

Wrestlers returning in a 'holiday' mood

WRESTLING

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Five wrestlers will be defending titles when the 29th Bergen County Coaches Holiday Wrestling Tournament begins Tuesday at Hackensack High School.

Pascack Hills returns its two 1987 champions, Andy Van Horn and Shane Van Horn. Fort Lee's Nelson Cruz, Ridgefield's Chris Steinbacher, and Fair Lawn's Christian Tirone also captured individual crowns.

Silver medalists returning are Fair Lawn's Jason Barch, St. Joseph's Anthony Riotto, Lodi's Henry Hascup, Dumont's Keith Mulcare, Bergenfield's Brendan Ferriter, and Northern Highlands' Dave Walton.

Defending team champions are Fair Lawn in Group 4, Pascack Hills in Group 3, Westwood in Group 2, and Emerson in Group 1. Fair Lawn is a three-time overall defending champ.

Fifth- and sixth-place consolation bouts debut this year. The four quarterfinal losers in each weight class will come back and wrestle before Wednesday's finals, and will have an additional impact on team scoring.

Previously, a wrestler who lost in the quarterfinals was automatically eliminated even though he might have won a maximum of three early-round bouts.

"Scott Lagsdin of Paramus was one of the reasons we did it," said tournament director George Jockish. "He didn't place in the tournament with three wins, but he went on to win a Region 1 championship last year.

"By comparison, you can win a district championship with three wins," he said.

Don Bosco and Waldwick have entered the tournament for the first time, and Ridgewood and Englewood have returned to increase the number of schools to 41. Waldwick, which previously competed in the Midland Park tournament, has three potential champions in its debut — Hamid Chalileh (103), Marc Del Gaudio (171), and Kevin Fall (heavyweight) — and is the favorite in Group 1.

"Neil Johnson [Waldwick coach] realized that one of the criteria for kids making the All-County team is placing in the Bergen tournament," Jockish said. "That changed his mind about entering."

Ridgewood returns after opening the season with a team championship in the Mahwah tournament. Steve Blood (119), Jim Weiss (171), and Alex Garfield (189) won individual titles.

Wrestlers to watch

103 (weight classes tentative) — Hamid Chalileh, Waldwick; Mike DeLuca, Lyndhurst; Mike

Last year's champions

103 — NELSON CRUZ, Fort Lee
112 — BRIAN CAVANAGH, Westwood
119 — MIKE INDORATO, Paramus
125 — ANDY Van HORN, Pascack Hills
130 — CHRIS STEINBACHER, Ridgefield
135 — SHANE Van HORN, Pascack Hills
140 — ROB MEEHAN, Paramus
145 — CHRISTIAN TIRONE, Fair Lawn
152 — MIKE MAZZEO, Emerson
160 — MIKE HAEMMERLE, Bergen Catholic
171 — JOHN REESE, Fair Lawn
189 — STEVE BEST, Fair Lawn
Hwt. — TONY DIPASQUALE, Elmwood Park

McGinnity, Palisades Park.

112 — Dan Haemmerle, Bergen Catholic; Nelson Cruz, Fort Lee; Jason Barch, Fair Lawn; Alex Moreno, North Bergen; Mike Rogan, Elmwood Park; Steve Rogers, Pascack Hills.

119 — George Glavas, Cliffside Park; Anthony Riotto, St. Joseph; Matt Grossman, Pascack Hills; Mike Rogan, Elmwood Park; Sean Shanahan, Bergenfield; Ryan McNeil, North Bergen; Joe Santaiti, Fair Lawn.

125 — Keith Schoppe, Cresskill; Tom Farquhar, Ridgefield Park; Scott Castiglia, Elmwood Park; John Jasionowicz, Rutherford; Mario Sinatra, Waldwick.

130 — Mike Kubrin, Dumont; Scott Kemp, Fair Lawn; David Cullinan, Cliffside Park.

135 — Chris Steinbacher, Ridgefield; Shane Van Horn, Pascack Hills; Keith Mulcare, Dumont; Henry Hascup, Lodi; Rich Rubino, Fair Lawn; John Gulino, Emerson.

140 — Andy Van Horn, Pascack Hills; Rocco Regina, Dumont; Pete Ban, Indian Hills; Matt McCabe, Midland Park; Brian Marron, Becton; Joe Rivera, St. Joseph.

145 — Brendan Ferriter, Bergenfield; Bill Mulligan, Elmwood Park.

152 — Dave Georgas, Northern Highlands; Kurt Montanye, Fair Lawn.

160 — Chuck Danys, Garfield; Christian Tirone, Fair Lawn; Sonny Merritt, Cresskill.

171 — Marc Del Gaudio, Waldwick; Bill Pollard, Bergenfield; Rich Falotico, Emerson; Dave Walton, Northern Highlands.

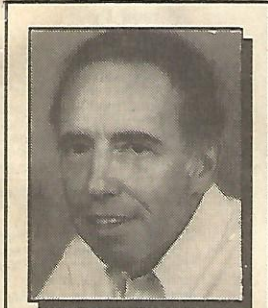
189 — Dave Sobocinski, Pascack Hills; Dave Nogaki, Bergenfield; Mike Bischoff, Hasbrouck Heights; Mike Anderson, North Bergen; Matt Samra, Fair Lawn.

Heavyweight — Curt Geisler, Bergen Catholic; Dexter Richardson, Mahwah; Russ Pascale, North Bergen; Kevin Fall, Waldwick; David Lane, New Milford.

Bergen wrestling tourney

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George Jockish hardly had the mats off the floor at Hackensack High School during the holidays when he started worrying about the next Bergen County Coaches Association Holiday Wrestling Tournament.

"It'll be our 30th and we'll want to do something special for it," the tournament director said.

It'll have to be something extra special because the 29th tournament, which ended Dec. 28, was the most success-

ful in history with 41 teams competing. And there were an amazing 467 matches during the two-day event.

The William F. Powley Service to Wrestling Award went to former Leonia coach **Phil Klocek** and the late **Floyd Schmid**, who was a referee for 24 years. Powley, who ran the tournament for 25 years, made the presentation. And two veteran trainers, **Ed Koehler** of Old Tappan and **Bobby Picolo** of Bergenfield, were presented with special awards. On the mats, **Alex Moreno** of North Bergen was named the Outstanding Wrestler after pinning all five opponents.

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The Bergen County Coaches Holiday Wrestling tournament plans to break tradition and add fifth and sixth individual places to determine seedings for the 1989 event. The idea is to reward wrestlers with three first-day victories who were eliminated in the evening quarterfinal round.

