

# SPORTS NEWS



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## Wrestling

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### Bearcats sweep three matches at N.C. State Duals

With all but one of the team's starters back in the lineup, BU went unbeaten at the N.C. State Duals Saturday in Raleigh, N.C. Binghamton won three matches — two against Colonial Athletic Conference opponents (George Mason and Campbell). The Bearcats' four match victories already equals the team total from a year ago, with 12 dual matches still remaining.

"This was the first weekend we had our whole lineup together," head coach Mike Fusilli said. "Our guys had more confidence going in, wrestled very aggressively, and were smart. We only gave up three matches the entire day — that's a pretty dominating performance."

### Sckalor's 3-0 effort earns BU Athlete of Week honors

Sophomore **Rob Sckalor (Chester, N.Y./Monroe-Woodbury)** has been named BU's Athlete of the Week for January 6-12. Sckalor was one of five Bearcats to go undefeated at N.C. State, and has now won eight of his last nine matches. He began the day with a 14-5 major decision against UNC Greensboro at 157 pounds. Sckalor then moved up to 165 and followed with a pin in 4:49 against George Mason. He also earned an 8-3 decision at 157 against Campbell.

"Rob is wrestling with confidence right now," Fusilli said. "He did well over the holidays at the Wilkes Open (5th), and is doing a lot of things the right way on the mat. He is looking to attack, and is gaining success. I think he's turned the corner."

### Ruff wins twice to remain unbeaten in duals

Sophomore 141-pound **Josh Ruff (Bainbridge, N.Y./Bainbridge-Guilford)** won twice to improve to 11-4 overall, 5-0 in duals. He pinned his George Mason opponent in 4:33, and followed with a 7-6 come-from-behind decision against Campbell. Ruff is ranked third in the latest CAA rankings.

### Joe makes triumphant return to lineup with 3-0 day

Junior **Jerome Joe (Wheatley Heights, N.Y./Half Hollow Hills East)** made his season debut on Saturday, and posted three decisions at 184. Joe, a starter last season, broke team policy and was not reinstated with the program until last week. Despite not having wrestled with the team for four months, he looked strong in wins of 11-5, 5-3 and 7-3.

### Privitere returns from injury to win twice

Senior 157-pound **Joe Privitere (Johnson City, N.Y.)** returned from a knee injury and posted a pair of wins at the N.C. State Duals. Privitere, ranked fifth in the CAA, began his day with a 4-0 decision over the conference sixth seed from George Mason - a former national qualifier. Then against Campbell, he moved up to 165 and pinned the fifth-ranked wrestler at that weight, needing just 2:34 to end the match. Privitere raised his career record to 87-31.

### Up Next: New York State Championship in Buffalo

The Bearcats next compete in the two-day New York State Collegiate Championship, hosted by University of Buffalo on Friday and Saturday. Fusilli is hopeful his squad can finish in the top third of the field. "I'd like to place in the top-8 as a team," Fusilli said. "I also think we have seven or eight guys who can place. Individually, both Josh (Ruff) and Joe (Privitere) are in mix to win titles. Hofstra and Cornell will not be there, so that opens doors for other guys to slip in and do well."

### 2002-03 Schedule/Results (4-6)

<b>NOVEMBER</b>		
16 Sat.	BEARCAT OPEN	no scoring
24 Sun.	BUFFALO (West Gym)	L 7-34
26 Tue.	ARMY	L 11-30
<b>DECEMBER</b>		
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
<b>JANUARY</b>		
11 Sat.	^George Mason	W 30-10
	^UNC-Greensboro	W 28-16
	^Campbell	W 25-13
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.
<b>FEBRUARY</b>		
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.
<b>MARCH</b>		
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