

Magnificent seven to defend titles

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By GREGORY SCHUTTA
Staff Writer

History was made at the Bergen Holiday Wrestling Tournament last year when Bergen Catholic's Jason Hernandez became the first four-time County champ in the tournament's history. This year, history will be honored at the 35th annual tournament when the past 34 Most Outstanding Wrestlers will be honored and an all-tournament team will be named.

The massive event, which normally takes two days, will be spread over three days this year to accommodate a basketball tournament at Paramus High School. The festivities get under way Tuesday with the preliminary round at 10 a.m. and the quarterfinal at 7:30 p.m. After an off-day Wednesday, the semifinals and fifth-sixth place consolation rounds will resume at 11 a.m. Thursday, with the third-fourth consolations at 5:30 p.m. and the finals at 7 p.m.

Fifteen minutes before the finals, the Bergen County Coaches Association will recognize the returning MOWs. Fans and coaches will also be asked to vote for their all-tournament team by weight class on Tuesday, and the winners will be introduced before each final on Thursday night.

This year's field is loaded at 119, and the 134- and 142-pound classes should see some epic battles. It appears that the two lowest weights are thin, as well as 215 and heavyweight. This adds some credibility to contentions that the new weight classes, which eliminated three middle weights, have diluted the pool up top and penalized upperclassmen in the middle weights to allow some inexperienced first-year wrestlers at the lowest weights.

Seven champions return from last year: Bergen Catholic's Abner Suarez (103), Ramsey's Jason Silverstein (112), St. Joseph's Damion Logan (119), Lyndhurst's Gregg Settembrino (125), Jeff Fazio of Emerson/Park Ridge (140), Bergen Catholic's Jim Finn (160), and St. Joseph's Frank Lodeserto (189). Logan, a junior, and seniors Fazio and Finn are each gunning for their third consecutive County championships.

Here's a breakdown by weight class with The Record's predictions.

100 — The lowest weight class is always a mystery because you can always count on some up-and-coming freshman to make his presence known. Lyndhurst's Mike Settembrino, a district runner-up with 19 wins his freshman year, gets the nod despite carrying one loss into the tournament.

Roger Yoon of Northern Valley at Demarest pinned in both his matches in an opening tri-meet with St. Joseph and Emerson/Park Ridge, and Oliver Ruiz of Cliffside Park won the Kearny Tournament. Dan Raspanti of Paramus was the freshman County champ at 103 last year.

Champion: Settembrino, Lyndhurst. **Darkhorse:** Yoon, NV/Demarest. **Contenders:** Raspanti, Paramus; Ruiz, Cliffside Park; Nick Fokas, Bergen Catholic.

106 — Rory Tennant of Palisades Park took second in the regions last year, and Neil Sikder of Paramus was a Region third. That was the deciding factor.

Champion: Tennant, Palisades Park. **Darkhorse:** Sikder, Paramus. **Contenders:** Ken Bauerschmidt, Ridgefield Park; Ross Muramaru, Don Bosco Prep.

112 — This class could see a battle of returning County champions in the finals, but Jason Silverstein of Ramsey already has one victory over Bergen Catholic's Abner Suarez under his belt. Silverstein's only two losses last year came in Atlantic City by one point and referee's criteria.

Becton's Ibin Lateef, a district and region champ and County runner-up last year, has been suspended from the team and will not wrestle in the tournament.

Champion: Silverstein, Ramsey. **Darkhorse:** Suarez, Bergen Catholic. **Contenders:** Ed Choosang, Glen Rock; Scott Agnello, Midland Park; Mike Fenech, Westwood.

119 — This class is packed with two district champs and four region place-winners. Dan Pires of Fair Lawn won the district and took second in the region, losing 3-1 to Silverstein.

John Sayers, a district runner-up, gets the nod over Joe Biegel, a district champ, by virtue of a 13-8 victory in a dual meet last year. Dan Guido of Hasbrouck Heights also was a region runner-up, while Nick DiDomenico of Lodi finished third and Matt Bolton of Bergenfield finished fourth.

Champion: Pires, Fair Lawn. **Darkhorse:** Sayers, Pascack Valley. **Contenders:** Biegel, Pascack Hills; Guido, Hasbrouck Heights; DiDomenico, Lodi; Bolton, Bergenfield; Rob Brizzi, Ramsey; Ed Cruz, Palisades Park; Sharif Lateef, Becton.

126 — A concussion suffered in the State quarterfinal was the only thing that stood between Damion Logan of St. Joseph and the possibility of four consecutive State championships. The junior still has a shot at matching Bergen Catholic's Jason Hernandez as the only wrestlers with four County rings.

Senior Jon Bolton of Bergenfield is a returning district champ and carries a 51-13 lifetime record. Paul Wyka of Fair Lawn and Mike Raguseo of Hasbrouck Heights both finished second in the region.

Champion: Logan, St. Joseph. **Darkhorse:** Bolton, Bergenfield. **Contenders:** Bill Lovett, Emerson/Park Ridge; Raguseo, Hasbrouck Heights; Andy Chamberlain, NV/Demarest; Wyka, Fair Lawn; Tom Wondra, River Dell.

134 — Don Pritzlaff of Lyndhurst made a splash last year with 27 wins on the way to district and region championships and a fifth-sixth place finish as a freshman. Pete Weiss of NV/Demarest finished third in the County last year. Mike Insignares and Marcos Capelan could also make some noise.

Champion: Pritzlaff, Lyndhurst. **Darkhorse:** Weiss, NV/Demarest. **Contenders:** Insignares, Mahwah; Capelan, Cliffside Park; Jim Riela, Northern Highlands; Pat Califano, Fair Lawn; Will Taylor, River Dell.

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At Paramus High School

TUESDAY, DEC. 27

Preliminaries, 10 a.m.

Quarterfinals, 7:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, DEC. 29

Semifinals and fifth-place consolations, 11 a.m.

Third-place consolations 5:30 p.m.

Awards and anniversary program, 6:45 p.m.

Finals, 7 p.m.

142 — Junior Rich Bitetto of Hackensack has reached the States in Atlantic City in each of his first two years and won 24 matches last year, while Steve Sul of Hasbrouck Heights won the region last year. Gregg Settembrino is a two-time district champ. This is another packed class.

Champion: Bitetto, Hackensack.
Darkhorse: Sul, Hasbrouck Heights.
Contenders: Settembrino, Lyndhurst; Norgaard, St. Joseph; Jason Landi, Bergen Catholic; Tom Mulhern, Emerson/Park Ridge; Paul Lauterback, NV/Demarest; Tim Mulligan, Paramus; Dave Mayland, Northern Highlands.

151 — Jeff Fazio of Emerson/Park Ridge has a bull's-eye around his third County championship and there doesn't seem to be any stopping him. Fazio beat Joe Cervino of Paramus in last year's County semis. Dave Bautis is part of a strong sophomore contingent at Lyndhurst which should be fun to watch at the tournament.

Champion: Fazio, Emerson/Park Ridge. **Darkhorse:** Cervino, Paramus. **Contenders:** Jack Iannaci, St. Joseph; Dan Henry, NV/Demarest; Bautis, Lyndhurst.

160 — Jon Piela of Bergen Catholic, a region and two-time district champ, gets the nod over district champ and region fourth Jeff Gross of NV/Demarest. Kip Cruz of Palisades Park is a returning region champ, and Everett Bell is a region third.

Champion: Piela, Bergen Catholic. **Darkhorse:** Gross, NV/Demarest. **Contenders:** Bell, Becton; Cruz, Palisades Park.

172 — Bergen Catholic's Joe Piela took home the gold in the district and region but fell by just four points to State runner-up Mark Bautis of Lyndhurst in last year's County final. Orley Lago of North Bergen, Hyun Soo Kim of NV/Demarest, and Dane Tabano of St. Joseph could push him.

Champion: Piela, Bergen Catholic. **Darkhorse:** Lago, North Bergen. **Contenders:** Tabano, St. Joseph; Soo Kim, NV/Demarest; Dave Evertz, Pascack Valley.

185 — Jim Finn of Bergen Catholic won 30 matches last year on the way to County, district, and region championships, and the State semifinal. Joe Yiu of NV/Demarest was a district runner-up with 22 wins last year.

Champion: Finn, Bergen Catholic. **Darkhorse:** Yiu, NV/Demarest. **Contenders:** Mike Ostros, Bergen Tech; Joe Montillo, Lyndhurst; Devin Nogaki, Bergenfield; Henry Pollio, St. Joseph.

215 — Despite being injured most of last year, Frank Lodeserto of St. Joseph showed enough talent to earn a scholarship to Michigan. Mike Mullins of Tenafly is a district champion. Jeff Bilski of NV/Demarest was injured much of last season and will have to battle without a seed.

Champion: Lodeserto, St. Joseph. **Darkhorse:** Mullins, Tenafly. **Contenders:** Phil Christian, Ramsey; Bilski, NV/Demarest.

275 — An already thin heavyweight division lost its top contender when Tim Karcich of Pascack Valley injured his neck. John Gagnon of Northern Highlands, a district champ and County third who lost a decision to Karcich in the region semifinal last year, inherits the top spot.

Rich Carrion of Bogota is a district champ, and sophomore Ed Galan of Bergen Catholic is a district runner-up.

Champion: Gagnon, Northern Highlands. **Darkhorse:** Carrion, Bogota. **Contenders:** Galan, Bergen Catholic; James Thomas, Hackensack.

