

WRESTLING 2017-18 RECAPS

Wrestling-NJCAA National Championships

February 23 @ TBD

Two Jayhawks are All-American wrestlers at NJCAA Nationals

The Jayhawks traveled to Council Bluffs, Iowa to compete in the NJCAA National Championships at the Mid-American Center. The Jayhawks qualified 5 individual wrestlers for the tournament and were led by sophomore Benny Gomez (Holt, MI/Holt HS) who finished 2nd and was named an All-American. Gomez made the finals with 4 consecutive wins. He is the first Jayhawk to make the finals since Chad Friend did it in 2010. Sophomore Baker Hadwan (Dearborn, MI/Livonia Churchhill HS) also became an All-American for the Jayhawks by winning the consolation bracket and placing 3rd. "I'm very proud of these guys, both have been great leaders for our team and wrestled great tournaments," said Head Coach James Tietema. "I talked to the guys all season about how to wrestle a good national tournament. You have to stay offensive and push the pace of the match. You want to be the aggressor. Guys that shut down and wrestle conservatively don't wrestle well. Both Benny and Baker stay on their offense the whole tournament. They controlled the ties and attacked their opponents."

Gomez started his day with a fall in 2:20 against Mark Gonzalez of North Area Iowa Community College. He then beat the #3 ranked Boo Dryden of Northeast Oklahoma A&M 3-1. In the Quarterfinals Gomez beat Mohammed Dhillon Middlesex by a fall in 5:20. In the Semifinals he won 9-4 over Dillon Prutch of Labette Community College. In the National Finals Gomez fell to Nodir Safarov of Northwest Wyoming 11-7. Nodir was an Uzbekistan National Team Member and was a Bronze medalist at the Junior World Championship and represented Uzbekistan by placing 8th at the Senior World Championships.

Hadwan started his day with a win over Jareth Hoernemann of Ridgewater Community College 13-8. In the 2nd Round Baker suffered his only loss 5-4 to National Finalist Wade French of Western Wyoming. Baker then went on a roll winning 6 straight matches. One of his wins was over the defending National Champion Tim Young from Ellsworth Community College 3-2. In his match to become an All-American Baker avenged his North Central District finals loss to Ryan Cone of Triton by a score of 6-1. "This tournament was the best Baker has wrestled at Muskegon Community College," said Coach Tietema. "When you get to the National Tournament you can tell the guys that want to win and those that hope to win, Baker wanted to win."

Freshman Dren Bartrum (Greenville, MI/Greenville HS) wrestled a great tournament, losing his last match of the day in the All-American round 9-4 to Mark Voss of Ridgewater Community College. "Dren wrestled great," added Tietema. "He is only a freshman, so he has another chance to be an All-American. Dren works extremely hard and I looking forward to his growth in the off season."

Other national qualifiers for the Jayhawks were Sophomore Corey Robinson (Whitehall, MI/Whitehall HS) and Freshman Sage Gonzales (Alma, MI/Alma HS). The Jayhawks finished the National tournament in 14th place with 42.5 points.

Wrestling-Central District Championships

February 11 @ 10:00 am - 10:00 pm

Two Jayhawks Win District Titles; Five Headed to Nationals

Muskegon Community College traveled to River Grove, IL to compete in the NJCAA North Central District. Two Jayhawks captured titles and another made the finals. As a team the Jayhawks finished 4th and are ranked #16 in the country heading into the NJCAA National Championships.

#1 ranked sophomore Benny Gomez (Holt, MI/Holt HS) won the 125 lbs. title with a 7-2 victory over the second seed Britches Sikula of Harper College. "Benny controlled the match from start to finish," said Head Coach James Tietema. "Benny's wrestling the best he has all year. The 7-2 win in the finals is his closest match with a Junior College wrestler this season."

Freshman Dren Bratrum (Greenville, MI/Greenville HS) at 149 lbs. was the other Jayhawk to bring home a title. "Dren ran through this tournament," continued Coach Tietema. "Dren didn't have anybody score an offensive point on him. He pinned his first opponent and won 18-2 in the finals. An Amazing performance."

Sophomore Baker Hadwan (Dearborn, MI/Lavonia Churchhill HS) was the other Jayhawk to make the finals. "Baker wrestled a great tournament," said Coach Tietema. "He avenged a loss from earlier in the season in the semi's and came real close to a win in the finals." In the championship match Hadwan lost a tough one 2-1, losing by a riding point. Sophomore Corey Robinson (Whitehall, MI/Whitehall HS) finished 4th and qualified for nationals. "Corey has been wrestling up a weight class all season for us and has been outstanding," added Coach Tietema. "You can't ask for a better person the Corey. He did what was best for the team by wrestling up a weight, qualifies for nationals, and is also an Academic All-American." Freshman Sage Gonzales (Alma, MI/Alma HS) received a wild card invite to the national tournament with a 5th place finish at the North Central District. "Sage had a great season and that got him the wild card," said Coach Tietema. "Sage didn't have his best tournament of the year, but the coaches from the other schools and myself believe he can compete at the national tournament and have a lot of success. That's why he got the wild card."

They Jayhawks also had 5 wrestlers earn Academic All-American honors for the 2018 season: Sophomore Benny Gomez, sophomore Corey Robinson, freshman Dren Bratrum, freshman Blake Ross, and sophomore Baker Hadwan. To earn the Academic All-American award you have to have a 3.0 or higher G.P.A. The Jayhawks finished the season with a team GPA was a 2.97.

The Jayhawks will compete in Council Bluffs, Iowa on Friday, Feb 23rd and Saturday, Feb. 24th at the NJCAA National Tournament.

