

Dec 29, 2015

BCCA George Jockish Holiday Wrestling Tournament

At Hackensack

Today: Weigh-ins, 8 a.m.; outbrackets, preliminary round, pre-quarterfinals, 10 a.m.; quarterfinals, first consolation round, 4:30 p.m.

Wednesday: Weigh-ins, 9 a.m.; semifinals, second consolation round, consolation semifinals, 11 a.m.; fifth- and seventh-place bouts, 2:30 p.m.; first- and third-place bouts, 5 p.m.

Returning champions: (last year's weight): Bergen Catholic's Nick Suriano (120), coming off his fourth straight Beast of the East title, looks to continue his senior championship tour by becoming the 10th wrestler in the 56-year history of the tournament and fifth in four years to win four titles. St. Joseph's Jonathan Tropea (106) and Bergen Catholic's Joe Grello (170) are going for their third straight titles. Ramapo's Wilfredo Gil (126), NV/Old Tappan's Tyler Mullen (160), Bergen Catholic's Kevin Mulligan (182) and St. Joseph's Michael Carfagno (195) are looking to repeat.

Defending team champion: Bergen Catholic won its third straight title and record 18th overall, 280.5-178.5, over St. Joseph. Wrestlers from seven schools won titles last year.

Team preview: Bergen Catholic's lineup is stocked with the kind of talent that can challenge powers such as Blair and Wyoming Seminary for national supremacy. And with top challenger Don Bosco skipping the tournament for the Mustang Classic in Brick, a record 19th title is a foregone conclusion. The race will be for second place. Paramus returns nearly its entire lineup from last season's Group 3 runner-up. Emerson/Park Ridge can rack up the points in the lower and middle weights, as can Pascack Hills. NV/Old Tappan boasts strength up top.

Top weight class: Even without returning state champion Kyle Bierdumpf of Don Bosco, the 160-pound class should have plenty of star power. Mullen, the defending champ and a returning state fifth, leads a bracket that will include Paramus' Kyle Cochran and possibly St. Joseph's Vin DiFilippo.

— Greg Schutta

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Memory to motivate

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Mahwah's Nelson had an old score to settle

By GREGORY SCHUTTA
STAFF WRITER

HACKENSACK – Dan Nelson is unusual among wrestlers.

Rather than knowing his full history dating back to the recreation level, as many wrestlers do, the junior from Mahwah had to ask a coach what the score was of his last bout against Jack Bessen of Paramus.

He did know that he lost that bout. And it was on his mind as he stepped to the mat against Bessen again Tuesday in the quarterfinals of the BCCA George Jockish Holiday tournament.

Nelson scored off an ankle pick midway through the first overtime to down the third-seeded Bessen, 5-3, at 120 pounds and make his second straight trip to the semifinals.

"I came in mentally prepared for this match," said Nelson, who dropped a 9-1 decision to Bessen in the District 5 tournament as a freshman two seasons ago. "That's what made the difference."

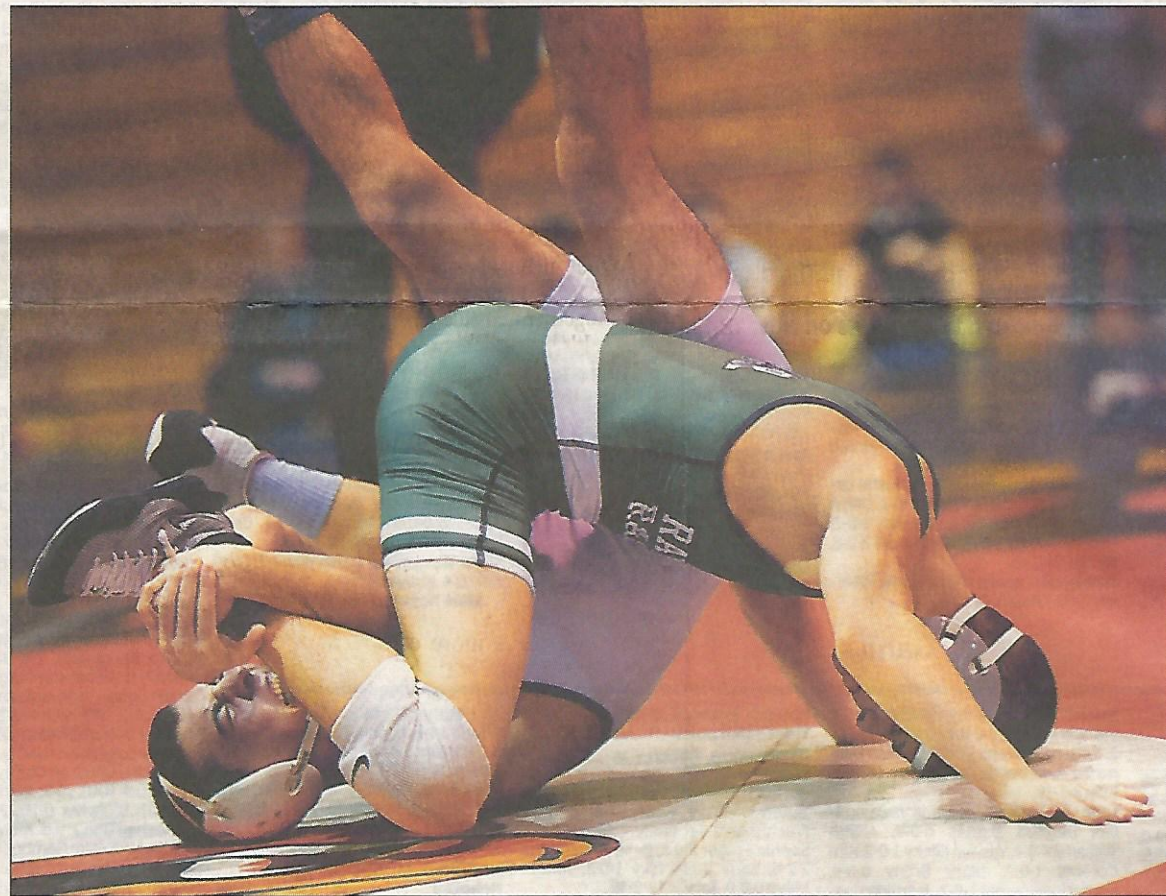
It didn't hurt that the two stall calls that allowed Bessen to tie the score at 3 in regulation made Nelson mad. He got the winning takedown near the edge to advance to this morning's semifinals against Garfield's Jordan Robinson.

"That made me want to go out and work harder," Nelson said about the stall calls. "I was looking for the ankle pick because I knew he kept leading with the ankle."

Nelson, who qualified for the region tournament for the first time last season before getting knocked out by eventual state third Jonathan Tropea of St. Joseph, 15-10, is looking for bigger things this season.

"That was one of the best matches I ever wrestled, even though I lost," Nelson said about the loss to Tropea. "I worked real hard in the off-season."

Defending champion Bergen Catholic, which is gunning for its third straight title and record 18th, leads after the quarterfinals, 158-123.5, over Paramus. The Crusaders have a tour-



VIOREL FLORESCU/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Ramapo's Wilfredo Gil, top, may be on a collision course with Bergen Catholic freshman Chris Foca in the 132-pound final. Here, Gil works legs on Lyndhurst/North Arlington's Corey Leclerc.

namment-high 10 wrestlers in the semifinals, followed by Paramus with eight and third-place Old Tappan with four.

