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Bears Fans, Friends, and Alumni,

We had a successful trip down to Tempe this past weekend in defeating a tough Arizona State Team. Our guys came together and put out an excellent performance top to bottom.

Tomorrow, we hit the road again to head to South Dakota State for another tough in conference match up.

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**125lbs-** Unfortunatley, the most anticipated match of the dual did not happen as Stevo was dinged up the night before in warm ups. He will be fine and will make a full recovery. We had every intention of Stevo being the guy for this match and so did not bring a back up thus resulting in us

forfeiting the weight class.

**133lbs-** Dom battled hard for a great win over a tough opponent who beat him last year at NCAAs. Dom is gaining a lot of confidence right now and in a good spot headed down the home stretch.

**141lbs-** Andrew Alirez wrestled well against a very defensive opponent. Would still like to see him up is aggression a bit and continue to separate from these guys who just want to keep matches close.

**149lbs-** Benji Alanis lost a close match to his top 20 opponent. Benji is starting to come into his own right now and I believe it is just a matter of time before he had that win that takes him over the top.

**157lbs-** Vinny Zerban won by major decision. Looked great doing so.

**165lbs-** Clayton Ulrey ended his match early via technical fall. Clayton is finding his rhythm at the right time of the year.

**174lbs-** Aydin Rix-McElhinney had a great win over a tough opponent. Aydin's motor is amazing and it allows him to break his opponents late in matches. We are excited with where he is at.

**184lbs-** AJ Heeg dropped a bit of a head scratcher this weekend, as tends to be the case of freshman at times. I am confident he will be back in form soon.

**197lbs-** Andrew Donahue continues to be clutch in tough dual meet situations sealing the team win for us. I am really liking where Andrew's trajectory is at right now.

**285lbs-** Remington Peterson got the nod against a 4-time All-American. A tough match for any opponent, I think Remington gained some confidence and surprised himself when he was able to get to his opponents leg as easy as he did.

**GO BEARS!**



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