North Central District Results for Muskegon Community College:

125 – Benny Gomez – 1st

Benny Gomez (MCC) over Hunter Lajiness (Henry Ford) (Maj 14-3)

Benny Gomez (MCC) over Britches Sikula (Harper College) (Dec 7-2)

133 – Corey Robinson – 4th

Corey Robinson (MCC) over Khalil Johnson (Triton College) (Fall 3:43)

Dearion Stokes (Joliet Junior College) over Corey Robinson (MCC) (Fall 1:11)

Corey Robinson (MCC) over Stephen Biancardi (Ancilla CC) (TF 18-0)

Santos Alvarez (Henry Ford College) over Corey Robinson (MCC) (Maj 18-5)

141 – Zeke Breuninger – 5th

Christian Kanzler (Lincoln College) over Zeke Breuninger (MCC) (Maj 17-5)

Vinny Piunti (Joliet Junior College) over Zeke Breuninger (MCC) (Fall 5:39)

Zeke Breuninger (MCC)

149 – Dren Bartrum – 1st

Dren Bartrum (MCC) over Andy Santana (Triton College) (Fall 5:42)

Dren Bartrum (MCC) over Wilyonde Bell (Lincoln College) (TF 18-2)

157 – Jojo Dowdell – DNP

Joshua Cooper (Ancilla CC) over Jojo Dowdell (MCC) (Dec 6-4)

Brandon Turner (St Clair CC) over Jojo Dowdell (MCC) (Dec 7-5)

165 – Sage Gonzales – 5th

Sage Gonzalez (MCC) over Joel Marron (Triton College) (Fall 4:32)

Nick Dado (Joliet Junior College) over Sage Gonzalez (MCC) (Dec 4-3)

Anmar Al-Abolidi (Henry Ford College) over Sage Gonzalez (MCC) (Dec 3-2)

Sage Gonzalez (MCC) over Wilson Lopshire (Ancilla CC) (Fall 1:15)

174 – Blake Ross – 6th

Placide Niyigena (Harper College) over Blake Ross (MCC) (TF 18-0)

Blake Ross (MCC) over Charles Lanam (Ancilla CC) (Dec 12-6)

Burk Van Horn (Lincoln College) over Blake Ross (MCC) (Fall 1:29)

Adrian Cervantes (Joliet Junior College) over Blake Ross (MCC) (Fall 6:53)

184 – Ronnell McGhee – DNP

Dominic Gallo (Harper College) over Ronnell McGhee (MCC) (Fall 6:17)

Nick Sanford (St Clair CC) over Ronnell McGhee (MCC) (Dec 1-0)

197 – Baker Hadwan – 2nd

Baker Hadwan (MCC) over Kyle Reppert (Ancilla CC) (Fall 2:08)

Baker Hadwan (MCC) over Gabriel Rangel (Lincoln College) (Dec 5-4)

Ryan Cone (Triton College) over Baker Hadwan (Muskegon Community College) (2-1)

285 – Brock Johnson – 5th

Jordan Williams (Harper College) over Brock Johnson (MCC) (Fall 1:16)

Colin McFarland (Henry Ford College) over Brock Johnson (MCC) (Dec 8-6)

Brock Johnson (MCC) won by fall over Vicente Vasquez (Ancilla CCC) (Fall 0:51)

Wrestling-GVSU Laker Classic

February 3 @ 9:00 am - 9:00 pm

Final

The Muskegon Community College wrestling team competed at the GVSU Laker Classic on Saturday. Corey Robinson (Whitehall HS) finished in 2nd place at 133 lbs. and Blake Ross (Reeths-Puffer HS) finished in 4th place at 174 lbs.

The Jayhawks head to River Grove, IL to wrestle in the Central District Championships at Triton College on Sunday, 2/11.

Wrestling-Harper Open

January 27 @ 9:30 am - 9:30 pm

Sophomore Gomez champ at 125 at Harper Open.

The Jayhawks traveled to River Grove, IL to compete in the Harper Open. Six of the ten Jayhawks placed in the top eight. "This year's tournament was much tougher than in years past," said Head Coach James Tietema. "There were many more entries and most were from 4-year schools. That didn't slow down Benny." Sophomore Benny Gomez (Holt, MI/Holt HS) was the only Jayhawk in the finals. "Benny continues to wrestle great. His intensity in practice and on the mat gets better every week. He's very focused on being the best he can every time he steps out on the mat.," continued Coach Tietema.

MCC had five other wrestlers place. Sophomore Zeke Breuninger (Dexter, MI/Dexter HS) and sophomore Baker Hadwan (Dearborn, MI/Livonia Churchhill HS) both finished 6th with 3-2 records on the day. Breuninger picked up an important district win by fall over Vinny Piunti (Joliet Junior College) and Hadwan did the same with a fall over Daniel Burnley (Lincoln College). Freshman Blake Ross (Muskegon, MI/Reeths-Puffer HS), freshman Ronnell McGhee (Ferndale, MI/Ferndale HS), and freshman Brock Johnson (Muskegon, MI/Muskegon Catholic Central) each finished 8th.

Up next for the Jayhawks are the NJCAA North Central Districts back at Triton College. This tournament will qualify the Jayhawks to the NJCAA National Championships in Council Bluffs, Iowa at the end of February.

Harper Open Results for Muskegon Community College:

125 – Benny Gomez – 1st

Benny Gomez (MCC) over Shuji Mizoguchi (North Central) (TF 21-5)

Benny Gomez (MCC) over Bryce West (Unattached) (Dec 10-3)

Benny Gomez (MCC) over Justin Mitchell (North Central) (Maj 12-4)

133 – Corey Robinson – DNP

Corey Robinson (MCC) over Caleb McElfresh (Hannibal Lagrange) (Maj 20-11)

Jordan Carsen (Harper College) over Corey Robinson (MCC) (Dec 16-9)
Aris Morgan (Unattached) over Corey Robinson (MCC) (Fall 6:31)

141 – Zeke Breuninger – 6th

Chaise Hauck (Chicago) over Zeke Breuninger (MCC) (Dec 5-2)
Zeke Breuninger (MCC) over Dan Kapraun (Mott CC) (Fall 1:22)
Zeke Breuninger (MCC) over James Cushman (Milwaukee School of Engineering) (Fall 0:36)
Zeke Breuninger (MCC) over Vinny Piunti (Joliet Junior College) (Fall 1:00)
Javin Bandy (Elmhurst) over Zeke Breuninger (MCC) (Dec 7-5)

149 – Dren Bratrum – DNP

Wilder Wichman (University of Wisconsin Whitewater) over Dren Bratrum (MCC) (Maj 24-10)
Dren Bratrum (MCC) over Kacper Prskroz (Unattached) (TF 20-5)
Ben Williamson (North Central) over Dren Bratrum (MCC) (Inj. 0:00)

157 – Jojo Dowell – DNP

Will Britain (Chicago) over Jojo Dowell (MCC) (Dec 14-12)
Jojo Dowell (MCC) over Josh Cooper (Ancilla College) (TF 17-2)
Jordan Davis (Harper College) over Jojo Dowell (MCC) (Fall 5:15)

