

# LEHIGH®

## WRESTLING MATCH NOTES

### 2022-23 SCHEDULE

#### November

<b>5</b>	<b>No. 19 OREGON STATE (Stabler)</b>	<b>W, 20-13</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>SACRED HEART* (Grace)</b>	<b>W, 44-0</b>
<b>12</b>	<b>No. 11 OKLAHOMA STATE (Grace)</b>	<b>L, 25-6</b>
<b>12</b>	vs. Oklahoma! (Bethlehem, Pa. - Liberty HS)	W, 24-17
<b>19</b>	at No. 17 Pitt	L, 22-12

#### December

<b>4</b>	<b>No. 4 PENN STATE (Stabler)</b>	<b>L, 24-12</b>
<b>19</b>	vs. No. 25 Cal Poly@ (New Orleans, La.)	W, 26-6
<b>19</b>	vs. No. 7 NC. State@ (New Orleans, La.)	L, 24-10
<b>20</b>	vs. No. 3 Ohio State@ (New Orleans, La.)	L, 23-12

#### January

<b>14</b>	at No. 6 Cornell*	L, 18-15
<b>15</b>	at Binghamton*	W, 26-12
<b>20</b>	at Penn*	L, 23-11
<b>21</b>	at Navy*	W, 21-16
<b>27</b>	at Columbia*	L, 18-17
<b>28</b>	<b>No. 17 ARIZONA STATE (Grace)</b>	<b>L, 20-16</b>

#### February

<b>4</b>	<b>ARMY WEST POINT* (Grace)</b>	<b>W, 26-9</b>
<b>10</b>	at Bucknell*	W, 32-6
<b>11</b>	at Princeton*	W, 24-12

#### March

<b>4-5</b>	at EIWA Championships (Philadelphia)	
<b>16-18</b>	at NCAA Championships (Tulsa, Okla.)	

Home duals in **BOLD CAPS**

\*EIWA Opponent

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### LEHIGH MOUNTAIN HAWKS (9-9, 6-3 EIWA) THE 119TH EIWA CHAMPIONSHIPS

March 4-5, 2022

The Palestra - Philadelphia, Pa.

Video: FloWrestling.org

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### LEHIGH HEADS TO PHILADELPHIA FOR 119TH EIWA CHAMPIONSHIPS

Lehigh joins the other 16 EIWA member institutions in Philadelphia for the 119th EIWA Championships as Penn hosts at the Palestra for the first time since 2014. The EIWA is the nation's oldest wrestling conference, with Lehigh being the historically dominant team. The Mountain Hawks have won four of the last five team titles and a league-best 38 overall. Lehigh also has a league-leading 225 individual titles. The Mountain Hawks finished the dual meet season at 9-9 after finishing the season with three straight conference dual wins. Lehigh's lineup features five wrestlers with previous EIWA Tournament experience, including previous EIWA champions Josh Humphreys (157) and Malyke Hines (141). Also at stake are 45 automatic berths to the NCAA Championships in Tulsa, Okla.

### LEHIGH EIWA TOURNAMENT ENTRANTS

	2022-23	Career	Career Dual	Bonus
125 Carter Bailey (Fy., Livermore, Calif.)	7-9	7-9	7-9	3
133 No. 5 Connor McGonagle (So., Danville, N.H.)	11-2	26-19	17-12	5
141 No. 27 Malyke Hines (So., Kissimmee, Fla.)	13-9	30-21	18-14	12
149 Max Brignola (So., Rumson, N.J.)	12-8	30-16	10-8	6
157 No. 4 Josh Humphreys (Sr., Parkersburg, W. Va.)	12-0	72-18	47-11	37
165 Connor Herceg (Fy., Nazareth, Pa.)	16-9	19-12	2-3	12
174 Jake Logan (So., New Rochelle, N.Y.)	8-13	26-33	13-26	5
184 No. 18 Tate Samuelson (Gr., Castle Rock, Colo.)	16-7	93-44	37-19	37
197 No. 2 Michael Beard (So., Reading, Pa.)	16-2	34-10	19-4	23
285 No. 28 Nathan Taylor (Fy., Brookville, Pa.)	13-9	13-9	9-8	5

Rankings - NCAA Coaches' Panel (2/23/23)

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**38-TIME TEAM CHAMPIONS**  
**224 INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONS**