Tournament director **George Jockish** received full support from the 39 teams that entered the event, scheduled for Dec. 27-28 at Hackensack High School. The four quarterfinal losers go back to wrestle on the second day at the same time as the semifinal round.

"If a kid started from an out-bracket, he could go 3-1 on the first day and be finished," Jockish said. "All the coaches agreed that there should be some kind of modified consolation."

Most coaches were convinced after **Scott Lagsdin** of Paramus was eliminated by Bogota's **Gary Lane** in last year's quarterfinals. Lagsdin went on to win the District 3 and Region 1 championships at 145 pounds, and was a first-team All-Bergen selection.

"You only have to win three matches to win the district, and we were giving kids with three victories no chance to place," Jockish said. "Theoretically, a wrestler who finishes fifth now could be better than the wrestler who finishes fourth."

"And by wrestling a possible two more times, it could make a big difference in team points," he said. "Especially in Groups 1 and 2 where there's more balance."

Jockish said a third-place team trophy will be awarded for the first time.

TEAM SCORES

Through second round

Fair Lawn (FL) 68, Pascack Hills (PH) 60, Elmwood Park (EP) 54 1/2, Dumont (D) 51 1/2, Paramus (P) 51, Hasbrouck Heights (HH) 47 1/2, Emerson (E) 43 1/2, Pascack Valley (PV) 38 1/2, Cliffside Park (CP) 37, Bergenfield (B) 36, Garfield (G) 35, North Bergen (NB) 35, New Milford (NM) 34, Waldwick (Wd) 32, Northern Highlands (NH) 30, Lodi (Lo) 29, St. Joseph (S.J.) 29, Rutherford (Ru) 28 1/2, Westwood (W) 28, Bergen Catholic (BC) 27, Old Tappan (OT) 26 1/2, Lyndhurst (Ly) 25, Demarest (De) 24, Ramapo (Ra) 23 1/2, Cresskill (C) 23, Fort Lee (FT) 22, Palisades Park (PP) 20, Ridgewood (Rw) 19, Leonia (Le) 19, Teaneck (T) 18, Hackensack (H) 17, Indian Hills (IH) 16, Becton (Be) 14, Ramsey (Ry) 14, Saddle Brook (SB) 12, Ridgefield (Rm) 11, Ridgefield Park (RP) 11, Mahwah (M) 9, Don Bosco (DB) 4, River Dell (RD) 2.

103-POUND CLASS

First round

Hamid Challeh (Wd) pin Chris Coroy (W), 0:39; Will Ledwith (Rw) pin Mike Vlodky (SB), 3:21; Chris Santelli (RP) dec. Marc Russo (Lo), 13-3; Nelo Rivera (Be) pin Doug Jennerich (Ru), 1:58; Scott Wild (M) dec. Pete Schenone (H), 3-2; K. Stockdale (SJ) dec. T. Gold (Le), 12-0; Evan Dolan (HH) pin Zach Sech (RA), 3:45; Bill Kleinfelder (PV) dec. Kevin Piferski (CP) 10-6; Stephen Rubiniowitz (EP) dec. Frank Dominguez (P), 12-0; Steve Manzo (NB) dec. David Adamski, 6-3; Rick Wyka (FL) pin Marcos Asan (Rm), 2:51; Mike McGinnity (PP) pin Amos Schwartzfarb (FT), 2:28; Doug James (PH) pin Tony Marra (Be), 3:22; John Arochias (E) pin Joseph Gioello (BC), :58; Wayne Dickson (G) pin Derik Crocker (D), 4:40; M. DeLuca (DB) pin John An (RD), 1:24.

Second round

Challeh pin Ledwith, 1:05; Santelli dec. Rivera, 10-2; Wild dec. Stockdale, 11-7; Kleinfelder dec. Dolan, 5-1; Rubiniowitz dec. Manzo, 8-1; McGinnity dec. Wyka, 15-5; James pin Arochias, :52; DeLuca dec. Dickson, 13-4.

Quarterfinals

Challeh pin Santelli, 1:55; Kleinfelder dec. Wild, 14-2; McGinnity dec. Rubiniowitz, 3-0; DeLuca dec. James, 10-4.

112-POUND CLASS

First round

Alex Moreno (NB) pin Masny Ibrahim (D), 2:08; Erick Marrero (B) dec. Tom Stearns (IH), 10-8; David Barbieri (SB) pin Gregg Piferski (CP), 1:59; Jack Bernardino (C) dec. Craig Ross (P), 11-1; Mike Keeler (Ru) pin Joel Angeles (NH), 3:48; John Lee (Rm) dec. Bassam Ali (FT), 13-0; Mark Musone (SJ) dec. Josh Bomser (OT), 8-7; Steve Rogers (PH) pin Mark Donetz (G), 4:51; Jason Barch (FL) dec. T.J. Melville (Rv), 12-3; Kyle Barker (De) dec. Anthony Parisi (H), 18-5; Guy Tomasso (HH) pin Dennis Castro (Lo), 3:23; Matt Leto (Lo) pin Brian Gelnow (E), 3:00; Kris Reff (W) dec. Chris Aylsworth (RW), 13-3; Jose Medrano (T) pin Ray Carney (PP), :57; John Kroll (PV) pin Francisco Lopez (Ra), 1:00; Daniel Haemmerle (BC) bye.

Second round

Moreno pin Marrero, :23; Bernardino dec. Barbieri, 13-5; Keeler dec. Lee, 7-4; Rogers pin Musone, 33 (OT); Barch pin Barker, 4:56; Leto dec. Tomasso, 13-7; Reff pin Medrano, 5:01; Haemmerle pin Kroll, 1:38.

Quarterfinals

Moreno pin Bernardino, :56; Keeler dec. Rogers, 6-4 (OT); Barch dec. Leto, 9-3; Haemmerle dec. Reff, 8-1.

119-POUND CLASS

First round

Nelson Cruz (FT) pin Chris Nucifora (G), 1:45; Jamie Lake (De) dec. Douglas Kurys (Wd), 4-0; Rex Pagerie (IH) pin George Tung (RD), 1:08; Joe Santilli (FL) pin Andy DeSalvo (PP), 3:10; Matt Grossman (PH) pin Leo Introna (Rm), 4:45; George Glaue (CP) pin Scott Johnson (NH), 1:24; Eric Keiller (Ra) pin Kraig Checke (Ry), 3:09; Anthony Riolto (SJ) dec. Steve Martin (W), 5-2; Ryan McNeil (NB) pin Al Strunk (Be), 3:38; Steve Blood (Rw) dec. R. Roser (BC), 6-2; D. Bloch (PV) pin George Jaquette (H), 1:30; Michael Zenon (NA) pin John Tritto (SB), :52; Darren D'Agostino (OT) dec. Trevor Moore (Le), 12-0; Stu Levy (B) dec. Ed Alecia (D), 17-5; George Murphy (Lo) pin Ilin Martinez (T), 2:59; Michael Rogan (EP) tech. fall over K. Dray (HI), 4:10.

