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Nathan Taylor Named To InterMat All-Freshman Team

BETHLEHEM, Pa. – Lehigh heavyweight Nathan Taylor has been named to InterMat Wrestling's All-Freshman team announced Monday. The deferred first-year wrestler was an EIWA Finalist and was selected as the top first-year heavyweight in the country.

Taylor posted a 17-12 record in his first season as Lehigh's starting heavyweight. He was an EIWA finalist at 285, avenging a January loss to Penn's Ben Goldin with a win in the quarterfinals to punch his ticket to the NCAA Championships and then knocked off top seeded Yaraslau Slavikouski of Harvard in the EIWA semifinals to reach the finals. In the process, Taylor gave Lehigh an EIWA finalist at 285 for the seventh time in the last eight seasons.

In his first NCAA Tournament appearance, Taylor went 1-2, defeating Bucknell's Dorian Crosby by major decision in Tulsa, Okla.

Taylor posted a 9-8 record in dual competition highlighted by a pin of Oklahoma's Josh Heindselman to clinch a come-from-behind victory for the Mountain Hawks against the Sooners on Nov. 12. Heading into the NCAA Championships, Taylor posted seven victories over NCAA qualifiers at 285.

Prior to taking over for five-time EIWA champion and three-time All-American Jordan Wood, Taylor was Lehigh's Deferred Eligibility Wrestler of the Year in 2021-22 after going 27-10 as a true first-year in open tournament competition.

The 2022-23 Lehigh wrestling season is presented by the Historic Hotel Bethlehem.

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