

Wrestling: Hofstra's Michael Hughes Places Fifth At The Southern Scuffle

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Chattanooga, TN – Hofstra red-shirt senior Michael Hughes finished in fifth-place in the 285-pound weight class at the 2018 Southern Scuffle, presented by Compound Sportswear, in McKenzie Arena at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga Tuesday.

Hughes (Smithtown, NY), who improved to 18-0 on the season with the three victories on Monday on the first day of the Scuffle, opened day two with a semifinal match against second-seed Jacob Kasper from Duke. A second period escape and the riding time point was all the scoring in the match as Kasper, who would go on to defeat eighth-seed Mike Boykin from North Carolina State in the title match, posted the 2-0 win over Hughes.

In the consolation semifinals, Hughes, the seventh-ranked wrestler in the country at 285 and the third-seed in the Southern Scuffle, dropped a 4-1 decision to the top-seed Nick Nevills from Penn State, placing him in the fifth-place match against sixth-seed Thomas Haines from Lock Haven. Hughes, who topped Haines in the quarterfinals, 4-2 on Monday, took fifth-place as Haines gave the Pride wrestler a medical forfeit win. Hughes is now 19-2 on the season,

Hofstra, as a team, finished in 18th place with 26 points. Defending champion Penn State won the Southern Scuffle with Northern Iowa in second and EIWA-foes Lehigh and Navy in third and fourth place, respectively. Duke finished in fifth place and EIWA-opponent Drexel placed sixth.

The Pride (3-4, 1-1 EIWA) return to action this Sunday, January 7 when Hofstra faces Clarion at 10:30 a.m., EIWA-member Columbia at 1:30 p.m. and American International at 3 p.m. in the LIU Post Duals in Brookville, NY.