College-wrestling roundup: CCC wins dual-meet national title; No. 19 OSU thumps Stanford

Clackamas Community College wrestlers and coaches Saturday in Fort Wayne, Indiana, after winning their second-straight national duals title. (Courtesy of Josh Rhoden)

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For the second year in a row, Clackamas Community College won the junior-college national duals tournament in Fort Wayne, Indiana. The No. 1-ranked Cougars reeled off four straight wins to claim the title, beating Northeastern Oklahoma A&M 26-18 in the championship.

Eleazar DeLuca at 157 pounds, who has signed a letter of intent with Northern Colorado, and Kyle Bateman at 165, who signed with Division II Colorado Mesa, led the way for CCC, winning all four of their individual matches.

Dylan Reel at 174 pounds and Ihoghama Odighizuwa at 197, both of whom have signed to wrestle for Oregon State, went 3-1.

The Cougars’ defending national champion at 184 pounds, Adrian Salas, lost all four of his matches as he continues to struggle in his repeat bid. Salas has signed with Boise State for next season.

The closest call for Clackamas, though, came in the semifinal dual, where it edged past Ellsworth Community College (Iowa), 19-18. Things got uncomfortably close when Odighizuwa, ranked No. 3 at 197 pounds, had an injury and was forced to medically forfeit his match to 6th-ranked Sharod Wilson of Ellsworth.

Those six team points made it a barnburner, ultimately decided by bonus-point wins from two CCC wrestlers. Korbin Levin notched a first-round pin at 125 pounds and Christopher Garcia claimed – just barely – a major decision at 149.

"We are beat up," CCC coach Josh Rhoden said. "Still, our guys fought, they battled and they won."

Now, though, Rhoden has his eyes set on the NJCAA West Region Championships Feb. 13 in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, and the NJCAA National Championships Feb. 27-28 in Des Moines, Iowa.

"We need to get our team healthy and turn our attention to February," Rhoden said. "If healthy, I think we are one of the top teams in the country."

Southern Oregon finished second at the NAIA national duals, winning three before dropping a match to defending national champion Grand View (Iowa) 23-13 in the championship.
OSU beats the Cardinal in Corvallis

Also Saturday, No. 19-ranked Oregon State beat Pac-12 Conference rival Stanford 19-12 in front of more than 1,200 fans at Gill Coliseum.

Ronnie Bresser at 125 pounds and Joe Latham at 174 reversed earlier losses to Cardinal wrestlers this year, pulling out dramatic wins to swing the dual. Jack Hathaway at 133 won in overtime in the first match of the night to get the fans on their feet and help set the tone.

125: Ronnie Bresser (OSU) over Evan Silver (S), 4-3

133: Jack Hathaway (OSU) over Connor Schram (S), 5-3 OT

141: Isaiah Locsin (S) over Jared Reis (OSU), 12-5

149: Garrett Schaner (S) over Abraham Rodriguez (OSU), 11-8

157: Alex Elder (OSU) over Max Hvolbek (S), 11-4

165: Jim Wilson (S) over Seth Thomas (OSU), 4-2

174: Joe Latham (OSU) over Keaton Subjeck (S), 6-3

184: Taylor Meeks (OSU) over Ryan Davies (S), 11-3

197: Cody Crawford (OSU) over Zach Nevills (S), 4-1

Hwt: Josh Marchok (S) over Nate Keeve (OSU), 5-1 OT

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