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**SHORTER UNIVERSITY CAPTURES GEORGIA INTERCOLLEGIATE
STATE WRESTLING CHAMPIONSHIP**
**2nd annual tournament hosted by Life University contested by the six colleges in
Georgia that have intercollegiate wrestling**

Marietta, Georgia, February 2, 2014 – Life University hosted the second annual Georgia Intercollegiate State Wrestling Tournament on Sunday, which brought together the six college wrestling programs in the state for a one-day event for Peach State bragging rights. The teams consisted of Life University (Marietta), Brewton-Parker College (Mount Vernon), Darton State College (Albany), Mercer University (Macon), Shorter University (Rome) and Truett McConnell College (Cleveland).

In the end, it came down to two teams as Life U and Shorter University had distanced themselves from the pack after the consolation round. Going into the final session, Shorter had a slim 3-point lead on LIFE. When individual place finishers earn team points, the final session would be critical for both teams as the 3rd and 4th place matches were held concurrently with the championship matches. With Shorter and LIFE each having six wrestlers in the finals, including four head-to-head matches, every point and every match would be critical in deciding the championship.

In the head-to-head battle, Shorter would win three of four and end up winning the team title by ten points, 125.5 – 115.5. Shorter had five champions to LIFE's two. The deciding match was at 184 lbs., which pitted two nationally-ranked wrestlers in Shorter's Terrence Smith and Life U's Trey Hicks. Fittingly, the match went to overtime before Smith emerged victorious 3-2. The win and the team points clinched the team title for Shorter.

Shorter Head Coach Josh Henson said, "We always have a good battle with LIFE, whether it's a dual meet or a tournament; It has become a great intrastate rivalry. In both matchups this season, it has come down to a couple of matches, and Ben Smith's pin (125 lbs.) and Terrence Smith's win (184 lbs.) were the difference today. A coach always likes it when his athletes find a way to win."

"Shorter handed it to us in the finals," said Life U Head Coach Mike Miller. "We had some opportunities, but did not take advantage of them. But give credit to Shorter. Coach Henson had his guys ready to go, and they earned the championship."

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Final Match Results

125 lbs: Ben Smith (Shorter) wins by fall (6:02) over Quintini Noel (Darton)
133 lbs: Davion Caston (Darton) wins by tech fall (3:52) over Joshua Shelton (Truett-McConnell)
141 lbs: Jeremiah Lutz (Brewton-Parker) wins 9-5 over Zach Wright (Darton)
149 lbs: Nathan Galloway (unattached) wins 12-5 over Rowdy Prior (LifeU)
157 lbs: Oliver Brukardt (LifeU) wins 9-8 over Kannon Madden (Shorter)
165 lbs: Wally Figaro (Shorter) wins 8-4 over Khalil Abdush-Shakur (LifeU)
174 lbs: Gregory Lane (Shorter) wins 10-1 over Arthur Walthour (Brewton-Parker)
184 lbs: Terrence Smith (Shorter) wins 3-2 (in OT) Trey Hicks (LifeU)
197 lbs: Dalton Bailey (LifeU) wins 6-4 over Jacob Dempsey (LifeU)
285 lbs: Andrew Ewers (Shorter) wins 8-4 over Jacob Roza (LifeU)

Team Results

Shorter University 125.5
Life University 115.5
Darton State College 85.5
Brewton-Parker College 85
Truett-McConnell College 41.5
Mercer University 18

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About Life University

Founded in Marietta, Georgia in 1974, Life University is a health sciences institution most known for its chiropractic program, the largest in the world. Life University is regionally accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) to award four-year undergraduate and graduate degrees in a variety of health care, science, business and general studies fields, and also has programmatic accreditation through the Council on Chiropractic Education (CCE) and the Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics (ACEND). The mission of Life University is to empower students with the education, skills and values necessary for career success and life fulfillment, based on a vitalistic philosophy.