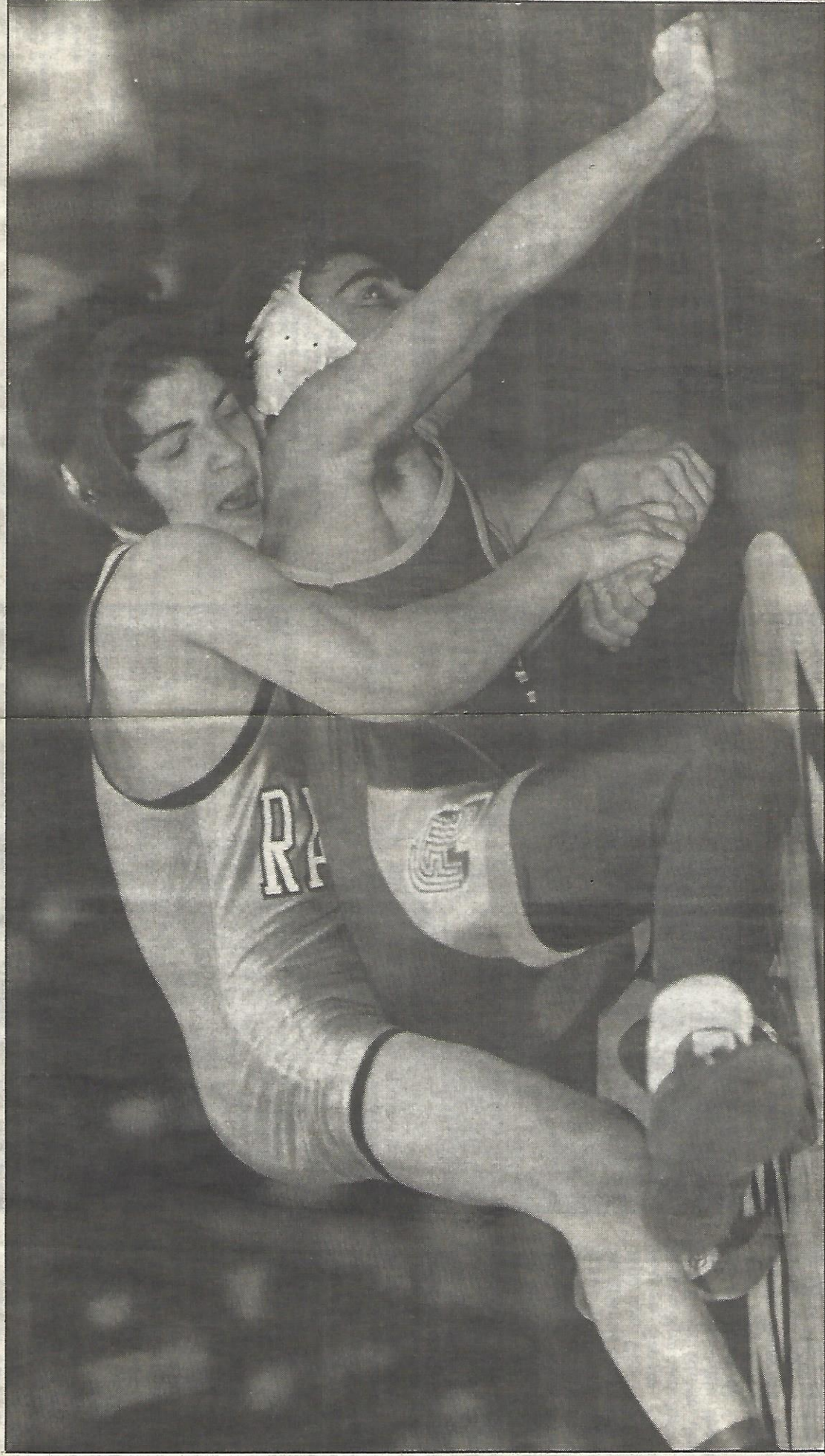


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Junior Damion Logan, St. Joseph's 126-pounder applying headlock, above, seeks third straight Bergen County title. He is one of seven returning County champions.

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THOMAS E. FRANKLIN/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
Ramsey's Jason Silverstein, whose only two losses came in Atlantic City last year, is favored to successfully defend his 112-pound title at the Bergen Holiday Tournament.

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Bergen wrestling

Settembrino boys keep sailing along

By **BARRY GRAMLICH**
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PARAMUS — It's not easy being the younger brother of a three-time region placewinner, but for Lyndhurst's Mike Settembrino, incentive comes naturally.

"I knew if I worked just as hard, I could do as well as him," said the Lyndhurst sophomore, whose older brother Gregg joined him in Thursday's semifinal round of the Bergen County Coaches Holiday Wrestling Tournament. "And I'm working hard."

Settembrino scored a 19-4 technical fall at 4:38 over Mike Spilewski of Northern Valley at Old Tappan to complete a dominating first-day run Tuesday at 100 pounds. He pinned in 1:09 of the first round and 1:19 of the prequarterfinals.

It was a day of relief for Settembrino, who is competing in one of the most mysterious weight classes. Unknown freshmen annually do damage in the lightest of the lightweights, and last year's lightweights sometimes don't decide until days before the event if they'll cut weight — especially with the new 106-pound class to ponder.

"It said in the paper that I'd be champion, but I had no idea who the competition would be," Settembrino said. "There's a lot of unknowns. My goal coming in was just to place.

"And I didn't know that he'd be here," Settembrino said as he motioned toward North Bergen's No. 2 seed Mike Ciekiewicz.

In his freshman season, Settembrino was 19-7, with five of his losses against titans Ibin Lateef of Becton, Ed Choosang of Glen Rock, and Rory Tennant of Palisades Park. Lateef is not wres-

ting this season, but Tennant is the top seed at 106 and Choosang the third seed at 112.

Settembrino's productive day included a near-side cradle and effective spins off Spilewski's erratic shots for his technical fall in the quarters. And senior brother Gregg, the No. 2 seed at 142, watched every move.

"He helps me a lot," Mike said. "Make that he corrects me a lot. But I was pretty solid today. He didn't say much."

Gregg Settembrino (142), a defending champion, pinned in 2:24 in the quarterfinals and joined Emerson-Park Ridge's Jeff Fazio (151) and Bergen Catholic's Joe Piela (172) as the only wrestlers to pin through from the outbrackets.

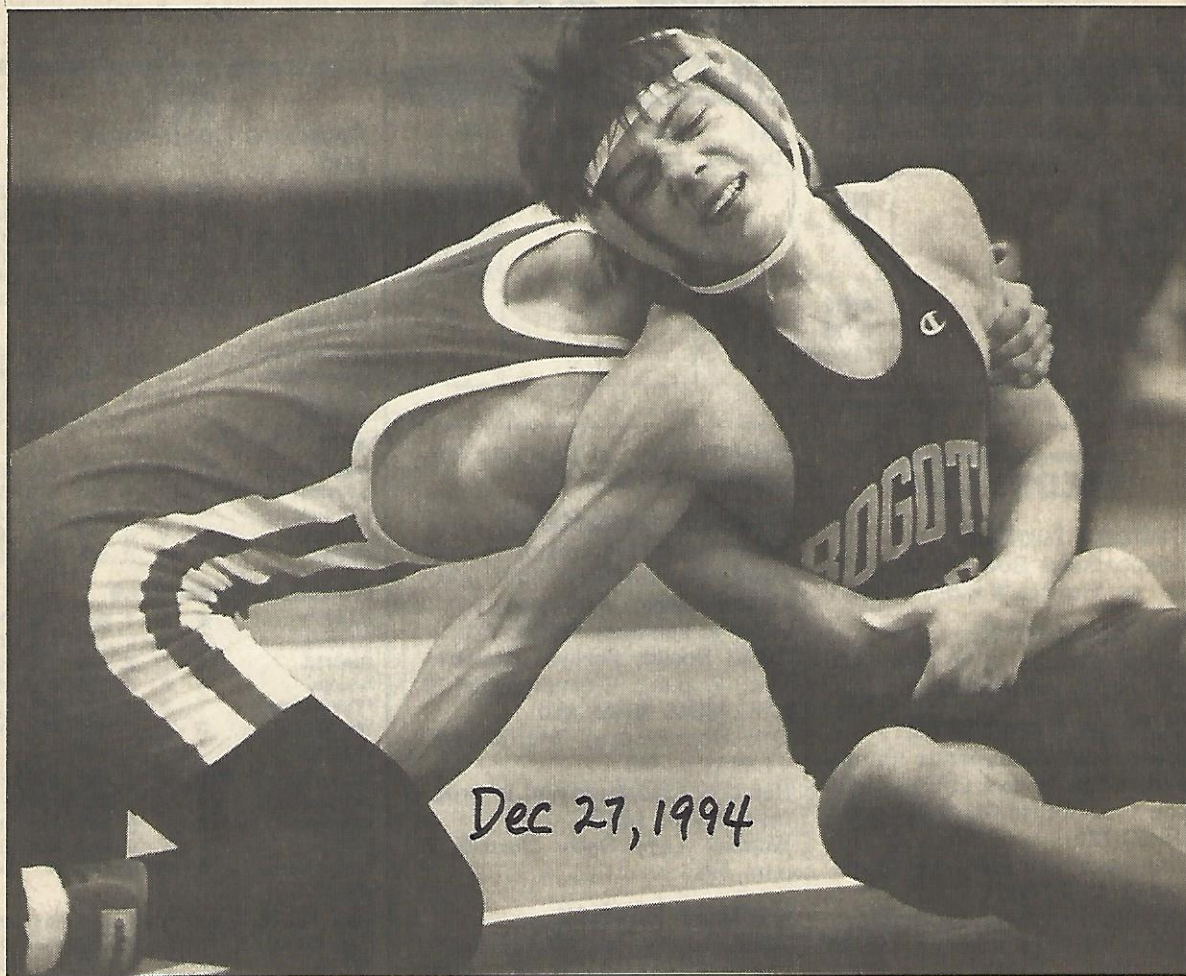
Hackensack heavyweight James Thomas extended his record to 6-0 with three pins in 81 seconds. No opponent has lasted longer than 43 seconds with him this season. Defending 119-pound champion and State runner-up Damion Logan cruised at 126 pounds, pinning three opponents in a combined 85 seconds.

