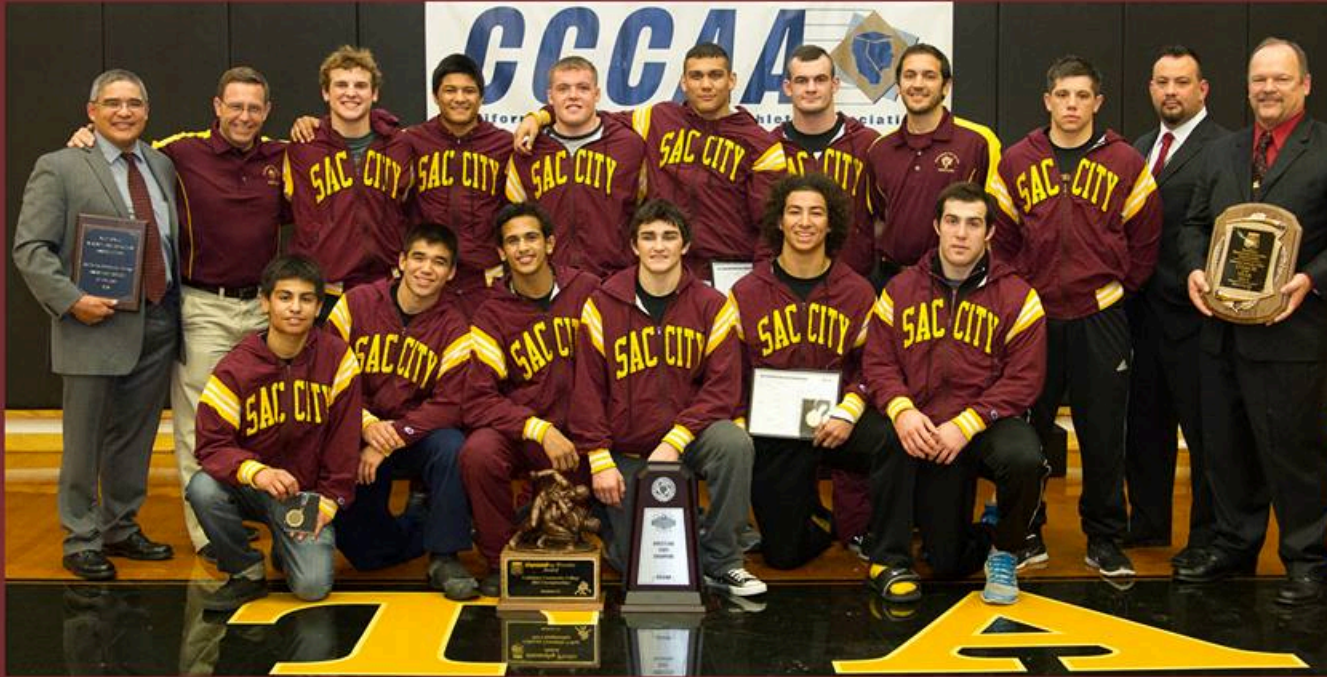


Sacramento City College Wins State Wrestling Title **Crown Four State Champions**

2013 California Community College Athletic Association



Wrestling Team Champions Sacramento City College

The Panthers of Sacramento City College started the year with a narrow 3 point victory over 3 time defending State Champ, Fresno City College, at the first tournament of the season, held at SCC. The finish came in the same order with SCC winning the State tourney over #2 Fresno City College, but by 37.5 points to claim the second State Championship for SCC. The first one came back in 1996, when current SCC Assistant Coach, Lawrence Saenz was a member of the team.

Sacramento City College started day one strong by getting 7 of their 13 wrestlers into the semi-final round. They were led by Will Upson (149), Taylor Hodel (157), Desi Rios (165), Tyson Kuahine (165), Alex Campos-Chambers (174), Kenny Steers (184) and Hudson Buck (197).

On day two, six of the seven made it into the Championship match, with only Upson not getting there after suffering an ankle injury while in a tie match in the third round of the semis. Of the five other wrestlers competing in the meet, four of them won enough matches to get into the medal rounds. In the finals, SCC won four of the five matches they had in the finals and they were all consecutive wins.

Here is the breakdown by weight:

125 – Albert Landeros – Fresh (Tracy HS) Albert started the tourney with a Major Decision over Jose Leandro of Bakersfield. He then met Dustin Kirk of Cerritos. Kirk, the #1 ranked wrestler in the weight, squeaked out a 6-5 win over Landeros. Alex then won 3 straight matches including one by major decision to get into the match for 3rd place. He once again met Kirk and once again lost to finish in 4th place and All American status. The top 4 wrestlers earn All American at each weight. Landeros finished the year at 33-18.

133 – Anthony Sakaoka – SOPH (Valley HS) Anthony was hindered by an ankle injury but gave it a good go. Unfortunately he went 0-2 on the day, losing to Greg Barrera of Cerritos and Aaron Pen Kruger of Santa Rosa.

141 – Laith Alnassiri – SOPH (Sheldon HS) Laith opened the tournament with a Major Decision over Eric Ambriz of Cerritos. He then lost a close, 5-2 match to Julian Purdy of Cuesta College. Laith bounced back with a decision and a fall to make it into the top six. He lost two tough decisions to finish in 6th place and a medalist. Laith finished with a 33-19 record including 16 falls. The falls tied him for second most on the team.

