

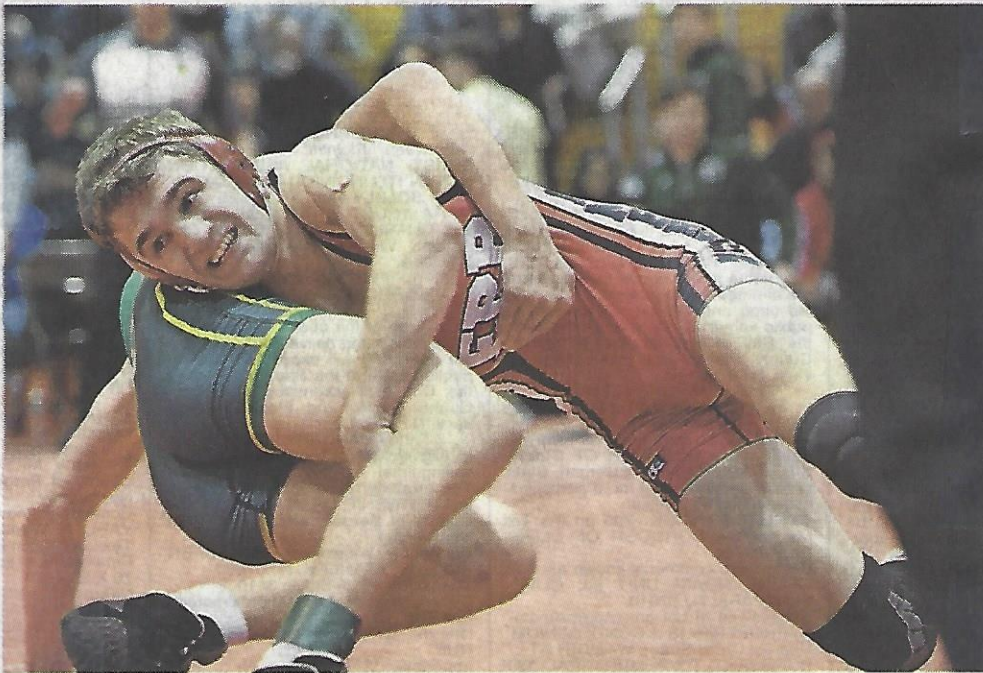
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What to watch for in this week's BCCA tournament



Luke Mazzeo of Emerson/Park Ridge defeats Craig Manno of St. Joseph in their 138-pound match during the CCA Holiday Wrestling Tournament at Hackensack High School on Dec. 29, 2017. MICHAEL KARAS/NORTHJERSEY.COM

BCCA George Jockish Holiday Wrestling Tournament at Hackensack

Thursday: 10 a.m. start; **Friday:** noon start, 6 p.m. finals.

The brackets will be finalized Thursday morning, with seeds largely based on recent state tournament results.

Live updates can be found on NorthJersey.com.

Returning champions

(Last year's weight): Emerson/Park Ridge senior Luke Mazzeo (138) comes off back-to-back wins and vies to become the first three-time champion since 2015. The Cavos also bring back Nick Babin (106) and Jonah Schechtman (152), while St. Joseph returns two winners in Sammy Alvarez (120) and Stefano Sgambellone (132). Also keep an eye on Westwood senior Trent Furman (126) since he went 40-2 last season and picked up his first BCCA title.

A pair of transfers are omitted from the list in Bergen Catholic's Dylan

Cedeno and Delbarton's Luke Chakonis. Neither of those schools will appear in the tournament.

Defending team champion

Don Bosco won its second straight championship and fourth overall in 2017. The Ironmen scored 218 points and led the way with 10 medalists. Emerson/Park Ridge finished a close second with 200.5 points, while St. Joseph and Westwood occupied the next two spots.

Team preview

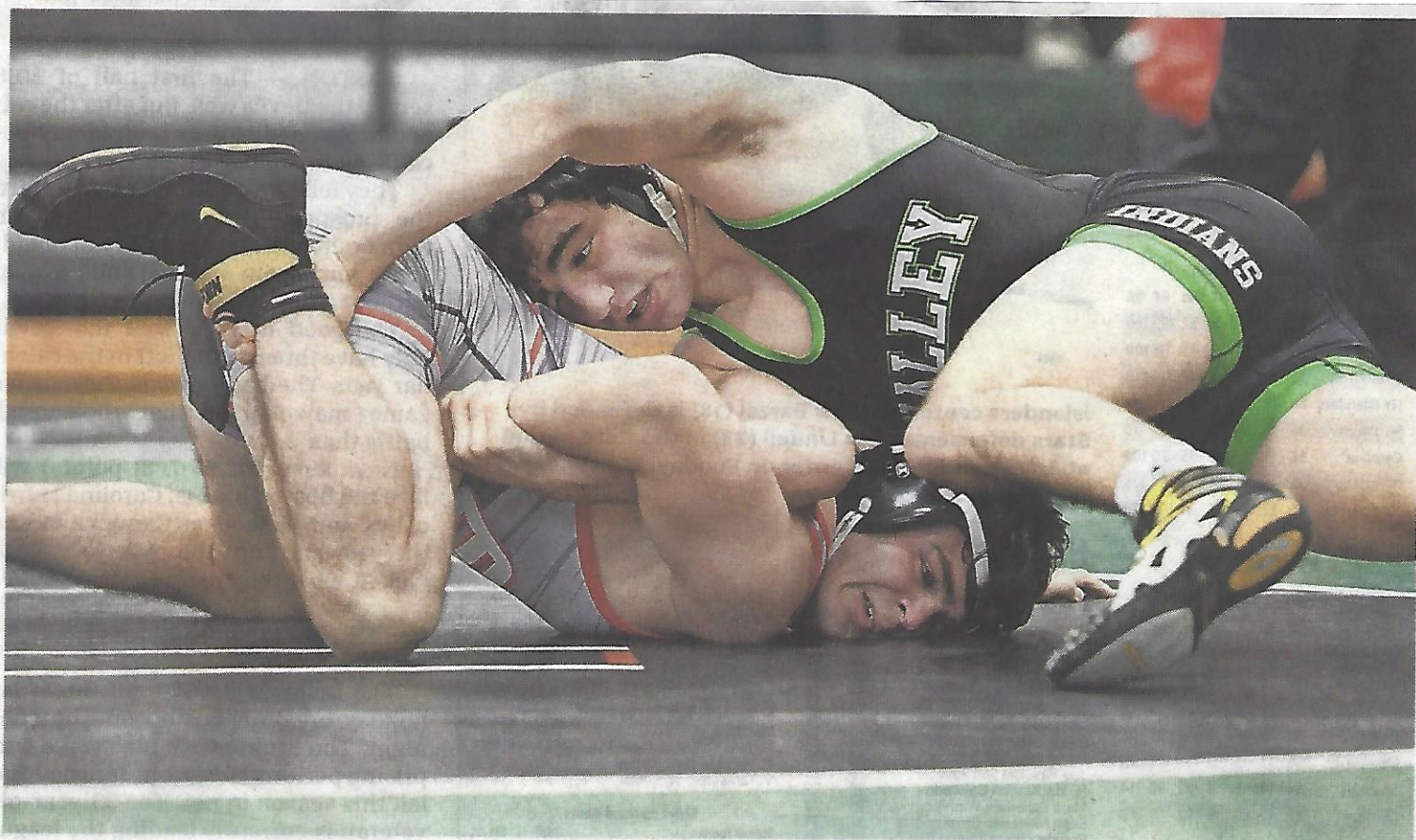
The race will be wide open again with Bergen Catholic out of the event for a third straight season. The same top teams should stay in the running, while River Dell and NV/Old Tappan could also make a push. The unofficial favorite might be St. Joseph, which comes off a top-20 finish at the Beast of the East.

Top weight class

Expect the 152 bracket to be full of talent. It could include a pair of returning champions in Schechtman and Sgambellone along with a wild card in Pascack Valley's Matt Beyer. The Indians' senior missed the BCCA tournament last winter with an injury, but beat Schechtman in a head-to-head matchup on Saturday. Bergen County second Christian Jimenez (Don Bosco) and fourth Julian Robles (Westwood) might also be featured in this weight class.

