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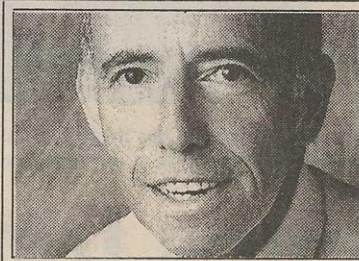
Wrestlers pick their best spot

Smiles are in order for wrestling fans. The annual Bergen County Coaches Association Holiday Wrestling Tournament has found a new home at Paramus High School.

"I think this could pick up attendance because Paramus is so centrally located," says tournament director **George Jockish**, who had a long run at Hackensack before moving to Becton last year.

"I'd like to thank the Paramus Board of Education for having us," says Jockish, who is truly thrilled about the new location. "I live two minutes from the school."

Entry forms have been mailed to athletic directors for the Dec. 29-30 event.



BOB KURLAND

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The 33rd annual Bergen County Coaches Association holiday wrestling tournament will take place Dec. 29-30 at Paramus High School. A record 46 teams will participate, including a first-time appearance by Bergen Tech and return appearances by Cresskill and Northern Highlands.

The facility at Paramus offers an auxiliary gym for wrestlers to warm up or work out. It is more centrally located than the previous site — Hackensack — and parking is ample.

"We're looking for a long relationship with Paramus," says tournament director **George Jockish**.

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Four champs back for tourney

By **BARRY GRAMLICH**
Record Staff Writer

WRESTLING

Jason Hernandez says he's comfortable with his weight this season, and that's not a comforting thought for his wrestling opponents.

Bergen Catholic's junior 125-pounder, who labored at times reducing to 119 pounds last season, is shooting for his third straight Bergen County Holiday championship. Bouts begin Tuesday morning and conclude with Wednesday night's finals.

Hernandez, fourth in the State last season, is bidding to become the first wrestler to win four Bergen titles.

"The third one first, that's all I'm thinking about," he said. "Then I might think about a fourth."

"I'm conditioning a lot smarter this year, and I don't expect to miss weight once. I run every day."

Hernandez is one of four returning champions this season. The others are St. Joseph's **John Bratka** (103), Elmwood Park's **Joe Guttilla** (145), and Dumont's **Pete Bruger** (160).

Here's a breakdown of the weight classes.

103 — Don't mail in a title for Ridgewood's **Josh Weil**, last year's runner-up to St. Joseph's **Bratka**. Two outstanding freshmen will invade this weight class, beginning with St. Joseph's **Damion Logan**. He defeated heralded Clifton performer **Eric Perez** in his varsity debut. And don't count out Bergen Catholic sensation **Abner Suarez**. Other contenders: Westwood's **Dan Bornstein**, Hackensack's **Ed Russo**, Ridgefield's **Scott Mangano**.

112 — Defending 103-pound champion **Bratka** moves up and will get challenges from Garfield's **Kyle Lewis**, Lodi's **Chris Woods**, Hasbrouck Heights' **Tony**

DeSena, and Northern Valley/Demarest's highly regarded freshman **Andy Chamberlain**. Other contenders: Hackensack's **Mike Walker**, Waldwick's **Nick Sinatra**, Emerson/Park Ridge's **R. J. Kenny**, Bergenfield's **Jon Bolton**, Northern Highlands' **Bilo Bouab**, Westwood's **Pat Eboil**.

119 — Westwood's **Andy Trivento** took a sixth at 112 last season, but he'll get no free ride here if Lyndhurst's **Gregg Settembrino** goes in this class. Settembrino was third at 103 last year. Other contenders: Bogota's **Robert Gomez**, Paramus' **Tom DeBonis**, New Milford's **Mike Tota**, Don Bosco's **James Galoranzo**.

125 — Tenafly's **Joe Milani**, third in this weight class last season, could be the only formidable opponent for Hernandez. Other contenders: Ridgefield Park's **Don Daniello**, Northern Highlands' **Justin Gonnell**, Mahwah's **Ben Wagman**, Hasbrouck Heights' **Steve Sul**.

130 — Emerson/Park Ridge's **Jeff Fazio**, runner-up at 112 last season, is expected to bump up three weight classes and do battle with Fort Lee's **Atilla Kan**, who was third at 119. Fair Lawn dark horse **Doni Vargas** is sidelined because of a hip injury. Other contenders: NV/Demarest's **Matt Lake**, New Milford's **Joe Alise**, Paramus' **Joe Balastrieri**, Elmwood Park's **John Ceriello**, Bergen Catholic's **John Piela**.

135 — Highly competitive with North Bergen's **Mike McNeil** (runner-up at 119 last season), St. Joseph's All-Bergen standout **Bryan Stoll**, Bergen Catholic district champ **Jim Finn**, Dumont's **Sean Kalne**, and Ramapo's **Bruce Mowery** (sixth at 125). Other contenders: Ridge-

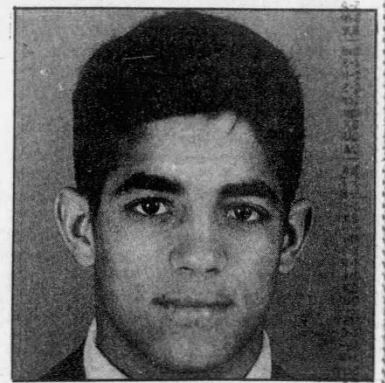
field Park's **John Paladino**, NV/Demarest's **Toph Lake**, Northern Highlands' **Jim Riella**, Cliffside Park's **Mike Foca**, Westwood's **Mike Gruber**, Leonia's **Jody Rodriguez**.

140 — All-Bergen **Tim Barrow** (fourth at 135 last season) is the choice here with strong bids from North Bergen's **Harry Seymour** (third at 130), Ramapo's **Greg Zanchelli**, and St. Joseph's **Jason Matzkanin**. Watch **Kevin Alexander** of Bergen Catholic if he makes weight. Other contenders: Ridgefield's **Tony Bruno**, Cliffside Park's **Savas Glavas**, Elmwood Park's **Angelo Vicari**.

145 — Defending 145-pound champ **Guttilla** of Elmwood Park won the Garfield tournament at 152, but he'll cut weight to wrestle here. He could get a scare from Ramapo's **Zanchelli** if the Green Raider can't make 140. Another scare will come from Fair Lawn's **Rob Lebrock** (third last year). Perhaps the biggest scare would have come from Westwood's **John Gargano**, but the 135-pound runner-up tore cartilage in his left knee and is out for the season. Other contenders: Bergen Catholic's **Kevin Alexander**, Mahwah's **Ken Olive**, Garfield's **Joe Ardizzone** (sixth at 140 last year), Glen Rock's **Dan Arrighi**, Cliffside Park's **Demetri Dimitriadis**.

152 — It could be a war of Parochial school strongmen **Brandon DePillis** of St. Joseph, **Matt Broderick** of Bergen Catholic, and **Nunzio Campanile** of Paramus Catholic. Other contenders: North Bergen's **Orley Lego**, Pascack Hills' **Ben Ashley**, Hasbrouck Heights' **Chris Bronner**, Lodi's **Brian Karwoski**.

160 — A tossup between defending 160-pound champ **Bruger** of Dumont, Bogota's **Jesse Rala** (runner-up to Guttilla at 145 last season), and Rutherford's **Rich**



JASON HERNANDEZ

BC standout seeking his fourth title

Lynch (State fourth). Other contenders: Ridgefield's **John Niforatos**, Lyndhurst's **Mark Bautis**, Cliffside Park's **Corrado Gugliotta**, NV/Demarest's **Dave Edmondson**, Saddle Brook's **Tom D'Anna**.

171 — **Terry Rogers** of Saddle Brook took a fifth here last season, but there's talent with St. Joseph's **Ryan Tyburczy**, and Emerson/Park Ridge's **Andy Ebner** (fourth at 171). Dumont's **Bruger** might wrestle in this class. Other contender: Fort Lee's **John Findanis**.

189 — A much-anticipated showdown is expected between Lodi's **Frank Carriere** (runner-up at 171 last season) and Northern Highlands' **Rob Malizia**, but don't tell that to Bergen Catholic's **Ben Torjon**. Other contenders: Hackensack's **Justin Lamber**, NV/Demarest's **Chris Federici**, Cliffside Park's **Jeff Heyn**, Mahwah's **Josh Taylor**.

Hwt. — Rutherford's **Eric Pacheco** took a third last year and will have stiff competition from **Ron Gyenes** of Hasbrouck Heights. Other contenders: Fair Lawn's **Mark Gaughan**, Hackensack's **Pete Donnelly**, Lodi's **John Tirico**, Elmwood Park's **Marc Czerepak**.