Twenty-five teams have at least one wrestler in the semifinals, which begin at 11 a.m.

Cliffside Park's Nick Esposito will be making his third trip to the semis, winning his 100th career bout on the way.

"I was just treating it like any other match," Esposito, the top seed at 145, said of the milestone technical-fall victory in the second round. "After they announced it, I remembered, 'Oh yeah, that's my 100th win.'"

Esposito, a senior, is coming off a

third-place finish in the region and his first trip to Atlantic City last season.

"I knew this was going to be my last season, so I trained a lot in the off-season," he said. "It was amazing that I got down there last [season] because this year when I go down it won't be such a new thing to me."

Ramapo's Wilfredo Gil, who appeared to come out of nowhere last season to win this tournament and reach the round of 16 at the state tournament, has motivation this week competing at 132 pounds with Bergen Catholic freshman Chris Foca.

Foca is coming off a thrilling run to a Beast of the East title 10 days ago.

"I'm a little disappointed that he got seeded ahead of me, even though I won this last year," the second-seeded Gil said of No. 1 Foca. "But he did win the Beast. I'm hoping I get to face him in the final."

Gil will have to get past Aidan Meyer of NV/Demarest in today's semifinals to get a shot at Foca in the final.

"I'm very excited about this tournament because I won it last year," he said. "I want it more this year because I want to get that title of two-time county champ."

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Garfield's Robinson waits two years to avenge OT loss

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HACKENSACK — Jordan Robinson carefully walked to the center of the mat, knowing he couldn't make the same mistakes again.

Not against this opponent, in this gym, at this moment.

Even after getting poked in the eye and getting hit with a stall penalty early in the match, the Garfield junior wrestler didn't deviate from his plan. This time, his aggressive attack and quick moves were too much to handle.

Robinson knocked off second-seeded Phil Ruiz of Becton/Wallington with a 2-1 decision in the 120-pound quarterfinals of the BCCA George Jockish Holiday tournament, avenging a triple overtime loss to Ruiz two seasons ago.

"They've been battling back and forth for a couple of years now," Garfield coach James Dolci said. "[Robinson] wrestled tough. He attacked and he did everything he

was supposed to do."

Dolci first met Robinson as a 5-year-old and could see the youngster's athleticism stand out even back then. As a sophomore, Robinson helped the Boilermakers win the NJIC Division I Colonial Division.

Now Robinson is just two wins away from a county title.

"This is his year to shine," Dolci said. "He's going to do pretty well this year, and he has a whole other year also."

Robinson started slow against Ruiz, with neither wrestler recording any points in the first period. In the second, Robinson took a 1-0 lead on an escape. He pressured Ray more and more as the match went on by using effective arm bars.

"I'm feeling really good," Robinson said. "But I need to work on a few things — making sure I'm attacking way more and taking more shots so I can get more opportunities to score."

Robinson's escape was his only earned point of the match. He was

penalized a point for stalling, but was awarded the go-ahead point with nine seconds left when Ruiz was called for the same violation.

"It stinks to have a win on a stall warning, but those are the rules," Dolci said. "That's the game. You can't put yourself in that situation."

In the first round of the tournament, Robinson pinned Ramsey's Donald Wilson at 1:37. Then he won an 11-1 major decision against Hasbrouck Heights' Peter Innis to get to the quarters.

He'll face Dan Nelson of Mahwah in the semifinals while St. Joseph's Jonathan Tropea and Bergen Catholic's Nicky Cabanillas compete in the other 120-pound semifinal.

By advancing past the first day, Robinson guaranteed he'll do better than the eighth-place finish he recorded in last year's tournament.

"It means a lot," Robinson said. "But I'm trying to aim higher than that. Top three is what I really want — to show that I'm one of the top wrestlers in Bergen County."

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St. Joseph's Jonathan Tropea applying the finish to a fireman's carry against Ridgefield Park's Brandon Rodriguez during 120-pound quarterfinal action at Hackensack.

WRESTLING

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TEAM SCORES

1. Bergen Catholic (BC) 158; 2. Paramus (P) 123.5; 3. NV/Old Tappan (OT) 84; Emerson/Park Ridge (EPR) 83; 5. River Dell (RD) 71.5; 6. Ramsey (RSY) 69.5; 7. Pascack Hills (PH) 69; 8. Ridgewood (RW) 60; 9. North Bergen (NB) 53.5; 10. Hasbrouck Heights (HH) 52; 11. Garfield (GF) 51.5; 12. Hackensack (H) 49; 13. Cresskill (CK) 43; 14. Ramapo (RPO) 42; 15. Lyndhurst/North Arlington (LNA) 41; Tie 16. Becton/Wallington (BEC), Fair Lawn (FLN), Mahwah (M), New Milford (NM) and St. Joseph (STJ) 37; 23. Dumont (DU) 34; 24. Ridgefield Park (RP) 33; 25. Pascack Valley (PV) 30.5; Tie 26. Cliffside Park (CP) and Leonia/Palisades Park (LPP) 29; 28. Lodi (LO) 24.5; 29. Indian Hills (IH) 22; Tie 30. Glen Rock (GR) and Westwood (WW) 19; 32. Paramus Catholic (PC) 17; Tie 33. Elmwood Park (EP) and Waldwick/Midland Park (WMP) 16; Tie 35. Rutherford (RU) and Saddle Brook (SB) 13; 37. Fort Lee (FTL) 11; Tie 38. Bergenfield (BF) and Bogota/Weehawken (BOG) 7; 40. Dwight Morrow (DM) 5; 41. St. Mary (STM) 4.

PRELIMINARY ROUND

120- Luke Velez (EPR) p. Shane Federov (CK), 4:45.

