

River Dell freshman stars

By Ron Fox
Staff Writer

HACKENSACK — Mike Esposito isn't alone in enjoying the holiday break from his studies at Brown. His younger brother, Jim, a River Dell freshman, is making the most of Mike's homecoming.

"He's been such an influence on me since he got home," said Jim, who had a major influence last night on the Bergen County Coaches Holiday Wrestling Tournament. "Michael pushes me and gets me psyched up."

Jim took care of the rest, dropping down a weight class to 108 and using a lateral drop to perfection while pinning all three opponents to reach today's 3 p.m. semifinal round at Hackensack High. Pascack Hills, team champion eight of the last nine years, again took control of that department, taking a 124½-114½ lead over Bergenfield. Six Cowboys and four Bears advanced.

Esposito was one of several upstarts who shocked the crowd during yesterday's first three rounds. Fort Lee sophomore George Triant stunned defending district champion Paul Zimmerman of Pascack Hills, 10-9, in a 122-pound first-rounder. Triant, especially adept on his feet, built a 10-4 lead over his more experienced opponent.

Lyndhurst senior John Ross surprised Bergenfield district champion Andy

Leonard at 135. Ross caught Leonard overdriving on a pin attempt and nailed him in 2:35. Bergen Catholic junior John Mackert upset a district runner-up, Paramus 108-pounder Glenn Hodgins, 10-6, in the second round.

Triant and Ross both lost in the third round, but made sizable ripples in the tournament pond before exiting. Mackert and Esposito are in the semis.

Pascack Valley was the surprise team, moving three wrestlers into the semis and rising to third place with 85 points.

Wrestling

Fourth-year varsity wrestler Eric Beyer made it at 122 with two pins and a shut-out; Dave Perini had three pins at 135; and Glenn Unger surprised with a 35-second pin of Bergenfield's Vin Mejia at 158 after recording a pin and a 20-4 superior decision.

"Steve Vedral, who won a Park Ridge Tournament championship for us at 158, volunteered to drop down to 148," said PV coach Ken Sarajian of the way the stage was set for Unger. "Vedral wound up with the bad draw, [Pascack Hills's defending champion Tom] Pepe in the second round and lost."

The top riches-to-rags story belonged to Northern Highlands, which advanced

11 of 12 wrestlers to the second round, four to the third round, and none to the semis.

"We hit three or four kids in the second round who'll probably win it," said Highlander coach Fred Procopio. "But that's the way it goes in a tournament of this magnitude."

Bergenfield's chances for a team title dimmed early. The quarterfinal bouts began at 8 p.m., but by 8:19, the situation was desperate. Dumont's Mike Vietri edged Brian Becker, 6-3, at 115; and Bears 122-pounder Tony Marsilio had to default due to a shoulder injury, while Mike Palazzolo and Tony Van Horn were winning for Hills. Walter Mearns and Gary Miuccio rallied the Bears, but at 9:13 p.m., PV's Unger pinned Mejia.

The top Bear was Pete Georgoutsos, third in the State last year, who pinned all three opponents in the first period of his 188-pound bouts.

Another of the night's youthful surprises was Paramus soph Larry Goodman, who pinned twice to reach the semis of the powerful 115 class. That talented division included 11 wrestlers who qualified to be seeded.

Goodman spoke like a seasoned veteran when his semifinal opponent, Van Horn, was mentioned. "First I have to make weight tomorrow," the 10th-grader said, laughing. "Then I'll worry about the rest."

TEAM SCORES

Pascack Hills 124½; Bergenfield 114½; Pascack Valley 85; Cliffside Park 80½; Fair Lawn 79; St. Joseph 74½; Bergen Catholic 73; Dumont 69; Indian Hills 68½; North Bergen 67½; Paramus and Northern Highlands 67; Rutherford 62; Fort Lee 60; Ramapo and Ramsey 55; Ridgefield 54; Old Tappan 52 and Lyndhurst 52; Saddle Brook 51; Palisades Park 50; Westwood 49½; River Dell 48; Ridgefield Park 47; New Milford 45½; Hackensack 45; Teaneck 40½; Paramus Catholic, 38½; Demarest 36; Englewood 34; Dwight-Englewood 29½; Park Ridge 26; Cresskill 16.

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Bergen Coaches Tournament

at Hackensack
ELIMINATIONS

100 - Lance Walker, Indian Hills, bye; Bill Farquhar, Ridgefield Park, dec. Mark Leonard, Ridgefield, 9-5; Rich Giannone, Demarest, dec. Joe Connor, Paramus Catholic, 6-2; Mike Pilerski, Cliffside Park, pin Sean Egan, Palisades Park, 5-15; Ken Harms, Paramus, dec. Steve Jennerich, Rutherford, 11-9; Mike Palazzolo, Pascack Hills, pin John McNeil, North Bergen, 3-08; Frank Bruttlemesso, St. Joseph, pin Steve Trumpet, Teaneck, 2:33; Rich Manusco, Westwood, bye; John Larsen, Saddle Brook, bye; Barry Stylianou, Dumont, pin Carl Kobza, Ramsey, 3:54; Tom Dunn, Lyndhurst, pin Mike Kalaurouziotis, Ridgefield, 0:35; Doug Garrabrandt, Northern Highlands, bye; Jim Sloan, Fair Lawn, pin Bob Lafouche, Old Tappan, 1:40; Kevin Potter, Bergen Catholic, pin Tom Thomson, Bergenfield, 3:35; John Karamitsos, Fort Lee, pin Jeremy Nacht, Englewood, 0:56; Brian Lehrer, Dwight-Englewood, bye.