165 – Blake Ross – 8th

Blake Ross (MCC) over Victor Keane (Elmhurst) (Fall 2:59)
Eli Were (University of Wisconsin Whitewater) over Blake Ross (MCC) (Fall 1:08)
Blake Ross (MCC) over Paul Ladd (Lakeland College) (SV-1 5-3)
Elijah Hollins (Rochester CC) over Blake Ross (MCC) (Dec 8-4)
Blake Ross (MCC) and Jerrod Mullins (Mott CC) (DFF)

165 – Sage Gonzalez – DNP

Talon Seitz (Unattached) over Sage Gonzalez (MCC) (Dec 10-4)
Jerrod Mullins (Mott CC) over Sage Gonzalez (MCC) (Fall 3:50)

174 – Ronnell McGhee – 8th

Placide Niyigena (Harper College) over Ronnell McGhee (MCC) (Dec 10-3)
Ronnell McGhee (MCC) over Charlie Lanam (Ancilla College) (Maj 14-6)
Ronnell McGhee (MCC) over Randy Kline (North Central) (Inj. 0:00)
Asher Eichert (Triton College) over Ronnell McGhee (MCC) (Fall 4:34)
Ryker Vander Woude (Rochester CC) over Ronnell McGhee (MCC) (DFF)

197 – Baker Hadwan – 6th

Baker Hadwan (MCC) over Daniel Burnley (Lincoln College) (Fall 6:33)
Riley Kaulzaric (University of Wisconsin-Whitewater) over Baker Hadwan (MCC) (Dec 5-4)
Baker Hadwan (MCC) over Drew McCollum (Hannibal Lagrange) (Fall 6:04)
Baker Hadwan (MCC) over Brogan Howard (University of Wisconsin-Whitewater) (Dec 5-2)
Gabriel Rangel (Lincoln College) over Baker Hadwan (MCC) (TB-1 2-1)

285 – Brock Johnson – 8th

Brock Johnson (MCC) over Jordan Williams (Harper College) (Fall 5:00)
Sean Brinkman (Joliet JC) over Brock Johnson (MCC) (Dec 3-2)

Brock Johnson (MCC) over Dominic Johnson (Mott CC) (Dec 3-0)
Jordan Williams (Harper College) over Brock Johnson (MCC) (Inj. 0:00)
Tanner Welsh (Rochester CC) over Brock Johnson (MCC) (DFF)

Wrestling-Alma Open

January 20 @ 9:30 am - 9:30 pm

Jayhawks place 2 wrestlers in the Alma Open finals.

The Jayhawks opened the second half of their season with a trip to Alma, MI to compete in the Alma Open. The Jayhawks knocked off the rust from Christmas Break and wrestled well. Sophomore Benny Gomez (Holt, MI/Holt HS) took first by beating Junior Liam Cronin of Indiana University 4-2 in the finals. Gomez is now the first Alma Open Champion for the Jayhawks. "Benny has been training hard and has wrestled well all season," said Head Coach James Tietema. "With Coach Freddie Rodriguez pushing the pace at practice, I'm excited about what we can offer our student-athletes. Benny had wins against NCAA Division I schools including the University of Michigan and the University of Indiana. We take great pride in wrestling well against top competition and Benny did just that," Added Coach Tietema.

Sophomore Baker Hadwan (Dearborn, MI/Livonia Churchill HS) also made the finals, but came up short of a title losing to Landon Pelham of Central Michigan in the finals. "I'm very proud of the effort Baker gave today. He hadn't reached his full potential this year, but today he turned a corner and really got after it," said Coach Tietema. "Baker is the best chain wrestler on our team, he can put together multiple attacks and score points. Today was the first time this year he attacked all seven minutes of his matches. Baker also had big wins against Division I opponents including wins over Michael Maguire of Indiana by a pin in 4:21 and Aaron Bolo of Central Michigan by a decision of 3-1."

Other bright spots for the Jayhawks were Freshman Dren Bartrum (Greenville, MI/Greenville, HS) and Freshman Jojo Dowdell (Whitehall, MI/Whitehall HS). Bartrum finished 4th with quality wins over Nevan Freestone of Trine by a Tech Fall 18-2, Jacob Anderson of Alma College by pin in 1:25, and Jeff Andrews of Ohio Northern by a decision of 4-2. Dowdell finished 5th and has now placed in 6 of 7 tournament for the Jayhawks. His wins came against Richard Scroggins of Alma College by a pin in 6:02, Austin Rayburn of Heidelberg by a decision of 8-4, Brandon Garcia of Henry Ford College by a pin in 2:26, and Josh Cooper of Ancilla College by a pin in 1:23. Other Jayhawks with wins this weekend were Freshman Sage Gonzales (Alma, MI/Alma HS) and Freshman Blake Ross (Muskegon, MI/Reeths-puffer HS). The Jayhawks will travel to River Grove, IL on Saturday, January 27th to compete in the Harper Open.

Alma Open Results:

125 – Benny Gomez – 1st

Benny Gomez (MCC) over Clinton Wells (Trine) (TF 19-3)

Benny Gomez (MCC) over Jack Medley (Michigan) (Dec 3-2)

Benny Gomez (MCC) over Liam Cronin (Indiana) (Dec 4-2)

133 – Corey Robinson – DNP

Drew Marten (C. Michigan) over Corey Robinson (MCC) (Fall 1:52)

Marina Goocher (Michigan – Dearborn) over Corey Robinson (MCC) (Dec 11-9)

149 – Dren Bratrum – 4th

Dren Bratrum (MCC) over Nevan Freestone (Trine) (TF 18-2)

Alejandro Raya (Indiana) over Dren Bratrum (MCC) (Dec 13-9)

Dren Bratrum (MCC) over Jacob Anderson (Alma College) (Fall 1:25)

Dren Bratrum (MCC) over Jeff Andrews (Ohio Northern) (Dec 4-2)

Dren Bratrum (MCC) over Schuyler Caprella (Ohio Northern) (Inj.)

