

## **Wrestling Gains Academic Laurels**

*Four Bullets named NWCA All-Academic*

**MANHEIM, Pa.** – The Gettysburg College wrestling team was named one of the top-25 academic teams in the country and four Bullets gained individual academic accolades from the National Wrestling Coaches Association (NWCA) it was recently announced.

Gettysburg ranked 25th among NCAA Division III institutions with a team GPA of 3.424. It is the first time in five seasons the Bullets have landed the team academic award from the NWCA.

Individually, senior **Lenny Ogozalek** (Summit Hill, Pa./Panther Valley), junior **Colin Kowalski** (Derwood, Md./Georgetown Prep), sophomore **Colin Devlin** (Dresher, Pa./Upper Dublin), and freshman **Sean Thompson** (Plainsboro, N.J./West Windsor-Plainsboro South) were named to the NWCA All-Academic Team. Both Kowalski and Devlin were repeat selections.

Ogozalek produced an outstanding season at 125 pounds. He went 32-16 overall and established a new program record with 19 pins. Ogozalek placed among the top five in five tournaments, including a third-place finish at the Centennial Conference Championship and a fifth-place showing at the NCAA Southeast Regional. He closed his career with an overall

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record of 86-59 and ranked second in pins with 37.

Kowalski represented Gettysburg on the national stage for the first time in his career this season. The junior posted the fourth-best single-season win total by a Bullet with a record of 37-8 at 165 pounds and he turned in the most technical falls (8) at Gettysburg in 26 seasons. He won the Messiah Petrofes Invitational for the second year in a row and finished runner-up at the conference tournament. He qualified for the NCAA Division III Championship with a third-place finish at the Southeast Regional. Kowalski owns a career record of 72-22.

Devlin backed up a strong freshman campaign with another solid season as a sophomore. Competing at 149 pounds, he logged a record of 23-10 with six falls and four major decisions. He finished fourth at the Petrofes Invitational and placed third at the Centennial meet. Devlin is 55-22 in two seasons at Gettysburg.

Thompson was the team's top newcomer, posting a record of 29-13 with four pins and four major decisions. He opened the season by winning the Messiah Invitational title at 141 pounds and he also placed third at the Petrofes event. In his first trip to conferences, Thompson placed fourth.

Gettysburg posted a dual record of 10-6, including 5-2 in conference matches. The team placed fourth at the CC Championship and 11th at the regional event.

***- Go Bullets -***

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