

Holiday tourney in class of its own

By **RON FOX**
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For years, the Bergen County Coaches Association's holiday tournament has been known as one of the nation's largest wrestling events. Now, off the gold-medal blitz Bergen wrestlers launched in the 1995 State tournament, the local event is being hailed as one of the nation's finest by college scouts.

Back again is two-time State champion Damion Logan of St. Joseph, who seeks his third Bergen tournament championship. The field of 47 teams includes all but two (Paramus Catholic and Ridgefield) of the county's teams, and features two of Bergen's four State champions — Logan and Lyndhurst's Don Pritzlaff. There is a busload of highly recruitable talent on hand to make the tournament a featured attraction for fans and scouts.

Five 1994 County champions return: Logan and Adrian Puzio of St. Joseph, Mike Settembrino of Lyndhurst, Rich Bitetto of Hackensack, and Pritzlaff, along with six silver medalists and seven bronze medal winners.

The entire two-day tournament will be housed at Paramus High School, with preliminaries today at 10 a.m. and quarterfinals at 7:30 p.m. On Thursday, semifinals and fifth-place consolations are at 11 a.m. Third-place consolations will be waged at 5:30 p.m., and title bouts at 7 p.m.

Following is a rundown of what to expect in each weight class, as viewed through the eyes of several coaches:

103 — If returning champion Settembrino stays down at this weight, he's favored. Top challengers Oliver Ruiz of Cliffside Park and Mike Cieckiewicz of North Bergen (fourth here last year) met in the season-opening Kearny Tournament, with Ruiz winning a decision in the semis. A strong field also includes Andy Bergmann of Fair Lawn, Mark Sassamonte of Bergen Catholic, and Paul Chiaromonte of Elmwood Park.

112 — Garfield's Joe Perno, who reached the fifth-sixth level of the State tournament last year while wrestling for Randolph, is the favorite. Challengers include County bronze medalist Nick Fokas of Bergen Catholic, Joe Biegel of Pascack Hills; C.J. Foster of Emerson/Park Ridge,

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Dan Raspanti of Paramus; Ross Muramaru of Don Bosco Prep, and Settembrino, if he's not in the leadoff class.

119 — Returning bronze medalist Nick DiDomenico of Lodi and silver medalist Brian Bratka of St. Joseph are tops, but indications are that DiDomenico will wrestle at 125. Becton's Ibin Lateef was a finalist in 1993 who did not compete last year. Also figuring to contend are fourth-place finisher Kurt Reczkowski of Emerson/Park Ridge, Mike Frolich of Pascack Hills, Brian Baglieri of BC, and Bob Challenor of Dumont.

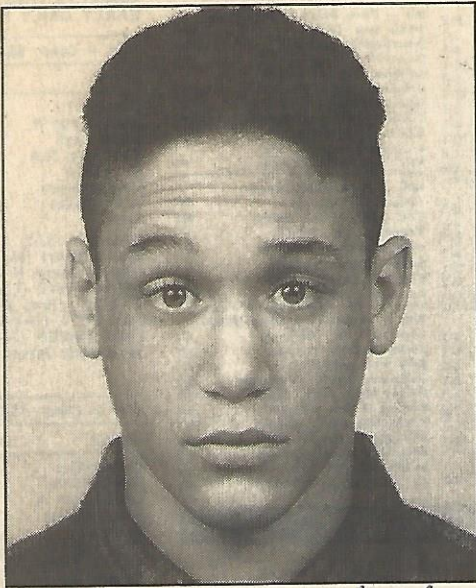
125 — DiDomenico is favored wherever he enters. Abner Suarez of Bergen Catholic, Matt Bolton of St. Joseph, and Sharaf Lateef of Becton, are among top contenders. Suarez won County silver last year. Bolton's family has moved to Washington Township since he finished fourth for Bergenfield last year.

130 — Northern Valley at Demarest's Andy Chamberlain, Ramsey's Rob Brizzi, and Garfield's Roberto Vargas are highly regarded here, although Vargas already has wrestled at 125 pounds this year. Two intriguing sophomores also could make an impact. Ridgefield Park's Mitz Sumilang was District 15 Most Outstanding Wrestler last year, but could not make weight for the regions. He has jumped two weight classes this year. Last weekend, Jesse Moreng of Northern Highlands defeated 135-pound candidate Will Taylor of River Dell, 14-6.

135 — You can figure a number of top-flight 135-pounders will wrestle at 130 or 140 to avoid Logan, who undeniably is the top gun here, followed by Northern Valley at Demarest's Peter Weiss (third in the County), River Dell's Taylor, and possibly Moreng.

140 — Bitetto is a three-time State qualifier who went 25-3 last year. Bitetto figures as the best 140-pounder, unless he decides to go 145. Paul Lauterback of Northern Valley at Demarest and Rob Dillon of Fort Lee are leading contenders.

145 — State champion Pritzlaff is the big guy here, followed by Paramus' County silver medalist Tim Mulligan, BC's Jay Marchetti (fourth here last year), and Fair



DAMION LOGAN
Seeks third tourney title

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Lawn's Paul Wyka. And there's always the chance Bitetto might go here.

152 — St. Joseph's Karl Norgaard, with 22 wins as a sophomore, is most highly regarded in this weight class, followed by Joe Cervino of Paramus, Pat Califano of Fair Lawn, and Mike Miller of Cliffside Park.

160 — County silver medalists Dave Bautis of Lyndhurst and Jon Piela of Bergen Catholic are people to watch in a deep weight class that also features Paramus' Mike Bassett. Yet returning third-place finisher Everett Bell of Becton threatens them all if he chooses not to wrestle at 171 pounds.

171 — Medalists abound. It's Bell (bronze), if he's here, Dave Evertz of Pascack Valley (bronze), and Kris Limbevski of Elmwood Park (silver), although the latter lost, 13-0, to Bell in the Garfield Tournament. Pete Ponzini of Paramus also could medal.

189 — Lanky Drew Peters of Emerson/Park Ridge figures to stand tall both literally and figuratively at 189 pounds, although stern tests could come from among Duncan MacRae of River Dell, Sean Stapleton of Ridgefield Park, and whichever wrestler Northern Valley at Demarest chooses. The Norsemen have



DON PRITZLAFF
Returning champion

great maneuverability in the top three weights with Jeff Bilsky, Brian McTigue, and Joe Yiu all able to shuffle.

215 — A showdown is expected between NV/Demarest's Yiu, who was third last year, and St. Joseph's Henry Pollio, but watch out for Ridgefield Park's Jon Scalo. Virtually anything can happen behind them.

Heavyweight — Another eagerly awaited showdown could be realized here as BC's Ed Galan and St. Joseph's Puzio are big guns. Galan finished fourth in the State last year as a sophomore.

BERGEN HOLIDAY WRESTLING

Ramsey's Brizzi brothers are double trouble

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PARAMUS — Top seed. The phrase carries a burden for the wrestler who bears the title. He is shadowed by great expectations, just as gunmen with the best marksmanship in the Old West were — targets of other fighters with big ideas.

Ramsey's Rob Brizzi, top-

seeded at 130 pounds in the Bergen County Coaches Holiday Tournament, carries that burden of fame, earned by winning two district titles, taking a silver medal in last season's regions, and taking fifth in the 1995 County tournament.

Brizzi lived up to the notice Wednesday with a technical fall to advance to this morning's

semifinal round.

"There's pressure, definitely, but that goes with it," the Rams senior said outside the gym at Paramus High School. "People say, 'It's your senior year, you have to do this and you have to do that.'"

The Brizzi family knows about top seeds — from both ends of the spectrum. Rob's brother, freshman Chris, faced a top seed, defending 103-pound champion Mike Settembrino of Lyndhurst, and scored a 3-1 victory, making Settembrino the only No. 1 seed to fall.

"It was the single-leg that worked for me," Chris Brizzi said of his opening takedown. "The last period, he was cranking on the half."

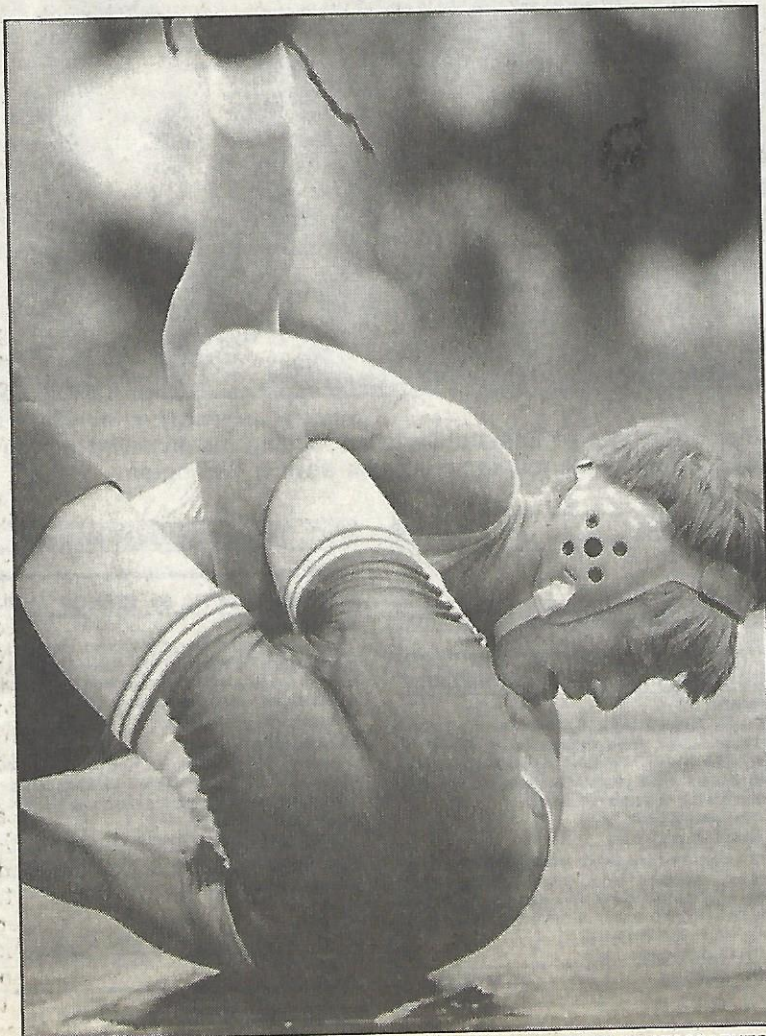
But the younger brother did not give way.

