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University of Wyoming Wrestling 2017 NCAA Championships Notes – Day One (March 16, 2017)

Team Notes:

- Wyoming went 10-6 on Day One of the NCAA Championships.
- The Pokes tallied six total team points to sit tied for 28th place in the team standings following the first day.
- UW wrestlers defeated competitors from Michigan, Oklahoma and North Carolina State, Indiana, Virginia and Oregon State.
- All five Cowboys remain alive heading into the second day. **Bryce Meredith** is the lone Poke that remains in the championship bracket.
- The Cowboys have combined to go 49-42 on Day One of the Championships in the last nine seasons since head coach **Mark Branch** took over the program.
- UW has had a wrestler compete in the NCAA Championships in 43-consecutive seasons, dating back to the 1974 season.
- Attendance for the entire first day in St. Louis at the Scottrade Center was 36, 314.

Individual Notes:

- Drew Templeman's** first win of the 2017 NCAA Championships came against two-time All-American Conor Youtsey of Michigan. Templeman earned the 4-3 decision over Youtsey for his second-career NCAA Championship victory. Templeman owns a 2-3 total mark at Nationals.
- Templeman's opening round win gave him 20 wins on the season. It is a career high in wins for the 125-pounder wrestler.
- Bryce Meredith** now has 30 wins on the season. Of his 30 season wins, 24 have come via bonus point victories. After Thursday, Meredith has a 6-1 mark at Nationals. He advanced to the quarterfinals of the NCAA Championships for the second year in a row.
- Branson Ashworth** is not only making his NCAA Championships debut, but also won his first NCAA match on Thursday morning. Ashworth defeated North Carolina State's Brian Hamann with a 7-0 decision.
- Cole Mendenhall** also earned his first NCAA Championships win on Thursday evening. Mendenhall took down Sam Krivus of Virginia for the victory. He becomes the first 149-pound Cowboy to win at Nationals since Brandon Richardson in 2013.
- Archie Colgan** was the third Poke to earn his first NCAA Championship victory on Thursday. The last Cowboy to advance to NAAs at 157 was Andy McCulley in 2013, but the last win for UW at 157 came from Danny Clum in 2006.