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Indians' Beyer carries on family tradition on family tradition



Pascack Valley's Matt Beyer defeats Emerson/Park Ridge's Jonah Schechtman in their 152-pound match on Saturday.



"He's all about hard work. That's how he is in school. That's how he is as a person. He works hard in everything he does."

Gary Beyer

Assistant coach and father of Matt

Pascack Valley assistant wrestling coach Gary Beyer applauds after his son, Matt Beyer, won his 152-pound match on Saturday.

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Senior's father also took mat for Pascack Valley

Sean Farrell

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His father's sport was always the one.

No one needed to tell Matt Beyer to go through what his dad and uncle did all those years before. The decision to wrestle was simply his to make.

Beyer is proud to be a second-generation wrestler for Pascack Valley and one of the top seniors in North Jersey.

His dad Gary is a team assistant coach and his grandparents, Joyce and Marty, can be found in the back row at every match. For the last five decades, one sport and one team have brought the family together.

"It's pretty cool being able to keep the Beyer name here," Matt said. "Pascack Valley wrestling is kind of our thing. It definitely means a lot."

Beyer has started all four years for the Indians and will wrestle for Ithaca next season. He tried baseball and football as a young kid and even played basketball until eighth grade, but his path was clearly laid out before him. He had inherited the talent that helped his dad and Uncle Eric dominate at Pascack Valley in the late '70s and early '80s. Maybe as important, he got the toughness that made his grandfather an Air Force captain and two-sport college athlete.

"He never stops," senior Tommy Chiellini said. "He's always in the front of the pack when we run. ... He doesn't take a day off."

"That's what's taking him to the next level," head coach Tom Gallione said. "He came in expecting to do great things, but we've seen those kids over the years and you never know. Hard work is what put him, in my opinion, at the top with the best wrestlers in the state."

Beyer will be among the favorites Thursday when the Bergen County wrestling tournament begins. He's already made the podium twice and likely would have returned last year if not for an injury. A torn UCL in his right elbow kept Beyer out for about a month, but he

recovered in time to wrestle in Atlantic City. He won 26 matches last season and has almost 100 for his career. If he adds a BCCA title, he would become Pascack Valley's first champion in almost 20 years.

"The thing that I find that's pretty unique about Matt is he's kind of old-school," said Gary Beyer, who competed for Franklin & Marshall. "He's all about hard work. That's how he is in school. That's how he is as a person. He works hard in everything he does."

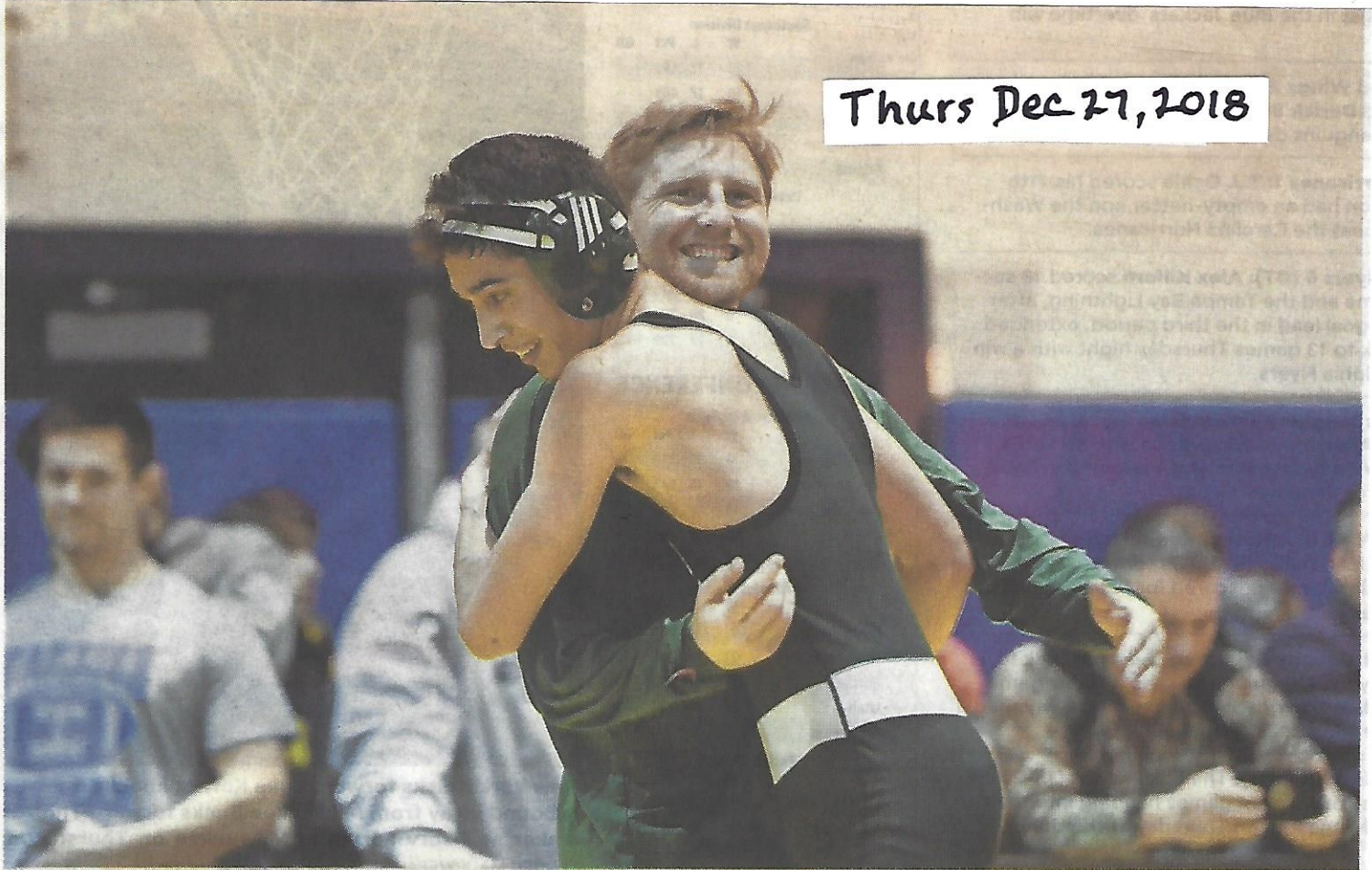
The challenge that awaits at Hackensack High School will be significant. Beyer has been wrestling at 152 pounds, which looks like an especially tough bracket. It could possibly be one of the only ones with a pair of returning champions in Stefano Sgambellone (St. Joseph) and Jonah Schechtman (Emerson/Park Ridge). Good news for Beyer came Saturday when he knocked off Schechtman in an impressive 3-1 decision.

"I trained all offseason and lifted hard," Beyer said. "I feel good."

Beyer knows that everything will change next year. He is the youngest of three siblings and thus, the last of his generation to don the Pascack Valley colors. But for now, he will take the mats at Hackensack with his biggest supporter at his side and a fan club at his back. For another year, the Beyers will go together as father and son, coach and athlete.

"I take pride in that," Gary Beyer said.

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Mike Simone hugs Ramapo coach Brian Gibbs after winning his 132-pound quarterfinal bout by pin on Day 1 of the BCCA holiday wrestling tournament on Thursday in Hackensack. PHOTOS BY DANIELLE PARHIZKARAN/NORTHJERSEY.COM

Ramapo's Simone gets redemption

After 1-year wait, senior reaches tourney semifinals

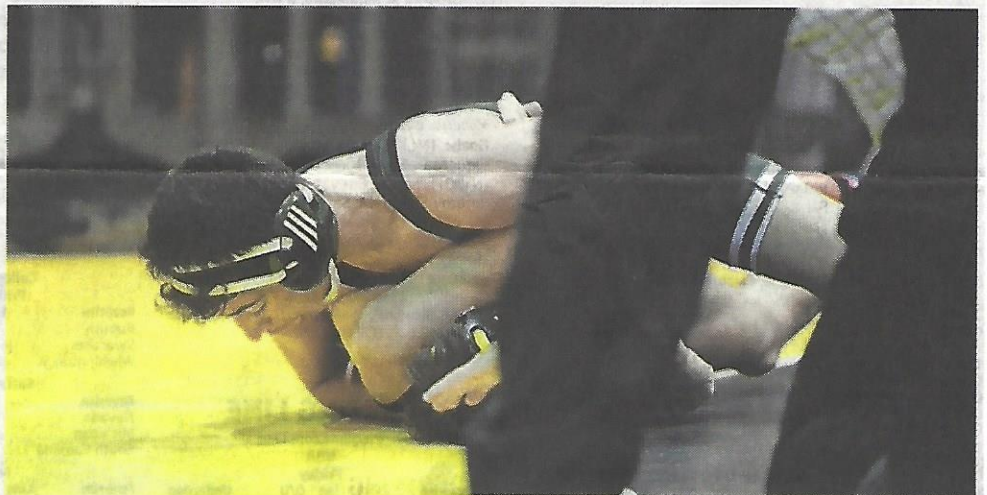
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HACKENSACK – The blank stare said what Mike Simone could not.