There were two upsets in the upperweights. Top-seeded heavyweight John Gagnon was shocked by St. Joseph freshman Adrian Puzio of Garfield, who pinned in 5:08. At 215 pounds, Matt Marchetto-Ryan decked No. 2 seed Mike Mullins of Tenafly in 4:13.

Bergen Catholic easily topped the team standings and the semifinal personnel parade with eight wrestlers, followed by Lyndhurst with five and Northern Valley at Demarest and St. Joseph with four apiece.

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The biggest surprise of the prequarterfinal



PETER MONSEES/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Darren Dallorso of Bogota tries to break the hold of Ridgefield Park's Mark Reisman in their 119 bout.

round came at 142 pounds. Saddle Brook senior Wayne Rogers, who missed most of last season after undergoing elbow surgery, upset top-seeded Steve Sul of Hasbrouck Heights, 9-6. Rogers, whose brother Terry was a District 6 and Region 2 champion in 1993, put Sul to his back twice with half-nelsons.

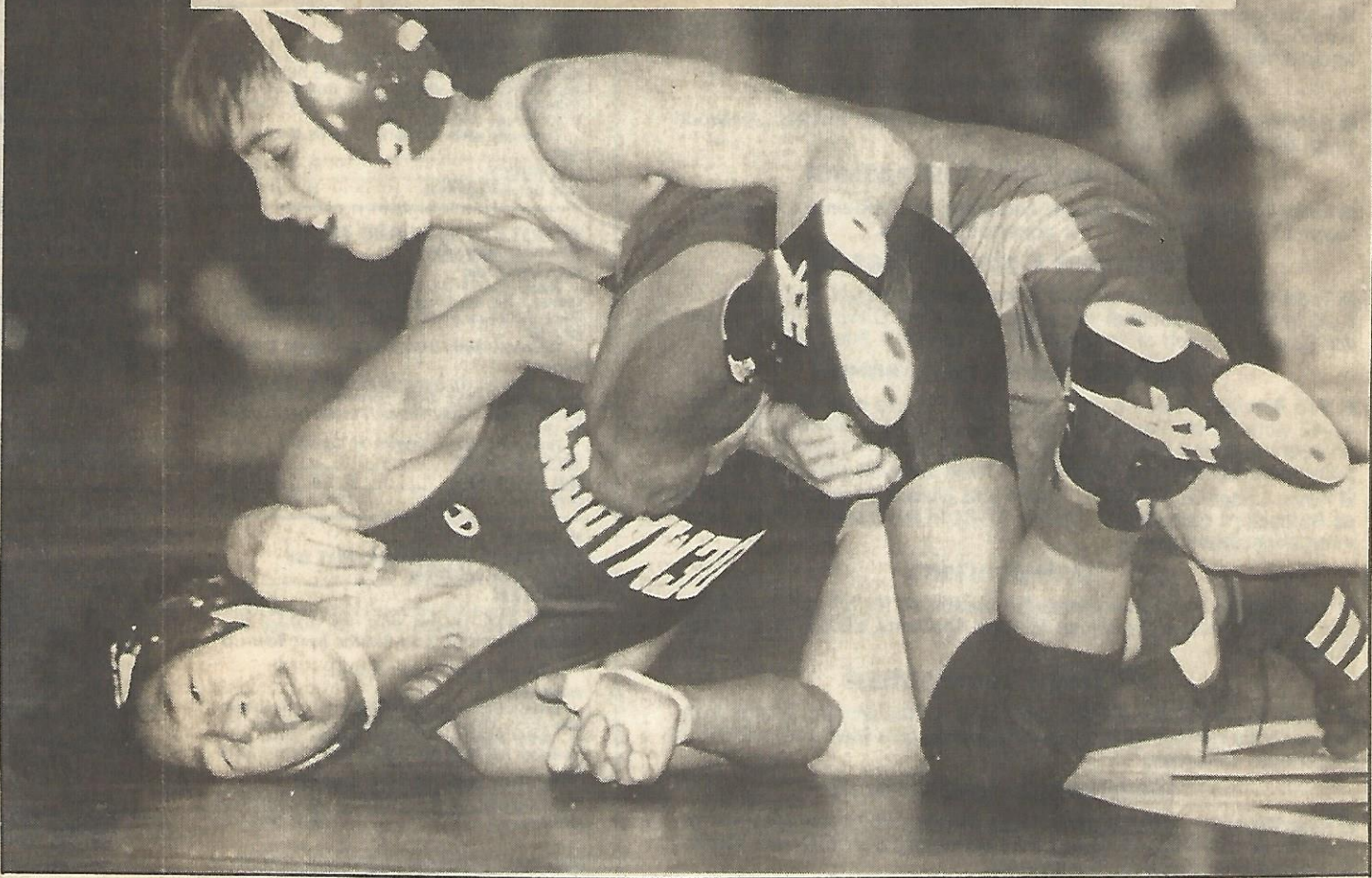
"I was surprised he was the top seed," said Rogers, who knocked off Sul, 9-6, last week in the second round of the Garfield tournament. "I thought it would go to [Lyndhurst's Gregg] Settembrino."

Rogers, who had a 29-16 record in his first three seasons, moved on to meet Northern Valley at Demarest's Paul Lauterback in Tuesday night's quarterfinals.

In another stunner, Emerson/Park Ridge sophomore Kurt Reczkowski eliminated Joe Biegel of Pascack Hills, 7-0, at 119. Biegel, who might have jumped one too many weight classes, was a District 8 champion at 103 pounds last season.

Reczkowski was 8-0 as a freshman but did not compete in the postseason. He lost a wrestleoff to teammate Bill Lovett.

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TERRENCE JAMES/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Lyndhurst's Mike Settembrino, top, controlling NV/Demarest's Roger Yoon in the 100-pound final. Settembrino won, 10-3.

Friendly score settled in semis

PARAMUS — Rich Bitetto of Hackensack has heard the talk, and look who's talking now.

"It was always, 'Someday they're going to meet and my boy is going to whup your boy,'" Bitetto said.

Ever since Lyndhurst wrestling coach Scot Weaver resigned from Hackensack and left the Comets in the capable hands of his former assistant, John Stallone, a friendly rivalry has existed between the good friends. Weaver has extolled the talents of his best wrestler, Gregg Settembrino, while Stallone has lauded the skills of his ace, Bitetto.

The long-awaited bout finally took place Thursday afternoon in the semi-final round of the Bergen Holiday tournament. Battling at 142 pounds — the toughest weight class in the tourney — Bitetto upended the defending 125-pound champion Settembrino, 4-3, to earn a meeting with Tim Mulligan of Paramus in Thursday night's finals.

"Coach Stallone took me under his wing when coach Weaver left," said Bitetto, who was Bergen runner-up at 135 pounds last year. "And coach Weaver

took Settembrino under his. They're good friends and they always talked about who would win."

Bitetto worked for hours Wednesday with his personal coach, former Ridgefield Park State champion Pete Gonzalez, on how to control Settembrino's leg attack. He also worked on a new double-leg takedown that ultimately won the bout.

Settembrino got the upper hand with a single-leg and rear-leg trip, but Bitetto closed to 2-1 with a stand-up and turn-in. He added his double-leg takedown and scored his final point on a stand-up to a switch.

"I worked on the stand-up because [Settembrino] is a cradle guy," Bitetto said. "And he likes to throw legs, so we worked on blocking that."

Bitetto, who took third in Region 2 as a sophomore, said he finally has matched the skill level of Settembrino.

"I used to put him on a pedestal; I respect him a lot," he said. "I've taken it up a step every year, but I'm no Damion Logan [of St. Joseph]. When I go out [on the mat], people say, 'That's a

tough match.' When Logan goes out, they talk about how fast he'll pin."

NOTES — In celebration of the tournament's 35th season, fans, coaches, and staff were asked to select an all-time tournament team. The honorees were Ken Carmichael of Paramus, Tom Husted of Pascack Hills, Pete Gonzalez of Ridgefield Park, Ed Kochajki of Bergenfield, Jason Hernandez of Bergen Catholic, Chris Catalfo of Pascack Hills, Allen Pascual of North Bergen, Brian Wells of Pascack Hills, Neil Wright of Fair Lawn, Reggie Williams of Hackensack, John Reese of Fair Lawn, Jack Inserra of Pascack Hills, and Tony DiPasquale of Elmwood Park.

Eleven of the 13 No. 1 seeds reached the finals and Settembrino was the only defending champion not around. Gunning for repeats were Bergen Catholic's Abner Suarez (112), Ramsey's Jason Silverstein (112), St. Joseph's Logan (126), Emerson/Park Ridge's Jeff Fazio (151), Bergen Catholic's Jim Finn (185), and St. Joseph's Frank Lodeserto (215).

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Bergen semifinals feature a family touch

By **BARRY GRAMLICH**

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Today's semifinal round of the Bergen County Holiday wrestling tournament has turned into a brother thing.

Three pairs of siblings will be suited up this morning at 11 o'clock and a victory apiece will advance each one into tonight's 7 o'clock finals. There's the Bergen Catholic entry of senior Joe Piela and junior Jon Piela; Bergenfield senior Jon Bolton and sophomore Matt Bolton; and Lyndhurst senior Gregg Settembrino and sophomore Mike Settembrino.