**28 INDIVIDUAL NATIONAL CHAMPIONS**  
**159 ALL-AMERICANS**

**2022-23 LEHIGH WRESTLING ROSTER**

Name	Yr./El.	Wt.	Hometown/High School	Major
Carter Bailey	So./Fy.	125	Livermore, Calif./Granada	Business
Michael Beard	Jr./So.	197	Reading, Pa./Malvern Prep	Political Science
Remy Brancato	Fy./Fy.	184	Pompton Lakes, N.J./Bergen Catholic	Arts and Sciences
Max Brignola	So./So.	149	Rumson, N.J./Rumson-Fair Haven	Business
Manzona Bryant IV	Jr./So.	149	Columbus, Ohio/Western Reserve Academy	Design
AJ Burkhardt	Sr./Jr.	184	Athens, Pa./Athens Area	Earth and Environmental Science
Karam Chakif	Jr./So.	285	Allentown, Pa./Dieruff	Chemical Engineering
Ryan Crookham	Fy./Fy.	133	Hellertown, Pa./Saucon Valley	Business
JT Davis	Jr./So.	184	Middletown, Del./Smyrna	Finance
Killian Delaney	Fy./Fy.	125	West Chester, Pa./Henderson	Arts and Sciences
Patrick Edmondson	So./Fy.	165	Catawissa, Pa./Southern Columbia	Arts and Sciences
Luca Frinzi	Sr./So.	165	Quakertown, Pa./Bethlehem Catholic	Finance
Kelvin Griffin	Fy./Fy.	141	Berwick, Maine/The Hill School	Arts and Sciences
Connor Herceg	Jr./Fy.	165	Nazareth, Pa./Nazareth	Accounting
Malyke Hines	Sr./So.	141	Kissimmee, Fla./Osceola	Management
Dontae Hoose	Fy./Fy.	197	Lakewood, N.Y./Southwestern Central	Engineering
Josh Humphreys	Sr./Sr.	157	Parkersburg, W. Va./Parkersburg South	Management
Elijah Jones	Sr./Jr.	285	Perkiomenville, Pa./Boyertown	Mechanical Engineering
Sean Kilrain	Jr./So.	174	Washington, D.C./Blair Academy	Finance
Jaret Lane	Sr./Sr.	125	Catawissa, Pa./Southern Columbia	Technical Entrepreneurship*
Thayne Lawrence	Jr./Fy.	174	Perryopolis, Pa./Frazier	Finance
Kimo Leia	Fy./Fy.	141	Selma, Calif./Selma	Arts and Sciences
Jake Logan	Sr./So.	174	New Rochelle, N.Y./New Rochelle	Finance
Zac Martin	So./Fy.	157	Levittown, Pa./Neshaminy	Psychology
Mikekal McClarin	Fy./Fy.	133	Chicago, Ill./DePaul College Prep	Business
Connor McGonagle	Sr./So.	133	Danville, N.H./Timberlane	Economics
Brian Meyer	Sr./Jr.	165	Phillipsburg, N.J./Phillipsburg	Mechanical Engineering
TJ Moore	Jr./So.	285	Lebanon, Pa./Cedar Crest	Mechanical Engineering
Drew Munch	Jr./So.	149	East Stroudsburg, Pa./Wyoming Seminary	Civil Engineering
Owen Quinn	Fy./Fy.	165	Blue Bell, Pa./Malvern Prep	Arts and Sciences
Owen Reinsel	Fy./Fy.	141	Summerville, Pa./Brookville	Arts and Sciences
Caden Rogers	Fy./Fy.	184/197	Lancaster, Pa./Malvern Prep	Business
Tate Samuelson	5th/5th	184	Castle Rock, Colo./Castle View (Wyoming)	Technical Entrepreneurship
Sheldon Seymour	Jr./So.	125	Troy, Pa./Troy	Finance
Mike Sisselberger	Sr./Sr.	197/285	Center Valley, Pa./Southern Lehigh	Earth and Environmental Science
Steven Storm	Jr./So.	141	Stroudsburg, Pa./Pocono Mountain East	Design
Tyler Sung	Jr./So.	157	New Canaan, Conn./New Canaan	Finance
Nathan Taylor	So./Fy.	285	Brookville, Pa./Brookville	Arts and Sciences
Paul Watkins	Sr./So.	157	Cumming, Ga./North Forsyth	Mechanical Engineering
Jack Wilt	So./Fy.	184	Madison, N.J./Seton Hall Prep	Arts and Sciences
Caden Wright	Jr./So.	184	Macungie, Pa./Emmaus	Computer Science

