

SANTA ANA TOURNEY

SCC traveled to Santa Ana on Sept 30 for the 21st addition of the Santa Ana Invitational. The Panthers battled well and finished in 3rd place out of 13 teams. This was one place higher as SCC passed Mt. San Antonio College who had finished ahead of them the week before. SCC just missed out on 2nd place over Cerritos by just 2 points.

Leading the charge for SCC was Isaac Bertalotto (184 – RS FR – Turlock). This was the 2nd week down for Isaac who went 197 his first tournament. Going in unseeded, Isaac knocked off the 2nd, 3rd and 5th seeds along the way to the Championship.

Morgan Sauseda (125 – RS Soph – Chico) got to the finals for the 3rd straight tournament only to lose to Brandon Betancourt of Fresno for the third time. Morgan was dominant on the way to the finals as he racked up a all and 2 tech-falls.

Abel Garcia (174 – Fresh – Oakdale) ended up taking 3rd place. After losing a 4 OT semi match, he bounced back to win two more and finish 3rd.

Isaac Sillas (184 – Fresh – Yuba City) also ended up with a 3rd place finish. He had a tech and a major among his 4 wins.

Rounding out the medals, Trevor Mattox (133 – Fresh – Pitman) took 4th place. Trevor made it to the semi match before losing to the eventual champion, bounced back for a win before losing out in the bronze medal match.

Robert Seronio (141 – RS Fresh – American Canyon), Carlos Alvarez (149 – SR Soph – Folsom); and Dylan Crawford (157 – Fresh – Lodi) all tied for 5th place.

Other Panther wrestlers picking up some wins were: Enrique Zavala (125 – FR – Alisal HS); Jason Stokkeland (149 – SR Soph – Calaveras); Hunter LaRue (149 – Fresh – Napa); Omari Batts (149 – RS Soph – Bethel HS); Tomas Landeros (157 – RS Fresh – Tracy); Brian Horn (174 – FR – Rocklin); Rob Nickerson (197 – RS Soph – Franklin); and Daniel Warden (285 – FR – Union Mine)

MODESTO JC TOURNEY

On October 7, the Panthers traveled to the Modesto JC tourney for the first time in 5 years. Giving most of their top wrestlers the day off, some other Panthers stepped up to show the depth the team possess. SCC finished in 4th out of 13 college teams.

Becoming the 3rd Panther to win a tournament this year, Rob Nickerson (197 – RS Soph – Franklin) stepped up and took home his first medal of the year....a 1st place Gold! For the second straight week, an unseeded Panther won a gold medal. Last week Isaac

Bertalotto pulled off the trick at 184.

Picking up his first medal of the year, Brian Horn (174 – FR – Rocklin), took home the 3rd place Bronze medal. He pinned Cuesta College in the match for 3rd place.

Sal Pochiero (141 – RS Soph – Salinas) and Jason Stokkeland (149 – RS Soph – Calaveras) both finished in 4th place. Pochiero pulled off a couple of come from behind wins to get into the 3rd place match. He ended up losing by one point to Valdez of Mt. Sac. It was his 2nd 1 point loss to Valdez on the day. Stokkeland pinned 3 wrestlers along the way but lost his last match to finish in 4th place.

One other medal was taken home by Beau Medicine Crow (285 – FR – Grant). After losing his first match, Beau won three straight before losing his last 2 and finishing 6th.

Others picking up wins for the Panthers were: Brandon Gonzales (125 - RS Fresh – Sacramento HS); Thomas Thornton (141 – RS Fresh – Yuba City); Hunter LaRue (149 – Fresh – Napa); and Eric Giner (174 – Fresh – Johnson).

SCC will begin the defense of the BIG 8 Conference for the 7th time starting on Wednesday, October 14 at 7 PM at SCC. They will then travel to the North Duals in Santa Rosa on the 14th of October.

For more updates, go to the following sites:

SCC Wrestling Home Page: <http://sccpanthers.losrios.edu/sports/wrest/index>

SCC Wrestling Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/SacCityWrestling/>

California CC Wrestling Site: <https://caccwrestling.wordpress.com/>

Photos of CCC wrestling: <https://www.flickr.com/photos/tech-fall/albums>

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