## No options for Bergen tourney

he Bergen Holiday wrestling tournament begins Tuesday, when County champions are crowned at the beginning of the season. That's why this event never will be a true indicator of the County's premier talent.

Marquee wrestlers such as Bogota's Jesse Raia, Bergen Catholic's Jim Finn, and Paramus Catholic's Nunzio Campanile barely have had time to take off their football uniforms. None will be in peak wrestling condition until mid-January.

This year a tournamentrecord 46 teams will participate, and that's one of the many reasons why it can't be staged closer to the postseason. The sardine-like conditions demand a large facility, which limits the choices for a

The tournament also requires two full days to complete and another full day for preparation, so the athletes and tournament staff would need time off from school in January or February.

Paramus also is one of the few schools that will lend its facility for three full days.



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"And there's the little things, like kids being home from college to help with timing and scoring," says tournament director **George**Jockish.

This isn't Passaic County, where a 15-school tournament begins on a Friday night in February and ends Saturday afternoon. This is Bergen, the County with the most high schools in New Jersey.

schools in New Jersey.
And that's why you'll never see a Bergen County champ crowned after December.

# Hernandez seeking to make history

By BARRY GRAMLICH

The countdown is over for Bergen Catholic's Jason Hernandez, who is expected to become Bergen County's first four-time champion when the Bergen Holiday wrestling tournament concludes Wednesday night.

The 46-school event begins Tuesday, with the preliminary round at 10 a.m., followed by the quarterfinals at 7:30 p.m. The semifinals and fifth-sixth place consolations are Wednesday at 11 a.m., the third-fourth consolations at 5:30 p.m., and the finals at 7.

Hernandez, a State fourth for the last two seasons, is an overwhelming favorite at 130 pounds. He won his third title last season at 125.

The most competitive weight classes likely will be 112 and 171, with 171 featuring a host of honor roll wrestlers. Returning defending champions are Rob Gomez of Bogota, Hernandez, Jeff Fazio of Emerson/Park Ridge, and Jim Finn of Bergen Catholic.

Garfield and Englewood did not enter

this year.

Here's a weight-by-weight breakdown with predictions.

103 — Bergen Catholic's Abner Suarez reached the Region 2 semifinals last season before meeting up with St. Joseph's Damion Logan. He lost to Ramsey's Jason Silverstein in the consolations, but Silverstein has moved up to 112. Glen Rock's Ed Choosang could make noise.

Champion: Abner Suarez, Bergen Catholic. Darkhorse: Ed Choosang, Glen Rock. Contenders: Mike Cieckiewicz, North Bergen; Neil Sikder, Paramus; Matt Bolton, Bergenfield; Rory Tennant, Palisades Park.

112 — Ramsey's Silverstein, Hasbrouck Heights' Dan Guido, and Northern Highlands' Bilo Bouab are quality wrestlers. The choice is Silverstein, purely on a hunch.

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Champion: Jason Silverstein, Ramsey. Darkhorses: Dan Guido, Hasbrouck Heights; Bilo Bouab, Northern Highlands. Contenders: Ed Cruz, Palisades Park; R.J. Kenny, Emerson/Park Ridge; Dan Pires, Fair Lawn; Nick DiDomenico, Lodi.

119 — Damion Logan. Need we say more? The defending 103-pound State champion from St. Joseph has been unfazed by his new opponents in a heavier division. The State's latest freshman sensation, Lyndhurst's Don Pritzlaff, is the one to keep an eye on.

Champion: Damion Logan, St. Joseph; Darkhorse: Don Pritzlaff, Lyndhurst. Contenders: Pat Eboli, Westwood; Andy Chamberlain, Northern Valley at Demarest; Paul Wyka, Fair Lawn; Jon Bolton, Bergenfield; Rob Legg, Pascack Hills.

125 — This class would have been loaded if Bogota's Rob Gomez didn't move up to 130. Lyndhurst's Gregg Settembrino and Emerson/Park Ridge's Eric Ayala have started strongly this season, and Cresskill's Mike Jasonos has not. A Settembrino-Ayala final is likely.

Champion: Gregg Settembrino, Lyndhurst. Darkhorse: Eric Ayala, Emerson/Park Ridge. Contenders: Mike Jasonos, Cresskill; Mike Insignares, Mahwah; Nick Palma, Bergenfield; Steve Sul, Hasbrouck Heights; Tom Vanasse, Ramsey; Kurt Norgard, St. Joseph.

**130** — Bogota's Gomez chose to move up to 130 in the hopes of giving BC's Hernandez a match. That's a tall order for the defending 119-pound champion.

Champion: Jason Hernandez, Bergen Catholic. Darkhorse: Rob Gomez, Bogota. Contenders: Rory O'Connor, Glen Rock; Jim Riela, Northern Highlands; Ben Wagman, Mahwah.

135 — Hackensack's Rich Bitetto is a yearlong mat rat, which makes him the choice over Elmwood Park football standout John Cerciello. Remember it was Cer-

#### **BERGEN WRESTLING**

### FRESHMEN MAKE AN IMPACT AGAIN

By BARRY GRAMLICH

PARAMUS — He had reached the quarterfinal round of the Bergen Holiday wrestling tournament — beating a district champion along the way — and suddenly everyone was asking the question that follows this St. Joseph team.

Just where do those Green Knights

freshmen come from?

Last year it was Damion Logan's refreshing run to the 103-pound final, and it appeared 125-pound rookie Karl Norgard was ready to take a similar route this year. But Norgard met up with Bergen County's other heralded freshman, Peter Weiss of Northern Valley at Demarest, and battled through two scoreless periods before dropping a 3-0 decision.

Weiss, 15, will meet Lyndhurst standout Gregg Settembrino in today's semi-

final round.

"I wrestled [Norgard] in the juniors five years ago and beat him," said Weiss, a product of the highly respected Closter recreation program. "I felt I was in better shape. It's our training. I don't think any school does more."

Weiss, a 126-pound State champion in the eighth grade, spun for a neutral point midway through the third period and picked up a late takedown when he peeled a wrist and spun again.

