

## Four Rutgers Individuals Ranked by FloWrestling

**PISCATAWAY, N.J. (Sept. 28, 2018)** – FloWrestling has released its preseason rankings for the 2018-19 season, as four Rutgers individuals appear within the top 25 of their respective weight classes. **Nick Suriano** (No. 2, 125 pounds), **Anthony Ashnault** (No. 3, 149 pounds), **John Van Brill** (No. 9, 157 pounds), and **Nicholas Gravina** (No. 12, 184 pounds) all earned preseason recognition by the publication.

A full list of FloWrestling's individual rankings can be found [here](#).

Last year's national runner-up at 125 pounds, Suriano became the program's highest finisher at NCAA's in school history with his appearance in the title bout. The 2018 All-American compiled an impressive 25-1 record during his first season at Rutgers, which included an 11-0 dual record and 5-0 mark in Big Ten Conference action. Suriano also secured the Scarlet Knights' first ever Midlands individual title and racked up 12 wins by bonus points in 2017-18.

Ashnault, the only three-time All-American in program history, returns for his final season in an RU singlet after he was granted a sixth year of eligibility by the NCAA. The two-time Big Ten Champion, who missed the entire 2017-18 campaign due to injury, owns 91 career victories for the Scarlet Knights and has finished fourth (2016), sixth (2017) and eighth (2015) at NCAA's during his time "On the Banks".

Van Brill earned 22 wins and his second consecutive trip to NAAs in 2017-18, advancing to the "Blood Round" in Cleveland for the first time in his career. Van Brill earned seven wins over ranked foes last season and had seven victories during dual action for Rutgers. The Mullica Hill, New Jersey, native is a two-time NCAA qualifier and Big Ten Championships placewinner.

A three-time NCAA qualifier, Gravina also secured a sixth year of eligibility from the NCAA. Gravina, who collected three wins at the 2018 Big Ten Championships last year, closed out the regular season with a 14-3 record, which included a 6-1 mark in Big Ten dual action and victories over two top-10 opponents in No. 7 Taylor Venz (Nebraska) and No. 9 Ricky Robertson (Wisconsin).

Rutgers returns three national qualifiers from last season after the Scarlet Knights produced their best team finish at the NCAA Championships in 2018, finishing 11th with 42.5 points. The historic result included the program's first national finalist in Suriano as well as a sixth-place finisher in Scott DeIVecchio, as the Scarlet Knights earned multiple All-Americans for the third consecutive year under head coach **Scott Goodale**. In total, six wrestlers with NCAA Championships experience (Ashnault, Gravina, Suriano, Van Brill, **Matthew Correnti** and **Jordan Pagano**) will be available for Goodale this season.

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