

SPORTS NEWS



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Wrestling

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BU drops home opener to Buffalo, 34-7

Visiting Buffalo utilized two pins and four major decisions to defeat the Bearcats, 34-7, in Sunday's season-opening dual match. The Bulls, who earlier in the week toppled 20th-ranked Lock Haven, won eight of the 10 bouts.

"We had five freshman - two who were wrestling up weights - and its tough to do against a strong team," BU head coach Mike Fusilli said. "I think there were a lot of good things - our guys at 141, 157, 184 and 197 wrestled real well. They had good efforts, and I was proud of the fact that they held their own and didn't back down."

Privitere returns to lineup with upset win

Senior 157-pound **Joe Privitere (Johnson City, N.Y.)** celebrated his return to the lineup with a strong showing. He earned a 5-1 decision over Labe Black, Buffalo's standout who was ranked 19th in the nation earlier this month.

"That was the best match Joe has ever wrestled in a BU singlet," Fusilli said. "It wasn't a high-scoring match, but he kept constant pressure on the guy, wrestled smart, and was aggressive. He created two stall calls against Black, and that made a difference in the match."

Ruff continues to pound on opponents

Sophomore 141-pound **Josh Ruff (Bainbridge, N.Y./Bainbridge-Guilford)** recorded six takedowns en route to a 17-5 major decision over Adam Grillo. He is now 4-2 on the season, and all four wins have come by major decision (by eight or more points).

"Josh wrestled well," Fusilli said. "He was looking to score points in every position, and wrestled really well in the advantage position."

Freshman take lumps while gaining experience

Fusilli had five freshman in the starting lineup, and Buffalo won all five matches — one by pin and the others by a combined score of 45-15. First-year heavyweight **Jon Gregg (Johnsonville, N.Y./Lasalle Academy)** had the closest match, falling to Buffalo's freshman Tom Curl, 5-2.

Up Next: Home dual against Army

The Bearcats will host Army Tuesday night from East Gym. A year ago, Binghamton lost to Army 32-6, and the Black Knights hold a 2-0 lead in the all-time series.

2002-03 Schedule/Results (0-1)

NOVEMBER

16 Sat. BEARCAT OPEN no scoring

24 Sun. BUFFALO (West Gym) L 7-34

26 Tue. ARMY 7:30 p.m.

DECEMBER

6 Fri. EASTERN MICHIGAN 3:30 p.m.

and BOSTON UNIV.

8 Sun. @ Kent State Duals 4:30 p.m.

w/ Gardner-Webb, Mercyhurst

20 Fri. @ Delaware Beast of East TBA

JANUARY

11 Sat. @ N.C. State Duals 10 a.m.

w/ George Mason, UNC-Greensboro

17 Fri.- @ NYS Championship 11 a.m.

18 Sat. hosted by Buffalo

22 Wed. @ Wagner 7 p.m.

24 Fri. %Old Dominion 6 p.m.

%Drexel 8 p.m.

25 Sat. %James Madison 11 a.m.

%Hofstra 1 p.m.

29 Wed. @ Rider 7 p.m.

FEBRUARY

1 Sat. PRINCETON 4/8 p.m.

and FRANKLIN & MARSHALL

8 Sat. @ Sacred Heart 7 p.m.

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