

2006-07 HOFSTRA UNIVERSITY WRESTLING

#6 Hofstra Pride (15-2-2)

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#14 Penn Quakers (3-4)

The Palestra - Philadelphia, PA Friday, January 26, 2007

2006-07 HOFSTRA WRESTLING SCHEDULE/RESULTS Nov. 14 at Wagner * 56-0 W Nov. 15 **ARMY** 41-0 W Nov. 18 at East Stroudsburg Open All Day Nov. 25 at Journeymen/Brute Northeast Duals vs. #1 Minnesota 18-17 W vs. American 33-12 W vs. Princeton 45-6 W vs. Bloomsburg 27-15 W Dec. 1-2 at Cliff Keen/Las Vegas Invit. 9th pl. Dec. 10 **#8 PENN STATE** 24-10 W Jan. 6 at #11 Michigan 18-18 T Jan. 7 at #9 Central Michigan 18-18 T Jan. 13-14 at NWCA National Duals (Cedar Falls, IA) Jan 13 vs. #20 Nebraska 32-6 W Jan. 13 vs. #6 Iowa State 9-24 L Jan. 13 vs. Northern Iowa 25-9 W Jan. 13 vs. #9 Central Michigan 16g-16 W Jan. 14 vs. #5 Iowa 10-26 L Jan. 19-20 at CAA Duals (Fairfax, VA) Jan. 19 vs. Old Dominion* 23-12 W Jan. 19 vs. Binghamton* 31-12 W Jan. 20 vs. James Madison* 34-12 W Jan. 20 at George Mason* 34-9 W Jan. 20 vs. Drexel* 26-15 W Jan. 26 at #14 Penn 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 Fairfax, VA

(at The Palace, Auburn Hills, MI)

Mar. 15-17 at NCAA Division I Championships

HOFSTRA-PENN ON THE INTERNET: PennAthletics.com will offer FREE live streaming video of Friday's wrestling dual meet between the Pride and the Quakers at 7 p.m. The event is being webcast as part of the free introduction of the Penn Sports Network, an Internet-only multimedia network covering Quaker athletics. Fans will be able to access the video stream beginning at 6:45 p.m. EST Friday evening at www.pennathletics.net. Windows Media Player will be required to view the stream. Users will have to sign up, although there is no cost to view the stream.

HOFSTRA NOTES, STREAKS AND TIDBITS:

- Hofstra has won 39 of its last 56 duals and 47 of its last 66 dual matches dating back to 2003. Included are three ties.
- Hofstra is <u>undefeated</u> in 53 consecutive dual <u>conference</u> matches posting a 52-0-1 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 50 straight conference matches.
- The Pride has won 13 of its last 17 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.

HOFSTRA THIS YEAR: The Pride is 15-2-2 in dual matches this year following their 5-0 weekend at the Colonial Athletic Association Duals at George Mason University in Fairfax, Virginia last week. Hofstra posted a 3-2 record and a sixth place finish at the NWCA/Cliff Keen National Duals in Cedar Falls, Iowa on January 13-14. The previous weekend, Hofstra posted back-to-back 18-18 ties at Michigan and Central Michigan. Hofstra tallied a 24-10 victory over then-#8 Penn State on December 10 at the David S. Mack Sports Complex on the Hofstra campus. The Pride also posted a 4-0 performance at the Journeymen/Brute Northeast Collegiate Duals in Guilderland Center, New York on November 25. Hofstra also has dual wins over Wagner and Army. The Pride finished ninth at the 47-team Cliff Keen/Las Vegas Invitational on December 2 with four Pride wrestlers placing in the top seven.

PROJECTED HOFSTRA STARTERS:

Class	Rank - Name	Cl.	05-06	06-07
125	#18 Dave Tomasette*+	Jr.	14-8	12-5
133	#18 Lou Ruggirello	Fr.		25-5
141	#7 Charles Griffin*+	Jr.	27-8	21-4
149	Mike Parziale or	Sr.	11-5	11-9
	#19 Mitch Smith	RFr.	12-3	6-1
157	#2 James Strouse*+	Sr.	29-12	29-2
165	#6 Mike Patrovich*+	Sr.	34-5	9-4
174	#17 Alton Lucas	So.	10-6	16-8
184	#7 Joe Rovelli*	Jr.	28-13	24-4
197	#11 Chris Weidman*	Sr.	18-13	21-5
285	Matt Pollock	Gr.	4-3^	10-19

* - Returning starter: + - returning conference champion Rankings from USA Today/NWCA/Intermat; ^-at Cornell

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

HOFSTRA 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, has dropped 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.

STROUSE REMAINS NUMBER TWO IN THE

COUNTRY: For the second consecutive week, Hofstra senior James Strouse, who posted a 5-0 record at both the CAA Duals last weekend and the National Duals two weeks ago, remained number two at 157 pounds in this week's NWCA/Intermat/USA Today Division I Individual Rankings. Strouse, who has now won 14 consecutive matches, improved to 29-2 on the season last weekend and is a perfect 19-0 in duals. He also equaled his career best victory total achieved last year. Strouse also recorded his 100th career victory at the National Duals with a 3-1 upset over #2 Trent Paulson from Iowa State. Strouse leads the team in dual match points earned with 72.

TOMASETTE NAMED CAA WRESTLER OF THE

WEEK: Hofstra junior Dave Tomasette was named the CAA Wrestler of the Week this week for his perfect 5-0 weekend at the CAA Duals. Tomasette, a 125-pounder from Sewell, NJ (Washington Township), won all five of his bouts at the CAA Duals last weekend, recording three tech falls and a major decision. He posted a tech fall on the ODU's Kyle Hunter, ranked second in the CAA, and won a major decision over fourth ranked Joe Coughlin from George Mason. Currently ranked 18th by InterMat, Tomasette improved to 12-5 on the season and 6-0 in the CAA.

RUGGIRELLO SHARES CAA ROOKIE OF THE WEEK

AWARD: Pride freshman Lou Ruggirello has been named CAA co-Rookie of the Week this week for his performance at the CAA Duals last week. Ruggirello, a freshman from Walden, NY (Valley Central), went 5-0 at 133 pounds at the CAA Duals with a three falls, while collecting decisions over the second and sixth ranked wrestlers in the CAA. Also currently ranked 18th in the nation by InterMat, Ruggirello improved to 25-5 overall and 6-0 in the CAA. He is also second on the team in dual match points earned with 69.