FIRST ROUND

106- Rich Halal (BC) p. Jonathan Becker (H), 1:42; Sam Spira (M) p. Scott Sandnes (LPP), 3:01; Nick Weber (DE) p. Roman Cruz (EP), 1:33; Kenny Spadaccini (CK) p. Sean Faraon (PC), 2:57; Julian Robles (WW) p. Nicholas Lorenzo (HTS), 2:57; Joey Manginelli (DU) p. Tahj Rodriguez (BOG), 0:26. 113- Matt Surich (M) p. Matt Rypkerma (WMP), 1:08; Robbie Natelli (PV) p. Sam Nigro (DE), 3:13; Trent Furman (WW) d. Justin Leonard (RPO), 5-3; Ben Or-Chen (GR) d. Nick Marsky (RSY), 2-1; Andrew Dipolito (OT) d. Michael Martinez (BOG), 8-2; Jotaro Kurachi (RD) p. Anthony Basil (STM), 0:46; Joey Pettineo (P) p. Jeff DeFuria (BF), 0:32; Nick Pini (NH) p. Charlie Park (LPP), 0:47; Phil Mendoza (PH) d. Owen Ross (CK), 6-0; Gianni Manginelli (DU) p. Marc Lola (STJ), 0:34; Diego Mendoza (EP) p. James Barbato (RSY), 0:56; Corey Eyer (H) d. Sean Hernandez (FTL), 7-5; Mike Checinski (FLN) p. Alexandra Phillips (LNA), 0:30. 120- Kyle Talbot (RD) p. Jonathan Quinones (FTL), 1:20; Brandon Rodriguez (RP) d. Matt Dougherty (DU), 4-0; Dan Nieto (H), p. Issaac Herrera (FTL), 0:34; Nick Melosh (WMP) m.d. AJ Spano (SB), 15-2; Nicky Cabanillas (BC) p. Jack Post (NH), 2:59; Luke Mazzeo (EPR) p. Nolan Shields (PV), 1:31; Joe Perna (RPO) p. Matt Monticello (DE), 5:25; Jack Bessen (P) m.d. Jimmy Probert (RW), 11-3; Zack Carlson (NM) d. Zach Harris (WW), 4-1; Dan Nelson (M) p. Fouad Helewa (LPP), 0:41; Joseph Keller (PH) p. Brendan Brinksma (RU), 1:23; Peter Innis (HTS) p. James Polemeni (RD), 1:19; Phil Ruiz (BEC) p. Sebastian Silverio (PC), 1:19; Nick Amores (NB) d. Tyler Williams (BOG), 5-3; Andrew Litchult (IH) d. Bobby Barzelatto (OT), 10-7; Jordan Robinson (GF) p. Donald Wilson (RSY), 1:37; Jonathan Tropea (SJ) p. Luke Velez (STM), 1:05. 126- John Pabst (OT) d. Claudio Estrada (FTL), 3-1; Jack Trevisan (RW) p. Danny Gonzalez (BOG), 1:34; Ian Tolotti (DU) p. Christian Carmichael (P), 0:44; Naseem Elayan (CP) m.d. Matthew Saaleh (BF), 18-4; Luis Gomez (GF) m.d. Travis Arata (M), 13-5; Mark Bonardi (RD) p. Tim Nigro (DE), 5:44; Paco Robles (EPR) p. Matt Biondi (RSY), 1:14; John Iurato (HTS) d. Thomas Cruz (STM), 5-3; Volodya Chibukhchyan (FLN) p. Mike Martino (PV), 4:49; Garrett Norcross (RP) p. Joe Weglarz (PC), 1:09; Devin Yunis (LNA) p. Ricky Correa (GR), 4:38; Alfonse DeMaria (NH) p. Mike Palamara (H), 3:42; Ryan Tsontakis (PH) p. Brendan Chery (WW), 0:50; Michael Cabrera (BEC) p. Jordany Cabrera (EP), 3:55. 132- Pe-

ter Andresen (OT) d. Ronald Gonzalez (GF), 7-1; Trevor Haberli (PH) p. Nico Pallotta (STM), 0:16; Aiden Meyer (DE) p. Jon Mejia (FLN), 1:20; Matt Beyer (PV) t.f. over Michael Comatas (RW), 16-1, 3:55; Gabe Robles (EPR) p. Jason Pennisi (SB), 2:44; Michael Chambers (CK) m.d. Kyle Schnellbacker (BF), 14-4. 138- Mike Foca (H) m.d. Aaron Dunn (STM), 12-0; Josh Burger (NM) p. Vincent Plessel (RU); Matthew Dallara (HTS) p. Terence O'Toole (GR), 1:40; Luis Arzuaga (LNA) p. John Perino (LPP), 1:40; Owyn Medina (RP) p. Billy Gray (NH), 5:31; Jesse Mitchell (EPR) d. Dylan Barry (DE), 7-4; Joey Parsons (WMP) p. Jacob Hamburger (CK), 0:50; Brian Calton (RW) d. Anthony Thomas (BEC), 6-2. 145- Nicholas Esposito (CP) t.f. over Cohere Elliston (DM), 15-0, 2:08; Robbie Jurgensen (NM) p. Cole Villacis (LO), 0:51; Brendan Coffey (CK) d. Tanner Leuck (DU), 10-3; Jason Ruiz (GF) p. Adham Shawkat (PH), 2:08; Hussein Elmehad (PPL) m.d. Jonathan Rengifo (BEC), 10-2; Jake Gambo (RP) d. Marcel Chin-Frye (H), 3-2; Zach Lewis (EPR) d. Byron Zabala (RSY), 6-0; Declan Ward (OT) p. Jake Prusha (PV), 3:30; Alec Cook (IH) p. Chris Mesa (BF), 0:43; Brandon Loftiuss (P) t.f. over Paul Metri (EP), 16-1; Kyle Fisher (GR) p. Sean McKay (WW), 3:53; Alex Eligor (FLN) d. Ross Goodman (RD), 7-2; Matt Binstock (RW) p. Dyian Scasserra (STJ), 3:29; Andrew Fernandez (LNA) m.d. Christian Gonzalez (BOG), 15-2; Ami Ohring (DE) d. Sebastian Medina (RU), 5-0; Andrew Somple (BC) p. Jhon Flores (NB), 2:52. 152- Gino Zacarias (LPP) m.d. Orlando Cabrera (LO), 13-4; Conn O'Rourke (CK) p. William Morris (PV), 3:57; Paul Kallensee (RD) p. Trent Freeman (PH), 0:59; Christian Campana (LNA) p. Joey Cabalbo (EP), 0:36; Joe Kalksma (RSY) p. John Minichetti (PC), 0:17; Gianni Failla (BEC) p. Chris Lopez (STM), 0:37; Gavin Connolly (OT) p. James Brackett (BOG), 4:14. 160- Jonah Schechtman (EPR) p. Chris Goodwin (RD), 1:33; Dan Surich (M) p. Liam Lynch (PC), 1:52; Grant Barone (CK) p. Junma Kimura (DE), 0:48; Joe Covino (FLN) p. Waleed Kahn (FTL), 2:48; Darren Bustos (LO) d. Sebastian Alzate (BF), 5-2; Leo Subiza (NB) p. Christian Hernandez (NM), 0:46; Matt Lowery (RSY) p. Abdul Aksu (HTS), 0:55; Joe Perino (LPP) p. C.J. Alvarez (LNA), 0:29; Anthony Astrian (BC) p. David Mejia (RP), 1:25; Kyle Cochran (P) p. Donald Callaghan (STM), 0:29; Rafal Kolodziej (BEC) p. Derek Abreu (GF), 3:12; Nick Timpanaro (PV) p. Max Eisenberg (H), 5:50; Julian Bangash (RW) p. Aidan Fernandez (WW), 2:26; David Mann (WMP) m.d. Jevon Stephenson (BOG), 11-2; Blaik Stanley (PH) p. Alonzo Mercado (EP), 0:41. 170- Patrick Rizzo (RD) p. Lindi Mamo (CK), 1:28; Omar Abdalla (HTS) d. Arigend Nela (FTL), 4-2; William Rodriguez (RP) p. Jeffrey Dominguez (SB), 1:20; Jordan Giacomelli (EPR) p. Tyreece Martin (EP), 1:20; Casey Lewis (PV)

