

SPORTS NEWS



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Wrestling

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Bearcats split two home matches

In a highly-entertaining pair of matches at East Gym on Saturday, BU defeated Princeton before falling to Franklin & Marshall in the team's first home matches in nearly two months. The Princeton match featured some explosive Bearcats offense, as seven of BU's nine wrestlers put at least 10 points on the board, and five recorded 15 or more points. Two hours later, F & M held off the Bearcats in the evening's final match for the 21-16 win.

"Giving up the forfeit at 125 really hurt us," BU head coach Mike Fusilli said. "We were evenly matched as a team. We just can't keep giving up those bonus points, especially when you're down in the team scoring."

The forfeit at 125 was necessary because starter Kyle Willard injured his shoulder against Rider during the week. He could be out of the lineup for up to three weeks.

Privitere moving closer to 100-win plateau

Senior **Joe Privitere (Johnson City, N.Y.)** won two of three matches for the week, giving him 95 career victories. He moved into sole possession of second place on BU's all-time wins list, behind only former NCAA Division III champion and head coach Mark Gumble (1984-88), who won 112.

Privitere, who is ranked fifth in the Colonial Athletic Association, is 13-4 for the season, 9-3 in duals. With only four duals remaining, Privitere will have to perform well at the CAA Championship to reach the 100-win milestone.

Ruff goes 3-0 on week to remain unbeaten in duals

Sophomore 141-pound **Josh Ruff (Bainbridge, N.Y./Bainbridge-Guilford)** won all three of his matches to improve to 23-5 overall, and a stellar 13-0 in duals. In two collegiate seasons, Ruff is 41-9, including an impressive 17-2 record in dual matches.

With four duals remaining, Ruff is chasing both an undefeated season as well as the school record for dual match victories in a season (15), which is held by four others, including current teammate Joe Privitere.

Pair of dramatic 3-2 wins for 184-pound Joe

Sophomore 184-pound **Jerome Joe (Wheatley Heights, N.Y./Half Hollow Hills East)** also won all three of his matches during the week, and is now 11-4 overall, 8-3 in duals. On Wednesday, Joe pulled out a 3-2 sudden victory decision against Rider's fourth-ranked wrestler in the CAA. On Saturday, Joe rolled to a 17-5 major decision against Princeton before earning a dramatic 3-2 win against F & M. In that match, Joe trailed 2-1 and was maneuvering on an injured knee when he nailed a takedown with just five seconds left to win the match.

Up Next: Dual at Sacred Heart

The Bearcats have just one match this week, a Saturday encounter with CAA foe Sacred Heart.

2002-03 Sched./Results (7-11)

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	W 44-6
24 Fri.	%Old Dominion	W 22-21
	%Drexel	L 13-31
25 Sat.	%James Madison	L 16-19
	%Hofstra	L 6-38
29 Wed.	@ Rider	L 9-31
FEBRUARY		
1 Sat.	PRINCETON	W 30-13
	FRANKLIN & MARSHALL	L 16-21
8 Sat.	@ Sacred Heart	7 p.m.
15 Sat.	SLIPPERY ROCK	11 a.m.
19 Wed.	EASTSTROUDSBURG	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		