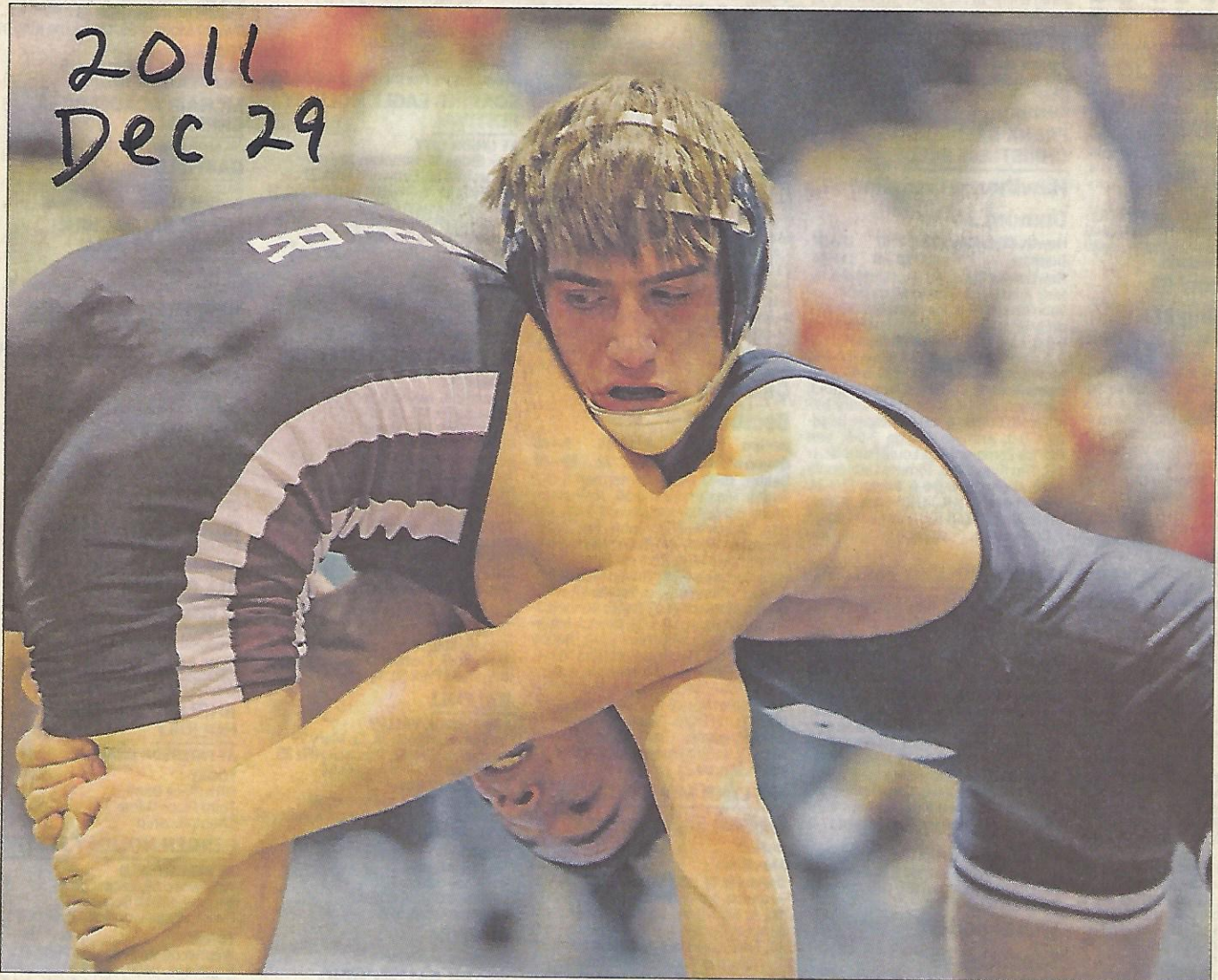


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Mike Paskas of Rutherford, right, has James DiGregorio of Emerson/Park Ridge in a bind in his 5-3 quarterfinal win.

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Deep-six dispatch

Paskas values his well-spent minutes

By GREGORY SCHUTTA
STAFF WRITER

SUFFERN, N.Y. – Rutherford's Mike Paskas spent just six minutes on the mat Thursday in the quarterfinals of the Bergen County George Jockish Holiday Wrestling Tournament.

But what he got out of it was immeasurable.

Paskas shook off an early take-down by James DiGregorio of Emerson/Park Ridge for a 5-3 come-from-behind victory in one of the highlight matchups of the day to advance to the semifinals in a packed 145-pound weight class.

"That was a great six minutes," said the second seed, who finished second in the tournament last year. "That match made me 10 times better than I was before I started. That guy is a good wrestler."