Second round

Cruz dec. Lake, 12-2; Santini pin Pagerie, 4:16; Grossman dec. Glaue, 14-6; Riolto pin Keiller, 1:18; McNeil dec. Blood, 6-2; Zenon pin Bloch, 1:28; D'Agostino tech. fall over Levy, 6:00; Rogan pin Murphy, 2:59.

Quarterfinals

Cruz dec. Santilli, 10-6; Grossman dec. Riolto, 7-1; McNeil pin Zenon, 5:34; Rogan dec. D'Agostino, 12-2.

125-POUND CLASS

First round

John Jasonowicz (Ru) pin Joseph Grassi (OT), 3:57; Art King (D) pin Tom Butz (PH), 3:55; Jeff Lane (Be) dec. Attilio Lupino (CP), 8-6; Rob D'Ambrosio (NM) pin John Flores (SB), 2:50; Tom McKenna (BC) dec. Frank Milano (HH), 15-2; Chris Tackney (RD) dec. Chris Sabatella (PP), 10-7; Fernando Mendoza (H) pin R. Finan (T), :45; Mark Senzamic (B) dec. Matt Lombardi (P), 2-0; Keith Schoppe (C) pin Matt Winfield (Rw), 1:35; Matt Dalessandro (FT) dec. Jeff Daniels (Lo), 13-2; Rich Hochrin (De) dec. Shawn Mohovich (NH), 11-2; Mario Sinalra (Wd) pin Mike Grigoriou (W), :54; Anthony LaDuca (G) dec. Kevin Americo (Ra), 9-3; S. Castiglia (EP) pin Mike Gallucci (PV), 3:03; Craig Farquhar (RP) dec. Dan Mellan (NB), 4-3.

Second round

Jasonowicz pin King, 5:43; D'Ambrosio dec. Lane, 5-3; McKenna pin Tackey, 1:18; Senzamic dec. Mendoza, 15-6; Schoppe dec. Dalessandro, 1-0; Hochrin vs. Sinalra; Castiglia pin LaDuca, 1:25; Farquhar dec. Rothstein, 10-1.

Jasonowicz

Jasonowicz dec. D'Ambrosio, 5-3; McKenna dec. Senzamic, 9-2; Schoppe dec. Hochrin, 3-1; Castiglia dec. Farquhar, 10-0.

130-POUND CLASS

First round

Scott Kemp (FL) pin Eddie Yoon (De), 1:49; Mark Leone (Lo) pin Len Niebo (C), 2:30; Doug Gonzalez (NB) bye; Brad Parrasch (PV) pin David Kim (Ry), 3:20; Mike Scullia (HH) pin Bill Hahn (DB), 1:03; Daniel Lucci (OT) dec. Glenn Castiglia (EP), 8-6; Bill Larsen (NH) dec. Kevin Tiernan (SJ), 6-0 (OT); Pete Zanchelli (Ra) bye; Jim Davis (Ru) pin David Larsen (SB), 1:30; Roland DeGuzman (P) dec. Andy Perry (Wd), 13-0; Dave Lee (Rm) bye; Paul Landoline (PP) bye; David Cullinan (CP) dec. Jimmy Hild (Ly), 6-0; Steven Kebabian (FT) pin Joe Malkulka (RP), 1:45; Dave Doerr (PH) dec. Jim Stevens (IH), 12-0; Mike Kubrin (D) pin Brian Kronewitter (W), 4:18.

Second round

Kemp pin Leone, :45; Gonzalez dec. Parrasch, 11-7; Scullia pin Lucci, 1:07; Zanchelli pin Larsen, 4:00; Davis tech. fall over DeGuzman, 5:11; Landoline pin Lee, 1:40; Cuyllinan dec. Kebabian, 9-6; Kubrin pin Doerr, 2:59.

Quarterfinals

Kemp pin Gonzalez, 1:30; Zanchelli dec. Scullia, 15-8; Davis dec. Landoline, 5-1; Kubrin dec. Cullinan, 6-5.

135-POUND CLASS

First round

K. Mulcare (D) pin Adam Frawley (Rw), 1:59; Jim Lewis (SJ) dec. Scott Moriarty (DB), 5-4; Ivan Gonzalez (Le) pin B. Reid (Ry), 5:05; Jorge Castaneda (E) dec. Torrey Gorla (Ra), 8-4; Larry Gitoo (W) pin Jim Kerwin (HH), 3:07; R. Byrnes (CP) pin Greg Curranza (C), 1:44; Kevin Kautzman (NH) pin Brat Barlett (Ru), 1:23; Henry Hascup (Lo) dec. John Saldarini (M), 4-1; Shan Van Horn (PH) pin Renny Goldstein (BC), 5:26; M. Paladino (P) pin Jose Chucucalao (H), 1:55; Kenny Wieceorek (EP) dec. James Mellett (OT), 8-7; J. Allgor (PV) pin Houmau Sarmast (RP), 1:27; Tom Flynn (PP) pin John Gonzalez (NB), 2:49; Dave Takach (G) dec. Steve Pains (NA), 12-1; Vasil Pieratos (FT) pin Joe Watkins (B), 3:55; Chris Steinbacher (Rm) pin Steven Fox (SB), 1:02.

Second round

Mulcare pin Lewis, 3:36; Gorla pin Gonzalez, 5:04; Gitto pin Byrnes, 2:00; Hascup dec. Kautzman, 3-2; Van Horn pin Paladino, 5:13; Allgor pin Wieceorek, :30; Takach pin Flynn, 4:56; Steinbacher pin Pieratos, :46.

Quarterfinals

Mulcare pin Gorla, 1:59; Hascup dec. Gitto, 7-3; Van Horn pin Allgor, 1:06; Steinbacher pin Takach, 1:24.