Alejandro Raya (Indiana) over Dren Bratrum (MCC) (Dec 10-4)

157 – Sage Gonzalez – DNP

Sage Gonzalez (MCC) over Frank Mercurio (Olivet) (SV-2 4-1)

Josh Cooper (Ancilla College) over Sage Gonzalez (MCC) (Fall 5:30)

Sage Gonzalez (MCC) over Zachary Jandereski (Alma College) (Maj 17-5)

Sage Gonzalez (MCC) over Anmar Al-Abolidi (Henry Ford College) (Dec 8-3)

Josh Cooper (Ancilla College) over Sage Gonzalez (MCC) (Fall 6:39)

157 – Jojo Dowell – 5th

Jojo Dowell (MCC) over Richard Scroggins (Alma College) (Fall 6:02)

Trevor Reed (Ohio Northern) over Jojo Dowell (MCC) (TF 20-2)

Jojo Dowell (MCC) over Austin Rayburn (Heidelberg) (Dec 8-4)

Jojo Dowell (MCC) over Brandon Garcia (Henry Ford College) (Fall 2:26)

Alex Kowal (Ohio Northern) over Jojo Dowell (MCC) (TF 18-3)

Jojo Dowell (MCC) over Josh Cooper (Ancilla College) (Fall 1:23)

165 – Blake Ross – DNP

Kolin Leyrer (E. Michigan) over Blake Ross (MCC) (Dec 8-1)

Blake Ross (MCC) over Erik Arnegard (Alma College) (Dec 6-0)

Jerrold Mullins (Mott CC) over Blake Ross (MCC) (TF 18-2)

174 – Ronnell McGhee – DNP

Nick Miller (Trine University) over Ronnell McGhee (MCC) (Dec 3-1)

Kamyab Kamali (Olivet) over Ronnell McGhee (MCC) (Fall 2:20)

197 – Baker Hadwan – 2nd

Baker Hadwan (MCC) over Cordell Camp (Trine) (TF 19-4)

Baker Hadwan (MCC) over Michael Maguire (Indiana) (Fall 4:21)

Baker Hadwan (MCC) over Aaron Bolo (Central Michigan) (Dec 3-1)

Landon Pelham (Central Michigan) over Baker Hadwan (MCC) (Maj 10-1)

285 – Brock Johnson – DNP

Youseff El-Sayed (Olivet) over Brock Johnson (MCC) (Fall 0:32)

Ethan Simmons (Trine University) over Brock Johnson (MCC) (Fall 2:41)

Wrestling-Art Kraft Tournament

December 9, 2017 @ 9:30 am - 9:30 pm

Gomez Takes First at Art Kraft Memorial

MCC sophomore Benny Gomez from Holt, MI, took the 125 lbs. title to lead the Jayhawk wrestlers at the Art Kraft Memorial hosted Dec. 9 by Triton College in Illinois. Gomez took a 7-0 decision over Carter Cox of Ellsworth CC in the championships match. MCC's Jojo Dowdell, a freshman from Whitehall, MI, placed fourth in the 157 lbs. bracket.

Wrestling- Niagara Open

December 2, 2017 @ 9:30 am - 9:30 pm

Jayhawks Place Nine at Thunderwolves Open.

On day two of their trip to New York Muskegon Community College wrestled in the Thunderwolves Open on the campus of Niagara County Community College. The Jayhawks placed all nine wrestlers who were entered in the tournament.

Freshman Dren Bartrum (Greenville HS) wrestled a great tournament. "Dren is a guy that works hard, listens to his coaches, and gets better every time he wrestles," said Head Coach James Tietema. "It's great coaching guys like him and some of our other freshmen." Freshmen Sage Gonzales (Alma HS) and Jojo Dowdell (Whitehall HS) also had great tournaments, both finishing 3rd.

"The Thunderwolves Open is a great tournament to compete at," said Coach Tietema. "We get to see some of the top teams in East Districts I and II. Niagara or Mercyhurst NE are usually competing for the district title in the East District II and Spartanburg Methodist is a top team in the East District I." "I think this is the first time in my 6 years at MCC that every wrestler we entered into a tournament placed. Our freshmen are wrestling well and our sophomores being consistent. I'm very happy with our performance today."

The Jayhawks will travel to Chicago, IL on Saturday, 12/9 to compete at the Art Kraft Open at Triton Community College.

Thunderwolves Open Results for Muskegon Community College:

125 – Benny Gomez – 3rd

Benny Gomez (MCC) over Christian Antoine (Unattached) (Fall 4:00)

Justin Patrick (Buffalo Unattached) over Benny Gomez (MCC) (Dec 4-1)

Benny Gomez (MCC) over Patrick Lehman (Alfred State College) (TF 19-2)

Benny Gomez (MCC) over Caleb Wiggins (Jamestown CC) (Dec 10-3)

141 – Zeke Breuninger – 3rd

Zeke Breuninger (MCC) over Joseph Velez (Unattached) (Maj 12-0)

Blake Retell (Buffalo Unattached) over Zeke Breuninger (MCC) (Dec 4-2)

Zeke Breuninger (MCC) over Ben Winkler (Jamestown CC) (TF 16-0)

Zeke Breuninger (MCC) over Michael Perdomo (Penn State Fayette) (SV-1 9-7)

149 – Dren Bratrum – 1st

Dren Bratrum (MCC) over Jonah Cavallo (Brockport State) (TF 16-1)

Dren Bratrum (MCC) over Caleb Davies (Albany) (Fall 4:00)

Dren Bratrum (MCC) over Casey Connor (Alfred State College) (Maj 17-4)

Dren Bratrum (MCC) over Aaron Fountain (Spartanburg Methodist College) (Fall 4:13)

157 – Jojo Dowell – 3rd

Steven Kapuscinski (Niagara CCC) over Jojo Dowell (Muskegon Community College) (Dec 3-2)

Jojo Dowell (MCC) over Jacob Power (Spartanburg Methodist College) (TF 24-5)

Jojo Dowell (MCC) over Brandon Turner (Saint Clair CC) (Fall 6:51)

Jojo Dowell (MCC) over Anmar Al-Abolidi (Henry Ford College) (TF 18-1)

Jojo Dowell (MCC) over Zack Brown (Brockport State) (MFF)

Jojo Dowell (MCC) over Michael Zito (Jamestown CC) (TF 19-2)

165 – Blake Ross – 4th

Anthony Miraglia (Alfred State College) over Blake Ross (MCC) (Dec 5-4)

Blake Ross (MCC) over Casey Provost (Brockport State) (Inj. 3:00)

Blake Ross (MCC) over Dustin Joy (Unattached) (Dec 6-4)

Blake Ross (MCC) over Jaelen Jean (Niagara CCC) (Dec 7-6)

