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Cowboys Compete at U23 and UWW Junior Nationals

OMAHA, **Neb.** (**Nov. 16, 2020**) – Five Wyoming Cowboys, three in Greco-Roman and two in freestyle, earned top six finishes this weekend as the Pokes wrestled in a very competitive field at the U23 and UWW Junior Nationals.

The tournament began on Friday with the Greco-Roman portion of the competition, highlighted by Sophomore Brendon Garcia who started strong in the U23 tournament picking up back to back technical falls (10-2, 12-4) to advance to the finals. Garcia ended up finishing in second place.

On the UWW Junior side, Freshmen Guillermo Escobedo and Brett McIntosh turned in solid performances. Escobedo posted two shutout victories (9-0, 5-0) before falling in the semifinals. Escobedo had two tech. falls in a row in the consolation bracket to finish third. McIntosh wrestled his way back into fifth place match after falling in the quarterfinals. In the Fifth-place match, McIntosh outlasted his opponent 8-6 to take fifth place.

On Saturday, the freestyle tournaments got underway. Senior Jaron Jensen opened up his U23 tournament 2-0 and was the only Cowboy to advance to the quarterfinals. After losing in the quarters, Jensen battled his way back into the consolation semi-finals before finishing sixth.

Fellow Senior Brian Andrews had a very gritty performance over the weekend. After losing an opening round matchup to the eventual champion, Youssif Hemida, Andrews rattled off six straight victories in the consolation bracket to make it to the consolation semifinals. Andrews capped off the weekend with a sixth-place finish.

Final Records:

U23 Greco-Roman

55 kg: Brendon Garcia – 2-1 – Finished 2nd

67 kg: Jaron Jensen – 1-2

UWW Junior Greco-Roman

55 kg. Darrick Stages 0.9

33 kg. Dailick Stacey - U-2

55 kg: Josh Kyle – 2-2

72 kg: Brett McIntosh - 3-2 - Finished 5th

77 kg: Guillermo Escobedo – 4-1 – Finished 3rd

U23 Freestyle:

57 kg: Brendon Garcia - 1-2

65 kg: Chase Zollmann - 3-2

70 kg: Jaron Jensen – 4-3 – Finished 6th

74 kg: Cole Moody – 1-2

74 kg: Logan Jensen - 0-2

79 kg: Hayden Hastings – 3-2

79 kg: Nate Moore - 0-2

86 kg: Tate Samuelson – 2-2

92 kg: Tucker Tomlinson - 1-2

125 kg: Brian Andrews – 6-3 – Finished 6th

UWW Junior Freestyle

57 kg: Darrick Stacey - 0-2

57 kg: Jake Svihel – 3-2

57 kg: Josh Kyle - 1-2

70 kg: Cooper Voorhees - 4-2

70 kg: Ridge Briggs - 0-2

70 kg: Warren Carr - 1-2

74 kg: Brett McIntosh - 1-2

74 kg: Kevin Anderson – 0-2

79 kg: Gage Hockett - 2-2

79 kg: Guillermo Escobedo – 0-2

86 kg: Devin Gomez - 0-2

125 kg: Brooks Baker - 2-2

125 kg: Terren Swartz - 0-2

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