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WRESTLING

Bergen Holiday

First round

103 - Well, Ridgewood pin Raval, Elmwood Park, 0:37; Tennant, Pal. Park, pin Stampone, Don Bosco, 2:34; Chosang, Glen Rock, pin Delcid, Bogota, 0:39; Cudo, Hasbrouck Heights, Bye; Logan, St. Joseph, pin Favalaro, Old Tappan, 0:34; Pires, Fair Lawn, dec. DiDomenico, Lodi, 22-11; Silverstein, Ramsey, pin Morelli, Rutherford, 0:26; Mangano, Ridgefield, pin Czekiewicz, North Bergen, 2:36; Russo, Hackensack, pin Condosta, Paramus Cath., 0:37; Hobart, Midland Park, pin Williams, Teaneck, 5:41; Sikder, Paramus, pin Powers, Leonia, 2:47; Bornstein, Westwood, pin Hirschman, Pascack Valley, 3:13; Pasquino, Cliffside Park, dec. Mayland, No. Highlands, 6-2; Suarez, Bergen Cath., tech. fall Fernandez, Dwight-Englewood, 15-0; Schilling, Emerson, dec. Flemming, Cresskill, 11-0; Bollton, Bergenfield, dec. Blegle, Pascack Hills, 12-1; 112 - Braika, St. Joseph, pin Wyka, Fair Lawn, 1:13; Tennant, Pal. Park, dec. Wondra, River Dell, 12-7; Capelan, Cliffside Park, dec. Mendelson, Don Bosco, 15-2; Kelley, Emerson, pin Kasich, Ramapo, 0:31; Boulab, No. Highlands, pin Fiore, 2:33; Dobin, Cresskill, pin Saifir, Mahwah, 2:54; Whitmore, Paramus, pin Singh, Bogota, 2:35; DeSena, Hasbrouck Heights, pin Hutchings, Glen Rock, 0:40; Walker, Hackensack, pin Rigolosi, Saddle Brook, 4:59; Chamberlain, Demarest, dec. Barbaro, 7-5; Stierle, Ridgefield Park, pin Canino, Dumont, 2:46; Eboli, Westwood, dec. Legg, Pascack Hills, 7-0; Mayor, Elmwood Park, pin Sinatra, Waldwick, 1:35; Palma, Bergenfield, pin Alvarez, North Bergen, 3:18; Agnello, Midland Park, by default DeCarlo, Rutherford; Woods, Lodi, pin Asan, RW, 4:55; 119 - Bologna, Ridgefield Park, pin Hoffman, Northern Highlands, 2:32; Paladino, Leonia, dec. Gomez, North Bergen, 9-6; Ayala, Emerson, dec. Brackenbury, Old Tappan, 16-8; Montero, Waldwick, pin Manning, Bergenfield, 3:20; Trivenio, Westwood pin Trigo, Cliffside Park, 1:32; Henry, Demarest, pin Sabba, River Dell, 5:38; Insignares, Mahwah, pin Russo, Lodi, 5:16; Galarezo, Don Bosco dec. Cohen, Dwight-Englewood, 8-1; Seftembrino, Lyndhurst, dec. Mulligan, Paramus, 10-0; Lehr, Ramsey, pin McGorry, Ramapo, 5:14; Raguso, Hasbrouck Heights, dec. Murray, Hackensack, 7-4; Tota, New Milford, pin Cattone, Bergen Tech., 1:50; Machtemes, Elmwood Park, pin Van Sean, Pascack Valley, 3:13; Louis, Garfield, pin Rogers, Saddle Brook, 3:03; Lepis, Glen Rock dec. Lavarlas, Teaneck, 16-5; Gomez, Bogota, dec. Chiego, Fair Lawn, 4-0; 125 - Hernandez, Bergen Cath., pin Sontz, Paramus Cath., 0:38; Pursley, Don Bosco, pin Brander, Lodi, 5:48; Lipion, Bergenfield, pin Mulligan, Paramus, 1:49; Sul, Hasbrouck Heights, pin Pepe, Ramapo, 4:41; O'Connor, Glen Rock, pin Nulton, Westwood, 1:17; Chung, Pal. Park, pin Cordale, Leonia, 1:37; Saveman, Old Tappan, pin Trimpona, North Bergen, 1:47; Daniello, Ridgefield Park, pin Galsic, Cliffside Park, 4:42; Wagman, Mahwah, pin Moxham, Pascack Hills, 0:29; Jasonos, Cresskill, pin Kahn, Teaneck, 0:50; Normilee, Elmwood Park, pin Fish, Fair Lawn, 4:43; Peirano, Emerson, pin Regna, Pascack Valley, 0:52; Bernal, Waldwick, pin Mangano, Bergen Tech., 3:10; Henkelman, Rutherford, pin Maselone, Bogota, 1:53; Reid, Ramsey, dec. Masirooni, Dumont, 7-5; Cornell, No. Highlands, pin Pomami, Dwight Englewood, 1:36; 130 - Fazio, Englewood dec. Dubanowitz, No. Highlands, 12-0; Barry, Bergen Cath. dec. Hernandez, 14-4; C. Barry, Bergen Catholic dec. Marc Hernandez, Don Bosco Prep, 14-4; Elias Mascobi, Bergenfield pin Mark Wyka, Fair Lawn, 1:33; Dennis Gannon, Hasb. Hts. dec. Rick DeSilva, Mahwah, 6-5; Bruce Mowery, Ramapo dec. Sal Guardascione, No. Bergen, 7-3; Tony Balestreri, Paramus dec. Jared Rojas, Cliffside Park, 7-0; John Affuso, Ridgewood dec. Ken Maika, Saddle Brook, 12-2; John Corciello, Elmwood Park pin Alex Salazar, Rutherford, 2:45; Ailla Kan, Fort Lee (3) dec. Jack Iannaci, St. Joseph, 10-2; Rich Billeto, Hackensack pin Randy Eriksson, Midland Park, 1:59; Chris Hirsch, Pascack Valley pin Jason Evans, Bergen Tech, 2:44; Joe Alise, New Milford tech. fall Todd Ouida, River Dell, 20-1, 4:59; Jason Manzi, Dumont pin Chris Mable, Ramsey, 4:34; Mike Raia, Waldwick pin Mike Mauro, Bogota, 3:20; Ken Madigan, Westwood pin Frank Tambarelli, Cresskill, 1:50; Matt Lake, NVJ Demarest dec. Ed Murphy, Leonia, 7-6; 135 - Bryan Stoll, St. Joseph pin J. Bertone, Don Bosco Prep, 58; Tom Jennerich, Rutherford pin Kevin Rivera, Glen Rock, 3:16; Shane Moran, Bergenfield pin Juan Ospina, Bogota, 4:37; Ron Treboski, Fair Lawn pin Joe Grimsey, Garfield, 5:07; Mike Foca, Cliffside Park dec. M. Madina, Hackensack, 8-1; Jon Piela, Bergen Catholic dec. Joe Cervino, Paramus, 14-7; Fil Petrouski, Elmwood Park dec. Tom Mulhern, Emerson, 13-4; John Paladino, Ridgefield Park pin Sergio Aranguren, Saddle Brook, 2:44; Jake Butz, Pascack Hills (3) pin Paul Elysa, 2:37; Mike Marsala, Pascack Valley tech. fall Tom Gaul, Paramus Catholic, 17-2, 3:30; Jim Riela, No. Highlands pin Chris Brill-Edwards, Dwight-Englewood, 2:51; Toph Lake, NVJ Demarest dec. Tom Hirth, Lyndhurst, 1:06; Mike Mitchell, Ridgewood pin Marcos Rodriguez, Fort Lee, 3:01; D. Glidstein, Ramsey pin Eric Traphagen, River Dell, 2:45; Mike Pallotta, Palisades Park pin Jason Taylor, Mahwah, 5:53; Mike McNeil, No. Bergen pin Jim Green, Bergen Tech;

140 - Tim Barrow, Garfield pin Rich Glacken, Glen Rock, 2:48; Kevon Larkins, Hackensack pin Ryan Carroll, No. Highlands, 1:44; Jason Maltzkanin, St. Joseph pin John Aonello, Bergen Tech, 1:00; Jason Cirelli, Pascack Hills pin Mike Vescuso, Rutherford, 1:44; Jim Finn, Bergen Catholic pin Michael Cappello, Hasb. Hts., 1:15; Ryan Roa, Tenafly dec. Tim Stevens, Ramsey, 5-3; Andre Bueno, Palisades Park dec. Alex Reisi, River Dell, 10-8; Greg Zanchelli, Ramapo pin Mike Carlin, Cresskill, 2:4; Harry Seymour, No. Bergen pin John Loehr, 1:39; Pascack Valley, 1:39; A. Choe, Fort Lee pin Derek Dailey, Dwight-Englewood, 1:33; Chris Boisfs, Paramus pin Andy Laerence, Bergenfield, 5:11; M. Gruber, Westwood pin San Faris, Cliffside Park, 3:40; Jody Rodriguez, Leonia pin Turmes Mellish, Don Bosco Prep, 1:9; Angelo Vicari, Elmwood Park pin Chris Byrne, New Milford, 4:5; Jeff Gross, Dwight-Englewood pin Alex Baez, Ridgefield Park, 3:36; Sean Kaine, Dumont pin Marc Demosey, Paramus Catholic, 1:35;