Blake Ross (MCC) over Jacob Garrow (Niagara CCC) (Dec 8-3)

Blake Ross (MCC) over Derek Ridgeway (Mercyhurst NE) (SV-1 7-5)

3rd Place Match – Sage Gonzalez (MCC) won by rule over Blake Ross (MCC) (RULE)

165 – Sage Gonzalez – 3rd

Sage Gonzalez (MCC) over Casey Provost (Brockport State) (Maj 13-1)

Zach Cassidy (Mercyhurst NE) over Sage Gonzalez (MCC) (SV-1 5-4)

Sage Gonzalez (MCC) over Edward Stanton (UMass Unattached) (Maj 17-7)

Sage Gonzalez (MCC) over Liam Roche (Albany) (Fall 1:55)

Sage Gonzalez (MCC) over Anthony Miraglia (Alfred State College) (Fall 6:09)

Sage Gonzalez (MCC) over Zach Cassidy (Mercyhurst NE) (MFF)

Sage Gonzalez (MCC) over Blake Ross (MCC) (RULE)

174 – Ronnell McGhee – 6th

Ronnell McGhee (MCC) over Ryan Newman (Edinboro Unattached) (Dec 6-3)

Ronnell McGhee (MCC) over Adam Mateo (Niagara CCC) (TB-1 2-1)

Ryan Kromer (Buffalo Unattached) over Ronnell McGhee (MCC) (Fall 2:19)

Caleb Spears (Spartanburg Methodist College) over Ronnell McGhee (MCC) (Dec 3-2)

Cameron Calderelli (Buffalo Unattached) over Ronnell McGhee (MCC) (Dec 1-0)

285 – Brock Johnson – 5th

Brock Johnson (MCC) over Bryce Hanley (Penn State DuBois) (Fall 6:23)

Brock Johnson (MCC) over Devlen Kuschel (Henry Ford College) (Fall 1:39)

Ian James (Buffalo Unattached) over Brock Johnson (MCC) (Dec 1-0)

Andrew Wade (Spartanburg Methodist College) over Brock Johnson (MCC) (Dec 4-2)

Brock Johnson (MCC) over Kyle Fitzgerald (Alfred State College) (RULE)

285 – Ramon Correa – 2nd

Ramon Correa (MCC) over Ryan Mattison (Alfred State College) (Fall 2:56)

Ramon Correa (MCC) over Shaerod Rodgers (Brockport State) (TF 15-0)

Ramon Correa (MCC) over Samuel Weinger (RIT Unattached) (Dec 4-1)

Ian James (Buffalo Unattached) over Ramon Correa (MCC) (Dec 5-2)

Wrestling- Niagara Duals

December 1, 2017 @ 5:30 pm - 9:30 pm

Jayhawks Grapplers Dominate at Niagara Duals.

Muskegon Community College hit the road to wrestle in the Niagara County Community College Duals in Sanford, NY. They finished 2-0 with victories over Alfred State College 35-12 and Mercyhurst Northeast Community College 31-12. The Jayhawks went 15-3 in the individual matches in the two duals. The sophomores lead the team with some great wins. Benny Gomez (125 lbs – Holt HS), Zeke Breuninger (141 lbs – Dexter HS), Baker Hadwan (197 lbs – Churchill HS) and Ramon Correa (285 lbs – West Ottawa HS) were undefeated in the duals.

“Our guys wrestled well, we’re improving a little bit every week,” said Head Coach James Tietema. “We still have a lot of season ahead of us and a lot of improving to do, but we are looking much better at the techniques we have been working on in practice.”

MCC is now 3-1 on the season and currently ranked 20th in the nation. The Jayhawks

Alfred State College vs. Muskegon Community College

125 – Benny Gomez (MCC) over Patrick Lehman (Alfred State) (TF 20-3 4:32)

133 – Gress Jeffrey (Alfred State) over Unknown (FF)

141 – Zeke Breuninger (MCC) over Casey Connor (Alfred State) (Dec 9-5)

149 – Dren Bratrum (MCC) over Nathan Gilligan (Alfred State) (Fall 6:12)

157 – Jojo Dowell (MCC) over Satchel Holder (Alfred State) (Fall 2:59)

165 – Sage Gonzalez (MCC) over Devin Horton (Alfred State) (Dec 9-5)

174 – Riley Tercha (MCC) over Unknown (FF)

184 – George Vanvalen (Alfred State) over Ronnell McGhee (MCC) (Fall 2:35)

197 – Baker Hadwan (MCC) over Brandyn Whitacre (Alfred State) (Dec 7-3)

285 – Ramon Correa (MCC) over Ryan Mattison (Alfred State) (Dec 2-1)

Mercyhurst Northeast vs. Muskegon Community College

125 – Benny Gomez (MCC) over Unknown (FF.)

133 – Tyrone Sims (Mercyhurst NE) over Unknown (FF)

141 – Zeke Breuninger (MCC) over Monteze Thomas (Mercyhurst NE) (Fall 2:45)

149 – Dren Bratrum (MCC) over Jude Mattocks (Mercyhurst NE) (MD 12-3)

157 – Zachary Cassidy (Mercyhurst NE) over Jojo Dowell (MCC) (Dec 9-4)

165 – Blake Ross (MCC) over Derek Ridgeway (Mercyhurst NE) (Dec 6-3)

174 – Riley Tercha (MCC) over Kennard Hairston (Mercyhurst NE) (Dec 6-2)

184 – Deven Simpson (Mercyhurst NE) over Ronnell McGhee (MCC) (Dec 1-0)

197 – Baker Hadwan (MCC) over Hunter Harnish (Mercyhurst NE) (Dec 3-2)

285 – Brock Johnson (MCC) over Austin Slocum (Mercyhurst NE) (Fall 1:48)

Wrestling-Findlay Open

November 18, 2017 @ 9:00 am - 9:00 pm

Jayhawks compete against stiff competition.

The Jayhawk wrestling team traveled to Findlay, OH for the Findlay Open. They were one of only two 2-year schools in attendance. With a handful of Division I and II schools in the tournament the Jayhawk were going to have a challenging tournament. "We come to this tournament to wrestle the toughest competition we can," said Head Coach James Tietema. "This is our toughest tournament in the first semester and we come here to take our lumps. Overall as a team we looked better with our shot set-ups and finishes, which is what we've been working on in practice the last few weeks, so that's a good sign."

