

SPORTS NEWS



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Wrestling

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Bearcats slip against "The Rock"

At home against Slippery Rock, BU won five of the nine bouts but "The Rock" rallied for the win with a 17-15 pin in the final match. Winning for Binghamton were freshman 133-pound **John Gartiser (Tuxedo, N.Y./Monroe-Woodbury)**, sophomore 141-pound **Josh Ruff (Bainbridge, N.Y./Bainbridge-Guilford)**, junior 174-pound **Jeff McAveney (New Fairfield, Conn.)**, sophomore 184-pound **Jerome Joe (Wheatley Heights, N.Y./Half Hollow Hills East)** and freshman 197-pound **Derman Lewis (Schenectady, N.Y./Schalmont)**. Losses at 157 (10-4) and 165 (7-3) put the Bearcats in a tough spot, and Slippery Rock earned the win with a pin in 58 seconds at heavyweight.

Ruff wins 13-2, moves closer to record

Sophomore 141-pound **Josh Ruff (Bainbridge, N.Y./Bainbridge-Guilford)** rolled to a 13-2 major decision against Slippery Rock, raising his dual match record to 14-1. With two duals remaining, Ruff has a chance to set the program record for dual wins in a season. The current record (15) is shared by several individuals, including Ruff's senior teammate **Joe Privitere (Johnson City, N.Y.)**.

Jerome Joe looks sharp in 8-2 decision

Sophomore **Jerome Joe (Wheatley Heights, N.Y./Half Hollow Hills East)** controlled his Slippery Rock opponent at 184 pounds, allowing just two escapes in an 8-2 decision. Joe recorded a takedown in the first period, and two more in the third period. He also earned a point for riding time. Joe is 12-4 overall, 9-3 in duals this season.

Up Next: Final two duals of season

The Bearcats will host East Stroudsburg on Wednesday before concluding their dual-meet season Friday night at Columbia.

Statistical Leaders

Overall Wins

Josh Ruff (141) 24
Jeff McAveney (174) 15
Joe Gartiser (149) 14

Dual Wins

Josh Ruff (141) 14
Joe Privitere (157) 9
Jerome Joe (184) 9
Derman Lewis (197) 9

Pins

Joe Gartiser (149) 6

Major Decisions

Josh Ruff (141) 7
Jerome Joe (184) 4

Technical Falls

Rob Sckalor (157) 3

2002-03 Sched./Results (7-13)

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 L 15-17
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