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Wrestling

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Bearcats place fifth at state championship

On the strength of seven placewinners, BU placed fifth at the 34th Annual New York State Wrestling Championship, hosted by Buffalo on Friday and Saturday. Binghamton (91.0) finished behind the host Bulls (178.5), Army (168.5), Columbia (107) and Nassau Community College (94.5) in the 18-team field.

Senior **Joe Privitere (Johnson City, N.Y.)** and sophomore **Jerome Joe (Wheatley Heights, N.Y./Half Hollow Hills East)** each took runner-up honors at 157 and 184, respectively. Sophomore 141-pound **Josh Ruff (Bainbridge, N.Y./Bainbridge-Guilford)** placed third, junior 174-pound **Jeff McAveney (New Fairfield, Conn.)** was fifth, and sophomore 149-pound **Joe Gartiser (Tuxedo, N.Y./Monroe-Woodbury)** took sixth.

"I was pleased we were able to get seven placewinners," head coach Mike Fusilli said. "I'm disappointed two other guys didn't do what they were capable of doing. Ryan (Jantzen) was just back from an injury, and Derman (Lewis) made some freshman mistakes."

Privitere and Joe each win 3 of 4 to place second

Privitere, seeded first at 157, posted a pin in his opening match, and followed with a 9-0 major decision in the quarterfinals. He then scored a 9-6 win over the fourth-seed from Columbia before falling 8-1 to the number two-seed from Army. Privitere raised his season record to 7-2 and his career mark to 90-32.

Joe, who was reinstated to the team one week ago, also looked strong at 184. As the third seed, he scored a 14-3 major decision in his opening match, beat the sixth seed 3-2 in the quarterfinals, and advanced to the title bout with a 12-2 major decision over the seventh seed. In the final, however, Joe was beaten 12-4 by the number one seed from Buffalo.

Ruff goes 4-1 to finish third at 141 pounds

Sophomore 141-pound **Josh Ruff (Bainbridge, N.Y./Bainbridge-Guilford)** went 4-1 with a technical fall and a major decision. The only thing that kept him out of a championship bout was riding time in a 3-2 semifinal loss to the number two seed. Ruff, who was seeded third, worked back to place third with a 2-1 tiebreaker decision over the fourth seed, and a strong 10-2 major decision over the fifth seed from Buffalo. Ruff is now 15-5 overall.

Up Next: Colonial Athletic Association Duals

The Bearcats take on Wagner on Wednesday before heading to Fairfax, Va. for the two-day Colonial Athletic Association Duals. There, BU will face conference heavyweights Hofstra and Drexel, along with James Madison and Old Dominion. Hofstra was ranked 18th in last week's national poll, administered by InterMat Wrestling.

"The CAA Duals will give us a good opportunity to see teams we don't normally get to compete against," Fusilli said. "The purpose of these matches is to help with the rankings for the upcoming conference tournament."

2002-03 Schedule/Results (4-6)

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	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	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		
^ N.C. State Duals		