Each has a family-style menu of talents, beginning with BC's Joe Piela, who was a fifth-sixth place medalist in the State tournament last season. The Region 2 champion began the year with 54 career wins and has pinned four opponents be-

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ginning from an outbracket. He'll face Dane Tabano of St. Joseph, a much taller opponent, at 172 pounds.

"I know he's long and lanky, but I'll be ready," said Piela. "I'll just concentrate the way I always do."

One of the most compelling bouts involves brother Jon, who will get a rematch with Northern Valley at Demarest senior Jeff Gross at 160. Piela, who joined Joe on the Region 2 podium last year, lost a 3-2 decision to Gross in the Garden State Games last summer. Gross also was a point away from meeting Piela in last year's region final.

"He's quick on his feet and I have to

counter his high crotch to a dump," said Gross, who was not taken down in the summer bout. "I have to keep the pressure on."

Jon Bolton, a District 7 champion and Region 2 fourth, will face Region 4 runner-up Mike Raguseo of Hasbrouck Heights. Bolton entered the season with 51 career wins, but defending champion and State runner-up Damion Logan of St. Joseph likely awaits in the 126-pound final if he gets past the semis.

"You can't worry about it; just concentrate on the next opponent," Bolton said. "I'll be happy with a second in the County."

Raguseo will be no pushover. Bolton beat him for third in the County last year, 10-0, but Raguseo locked a near-side cradle in last week's Garfield tournament.

Matt Bolton (112) will meet defending

103-pound champion Abner Suarez of Bergen Catholic, who won a 9-4 decision in last year's District 7 finals.

"He's got a really nice dump, but I think I can beat him if I wrestle tough," Bolton said. "I've improved my technique."

Gregg Settembrino, last year's 125-pound champion and a three-time Region 4 placewinner, has pinned through from an outbracket. He'll meet Rich Bitetto of Hackensack at 142, last year's 135-pound runner-up, who squeaked by Jason Landi of Bergen Catholic, 3-2.

"I've wrestled in practice with him after the districts; he's tough," Settembrino said.

Mike Settembrino (100), a District 15 runner-up as a freshman, meets Bergen Catholic freshman sensation Nick Fokas, whose closest bout was a 19-8 decision in the quarterfinals.

Bergen Catholic, with 147 points and eight semifinalists, should run away with the team championship. The Pielas and 185-pounder Jim Finn are favored to win individual titles. It would be the Crusaders' fourth crown in five years. St. Joseph won it in 1992 . . . St. Joseph (97), Lyndhurst (96½), and NV/Demarest (86½) will battle for second. St. Joe's has five semifinalists, Lyndhurst five, and NV/Demarest four.

As part of the tournament's 35th anniversary, fans and coaches are asked to help select the event's all-time team by completing the form in the program. Selections should be based on holiday tournament results only. The winners will be introduced before each final.

Former Most Outstanding Wrestlers will be honored 15 minutes before the finals.

Fazio, Finn join elite circle of champions

By **BARRY GRAMLICH** 12-29-94
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PARAMUS — On a night that honored the Bergen Holiday wrestling tournament stars of the past, Jeff Fazio and Jim Finn were the stars of the present.

Fazio, a 151-pound senior from Emerson-Park Ridge, and Finn, a 185-pound senior from Bergen Catholic, became the 10th and 11th wrestlers to win three County championships Thursday night at Paramus High School.

Bergen Catholic won its fourth overall team title in the last five years. Palisades Park was Group 1 champion, Lyndhurst in Group 2, St. Joseph in Group 3, and Bergen Catholic in Group 4. Kip Cruz of Palisades Park was named Most Outstanding Wrestler.

Here's a look at the title bouts.

100 — Lyndhurst sophomore Mike Settembrino jumped to a 5-0 lead over Roger Yoon of Northern Valley at Demarest with two takedowns — the second with a crafty ankle pick — and an escape off a Peterson roll. Last year's District 15 runner-up wound up winning a 10-3 decision after putting Yoon to his back in the final 15 seconds.

106 — Rory Tennant of Palisades Park picked up six points in the first period with two crossface cradles and held off St. Joseph's Brian Bratka, 8-6. Bratka made it close with two stall points in the final minute against last year's Region 4 runner-up.

112 — In a meeting of defending champions, Ramsey junior Jason Silverstein overpowered Abner Suarez of Bergen Catholic, 8-0. Silverstein, a Region 2 champion, built a 4-0 cushion with a three-point tilt in the second period. His double-leg takedown in the final period iced it.

119 — Dan Guido of Hasbrouck Heights gave a takedown clinic against Dan Pires of Fair Lawn, using his taller body to spin with butt drags off Pires' unfinished singles. A Region 4 runner-up, Guido had five takedowns and scored a 14-3 decision.

126 — St. Joseph's Damion Logan defended his title in convincing fashion, employing a hammerlock to a deep half to deck Jon Bolton of Bergenfield in 40 seconds. The defending State silver medalist won the tournament's pin trophy with five in 3:58.

134 — If Guido gave a takedown clinic, Lyndhurst sophomore Don Pritzlaff gave a weeklong camp's worth of takedown instruction. He had 12, mostly on single legs, to score a 26-11 technical fall over David Mayland of Northern Highlands. The State placewinner ended it at 5:39.

142 — Leading, 5-1, with takedowns in each of the first two periods, Hackensack junior Rich Bitetto ran an arm bar and pinned Tim Mulligan of Paramus in 3:08. Bitetto had eliminated defending champion Gregg Settembrino of Lyndhurst in the semifinals.

151 — It was strength against strength as Fazio bulled his way to an 8-5 decision over Dave Bautis of Lynd-

Honor for Fox

Record staff writer Ron Fox, who revolutionized the coverage of high school wrestling in Bergen County, received the William F. Powley service award during Thursday night's finals of the Bergen Holiday tournament.

A graduate of Clifton High School and Rochester Institute of Technology, Fox began his sportswriting career with the Paterson Morning Call and moved on to Ridgewood Newspapers. He has been with The Record for 18 years and has authored a book entitled Wrestling Basics.

Also honored with the Powley award was former Lyndhurst and Becton coach Rich Vartan. A graduate of Kearny High School and Franklin and Marshall, Vartan had a career record of 127-62. Since 1978 he has served as Region 4 ranking chairman, District 15 tournament director, Region 4 assistant director, and Bergen Holiday tournament staff member.

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hurst. Fazio was coasting with a 7-2 lead when Bautis had a sudden burst of energy for an escape and a takedown to pull within 7-5. Fazio escaped for the final score.

160 — Region 4 champion Kip Cruz of Palisades Park had no trouble with Bergen Catholic's Joe Piela, winning an 11-1 decision and putting the Region 2 champion to his back with a tilt. Piela went for a home run in the final period but couldn't finish a single-leg dump.

172 — Orley Lago of North Bergen turned back the clock with a pure freestyle move — an old-time front headlock to a head chancery that flattened Joe Piela of Bergen Catholic in 42 seconds.

185 — Last year's pin champion Finn pinned through again and finished Elmwood Park's Kris Limbuski in 3:46. Finn was ahead, 10-0, with a beautiful pancake to a headlock for three near-fall points.

215 — Frank Lodeserto of St. Joseph led, 4-1, when he took down Glen Rock's Bill Deatt with a single and back trip before pinning with a headlock in 1:46. Lodeserto won at 189 pounds last season.

275 — Tournament suprise Adrian Puzio of St. Joseph, who upset top-seeded John Gagnon of Northern Highlands in the quarterfinals, broke a 1-1 tie with a takedown with five seconds left to edge James Thomas of Hackensack, 3-1. Puzio is a junior from Garfield.

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Bergen Holiday tournament

At Paramus

FIRST ROUND

100 - Mike Settembrino, LY def. Logan Hanna, WD, 1:09; Dan Taylor, SJ, pin Norman Clausen, C, 3:11; Pete August, B def. Vito Gerardi, L, 6-2; Mike Spilewski, OT, pin C.J. Foster, E, 1:18; Mike Frohlich, PH, pin Dan Raspunti, P, 5:15; Joe Lins, PV bye; Nick Fokas, BC, pin Travis Muti, RY, 1:13; Oliver Ruiz, CP def. Joe Ceccacci, SB, 5-4; Mike Levine, T bye; Eric Sermabekian, HH, bye; Joe DeLuca, BT, pin Norberto Valez, EP, 2:29; Roger Yoon, DE, pin Ryan Dray, RU, 1:40; Bryan Diaz, TF, pin Charles DelGado, BE, 3:13; Justin Woods, RD, pin Joe Marsar, PR, 4:18; Evan Foschino, IH, bye; Mike Cieckiewicz, NB, bye.

106 - Rory Tennant, PP, bye; Brendon Metcalfe, WR, pin Nick Falasca, BG, 1:28; Kevin Sheehy, MP, bye; Justin Gavelian, BC, bye; Bobby Challenger, D, bye; Mike Colaneri, HH, bye; Sebastian Klui, RY def. Sri Maddukuri, DES, 5-0; Pete Aguado, CP, bye; Poss Muraamaru, DB, bye; Ted Lavarra, T, pin Manan Sha, BT, 1:14; Artie Madonia, PV, bye; Brian Bratka, SJ, bye; Justin Labrosse, H, bye; Mike Goeckler, C, bye; Andrew Bergman, FL def. Gerald Anoveri, RM, 11-0; Nell Sikder, P, bye.

