

Wrestling: Hofstra's Four-Match Winning Streak Snapped By Air Force

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Hempstead, NY – Hofstra senior Michael Hughes recorded his 11th win by fall this season and sophomores Jacob Martin and Vinny Vespa also posted victories but Air Force won the final six matches to record a 21-12 victory over the Pride at the David S. Mack Physical Education Center Friday night.

Hofstra, which saw its four-match winning streak snapped, falls to 6-5 overall on the season. Air Force improves to 6-1 with its two wins on the day.

Starting at 197 pounds, the Falcons of Air Force jumped out to a 3-0 lead on a 3-2 win. But ninth-ranked Hughes started a run of three straight wins with a pin of freshman Joe Hensley at the 1:25 mark of the 285-pound match. Hughes is now 22-3 on the season. It was also his 98th career victory as a member of the Pride.

Jacob Martin (8-10) followed with a 6-4 victory over freshman Anthony DeCesare at 125 to put Hofstra up 9-3. Vespa (7-8) then posted a 3-2 squeaker over Air Force junior Isaac Jimenez at 133 for a 12-3 lead.

But the Falcons then recorded six consecutive wins by decision including a 3-1 sudden victory win by Ken Ikehara over Hofstra junior Cory Damiana at 184 to post the 21-12 victory.

Hofstra will return to action on Sunday, January 14 when the Pride host Bloomsburg at 1 p.m. and Eastern Intercollegiate Wrestling Association (EIWA) opponent Binghamton at 6 p.m. at the Mack Physical Education Center.

Notes:

- Michael Hughes is now just two wins away from 100 in his Pride career.
- Red-shirt freshman Chris Mauriello, who transferred from Old Dominion, made his debut in a Hofstra singlet in a 6-5 loss to Air Force's Alex Lopuchanski.
- Hughes ranks third in the NCAA in pins this week.
- Hofstra takes a 2-1 EIWA record into Sunday night's contest against the Bearcats of Binghamton.

Air Force 21, Hofstra 12

125: Jacob Martin (HOFS) over Anthony DeCesare (AIFO) (Dec 6-4)

133: Vinny Vespa (HOFS) over Isaac Jimenez (AIFO) (Dec 3-2)

141: Garrett O`Shea (AIFO) over Charlie Kane (HOFS) (Dec 7-2)

149: Dane Robbins (AIFO) over Ryan Burkert (HOFS) (Dec 7-2)

157: Alex Mossing (AIFO) over Connor Muli (HOFS) (Dec 6-2)

165: Alexandre Lopuchanski (AIFO) over Chris Mauriello (HOFS) (Dec 6-5)

174: Michael Billingsley (AIFO) over Anthony Olivieri (HOFS) (Dec 4-3)

184: Zen Ikehara (AIFO) over Cory Damiana (HOFS) (SV-1 3-1)

197: Anthony McLaughlin (AIFO) over Nezar Haddad (HOFS) (Dec 3-2)

285: Michael Hughes (HOFS) over Joe Hensley (AIFO) (Fall 1:25)