



**2006-07 HOFSTRA
UNIVERSITY WRESTLING**

***Ray Downey, Sr. Memorial
Scholarship Fund Night
#11 Hofstra Pride (1-0)***

vs.

Army (0-0)

Wednesday, November 15, 2006

David S. Mack Sports Complex – Hempstead, NY

2006-07 HOFSTRA

WRESTLING SCHEDULE/RESULTS

Nov. 14	at Wagner *	56-0 W
Nov. 15	ARMY	7 p.m.
Nov. 18	at East Stroudsburg Open	All Day
Nov. 25	<u>at Journeymen/Brute Northeast Duals</u>	
	vs. #1 Minnesota	10 a.m.
	vs. American	Noon
	vs. Princeton	2:30 p.m.
	vs. Bloomsburg	4:30 p.m.
Dec. 1-2	at Cliff Keen/Las Vegas Invitational	
Dec. 10	PENN STATE	1 p.m.
Jan. 6	at Michigan	7 p.m.
Jan. 7	at Central Michigan	2 p.m.
Jan. 13-14	at NWCA National Duals (Cedar Falls, IA)	All Day
Jan. 19-20	at CAA Duals	All Day
Jan. 26	at Pennsylvania	7 p.m.
Jan. 28	LEHIGH (at NYAC)	5 p.m.
Feb. 3	CORNELL (at NYAC)	1 p.m.
Feb. 13	RIDER *	7 p.m.
Feb. 17	at Oklahoma	7 p.m.
Mar. 3-4	at CAA Championships (at George Mason, Fairfax, VA)	
Mar. 15-17	at NCAA Division I Championships (at The Palace, Auburn Hills, MI)	

* - CAA match – All times are ET - Home matches, in bold, are at the David S. Mack Sports Complex unless noted

CHIEF RAY DOWNEY, SR. MEMORIAL

SCHOLARSHIP FUND NIGHT: Hofstra University is happy to welcome members of the Downey Family and their friends who are in attendance tonight for the presentation of the Chief Ray Downey, Sr. Memorial Scholarship. This year's recipients

of the scholarship grants, named in memory of the late FDNY hero who was killed in the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center on September 11, 2001, are Mike Patrovich and James Strouse.

HOFSTRA NOTES, STREAKS AND TIDBITS:

- Hofstra has won 25 of its last 38 duals and 33 of its last 48 dual matches dating back to 2003.

- Hofstra is undefeated in 48 consecutive dual conference matches posting a 47-0-1 record during that time. The last time Hofstra dropped a conference match was February 17, 1999 when the Broncs of Rider beat the Pride, 28-10, in an East Coast Wrestling Association (ECWA) match. The Pride has won 45 straight conference matches.

- The Pride has won 11 of its last 15 home matches dating back to the start of the 2003-04 season. Hofstra dropped a 25-13 decision to #5 Michigan on January 2, 2006, an 18-17 decision to Oregon State on November 17, 2005, a 30-10 decision to #1 Oklahoma State on February 13, 2005, and a 20-12 decision to #17 Cornell on February 5, 2005 at the Hofstra Arena. Before that, the last home dual match that the Pride dropped was on November 29, 2003 when the ninth-ranked Cornhuskers of Nebraska downed Hofstra, 30-10.

PROJECTED HOFSTRA STARTERS:

Class	Rank - Name	Cl.	05-06	06-07
125	#20 Dave Tomasette*+	Jr.	14-8	1-0
133	Lou Ruggirello	Fr.	----	1-0
141	#14 Charles Griffin*+	Jr.	27-8	1-0
149	Mike Parziale	Sr.	11-5	1-0
157	#12 James Strouse*+	Sr.	29-12	1-0
165	#3 Mike Patrovich*+	Sr.	34-5	1-0
174	Alton Lucas	So.	10-6	1-0
184	#5 Joe Rovelli*+	Jr.	28-13	1-0
197	#6 Chris Weidman*	Sr.	18-13	1-0
285	Matt Pollock	Sr.	4-3	1-0

* - Returning starter: + - returning conference champion
Preseason rankings from USA Today/NWCA/Intermat

HOFSTRA THIS YEAR: The Pride opened their 2006-07 season with a 56-0 victory at Wagner last night (Nov. 14). Hofstra returns 11 lettermen, six starters, six NCAA qualifiers, five conference champions and two All-Americans from last year's squad that placed 11th at the NCAA Division I Championships.

