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Wrestling

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BU beaten by Army 30-11

The Bearcats were defeated by visiting Army on Tuesday, 30-11. Binghamton won three of the first seven bouts before the Black Knights won the final three matches to pull away. Army was aided by two pins, while all five of the Bearcats' other losses came by three points or less. Senior 157-pound **Joe Privitere (Johnson City, N.Y.)**, sophomore 141-pound **Josh Ruff (Bainbridge, N.Y./Bainbridge-Guilford)** and freshman 125-pound **Kyle Willard (Bennington, Vt./Mt. Anthony Union)** each posted wins. Willard posted a 5-3 decision for his first collegiate dual match win.

Privitere has beaten two nationally-ranked foes

Senior 157-pound **Joe Privitere (Johnson City, N.Y.)** has started out his final season with back-to-back wins over nationally-ranked opponents. He opened with a 5-1 decision over #28 Labe Black of Buffalo.

On Tuesday, Privitere defeated #25 Jeremy Connor of Army, 12-8. He used four takedowns to build an 8-2 lead entering the third period. After giving up a five-point move and barely escaping a pin, he put three more points on the board plus riding time.

"I couldn't believe how he was handling the kid in the first two periods," head coach Mike Fusilli said. "He wrestled really well.

"He's taken a lot more of the pressure off himself this season," Fusilli said. "He's making it more fun, and I think that's why he has been more successful. "It's his senior year, and Joe needs to pay attention to himself — do what he needs to do to get to the NCAAs."

In his collegiate career, Privitere is 34-10 in dual matches.

Ruff scoring commanding wins at 141 pounds

Sophomore 141-pound **Josh Ruff (Bainbridge, N.Y./Bainbridge-Guilford)** continued his dominance with a 21-4 technical fall against Kris Perrin of Army. Ruff used four takedowns and four near-falls to reverse an earlier defeat to Perrin. At the season-opening Bearcat Open, Perrin edged Ruff, 13-11. Thus far this season, Ruff is 5-2 overall (2-0 duals) and all five wins have come either by major decision or technical fall.

"Josh doesn't like to lose, and he wants to win in dominating fashion," Fusilli said. "He doesn't want to leave the decision in anyone else's hands. This kid beat him by two points at the our tournament, but Josh learned from his mistakes and knew what he had to do to slow him down. He wrestled a smart match."

Up Next: Five duals in busy weekend

The Bearcats will host Eastern Michigan and Boston University on Friday before heading to Kent, Ohio, for Sunday's Kent State Duals. There, BU's toughest test will be against the host Golden Flash, who were 20-7 in duals last season.

2002-03 Schedule/Results (0-2)

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 and BOSTON UNIV. 3:30/7 p.m.

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 and FRANKLIN & MARSHALL 4/8 p.m.

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