

## No. 13 JWU Wrestling Knocks Off No. 14 Rhode Island College, 22-11

February 12, 2008

Providence, R.I. – The 13<sup>th</sup> ranked Johnson & Wales University wrestling team captured their fourth straight Pilgrim League Championship with a 22-11 victory against 14<sup>th</sup> ranked Rhode Island College at the Harborside Recreation Center on Tuesday evening. The match was the final home match for seniors **Diego Crespo (Garfield, N.J.)**, **Rob Doherty (Woburn, Mass.)** and **Pete Reilly (Farmingdale, N.J.)**.

The evening started with a 4-0 win at 133 pounds by RIC's **Travis Drappi (West Orange, N.J.)** to give the Anchormen the 3-0 lead. RIC extended their lead to 7-0 after a 15-3 victory by senior **Mike Bonora (Nutley, N.J.)** at 141 pounds and the team went ahead 11-0 after another major decision by freshman **Kevin Sutherland (Dauphin, Pa.)** at 149 pounds.

Reilly notched the first win for the Wildcats at 157 pounds, posting a 7-2 victory to cut the lead to 11-3. Freshman **Juan Vega (Union City, N.J.)** then posted a major decision with a 19-8 victory at 165 and junior **Jerome Owens (Mitchellville, Md.)** helped pull to JWU to within just one point, making the score 11-10 after an 8-5 decision at 174 pounds. Sophomore **Bryan Lenhardt (Gloucester, Va.)** gave the Wildcats their first lead of the evening after a thrilling 4-2 overtime win at 184 pounds to give the team the 13-11 lead. Crespo pushed the advantage to 16-11 after a 4-1 win at 197 pounds and the team went ahead 19-11 after a 5-0 win by freshman **Sean DeDeyn (Bayville, N.J.)** at heavyweight. JWU capped off the evening with a 4-1 win by sophomore 125 pounder **Mike Bastante (Little Falls, N.J.)** to give the Wildcats the 22-11 win.

The Wildcats are now 18-7-1 on the season and 6-0 in the Pilgrim League while Rhode Island College falls to 14-4 for the year, 3-2 in league play. The Wildcats will return to action on Saturday-Sunday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> when they travel to Southern Maine for the 2008 New England Wrestling Association Championship

**Johnson & Wales (18-7-1)            22**  
**Rhode Island College (14-4)        11**

Weight		Running Score	
		Result	JWU-RIC
133	Travis Drappi (RIC) Def. Patrick Wayne (JWU)	4-0	0-3
141	Mike Bonora (RIC) Maj. Dec. Hamilton Cook (JWU)	15-3	0-7
149	Kevin Sutherland (RIC) Maj. Dec. Rob Doherty (JWU)	10-1	0-11
157	Pete Reilly (JWU) Def. Mike Martini (RIC)	7-2	3-11
165	Juan Vega (JWU) Maj. Dec. Brendan Guarino (RIC)	19-8	7-11
174	Jerome Owens (JWU) Def. Brendan Casey (RIC)	8-5	10-11
184	Bryan Lenhardt (JWU) Def. Nick Logan (RIC)	4-2 (OT)	13-11
197	Diego Crespo (JWU) Def. Kevin Davis (RIC)	4-1	16-11
285	Sean DeDeyn (JWU) Def. Ray Moore (RIC)	5-0	19-11
125	Mike Bastante (JWU) Brian Hoyt (RIC)	4-1	22-11