Defending champion Bergen Catholic – competing without in-

jured state place-winner Connor Melde (concussion) – held a slim six-point lead over second-place Paramus, 117-111, through the quarterfinals, as the top four teams were bunched within 12 points.

Paramus, Don Bosco and Emerson/Park Ridge put five wrestlers through to the semifinals, while Bergen Catholic, Becton/Wallington and North Bergen each had four. Twenty-five teams had at least one wrestler advance through to the semis.

Rutherford had two, as senior John Boyle, the top seed at 138, joined his classmate with two pins and a technical fall. Boyle, who finished eighth in the state last year, finished second in the Holiday Tournament last year.

"John and I always work out together," Paskas said. "He gives me tips. I give him tips. He's like me. He's a workaholic."

"The two of them have set a goal to win this," Rutherford coach Jeff Rehan said.

The road to the top is a challenging one for Paskas, who will face third-seeded Matt Mangini of Bergen Catholic today with two-time champion and former state place-winner Nick Gravina of Northern Highlands possibly waiting in the finals.

And it all started with DiGregorio, who got in with a shot and took down Paskas for two points barely 20 seconds into their bout.

"That kid is fast, and he's strong," Paskas said. "I was nervous. But I was able to get my one and then shot a single and was able to lift it in the air for two. That was my problem last year, finishing shots."

Freshman Roy Forys of Becton/Wallington had a nice finish in his quarterfinal at 126, escaping with 10 seconds left after being ridden out for most of the third

period to upset third-seeded Brandon Buonomo of Emerson/Park Ridge, 3-2.

"That was a really long period," said Forys, who broke a 2-2 tie. "But I stayed under control and listened to my coaches."

Ryan Cotrell of Pascack Hills, who split four matches in the tournament last year, was one of several wrestlers who either made a big jump in weight or were wrestling light this year. He had two pins before upsetting third-seeded Carmine Goldsack of Bergen Catholic, 5-1, at 285.

"I love wrestling guys who are bigger than I am," said the senior, who wrestled 25 pounds up at 215 last year and 70 pounds up when he takes the mat at 285 this year. "I just have to make sure I stay away from the throws."

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Spinoso charges from out-bracket

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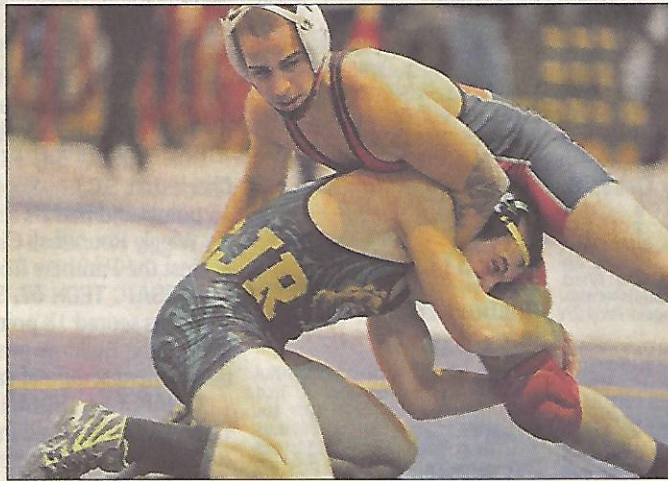
SUFFERN, N.Y. – Nick Spinoso went from a projected out-bracket victim to a legitimate main-bracket star. And now that he's taken his spot on center stage, Paramus' surprise semifinalist is hoping for more.

Spinoso shocked the large crowd at the Bergen County George Jockish Holiday Wrestling Tournament by coming from an unseeded position in the 126-pound bracket.

He had to win his first match in the out-bracket just to get into the main draw, and followed it up with two decisions to advance to the quarterfinals. There he stunned second-seeded Jep Alorro of Cresskill, 6-4, with a single-leg sweep midway through the third period to earn the victory and excite the fans at Rockland Community College.

But perhaps even more impressive than making it to the semifinals is that Spinoso won four matches Thursday to equal his win total from last year, when he went 4-20 as a sophomore.

"I knew I was going to have a



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Mike Valle of Bergenfield, top, hooking the shoulder of St. Joseph's Dylan Moore. Valle prevailed, 3-2, in three OTs.

bad seed because I had no criteria coming in," Spinoso said. "When I didn't get a seed, I knew it was going to be tough [to make the semifinals]. But now that I'm here, anything can happen."

The same is true for Paramus.