GRIFFIN ROLLING ALONG: Hofstra junior Charles Griffin continues his winning ways this season. The Reading PA native, who went 4-1 at the National Duals, was 3-0 at the CAA Duals last weekend and is now 21-4 on the season and 14-2 in dual matches. He has won 11 of his last 12 matches.

ROVELLI RETURNS STRONG: Hofstra junior Joe Rovelli, ranked seventh at 184 this week, returned to action at the National Duals after missing the two-match Great Lakes trip to Michigan and Central Michigan. Rovelli posted a 4-1 mark at the Duals and tallied a major decision victory against Northern Iowa. Last week at the CAA Duals, he was a perfect 5-0 to boost his winning streak to eight matches. Rovelli is now 24-4 on the year.

HOFSTRA COACH TOM SHIFFLET: Tom Shifflet, a fourtime 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 in1995, 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 last 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 12year 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.

BUSY JANUARY FOR THE PRIDE: The Christmas rush came late this year for the Pride as Hofstra had seven matches in the first two weeks of January. With five matches at the CAA Duals last weekend, and two more this weekend, the Pride will have wrestled 14 dual matches in January. That is four more than November, December and February combined.

INJURY REPORT: Returning All-American, senior Mike Patrovich is probably for action this weekend. Patrovich, 9-4 on the season and ranked sixth at 165, suffered a torso injury in the Northern Iowa match...Red-shirt freshman Mitch Smith, at 149, has been downgraded to questionable for this weekend with a leg injury suffered over the Christmas holidays. Smith is 6-1 on the season and ranked 19th.

CONFERENCE UNDEFEATED STREAK NOW AT 53:

With five wins at the CAA Duals last weekend, Hofstra extended its conference dual match undefeated streak to 53 (52-0-1). The Pride has won 50 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 Pride is 6-0 in CAA matches this year. 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.

IN THE CAA: Despite winning the last five Colonial Athletic Association titles, the Hofstra Pride were picked to finish second in the CAA race in 2006-07. Hofstra currently has eight wrestlers who are top-ranked in the conference.

Hofstra's 2006-07 CAA Weekly Award Winners

Dec. 7 - Chris Weidman - Co-Wrestler of the Week
Lou Ruggirello - Co-Rookie of the Week

Dec. 19 – Chris Weidman – Co-Wrestler of the Week

Jan. 23 - Dave Tomasette - Wrestler of the Week Lou Ruggirello - Co-Rookie of the Week

NATIONALLY-RANKED OPPONENTS: At the mid[point of the season, the Pride of Hofstra has already faced eight ranked opponents and could face four more if their rankings hold over the next couple of weeks. At the time of their matches, Hofstra has faced teams ranked first, fifth, sixth, eighth, ninth twice, 11th and 20th. Cornell, Oklahoma, Penn, Lehigh and Rider still loom on the schedule horizon.

HOFSTRA IN THE POLLS THIS YEAR

<u>Date</u>	<u>NWCA</u>	<u>WIN</u>	<u>TWM</u>
Preseason	11th	12th	12th
Nov. 21		12th	
Nov. 28	5th	7th	
Dec. 5	5th	7th	10th
Dec. 12	3rd	6th	10th
Dec. 19	3rd	6th	
Jan. 3	3rd	6th	6th
Jan. 10	3rd	6th	
Jan. 17	6th	6th	6th
Jan. 24	6th	6th	



PRIDE RANKED 6th IN USA TODAY/NWCA/INTERMAT

RANKINGS: The Hofstra Pride, with nine wrestlers ranked this week, remain in sixth place this week in the National Wrestling Coaches Association coaches poll and individual ranking. Individually, nine Pride wrestlers remain ranked in the top 20 of their

respective weight classes again this week. Senior James Strouse (29-2), who was 5-0 at the CAA Duals, stayed in second at 157 while returning All-American senior Mike Patrovich (9-4), who sat out last week with an injury, remained sixth at 165 pounds. Junior Charles Griffin (21-4) held steady in seventh at 141

pounds as did junior Joe Rovelli (24-4) at 184. Senior returning All-American Chris Weidman (21-5), despite a 5-0 weekend in Virginia, fell one place to 11th at 197 pounds while sophomore Alton Lucas (16-8) fell four spots to 17th at 174. Freshman Lou Ruggirello (25-5), another 5-0 wrestler at the CAA Duals, fell one place to 18th at 133 while junior Dave Tomasette (12-5) moved up one to 18th at 125 after a 5-0 mark in the CAA Duals. Red-shirt freshman Mitch Smith (6-1), who will remained sidelined with an injury for at least one more week, remained in 19th at 149.

The NWCA Top 10 didn't change much this week as Minnesota remained number one followed by Missouri, Iowa State, Oklahoma State and Iowa. Hofstra is sixth, Central Michigan is seventh, Edinboro moved up one to eighth, Northwestern fell one place and shares ninth place with undefeated Wisconsin, which jumped eight places this week.

USA Today/InterMat/NWCA Division I Team Rankings January 24, 2006

Minnesota (12)	12-1	480	1
Missouri	7-1	468	2
Iowa State	7-3	456	3
Oklahoma State	11-3	444	4
Iowa	10-2	432	5
Hofstra	15-2-2	420	6
Central Michigan	12-4-1	408	7
Edinboro	13-1	388	9
Northwestern	10-5	369	8
Wisconsin	15-0	369	17
Illinois	6-0	355	16
Penn State	9-4	345	10
Oklahoma	8-3	329	12
Penn	3-4	323	13
Cornell	2-5	306	11
Indiana	10-1	304	14
Michigan	1-3-1	301	15
UT-Chattanooga	11-1	287	18
Oregon State	11-1	269	19
Nebraska	7-4	248	20
Kent State	11-1	234	21
Navy	8-4	209	22
Michigan State	1-4	192	23
Columbia	4-0	174	24
Lehigh	9-6	174	25
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PICKING UP ANOTHER WIN: The Pride, who extended their conference match undefeated streak to 53 (52-0-1) and their conference match win streak to 50 last weekend, also picked up another win when their 16-16 tie with Central Michigan on January 13 at the NWCA National Duals was declared a win. Although ties are allowed during regular season dual matches, they are broken in dual match advancement tournaments. The Pride advanced to the fifth-place match against Iowa with the tie-breaker point (criteria "g") against Central Michigan on January 14.