112 - Jason Silverstein, RY, pin John Poalillo, IH, 1:31; Mark Fantin, BG, bye; Mike Blanchard, FL, pin Tony Stanziano, WD, 0:50; Fasih Hameed, DE def. Ken Bauerschmidt, RP; Scott Agnello, MP, pin Reggie Galles, T, 3:37; John Picciano, PP, bye; Pete Tomos, CP, pin Brian Ruiz, H, 3:55; Ed Choosand, GR, pin Mark Matr, NH, 1:00; Matt Bolton, B def. Pete Kraycinovich, PH, 10-1; Gideon Javra, DES, bye; Alex Wong, RA, bye; Mike Fench, W def. Jeff Imparato, EP, 14-6; Sherwin Manansala, D, pin James Niosi, RM, 2:24; Demetrius Kaitis, NB, pin Dan Rodriguez, FT, 2:24; Brian Johnson, PV, bye; Abner Saurez, BC, bye.

119 - Dan Pires, FL, tech. fall George Pirovolos, CP, 2:35; Phil Bocchino, W, pin Alex Bohr, DES, 0:46; Sharaf Lateef, BE, pin Paul Withereil, DB, 0:39; John Savers, PV, pin Steve Karamitas, 1:45; R. Brizzi, RY, dec. Jessie Moreno, 10-7; David Flemming, C, pin Asif Main, MA, 5:02; Kurt Reczkowski, E, pin Justin Chisolo, H, 0:37; Joe Biegel, PV, disq. over Mel Pascua, RD, 2:52; Nick DiDomenico, L, pin Justin Christodou, P, 3:59; Jesse Williams, T, pin Rob Smithline, RA, 0:59; Fred Castrovinci, LY, pin Georgehena Pena, GR, 1:22; Eddie Cruz, PP, pin Chris Lovero, BT, 0:35; Brian Baglieri, BC, pin Darren Seise, WD, 1:00; James Trent, D, pin Jason DeGennaro, NM, 3:11; Mark Reisman, RP, dec. Darren Dailorzo, BG, 9-7; Dan Guldo, HH, pin Frank Yrgo, SJ, 3:46.

126 - Damian Logan, SJ, pin Pat Stein, BG, 0:37; Joslin Fuentes, PP, pin Matt Huttemann, BE, 5:13; Ravi Raval, EP, dec. Ian Maika, SB, 13-2; Mark Galorezo, BC, pin Greg Billa, RU, 2:48; Billy Lovett, E, pin Glenn Chaleff, OT, 1:35; Mark Harmande, NM, pin John Solarino, RY, 0:55; Steve Hoffman, NH, dec. Jerry Mendez, H, 6-3; Joe Nasr, CP, dec. Daniel Powers, LE, 5-3; Jon Bolton, B, pin G. Corra, W, 0:57; V.J. Castro, C, pin Donnie Silker, FT, 5:01; T. McDonough, MA, dec. Matt Palumbo, RM, 12-10; Tom Wondra, RD, pin Jason Yaniero, LY, 1:03; Carlos Gomes, NB, dec. Gary Javadi, PV, 13-0; Brent Hobart, MP, tech. fall, Dave Glazer, RA, 19-4; Brian Gegges, DB, pin Dan Zalk Crump, RI, 1:07; Mike Raguseo, HH, pin Dave Van Dyke, IH, 0:25.

134 - Don Pritzlaff, LY, def. Adam Scheck, DES; Robert Vicari, EP, def. Andrew Taso, NM; Chris Mable, RY, def. Paul Deorio, RM; Naili Elyia, P, def. Robert Vadala, C; Jay Marchetti, BC, dec. Jim Merrill, WR, 5-3; Hagop Minassian, W, def. Matt Borella, E; Devin Mendelsohn, DB, def. Rick Enright, BT; R. Dillon, FT, def. Chris Alvarez, RA; Ryan Lynch, MA, def. Adam Zalceck, RP; J. Bautista, PP, def. Tim Ferraro, RW; Will Taylor, RD, def. Dave Waldstein, T; Pete Weiss, DE, def. Chris Laterra, SJ; David Mayland, NH, def. Dan Yasosky, BE; Ed Spina, TF, def. D. Kanarvogel, WD; Mike Brofsky, GR, def. Gian Alia, SB; Marcos Capelan, CP, def. Ron Lee, OT.

142 - Steve Sul, HH def. C. Lin, DEC; W. Rogers, SB def. John Leohr, PV; Pat Lauterback, DE def. Jose Vargas, FT; Jason Manzi, D tech. fall Jim Tracy, OT, 3:20; T. Jennerich, RU, pin Ron Gershoni, 11:15; Tom Villa, GR def. Robert Delcid, BG; M. Moran, B, pin Anthony Barbire, BE, 3:06; Tim Mulligan, P, pin Sean McGlade, MP, 1:31; Rich Biette, H def. Mark Lois, BT; Steve Tusso, L def. Jose Celis, NH; 3-1; Mark Hernandez, DB, pin Angus O'Neil-Dunne, MA,

0:39; Jason Landi, BC, pin J. Currie, FL, 5:05; Tom Mulhern, E, pin Dave Vallone, W, 1:13; Yang Chung, PP, pin Dan Lehmann, IH, 1:30; Brad Piotrowski, RY, pin J. Kryzanowski, SM, 1:04; G. Settembrino, LY, pin J. Lolocono, RM, 2:38.

153 - J. Fazio, E, pin H. Reinauer, B, 1:43; Evan Queler, PH, def. T. Dages, PV, 13-8; Chris Alvino, GR, pin J. Mafefon, 4:44; M. Miller, CP, pin Dave Celenza, SB, 1:54; Ed Fish, FL def. V.J. Arrigo, RP, 6-4; Kevin McCambridge, BC, pin John Shokoff, WD, 3:00; Joe Flanagan, BC, pin Joe Magarelli, RM, 0:34; G. Lynch, RU, pin Phil Stable, NB, 1:52; J. Cervino, P, def. Patrick Layng, RY, 9-5; Derek Dailey, DES, def. G. Feygin, P, 7-4; David Kellen, BE, pin Chris Comarato, H, 4:41; Dan Henery, DE, pin D. Fars, RW, 1:47; C. Dunton, RD, pin Jack Iancl, SJ, 4:55; Ed Murphy, L dec. Joey Mastroeni, D, 11-7; Julio Maschang, BT, pin Jim Ciccarelli, HH, 1:26; David Baulis, LY, pin Mark Fernandes, MP, 3:32.

160 - Jon Piela, BC Ed Yucis, FL, 0:15; Rob Giella, NM def. Casey Hutchings, GR, 11-9; Chuck Kohout, RD, pin John Parke, PV, 1:43; Paul Elyia, MP, pin Ken Tripaldi, WD, 1:39; Marden Medina, H, def. Alex DeVincenzo, RP, 5-3; Mike Bassett, P, pin Jeff Sломinski, C, 0:21; Paul Maselli, DB, pin Todd Rendzio, WR, 0:33; Jeff Gross, DE, pin Spiro Stathis, BT, 2:35; Everet Bell, BE, pin Jerd Glick, NH, 1:48; Adhem El-Kordy, CP, bye; Dave Prieto, RW, pin Luke Testa, T, 3:01; Jared Golub, E, pin Mike Mauro, BG, 1:58; Alan Bull, TF disq. Mike Vescuso, RU; Josh Filipini, RA, pin Joe Cutruzzola, LY, 0:56; Anthony Petruzzello, SJ def. Jim Carney, HH, 5-4; Kip Cruz, PP, pin Billy Ghoraveb, SB, 4:41.

172 - J. Piela, BC def. J. Finley, NH; D. MacRae, RD def. Pat Reynolds, BG; Brian Harris, D def. Wayne Johnsen, SM, 9-5; D. Chung, OT, pin Gary Wroldsen, LE, 4:32; Hvon Soo Kim, DE, pin Jason DonnerMacker, H, 5:24; Orlando Smith, RY, pin Steve Meccia, BT, 2:53; Vinny Ciurciu, EP, pin Marty Vilkovsky, WR, 3:37; Dane Tabano, SJ, pin Tom Grifone, RA, 4:45; Mike Cappello, HH, pin Anthony Penello, CP, 3:22; Drew Peters, E, pin Jon Weber, W, 0:39; Brian Brunchorist, T, pin Jon Bagos, C, 2:37; Dave Evertz, PV tech. fall Tony Soto, BE, 15-3; DeGobbi, RW, pin Baqir Jaffey, FL, 0:22; Devin Nogaki, B, pin Dan Liza, NM, 1:02; Daleague Soma, TF, pin Greg Rochat, WD, 1:39; Orley Lugo, NB tech. fall Teddy Lioulakis, FT, 16-0.

185 - Jim Finn, BC, pin Niles Malvasia, CP, 0:32; John Yessis, MP, bye; Vin Frazier, RA, pin Ronnie Racine, RM, 2:33; Fran Rella, RW, pin Jeff Gafner, H, 1:06; Henry Pollio, SJ, pin Steve DeHaan, B, 0:11; Lyle Freedman, NH, pin Harold Peebles, T, 0:29; Steve Regola, PV, bye; Joe Yiu, DE, pin Marc Hughes, DB, 0:16; Joe Montillo, LY def. Ilir Mifari, P, 9-3; Ian Stenerson, OT, pin Karl Mangino, IH, 1:38; Dino Eliopoulos, PP, pin Marcone Rocha, NB, 2:54; Tom Aderhold, RW, pin John Emes, 0:14; Jeremy Stanek, TF def. Chris Wright, HH, 6-4; Fred Sader, LE, pin George Kory, BE, 0:30; Chris Mania, SB dec. Felice Bartolomeo, NM, 7-2; Chris Limbuski, EP, bye.

