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## Wrestlers Knock Off Appalachian State Sunday

BOONE, N.C. --- The 16th-ranked wrestling team dominated Southern Conference foe Appalachian State Sunday in a 35-3 victory.

The Mocs won all but one match in the dual in improving to 13-1 overall and 3-0 in the league.

Four of UTC's victories came with extra team points as the Mocs recorded two technical falls, a pin and a major decision.

Heavyweight Matt Koz, ranked 20th nationally, started things rolling for UTC with a 2-1 decision over Dave Hazell. Javier Maldonado and Matt Keller followed with consecutive tech falls. Maldonado, ranked 18th this week, defeated Brody Essick 17-2 at 125 pounds, and No. 8 Keller blanked Frank Celorrio, 15-0 at 133 for a quick 13-0 UTC lead.

Senior Josh Keefe stepped up in weight to 141 pounds in place of his twin brother, Michael, who is not at full strength after a minor injury. Keefe registered a 6-1 win over Clinton Swango.

The Mocs pushed their advantage to 25-0 by winning the next three with close calls. Aaron Martin, ranked 13th at 149, edged ASU's Scott Ervin, 5-4 in overtime. Jake Yost pulled out a 3-2 win over Eddie Hutchinson at 157, and T.J. Sayers shut out Tommy Hutchinson at 165, 2-0.

Neal Martin notched the Mountaineers' only points of the afternoon, defeating 16th-ranked Lloyd Rogers, 6-0 at 174.

UTC closed out the match with Josh Edmondson's 15-3 major at 184 and Nick Lorenzano's pin over Brandon Brothers at 197.

The Mocs, who defeated UNC Greensboro Saturday, return to Southern Conference action Wednesday, hosting The Citadel at 6 p.m. at Maclellan Gym.

### No. 16 Chattanooga 35, Appalachian State 3

HWT- Matt Koz (UTC) dec. Dave Hazell (ASU) 2-1, 3-0 UTC  
 125- Javier Maldonado (UTC) tech. fall Brody Essick (ASU) 17-2, 8-0  
 133- Matt Keller (UTC) tech. fall Frank Celorrio (ASU) 15-0, 13-0  
 141- Josh Keefe (UTC) dec. Clinton Swango (ASU) 6-1, 16-0  
 149- Aaron Martin (UTC) dec. Scott Ervin (ASU) 5-4 OT, 19-0  
 157- Jake Yost (UTC) dec. Eddie Hutchinson (ASU) 3-2, 22-0  
 165- T.J. Sayers (UTC) dec. Tommy Hutchinson (ASU) 2-0, 25-0  
 174- Neal Martin (ASU) dec. Lloyd Rogers (UTC) 6-0, 25-3  
 184- Josh Edmondson (UTC) maj. dec. Dan Carrasco (ASU) 15-3, 29-3  
 197- Nick Lorenzano (UTC) pinned Brandon Brothers (ASU) 1:28, 35-3



Matt Koz



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