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MASON CITY (November 14, 2007) – NIACC wrestling's first home dual meet in over 30 years ended in a dominating fashion as the lower weight classes for the Trojans sparked a 35-15 win over Ridgewater Community College.

NIACC's Cody Hogan (125), who is ranked #6 in the nation, set the tone early in the dual, pinning Ridgewater's Tom Brenner in 3:35. In the 133 pound weight class, Trojan Nathan Jones never trailed against Jon Tatro and took down Tatro three times en route to a 9-5 decision, and a 9-0 lead overall for NIACC.

At 141, Trojan T.J. Moen extended NIACC's lead with a 9-5 decision over nationally seventh ranked Brandon Schunk, and ranked sixth in the nation Albert White dropped Ridgewater's Greg Skerik in a technical fall, 22-7 in 5:35. Another nationally ranked Trojan DeV Vaughn Perkins (ranked #5 at 157 pounds) forced Zach Juusola into a fall in the first period. NIACC's Aaron Hancock was nearly pinned in the second period of his 165 pound match against Kurt Salmonon, but was able to turn the tables and pinned Salmonon in 3:43 to make NIACC's lead 29-0.

Ridgewater got on the board in the 174 pound match when Scott Thompson beat Tim Hill by technical fall in 3:27, and Ridgewater's Andrew Larson added to the teams total by dropping NIACC's Jason Schweer in a technical fall, 18-1. NIACC's Jordan Graham, who is nationally ranked seventh in the 184 pound class, wrestled in the 197 class and beat Shane Swenson by technical fall, allowing only five points in 5:34. In the final match of the night, Beau Tudor of NIACC dropped a decision to Seth McGregor in the heavyweight class, 10-0

NIACC is now 1-0 in dual meets this year and will wrestle at the UNO Open in Omaha, Nebraska on November 17. The next NIACC home dual meet is on December 7 against Neosho County Community College.