Settembrino will be a formidable opponent, but it should be noted that Norgard, 14, had defeated the tourney cofavorite at 125, Eric Ayala of Emerson/Park Ridge, 11-6 in overtime. Ayala, who seems to be jinxed annually in this event, surrendered regulation points on a clasp, a full-nelson, and a stall.

"Maybe it's just too early in the year

for him," said E/PR coach Stan Woods.
"He wrestled sloppy and gave the match away."

In other noteworthy quarterfinal matchups, Bergenfield's Jon Bolton shut out Demarest's Andy Chamberlain, 7-0, at 119. His reward is a semifinal meeting with Logan — last year's 103-pound State champion.

Bolton's younger brother, Matt, surprised second-seeded Ed Choosang of Glen Rock, 9-6, to earn a meeting with

Neil Sikder of Paramus.

A bad draw left contenders Dan Guido of Hasbrouck Heights and Bilo Bouab of Northern Highlands in a quarterfinal encounter, with Bouab scoring a 5-0 decision. Dumont's Jason Manzi turned it up a notch at 135 with a 5-4 win over North Bergen's Chris Spanos.

The most anticipated quarterfinal bouts came in the loaded 171-pound class. Ridgefield Park's Sammy Aguilar looked unbeatable overall with three sub-minute pins — including a 51-second win over Pete O'Hare of Paramus in the quarters. He'll meet favorite Marc Bautis of Lyndhurst — a 6-3 winner over Chris Moses of Northern Valley at Old Tappan — in the semifinals.

Another bad draw left Demarest's Dave Edmundson and Bergen Catholic's Joe Piela on a quarterfinal collision course. Piela led 3-1 in the third period when Edmundson shot a single and began his lift. But Piela hooked a leg, went through the crotch, and rolled into a spladle to pin Edmundson in 5:06.

Three-time champion Jason Hernandez of Bergen Catholic coasted with three first-period pins and will face Jim Riela of Northern Highlands in his con-

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Adam Kerasik of Dwight-Englewood strains to break the hold of Elmwood Park's Mike Fornelius in 160 bout Fornelius won.

tinuing quest for an unprecedented four championships.

The biggest surprise of the second round came when Waldwick's Mike Raia knocked off top-seeded 125-pounder Pat Eboli of Westwood, 8-6. Eboli was a County runner-up at 112, a district champion, and a region runner-up last year.

Raia moved on to the semifinals with an 8-6 decision over Palisades Park's Yang Chung.

Freshman standout Don Pritzlaff of Lyndhurst pinned through the first two rounds at 119, including a 2:38 stunner over Fair Lawn's Paul Wyka. His run ended in the quarterfinals with a 7-5 loss to Mike Raguseo of Hasbrouck Heights. District runner-up and region fourth Rory O'Connor of Glen Rock was stopped by Riela, 7-6, at 130. Riela put O'Connor on his back with a pancake in the first period to build a 5-0 lead.

NV/Demarest sent eight wrestlers into the evening quarterfinal round and had a team-high 60 points. Bergen Catholic, with 58 points, had seven in the quarters.

#### By BARRY GRAMLICH

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PARAMUS — Ever since he won his first Bergen Holiday wrestling championship as a freshman, Jason Hernandez has been constantly reminded about a one-of-a-kind accomplishment. Now 20 victories and three years later, Hernandez is the tournament's first fourtime champion.

The 130-pound senior had to defeat a defending champion to do it, piling up takedown after takedown Wednesday night in a 12-3 decision over Rob Go-

mez of Bogota.

"People have been coming up and talking about this forever," said Hernandez, who was selected the Most Outstanding Wrestler. "I'm glad it's over."

The party is just beginning for sophomores Abner Suarez of team champ Bergen Catholic, Jason Silverstein of Ramsey, and Damion Logan of St. Joseph, who won lightweight titles in their second seasons. Here's a look at each final

103 — BC's Suarez picked up takedowns with a head lever, bearhug, and a double-leg to defeat Neil Sikder of Paramus, 8-5. Sikder's lone takedown came when he squirmed out of Suarez's

locked-up cradle attempt.

112 — A 2-2 bout turned Silverstein's way when Fair Lawn's Dan Pires couldn't finish a low single in the third period and his opponent spun for a clinching takedown and two near-fall points. Ramsey's Silverstein prevailed, 9-4

119 — St. Joe's Logan gave a clinic on throws and had a nifty double-leg lift en route to an 18-4 lead over Elmwood Park's Andres Mayor. Logan ended his

20-5 technical fall in 4:51.

125 — In a rematch of a Garfield tournament final, Lyndhurst's Gregg Settembrino topped Cresskill's Mike Jasonos, 4-3, with all stall points. Settembrino won in Garfield, 9-3.

130 — Hernandez elevated an arm bar for a near-fall in the third period and coasted to his 12-3 win over Gomez, last year's 119-pound champion.

135 — Elmwood Park's John Cerciello knocked off defending Region 2 champion Rich Bitetto of Hackensack, 4-3, with a late neutral. Each wrestler had one takedown.

140 — North Bergen's Mike McNeil led Emerson/Park Ridge's Jeff Fazio, 3-1, with 23 seconds left. Fazio finished strongly with a clasp point and a reverse with nine seconds left for 4-3 win.

145 — Cliffside Park's Mike Foca opened up a close bout when he gained near-fall points off a Peterson roll, thrusting his back into the chest of Ramapo's Greg Zanchelli. Foca nailed down a 12-4 win.

152 — Bogota's Jesse Raia, last year's 160-pound champ, cut weight

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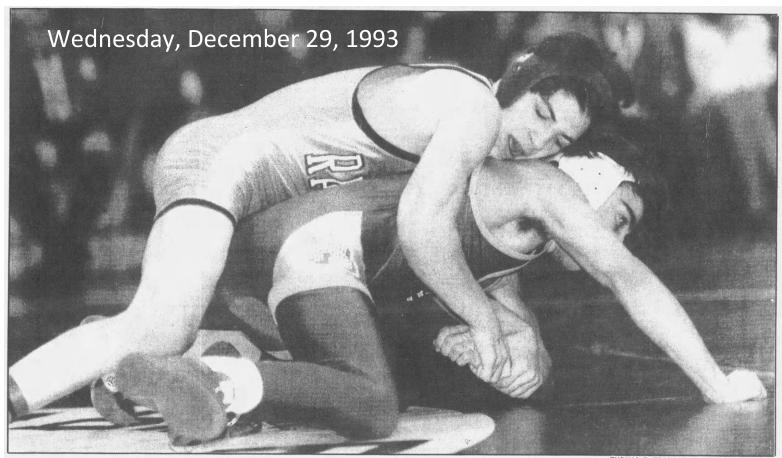
this year and was stunned by Bergen Catholic senior Joe Pichetto, 4-0. Pichetto had takedowns in the first and third periods.