145 - Joe Guffilla, Elmwood Park pin Craig Dunton, River Dell, 20; J. Yiu, Dwight-Englewood dec. D. Lisa, New Milford, 9-8; Alex Ortiz, No. Bergen dec. Keith Bucco, Paramus, 9-1; Bob Bradley, Palisades Park dec. Dan Arrighi, Glen Rock, 7-2; S. Glavas, Cliffside Park pin Tom Brudz, Westwood, 4:04; Bill Fagan, Emerson pin Don Lee, River Dell, Lyndhurst, 3:35; R. Sek, Mahwah pin Joe DeRobertis, Hasb. Hts., 1:15; Jim Ardizzone, Pascack Valley dec. J. Reno, Dumont, 12-11; K. Alexander, Bergen Catholic pin Mike Marzocca, Leonia, 4:24; Tom Bruno, Ramapo pin Fred Sader, Leonia, 3:00; Everett Bell, Becton pin Pat Layng, Ramsey, 5:24; Demetri Dimiriadiis, Fort Lee dec. Brian Lusk, Ridgewood, 18-5; Bob Mrukulic, Bergen Tech pin John Doyle, NV/Old Tappan, 3:36; Tyrone Ferrelli, Paramus Catholic, 3:36; Charlie Kuhn, No. Highlands pin Seth Vatsky, Teaneck, 5:30; Rob Lebrock, Fair Lawn pin Brian Scimanico, St. Joseph, 2:24;

152 - Ken Olive, Mahwah pin Jeffrey Rincon, 4:4; Teaneck, 4:6; Joe Montillo, Lyndhurst pin Oliver Flores, Rutherford, 2:5; Phil Elysa, Midland Park dec. Scott Osborn, Pascack Hills, 4-0; Scott Rosen, Bogota pin Jeff Bailey, 1:30; Saddle Brook, 1:30; D. Cunningham, Fair Lawn, pin K. Whitaker, Ramsey, 3:45; B. McDonough, Glen Rock dec. Kwan Lee, Dwight-Englewood, 7-2; McDonough, Glen Rock, dec. Cunningham, Fair Lawn, 14-7; O. Lago, No. Bergen pin Sean O'Brian, Tenafly, 5:02; Chris Bronner, Hasb. Hts. pin Mike Allman, No. Highlands, 1:16; Matthew Broderick, Bergen Catholic pin Kevin Ziko, Westwood, 4:51; Halim Mari, Ramapo pin Matt McDonough, Ramsey, 3:58; G. Nasar, Cliffside Park won by default Mike McGuire, Bergenfield; Mike Kelly, Don Bosco Prep pin Brian Kelly, Dumont, 4:8; Fernando Uriaga, Paramus pin Liam Burke, Elmwood Park, 4:7; Omid Sadri, Ridgewood pin Mike Valenzuela, Palisades Pk., 5:05; Brandon DePillis, St. Joseph pin Brian Villalba, Ridgefield Park, 1:15;

160 - Rich Lynch, Rutherford pin A. Luniof, Fair Lawn, 4:15; Gabe Collazo, Garfield dec. Sebastian Szwonder, Don Bosco Prep, 5-4; Steve Cappadonna, Leonia pin Jeff Tavolacci, Midland Park, 1:32; Mike Olley, Mahwah pin Vincent Russo, NV/Old Tappan, 1:32; Marc Baulis, Lyndhurst pin Bari Capuano, Ramapo, 3:26; Chris Andres, Paramus pin Steven Lancin, Westwood, 5:15; Joe Piela, Bergen Catholic dec. Sam Aguilar, Ridgefield Park, 9-2; Matt Genonne, Pascack Valley (4) dec. Bill Maffel, Wood-Ridge, 16-5; Ben Ashley, Pascack Hills pin Matt Daniele, Palisades Park, 1:19; Edgar Mendez, No. Bergen pin Tim Munk, No. Highlands, 3:40; Keith Tolaro, New Milford pin Corey Lange, Hasb. Hts., 5:05; Tom D'Anna, Saddle Brook dec. Mike Movessian, Bergenfield, 19-4; Corrado Guagliotta, Cliffside Park dec. Hyun Kim, Dwight-Englewood, 9-6; Markus Gruenels, Emerson pin Shawn Hutchings, Glen Rock, 1:59; James Centrelio, St. Joseph dec. James Troisi, Elmwood Park, 14-7; Jesse Raia, Bogota pin Orlando Smith, Ramsey, 5:9;

171 - Pete Bruger, Dumont pin Pete Wilson, Rutherford, 1:59; D. Santucci, Hackensack pin Robert Schickman, Bogota, 5:30; Dan McInerney, Don Bosco Prep dec. Chris Coltrell, Wood-Ridge; Andrew Ebner, Emerson pin John Yessis, Midland Park, 3:1; Mike Balogh, Palisades Park dec. David Edmundson, Dwight-Englewood, 9-6; V. DiLuzio, Cresskill pin Bill Cataloto, Hasb. Hts., 2:42; Nick D'Angelo, Ridgefield Park dec. P. O'Hare, Paramus, 5-3; Rob Bello, Ramapo pin Mike Giampietro, Cliffside Park, 1:13; John Findanis, Fort Lee dec. Damon DeMercurio, Pascack Hills, 17-1; M. Bacigalupo, Dwight-Englewood won by forfeit; Christopher Moses, NV/Old Tappan pin Dan Clancy, No. Highlands, 1:47; John Montillo, Lyndhurst pin Dave Valez, Pascack Valley, 1:47; Terry Rogers, Saddle Brook pin Matt Sloan, Ramsey, 1:35; John Niforatos, Ramapo dec. Victor Aostini, No. Bergen, 14-6; Jesse Biggins, Bergenfield pin Mike Ostros, Bergen Tech, 1:25; Ryan Tyburczy, St. Joseph pin Mike Nonas, Mahwah, 3:58;

189 - Frank Carriere, Lodi pin Jim Farley, Ramapo, 13-6; Dave Fischer, River Dell pin Sergio Merizalde, Rutherford, 1:02; Alex Dadurian, Paramus pin Steve Tibus, Leonia, 5:52; Mike Herber, Tenafly, bye; John Fischer, Pascack Hills pin Dave Merritt, Bergen Tech, 2:9; Tom Perno, Elmwood Park pin Joe Avagnano, Westwood, 3:06; Matthew Eisenberg, Bergen Catholic pin Pele Long, Fort Lee, 3:09; Justin Lamber, Hackensack pin Rob McLaughlin, Pascack Hills, 4:6; Jeff Heyn, Cliffside Park, bye; Carl Thrower, Teaneck pin John Jinu, Bergenfield, Taso Kallopolous, No. Bergen pin Marc Salani, New Milford, 1:53; Luis Locuratolo, Dwight-Englewood pin Josh Taylor, Mahwah, 2:31; Chris Federici, NV/Demarest pin Chris Wagner, Westwood, 2:24; Dan Moser, Midland Park, bye; Rob Niall, Ridgefield Park pin Seth Markowitz, Fair Lawn, 5:2; Rob Malizia, No. Highlands pin John Jackson, Becton, 1:31;

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Hwt - Ben Tonon, Bergen Catholic pin Matt Marchetto-Ryan, Midland Park, 3:02; Carlos Solis, No. Bergen won by forfeit; Steve Pedula, Palisades Park pin Matt Compelleto, Don Bosco Prep, 2:36; Josh Favor, bye; Patsy Venetucci, Ridgefield Park, bye; Josh Lane, Cresskill pin Paul Bukowski, Lyndhurst, 1:51; Jeffrey Fletcher, Dumont pin Mike DiSanto, Saddle Brook, 2:23; John Tirico, Lodi dec. Rob Puzio, Garfield, 12-11; Peter Donnelly, Hackensack pin Bill Emes, Glen Rock, 2:7; Jim Griglio, Ramapo pin Rich Carrio, Bogota, 5:27; Kris Planker, Paramus, bye; Marc Czerepak, Elmwood Park pin Jason Caino, Teaneck, 2:3; John Gagnon, No. Highlands pin Casey Marlin, Ramsey, 1:16; Tim Karcich, Pascack Valley pin Frank Romano, Cliffside Park, 3:39; Bruce Hopper, Pascack Hills dec. Jim Kohl, River Dell, 12-11; Ron Gyenes, Hasbrouck Heights pin Lou Heffner, Tenafly, 3:00.