107 - Bernie Lee, Old Tappan, bye; Dom Romeo, Cliffside Park, pin Kim Hamlin, Ridgefield, 3:45; Joe Winrow, Demarest, dec. Bruce Palm, Dwight-Englewood, 6-0; Jim Burns, Indian Hills, pin Frank Bolognini, Bergenfield, 1:05; Adam Sheiner, Pascack Hills, dec. Joe Thompson, Fair Lawn, 3-0; Bob Marion, Northern Highlands, pin Frank Chavez, North Bergen, 1:50; Jim Esposito, River Dell, pin Craig Carmilani, Westwood, 3:32; Bill Basil, Dumont, bye; William Watson, Englewood, bye; Chris Jones, Rutherford, pin James Gotthold, Paramus Catholic, 3:59; Glenn Hodgins, Paramus, dec. Frank Scalise, Palisades Park, 7-2; John Mackerl, Bergen Catholic, bye; Eric Plarfe, Ramapo, bye; Ralph Dass, Hackensack, pin Jim Pera, Ridgefield Park, 0:37; Doug Bardugon, Park Ridge, pin Bill Schliok, St. Joseph, 1:20; Rob Kossar, Pascack Valley, bye.

114 - Robert Torrez, Hackensack, bye; Pete Gonzalez, Ridgefield Park, pin John O'Meally, Teaneck, 2:30; Willie Adamo, Ridgefield, dec. Joe Herman, Dwight-Englewood, 7-5; Adi Qira, Ramapo, dec. Ralph Linardic, River Dell, 13-2; Mike Vietri, Dumont, dec. Joe Laterra, Fair Lawn, 9-1; Rich Guerra, Saddle Brook, pin Jim Matto, Westwood,

1:15; Brian Becker, Bergenfield, pin Tom Becci, Bergen Catholic, 5:03; James Huang, Englewood, bye; Jim Bungiorno, Old Tappan, bye; Aurelio Santos, North Bergen, pin Mike Saraydarian, Demarest, 1:40; Tom Guerra, Northern Highlands, pin Andy Pieper, Cresskill, 1:40; Larry Goodman, Paramus, bye; John Musone, St. Joseph, pin Jack Avenall, Park Ridge, 0:35; Ken Verni, Fort Lee, pin Dave LaPorta, Rutherford, 1:30; Tony Van Horn, Pascack Hills, pin John Corrigan, Paramus Catholic, 1:16; Pete Giannantonio, Palisades Park, bye.

121 - Dom Scafuro, Northern Highlands, dec. Henry Castro, Cliffside Park, 21-6; Eric Beyer, Pascack Valley, pin Matt Jones, Dwight-Englewood, 2:25; Kevin Crowley, Demarest, pin George Chaig, Palisades Park, 2:29; Paul Darata, Paramus Catholic, dec. Joe Cravotta, Englewood, 13-2; Marvin White, Teaneck, pin Pat Ferri, Lyndhurst, 1:28; Tommy Hayman, Ramapo, dec. Chris Keane, St. Joseph, 7-0; Tony Begosian, Ridgefield, dec. Bill Cashman, Indian Hills, 7-3; Rich Joel, River Dell, dec. John Cavanaugh, Westwood, 1:29; Jim Carney, Paramus, pin Chris Delaney, Park Ridge, 1:20; Tom Frasse, Old Tappan, pin Pat Reynolds, Ridgefield Park, 3:15; Ed Marsillo, Bergenfield, dec. Mike Rupy, Ramsey, 6-3; Albert Cappucci, Hackensack, pin Dan Corbett, Cresskill, 1:26; John Kamens, Fair Lawn, dec. Tony Marrotta, Rutherford, 14-2; George Triant, Fort Lee, dec. Paul Zimmerman, Pascack Hills, 10-9; Charles Pane, Bergen Catholic, dec. Anthony Diana, North Bergen, 11-9.