\* Lane has earned his undergraduate degree in Supply Chain Management

**COACHING STAFF**

Lawrence White '64 Head Coach: Pat Santoro (Pittsburgh '92) - 15th season  
 Associate Head Coach: Brad Dillon (Lehigh '04) - 15th season  
 Assistant Coach: Zach Rey (Lehigh '12) - Fifth season  
 Volunteer Assistant Coach: Evan Henderson (North Carolina '16) - First season

**PRONUNCIATION GUIDE**

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 Kimo Leia KEY-moh LEE-uh  
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**FROM ALL OVER**

Lehigh prides itself in bringing in student-athletes from across the nation. This season, 14 different states (plus Washington, D.C.) are represented among the 41 men on the Mountain Hawks' roster. Pennsylvania leads the way with 22 wrestlers, followed by New Jersey (4), California (2) and New York (2). Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Maine, New Hampshire, Ohio and West Virginia are also represented. Eight states are represented by Lehigh's EIWA contingent: Pennsylvania (3) plus California, Colorado, Florida, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York and West Virginia.

### NWCA TOP 25

Dual Strength -2/22/23

1. Penn State
2. Iowa
3. NC State
4. Nebraska
5. Iowa State
6. Ohio State
7. Oklahoma State
8. Cornell
9. Missouri
10. Virginia Tech
11. Michigan
12. Minnesota
13. Northwestern
14. South Dakota State
15. Pittsburgh
16. Northern Iowa
17. Wisconsin
18. North Dakota State
19. Arizona State
20. Appalachian State
21. Illinois
22. Rutgers
23. Michigan State
24. Penn
25. Cal Poly

### INTERMAT TOP 25

Tournament Strength - 2/21/23

1. Penn State
2. Iowa
3. Nebraska
4. Cornell
5. Missouri
5. Virginia Tech
7. Iowa State
8. Ohio State
9. Michigan
10. NC State
11. LEHIGH
11. Northwestern
13. Arizona State
14. Wisconsin
15. Pittsburgh
16. Oklahoma State
16. Princeton
18. Northern Iowa
19. Purdue
20. North Carolina
21. Minnesota
22. Northern Colorado
23. North Dakota State
24. Stanford
25. Oregon State

### INDIVIDUAL RANKINGS

Seven Lehigh wrestlers appear in the latest InterMat rankings, while six are ranked by both FloWrestling and WrestleStat. In addition, four Mountain Hawks are ranked by Amateur Wrestling News. Senior Josh Humphreys and sophomore Michael Beard are ranked in the top four by all four outlets, while sophomore Connor McGonagle is ranked fifth by three of the four outlets. Graduate student Tate Samuelson joins McGonagle, Humphreys and Beard in being ranked by all four outlets. Six Mountain Hawks appear in the latest NCAA coaches' rankings, while five have an RPI in the top 33. InterMat, WrestleStat and the Coaches rank from 1-33. FloWrestling ranks 1-24 plus honorable mentions, while AWN ranks 1-20.

Weight	Wrestler	IM	FLO	AWN	WS	Coaches	RPI
133	Connor McGonagle	5	5	5	15	5	—
141	Malyke Hines	26	21	—	27	27	24
149	Max Brignola	31	HM	—	—	—	23
157	Josh Humphreys	4	4	4	4	4	—
184	Tate Samuelson	18	17	17	19	18	18
197	Michael Beard	2	2	4	2	2	1
285	Nathan Taylor	27	24	—	22	28	18

### WHAT'S AT STAKE?

The EIWA received 45 automatic bids to the NCAA Championships when the NCAA announced its qualifier allocations last week. Each qualifying tournament was awarded spots per weight class based on current year data including Division I winning percentage, RPI and a coaches ranking. Wrestlers who fail to qualify this weekend will be eligible for one of 46 at-large berths which will be announced on Tuesday, March 7.

125	133	141	149	157	165	174	184	197	285
6	5	5	2	3	5	4	4	5	6

### NCAA CHAMPIONS

Twenty two Lehigh Wrestlers have won 28 NCAA championships, ranking sixth nationally. Darian Cruz captured Lehigh's most recent title with his triumph at 125 in 2017.

Rank	School	Championships
1.	Oklahoma State	143
2.	Iowa	85
3.	Iowa State	70
4.	Oklahoma	67
5.	Penn State	53
6.	Lehigh	28
7.	Michigan State	25
8.	Illinois	24
	Minnesota	24
10.	Ohio State	23
	Michigan	23
12.	Cornell	22
	Northern Iowa	22
14.	Wisconsin	18
15.	Pittsburgh	16

### ALL-AMERICANS

Lehigh has produced 26 All-Americans over the last 11 NCAA tournaments, including three in 2019, to rank eighth among Division I schools. Lehigh teams have finished in the top five at the NCAA Championships a remarkable 16 times.