m.d. Pat Brand (FLN), 13-1; Matt Viola (LPP) p. Vincent Gazzillo (PC), 2:50; Andrew Arakelian (OT) d. Curtis Gaines (H), 7-3; Kevin Castillo (GF) p. Alfonso Salandra (BOG), 0:46; Mario Ferraro (RSY) p. Robinson Reyes (NB), 0:42; Brett Kornberg (NM) d. Robert Rutigliano (BF), 3-1; Steven Villa (LO) p. Gary Siok (WW), 1:30; Nick Fernandez (LNA) d. Ebner Edwards (M), 8-1. 182- Noah Argueta (CP) p. Marco Herrera (FTL), 0:52; Cruz Donato (NB) p. Ryan Rue (FLN), 1:36; Matt Kennelly (LPP) p. Carlos Reinier (BF), 2:27; Omar Salem (DM) m.d. Steven Rykola (STM), 13-1; Davit Arekelyan (H) p. Brandon Aponte (GF), 1:58; Jake Pletsch (PC) p. Luis Gonzalez (STJ), 3:06; Ross Woods (RSY) p. James Dupree (BOG), 1:36; Matt Demarco (LNA) p. Nick Tommetto (SB), 2:52; Andrew Cometa (OT) d. Griffin Masse (WW), 5-2; Jordan Colon (BEC) d. Shane Carcich (EPR), 9-3; Brody Martinez (PH) p. John O'Connor (RPO), 4:27; Anthony Sciuto (NH) p. Adel Shqair (P), 1:17. 195- Nick Tantillo (FTL) p. Patrick Khon (STJ), 1:50. 220- Sal Campana (PH) d. Miguel Rosado (BF), 5-2. 285- Dom Campana (PH) p. Michael Darmanin (STM), 5:45; James Hong (DE) p. Anthony Ramirez (FTL), 0:55; Jack Simpson (RW) p. Jackson Brown (NM), 4:26; Jack Caggiano (BC) p. Jonathan Blake (STJ), 2:57.

SECOND ROUND

106- Kyle Kaiser (P) p. Talbot, 2:40; Manginelli d. Frank Motta (FLN), 5-4; Josh Ferreira (GF) t.f. over Robles, 15-0, 2:38; Matt Daub (LNA) by inj. def. Spira; Halal d. CJ Limatola (SB), 4-3; Sammy Alvarez (STJ) m.d. Spadaccini, 17-5; Matthew Murawski (OT) p. Weber, 4:02. 113- Surich d. Dipolito, 6-1; Yousef Salem (NB) p. Or-Chen, 1:08; Carmen Ferrante (BC) m.d. Trent Furman (WW), 10-2; Kurachi d. Natelli, 10-3; Matt Spoto (GF) p. Pettineo, 4:27; Chris Caban (LO) p. Mendoza, 2:28; Mendoza p. Checinski, 5:24; Pini d. Eyer, 10-4; Danny Ruiz (GA) (NB) p. Manginelli, 3:34. 120- Ruiz m.d. Amores, 9-0; Mazzeo p. Perna, 0:48; Robinson m.d. Innis, 11-1; Nelson p. Keller, 3:57; Tropea p. Nieto, 4:40; Rodriguez d. Melosh, 9-5; Cabanillas p. Litchult, 0:46; Bessen t.f. over Carlson, 4:00. 126- Elayan d. Trevisan, 5-1; Norcross p. Yunis, 3:16; Tolotti d. Gomez, 5-0; Iurato d. Chibukhchyan, 8-1; Nick Suriano (BC) p. Pabst, 1:21; John Burger (NM) d. Tsontakis, 6-0; DeMaria p. Cabrera, 3:30; Bonardi d. Robles, 6-5. 132- LeClerc d. Chambers, 6-5; Nick Pettineo (P) p. Hirstius, 1:14; Wilfredo Gil (RPO) p. Tufaro, 2:50; Dakota Jones (RD) m.d. Dios, 11-0; Robles d. Andresen, 12-6; Haberli p. Chris Rosario (LPP), 2:59; Christopher Foca (BC) t.f. Beyer, 16-0, 3:42; Meyer d. Monteleone, 8-3. 138- Chris Kallensee (RD) p. Burger, 0:20; Ben Brisman (PH) p. Calton, 1:31; Cabanillas d. Mike Vietri (DU), 6-0; Capone m.d. Medina, 10-2; Sam Schneider (EPR) p. Taha, 0:52; Foca d. O'Connor, 3-1; Dallara d. Mitchell, 6-0; Parsons d. Arzuaga, 7-4. 145- Ward m.d. Lewis, 8-0; Jason Ruiz (GF) d. Elmehad, 8-5; Loftiss m.d. Fisher, 19-5; Esposito t.f. Gambo, 3:32; Coffey d. Jurgensen, 5-2; Eligor m.d. Cook, 15-7; Somple t.f. over Ohring, 20-5, 3:40; Binstock d. Fernandez, 6-1. 152- Michael O'Malley (HH) p. Zacarias, 1:29; Kyle Birkner (Ww) d. Kallensee, 9-2; Andrew Camilleri (SB) p. Brendan Hall (H), 3:44; Omar Abdelhamid (RU) p. O'Rourke, 2:10; Mike DiBella (EPR) p. Kalksma, 1:25; Ben Cohen (FLN) p. Failla, 4:43; Brady Ford (BC) p. Campana, 1:03; Alex Sebahie (P) t.f. Connolly, 15-0. 160- Rafal Kolodziej (BEC) p. Bustos, 0:26; Barrone p. Mann, 1:44; Surich m.d. Covino, 9-0; Cochran d. Astrian, 5-1; Bangash d. Stanley, 5-1; Subiza p. Timpanaro, 1:56; Tyler Mullen (OT) m.d. Schechtman, 12-3; Lowery d. Perino, 6-4. 170- Joe Grello (BC) p. Rizzo, 1:20; Lewis d. Abdalla, 7-3; Giacomelli p. Viola, 0:23; Ferraro p. Castillo, 0:31; Ashamaz Dugulubgov (RW) m.d. Rodriguez, 13-0; Chris Voorhis (P) d. Arakelian, 5-1; Villa d. Kornberg, 5-4; Shane Sosinsky (NH) p. Fernandez, 0:08. 182- Sammy Santos (EP) p. Pletsch, 0:30; Kyle Inlander (RW) p. Donato, 3:32; Argueta d. Kennelly, 7-1; Salem d. Arekelyan, 7-6; Cometa d. Demarco, 1-0; Martinez p. Colon, 3:40; Woods d. Paul Shakarjian (CK), 4-3; Josh McKenzie (BC) p. Sciuto, 0:21. 195- Kevin Mulligan (BC) p. Colin Cudina (BF), 0:56; Nick Munier (CK) p. Adam Castrillon (PH), 5:50; Brian Bonino (P) p. Matt Messner (WMP), 1:18; Elijah Covington (H) d. Andreas Harilou (RD), 3-1; Sean O'Malley (HTS) p. Tantillo, 1:09; Kiel Pechko (RW) p. Justin Demoya (BOG), 3:23; Tim Finnegan (RSY) d. John Guerrero (RPO), 3-1; Joseph Jordan (OT) m.d. Hamilton, 10-0. 220- Michael Carfagno (STJ) p. Theis, 3:24; James Reynoso (CK) p. Jeff Sanabria (GF), 1:25; Jeremy Lipsky (GR) p. Jarrett, 2:08; Jake Hall-Goodman (RW) p. Mardo, 0:28; Michael Danielle (P) p. Mike Urgiles (NM), 2:00; Jack Allen (RPO) p. Cainan Wallace (LO), 3:46; Bailey Paster (DE) d. Hamrah, 5-0; Matt Barile (RSY) p. Campana, 0:56. 285- Joey Longobardi (RD) p. Schroer, 0:58; Jedd Downey (OT) p. Hong, 1:41; Austin Scher (RPO) p. Ryan Smith (LNA), 1:18; Stephen Gaffney (IH) p. Campana, 2:59; Sam Daniels (P) p. Robbie Torres (BF), 5:07; Marc Tarabocchia (RSY) d. Simpson, 3-1; Jose Chucaralao (H) p. Dominick Petillo (EPR), 0:56; Chyma Dunga (PC) p. Caggiano, 3:44;