Second round

103 - Josh Weil, Ridgewood Tech. fall Terry Tennant, Pal. Park, 16-9, 3:26; Ed Chosang, Glen Rock, pin Don Guido, Hasbrouck Heights, 4:54; Damian Logan, St. Joseph pin Dan Pires, Fair Lawn, 4:39; Jason Silverstein, Ramsey Tech. fall Scott Mangano, Ramapo, 17-1, 4:00; Ed Russo, Hackensack pin Brent Holbert, Midland Park, 5:8; Dan Bornstein, Westwood pin Neil Sikder, Paramus, 2:32; David Pasquino, Cliffside Park pin Abner Suarez, Bergen Catholic, 3:31; Scott Schilling, Emerson dec. Jon Bolton, Bergenfield, 13-1.

112 - John Braika, St. Joseph pin Rory Tennant, Palisades Park, 3:02; R.J. Kenny, Emerson dec. Marcus Capelan, Cliffside Park, 2:55; Bilo Buob, Northern Highlands dec. Judah Dobin, Cresskill, 13-1; Mike Walker, Hackensack pin Dan Whitmore, Paramus, 5:6; Tony DeSena, Hasbrouck Heights pin Andy Chamberlain, NV-Demarest, 4:32; Pat Eboil, Westwood pin Jay Silerle, Ridgefield Park, 2:21; Nick Palma, Bergenfield pin Andre Mayor, Elmwood Park, 4:2; Chris Woods, Lodi Tech. fall Scott Agnelo, Midland Park, 16-0, 3:15.

119 - Frank Bolognini, Ridgefield Park pin James Paladino, Leonia, 2:50; Jon Montero, Waldwick pin Eric Ayala, Emerson, 3:34; Andrew Trivento, Westwood dec. Dan Henry, Dwight-Engelwood, 14-5; James Galorezo, Don Bosco dec. Mike Insignares, 8-5; Gregg Settembrino, Lyndhurst dec. Tom Lehr, Ramsey, 5:14; Mike Tola, New Milford dec. Mike Raguso, Hasbrouck Heights, 18-5; Kyle Lewis, Garfield pin Mike Machtemes, Elmwood Park, 5:08; Robert Gomez, Bogota dec. Matthew Lepis, Glen Rock, 7-3.

125 - Jason Hernandez, Bergen Catholic pin Jamie Pursley, Don Bosco, 1:14; Steve Sul, Hasbrouck Heights dec. Paul Lipton, Bergenfield, 6-2; Rory O'Connor, Glen Rock pin Yang Chung, Palisades Park, 4:53; Don Daniello, Ridgefield Park pin Mark Samman, NV/Old Tappan, 1:50; Mike Jasonos, Cresskill dec. Ben Wegman, Mahwah, 7-2; Mark Peirano, Emerson pin Joe Normille, Elmwood Park, 5:3; Steve Bernal, Waldwick pin Will Henkelman, Rutherford, 3:36; Justin Gornell, Northern Highlands dec. Mike Reid, Ramsey, 10-3.

130 - Jeff Fazio, Emerson pin C. Barry, Bergen Catholic, 1:40; Elias Mascobi, Bergenfield pin Dennis Gannon, Hackensack, 1:30; Tony Balesrieri, Paramus dec. Bruce Mowery, 10-4; Ramapo, 10-4; John Cercello, Elmwood Park pin John Affuso, Ridgewood, 5:4; Rich Biletto, Hackensack dec. Atilla Kan, Fort Lee, 17-15 (OT); Joe Alise, New Milford def. Chris Hirsch; Mike Raia, Waldwick pin Jason Manzi, Dumont; Matt Lake, NV/Demarest tech. fall Ken Madigan, Westwood, 27-9, 5:18.

135 - Bryan Stoll pin Tom Jennerich, Rutherford, 3:0; Shane Moran, Bergenfield pin Ron Treboski, Fair Lawn, 3:14; Jon Piela, Bergen Catholic dec. Mike Foca, Cliffside Park, 7-6; John Paladino, Ridgefield Park pin Fil Petrovski, Elmwood Park, 2:42; Mike Marsala, Pascack Valley pin Jake Butz, Pascack Hills, 5:46; Toph Lake, NV/Demarest; dec. Jim Riela, Northern Highlands, 13-7; Mike Mitchell, Ridgewood pin D. Gildstein, Ramsey, 1:27; Mike McNeil, North Bergen Tech. fall Mike Palotta, Palisades Park, 18-3, 5:40.

140 - Tom Barrow, Garfield pin Kevin Larkins, Hackensack, 1:04; Jason Matzkanin, St. Joseph dec. Jason Cirelli, Pascack Hills, 8-3; Jim Finn, Bergen Catholic dec. Ryan Roa, Tenafly, 7-0; Greg Zanchelli, Ramsey pin Andre Bueno, Palisades Park, 3:59; Harry Seymour, North Bergen pin A. Choe, Fort Lee, 5:26; Chris Boisits, Paramus pin M. Gruber, Westwood, 5:02; Angelo Vicari, Elmwood Park dec. Jody Rodriguez, Leonia, 4-3; Sean Kaine, Dumont dec. Jeff Gross, NV/Demarest, 5-2.

145 - Joe Gullilla, Elmwood Park pin J. Yiu, 5:0; Alex Ortiz, North Bergen dec. Bob Bradley, Palisades Park, 4-2; S. Glavas, Cliffside Park pin Bill Fagan, Emerson, 1:57; Jim Ardizzone, Pascack Valley dec. R. Sek, Mahwah, 8-5; K. Alexander, Bergen Catholic pin Tony Bruno, Ridgefield, 1:11; Demetri Dimitriadis, Fort Lee dec. Everett Bell, Becton, 10-4; Tyrone Ferretti, Paramus Catholic def. Bob Mrukulic, Bergen Tech, 1:28; Ron Leibrock, Fair Lawn pin Charlie Kuhn, Northern Highlands, 2:3.

152 - Ken Olive, Mahwah pin Joe Montillo, Lyndhurst, 3:22; Phil Eliya, Midland Park pin Scott Rosen, Bogota, 5:38; B. McDonough, Glen Rock dec. B. Karwoski, Lodi, 14-7; Chris Bronner, Hasbrouck Heights pin O. Lago, North Bergen, 1:30; Matthew Broderick, Bergen Catholic dec. Halim Mari, Ridgefield, 8-4; Bruan Kelly, pin G. Nasar, Cliffside Park, 5:15; Fernando Uriaga, Paramus dec. Nunzio Campanile, Paramus Catholic, 2-1; Brandon DePellis, St. Joseph pin Ornid Sadri, Ridgewood, 3:01.

160 - Rich Lynch, Rutherford pin Gabe Collazzo, Garfield, 2:16; Mike Olley, Mahwah pin Steve Cappadonna, Lodi, 1:38; Marc Baulis, Lyndhurst pin Chris Andres, Paramus, 1:00; Joe Piela, Bergen Catholic dec. Matt Gennone, Pascack Valley, 12-0; Ben Ashley, Pascack Hills pin Edgar Mendez, North Bergen, 4:52; Keith Totaro, New Milford dec. Tom D'Anna, Saddle Brook, 5-4; Corrado Gugliotta, Cliffside Park dec. Markus Grueneis, Emerson, 9-4; J. Raia, Bogota pin James Centrelo, St. Joseph, 2:53.

189 - Frank Carriere, Lodi pin Dave Fischer, River Dell, 3:01; Mike Herbert, Tenafly pin Alex Dadurian, Paramus, 4:51; John Fischer, Pascack Valley dec. Tom Perno, Elmwood Park, 10-6; Justin Lamber, Hackensack pin Matthew Eisenberg, Bergen Catholic, 1:00; Jeff Heyn, Cliffside Park pin Carl Thrower, Teaneck, 2:45; Tese Kallopolous, North Bergen pin Luis Locuratolo, Dwight-Englewood, 3:23; Chris Ferredici, Westwood dec. Dan Moser, Midland Park, 12-2; Rob Malizia, No. Highlands pin Rob Neill, Ridgefield Park, 2:44.

Hwt - Ben Tonon, Bergen Catholic pin Carlos Solis, No. Bergen, 2:46; Josh Favor, Becton pin Steve Pedula, Palisades Park, 3:1; Patsy Venetucci, Ridgefield Park pin Josh Lane, Cresskill, 2:3; John Tirico, Lodi pin Jeffrey Fletcher, Dumont, 5:4; Peter Donnelly, Hackensack pin Jim Griglio, Ramapo, 1:04; Marc Czerepak, Elmwood Park dec. Kris Planker, Paramus, 15-4; Tim Karcich, Pascack Valley pin John Gagnon, No. Highlands, 2:49; Ron Gyenes, Hasb. Hts. pin Bruce Hopper, Pascack Hills, 1:22.

