

## **Wrestling: Pride Top The Citadel But Falls To Campbell And Penn In The Hofstra Duals**

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### **- Postmatch Interview**

Hempstead, NY – Hofstra's sixth-ranked senior Michael Hughes (14-0) won all three of his matches at 285 pounds as the Pride recorded a 1-2 slate at the 2017 Hofstra Duals at the David S. Mack Sports and Exhibition Complex Sunday afternoon.

Hofstra (2-4, 1-1) defeated The Citadel, 43-6 before falling to Campbell, 30-9 and Eastern Intercollegiate Wrestling Association foe Pennsylvania, 34-8. The Quakers of Penn were a perfect 3-0 in the Duals, defeating Campbell, 16-15 and The Citadel, 35-10 in addition to the Hofstra victory. Campbell was 1-1 while The Citadel was 0-2.

In the Pride's first match of the day against the Citadel, after Hofstra dropped the first match of the contest at 149, the Pride rattled off four consecutive victories including pins by sophomore Sage Heller at 165, red-shirt freshman Anthony Olivieri at 174 and red-shirt junior Cory Damiana at 184 to open up a 21-3 lead. Hughes would seventh win by fall and the Hofstra would add wins by forfeit at 125 and 133 and a major decision by red-shirt freshman Charlie Kane at 141 for the 43-6 rout.

Hofstra ran into a solid Campbell squad that was angry after their one-point loss to Penn in their first round. In this contest, the Pride won its first match by red-shirt junior Connor Muli at 149 before dropping four consecutive matches to slip behind 15-3. After red-shirt junior Nezar Haddad and Hughes posted decisions at 197 and 285, respectively, to close the gap to 15-9, the Camels swept the final three matches, including pins at 133 and 141 for the 30-9 victory.

The Pride spotted the Quakers of Penn a 20-3 lead after six matches with 165-pound, Sage Heller's last second takedown in a 6-5 win at 165 the lone early bright spot. After Michael Hughes tallied his first technical fall of the season, Penn closed out the match with decision, a win by fall and a technical fall for the 34-8 final score.

Hofstra will return to action on Saturday, December 10 when they face George Mason in the Theater at Madison Square Garden in the 2017 Grapple at the Garden. Match time is 5:45 p.m.

### **Match 1 – Penn 16, Campbell 15**

149: Joe Oliva (PENN) over Benjamin Barton (CAMP) (Dec 9-3)  
157: Austin Kraisser (CAMP) over Jon Errico (PENN) (Dec 10-7)  
165: Quentin Perez (CAMP) over Joseph Velliquette (PENN) (Dec 11-6)  
174: Khamari Whimper (PENN) over Andrew Morgan (CAMP) (Dec 13-9)  
184: Joe Heyob (PENN) over Luke Funck (CAMP) (Dec 6-1)  
197: Frank Mattiace (PENN) over Austin McNeil (CAMP) (MD 11-2)  
285: Jere Heino (CAMP) over Patrik Garren (PENN) (Dec 3-1)  
125: Korbin Meink (CAMP) over Daniel Planta (PENN) (Dec 8-2)  
133: Nathan Boston (CAMP) over Giovanni Ghione (PENN) (Dec 7-6)  
141: Jacob Lizak (PENN) over Jonathan Ryan (CAMP) (Dec 6-5)

### **Match 2 – Hofstra 43, The Citadel 6**

149: Tyler Buckiso (THCI) over Ryan Burkert (HOFS) (Dec 11-5)  
157: Ricky Stamm (HOFS) over Rian Burris (THCI) (SV-1 8-6)  
165: Sage Heller (HOFS) over Douglas Gudenburr (THCI) (Fall 1:11)  
174: Anthony Olivieri (HOFS) over Michael Lopouchanski (THCI) (Fall 1:42)  
184: Cory Damiana (HOFS) over Chandler Sambets (THCI) (Fall 0:51)  
197: Sawyer Root (THCI) over Nezar Haddad (HOFS) (Dec 6-1)  
285: Michael Hughes (HOFS) over Michael McLeavey (THCI) (Fall 1:29)  
125: Jacob Martin (HOFS) over (THCI) (For.)

- 133: Vinny Vespa (HOFS) over (THCI) (For.)  
141: Charlie Kane (HOFS) over Ethan Phillips (THCI) (MD 11-1)

**Match 3 – Pennsylvania 35, The Citadel 10**

- 149: Tyler Buckiso (THCI) over Evan DeLuise (PENN) (Dec 4-2)  
157: Jon Errico (PENN) over Douglas Gudenburr (THCI) (Dec 4-2)  
165: Joseph Velliquette (PENN) over Michael Mewhorter (THCI) (Fall 3:47)  
174: Khamari Whimper (PENN) over Michael Lopouchanski (THCI) (MD 16-6)  
184: Brian Krasowski (PENN) over Chandler Sambets (THCI) (MD 10-0)  
197: Sawyer Root (THCI) over Robert Ng (PENN) (Dec 2-0)  
285: Patrik Garren (PENN) over Michael McAleavey (THCI) (Fall 1:53)  
125: Daniel Planta (PENN) over (THCI) (For.)  
133: Giovanni Ghione (PENN) over (THCI) (For.)  
141: Ehtan Phillips (THCI) over Tristin DeVincenzo (PENN) (MD 11-3)

**Match 4 – Campbell 30, Hofstra 9**

- 149: Connor Muli (HOFS) over Benjamin Barton (CAMP) (Dec 3-2)  
157: Austin Kraisser (CAMP) over Ricky Stamm (HOFS) (TF 17-0 6:10)  
165: Quentin Perez (CAMP) over Sage Heller (HOFS) (Dec 11-9)  
174: Andrew Morgan (CAMP) over Anthony Olivieri (HOFS) (MD 13-0)  
184: Luke Funck (CAMP) over Cory Damiana (HOFS) (Dec 9-6)  
197: Nezar Haddad (HOFS) over Austin McNeil (CAMP) (Dec 4-2)  
285: Michael Hughes (HOFS) over Jere Heino (CAMP) (Dec 6-0)  
125: Korbin Meink (CAMP) over Jacob Martin (HOFS) (Dec 6-2)  
133: Nathan Boston (CAMP) over Vinny Vespa (HOFS) (Fall 4:16)  
141: Jonathan Ryan (CAMP) over Garrett Lambert (HOFS) (Fall 4:24)

**Match 5 – Pennsylvania 34, Hofstra 8**

- 149: Joe Oliva (PENN) over Connor Muli (HOFS) (TF 16-0 4:21)  
157: Jon Errico (PENN) over Ricky Stamm (HOFS) (MD 17-8)  
165: Sage Heller (HOFS) over Joseph Velliquette (PENN) (Dec 6-5)  
174: Khamari Whimper (PENN) over Anthony Olivieri (HOFS) (MD 10-2)  
184: Joe Heyob (PENN) over Cory Damiana (HOFS) (Dec 7-5)  
197: Frank Mattiace (PENN) over Michael Oxley (HOFS) (MD 15-5)  
285: Michael Hughes (HOFS) over Patrik Garren (PENN) (TF 16-0 2:46)  
125: Daniel Planta (PENN) over Jacob Martin (HOFS) (Dec 5-2)  
133: Giovanni Ghione (PENN) over Vinny Vespa (HOFS) (Fall 0:59)  
141: Jacob Lizak (PENN) over Charlie Kane (HOFS) (TF 16-0 4:43)