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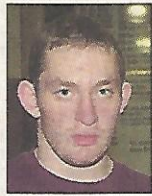
106- Ferreira d. Alvarez, 2-1 (2 ot); Kaiser p. Manginelli, 7:07; Halal d. Daub, 7-1; Salem t.f. Murawski, 5:58. 113- Ferrante md Surich, 13-2; Spoto md Kurachi, 13-4; Caban p. Pini, 1:31; Ortega p. Mendoza, 1:42. 120- Nelson d. Bessen, 5-3 (ot); Tropea p. Rodriguez, 3:49; Cabanillas d. Mazzeo, 5-0; Robinson d. Ruiz, 2-1. 126- Suriano p. Elayan, 3:29; Tolotti md Bonardi, 9-0; Norcross d. Iurato, 10-6; Burger p. DeMaria, 4:19. 132- Foca p. Robles, 4:4; Jones d. Haberli, 9-6; Meyer d. Pettineo, 4-3; Gil p. Corey Leclerc, 1:58. 138- Schneider d. Cabanillas, 2:50; Capone d. Foca, 3-2; Dallara d. Kallensee, 9-4; Brisman d. Parsons, 7-1. 145- Esposito d. Coffey, 9-3; Ward d. Ruiz, 5-1; Loftiss md Eligor, 9-1; Somple md Binstock, 13-4. 152- O'Malley p. Camilleri, 1:33; Abdelhamid p. Birkner, 1:43; Ford p. DiBella, 5:7; Sebahie p. Cohen, 2:37. 160- Mullen p. Barone, 2:09; Surich d. Kolodziej, 7-4; Subiza p. Bangash, 1:05; Cochran p. Lowery, 2:3. 170- Grello p. Lewis, 3:24; Giacomelli d. Dugulubgov, 3-1; Voorhis d. Ferraro, 5-1; Sosinsky p. Villa, 3:08. 182- Inlander p. Argueta, 3:56; Santos md Salem, 11-3; Woods d. Cometa, 3-2; McKenzie p. Martinez, 1:34. 195- Mulligan p. Munier, 1:14; Bonino d. Covington, 6-3; O'Malley p. Pechko, 1:58; Jordan d. Finnegan, 10-4. 220- Carfagno p. Reynoso, 1:10; Paster d. Lipsky, 10-8; Daniele md Hall-Goodman, 8-0; Barile p. Allen, 1:34. 285- Longobardi p. Scher, 3:40; Gaffney d. Tarabocchia, 4-2; Downey p. Daniels, 4:8; Dunga p. Chucaralao, 5:43.

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Maroons' Inlander pins his way into semis

By ED MILLS
STAFF WRITER

HACKENSACK - Kyle Inlander is looking to achieve major goals while maintaining a laser-like focus on the wrestling basics. What he does may not be fancy, but it's the final result that is his ultimate bottom line.



INLANDER

Ridgewood's Inlander is halfway to winning his first Bergen County championship after pinning two opponents at the BCCA George Jockish

Holiday tournament on Tuesday at Hackensack High School.

The top-seeded 182-pound senior took Cruz Donato of North Bergen down for a fall in 3:32 in the second round and then earned another fall in 3:56 over Cliffside Park's Noah Argueta in the quarterfinals.

"I can't control the outcome, but I can control what I put into it," said Inlander, who will take on Sammy Santos of Elmwood Park in today's semifinals.

"I work out by running four to five days every week and also lifting weights at least two to three times a week. That extra conditioning has really paid big dividends for me and I

think it will help me a lot staying in top-rate shape the rest of the season."

Inlander, who has 89 career victories, used the same strategy - a hammerlock - for both of his pins as he seeks to improve on his third-place showing at last year's counties. A two-time District 6 winner and a Region 2 bronze medalist a year ago, Inlander also wants to do better at the state tournament, where he lost his only two bouts.

"That's one of my main motivations, to do better at the states and also just to step up my overall performance in the bigger matches," said Inlander, who, along with teammates Matt Binstock (145 pounds) Julian Bangash

(160) and Kiel Pechko (195), train at the Apex wrestling school in Mahwah.

Two of Inlander's losses last year were to Kevin Mulligan of Bergen Catholic, the 2015 state champion who has moved up to 195 pounds.

"Kyle was only about 170 pounds as a freshman, but he filled a spot [at 182] and really made an impact," said Ridgewood coach Torre Watson of Inlander, who won 20 bouts in 2012, 26 in 2013 and is 6-0 this season. "He's worked very hard to get where he is and I think his future is in this sport is a real rosy one."

Inlander, who will wrestle at Bucknell next season, is confident he can

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continue to make progress.

"I think the proper diet has been a positive factor for me, and I'm only about 5-foot-10 now after being maybe 5-9 as a freshman," Inlander said. "That has allowed me to shift my weight to give me the extra muscle and leverage I need to give a quality performance."

Inlander and his teammates should help Ridgewood compete in the tough North 1, Group 5 against the likes of Passaic Tech, West Orange, Clifton, Hackensack and North Bergen.

"We're ready for any challenges that are in our way. We will give it our best and see where that takes us. If everyone gives a quality effort I feel real good about this team," said Inlander, who is a team captain along with 285-pounder Jack Simpson.

The Crusaders' Mulligan, the top seed at 195, advanced into the final four in his bracket with a pin in 1:14 over Cresskill's Nick Munier in the quarterfinals. He also recorded a fall in the second round.

His top-seeded Bergen Catholic teammate, defending state champion Joe Grello, had two pins at 170, in-

cluding a fall in 3:24 over Casey Lewis of Pascack Valley in the quarterfinals.

At 220 top-seeded Michael Carfagno of St. Joseph recorded two falls, including a pin over James Reynoso of Cresskill in 1:10 in the quarterfinals.

Also at 220, NV/Demarest's Bailey Paster earned a hard-fought 10-8 verdict over Jeremy Lipsky of Glen Rock to advance into a semifinal match against Carfagno.

River Dell's No. 1 seeded Joe Longobardi at 285 advanced to the semifinals with a pin in 58 seconds in the

second round, and then a fall in 3:40 over Austin Scher of Ramapo in the quarterfinals.

In the semifinals, Longobardi will face Stephen Gaffney of Indian Hills, a 4-2 quarterfinal overtime winner over Marc Tarabocchia of Ramsey.

NV/Old Tappan's Jedh Downey pinned Sam Daniels of Paramus in 5:07 in the heavyweight quarterfinals and the day's final 285-pound bout was won by Chima Dunga of Paramus Catholic with a pin in 5:43 over Jose Chucaralao of Hackensack.

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Force was with them

BC's Suriano, Ramapo's Gil undaunted

By GREGORY SCHUTTA
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HACKENSACK – Motivation was on full display Wednesday in the finals of the BCCA George Jockish Holiday Wrestling tournament.

It was motivation from within for Bergen Catholic ace Nick Suriano as he became just the 10th participant in the tournament's 56-year history and the fifth in four years to win four straight titles.

And it was motivation from circumstances beyond his control for Ramapo senior Wilfredo Gil, who stunned top-seeded and reigning Beast of the East champion Chris Foca to become the first two-time Bergen Holiday champ in Ramapo history and earn the Most Outstanding Wrestler award.