The Spartans had six wrestlers in the quarterfinals and sent through five to the semis to help them finish the night in second place. Freshman Joe Trovato got

them off to a fast start in the quarters with a technical fall at 106, and Eric Gianntonio, a returning county fourth, followed with a 2-1 decision at 113. Joe Rizzitello wrestled after Spinoso and kept the momentum going with a 5-3 win at 132, and Mustafa Aslami made sure the Spartans ended on a high note with an 11-5 major decision at 170.

"We've been flying under the

radar a little bit," Paramus coach Steve Klass said. "A lot of the young wrestlers have been working hard all year and they're starting to wrestle well. Their hard work is paying off."

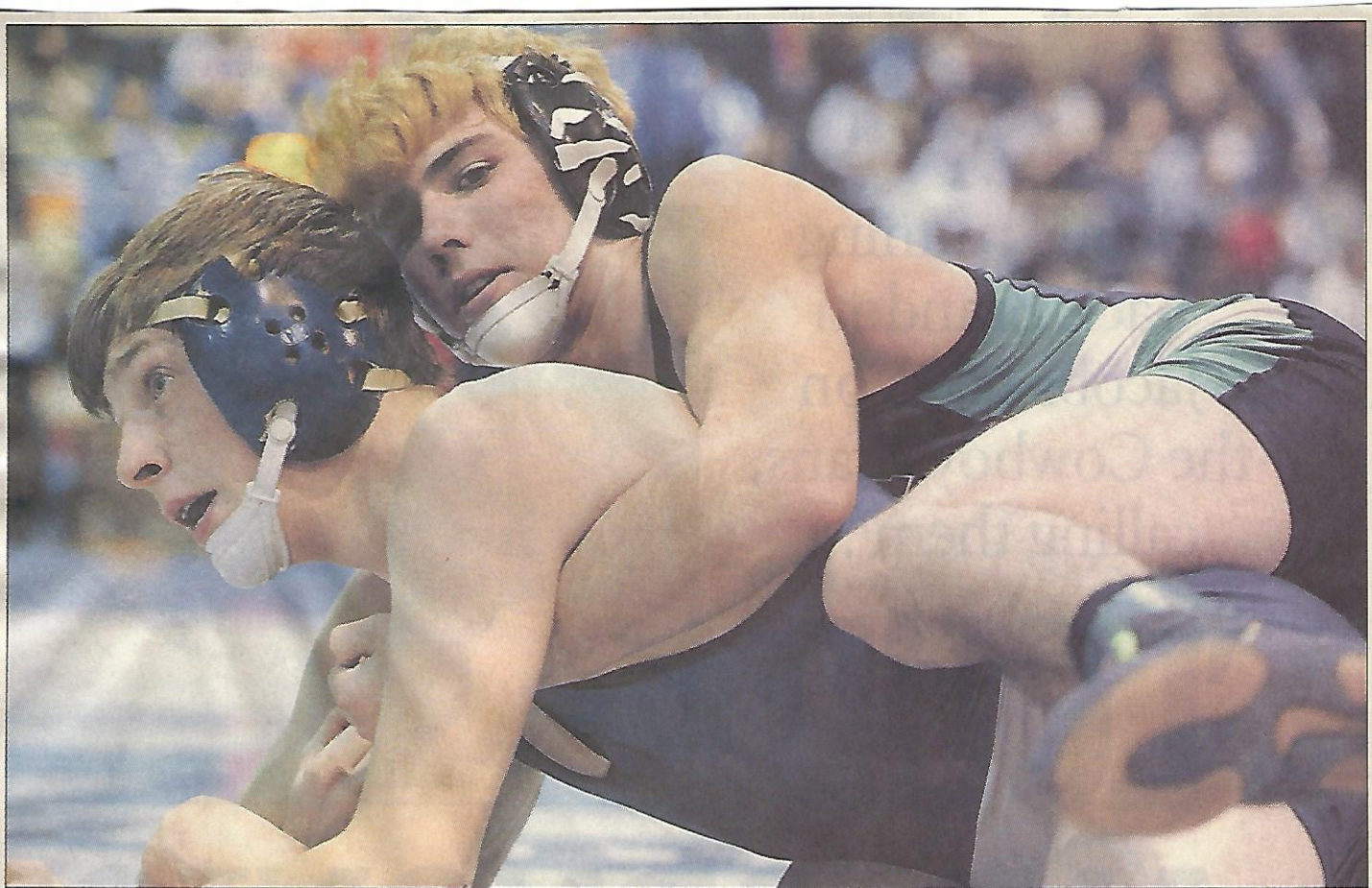
No one more so than Spinoso. The junior wrestled at 140 pounds last year, but trained throughout the off-season, dropped to 126 pounds, and is off to a 7-2 record. He began the Bergen Holiday as an afterthought during seeding, but finished with one of the biggest upsets of the quarterfinals.

