

Wrestling: Hofstra Hosts Bloomsburg And Binghamton Sunday

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Hempstead, NY – The Hofstra Wrestling team will wrap up their six-match Long Island home stand on Sunday, January 14 when the Pride host two matches at the David S. Mack Physical Education Center on the Hofstra campus. The Pride will entertain the Huskies of Bloomsburg in a non-conference match at 1 p.m. before taking on the Bearcats of Binghamton in an Eastern Intercollegiate Wrestling Association match at 6 p.m.

Hofstra will provide live video through Pride Productions as well as live stats through Track Wrestling. Pride Productions will also stream the audio of both matches against Bloomsburg and Binghamton. Links can be found on this page as well as on the wrestling schedule page on GoHofstra.com.

Hofstra, currently 6-5 overall and 2-1 in the EIWA, is coming off a 21-12 loss to the Falcons of Air Force at the Mack Physical Education Center Friday night. The Pride jumped out to a 12-3 lead in the contest behind a pin by senior Michael Hughes at 285 and wins by decision by sophomores Jacob Martin and Vinny Vespa at 125 and 133, respectively. But Air Force closed with six consecutive wins by decision for the final margin.

The loss spoiled the Hofstra debut of red-shirt freshman transfer Chris Mauriello, who wrestled up a weight class to 165 on Friday. The former New York State High School champion and two-time NHSCA High School National Champion out of Hauppauge (NY) High School, joined the Pride this month after red-shirting at Old Dominion during the 2016-17 season.

The Pride continues to be led by Hughes, who is now just two victories away from the 100-win mark in his career. He is ranked seventh by Amateur Wrestling News, eighth by The Open Mat, and ninth by FloWrestling, InterMat and Track Wrestling. Junior Nezar Haddad is 10-11 on the season at 197, while sophomore Sage Heller at 165 and Vespa at 133 are both 7-8 and red-shirt freshman Charlie Kane is 8-10 at 141.

The Huskies of Bloomsburg, on a three-match losing skid, are 2-5 on the year with wins over George Mason and Davidson. The Huskies are led by 184-pounder Trevor Allard with an 18-8 record, 133-pounder Andy Schutz with a 14-5 slate and 285-pounder Bruce Graeber with a 15-12 mark.

The Bearcats of Binghamton enter the week with a 4-4 overall record and a 1-0 mark in the EIWA. The Bearcats will wrestle at Columbia at 1 p.m. Sunday before coming to Hofstra. Binghamton is led by senior 184-pounder Steve Schneider as he sits at No. 11/13/14 on the latest Track Wrestling, InterMat and FloWrestling rankings. Sophomore Frankie Garcia leads the Bearcats with a 17-8 overall record, while junior Joe Nelson and senior Jacob Nicholson trail close behind with 16-6 and 16-9 records, respectively.

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