128 - Rob Cainero, Paramus, pin Phil Langschultz, Ridgefield Park, 5:55; Bill Galluci, Pascack Valley, pin Joe Gorta, Westwood, 3:40; Jeff Rehain, Northern Highlands, pin Eric

Hiltke, Indian Hills, 3:27; Gary Miuccio, Bergenfield, pin Ron O'Neill, Park Ridge, 0:43; Carlos Hanze, Cliffside Park, pin Geoffrey Guizenburg, Dwight-Englewood, 1:39; Chris Esposito, Rutherford, pin Mike Martins, Fort Lee, 3:05; Alan Gavilanes, Englewood, dec. Steve Zombory, Paramus Catholic, 7-4; Mike Ryan, Bergen Catholic, pin Tom Goodman, Dumont, 1:16; Jim Purcell, St. Joseph, pin Ross Pantano, Palisades Park, 2:25; Dave Peraino, Ramsey, dec. Mike Plecy, Cresskill, 8-5; Nick Hughes, Lyndhurst, pin Ken Tanzer, Fair Lawn, 1:50; Mike DiNapoli, Ridgefield, pin Chris Carroil, New Milford, 1:36; Chris DiGulio, Teaneck, pin Marc Ippolito, Demarest, 3:00; Neil Carfora, Pascack Hills, dec. Robert MacMahon, North Bergen, 8-0; Matt MacDonald, Ramapo, pin Charlie LoSchiavo, Saddle Brook, 5:18; Dave Seaman, Old Tappan, dec. Alfie DeMaria, River Dell, 6-5.

134 - Robert Bonsignore, Westwood, bye; Jim Freeman, Pascack Hills, dec. George Matthews, Ramsey, 2-0; John Descarfino, Old Tappan, pin Mike Tully, Dumont, 3:26; Ayman lleiwat, North Bergen, pin Luciano Bruni, Ridgefield, 0:30; Tony D'Amico, Saddle Brook, pin Rich Lynch, River Dell, 5:45; Ed Kaplan, Fort Lee, pin Sam Mufson, Demarest, 3:59; Juan Guiterrez, Dwight-Englewood, dec. Steve Amerio, Ramapo, 12-3; Dennis Wojcik, Northern Highlands, dec. Bob Lorenzo, Fair Lawn, 6-2; Bill Blume, Cliffside Park, pin Dennis Viducic, Palisades Park, 0:35; Phil Mazziri, Rutherford, dec. Clyde Worthen, New Milford, 2-0; Jim Kennedy, Paramus, dec. Joe Smyth, Bergen Catholic, 10-3; Sterling Turner, Hackensack, dec. Fillmore Forde, Englewood, 4-2; Andy Leonard, Bergenfield, pin Ken Chiellini, Park Ridge, 1:00; John Ross, Lyndhurst, pin Aram Farber, Teaneck, 1:30; Dave Perini, Pascack Valley, pin Sean Connelly, Indian Hills, 2:38; Tom Pescatore, St. Joseph, bye.

140 - Joe Iacoponi, Northern Highlands, bye; Todd Anderson, Fair Lawn, pin Tom Wiggin, Fort Lee, 0:58; John Calder, Pascack Hills, pin Wayne Rundock, Englewood, 1:30; Robert Jackson, Bergen Catholic, dec. Jim Van Hoven, Dwight-Englewood, 15-4; John Minichetti, Saddle Brook, dec. Steve Sullivan, River Dell, 4-2 (OT); Pete Salerno, Westwood, pin Dan Natoli, North Bergen, 3:28; Aram Tarpinian, Old Tappan, pin Greg Avallone, Cliffside Park, 4:58; Steve Peraino, Ramsey, pin Jim Minchin, Ramapo, 2:15;

Chris Slechta, Ridgefield, pin Steve Bonerbo, Pascack Valley, 2:15; John Taranfino, Indian Hills, dec. Chuck Maciejunes, Ridgefield Park, 8-0; Rich Davies, Park Ridge, pin Ed Dolegowski, Paramus, 1:32; Bill Bajakian, Bergenfield, dec. Roy Pingitore, St. Joseph, 4-2; Glen Orecchio, Palisades Park, pin Brian Hughes, Dumont, 3:40; Rich Swartz, Teaneck, dec. Ziad Salett, Lyndhurst, 8-4; Jim Redding, New Milford, dec. Joe Reilly, Rutherford, 11-1; Mike Martin, Cresskill, bye.

147 - John Esposito, River Dell, pin Bill Anton, Ramsey, 3:08; Mike Wunder, Dumont, pin Lenny Nirchio, Cliffs Park, 4:20; Mike Derin, North Bergen, dec. Tim Woods, Demarest, 10-2; Dave Van Tine, Palisades Park, pin Ed Quinn, Bergen Catholic, 3:10; Tom Wieschenberg, Dwight-Englewood, pin Odis Delaportis, Fort Lee, 4:36; John Ciampo, Ramapo, dec. Ted Hughes, Fair Lawn, 11-6; John Zinzarella, Westwood, pin Walter Duncan, Englewood, 5:50; Walter Mearns, Bergenfield, pin John Hanley, New Milford, 1:30; Gary Lisanti, Rutherford, pin Ken Hoberman, Ridgefield, 3:15; Bob Verost, Saddle Brook, pin Brian Harrison, Old Tappan, 4:29; Jim Pepe, Northern Highlands, dec. Ezron Burrell, Hackensack, 7-0; Dave Ross, Lyndhurst, pin Mark Cecere, Paramus Catholic, 3:20; Scott Schlenker, Indian Hills, pin Eric Shorter, Teaneck, 0:55; Ed Penny St. Joseph, pin Vin Spina, Cresskill, 2:48; Steve Vedral, Pascack Valley, pin Mike Ludovico, Park Ridge, 1:35; Tom Pepe, Pascack Hills, pin John LaMothe, Paramus, 3:25.