HOFSTRA IN THE NATIONAL DUALS: Hofstra made its fourth straight National Duals appearance, and fifth since the 2000-01 season on January 13-14. The Pride posted a 3-3 mark in 2004, a 1-2 mark in 2005, and 0-2 marks in 2001 and 2006. Hofstra was 3-2 in competition this year and placed sixth with wins over Nebraska, Northern Iowa and Central Michigan, and losses to Iowa and Iowa State.



HOFSTRA STAYS RANKED 6TH IN W.I.N. MAGAZINE POLL:

Following their 5-0 weekend at the CAA Duals, the Hofstra Pride

wrestling team remains ranked sixth in the country for the sixth consecutive week in the tenth W.I.N. Magazine NCAA Division I wrestling rankings of the 2006-07 season. There was very little movement in the W.I.N. Magazine top 10 this week as the Golden Gophers of Minnesota held on to the top spot for the second week followed by Missouri, Iowa State, Oklahoma State and Iowa. Hofstra is sixth followed by Central Michigan, Oklahoma moves up one to eighth, Northwestern falls one to ninth, and Michigan stays at ten.

Individually, Hofstra now has eight wrestlers ranked in the top 20 of their respective weight classes. Leading the Pride is senior James Strouse (29-2), who is ranked fifth at 157 pounds. Returning All-American, senior Mike Patrovich (9-4), at 165 pounds, and junior Joe Rovelli (24-4), at 184 pounds, remained in sixth place. Junior Charles Griffin (21-4), at 141, remained eight while returning All-American, senior Chris Weidman (21-5) moved up one place to eighth at 197 pounds. Sophomore Alton Lucas (16-8) remained in 12th place at 174 while junior Dave Tomasette (12-5) remained in 15th at 125. Freshman Lou Ruggirello (25-5) cracked W.I.N.'s top 20 at 133 this week with a 20th place ranking.

2006-07 WRESTLING INTERNATIONAL NEWSMAGAZINE (W.I.N.) NCAA DIV. I TEAM RANKINGS

(Previous Rankings from Jan. 15, 2006)

- 1. Minnesota (1st)
- 2. Missouri (2nd)
- 3. Iowa State (3rd)
- 4. Oklahoma State (4th)
- 5. Iowa (5th)
- 6. Hofstra (6th)
- 7. Central Michigan (7th)
- 8. Oklahoma (9th)
- 9. Northwestern (8th)
- 10. Michigan (10th)
- 11. Wisconsin (15th)
- 12. Illinois (16th)
- 13. Penn State (11th)
- 14. Cornell (12th)
- 15. Penn (14th)
- 16. UT-Chattanooga (17th)
- 17. Indiana (13th)
- 18. Edinboro (18th)
- 19. Michigan State (19th)
- 20. Oregon State (20th)
- 21. Navy (21st)
- 22. Nebraska (22nd)
- 23. Pittsburgh (23rd)
- 24. Kent State (24th)
- 25. Ohio State (25th)

MANHATTAN MANIA: The Pride will wrestle two of their three remaining home matches at the New York Athletic Club in Manhattan. The January 28 match against Lehigh and the February 3 contest against Cornell will be held at the venerable facility on Central Park West and 59th Street in New York City.

THE IOWA JINX: The spell that Iowa State and Iowa have over the Pride continued at the National Duals last weekend. Iowa State, then-ranked sixth, recorded a 24-9 win over the Pride in the Duals quarterfinals. It was the Cyclones' 13th consecutive win over Hofstra in as many meeting. In the fifth place match against #5 Iowa, the Hawkeyes moved to 6-0 against Hofstra all-time with a 26-10 victory.

CHIEF RAY DOWNEY, SR. MEMORIAL

SCHOLARSHIP FUND NIGHT: Hofstra University proudly welcomed members of the Downey Family and their friends who came to the November 15th match against Army 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 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.

2006-07 HOFSTRA WRESTLING RECAPS

Saturday, January 20, 2007 at CAA Duals: The sixth-ranked Hofstra wrestling team downed James Madison, George Mason and Drexel Saturday to sweep the two-day Colonial Athletic Association Duals at the George Mason Field House. The Pride (14-2-3), who posted victories over Old Dominion and Binghamton on Friday night, recorded a perfect 5-0 record in this year's CAA Duals and in the process boosted their conference match undefeated streak to 53 including 50 consecutive wins.

In Saturday's opener against the Dukes of James Madison, the Pride captured eight of the 10 matches, including tech falls by junior Dave Tomasette (10-5) at 125, senior John Manarte (2-3) at 149, and senior James Strouse (27-2) at 157, to cruise to a 34-12 victory. Hofstra won the first five matches in the contest, building a 21-0 lead, before James Madison came back with a forfeit win and a win by fall by Ivan Lagares to close the deficit to 21-12. But Pride junior Joe Rovelli (22-4) won by forfeit at 184, senior Chris Weidman (19-5) posted a major decision at 197, and graduate-student Matt Pollock (10-17) tallied a 1-0 victory over Zack Winfrey to close out the match.

The Pride's second match on Saturday against host George Mason was more of the same as Hofstra won eight of the 10 matches, including wins by fall by freshman Lou Ruggirello and senior Chris Weidman, to record a 34-9 victory over the Patriots. The Pride captured the first five matches to take a 20-0 lead before George Mason put some points on the scoreboard by way of a Hofstra forfeit at 165. Ruggirello (24-5) recorded his second pin of the CAA Duals and his sixth of the year with a fall in 1:30 over Will Powars in the second match at 133. Pride freshman Ryan Brown (6-3) tallied his second win of the Duals at 141 while senior John Manarte (3-3) posted his second win with a decision at 149. After Dan Cook's forfeit win for the Patriots, sophomore Alton Lucas (16-7) and junior Joe Rovelli (23-4) scored major decision wins at 174 and 184, respectively. Senior Chris Weidman (20-5) tallied his 20th win of the year with a pin of Harry Zander in 2:50. GMU's Ryan Kittrick edged Matt Pollock (10-18) in the match finale.

