

Wrestling: Hofstra Opens Season With An EIWA Win Over Franklin And Marshall

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Hempstead, NY – Hofstra red-shirt senior Michael Hughes recorded a win by fall and three other Pride wrestlers posted major decisions as Hofstra (1-0, 1-0) opened the 2017-18 season with a 30-6 Eastern Intercollegiate Wrestling Association (EIWA) over the Diplomats of Franklin and Marshall (1-0, 1-0) at the David S. Mack Sports and Exhibition Complex Sunday.

Hughes, who sat out last season after placing third in the EIWA and earning a trip to the NCAA Championships in 2016, pinned Diplomat senior Antonio Pelusi at the 1:47 mark of their 285-pound match to give the Pride a 9-0 lead in the contest. Red-shirt freshman Ricky Stamm, who was 29-11 in open tournaments last season, recorded a 13-3 major decision at 157 in his official college debut. Sophomore Sage Heller made his debut at 165 pounds and posted a 16-2 major while red-shirt junior Cory Damiana returned from his red-shirt season last year with a 15-5 major at 184.

Both of the Diplomats' victories, by Edgar Garcia, 9-7 at 125 and Brett Kulp, 4-2 at 141, were sudden victory decisions.

Hofstra returns to action next Saturday, November 11 when the Pride face Kent State and Purdue in the Journeymen-Northeast Duals at Hudson Valley Community College in Troy, New York.

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197: Nezar Haddad (HOFS) over Philip Robilotto (F&M) (Dec 7-4)
285: Mike Hughes (HOFS) over Antonio Pelusi (F&M) (Fall 1:47)
125: Edgar Garcia (F&M) over Jacob Martin (HOFS) (SV-1 9-7)
133: Vinny Vespa (HOFS) over Dan Martoccio (F&M) (Dec 6-5)
141: Brett Kulp (F&M) over Connor Burkert (HOFS) (SV-1 4-2)
149: Ryan Burkert (HOFS) over Cole Aaron (F&M) (SV-1 3-1)
157: Ricky Stamm (HOFS) over Emmett LiCastrì (F&M) (MD 13-3)
165: Sage Heller (HOFS) over Dylan Gumaer (F&M) (MD 16-2)
174: Bobby Fehr (HOFS) over Joshua Young (F&M) (Dec 5-4)
184: Cory Damiana (HOFS) over Steven Mercadante (F&M) (MD 15-5)

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