"We do a lot of extra stuff like running and lifting, and that's paying off for us," the older brother said. "He had nothing to lose and went out there and did it. I'm so proud of him."

Bergen Catholic emerged from the frays with the team lead, 175 points to Paramus' 135. BC advanced eight of its quarterfinalists, while the other three return today for the wrestlebacks. Paramus advanced five of its nine wrestlers to the semis.

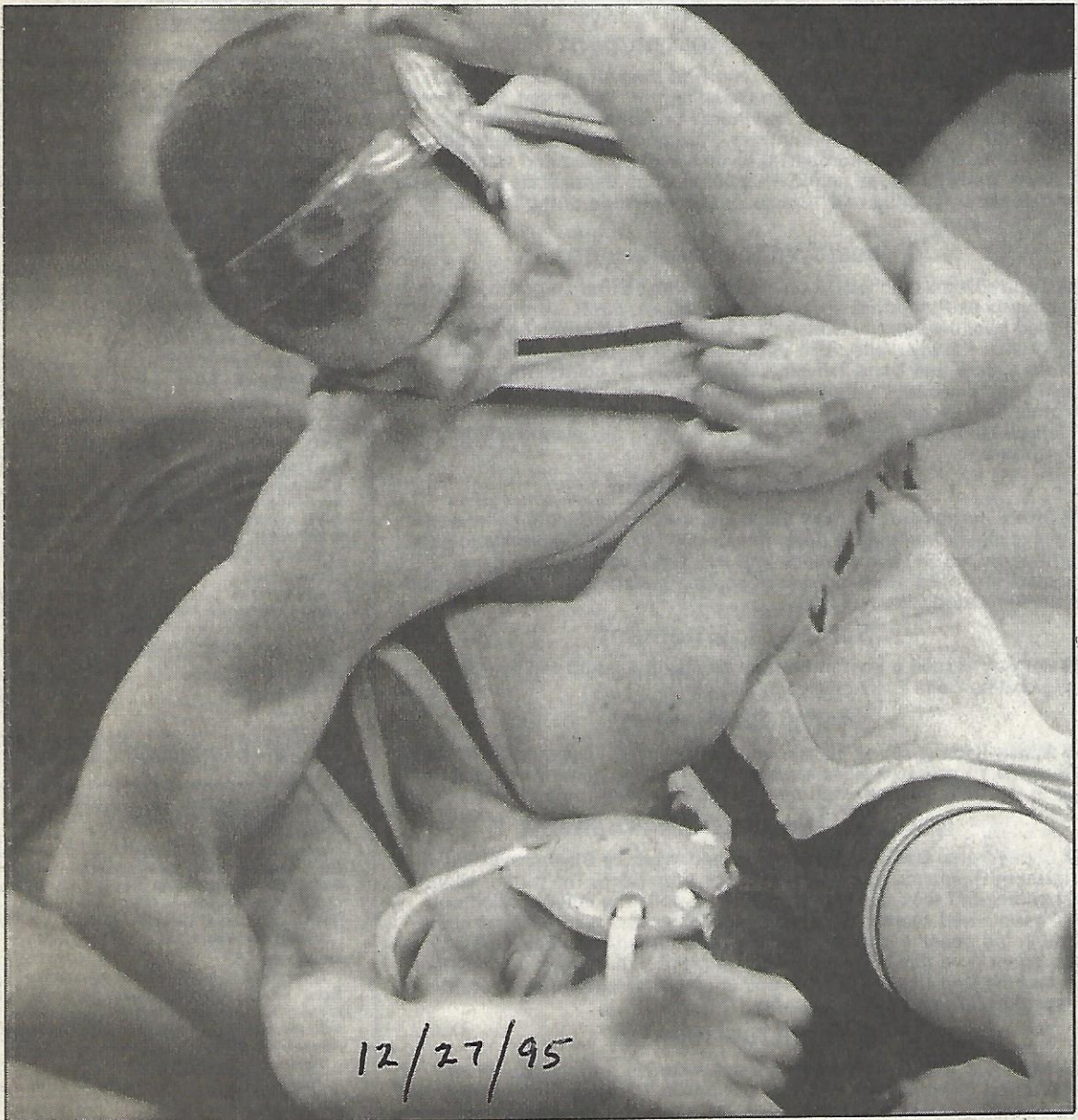
"Mark Galorenzo wrestled well at 135 pounds for us, and he's just a sophomore," BC coach John Drenzo said after the youngster's 6-5 decision. "And Jon Piela wrestled well [a pin of St. Joseph's Jack Iannaci at 160 pounds]. It's his first tournament since football season."

The 189-pound weight class went by in four blinks of the eye, marking itself as the pin division, with each win coming on a first-period pin. Northern



CARMINE GALASSO/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Norman Clausen of Cresskill finishing off a near-side cradle on Teaneck's Kevin Fillie in first-round action at 103 pounds.



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Fair Lawn's Andrew Bergmann (103) preparing to pin Mike Yacovelli of Northern Valley at Old Tappan.

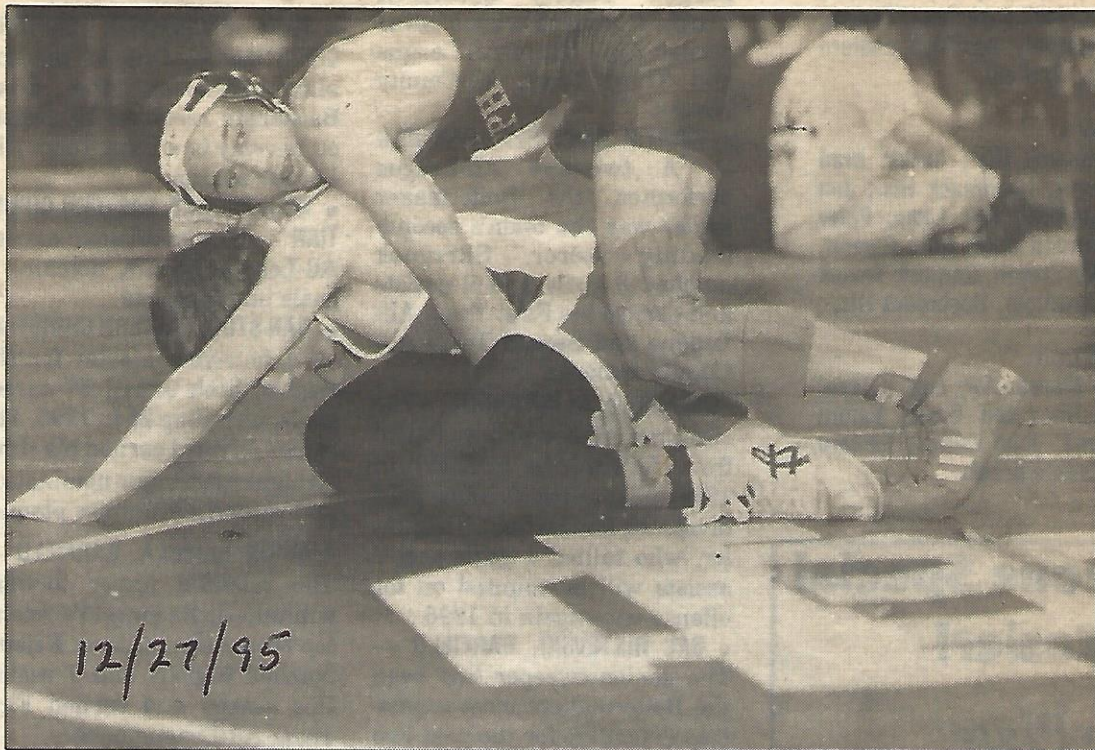
Highlands' Jeff Finley pinned second-seeded Dave Gonzalez of Paramus in 1:57, and he'll face Bergenfield's Devin Nogaki, who won in 1:29. Top-seeded Jeff Bilsky of Northern Valley at Demarest won in 59

seconds and faces Emerson/Park Ridge's Drew Peters, a pin winner in 35 seconds.

If there was a disappointment for the packed house, it was the unavailability of Garfield's Joe Perno, a State semifinalist for

Randolph last year.

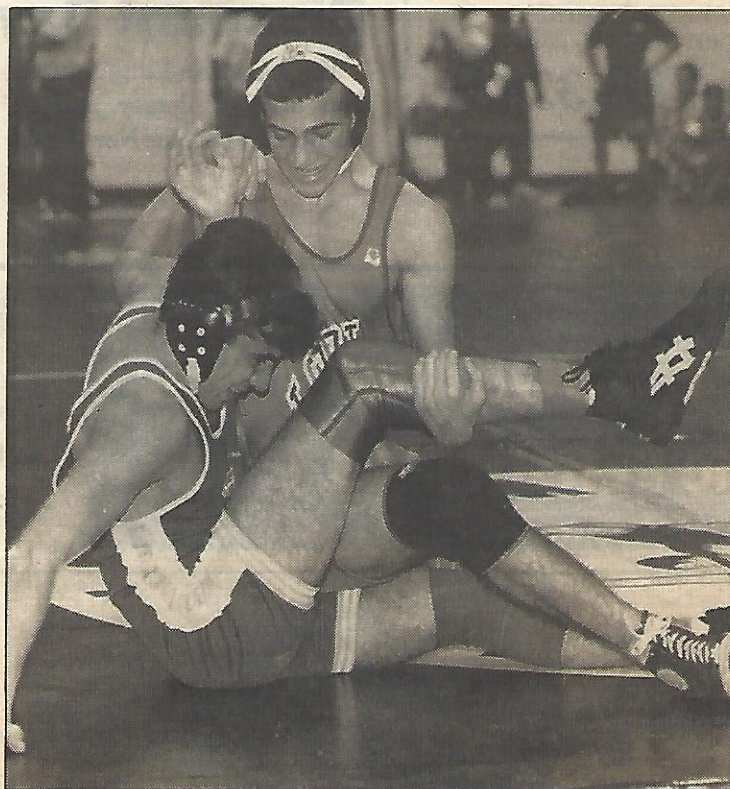
"He's got bruised ribs," said Garfield assistant coach Pete Gonzalez. "It's the kind of thing that if you don't rest it now, it'll bother you the rest of the season."