149 – Will Upson – SOPH (Vacaville HS) Will is one of three Vacaville wrestlers in the starting line-up. After shutting out Landon Myers of Santa Ana, Will used a mat spadle move to pin the South #1, Max Ramirez of Bakersfield. As mentioned earlier, Will suffered an ankle injury on a suspect move to JR Lule of Palomar. He ended up losing 4-3. He continued to try to wrestle on basically one leg, but he could not score or defend well enough to keep him in the matches. Will ended the season 30-15 and a state medalist.

157 – Taylor Hodel – SOPH (Vacaville HS) Taylor came in ranked #2 in the state and came out #1. Hodel's first match was a 5-0 decision over Adrian Herrera of East Los Angeles. He met #3 ranked Marshall Palmer of Palomar in the semi. Taylor showed his skills with an 11-2 major decision to reach the finals. In a back and forth match with #1 ranked Shervin Iraniha of Palomar, Hodel scored a takedown with about 10 seconds left to tie the score. In overtime, Hodel used an inside out trip to the back and pinned Iraniha to win the Championship and start a four match roll for the Panthers. Hodel finished the season with a 29-6 record.

165 – Desi Rios – SOPH (Pleasant Valley HS) and Tyson Kuahine (Kamehameha HS - HI) Desi came in ranked #1 in the state while Tyson came in ranked #4. Desi used two falls to reach the finals including one over #5 ranked Cyrus Sanai of Mt. San Antonio College. Tyson won two

matches including one by fall and one over #2 ranked Jacob Blackwell of Santa Ana. Ironically, these two met in the State semi last year at 157 pounds. Both times the result was the same with Tyson winning and moving on to the final. Unfortunately for Tyson, he met his #1 ranked team mate, Desi and lost by fall. This marks the first time in California Community College history that two members of the same team have met in the finals at the state meet. It is of course the first year of adding two qualifiers to the state meet. SCC made history on this day. Desi finished 20-1 on the season with 10 falls. His only loss was by injury default. Tyson finished 27-9 with 8 falls. He is a two time All American and two time runner up.

174 – Alex Campos-Chambers - SOPH (Chico HS) Alex went into the state meet ranked #1 in the state at the weight. He had only lost once to someone other than his teammate, Allen Emmons. That was in the finals of the Regional last week. Alex also had set the SCC pin record with 30 this season going into the state meet. He was one pin away from tying a state record over a two year period and two away from breaking the record. In his first match, Alex scored a fall against 7th ranked Dillon Harroun of Bakersfield. That tied him for the state record of 51 Falls in two seasons. He then decisioned #2 ranked Brody Goens of Mt. San Antonio 11-4. That set up a rematch of the North Region with Kevin Corbett of Fresno. With the score tied at 3-3 in the first round, Campos took a shot and after Corbett stuffed it, Campos hit a throw and scored a fall at the 2:42 mark in the first round. This gave Campos the State Championship as well as the state fall record. Later, we found that he was voted the Outstanding Wrestler of the State Meet. Only Mark Loomis of SCC has earned this award in the past. That was in 1980. Campos finished 38-3 on the year with 32 falls.

184 – Kenny Steers – SOPH (Ponderosa HS) and Allen Emmons – SOPH (Ponderosa HS) These two young men, both from Ponderosa, went into the state meet also hoping to meet in the finals, like the Panther duo at 165 pounds. It was not meant to be. Steers came in ranked #4, while Emmons came in ranked #1. In a turnabout, Steers had his best tourney of the year by going 4-0 and winning the State Championship. This was Kenny's first trip to a final and the absolute best way to finish the season. Emmons could not right the ship throughout the tournament winning only one match and finish in 8th place. Steers went 4-0 with all matches coming by decision. He defeated the #2 ranked Thomas Cross of Shasta in the semi. He had lost to Cross 4 straight times including an overtime thriller in the region. He also beat #6 Ryan Mackey of Modesto in the final, avenging a loss for 3rd place at the region. He defeated Jeremiah Gerl of Cerritos and ranked #5 in the quarter finals as well. Emmons lone win was over Keith Wanger of Sierra College by fall. Steers finished the season 33-12 while Emmons finished 31-6.

197 – Hudson Buck – SOPH (Vacaville HS) Hudson came in as the #1 seed and worked a fall and major decision to get to the finals for the 9th time this year. He had won he previous 8 meets but was denied in a hard fought loss to Jairo Chavez of Sierra College. This was the fourth meeting between the two and Buck had a 2-1 lead going into the match. This time Chavez was the victor. Buck's 8 tourney wins on the year tied him for the most tournament victories by an individual in the state with two other CCC wrestlers. He finished the year with a team leading 40 wins and just 2 losses. He had 16 falls on the season.

285 – Logan Paxton – Fresh (Pleasant Grove HS) Logan, a 197 pounder pushed up to 285 for the post season, once again came through for the Panthers. After taking 3rd at the regional last week he went 3-2 and finished in 7th place. He scored one fall and one major decision on the way. He also recorded a win over Narsico Juarez of Fresno City College. That is the 3rd win over Juarez in two weeks. Paxton really helped the team the past two weeks on his way to a state medal. He finished the season 25-16.

So SCC won the State Tournament. They had the OW in Alex Campos-Chambers. David Pacheco received the Coach of the Year award while Walter Ulrich received the Assistant Coach of the Year Award.

Sacramento City College came just short of a state team record. By winning the state meet, they earned their 8th tournament championship of the year. The state record is 9. This is the most points scored by any SCC team in the state tourney, and the second most points scored by a team overall. The Panthers had a number of other team or individual records along the way. Too many to go over at this time. I will put out a history of SCC wrestling in the coming weeks.

So great job SCC Panther Wrestling team. YOU MADE HISTORY!!!









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