
**Wrestler of the Year:** David Welch, 197, Roger Williams University, SR, (Salem, NH). David Welch capped off his impressive career by winning the Division III National Championship at 197 pounds at the NCAA Championships in Cedar Rapids, IA. Welch compiled a 43-2 Season record and has a career record of 151-14. The 151 wins is a school record for the Hawks. Welch was a 3X Region Finalist and the 2016 Region Champion beating last years national Champion in the finals. Welch graduates as a 2X NCAA All-American and National Champion. At the NCAA Championships Welch defeated the wrestlers who placed 2nd, 3rd, and 4th on his way to his championship. Welch finishes the season with undefeated record in Division III.

**Rookie Wrestler of the Year:** Joe Ferinde, 133, Johnson & Wales University, FR, (Nutley, NJ). Ferinde finished his fine freshman campaign with a record of 26-15 with 7 pins. His National level schedule included some of the toughest tournaments in the country (RWU Invite, York Invite, Desert Duals in Las Vegas and The National Duals). Joe was a Finalist at the RWU Invite and 3rd at The Wildcat Open. Joe had wins against Goldman of Harvard, Walsh of LIU Post, during the regular season. Joe took 3rd at the NCAA Regional and qualified for the NCAA Championships. He beat Austin Sisco of WNEU who was ranked #2 in New England to make the national tournament. On top of being an NCAA National Qualifier Joe finished the Season with 58 Takedowns, 34 Escapes, 7 Reversals and 25 near falls.

**Most Dominant Award:** Chris Chorzepa, 184, Williams College, JR (Newington, CT). Chorzepa finished the season 37-2. He is a 3X Region Place winner, a 2X All-American finished 3rd in 2014, 4th in 2015, and a 2016 Scholar All-American. Chris won this year’s Region tournament after finished 3rd the two prior seasons. In the Semifinals he beat Brandon Conrad on RIC 9-5. Conrad finished 7th at NCAA Championships. In the finals he beat Carlos Toribio of Ithaca for the 3rd time on the season and this time 9-2. Toribio went on to finish
5th at the NCAA Championships. Chorzepa had 17 falls this season, which was 6th in Division III and averaged 5.08 points per match for his team, which was 4th in the country this year.

**Assistant Coach of the Year:** Anthony Paoletta, WPI. Tony is a WPI alum who has come back to campus as a major contributor to the success that the Engineers have had over the past two seasons. WPI produced a 15-9 dual record with wins over nationally ranked Ursinus and Williams, placed 5th at the NEWA duals, and 6th at the Northeast regional championship. At the regionals, the program produced two 4th place finishers and six additional wrestlers who were in the top eight while leading the tournament in pins.

**Coach of the Year:** Jon Egan, Roger Williams University. The Hawks had a great season under the leadership of Jon Egan. The Hawks went 23-3 and broke the school record for wins. They took 3rd at the NWCA National Duals, which is the highest finish for a New England team ever and finished the regular season ranked #3 in the country. Roger Williams went on to finish 2nd at the NCAA Regional behind Ithaca and then finished 15th nationally at the NCAA qualifying a school record 6 wrestlers for the championships. Senior David Welch won the first ever National Championship for Roger Williams in wrestling winning the 197-pound championship. The Hawks were 1st at the Monarch Invitational, the RWU Invitational, and 2nd at the York Invitational. They were 7-1 vs top 25 teams this year. They also produced 5 Scholar All-Americans this year.

All NEWA Teams (*1st team last Year, #2nd Team last year, ^HM last year) (~*1st team 2 Yrs ago, ~#2nd 2 Yrs ago, ~^HM 2 Yrs ago)

**1st Team (WT Class and Alphabetical Order)**
125 – Bobby Jordan – Johnson & Wales University*
133 – Tyler Keane – Springfield^
141 – Shawn Giblin – RIC^
149 – Joey Gaccione – Johnson & Wales University#~#
157 – Jorge Lopez – Williams College*~*
165 – Alec Golner – Roger Williams University
174 – Stephen Jarrell – Johnson & Wales University
174 – Danny Ressler – Roger Williams University*~^*
184 – Chris Chorzepa – Williams College*~*
184 – Brandon Conrad – RIC
197 – David Welch – Roger Williams University*~*
285 – Jake Benedict – Springfield College^
285 – Kyle Foster – Roger Williams University

2nd Team (WT Class and Alphabetical Order)
125 – Matt Morris – Williams College
133 – Joe Ferinde – Johnson & Wales University
141 – Brendon Seyfried – Williams College
149 – Daniel Downes – Roger Williams University
149 – Daniel Del Gallo – University of Southern Maine
157 – Ty Herzog – Roger Williams University
165 – Tim Garripoli – Williams College
165 – Justin Marsh – WPI
174 – Taran Carr – Wesleyan University
184 – Joe Albina – Roger Williams University
197 – Devon Carrillo – Wesleyan University
285 – Austin Shrewsbury – WPI

Honorable Mention (WT Class and Alphabetical Order)
125 – Joey Aumann (PSU), Nick Barbaria (RWU), Dylan Nuttal (BSU), Jacob Forsman (Norwich)
133 – Jean-Luc Lemieux (RWU), Stephen Masi (RIC), Sean Randles (Norwich), Austin Sisco (WNEU)
141 – Justin Cochran (RWU), James Matias (Wesleyan), Peter Nash (WPI), Brendan Weir (USM)
149 – Jon Costa (RIC), Zack Joseph (Springfield), Jack Nigro (WPI),
157 – Greyson DeLuca (WPI), Carl Luth (USM), Chris Siracusa (Wesleyan), Chris Sullivan (CGA),
165 – Mike Gargano (JWU), Pat McCurdy (Norwich), Michael Palomba (CGA)
174 – Dan Fiorvanti (USCGA), Lucas Muntz (WPI), Devin Visconti (DWC)
184 – Dae’Sean Brown (JWU), Marc Wagner (CGA), Dan Wensley (WPI)
197 – Phil Azzari (USCGA), Anthony Brooks (Williams), Mike Curtis (WPI), Khamri Thomas (JWU)
285 – Jonah Aurelio (JWU), Frank Girolamo (Norwich), Martin Strenk (Williams),

All Rookie Team (WT Class and Alphabetical Order)
125 – Jay Albis – Johnson & Wales University
125 – Joey Aumann – Plymouth State University
125 – Jacob Forsman – Norwich University
125 – Dylan Jones – Wesleyan University
125 – Dylan Nuttal – Bridgewater State University
133 – Joe Ferinde – Johnson & Wales University
133 – Jean-Luc Lemieux – Roger Williams University
133 – Sean Randles – Norwich University
133 – Ben Morton – Williams College
141 – Peter Nash – WPI
141 – James Matias – Wesleyan University
141 – Brendan Weir – University of Southern Maine
141 – Brendon Seyfried – Williams College
157 – Greyson DeLuca – WPI
157 – Thomas Grippi – Johnson & Wales University
165 – Roy Forys – Wesleyan University
165 – Michael Gargano – Johnson & Wales University
174 – Matt Froio – Plymouth State University
184 – Connor Humphries – Roger Williams University
184 – Dan Wensley – WPI
197 – Mike Curtis – WPI
197 – Khamri Thomas – Johnson & Wales University
285 – Mike Risti – University of Southern Maine
285 – Austin Shrewsbury – WPI