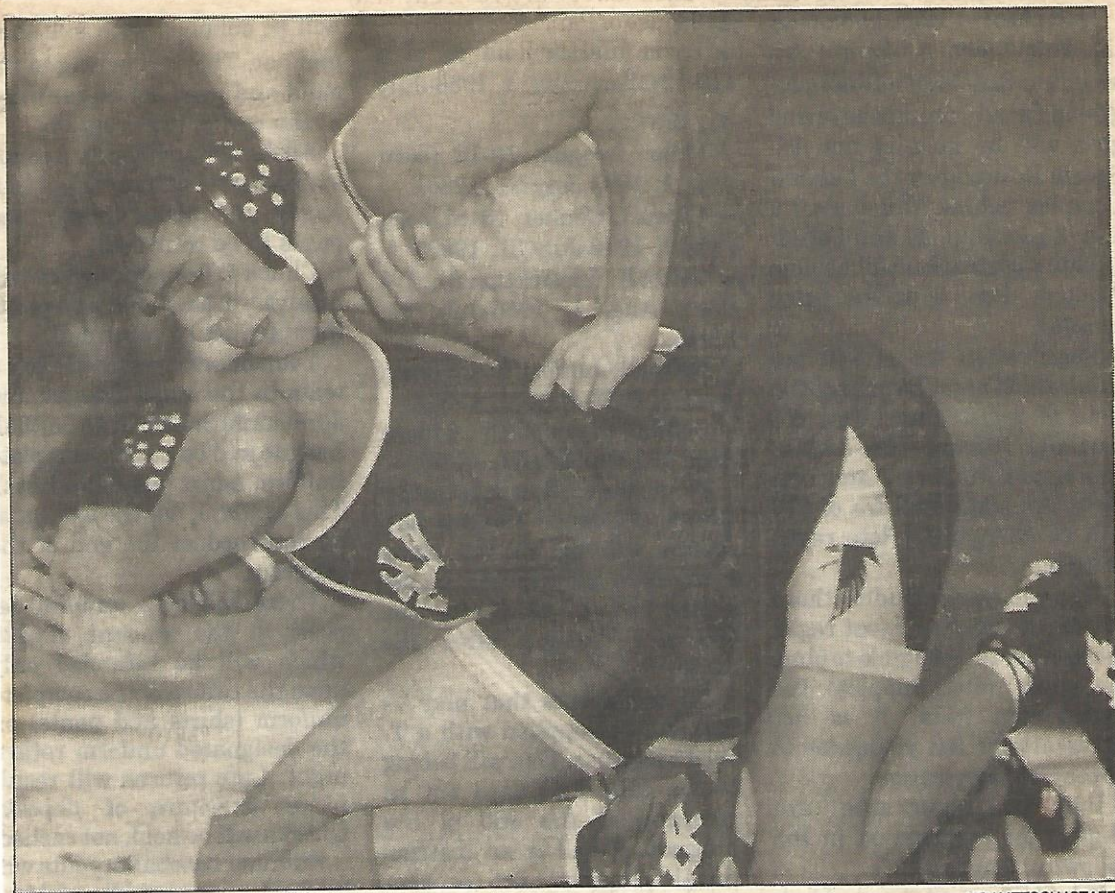


On the mat

Pictured top: Garfield resident Damion Logan of St. Joseph Regional in Montvale beat Pascack Valley's John Sayers 22-8 in their 135-pound first-round bout in the annual Bergen County Coaches Holiday Wrestling Tournament at Paramus High School. Logan lost a shot at his 100th win when he was disqualified in the final for an illegal slam against Peter Weiss of Northern Valley-Demarest. To the right: Lodi's Nick DiDomenico pins Pascack Valley's Gary Javadi at 2:39 of their 125-pound first-round bout. DiDomenico then beat Fair Lawn resident Abner Saurez of Bergen Catholic 4-1 in the finals.

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Six-minute battle 12/27/95

Saddle Brook's Marvin Mendoza is pictured in action against Mahwah's Asif Mian during the annual Bergen County Coaches Holiday Wrestl-

ing Tournament at Paramus High School. Mendoza pinned Mian at 5:59 of the first round, then lost in the second round.

Califano, Cervino display heart

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PARAMUS — Gallant efforts punctuated every round of the Bergen County Coaches Association's holiday wrestling tournament, and Thursday's semifinals were chock full of the grittiest performances.

While the early portions of the semis were fairly tame, they did feature the continued startling performances of such tournament upstarts as unranked 103-pounder Chris Brizzi of Ramsey and sixth-ranked 112-pounder Peter Aguado of Cliffside Park.

Things livened up considerably after Fair Lawn's Pat Califano donned his mask for his 152-pound bout with top-seeded Karl Norgaard of St. Joseph. The mask is worn to protect a nose that has been broken six times, and Califano entered the tournament as somewhat of a darkhorse, considering he missed all but five bouts last year due to injury.

Thursday, Califano brought the crowd to

its feet with a spectacular roll that put Norgaard to his back before Norgaard scored five points on a reversal for a 14-10 win.

Paramus 152-pounder Joe Cervino has to be included in any discussions about determination. The second seed was roughed up by the taller, third-seeded Mike Miller of Cliffside Park, until Cervino headlocked from a standing position and pinned in 3:46.

"You can't let it get to you," said Cervino of the punishment he absorbed. "When I was down, I knew I was going to get up. He went to throw something and I just came up into it."

Cervino and pinner Pete Ponzini (171 pounds) were the only two of Paramus' five semifinalists to advance. The Spartans were hurt when No. 2 seeds Dan Raspanti and Tim Mulligan fell to Aguado and Fair Lawn's Paul Wyka, respectively.

While Bergen Catholic maintained its lead in the team category, four of its eight semifinalists fell. One was second-seeded 160-pounder Jon Piela, who bowed 5-1 to Becton's third-ranked Everett Bell, who

dropped down and latched a leg for a 3-1 lead in the second period. He closed out the match by fighting off a strong duckunder. "I knew he had a good dump," Bell said. "So I had to stay straight up. I had to keep pushing because I knew he wouldn't give in."

Sixth-seeded 130-pounder Matt Borella of Emerson/Park Ridge was another plucky contender in recording his second straight one-point decision. And another No. 6, Bergenfield's Devin Nogaki, drove into the 189-pound final with exquisite footwork.

Pride drove Lyndhurst 103-pounder Mike Settembrino as he made Thursday his day of atonement. A day earlier, he was a top seed toppled by Brizzi. This time, he won both wrestleback matches to claim fifth place.

"I was pretty upset [Wednesday]," he said. "I was top-seeded and there was a lot of pressure, and Brizzi wrestled tough. I had to be more intense and come back to take fifth, because it would have been a pretty poor showing."

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Logan ousted for illegal slam

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PARAMUS — In an otherwise status quo championship round of the Bergen County Holiday wrestling tournament, the silence was broken in the 135-pound final.

Gunning for his third County title, Darnion Logan of St. Joseph was disqualified at 1:06 when Peter Weiss of Northern Valley at Demarest couldn't continue after an illegal slam.

Weiss, who suffered a separated shoulder in last year's District 8 final loss to Logan, landed on the same left shoulder and informed official Bill Paladino that he was through.

Crowd reaction was mixed, although most seemed to agree with Paladino's call while questioning the severity of Weiss' injury.

Bergen Catholic won the team championship.

Here's a bout-by-bout breakdown of the finals:

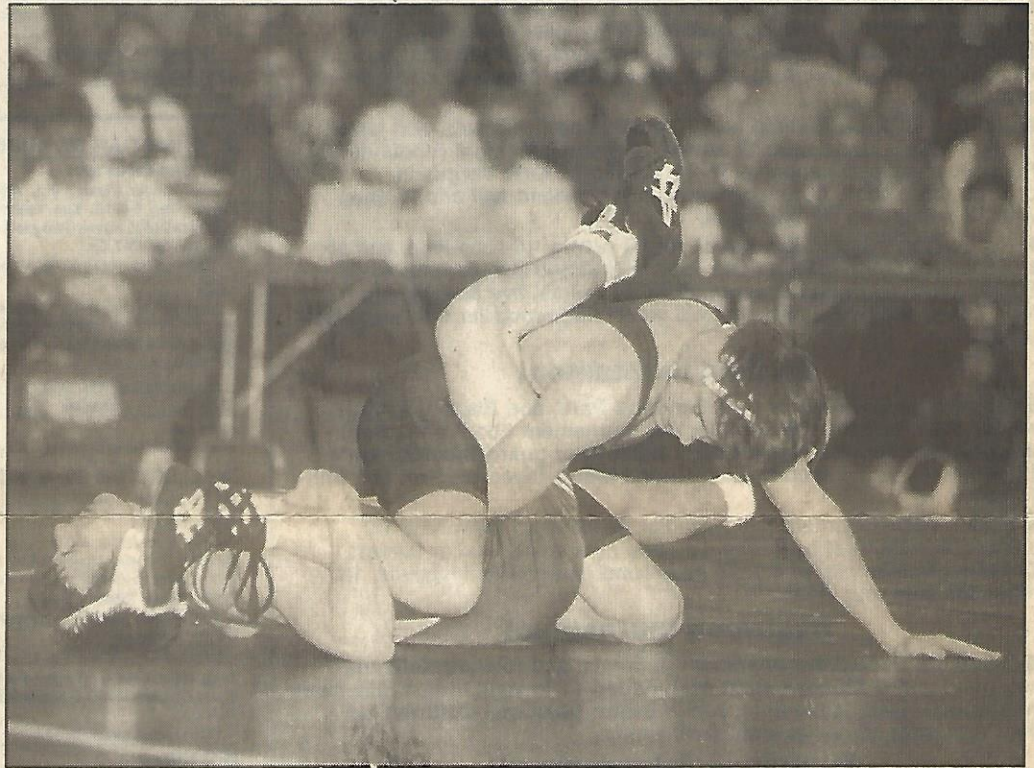
103 — Bidding to become the first freshman to win since Bergen Catholic's Jason Hernandez in 1990, Ramsey's Chris Brizzi was the victim of a first-period double-leg takedown and fell to River Dell junior Justin Woods, 2-0. Woods, a District 8 champion and fourth in Region 2, won his 43rd career bout.

112 — Bergen Catholic sophomore Nick Fokas improved from third to champion with a 17-6 major decision over Pete Aguado of Cliffside Park. Fokas, a Region 2 runner-up last season, put Aguado to his back twice with near-side cradles. He was not taken down. Aguado took a fourth here last season.

119 — Cruising with a 13-2 lead, Bergen Catholic's Brian Baglieri escaped danger when he rolled out of a fallback — an offshoot of a grapevine — from St. Joseph junior Brian Bratka in the third period. Baglieri, who pinned through to the finals, held on for a 13-7 decision. Bratka was a Region 2 runner-up last season.