Spinoso faces Roy Forys of Becton/Wallington – who upset third-seeded Brandon Buonomo of Emerson/Park Ridge 3-2 – in today's semifinals. There, he hopes, his good run continues.

"It feels good proving to everyone that I can compete with these kids," Spinoso said. "Even though I didn't have a seed, I knew I had a good chance to make it through."

After his shocking run, he's not only through to the semis. He's one of the sport's biggest early stars.

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Getting a leg up

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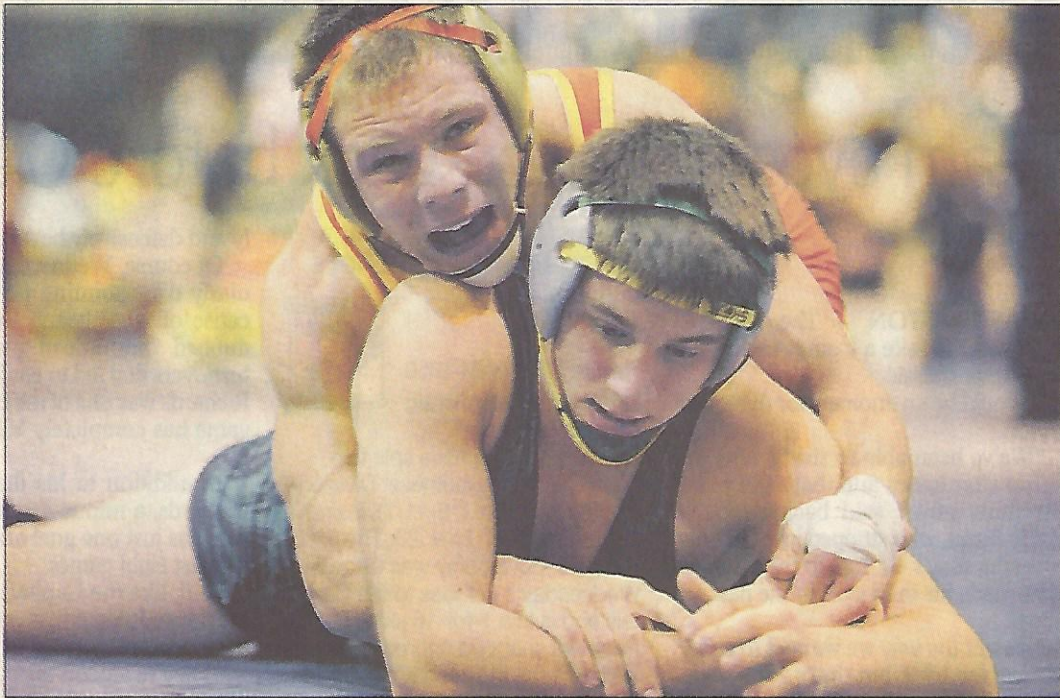
Pascack Valley's Dean Piterksi (top) controlling Old Tappan's Jesse Massaro during their 120-pound quarterfinal bout at the Bergen County George Jockish Holiday Wrestling Tournament in Suffern, N.Y. Piterksi won, 9-0. **More coverage, S-7, 9**

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Bergen Catholic's Alex Kruklinski, top, tries to keep St. Joseph's Michael Silano from getting control in their 171-pound match Thursday. Kruklinski won 7-5.

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106: Paramus freshman Joe Trovato came from the middle of the top bracket to earn a spot in the semifinals, where he'll face top-seeded Mike Andreano of Glen Rock/Saddle Brook.

Second-seeded Tyler Casamenti of Bergen Catholic faces third-seeded Rick Gonzalez of North Bergen in the other semi.

113: All four top seeds advanced with returning champ and top seed Luis Gonzalez of North Bergen taking less than 10 minutes to stamp his ticket with three pins. He faces DJ Tirelli of River Dell while Marc Mastropietro and Eric Gianantonio face off in the other semi.

120: Dean Piterski of Pascack Valley will try to avenge his region consolation final loss to Joe Oliva of Ridgewood in the bottom semifinal while top-seeded and defending champ Anthony Giraldo and Joe Guirerrieo face off in the top semifinal.

126: Becton/Wallington freshman Roy Forsy earned a 3-2 upset win over third-seeded Brandon Buonomo to set up a surprise semifinal against Nick Spinoso of Paramus. Top-seeded Billy Rearson faces Matt Joskowitz in the other semifinal.

132: The top seeds are through in this bracket with Steve Schneider of Emerson/Park Ridge facing Joe Rizzitello of Paramus in the top semifinal and Tyler Loughlin of Becton/Wallington facing Brandon Giovanetti of Ridgewood in the bottom semi.

