34th Annual KLS Air Express Tournament. This individual tournament will have 8 teams from the North and 3 from the South. It should be some great fun and exciting matches. Doors open at 8:30 AM and wrestling starts at 9:00 AM. Finals should start about 4 PM, but if you follow wrestling, it could be a bit earlier or a bit later. Come out and support the tournament and have some fun.

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