160 — Never challenged in five bouts, Bergen Catholic's Jim Finn won his second title, pinning Emerson/Park Ridge's Markus Grueneis with a headand-arm in 3:14. Finn had five pins.

171 — Lyndhurst's Marc Bautis rode a five-point move in the third period for an 8-4 win over Joe Piela of Bergen Catholic. Piela had the opening takedown.

189 — St. Joseph junior Frank Lodeserto repeatedly chose optional starts and had five takedowns after two periods en route to a 19-6 triumph over 1992 runner-up Jeff Heyn of Cliffside Park.

Hwt. — Outweighed by 50 pounds, Marc Czerepak of Elmwood Park won by disqualification over Becton's Josh Favor, who was called for stalling five times. Czerepak was ahead, 7-1.



THOMAS E. FRANKLIN/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER Ramsey's Jason Silverstein in control during 112-pound final Wednesday night in the Bergen Holiday tournament. Silverstein came away with a 9-4 victory.

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## Crusaders set the tone early

PARAMUS — The uniform colors of 15 schools charged into the Bergen Holiday wrestling tournament finals, but the scarlet and gold of Bergen Catholic dominated the scenery,

The Crusaders made an early bid for the team championship Wednesday afternoon by advancing five of their six semifinalists — the only casualty being sophomore Jon Piela's loss to secondseeded Greg Zanchelli of Ramapo at 145 pounds. Advancing were Abner Suarez (103), Jason Hernandez (130), Joe Pichetto (152), Jim Finn (160), and Joe Piela (171).

It all but locked up the title for BC after Northern Valley at Demarest semifinalists Peter Weiss (125), Jeff Gross (145), Joe Yiu (160), and Chris Federici (189) were stopped a round short of potential glory.

Bergen Catholic finished second to St. Joseph last year by three points.

"We've got a lot of talent; it doesn't surprise me," said Crusaders coach John Direnzo. "I'm just a little worried

about our sluggishness. We've got to intensify our conditioning program."

Direnzo's statement didn't apply to Hernandez and Finn, who have breezed through the tourney without a huff. Three-time champ Hernandez, warming up for an unprecedented fourth title. notched his fourth first-period pin in 1:54 over Northern Highlands' Jim Riela. Finn, seeking his second title, packed Demarest's Yiu in 2:19 for his fourth pin in under three minutes.

"Jason has gone back to basics instead of using his high-tech moves," Direnzo said. "They're nice to know, but they don't always work.

'Jimmy Finn has been impressive, and he'll only get better after playing football into December."

Joe Piela, the older of the BC brothers, had pins in three of four bouts including Tuesday night's stunner over NV/Demarest's Dave Edmundson with

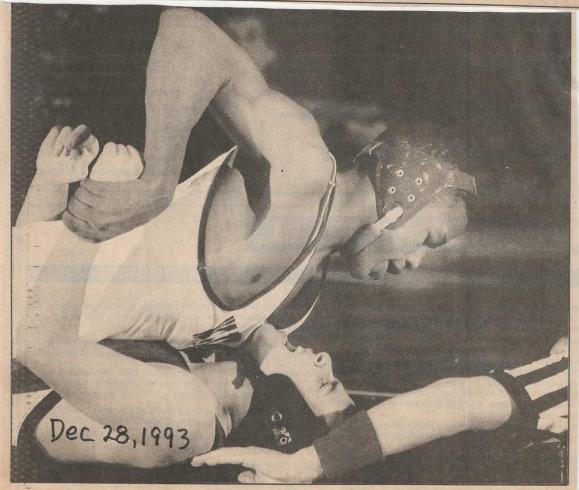
a spladle.
"He's an intelligent kid who had the poise to capitalize on that move," Direnzo said. "He'll probably never pin him again."

Elmwood Park sent three into the finals Andres Mayor (119), John Cerciello (135), and Marc Czerepak (Hwt.) — while St. Joseph, Lyndhurst, Bogota, Cliffside Park, and Emerson/ Park Ridge advanced two wrestlers

The semifinal titans were 112pounders Jason Silverstein of Ramsey and Dan Pires of Fair Lawn. Silverstein scored an escape at the end of regulation and gained a stall point in overtime to edge Bilo Bouab of Northern Highlands, 5-4. Pires continued his remarkable run by edging R.J. Kenny of Emerson/Park Ridge, 8-7.

In headline semifinal matchups, Cliffside Park's Mike Foca ousted Demarest's Gross at 145, 8-4; Lyndhurst's Marc Bautis topped Ridgefield Park's Sam Aguilar at 171, 7-1; and St. Joseph's Frank Lodeserto nipped NV/Demarest's Federici at 189, 3-2.

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Jared Golub of Emerson/Park Ridge tries unsuccessfully to prevent being pinned by Becton's Everett Bell Tuesday in an early round 152-pound bout in the Bergen Holiday tournament at Paramus High School.

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Damion Logan of St. Joseph defeating Andres Mayor of Elmwood Park in the Bergen Holiday tournament at Paramus.



McNeil (NB) vs Fazio (EM). Fazio wins 4-3 at 140.

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#### Bergen tournament

FIRST ROUND

Settembrino, Lyndhurst, pin Tim Ferraro, Ridgewood, 1:09.