138: Chuckie Slater of Ramsey earned three major decisions to get to the semifinal, where he'll face top-seeded John Boyle of Rutherford. Don Bosco's Tristan Hollenbaugh earned a 1-0 victory over Bergen Catholic's Mike Maye in the quarters to advance to a semifinal match against Emerson/Park Ridge's Nick Maselli.

145: Jake Knight of Mahwah came from the middle of the top bracket and upset fourth-seeded Luke Farinaro of Don Bosco with a 5-4 quarterfinal victory. Knight faces top-seed and two-time county champ Nick Gravina of Northern Highlands in the semifinals while Mike Mangini of

Bergen Catholic and Mike Paskas of Rutherford square off in the bottom semi.

152: Bergenfield's Mike Valle made a run from the outbrackets with four straight wins, outlasting fourth-seeded Dylan More of St. Joseph, 3-2, to reach the semifinals. Returning state medalists Sal Mastriani of Don Bosco and James Dugan of Becton/Wallington remain on track for a highlight final with Dugan holding for a 10-8 victory over Garfield's Tyler Napoleone in his quarterfinal.

160: Bergen Catholic's Johnny Sebastian led the way as the top four seeds powered their way into the semifinals. Sebastian, who had two sub-1:00 pins and a tech fall, will face fourth-seeded Jeff Farina of St. Joseph while second-seeded Matt Dickman of Glen Rock/Saddle Brook, two pins, and third-seeded Andrew Vecchione of Emerson/Park Ridge, three pins, will battle in the other semi.

171: Top-seeded Alex Kruklinski of Bergen Catholic led the top three seeds into the semifinals with a tech fall, a pin and a tough 7-5 victory over St. Joseph's Michael Silano in the quarterfinals. Second-seeded Dylan Menze of Emerson/Park Ridge had two sub-1:00 pins on his way to the semifinals, where he will face third-seeded Mustafa Aslami of Paramus, who had a pin and a tech fall.

182: Top-seeded Bryan Loughlin of Becton/Wallington had a pin and a major decision in two bouts to lead the top four seeds into the semifinals. He will face Paul Lowry of Waldwick/Midland Park, who had two first-period pins, while second-seeded Nick Baranello of River Dell will face third-seeded Luke Iorio of Bergen Catholic in what should be an exciting bout in the other semifinal.

195: Top-seeded Eric McMullen of North Bergen, a transfer from Paulsboro, showed why he was a region champ last season with a pair of first-period pins to reach the semis. He will face No. 4 Robbie Maggiulli of Emerson/Park Ridge, who got a takedown and back points in the

final minute to win his quarterfinal, 8-5. Second-seeded Razohn Gross of Don Bosco, also a returning region champ, will face third-seeded Dominick Carfagno of St. Joseph in the other semifinal.

220: Freshman Zach Chakonis of Don Bosco posted two pins in his two bouts to reach the semifinals against top-seeded Hunter Kiselick of Bergen Catholic. Kiselick posted three pins, two in the first period, to reach the semis. Second-seeded Lenny Smith, two pins and a major decision, will face third-seeded Brendan Faison of Hackensack, three pins, in a rematch of their Cutter Classic final won by Smith, 7-5.

285: Ryan Cotrell of Pascack Hills had two pins and outlasted third-seeded Carmine Goldsack of Bergen Catholic, 5-1, in the quarterfinals to advance to the semis for the first time against second-seeded Bobby Reiss of Bogota/Weehawken. Fourth-seeded Dovid Greenfield of Torah, who marched through the wrestlebacks last year to finish third, had an overtime win and a second-period pin in his last two bouts to advance to the semifinals against top-seeded Keith Rodman of Old Tappan.

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Youth serves for Bosco



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Don Bosco's Zach Chakonis, left, on his way to beating River Dell's Lenny Smith in the 220-pound final.

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Freshman Chakonis lifts Ironmen to tourney win

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SUFFERN, N.Y. - Don Bosco's Zach Chakonis couldn't avoid the pressure if he tried.

"My coaches kind of threw that at me before the match," he said. "They said, 'We hate to do this to you, but you have to win this for us to win.'"

So like a good freshman, he went out and did what he was told.

Chakonis opened up a 5-0 lead on senior Lenny Smith at 220 and went on to a 5-2 victory in the final bout of the night to lift the Ironmen to a 191-189 victory over defending champion Bergen Catholic in the Bergen County George Jockish Holiday Wrestling Tournament.

"Do it for yourself, do it for

your team," Chakonis said.

"I think this proves that these guys can wrestle on any level," Bosco coach Chris Bitetto said.

