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GCC Wrestling at National Championships *February 24-26, 2011 Spokane, WA*

DAY 2 - Pencook Takes 3rd Place at NJCAA Nationals

The Roadrunners Justin Pencook bounced back from a 7-3 loss in the national semifinal round to win his next two matches and clinch third place at 157lbs. at the NJCAA National Wrestling Championships today in Spokane, WA. Pencook led in his semifinal match against host North Idaho's Jeremy Bommarito but then gave up a point for an illegal takedown and the momentum shifted to Bommarito who scored late to extend his lead and hold on for the win. Pencook battled back in the next round of the wrestlebacks to pin Highline's Eric Jones in the first 1:32 of the match. Pencook was the aggressor from the start and scored early then rolled Jones onto his shoulders for the win. In the third place match Pencook scored a takedown in the first :10 seconds to set the tone. Despite not feeling his best Pencook continued to stay aggressive and scored on several takedowns and a near fall to win 16-4 by major decision. Pencook will be honored at this evening Parade of All-Americans before the Championship round matches take place.



The NJCAA National Wrestling Championships will be held in Spokane, WA February 24-26.

Justin Pencook's Road to 2011 All-American

2/26/2011 2:49:37 PM - 157 - [Justin Pencook](#) (Gloucester) Major Decision (16-4) [Matt Melendrez](#) (Clackamas) Consolation Finals
2/26/2011 1:10:29 PM - 157 - [Justin Pencook](#) (Gloucester) Fall (1:32) [Eric Jones](#) (Highline) Consolation Semi Finals
2/26/2011 11:51:18 AM - 157 - [Jeremy Bommarito](#) (North Idaho) Decision (7-3) [Justin Pencook](#) (Gloucester) Championship Semi Finals
2/25/2011 7:42:51 PM - 157 - [Justin Pencook](#) (Gloucester) Major Decision (18-6) [Nick Rimpley](#) (Colby) Championship Quarter Finals
2/25/2011 12:57:50 PM - 157 - [Justin Pencook](#) (Gloucester) Decision (8-3) [Uxsonn Ramirez](#) (Rend Lake) Championship Round 2

Check our photo albums at our Facebook Fan Page at www.facebook.com/gccathletics - photos from today's matches and All-American ceremonies will be posted late today.

For more information also read [Region 19 Recap](#) from NJCAA.org...

SESSION 2 RECAP:

Congratulations to GCC 157lb. Justin Pencook who advanced to the national semifinals with his comprehensive 18-6 win over Nick Ripley from Colby College. Pencook took the early advantage with a takedown and never looked back scoring several near falls in the one-sided contest. Pencook looked exhausted during each stoppage but then mustered the energy to take Ripley down at each opportunity. Pencook will face North Idaho's Nick Bommarillo in the semifinals starting tomorrow morning at 10:30am local time.

In other action in the evening session, the Roadrunners were not able to advance in any other brackets. Lou Shearer 133 and Ben Sweezy 141 lost decisions while Jim Butler 184 and Nick Comoroto 285 lost by fall. All those wrestlers deserve congratulations as well for making it that far into the tournament.

Lots of photos and more to come on our Facebook Fan Page: www.facebook.com/gccathletics.

Also check [Region 19 Session I and II Recap](#) from NJCAA.org...

SESSION 1 RECAP:

The Roadrunners competed well in the first session of the NJCAA National Tournament. Five GCC wrestlers will compete tonight starting at 6:30pm local time. 157lb. Justin Pencook has advanced to the quarterfinal round with a thorough 8-3 win in his second round match over Rend Lakes Uxsonn Ramirez. Pencook received a first round bye. He will face Nick Rimpley from Colby College in that match.

Lou Shearer, Ben Sweezy, Jim Butler, and Nick Comoroto have also all advanced to tonight's action through the consolation bracket and have a chance to still finish as high as third in their bracket.

The tournament website is doing a great job posting the results of the matches so check that out (the link is below) and we will also have lots of photos and up-to-the minute results on our Facebook Fan Page at www.facebook.com/gccathletics. Photos from this session should be posted by 8pm EST.

PREVIEW:

The Gloucester County College Wrestling Team will be well represented at the NJCAA National Championships on February 24-26. Eight GCC wrestlers qualified for the tournament during the NJCAA Eastern District Tournament held on Saturday February 12th at Thaddeus Stevens College in Lancaster PA. The National Tournament this year will be held in Spokane, Washington and the team will departed on February 23rd.

Check back here often for updated information and links....

[GCC Wrestlers Prep for Nationals](#) - from NJ.com 2/24/11

[Official Tournament Website](#) - updated brackets, photos, and more...

[Region 19 Well Represented at Wrestling Nationals](#) - from NJCAA.org 2/24/11

GCC Wrestlers at Nationals...

Lou Shearer, 133

Ben Sweezy, 141

Ray Martinez, 149

Justin Pencook, 157

Kirk Kiriazis, 165

Howie Graber, 174
Jim Butler, 184
Nick Comoroto, 285