130 — Jason Hernandez, Bergen Caiholic def. Tony DiMagglo, Lyndhurst; Carlos Ruiz, Palisades Park, pin Mati Palumbo, 4:46; Tom Wondra, River Dell, dec. Jason Evans, Bergen Tech, 13-0; Mati Garabedian, Rutherford, pin Felix Leung, Pascack Hills, 2:23; Rory O'Connor, dec. Robert Ortiz, Paramus, 11-0; Jim Riela, No. Highlands, pin Kevin Manning, Bergenfield, 5:01; Ed Fish, Fair Lawn, dec. Dave Glazer, Ramapo, 16-2; Ben Wagman, Mahwah, dec. Chris Mable, Ramsey, 6-5; Sal Guardascione, North Bergen, bye; Rahsah Hatter, Ridgefield Park dec. Jonathan Link, NV/Old Tappan, 7-5; Francisco Morales, Paramus Catholic, dec. Mike Hakikas, Cresskili, 13-2; Chris Hirsh, Pascack Valley, pin Ken Tripaldi, Waldwick, 1:53; Tom Mulhern, Emerson, pin Adam Riff, Elmwood Park, 1:34; Ed Spina, Tenafty, dec. Joe Kim, Leonia, 6-3; Brian Geddes, Don Bosco Prep, pin Tom Pilrger, Becton, 4:39; Rob Gomez, Bogola, pin Eric McBrearty, Hasbrouck Helphis, 1:48.

135 — Rich Biletio, Hackensack, dec. Jason Land, Bergen Catholic, 5-2; Chris Lin, Dwight-Englewood, pin Shawn Brander, Leonia, 5:50; Jim Connor, Mah-

wah, pin Nate Perkins, Ramapo, 29; Mike Dell'Aquila, Tenafiy, dec. Mike Reid, Ramsey, 7-6; Jason Manzi, Dumont, pin Ron Broking, New Milford, 448; Selh Lippert, Paramus, pin Dave Kanarvogel, Waldwick, 412; Ron Treboski, Fair Lawn, pin Fhady Khoury, Leonia, 3:55; Chris Spanos, North Bergen, pin Tom Jennerich, Rutherford, 5:59; Mark Pelrano, Emerson, pin Jesse Giricesh, Bergenfield, 1:02; Anthony Petruzzielio, St. Joseph, dec. Chris Alvino, Glen Rock, 8-1; Mark Hernandez, Don Bosco Prep, dec. Gary Binetti, Ridgefield Park, 14-1; Paul Lauferback, NV/Demaresi, pin Mike Krieper, Ramapo, 1:32; Ryan Drisquila, Pascack Hills, pin John Affuso, Ridgewood, 3:48; Will Tavlor, River Dell, Amthony Vell, Midland Park, 18-5; Mike Marsala, Pascack Valley, pin Jimmy Ziomed Park, pin Anthony Barbire, Becton, 3:27.

140 — Mike McNell, No. Bergen, pin Alex DeVincenzo, Ridgefield Park, 13-9; John Work, Pascack Valley, dec. Chri Santili, 2014. Pascack Hills, pin John Alex Devincenzo, Ridgefield Park, 13-9; John Work, Pascack Valley, dec. Chri Santili, 2014. Pascack Hills, pin Andre Bueno, Palisades Park, 1:48; Mike Mauro, Bogola, pin Joe Magarelli, Ramapo, 131; Frank Tamberelli, Cresskill, pin Sean McCarithy, Don Bosco Prep, :55; Filip Petrovski, Elmwood Park, dec. Chris Brill-Edwards, Dwith-Pingerwood, 8-5; Joe Cervino, Paramus, pin Damon Goldstin, Ramsey, 2:14; Eddie Browne, Hackensack, dec. Fred Tiellen, Ramapo, 11-6; Josh Horn, Westwood, pin Mike Nelman, Gler Rock, :38; Jorew Ellas, Dumont, pin Rob Saba, Bergen Catholic, 3:03; Dan Henry, N/Demarest, pin John Garofalo, Rutherford, :48; Marc Dempsey, Paramus Catholic, 4:40; Alex Hills, pin Roman, Gler Rock, :38; Jorew Ellas, Dumont, pin Rob Saba, Bergen Catholic, 3:03; Dan Henry, MyDemarest, pin John Garofalo, Rutherford, :48; Marc Dempsey, Paramus Catholic, 4:40; Alex Hills, pin Roman, Pin Josh, Alex Hills, pin Roman, Pin Josh, Alex Hills, pin Roman, Pin Roman,

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Park, pin Tom Grifone, Ramapo, 1:33; Jeff Bailey, Saddie Brook, pin Mike Marzocca, Leonia, 5:41; Fred Sader, Leonia, pin Kelih Rollifritz, Becton, 2:45; Kelih Totaro, New Milford, dec. John Yessis, Midland Park, 15-1; David Edmundson, NV/Demarest, pin Chuck Kohout, River Dell, 30; Mait Sloan, Ramsey, dechris Tampone, Fair Lawn, 8-7; Vinnie Diluzio, Cresskill pin Josh Thomson, Waldwick, 1:33; Joa Pleid, Cresskill pin Josh Thomson, Waldwick, 1:33; Joa Pleid, Paramus, 13; Mait Eisenberg, Bergen Catholic, pin Elias George, Rutherford, :9; 189 — Jeff Hevn, Cliffside Park, pin Illir Miffari, Paramus, 13; Mait Eisenberg, Bergen Catholic, pin Eugene Keaens, Paramus Catholic, 2:37; Dan Clancy, No. Highlands, pin Sergio Merizalde, Rutherford, :47; Max Stach, Mahwah, pin Will Calderon, Fair Lawn, 3:46; James Farley, Ramapo pin Joe Montillo, Lyndhurst, 2:34; Bill Deatl, Glen Rock, pin Krzys Dodrygowski, Becton, 1:45; Chris Uriale, Indian Hills, pin Kevin Burke, Don Bosco Prep, :29; Tom Perno, Elmwood Park, bye; Chris Federicl, Dwighh-Englewood, pin Jesse Biggins, 1:29; Tim Guinard, River Dell, dec. Marc Salant, New Milford, 9-8; Don Santucci, Hackensack, pin Rich Dalion, Dumont, :50; David Chung, NV/Old Tappan, pin Gary Wroldson, Leonia, 2:57; James Dowles, Pascack Hills, bye; Frank Lodeserto, St. Joseph, pin Vin Frazier, Ramapo, 2:10.