157 - Steve Cascio, Westwood, bye; Tom Birmingham, St. Joseph, pin Pete Kaloustian, Teaneck, 3:28; Tony Spaziani, Paramus, dec. Andy Tunnard, Fair Lawn, 11-6; Matt Remmes, Saddle Brook, dec. Bruce Swatek, Demarest, 4-2; Vin Meija, Bergenfield, dec. Greg Maher, Palisades Park, 8-7; Adam Strobel, Cresskill, pin Steve Dorr, Indian Hills, 3:00; Glenn Unger, Pascack Valley, pin Ray Metcalf, Ridgefield Park, 1:45; Dave Musicant, Hackensack, pin Wayne Kanter, Lyndhurst, 3:58; John Roberts, Ridgefield, dec. Mike Barbato, Ramsey, 11-6; Bill Malatak, Rutherford, pin Joe Villani, Cliffs Park, 1:52; Bob Powell, Northern Highlands, pin Vandell Hampton, Englewood, 5:34; Jeff Rvu, Fort Lee, pin Ted Svornos, River Dell, 1:50; Mike Barnum, Pascack Hills, pin Tim Linnehan, New Mil-

ford, 0:30; Rich DeSocio, Old Tappan, dec. Chris Gindel, Ramapo, 11-5; Mike Licata, Dumont, dec. Brian Potter, Bergen Catholic, 4-0; David Lopez, North Bergen, bye.

169 - Bob Catherman, Bergen Catholic, pin Tim Farrell, Dwight-Englewood, 1:06; Mike Donellan, Dumont, pin William Miller, Cliffs Park, 5:40; Mike Hartman, Bergenfield, pin Glenn Moses, Fair Lawn, 1:55; John Bott, North Bergen, pin Tim Nicoletti, Northern Highlands, 1:30; Dan Johnston, Pascack Hills, pin Art Lentz, Saddle Brook, 1:07; Joe Scarborough, Englewood, pin Mike Milo, Old Tappan, 1:42; Rich Brendel, Westwood, dec. Darry Margroff, Ramapo, 10-2; John Finito, Demarest, pin Ken Odum, River Dell, 4:55; Mike Apricena, Fort Lee, pin Mike Kloss, Lyndhurst, 1:08; Joe Inglima, Hackensack, dec. Mark Bohm, Ridgefield, 5-1; Steve Veninger, Paramus Catholic, pin Ralph Grill, Palisades Park, 5:12; Todd MacGlashen, Ramsey, dec. Chris Davis, Rutherford, 3-2; Joe Beatrice, St. Joseph, pin Jon Perrius, Park Ridge, 1:30; Chris Lerch, Ridgefield Park, pin Tony Doody, Paramus, 0:52; C.J. Miko, Indian Hills, pin Jim Kowalski, Teaneck, 0:45; Jim Tomasini, New Milford, dec. Alan Stempel, Pascack Valley, 6-1.

187 - Doug Guido, Northern Highlands, bye; Rich Ellis, Ramapo, dec. David Wypler, St. Joseph, 11-8; Peter Georgoutsos, Bergenfield, pin Toby Woodrow, Englewood, 1:22; Tom O'Donovan, Teaneck, pin Jeff Geisenheimer, Old Tappan, 3:02; Phil Mlo, New Milford, bye; Mark Luchetta, Ridgefield Park, pin Andy Heitner, Pascack Hills, 1:28; Paul Lesica, Ramsey, pin Scott Watson, Hackensack, 0:35; Matt Walthers, Dumont, bye; John Smollen, Saddle Brook, bye; Ken Cieslak, Palisades Park, pin Tony DeCaro, Fair Lawn,

1:28; John Chakonis, Cliffs Park, pin Tony Passaerino, Ridgefield Park, 0:16; Mike Hans, Westwood, bye; Ed Gutierrez, Fort Lee, bye; Rene Quintero, North Bergen, dec. Daniel Donahue, Bergen Catholic, 9-2; Mike Rotondi, Paramus, pin Darren Rabendu, Dwight-Englewood, 0:22; Mike Cornell, Indian Hills, bye.