The Ramapo wrestler was simply too mad to talk as he sat in his coach's office. He was brought there after a practice last December and blindsided with bad news.

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Ramapo senior Mike Simone clinched his first county medal and earned a trip to Friday's semifinal round of the BCCA Holiday Tournament. The 132-pounder will next face state finalist Sammy Alvarez of St. Joseph.

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He would not wrestle in the Bergen County tournament. A strep throat was the culprit.

"I couldn't even say anything," Simone explained.

That setback only made Simone's comeback even sweeter.

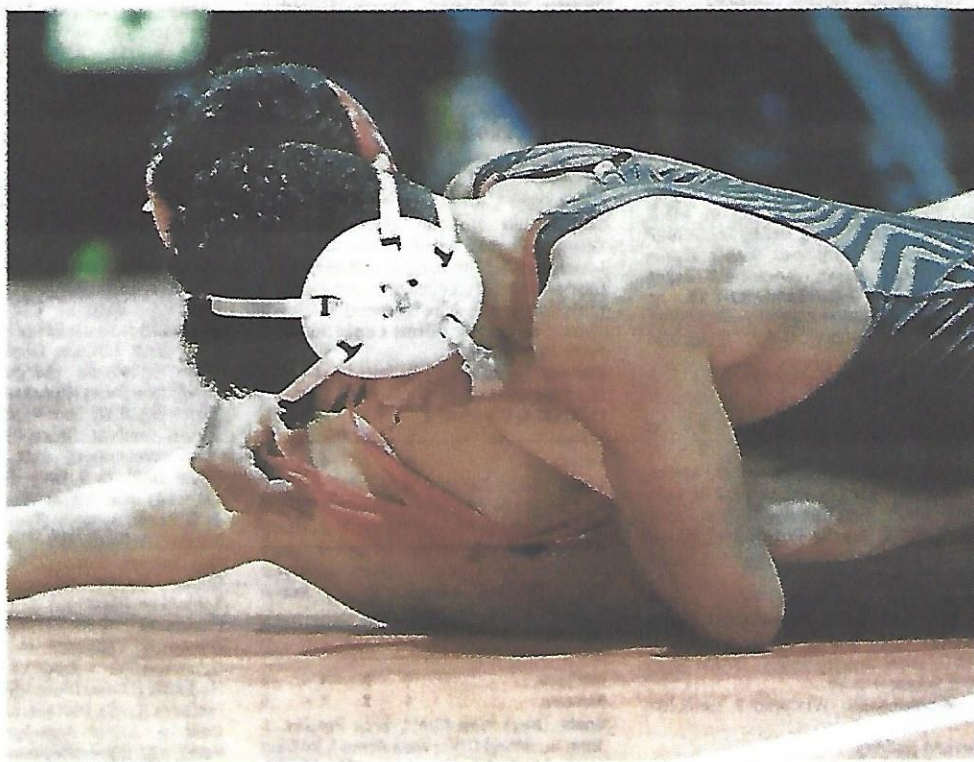
The Green Raiders' senior swept through the opening rounds of Thursday's BCCA Holiday Tournament, after waiting a year for this chance. In doing so, he clinched his first county medal and a trip to Friday's semifinal round. The 132-pounder will next face state finalist Sammy Alvarez of St. Joseph.

"It's satisfying," Ramapo coach Brian Gibbs said. "He's done everything right this season. It's his work ethic and what he does in practice, he's been a leader. To see him win matches here was great and to go ahead to the semis in that fashion was nice."

Simone took a different path than most other title hopefuls. He was a Judo state champion in sixth grade, but wrestled on and off as a kid. He got back into the sport a little before high school and reached the district finals as a freshman. Then it all seemed to go wrong as he transitioned from a 106-pound rookie to a tall and skinny middleweight. Gibbs estimates that he won about 10 matches in each of the last two seasons.

"I've definitely been training harder," Simone said. "Being a senior changed my mindset. It's my last year that I'm going to be doing this."

Aside from Simone, the first day at Hackensack was mostly dominated by the favorites. Eleven top seeds advanced to the semifinals and all but two No. 2 seeds did as well. The team race went about as expected with St. Joseph sending



Bergenfield's Arauki Revi pins Zak Martinez of Elmwood Park in a 126-pound quarterfinal match on Day 1 of the BCCA holiday wrestling tournament on Thursday in Hackensack.

DANIELLE PARHIZKARAN/NORTHJERSEY.COM

nine wrestlers to the semifinal round. Don Bosco wasn't far behind with six, while Emerson/Park had five. Cavo's senior Luke Mazzeo even won all of his matches in under a minute to give himself a chance at a third straight title.

Maybe the biggest surprise was Bergenfield's Arauki Revi, who knocked off 126-pound favorite Zak Martinez of Elmwood Park.

Revi will have a chance to become the Bears' first champion in eight seasons.

"His hard work has paid off so far," Bergenfield coach John Magaraci said. "It's great to have him there. We're back. I guess you could say we're back. We're making some strides."

Ramapo made the same statement.

The Green Raiders managed to get three wrestlers into the semifinal round, including Justin Leon-

ard (160) and Luke Brantly (182).

"I have a really solid group of seniors," Gibbs said. "They do everything the right way. They work hard and the young guys have bought in too. They put a lot of work in the spring and summer. We've put in the time and it's nice to finally see the rewards."

For Simone, it didn't take long.

The Green Raider won his first match in 34 seconds and knocked off Fair Lawn's Jonathan Pickett with an 8-1 decision. His afternoon ended on a high note with a pin in 3:02 over Cresskill's Owen Ross.

The grin on his face as he left the mat told a different story.

"I just went in not thinking about wins or losses," Simone said. "I didn't look at anyone's record. It's a senior year mentality. I came here to have fun and wrestle as hard as I could."

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Team scores (through quarterfinal round):

1. St. Joseph, 142; 2. Emerson/Park Ridge, 98; 3. Don Bosco, 86; 4. Ramapo, 82; 5. Fair Lawn, 79; 6. Pascack Valley, 78; 7. NV/Old Tappan, 67; 8. Westwood, 65.5; 9. North Bergen, 59; 10. Northern Highlands, 55; 11. River Dell, 50; 12. Paramus Catholic, 49.5; 13. Dumont, 43.5; 14. Paramus, 42; 15. Garfield, 41; 16. Ramsey, 40.5; 17. Pascack Hills, 38; 17. Saddle Brook, 38; 19. Elmwood Park, 37; 20. Mahwah, 35; 20. Ridgewood, 35; 22. Teaneck, 32; 23. Bogota/Ridgefield Park, 31; 23. Lodi, 31; 25. Becton, 29; 25. Cresskill, 29; 27. Waldwick/Midland Park, 28; 28. Bergenfield, 27; 29. Glen Rock, 26; 30. New Milford, 25; 31. Dwight Morrow, 18; 32. Wood-Ridge, 17; 33. Leonia/Palisades Park, 14; 33. Lyndhurst/North Arlington, 14; 35. NV/Demarest, 11; 35. Hasbrouck Heights, 11; 35. Rutherford, 11; 38. Fort Lee, 7; 38. Hackensack, 7; 40. Indian Hills, 4.