The Pride's final match of the CAA Duals proved to be their toughest as the Drexel Dragons proved to be a challenging foe in a 26-15 Hofstra victory. Pride junior Dave Tomasette (12-5) posted his fifth victory of the CAA Duals with a 10-3 decision over Steve Mytech at 125. Freshman Lou Ruggirello (25-5) also posted his fifth win of the Duals with a pin of William Martin in 1:15 at 133 to boost the Pride lead to 9-0. Junior Charles Griffin (21-4) then tallied a tech fall (16-1) over Morgan Remillard. Drexel senior Mark Cartella cut the deficit to 14-3 with a 6-1 decision over John Manarte (3-4). But Pride senior James Strouse (29-2) took the points right back with a 7-5 decision over Ryan Hluschak at 157. Billy Haydt took a forfeit win at 165 and Nick Kozar recorded a 5-3 upset victory over Alton Lucas (16-8) in sudden victory to close the deficit to 17-12. But Hofstra junior Joe Rovelli (24-4) at 184, and senior Chris Weidman (21-5) at 197 tallied a tech fall and a major decision, respectively, to put the match out of reach. Both Rovelli and Weidman were members of Hofstra's five victory club in the CAA Duals along with Tomasette, Ruggirello and Strouse. Drexel's Chris Cowen defeated Matt Pollock to close out the contest

Friday, January 19, 2007 at CAA Duals: Hofstra captured seven of 10 matches, including a tech fall by Dave Tomasette at 125 pounds, to post a 23-12 CAA victory over the Monarchs of Old Dominion in the first round of the Colonial Athletic Association Duals at George Mason University. The Pride improve to 10-2-3 on the season and boosts their conference match undefeated streak to 49 matches (48-0-1) and their conference match winning streak to 46.

Tomasette (8-5), the 19th-ranked junior and top-ranked CAA wrestler at 125, started the Pride off on the right foot with a 17-1 tech fall in 4:48 over Kyle Hutter to give Hofstra a 5-0 lead. Freshman Lou Ruggirello (21-5), ranked 17th this week, boosted the lead to 8-0 with a 4-3 decision over Christian Staylor. Seventh-ranked junior Charles Griffin (19-4) made it three straight with a 5-0 decision over Ryan Williams.

Old Dominion (6-4) got on the board as Kaylen Baxter downed senior John Manarte (1-2), who was making his 2006-07 dual match debut, 4-2 at 149, to cut the deficit to 11-3. But Hofstra's second-ranked senior James Strouse (25-2) tallied a 10-1 major decision over Chris Brown at 157 for his tenth consecutive victory. With Hofstra's sixth-ranked senior out with an injury, Hofstra forfeited the 165 pound match to ODU's Nick Pullano to pull the Monarchs within six at 15-9.

But Hofstra won the next three matches to put the contest away. Pride sophomore Alton Lucas (14-7), ranked 13th in the country at 174, downed Derek Coffey 9-2. In a battled between the top two ranked wrestlers in the CAA at 184, Hofstra junior Joe Rovelli (20-4), ranked seventh, defeated Jesse Strawn 6-2. Pride senior Chris Weidman (17-5) boosted the Hofstra lead to 24-9 with a 9-3 victory over David Mendoza at 197. ODU's Matt Pellar closed out the match with a 3-1 decision over Matt Pollock.

In the nightcap, Lou Ruggirello recorded a win by fall and Dave Tomasette, Joe Rovelli and Chris Weidman posted tech fall victories to lead the sixth-ranked Pride to a 31-12 victory over Binghamton University in the second round of the CAA Duals at George Mason University. The victory, which boosts the Pride's record to 11-2-3 on the year and 3-0 in the CAA, is also

Hofstra's 50th without a loss (49-0-1) in conference competition and 47th consecutive conference victory.

Tomasette (9-5) posted his second straight tech fall in the CAA Duals with an 18-2 decision over Mike Kleeman in the opener. It was Tomasette's fourth tech fall of the year. Freshman Lou Ruggirello (22-5) tallied his fifth fall of the year with a 51 second pin of Corey Sullivan. Junior Charles Griffin (20-4) posted his 20th win of the year with a 10-4 decision over Kareem Naguib at 141 to give the Pride a 14-0 lead in the match.

Kyle Fried defeated Hofstra senior John Manarte (1-3), 4-0, at 149 to put the Bearcats on the board. Pride senior James Strouse (26-2) posted his 11th consecutive victory with a 9-1 major decision over Nate Patterson at 157. Sam Sirota took a forfeit victory at 165 for Binghamton to cut the lead to 18-9.

But like their first match in the CAA Duals earlier Friday night, Alton Lucas, Joe Rovelli and Chris Weidman posted victories to cruise to the match victory. Lucas (15-7) tallied a 5-2 victory over Josh Patterson, junior Joe Rovelli (21-4) tallied a 16-0 tech fall victory at the end of the first period over Corey Waite, and Chris Weidman (18-5) posted his third tech fall victory of the season with a 21-5 victory in 1:46 for a 31-9 lead in the match.

Binghamton's Michael Patterson closed out the match with a 2-1 decision over Matt Pollock (9-17).

Sunday, January 14, 2007 vs. #5 Iowa: Hofstra wrestlers posted victories in three of ten matches as fifth-ranked Iowa posted a 26-10 victory over the third-ranked Pride to capture fifth place at the 2007 NWCA/Cliff Keen National Duals at the UNI-Dome Sunday afternoon.

The Pride, who posted a 2-2-1 record in the two-day event, placed sixth in the Duals which were won by Minnesota. Current top-ranked Missouri placed second followed by Iowa State and Oklahoma State. In Sunday's fifth place match, Iowa captured the first four matches, building a 14-0 lead. At 125, sophomore Charlie Falck posted a major decision victory over Pride junior Dave Tomasette 11-2. Senior Mario Galanakis, ranked 14th, downed Hofstra's 19th-ranked freshman Lou Ruggirello 11-1. In a battle of top 10 wrestlers at 141, Iowa junior Alex Tsirtsis, ranked eighth, edged Charles Griffin, ranked ninth, 12-11. At 149, Iowa senior Alex Grunder posted a 7-2 decision over Hofstra senior Mike Parziale.