North Bergen's Eric McMullen won the battle of former region champions with a hard-fought 5-3 victory over Bosco's Razohn Gross at 195 to earn the Most Outstanding Wrestler award. McMullen won the Region 8 title last season while wrestling for Paulsboro while Gross won the Region 2 title as a freshman in 2010.

The team title was just the second for Don Bosco, which last won in 2007 and capped a nail-biting couple of hours.

The Ironmen went into the finals with a slim two-point lead over Bergen Catholic and 2½ points over third-place Emerson/Park Ridge.

But the Ironmen caught a break when BC's Tyler Casementi fell at 106. Bosco ace Sal Mastriani, who finished first at the Beast of the East Tournament, traded decisions with Bergen's Johnny Sebastian at 152 and 160 before Bergen's Alex Kuklinski scored a decision at 170 to give the Crusaders a 189-187 lead.

Losses by BC's Lukas Iorio at 182 and Bosco's Gross at 195 left things up to Chakonis.

"He's wrestled all over the country on some of the biggest stages, so I wasn't worried about his surroundings affecting him," Bitetto said of the former state champion on the recreation level.

Chakonis turned Smith to his back for two back points early in the second period to take a 2-0 lead and rode him out the rest of

the way. He opened the third with an escape and another take-down for a 5-0 lead on the way to the eventual 5-2 victory.

"We knew we had to win three of our four finals if they lost one of their three," said coach David Bell of Bergen Catholic, which was without two-time state place-winner Connor Melde for the tournament. "It was a difference of two or three points. It was exciting that it came down to the wire."

Cliffside Park's Matthew Joskowitz, who lost his first bout in the tournament last year as the second seed, redeemed himself this time around by pinning Becton/Wallington freshman Roy Forys 30 seconds into overtime to win the 126-pound title. It was the third straight nail-biter for Joskowitz, whose previous two

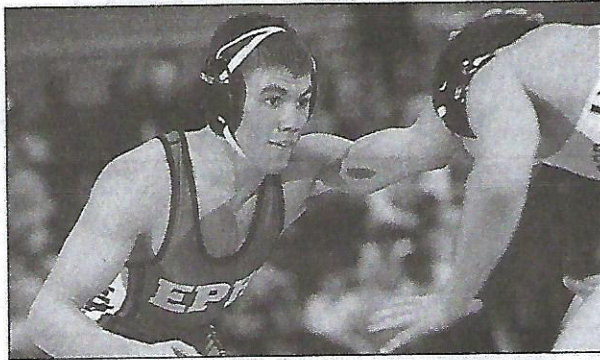
bouts went down the final buzzer.

"I beat a couple of region placers and state qualifiers and I never even made it out of my district," said Joskowitz, Cliffside's first champion since Cory Monteforte won in 2008. "It's a big step toward Atlantic City."

Ryan Cotrell of Pascack Hills came out on top against guys who outweighed him by 70 pounds, making a single escape point stand up for a 1-0 victory over Dovid Greenfield of Torah Academy in the heavyweight final. He is the Cowboys first champion since Rick Eichenlaub in 2005.

"At the buzzer I thought I had lost," said Cotrell, who was nearly taken down in the third period. "My coaches said 'You just won. Shake his hand.' I couldn't believe it."

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132: Steven Schneider of Emerson/Park Ridge, left, defeated Ridgewood's Brandon Giovanetti at 132 pounds on Friday.

106: Paramus freshman Mike Trovato beat the first, second and fourth seeds on his way to the title, highlighted by a 3-2 win over Tyler Casamenti of Bergen Catholic in the title match. Top-seed Mike Andreano of Glen Rock/Saddle Brook, who Trovato beat in the semifinals, placed third.

113: Returning state runner-up Luis Gonzalez of North Bergen kept his bid to win four county titles alive with an 11-3 win over Marc Mastropietro of Hasbrouck Heights/Wood Ridge in the finals, his second straight title. Andrew Rosenswig of Don Bosco wrestled strong after losing in the second round to place third.

120: North Bergen sophomore Anthony Giraldo, a returning state fourth, dispatched the competition to win his second straight county title, punctuated with a 6-0 win over Dean Piterski of Pascack Valley in the finals. Ridgewood sophomore Joe Oliva placed third.

126: Cliffside Park's Matt Joskowitz beat top-seeded Billy Reardon of Don Bosco in the semifinals (6-4) and followed it up with an overtime pin of Roy Forsy of Becton/Wallington to claim the Red Raiders first individual title since 2008. Austin Cantone of St. Joseph wrestled back to place third.

132: Steven Schneider of Emerson/Park Ridge won his first county title with a workmanlike 5-0 win over Ridgewood's Brandon Giovanetti. Becton/Wallington's Tyler Loughlin placed third after losing to Giovanetti in the semis.