215 - Frank Lodeserto, SJ, pin Dan Rella, WP, 0:47; Dave Araulo, CP, bye; Robbie Thiemann, RP, pin Brian Beslow, RD, 0:55; Rich Dalton, D, pin Jeff Jakulevicius, BE, 0:56; Phil Christian, RY, pin Jeff Blisky, DE, 2:29; Vinny DeGiovanni, RM, bye; Don Kannar, RA, bye; Paul Stayback, PV def. Paul Gibbons, B; Bill Deatt, GR dec. Rich Falletta, EP, 9-6; Tim Monk, NM def. Sean Davis; B.J. Niederauer, PH, pin Robert Goldberg, 1:29; Dom DeSteno, BC def. Mike Natello, HH, 16-3; Bill Tserpes, LY, pin Effran Cruz, BG, 0:33; Matt Marchetto-Ryan, MP, bye; Abraham Elmazhi, NB, pin Rob Iler, FL, 1:29; Mike Mullins, TFF, pin John Huang, FT, 3:20.

225 - John Gagnon, NH, pin Brian Cameron, B, 0:16; Bill Van Jura, HH, pin Dan Berardo, C, 1:23; Justin Matthews, GR, bye; Adrian Puzio, SJ, bye; Jason Silvergate, IH, pin John Limburski, EP, 1:02; Mike DiSanto, SB def. Brian Campbell, 9-1; Herb Rothchild, NM, bye; Jon Scalo, RP, pin Eric Stoltz, BE, 0:27; James Thomas, H, pin Phil Meer, 0:43; Brian McTigue, DE, bye; Michael Thimme, DB, bye; Sandy Hidalgo, CP, bye; Anthony Dimartino, L, pin Mark Rella, WR, 0:53; Tim Sholmeyer, RA, pin Greg Pleiras, BT, 3:20; Mohammed Kahn, T, bye; Ed Galan, BC, pin John Albanese, LY, 0:35.

SECOND ROUND

100 - Settembrino pin Taylor, 1:19; August pin Spilewski, 5:40; Frohlich pin Lins, 2:35; Fokas pin Ruiz, 3:32; Sermabekian pin Levine, :50; Yoon pin DeLuca, :50; Woods pin Diaz, 5:28; Cieckiewicz pin Foschino, 0:42.

106 - Tennant pin Metcalfe, 0:39; Sheehy def. Gave-

lian, 9-2; Challenger pin Colaneri, 0:56; Aguado pin Klui, 0:18; Muraamaru pin Lavarra, :19; Bratka pin Madonia, 1:35; Labrosse pin Goeckler, 4:04; Sikder pin Bergman, :57.

112 - Silverstein pin Fantin, 0:15; Blanchard pin Hameed, 1:47; Agnello def. Picciano, 3-1; Choosang def. Tomos, 19-3; Bolton pin Jaura, :26; Fench pin Wong, :47; Manansala def. Kaitis, 14-6; Suarez pin Johnson, 5:58.

119 - Pires pin Bocchino, 1:59; Savers dec. Lateef, 11-10; Brizzi dec. Flemming, 4-3; Reczkowski dec. Biegel, 7-0; DiDomenico pin Williams, 4:23; Cruz pin Castrovinci, 1:56; Baglieri pin Trent, 2:46; Guido pin Reisman, 1:08.

126 - Logan pin Fuentes, 0:16; Galorezo dec. Raval, 7-1; Lovett pin Harmande, 1:45; Nasr dec. Hoffman, 11-3; Bolton dec. Castro, 14-2; Wondra dec. McDonough, 11-2; Hobart, pin Gomes, 3:23; Raguseo pin Gegges, 4:57.

130 - Pritzlaff pin Vicari, 0:51; Elyia dec. Mable, 9-4; Marchetti dec. Minassian, 5-3; Mendelsohn pin Dillon, 5:13; Weiss dec. Taylor, 11-2; Lynch pin Baulista, 5:47; Mayland dec. Spina, 11-2; Capelan dec. Brofsky, 10-8.

142 - Rogers def. Sul, 9-6; Lauterback def. Manzi, 6-2; Villa pin Jennerich, 3:55; Mulligan def. Moran, 3-2; Bietto pin Russo, 3:23; Landi def. Hernandez, 9-4; Mulhern pin Chung, 1:57; Settembrino pin Piotrowski, 2:11.

153 - Fazio pin Queler, 1:54; Miller pin Alvino, 1:30; Fish def. McCambridge, 13-7; Flanagan pin Lynch, 8-2; Cervino pin Layng, 2:59; Henery def. Kellen, 19-4; Murphy def. Dunton, 12-10; Baulis def. Maschang, 9-3.

160 - Piela pin Giella, 0:29; Elyia def. Kohout, 14-1; Bassett pin Medina, :18; Gross pin Maselli, 0:29; Bell pin El-Kordy, 1:22; Golub def. Prieto, 14-4; Filipini pin Bull, 1:26; Cruz pin Petruzzello, 0:55.

172 - Piela pin MacRae, 1:58; Harris pin Chung, 1:58; Soo Kim def. Smith, 12-0; Tabano pin Ciurciu, 1:25; Cappello def. Peters, 7-1; Evertz pin Brunchorist, 1:45; Nogaki pin DeGobbi, 11-5; Lago pin Soma, 0:30.

185 - Finn pin Yessis, 2:35; Frazier pin Rella, 3:48; Pollio by forfeit Freedman; Yiu def. Regola, 11-0; Montillo pin Stenerson, 1:58; Aderhold def. Eliopoulos, 11-7; Sader pin Stanek, 3:59; Limbuski pin Mania, 3:22.

215 - Lodeserto pin Araulo, 0:24; Thiemann pin Dalton, 1:00; Christian pin DeGiovanni, 0:39; Stayback pin Don Kannar, 1:55; Deatt def. Monk, 10-3; DeSteno pin Niederauer, 1:46; Marchetto-Ryan pin Tserpes, 2:54; Mullins def. Elmazhi, 3:34.

275 - Gagnon pin Van Jura, 0:30; Puzio pin Matthews, 1:03; Silvergate pin DiSanto, 1:58; Scalo pin Rothchild, 1:33; Thomas pin McTigue, 0:12; Thimme pin Hidalgo, 2:19; Dimartino def. Sholmeyer, 6-0; Galan pin Kahn, 0:55.

QUARTERFINALS

100 - Settembrino tech. fall Spilewski, 4:38; Fokas dec. Frohlich, 19-8; Yoon pin Sermabekian, 0:41; Cieckiewicz pin Woods, 0:46.

106 - Tennant pin Sheehy, 1:00; Aguado dec. Challenger, 10-7; Bratka dec. Muraamaru, 11-5; Sikder pin Labrosse, 1:51.

112 - Silverstein pin Blanchard, 4:56; Choosang dec. Agnello, 4-3; Bolton dec. Fench, 9-0; Saurez pin Manansala, 1:29.

119 - Reczkowski dec. Brizzi, 4-3; DiDomenico dec. Cruz, 6-5; Guido dec. Baglieri, 14-8; Pires dec. Sayres, 12-10 (OT).

126 - Logan pin Galorezo, 0:32; Lovett dec. Nasr, 9-1; Bolton dec. Wondra, 14-4; Raguseo dec. Hobart, 14-10.

130 - Pritzlaff pin Elyia, 2:35; Marchetti dec. Mendelsohn, 7-6; Weiss dec. Lynch, 10-1; Mayland dec. Capelan, 12-0.

142 - Rogers dec. Lauterback, 11-8; Mulligan pin Villa, 1:15; Bietto dec. Landi, 3-2; Settembrino pin Mulhern, 2:24.

153 - Fazio pin Miller, 1:07; Flanagan dec. Fish, 6-2; Cervino pin Henery, :37; Baulis dec. Murphy, 19-7.

160 - Piela dec. Elyia, 11-7; Gross dec. Bassett, 8-2; Bell pin Golub, 3:26; Cruz pin Filipini, 1:56.

172 - Piela pin Harris, 4:14; Tabano dec. Hvon Soo Kim, 9-2; Evertz pin Cappello, 5:47; Lago dec. Nogaki, 16-7.

185 - Finn pin Frazier, 0:57; Yiu pin Pollio, 0:47; Montillo pin Aderhold, 1:48; Limburski pin Sader, 1:49.

215 - Lodeserto pin Thiemann, 3:28; Christian pin Stayback, 0:37; Deatt dec. Desteno, 13-11 (OY); Marchetto-Ryan pin Mullins, 4:13.

275 - Puzio pin Gagnon, 5:08; Scalo pin Silvergate, 4:39; Thomas pin Thimme, :24; DiMartino dec. Galan, 7-1.

Dec 29, 1994

Bergen Coaches Tour.

Team scores:

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Bergen Catholic 147, St. Joseph 97, Lyndhurst 96½, NV/Demarest 86½, Emerson/Park Ridge 72.

FINALS

100 - Settembrino, Lyndhurst dec. Yoon, NV/Demarest, 10-3.
106 - Tennant, Palisades Park dec. Braika, St. Joseph Reg., 8-6.
112 - Silverstein, Ramsey dec. Suarez, Bergen Catholic, 8-0.
119 - Guido, Hasbrouck Heights dec. Pires, Fair Lawn, 14-3.
126 - Logan, St. Joseph Reg. pin Bolton, Bergenfield, 0:40.
134 - Pritzlaff, Lyndhurst tech. fall Mayland, Northern Highlands, 26-11; 5:39.
142 - Biletto, Hackensack pin Mulligan, Paramus, 3:08.
151 - Fazio, Emerson/Park Ridge dec. Baulis, Lyndhurst, 8-5.
160 - Cruz, Palisades Park dec. Jon Piela, Bergen Catholic, 11-1.
172 - Lago, North Bergen pin Joe Piela, Bergen Catholic, 0:42.
185 - Finn, Bergen Catholic pin Limbuski, Elmwood Park, 3:46.
215 - Lodeserto, St. Joseph Reg. pin Deati, Glen Rock, 1:42.
275 - Puzio, St. Joseph Reg. dec. Thomas, Hackensack, 3-1.