Sophomore Baker Hadwan (Churchhill HS) had the best record going 2-2 on the day, beating Max Boyd of Ashland University 5-2 and Chris Droege from Lake Erie 2-1.

The Jayhawks will take a week off for Thanksgiving, then hit the road on 12/1-2 for the Niagara Duals and the Thunderwolves Open.

Div. I Schools: Cleveland State, Kent State, Michigan State, Ohio State, and Ohio.

Div. II Schools: Ashland, Findlay, Gannon, Indianapolis, Lake Erie College, Notre Dame (Ohio), Tiffin, West Liberty State, Wheeling Jesuit.

Div. III: Mount Union and Ohio Northern

NJCAA Schools: Mercyhurst North East, Muskegon

Findlay Open Results for Muskegon Community College:

133 – Corey Robinson

Corey Robinson (MCC) over Dakota McCloskey (Mount Union) (Dec 9-6)

Lawrance Dudgeon (Ashland) over Corey Robinson (MCC) (Fall 4:02)

Casey Vollmer (Gannon) over Corey Robinson (MCC) (Maj 10-1)

141 – Zeke Breuninger – DNP

Hunter Bray (Notre Dame (Ohio)) over Zeke Breuninger (MCC) (Dec 8-2)

Tyler Warner (Wheeling Jesuit) over Zeke Breuninger (MCC) (Dec 7-0)

149 – Dren Bratrum

Dren Bratrum (MCC) over Kollin Clark (Wheeling Jesuit) (Fall 6:00)

Moises Guillen (Ohio University) over Dren Bratrum (MCC) (Inj. 6:02)

Trent Roesly (Muskegon CC) over Dren Bratrum (MCC) (MFF)

157 – Jojo Dowell

Nick Boggs (Lake Erie) over Jojo Dowell (MCC) (Fall 3:31)

Connor Craig (Wheeling Jesuit) over Jojo Dowell (MCC) (Dec 5-0)

165 – Blake Ross

Jared Sample (Gannon) over Blake Ross (MCC) (Dec 7-6)

Blake Ross (MCC) over Jacob Ramsey (West Liberty) (Dec 9-4)

Sage Gonzalez (MCC) over Blake Ross (MCC) (Dec 7-2)

165 – Sage Gonzales

J.D. Waters (Indianapolis) over Sage Gonzalez (MCC) (Fall 4:03)

Sage Gonzalez (MCC) over Blake Ross (MCC) (Dec 7-2)

Cody Dingess (Ohio State) over Sage Gonzalez (MCC) (Fall 5:42)

174 – Riley Tercha

Jacob Thompson (Ohio Northern) over Riley Tercha (MCC) (Fall 3:37)

Joel Leise (Gannon) over Riley Tercha (MCC) (Fall 1:37)

174 – Ronnell McGhee

Brendon Winning (Lake Erie) over Ronnell McGhee (MCC) (Dec 3-2)

Ronnell McGhee (MCC) over Brad Nagy (Gannon) (FF)

Austin Robbins (Indianapolis) over Ronnell McGhee (MCC) (SV-1 4-2)

197 – Baker Hadwan

Brian Wagner (Indianapolis) over Baker Hadwan (MCC) (Fall 1:22)

Baker Hadwan (MCC) over Max Boyd (Ashland) (Dec 5-2)

Baker Hadwan (MCC) over Chris Droege (Lake Erie) (Dec 2-1)

Kian Thompson (Tiffin) over Baker Hadwan (MCC) (Dec 9-7)

285 – Ramon Correa

Ramon Correa (MCC) over Tom LaRosa (Unaffiliated) (Dec 5-1)

Deaken McCoy (Ashland) over Ramon Correa (MCC) (Fall 1:29)

Nick Budd (Gannon) over Ramon Correa (MCC) (FF)

285 – Brock Johnson

David Henson (Tiffin) over Brock Johnson (MCC) (Fall 1:11)

Seth Bloor (Wheeling Jesuit) over Brock Johnson (MCC) (Dec 8-2)

Wrestling-Trine Tournament

November 11, 2017 @ 10:00 am - 10:00 pm

Jayhawks crown one champion, team finishes 8th.

The Jayhawks traveled to Angola, IN to compete in Trine University's Invitational. Two wrestlers placed, highlighted by sophomore Ramon Correa (West Ottawa HS) winning the title at 285 lbs. Correa is now a two-time champion at the Trine Invitational. Also placing for the Jayhawks was sophomore Baker Hadwan (Churchhill HS). Hadwan lost his first match but finished 3rd with three straight wins.

Eight of the nine Jayhawk wrestlers competing Saturday came away with at least one victory. "We completed against a lot of upper classman this weekend," said Head Coach James Tietema. "It's a great teaching tool for our freshman. They're new to college wrestling, so competing against the older guys helps reinforce the good habits we work on in practice and that will help them develop into good college wrestlers. With that being said, it was a tough day for some of our guys."

The Jayhawks will travel to Findlay, OH on Saturday, 11/18 to compete in the Findlay Open. The Jayhawks will be competing against Big Ten powerhouse Ohio State and many other Div. I and II schools.

Trine Invitational Results:

Varsity 133 – Corey Robinson:

Corey Robinson (MCC) over Dominic Pattera (Adrian) (Maj 12-4)
Chase Craft (Baldwin Wallace) over Corey Robinson (MCC) (Maj 10-0)
Spencer Fox (Olivet) over Corey Robinson (MCC) (SV-1 15-9)

Varsity 141 – Zeke Breuninger:

Anthony Rink (North Central) over Zeke Breuninger (MCC) (TF 15-0)
Cameron Calabrese (Wheaton) over Zeke Breuninger (MCC) (Dec 4-0)

157 – Jojo Dowell:

Jojo Dowell (MCC) over Kyle Brady (Baldwin Wallace) (Fall 2:21)
John Lark (Olivet) over Jojo Dowell (MCC) (Dec 8-6)
Will Britain (University of Chicago) over Jojo Dowell (MCC) (Dec 9-4)

157 – Sage Gonzales:

Chase Hack (Indiana Tech) over Sage Gonzalez (MCC) (Maj 11-2)
Sage Gonzalez (MCC) over Patrick Waugh (Manchester) (Fall 4:45)
Sage Gonzalez (MCC) over Kevin Groves (Trine University) (Fall 4:22)
Riley Rasler (Trine University) over Sage Gonzalez (MCC) (TF 17-2)