The Pride got on the scoreboard at 157 as fourth-ranked senior James Strouse, who posted a 5-0 mark in the five matches during the Duals, recorded an 8-0 major decision over #13 Ryan Morningstar. The Pride forfeited 165 as senior Mike Patrovich was injured in an earlier round and sat out the finale giving the Hawkeyes a 20-4 lead. At 174, Iowa's second-ranked senior Eric Luedke edged 13th-ranked Alton Lucas 4-1. Pride junior Joe Rovelli, ranked sixth, posted a 7-6 decision over freshman Phillip Keddy at 184. Hofstra senior Chris Weidman, ranked fourth, recorded a solid 10-5 victory over Dan Erekson to close the gap to 23-10. Iowa junior Matt Fields, ranked seventh, closed out the scoring with a 7-2 decision over Matt Pollock.

January 13, 2007 vs. #9 Central Michigan: When it comes to ninth-ranked Central Michigan, Hofstra is fit to be tied. For the second time in a week, Hofstra and Central Michigan battled to a 16-16 tie in the consolation bracket third round of the NWCA/Cliff Keen National Duals at the UNI-Dome. By way of

criteria "G"-near-fall points (8-5)-in the dual meet tournament tie-breaker, the Pride received the 17-16 win and advanced to the fifth place match.

Hofstra jumped out to a solid lead only to see the Chippewas battle back in the second half of the contest. The Pride captured four of the first five matches, building a 13-3 lead. At 125, Dave Tomasette (7-4) decisioned junior Matt Steintrager 12-5. Hofstra freshman Lou Ruggirello (20-4) posted his fourth win of the Duals and his 20th of the season with a 7-2 victory over senior Luke Smith. Charles Griffin also posted his fourth win of the Duals to improve to 18-3 on the year with a 10-2 major decision over junior Eric Kruger.

CMU senior Tyler Grayson put the Chippewas on the scoreboard with an 8-3 decision over Mike Parziale (11-8) at 149 to cut the deficit to 10-3. But Hofstra's fourth-ranked senior James Strouse (23-2) posted his fourth win of the Duals with a 10-5 victory over senior Andy Keller at 157. Sophomore Trevor Stewart started CMU on their way back with a 6-3 decision over fifth-ranked Mike Patrovich on a near-fall in the final seconds of the 165-pound match. It was Patrovich's third straight loss-all in the final seconds-of the Duals. Senior Brandon Sinnott, ranked fifth, closed the deficit to 13-9 with a 6-3 decision over Alton Lucas (13-6) at 174.

Hofstra junior Joe Rovelli (18-4) gave the Pride some breathing room with a 9-6 decision over Christian Sinnott at 184 before 10th-ranked Wynn Michalak, for the second time in a week, edged fourth-ranked Chris Weidman, 4-3. Trailing 16-12 and needing a major decision to tie or a tech fall or fall to win, CMU's fifth-ranked senior Bubba Gritter came up with a 10-1 major decision over Matt Pollock to send the contest into the tiebreaker. Going down the list of criteria, Hofstra broke the tie with an 8-5 advantage in near-fall points.

Saturday, January 13, 2007 vs. Northern Iowa: The Pride posted victories in seven of the 10 matches to advance to the third round of the consolations with a 25-9 victory over the host Panthers of the University of Northern Iowa at the NWCA/Cliff Keen National Duals at the UNI-Dome. Hofstra improved to 9-1-2 on the season while Northern Iowa (1-7) was eliminated from the competition.

Hofstra captured the first three match-ups, and four of the first five to take a commanding 12-3 lead midway through the contest. Hofstra junior Dave Tomasette (6-4) opened the match with a 9-3 victory over freshman Grant Rage at 125. Pride freshman Lou Ruggirello (19-4) posted his third straight win in the Duals with a 9-6 decision over freshman Kyle Anson. Charles Griffin (17-3) also posted his third consecutive win in the Duals with a 4-2 decision over 10th-ranked C.J. Ettelson at 141 to give the Pride a 9-0 lead in the contest.

UNI senior Ryan Osgood put the Panthers on the board with 7-5 decision in sudden victory over Mike Parziale (11-7) at 149. But Pride senior James Strouse (22-2) also posted his third win of the Duals with a 9-5 victory over sophomore Moza Fay at 157. Panther senior Nick Baima, ranked sixth, defeated Hofstra's fifth-ranked senior Mike Patrovich (9-3) on a takedown in the waning seconds of the match, 6-4 at 165 to close the deficit to 12-6

Hofstra would capture the next three matches as 13th-ranked Alton Lucas (13-5) downed UNI senior Curt Zinnel, 11-4, at 174 before Joe Rovelli (17-4), ranked sixth, scored a major decision over junion Danny Dunning 8-0 at 184. Hofstra senior Chris Weidman won by forfeit at 197 to give the Pride a 25-6 lead before UNI senior Tyler Rhodes notched a 5-0 victory over Matt Pollock (9-13) at 285.

Saturday, January 13, 2007 vs. #6 Iowa State: Hofstra's fourth-ranked senior James Strouse upset #2 Trent Paulson at 157 pounds but the Cyclones captured seven of the 10 matches as #6 Iowa State gave the Pride their first loss of the season in a 24-9 decision in the quarterfinals of the NWCA/Cliff Keen National Duals at the UNI-Dome.

Strouse's 3-1 decision over Paulson was the Pride's third victory in the first five matches and gave Hofstra (8-1-2) a 9-6 lead in the contest. But Iowa State (5-2) would win the last five matches, including upsets at 174, 184 and 197, to post the victory. Cyclone red-shirt freshman Nick Fanthorpe, ranked 20th, gave ISU the early lead with a 13-9 upset of Hofstra's fifth-rankes Dave Tomasette (5-4) at 125. Pride freshman Lou Ruggirello (18-4), ranked 19th, put Hofstra on the board with a hard-fought 2-1 victory over ISU freshman Nick Gallick at 133. Charles Griffin (16-3), ranked ninth, gave the Pride a 6-3 lead with a 16-11 win over 11th-ranked freshman Mitch Mueller at 141.

Another ISU freshman, Cyler Sanderson, ranked 14th, tied the match with an 8-2 victory over Mike Parziale at 149 pounds before Strouse posted his 21st victory of the season in 23 outings to give the Pride their last lead of the contest. At 165, second-ranked Cyclone Travis Paulson avenged his brother's loss with a 6-4 victory over fifth-ranked Mike Patrovich (9-2) on a takedown in the final seconds of the contest. Unranked senior Grant Turner gave ISU a 12-9 lead with a 6-4 decision over #13 Alton Lucas (12-5) at 174.

