

# *Bergenfield Wins Again In Bergen Mat Tourney*

Sat Dec 28, 1968

HACKENSACK — Bergenfield High School won the Bergen County Coaches Association's Christmas wrestling tournament for a fourth straight year Saturday before a near capacity crowd at the new Hackensack gymnasium.

To do it, the Bears had to come from behind after two rounds of competition in the 16-school tourney. But come from behind they did with four of their five finalists emerging with individual titles.

Bergenfield totaled 78 points, eight more than Pascack Valley which was runner-up for a third straight year. Ridgewood was a surprise third with 56 points. Westwood (44) and Hackensack (42) completed the top five.

Lyle Hough of Pascack Valley, last year's Region 1 98-pound titlist, was voted the tourney's outstanding wrestler in winning the 106-pound class. Hough pinned Paramus' Randy Kosce in 1:15 of the final.

Bergenfield's Mike Ware, Region 1 115-pound champ last year, was the only repeat winner in the tourney. This time he won at 123 pounds, decisioning Ken Barcelona, 4-1, in the final.

A third Region 1 champ, Dan Kochakji (168) of Bergenfield, won the 178-pound title by decisioning Westwood's Karl Schubert, 4-2, in the most exciting of the final round matches.

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### 98-POUND CLASS

#### First Round

Steve Schulman (PKV) decisioned Paul Taskler (E) time 1:11; Vic Herstein (FL) decisioned Dennis Peloso (Paramus), score 809; Ralph Nackab (Teaneck) won by forfeit; Randy Bush (Passaic Valley) decisioned Gerald DiNicola (North Bergen); score 13-4; Bruce Hamlin (Ridgewood) pinned Steve Guarriello (Old Tappan), time 3:07; Keith Thornbloom (New Milford) decisioned Jim Charkalis (Westwood); score 2-0; Roger Faust (Hackensack) pinned Tom Hourcade (Ridgefield Park), time 1:27; Tony Tanzosh (Bergenfield) decisioned Dennis Martin (Saddle Brook), score 1-0 overtime.

#### Second Round

Vic Herstein (FL) decisioned Schulman (PKV) 4-0; Faust (H) decisioned Tanzosh (B) 8-0. Nackab (T) decisioned Bush (PsV) 8-0. Hamlin won by forfeit (NM).

#### First Round

### 106-POUND CLASS

Neil Davis (Teaneck) decisioned Sam Strongin (River Dell) 11-7; Randy Kocse (Paramus) decisioned Doug Bush (Passaic Valley) 12-2; Tom Garvey (Ridgefield Park) pinned Mike Sarkisian (North Bergen) 1:05; Kevin Wilner (Fair Lawn) pinned Al Roberto (Englewood) 3:34; Jim Miller (North Bergen) decisioned Pete Minassian (Saddle Brook) 7-0; Dennis Caffrey (Bergenfield) pinned Joe Palermo (Old Tappan) :58; Dan Cubicciotti (Westwood) decisioned Wayne Ferraro (Hackensack) 7-0; Lyle Hough (Pascack Valley) decisioned Ricky Bowe (Ridgewood) 10-4.

Kocse (P) pinned Davis (T) 3:30. Wilner (FL) pinned Garvey (RP) 4:58. Hough (PkV) decisioned Cubicciotti (W) 6-0. Miller (NM) decisioned Caffrey (B) 2-0 OT.

### 115-POUND CLASS

Jay Hubelbank (Ridgewood) wins by forfeit; John Dempsey (New Milford) decisioned Pete Foley (Passaic Valley) 9-4; Tom Keough (Westwood) pinned Howard Epstein (Fair Lawn) 2:23; Hass Rajabi (Teaneck) decisioned Steve Bickerton (Bergenfield) 2-1; Rocky Fiore (Englewood) decisioned Mike Mills (Old Tappan) 9-0; Jim Axford (Pascack Valley) decisioned Steve Zimmet (River Dell) 8-0; Rick Moran (Saddle Brook) decisioned Jeff Hall (North Bergen) 7-4; Lenny Barcelona (Paramus) pinned Richie Wells (Hackensack) 1:38.

Rajabi (T) decisioned Keough (W) 8-5; Hubelbank (R) decisioned Dempsey

(NM) 13-1; Axford (PkV) pinned Fiore (E) 4:20; Barcelona (P) decisioned Remigio (H) 6-2.