140-POUND CLASS

First round

Rocco Regina (D) pin John Elton (Rw), :38; John Ruddy (Ru) dec. Mike Campos (B), 11-3; Joe Rivera (SJ) pin Roland Villafuerte (Le), :40; Rob Miller (HH) dec. Scott Tamagny (PV), 11-9; Brian Tola (NM) pin Mike Walsh (E), 5:50; Chris Cecilia (CP) pin Ray Thorslawd (Ry), 1:40; Ernie Cuneo (FL) pin Ray Kunisch (NH), 3:30; B. Winrow (PP) pin John Piccirillo (FT), 2:54; Brian Marron (Be) pin Steve Calabro (M), 1:45; Chris Warren (Lo) dec. Ben Johnson (H), 17-5; M. Petaccia (W) pin Brian Blacher (OT), 3:28; Julio Collazo (G) dec. John Rulon (SB), 6-2; Kerry Fleet (DB) pin Joe Tomasso (BC), 1:05; M. Moran (P) won by default over Ray Presutto (RP); Greg Johnson (Ra) dec. Paul Kapu (NB), 6-4; Andy Van Horn (PH) pin Robbert Ferrano (EP), 1:04.

Second round

Regina pin Ruddy, 4:36; Rivera pin Miller, 1:31; Cecilia pin Tola, 5:50; Winrow pin Cuneo, 1:28; Marron pin Warren, 1:13; Petaccia dec. Collazo, 6-3; Moran dec. Fleet, 14-4; Van Horn pin Johnson, 3:00.

Quarterfinals

Rivera dec. Regina, 14-7; Cecilia pin Winrow, 1:13; Petaccia pin Marron, 3:24; Van Horn pin Moran, 3:49.

145-POUND CLASS

First round

Rich Rubino (FL) dec. Barry Gastelu (Ru), 10-1; Jim O'Connell (SJ) dec. Dan Nywening (NM), 10-4; Sal Bennett (Lo) dec. Craig Sperling (RD), 15-9; Jon Bogner (Rw) pin Tom Presutto (RP), 4:28; Lance Kelly (H) pin Tony Dimitriadis (FT), 4:29; Brian Moxham (PH) pin Roger Borsche (G), 2:37; Dan Castellano (IH) dec. David Berger (M), 16-4; Dan Maldonado (HH) pin Ed Toro (Rm), 3:10; B. Mulligan (EP) pin Mario Moriana (Ly), 2:32; Joe Rodriguez (NB) dec. Mick Maltzoes (W), 13-9; Bob Chib (P) pin Paul Stadelmann (BC), 1:53; Tony Yoo (C) pin T. Rail (T), 4:56; Frank Stancic (CP) pin Paul Ramboia (Wd), 1:31; Jerry Mercandante (NH) pin Eric Hughes (D), 1:33; Paul Forziatti (PV) pin Tom Kesogulo (SB), 2:15; John Gulino (E) pin Austin Ives (Ra), 1:47.

Second round

Rubino pin O'Connell, 4:36; Bogner dec. Bennett, 18-6; Kelly pin Mosham, 1:47; Maldonado dec. Castellano, 11-7; Mulligan dec. Rodriguez, 13-9; Chib dec. Yoo, 16-5; Stanek dec. Mercandante, 9-0; Gulino pin Forziatti, 5:15.

Quarterfinals

Rubino pin Bogner, 1:10; Kelly pin Maldonado, 1:49; Mulligan dec. Chib, 13-8; Gulino dec. Stanek, 12-2.

152-POUND CLASS

First round

David Georgas (NH) pin Dana Walsh (RD), 1:37; Jeff Somma (Ly) dec. Spero Paulatos (Rm), 13-6; Ted Holder (IH) pin Andy Rosenstein (Ra), 1:38; Cesar Collazo (G) pin Rick Gonzales (SJ), 2:45; Wilfred Rodriguez (Le) dec. Jerre Griggs (M), 7-1; Ed Kostouski (SB) pin Nick Philliou (De), 2:34; Jason Szabo (PH) bye; Kurt Montanye (FL) pin D. Spielsky (OT), 3:53; Sean Donellan (P) pin Shelly Sheiner (B), 1:50; Tony Stamis (FT) pin Chris Reen (W), 1:20; Jason Kerwin (HH) pin J. Schimmel (Rw), 5:08; Jason Wirth (E) dec. Jon Bennett (D), 7-6 (OT); Marty Conroy (EP) dec. Chris Komishock (PP), 16-9; L. Sneyers (Wd) pin Kevin DiBartolo (PV), 2:32; Matt Kitz (BC) dec. Jeff Johnson (H), 16-4; Jose Gonzalez (T) pin Scott Thouret (RP), 4:27.

Second round

Georgas pin Somma, 1:20; Collazo pin Holder, 1:40; Rodriguez dec. Kostouski, 11-0; Montanye pin Szabo, :30; Donellan dec. Stamis, 17-9; Wirth pin Kerwin, :53; Conroy pin Sneyers, 4:59; Gonzalez pin Kitz, 4:48.

Quarterfinals

Georgas pin Collazo, 5:47; Montanye pin Rodriguez, 1:46; Donellan dec. Wirth, 8-1; Conroy tech. fall over Gonzalez, 4:16.

160-POUND CLASS

First round

Christian Tirone (FL) pin John O'Reilly (E), 1:51; Mike Guidetti (P) pin Jeff Gregory (W), 2:37; Matt Vuolo (EP) pin Dave Meister (FT), 4:46; Marc Cavallo (OT) dec. Evan Sasson (PH), 4-3; A.J. DeRosa (H) bye; Joe Raylor (Ra) dec. Jason Hagg (Rm), 10-1; Leo Hendricks (PV) dec. Chris Parisi (RP), 6-5; James Bonomo (Ly) pin Tom Caporale (M), 3:25; Johnny Merritt (C) dec. Marc Saffadi (PP), 15-5; Ara Hallajian (CP) pin Michael Tartarone (G), 1:26; Mike Fasciano (Ry) dec. Irving Gomez (NB), 5-4; Charles Koenke (NA) pin Robert Mitchell (E), 5:17; Paul Wunder (D) pin Joe Buitrago (Lo), 1:45; Dave Toles (Be) won by disa. over Jason Duncan (IH); Hugh McHugh (De) pin Dan Elefante (DB), 1-43; Bill Pollard (B) pin Craig Mintz (NH), 1:24.

Second round

Tirone dec. Guidetti, 7-0; Cavallo pin Vuolo, 1:38; DeRosa pin Taylor, :50; Bonomo pin Hendricks, 4:50; Merritt pin Hallajian, 4:40; Koenke pin Fasciano, 1:03; Wunder won by default over Toles; Pollard pin McHugh, 1:35.

Quarterfinals

Tirone won by default over Cavallo; Bonomo pin DeRosa, :53; Merritt pin Koenke, :44; Pollard pin Wunder, 2:45.