Third round

103 - Well def. Guido, 4:54; Logan pin Silverstein, 1:06; Bornstein pin Russo, 2:41; Pasquino pin Bolton, 2:41; 112 - Braika dec. Kenny, 4-2; Walker dec. Bouab, 10-7; Eboil pin DeSena, 5-19; Woods dec. Palma, 8-7; 119 - Montero dec. Bolognini, 8-7; Trivento dec. Galorezo, 9-5; Settembrino dec. Tola, 3-2; Gomez dec. Lewis, 8-4; 125 - Hernandez dec. Sul, 11-5; Daniello dec. O'Connor, 6-4; Jasonos pin Peraino, 0:53; Gornell dec. Bernal, 11-9; 130 - Fazio dec. Mascobilli, 11-5; Cercello dec. Basesrieri, 11-0; Biletto dec. Alise, 9-8; Lake dec. Raia, 18-8; 135 - Stoll pin Moran, 5:11; Piela pin Paladino, 3:32; Lake pin Marsala, 3:26; McNeil pin Mitchell, 3:02; 140 - Matzkanian dec. Barrow, 6-3; Finn pin Zanchelli, 3:20; Seymour by forfeit over Boisits; Kaine dec. Vicari, 6-1; 145 - Gullilla dec. Ortiz, 7-0; Ardizzone pin Glavas, 5:03; Demitriadis dec. Alexander, 9-4; Leibrock pin Ferretti, 0:54; 152 - Olive pin Bronner, 3:31; Bronner pin McDonough, 3:31; Kelly dec. Broderick, 15-5; DePillis pin Uriaga, 2:18; 160 - Lynch pin Olley, 1:06; Bantis dec. Piela, 9-6; Ashley dec. Totaro, 6-2; Raia pin Gugliotta, 5:38; 171 - Brugser dec. Ebnetar, 6-2; Bello dec. Balogh, 12-10; Rogers dec. 10-3; Tyburczy dec. Niforatos, 4-3; 189 - Caorriere dec. Herberl, 6-3; Lamber dec. Fisher, 8-3; Heyn dec. Kallopolous, 4-3; Federici pin Malizia, 2:44; Hwt - Tonon dec. Favor, 9-3; Venetucci pin Tirico, 0:30; Czerepak pin Donnelly, 1:18; Byener pin Karcich, 1:45.

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FINALS

103 - Dan Bornstein, Westwood, dec. Damian Logan, St. Joseph, 5-3. 112 - John Braika, St. Joseph, dec. Pat Eboil, Westwood, 13-10; 119 - Robert Gomez, Bogota, pin Andy Trivento, Westwood, 4:36; 125 - Jason Hernandez, Bergen Catholic, pin Mike Jasonos, Cresskill, 2:32; 130 - Jeff Fazio, Emerson, dec. Rich Biletto, Hackensack, 7-3; 135 - Bryan Stoll, St. Joseph, dec. Mike McNeil, North Bergen, 8-5; 140 - Jim Finn, Bergen Catholic, dec. Sean Kaine, Dumont, 6-4; 145 - Rob Leibrock, Fair Lawn, dec. Joe Gullilla, Elmwood Park, 11-6; 152 - Chris Bronner, Hasbrouck Heights, pin Brandon DePillis, St. Joseph, 2:43; 160 - Rich Lynch, Rutherford, pin Jesse Raia, Bogota, 3:37; 171 - Terry Rogers, Saddle Brook, dec. Pete Brugser, Dumont, 14-7; 189 - Frank Carriere, Lodi, dec. Jeff Heyn, Cliffside Park, 10-1; Hwt. - Patsy Venetucci, Ridgefield Park, pin Mark Czerepak, Elmwood Park, 3:49.

SEMIFINALS

103 - Logan, St. Joseph's, dec. Weil, Ridgewood, 8-7; Bornstein, Westwood, pin Pasquino, Cliffside Park, 2:57; 112 - Braika, St. Joseph's, pin Walker, Hackensack, 4:39; Eboil, Westwood, dec. Woods, Lodi, 11-5; 119 - Trivento, Westwood, dec. Montero, Waldwick, 11-10; Gomez, Bogota, dec. Settembrino, Lyndhurst, 8-0; 125 - Hernandez, Bergen Cath., pin Daniello, Ridgefield Park, 1:03; Jasonas, Cresskill, pin Gornell, No. Highlands, 1:35; 130 - Fazio, Emerson, dec. Cercello, Elmwood Park, 3-2; Biletto, Hackensack, dec. M. Lake, Demarest, 10-2; 135 - Stoll, St. Joseph's, dec. Piela, Bergen Cath., 7-2; McNeil, North Bergen, dec. T. Lake, Demarest, 7-3; 140 - Finn, Bergen Cath., dec. Matzhanin, St. Joseph's, 13-5; Kaine, Dumont, dec. Seymour, North Bergen, 6-5; 145 - Gullilla, Elmwood Park, dec. Ardizzone, Pascack Valley, 15-2; Leibrock, Fair Lawn, pin Dimitriadis, Fort Lee, 1:08; 152 - Bronner, Hasbrouck Heights, dec. Olive, Mahwah, 11-9; DePillis, St. Joseph's, pin Kelley, Don Bosco, 5-10; 160 - Lynch, Rutherford, over time criteria, Baulis, Lyndhurst, 8-8; J. Raia, Bogota, pin Ashley, Pascack Hills, 5:20; 171 - Brugser, Dumont, dec. Balogh, Paramus, 15-2; Rogers, Saddle Brook, dec. Tyburczy, St. Joseph's, 12-10; 189 - Carriere, Lodi, dec. Lamber, Hackensack, 9-1; Heyn, Cliffside Park, dec. Federici, Demarest, 12-10; Hwt - Venetucci, Ridgefield Park, pin Tonon, Bergen Cath., 5:30; Czerepak, Elmwood Pk., dec. Gyenes, Hasb. Heights, 3-2.

THIRD PLACE CONSOLATIONS

103 - Weil, Ridgewood dec. Pasquino, Ridgefield Park, 10-1; 112 - Walker, Hackensack dec. Woods, Lodi, 6-4; 119 - Settembrino, Lyndhurst dec. Montero, Waldwick, 7-2; 125 - Daniello, Ridgefield Park dec. Gornell, 10-3; 130 - M. Lake, NV/Demarest, dec. Cercello, Elmwood Park, 2-1; 135 - T. Lake, NV/Demarest dec. Piela, Bergen Catholic, 2-1; 140 - Seymour, North Bergen, dec. Maldikanin, St. Joseph, 2-1; 145 - Dimitriadis, Fort Lee pin Ardizzone, Pascack Valley, 2:32; 152 - Olive, Mahwah dec. Kelly, Don Bosco, 6-0; 160 - Ashley, Pascack Hills, dec. Bausits, Lyndhurst, 9-4; 171 - Tyburczy, St. Joseph dec. Balogh, Palisades Park, 12-5; 189 - Lamber, Hackensack dec. Federici, NV/Demarest, 15-2; Hwt - Tonon, Bergen Catholic dec. Gyenes, Hasbrouck Heights, 3-2.

FIFTH PLACE CONSOLATIONS

103 - Guido, Hasb. Heights pin Bolton, 4:23; 112 - Palma, Bergenfield dec. Bouab, No. Highlands, 8-6; 119 - Tola, New Milford dec. Bolognini, Ridgefield Park, 10-6; 125 - Sul, Hasb. Heights dec. Peirano, Emerson, 6-3; 130 - Mascobi, Bergenfield, dec. Alise, New Milford, 5-2; 135 - Paladino, Ridgefield Park dec. Mitchell, Ridgewood, 10-6; 140 - Barrow, Garfield by forfeit over Boisits, Paramus; 145 - Alexander, Bergen Cath. dec. Ortiz, North Bergen, 4-2; 152 - Broderick, Bergen Cath. dec. Eliya, Midland Park, 4-3; 160 - Gugliotta, Cliffside Park dec. Piela, Bergen Cath., 7-4; 171 - Ebnetar, Emerson by forfeit over Fidanis, Fort Lee; 189 - Herberl, Tenafly dec. Kallopolous, North Bergen, 12-5; Hwt - Favor, Becton dec. Karciek, Pascack Valley, 15-11.

Bitetto makes a grand arrival

By **BARRY GRAMLICH**
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PARAMUS — Rich Bitetto of Hackensack likes being a no-name. At last listen, no wrestler in the Bergen Holiday tournament was overheard acknowledging the 14-year-old's existence in the 130-pound bracket.

Bitetto will be acknowledged today when semifinal-round action begins at noon in Paramus High School. All he did Tuesday was win three bouts, the last two over a defending district champion and a district bronze medalist, to become the most noticeable freshman outside of St. Joseph's 103-pound Damion Logan.

After notching a first-period pin of Midland Park's Randy Eriksson in the preliminary round, Bitetto knocked off No. 3 seed Atilla Kan of Fort Lee and No. 6 Joe Alise of New Milford. Both were done with last-second heroics.

"My dad [Frank] was a district champion at Hackensack and he always said I had it in my blood," said Bitetto, a junior regional champion and State fourth-place finisher. "But I feel like I'm starting new in this tournament. My junior performance is in the past — where it belongs."