Rank	School	All-Americans
1.	Oklahoma State	483
2.	Iowa	357
3.	Iowa State	304
4.	Oklahoma	276
5.	Penn State	238
6.	Michigan	209
7.	Minnesota	198
8.	Lehigh	159
9.	Michigan State	138
	Illinois	138

**EIWA CHAMPIONSHIPS HISTORY**

This year the nation’s oldest college wrestling conference holds its 119th championships. Lehigh has historically dominated the EIWA’s, having won 38 team titles including four of the last five. Cornell had won 11 straight team titles before Lehigh’s last four victories and the Big Red also won in 2022.

**Lehigh at the EIWA Championships under Pat Santoro**

Year	Finish	Pts.	NCAA Q	Year	Finish	Pts.	NCAA Q
2022	4th	111 pts.	7	2015	2nd	145	7
2021	1st	158.5	10	2014	2nd	101	8
2020	1st	154	9	2013	4th	101.5	5
2019	1st	153	8	2012	2nd	149	9
2018	1st	164.5	10	2011	2nd	119	8
2017	2nd	117.5	7	2010	3rd	109.5	7
2016	2nd	160	9	2009	2nd	103	7

NCAA Q - NCAA qualifiers

**Team champions by school**

1. Lehigh	38
2. Cornell	26
3. Penn State	16
4. Navy	13
5. Syracuse	8

**Individual champs by school**

1. Lehigh	225
2. Cornell	166
3. Navy	108
4. Penn State	105
5. Penn	66

**2022 EIWA CHAMPIONSHIPS**

March 5-6, 2022  
Newman Arena at Bartels Hall - Ithaca, N.Y.

**Finals Results**

- 125 - Vito Arujau (Cornell) major dec. Pat Glory (Princeton) 19-6
- 133 - Michael Colaiocco (Penn) dec. Josh Koderhandt (Navy) 8-4
- 141 - Matt Kazimir (Columbia) dec. CJ Composto (Penn) 6-4
- 149 - Yianni Diakomihalis (Cornell) major dec. Anthony Artalona (Penn) 11-2
- 157 - Quincy Monday (Princeton) dec. Anthony Cerniglia (Navy) 9-4
- 165 - Phil Conigliaro (Harvard) dec. Josh Ogunsanya (Columbia) 8-3
- 174 - Mickey O'Malley (Drexel) dec. Nick Incontrera (Penn) 1-1, tb2, rt
- 184 - Jonathan Loew (Cornell) dec. Travis Stefanik (Princeton) 12-5
- 197 - Lou DePrez (Binghamton) dec. Luke Stout (Princeton) 10-4
- 285 - Jordan Wood (Lehigh) dec. Lewis Fernandes (Cornell) 2-0

**Final Team Scores**

1. Cornell 153	7. Navy 63.5	13. F&M 29
2. Penn 143	8. Army 57	14. Brown 26.5
3. Princeton 120.5	9. Harvard 49	15. American 25.5
4. Lehigh 111	10. Drexel 47	16. SHU 5
5. Columbia 84.5	11. Bucknell 39.5	17. LIU 3
6. Bing. 79.5	12. Hofstra 36	

**FAST FACTS**

- In the last 12 seasons, Lehigh has produced two NCAA champions, seven NCAA finalists, 31 All-Americans and 29 EIWA champions.
- The Mountain Hawks have won at least one individual title in each of the last 23 EIWA tournaments.
- Josh Humphreys will pursue his third EIWA title, while Malyke Hines will go for his second.

**2023 EIWA CHAMPIONSHIPS SCHEDULE**

*Saturday, March 4*

- 10:30 a.m. - Preliminaries, Round of 16 and first round consolations
- 4:30 p.m. - Quarterfinals, second and third round consolations

*Sunday, March 5*

- 10:30 a.m. - Semifinals, conso. quarterfinals, conso. semifinals, 7th place
- 4:30 p.m. - Finals and placement matches (1st, 3rd, 5th)