In a battle of top 10 ranked wrestlers at 184, ninth-ranked freshman Jake Varner upset Hofstra's sixth-ranked junior Joe Rovelli (16-4) 6-1. Iowa State's eighth-ranked senior Kurt Backes upset fourth-ranked Chris Weidman (14-4) at 197 before freshman David Zabriskie decisioned Hofstra's Matt Pollock 4-1 at 285 to close out the match.

Saturday, January 13, 2007 vs. #20 Nebraska: The Pride won eight of the 10 matches, including a win by fall by freshman Lou Ruggirello, as third-ranked Hofstra posted a 32-6 victory over 20th-ranked Nebraska in the first round of the NWCA/Cliff Keen National Duals at the UNI-Dome. The Pride (8-0-2), seeded third in the tournament, advance to Saturday afternoon's quarterfinal against sixth-ranked Iowa State, a 25-15 winner over Michigan in the opening round, at 4 p.m. (EST).

Opening up at 125, Hofstra fifth-ranked junior Dave Tomasette (5-3) was upset by Nebraska's 11th-ranked sophomore Paul Donahoe (22-1), 13-8, for the early 3-0 lead. But the Pride would win the next seven matches, posting three major decisions and a fall along the way. At 133, Hofstra freshman Lou Ruggirello (17-4), ranked 19th, recorded his fourth fall of the season, pinning the Cornhusker's 17th-ranked freshman Mike Rowe (12-3) in 1:40. Hofstra junior Charles Griffin (15-3), ranked ninth, boosted the lead to 10-3 with an 11-2 major decision over sixth-ranked Dominick Moyer (19-4). At 149, Hofstra senior Mike Parziale improved to 11-5 on the year with a 10-6 decision over Jordan Burroughs (7-6).

The Pride's fourth-ranked senior James Strouse (20-2) posted his fifth consecutive win with an 11-0 major decision over Nebraska

sophomore Chris Oliver (11-3) at 157 for a 17-3 lead in the match. It was also Strouse's sixth shutout of the season. Fifthranked senior Mike Patrovich (9-1) made it five-in-a-row for the Pride with a 16-5 major decision over Nebraska freshman Stephen Dwyer (14-2) at 165. Hofstra sophomore Alton Lucas (12-4), ranked 13th at 174, recorded a takedown in the sudden victory period to post a 3-1 decision over senior Marc Harwood (8-5). The Pride's sixth-ranked junior Joe Rovelli (16-3) returned to the line-up after missing the Michigan matches last week to post an 11-6 decision over freshman Levi Wofford (12-7) at 184 for a 27-3 advantage.

At 197, Hofstra's fourth-ranked senior Chris Weidman (14-3) was upset by Nebraska freshman Craig Brester (8-2) 7-2. Hofstra senior Matt Pollock (9-11) posted his first tech fall of the year with a 16-0 decision over junior Tom Rice (2-3) to close out the match.

Sunday, January 7, 2007 at #9 Central Michigan: The third-ranked Pride Wrestling team won five of the first six matches, including a victory by fall by Mike Patrovich, but ninth-ranked Central Michigan rallied to win the last four bouts to post an 18-18 tie at the Rose Arena. The Pride, who fell behind 15-3 after five matches Saturday, turned the tables Sunday against Central Michigan. Starting out at 125, Hofstra's fifth-ranked junior Dave Tomasette jumped out to a 4-0 lead after the first period on the way to a 7-4 victory over #15 Luke Smith. Hofstra freshman Lou Ruggirello, ranked 19th, also had a big first period, building a 5-1 lead on the way to a 7-3 victory over Conor Beebe at 133. Hofstra junior Charles Griffin, also ranked 19th, made it three-in-a-row for the Pride with a 7-2 victory over #13 Eric Kruger.

The Chippewas got on the board at 149 as Brandon Carter rolled to an 8-2 victory over Hofstra senior Mike Parziale to close the deficit to 9-3. But the Pride bounced back with an 8-2 victory by fourth-ranked senior James Strouse over Steve Brown at 157, and a win by fall in 2:12 by Mike Patrovich over Mike Miller for a 18-3 lead.

But Central Michigan came roaring back behind the Sinnott twins, Brandon at 174 and Christian at 184, to start a run of four straight wins to tie the match. At 174, #6 Brandon Sinnott tallied three points in the third period to edge #12 Alton Lucas 4-1. At 184, #6 Christian Sinnott won by tech fall 20-3 over Hofstra freshman Rich Muzikar to close the deficit to 18-11. In a battle of top five wrestlers at 197, Central's Wynn Michalak, ranked eighth, posted a last minute takedown and a near-fall to down #3 Chris Weidman 8-4. The match came down to the heavyweight class with the Chippewas needing a major decision to tie and tech fall or pin to win. Central's Bubba Gritter, who is ranked seventh in the country, faced Hofstra graduate-student Matt Pollock. The two battled with Gritter taking a 4-1 lead into the third before Gritter posted a 10-2 major decision.

Saturday, January 6, 2007 at #11 Michigan: After dropping four of the first five matches, Hofstra senior James Strouse's 6-3 victory over Jeff Marsh in the final match of the night capped a furious comeback and gave the third-ranked Hofstra Pride an 18-18 tie with the 11th-ranked Wolverines of Michigan at Cliff Keen Arena. In a contest that featured three top 20 match-ups, the Wolverines jumped to the early 15-3 lead after five matches. In the opening match at 165, Michigan's 5th-ranked senior Eric Tannenbaum edged Hofstra's 4th-ranked senior Mike Patrovich 3-1. Tannenbaum had a takedown in the first and an escape in the second and held off Patrovich for the victory. At 174, UM's 8th-ranked junior Steve Luke recorded two escapes to post a 2-0

win over Hofstra's 12th-ranked sophomore Alton Lucas. After Michigan's 4th-ranked Tyrel Todd pinned Hofstra freshman Rich Muzikar in 1:48 at 184 pounds for a 12-0 lead, Pride senior Chris Weidman, ranked third, put Hofstra on the board with a 9-8 victory on the riding time point at 197. Michigan senior Omar Maktabi boosted the Wolverine lead to 15-3 at the halftime with a 3-1 sudden death victory on a takedown 34 seconds into the extra period.

But the Pride rallied, winning the next three match-ups to tie the match. At 125, junior Dave Tomasette, ranked fifth, recorded a five point tech fall over James Shaheen 16-0. Hofstra's 19th-ranked freshman Lou Ruggirello did his part with a 7-4 victory over Chris Diehl at 133 pounds. Then, junior Charles Griffin tied the match with a 12-1 major decision over Justin Chrzanowski.