First round

106: Vinny Principe (Bergenfield) p. Noah Moss (Cresskill), 1:12. Ryan Kozdra (Mahwah) p. Dylan Guido (Rutherford), 5:41. Noel Record (Lodi) d. Declan Jaeger (NV/Old Tappan), 7-2. Myles Leonard (Waldwick/Midland Park) d. Efrain Lopez (Fair Lawn), 8-6. Ben Grater (Don Bosco) p. Brian Vargas (Hackensack), 1:57. Thomas Comeau (Emerson/Park Ridge) d. Michael Calabrese (Hasbrouck Heights), 7-6. Stefano Bruni (Ramapo) p. Greg Hadoulis (Leonia/Palisades Park), 0:52. Adam Albino (Bogota/Ridgefield Park) p. Eddie Ortiz (Lyndhurst/North Arlington), 4:48. Rainey Dimitri (Indian Hills) p. Jason Longaker (Elmwood Park), 3:35.

113: Cory Sanchez (Elmwood Park) p. Jona Kim (Cresskill), 0:39. Jake Sheiner (Fair Lawn) p. Kubrick Hilton (Demarest), 1:32. JJ Herninko (Rutherford) p. Blake Freschi (Hasbrouck Heights), 0:47.

120: Cole Pfeuffer (Westwood) p. Danny Gaffney (Indian Hills), 1:46. Joseph Bussinelli (Ridgewood) d. Anthony Molinaro (Don Bosco), 9-7. George Rivera (Teaneck) p. Pablo Villa (Hackensack), 1:32. Thomas Casey (Paramus) p. Josh Goldstein (Demarest), 0:22. Danny Principe (Bergenfield) d. Yaseen Abdelaziz (Leonia/Palisades Park), 6-4. Izel Barragan (Elmwood Park) p. Vinny Keeler (Rutherford), 3:40. Andre Ruiz (Bogota/Ridgefield Park) p. Michael Garcia (Garfield), 0:43. Sean Faraon (Paramus Catholic) p. Fabio Paulino (Lodi), 0:17. Hamza Chah (Becton) d. Sidney Hamburger (Cresskill), 3-0. Shawn Mastropiero (New Milford) p. John Giardina (Pascack Hills), 1:37. Joseph Manginelli (Dumont) p. Nick Savariego (Pascack Valley), 0:34. Nick Motta (Fair Lawn) t.f. Liam Fowley (Old Tappan), 15-0. Darren Dwyer (North Bergen) m.d. Bryan Novick (Glen Rock), 12-0. Matt Biondi (Ramsey) p. Grayson Jurado (Lyndhurst/North Arlington), 2:55.

126: Raymond Dellosa (Paramus) p. Deron Davis (Lodi), 0:56. Darius Baez (Bogota/Ridgefield Park) p. Donald Keating (Northern Highlands), 1:17.

Joseph Capello (Paramus Catholic) m.d. Collin Hall (Leonia/Palisades Park), 18-5. Michael Bussinelli (Ridgewood) m.d. Austin Yalowitz (Fort Lee), 11-2. Miguel Marroquin (Teaneck) p. Gustavo Reyes (Becton), 3:26. Christian Saade (Saddle Brook) p. Remo Liberati (Demarest), 0:32. Nicky Eholi (Westwood) t.f. Jake Bedrin (Ramapo), 17-0.

132: Kamil Klipo (Becton) d. Hunter Freschi (Hasbrouck Heights), 16-10. Chris Lydon (Paramus Catholic) p. Nick Hodson (Pascack Hills), 2:32. Devin Martin (Dwight Morrow) p. Thomas Arvin (Leonia/Palisades Park), 0:59. Mike Simone (Ramapo) p. Robert Osder (Demarest), 0:34. Jonathan Pickett (Fair Lawn) p. Roman Cruz (Elmwood Park), 3:31. Tyler Nisler (North Bergen) p. James Barbato (Ramsey), 4:30. Owen Ross (Cresskill) p. Andrew Gujije (Fort Lee), 1:20. Trent Furman (Westwood) p. Donny Mantilla (Lodi), 2:25. Logan Hurwitt (Northern Highlands) p. Joe Nacinovich (Indian Hills), 1:18. Joseph Pettineo (Paramus) d. John Perez (Bogota/Ridgefield Park), 7-6. Tyler Pizzi (Pascack Valley) p. Sebastian Jusma (Teaneck), 1:13. Matt Guerra (Waldwick/Midland Park) d. Charlie Racine (River Dell), 5-2. Jonathan Lau (Saddle Brook) m.d. Ethan Guggino (Hackensack), 17-1. Stuart McElroy (Ridgewood) p. Brandon Vitacco (Lyndhurst/North Arlington), 1:59.

138: Luke Mazzeo (Emerson/Park Ridge) p. Joshua Valladares (Lodi), 0:53. Aiden Bierfass (Ramsey) p. Aaron Frias (Hackensack), 3:59. Ray Cruz-Duran (Rutherford) d. Nico Echavez (Leonia/Palisades Park), 7-0. Sean Hernandez (Fort Lee) m.d. Pierce Hovey (Ramapo), 12-2. Nick Franco (Don Bosco) p. Joe Fojon (Fair Lawn), 1:42. Michael Faustini (Saddle Brook) p. Matias Murillo (Pascack Hills), 1:26. Jimmy Connolly (Old Tappan) d. Dennis Riordan (Hasbrouck Heights), 13-6. Michael Cetta (St. Joseph) p. Matt Marra (Indian Hills), 0:25. Justin Cantor (North Bergen) p. Griffin Arsis (Pascack Valley), 1:22. Matt Lewis (Mahwah) p. Kevin Baker (Elmwood Park), 3:54. Zach Carlson (New Milford) forf. Milan Escalante (Bergenfield). Devin Ianelli (Northern Highlands) p. John Cruz (Teaneck), 0:56. Sam Nigro (Demarest) p. Shawn Medvar (Becton), 0:15. Tommy Eholi (Westwood) m.d. Nick Goodwin (River Dell), 15-0. Dean Boltze (Paramus Catholic) m.d. Edgar Aleman (Dumont), 21-9. Aaron Ayzarov (Paramus) t.f. Bryan Lopez (Garfield), 17-2.

145: Robert Russo (Saddle Brook) m.d. Dylan Distell (Cresskill), 14-4. Jacob Schlenker (Ramapo) p. Gabriel Guzman (Teaneck), 0:56. Nicholas Palmieri (Paramus Catholic) d. Rob Anziolotti (Emerson/Park Ridge), 4-1. Stephano Hadoulis (Leonia/Palisades Park) p. Ryan McGuire (Lodi), 0:41. Kieran Hughes (River Dell) p. Aness Abdelgader (Elmwood Park), 1:27. Owen Stephenson (Glen Rock) p. Jason Taylor (Becton), 1:55. Francis Hernandez (Ramsey) p. Vin Moleti (Westwood), 5:08. Shane Trattner (Ridgewood) p. Daniel Ibrahim (Paramus), 3:04. Nick Chalarca (Dumont) p. Aladeen Hussein (Garfield), 3:52. Drew Dippolito (Old Tappan) p. Austin Lindsey (Fort Lee), 2:11. Nick Anderson (North Bergen) p. Sean Shehy (Pascack Valley), 3:33. Vinny DeMaria (Northern Highlands) d. John Dammann (Hasbrouck Heights), 3-1.

