



# Forge Wrestling Report

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## Forge bests #14 Cosby

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The Colonial Forge Wrestling team found itself in an unfamiliar position against a regional competitor. That position was as an underdog against VAWA's #14 ranked Cosby Titans. To the action.

At **106 lbs** Austin Mitchell put on a workman like performance. Mitchell built a 10 point lead before earning the 2<sup>nd</sup> period pinfall. The extra repetitions after practice proved beneficial. 6-0 CF

**113 lbs** Freshman Daniel Merida made short work of his opponent earning a first period pinfall. Merida is another of the young nucleus that has stayed after practice getting extra repetitions for the postseason.

**120 lbs** the light bulb clicked for Jonah Diaz. Jonah has had a good week of practice and it showed as he earned a pinfall victory in the second period giving Forge a 18-0 lead to start the dual.

**126 lbs** Freshmen Dustin Lael was called into duty. Dustin fought hard but was unable to fight off his back a third time losing by fall in the first period. 18-6 CF

**132 lbs** Levi Engelman was back on the mat. Lucky for Forge unlucky for Cosby. Levi showed why he is one of the better wrestlers in the state of Virginia earning another pinfall. 24-6 CF

**138 lbs** Sophomore Jovon Mitchell was called in action. Jovon has had a stellar season on the blue circuit. His opponent went out with something to prove and in a close bout saw Jovon on the losing side in a 5-1 dec for Cosby. 24-9 CF

**145 lbs** Senior Jerrod Hunziker didn't get the matchup he expected. What he did though was score 18 points earning the technical fall giving Forge some much needed bonus points. 30-9 CF

**152 lbs** Garrett Swope found himself in a first period battle. Sadly for the Forge, Garrett had been injured during the match and had to injury default. The coaching staff, fans, and teammates are hoping the injury is minor as Swope has been a solid contributor all season long. 30-15 CF

**160 lbs** John Gonzalez fought hard but in a back and forth battle John came up

on the short end and lost by fall as Cosby had started its comeback. 30-21 CF

**170 lbs** matches are wrestled on the mat not on paper. On this day for senior Eze Chukwuezi was not his day. Eze was down early but battled back sending the match into overtime, but Eze fell short losing a 6-4 decision. Eze hopes to reverse that decision at the regional tournament. 30-24 CF

**182 lbs** Ronzelle Green saw an early lead diminish as his foe from Cosby got the second period fall tying the dual. 30-30

**195 lbs** Brandson Jones battled the flu to get on the mat. Brandson tried his best but couldn't overcome his opponent and lost by pin fall giving Cosby its first lead of the dual. 30-36 C

**220 lbs** with his team needing him. Alex Watson performs under the lights. Watson threw his opponent to his back and right when it looked like he was going to get away Alex hit him with the squeeze hold and the fall to tie the match. 36-36 CF

**285 lbs** Cosby did not weigh in an opponent and forfeited to Zach Lynch. The forfeit win for Lynch gave Forge a 42-36 victory.

Next up District Tournament and Cosby Invitational Saturday.