125 — Held scoreless for 5:20, Lodi's Nick DiDomenico had an escape, neutral, and caution point to rally past Bergen Catholic's Abner Suarez, 4-1. A District 6 and Region 2 champ, DiDomenico scored the go-ahead takedown with 28 seconds left. Suarez was a Region 2 runner-up last season.

130 — Emerson-Park Ridge junior Matt Borrella didn't get out of District 8 last season, but he gave it a go with Region 2 runner-up Rob Brizzi of Ramsey. Brizzi rode a second-period near-side cradle to build an 8-4 lead and finished with an 11-7 victory.



TERRENCE JAMES/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Brian Catholic's Brian Baglieri has things his way in his 13-7 win over St. Joseph's Brian Bratka in the 119-pound final. Baglieri pinned Fair Lawn's Shane DeLuca in the semis.

135 — Logan, a two-time State champion, showed no emotion as he walked off the mat after the championship was awarded to Weiss. The disqualification denied Logan his 100th career win.

140 — Hackensack's Rich Bitetto defended his title, probably by staying away from his nemesis, Karl Norgaard of St. Joseph, who competed at 152. Bitetto built an 11-3 lead before pinning Dave Mayland of Northern Highlands at 5:26. Bitetto also pinned Mayland in last year's Region 2 quarterfinals.

145 — Defending State and Bergen champion Don Pritzlaff of Lyndhurst used a hammerlock and half to flatten Fair Lawn's Paul Wyka, a District 6 champion, at 5:03. Pritzlaff, only a junior, built an 11-3 lead en route to his 69th career win.

152 — It was no contest as District 8 and Region 2 champion Norgaard turned Joe Cervino of Paramus with an arm bar and half for a 35-second fall. Cervino lost for the first time in seven bouts this season.

160 — Two District 15 champions now in the same weight class wrestled a thriller as Lyndhurst's Dave Bautis, the tourney's Most Outstanding Wrestler, took down Becton's Everett Bell with a duckunder at 1:53 of overtime. Bell tied it 4-4 in the final

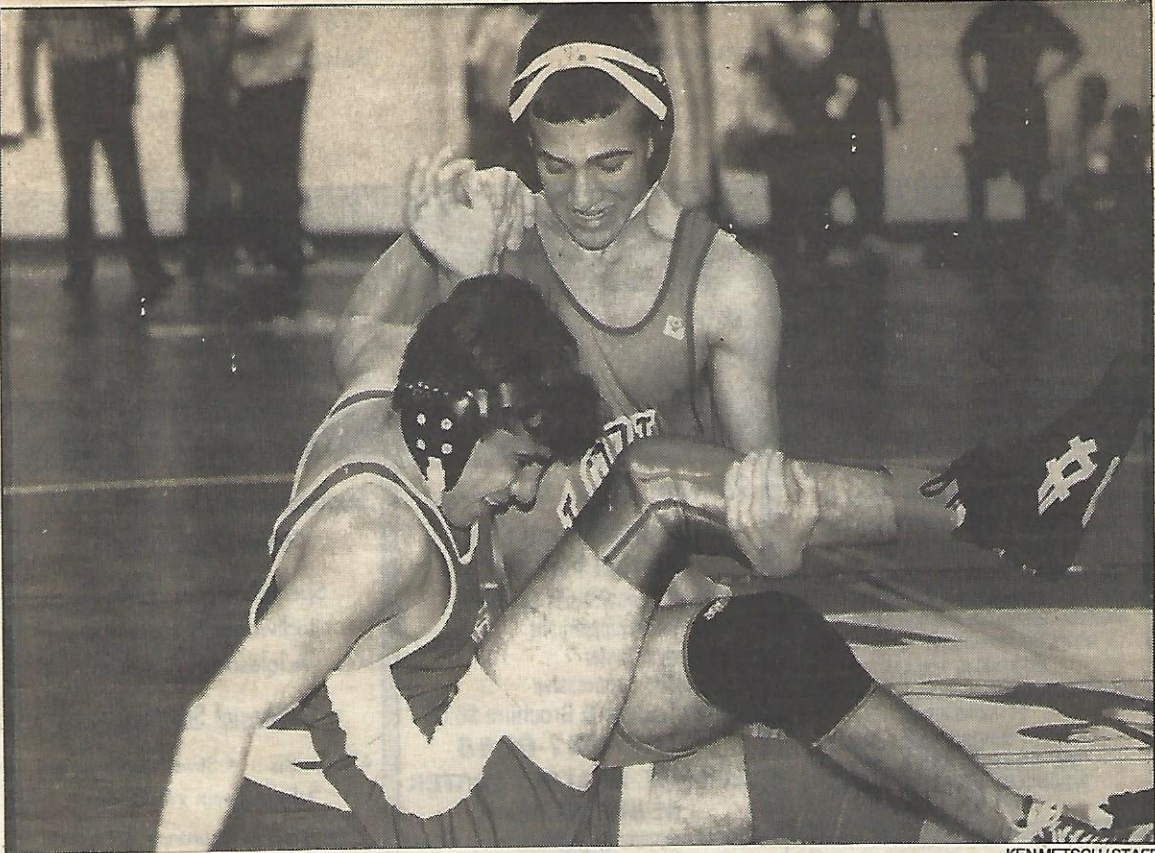
period with two penalty points on Bautis stalls.

171 — Trailing 5-2, Dave Evertz of Pascack Valley scored five points in the third period for a 7-5 decision over Pete Ponzini of Paramus. After Evertz escaped and reversed, he scored the bout-winning points with a near-fall off a tilt. Neither district champion placed in the region last year.

189 — Jeff Bilsky of Demarest, a District 8 champion at heavyweight last year, collected four takedowns in the third period to outscore Bergenfield's Devin Nogaki, 14-10. Two of Bilsky's spinning takedowns came in the final 33 seconds. Nogaki was within a point with 40 seconds left.

215 — At a more practical weight class, the sometimes-heavyweight Joe Yiu of Demarest crushed Kris Limbevski of Elmwood Park, 22-7 (5:12 technical fall). Yiu has added incredible strength since beating Limbevski in overtime in last season's Region 2 semis. He scored 12 points in the opening period.

275 — Ed Galan became Bergen Catholic's third champion with a 6-3 decision over defending champion Adrian Puzio of St. Joseph. Galan, a State fourth-place finisher last year, hadn't gone more than 1:21 in his trek to the finals.



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Lodi's Nick DiDomenico (right) during the recent Bergen County Coaches Holiday Tournament.

1996 holds promise for holiday tourney titlist

By JOHN McMAHON

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LODI — Although he exudes a quiet confidence, Nick DiDomenico's place among the elite in Bergen County wrestling circles came through loud and clear during the holiday season.

DiDomenico knocked off all comers to capture the 125-pound title at the Bergen County Coaches Holiday Tournament. Although a long road still lies ahead, the early season victory effectively places DiDomenico at the head of his class in terms of postseason titles and awards.

For DiDomenico, who is a four-year starter and veteran of the wrestling wars, the victory was just the beginning of a senior season that should cap off a fabulous natural progression of achievements.

"Nick has progressed every year and I think he's exactly where he should be at this stage," said his father and coach, Nick DiDomenico, Sr. "He has done all the things that

were necessary to put him in this position. As long as he guards against complacency, he should have a fine season."

Nick, Jr., who began the season with 61 career wins, captured his tournament by knocking off two area foes who could factor into the postseason picture in March. The defending region champion knocked off St. Joseph's Matt Bolton in the semifinals and came from behind to defeat Fair Lawn resident Abner Suarez of Bergen Catholic 4-1 in the finale.

Trailing Suarez 1-0 with 40 seconds remaining in the bout, DiDomenico used an escape to tie the score and then warded off Suarez' takedown attempt and picked up one of his own to secure the victory.

"Nick is a tremendous defensive tactician," said the elder DiDomenico. "Abner took a leg, but Nick was able to pull him in and turn the tables. It was really a great test that he passed."

The younger DiDomenico,

who is chasing the Lodi school record of 85 career wins held by 1993 graduate Frank Carriere, will now try to go about his business without falling prey to the pressure that goes along with being the top gun.

"I'm not feeling any pressure right now," he said. "Last year I felt that I had to lose a match before the districts. I don't feel that way this year. If I wrestle my best I should win."

Although he has two district and one regional title to his name, DiDomenico has yet to taste victory in the state tournament. With his third trip to Atlantic City likely, a state medal would be the only natural way for DiDomenico to end his season.

"I know that Nick wants to get that first win down in Atlantic City," said DiDomenico, Sr. "He's definitely good enough to place in the state tournament, but once you get that far anything can happen. He's the type of person that takes things one day at a time. He'll be ready when the time comes."

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OUTBRACKET

112 — C.J. Foster (Englewood) dec. Justin Labrosse (Hackensack), 3-2; Chris Merzeau (St. Joseph) major dec. Davd Marin (Dumont), 12-1; 125 — V.J. Castro (Cresskill) pin Robert Carcich (Hasbrouck Heights), 0:34; Jason Rynd (Rutherford) major dec. All Ketaochi, (Ramapo), 13-5; Jesse Williams (Teaneck) Apin Steve Karamitas (Tenafly), 3:52; 140 — Eric Silon (North Bergen) pin Jason Moses (Don Bosco Prep), 0:59; 145 — Justin Mosquera (Ramapo) pin Marc Centrella (Indian Hills), 0:53; Jeff Pena (Englewood) pin Tim Maquire (Manchester), 1:45; Rob Benkovich (Lodi) pin Doug Hanania (Fort Lee), 3:58; Peter Kim (Cresskill) pin Brian Mallet (Pascack Valley), 2:49; 152 — David Kellen (Becton) pin Matt Sack (Tenafly), 3:57; Mike Miller (Cliffside Park) pin Bill Thaller (Ramapo), 2:14; Adam Mutchler (NV/Old Tappan) dec. Sean McGrade (Midland Park), 6-2; Jeff Slominsky (Cresskill) dec. Brad Piotrowski (Ramsey), 6-4; 160 — Rob Connelly (Rutherford) pin Dan Seymour (Leonia), 0:59; Chuck Kohout (River Dell) pin Steve Regula (Pascack Valley), 2:24; Paul Said (Cliffside Park) pin John Stabile (NV/Demarest), 4:58; Sam Angiouli (NV/Old Tappan) pin Ron Sebastian (Elmwood Park), 1:13; 169 — Santo Giammanco (St. Joseph) pin Marc Hughes (Don Bosco Prep), 1:31.