152: Out-bracket: Nathaniel Tylki (Garfield) p. Sidney Amsalem (Fort Lee), 1:07. Out-bracket: Anthony Fernandes (Lodi) p. Thomas Linaris (Demarest), 1:52. Jonah Schechtman (Emerson/Park Ridge) t.f. Tylki, 15-0. Ben Katzman (Glen Rock) p. Ryan Briggs (Elmwood Park), 2:49. Shawn Grigsby (Waldwick/Midland Park) forf. Max Greenwood (Rutherford). Derin Yusufi (Leonia/Palisades Park) d. Nick Rotella (Pascack Hills), 7-5. AJ Puerto (Fair Lawn) p. Roddy Wenner (Northern Highlands), 1:00. Adib Korabi (Becton) p. Evan West (Wood-Ridge), 1:10. Christian Carmichael (Paramus) t.f. Matt Devito (Dumont), 15-0. Christian Jimenez (Don Bosco) p. McCallister Rutnik (Ramapo), 1:41. Stefano Sgambellone (St. Joseph) p. Jeffery Deiss (Ridgewood), 2:37. Sam Spira (Mahwah) p. John Manichetti (Paramus Catholic), 0:57. Michael Tchertchian (Old Tappan) p. Mike Journick (Ramsey), 2:26. Derin Stitzer (Lyndhurst/North Arlington) p. Ali Aziz (Hackensack), 0:46. Kenny Spadaccini (Cresskill) p. Zakk Ward (Bergenfield), 5:53. Kyle Link (River Dell) m.d. Joey Petrolia (New Milford), 10-2. Alfred Faison (Teaneck) p. Rob Deraney (Indian Hills), 3:56. Matt Beyer (Pascack Valley) p. Fernandes, 1:38.

160: Devin Stapleton (St. Joseph) p. JoFrank Torres (Dumont), 2:24. Jack Bernik (Old Tappan) p. Mike Elston (Indian Hills), 0:34. Jake Reiter (Wood-Ridge) p. Chan Kim (Leonia/Palisades Park), 0:28. Justin Leonard (Ramapo) p. Mert Ozgider (Pascack Hills), 5:09. Jacob Hamburger (Cresskill) p. Daniel Lee (Becton), 0:56. Stephen Soravilla (Pascack Valley) p. Thomas Lee (Demarest), 2:47. Stephen Lowery (Ramsey) p. Andrew Girgis (Lodi), 0:13. Kasper Szuberski (Garfield) p. Alejandro Perez (Fort Lee), 2:38. Torin Jacobs (Don Bosco) d. Chris Ostuni (River Dell), 5-2. Ed Ianelli (Northern Highlands) p. Ammar Elitigani (North Bergen), 0:36. Ian Rinke (Hasbrouck Heights) d. Anthony Ferraioli (Paramus), 5-1. Fletcher Cavanaugh (Fair Lawn) d. Dylan Toro (Teaneck), 13-10. Casey Allen (Emerson/Park Ridge) d. Justin Boesch (Westwood), 8-3.

170: Brendan Hughes (Emerson/Park Ridge) p. Jalen Sarraga (Teaneck), 1:32. Luke Petaccia (Pascack Valley) p. Jason Mcnerney (Ramsey), 3:47. Lucas Sharma (Ridgewood) d. Will Andresen (Old Tappan), 6-1. Darin Donnell (Ramapo), p. Alex Castilo (Dumont), 0:53. Jack Burgos (North Bergen) p. Zack Kovanes (Don Bosco), 1:09. Jesse Presburger (Mahwah) m.d. Daniel Govin (Fort Lee), 14-4. Michael DePeri (Saddle Brook) p. Roman Gil (Leonia/Palisades Park), 1:54. Tim Coffey (Cresskill) p. Christian Lopez (Hasbrouck Heights), 2:42. Marcos Abarca (Lodi) p. Connor Sabia (Becton), 0:41. C.J. Andres (Paramus Catholic) p. Nick DiMassimo (Pascack Hills), 0:14.

182: Ben Kaplan (Northern Highlands) p. Nicholas Tarabochia (Paramus), 5:54. Zach Ackerson (Old Tappan) p. Francisco De La Cruz (Hackensack), 0:10. Alex Gluckman (Dumont) p. Joe Kozdra (Mahwah), 2:40. Gregory Wolszyn (Leonia/Palisades Park) d. Jason Santucci (Ridgewood), 6-4. Angelo Piazza (Glen Rock) d. Nicholas Alvarado (Don Bosco), 7-5. Aiden Giacomelli (Emerson/Park Ridge) m.d. Kevin Zuniga (Paramus Catholic), 12-3. Christian Maiz (Westwood) forf. Kevin Davis (St. Joseph).

195: Qiyam Bettis (Teaneck) forf. Dan Lescher (Wood-Ridge); Christian Agreda (Mahwah) p. Abe Kario (Elmwood Park), 1:27. Manny Ortiz (Saddle Brook) p. David West (Pascack Hills), 1:14. Ayden Lyuhimov (Lodi) p. Ryan Peters (Northern Highlands), 1:16. Brian Fall (Ramapo) forf. Chris LaPaz (Lyndhurst/North Arlington). John Blaya (North Bergen) p. Nico Gemma (Ramsey), 3:57. Ben Cameron (Fair Lawn) d. Christianson Bautista (Garfield), 10-5. Jack Tsokanos (Pascack Valley) p. Dan Donohoe (Don Bosco), 2:35. **220:** Zach Marck (Emerson/Park Ridge) p. Malachi Wilson (Paramus Catholic), 2:41. Keon Fraser-Morrison p. Drew Tomat (Wood-Ridge), 1:39. Zyaire White (Bergenfield) p. Dennis Wanis (Paramus), 4:00. Zach Olson (Pascack Valley) p. JJ Vera (Dumont), 0:18. Tom Dougherty (Don Bosco) p. Michael Outan (Hackensack), 0:45. Simon Yung (Old Tappan) p. Ian VanRiper (River Dell), 2:16. Eris Rosario (Bogota/Ridgefield Park) p. Bryan Albrez (Becton), 1:58.

285: Joe Stuart (Hackensack) p. Varun Kumar (Waldwick/Midland Park), 0:07. Arman Young (Ramapo) p. Armando Alvarez (Lodi), 1:32. Tyler Kario (Elmwood Park) p. David Brizzolara (Becton), 1:39. Erich Sidle (St. Joseph) p. Juan Jimenez (Fort Lee), 3:54. Anthony Vacarella (Ridgewood) p. Aaron Price (Dumont), 1:41.

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106: Joe Manno (St. Joseph) p. Principe, 1:13. Kozdra m.d. Record, 12-0. Leonard p. Ryan Romeo (Glen Rock), 4:53. Grater d. Mark Peter (Dumont), 1-0. Will Matistic (Paramus Catholic) p. Comeau, 1:54. Ben Bautista (Pascack Hills) m.d. Bruni, 13-2. Albino p. Frezzo, 3:49. Matt DiGennaro (River Dell) p. Dimitri, 0:51.

113: Nick Babin (Emerson/Park Ridge) p. Sanchez, 0:27. Nick Patel (Northern Highlands) p. Brad Zirlin (Pascack Valley), 0:57. Eric Freeman (Paramus) d. Kley Paralta (Paramus Catholic), 6-0. Mike Tandurella (Don Bosco) p. Taisei Kurachi (River Dell), 3:35. Michael Rodriguez (Becton) p. Shener, 1:02. Elyjah Jackson (Teaneck) p. Matt Litchult (Indian Hills), 4:15. Max Martinez (Pascack Hills) p. Gabe Hoffman (Old Tappan), 1:02. Ethan Fernandez (Westwood) p. Herinko, 1:34.

120: Logan Mazzeo (Emerson/Park Ridge) p. Cole Pfeufer, 1:35. Joseph Bussinelli d. Rivera, 6-5. Casey d. Principe, 7-0. Ruiz p. Barragan, 2:41. Faraon t.f. Chah, 15-0. Joseph Manginelli t.f. Mastropierro, 20-5. Nick Motta m.d. Dwyer, 11-2. Justin Bierdumpfel (St. Joseph) p. Biondi, 0:30.

126: Zak Martinez (Elmwood Park) d. Dellosa, 7-4. Arauki Revi (Bergenfield) d. Ben Or-Chen (Glen Rock), 8-2. Antonio Abate (Old Tappan) m.d. Baez, 11-0. Jordan Iannone (St. Joseph) p. Capello, 0:29. Anthony Motta (Fair Lawn) p. Michael Bussinelli, 5:57. Jonathan Siemsen (Ramsey) m.d. Marroquin, 15-0. Caiden Brower (Emerson/Park Ridge) t.f. Saade, 15-0. Gianni Manginelli (Dumont) p. Nicky Eboli, 2:03.