### 123-POUND CLASS

John Mahoney (Old Tappan) won by forfeit; Mike Ware (Bergenfield) decisioned Greg Seidler (New Milford) 16-0; Jim O'Hara (Ridgewood) pinned Bruce Sappah (Westwood) 5:55; Ernie Tabbacchino (North Bergen) decisioned Howard Friedman (Fair Lawn) 10-0; Ken Barcelona (Paramus) won by forfeit; Rudy Remigio (Hackensack) decisioned Matt Dennis (Passaic Valley) 13-0; Cliff Rodgers (Englewood) decisioned Bob Elinson (Teaneck) 5-2; Don Graniero (Pascack Valley) pinned Ken Weiss (River Dell) 2:24.

Graniero (PkV) decisioned Rodgers (E) 4-1; Ware (B) decisioned Mahoney (OT) 8-1; Barcelona (P) decisioned Remigio (H) 7-4; Tabbacchino (NB) decisioned O'Hara (R) 12-3.

### 130-POUND CLASS

Ken Vosler (Westwood) decisioned Mark Ruport (Fair Lawn) 9-6; Tom Names (Old Tappan) decisioned Larry Waelde (Paramus) 4-2; Kurt Casper (Ridgewood) decisioned Walter Braxton (Teaneck) 4-1; Bruce Graham (Saddle Brook) decisioned Dennis Freeman (Englewood) 5-2; Mike Maugeri (Bergenfield) decisioned Mike Tfrank (River Dell) 8-4; Pete Keller (Pascack Valley) decisioned Mike Landsay (Ridgefield Park) 4-0; Bob Henze (New Milford) pinned George Yidi (Hackensack) 5:15; Rich Collins (Passaic Valley) pinned Tony Pacelli (North Bergen) 5:30.

Henze (NM) decisioned Collins (PSV) 12-8; Names (OT) decisioned Vosler (W) 11-2; Casper (R) decisioned Graham (SB) 2-0; Maugeri (B) pinned Keller (PKV) 3:45.

### 136-POUND CLASS

Frank Barrese (North Bergen) decisioned Bob Forman (Teaneck) 10-2; Al Weibrecht (Saddle Brook) decisioned Ron Erving (Englewood) 2-0; Bill Rischman (Old Tappan) pinned Bob Friedman (Ridgefield Park) 4:45; Jim Harvey (Ridgewood) decisioned John Poultsos (Westwood) 8-0; Ken Thommen (Pascack Valley) decisioned Howie Widoff (Fair Lawn) 6-2; Romeo Remigio (Hackensack) decisioned Andy Hough (Bergenfield) 5-2; Joe Benvenuti (Passaic Valley) decisioned Rich Sarajian (River Dell) 3-0 overtime; Dan Hasler (New Milford) decisioned Gary Ianuzzi (Paramus) 3-2.

Harvey (R) decisioned Rischman (OT) 10-1; Barrese (NB) decisioned Weibrecht (SB) 3-0; Remigio (H) pinned Thommen (PkV) 5:50; Benvenuti (PsV) decisioned Hasler (NM) 2-0.

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#### 141-POUND CLASS

Mike Roccuzzo (River Dell) decisioned John Caleca (Paramus), 5-0; Dan Gillies (Bergenfield) won by forfeit; Steve Gallant (Ridgewood) won by forfeit; Mark Remigmanti (Westwood) decisioned Mike Martin (Saddle Brook), 6-0; Jim Cooper (Pascack Valley) decisioned Fred Miller (Passaic Valley), 3-0; Rich Cervino (New Milford) pinned Will Woehrlie (Fair Lawn), 3:27; Glen Pangrione (Old Tappan) decisioned Dan Whitney (Teaneck), 4-0; Tom Rossi (North Bergen) pinned Al Stepneski (Hackensack), :45.

Pangrione (OT) pinned Rossi (NB), :52 (overtime); Cooper (PkV) decisioned Cervino (NM), 5-0; Gillies (B) decisioned Roccuzzo (RD), 8-3; Gallant (R) decisioned Remigmanti (W), 5-4.

#### 148-POUND CLASS

Joe Ptaszynski (Saddle Brook) decisioned Erie Densen (Westwood) 6-0; Stephen Certa pinned Ken Nelson (New Milford) 3:05; Chris Towne (Old Tappan) decisioned Bob Mahone (Englewood) 7-4; Matt Tydor (Fair Lawn) wins by forfeit; Chuck Eason (Hackensack) decisioned Tony Farrell (Paramus) 9-0; George Mandler (River Dell) decisioned Vince Caruso (Passaic Valley) 12-2; Tony Hicks (North Bergen) decisioned Bill Lorelli (Teaneck) 10-4; Don Eckerson (Pascack Valley) wins by forfeit.