275 — Josh Favor, Becton, dec. Ed Galan, Bergen Catholic, 7-2; Chris Clarke, 51; Joseph, pin Chris

Leonla, 2:57; James Dowles, Pascack Hills, Oye Frank Lodeserto, St. Joseph, pin Vin Frazier, Ram-apo, 2:10.
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#### SECOND ROUND

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103 — Suarez, Bergen Catholic, dec. Sayers, Pascack Valley, 14-2; Cleckiewicz, North Bergen, pin DeGennaro, New Milford, 2:35; Lateef, Becton, pin Sullivan, Ridgeffeld Park, 47; Bleeef, Pascack Hills, dec. Brian Braika, St. Joseph, 16-7; Sikder, Paramus, pin Bouab, No. Highlands, 1:26; Muraamaru, Don Bosco Prep, dec. Dubnik, Fair Lawn, 10-2; Bolton, Bargenfield, dec. Tennant, Palisades Park, 7-5; Choosang, Gien Rock, pin Settembrino, Lyndhurst, 2:25.

112 — Silverstein, Ramsev, pin Manansala, Dumont, 2:30; Nasr, Cliffside Park, pin Malka, Saddle Brook, 4:3; Guido, Hasbrouck Helphts, pin Tessaro, Cress-kill, 3:44; Agnello, Midland Park, pin Bouab, No. Highlands, 1:44; Cruz, Palisades Park, pin Whitmore, Paramus, 5:23; Pair Lawn, pin Yara, Bergen Catholic, 22; Kenny, Ermerson, pin Poatillo, Indian Hills, 3:19; DiDominico, Lodi, dec. Laieef, Becton, 11-5.

119 — Logan, St. Joseph, pin Picclano, Palisades Park, 1:52; Asan, Ramapo, pin Mayland, No. Highlands, 5:33; 1:52; Chamberlain, NV/Demarest, dec. Bolognini, Ridgeffeld Park, 9-3; Bolton, Bergenfield, pin Barbaro, Pascack Valley, 5:04; Mayor, Elmwood Park, dec. Legg, Pascack Hills, 5-4; Baglieri, Bergen Catholic, dec. Mulligan, Paramus, 13-10; Pritzlaff, Lyndhurst, pin Wyka, Fair Lawn, 2:38; Raguseo, Pasch, Park, 14-4; Janosos, Cresskill, dec. Audiligan, Paramus, 13-10; Pritzlaff, Lyndhurst, pin Wyka, Fair Lawn, 2:38; Raguseo, Park, 13-4; Janosos, Cresskill, dec. Audiligan, Paramus, 5-1; Norgard, St. Joseph, dec. Ayala, Emerson, 7-2.

125 — Rala, Westwood, dec. Eboli, Westwood, 8-6; Chung, Palisades Park, pin Pursley, Don Bosco Prep, 3:10; Insignares, Mahwah, dec. Capelan, Cliffside Park, 3-5; Stehmbrino, Lyndhurst, pin Russo, Lodi, 3:51.

130 — Hernandez, Bergen Catholic, pin Ruiz, Palisades Park, 140; Wondra, River Dell, dec. Ciffside, Park, 3-4; Manoso, Cresskill, dec. Audiligan, Paramus, 5-1; Norgard, St. Joseph, dec. Ayala, Emerson, pin Spina, Tenafly, 106; Genez, Bogola, pin Geddes, Don Bosco Prep, 2:43.

135 — Bitelto, Hackensack, pin Lin, Dw

0; Fazio, Emerson, dec. Shottenfield, Waldwick, 17-4, 145 — Foca, Cliffside Park, pin Relst, River Dell, 2:48; Glacken, Glen Rock, dec. Ran, Elmwood Park, 77-5; Hamilin, Midland Park, dec. Lusk, Ridgewood, 13-4; Gross, Dwight-Englewood, pin Lemmer, Saddle Brook, 154; Zanchelli, Ramapo, pin Bray, Tenaffy, 3:10; Matzkinin, St. Joseph, pin Choe, Fort Lee, 33; David Bautis, Lyndhurst, dec. 18-6; Mastroeni, Dumont, 18-6; Plela, Bergen Catholic, dec. Cruz, Pallsades Park, 12-

5. 152 — Raia, Bogota, pin Kim, NV/Demarest, 2:19; O'Brien, Tenafly, dec. Clemens, Indian Hills, 13-5; McDougall, Ramapo, dec. Bell, Becton, 4:40; Medina, Hackensack, dec. Tabano, St. Joseph, 15-6; Pichelto, Bergen Catholic, pin Dunton, River Dell, 20; Cappello, Hasbrouck Heights, pin Ardizone, Pascack Valley, 1:18; Lynch, Rutherford, dec. Lee, Dwight-Englewood, 4-3 (OT); Olive, Mahwah, dec. Farls, Cliffside Park, 10-0.

4-3 (OT); Olive, Mahwah, dec. Faris, Clitiside Park, 10-0.

160 — Finn, Bergen Catholic, pin Regula, Pascack Valley, :58; Scimanico, 51. Joseph, pin Valenzuela, Palisades Park, 3:16; Zevallos, Hackensack, pin Fernandes, Midland Park, 4:04; Lago, North Bergen, pin Surran, Westwood, 2:34; Fornielus, Elmwood Park, pin Bull, Tenafiy, 3:26; Gruenels, Emerson, dec. McGulre, Bergenfield, 8-6.

171 — Baulis, Lyndhurst, dec. Evertz, Pascack Valley, 15-1; Moses, NV/Old Tappan, dec. McInerney, Don Bosco Prep, 5-0; O'Hare, Paramus, dec. Bart, Indian Hills, 14-6; Aquilar, Ridgefield Park, pin Ostros, Bergen Tech, 43; Balley, Saddle Brook, won by disq., Balogh, Pallsades Park, 5:28; Totaro, New Milford, pin Soader, Leonia, 2:15; Edmundson, NV/Demarest, pin Sloan, Ramsey, 1:25; Plela, Bergen Catholic, dec. DiLuzio, Cresskill, 16-3; Clancy, No. Highlands, dec. Stach, Mahwah, 18-6; Farley, Ramapo pin Deatl, Glen Rock, 3:55; Perno, Elmwood Park, dec. Urlarte, Indian Hills, 14-5; Federici, NV/Demarest, pin Guinard, River Dell, :55; Santucci, Hackensack, pin Kester, Bogota 122; Maschang, Ridgefield Park, pin Chung, NV/Old Tappan, 3:56; Lodeserlo, St. Joseph, pin Dowles, Pascack Hills, :23.

