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Mids Open Home Dual Slate Sunday Against Hofstra

Fresh off a 26-9 victory over EIWA member Bucknell last Saturday in Lewisburg, Pa., the Navy wrestling team (2-1, 1-0 EIWA) returns to Annapolis this weekend to wrestle its first home dual of the season. The Mids welcome conference foe Hofstra (1-4, 0-0 EIWA) to Alumni Hall Sunday for a 5:00 pm match in what will be the first dual between the two programs since 1974.

Tickets

- Tickets purchased at Alumni Hall on Sunday are \$10 for adults and \$5 for youth (18 & under).
- Fans who purchase tickets in advance via Navy's web site will be offered a special group rate ticket - \$5 for adults and \$3 for youth (18 & under). Go to Navy's web site (NavySports.com), hover over the Tickets tab at the top of the page and click on Enter Ticket Promo Codes in the right-hand column. When prompted, type in SUNDAYFUNDAY and you will be able to select your ticket quantity and print from home while receiving the discounted ticket price.

Parking / Yard Access

- A reminder that vehicular access to the Naval Academy is limited to those drivers with a Department of Defense identification card.
- It is suggested that fans park at Navy-Marine Corps Memorial Stadium (\$5 per vehicle) and ride the FREE shuttle bus to and from the match.
- Buses will run every 15 minutes starting one hour before the match and will continue running throughout the event.
- Note that a government issued identification card must be carried and presented by visitors to the USNA prior to being allowed onto The Yard.
- Fans may also park outside of the Naval Academy grounds and walk on with proper identification.

Promotions

- The first 100 fans in attendance to the Hofstra match will receive a free Pin 'Em t-shirt
- Concessions stands will be selling hot dogs for \$1

Navy Notebook

- Navy, who will wrestle its next three dual matches at home, enters the Hofstra match boasting a 2-1 mark in dual action this season - lost a 28-9 decision to No. 2 Ohio State in its opener on Nov. 3, posted a 31-6 victory over Maryland on Dec. 7 and beat Bucknell, 26-9, last Saturday.
- The Mids have competed in four tournaments to date - Jonathan Kaloust Bearcat Open (no team scoring), Navy Classic (3rd/16 teams), Cliff Keen Las Vegas Invitational (17th/43 teams) and Southern Scuffle (5th/23 teams).
- Seventeenth-ranked Nicholas Gil (141) leads the way in the wins column with a 19-4 record, while 19th-ranked Spencer Carey (174) has amassed a 16-8 record. Also reaching double-digit wins for the Mids this season are Casey Cobb (133) at 15-6, Joshua Roetman (197) at 13-6 and Anthony Cable (184) at 10-8.
- A win by team captain Nicholas Gil on Sunday would also give him his 20th victory of the season and 20 or more wins in each of his four seasons at Navy. He went 25-16 as a freshman, 21-7 as a sophomore and 32-10 as a junior. He was an NCAA qualifier as both a freshman and junior.
- After capturing a 5-1 victory over Bucknell's Michael Doetsch last weekend, Nicholas Gil pushed his career record to 97-37 all-time. He needs three wins to become only the 16th wrestler in program history to reach 100 career wins. Gil is tied with Steve Kovach (2000-03) for 16th on the Mids' all-time win list and a win against the Pride would give him sole possession of 16th in the record book. 2018 graduates Jadaen Bernstein and Zack Davis added their names to the distinguished list of 100-win victors a year ago.
- After shutting out Bucknell's Niko Cappello, 5-0, last week, junior Joshua Roetman (197) is Navy's only wrestler who stands 3-0 in dual action this season.
- Navy has used the same starters at 125 (Allen), 133 (Cobb), 141 (Gil), 149 (Jared Prince), 165 (Tanner Skidgel), 174 (Carey), 184 (Cable) and 197 pounds (Roetman) in its three previous duals. Both Connor Prince (157) and Andrew Piehl (285) sustained injuries after the opener that left them sidelined against both Maryland and Bucknell.
- Navy will also send 12 wrestlers to the Shorty Hitchcock Memorial Classic at Millersville on Saturday - Logan Treaster (125), Anthony Duca (133), Cody Trybus (133), Jonathan Miranda (141), Morgan Fuenffinger (149), Chris Hisey (149), Scout Skidgel (157), Jack Stanton-Taddeo (157), Jonathan Carrera (165), Dillon Taylor (165), Alex Benoit (184) and Riley Smith (285). The live scoring link is available on NavySports.com(.)
- Last week at the David H. Lehman F&M Tournament, Cody Trybus posted a 5-0 record to win the individual title at 133 pounds, while Logan Treaster took second with a 4-1 mark at 125 pounds.