His present performance belongs in headlines. Bitetto put Kan to his back with a five-point move in the waning seconds to tie it in regulation, 15-15. In overtime, his single-leg sweep took down the District 16 champion

and Bergen 119-pound bronze medalist for the win.

"I couldn't reverse him in regulation and I looked at my coach [John Stallone]," said Bitetto. "He had that look that said Peterson [roll], and I put him to his back in a desperation move."

The single-leg sweep in overtime was a move Bitetto learned from former State champion Pete Gonzalez of Ridgefield Park, a North Bergen assistant coach.

"I came up with it, he kicked the leg down, then I switched," said Bitetto.

Bitetto trailed Alise — a District 7 third- and Region 2 fourth-place finisher — 6-1 before rallying with a double-leg finished by a high-crotch single with 14 seconds left to prevail, 9-8.

"He's got stamina," said Stallone. "We stress conditioning at Hackensack and I like to think our guys are in better shape."

"Coach always has us conditioning," said Bitetto. "I remember a guy in the Olympics saying how the brain tires faster than the body. I sort of live by that."

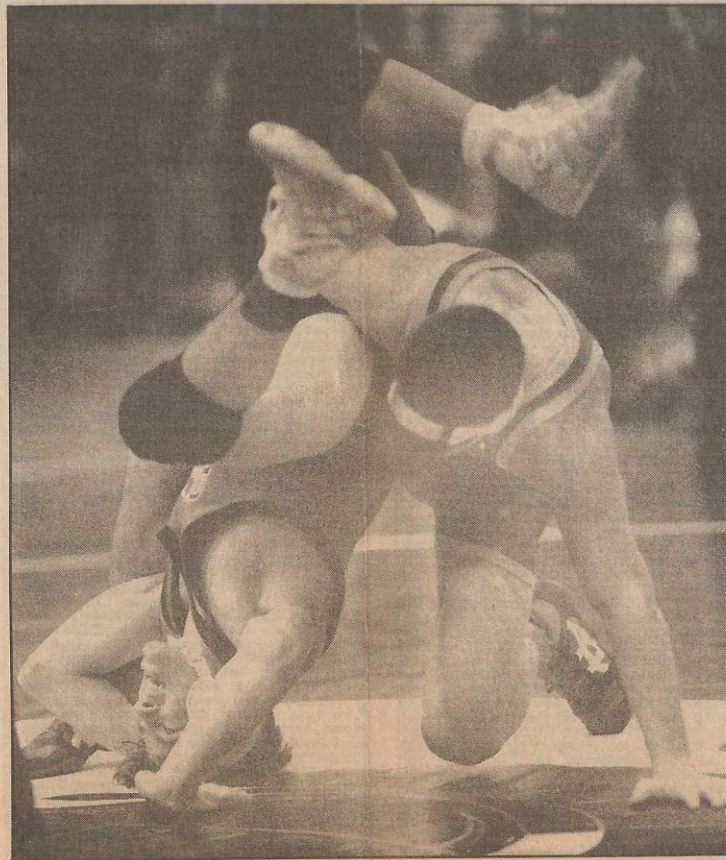
And he lives to someday be a high school State champion.

"I want to be a name," he said. "Right now I'm living by the element of surprise."

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St. Joseph's Logan pinned through three rounds in a total

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CARMINE GALASSO/THE RECORD

Mike McNeil of North Bergen working a tilt on Mike Pallotta of Palisades Park Tuesday at 135 pounds. McNeil won by technical fall.

time of 6:19 to set up a semifinal meeting with Ridgewood's Josh Weil, last year's 103-pound runner-up. Weil won by pin, technical fall, and a 14-4 decision. "He's probably the best freshman here," said Weil. "I'm aware of what he can do. I know he was on the Cadet National team."

The No. 2 seed at 103, District 7 champion Jon Bolton of Bergenfield, was pinned by Cliffside Park's Dave Pasquino in the quar-

terfinals... At 119, top-seeded Frank Bolognini of Ridgefield Park, a District 15 runner-up, lost to Waldwick's Jon Montero, 8-7.

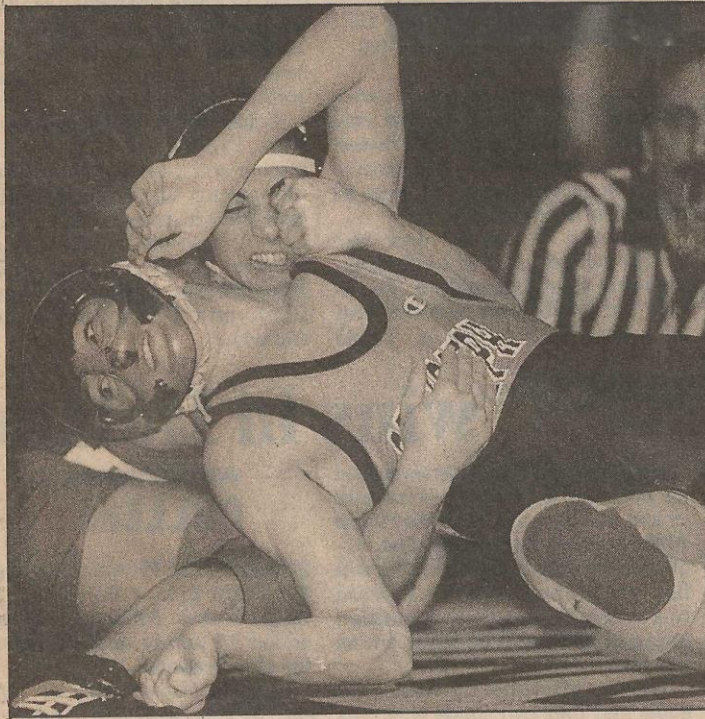
High-seeded wrestlers to fall in the prequarterfinals were No. 3 Ben Wagman of Mahwah and No. 3 Jake Butz of Pascack Hills. Butz was pinned by Pascack Valley freshman Mike Marsala with 14 seconds left.

Bergen Catholic advanced seven wrestlers to the quarterfinal round.

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ST. JOSEPH BRINGS HOME THE TITLE



STEVE HOCKSTEIN/THE RECORD

Westwood's Pat Eboli underhooking right arm of St. Joseph's John Bratka, who captured his second straight Bergen tournament title. Despite the loss, St. Joseph won the team title.

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PARAMUS — Two champions were dethroned and four underclassmen won championships Wednesday night as the Bergen Holiday wrestling tournament concluded at Paramus High School.

Bergen Catholic junior Jason Hernandez continued his quest for an unprecedented fourth title and picked up his third crown in convincing fashion. He pinned through each round.

St. Joseph, with four finalists, captured the team championship, and Bogota's Jesse Raia copped the pin trophy with five in 15 minutes, 16 seconds.

Here's a weight-by-weight breakdown.

103 — Westwood's Dan Bornstein, returning from an injury-plagued junior season, stopped St. Joseph freshman Damion Logan, 5-3. Bornstein had the only takedowns in the bout, two successful single-legs in the first and third periods.

112 — St. Joseph senior John Bratka, last year's 103-pound champion, had a take-down and reverse in the last 35

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seconds to defeat Westwood junior Pat Eboli, 13-10. Each wrestler had the opponent on his back in the wild bout. Bratka also defeated Eboli in last year's District 8 championship, 7-4.

119 — Bogota junior Robert Gomez ended a low-scoring bout when his headlock at 4:36 stopped Westwood senior Andy Trivento. Gomez, a District 8 silver medalist, led 3-0 before the fall.

125 — Hernandez used a single-leg to a body press to take command over Cresskill junior Mike Jasonos. Playing the technician throughout, Hernandez led 7-1 before pinning at 2:32. Jasonos was the first-ever Cresskill finalist.

130 — The end of the line for Hackensack freshman Rich Bitetto, who came close to beating his fourth district place-winner in the tournament. Emerson's Jeff Fazio prevailed, 8-3, but he was on his back twice outside the circle and avoided near-fall points. Fazio built a 7-1 lead in the second period after a two-point tilt.

135 — Proficient on his feet, St. Joseph's Bryan Stoll used

three takedowns to take care of North Bergen's Mike McNeil, 8-5. McNeil, last year's runner-up at 119, gained three of his five points with escapes against the Region 2 champion.

140 — Confident sophomore Jim Finn of Bergen Catholic, a District 7 champion as a freshman, edged Dumont senior Sean Kaine, 6-4. Kaine's last gasp was when he reversed out of a cradle to tie it, 4-4, before Finn escaped twice out of headlocks and never allowed a takedown.

145 — The fourth time was a charm for Fair Lawn senior Rob Leibrock, whose four takedowns stymied defending champion Joe Guttilla, 11-6. Guttilla had won the previous three meetings, including a 6-5 triumph in last year's Region 2 final. Guttilla did not record a takedown.