Eason (H) decisioned Mandler (RD) 7-1; Tydor (FL) decisioned Towne (OT) 11-0; Eckerson (PkV) decisioned Hicks (NB) 5-0; Certa (B) pinned Ptaszynski (SB) 3:45.

#### 157-POUND CLASS

Mark Mactas (Pascack Valley) decisioned Tom Sherman (Englewood), 6-0; Neil Bello (Bergenfield) decisioned Bruce Johnson (Westwood), 6-1; Roger Saltamach (North Bergen) pinned Rich Hergentian (River Dell), 5:15; Steve Selman (Fair Lawn) pinned Dennis Paradise (Passaic Valley), 1:02; Dou Andrews (Teaneck) pinned Jack Brondel (Saddle Brook), 3:15; George Bernard (Ridgefield Park) decisioned Rich Lorenzen (New Milford), 6-5; Charlie Montesano (Hackensack) decisioned Edward Storch (Old Tappan), 8-4; John Sokol (Ridgewood) pinned Jeff Zeisley (Paramus) 1:12.

Hergeisen (RD) pinned Selman (FL), 1:59; Bello (B) pinned Mactas (Pk V), 1:40; Sokol (R) decisioned Montesano (H), 9-2; Andrews (T) decisioned Bernard (RP), 7-2.

#### 168-POUND CLASS

Kevin Hanabergh (Hackensack) pinned Ronny Dolch (Teaneck), 2:00; Tony Aliprantis (Pascack Valley) decisioned Brian Bilber (Ridgewood), 10-3; Neil Glassman (River Dell) pinned Doug Grabowski (New Milford), 3:45; Bill Somerfield (Westwood) decisioned Jim Gallione (Old Tappan) 10-2; Harry Sponseller (Fair Lawn) won by forfeit; Bill Reilly (Saddle Brook) pinned Joe Rabinowitz (Englewood), 3:43; Jim Barrese (North Bergen) pinned Tom Bolen (Passaic Valley), 1:55; Russ DeWitt (Bergenfield) decisioned Bob Rucker (Paramus), 7-0.

Reilly (SB) pinned Sponseller (FL), 2:46; Aliprantis (Pk V) pinned Hanabergh (H), 1:51; Somerfield (W) pinned Glassman (RD), 3:25; Barrese (NB) decisioned DeWitt (B), 3-0, overtime.

#### 178-POUND CLASS

Bob Hawkins (Old Tappan) pinned Andy Krauser (Teaneck), 4:27; Don Murphy (Passaic Valley) wins by forfeit; John Grabianowski (Hackensack) pinned Tom Kupfrian (Paramus), 3:35; Dan Kochakli (Bergenfield) pinned Robert Harr (Fair Lawn), :56; Frank Palmero (Englewood) decisioned Jon Regler (River Dell), 4-0; Carl Remmus (Saddle Brook) decisioned Joe Falso (North Bergen), 7-0; Karl Schubert (Westwood) pinned Craig Lill (Ridgewood), 5:30; Peter Lothy (Pascack Valley) pinned Paul Nilson (New Milford), 1:45.

Hawkins (OT) pinned Murphy (PsV), 4:52. Kochakli (B) pinned Grabianowski (H), 3:48. Palmero (E) decisioned Remmus (SB), 7-0. Schubert (W) pinned Lothy (PkV), 2:40.

#### UNLIMITED CLASS

Mike Kristich (Westwood) decisioned Steve Stavrou (Bergenfield), 4-0; Jim Edler (Passaic Valley) pinned Linwood Alcriddle (Englewood), :35; Ron Graef (Fair Lawn) pinned Lenny Fariello (Paramus), 1:00; Dana Abblitt (Hackensack) pinned Kurt Bliss (New Milford), :59; Rich Pocsi (Saddle Brook) pinned Harry Garves (Ridgefield Park), 5:59; Mike Lucine (Pascack Valley) pinned Steve Mettler (North Bergen), 2:37; Roger Sposa (Old Tappan) decisioned Barry Halejian (River Dell), 8-2; Ray Kleiber (Teaneck) decisioned Bob Hopken (Ridgewood), 5-2.

Sposa (OT) pinned Kleiber (T), 2:43; Abblitt (H) pinned Graef (FL), 1:30; Lucine (PkV) pinned Pocsi (SB), 1:27; Kristich (W) pinned Edler (PsV), 3:24.

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## SEMIFINAL ROUND

### 98-POUND CLASS

Ralph Nackab (T) pinned Bob Herstein (FL), 2:26.

Bruce Hamlin (R) dec. Roger Faust (H), 10-2.

### 106-POUND CLASS

Randy Kosce (P) dec. Kevin Wilmer (FL), 12-6.

