



# **SPORTS NEWS**

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## **FOOTBALL:**

### **I-A MARSHALL HIGHLIGHTS 2003 HOFSTRA FOOTBALL SCHEDULE**

**HEMPSTEAD**, New York - A season-opening game against I-A Marshall University highlights the 2003 Hofstra University Football schedule that Pride Director of Athletics Harry Royle announced recently. Like in 2002, the Pride will play a 12-game schedule in 2003 evenly split with six home and six road contests.

Hofstra will play nine Atlantic 10 Football Conference games including five at James. M. Shuart Stadium. The Pride will also host Elon University of the Southern Conference in a non-conference battle in Hempstead in mid-September. Atlantic 10 opponents who will visit Shuart Stadium in 2003 include all three of the Conference's I-AA Playoff qualifiers in Maine (September 6th), Northeastern (October 11th) and Villanova (November 8th), as well as Delaware (September 27th) and New Hampshire (October 25th).

The Pride will be making their first appearance against Marshall since a thrilling 30-28 loss in Huntington, West Virginia in the 1995 regular season finale. That loss, Hofstra's first that season in 11 games, propelled the Pride into the national limelight and helped get Hofstra its first I-AA Playoff bid. The Pride will face conference foes James Madison (September 20th), Massachusetts (October 18th), William & Mary (November 1) and Rhode Island (November 15th) as well as non-conference foes Liberty (November 22nd) and Marshall (August 30th) on the road.

### **2003 HOFSTRA UNIVERSITY FOOTBALL SCHEDULE**

<i>Date</i>	<i>Day</i>	<i>Opponent (2002 Record)</i>	<i>Series</i>	<i>Time</i>
August 30	Saturday	at Marshall University (11-2-0)	MU 1-0-0	TBA
<b>September 6</b>	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>UNIVERSITY OF MAINE* (11-3-0)</b>	<b>HU 7-4-0</b>	<b>TBA</b>
<b>September 13</b>	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>ELON UNIVERSITY (4-7-0)</b>	<b>HU 4-0-0</b>	<b>TBA</b>
September 20	Saturday	at James Madison University* (5-7-0)	Tied 2-2-0	TBA
<b>September 27</b>	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE* (6-6-0)</b>	<b>UD 4-8-1</b>	<b>TBA</b>
<b>October 11</b>	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>NORTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY* (10-3-0)</b>	<b>NU 6-3-0</b>	<b>TBA</b>
October 18	Saturday	at University of Massachusetts* (8-4-0)	HU 5-1-0	TBA
<b>October 25</b>	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>UNIVERSITY OF NEW HAMPSHIRE* (3-8-0)</b>	<b>HU 5-1-0</b>	<b>TBA</b>
November 1	Saturday	at College of William & Mary* (6-5-0)	Tied 1-1-0	TBA
<b>November 8</b>	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>VILLANOVA UNIVERSITY* (11-4-0)</b>	<b>VU 2-0-0</b>	<b>TBA</b>
November 15	Saturday	at University of Rhode Island* (3-9-0)	HU 14-3-0	TBA
November 22	Saturday	at Liberty University (2-9-0)	HU 7-0-0	TBA

*As of January 30, 2003*  
*Dates and times are subject to change due to television*