**2022-23 LEHIGH QUICK FACTS**

**GENERAL INFORMATION**

Location.....	Bethlehem, Pa.
Founded.....	1865 by Asa Packer
Undergraduate Enrollment.....	5,203
President.....	Joseph J. Helble '82
Murray H. Goodman Dean of Athletics.....	Joe Sterrett '76
Nickname.....	Mountain Hawks
Historical Nicknames.....	Engineers, Brown and White
Mascot.....	Mountain Hawk (Clutch)
Colors.....	Brown and White
Home Arenas.....	Leeman-Turner Arena at Grace Hall
.....	Stabler Arena
National Affiliation.....	NCAA Division I
Conference.....	EIWA

**2022-23 TEAM INFORMATION**

2021-22 Dual Record.....	9-9 overall, 5-3 EIWA
Final 2022 NWCA Dual Ranking.....	NR
2022 EIWA Championships Finish.....	4th
EIWA Champions.....	1 (Jordan Wood)
Returning EIWA Champions.....	Malyke Hines (2021 - 133)
.....	Josh Humphreys (2019, 2020 - 157)
2022 NCAA Championships Finish.....	T-25th
2022 All-Americans.....	Jordan Wood (3rd - 285)
Returning All-Americans.....	1 (Josh Humphreys - 2020 1st team)

**THE LAST TIME LEHIGH...**

Won a home dual.....	vs. Army West Point, 2/4/23 (26-9)
Lost a home dual.....	vs. Arizona State, 1/28/23 (20-16)
Won a road dual.....	at Princeton, 2/11/23 (24-12)
Lost a road dual.....	at Columbia, 1/27/23 (18-17)
Won a neutral site dual.....	vs. Cal Poly, 12/19/22 (26-6)
Lost a neutral site dual.....	vs. Ohio State, 12/20/22 (23-12)
Won an EIWA dual.....	at Princeton, 2/11/23 (24-12)
Lost an EIWA dual.....	at Columbia, 1/27/23 (18-17)
Tied a dual.....	at Cornell, 1/22/10 (15-15)
Beat a ranked opponent.....	vs. #25 Cal Poly, 12/19/22 (26-6)
Lost to a ranked opponent.....	vs. #17 Arizona State, 1/28/23 (20-16)
Beat a top 5 opponent.....	vs. #5 Arizona State, 2/21/20 (19-14)
Lost to a top 5 opponent.....	vs. #3 Ohio State, 12/20/22 (23-12)
Beat a #1 ranked team.....	vs. Cornell, 1/20/11 (17-15)
Lost to a #1 ranked team.....	vs. Penn State, 12/4/22 (24-12)
Shut out an opponent.....	vs. Sacred Heart, 11/6/22 (44-0)
Was shut out.....	at Penn State, 12/2/18 (42-0)
Scored 50-plus points.....	vs. Bloomsburg, 2/14/16 (54-0)
Scored 40-49 points.....	vs. Sacred Heart, 11/6/22 (44-0)
Scored 30-39 points.....	at Bucknell, 2/10/23 (32-6)
Scored 20-29 points.....	at Princeton, 2/11/23 (24-12)
Had an EIWA champion.....	2022 (Jordan Wood)
Had multiple EIWA champions.....	2021 (four wrestlers)
Had an All-American.....	2022 (Jordan Wood - 3rd)
Had multiple All-Americans at NCAA Tournament.....	2019 (three wrestlers)
Had a NCAA finalist.....	2017, Darian Cruz - 125
Had multiple NCAA finalists.....	2012, Brandon Hatchett - 165
.....	and Zach Rey - 285
Had a NCAA Champion.....	2017, Darian Cruz - 125
Had multiple NCAA champions.....	1979, Darryl Burley - 134
.....	and Mark Lieberman - 177
Finished top 10 at NCAAs.....	2012 (8th)
Finished top 5 at NCAAs.....	2004 (3rd)



**LEHIGH BY THE NUMBERS**

Dual matches at home: .....	3-3
Duals on the road: .....	4-4
Duals at a neutral site:.....	2-2
Duals in Pennsylvania:.....	5-4
Day Matches: .....	6-3
Night Matches:.....	3-6
When winning opening bout: .....	4-4
When losing opening bout: .....	5-5
When leading after five bouts: .....	8-2
When trailing after five bouts: .....	1-6
When tied after five bouts:.....	0-1
Wears Brown Singlets: .....	4-7
Wears White Singlets .....	5-2

**LEHIGH IN DUALS DECIDED...**

By 5 points or fewer: .....	0-3
By 6-9 points: .....	3-0
By 10-20 points .....	4-6
By more than 20 points: .....	2-0