171-POUND CLASS

First round

Marc DelGaudio (Wd) pin Charlie Won (De), :08; Barry Alberti (W) pin Ricky Nahom (FT), 2:37; Jason Carle (D) pin Marc Giordano (PH), :51; James Holland (Rw) dec. Anthony Capasso (EP), 9-8; Alan Hackel (HH) pin Anthony Belle (RD), 1:32; Brian Hartman (B) pin Anthony Marroita (Be), 3:46; Sean Brennan (BC) bye; Mike Anderson (NB) dec. Darius Hughes (Ly), 3-1; David Walton (NH) pin Saul Skeik (IH), 1:24; Jim Delaney (Le) pin Chuck Tscanos (PV), 1:45; Michael Caunedo (OT) pin Kevin Helmer (SJ), 1:22; Geoff Jockish (P) pin Larry Gobin (Rm), 5:55; Chris Rotella (FL) pin Lou Scruianich (CP), 1:51; John Korczak (G) pin Mike Broncattello (DB), 1:04; Ken Blumberg (PP) bye; Rich Falotico (E) pin Jimmy Walker (H), :29.

Second round

DelGaudio pin Albert, 1:10; Carle pin Holland, :59; Hartman dec. Hackel, 12-6; Anderson pin Brennan, 1:37; Walton pin Delaney, 3:00; Jockish pin Caunedo, 5:04; Rotella dec. Korczak, 11-7; Falotico dec. Blumberg, 8-0.

Quarterfinals

DelGaudio pin Carle, :55; Hartman dec. Anderson, 3-1; Walton tech. fall over Jockish, 4:50; Falotico dec. Rotella, 9-0.

189-POUND CLASS

First round

David Lane (NM) pin Dean Blanco (Le), :45; Dennis Leinhart (M) pin Gavin Cooper (W), 1:30; David Skrivaneck (OT) pin Marcus Rutkowski (Wd), 2:21; Mike Hirshoren (IH) dec. David Fowler (NH), 16-8; Matt Samra (FL) dec. Kurtis Karcich (NH), 7-3; Mike LaCorte (Lo) pin Joe Budz (FT), 1:26; Kevin Hughes (D) pin Doug Waldron (Ru), 1:45; Dave Nogaki (B) pin Ryan Alan (De), :29; Dave Sobocinski (PH) pin Paul Juliano (C), :38; Ray Ferrarillo (P) pin Geoff Carriscillo (G), 4:56; Mamoud Kheiralla (PP) pin Mark Giovane (DB), :38; Tate Hodge (Ra) pin Tom Sherwood (EP), 1:45; Ray Mazzo (E) pin Bill O'Keef (RP), :49; Andrew Siemsen (Rw) pin Scott Havel (Be), 1:15; Alex Garfield (Ry) bye; Mike Bischoff (HH) pin John Guise (Ly), 1:34.

Second round

Lane pin Leinhart, 1:15; Hirshoren dec. Skrivaneck, 14-8; Samra dec. LaCorte, 8-5; Nogaki pin Hughes, 1:21; Sobocinski dec. Ferrarillo, 4-3; Kheiralla dec. Hodge, 14-6; Mazzo tech. fall over Siemsen, 5:28; Bischoff pin Garfield, 1:30.

Quarterfinals

Lane pin Hirshoren, 1:29; Nogaki dec. Samra, 8-1; Sobocinski pin Kheiralla, :31; Bischoff pin Mazzo, 2:38.

HEAVYWEIGHT CLASS

First round

Russell Pascale (NB) pin Tom Fischer (PV), 3:23; Joe Zdep (Ly) pin Jeff Lessner (P), :53; John Galiffi (Lo) bye; Shawn Holliday (G) pin Dale Crook (Ry), 2:36; Sean Ritchie (E) pin Jason Cosimano (SJ), 2:39; Chris Burt (FL) bye; John Kisaia (De) bye; Larry Bilotta (PH) pin Reza Bahari (Da), :44; Kevin Fall (Wd) pin Bill DeMarco (PP), :55; Carlos Medina (H) bye; David Terwilliger (NH) pin Nick Vlastos (RD), 3:45; Bryan DiPasquale (EP) pin Thomas Creighton (M), 3:16; Ed Sullivan (Le) pin Scott Scichitano (Be), 1:21; Mike Valenti (HH) pin Jose Pena (FT), 4:17; Martin Kahn (CP) pin Jon Goldrich (T), 3:30; Curt Geisler (BC) pin Tony Fernandez (W), 1:36.

Second round

Pascale pin Zdep, 3:25; Holliday pin Galiffi, 1:32; Ritchie dec. Burt, 11:22; Bilotta pin Kisaia, 3:23; Fall pin Medina, :24; DiPasquale pin Terwilliger, :56; Valenti pin Sullivan, :46; Geisler pin Kahn, :54.

Quarterfinals

Pascale dec. Holliday, 7-2; Bilotta dec. Ritchie, 12-4; Fall dec. DiPasquale, 7-1; Geisler pin Valenti, :48.

Elmwood Park makes early push

By Barry Gramlich
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HACKENSACK — As Fair Lawn and Pascack Hills predictably battled for the overall team championship in the Bergen County Holiday wrestling tournament, Elmwood Park coach Kevin Kurtz savored his unpredictable place behind the powers that be.

Through the quarterfinal round of the chaotic 41-team tournament, the Group 2 Crusaders unofficially found themselves in third place Tuesday night and in striking distance of 10-time champion Pascack Hills and three-time defending champion Fair Lawn.

Not since the days of the Bill Savage-coached Crusaders has Elmwood Park demanded such attention in the tournament's early rounds.

"Sure I'm surprised," said second-year coach Kurtz, a 1983 Elmwood Park graduate. "When you consider we were 8-8 in dual meets last year, it's quite a showing."

Elmwood Park sent four wrestlers to today's 11 a.m. semifinal round. Only Group 4 Fair Lawn and Group 3 Pascack Hills, with five apiece, had more.

Waldwick, North Bergen, Bergen Catholic, Rutherford, and Bergenfield each advanced three wrestlers into the semis.

Perhaps the biggest surprise for Elmwood Park was 152-pound Marty Conroy, who upset Palisades Park's Chris Komishock, 16-9, in the first round and added a pin and a technical fall in the next two rounds.

"He was nothing special last season," Kurtz said. "He only had a 9-7 record. Most of our kids play football and have good athletic ability. And what's most important is they have a good attitude."

Joe Castiglia, Elmwood Park's 125-pounder, began in an out-bracket and recorded three pins — two in the first period. He scored a 10-0 decision over Palisades Park's Tom Farquhar in the quarters.