165 – Blake Ross:

Nicholas Worden (Olivet) over Blake Ross (MCC) (Dec 4-2)
Blake Ross (MCC) over Nate Weimer (Indiana Tech) (Dec 6-4)
Blake Ross (MCC) over Brandon Minear (Trine University) (Dec 4-1)
Dylan Briggs (Olivet) over Blake Ross (MCC) (Maj 14-3)

174 – Riley Tercha:

Grant Rathburn (Baldwin Wallace) over Riley Tercha (MCC) (TF 23-6)
Riley Tercha (MCC) over Nicholas Guerra (Olivet) (Fall 1:09)
Riley Tercha (MCC) over Aiden Reynolds (University of Chicago) (Dec 10-7)
Nick Miller (Trine University) over Riley Tercha (MCC) (Fall 4:34)

174 – Ronnell McGhee:

Ronnell McGhee (MCC) over Dawson Moll (Adrian College) (Fall 1:33)
Ronnell McGhee (MCC) over Kamyab Kamali (Olivet) (Dec 4-2)
Jacob Taylor (Trine University) over Ronnell McGhee (MCC) (Fall 1:22)
Matt Marcotte (North Central) over Ronnell McGhee (MCC) (Fall 6:40)

197 – Baker Hadwan: 3rd

Anthony Neal (Trine University) over Baker Hadwan (Muskegon Community College) (Dec 4-3)
Baker Hadwan (MCC) over Clarence Kennedy (Adrian College) (Dec 6-2)

Baker Hadwan (MCC) over Raden Holmes (Olivet) (Dec 12-5)
Baker Hadwan (MCC) over Quinton Mincy (University of Chicago) (Dec 3-2)

285 – Brock Johnson:

Brock Johnson (MCC) over Clayton Higelmire (Olivet) (Dec 5-3)
Will Hare (University of Chicago) over Brock Johnson (MCC) (Dec 7-2)
Audel Ochoa (North Central) over Brock Johnson (MCC) (Fall 1:09)

285 – Ramon Correa: 1st

Ramon Correa (MCC) over Austin Popp (Alma) (Fall 2:48)
Ramon Correa (MCC) over Gabriel Mahaney (Baldwin Wallace) (MFF)
Ramon Correa (MCC) over Zachary Rieger (Adrian College) (Dec 4-1)
Ramon Correa (MCC) over Max Gierke (Wheaton) (Dec 2-1)

Team Scores:

1. North Central (IL) 119.5
2. Baldwin Wallace 96.0
3. Olivet 86.0
4. Wheaton (IL) 72.0
5. Trine University 49.5
6. Indiana Tech 46.0
7. University of Chicago 46.0
8. Muskegon CC 35.5
9. Adrian College 32.5
10. Alma 27.0
11. Manchester 14.5

Wrestling-Ben McMullen Open

November 4, 2017 @ 9:30 am - 9:30 pm

Jayhawks crown two champions.

In the first open of the 2017-18 season the Jayhawks had two wrestlers finish as champions: sophomore Benny Gomez (Holt HS) at 125 lbs. and sophomore Ramon Correa (Holland HS) at 285 lbs. Also wrestling well for MCC were sophomore Corey Robinson (Whitehall HS) at 133 lbs. and freshman Jojo Dowdell (Whitehall HS) at 157 lbs. Both wrestlers made the finals but finished as runner-up. Sophomore Baker Hadwan (Winston Churchill HS) and freshman Sage Gonzales (Alma HS) finished 4th at 197 and 157 lbs. respectively.

“It was great to see our sophomore team leaders do well,” said Head Coach James Tietema.

“Benny and Ramon had great days. Not only did they win, but they wrestled well, confident and very technical. I was also extremely impressed with Jojo. He wrestled very well. He’s an athletic guy who works hard in practice. I’m excited to see how much he improves this year.”

Next up the Jayhawks will travel to Angola, IN on Saturday, 11/11 to compete in the Trine Invitational.

Ben McMullen Open Results for Muskegon Community College:

125 – Benny Gomez – 1st

Benny Gomez (Muskegon CC) over Matt Genau (Niagara County CC) (TF 20-3)

Benny Gomez (Muskegon CC) over Sean Halverson (GVSU) (Fall 2:11)

Benny Gomez (Muskegon Community College) over Austin Poch (Joliet JC) (DQ)

133 – Corey Robinson – 2nd

Corey Robinson (Muskegon CC) over David Chavez (University of Toledo) (TF 18-0)

Corey Robinson (Muskegon CC) over CJ Walz (Niagara County CC) (Fall 2:32)

Corey Robinson (Muskegon CC) over Kaleb Marion (Olivet College) (SV-1 10-6)

Dearion Stokes (Joliet JC) over Corey Robinson (Muskegon CC) (Maj 16-4)

149 – Dren Bratrum – DNP

Dren Bratrum (Muskegon Community College) over Easton Maus (Olivet College) (Fall 2:10)

Josh McKinney (Lincoln CC) over Dren Bratrum (Muskegon CC) (Maj 13-2)

Dren Bratrum (Muskegon CC) over Jacob Smith (Alma College) (Fall 1:35)

Dren Bratrum (Muskegon CC) over Trent Roesly (Muskegon CC) (Maj 12-4)

Kaydon Newton (Unattached) over Dren Bratrum (Muskegon CC) (Fall 1:19)

149 – Trent Roesly – DNP

Trent Roesly (Muskegon CC) over Michael LoBianco (Triton College) (Fall 4:27)

Trent Roesly (Muskegon CC) over John Riena (Niagara County CC) (Maj 10-1)

Zach Blevins (University of Toledo) over Trent Roesly (Muskegon CC) (TF 18-3)

Trent Roesly (Muskegon CC) over Anthony Felke (Ancilla CC) (Maj 16-2)

Dren Bratrum (Muskegon CC) over Trent Roesly (Muskegon CC) (Maj 12-4)

157 – Sage Gonzalez – 4th

Sage Gonzalez (Muskegon CC) over Andrew Bonner (Joliet JC) (TF 17-1)

Ethan Reel (Lincoln CC) over Sage Gonzalez (Muskegon CC) (TF 16-0)

Sage Gonzalez (Muskegon CC) over Nicholas Martini (GVSU) (Fall 5:50)