**LEHIGH DUALS BY MONTH...**

November .....	3-2
December .....	1-3
January: .....	2-4
February: .....	3-0

**LEHIGH BY WEIGHT CLASS...**

125 (Bailey, Lane) .....	7-11
133 (McGonagle, Lane, Delaney, Crookham).....	12-5
141 (Hines, Reinsel) .....	9-9
149 (Brignola, Bryant, Munch).....	9-9
157 (Humphreys, Bryant, Brignola, Sung, Watkins) .....	12-6
165 (Meyer, Frinzi, Herceg, Humphreys)....	4-14
174 (Logan, Burkhart).....	6-12
184 (Samuelson) .....	12-6
197 (Beard).....	16-2
285 (Taylor, Jones).....	10-8

**ON THE TEEVEE**

All six of Lehigh's home duals are slated to be televised on Service Electric Network (SEN) as Lehigh continues its long partnership with Service Electric Cable TV and Communications, the Lehigh Valley's largest cable provider.

**ON THE INTERNET**

Lehigh Athletics will offer streaming video of all home duals on FloWrestling.org via the FloPro subscription service. Duals broadcast on Fox Sports Radio 94.7 FM and 1230 AM in Easton will also feature streaming audio at LVFoxSports.com. Video for the EIWA Championships will also be streamed on FloWrestling.

**ON THE RADIO**

At least five duals this season and the EIWA Finals are scheduled to be heard on FOX Sports Radio of the Lehigh Valley (94.7 FM and 1230 AM in Easton). Lehigh wrestling SID Steve Lomangino handles the commentary for his 19th season with Gary Brownell '72 providing analysis for select duals.

**LAST TIME OUT**

Lehigh won its final three duals to finish the dual season at 9-9 with wins over Army West Point (Feb. 4), Bucknell (Feb. 10) and Princeton (Feb. 11). Against the Tigers, the won seven bouts overall as a technical fall by sophomore Malyke Hines (141) and a major decision by senior Josh Humphreys (157) staked Lehigh to a 15-3 lead at intermission. The dual was tied 3-3 after two bouts when Hines posted a dominant 15-0 technical fall over Chris Martino. An overtime win by sophomore Max Brignola followed by Humphreys' major decision over Ty Whalen put Lehigh up 15-3. Princeton battled back within 15-12 but Lehigh's upperweights came through as Tate Samuelson, Michael Beard and Nathan Taylor all posted wins by decision to close out the victory and the dual meet season.

**NEW YEAR SUCCESS FOR HINES**

Sophomore Malyke Hines has thrived in 2023, going 7-2 in Lehigh's duals since the start of the new year, highlighted by three victories over ranked opponents. Hines opened the Cornell dual with a 4-2 decision over Cornell's 13th-ranked Vince Cornella, the biggest win of the season for Hines and a key win that kept the Mountain Hawks in the dual until the very end. He opened the Navy dual with a 10-5 victory over nationally-ranked Josh Koderhandt to set the one for a Lehigh victory and added a win over Arizona State's Jesse Vasquez. On Jan. 15, Hines put Lehigh in front of Binghamton for good with a technical fall victory over Christian Gannone, that was secured with a late takedown and four point near fall. Hines is a two-time NCAA qualifier and 2021 EIWA champion at 133. He is ranked 26th by InterMat and 27th by the coaches at 141.

**MCGONAGLE RISES AFTER MOVE DOWN**

After competing at 141 in his first two seasons, sophomore Connor McGonagle is making the most of his move down to 133. McGonagle is 11-2 on the season with four victories over ranked opponents. McGonagle opened the season with a win over Oregon State's Jason Shaner and also owns ranked wins over Oklahoma's Wyatt Henson, Pitt's Micky Phillippi and most recently, Kai Orine of NC State. McGonagle finished third and then fourth at the EIWA Championships at 141 over the last two seasons and is a two-time NCAA qualifier. He has moved all the way up to No. 5 in the latest InterMat rankings.

**A BIG WIN FOR BEARD**

Sophomore Michael Beard enjoyed the biggest win of his Lehigh career when he defeated Penn State's top-ranked and defending national champion Max Dean 11-9, Dec. 4 at Stabler Arena. Facing his former team and teammate, Beard racked up four takedowns, including two in the final period, to improve to 5-1 on the season. A 2021 All-American for Penn State, Beard is off to a 16-2 start in his first season in the brown and white and is ranked second in the nation at 197 according to InterMat. The victory over Dean earned Beard EIWA Wrestler of the Week honors on Dec. 5. Beard has won his last nine bouts overall.