Defending champions Nelson Cruz of Fort Lee (119 pounds), Chris Steinbacher of Ridgely (135), Shane Van Horn (135) and Andy Van Horn (140) of Pascack Hills, and Christian Tirone of Fair Lawn (160) all cruised into the semifinals.

WRESTLING

Dumont, led by returning silver medalist Keith Mulcare, appears it will give Pascack Hills a run at the Group 3 crown. Mulcare, wrestling at 135 pounds, began in an out-bracket and made an early push for Most Valuable Wrestler with four pins.

The big disappointment for the Huskies came at 140, where top-seeded Rocco Regina lost a 14-7 decision to St. Joseph's Joe Rivera.

"We're keeping an eye on them [Dumont]," said Pascack Hills coach Bucky Rehai. "Lucky for us we picked up 12 pins in the first two rounds. That's 24 points right there."

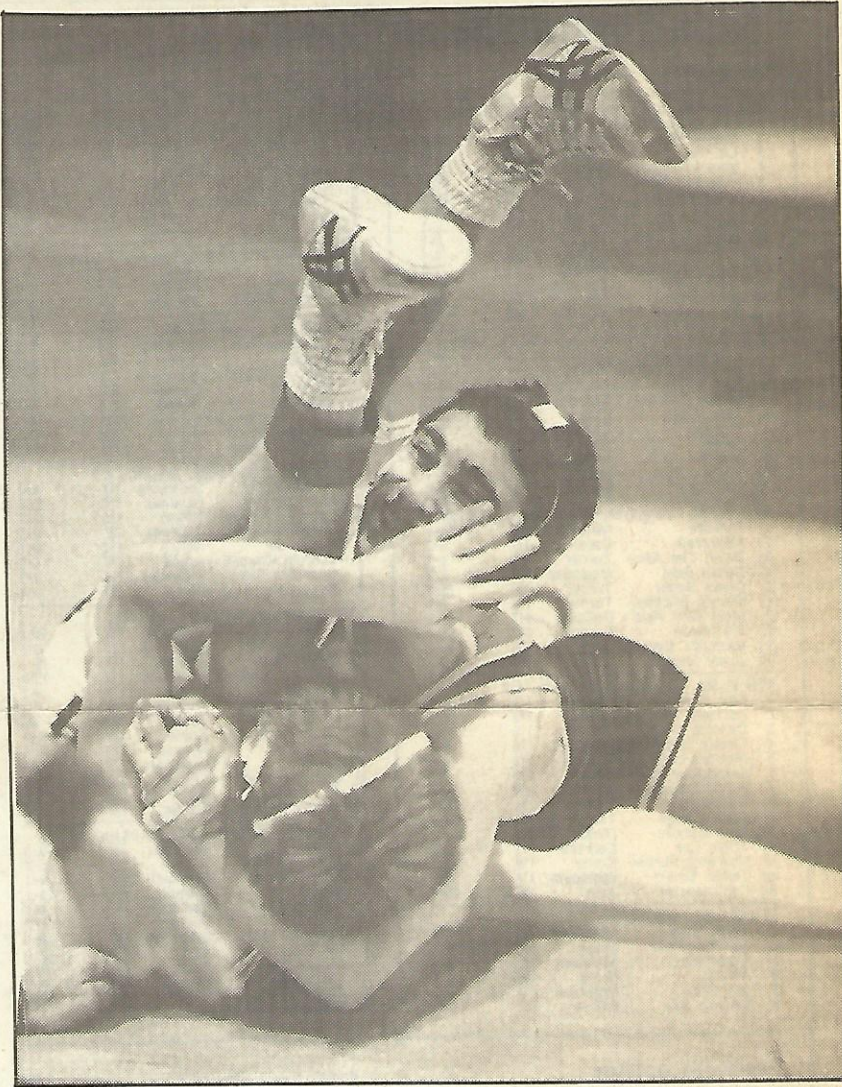
"We've got a nice shot at the Group 3 championship, but I think Fair Lawn has too much depth to be challenged for the overall."

Hills 119-pounder Matt Grossman got a measure of revenge when he scored a 7-1 decision over St. Joseph sophomore Anthony Riotta in the quarterfinals. Riotta eliminated Grossman in the second round last year.

Waldwick, the Group 1 favorite in its first tournament appearance, trailed Hasbrouck Heights and New Milford heading into the quarters. Mario Sinatra (125) and Andy Perry (130) suffered early-round defeats, but the Warriors had strong victories from Hamid Chalileh (103), Marc Del Gaudio (171), and heavyweight Kevin Fall. The trio, dubbed "the franchise" by Waldwick coach Neil Johnson, combined for eight first-period falls.

Del Gaudio was the most impressive, recording one of the quickest pins in the tournament's 29-year history. He needed eight seconds to cradle Demarest's Charlie Won in the first round.

"Shape-wise, I feel pretty good," said Del Gaudio, an All-Bergen football running back who was a fourth-place finisher at Princeton last season. "The only thing you worry about after football is technique, and that comes back pretty quick."



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Hamid Challeh of Waldwick pins Will Ledwith of Ridgewood in the second round of the Bergen County Holiday Wrestling Tournament.

Fair Lawn pins down 4th Bergen title in row

By Barry Gramlich
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HACKENSACK — Christian Tirone's 9-4 decision over Bergenfield's Bill Pollard in the 160-pound final Wednesday night clinched Fair Lawn's fourth consecutive Bergen County Coaches Holiday Tournament wrestling championship.

The Cutters amassed 168½ points, 6½ more than runner-up and 10-time champion Pascack Hills. The Cowboys have finished second to Fair Lawn in each of the Cutters' four championships.

"Talentwise, this team is pretty close to my 1986-87 team," said Fair Lawn's Frank Guadagnino, who is 4-for-4 as a head coach in the tournament. "And we had some pretty big names on that team with Neil Wright, Joe Mocco, Mike Panico, and Carmine Tirone."

The Cutters crowned two champions Wednesday — Scott Kemp at 130 pounds and Tirone. Pascack Hills had three individual champs in Matt Grossman (119), Andy Van Horn (140), and Dave Sobocinski (189).

Cowboys coach Bucky Rehain had anticipated four champions, but returning gold medalist Shane Van Horn lost to Dumont's Keith Mulcare, 14-11 in overtime, at 135 pounds.

"We needed a little luck at the end, and we were hoping Pollard could have knocked off Tirone," Rehain said. "They [the Cutters] picked up some big points in the consolation bouts, too. [Chris] Rotella [fifth place at 171] was a surprise."

