

Wrestling: Hofstra Announces Wrestling Newcomers For 2018-19

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Hempstead, NY - Hofstra Head Wrestling Coach Dennis Papadatos is proud to announce that six more newcomers have been added to the Pride's 2018-19 squad this fall to bring the recruiting class to nine.

Papadatos, who is entering his fifth season at Hofstra in 2018-19, is thrilled with the class of 2022. "I don't even know where to begin talking about this class," Papadatos said. "I am so excited that we were able to keep some local super talent home while also travelling some distance to bring in the best athletes fit for our program. We covered all our current needs with this exceptional class from top to bottom. The academic and athletic accomplishments of this class, allows them to have a special opportunity to be a monumental class for our program. In this class, we have nationally-ranked wrestlers, state champions, national champions and student-athletes of superb character. We are thrilled and can't wait to get started with this group of fine young men."

The six newcomers include Giuseppe Hoose (Lakewood, NY/Southwestern Central), Zachary Knighton-Ward (Rosedale, NY/Uniondale HS/Nassau CC), Corey Langner (Atlanta, GA/Marist School), Trent Olson (Gillette, WY, Wyoming Seminary Prep/U. of Wyoming), Reggie Poulin (Cohoes, NY/Cohoes) and Matthew Templeton (Libertyville, IL/Libertyville).

Hoose comes to Hofstra from Southwestern Central High School in Jamestown, New York where he was a five-year member of the wrestling team, a four-year track and field athlete and a two-year member of the cross country team. A three-time wrestling captain, Hoose placed third at the 2018 New York State Championships at 182 pounds after winning class and sectional titles during a 40-3 senior season. He was a three-time Section VI qualifier. He earned six letters in wrestling at Southwestern Central and holds school records for most career wins as well as season marks for most takedowns and most pins. Hoose recorded a 178-57 record during his scholastic wrestling career and earned the Flash Olson Award as outstanding wrestler, the Ilio DiPaolo Award and the Walter Thurnau Award in his final two seasons. He is also a National Honor Society member.

Knighton-Ward joins the Pride after one year at nearby Nassau Community College in Garden City, New York. He recorded a 24-4 record with 15 pins on his way to the NJCAA Northeast District title at 197 pounds. The projected heavyweight graduated from Uniondale High School in 2017 where he was an All-Long Island selection on his way to a 43-0 season with 38 pins and the 2017 New York State 220-pound championship, the first state titlist from that school since 1966. He also placed third in the New York State tournament as a junior.

Langner comes to Hofstra from The Marist School in Atlanta, Georgia where he was a four-year member of the wrestling team. An honorable mention selection on the inaugural All-DeKalb County Wrestling Team, Langner placed sixth in the Georgia State Championship as a senior. He also placed sixth in the 2015 state tournament as a freshman. The two-time state place-winner was a member of the War Eagles' Georgia 4A State finalists in 2015.

Olson, a sophomore, joins the Pride after two years at the University of Wyoming in Laramie, Wyoming. As a red-shirt freshman in 2016-17, he posted a 14-3 overall record competing in three open tournaments, finishing second in the Cowboy Open, fourth in the Bob Smith Open and first in the Nebraska-Kearney Holiday Open. He recorded three pins and two tech falls in the tournaments and also competed in the Wisconsin Whitewater Junior Nationals and posted a 3-2 record. Last season, he posted an 11-8 record including 0-2 in duals with one pin and one tech fall. Olson placed second at the Cowboy Open Elite Division at 125 pounds by going 3-1. He graduated from the Wyoming Seminary College Preparatory School in Kingston, Pennsylvania where he was a three-time Pennsylvania Prep

College Preparatory School in Kingston, Pennsylvania where he was a three-time Pennsylvania Prep State Champion and Prep National runner-up. As a freshman at Campbell County High School in Wyoming, he posted a 39-0 record on the way to the Wyoming High School State Championship and becoming the first ever undefeated freshman in Campbell County High School history. He was also an Eastern States runner-up as a junior in 2015 and placed sixth in the Walsh Ironman Tournament in Ohio as a senior.

Poulin comes to Hofstra from Cohoes High School in Cohoes, New York where he was a three-sport athlete competing in wrestling for five years, football for three and track and field for one. He was an All-New York State second team selection at 220-pounds as a senior, a four-time All-Colonial Council All-Star selection including three years on the first team, and a two-time All-Section 2 All-Star. A two-time Section 2 champion, Poulin recorded a 39-4 record as a senior last year on his way to a second-place finish in the NYSPHSAA Championships. He tallied a 27-3 mark as a junior, a 34-7 slate as a sophomore and a 27-10 record as a freshman.

Templeton is a graduate of Libertyville High School in Libertyville, Illinois after attending Deerfield High School in Deerfield, Illinois for three years. He is a two-time Illinois High School Association state qualifier. Templeton placed fourth in the IHSA sectionals as both a junior and a senior and captured the IHSA regional championship as a senior and finished second as a junior. He is also a three-time Fargo qualifier and placed second in the Illinois freestyle state championships as a junior and third as a sophomore. Templeton wrestled on Libertyville's IHSA 3A regional championship team and Deerfield's fourth-place team in the IHSA state championship squad.

Those six student-athletes followed three wrestlers, 133/141 pounder Holden Heller (Riverwoods, IL/Marian Catholic), 197-pound Trey Rogers (Hastings, MN/Hastings) and 125-pound Dylan Ryder (Dix Hills, NY/Half Hollow Hills West), who signed a letter of intent last November. Heller placed fourth in the Illinois High School Championships the past three seasons. Rogers, who was a state finalist as a junior, posted a 49-0 record as a senior on his way to the Minnesota 3A State Championship at 195-pounds. Ryder, a three-time New York State Championship finalist, captured the state title at 106 pounds as a junior in 2017.

The total nine member recruiting class for 2018-19 includes four lightweight wrestlers, one from a middleweight class and four from the upper weights. Four of the wrestlers hail from New York, two are from Illinois while Minnesota, Georgia and Wyoming each have one recruit added to the Pride roster.

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