

Hofstra's Michael Hughes Gets 100th Win As Pride Split Two Matches

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Hempstead, NY – Hofstra senior Michael Hughes recorded two victories on the day, including the 100th of his career, as the Hofstra Pride split two home matches at the David S. Mack Physical Education Center Sunday. Hofstra defeated the Huskies of Bloomsburg, 27-12 in the afternoon match before falling to Eastern Intercollegiate Wrestling Association opponent Binghamton, 27-9 in the nightcap.

Hofstra is now 7-6 overall on the season and 2-2 in the EIWA. Bloomsburg is 2-6 overall while the Bearcats of Binghamton are now 6-4 on the year and 3-0 in the EIWA.

Hughes, who had a forfeit win against Bloomsburg and his 12th win by fall of the year against Binghamton's Sean Dee at the 1:08 mark of their match for his 100th victory, is now 24-2 on the season, 12-0 in dual matches and 4-0 in the EIWA. The ninth-ranked wrestler at 285-pounds is now 100-43 in his career.

Hofstra red-shirt junior Nezar Haddad also recorded two victories by decision on the mat Sunday to improve to 12-11 on the season at 197-pounds. Red-shirt freshman Charlie Kane also posted a win by fall in the first match of the day against Bloomsburg.

In the first match of the day against the Huskies of Bloomsburg, red-shirt freshman Charlie Kane recorded his second pin of the season and six more Pride wrestlers posted victories to lead Hofstra to a 27-12 non-conference victory over the Huskies. Hofstra trailed 6-3 after being pinned at 133 before Kane gave the Pride the lead for good with his win at the 2:01 mark over Shawn Orem. Connor Muli, Sage Heller, Anthony Olivieri and Nezar Haddad each added Pride decisions and Michael Hughes added a win by forfeit for the Pride.

In the nightcap against Binghamton, the Bearcats posted six decisions, one major decision and a tech fall before Haddad posted a 6-3 win at 197 and Hughes pinned Dee for the final 27-9 margin.

Hofstra will return to action this Friday, January 19th when the Pride travel to Piscataway, New Jersey to face the 14th-ranked Scarlet Knights of Rutgers at 7 p.m.

NOTES

- Hughes became the 14th wrestler in Hofstra history to reach 100 victories in his career.
- Hofstra alumnus Lou Ruggirello (2008-11) was the last Pride grappler to eclipse the 100-win mark in 2010-2011.
- The Pride won its second consecutive meeting against Bloomsburg after downing the Huskies 30-9 last year.
- Hofstra has dropped four consecutive match-ups against the Bearcats since a 28-8 Hofstra victory in 2013-14.

Hofstra 27, Bloomsburg 12

125: Jacob Martin (HU) over Andrew Massetti (BU) (Dec 10-4)
133: Andy Schutz (BU) over Vinny Vespa (HU) (Fall 4:06)
141: Charlie Kane (HU) over Shawn Orem (BU) (Fall 2:01)
149: Connor Muli (HU) over Evan Campbell (BU) (Dec 5-0)
157: Kevin Laubach (BU) over Chris Mauriello (HU) (Dec 8-7)
165: Sage Heller (HU) over Nate Newberry (BU) (Dec 8-3)
174: Anthony Olivieri (HU) over Kyle Murphy (BU) (Dec 4-3)
184: Trevor Allard (BU) over Cory Damiana (HU) (Dec 10-4)
197: Nezar Haddad (HU) over Logan Womelsdorf (BU) (Dec 5-2)
285: Mike Hughes (HU) over (BU) (For.)

Binghamton 27, Hofstra 9

- 125: Joe Nelson (BU) over Jacob Martin (HU) (Dec 10-6)
- 133: Jacob Nicholson (BU) over Vinny Vespa (HU) (Dec 7-1)
- 141: Joseph Russ (BU) over Charlie Kane (HU) (Dec 10-7)
- 149: Frank Garcia (BU) over Connor Muli (HU) (Dec 6-1)
- 157: Tristan Rifanburg (BU) over Chris Mauriello (HU) (Dec 5-0)
- 165: Vincent Deprez (BU) over Sage Heller (HU) (MD 12-2)
- 174: Anthony Lombardo (BU) over Anthony Olivieri (HU) (TF 18-3 6:32)
- 184: Steven Schneider (BU) over Cory Damiana (HU) (Dec 6-2)
- 197: Nezar Haddad (HU) over Alexander Melikian (BU) (Dec 6-3)
- 285: Mike Hughes (HU) over Sean Dee (BU) (Fall 1:08)