**TAYLOR'S PIN GIVES LEHIGH A WIN**

Lehigh trailed Oklahoma 17-9 with three bouts remaining Nov. 12 at Journeymen WrangleMania when the Mountain Hawks upperweights orchestrated a bonus point-fueled comeback to secure a 24-17 Mountain Hawks victory. With Lehigh up 18-17 heading into the final bout, first-year heavyweight Nathan Taylor secured a second period pin of then-No. 17 ranked Josh Heindselman to clinch the victory for the Mountain Hawks. Taylor's first career fall came after a major decision by graduate student Tate Samuelson and a technical fall by sophomore Michael Beard put Lehigh in front by one heading into the final bout.

**HAIL HUMPHREYS**

Senior Josh Humphreys is the most accomplished of all the returning Mountain Hawks. In his first three seasons, Humphreys won a pair of EIWA titles at 157, qualified for the NCAA Championships on three occasions and in 2020 was recognized as a NWCA first team All-American. Humphreys went 20-5 last season with four falls and 12 bonus wins. He won the 2020 Coaches Trophy as the Outstanding Wrestler at the EIWA Championships. The Parkersburg, W. Va., native returned to the lineup against Army after missing nearly six weeks. He improved to 12-0 on the season with a victory and owns a 72-18 career record.

**LOTS OF LOCALS**

Many Lehigh wrestlers don't have to venture far from home to wrestle for the Brown and White. Fourth-year sophomore Luca Frinzi wrestled for nearby Bethlehem Catholic High School, the same program that produced Lehigh head coach Pat Santoro. Third-year Mountain Hawks Karam Chakif (Dieruff), Connor Herceg (Nazareth) and Caden Wright (Emmaus) join Frinzi in wrestling for Lehigh Valley East Penn Conference programs. Senior Mike Sisselberger (Southern Lehigh) and first-year Ryan Crookham (Saucon Valley) are Lehigh Valley products that competed for Colonial League programs. Sophomore Steven Storm (Pocono Mountain East) hails from a program in the EPC's Monroe County Division. Fifth-year junior Brian Meyer hails from Phillipsburg, N.J., just across the state line.

**THE AWARDS STORY**

Lehigh has been well represented among the three major EIWA Tournament individual awards in recent years. Five years ago, Lehigh swept the major awards with Ryan Preisch winning the Coaches’ Trophy (Outstanding Wrestler) and the Sheridan Award (Most Falls in the Championship Bracket) and Darian Cruz capturing the Fletcher Trophy (EIWA Tournament Career Team Points Scored). Four years ago, Preisch won the Fletcher Trophy, while freshman Josh Humphreys won the Sheridan Award. In 2020, Humphreys picked up another major award, capturing the Coaches’ Trophy after winning a stacked bracket at 157. The 2021 season saw, Jake Jakobsen (Sheridan) and Jordan Wood (Fletcher) took home major awards, with Wood repeating as the Fletcher Trophy winner last season. Lehigh wrestlers top the lists in terms of all three major awards. Fourteen Lehigh wrestlers have won the Sheridan Award since 1964, including 10 of the last 20. Twenty-one Lehigh wrestlers have won the Fletcher Award since 1955 including four of the last five. Twenty have won the Coaches’ Trophy, dating back to 1936, with Preisch and Humphreys the first Lehigh winners since John Van Doren in 1998.

**ACADEMIC SUCCESS**

Lehigh enjoyed another strong season on the mats, but the Mountain Hawks were equally impressive in the classroom in 2021-22. Six wrestlers earned EIWA Academic Achievement Awards, while four were recognized on the NWCA All-Academic Team. Returnees Josh Humphreys, Jake Logan and Brian Meyer joined 2022 graduate Jordan Wood in earning NWCA Honors. AJ Burkhart and Sheldon Seymour joined that group in being honored by the EIWA. Eighteen Mountain Hawks earned GPAs of 3.2 or better during the fall 2022 semester, led by Humphreys, who earned a 4.0 in management. First-year Ryan Crookham owns a 3.92 in Lehigh’s college of business and economics. Among projected EIWA Tournament entrants, Humphreys owns a 3.56 cumulative GPA, while sophomore Jake Logan holds a 3.55 in finance. Graduate student Tate Samuelson holds a 3.75 in his technical entrepreneurship program.