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103 — Michael Settembrino (Lyndhurst) pin David Salmond (Garfield), 3:15; Stefano Tortora (Englewood) pin Ryan Williams (Ramapo), 3:48; Chris Brizzi (Ramsey) tech. fall Joe Molos (Ridgefield Park), 2:56; Andrew Bergmann (Fair Lawn) pin Michael Yacovelli, (NV/Old Tappan), 3:22; Adam McLaren (Pascack Hills) pin Eulyses Del Toro (Hackensack), 0:42; Rich Santana (Paramus) pin Dan McDonnell (Indian Hills), 2:55; Norman Clausen (Cresskill) pin Kevin Fillice (Teaneck), 1:45; David Germakien (Pascack Valley) pin Anthony Glovine (NV/Demarest), 1:23; Mark Sassamann (Bergen Catholic) pin John DiMeglio (Fort Lee), 1:46; P.J. Morraele (Hasbrouck Heights) major dec. Rich Van Houten (Northern Highlands), 8-0; Justin Woods (River Dell) pin Phil Brill-Edwards (Dwight Englewood), 3:43.

112 — Nick Fokas (Bergen Catholic) pin Jeff Emery (Ramsey), 0:51; Vito Gerardi (Lodi) pin Norberto Velez (Elmwood Park), 3:45; Michael Spilewski (NV/Old Tappan) pin Jim Tessaro (Cresskill), 1:55; Vicken Minasian (Westwood) major dec. Charles Delagado (Becton), 12-1; Fasih Hameed (NV/Demarest) pin Frank Scaglione (Lyndhurst), 1:57; T.J. Rinaldi (Manchester) pin Joe Ceccacci (Saddle Brook), 2:31; C.J. Foster (Englewood) pin Matt Moran (New Milford), 1:45; Joe Biegel (Pascack Hills) pin Ryan Wild (Waldwick), 1:18; Ross Muramaru (Don Bosco Prep) pin George Richardson (Northern Highlands), 1:08; Pat Steint (Bogota) pin James McCullagh (Ridgewood), 0:56; Justin Mezzadri (Pascack Valley) pin Joe Marsar (Ridgefield Park), 3:44; Peter Aguado (Cliffside Park) tech. fall Chris Merzeau (St. Joseph), 5:16; Eric Sermabekian (Hasbrouck Heights) tech. fall Sri Maddukuri (Dwight Englewood), 6:00; Junior McDougall (Ramapo) dec. Marc Hall (Indian Hills), 8-6; Ted Lavaras (Teaneck) pin Mark Mariano (Rutherford), 1:19; Dan Raspani (Paramus) pin Aaron Scheinman (Glen Rock), 1:19.

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125 — Nick DiDomenico (Lodi) pin Gary Javadi (Pascack Valley), 2:39; V.J. Castro (Cresskill) pin Zack Crump (Ridgewood), 3:03; Mark Reisman (Ridgefield Park) dec. Mark Matri (Northern Highlands), 6-5; Mike Licin (Paramus) pin Brian Borgoff (NV/Old Tappan), 1:40; Matt Bolton (St. Joseph) pin Dan Rodriguez (Fort Lee), 1:33; Phil DeBiasi (Ramsey) pin John Purciello (Don Bosco Prep), 1:38; Marvin Mendoza (Saddle Brook) pin Asif Mian (Manchester), 5:59; Justin Frohlich (Pascack Hills) dec. Tony DiMaggio (Lyndhurst), 8-6; Demetrius Kaltsis (North Bergen) pin Ed Suri (Elmwood Park), 4:29; Scott Kellen (Becton) dec. Jim Trent (Dumont), 6-4; Mike Wright (Hackensack) major dec. Jason Rynd (Rutherford), 18-8; Phil Bocchino (Westwood) pin Alex Bohr (Dwight Englewood), 0:44; Jay Degennaro (New Milford) major dec. Tony Stanziano (Waldwick), 11-3; Jesse Williams (Teaneck) pin Rick Toscano (St. Mary's), 1:03; Jeff Clark (Bogota) pin Rob Avellon (Bergenfield), 4:57; Abner Suarez (Bergen Catholic) pin Alex Federici (NV/Demarest), 0:53.

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160 — Dave Bautis (Lyndhurst) dec. Raffi Nalajan (Manchester), 11-4; Elvis Pena (North Bergen) dec. Mike Ruten (Northern Highlands), 7-5; Tom Aderhold (Ridgewood) dec. Rob Connelly (Rutherford), 8-2; Josh Filipini (Ramapo) pin Bill Vanides (Bergenfield), 3:02; Joe Mastroeni (Dumont) pin Jaisen Blasko (Hackensack), 3:54; Chuck Kohout (River Dell) pin Louis Ona (Teaneck), 1:28; Lee Noury (Midland Park) pin Sam Davies (Dwight Englewood), 2:49; Mike Bassett (Paramus) pin Mike Castellano (Indian Hills), 1:06; Everett Bell (Becton) pin Rob Valdes (Cresskill), 1:28; Marc Freschi (Ramsey) pin Anthony Russo (Pascack Hills), 2:52; Paul Said (Cliffside Park) pin Kevin Green (Westwood), 0:49; Jared Golub (Englewood) pin Vincent Guglielmo (Don Bosco Prep), 1:35; Jack Iannaci (St. Joseph) pin Frank Occhipinti (Waldwick), 0:36; Sam Angiouli (NV/Old Tappan) pin Jay Biedencapp (New Milford), 1:10; Salah Lakehal (Fort Lee) pin James Ewen (Wood-Ridge), 4:55; John Piela (Bergen Catholic) pin Daniel Profita (Tenafly), 1:36.

171 — Pete Ponzini (Paramus) pin Jason Pankowski (Westwood), 0:17; Mike Alu (Indian Hills) pin Guy Malatino (Ramsey), 0:26; Joe Palasti (Lodi) pin David Nicolardi (NV/Old Tappan), 1:28; Xin Miao (Midland Park) pin Joe Cutruzzola (Lyndhurst), 2:32; Matt Conner (Pascack Hills) pin Fred Wood (Bogota), 5:17; Steve Dehaan (Bergenfield) pin Enrique Valenzuela (North Bergen), 3:45; Alrick Burrell (Hackensack) dec. Matt Fleming (Cresskill), 7-5; John West (Ridgefield Park) pin Dan Jemal (Glen Rock), 3:17; Rich Luzzi (NV/Demarest) pin Steve DeGobbi (Ridgewood), 1:16; Jeff Burke (St. Mary's) pin Andrew Schutzman (Don Bosco Prep), 0:39; Ed Yucis (Fair Lawn) pin Jay Bronsky (New Milford), 1:44; Steve Meccia (Bergen Tech) dec. Jed Gillick (Northern Highlands), 11-3; Dan Norton (River Dell) pin Adhem El-Kordy (Cliffside Park), 2:28; David Evertz (Pascack Valley) pin Michael Liaskos (Englewood), 0:35.

189 — Jeff Bilsky (NV/Demarest) pin Brian Schumeyer (Westwood), 2:34; Sammy Elsamra (Cliffside Park) pin Mike Verrilli (NV/Old Tappan), 1:45; Kyle Good (Indian Hills) pin Sam Lee (Wood-Ridge), 3:03; Harry Aristakeian (Garfield) pin Teddy Liouliakis (Fort Lee), 4:50; Marcone Rocha (North Bergen) pin Louis Acevedo (Teaneck), 1:39; Felice Bartolomeo (New Milford) pin John Daffron (Ramsey), 1:06; Kevin Moore (St. Mary's) dec. A.J. Goldberg (Ramapo), 9-7; Drew Peters (Englewood) pin George Khouri (Bogota), 1:45; Harry Marquez (Rutherford) pin Donny Jansvick (Elmwood Park), 3:21; Sean Stapleton (Ridgefield Park) pin Sean Davis (Hackensack), 1:04; Nick Gaggis (Bergen Catholic) pin Rob Goldberg (Cresskill), 2:37; Devin Nogaki (Bergenfield) pin John Currid (Pascack Hills), 2:41; Jeff Finley (Northern Highlands) dec. Duncan MacRae (River Dell), 11-4; John Emes (Glen Rock) pin Santo Giammanco (St. Joseph), 2:59; John Gillatis (Tenafly) pin Mike O'Shaughnessy (Midland Park), 5:02; Dave Gonzalez (Paramus) major dec. Jae Choi (Dwight Englewood), 15-3.

215 — Kryz Dobrygowski (Becton) pin Jeremiah Echeandia (Ridgewood), 0:33; Jeff Steidl (Paramus) pin Frank Barrise (Don Bosco Prep), 0:39; Pat Delaney (Hackensack) pin Matt Percelli (Glen Rock), 1:59; Sandy Hidalgo (Cliffside Park) pin Bryan Interiano (Cresskill), 1:30; Edgar Puzio (St. Joseph) pin B.J.

Niederauer (Pascack Hills), 1:10; Dino Eliopoulos (Palisades Park) pin Duke Golz (Manchester), 3:59; Kris Limbavski (Elmwood Park) pin Gabe Georgelan (Leonia), 2:27; Bill Taylor (Northern Highlands) pin Rich Optoff (Bogota), 1:07; Marc Amatucci (Rutherford) pin Ron Phillips (Wood-Ridge), 1:22; Chris Canals (North Bergen) pin David Ross (Ramsey), 2:49; Nick Lapolla (Bergen Catholic) pin Mike Gonnerman (River Dell), 1:52; Mike Malleo (St. Mary's) pin Luis Diaz (New Milford), 1:29; John Huang (Fort Lee) dec. Frank D'Amico (Lodi), 11-10.

275 — Ed Lynch (Palisades Park) pin Bryant Robinson (Hackensack), 3:16; Dan Berardo (Cresskill) pin Vinnie Rizzo (Waldwick), 0:54; Rich Carrion (Bogota) pin Rob Feehan (Ridgefield Park), 5:20; Brian Mullen (Northern Highlands) pin Scott Celikbas (Manchester), 1:08; Bob Capicchio (River Dell) pin Eric Stoltz (Becton), 1:02; Brian Campbell (Pascack Valley) pin Jason Silverglate (Indian Hills), 5:48; Koz Perez (North Bergen) major dec. Michael Thimme (Don Bosco Prep), 11-2; Adrian Puzio (St. Joseph) pin Andrew Lee (Paramus), 0:37.