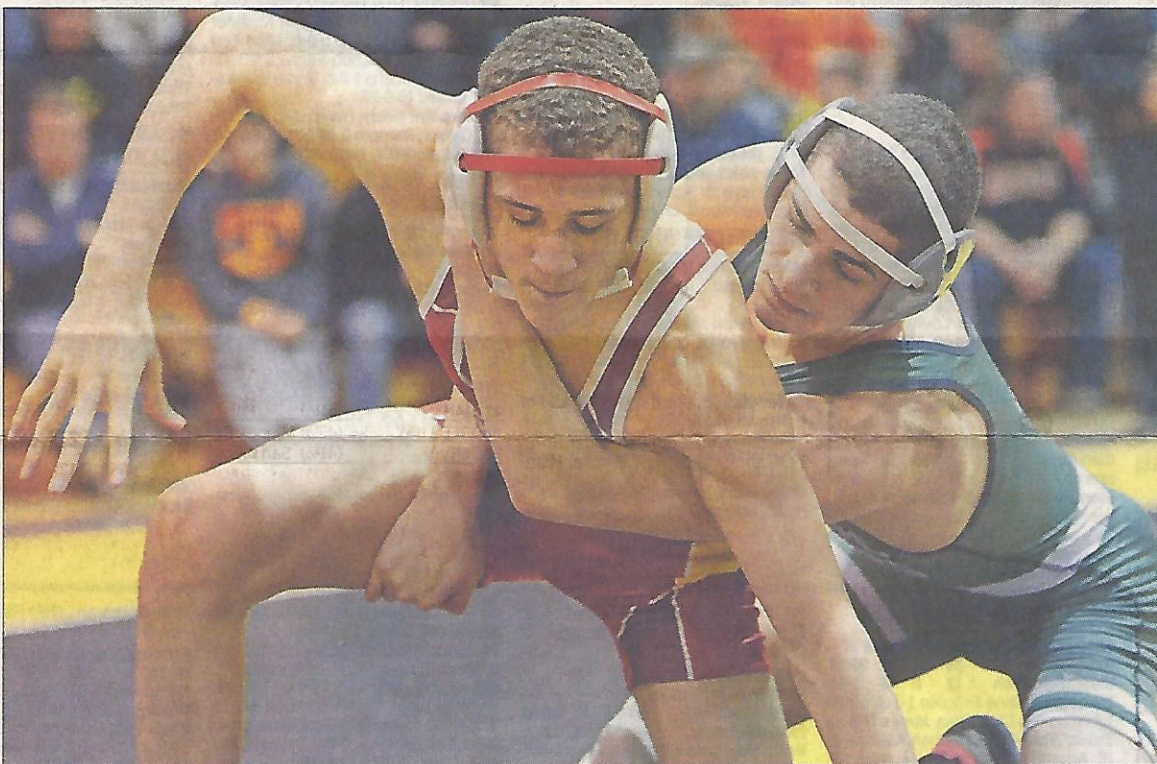
Bergen Catholic, with five championships and two seconds, rolled to its fourth straight title and record 18th in the event's history, 300-192.5 over Paramus.

"I was definitely motivated," Gil, seeded behind Foca at 132 pounds despite winning the tournament last year, said after his stunning 7-5 win. "Going out there and winning a great match like this makes me feel like this is going to be my best season ever."

Gil held a 5-4 lead and took neutral to start the third period. Moments later he shot a single and got Foca off his feet for the takedown and a 7-4 lead.

Foca cut the lead to 7-5 with an escape, but wasn't able to get in on Gil for a tying takedown.

"I wanted to be on top," Gil said. "I think I'm tougher on my feet. The majority of practices we work on our feet."



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Ramapo's Wilfredo Gil, right, preventing Bergen Catholic's Chris Foca from standing for an escape.

"We knew Chris was good on the mat," Ramapo coach Brian Gibbs said. "But Wil is good on his feet and that's where he won the match. They're going to battle again, that's for sure."

Suriano, who is 131-0 and gunning for his fourth straight state title, was in a battle early in his bout at 126 as returning state seventh John Burger fended off Suriano's first two takedown attempts.

But when Burger pushed Suriano to the mat, the senior appeared to get mad and got an immediate takedown for the lead. He went on to a 9-0 win.

"He came to wrestle and I respect him for that," said Suriano, who works out with Burger.

The title comes less than two weeks after he won his fourth straight Beast of the East title and marks the beginning of a season in which Suriano will reach a milestone nearly every time he takes the mat.

Even before heading to Atlantic City, the Penn State-bound Suriano has huge showdowns in the Doc Buchanan tournament in California and the Who's Number 1 duals in Pennsylvania – as well as duals against national powers Clovis, Calif., and Wyoming Seminary.

"I'm putting my record on the line, at the Beast [and] here at the county," he said. "It's not about the record. It's about getting better as a wrestler."

Bergen Catholic fans saw a bit of the future at Hackensack this week as Josh McKenzie took the mat for the first time for the Crusaders.

McKenzie, the No. 1 ranked freshman in the nation, dominated his way to the 182-pound championship without going beyond the first period against a lineup of upperclassmen.

He won his four bouts with pins of 21, 94 and 74 seconds, and capped it off by taking down top-seeded Kyle In-

lander of Ridgewood in 1:25 in the final.

The most entertaining bout of the night came at 120 as Garfield's Jordan Robinson gave returning state third Jonathan Tropea of St. Joseph all he could handle.

Robinson took a 5-2 lead in the second period, but Tropea tied it up entering the third with an escape and takedown at the buzzer.

Tropea took a 6-5 lead to start the third, but Robinson, who was the aggressor the entire bout, shot a single and put down Tropea at the edge of the mat for what looked like the go-ahead takedown with less than 20 seconds left.

But the referee didn't award the points to the dismay of the partisan crowd, and Tropea held on for the win and his third straight title.

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Great escapes lift O'Malley in 2 OT

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HACKENSACK – Steady and patient, Mike O'Malley employed a strong defensive posture to carry the day. The Hasbrouck Heights sophomore struck for three points on escapes, the last coming with 20 seconds remaining in the last 30 seconds of the second overtime period as he held off Alex Sebahie of Paramus, 3-2, in the 152-pound championship at the BCCA George Jockish Holiday Wrestling tournament Wednesday night.

"We're pretty similar in the way we approach matches, we both are good on the counterattack and don't like to give away any points," said O'Malley. "He's very physical and so am I and we both are good at working through some difficult situations. We both had the necessary conditioning to go the full eight minutes, in the end I just had enough to earn a hard-fought victory."

O'Malley, who had finished third at last year's county tournament, fell behind, 2-0, after a reversal

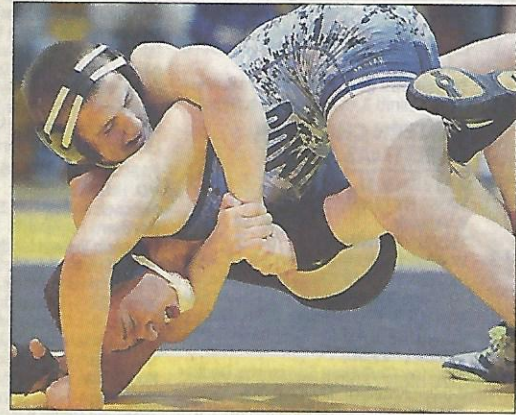
by Sebahie early in the second period. But O'Malley picked up an escape point midway through the second then had another in the third period to force OT. After a scoreless opening one-minute period, O'Malley still was knotted, 2-2, after the first 30 seconds of the second overtime, but then made his late escape.