275 — Favor, Becton, pin Clark, St. Joseph, :52; Thomas, Hackensack pin Scalo, Ridgefield Park; Karcich, Pascack Valley, pin Marchetto-Ryan, 1:13; Fisher, River Dell, pin Mullin, Tenaffy, 242; Gagnon, No. Highlands, pin Kanarr, Ramapo, :18; Dadurian, Paramus, pin Bartomeo, New Milford, 2:32; Throwsod Park, pin Berardo, Cresskill, :34; Czerepak, Elmwood Park, pin Locuratolo, Dwight-Englewood, 2:31. THIRD ROUND

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103 — Suarez, Bergen Catholic, dec. Cieckiewicz, North Bergen, 15-6; Lateef, Becton, dec. Blegel, Pascack Hills, 9-6; Siker, Paramus, dec. Muramarru, Don Bosco Prep, 12-7; Bolton, Bergenfield, dec. Choosang, Glen Rock, 9-6; 112 — Silverstein, Ramsey, tech. fall Nasr, Cliffsde Park, 520; Bouab, No. Highlands, dec. Guido, Hasbrouck Heighits, 5-0; Pires, Fair Lawn, pin Cruz, Palisades Park, 19, Kenny, Emerson, dec. DiDominico, Lodi, 14-4; 119 — Logan, St. Joseph, pin Asan, Ramapo, 1:26; Bolton, Bergenfield, dec. Chamberlain, NV/Demarest, 7-0; Mayor, Elmwood Park, dec. Basileri, Bergen Catholic, 2-0; Raguseo, Hasbrouck Heighits, 6ec. Prilzlaff, Lyndhurst, 7-5; 125 — Raia, Westwood, dec. Chung, Palisades Park, 8-6; Jasonos, Cresskill, dec. Insignares, Mahwah, 9-8; Weiss, NV/Demarest, dec. Sul, Hasbrouck Heights, 2-1; 130 — Hernandez, Bergen Catholic, Din Wondra, River Dell, 1:13; Riela, No. Highlands, won by dafault Wagman, Mahwah; Hirsh, Pascack Valley, dec. Guardascione, North Bergen, 3-0; Gomez, Bogota, pin Mulhern, Emerson, 3:56; 135 — Biletio, Hackensack, dec. Dell'Aguilla, Tenaffy, 10-4; Manzl, Dumoni, dec. Spanos, North Bergen, 3-4; Peirano, Emerson, pin Lauterback, NV/Demarest, 3:8; 140 — McNeil, No. Bergen, dec. Ellya, Midland Park, 1-2; Petrovski, Elmwood Park, pin Ejacken, Glen Rock, 1:32; Geross, Dwight-Englewood, pin Ammilla, Midland Park, 19-1; Pichetio, Bergen Catholic, dec. David Bautis, Lyndhurst, 10-6; 152 — Raia, Bogota, pin O'Brien, Tenaffy, 11-3; Piela, Bergen Catholic, dec. Cappello, Hampout, 11-5; Medina, Hackensack, dec. McDougall, Ramapo, 11-9; Pichetio, Bergen Catholic, dec. Cappello, Hampout, 11-5; Medina, Hackensack, dec. McDougall, Ramapo, 11-9; Pichetio, Bergen Catholic, dec. Cappello, Hampout, 11-5; Medina, Hackensack, 10-8; Lago, North Bergen, pin Surran, Wastwood, 1:48, Gruenels, Emerson, pin Fornelus, Elmwood Park, 24; Pin — Aarce Bautis, Lyndhurst, dec. Moses, NV/Old T

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FINALS

103 — Abner Suarez, Bergen Calh, dec. Neil Sikder, Paramus, 8-5; 112 — Jason Silverstein, Ramsey dec. Dan Pires, Fair Lawn, 9-4; 119 — Damien Logan, St. Joseph tech. fail Andres Mayor, Elmwood Park, 20-5; 125 — Grego Seltembrino, Lyndhurst dec. Mike Jasonas, Cresskill, 4-3; 130 — Jason Hernandez, Bergen Calh, dec. Rob Gomez, Bogola, 12-3; 185 — John Cerciello, Elmwood Park dec. Rich Blietto, Hackensack, 4-3; 140 — Jeff Fazio, Emerson dec. Mike McNeil, North Bergen, 4-3; 145 — Mike Foca, Cliffside Park dec. Greg Zanchelli, Ramapo, 12-4; 152 — Joe Pichelto, Bergen Calh, dec. Jesse Raia, Bogola, 4-0; 160 — Jim Finn, Bergen Calh, pin Marcus Grueneis, Emerson, 3:14; 171 — Marc Baulis, Lyndhurst dec. Joe Piela, Bergen Calh, 8-4; 189 — Frank Lodeserio, S1. Joseph dec. Jeff Hevn, Cliffside Park, 19-6; 25 — Marc Czeerepak, Elmwood Park by dsq. over Josh Favor, Becton, 5:00.