138: John Boyle of Rutherford rebounded from a slow start where he went down by two in the first seven seconds and earned his first county title with an 8-5 win over Nick Maselli of Emerson/Park Ridge. Ramsey's Chuckie Slater placed third after losing to Boyle in the semis.

145: Northern Highlands' Nick Gravina is one more county title run away from becoming the sixth four-time Bergen County champion after a solid 6-4 win over a scrappy Mike Paskas of Rutherford. Bergen Catholic's Matt Mangini placed third.

152: Returning state place-winner Sal Mastriani of Don Bosco won his third Bergen Holiday title, scoring six points in the third period against Pascack Valley's Dan Ressler for the 6-0 win. Ressler had already stunned one returning place-winner when he beat James Dugan of Becton/Wallington, 7-2, in the semifinals for his 100th career win. Dugan finished third.

160: Bergen Catholic sophomore Johnny Sebastian won his second straight title with a 5-1 victory over two-time Region 2 champ Matt Dickman of Glen Rock/Saddle Brook. The two split their meetings last season with Sebastian, a returning state fifth, winning the Holiday Tournament and Dickman winning the region final in overtime. Andrew Vecchione of Emerson/Park Ridge beat Jeff Farina of St. Joseph, 5-2, to finish third.

170: Top-seeded Alex Kruklinski of Bergen Catholic scored two takedowns in the final period to take control and go on to a 10-6 victory over No. 2 Dylan Menze of Emerson/Park Ridge. Mustafa Aslami of Paramus pinned Ridgewood's Aaron Bess to finish third.

182: Top-seeded Bryan Loughlin of Becton/Wallington won his first Holiday Tournament title with a 7-4 victory over third-seeded Luke Iorio of Bergen Catholic. River Dell's Nick Baranello, who fell just short of reaching the final with a one-point loss to Iorio in the semis, wrestled back for third.

195: Top-seeded Eric McMullen of North Bergen made a splash in his first North Jersey tournament, outmuscling second-seeded Razohn Gross, 5-3, and winning the matchup of region champions to be named the tournament's Most Outstanding Wrestler. McMullen won the Region 8 title for Paulsboro last season while Gross won the Region 2 title as a freshman in 2010. Dominick Carfagno of St. Joseph edged Robbie Maggiulli of Emerson/Park Ridge, 3-2, in a battle of sophomores to take third.

220: Don Bosco freshman Zach Chakonis went out with the team tournament on the line and came away with a 5-2 victory over senior Lenny Smith of River Dell to give the Ironmen a slim two-point victory over second-place Bergen Catholic and their first title since 2007. Chakonis knocked off the top two seeds on the way to his first Holiday Tournament title. Top-seeded Hunter Kiselick of Bergen Catholic edged Thomas Hatton of St. Joseph, 5-4, to finish third.

285: Ryan Cotrell of Pascack Hills made a single escape point in the third period stand up despite being outweighed by nearly 70 pounds as he held off Torah's Dovid Greenfield, 1-0, to win the Cowboys' first title since Rick Eichenlaub in 2005. Top-seeded Keith Rodman, who was pinned by Greenfield in the semifinals, edged Bobby Reiss of Bogota/Weehawken for third.

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Trovato's confidence rewarded with title