Heavyweight - Jack Duhig, Ramapo, bye; Matt Lane, New Milford, dec. Rick Malosh, Pascack Hills, 7-5; Steve Bauman, Bergenfield, pin John Kurelia, Demarest, 1:11; Roman Morales, North Bergen, pin John Werner, Westwood, 5:35; Alex Costa, Northern Highlands, pin Kevin Kennedy, Dumont, 1:43; Curtis Drone, Englewood, pin John Meika, Saddle Brook, 1:50; Rich Young, Fort Lee, dec. Robert White, Cliffs Park, 7-0; Steve Steele, Bergen Catholic, bye; Ron Rukenstein, Teaneck, bye; Howie Weinstein, Ridgefield, pin Trent Stober, Hackensack, 1:17; Nick Coviello, Lyndhurst, pin Rich Dooley, Ramsey, 1:32; Charles Strobel, Paramus Catholic, pin John Malandrucolo, Old Tappan, 1:52; Kurt Pfeifer, Fair Lawn, pin Jim Dunleavy, Park Ridge, 2:45; Dennis Gleeson, St. Joseph, pin Chris Carillo, Pascack Valley, 3:33; Paul Kalksma, Paramus, pin Mark Polito, Ridgefield Park, 1:30; Mark Faren, Indian Hills, bye.

PRELIMINARIES

100 - Walker pin Farquhar, 3:35; Piteriski dec. Giannone, 3-2; Palazzolo won by default over Harms; Bruffemesso dec. Manusco, 2-0; Stylianou pin Larsen, 0:47; Dunn dec. Garrabrandt, 5-0; Sloan dec. Potter, 7-0 (OT); Karamitsos pin Lehrer, 5:25.

107 - Romeo pin Lee, 5:15; Sheiner dec. Marion, 6-2; Esposito pin Basil, 1:15; Jones pin Watson, 0:50; Mackert dec. Hodgins, 10-6; Dass dec. Plarre, 9-3; Kassar dec. Bardugon, 1:15.

114 - Gonzalez pin Torres, 4:07; Qira dec. Adamo, 1-0; Vietri dec. R. Guerra, 12-2; Becker pin Huang, 1:00; Santos pin Bungiorno, 1:46;

QUARTERFINALS

Goodman dec. T. Guerra, 9-2; Verni pin Musone, 3:13; Van Horn pin Giannantonio, 1:14.

121 - Beyer pin Scafuro, 3:45; Crowley pin Darab, 1:48; Hayman dec. White, 7-3; Begosian dec. Joel, 7-1; Frasse pin Carney, 5:21; Marsilio dec. Armstrong, 14-3; Kamens pin Cappucci, 2:45; Triant dec. Pane, 8-1.

128 - Gallucci pin Cainero, 3:55; Miuccio dec. Rehan, 9-4; Hanze dec. Esposito, 1-0; Ryan won by default over Gavilanes; Purcell pin Peraino, 3:40; DiNapoli dec. Hughes, 4-2; Carfora dec. DiGiulio, 21-7; MacDonald dec. Seaman, 10-4.

134 - Freeman pin Bonsignore, 0:55; lleiwal pin Descarfino, 2:52; D'Amico pin Kaplan, 5:10; Guterrez dec. Woicik, 14-2; Blume pin Mazzi, 0:45; Kennedy dec. Turner, 20-5; Ross pin Leonard, 2:35; Perini pin Pescatore, 0:51.

140 - Anderson dec. Iacoponi, 14-6; Calder pin Jackson, 3:24; Salerno dec. Minichetti, 10-4; Peraino pin Turpinian, 1:11; Schlecta pin Tarrantino, 3:02; Bajakian pin Davies, 2:35; Orecchio dec. Swartz, 6-1; Redding dec. Martin, 6-1.

147 - Esposito dec. Wunder, 3:35; Van Tine pin Derin, 3:35; Ciampo pin Wieschenberg, 1:30; Mearns dec. Zinzarella, 16-2; Lisanti pin Verost, 1:55; J. Pepe pin Ross, 3:35; Schlenker dec. Penny, 12-0; T. Pepe dec. Vedrai, 8-6.

157 - Cascio pin Birmingham, 3:00; Spaziani dec. Remmes, 8-6; Meija pin Strobel, 5:40; Unger dec. Musicant, 20-4; Malatak pin Roberts, 4:22; Powell dec. Ryu, 10-6; Barnum pin DeSocio, 5:40; Licata dec. Lopez, 8-4.

169 - Donellan pin Catherman, 3:52; Boff dec. Hartman, 15-1; Johnston pin Scarborough, 3:54; Brendel dec. Finetto, 8-1; Apricena pin Inglima, 3:25; MacGlashen dec. Veninger, 13-0; Beatrice dec. Lerch, 11-4; Tomasini won by default over Miko.

187 - Guido pin Ellis, 1:42; Georgoutsos pin O'Donovan, 1:45; Milo dec. Luchella, 10-2; Lesica pin Walters, 3:20; Cieslak pin Smollen, 0:50; Chakonis pin Hans, 3:41; Quintero pin Guterrez, 5:18; Cornell dec. Rotonfi, 8-4.