Shane Van Horn led Mulcare, 6-4, but Dumont's ace reversed with 20 seconds left to send the bout into overtime. Trailing, 8-6, in the extra session, Mulcare reversed with a Gramby roll and netted three near-fall points to move ahead, 11-6.

Pascack Hills would have gained four team points with a Van Horn victory.

"I tried to tell [Van Horn] to let [Mulcare] up from the bottom position, but he took Mulcare's ride," Rehain said. "[Van Horn] got in trouble twice with that move."

Grossman was the Cowboys' overachiever after being eliminated in the second round last year.

WRESTLING

Grossman had a 6-3 decision over Elmwood Park's Mike Rogan in the 119-pound final after surprising Fort Lee's Nelson Cruz, 10-6, in the semifinals.

Hills easily won the Group 3 team championship, tournament surprise Elmwood Park took the Group 2 title with 129 points, and Waldwick, making its first tournament appearance, won Group 1 with 94½.

Hamid Chalileh won the 103-pound title in convincing fashion, pinning Lyndhurst's Mike DeLuca in 1:11. Chalileh breezed through the tournament with four first-period pins and a technical fall.

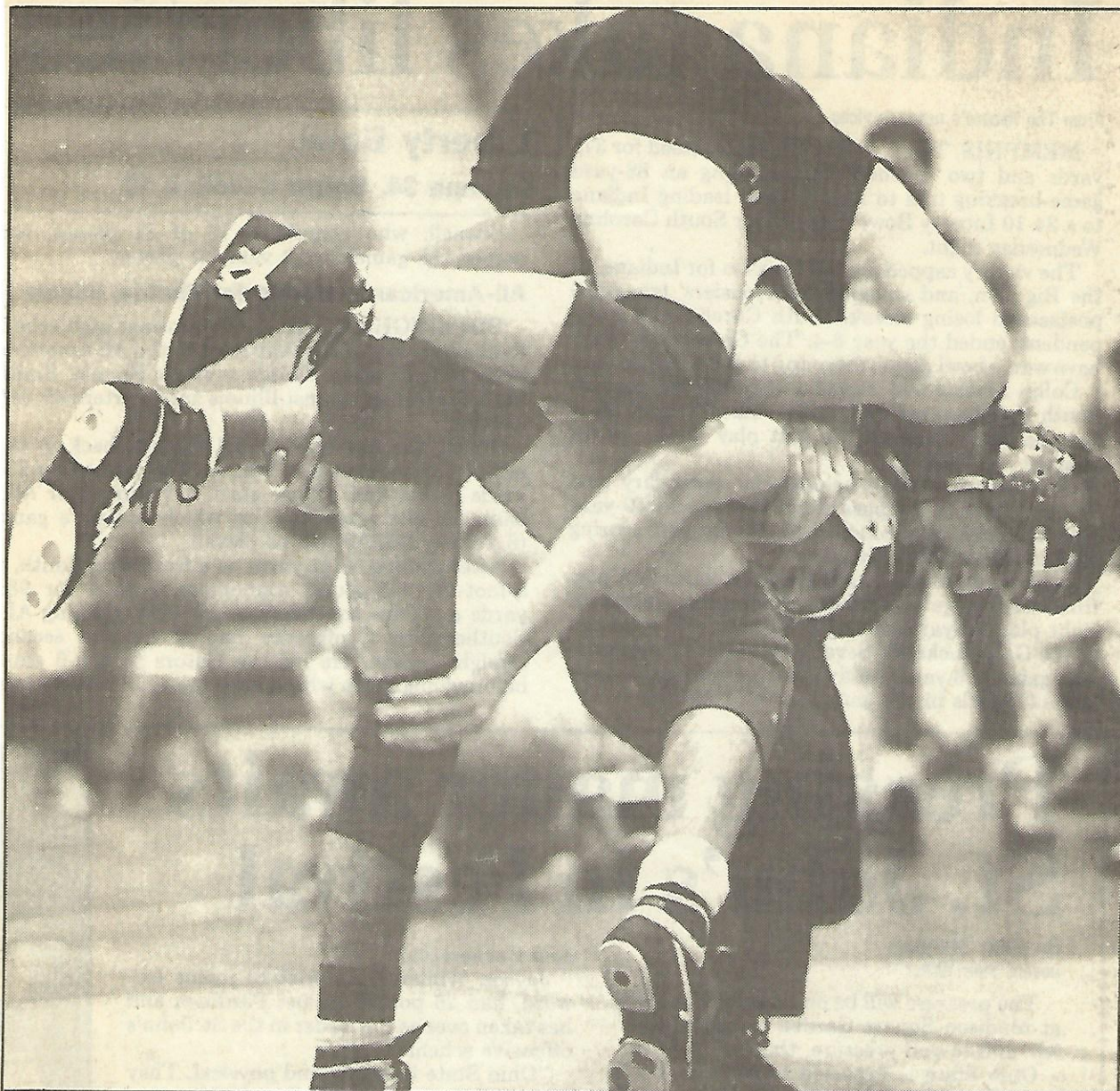
Teammate Marc Del Gaudio didn't fare as well at 171, losing a 5-4 decision when Northern Highlands' Dave Walton worked free for a neutral point with one second left.

Walton and teammate Dave Georgas (152) earned individual titles for the Highlanders.

North Bergen's Alex Moreno and Waldwick's Chalileh were the only wrestlers to pin in the finals. Moreno needed 2:52 to record a fall over Fair Lawn's Jason Barch in the 112-pound bout.

Other individual champions were Rutherford's John Jasionowicz (125), Emerson's John Gulino (145), and Bergen Catholic's Curt Geisler (heavyweight).

Dumont, which had Mike Kubrin win a silver medal at 130, finished fourth in the team standings with 97½ points.



AL PAGLIONE/THE RECORD
Joe Rivera of St. Joseph, top, tangles with Cliffside Park's Chris Cecaia during their 140-pound semifinal bout in the Bergen County Holiday Tournament. Rivera pinned Cecaia in 3:31 to advance to the final round.

Bergen Holiday Tournament

TEAM SCORES

Fair Lawn 168½, Pascack Hills 162, Elmwood Park 129, Dumont 97½, Waldwick 94½, Emerson 84½, No. Highlands 73½, Bergen Catholic 73, Rutherford 70½, Paramus 69, Hasbrouck Hts. 63½, New Milford 58, Cliffs Park 52, Lyndhurst 51, Garfield 49, St. Joseph 49, Westwood 48½, Pascack Valley 47½, Cresskill 46, Lodi 39, Palisades Pk. 38, Bergenfield 36, Ft. Lee 33, Old Tappan 32½, Ramapo 31½, Demarest 30, Hackensack 29, Ridgefield 25, Ridgefield 19, Teaneck 18, Leonia 17, Indian Hills 16, Ridgefield Pk. 15, Ramsey 14, Becton 14, Saddle Brook 12, Mahwah 7, Don Bosco 4, River Dell 2, Englewood 0.