130 — Rob Brizzi (Ramsey) pin Ryan Egan (Waldwick), 1:42; Ryan Alpher (Palisades Park) major dec. Billy Schaller (Dwight Englewood), 11-3; Justin Gavejian (Bergen Catholic) dec. Ted McDonough (Manchester), 4-1; Jorge Pena (Glen Rock) dec. Leon Stallings (Lodi), 11-10; Pete Kracyonovich (Pascack Hills) tech. fall Herbert Calderon (Cliffside Park), 3:52; David Fleming (Cresskill) dec. Sharaf Lateef (Becton), 12-8; Jesse Moreng (Northern Highlands) pin Peter Karamitas (Tenafly), 1:39; Howie Wein (Westwood) dec. Mel Pascua (River Dell), 11-5; Matt Borella (Englewood) major dec. Patrick Price (Don Bosco Prep), 13-1; Paul Riccardella (Wood-Ridge) pin Domingo Aviles (Hackensack), 1:28; Ron Lee (NV/Old Tappan) dec. Ralph DeNisco (St. Joseph), 8-7; Brad Christie (Fort Lee) pin Artie Madonia (Pascack Valley), 3:25.

135 — Damion Logan (St. Joseph) major dec. John Sayers (Pascack Valley), 22-8; Paul Pellegrino (Northern Highlands) pin Jay Murray (New Milford), 1:33; Ian Majka (Saddle Brook) pin Rob Smithline (Ramapo), 1:16; Will Taylor (River Dell) tech. fall Brian Kearns (Lyndhurst), 4:00; Mark Galorezo (Bergen Catholic) pin Rafiq Sarawar (NV/Old Tappan), 4:59; Brian Gluck (Glen Rock) pin Frank Nevello (Elmwood Park), 3:42; Donnie Sliker (Fort Lee) dec. Jason Kyriacou (Dumont), 8-2; Darren Dallarso (Bogota) pin Jon Dubowsky (Tenafly), 1:30; Pete Weiss (NV/Demarest) major dec. Mike Kerbe (Ridgefield Park), 18-5; Mike Byrnes (Palisades Park) pin Hector Montalvo (North Bergen), 2:28; Mike Tessaro (Cresskill) pin Joe Careri

(Lyndhurst), 4:54; John Blanchfield (Garfield) pin Bryan DeSousa (Don Bosco Prep), 3:12; Justin Christodoro (Paramus) pin Matt Huetteman (Becton), 1:31; Jason Manning (Pascack Hills) pin Gil Torres (Hackensack), 2:31; Michael Maloney (Wood-Ridge) dec. Joe Bellotti (Dwight Englewood), 16-11; Raymond Meyer (Hasbrouck Heights) pin Ryan O'Connor (Ramsey), 1:06.

140 — Rich Bitetto (Hackensack) pin Eric Silon (North Bergen), 3:30; Garran Klercyjan (Palisades Park) pin Dave Prince (Teaneck), 2:58; Tim Ritchie (Lodi) injury default Kris Menzel (Ridgefield Park), 2:00; Rob Ortiz (Paramus) pin Rob Kim (NV/Old Tappan), 2:34; Chris Laterra (St. Joseph) pin Robert Vicari (Elmwood Park), 5:23; Eric McBrearty (Hasbrouck Heights) tech. fall Dave Thompson (New Milford), 3:50; Joel Manning (Pascack Hills) pin Robbie Dillon (Fort Lee), 2:55; Paul Lauterback (NV/Demarest) major dec. Scott Schilling (Englewood), 13-3; Joe Nasr (Cliffside Park) pin Dave Van Dyke (Indian Hills), 4:42; Mike Halkias (Cresskill) pin Bobby Riley (Manchester), 2:00; Dan Powers (Leonia) pin Roman Duffy (Dumont), 3:28; Chris Alvarez (Fair Lawn) tech. fall Eric Gershoni (Tenafly), 5:08; Jason Gavejian (Bergen Catholic) pin Rob Antoine (Waldwick), 5:35; Tim Ferraro (Ridgewood) dec. Anthony Barbire (Becton), 17-10; Mike Marsala (Pascack Valley) pin Greg Marchick (River Dell), 1:16; Dave Mayland (Northern Highlands) pin Michael Sabato (Wood-Ridge), 0:45.

145 — Don Pritzlaff (Lyndhurst) pin Steve Carucci (St. Mary's), 2:41; Jim Merrill (Wood-Ridge) pin Dan Yasosky (Becton), 2:10; Dave Waldenstein (Teaneck) major dec. Jeff DeMenna (Waldwick), 12-4; Adam Zajcek (Ridgefield Park) pin Declan Costello (Ramsey), 1:15; Jay Marchetti (Bergen Catholic) pin Dennis Winters (Pascack Hills), 3:20; Justin Mosquera (Ramapo) dec. Jozeph Normile (Elmwood Park), 3:20; Jeff Pena (Englewood) dec. Peter DeFilippi (Tenafly), 8-4; Jose Celis (Northern Highlands) dec. Pat Festa (Saddle Brook), 9-3; Paul Wyka (Fair Lawn) tech. fall Rob Benkovich (Lodi), 3:27; Ramon Diaz (Hackensack) pin Sammer Dhalla (Dwight Englewood), 2:41; Peter Kim (Cresskill) major dec. John Montalbano (Bergenfield), 11-2; Michael D'Andrea (NV/Old Tappan) pin Rob Delcid (Bogota), 5:05; Iain Morgan (River Dell) dec. Idalvo Gonzalez (North Bergen), 10-8; Joe Mermile (NV/Demarest) pin Joe Langshultz (New Milford), 3:03; Tim Mulligan (Paramus) pin Housep Grigorian (Garfield), 4:45.

152 — Karl Norgaard (St. Joseph) pin Eddie Browne (Hackensack), 3:33; Ken Tripaldi (Waldwick) pin Dan Liza (New Milford), 3:13; Mark Lois (Bergen Tech) pin Rick Melton (Lodi), 1:11; Hagop Minasian (Westwood) pin Hal Reinauer (Northern Highlands), 1:12; David Kellen (Becton) pin Jim Olivero (River Dell), 1:20; Chris Alvino (Glen Rock) pin Michael Catil (Bergen Catholic), 3:10; Paul Lada (Elmwood Park) dec. Bill Rinaldi (Hasbrouck Heights) 6-5; Pat Califano (Fair Lawn) tech. fall Jim Gallione (NV/Demarest), 3:07; Mike Miller (Cliffside Park) pin Derek Dailey (Dwight Englewood), 2:56; Dave Celenza (Saddle Brook) dec. B.J. Pehush (Ridgewood), 10-3; Phil Stabile (North Bergen) pin Adam Mutchler (NV/Old Tappan), 0:58; Mike Mauro (Bogota) pin Adam Rottner (Teaneck), 0:57; Eric Von Rudenberg (Ridgefield Park) pin Jeff Slominsky (Cresskill), 0:43; Brian Gehshen (Pascack Valley) pin Jet Bunditwong (Wood-Ridge), 4:34; Paul Maselli (Don Bosco Prep) pin Ron Viola (Englewood), 0:45; Joe Cervino (Paramus) pin Chris DeNardo (Lyndhurst), 1:13.

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SECOND ROUND

103 — Settembrino dec. Tortora, 6-2; Brizzi pin Occhipinti, 0:37; Bergmann dec. McLaren, 8-4; Santana dec. Diaz, 5-4; Cieckiewicz pin Clausen, 1:54; Sassamann dec. Germakien, 9-2; Chiaromonte pin Bursette, 2:29; Woods dec. Morreale, 5-0.

112 — Fokas pin Gerard, 0:41; Minassian pin Spilewski, 3:58; Hameed dec. Rinaldi, 10-3; Biegel dec. Foster, 4-2; Muramaru pin Stein, 3:33; Aguado pin Mezzadri, 2:42; McDougall dec. Sermabekian, 7-4; Raspanti pin Lavarlas, 2:41.

119 — Bratka pin Dray, 2:59; Ruiz dec. Kanarvogel, 10-9; Reozkowski pin Sterle, 0:59; Lateef dec. Poalillo, 6-0; Challenger dec. Lauterback, 10-3; DeLuca dec. Tryanowski, 8-1; Frohlich pin Tomos, 4:52; Baglieri pin Fuentes, 0:53.

125 — DiDomenico tech. fall Castro, 4:30; Licini dec. Reisman, 5-2; Blotun dec. DeBiasi, 9-2; Frohlich pin Mendoza, 3:44; Kellen dec. Kaitis, 10-4; Bocchino tech. fall Wright, 6:00; Williams pin Degennaro, 2:48; Suarez pin Clark, 1:33.

130 — Brizzi dec. Barcheto, 9-4; Alpher dec. Gavejian, 7-2; Castrovinci pin Pena, 3:15; Fleming tech. fall Kraycinovich, 5:59; Moreng major dec. Glazer, 18-9; Borella major dec. Wein, 11-0; Lee pin Riccardella, 2:57; Christie dec. Sumliang, 7-6.

135 — Logan pin Pellegrino, 1:00; Taylor major dec. Majka, 21-12; Galorezo pin Gluck, 0:38; Silker major dec. Dallarso, 20-11; Weiss pin Byrnes, 2:50; Blanchfield major dec. Tessaro, 8-0; Manning dec. Christodoro, 8-4; Meyer pin Maloney, 1:36.

140 — Bitetto pin Kliercyan, 0:20; Ortiz dec. Ritchie, 12-8; Laterra dec. McBrearty, 7-1; Lauterback tech. fall Manning, 4:04; Nasr pin Haikias, 0:49; Alvarez pin Powers, 2:42; Gavejian pin Ferraro, 0:37; Mayland pin Marsala, 1:48.

145 — Pritzlaff pin Merrill, 1:17; Zajcek pin Waldstein, 1:37; Marchetti major dec. Mosquera, 13-0; Pena pin Celis, 4:34; Wyka pin Diaz, 0:29; Kim dec. Perrotta, 6-1; D'Andrea dec. Morgan, 9-7; Mulligan pin Mermile, 1:24.

152 — Norgaard pin Tripaldi, 0:51; Minassian pin Lois, 1:46; Kellen dec. Alvino, 6-3; Califano pin Lada, 1:12; Miller pin Celenza, 0:39; Stabile dec. Mauro, 6-1; Von Rudenberg pin Gehshen, 0:58; Cervino pin Maselli, 2:39.

160 — Bautis pin Pena, 2:41; Filipini dec. Aderhold, 7-4; Mastroeni major dec. Kohout, 20-6; Bassett tech. fall Noury, 3:28; Bell pin Freschi, 1:38; Golub pin Said, 3:28; Iannaci pin Angioui, 0:16; Piela pin Lakehal, 0:26.