THE PRIDE'S LAST MATCH - NOVEMBER 14, 2006 AT WAGNER:

Five Hofstra wrestlers recorded falls, and two others tallied tech falls to make new Coach Tom Shifflet's debut a successful one with a 56-0 Colonial Athletic Association victory at Wagner College (0-5, 0-1) at the Spiro Sports Center Tuesday night. The 11th-ranked Pride (1-0, 1-0) extended their conference dual match undefeated streak to 48 (47-0-1) matches, including 45 consecutive victories.

In a match that lasted just 42 minutes with two Wagner forfeits, only two bouts went past the first period as the Pride rolled by the Seahawks. Freshman Lou Ruggirello posted the quickest of the five falls, pinning Wagner freshman Joe Cipriano in 41 seconds at 133 pounds. Junior Charles Griffin, ranked 14th at 141 pounds, pinned junior Joe Eurell in 1:02. Senior James Strouse, ranked 12th at 157 pounds, pinned freshman Chris Parish in 1:24.

Senior Matt Pollock, a transfer from Cornell University, pinned junior John Graeffe in 2:06 at heavyweight. Returning All-American, senior Chris Weidman, ranked sixth in the country, recorded a fall at 197 pounds over Robert Rivera in 2:07 seconds.

Returning senior All-American Mike Patrovich, ranked third at 165 pounds, posted a tech fall over sophomore Sean Quinn in 2:41 by a score of 15-0. Junior Dave Tomasette, ranked 20th at 125 pounds, cruised to a tech fall win over Nick Keshecki in 5:00 by a 17-2 count. Senior Mike Parziale tallied the only decision that went the distance with a 14-5 major decision over senior Justin Ensign. Sophomore Alton Lucas, at 174 pounds, and junior Joe Rovelli, at 184 pounds, posted victories by forfeit.

Hofstra 56, Wagner 0

125- Dave Tomasette (H) tech fall Nick Keshecki (W) at 5:00 (17-2)
133- Lou Ruggirello (H) wbf Joe Cipriano (W) at 0:41
141- Charles Griffin (H) wbf Joe Eurell (W) at 1:02
149- Mike Parziale (H) major dec. Justin Ensign (W) 14-5
157- James Strouse (H) wbf Chris Parish (W) at 1:24
165- Mike Patrovich (H) tech fall Sean Quinn (W) at 2:41 (15-0)
175- Alton Lucas (H) by forfeit
184- Joe Rovelli (H) by forfeit
197- Chris Weidman (H) wbf Robert Rivera (W) in 2:07
285- Matt Pollock (H) wbf John Graeffe (W) in 2:06

HOFSTRA COACH TOM SHIFFLET: Tom Shifflet, a four-time NCAA Championships qualifier and a three-time All-American as a student-athlete at Edinboro University and most recently the head wrestling coach at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, became the 10th head wrestling coach in Hofstra University's storied wrestling history on May 17, 2006. Shifflet comes to Hofstra after four seasons as head wrestling coach at UNC Greensboro. While at UNCG, he created and organized the annual 35-team Southern Scuffle wrestling tournament, which is one of the largest and more competitive Division I regular season tournaments in the country. During his tenure at UNC Greensboro Shifflet recorded a 32-32 dual meet record and had nine wrestlers qualify for the NCAA Championships.

A three-time All-American and a four-time national qualifier as a student-athlete at national powerhouse Edinboro University from 1992 through 1995, Shifflet began his coaching career as an assistant at Georgia State University in 1995, helping the Panthers post back-to-back winning seasons, and develop three conference champions and four NCAA qualifiers. In 1997, Shifflet left Georgia State to begin a five-year tenure as an assistant coach at Cornell University in Ithaca, New York. During his time with the Big Red, Shifflet coached 24 NCAA qualifiers, three NCAA All-Americans and helped head coach Rob Koll to a pair of Ivy League championships in 1999 and 2001. More importantly, Cornell was also consistently ranked among the nation's top-15 programs. The final Big Red recruiting class that he was involved with placed fifth at the 2006 NCAA Championships in Oklahoma City.

