

NORMAN, Okla. –



The University of Oklahoma wrestling squad dominated its annual Oklahoma Open Saturday, claiming eight individual championships at the Lloyd Noble Center in Norman.

The No. 19 Sooners (3-0 in duals) won eight straight championship finals beginning at 141 pounds, with five of those bouts matching teammates.

Redshirt sophomore Zack Bailey, ranked 12th nationally, went 4-0 on the day at 141 pounds to claim first, defeating teammate Seth Vernon by a 7-3 decision in the finals. Kyle Terry, ranked No. 15, also was perfect on the day and defeated Sooner Will Rowe, 7-3, at 149 pounds. Terry was voted most valuable wrestler in the college division.

Chad Terry and Ryan Smith also went 4-0 on the day at 157 and 165 pounds, respectively. Terry upset teammate and No. 14th-ranked Shane Vernon in the finals, winning 5-3, and Smith won a 3-2 decision over Alex Meade of Oklahoma State.

The OU titles continued at 174 pounds, with Jeff James posting an

11-7 victory over Kyle Barnett of Stanford. The redshirt sophomore has climbed to No. 9 in the nation, the best of his career.

OU's Pat Flynn then defeated teammate Josh Hinton, 6-3, at 184 pounds, followed by a win by Eric Lapotsky over Jake Johnson of Stanford. The No. 8th-ranked junior recorded three falls in four total bouts on his way to the 197-pound title.

Bach wins heavyweight title for OU at Open

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Sooner Joe Bach ended the evening by defeating teammate Nathan Fernandez by a 3-2 decision at heavyweight.

Ben Ashmore of Arizona State won the 125-pound title and Jordan Oliver of Oklahoma State claimed the 133-pound championship.

Also placing for Oklahoma was J.R. Roman at 125 pounds, claiming third.

Oklahoma will return to dual action next Sunday, Dec. 7, against the Cowboys of Oklahoma State at 2 p.m., at the Howard McCasland Field House in Norman.