THIRD-FOURTH CONSOLATION

100 - Fokas, Bergen Catholic dec. Cieckiewicz, North Bergen, 10-6.
106 - Sikder, Paramus dec. Aguado, Cliffside Park, 8-6.
112 - Choosang, Glen Rock pin Bolton, Bergenfield, 5:26.
119 - DiDomenico, Lodi dec. Reczowski, Emerson/Park Ridge, 2-0.
126 - Raguseo, Hasbrouck Heights dec. Lovett, Emerson/Park Ridge, 8-5.
134 - Weiss, NV/Demarest dec. Marchetti, Bergen Catholic, 2-2 OT criteria
142 - Settembrino, Lyndhurst pin Rogers, Saddle Brook, 2:30.
151 - Flanagan, Bergen Catholic pin Cervino, Paramus, 4:19.
160 - Bell, Becton won by forfeit.
172 - Evertz, Pascack Valley dec. Tabano, St. Joseph Reg., 9-2.
185 - Yiu, NV/Demarest won by forfeit.
215 - Christian, Ramsey won by forfeit.
275 - Scalo, Ridgefield Park dec. DiMarino, Lodi, 13-2.

SEMIFINALS

100 - Mike Settembrino, Lyndhurst def. Nick Fokas, Bergen Catholic, 9-2; Roger Yoon, NV/Demarest def. Mike Cieckiewicz, North Bergen, 9-6.
106 - Rory Tennant, Palisades Park def. Pete Aguado, Cliffside Park, 2-0; Brian Braika, St. Joseph pin Neil Sikder, Paramus, 3:43.
112 - Jason Silverstein, Ramsey def. Ed Choosang, Glen Rock, 10-0; Abner Suarez, Bergen Catholic def. Matt Bolton, Bergenfield, 6-4.
119 - Dan Pires, Fair Lawn def. Kurt Reczowski, Emerson/Park Ridge, 5-3 (OT); Dan Guido, Hasbrouck Heights def. Nick DiDomenico, Lodi, 3-1.
126 - Damion Logan, St. Joseph pin Bill Lovett, Emerson/Park Ridge, 1:53; vs. Jon Bolton, Bergenfield def. Mike Raguseo, Hasbrouck Heights, 13-10.
134 - Don Pritzlaff, Lyndhurst pin Jay Marchetti, Bergen Catholic, 4:48; Dave Mayland, Northern Highlands def. Peter Weiss, NV/Demarest, 4-4, criteria (OT).
142 - Tim Mulligan, Paramus def. Wayne Rogers, Saddle Brook, 11-5; Rich Biletto, Hackensack def. Gregg Settembrino, Lyndhurst, 4-3.
151 - Jeff Fazio, Emerson/Park Ridge def. Joe Flanagan, Bergen Catholic, 14-3.
160 - Jon Piela, Bergen Catholic pin Jeff Gross, NV/Demarest; Kip Cruz, Palisades Park def. Everett Bell, Becton, 7-4.
172 - Joe Piela, Bergen Catholic def. Dane Tabano, St. Joseph, 7-6; Orley Lago, North Bergen pin Dave Evertz, Pascack Valley, 2:47.
185 - Jim Finn, Bergen Catholic pin Joe Yiu, NV/Demarest, 2:36; Kris Limbowski, Elmwood Park by disc. Joe Montillo, Lyndhurst.
215 - Frank Lodeserto, St. Joseph def. Phil Christian, Ramsey, 19-7; Bill Deati, Glen Rock def. Matt Marchetto-Ryan, Midland Park, 11-8.
275 - Adrian Puzio, St. Joseph pin Jon Scalo, Ridgefield Park, 0:48; James Thomas, Hackensack def. Anthony DiMarino, Lodi, 7-3.

Outstanding wrestlers honored at tournament

The Bergen County Coaches Association Holiday Wrestling Tournament committee plans to recognize former Most Outstanding Wrestlers of the event on the 35th anniversary of the tournament Dec. 27. A total of 27 wrestlers have received the honor. Former MOWs or people who know how they can be reached should call tournament director George Jockish at North Bergen High School during the day at 295-2831.

WRESTLING

Bergen Holiday tournament

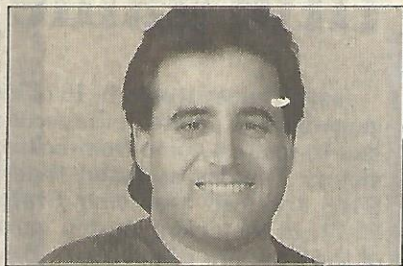
FINAL TEAM SCORES

Bergen Catholic 205, St. Joseph 156, Lyndhurst 120, NV/Demarest 99½, Palisades Park 91, Emerson/Park Ridge 86, Paramus 80, Hasbrouck Heights 75, Ramsey 74, Hackensack 64, North Bergen 60, Glen Rock 56, Bergenfield 54, Northern Highlands 53, River Dell 47, Fair Lawn 44½, Midland Park 43½, Cliffside Park 42, Ridgefield Park 42, Lodi 39, Elmwood Park 38½, Don Bosco Prep 37½, Becton 35, Pascack Valley 34½, Dumont 33, Pascack Hills 29, Tenafly 25, Ridge-wood 22, NV/Old Tappan 21, Ramapo 20, Saddle Brook 19, Rutherford 13, Mahwah 12, Teaneck 12, Leonia 11, Bergen Tech 8, Cresskill 8, Indian Hills 8, Wood-Ridge 8, Fort Lee 6, New Milford 6, Bosola 4, Dwight-Englewood 2, Ridgefield 0, Waldwick 0, St. Mary's 0.

FIFTH-SIXTH WRESTLEBACKS

100 - Mike Frohlich, Pascack Hills pin Mike Spi-
lewski, NV/Old Tappan, 3:46; Justin Woods, River Dell
pin Eric Sermabekian, Hasbrouck Heights, 2:10; Fro-
lich pin Woods, 2:54.
106 - Bobby Challener, Dumont pin Kevin Sheehy,
Midland Park, 4:37; Ross Muramaru, Don Bosco def.
Justin Labrosse, Hackensack, 11-0; Muramaru def.
Challener, 6-1.
112 - Mike Blanchard, Fair Lawn def. Scott Ag-
nello, Midland Park, 3-1; Mike Fenech, Westwood def.
Sherwin Manansala, Dumont, 8-5; Blanchard def.
Fenech, 8-1.
119 - Rob Brizzi, Ramsey def. John Sayers, Pas-
cack Valley, 8-3; Ed Cruz, Palisades Park def. Brian
Baglieri, Bergen Catholic, 5-4; Brizzi def. Cruz, 9-8.
126 - Joe Nasr, Cliffside Park def. Mark Galor-
enzo, Bergen Catholic, 9-4; Tom Wondra, River Dell
def. Brent Hobart, Midland Park, 6-3; Wondra def.
Nasr, 8-5.
134 - Naili Eliya, Paramus def. Devin Mendelsohn,
Don Bosco, 9-4; Marcos Capelan, Cliffside Park def.
Ryan Lynch, Mahwah, 3:33; Eliya def. Capelan, 10-4.
142 - Paul Lauterback, NV/Demarest def. Tom
Villa, Glen Rock, 7-2; Jason Landi, Bergen Catholic
def. Tom Mulhern, Emerson/Park Ridge, 5-4; Landi
def. Lauterback, 5-3.
151 - Mike Miller, Cliffside Park def. Ed Fish, Fair
Lawn, 7-3; Dan Henry, NV/Demarest def. Ed Mur-
phy, Lodi, 13-10; Henry def. Miller, 8-4.
160 - Paul Eliya, Midland Park def. Mike Basseit,
Paramus, 5-3 (OT); Jared Golub, Emerson/Park
Ridge def. Josh Filipini, Ramapo, 10-5; Eliya def.
Golub, 4-2.
172 - Hyun Soo Kim, NV/Demarest def. Brian
Harris, Dumont, 9-7; Mike Cappello, Hasbrouck
Heights pin Devin Nogaki, Bergenfield, 2:02; Cappello
pin Kim, 0:42.
185 - Henry Pollio, St. Joseph pin Vin Frazier,
Ramapo, 4:20; Fred Sader, Leonia def. Tom Aderhold,
Ridgewood, 8-3; Pollio def. Sader, 5-2.
215 - Rob Thiemann, Ridgefield Park pin Paul
Stayback, Pascack Valley, 0:53; Mike Mullins, Tenafly
by default; Dom DeSteno, Bergen Catholic; Thiemann
def. Mullins, 12-1.
275 - John Gagnon, Northern Highlands pin Jason
Silvergate, Indian Hills, 2:32; Eddie Galan, Bergen
Catholic pin Michael Thimme, Don Bosco, 0:08; Galan
def. Gagnon, 6-3.

Dec 29, 1994



**GREG SCHUTTA
WRESTLING**

St. Joe's rookie surprises

Adrian Puzio of St. Joseph has the bloodlines. His older brother, **Rob**, was a Region 2 champion for Garfield last year and his younger brother, **Edgar**, is battling his way through the junior ranks. But until this year, Adrian, a junior, never set foot on a wrestling mat.

Two days after Thanksgiving, Puzio set foot in the St. Joseph wrestling room and last week came out of nowhere to win the heavyweight championship at the Bergen County Holiday tournament. Puzio pinned top seed **John Gagnon** of Northern Highlands in the semifinals and edged Hackensack's **James Thomas** in the final after one month on the mats. He gave away 20 pounds to Thomas.

"I'd been after this kid for years to come out for wrestling," Green Knights coach **Kerry Kohlheffer** said. "He's a real athlete. He's our best lineman in football and he's a great baseball player. But he had this thing about only participating in two sports during the year."