After five seasons at Cornell, the Amherst, New York native was named the head wrestling coach at UNC Greensboro on May 17, 2002. In 2003-04 the Spartans claimed their first winning season since 1998-99, posting a 9-6 overall record with the nine victories ranking as the third most in the program's 12-year history. Shifflet guided UNCG to the most wins in school

history during the 2004-05 season as the Spartans recorded a 12-5 overall record, 4-1 in the Southern Conference. In 2005-06 UNCG tied a school-record by sending four wrestlers to the NCAA Division I Championships in Oklahoma City and the Spartans finished tied for 31st with Harvard in the final Championship standings. The Spartans finished the season with an 11-6 dual match record and a 4-1 mark in the Southern Conference. As a wrestler, Shifflet registered 118 wins for the Edinboro Fighting Scots and was coached by the legendary Bruce Baumgartner. Competing at 142 pounds, Shifflet finished seventh at nationals as a freshman, sixth as a sophomore and third as a senior. He is one of four three-time All-Americans in school history. Shifflet also received the Eastern Wrestling League Freshman of the Year Award in 1992 and the EWL Wrestler of the Year Award in 1995. He was inducted into both the Edinboro University and the EWL Halls of Fame in 2006. In 1996 Shifflet placed seventh in the final U.S. Olympic Trials in freestyle wrestling at 149.5 pounds. One year later he placed sixth in both the World Team Freestyle Trials and the U.S. Open.

ARMY THIS YEAR: The Black Knights of Army will open their dual season at Hofstra on Wednesday but four Army wrestlers, Connor Sanders, Scott Ferguson, Matt Kyler and Michael Sprigg, earned runner-up honors after working their way to the championship match in their respective weight classes as the Black Knights took fourth place at the season-opening Oklahoma Gold/Brockport Classic Saturday at Tuttle North Gymnasium on the campus of SUNY Brockport. The Black Knights, earning top 6 finishes in all but two of the weight classes, registered 85 points to finish behind Oklahoma (143), Kent State (190.5) and Bloomsburg (107.5), with Buffalo (63) rounding out the top five teams.

HOFSTRA-ARMY SERIES: Tonight's match is the 11th meeting between Hofstra and Army since 1980. The series is tied at 5-5. The two teams met last year at West Point with the Black Knights posting a 25-13 victory.

THE LAST HOFSTRA-ARMY MEETING - November 15, 2005:

Army 25, Hofstra 13

157 - James Strouse (Hofstra) dec. Brandon Benson (Army), 4-1
165 - Jon Anderson (Army) maj. dec. Chris Vondruska (Hofstra), 19-7
174 - Mike Patrovich (Hofstra) maj. dec. Scott Ferguson (Army), 10-1
184 - Joe Rovelli (Hofstra) lost by DQ to Luke Calvert (Army)
197 - Chris Weidman (Hofstra) lost by DQ to Connor Sanders (Army)
Hwt - Michael Sprigg (Army) maj. dec. Jon Andriac (Hofstra) 11-1
125 - Dave Tomasette (Hofstra) dec. William Simpson (Army), 10-7
133 - Frank Baughan (Army) pinned Robbie Deibert (Hofstra) at 0:44
141 - John Manarte (Hofstra) dec. Tony Severo (Army), 7-3
149 - Patrick Simpson (Army) tech fall Michael Martini (Hofstra) at 6:52

CONFERENCE UNDEFEATED STREAK NOW AT 48:

With the 56-0 CAA victory over Wagner last night, Hofstra extended its conference dual match undefeated streak to 48 (47-0-1). The Pride has won 45 consecutive conference dual matches. Hofstra, which lost its last conference dual match in 1998-99, was 6-0-1 in 1999-2000, 6-0-0 in 2000-01 and 2004-

05, 6-0-0 in 2001-02, 7-0-0 in 2002-03, 8-0-0 in 2003-04 and 6-0 in 2005-06. The last time Hofstra dropped a conference dual match was on February 17, 1999 when the Broncs of Rider beat the Pride, 28-10 in an East Coast Wrestling Association (ECWA) match.