171 — Ponzini pin Alu, 0:50; Palasti pin Miao, 5:16; DeHaan dec. Conner, 11-7; West pin Burrell, 0:42; Luzzi pin Burke, 3:20; Galan pin Yuca, 0:44; Greeley pin Meccia, 5:14; Evertz tech. fall Norton, 3:24.

189 — Bilsky pin Elsamra, 1:31; Aristakelian pin Good, 3:27; Rocha dec. Bartolomeo, 16-10; Peters pin Moore, 1:39; Marquez dec. Stapleton, 5-3; Nogaki pin Gagis, 0:46; Finley pin Emes, 1:52; Gonzalez pin Giliatis, 0:03.

215 — Yiu pin Dobrygowski, 0:18; Delane pin Steidl, 2:42; Natiello pin Hidalgo, 0:47; Eliopoulos pin Puzio, 3:12; Limbevski pin Taylor, 0:46; Amatucci dec. Canals, 7-6; Lapolla pin Malleo, 1:39; Scalo pin Huang, 0:29.

275 — Galan pin Lynch, 0:55; Derardo pin Allen, 0:13; Carrion pin Groenewegen, 0:23; McTigue dec. Mullen, 4-3; Morrone pin Capocchion, 0:33; Campbell pin Williams, 1:16; Hamilton pin Albanese, 2:56; Puzio pin Perez, 1:30.

QUARTERFINALS

103 — Brizzi dec. Settembrino, 3-1; Bergmann dec. Santana, 6-1; Cieckiewicz dec. Sassamann, 11-5; Woods dec. Chiaromonte, 4-1.

112 — Fokas pin Spilewski, 0:54; Biegel major dec. Hameed, 13-3; Aguado dec. Muramaru, 13-8; Raspanti pin McDougall, 1:06.

119 — Bratka major dec. Ruiz, 12-3; Lateef dec. Reozkowski, 9-8; DeLuca dec. Challenger, 5-2; Baglieri pin Frohlich, 2:54.

125 — DiDomenico major dec. Licini, 14-0; Bolton dec. Frohlich, 8-1; Bocchino dec. Keelen, 9-5; Suarez dec. Williams, 5-3.

130 — Brizzi tech. fall Alpher, 2:57; Castrovinci dec. Fleming, 3-2; Borella dec. Moreng, 11-10; Christie dec. Lee, 7-1.

135 — Logan pin Taylor, 2:20; Galorezo dec. Silker, 6-5; Weiss dec. Blanchfield, 4-2; Meyer dec. Manning, 9-8.

140 — Bitetto tech. fall Oritz, 5:02; Lauterback pin Laterra, 1:15; Nasr dec. Alvarez, 11-5; Mayland major dec. Gavejian, 16-6.

145 — Pritzlaff pin Zajcek, 2:46; Marchetti pin Jeff Pena, 3:04; Wyka pin Kim, 3:45; Mulligan pin D'Andrea, 0:52.

152 — Norgaard pin Minassian, 1:14; Califano pin Kellen, 1:44; Miller pin Stabile, 3:00; Cervino major dec. Von Rudenberg, 15-4.

160 — Bautis pin Filipini, 1:33; Bassett pin Mastroeni, 3:02; Bell dec. Golub, 11-4; Piela pin Iannaci, 5:45.

171 — Ponzini pin Palasti, 1:10; West pin Dehaan, 1:10; Galan pin Luzzi, 3:54; Evertz major dec. Greeley, 17-5.

189 — Bilsky pin Aristakelian, 0:59; Peters pin Rocha, 5:35; Nogaki pin Marquez, 1:29; Finley pin Gonzalez, 1:57.

215 — Yiu pin Delaney, 1:52; Eliopoulos dec. Natiello, 10-9; Limbevski pin Amatucci, 0:49; Scalo pin Lapolla, 1:28.

275 — Galan pin Berardo, 0:19; McTigue dec. Carrion, 4-3; Campbell pin Morrone, 5:58; Puzio pin Hamilton, 2:23.

SEMIFINALS

103 — Chris Brizzi, Ramsey, dec. Andrew Bergmann, Fair Lawn, 5-1; Justin Woods, River Dell, pin Mike Cieckiewicz, North Bergen, 3:32; 112 — Nick Fokas, Bergen Catholic, dec. Joe Biegel, Pascack Hills, 8-3; Peter Aguado, Cliffside Park, pin Dan Raspanti, Paramus, 5:34; 119 — Brian Bratka, St. Joseph, dec. Ibin Lateef, Becton, 3-1; Brian Baglieri, Bergen Catholic, pin Shane DeLuca, Fair Lawn, 1:48; 125 — Nick DiDomenico, Lodi, dec. Matt Bolton, St. Joseph, 8-4; Abner Suarez, Bergen Catholic, dec. Phil Bocchino, Westwood, 11-4; 130 — Rob Brizzi, Ramsey, dec. Fred Castrovinci, Lyndhurst, 3-2; Matt Borella, Emerson/Park Ridge, dec. Brad Christie, Fort Lee, 3-2; 135 — Damian Logan, St. Joseph, pin Mark Galorezo, Bergen Catholic, 2:12; Pete Weiss, NV/Demarest, dec. Raymond Meyer, Hasbrouck Heights, 4-3; 140 — Rich Bitetto, Hackensack, dec. Paul Lauterback, NV/Demarest, 9-2; Dave Mayland, Northern Highlands, dec. Joe Nasr, Cliffside Park, 7-0; 145 — Don Pritzlaff, Lyndhurst, dec. Jay Marchetti, Bergen Catholic, 3:04; Paul Wyka, Fair Lawn, pin Tim Mulligan, Paramus, 3:36; 152 — Karl Norgaard, St. Joseph, dec. Pat Califano, Fair Lawn, 14-10; Joe Cervino, Paramus, pin Mike Miller, Cliffside Park, 3:46; 160 — Dave Bautis, Lyndhurst, pin Mike Bassett, Paramus, 4:58; Everett Bell, Becton, dec. Jon Piela, 5-1; 171 — Pete Ponzini, Paramus, pin John West, Ridgefield Park, 3:24; David Evertz, Pascack Valley, dec. John Galan, Bergen Catholic, 7-0; 189 — Jeff Bilsky, NV/Demarest, dec. Drew Peters, Emerson/Park Ridge, 9-2; Devin Nogaki, Bergenfield, dec. Jeff Finley, Northern Highlands, 13-6; 215 — Joe Yiu, NV/Demarest, pin Dino Eliopoulos, Palisades Park, 3:23; Kris Limbevski, Elmwood Park, dec. Jon Scalo, Ridgefield Park, 11-5; 275 — Ed Galan, Bergen Catholic, pin Brian McTigue, NV/Demarest, 1:21; Adrian Puzio, St. Joseph, dec. Brian Campbell, Pascack Valley, 13-4.

FIRST-ROUND CONSOLATIONS

103 — Settembrino pin Rich Santana, Paramus, 5:59; Sassamann dec. Paul Chiaromonte, Elmwood Park, 6-0; 112 — Spilewski dec. Fasih Hameed, Demarest, 12-9; Muramaru dec. Junior McDougall, Ramapo, 15-11; 119 — Ruiz by forfeit over Kurt Rezkowski (weight); Challenger dec. Mike Frohlich, Pascack Hills, 10-2; 125 — Frohlich dec. Mike Licini, Paramus, 7-6; Williams pin Scott Kellen, 4-8; 130 — Fleming pin ryan Alpher, Palisades Park, 2:42; Moreng dec. Ron Lee, Old Tappan, 6-3; 135 — Taylor dec. Donnie Silker, Fort Lee, 9-8; Blanchfield dec. Jason Manning, Pascack Hills, 6-4 (OT); 140 — Ortiz dec. Chris Laterra, St. Joseph, 3-1; Gavejian dec. Chris Alvarez, Fair Lawn, 10-3; 145 — Pena pin Adam Zajcek, Ridgefield Park, 1:53; Kim dec. Michael D'Andrea, Old Tappan, 5-4; 152 — Minassian pin David Kellen, Becton, 1:43; Von Rudenberg pin Phil Stabile, North Bergen, 3:58; 160 — Filipini pin Joe Mastroeni, Dumont, 4:45; Golub, dec. Iannaci, 8-7; 171 — Palasti tech. fall Steve Dehaan, Bergenfield, 3:29; Luzzi pin Michael Greeley, Tenafly, 0:55; 189 — Aristakelian pin Marcone Rocha, North Bergen, 4:45; Marquez pin Dave Gonzalez, Paramus, 3:27; 215 — Natiello pin Pat Delaney, Hackensack, 2:55; Lapolla dec. Marc Amatucci, Rutherford, 9-4; 275 — Carrion pin Dan Berardo, Cresskill, 0:45; Morrone pin James Hamilton, Bergenfield, 0:37.

THIRD-PLACE CONSOLATIONS

103 — Cieckiewicz dec. Bergmann, 9-0; 112 — Biegel pin Raspanti, 4:57; 119 — Lateef dec. DeLuca, 14-4; 125 — Bolton pin Bocchino, 1:34; 130 — Castrovinci dec. Christie, 2-1; 135 — Galorezo dec. Meyer, 14-4; 140 — Lauterbach dec. Nasr, 5-1; 145 — Marchetti dec. Mulligan, 5-1; 152 — Miller pin Califano, 3:21; 160 — Bassett dec. Piela, 3-2; 171 — Galan dec. West, 7-5; 189 — Peters dec. Finley, 3-2; 215 — Scalo pin Eliopoulos, 1:57; 275 — McTigue dec. Campbell, 5-4.

CHAMPIONSHIPS

103 — Woods dec. C. Brizzi, 2-0; 112 — Fokas dec. Aguado, 17-8; 119 — Baglieri dec. Bratka, 13-7; 125 — DiDomenico dec. Suarez, 4-1; 130 — R. Brizzi dec. Borella, 11-7; 135 — Weiss def. Logan by def., 3:06; 140 — Bitetto pin Mayland, 5:26; 145 — Pritzlaff pin Wyka, 5:03; 152 — Norgaard pin Cervino, 0:35; 160 — Bautis dec. Bell, 6-4 (OT); 171 — Evertz dec. Ponzini, 7-5; 189 — Bilsky dec. Nogaki, 14-10; 215 — Yiu tech fall Limbevski, 22-7 (5:12); 275 — Galan dec. Puzio, 6-3.

