

## **Wrestling: Hughes And Haddad Win But Hofstra Falls At #16 Rutgers**

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Piscataway, NJ – Hofstra senior Michael Hughes recorded his NCAA Division I-leading 13th win by fall of the year and junior Nezar Haddad posted a win at 197 but the Pride dropped a 37-9 decision to the 16<sup>th</sup>-ranked Scarlet Knights of Rutgers at the Rutgers Athletic Center Friday night.

Hofstra, which dropped its second consecutive match, is now 7-7 on the season. Rutgers, which notched its second straight victory, is 5-3 on the year.

Hughes, who recorded his seventh consecutive victory, improved to 25-2 on the year with his third period pin of Rutgers junior Ralph Normandia at 285-pounds. Hughes is now 13-0 in duals and now has accumulated 68 team points in duals.

Haddad, who notched his third straight victory, improved to 13-11 on the year with a 6-1 decision over red-shirt freshman Kevin Mulligan at 197-pounds. Haddad is now 8-5 in duals and has tallied 27 team points in duals.

The Scarlet Knights posted bonus-point victories in seven of their eight wins in the match with Michael Van Brill at 141 and #18 John Van Brill at 157 recording pins while teammates posted two tech falls and three major decisions.

Hofstra returns to action on Saturday, January 27 when the Pride host the Bulls of Buffalo at the David S. Mack Sports and Exhibition Complex. Match time is 1 p.m.

### **#16 Rutgers 37 , Hofstra 9**

125- #2 Nick Suriano (RU) tech fall Jacob Martin (HU), 19-3

133- #17 Scott DeVecchio (RU) maj. dec. Vinny Vespa (HU), 15-3

141- Michael Van Brill (RU) WBF Charlie Kane (HU), 4:17

149- #13 Eleazar DeLuca (RU) maj. dec. Connor Muli (HU), 14-5

157- #18 John Van Brill (RU) WBF Chris Mauriello (HU), 3:28

165- #12 Richie Lewis (RU) tech fall Ricky Stamm (HU), 22-6

174- Joe Grello (RU) dec. Sage Heller (HU), 11-4

184- #14 Nick Gravina (RU) maj. dec. Michael Oxley (HU), 12-1

197- Nezar Haddad (HU) dec. Kevin Mulligan (RU), 6-1

285- #9 Michael Hughes (HU) WBF Ralph Normandia (RU), 5:43