NATIONALLY-RANKED OPPONENTS: The Pride will face at least eight teams that are ranked in the NWCA Preseason Top 25. Future ranked opponents include fourth-ranked Oklahoma, seventh-ranked Michigan, 12th-ranked Central Michigan and 14th-ranked Pennsylvania on the road, and eighth-ranked Penn State, ninth-ranked Cornell and 21st-ranked Lehigh in the metropolitan area. In addition, the Pride could meet other ranked teams at the NWCA National Duals in January.

MANHATTAN MANIA: The Pride will wrestle two of their five home matches, January 28 against Lehigh and February 3 against Cornell, at the New York Athletic Club in Manhattan.

RETURNEES: Hofstra returns 11 lettermen, six starters, six NCAA qualifiers, five conference champions and two All-Americans from last year's squad that placed 11th at the NCAA Division I Championships.

RETURNING ALL-AMERICANS: Seniors Mike Patrovich and Chris Weidman are Hofstra's returning All-Americans in 2006-07. Patrovich, who earned a fourth place finish at 174 pounds at the NCAA Championships last March, will drop down to 165 pounds this year. Weidman, who placed sixth at 197 pounds last March, earned All-Effort Team honors by the NWCA for his finish at the Championships.

HOFSTRA IN THE POLLS THIS YEAR

Date	TWM	WIN	NWCA
Preseason	12th	12th	11th



USA TODAY/NWCA/INTERMAT RANKINGS: The Hofstra Pride Wrestling Team, coming off an 11th-place finish at the 2006 NCAA Division I Wrestling Championships last March, is ranked 11th in the country in the 2006-07 USA Today/InterMat/National Wrestling Coaches Association (NWCA) Preseason Division I

Coaches Poll.

The Golden Gophers of Minnesota, who finished second at the NCAA Championships last year, take the top spot in the preseason poll, followed by defending national champion Oklahoma State, Missouri, Oklahoma and Iowa.

Individually for Hofstra, six Pride members are ranked in the preseason Top 20 in their respective weight classes. Senior Mike Patrovich (Islip, NY), who posted a 34-5 record and earned All-American honors with a fourth place finish at the NCAA Championships last March, will drop down to 165 pounds this year and is ranked third in the preseason poll. Junior Joe Rovelli (Wilkes-Barre, PA), a two-time Colonial Athletic Association champion, posted a 28-13 record last year and is ranked fifth at 184 pounds this year. Senior Chris Weidman (Baldwin, NY), who earned All-American honors with a sixth-place finish at 197 pounds last year, is ranked sixth in the preseason poll.

Senior James Strouse (Levittown, NY), another two-time CAA champion who posted a 29-12 mark last year, is ranked 12th at

157 pounds. Junior Charles Griffin (Reading, PA), one of four two-time conference champions on the Pride roster, posted a 27-8 mark in 2005-06 and enters the new season ranked 14th at 141 pounds. Junior Dave Tomasette (Sewell, NJ), who posted a 14-8 mark and captured his first CAA title last year, is ranked 20th at 125 pounds in the preseason poll.

No.	Team (1st pl. votes)	'06 W-L	Pts.	'06 NCAAs
1.	Minnesota (12)	20-1	480	2
2.	Oklahoma State	16-2	468	1
3.	Missouri	13-4-1	441	15
4.	Oklahoma	10-6-1	432	3
5.	Iowa	11-7	431	4
6.	Iowa State	11-7	426	13
7.	Michigan	16-2	415	7
8.	Penn State	13-4	400	t9
9.	Cornell	10-4	390	5
10.	Northwestern	10-5	358	13
11.	Hofstra	11-9	347	11
12.	Central Michigan	13-4	335	26
13.	Edinboro	12-0	326	8
14.	Penn	11-5	324	12
15.	Ohio State	3-13	319	45
16.	Illinois	9-2-1	290	25
17.	Michigan State	7-10	283	t18
18.	Nebraska	12-5	279	16
19.	Indiana	11-6	251	t18
20.	Cal Poly	10-7	249	23
21.	Lehigh	13-5-1	241	t9
22.	Harvard	5-9-1	226	t31
23.	Arizona State	14-7	216	6
24.	West Virginia	6-6	210	27
25.	Pittsburgh	4-9	128	35