152 — A cross-body press at 2:43 enabled senior Chris Bronner of Hasbrouck Heights to rally from a 5-2 deficit against St. Joseph senior Brandon DePillis. Bronner, fourth in Region 4 last year, defeated the District 8 champion.

160 — State fourth-place finisher Rich Lynch of Rutherford locked a double arm bar at 3:37 on Bogota junior Jesse Raia, a bronze medalist in Region 2. Lynch accumulated five near-fall points en route to a 9-5 cushion.

171 — The shocker of the evening as Saddle Brook's Terry Rogers dethroned Dumont's Pete Bruger, 14-7, with six near-fall points. Rogers' five-point move after rolling out of an arm bar gave him a 5-2 lead in the first period. The lead increased to 12-4 in the final period with a stepover reversal.

189 — Top-seeded Frank Carriere of Lodi, a runner-up at 171 last year, proved he was no fluke with an easy 10-1 victory over Cliffside Park junior Jeff Heyn. Heyn was a District 16 champion in his sophomore season.

Hwt. — Ridgefield Park hasn't lost a thing with the graduation of Rob Black. Senior Patsy Venetucci flattened Elmwood Park's Marc Czerepak with a bearhug at 3:49. Czerepak was fourth in District 6 last year as a sophomore.

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Bergen pair triumphed over physical setbacks

By **RON FOX**
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It's a long jump from a physical calamity to a wrestling championship, especially in one year. Ridgefield Park's **Patsy Venetucci** and Westwood's **Dan Bornstein** cleared those obstacles Wednesday in the Bergen County Holiday tournament.

Venetucci didn't see much varsity action as a junior because he was housed in a plastic cast. Once out of the cast, he was stuck behind premier heavyweight **Rob Black**, who since has been graduated.

"Patsy fractured a vertebra in his back [during the 1991 football season]," says RP coach **Tony Gonzalez**. "That's why all of this is so amazing: He's All-[Bergen] County defensive tackle and second-team All-State in football, and a County champion in wrestling."

The 6-foot-4 Venetucci, who weighs a few pounds less than his football weight of 236, led the Scarlets to a surprising seventh-place finish in the monstrous, 46-team tournament.

"He doesn't care who he wrestles or how good his opponent is supposed to be," says Gonzalez.

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"Some kids say, 'Wow, this kid is good, wow, that kid's good.' But not Patsy. Hey, if that's the case, why hold a tournament? Just give out the medals."

BORNSTEIN REBOUND —

Bornstein lost his spleen to surgery early last season. What caused the problem still isn't clear, coach **Bob Keane** says. "He tried to come back against Ramapo, and his stomach hurt again. The adhesions were wrapped around his intestines, so he was re-operated on."

Bornstein has come back strong with championships at Walkkill Valley and in the Bergen tourney. In the latter tournament, the Cardinals still won the Group 2 team championship despite the absence of 1991 silver medalist **John Gargano** (season-ending knee surgery). For Keane, the finals seemed like a dual meet, as he had representatives in the first three championship bouts.

After Bornstein won, **Pat Eboli** had returning champion **John Bratka** of St. Joseph on his back twice before losing, 13-10, at 112 pounds, one of the toughest weight

classes in the tournament. **Mindy Triverio** finished second to a pin by Bogota's **Robert Gomez** at 119 pounds.

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Final team standings

St. Joseph 148.5, Bergen Catholic 145.5, Westwood and Hackensack 95, Hasbrouck Heights 88, Elmwood Park 86, Ridgefield Park 85, North Bergen 81, Emerson 72, Northern Valley at Demarest 70.5, Cliffside Park 68.5, Lodi 61.5, Dumont 61, Bogota 53, Bergenfield 48, Mahwah and Northern Highlands 43, Pascack Valley 42.5, Fair Lawn 41, Palisades Park, Cresskill, and Rutherford 40.

Paramus 39.5, Lyndhurst and Ridgewood 39, Fort Lee 36.5, Waldwick and Don Bosco Prep 32, Saddle Brook 31.5, Pascack Hills 28.5, New Milford 27.5, Glen Rock 27, Garfield 26, Ridgefield 23, Ramsey 22, Ramapo 18, Midland Park 16. (tie) Becton and Dwight-Englewood 14, Tenafly 11, Teaneck 10, Bergen Tech 8, Northern Valley at Old Tappan 7, Leonia 6, Paramus Catholic and River Dell 4.

Team champions — Hasbrouck Heights (Group 1), Westwood (Group 2), St. Joseph (Group 3), Bergen Catholic (Group 4).

Outstanding wrestler — Terry Rogers (171), Saddle Brook.

Pin trophy — Jesse Raja (160), Bogota.

Bogota refuses to kid around

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WRESTLING

Four years ago, when **Ken MacIver** was hired as Bogota wrestling coach, **Robert Gomez** and **Tony Raia** were running the town's recreation wrestling program. Now their sons are leading a rising team. Champion **Robert Gomez** and runner-up **Jesse Raia** stood tall in the Bergen Holiday tournament, one week after winning Hanover Park tournament titles.

"This is the first year we'll have a full lineup — we'll even have three extra wrestlers — and I owe it to those men for giving the kids the basic skills," MacIver says. The sons have encouraged classmates to try out for the team to further assist in the building program. Gomez, the school's first County champion, is known as a technician who can pile up the points. Raia had five pins going into the finals and won the tournament pin trophy.

MAJOR EVENT — It is believed, but not yet verified, that the Bergen County Holiday Wrestling Tournament is the largest of its kind in the nation. First off, you don't find many counties with so many schools.

This year's edition is believed to be the largest in the event's history: 46 teams and 441 wrestlers, giving tournament director **George Jockish** plenty to oversee. "The last thing I get to do is watch the wrestling," he says with a laugh. "People ask me, 'Did you see that match?' I just say no."

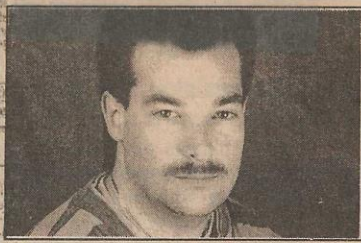
Jockish praised first-time host Paramus High School. "We had tremendous support — the athletic director, the board, and the parents club all made it work for us."

THE BOILING POINT — Garfield, usually a contender in Bergen, finished an uncharacteristic 33rd with only 26 points. The Boiler-makers figured to be young, but not so unlucky.

"I only put five kids in the tour-

nament because we got hit with the flu bug big-time," says coach **Greg Kullg**. "It went right through the team and one kid [freshman **Joe Federofski**] even wound up in the hospital." That was Christmas Day for a one-day stay.

Top-seeded **Tim Barrow** (140 pounds) was upended in the quarterfinals by **Jason Matzkanin** of team-champion St. Joseph and finished fifth. **Joe Ardizzone** (145), sixth last year, was out with asthmatic bronchitis, but returned to practice Saturday. Kullg hopes 135-pound sophomore **Al Tani** will be back to allow him to field a representative lineup Wednesday against Mahwah.



BARRY GRAMLICH
WRESTLING

Fair price for plenty of action

An outspoken parent approached **George Jockish** during the first day of the Bergen Holiday wrestling tournament to express his displeasure about a \$14 admission charge for himself and his two children. Jockish, the tournament director, politely explained the reason.

At first glance, the \$6 charge for adults and \$4 tag for students seemed steep, but it was an overall bargain. The prices included the entire day of outbrackets, preliminary rounds, and quarterfinals. Translated, it added up to 12 hours of wrestling, or 50 cents an hour for adults and 33.3 cents an hour for students.

"And the price for an adult was still cheaper than the price of a movie," says Jockish.

For fans who wanted to see Wednesday night's finals and not the afternoon's semifinals, the prices were sliced to \$3 and \$2 for each round. That was fair.

Overall, there couldn't have been too many complaints because 2,023 paid admissions were counted for the two-day event, up from 1,550 last year. "A lot of people might have been off from work, because I thought the Friday-Saturday setup of years past was better," says Jockish.

Other reflections on the tournament:

Most encouraging parent — Mother of St. Joseph 140-pounder **Jason Matzkanin**, who enjoyed getting close to the action. In Jason's semifinal loss to Bergen Catholic's **Jim Finn**, she coaxed her son to "get up" 27 times during the bout.

Most demonstrative coach — Northern Valley at Demarest's **Joe Ryan**, who couldn't swallow **Chris Federici's** semifinal overtime loss to Cliffside Park's **Jeff Heyn**. Ryan claimed Federici was robbed of a takedown with time ticking down in regulation.

Federici's double-leg dive brought down Heyn, but Heyn wrapped his legs around Federici's thighs, forcing Federici to balance himself with his hands. "[Official] Guy Siraki let the situation go for 20 seconds and no one gained an advantage," says **Bob Whitaker**, the past president of the New Jersey Wrestling Officials Association who witnessed the bout. "It was like a double bear-hug."

