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Pfeffer Sports 9-2 Record

By Nelson Kane

One of Virginia Tech's most outstanding wrestlers this season has been Billy Pfeffer, a freshman who is also a scholarship football player. A three-year letterman in both sports at James M. Coughlin High School in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, Pfeffer finished second in the Pennsylvania State Championships, but says he turned down the scholarship offers he had for wrestling, because he didn't plan on wrestling in college.

However, he talked with head coach Jerry Cheynet during the summer after deciding to come to Virginia Tech on a football scholarship, and decided to wrestle for VPI in the heavyweight class, where the team was looking for someone with his size (6-1, 255) and quickness. He then stepped in and became a consistent wrestler for the Gobblers, and has compiled a 9-2 record so far this season.

"Billy loves wrestling and has been a tremendous asset to the wrestling program," says Cheynet. "He has a good sense of humor and is easy to get along with. Also, he helps some of our people with the moves he can do for a big man. One of his biggest assets is his quickness."

Pfeffer, who calls Cheynet "a very good coach," was also second in the Virginia Wrestling Championships this year. His two losses have been to excellent wrestlers, so he should improve even more during his career here.

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