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PROVIDENCE, R.I. – Brown University wrestling will take part in the 112th EIWA Championships at Princeton University’s Jadwin Gymnasium from Saturday, March 5 to Sunday, March 6 as the Bears will look to advance wrestlers from this weekend’s conference tournament into the NCAA Championships.

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NCAA ALLOCATIONS

The Eastern Intercollegiate Wrestling Association has earned 51 automatic qualifiers to the NCAA Championship, the most of any conference in the nation besides the Big Ten, which holds 71 NCAA allocations.

EIWA Allocations (51 Total)


LAST TIME OUT

Brown University wrestling won all eight bouts that were contested on its way to a 37-6 win over Hofstra University in its regular season finale on Senior Day at the Pizzitola Sports Center on Saturday, Feb. 20.

The Bears (5-10, 3-8 EIWA) won six bouts in bonus points – with two technical falls, three major decisions, and a forfeit – en route to the victory over the visiting Pride (5-13, 1-7 EIWA).

THE BEARS AT EIWAS

Brown carries four wrestlers in its probable lineup that have previously competed at the EIWA Championships. Senior Augustus Marker (Castle Rock, Colo.) has represented the Bears at each of the previous three tournaments while juniors Justin Staudenmayer (Plymouth Meeting, Pa.) and Steven Galiardo (Chicago, Ill.) have taken part in each of the last two years at 157 and 149 lbs. respectively with Galiardo placing eighth last year. Sophomore Zeke Salvo (Baltimore, Md.) competed at EIWAs in 2015.
In its history, Brown has tallied 13 individual Eastern champions with Dave Foxen '12 taking home the Bears’ last individual title at 174 lbs. in 2012.

**THE EIWA FIELD**

In addition to Brown, the EIWA comprises 15 other institutions including American, Army West Point, Binghamton, Bucknell, Columbia, Cornell, Drexel, Franklin & Marshall, Harvard, Hofstra, Lehigh, Navy, Penn, Princeton, and Sacred Heart. Cornell and Lehigh both feature in Intermat’s team tournament rankings – at No. 6 and No. 14 respectively.

As a conference, the group boasts 60 wrestlers ranked in the Feb. 21 coaches’ rankings and 63 ranked wrestlers in the Feb. 21 RPI.

**EIWA Wrestlers in Feb. 21 Coaches’ Rankings (60 Total)**

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**IN THE RANKINGS**

In the latest NCAA coaches’ panel rankings through matches of Feb. 21, junior Justin Staudenmayer (Plymouth Meeting, Pa.) ranked No. 17 at 157 lbs. and junior Steven Galiardo (Chicago, Ill.) checked in at No. 26 at 149 lbs. In the NCAA RPI rankings, Staudenmayer checked in at No. 6, Galiardo ranked No. 18, and freshman Jon Viruet (Springfield, Mass.) stood at No. 29 at 165 lbs.

**STAUDENMAYER PACING BEARS**

Junior Justin Staudenmayer (Plymouth Meeting, Pa.) – the No. 20 ranked wrestler in the nation at 157 lbs. according to Intermat – has paced the Bears in 2015-16 in wins (26), dual wins (13), technical falls (six), dual points (48), and dual EIWA wins (10). Staudenmayer placed first at the F&M Open, second at the Navy Classic, and fifth at the ESU Open.

**SALVO SOLID AT 133**

Sophomore Zeke Salvo (Baltimore, Md.) has provided Brown with a steady presence at 133 lbs. as he leads the team with seven falls and ranks second on the team with 37 dual points. He has tallied 18 overall wins and ranks in a tie for second on the team with seven EIWA dual wins. He placed second at the ESU Open and fifth at the Navy Classic.

**THE CAPTAINS**

Head coach Todd Beckerman can turn to his four captains – juniors Steven Galiardo (Chicago, Ill.), Richard Muniz (Corona, Calif.), and Justin Staudenmayer (Plymouth Meeting, Pa.) and senior Augustus Marker (Castle Rock, Colo.) – for leadership within the team’s ranks. Galiardo, Muniz, and Marker have tallied 17, 10, and eight wins respectively on the season. Galiardo ranks in a tie for second on the team with seven EIWA dual wins.

**LABRIE TWINS ON THE RISE**

Sophomore twin brothers Christian LaBrie and Andrew LaBrie (Exeter, R.I.) have made an impact for the Bears this season at 165 and 174 lbs. respectively. Christian has totaled 19 wins on the season, second on the team, and leads Brown with six major decisions. He placed first at the USC Wildcat Open and second at the Navy Classic. Andrew has logged 13 wins and took first at the ESU Open and third at the Navy Classic.

**VIRUET LEADING FRESHMAN CLASS**

Freshman Jon Viruet (Springfield, Mass.) has led the Bears’ rookie class, accounting for 15 wins and ranking in a tie for second on the team with seven EIWA dual wins. At 165 lbs., he placed third at the F&M Open.
COMING SOON

After competing at EIWA's, Brown will look to send representatives to the NCAA Championships from Thursday, Mar. 17 to Saturday, Mar. 19 at Madison Square Garden in New York City. The NCAA will announce the tournament's full field on Wednesday, Mar. 9.

BROWN'S EIWA REPRESENTATIVES

125: Michael Russo  (11-13, 4-7 EIWA Dual)
133: Zeke Salvo  (18-12, 7-3 EIWA Dual)
141: Charlie Banaszak  (9-19, 2-9 EIWA Dual)
149: Steven Galiardo  (17-6, 7-2 EIWA Dual)
157: Justin Staudenmayer  (26-6, 10-1 EIWA Dual)
165: Jon Viruet  (15-10, 7-3 EIWA Dual)
174: Andrew LaBrie  (13-9, 2-6 EIWA Dual)
184: Austin Pfarr  (11-14, 3-6 EIWA Dual)
197: Augustus Marker  (8-13, 2-8 EIWA Dual)
285: Josh Durso-FInley  (10-11, 2-4 EIWA Dual)

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