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### **Two Argo Wrestlers Crowned National Champions; Team Take Fourth**

**Cedar Rapids, Iowa** – With four wrestlers in the finals of the 2011 NAIA Wrestling National Championship, it was guaranteed that the University of Great Falls squad would take home at least one title with the finalists in the 165 pound weight class being Argos Ross Mosher and Noah Hatton. At the conclusion of today's final matches, Great Falls walked away with two National Champions in Anthony Varnell (141) and Ross Mosher.

A junior from Spokane, Wash., Varnell won by decision over Eddie McCray of Midland (Neb.) in the 141 pound championship bout, 5-3. Varnell grabbed four out of his five points by taking down McCray one time in each of the first two periods. The 141 pound champion ends the season with an impressive 33-9 record.

"Varnell had a string of good matches this weekend and wrestled well," said head coach Caleb Schaeffer. "He had a real good season and this was the perfect way for him to finish it."

In the 165 pound weight class, the all UGF final of Mosher and Hatton would prove to be a battle to the end. Neither wrestler scored a point until the third period when both received an escape point however, Mosher would also score a two-point takedown while adding a point for "riding time" at the end of the match to win 5-3.

"It was a tough match as each guy knew what the other was going to do. They both had a great tournament and I am happy for both of them," commented Schaeffer.

Senior Michael French faced highline rival Evan Hinebauch (MSU-Northern) in the 184 pound weight class final. In another chess match, the two were tied 2-2 after three periods. In overtime, each scored an escape point to send the match into double-overtime sudden victory. Hinebauch was able to get a takedown and the win, 5-3.

"It was a tough match. Although Michael was not able to get the National Championship, it does not change who he is. Michael is a great guy, a great wrestler, and a good student," stated Schaeffer. "We will really miss him next year."

Great Falls had a total of six All-Americans as 125 pounder Akmal Adilov took seventh and Myles Mazurkiewicz won his final match to take fifth at 141 pounds. The top eight finishers in each weight class receive All-American honors.

Great Falls finished fourth in the team standings with 108.5 points. Notre Dame (Ohio) won the team championship with 170 points, followed by Lindenwood (Mo.) and McKendree (Ill.) with 141 and 138.5, respectively.

"I like where we stand looking at the future. All three teams ahead of us in the team standings are going NCAA Division II next year. We had a good season and we will look to continue our success next year," said Schaeffer.