HOFSTRA RANKED 12TH IN W.I.N. MAGAZINE POLL: Coming off an 11th place finish at last year's NCAA Division I Wrestling

Championships that included three All-American honors, the Hofstra University wrestling program is ranked 12th in the 2006-07 Wrestling International Newsmagazine (W.I.N.) Preseason NCAA Division I Wrestling rankings.

As in previous years, the W.I.N. rankings are selected by a committee based on who are currently the best individuals and tournament teams. Teams are not ranked on dual-meet strength. The rankings are compiled after receiving feedback from the collegiate wrestling coaches. The committee then takes that information and looks at the team and individual performances from past years to come up with the final rankings.

Minnesota, who finished second the NCAA Championships last March, takes the top preseason spot, according to W.I.N. Defending national champions Oklahoma State slips to number two followed by Oklahoma, Iowa and Missouri. The Hofstra Pride has Minnesota, at the Northeast Duals in Albany, and Oklahoma, in Norman, on their 2006-07 schedule and could face Oklahoma State, Iowa and Missouri at the 2007 Cliff Keen/National Wrestling Coaches Association National Dual Meet Championships in Cedar Falls, IA in January.

W.I.N.'s second five includes Iowa State, Michigan, Cornell, Penn State and Ohio State. Michigan, Cornell and Penn State are

on the Pride schedule. Northwestern is 11th, Hofstra is 12th followed by Central Michigan, Pennsylvania and Edinboro. The Pride will also face Central Michigan and Pennsylvania in January.

Individually for Hofstra, six Pride wrestlers are ranked in the top 20 of their respective weight classes. Senior Mike Patrovich, who is expected to drop down to 165 pounds this year after finishing 4th at 174 last year, leads the Hofstra six-pack with a second-place ranking at 174. Patrovich posted a 34-5 record on the way to his first All-American honor. Senior Chris Weidman (18-13) is ranked seventh at 197 pounds after a magical NCAA Championship in which he earned All-American honors by finishing sixth. Junior Joe Rovelli (26-13) is ranked eighth at 184 pounds and junior Charles Griffin (27-8) is ranked 14th at 141 after each earned his second Colonial Athletic Association title and NCAA Championship berth last year. Senior James Strouse (29-12) is ranked 15th at 157 after he captured his second CAA title and his third NCAA bid. Junior Dave Tomasette (14-8) is ranked 20th by W.I.N. after winning his first conference title and making his second NCAA Championship appearance last March.

2006-07 WRESTLING INTERNATIONAL NEWSMAGAZINE (W.I.N.) PRESEASON POLL

1. Minnesota (2nd)
2. Oklahoma State (1st)
3. Oklahoma (3rd)
4. Iowa (4th)
5. Missouri (15th)
6. Iowa State (13th)
7. Michigan (7th)
8. Cornell (5th)
9. Penn State (9th)
10. Ohio State (45th)
11. Northwestern (13th)
- 12. Hofstra (11th)**
13. Central Michigan (26th)
14. Pennsylvania (12th)
15. Edinboro (8th)
16. Michigan State (18th)
17. Cal Poly (23rd)
18. Lehigh (9th)
19. Nebraska (16th)
20. Illinois (25th)
21. Pittsburgh (35th)
22. West Virginia (27th)
23. Harvard (31st)
24. Indiana (18th)
25. Arizona State (6th)

VIVA LAS VEGAS: The Pride placed 11th at the 2005 Cliff Keen/Las Vegas Invitational last December. Hofstra senior Mike Patrovich finished second at 174 pounds, losing only to top-ranked Ben Askren from Missouri, while sophomore Joe Rovelli was sixth at 184 pounds and junior James Strouse was seventh. Hofstra will return to the Cliff Keen/Las Vegas Invitational, which will be held this year in Primm, Nevada, on December 1-2.