Team champion — Bergen Catholic.
Most Outstanding Wrestler — Dave Bautis, Lyndhurst

FIFTH-PLACE CONSOLATIONS

103 Mike Settembrino, Lyndhurst, dec. Mark Sassamann, Bergen Catholic, 10-2; 112 Ross Muramaru, Don Bosco Prep, dec. Michael Spilewski, Old Tappan, 15-11; 119 Bob Challenger, Dumont, dec. Oliver Ruiz, Cliffside Park, 10-7; 125 Justin Frohlich, Pascack Hills, dec. Jesse Williams, Teaneck, 7-6; 130 Jesse Moreng, Northern Highlands, pin David Fleming, Cresskill, 2:09; 135 Will Taylor, River Dell, dec. John Blanchfield, Garfield, 8-2; 140 Chris Laterra, St. Joseph, dec. Jason Gavejian, Bergen Catholic, 3-1; 145 Peter Kim, Cresskill, pin Jeff Pena, Emerson/Park Ridge, 2:40; 152 Haqop Minassian, Westwood, pin Eric Von Rudenberg, Ridgefield Park, 1:43; 160 Josh Filipini, Ramapo, pin Jared Golub, Emerson/Park Ridge, 4:45; 171 Rich Luzzi, Demarest, pin Joe Palasti, Lodi, 3:42; 189 Harry Marquez, Rutherford, pin Harry Aristakelian, Garfield, 2:34; 215 Mike Natiello, Hasbrouck Heights, pin Nick Lapolla, Bergen Catholic, 3:25; Hwt. Rich Carrion, Bp-gota, pin Marc Morrone, St. Mary's, 0:34.

WRESTLING SUMMARIES

Bergen Holiday tournament

TEAM SCORING

Bergen Catholic 242, St. Joseph 168, Northern Valley at Demarest 166, Paramus 150, Cliffside Park 107, Lyndhurst 97, Emerson/Park Ridge 91, Fair Lawn 90.5, Ridgefield Park 76, Northern Highlands 75, Pascack Valley 68.5, Pascack Hills 66.5, Becton 64, Lyndhurst and Ramsey 63, River Dell 59.5, Cresskill 58.5, North Bergen 55, Hackensack 54.5, Hasbrouck Heights 45, Westwood 41.5, Bergenfield 40, Bogota

and Palisades Park 39, Northern Valley at Old Tappan 37, Elmwood Park 36, Rutherford 33, Teaneck 27.5, Fort Lee and Ramapo 27, Don Bosco Prep 25.5, Garfield 25, St. Mary's 23, Dumont 21, Glen Rock 18, Indian Hills and Saddle Brook 14, Tenafly and Wood-Ridge 12, New Milford 11, Midland Park and Waldwick 10, Bergen Tech and Ridgewood 8, Leonia and Mahwah 6, Dwight-Englewood 0.

Group team champions

Group 1 — Becton; **Group 2** — Lyndhurst; **Group 3** — St. Joseph; **Group 4** — Bergen Catholic.

Bergen freshman

Team scores

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Pascack Hills 204, NV/Demarest 107.5, Don Bosco 103, Bergen Cath. 98, St. Joseph 82, Northern Highlands 69.5, Ramsey 63, NV/Old Tappan 56, Paramus 50, Ridgewood 47.

FINALS

93 — Mike Krycinovich (Pascack Hills) pin Mike Monteith (Ramsey), 0:39; 103 — Adam McLarren (Pascack Hills) pin Mike Yacovelli (Old Tappan), 5:29; 112 — Rich Van Houten (N. Highlands) pin Matthew Manchess (Bergen Cath.), 3:35; 119 — John Lauterback, (Demarest) tech. fall Derick Cunningham (Pascack Hills), 3:32; 125 — Justin Frohlich (Pascack Hills) pin Jason Pierce (Demarest), 1:57; 130 — Matt Esposito (Don Bosco) pin Dave Seitel (Demarest), 1:57; 135 — Ben Eppley (Ridgewood) dec. Robert Depeola (Saddle Brook), 8-5; 140 — Mike D'Andrea (Old Tappan) dec. Joel Manning (Pascack Hills), 9-3; 145 — Dennis Winters (Pascack Hills) pin Joe Mormile (Demarest), 1:35; 152 — Justin Quartini (Bergen Cath.) maj. dec. Dan Besto (Leonia), 13-2; 160 — Mark Christian (Ramsey) pin George Hamilton (Becton), 3:28; 171 — Nick Ponzini (Paramus) pin Bryan Ellmer (Bergen Cath.), 0:34; 189 — Matt Greenberg (N. Highlands) tech. fall Mike Cook (St. Joseph) 3:39; 215 — Edgar Puzio (St. Joseph) pin Steve Lee (Bergen Tech), 0:25; 275 — Jamie Jasper (Don Bosco) pin Vinny Rizzo (Waldwick), 1:15.

Region 2 enjoys first Hall of Fame event

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WOOD-RIDGE — Finally, there is recognition for Region 2 wrestlers.

Spearheaded by the diligence of Region 2 president Joe Ryan, the head coach at Northern Valley at Demarest, and Hawthorne assistant Dave Bell, the region's initial Hall of Fame induction took place Tuesday night at the Fiesta.

"There was a lot of talk before I came on, but Dave and I took the initiative," Ryan said. "The bottom line was that every other region in the state had a hall of fame, and they honored wrestlers with a dinner after each season."

With the help of Joe Luongo, president of the Northern New Jersey Wrestling Officials Association, Ryan ran a beefsteak dinner earlier this year and raised \$800. It enabled the region committee to extend free invitations to all Region 2 place winners this season.

The current stars of the sport were treated to a nostalgic event. Inducted into the Pioneer Club (pre-1971) were three-time State champion Robert Moone of Teaneck (1939-41), three-time State champion Ed Kochakji of Bergenfield (1966-68), and two-time champs Ludlow Gibbons (1935, 1937) and Leand Strecher

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(1938-39), both of Teaneck. Gibbons was the first State champion from the region.

The post-1971 inductees were Tom Husted of Pascack Hills, a two-time State champ (1976-77) and the State's Most Outstanding Wrestler in 1977; and two-time champ Brian Wells of Pascack Hills (1986-87), the State MOW in 1987.

Ryan also applauded the efforts of official Bob Whitaker, Bergen County Coaches Association executive committee member George Jockish, and Northern Highlands coach Dave Heitman for getting the event off the ground.

"The beefsteak really got the ball rolling, but we had a tremendous amount of help from a lot of people," Ryan said. "We're committed to making this an annual event."

Coaches and officials with 20 years of service inducted for contributions to the sport were: Fair Lawn's Frank Bennett; Tenafly's Sol "Spike" Israel; Saddle Brook's Mario Alia; Bergenfield's Sal Cascio; and Teaneck's Charley Gunner, Bill Powley, and Arthur Campbell. Gunner was a State champion in 1944.

Bergen Beat

Coaches leave a mat-ful of memories

When Joe Ponsi first started coaching wrestling at Palisades Park High School, the sport existed only on the club level. That was back in the late 1960s.

By 1969-70, Ponsi along with assistant coach Tom Stark, had built the program into a varsity sport. What followed was tremendous success as the Tigers became a Group 1 powerhouse not only on the Bergen Beat, but also in the county as well as in northern New Jersey.

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For nearly three decades Ponsi and Stark, along with Mike D'Andrea, who joined them in the mid-1980s as an assistant coach, overcame all obstacles to keep the Tigers highly competitive and to earn Palisades Park a reputation as one of the top and one of the classiest wrestling programs around.

And when you talk about coaches overcoming obstacles to keep programs on the winning track you need to put Ponsi, Stark and D'Andrea at the top of the list in terms of degree of difficulty faced.

Consider that 28 years after Ponsi first coached the sport on the club level, the school has yet to find a room to give the wrestlers for a permanent practice site. At Palisades Park, they still roll mats out in the cafeteria before practice and roll them up after practice. Other schools the Tigers compete against would only laugh at that notion.

Coaching wrestling at Palisades Park is an uphill fight. Finally after 27 seasons, Ponsi and Stark got tired of constantly climbing hills.

"Our decision to leave coaching the Tigers came pretty quick," said Ponsi, who notified the Palisades Park Board of Education of the move in a letter last June. "We were frustrated over a lot of things. All the things piled up. Mentally, physically and emotionally it took its toll. We just didn't have the heart to continue anymore."

At this year's Bergen County Holiday Wrestling tournament, Ponsi and Stark received a distinguished service award as their counterparts from all around Bergen County recognized them for not only their length of service but also for their level of service to the sport.

Two coaches more married to a program and its kids you won't find. Yet this season Gavin Bannat coaches wrestling at Palisades

Park and Ponsi and Stark, both of whom work in the school system, are outsiders. Part of their lives, part of who they were for 27 years, is missing.

And just listening to them talk about it, you know it hurts.

"I don't go near practice," Ponsi said. "I keep away from there because I get very upset. I think Tom feels worse than me. When I wrote the letter he kept asking me if I was sure I wanted to leave."

What kept Ponsi and Stark coaching for as long as they did at Palisades Park was the love they have for the sport and the kids who take part in it. And you get the feeling that love hasn't gone away. If things at Palisades Park changed for the better tomorrow, I bet you wouldn't have to twist the arms of Ponsi, Stark and D'Andrea at all to get them back coaching.

Ponsi was asked if he follows the current wrestling team at Palisades Park. "Sure I do," he said. "Some of the kids on that team are in my office all the time. I talk to them about how they are doing. I try not to interfere with the new coach but if he ever said, 'Hey do you want to come down and watch practice one day,' I'd take him up on the offer."

The coaches have their memories, special ones of some very special moments for the Tigers. Ponsi's fondest memory is the winter of 1981 when the Tigers won a state sectional title by defeating Emerson at home.

"That was so emotional," he recalled. "They had beaten us by 15 points in the regular season. We weren't given much of a chance in the rematch. The match went down to heavyweight and we got a pin to win it. I'll always remember that."

Ponsi and Stark are both still young enough to have plenty of coaching left in them. And they are not ruling out a return to coaching.

"Maybe someday Tom and I will go somewhere and coach again. You never know," Ponsi said.

The more you talk to Joe Ponsi the more you get the feeling that the someday he talks about could be sooner rather than later. He even hints he'd like to try coaching at a big school where he could concentrate on the freshmen and teaching them the sport. And of course wherever Ponsi goes, Stark will go.

Some school around here would be smart to bring in this 1-2 coaching punch that for so many seasons kept fighting the obstacles and rolling out the mats for the Tigers. Of course, the smartest move would have been for Palisades Park to never let them leave.