FINALS 119 Grossman won

103 — Hamid Challieh (WD) pin M. DeLuca, 1:11; 112 — Alex Moreno (NB) pin Jason Barch (FL), 2:52; 119 — Michael Rogan (EP) Matt Grossman (PH), 6-3; 125 — John Jasionowicz (NU) dec. S. Castiglia, 9-5; 130 — Scott Kemp (FL) dec. Mike Kubrin (D), 11-0; 135 — K. Mulcare (D) dec. Shane Van Horn (PH), 14-11 (OT); 140 — Andy Van Horn (PH) dec. Joe Rivera (S.J.), 14-4; 145 — John Gulino (EM) dec. Rich Rubino (FL), 6-4; 152 — David Georgas (NH) dec. Sean Donellan (P), 8-4; 160 — Christian Tirone (FL) dec. Bill Pollard (B), 9-4; 171 — David Walton (NH) dec. Marc DelGaudio (WD), 5-4; 189 — Dave Sobocinski (PH) dec. David Lane (NM), 6-3; Hwt — Curt Geisler (BC) dec. Russell Pascale (NB), 8-3.

SEMIFINALS

103 — Challieh (WD) pin Kleinfelder, 1:55; DeLuca (LY) dec. McGinnity (PP), 5-3; 112 — Moreno (NB) pin Keeler (RU), 1:39; Barch (FL) dec. Haemmerle (BC), 9-8; 119 — Grossman (PH) dec. Cruz (FL), 10-6; Rogan (EP) dec. McNeil (NB), 10-2; 125 — Jasionowicz (RW) dec. McKenna (BC), 11-4; Castiglia (EP) dec. Schoppe (C), 12-2; 130 — Kemp (FL) dec. Zanchelli (RA), 13-1; Kubrin (D) dec. Davis (RU), 3-2; 135 — Mulcare (D) dec. Hascup (LO), 6-4; Van Horn (PH) dec. Steinbacher (RI), 13-5; 140 — Rivera (S.J.) pin Cecala (CP), 3:31; Van Horn (PH) pin Petaccia (W), 1:36; 145 — Rubino (FL) dec. Kelly (HA), 10-7; Gulino (EM) dec. Mulligan (EP), 12-2; 152 — Georgas (NH) dec. Montanye (FL), 3-2; Donellan (P) dec. Conroy (EP), 9-2; 160 — Tirone (FL) tech. fall Bonomo (LY), 5:01; Pollard (B) dec. Merritt (C), 14-2; 171 — DelGaudio (WD) pin Hartman (B), 1:42; Walton (NH) dec. Falotico (EM), 5-4; 189 — Lane (NM) pin Nogaki (B), 6:53 (OT); Sobocinski (PH) dec. Bischoff (HH), 15-3; Hwt — Pascale (NB) pin Bilotto (PH); Geisler (BC) tech. fall Fall (WD).

THIRD PLACE

103 — McGinnity (PP) dec. Kleinfelder (PV), 2-0; 112 — Keeler (RU) dec. Haemmerle (BC), 7-6 (OT); 119 — Cruz (Fort) dec. McNeil (NB), 7-1; 125 — McKenna (BC) dec. Schoppe (C), 4-3 (OT); 130 — Davis (RU) dec. Zanchelli (Rama), 7-4; 135 — Steinbacher (Ridgefield) dec. Hascup, 9-1; 140 — Petaccia (W) dec. Cecala, 5-0; 145 — Mulligan (EP) dec. Kelly (H), 9-6; 152 — Montanye (FL) dec. Conroy (EP), 7-0; 160 — Merritt (C) pin Bonomo (LY), 4:58; 171 — Falotico (EM) dec. Hartman (Berg), 11-0; 189 — Nogaki (Berg) dec. Bischoff (HH), 13-5; 275 — Fall (WD) pin Bilotto (PH), 1:30.

FIFTH PLACE

103 — Santelli (RP) dec. Wild (MA), 15-10; Rubinowitz (EP) pin James (PH), 4:01; Rubinowitz (EP) dec. Santelli (RP), 8-2; 112 — Rogers (PH) pin Bernardino, 4:15; Leto (LO) dec. Reff (W), 5-4; Rogers (PH) dec. Leto (LO), 4-0; 119 — Riggio (S.J.) dec. Santelli (FL), 4-2; D'Agostino (OT) pin Zenion (NM), 2:12; D'Agostino (OT) dec. Riggio (S.J.), 2-0; 125 — D'Ambrosio (NM) dec. Senzamici (B), 5-2; Farquhar (RP) dec. Hochrin (DE), 8-5; D'Ambrosio (NM) dec. Farquhar (RP), 6-4; 130 — Scullia (HH) dec. Gonzalez (NB), 6-5; Landoline (PP) dec. Cullinan (CP), 9-4; Landoline (PP) dec. Scullia (HH), 11-6; 135 — Gitto (W) tech. fall Gorla (RO), 4:05; Takach (G) pin Allgor (PV), 0:35; Gitto (W) pin Takach (G), 3:47; 140 — Winrow (DE) default Regina (D); Moran (P) dec. Marron (BE), 9-5; Winrow (DE) dec. Moran (P), 6-4; 145 — Maldonado (HH) default Bognar (RW); Stanek (CP) def. Chib (P); Stanek (CP) dec. Maldonado (HH), 12-1; 152 — Cullazo (G) dec. Rodriguez (L.E.), 9-5; Wirth (EM) pin Gonzalez (T), 1:22; Collazzo (Gar) pin Wirth (EM), 0:54; 160 — DeRosa (H) def. Cavallo (OT); Wunder (D) pin Koenke (NM), 2:45; Wunder (Dum) pin DeRosa (H), 4:59; 171 — Anderson (NB) dec. Carle (D), 4-3; Rotella (FL) dec. Jockish (P), 3-2; Rotella (FL) dec. Anderson (NB), 4-2; 189 — Samra (FL) dec. Hirshoren (IH), 8-1; Mazzo (EM) dec. Kheiralla (PP), 15-6; 275 — Holliday (Gar) pin Ritchie (EM), 1:45; DiPasquale (EP) pin Valenti (HH), 3:09; DiPasquale (EP) dec. Holliday (Gar), 4-3.