Hwt. - Duhig dec. Lane, 8-6; Bauman dec. Morales, 1-0; Costa pin Drone, 1:19; Steele dec. Young, 3-0; Rukenstein dec. Weinstein, 11-0; Strobel pin Coviello, 0:28; Pfeifer pin Gleeson, 1:37; Kalksma pin Faren, 3:42.

100 - Pilerski pin Walker, 5:27; Palazzolo pin Bruttemesso, 1:14; Dunn pin Stylianou, 3:30; Sloan dec. Karamitsos, 4-3.

107 - Burns dec. Romeo, 16-4; Esposito pin Sheiner, 3:57; Mackert pin Jones, 0:50; Dass dec. Kossar, 14-2.

114 - Gonzalez dec. Qira, 16-0; Vietri dec. Becker, 6-3; Goodman dec. Santos, 11-4; Van Horn dec. Verni, 7-3.

121 - Beyer dec. Crwoley, 6-0; Hayman dec. Begosian, 12-2; Frasse won by default over Marsilio; Kamens pin Triant, 0:55.

128 - Miuccio dec. Gallucci, 20-1; Ryan dec. Hanze, 6-0; Purcell dec. DiNapoli, 8-0; Carfora dec. MacDonald, 18-0.

134 - Freeman dec. lleiwal, 5-2; D'Amico dec. Guterrez, 16-2; Blume dec. Kennedy, 17-6; Perini pin Ross, 1:00.

140 - Anderson dec. Calder, 12-8; Peraino dec. Salerno, 7-4; Slehta dec. Bajakian, 6-3; Redding dec. Orecchio, 13-2.

147 - Van Tine pin Esposito, 5:10; Mearns pin Ciampo, 3:08; Lisanti dec. J. Pepe, 8-2; T. Pepe dec. Schlenker, 8-5.

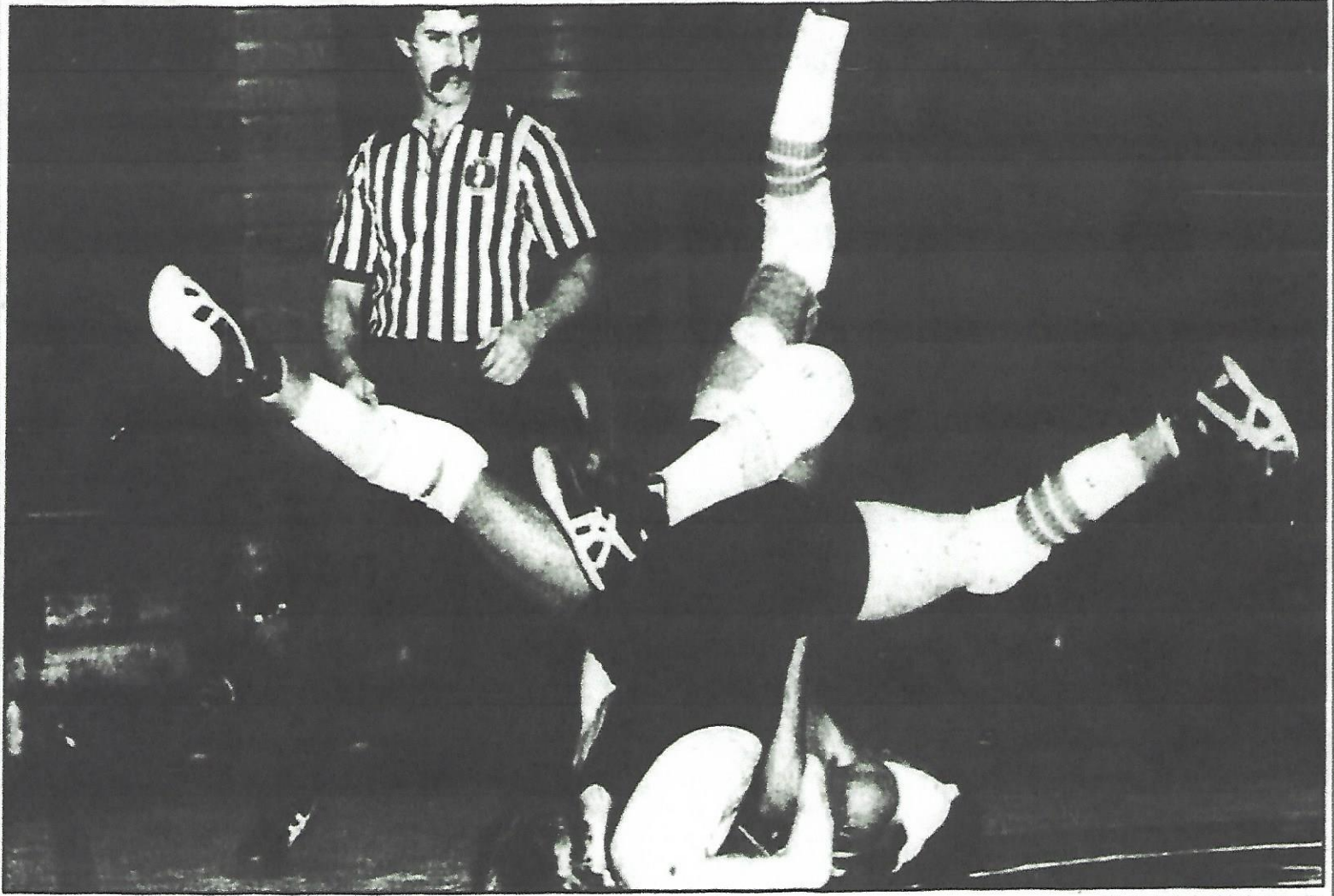
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Cliffside Park's Mark Piterksi uses a scissors hold to record back points against Lance Walker of Indian Hills. Piterksi won by a pin in 5:27. Bill Paladino is the referee.