SEMIFINALS

103 — Abner Suarez, Bergen Catholic, by dsq. over lbin Lateef, Becton; Neli Sikder, Paramus, def. Malt Bolton, Bogota, 14-4; 112 — Jason Silverstein, Ramsey, def. Bilo Bauab, No. Highlands, 5-4; Dan Pires, Fair Lawn, def. R.J. Kenny, Englewood, 8-7; 119 — Damion Logan, St. Joseph, pin Jon Bolton, Bergenfield, 3:30; Andres Mayor, Einwood Park, def. Mike Raguseo, Hasbrouck Heights, 13-0; 125 — Mike Janosos, Cress-Kill, def. Mike Raia, Valdwick, 11-4; Gregg Settembrino, Lyndhurst, pin Peter Welss, Demarest, 2:32; 130 — Jason Hernandez, Bergen Catholic, pin Jim Riela, Northern Highlands, 1:54; Rob Gomez, Bogota, def. Chris Hirsh, Pascack Valley, 4-1; 135 — Rich Bietle, Nachtensek, def. Jason Manzi, Dumont, 15-3; John Cerciello, Einwood Park, 4ef. Mark Peirano, Englewood, 8-1; 140 — Mike McNeil, North Bergen, def. Filip Petrovski, Einwood Park, 9-1; Jeff Fazlo, Englewood, def. Joe Cervino, Paramus, 13-3; 145 — Mike Foca, Cliffside Park, def. Jeff Gross, Demarest, 8-4; Greg Zanchelli, Ramapo, def. Jon Piela, Bergen Catholic; 152 — Jesse Raia, Bogota, pin Marden Medina, Hackensack, 1:55; Joe Pichetto, Bergen Catholic, def. Ken Olive, Mahwah, 6-2; 160 — Jim Finn, Bergen Catholic, pin Joe Yiu, Demarest, 2:19; Markus Grueneis, Englewood, pin Orley Lago, North Bergen, 5:09; 171 — Marc Baulis, Lyndhurst, def. Sam Aquilar, Ridgefield Park, 7-1; Joe Piela, Bergen Catholic, pin Keith Totaro, New Millord, 4:34; 189 — Jeff Heyn, Cliffside Park, def. Tom Perno, Elmwood Park, 8-4; Frank Lodeserio, St. Joseph, def. Chris Federici, Demarest, 3-2; 275 — Josh Favor, Becton, def. Tim Karcích, Pascack Valley, 18-14; Marc Czerepak, Elmwood Park, def. John Gagnon, No. Highlands, 2-1.

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103 — Matt Bolton, Bergenfield dec. Ibin Laleef, Becton, 8-7; 112 — R.J. Kenny, Emerson dec. Bilo Bouab, No. Highlands, 6-4; 119 — Jon Bolton, Bergenfield dec. Mike Raguseo, Hasb. Heights, 10-0; 125 — Peter Weiss, NV/Demarest dec. Mike Raia, Waldwick, 12-2; 130 — Chris Hirsh, Pascack Valley dec. Jim Riela, No. Highlands, 10-3; 135 — Mark Peirano, Emerson dec. Jason Manzi, Dumont, 12-4; 140 — Joe Cervino, Paramus dec. Fil Petrovski, Elmwood Park, 5-3 (OT); 145 — Jon Piela, Bergen Catholic by forfeit over Jeff Gross, NV/Demarest; 152 — Ken Oldman, Hackensack, 1:36; 140 — Orley Lago, North Bergen pin Joe Yiu, NV/Demarest, 149; 171 — Keith Tolaro, New Milford dec. Sam Aguilar, Ridgefield Park, 6-5; 189 — Chris Federich, 175 — John Gagnon, Northern Highlands by dsq. dver Tim Karcich, Pascack Valley.

FIFTH, SIXTH PLACE

103 — Biegel, Pascack Hills def. Cieczkiewicz, North Bergen, 7-6; Choosang, Glen Rock pin Muraamaru, Don Bosco, 2:22; Choosang pin Biegel, 1:48; 112 — Guido, Hasb. Heights, pin Nasr, Cliffside Park, 1:22; Didominico, Lodi, def. Cruz, Palisades Park, 1:22; Didominico, Lodi, def. Cruz, Palisades Park, 5-2; DiDominico def. Guido, 4-3; 119 — Asan, Ridgefield, def. Chamberlain, Demarest, 5-3; Pritzelaff, Lyndhurst, def. Baglieri, Bergen Cath, 9-1; Pritzlaff pin Asan, 3:51; 125 — Insipaners, Mahwah, by forfeit; Norgard, St. Joseph, def. Sul, Hasbrouck Heights, 8-0; Norgard def. Insignares, Mahwah, by forfeit; Norgard, St. Joseph, def. Sul, Hasbrouck Heights, 8-0; Norgard def. Insignares, 9-7; 130 — Wagman, Mahwah, def. Wandra, River Dell, ; Mulhern, Ernerson, def. Guardasclone, North Bergen, 1-9; Mulhern by default Wagman; 135 — Dell'Aquilla, Tanafly, def. Spanos, North Bergen, 1-9; Aulterback, Demarest, pin Taylor, River Dell, 2:36; Lauterback, Demarest, Oler, River, Dell, 1-1, Henry, Demarest, def. Elias, Dumont, 7-5; Bulz pin Henry, 3:22; 145 — Glacken, Cien Rock, def. Hamilin, Midland Park, 12-8; Malzkanin, pin Glacken, 0:55; 182 — McDougall, Ramapo, def. O'Brien, Tenafly, 11-8; Cappello, Hasbrouck Heights, def. Lynch, Rutherford, 5-0; Cappello def. McDougall, 6-3; 160 — Scimanico, St. Joseph, pin Zevallos, Hackensack, 2:18; Fornielus, Elmwood Park, pin Surran, Westwood, 0:52; Scimanico def. Fornielus, 6-3; 117 — Moses, Old Tappan, def. O'Hare, Paramus, 14-1; Edmundson, Demarest, pin Bailey, Saddle Brook, 2:50; Edmundson def. Mocose, 6-3; 199 — Clancy, No. Highlands, by forfeil; Santucci, Hackensack, Pin Fasher, River Dell, tech. fall

sack pin Maschang, Ridgefield Park, 4:20; Santucci def. Clancy, 7-2; 275 — Fischer, River Dell, tech. fall Thomas, Hackensack, 6:00; Thrower, Teaneck, def. Dadurian, Paramus, 7-2; Thrower pin Fischer, 2:00.

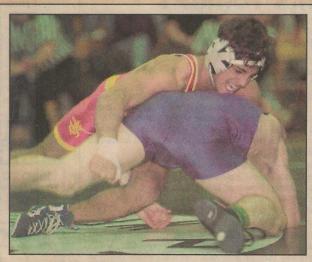
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**HOLDING ON:** Mike Jasonas (left) of Cresskill battles Gregg Settembrino of Lyndhurst in the 125-pound final of the Bergen Holiday wrestling tournament. Settembrino won a 4-3 decision.



#### Hernandez goes 4-for-4

Jason Hernandez of Bergen Catholic in the process of decisioning Rob Gomez of Bogota, 12-3, on Wednesday night. The victory in the 130-pound title bout made Hernandez the first four-time champion in Bergen County Wrestling Tournament D-8 history.