Projected Navy Lineup

Wt - Wrestler (Cl, overall record, dual record)

- 125 - Jacob Allen (Fr, 9-8, 2-1) / Noah Sirianni (Jr, 0-0, 0-0)
- 133 - Casey Cobb (So, 15-6, 2-1)
- 141 - #17 Nicholas Gil (Sr, 19-4, 2-1) / Cody Trybus (So, 10-4, 0-0)
- 149 - #19 Jared Prince (Jr, 10-7, 1-2) / Wyatt Long (So, 7-5, 0-0)
- 157 - Quentin Hovis (So, 4-5, 1-1)
- 165 - Tanner Skidgel (So, 8-6, 2-1) / Jonathan Carrera (Sr, 13-4, 0-0)
- 174 - #19 Spencer Carey (Jr, 16-8, 2-1)
- 184 - Anthony Cable (Sr, 10-9, 0-3)
- 197 - Joshua Roetman (Jr, 13-6, 3-0) / Mike Smith (Jr, 0-4, 0-0)
- 285 - Thomas Ott (Sr, 6-7, 2-0)

Mids In the Rankings

141 - Nicholas Gil

#17 Intermat / #17 Flowrestling / #17 Amateur Wrestling News / #23 Trackwrestling / #18 The Open Mat

149 - Jared Prince

#19 Intermat / NR Flowrestling / #20 Amateur Wrestling News / #18 Trackwrestling / NR The Open Mat

174 - Spencer Carey

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Hofstra Notebook

- Under the direction of fifth-year head coach Dennis Papadatos, Hofstra enters Saturday's conference dual with a 1-4 overall record. This will be the Pride's EIWA opener.
- Hofstra will wrestle at American at 12-noon on Sunday before make the hour drive over to Annapolis.
- Hofstra's lone victory was a 28-15 win at home against VMI. Its losses have been to Rutgers (40-3), Northern Colorado (21-13), Bloomsburg (21-14) and Buffalo (25-12).
- The Pride also placed eighth at the Army Black Knight Invitational and 29th at the Cliff Keen Las Vegas Invitational.
- Freshman 125-pound Dylan Ryder leads the Pride in the wins column with an 11-9 record that features a 3-2 mark in dual action. Also posting a 3-2 record in dual competition to date are 141-pound Garrett Lambert, 165/174-pound Ricky Stamm and 197-pound Nezar Haddad.
- An exceptionally young squad, seven of the 10 projected starters are either freshmen or sophomores.

Projected Hofstra Lineup

Wt - Wrestler (Cl, overall record, dual record)

- 125 - Dylan Ryder (Fr, 11-9, 3-2)
- 133 - Trent Olson (RFr, 4-9, 1-3) / Jacob Martin (Jr, 8-8, 0-0)
- 141 - Garrett Lambert (RSo, 5-8, 3-2)
- 149 - Ryan Burkert (Sr, 0-3, 0-1) / Holden Heller (Fr, 4-4, 1-0)
- 157 - Chris Mauriello (RSo, 3-6, 2-2)
- 165 - Corey Langner (Fr, 0-9, 0-2) / Ricky Stamm (RSo, 8-7, 3-2)
- 174 - Corey Langner (Fr, 0-9, 0-2) / Ricky Stamm (RSo, 8-7, 3-2)
- 184 - Trey Rogers (Fr, 9-11, 2-3)
- 197 - Nezar Haddad (Sr, 6-6, 3-2) / Michael Oxley (Gr, 1-5, 0-0)
- 285 - Omar Haddad (RJr, 3-8, 1-4)

The Series

- Meeting for the first time head to head since 1974, Navy owns a 5-0 series advantage against the Pride.
- The Mids have outscored Hofstra 123-33 in the five previous matches combined.
- Navy is 3-0 against Hofstra in matches contested in Annapolis (20-6 in 1961, 26-6 in 1963, 34-8 in 1974).

What's Ahead

- The Midshipmen will play host to long-time EIWA rival Lehigh, along with Duke in back-to-back duals next Sunday at 2:00 pm and 4:00 pm, respectively.
- Lehigh owns a 51-47 series advantage and has won seven in a row against the Mids with Navy's last win in the series coming on Jan. 15, 2011, in Annapolis.
- The Mids hold a 13-2 series advantage over Duke with each of the last two meetings decided by tie-breaking criteria (Navy won in 2017, Duke won in 2018).
- A free live video stream of both matches will be available on the Patriot League Network.

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