The second-seeded Sebahie, a senior and 93-30 for his career, had finished third at the 2013 BCCA championships as a sophomore. O'Malley, the fifth-place finisher in Atlantic City a season ago, split two matches with Sebahie in the state tournament as a freshman.

"I knew this would be a close bout because of what happened last year, we are pretty evenly matched," said O'Malley, the 15-year-old top seed who now has a 52-7 career mark. "Everything came down to the final seconds and I was able to turn the momentum around in my direction."

O'Malley defeated Omar Abdelhamid of Rutherford by the same count of 3-2 in the semifinals.

"Whatever I need to accomplish my mission of



VIOREL FLORESCU/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Hasbrouck Heights' Mike O'Malley, top, battling Alex Sebahie of Paramus on Wednesday. O'Malley held on for the 152-pound title.

winning I will do, whether by a tight decision or an early or late pin," said O'Malley. "I'm looking to just go as far as I can this season." Last year O'Malley was second at the district tournament and also a silver medalist at the region.

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Another wrestler who came up with a big-time performance was senior Tyler Mullen of NV/OT at 160. Mullen pinned Kyle Cochran of Paramus in 4:43 in the final to earn his second consecutive county championship.

"My instincts worked out well, I was confident that I could get the job done against a solid and first-rate quality wrestler," said Mullen. "He had me in a defensive position after a single-leg takedown but I was able to spin away and get into prime pinning position. I like to come from a defensive position for some of my falls and this was one of those cases."

Mullen, who will wrestle at Cal-Poly next season, now has a glittering career record of 119-13, and is a three-time district champion and a returning regional champion. The second-seeded Cochran, a junior for the Spartans, now has a 78-23 career mark after taking first at the district a season ago. He was tied, 2-2, with Mullen before the Golden Knight came up with the fall at a most opportune time.

Earlier in the semifinals, the top-seeded Mullen pinned Dan Surich of Mahwah in 3:03.

"I'm just looking to keep the positive results coming, and everything else will fall into place," Mullen said. "I'm pretty happy with the way things are going but I have to keep working hard to maintain and keep improving on my wrestling from both a physical and mental standpoint. Right now everything is positive – to be a county champion again is a great experience."

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BCCA Jockish Holiday wrestling tournament finals weight by weight

106 — Kyle Kaiser, Paramus vs. Josh Ferreira, Garfield

Kaiser records two first-period takedowns en route to 10-3 win.

113 — Carmen Ferrante, Bergen Cath. vs. Danny Ortega, North Bergen

Ortega got the first takedown to take a 2-0 lead after the first period. Takedown by Ferrante at the buzzer to take a 3-2 lead going into the third. Ferrante gets three back points in third en route to 6-3 win.

120 — Jonathan Tropea, St. Joseph vs. Jordan Robinson, Garfield

In an entertaining bout, Tropea defeats Robinson, 6-5, for his third straight Bergen Holiday title.

126 — Nick Suriano, Bergen Catholic vs. John Burger, New Milford

Suriano wins, 9-0, becoming the 10th wrestler in BC history to win four titles and fifth in four years.

132 — Chris Foca, Bergen Catholic vs. Wilfredo Gil, Ramapo

Gil with 7-5 win over Foca. Gil is Ramapo's first two-time champ.

138 — Sam Schneider, Emerson/Park Ridge vs. Matthew Dallara, Hasbrouck Heights

Schneider with the win, 5-0.

145 — Nick Esposito, Cliffside Park vs. Andrew Somple, Bergen Catholic

Tied, 2-2, after two periods, Esposito

starts down in the third and immediately gets the escape for a 3-2 lead. Esposito then records a takedown for a 5-2 lead with 30 seconds remaining.

152 — Michael O'Malley, Hasbrouck Heights vs. Alex Sebahie, Paramus

Tied, 2-2, after the first overtime, O'Malley records an escape in the second 30-second overtime with 22 seconds remaining to take a 3-2 win.

160 — Tyler Mullen, NV/Old Tappan vs. Kyle Cochran, Paramus

Mullen makes a fantastic move for reversal right into cradle and gets the pin in 4:43.

170 — Joe Grello, Bergen Catholic vs.

Shane Sosinsky, Northern Highlands

Grello with the takedown right off the bat and a 2-0 lead, en route to a 5-1 victory and his third Bergen Holiday title.

182 — Kyle Inlander, Ridgewood vs. Josh McKenzie, Bergen Catholic

McKenzie is the top-ranked freshman in the nation and he has shown it so far in this tournament, his first varsity wrestling after sitting out the Beast of the East earlier this month. McKenzie being aggressive and Inlander aggressively fighting him off. But a throw by McKenzie right into a pinning combo and he gets the pin in 1:25. McKenzie has not been out of the first period in

this tournament, winning all four of his bouts with first-period pins, wrestling upper classmen in every one.

195 — Kevin Mulligan, Bergen Catholic vs. Joe Jordan, NV/Old Tappan

Mulligan wins second straight title with a 20-5 technical fall in 5:29.

220 — Michael Carfagno, St. Joseph vs. Matt Barile, Ramsey

Carfagno rolls Barile up for the pin in 4:17 and his second straight title.

285 — Joey Longobardi, River Dell vs. Jedh Downey, NV/Old Tappan

Longobardi holds on for the 7-2 win.

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AT HACKENSACK HIGH SCHOOL

FINAL TEAM SCORES

1. Bergen Catholic (BC) 300; 2. Paramus (P) 192.5; 3. Emerson/Park Ridge (EPR) 159; 4. NV/Old Tappan (OT) 140; 5. River Dell (RD) 107.5; Hasbrouck Heights (HH) 89; 7. Ramsey (RSY) 85.5; 8. Garfield (G) 80.5; 9. Pascack Hills (PH) 80; Tie 10. Ridgewood (RW) and St. Joseph (STJ) 78; 12. North Bergen (NB) 76.5; 13. Ramapo (RPO) 68; 14. Hackensack (H) 57; 15. Cliffside Park (CP) 53; 16. Lyndhurst/North Arlington (LNA) 51; 17. New Milford (NM) 50.5; 18. Northern Highlands (NH) 49; 19. NV/Demarest (DE) 46; Tie 20. Becton/Wallington (BEC) and Mahwah (M) 45; 22. Dumont (DU) 44; 23. Cresskill (CK) 43; 24. Pascack Valley (PV) 42.5; 25. Fair Lawn (FLN) 37; 26. Westwood (WW) 36; 27. Ridgefield Park (RP) 33; 28. Lodi (LO) 31.5; 29. Leonia/Palispades Park (LPP) 29; 30. Indian Hills (IH) 27; 31. Glen Rock (GR) 26; 32. Paramus Catholic (PC) 25.5; 33. Elmwood Park (EP) 25; 34. Waldwick/Midland Park (WMP) 16; 35. Fort Lee (FTL) 14; Tie 36. Rutherford (RU) and Saddle Brook (SB) 13; Tie 38. Bergenfield (BF) and Bogota/Weehawken (BOG) 7; 40. Dwight Morrow (DM) 5; 41. St. Mary (STM) 4.