132: Sammy Alvarez (St. Joseph) p. Klipo, 3:19. Lydon d. Martin, 2-1. Simone d. Pickett, 8-1. Ross d. Nisler, 9-2. Furman p. Hurwitz, 3:40. Pizzi p. Pettineo, 1:29. Guerra p. Lau, 1:26. Will Grater (Don Bosco) m.d. McElroy, 9-0.

138: Mazzeo p. Bierfass, 0:32. Hernandez p. Cruz-Duran, 3:58. Franco d. Faustini, 5-0. Cetta t.f. Connolly, 23-7. Cantor p. Lewis, 1:40. Devin Ianelli p. Carlson, 5:23. Nigro p. Boltze, 3:26. Ayzerov m.d. Tommy Eboli, 12-2.

145: Craig Manno (St. Joseph) p. Russo, 0:41. Schlenker p. Palmieri, 0:47. Hadoulis p. Hughes, 1:49. Ryan Cawood (Don Bosco) p. Stephenson, 1:13. Paul Dimarco (New Milford) p. Hernandez, 1:26. Chalarca p. Trattner, 1:47. Dippolito p. Anderson, 3:51. Motta t.f. DeMaria, 16-0.

152: Schechtman t.f. Katzman, 17-0. Grigsby p. Yusufi, 7-5. Korabi d. Puerto, 7-3. Jimenez m.d. Carmichael, 14-2. Sgambellone p. Spira, 4:35. Stitzer m.d. Tcherchian, 8-0. Spadaccini d. Link, 6-0. Beyer t.f. Faison, 19-4.

160: Stapleton d. Greg Schlett (Glen Rock), 11-8. Bernik p. Reiter, 1:49. Leonard p. Hamburger, 1:39. Lowery p. Soravilla, 0:15. Szuberski d. Victor Jorge (Lyndhurst/North Arlington), 3-2. Ed Ianelli p. Jacobs, 0:59. Rinke p. Cavanaugh, 3:12. Eddie Alfieri (Elmwood Park) d. Allen, 9-3.

170: Anthony Sciuto (Northern Highlands) p. Hughes, 4:21. Petaccia d. Sharma, 7-3. Donellen d. Terence O'Toole (Glen Rock), 6-4. Bradley Mika (Wood-Ridge) p. Burgos, 0:55. Hiyuma Nagai (River Dell) d. Presburger, 7-6. DePeri p. Thomas Reilly (Demarest), 1:13. Abarca d. Coffey, 7-4. Jack Farinaro (St. Joseph) p. Andres, 0:33.

182: Tommy Chiellini (Pascack Valley) p. Kaplan, 1:11. Anthony Asencio (Lodi) p. Mike Sierra (North Bergen), 6:00. Jaden Michel (River Dell) m.d. Ackerson, 12-4. Luke Brantly (Ramapo) p. Gluckman, 1:31. Devin Trujillo (Elmwood Park) p. Wolszyn, 5:15. Sean Kelly (Ramsey) d. Piazza, 11-5. Kevin McGee (Pascack Hills) p. Giacomelli, 3:28. Ben Liss (Fair Lawn) p. Maiz, 0:24.

195: Zach Lewis (Emerson/Park Ridge) t.f. Bettis. Agreda p. Beam, 3:54. Scott Schlett (St. Joseph) m.d. Ortiz, 11-1. Gunnar Nystedt (River Dell) d. Lyuhimov, 11-6. Jackson Downey (Old Tappan) d. Fall, 13-7. Blaya p. Deren Cercioğlu (Paramus Catholic), 5:58. Tyler Myack (Westwood) d. Cameron, 7-4. Kyle Jacob (Paramus) d. Tsokanos, 4-0.

220: Michael Toranzo (St. Joseph) p. Marck, 0:28. Jonas Hyman (Ramsey) p. Luis Abreu (Cresskill), 3:56. Doug Korzelius (New Milford) p. Fraser-Morrison, 0:53. Jakob Shapiro (Fair Lawn) p. White, 1:05. Olson p. Sean Tocci (Lodi), 2:20. Alex Kostantas (Pascack Hills) d. Dougherty, 3-2. Stefano Velorio (North Bergen) p. Yung, 0:49. Michael Filieri (Garfield) p. Rosario, 4:51.

285: Dean Setticase (Saddle Brook) p. Stuart, 1:13. Jonathan Alvarado (Don Bosco) p. David Flores (Wood-Ridge). Hector Lebron (Dwight Morrow) p. Young, 1:33. Dom DiMassimo (Pascack Hills) p. Kario, 0:23. Michael Alfonso (Garfield) p. Sidle, 3:55. Decklan Rolle (River Dell) p. Chris Lowery (Ramsey), 2:55. Andrew Dembowski (Pascack Valley) p. Emmett McElroy (New Milford), 5:40. Nick Hunt (North Bergen) d. Vacarella, 9-3.

Quarterfinals

106: Joe Manno t.f. Kozdra, 16-1. Leonard d. Ben Grater, 2-0. Matistic d. Bautista, 6-5. DiGennaro p. Albino, 0:18.

113: Babin p. Patel, 0:42. Tandurella p. Freeman, 1:26. Rodriguez m.d. Jackson, 11-1. Ethan Fernandez t.f. Martinez, 16-0.

120: Logan Mazzeo t.f. Joseph Bussinelli, 15-0. Ruiz d. Casey, 3-0. Joseph Manginelli d. Faraon, 9-2. Bierdumpfel m.d. Nick Motta, 8-0.

126: Revi p. Martinez, 2:57. Iannone m.d. Abate, 12-0. Siemsen d. Anthony Motta, 4-2. Gianni Manginelli d. Brower, 5-0.

132: Alvarez p. Lydon, 3:42. Simone p. Ross, 3:02. Furman d. Pizzi, 2-0. Will Grater m.d. Guerra, 9-0.

138: Luke Mazzeo p. Hernandez, 0:14. Franco d. Cetta, 3-2. Cantor d. Carlson, 6-0. Ayzerov p. Nigro, 3:21.

145: Manno p. Schlenker, 0:45. Cawood p. Hadoulis, 1:48. Chalarca d. DiMarco, 5-0. Frank Motta p. Dippolito, 1:31.

152: Schechtman m.d. Grigsby, 16-1. Jimenez p. Korabi, 3:51. Sgambellone p. Stitzer, 3:02. Beyer t.f. Spadaccini, 19-4.

160: Bernik p. Stapleton, 1:11. Leonard m.d. Lowery, 11-0. Szuberski d. Ianelli, 4-2. Rinke d. Alfieri, 6-2.

170: Sciuto d. Petaccia, 10-5. Mika p. Donellen, 1:07. Nagai d. DePeri, 3-2. Farinaro p. Abarca, 0:10.

182: Chiellini p. Asencio, 2:48. Brantly p. Michel, 0:45. Trujillo d. Kelly, 9-4. Liss p. McGee, 3:28.

195: Lewis p. Agreda, 0:25. Schlett d. Nystedt, 11-6. Downey p. Blaya, 1:42. Myack forf. Jacob.

220: Toranzo p. Hyman, 0:54. Shapiro p. Korzelius, 3:15. Kostantas d. Olson, 6-3. Filieri p. Velorio, 0:49.

285: Alvarado d. Setticase, 9-5. Lebron p. DiMassimo, 3:26. Alfonso p. Rolle, 3:05. Hunt p. Dembowski, 3:50.

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St. Joseph earns Bergen County crown

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HACKENSACK – St. Joseph came to make a statement. The Green Knights left with a BCCA title.

The Montvale school won its first Bergen County title since 1998 and continued its meteoric rise in the wrestling world. Joe Manno, Justin Bierdumppfel and Sammy Alvarez all won their respective brackets to catapult the program from third to first.

“It’s the start of something,” Bierdumppfel said. “This motivates us as a team to continue in future tournaments and future matches. This team has really high goals. I have high goals as an individual, but this team wants to win.”

The Green Knights sent 11 wrestlers to the podium and collected 221 points. Emerson/Park Ridge finished second with 177.5 points, while Don Bosco and Pascack Valley took the next two spots. The NC State-bound Alvarez emphasized how the team “came together” with points from throughout the lineup. The Montvale school led the way with nine wrestlers in the semifinals and six in championship round.

