

SPORTS NEWS



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Wrestling

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Bearcats lose four of five matches on week

The Bearcats earned their first win of the season with a 24-19 victory against Gardner-Webb at Sunday's Kent State Duals, but dropped the remaining four matches during a busy weekend. The Bearcats suffered narrow defeats to Eastern Michigan (22-16) and Mercyhurst (24-23). Against Eastern Michigan, BU lost three matches by 1-2 points. And against Mercyhurst, the Bearcats gave up two pins and a forfeit and dropped the one-point decision.

Privitere, Ruff and Gregg sidelined with injuries

Head coach Mike Fusilli has temporarily lost his top three wrestlers — all to knee injuries. Senior 157-pound **Joe Privitere (Johnson City, N.Y.)**, sophomore 141-pound **Josh Ruff (Bainbridge, N.Y./Bainbridge-Guilford)** and freshman heavyweight **Jon Gregg (Johnsonville, N.Y./LaSalle)** each suffered minor knee injuries in matches on December 6, and will be lost for anywhere from 1-3 weeks.

Gregg wins first two duals of collegiate career

Talented freshman heavyweight **Jon Gregg (Johnsonville, N.Y./LaSalle)** scored a pair of dual match wins against Eastern Michigan and Boston University on Friday. He posted a 4-2 decision over Dane Bonnigson of Eastern Michigan before putting 11 points on the board in a commanding 11-5 decision over Courtney Howard of Boston. Gregg is now 5-3 overall.

Jantzen goes 3-0 at Kent State Duals

Sophomore 165-pound **Ryan Jantzen (Shoreham, N.Y./Shoreham-Wading River)** was a perfect 3-0 at the Kent State Duals. He pinned Louis DeMarco of Gardner-Webb in just 1:38, pinned T.J. Fera of Mercyhurst in 4:46, and went to overtime for a dramatic 5-3 decision against nationally-prominent Kent State. Jantzen raised his overall record to 6-6, and now has a BU-best 15 dual match team points.

Up Next: Beast of East at Delaware

The Bearcats are off until the Delaware Beast of the East tournament on December 20.

2002-03 Schedule/Results (1-6)

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 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