SEMIFINALS

105 - Kyle Kaiser (P) d. Rich Halal (BC), 6-1; Josh Ferreira (GF) p. Yousef Salem (NB), 5:59. **113** - Carmen Ferrante (BC) d. Matt Spoto (GF), 5-0; Danny Ortega (NB) d. Chris Caban (LO), 5-0. **120** - Jonathan Tropea (STJ) m.d. Nicky Cabanillas (BC), 12-3; Jordan Robinson (GF) d. Dan Nelson (M), 7-0. **126** - Nick Suriano (BC) t.f. over Ian Tolotti (DU), 4:06; John Burger (NM) t.f. over Garrett Norcross (RP), 3:40. **132** - Chris Foca (BC) m.d. Dakota Jones (RD), 14-2; Wilfredo Gil (RPO) m.d. Aiden Meyer (DEM), 16-6. **138** - Sam Schneider (EPR) d. Joe Capone (P), 10-3; Matthew Dallara (HH) d. Ben Brisman (PH), 7-3 (OT). **145** - Nick Esposito (CP) d. Declan Ward (OT), 3-1; Andrew Somple (BC) d. Brandon Loftiss (P), 7-5. **152** - Michael O'Malley (HH) d. Omar Abdelhamid (RU), 3-2; Alex Sebahie (P) d. Brady Ford (BC), 3-1. **160** - Tyler Mullen (OT) p. Dan Surich (M), 3:03; Kyle Cochran (P) d. Leo Subiza (NB), 10-3. **170** - Joe Grello (BC) p. Jordan Giacomelli (EPR), 2:22; Shane Sosinsky (NH) d. Chris Voorhis (P), 4-0. **182** - Kyle Inlander (RW) d. Sammy Santos (EP), 10-3; Josh McKenzie (BC) p. Ross Woods (RSY), 1:14. **195** - Kevin Mulligan (BC) m.d. Brian Bonino (P), 18-5; Joe Jordan (OT) d. Sean O'Malley (HH), 7-6. **220** - Michael Carfagno (STJ) p. Bailey Paster (DEM), 0:47; Matt Barile (RSY) p. Michael Daniele (P), 3:01. **285** - Joey Longobardi (RD) p. Stephen Gaffney (IH), 5:09; Jedh Downey (OT) d. Chima Dunga (PC), 6-3.

FINALS

106 - Kaiser d. Ferreira, 10-3. **113** - Ferrante d. Ortega, 6-3. **120** - Tropea d. Robinson, 6-5. **126** - Suriano m.d. Burger, 9-0. **132** - Gil d. C. Foca, 7-5. **138** - Schneider d. Dallara, 5-0. **145** - Esposito d. Somple, 5-2. **152** - M. O'Malley d. Sebahie, 3-2 (2 OT). **160** - Mullen p. Cochran, 4:43. **170** - Grello d. Sosinsky, 5-1. **182** - McKenzie p. Inlander, 1:25. **195** - Mulligan t.f. over Jordan (OT), 20-5, 5:29. **220** - Carfagno p. Barile, 4:17. **285** - Longobardi d. Downey, 7-2.

THIRD PLACE

106 - Salem (NB) d. Halal (BC), 7-2. **113** - Caban (LO) d. Spoto (GF), 5-1. **120** - Cabanillas (BC) d. Mazzeo (EPR), 5-3. **126** - P. Robles (EPR) p. Elayan (CP), 5:04. **132** - Jones (RD) d. G. Robles (EPR), 3-1. **138** - Brisman (PH) m.d. C. Kallensee (RD), 11-2. **145** - Loftiss (P) d. Ward (NVOT), 6-4 (OT). **152** - Ford (BC) p. DiBella (EPR), 1:39. **160** - Surich (M) d. Subiza (NB), 6-4. **170** - Giacomelli (EPR) d. Voorhis (P), 3-1. **182** - Santos (EP) pin Demarco (LNA), 4:06. **195** - S. O'Malley (HH) by inj. def. over Bonino (P) 220 - Daniele (P) p. Paster (DEM), 1:46. **285** - Dunga (PC) d. Gaffney (IH), 9-7.

FIFTH PLACE

105 - Sammy Alvarez (SB) d. Joey Manginelli (DU), 10-6. **113** - Trent Furman (WW) d. Jotaro Kurachi (RD), 2-0. **120** - Phil Ruiz (BEC) d. Dan Nelson (M), 5-2. **126** - Ian Tolotti (DU) d. Garrett Norcross (RP), 5-2. **132** - Matt Beyer (PV) d. Aiden Meyer (DEM), 6-3. **138** - Joe Capone (P) by inj. def. Mike Foca (H), 2:08. **145** - Zach Lewis (EPR) d. Ami Ohring (DEM), 4-2. **152** - Kyle Birkner (WW) by inj. def. Omar Abdelhamid (RU). **160** - Anthony Astrian (BC) d. Jonah Schechtman (EPR), 6-1. **170** - Casey Lewis (PV) d. Mario Ferraro (RSY), 6-2. **182** - Ross Woods (RSY) d. Andrew Cometa (OT), 3-1. **195** - John Guerriero (RPO) d. Kiel Pechko (RW), 3-2. **220** - Jeremy Lipsky (GR) d. Jake Hall-Goodman (RW), 4-3. **285** - Jack Caggiano (BC) d. Sam Daniels (P), 3-1.

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Bergen seeds were spot on

Star freshmen forced change

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With more and more freshmen carrying high-powered résumés into their varsity careers, the BCCA George Jockish Holiday tournament instituted a new seeding policy.

It allowed freshmen whose seeds were based on a lack of criteria and didn't match their résumés to apply for an appeal to a committee of nine coaches.

The policy, which also works in unusual situations when wrestlers are coming off a year hiatus because of injury, looks to avoid situations as in 2014, when top-seeded Matthew Rose of Hasbrouck Heights/Wood-Ridge was forced to face freshman and eventual state champion Shane Griffith of Bergen Catholic in the second round. Griffith won a match better suited for the finals.

The new seeding appeared to work as returning champion Wilfredo Gil of Ramapo, seeded second at 132 behind Beast of the East champion Chris Foca of Bergen Catholic, downed the freshman in a thrilling final, 7-5.

Other appropriate seeds included Nicky Cabanillas of Bergen Catholic (fifth seed, third place) and Luke Mazzeo of Emerson/Park Ridge (fourth seed, fourth place) at 120; Ricky Cabanillas of Bergen Catholic (eighth seed, eighth place) at 138; and Josh McKenzie of Bergen Catholic (second seed, first place) at 182.

Wrestling top 25

1. Bergen Catholic	2-0
2. Don Bosco	4-0
3. Paramus	1-0
4. DePaul	0-0
5. St. Joseph	0-0
6. Emerson/Park Ridge	1-0
7. NV/Old Tappan	3-1
8. Clifton	0-1
9. Passaic Valley	2-1
10. Pascack Hills	1-0
11. Queen of Peace	0-0
12. Ridgewood	1-0
13. Hackensack	0-1
14. River Dell	0-0
15. North Bergen	0-0
16. Becton/Wallington	1-0
17. Pompton Lakes	4-2
18. Garfield	3-1
19. Pequannock	2-2
20. Hasbrouck Heights	1-1
21. New Milford	1-0
22. Westwood	1-0
23. Wayne Hills	1-0
24. Cresskill	1-0
25. Lynd./N. Arlington	0-0

(RECORDS THROUGH MONDAY)