Lyle Hough (PkV) dec. Jim Miller (NM), 7-1.

### 115-POUND CLASS

Jay Hubelbank (R) dec. Hass Ralabi (T), 7-1, overtime.

Jim Axford (Pasc.V) dec. Lenny Barcelons (P), 10-2.

### 123-POUND CLASS

Mike Ware (B) dec. Ernie Tabacchino (NB), 3-2.

Ken Barcelona (P) dec. Don Graniero (Pasc.V), 5-2.

### 130-POUND CLASS

Kurt Casper (R) dec. Tom Names (OT), 17-7.

Bob Henze (NM) dec. Mike Maugerl (B), 6-0.

### 136-POUND CLASS

Frank Barrese (NB) dec. Jim Harvey (R), 3-0.

Romeo Remigio (H) dec. Joe Benvenuti (Pasc.V), 9-7.

### 141-POUND CLASS

Dan Gillies (B) dec. Steve Gallant (R), 13-1.

Jim Cooper (Pasc.V) dec. Glen Pangrione (OT), 4-0.

### 148-POUND CLASS

Steve Certa (B) dec. Matt Tydor (FL), 2-1.

Chuck Eason (H) dec. Don Eckerson (Pasc. V.), 3-2.

### 157-POUND CLASS

Neil Bello (B) dec. Rich Hergelsen (RD), 16-2.

Jeff Sokol (R) pinned Doug Andrews (T), 5:59.

### 168-POUND CLASS

Bill Somerfield (W) pinned Tom Allprantis (Pasc. V.), 4:46.

Jim Barrese (NB) dec. Bill Reilly (SB), 15-2.

### 178-POUND CLASS

Dan Kochakli (B) pinned Bob Hawkins (OT), 1:54.

Karl Schubert (W) pinned Frank Palmero (E), 5:17.

### UNLIMITED CLASS

Mike Kristich (W) dec. Dana Abbitt (H) 2-0.

Roger Sposa (OT) pinned Mike Lucine (Pasc. V.), 3:11.

## CONSOLATION ROUND

98—Faust (H) dec. Herstein (FL), 5-4.

106—Miller (NM) dec. Wilner (FL), 10-1.

115—L. Barcelona (P) dec. Ralabi (T), 8-6.

123—Tabbichino (NB) dec. Graniero (Pasc. V.), 6-3.

130—Maugeri (B) dec. Names (OT), 3-1.

136—Harvey (R) dec. Benvenuti (Pasc. V.), 9-0.

141—Gallant (R) pinned Pangion (OT), 4:06.

148—Tydor (FL) dec. Eckerson (Pasc. V.), 4-2, overtime.

157—Andrews (T) dec. Hergellen (RD), 4-2.

168—Aliprantis (Pasc. V.) dec. Reilly (SB), 14-3.

178—Hawkins (OT) pinned Palmero (E), 2:50.

Unlim.—Abbitt (H) dec. Lucine (Pasc. V.), 9-6.

## CHAMPIONSHIP ROUND

98—Hamlin (R) pinned Nackab (T), 3:18.

106—Hough (Pasc. V.) pinned Kosce (P), 1:15.

115—Axford (Pasc. V.) pinned Hubelbank (R), 4:23.

123—Ware (B) dec. K. Barcelona (P), 4-1.

130—Henze (NM) dec. Casper (R), 4-2, overtime.

136—F. Barrese (NB) dec. Remigio (H), 6-0.

141—Cooper (Pasc. V.) dec. Gillies (B), 5-3.

148—Certa (B) dec. Eason (H), 3-2.

157—Bello (B) dec. Sokol (R), 8-1.

168—Somerfield (W) dec. J. Barrese (NB), 9-3.

178—Kochakli (B) pinned Schubert (W), 4-2.

Unlim.—Sposa (OT) dec. Kristich (W), 5-3.

### TEAM SCORING

Bergenfield 78, Pascack Valley 70, Ridgewood 56, Westwood 44, Hackensack 44, Old Tappan 36, North Bergen 33, Teaneck, Paramus, and New Milford 25, Fair Lawn 19, Passaic Valley 9, Saddle Brook 8, River Dell 5, Englewood 1, Ridgfield Park minus 27.



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Staff Photo by Emmett W. Francois

**TAKE DOWN — Kurt Casper of Ridgewood scores two points for taking down Bob Henze of New Milford in the final of the 130-pound class at Hackensack.**



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**ROCKABYE BABY** — New Milford's Bob Henze cradles Ridgewood's Kurt Cas-

per en route to 4-2 overtime decision in 130-pound Bergen Coaches final.