

## **Wrestling: Hofstra Comeback Falls Short In Loss At #23 Rider**

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Lawrenceville, NJ – Four Hofstra wrestlers posted victories but the Pride couldn't overcome an early 18-3 deficit as the 23<sup>rd</sup>-ranked Broncs of Rider recorded a 22-21 non-conference victory over Hofstra at Alumni Gymnasium Wednesday night.

The Pride, who wrapped up their non-conference schedule against the Broncs, slipped to 8-9 on the season. Rider improved to 12-4 on the season.

Starting at 125, the Broncs captured the first four weight classes of the match, including an 8-0 major decision at 125, to build a 13-0 lead after the 149-lb match. Hofstra freshman Chris Mauriello put the Pride on the path of a comeback with a 10-9 decision over B.J. Clagon at 157 to close the gap to 13-3. But Rider's fifth-ranked Chad Walsh responded with a 22-4 tech fall win over Pride freshman Ricky Stamm to boost the Bronc lead to 18-3.

Hofstra sophomore Sage Heller recorded his eighth win by fall of the season with a pin of Dean Sherry at the 3:34 mark. Heller improved to 11-10 on the year. But Rider's Wayne Stinson recorded a major decision at 184 to bump their lead to 22-9 before Hofstra junior Nezar Haddad won by forfeit at 197 and 10<sup>th</sup>-ranked senior Michael Hughes won by injury default over Mauro Correnti at 285 for the final 22-21 margin.

Hofstra returns to action on Sunday, February 11 when the Pride host the Pioneers of Sacred Heart on Senior Day at the David S. Mack Physical Education Center. Match time is 1 p.m.

### **Notes**

- The Pride has three home matches remaining before Hofstra hosts the 2018 EIWA Championships on March 3-4.
- Hughes improved to 28-2 on the season with his injury default win at the 0:12 mark
- Heller improved to 3-1 at 174 after bumping up from 165. He is now 11-10 on the year
- Hofstra has dropped their first three matches in their last four contests
- The Pride will honor seniors Michael Hughes at 285, Bobby Fehr at 174 and Connor Muli at 149 in pre-match ceremonies against Sacred Heart

### **Rider 22, Hofstra 21**

125: Gerald (JR) Wert (RIDE) over Jacob Martin (HOFS) (MD 8-0)  
133: Anthony Cefelo (RIDE) over Garrett Lambert (HOFS) (Dec 6-2)  
141: Tyson Dipperry (RIDE) over Vinny Vespa (HOFS) (Dec 3-2)  
149: Gary Dinmore (RIDE) over Ryan Burkert (HOFS) (Dec 3-2)  
157: Chris Mauriello (HOFS) over Bryant Clagon (RIDE) (Dec 10-9)  
165: Chad Walsh (RIDE) over Ricky Stamm (HOFS) (TF 22-4 6:54)  
174: Sage Heller (HOFS) over Dean Sherry (RIDE) (Fall 3:34)  
184: Wayne Stinson (RIDE) over Anthony Olivieri (HOFS) (MD 17-4)  
197: Nezar Haddad (HOFS) over (RIDE) (For.)  
285: Michael Hughes (HOFS) over Mauro Correnti (RIDE) (Inj. 0:12)