Pascack Hills limited to team honors

HACKENSACK — The team championship had been decided long before Cliffside Park's Bill Blume and Ridgefield Park's Pete Gonzalez sought their own rewards last night in the Bergen County Coaches Holiday Wrestling Tournament. They weren't concerned that Pascack Hills wrestlers stood between them and their championship dreams.

"I've got to get ready in my mind, no matter who I'm wrestling," said Blume. "I just knew the guy was good, no matter where he's from."

Gonzalez received the Paul Tashian Memorial Trophy as the meet's Most Outstanding Wrestler after defeating Tony Van Horn of Hills, 4-2, in the 115 title bout. Blume unleashed a variety of throws to upset Jim Freeman of the Cowboys, 15-8.

Wrestling

With its only two finalists losing, Pascack Hills became the first school in the tournament's 23 years to win the team championship without having an individual champion. Six Cowboys reached the semifinals, but none won titles.

"At least we had two. That helps," said Roy Marada, coach of Bergenfield, the only team with multiple champions. Gary Miuccio (129) and Pete Georgoutsos (188) won for the Bears, who finished second with 130½ points to the Cowboys' 157½.

The title bouts went as follows:

101: "Tommy proved today he has guts," said new Lyndhurst coach Mark Zarro after Tom Dunn of the Golden Bears overcame shoulder miseries to win, 9-3, against Cliffside Park's Mark Piteriski. Seemingly caught in a single-leg, Dunn scored a takedown on a headlock-whizzer 1:03 into the match. Dunn added two takedowns and five back points.

108: Jim Burns of Indian Hills, stricken with spinal meningitis in the fall, had three pins and a major decision in earlier bouts before nipping Hackensack rookie Ralph Dass, 4-2. Burns used a stepover takedown with 1:16 left in the first period and hooked in a grapevine in the third.

115: Gonzalez prevailed in the toughest weight class. He rallied from a hard-switch reversal by Van Horn, a Park Ridge transfer who scored 24 points for Hills in the tournament. Gonzalez countered a Peterson for the tying takedown at the 30-second mark of the second, and picked up a stalling point.

122: Fair Lawn's John Kamens used two first-period reversals and four second-period back points off a cradle and a tilt for an 8-6 win over Pascack Valley's Eric Beyer. The latter turned Kamens to his back with 52 seconds left, but Kamens bridged and survived.

129: Miuccio's deep single-leg at 1:05 of the first period stood up. He added a switch reversal and a stalling point for a 5-1 defeat of St. Joseph's Jim Purcell.

135: Blume used several judo throws to drop Freeman and built a 10-2 lead in the first period. Blume had three pins (two in under a minute) and a major decision earlier.

141: Chris Slechta of Ridgefield took a 1-0 lead with a sitout at 1:51 of the second period. Fair Lawn's top-seeded Todd Anderson was forced to default 33 seconds later after suffering a gashed forehead during a collision.

148: Dave Van Tine of Palisades Park pinned four previous opponents before winning 4-2 over Rutherford's Gary LiSanti. The latter, who ousted defending champ Tom Pepe of Pascack Hills in the semis, was turned by Van Tine with eight seconds remaining after a cradle by the Rutherford junior was disallowed because it was considered "potentially dangerous."

158: Steve Cascio of Westwood recorded an escape in the third overtime period for a 1-0 win, his second tight victory over Dumont's Mike Licata in two weeks. Licata's takedown points were tied by two Cascio escapes in regulation.

170: North Bergen's John Bott, who won the tournament's pin trophy with four falls in only 7:04, conducted a takedown clinic to lead Ramsey's Todd MacGlashan, 13-3, before pinning him at 3:49 on a tilt with legs.

188: Georgoutsos worked legs wondrously, countering a gramby roll by Cliffside Park's John Chakonis for a 4-0 lead, adding a throw and four stalling points for the 11-0 romp.

Unlimited: Bergen Catholic's Steve Steele had two takedowns, an escape, and a double-leg turn for a reverse to defeat Kurt Pfeifer of Fair Lawn, 8-2. Pfeifer pinned four, including Paramus Catholic's Charlie Strobel in the semis.