With two bouts remaining, Michigan took the lead at 149 pounds as third ranked Josh Churella battled Pride senior Mike Parziale before posting a 6-1 win. In the finale, Hofstra senior James Strouse had to post at least a decision to tie the match, and tallied a 6-3 victory over Jeff Marsh.

The Pride, who wrestled without red-shirt freshman Mitch Smith at 149, who stayed home with an injury, and junior Joe Rovelli, who was left home by coaches decision, head further north in the Great Lakes State on Sunday when they face #9 Central Michigan in Mt. Pleasant, MI at 2 p.m.

Sunday, December 10, 2006 vs. #8 Penn State: The fifth-ranked Pride won the first five matches of the contest, including victories by Chris Weidman and Alton Lucas over the number one and two-ranked wrestlers in their class, respectively, as Hofstra posted a 24-10 victory over #8 Penn State at the Mack Sports Complex. Starting the match at 157 pounds, Hofstra's eighth-ranked senior James Strouse (17-2) bounced back from a 5-3 first period deficit to post a 10-6 victory over PSU senior Nathan Galloway. Pride senior All-American Mike Patrovich (7-0), ranked third, overwhelmed sophomore Jason Lapham by tech fall, 18-2, at 165 pounds for a 8-0 lead.

At 174 pounds, Hofstra sophomore Alton Lucas, who cracked the top 20 rankings for the first time this week with a number 17 placement, posted a takedown with 53 seconds remaining in the third period to break a 1-1 tie and give him a 3-2 victory over second-ranked senior James Yonushonis. Lucas improved to 11-2 on the season. Pride junior Joe Rovelli, ranked seventh at 184, kept the momentum going with a 13-6 victory over sophomore Phil Bomberger. Rovelli (15-3) was down 5-0 to open the match but rallied to close the deficit to 5-4 at the end of the first period and then posted two near-falls in the second to build an 11-4 lead.

Hofstra senior All-American Chris Weidman, ranked sixth at 197 pounds, posted his second victory over a number one ranked wrestler in nine months with a 5-4 victory over junior Phil Davis on the riding time point. Weidman (13-1) entered the third period down 3-2 but posted a reversal to take a 4-3 lead. Davis picked up a point on a stall call after the Pride senior pulled Davis out of bounds. But Weidman had accumulated 2:14 in riding time for the win and a 17-0 lead at halftime.

Following the break, Penn State came back to post three straight victories to climb back into the match. Penn State's 12th-ranked senior Aaron Anspach posted a major decision over Pride graduate student Matt Pollock (8-9) 17-6 at 285. In a battle of

top 10-ranked juniors, PSU's #3 Mark McKnight edged #8 Dave Tomasette (3-2), 5-2, at 125 pounds, and #7 Jake Strayer blanked Hofstra's 20th-ranked freshman Lou Ruggirello (14-4), 6-0 at 133, to close the gap to 17-10.

But Hofstra's 19th-ranked junior Charles Griffin (12-3) slammed the door on the Nittany Lions, bouncing back from a 5-3 deficit entering the third period, to post a 9-5 victory over junior Bryan Heller. Pride red-shirt freshman Mitch Smith (6-1) sealed the deal at 149 with a 16-5 major decision over freshman Dan Vallimont. Hofstra, which defeated Penn State for the first time in five attempts, will take some time off for semester examinations before returning to action to prepare for a January 6th match at Michigan.

CLIFF KEEN/LAS VEGAS INVITATIONAL WRAP-UP:

December 1-2, 2006 - Hofstra senior Chris Weidman at 197 and junior Joe Rovelli at 184 each placed third, senior James Strouse placed fifth at 157, and junior Charles Griffin finished in seventh at 141 at the 25th annual Cliff Keen/Las Vegas Invitational at the Star of the Desert Arena. The Pride, who placed 11th at last year's Las Vegas Invitational, moved up two places this year while missing two starters-senior All-American Mike Patrovich at 165 and junior Dave Tomasette at 125-with injuries. Weidman went 6-1 in the tournament, and Rovelli posted a 5-1 mark. Strouse was 6-2, and Griffin was 4-2. Freshman Lou Ruggirello was 5-2 at 133, senior Mike Parziale was 2-2 at 149, graduate student Matt Pollock was 1-2 at 285, and Alton Lucas was 0-2 at 174.

JOURNEYMEN/BRUTE NORTHEAST DUALS RECAP -

November 25, 2006: The Pride won six of 10 matches, including the dramatic, match-clinching 11-8 victory by Chris Weidman at 197 pounds, as #11 Hofstra upset #1 Minnesota, 18-17, at the Journeymen/Brute Northeast Collegiate Duals at Guilderland High School.

Pride junior Dave Tomasette opened the match with a hardfought victory over Minnesota red-shirt freshman Jayson Ness, 12-9, at 125 pounds. Hofstra freshman Lou Ruggirello boosted the Pride lead to 6-0 with a 5-3 victory over freshman Mike Thorn at 133. Minnesota's 10th-ranked junior Manny Rivera put the Golden Gophers on the board with a 5-1 victory over Pride junior Charles Griffin. Minnesota took its first lead of the match, at 8-6 when sophomore Dustin Schlatter, the top-ranked wrestler at 149 pounds, downed Pride senior Mike Parziale by tech fall 17-0. But the Pride rallied back with three straight victories as senior James Strouse posted a 4-2 victory at 157 pounds over sixth-ranked junior C.P. Schlatter in the second sudden victory period. Pride senior Mike Patrovich downed junior Jeremy Larson, 8-5, while sophomore Alton Lucas upset Minnesota's 12th-ranked junior Gabe Dretsch 5-3, at 174 pounds to boost the Pride lead to 15-8.

But the Golden Gophers' second-ranked junior Roger Kish downed Hofstra junior Joe Rovelli, 4-1, at 184 pounds to close the deficit to 15-11. With the 285-pound match looming, featuring the top-ranked heavyweight in the country in Minnesota senior Cole Konrad, the 197-pound match was a must-win match for the Pride senior Chris Weidman over Minnesota sophomore Yura Malamura. After taking a 2-0 lead, Weidman struggled with the unranked wrestler and trailed 7-2 entering the third period. But Weidman rallied and scored nine of the next 10 points to post a 11-8 come-from-behind victory that gave Hofstra an insurmountable 18-11 lead. Konrad did pin Pride senior Matt Pollock in 1:48 to close the final margin to 18-

17 as the Pride, which defeated second-ranked Lehigh two years ago at the Mack Sports Complex on the Hofstra campus, posted the biggest victory in program history.

