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Wrestling

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Bearcats fall at Sacred Heart 34-5

On the road Saturday night, BU's young lineup was exposed in a lopsided defeat to Colonial Athletic Association foe Sacred Heart. The Pioneers won eight of the 10 matches, including two major decisions and a technical fall against a Bearcats lineup that included six underclassmen. Posting the lone wins for Binghamton were sophomore 165-pound **Rob Skalor (Chester, N.Y./Monroe-Woodbury)** and junior 184-pound **Jeff McAveney (New Fairfield, Conn.)**. Skalor picked up a 5-1 decision, raising his dual match record to an impressive 8-1. McAveney scored an 8-5 decision for his fifth dual win of the season.

Ruff drops first dual match of season

It took the No. 1 wrestler in the conference to do it, but sophomore 141-pound **Josh Ruff (Bainbridge, N.Y./Bainbridge-Guilford)** finally was beaten in a dual match. Ruff, who entered the Sacred Heart match with a 13-0 dual record, suffered a 7-4 setback against Mike Messina, who is the top-ranked 141-pounder in the CAA. With three dual matches still remaining, Ruff still has a chance to establish the all-time record for most dual wins in a season. That record (15) is shared by several individuals, including Ruff's senior teammate **Joe Privitere (Johnson City, N.Y.)**.

Privitere injures knee, will likely miss rest of duals

Senior **Joe Privitere (Johnson City, N.Y.)**, who was closing in on the 100-win plateau for his career, re-injured his knee in the first period at Sacred Heart, and will be shelved for the next few weeks. Privitere, who is 95-34 in his career, trailed 2-1 before head coach Mike Fusilli stopped the match after the injury occurred. It's the same knee Privitere originally injured last January, and re-injured again earlier this season. Fusilli believes Privitere can return to the mat for the CAA Championship on March 7-8.

BU has five ranked wrestlers in CAA

The Bearcats currently sit eighth out of 11 teams in the CAA, in terms of number of ranked wrestlers. Five BU athletes are among the top-6 in their respective weights, highlighted by sophomore 141-pound **Josh Ruff (Bainbridge, N.Y./Bainbridge-Guilford)**, who is No. 2. Senior 157-pound **Joe Privitere (Johnson City, N.Y.)** and sophomore 184-pound **Jerome Joe (Wheatley Heights, N.Y./Half Hollow Hills East)** are each ranked fifth. Sophomore **Joe Gartiser (Tuxedo, N.Y./Monroe-Woodbury)** is ranked sixth at 149 pounds, as is his younger brother **John Gartiser (Tuxedo, N.Y./Monroe-Woodbury)** at 133.

Up Next: Home dual against "The Rock"

The Bearcats will host Slippery Rock in a rare Saturday morning dual at East Gym. The teams have never met in a dual match.

2002-03 Sched./Results (7-12)

NOVEMBER		
16 Sat.	BEARCAT OPEN	no scoring
24 Sun.	BUFFALO (West Gym)	L 7-34
26 Tue.	ARMY	L 11-30
DECEMBER		
6 Fri.	EASTERN MICHIGAN	L 16-22
	BOSTON UNIVERSITY	L 3-43
8 Sun.	+Gardner-Webb	W 24-19
	+Mercyhurst	L 23-24
	@ Kent State	L 3-41
20 Fri.	@ Delaware Beast of East	no scoring
JANUARY		
11 Sat.	^George Mason	W 30-10
	^UNC-Greensboro	W 28-16
	^Campbell	W 25-13
17 Fri.-	@ NYS Championship	5th of 18
18 Sat.	hosted by Buffalo	
22 Wed.	@ Wagner	W 44-6
24 Fri.	%Old Dominion	W 22-21
	%Drexel	L 13-31
25 Sat.	%James Madison	L 16-19
	%Hofstra	L 6-38
29 Wed.	@ Rider	L 9-31
FEBRUARY		
1 Sat.	PRINCETON	W 30-13
	FRANKLIN & MARSHALL	L 16-21
8 Sat.	@ Sacred Heart	L 5-34
15 Sat.	SLIPPERY ROCK	11 a.m.
19 Wed.	EAST STROUDSBURG	7 p.m.
21 Fri.	@ Columbia	7:30 p.m.
MARCH		
7 Fri.-	Colonial Athletic Association	TBA
8 Sat.	Champ. hosted by Hofstra	
20 Thu.-	NCAA Championship	TBA
22 Sat.	in Kansas City, Mo.	

%CAA Duals hosted by George Mason

^ N.C. State Duals