Bergen Tournament

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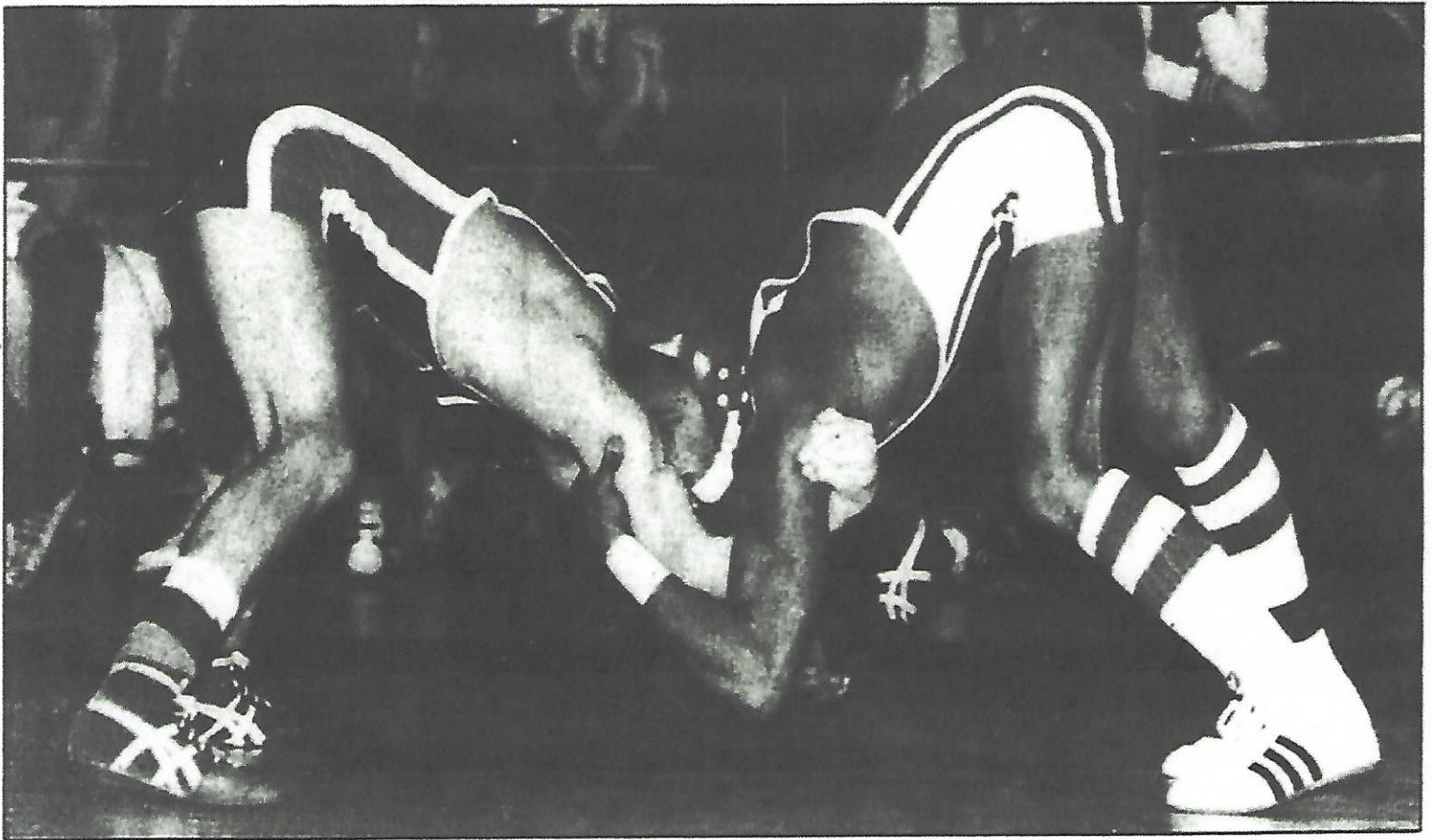
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Bergen Tournament

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170 - Dan Johnston, Pascack Hills, dec. Joe Beatrice, St. Joseph, 2-0.

188 - Phil Milo, New Milford, won by default over Mike Cornell, Indian Hills.

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SEMIFINALS

101 - Pilerski dec. Palazzolo, 9-6; Dunn dec. Sloan, 7-5.

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115 - Gonzalez dec. Vietri, 4-0; Van Horn pin Goodman, 2:53.

122 - Beyer pin Hayman, 2:39; Kamens dec. Fraase, 6-5.

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158 - Cascio dec. Unger, 14-1; Licata dec. Malatak, 6-5.

170 - Bott pin Johnston, 2:57; MacGlashan dec. Beatrice, 4-0.

188 - Georgoutsos dec. Milo, 10-0; Chakonis won by default over Mike Cornell.

Hwt - Steele dec. Bauman, 3-0; Pfeifer pin Strobel, 5:51.