Ryan was called for a flagrant misconduct and is suspended for two dual meets.

Most businesslike title — Bergen Catholic's three-time champ **Jason Hernandez**, who cracked a smile once during the tournament.

Most overlooked effort — Lyndhurst's **Marc Bautis**, who took Rutherford's 160-pound champ **Rich Lynch** to the limit in the semifinals. After an 8-8 deadlock in regulation and the first overtime, Lynch, a State fourth last year, won by overtime criteria by riding out the 30-second control period.

When St. Joseph freshman **Damion Logan** lost the 103-pound final to Westwood's **Dan Bornstein**, it brought back memories for Green Knights coach **Gary Riotta**.

"Six years ago my son [**Anthony**] made it to the final as a freshman and lost to a Westwood boy, **Brian Cavanagh**," says Riotta.

The younger Riotta was spotted consoling Logan after the bout.

A salute to the Fair Lawn junior program, which produced six County place-winners. **John Bratka** of St. Joseph won at 112' pounds — his second title — Bergen Catholic's **Jim Finn** was the 140-pound champ, Fair Lawn's **Rob Leibrock** copped the 145 title, Bergen Catholic's **John Piela** was fourth at 135, Bergen Catholic's **Joe Piela** was sixth at 160, and Bergen Catholic's **Ben Tonon** was third at heavyweight. There might have been another if injured **Mark Gaughan** of the Cutters wrestled at heavyweight.

Bergen frosh tournament

Championship

93 — Pete Krycinovich, Pascack Hills, dec. Jessie Williams, Teaneck, 12-1; 103 — Brian Baglieri, Bergen Catholic, dec. Rob Belzli, Ramsey, 4-2; 112 — John Gannaway, Indian Hills, pin Mike Blanchard, Fair Lawn, 3:52; 119 — Eric Von Rudesberg, Ridgefield Park, dec. V.J. Castro, Cresskill; 125 — Mike Lichi, Paramus, dec. Joe Kim, Tenafly, 12-1; 130 — Rob Ortiz, Paramus, pin Jed Glick, No. Highlands, 3:30; 135 — Ben Ran, Elmwood Park dec. Frank Tamberelli, Cresskill, 6-1; 140 — Charles Kuhn, No. Highlands, pin Mike Alu, Indian Hills, 5:21; 145 — Devin Nogaki, Bergenfield, tech. fall Steve Regula, 19-2; 152 — Chris Limbuski, Elmwood Park, dec. Nick Nascenti, Palsades Park, 5-3; 160 — Steve DeGobbi, Ridgewood, dec. Dave Everitz, Pascack Valley, 14-3; 171 — Henry Pollio, St. Joseph Reg., pin Donny Januski, Elmwood Park, 2:50; 189 — Jason Silvergate, pin Dino Eliopoulos, Palsades Park, 4:33; Hwt — Joe Kulesza, Ridgefield Park, pin D.K. Kanarr, Ramapo, 1:31.

Outstanding Wrestler — Devin Nogaki, Bergenfield

The Bergen County Coaches Association is going all out for its 25th anniversary Century Victory Awards Dinner Thursday at the Fiesta. In addition to the new inductees, it will honor **George Jockish** and the entire wrestling committee which has made the annual holiday tournament so successful. It will also single out the coaches with the most wins in 10 sports. Call **Ray Siegrist** today at Northern Valley/Demarest for a reservation.

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WRESTLER MAKES NAME FOR HIMSELF

By **BARRY GRAMLICH**
Record Staff Writer

His first response to a question is a blank stare, as if someone else should be sitting in his place and talking about a Bergen County wrestling championship. The spotlight is new to Terry Rogers of Saddle Brook, so don't expect to be overwhelmed by specifics.

"I like not having to live up to a name," says Rogers, who enjoys being the small dot on the broad landscape. "But be ready, because I'm an upcoming name."

In a span of six hours last week, Rogers did combat with two wrestling names, beat them both, and seized the 171-pound Bergen championship. Now he is the subject of the newest Saddle Brook athletics trivia question.

Who is the first Falcon since 1985 to win a County wrestling title?

"Now maybe I'll be recognized," says Rogers.

He will be by St. Joseph's Ryan Tyburczy, who pinned Rogers in the first round of last season's Region 2 tournament. This time, Rogers won a 12-10 decision in the County semifinals by effectively working a near-side cradle.

"He caught me with a double underhook last time," says Rogers. "I knew how good he was."

And Rogers knew the reputation of Dumont's Pete Bruger, his opponent in the final and the defending 160-pound champion. Rogers dominated and won a 14-7 decision.

"My goals for the tournament went through those two guys," says Rogers. "Everyone expected them in the final, so I knew I'd have to beat them both. They might have thought they could walk on the mat and win."

Rogers' accomplishment is remarkable, considering he never wrestled before high school. He also didn't play junior football, but he was an honorable mention all-league guard this year.

"My mother wouldn't let me wrestle or play football before high school," says Rogers, noting the fear of most parents — injury. "But she said when I got to high school I could play any sports I wanted to."

He always had planned to wrestle, and his 12 years of karate training helped him mentally and physically.

"Karate helps me to get psyched up for a match," says Rogers, a brown belt — one class below a black belt. "I competed in a lot of tournaments as a kid and they always stressed the mental preparation. And the movements helped my flexibility."

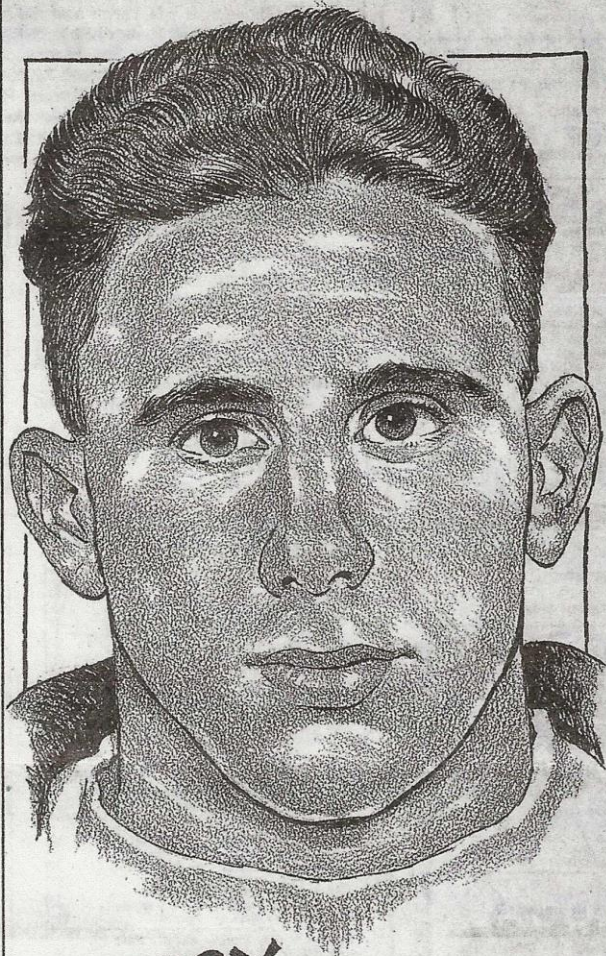
Rogers' schedule isn't too flexible in the winter. An A student, wrestling, homework, and weightlifting occupy most of his time. "I only go out one night a week," he says. "I don't have any best friends."

That's because wrestling is the only sport where he describes himself as "drastic." He goes to extremes for his chief athletic pursuit after high school, and it's obvious that his entourage of 15 vocal family members at the tournament were aware of his dedication.

"You saw them, huh?" says Rogers, who is 8-0 this season with four pins. "My father's side was all the redheads."

And Rogers' opponents were all red in the face.

Runners-up for Athlete of the Week are: Fair Lawn's **Rob Leibrock**, Bergen Catholic's **Jim Finn**, and Ridgefield Park's **Patsy Venetucci** for wrestling; Rutherford's **Mer-**



**TERRY
ROGERS
OF SADDLE BROOK**

CHARLES McBRIDE 1-5-93

SPORT: WRESTLING

POS: 171 pounds CLASS: Senior AGE: 17

LATEST ACCOMPLISHMENT

Won the 171-pound class at the Bergen Holiday wrestling tournament and was named Most Outstanding Wrestler. Defeated Region 2 medalists Ryan Tyburczy of St. Joseph and Pete Bruger of Dumont in his final two bouts.

BACKGROUND

Never wrestled an organized bout until his freshman season and he cracked the Saddle Brook varsity lineup as a sophomore. Credits 12 years of karate as a key to his mental preparation. Compiled an 18-5 record in his junior season and is 8-0 this season.

QUOTE

"I'm a boring kind of guy. I should have been a Boy Scout."

edith Eberspeacher for girls basketball, and Bergenfield's **Jason Ocello** and Cresskill's **Garett Kreitz** for boys basketball.