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#### Bergen frosh tournament

#### Finals

Team Scores

Ridgefield Park 92.5, Paramus 78, Emerson/Park Ridge 73, Bergen Cath. 55, Pascack Hills 51, Waldwick 48, NV/Demarest 45, Bergen Tech 33, Teaneck 33, Fort Lee 30, River Dell 28, Dumont 25, Ridgewood 20, Ramapo. 18, Bergenfield 18, Hasbrouck Heighis 16, Pascack Valley 15, St. Joseph 14, NV/Old Tappan 9, Tenafly 7, Fair Lawn 4, Saddle Brook 4, Westwood 0.

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#### Bergen freshman tournament

■ Josh Filippini of Ramapo was named Most Outstanding Wrestler in the Bergen County freshman tournament. He pinned in 1:17 of his 152-pound championship bout. Ridgefield Park won the team battle by 14½ points over runner-up Paramus.

# BC's Pichetto climbs out of the shadows

t's not easy breaking the starting lineup at Bergen Catholic. Joe Pichetto got his chance last year when someone left the team and now he is Bergen County's 152-pound champion in his first full season.

Pichetto, who lost a preseason overtime wrestle-off to teammate Kev-in Alexander last year, has always had talent in front of him. As a freshman he was behind Jason Hernandez, as a sophomore he was behind John Hernandez and Jim Finn, and last year he was behind Alexander. When Alexander handed in his singlet after the County tournament, Pichetto went on to post 24 victories

Last week he proved what Crusaders reserves can do when given a chance. Pichetto defeated regional runner-up **Ken Olive** of Mahwah in the Bergen semifinals, 6-2, and shut out regional champion **Jesse Raia** of Bo-

gota in the final, 4-0.

and take a third in Region 2.

"I won the district last year, but I don't think I was too noticeable," said Pichetto, a Dumont resident. "I think I surprised the county."

He took down Olive and Raia two times apiece with single-to-doubles. Outside of the State tournament, the last person to take down Raia twice was Rutherford's Rich Lynch in last year's County tournament.

"He threw in legs and I couldn't do anything," Raia said. "He rides

tough."

"Joe was JV for two years and this was his opportunity," said Bergen Catholic coach John Direnzo. "He's very technical. The coaches at the Caldwell tournament kept asking, 'Who's that kid at 152?'"

FINAL JEOPARDY — You have to feel for North Bergen senior Mike McNeil, who finished as a runner-up for the third consecutive year after winning the championship as a freshman over Westwood's Dan Bornstein. He has faced a Who's Who of Bergen wrestlers in the finals.

In his sophomore season McNeil lost a 14-0 decision to Bergen Catholic's Jason Hernandez, who finished fourth in the State at 119 that year. Last year he stayed within three

points (8-5) of State 135-pound bronze medalist **Bryan Stoll** of St. Joseph. This year he drew All-Bergen **Jeff Fazio** of Emerson/Park Ridge, who reversed with nine seconds left for the 4-3 win at 140.

"It's a real downer, but it woke me up," McNeil said. "Fazio is a great wrestler but I relaxed for the last 10

seconds and it cost me.'

McNeil plans to cut to 135, where he thinks he has a realistic shot at a State title. Last year he lost to eventual State champ **Rick Ortega** of Governor Livingston, 8-5, in the Super Region.

AN OBSESSION — How serious is St. Joseph freshman Karl Norgaard? His father, Gary, put an addition on his Leonia home for wrestling purposes only. The mats were installed by former NCAA champion Nick Gallo of Hofstra.

Norgaard has been wrestling since he was 5. **Ernie Monaco** is his private weightlifting coach. He has worked



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out at The Edge School of Wrestling for five years.

Norgaard finished fifth in Bergen at 125 and had victories over district champions Eric Ayala of Emerson/ Park Ridge and Mike Insignares of Mahwah

Another prized freshman, Lyndhurst's **Don Pritzlaff**, was fifth at 119. Pritzlaff is the cousin of **Glenn** 

Pritzlaff, last year's 171-pound State champion from Middletown South. Northern Valley at Demarest rookie Peter Weiss was third at 125.

CONVINCING DEBUT — Jeff Heyn of Cliffside Park took a third in brutal Region 4 last season, which tells you something about Frank Lodeserto's 19-6 win over Heyn in the 189-pound final. The St. Joseph junior also knocked off another tourney favorite, Northern Valley at Demarest's Chris Federici, 3-2, in the semifinals.

"He has improved his ability to shoot to either side," said St. Joseph coach Kerry Kohlheffer. "It's something we put a lot of time into."

Lodeserto was making his first appearance in the County tournament. He was injured as a freshman and sophomore.

WELL DONE — Aside from that annoying overhead fan that finally died during the 125-pound final, the

tournament went smoothly. Director George Jockish and his staff of 51 did a marvelous job of organizing the 46-school event. Six mats and two gyms were used at host school Paramus for the first time in the opening round, but an absence of pins didn't speed things up.

Special thanks to the efforts of Edd Fitzgerald, Chris Bolton, Jim Allgor, Jack McCarty, Ed Salvi, Joe Hausman, Wayne Schwartz, Geoff Jockish, and Greg Jockish.

FINN CAN PIN — Bergen Catholic 160-pounder Jim Finn won the pin trophy with five pins in 10:03. A special award was presented to Finn's teammate, first four-time champ Jason Hernandez.

Hernandez has a career record of 97-8. He is 8-0 this season with six pins and a forfeit.

CHAMPS BY GROUP — Group 4: Bergen Catholic; Group 3: Northern Valley at Demarest; Group 2: Elmwood Park; Group 1: Bogota. TRIBUTE TO CASCIO — Long-

TRIBUTE TO CASCIO — Longtime Bergenfield coach and teacher Sal Cascio, a huge contributor to Bergen County wrestling, will be honored May 12 at The Fiesta in Wood-Ridge. For more information contact Bergenfield athletic director Bob Welbolt.

WOMAN IN STRIPES — Sonja Matzkanin, mother of St. Joseph's Jason Matzkanin, is enrolled in referee Bill Paladino's cadet program.