The Pride went on to add three more dual victories later in the day as Hofstra defeated American, 33-12, Princeton, 45-6, and Bloomsburg. In the American University match, the Pride won eight of the 10 matches, including tech fall victories by Strouse, Rovelli and Weidman, to cruise to the 33-12 victory. Hofstra rolled over Princeton 45-6, losing just one match by forfeit at 125. Ruggirello, freshman Ryan Brown at 141, Weidman and Pollock all recorded wins by fall. The Pride took seven matches in their 27-15 victory over Bloomsburg University in the Northeast Duals finale. Weidman and Patrovich posted wins by fall against Bloomsburg.

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)
- 184 Muzikar (Musicar)
- 197 Weidman (Wide-min)
- Hwt Pollock (Pahl-ick)

2006-07 **HOFSTRA UNIVERSITY** The Pride

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

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

2006-07 HOFSTRA UNIVERSITY WRESTLING SCHEDULE

As of January 26, 2007 – 15-2-2

November			
14	Tuesday	at Wagner*	56-0 W
15	Wednesday	U.S. MILITARY ACADEMY AT WEST POINT	41-0 W
18	Saturday	at East Stroudsburg Open	XXXX
		Journeymen/Brute Northeast Duals	
25	Saturday	#1 Minnesota	18-17 W
25	Saturday	vs. American	33-12 W
25	Saturday	vs. Princeton	45-6 W
25	Saturday	vs. Bloomsburg	27-15 W
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December 1-2	Friday-Saturday	At Cliff V con/Los Vocas Invitational	Oth of 47
		At Cliff Keen/Las Vegas Invitational	9th of 47
10	Sunday	#8 PENN STATE	24-10 W
January			
6	Saturday	at #11 Michigan	18-18 T
7	Sunday	at #9 Central Michigan	18-18 T
13-14	Saturday-Sunday	at NWCA National Duals at Cedar Falls, IA	
13	Saturday	#20 Nebraska	32-6 W
13	Saturday	#6 Iowa State	9-24 L
13	Saturday	Northern Iowa	25-9 W
13	Saturday	#9 Central Michigan+	17-16 W
14	Sunday	#5 Iowa	10-26 L
19-20	Friday-Saturday	at Colonial Athletic Association Duals at Fairfax, VA	
19	Friday	Old Dominion*	23-12 W
19	Friday	Binghamton*	31-12 W
20	Saturday	James Madison*	34-12 W
20	Saturday	George Mason*	34-9 W
20	Saturday	Drexel*	26-15 W
26	Friday	at Pennsylvania	7 p.m.
28	Sunday	LEHIGH (at N.Y. Athletic Club)	5 p.m.
20	Sunday	LETHOH (at N.1. Atmetic Club)	3 p.m.
February			
3	Saturday	CORNELL (at N.Y. Athletic Club)	1 p.m.
13	Saturday	RIDER*	7 p.m.
17	Sunday	at Oklahoma	7 p.m.
March			
2-3	Friday-Saturday	At CAA Championships at Fairfax, VA	
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2006-2007 HOFSTRA UNIVERSITY WRESTLING STATISTICS

As of January 26, 2007 – 15-2-2

Wt.	Wrestler	Overall	Duals	CAA	Dual	Falls	Dec.	Maj	Tech	Quick	Career
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125	Dave Tomasette	12-5	12-5	6-0	47-19	0-0	6-3	1-1	5-0	XXXX	49-28
133	Lou Ruggirello	25-5	17-2	6-0	69-7	7-0	15-4	2-1	1-0	0:41	25-5
133	Craig Kennedy	0-2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-1	0-0	XXXX	0-2
141	Charles Griffin	21-4	14-2	4-0	51-6	1-1	11-3	7-0	2-0	1:02	73-18
141	Ryan Brown	6-3	3-0	2-0	12-0	1-0	5-2	0-0	0-0	1:58	6-3
141	John Manarte	1-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	0-1	0-0	1:48	55-39
149	John Manarte	2-3	2-3	2-3	8-9	0-0	1-3	0-0	1-0	XXXX	2-3
	TOTAL	3-4	2-3	2-3	8-9	0-0	2-3	0-1	1-0	1:48	57-42
149	Mike Parziale	11-9	4-7	1-0	13-23	2-0	8-8	1-0	0-1	0:50	22-14
149	Mitch Smith	6-1	3-0	0-0	15-0	1-0	1-1	2-0	1-0	1:38	18-4
157	James Strouse	29-2	19-0	6-0	72-0	3-0	15-2	8-0	3-0	1:16	108-41
157	Rich Muzikar	1-2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	1-0	0-1	0-0	XXXX	1-2
174	Rich Muzikar	0-1	0-1	0-1	0-6	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	XXXX	0-1
184	Rich Muzikar	0-2	0-2	0-0	0-11	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-1	XXXX	0-2
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165	Mike Patrovich	9-4	9-4	1-0	40-12	2-0	2-4	3-0	2-0	0:42	95-27
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174	Alton Lucas	16-8	12-6	4-1	41-18	0-0	12-8	3-0	0-0	1:26	26-14
101	Jac Bayelli	24-4	14-3	6.0	59-9	2.0	0.2	6.1	4.0	0:54	72.26
184	Joe Rovelli	24-4	14-3	6-0	59-9	3-0	9-3	6-1	4-0	0:54	73-26
407	Chair Waidman	24.5	45.4	C 0	CC 4E	C 4	9-4	2.0	2.0	4.42	47.00
197	Chris Weidman	21-5	15-4	6-0	66-15	6-1	9-4	3-0	3-0	1:13	47-20
285	Matt Pollock	10-19	5-14	2-4	24-54	4-4	2-12	1-3	1-0	0:51	10-19
285	Gus Del Vecchio	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	XXXX	2-4
200	Gus Dei Veccillo	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	^^^^	<u> </u>
Wt.	Wrestler	Overall	Duals	CAA	Dual	Falls	Dec.	Maj	Tech	Quick	Career
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