But after baseball season last year, the 217-pound Puzio decided he was getting too bulky to hit a baseball and told Kohlheffer he'd give wrestling a shot.

"It was like our private joke during football season," Kohlheffer said. "Before football practice we'd ask him what move **Frank [Lodeserto]** had taught him that day."

Apparently enough to earn the honor as surprise of the tournament, hands down. The semifinal against Gagnon was close throughout with Puzio trailing, 5-4, and starting from the down position going into the final period.

"I told him to keep standing up on this kid and take him into overtime," Kohlheffer said. "Instead, he takes him to his back and pins the kid."

In the final, Puzio used a single-leg knee snatch to bring down Thomas and score a stunning 3-1 victory.

COUNTY LEFTOVERS — BC's **Jim Finn**, who won his third consecutive County championship this year, has 10 consecutive pins in the tournament.

Last year he won the pin trophy with five pins in 15:16 at 160 pounds. This year he pinned his way to the 185-pound championship in 10:21, but St. Joseph's **Damion Logan** won the pin trophy with five pins in 3:58.

Hackensack's **Rich Bitetto** after his 3-2 quarterfinal victory over BC's sophomore standout **Landi**: "It was like moving a rock." The junior went on to win his first County championship at 142 pounds, scoring a one-point decision over Lyndhurst's **Gregg Settembrino** and pinning **Tim Mulligan** of Paramus in the final.

Hackensack's **James Thomas** avenged his County championship loss to St. Joseph's Puzio with a 42-second pin in last week's dual-meet loss.

Feb 11, 1995

Freshman wrestling set for Bergenfield

Entries have been mailed for the Bergen County freshman wrestling tournament Feb. 11 at Bergenfield High School. Schools that have not received one should contact George Jockish at 265-7908.

WRESTLING

Bergen freshman

TEAM SCORES

Bergen Catholic 137½, Ridgefield Park 113½, Rutherford 86, Northern Highlands 80½, NV/Old Tappan 72, Indian Hills 52½, NV/Demarest 50, Don Bosco Prep 44, Elmwood Park 37, Lodi 33.

102 — Mark Sassman (BC) dec. Mike Spilewski (NV/OT), 13-6; **106** — Mark Hall (IH) dec. Oliver Ruiz (CP), 6-2; **114** — Marc Reisman (RP) dec. Mark Matri (NH), 6-2; **121** — Mitz Sumilang (RP) dec. Jesse Morning (NH), 6-7; **128** — Chris Menzel (RP) dec. Paul Pellegrino (NH), 13-11; **136** — Doug Lambert (DB) pin Joe Angelasonte (RP), 3:13; **144** — John Galan (BC) tech. fall Jim Gallione (NV/D), 2:49; **153** — Justin Dunleavy (BC) pin Criag Jacob (Param), 1:28; **162** — Harry Marquez (Ruth) pin Ed Yucis (FL), 2:15; **174** — Vinny Ciurciu (EP) pin Tim Pangert (BC), 1:22; **187** — Kenny Edmundson (NV/D) pin Ron Phillips (WR), 0:48; **217** — Nick Lapolla (BC) pin Marc Ammatucci (Ruth), 3:30; **277** — Steve Nienstedt (Ruth) pin Mike Thimme (DB), 1:04.

Most Outstanding Wrestler: Mitz Sumilang, Ridgefield Park.

Street kid becomes a leader

By **KEN DAVIDOFF**
Correspondent

As a wrestler, Kip Cruz relies on well-executed moves to defeat his opponents. Last week, he rode his tactics to the Bergen County Holiday tournament 160-pound championship and Most Outstanding Wrestler honors.

Yet the wrestling abilities of Cruz, a Palisades Park senior, would not be a topic of discussion if Cruz's parents hadn't made the savviest maneuver of all. Anna and Rafael Cruz opted to move 12 year-old Kip and his twin brother, Eddie, out of the Washington Heights section of Manhattan and into relatively serene Palisades Park.

"My parents decided they wanted to raise us in a more productive part of society," says Cruz, The Record's Athlete of the Week. "It's rough there; it's not like here. Here, you can walk away [from a potential fight]. There, it's not a question of whether you don't have to. You have to [fight], otherwise you'll get manipulated and picked on."

There were no wrestling recreation programs in Washington Heights; basketball was the No. 1 sport and Cruz excelled at the playground game. But the novelty and one-on-one nature of wrestling appealed to him when he arrived at Pal Park.

"When I entered my freshman year, I wanted to do something where I could take things into my own hands," says Cruz, whose family lived in the Dominican Republic until about 1980. "I was a real tough street kid and I looked to wrestling for something I couldn't get in the city."

It took him a while to catch on, but last season Cruz captured his first major title, winning Region 4. In the 1993 Bergen Christmas tourney, he fell to Bergen Catholic's Joe Piela in the second round.

"I had to wrestle a quality kid in an early round," Cruz says. "I got a bad seed, but that's no excuse. I vowed to win it this year."

Over the summer, Cruz attended the Edge School of Wrestling. With the assistance of personal trainer Pete Gonzalez and coach Ernie Monaco, Cruz refined his techniques.

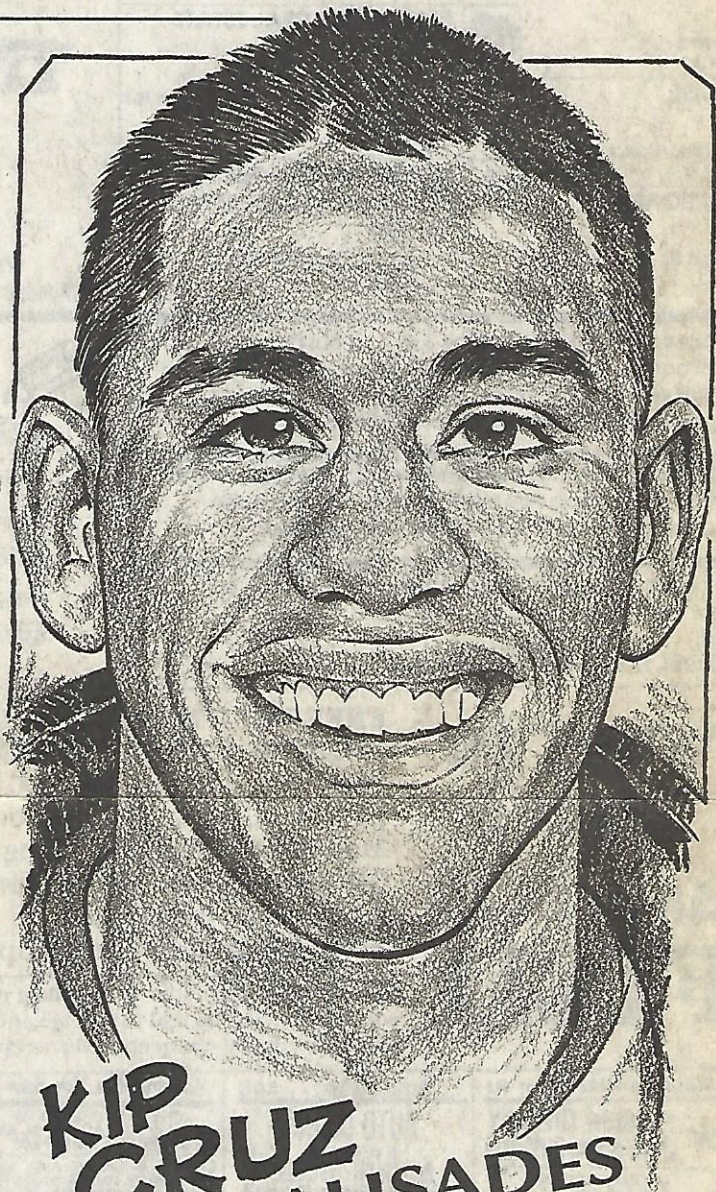
"It brought me up to a new level of wrestling," Cruz says. "I always had the ability and potential, but I never had the base work."

With his new skills, Cruz earned the No. 2 seed at 160 and decisioned Piela's younger brother, Jon, in the championship, 11-1.

"I decided before the season started that I was going to reach my goals this year through hard work and perseverance," says Cruz, whose teammates include his brother at 119. "I didn't expect anything less than beating Piela. I just never gave him a chance to do his stuff."

In his new environment, Cruz has been given the support and comfort needed to develop his non-athletic "stuff." As a sophomore, he was selected to represent Palisades Park at the Hugh O'Brien Youth Leadership Conference. Considering each New Jersey school sends only one student, it was quite an honor.

"That was one of the biggest things I accomplished," Cruz says. "From being a street kid to being nominated as a future leader."



**KIP
CRUZ
OF PALISADES
PARK**

CHARLIE McBRIDE 1-3-95

SPORT: WRESTLING

POSITION: 160 **CLASS:** Senior **AGE:** 18

LATEST ACCOMPLISHMENT

Won the 160-pound title and Most Outstanding Wrestler honors at the Bergen County Holiday tournament.

BACKGROUND

Lived in the Washington Heights section of Manhattan until he was 12. He took up wrestling in high school and won the Region 4 title as a junior. He has also run cross-country and played varsity football.

QUOTE

"If I had stayed [in Washington Heights], I'd be in jail or out of school now. We were a group, and whatever the group did, we all did. It was just the thing to do back then."

Runners-up for Athlete of the Week are: **Adrian Puzio** of St. Joseph and **Rich Bitetto** of Hackensack for wrestling; **Angie Kadenas** of Lodi for girls basketball; **Ryan Kose** of Saddle Brook, **Austin Mallis** of Fort Lee, **Keith Long** of River Dell, and **Chris French** of Glen Rock for boys basketball; and **Bryan Papacciolo** of Indian Hills for hockey.