“It’s a good building block,” said Alvarez. “We have a really productive team and it’s not just two or three guys scrapping.”

The Cavos impressed again with titles from Nick Babin (113), Luke Mazzeo (138) and Zach Lewis (195). Mazzeo (126-12 career record) picked up his third BCCA championship and became only the second in program history to do so. No wrestler from any school had accomplished that feat since 2015.

The weekend was also memorable for Dumont and Pascack Valley, who both produced their first champion since 2001. The Huskies’ Gianni Manginelli reached the top of the podium at 126, while the Indians’ Tommy Chiellini and Matt Beyer were also first-time winners.

“It’s the way these kids work,” St. Joseph coach Tom Farinaro said of his team’s effort. “I’m really proud of how they come in the room every day and train. They’re a true team in the way they come together. They coach each other. It’s infectious. They come and want to see each other do well.”

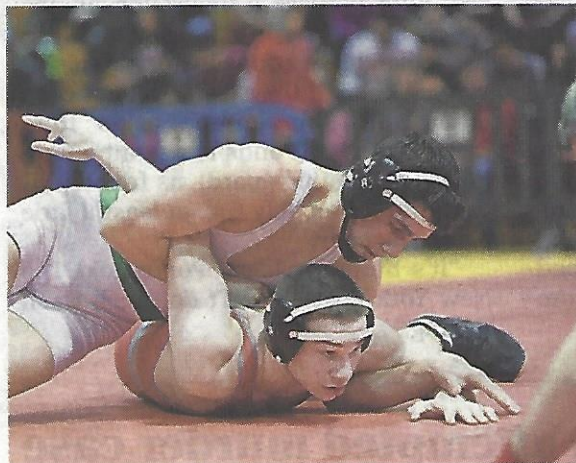
Alvarez is the face of the program, a two-time state finalist with 112 career wins. He bumped up to 132 pounds to help his team and didn’t suffer against returning champion Trent Furman of Westwood. Alvarez scored a 12-6 win in the final to continue his offensive bonanza. He also defeated Ramapo’s Mike Simone in an entertaining 23-11 semifinal match.

“I just wanted to put a show on for the crowd,” Alvarez said. “I try not to worry about the score and what’s going on. I try to let loose and do cool moves and get the ooh’s and ah’s. If I’m up by four or six, it makes no difference.”

St. Joseph believes it has a sustainable roster with only a few seniors. One local coach even called them the next Bergen Catholic, and results at Hackensack were certainly impressive. Farinaro said the goals are to compete with the best teams in the state and country within a few years.

“We have a lot of momentum on our side,” Farinaro said. “We’re still finding our way, but we’re growing and building. I think we have a lot of upsides.”

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Ramapo's Justin Leonard (right) on his way to defeating Kacper Szuberski of Garfield in their 160-pound match.

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Pascack Valley's Tommy Chiellini defeated Ben Liss of Fair Lawn in their 182-pound match.

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Team scores: 1. St. Joseph, 221; 2. Emerson/Park Ridge, 177.5; 3. Don Bosco, 159; 4. Pascack Valley, 148; 5. Fair Lawn, 125; 6. Ramapo, 114.5; 7. Westwood, 92.5; 8. NV/Old Tappan, 92.5; 9. North Bergen, 90; 10. Northern Highlands, 88; 11. Garfield, 82; 12. River Dell, 78; 13. Dumont, 77; 14. Pascack Hills, 72; 15. Paramus Catholic, 67.5; 16. Paramus, 62; 17. Saddle Brook, 54; 18. Ramsey 49.5; 19. Elmwood Park, 49; 20. New Milford, 47; 21. Ridgewood, 45; 22. Lodi, 41; 23. Becton, 38; 24. Bogota/Ridgefield Park, 37; 25. Mahwah, 34; 26. Teaneck, 32; 26. Waldwick/Midland Park, 32; 28. Cresskill, 31; 29. Wood-Ridge, 28; 30. Bergenfield, 27; 31. Glen Rock, 26; 32. Dwight Morrow, 24; 33. Lyndhurst/North Arlington, 20; 34. Hasbrouck Heights, 17; 35. Leonia/Palisades Park, 14; 36. NV/Demarest, 11; 36. Rutherford, 11; 38. Fort Lee, 7; 38. Hackensack, 7; 40. Indian Hills, 4.

Semifinals

106: Joe Manno (St. Joseph) p. Myles Leonard (Waldwick/Midland Park), 1-44. **Matt DiGennaro** (River Dell) d. Will Matistic (Paramus Catholic), 8-6. **113:** Nick Babin (Emerson/Park Ridge) t.f. Mike Tandurella (Don Bosco), 16-0. Ethan Fernandez (Westwood) m.d. Michael Rodriguez (Becton), 11-3. **120:** Logan Mazzeo (Emerson/Park Ridge) d. Andre Ruiz (Ridgefield Park), 3-2. Justin Bierdumpefel (St. Joseph) d. Joseph Manginelli (Dumont), 3-2. **126:** Jordan Iannone (St. Joseph) m.d. Arauki Revi (Bergenfield), 15-0. Gianni Manginelli (Dumont) m.d. Jonathan Siemsen (Ramsey), 14-2. **132:** Sammy Alvarez (St. Joseph) m.d. Mike Simone (Ramapo), 23-11. Trent Furman (Westwood) d. Will Grater (Don Bosco), 4-0. **138:** Luke Mazzeo (Emerson/Park Ridge) m.d. Nick Franco (Don Bosco), 15-6. Justin Cantor (North Bergen) d. Aaron Ayzerov (Paramus), 4-2. **145:** Ryan Cawood (Don Bosco) inj. forf. Craig Manno (St. Joseph). Frank Motta (Fair Lawn) d. Nick Chalarca (Dumont), 6-0. **152:** Jonah Schechtman (Emerson/Park Ridge) d. Christian Jimenez (Don Bosco), 7-1. Matt Beyer (Pascack Valley) inj. forf. Stefano Sgambellone (St. Joseph). **160:** Justin Leonard (Ramapo) d. Jack Bernik (Old Tappan), 3-1. Kacper Szuberski (Garfield) d. Ian Rinke (Hasbrouck Heights), 7-5. **170:** Anthony Sciuto (Northern Highlands) d. Bradley Mika (Wood-Ridge), 14-7. Jack Farinaro (St. Joseph) d. Hiyuma Nagai (River Dell), 7-5. **182:** Ben Liss (Fair Lawn) d. Devin Trujillo (Elmwood Park), 4-1. Tommy Chiellini (Pascack Valley) inj. def. Luke Brantly (Ramapo). **195:** Zach Lewis (Emerson/Park Ridge) p. Scott Schlett (St. Joseph), 2-30. Jackson Downey (Old Tappan) p. Tyler Myack (Westwood), 0-58. **220:** Michael Toranzo (St. Joseph) d. Jakob Shapiro (Fair Lawn), 7-3. Michael Filieri (Garfield) p. Alex Kostantas (Pascack

Hills), 2-12. **285:** Jonathan Alvarado (Don Bosco) p. Hector Lebron (Dwight Morrow), 1-45. Michael Alfonso (Garfield) d. Nick Hunt (North Bergen), 9-7.

