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CAA at Nationals

AUBURN HILL, MICHIGAN--Twenty-three wrestlers from the Colonial Athletic Association won 45 matches at the 2007 NCAA Division I National Championships, with seven coming home as All-Americans. The 30.43 percent of CAA qualifiers finishing as place winners was the third highest among all conferences.

In the team standings, Hofstra University finished seventh in the nation, with Rider University finishing 30th and Drexel University and Sacred Heart University finishing tied for 40th. Old Dominion University was 54th, Boston University 63rd and Binghamton University 65th.

In the 141 pound weight class, junior Charles Griffin of Hofstra placed third, winning six of seven matches and unseeded junior Don Fisch of Rider placed fifth, winning four of six matches. Griffin (Reading, PA/Reading), the 11th seed, beat the sixth, 10th and third seeds, losing only to the third seed. Fisch (Williamstown, NJ/Delsea), unseeded, beat the fifth, 12th, fourth and seventh seeds, losing only to the top seed and the 11th seed.

Hofstra senior Chris Weidman, the 11th seed at 197, placed third, winning five of six bouts, while teammate senior Mike Patrovich placed sixth at 165, winning three times. Patrovich (Islip, NY/Islip) defeated the third seed in the quarterfinals. Weidman (Baldwin, NY/Baldwin/Nassau CC) beat the third seed in the quarterfinals before losing to the second seed. Weidman also defeated the fifth and sixth seeds.

At 157, senior James Strouse (Levittown, NY/MacArthur) of Hofstra placed fourth, winning four of six matches and junior Ryan Hluschak of Drexel finished eighth, winning five of eight matches. Unseeded, Hluschak (Slatington, Pa./Northern Lehigh) defeated the number two seed.

Senior Payam Zarrinpour (Shiraz, Iran/Shiraz) of Sacred Heart was unseeded and placed seventh at 285 pounds, defeating the tenth, seventh, and ninth seeds.

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