**NEW FACES FROM OTHER PLACES**

Lehigh’s roster features a pair of accomplished transfer student-athletes who have been regulars in the Lehigh lineup. Sophomore Michael Beard comes to Lehigh from Penn State, where he earned All-America honors in 2021 with a seventh place finish at 197. Beard has three seasons of eligibility remaining. Tate Samuelson comes to Lehigh as a graduate transfer after four years at Wyoming where he was a four-time NCAA qualifier. Both wrestlers went 9-0 in duals in 2023. Beard is up to 16-2 on the season and has won 11 straight bouts, while Samuelson is now 16-7.

**PLENTY OF EXPERIENCE BACK**

Lehigh’s roster features 41 wrestlers, including 31 who are in their second year or older academically. Eleven of the Mountain Hawks’ 32 upper class wrestlers have previously qualified for the NCAA Championships at least once, while two others have represented Lehigh in the EIWA Championships. Senior Josh Humphreys is a two-time EIWA champion and 2020 NWCA All-American. Sophomore Michael Beard was an All-American in 2021 for Penn State, while graduate student Tate Samuelson was a four-time NCAA qualifier at the University of Wyoming. Junior Brian Meyer and sophomores Malyke Hines and Connor McGonagle are two-time NCAA qualifiers for the Mountain Hawks. Other previous NCAA qualifiers on Lehigh’s roster include senior Jaret Lane, junior AJ Burkhart and sophomores Max Brignola, Luca Frinzi and Jake Logan. Third-year wrestlers Sheldon Seymour and JT Davis also competed at the 2022 EIWA Championships. Lane and Hines won EIWA titles during the 2021 season.

**INDIVIDUAL EIWA TOURNAMENT HISTORY**

Five of the ten Mountain Hawks expected to compete in the EIWA Tournament have competed in the tournament before. Senior Josh Humphreys is looking to win his third title while sophomore Malyke Hines is bidding for his second. Graduate student Tate Samuelson is a four-time Big 12 place winner (6th, 6th, 2nd, 7th), while sophomore Michael Beard placed sixth in his only Big Ten Tournament appearance in 2021.

**Connor McGonagle**

2021	141/3rd	Julian Flores (Drexel)	W	2-0
		Cody Trybus (Navy)	L	2-1
		Drew Witham (LIU)	W	MD, 11-2
		Julian Flores (Drexel)	W	3-0
2022	141/4th	Michael Jaffe (Harvard)	W	11-9, sv
		Darren Miller (Bucknell)	L	4-2
		Timothy Levine (Brown)	W	3-2
		Justin Hoyle (Hofstra)	W	MD, 14-0
		Ryan Anderson (Binghamton)	W	2-0
		Wil Gil (F&M)	L	10-5

**Malyke Hines**

2021	133/1st	Kyle Randall (Sacred Heart)	W	Fall, 0:31
		Chandler Olson (Drexel)	W	MD, 8-0
		Jacob Allen (Navy)	W	4-2
2022	133/dnp	Nicky Cabanillas (Brown)	L	Inj. Def, 0:01

**Max Brignola**

2022	149/3rd	Drew Witham (LIU)	W	7-2
		Luke Nichter (Drexel)	W	11-7
		Anthony Artalona (Penn)	L	7-4
		Danny Fongaro (Columbia)	W	5-4
		Marshall Keller (Princeton)	W	5-3

**Josh Humphreys**

2019	157/1st	Chris Mauriello (Hofstra)	W	Fall, 0:59
		Joe Oliva (Penn)	W	Fall, 2:51
		Quincy Monday (Princeton)	W	13-8
		Zach Hartman (Bucknell)	W	12-6
2020	157/1st	Chris Barker (Binghamton)	W	MD, 12-1
		Hunter Ladnier (Harvard)	W	MD, 9-0
		Markus Hartman (Army)	W	8-2
		Quincy Monday (Princeton)	W	7-0
2022	157/3rd	Jack Nies (American)	W	Fall, 2:27
		Trevor Tarsi (Harvard)	W	TF, 16-0, 3:45
		Andrew Cerniglia (Navy)	L	Fall, 2:52
		Hunter Richard (Cornell)	W	7-4
		Markus Hartman (Army)	W	MD, 10-0

**Jake Logan**

2021	174/4th	Jacob Nolan (Binghamton)	W	3-1
		Michael O’Malley (Drexel)	L	2-1, tb
		Vincent Andreano (Bucknell)	W	4-0
2022	174/5th	Ryan Ferro (LIU)	W	6-4
		Nick Fine (Columbia)	W	5-2
		Mickey O’Malley (Drexel)	L	8-4
		Ben Pasiuk (Army)	L	7-5, sv
		Chris Foca (Cornell)	W	Medical FF