Sage Gonzalez (Muskegon CC) over Dominic Crouse (Niagara County CC) (Fall 4:58)

Sage Gonzalez (Muskegon Community College) over Ben Huff (University of Toledo) (MFF)

Riley Rasler (Trine University) over Sage Gonzalez (Muskegon CC) (TF 16-1)

157 – Jojo Dowell – 2nd

Jojo Dowell (Muskegon CC) over Shaylyn Loomis (Lincoln CC) (TF 21-3)
Jojo Dowell (Muskegon CC) over Joshua Cooper (Ancilla CC) (Fall 4:27)
Jojo Dowell (Muskegon CC) over Ben Huff (University of Toledo) (Fall 1:51)
Ethan Reel (Lincoln CC) over Jojo Dowell (Muskegon CC) (TF 16-1)

165 – Blake Ross – DNP

Burk Van Horn (Lincoln CC) over Blake Ross (Muskegon CC) (Fall 1:48)
Blake Ross (Muskegon CC) over Grayson Richter (Alma College) (Fall 1:14)
Adam Hall (Olivet College) over Blake Ross (Muskegon CC) (Dec 3-2)

174 – Ronnell McGhee – DNP

Jacob Garrow (Niagara County CC) over Ronnell McGhee (Muskegon CC) (Maj 13-3)
Ronnell McGhee (Muskegon CC) over Joel Marron (Triton College) (Dec 8-3)
Asher Eichert (Triton College) over Ronnell McGhee (Muskegon CC) (Dec 13-6)

197 – Baker Hadwan – 4th

Rodsean Graham (Joliet JC) over Baker Hadwan (Muskegon CC) (Dec 6-5)
Baker Hadwan (Muskegon CC) over Jared Lancaster (Muskegon CC) (Dec 10-3)
Baker Hadwan (Muskegon CC) over Logan Winter (Lincoln CC) (Dec 3-1)
Jacob Kidd (Olivet College) over Baker Hadwan (Muskegon CC) (Dec 3-2)

285 – Ramon Correa – 1st

Ramon Correa (Muskegon CC) over Christopher Middlebrooks (Lincoln CC) (Maj 10-0)
Ramon Correa (Muskegon CC) over Jalen Mcferrin-Pace (Olivet College) (TB-1 2-1)
Ramon Correa (Muskegon CC) over Gabriel Rangel (Lincoln CC) (Dec 6-0)
Ramon Correa (Muskegon CC) over David Carnie (Niagara County CC) (Dec 7-0)
Ramon Correa (Muskegon CC) over Bryan Ditchman (Joliet JC) (Dec 4-1)

285 – Brock Johnson – DNP

Brock Johnson (Muskegon CC) over Noah Fayling (Trine University) (Fall 8:30)
Bryan Ditchman (Joliet JC) over Brock Johnson (Muskegon Community College) (Dec 6-3)
Christopher Middlebrooks (Lincoln CC) over Brock Johnson (Muskegon CC) (Dec 5-2)

285 – Jacob Spickerman – DNP

Raiden Macleod (Davenport University) over Jacob Spickerman (Muskegon CC) (Inj. 5:15)

Christopher Colvin (Triton College) over Jacob Spickerman (Muskegon CC) (Inj)

Wrestling-Muskegon Duals

November 3, 2017 @ 5:30 pm - 9:30 pm

Jayhawks open season with a loss to Niagara CC and a win over Olivet JV.

Muskegon Community College opened their season with the Muskegon Duals against rival Niagara County Community College and Olivet's JV team. Niagara got the best of the Jayhawks by a score of 23-19 but MCC bounced back for a 35-9 victory over Olivet.

Starting the season with a 2-0 record were Sophomore Benny Gomez (Holt HS), Freshman Dren Bartrum (Greenville HS), Freshman Sage Gonzales (Alma HS), and Sophomore Baker Hadwan (Winston Churchill HS). In addition Freshman Brock Johnson (Muskegon Catholic Central HS) and Sophomore Ramon Correa (West Ottawa HS) went 1-0 splitting time at 285 lbs.

"It was a close, hard fought dual with Niagara, unfortunately we came up short this year," said Head Coach James Tietema. "It has become a tradition for us to start the season with Niagara and it's always a good, exciting dual. I thought we wrestled a little flat in the first match against Niagara, but we came back with a lot more intensity against Olivet. I hope it continues into tomorrow."

The Jayhawks will be back in action tomorrow, 11/4 at the Ben McMullen Open in Bartels-Rode Gymnasium.

Niagara County CC 23, Muskegon Community College 19

125 – Benny Gomez (MCC) over Matt Genau (NCCC) (Dec 10-4)

133 – CJ Walz (NCCC) over Corey Robinson (MCC) (Fall 2:55)

141 – Michael Phelps (NCCC) (Forfeit)

149 – Dren Bratrum (MCC) over John Riena (NCCC) (Dec 7-4)

157 – Ryan Sebesta (NCCC) over Jojo Dowell (MCC) (Dec 9-8)

165 – Sage Gonzalez (MCC) over Jaelen Jean (NCCC) (SV-1 6-4)

174 – Troy Keller (NCCC) over Blake Ross (MCC) (TF 16-0 3:00)

184 – Sergio Crespo (NCCC) over Ronnell McGhee (MCC) (Dec 4-3)

197 – Baker Hadwan (MCC) over John Fuino (NCCC) (MD 10-1)

285 – Ramon Correa (MCC) over David Carnie (NCCC) (Fall 5:31)

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125 – Benny Gomez (MCC) over Christian Lawhorn (Olivet) (Fall 5:12)

133 – Corey Robinson (MCC) over Jacob Kinney (Olivet) (Fall 1:13)

141 – Double Forfeit

149 – Dren Bratrum (MCC) over Easton Maus (Olivet) (Fall 4:12)

157 – Sage Gonzalez (MCC) over Frank Mercurio (Olivet) (Fall 1:18)

165 – Jojo Dowdell (MCC) over Ethan Sharp (Olivet) (TF 23-6 6:24)

174 – Haydn Kinjorski (Olivet) over Blake Ross (MCC) (Dec 12-6)

184 – Keagon Silverthorn (Olivet) over Ronnell McGhee (MCC) (Fall 4:44)

197 – Baker Hadwan (MCC) over Raden Holmes (Olivet) (Dec 7-1)

285 – Brock Johnson (MCC) over Jack Tromp (Olivet) (Dec 8-1)