Finals

160: Leonard d. Szuberski, 6-4. **170:** Sciuto d. Farinaro, 9-4. **182:** Chiellini d. Liss, 13-6. **195:** Lewis d. Downey, 8-6. **220:** Filieri p. Toranzo, 2-07. **285:** Alvarado p. Alfonso, 3-40. **106:** Manno d. DiGennaro, 4-0. **113:** Babin m.d. Fernandez, 12-2. **120:** Bierdumpefel inj. def. Logan Mazzeo. **126:** Gianni Manginelli def. Iannone. **132:** Alvarez d. Furman, 12-6. **138:** Luke Mazzeo m.d. Cantor, 12-3. **145:** Cawood d. Motta, 7-0. **152:** Beyer d. Schectman, 7-4. **Fifth Place** **106:** Myles Leonard (Waldwick/Midland Park) p. Stefano Bruni (Ramapo), 1-53. **113:** Michael Rodriguez (Becton) p. Max Martinez (Pascack Hills), 1-29. **120:** Sean Faraon (Paramus Catholic) d. Thomas Casey (Paramus), 7-2. **126:** Zak Martinez (Elmwood Park) d. Arauki Revi (Bergenfield), 5-2. **132:** Stuart McElroy (Ridgewood) p. Mike Simone (Ramapo), 2-34. **138:** Aaron Ayzerov (Paramus) p. Devin Ianeli (Northern Highlands), 1-59. **145:** Nick Chalarca (Dumont) inj. def. Craig Manno (St. Joseph). **152:** Derin Stitzer (Lyndhurst/North Arlington) d. Adib Korabi (Becton), 7-3. **160:** Stephen Soravilla (Pascack Valley) d. Casey Allen (Emerson/Park Ridge), 9-3. **170:** Hiyuma Nagai (River Dell) m.d. Marcos Abarca (Lodi), 11-2. **182:** Kevin McGee (Pascack Hills) p. Anthony Asencio (Lodi), 0-22. **195:** Tyler Myack (Westwood) p. Scott Schlett (St. Joseph), 3-19. **220:** Doug Korzelius (New Milford) d. Stefano Velorio (North Bergen), 5-3. **285:** Nick Hunt (North Bergen) d. Andrew Dembowski (Pascack Valley), 7-4.

Seventh Place

106: Ryan Kozdra (Mahwah) d. Adam Albino (Bogota/Ridgefield Park), 5-0. **113:** Nick Patel (Northern Highlands) d. Kley Palrta (Paramus Catholic), 4-0. **120:** Cole Pfeufer (Westwood) m.d. Darren Dwyer (North Bergen), 12-2. **126:** Caiden Brower (Emerson/Park Ridge) p. Antonio Abate (Old Tappan), 3-12. **132:** Owen Ross (Cresskill) d. Matt Guerra (Waldwick/Midland Park), 3-1. **138:** Tommy Eboli (Westwood) d. Ray Cruz-Duran (Rutherford), 1-0. **145:** Shane Trattner (Ridgewood) d. Nicholas Palmieri (Paramus Catholic), 8-7. **152:** Kenny Spadaccini p. Alfred Faison (Teaneck), 3-09. **160:** Eddie Alfieri (Elmwood Park) d. Victor Jorge (Lyndhurst/North Arlington), 6-3. **170:** Darin Donellen (Ramapo) p. Terence O'Toole (Glen Rock), 5-43. **182:** Jaden Michel (River Dell) forf. Zach Acherson (Old Tappan). **195:** Ben Cameron (Fair Lawn) p. Qiyam Bettis (Teaneck), 3-46. **220:** Simon Yung (Old Tappan) p. Zyaire White (Bergenfield), 1-55. **285:** Arman Young (Ramapo) p. Erich Sidle (St. Joseph), 3-25.

Garfield's Filieri backs up

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boast at BCCA

220-pound senior wins gold medal for parents



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HACKENSACK – Garfield 220-pound senior Michael Filieri got the gold medal. Frances Filieri got the big hug.

“When we came back here after the break, I told her, I am going to do this, I am going to do this for you and my dad,” said Michael. “You guys are the ones who pushed me and I’m going to do this. Sure enough, she came running down the bleachers and the first thing I said was I told you.”

Filieri’s pin of Michael Toranzo of St. Joseph in the 220-pound final Friday night at the BCCA Holiday Wrestling Tournament seemingly came out of nowhere. The two had gone through the first period scoreless. Then just after the whistle blew to start the second period, boom, pin. It took seven seconds off the clock.

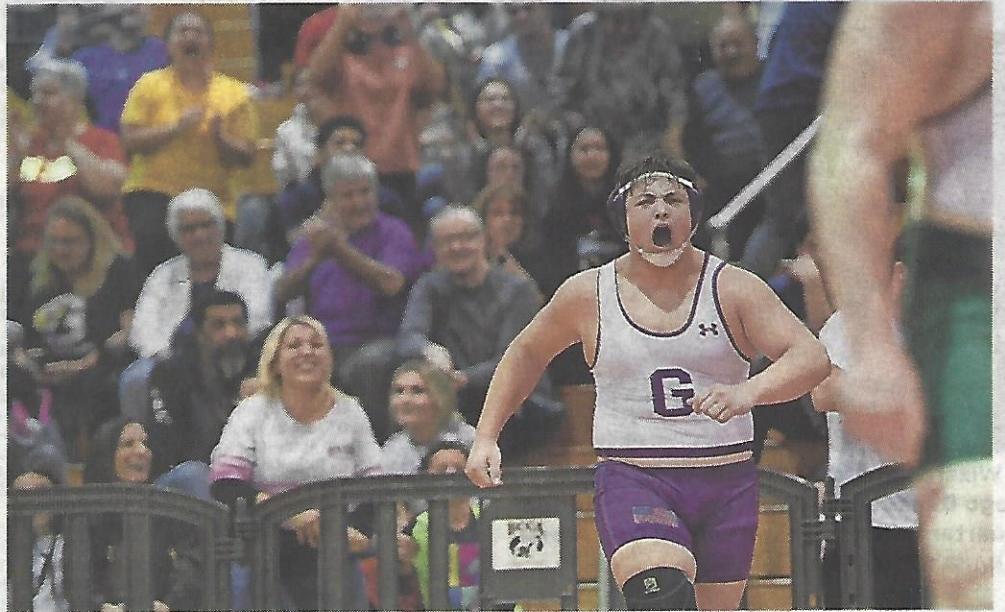
Filieri then raced over to the barricades separating the bleachers and embraced his thrilled mom.

“She’s my No. 1 supporter through everything. I worked so hard for this over the summer. And to be able to win it, she was the first person I looked for,” said Michael. “This is a big deal for me.”

The last two days were a showcase of the best wrestling in Bergen County and beyond (North Bergen also participates).

Bergen Catholic has opted not to enter the event the past few years. And even without the state’s number one team in the building, the non-public schools still dominate. St. Joseph won the overall team title and only twice since 1990 has a public school won the overall crown. Garfield won the Division C title narrowly over River Dell.

But if anything, all it does is make what’s already an even competition closer. It also gives wrestlers like Filieri a shot at a gold medal. He started wrestling when he was five, brought into the sport by his father and uncle. He’s been third place in his District the last three years, and just missed out on a spot in Atlantic City, losing in Regions last year.



Michael Filieri of Garfield celebrates winning his 220-pound match at the Bergen County wrestling finals at Hackensack High School Friday.

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It’s a common story for wrestlers, but they can go two ways when faced with adversity. They can pack up the head gear, or go harder. Filieri chose to go harder.

“For sure....I have had a lot of upsets last year that shouldn’t have gone that way, but it happened,” said Michael “I have a poster written that says ones best success comes after their greatest disappointment and I read it before every match.”

“He has been working hard, he made it to Regions last year and had some disappointing losses, but he came into this thing ready,” said Garfield coach Aaron Khan. “He’s doing well. I am very impressed with him.”

Filieri, now 72-38 in his career, had beaten Toranzo in last year’s BCCA Tournament wrestlebacks. He said his game plan was to be aggressive.

And that’s music to Khan’s ears, because he feels like the past few years Filieri has been tentative.

“His best attribute is his heart, he keeps going forward,” said Khan. “He is hard to score on. He works his hand-fighting and now he shoots this year. The last few years it has hand fighting, snap, hand fighting snap, he looks great. He’s improved a ton.”

“It’s true, and it’s a compliment,” said Michael. “I never went into a match thinking offense, I would always think that I have the stamina to go six periods, so I will wait for him to make a mistake. This year, if I want to get to the State Tournament and place, I have to go to my offense and my high shots.”

Filieri also complimented his room partner, Garfield heavyweight Michael Alfonso, who finished second Friday in his weight class.

“He’s been my partner since I was a little kid and he’s great,” said Filieri.

This is the biggest title of Filieri’s wrestling career, and Khan hopes it’s a stepping stone to bigger gold medals. and maybe bigger hugs.

“As much as the kid puts into it and how much he works, he always feels like he comes up short,” said Khan.