HOFSTRA WRESTLING HISTORY: This is Hofstra's 59th season of intercollegiate wrestling. The Pride has had 10 coaches direct the wrestling program, beginning with Walter "Brick" Stone in 1947 and currently with Tom Shifflet, who is in his first season.

HOFSTRA WRESTLING DINNER: Wrestling fans are encouraged to make plans to attend the 2006-07 Hofstra University Wrestling Dinner, on Saturday, December 9, at the Hofstra University Club in David S. Mack Hall. The festivities begin at 6:30 p.m. with a cocktail reception with the dinner program to begin at 7 p.m. The guest speaker at the dinner is Chris Bevilacqua, a two-time All-American at Penn State and the co-founder of the CSTV Networks. Tickets are priced at \$100 per person and sponsorship opportunities are available. For more information, contact Mark Cox at (516) 463-6144.

HOFSTRA WRESTLING PRONUNCIATIONS:

- 125 - Tomasette (Tom-a-set-e)
- 133 - Ruggirello (Rug-a-rell-o)
- 141 - Manarte (ma-nar-dee)
- 149 - Parziale (Par-z-al-e)
- 157- Strouse (like house)
- 165 - Patrovich (PAT-tro-vitch)
- 174 - Alton Lucas (Al-ton)
- 184 - Rovelli (Row-vell-ee)
- 197 - Weidman (Wide-min)
- Hwt - Pollock (Pahl-ick)

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The Pride

<u>Wrestler</u>	<u>Wt. Cl.</u>	<u>Ht.</u>	<u>Cl.</u>	<u>Hometown/High School/Last School</u>
<i>Dave Tomasette</i>	125	5-4	Jr.*	<i>Sewell, NJ/Washington Township</i>
Louie Ruggirello	133	5-8	Fr.	Walden, NY/Valley Central
Mark Fontana	133	5-7	Fr.*	Palisades Park, NJ/Palisades Park/Dominican College
Craig Kennedy	133	5-6	So.	Parsippany, NJ/Parsippany
<i>Charles Griffin</i>	141	5-5	Jr.	<i>Reading, PA/Reading</i>
John Manarte	141	5-6	Sr.	<i>Farmingville, NY/Sachem</i>
Ryan Brown	141	5-7	Fr.	<i>Cherry Hill, NJ/Camden Catholic</i>
Mitch Smith	149	5-5	Fr.*	Sandyville, WV/Ripley
Mike Parziale	149	5-7	Sr.	Woburn, MA/Woburn/Franklin & Marshall
<i>James Strouse</i>	157	5-8	Sr.*	<i>Levittown, NY/MacArthur</i>
Rich Muzikar	157	5-7	Fr.	North Caldwell, NJ/Montclair Kimberly Academy
<i>Mike Patrovich</i>	165	5-9	Sr.*	<i>Islip, NY/Islip</i>
Jesse Koproski	165	5-11	So.	Wilton, CT/Wilton
Alton Lucas	174	5-8	So	West Babylon, NY/West Babylon
<i>Joe Rovelli</i>	184	6-1	Jr.	<i>Wilkes-Barre, PA/E.L. Meyers</i>
Chris Weidman	197	6-2	Sr.*	Baldwin, NY/Baldwin/Nassau CC
Matt Pollock	285	6-1	Gr.	Fulton, NY/G.Ray Bodley/Cornell University
Gus Del Vecchio	285	5-9	So.	West Caldwell, NJ/Seton Hall Prep

Head Coach: Tom Shifflet (Edinboro, 1992), 1st season

Assistant Coaches: Rob Anspach, and Joe Dubuque

Strength and Conditioning Coaches: Ryan Martin & Joe Makovec

**Used red-shirt season*

Anticipated starters in bold