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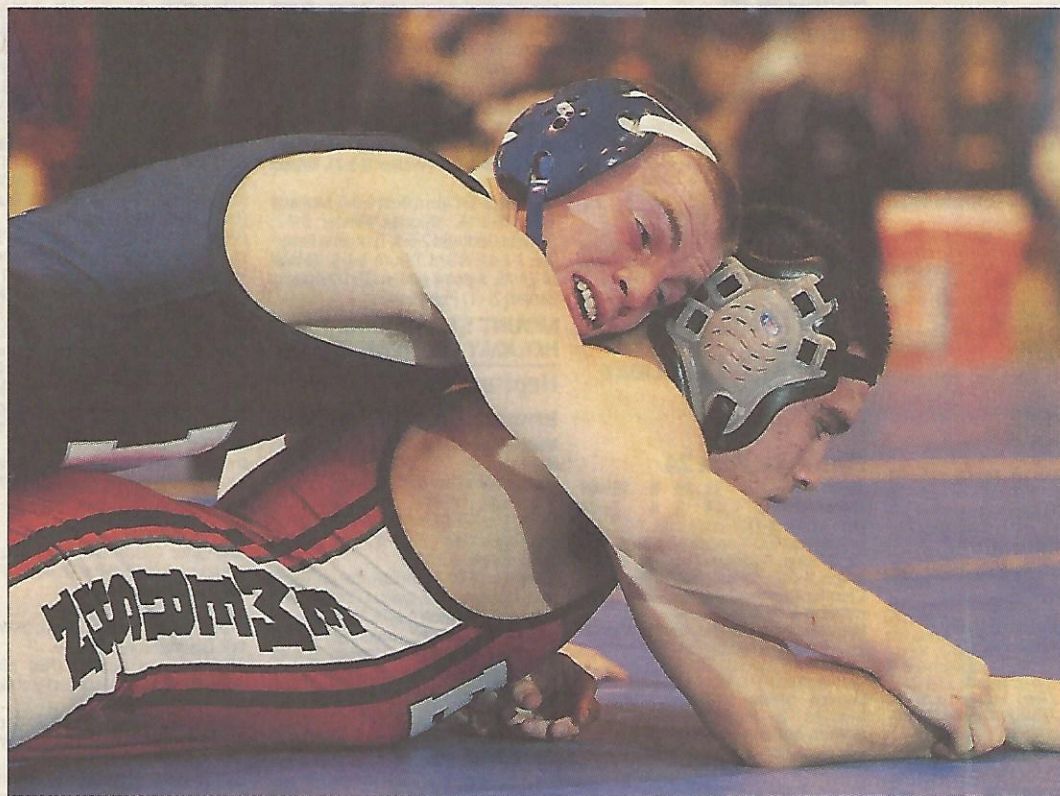
SUFFERN, N.Y. – Paramus freshman Joe Trovato was confident he could win a gold medal at the Bergen County George Jockish Holiday Wrestling Tournament. He just wasn't so sure he could do it in front of a large crowd.

Now that he's done both, Trovato has high hopes for the future.

Trovato came from the 11th seed in the middle of the top bracket and beat the two top seeds on his way to the 106-pound title. He earned a 5-2 decision over top-seeded Mike Andreano of Glen Rock/Saddle Brook in the semifinals and followed it up with another impressive 3-2 decision over second-seeded Tyler Casamenti of Bergen Catholic in the final on Friday night at Rockland Community College.

Most importantly for Trovato, the final win eliminated any doubt that he could perform on the big stage.

"I knew if I wrestled tough and wrestled hard the whole time that I could beat anyone," Trovato said. "[Coming into the match] I wasn't sure if I could win in front of a big crowd because I've had some problems with that before. But I feel a lot better now that I did well



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Rutherford's John Boyle, left, controlling Emerson/Park Ridge's Nick Maselli en route to the win in the 138-pound final on Friday.

in front of all these people."

So does Rutherford senior John Boyle. His coach, Jeff Rehain, used to joke with Boyle that he was the greatest second-place finisher of all

time after Boyle placed second at the county and regions last year. But with Boyle winning the 138-pound title with an 8-5 comeback victory over Nick Maselli of Emer-

son/Park Ridge, they can't make that joke anymore.

"After taking second so many times, it feels good to win counties and get this title under my belt,"

Boyle said. "I had to wrestle well in a big match sometime and I'm just happy it came here."

Boyle fell behind by two on a quick single seven seconds into the match but fought back to take a 3-2 lead after one with an escape and single-leg-sweep takedown. He added another sweep takedown in the second, stuffed a shot attempt by Maselli and shrugged him to the mat for another two points in the third, and then fended off Maselli in the final minute.

"He took me by surprise in the beginning," Boyle said of Maselli's quick takedown.

"But that just made me work even harder to get those points back and earn a win."

Trovato didn't have the same problems against Andreano, a defending region champ, or Casamenti, a state qualifier last year. He didn't trail in either match, earned takedowns against both seasoned wrestlers and won the Spartans' only title of the night.

"To beat two kids who were both in the state tournament last year really builds my confidence," Trovato said. "I knew I could win [the title] the whole time, but to actually do means a lot."

Especially because it was in front of a big crowd.

Cavos eye Group 1 state title

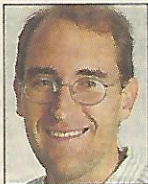
SUFFERN, N.Y. – Steven Schneider eyed the placard, making sure they spelled his name right.

"I've never had one of these before, not from the county," said the Emerson/Park Ridge senior. "It's pretty cool."

Schneider put his name in the record books and reveled in the swag, winning the Bergen County George Jockish Holiday Wrestling Tournament title at 132 pounds Friday.

"It gets the season started off in the right direction," said Schneider, who downed Brandon Giovanetti of Ridgewood, 5-0. "I look at this [tournament] as the first part of the season, then dual meets next, and then individual stuff."

Emerson/Park Ridge finished third in the team scoring, briefly holding the team lead after Schneider's victory. Don't think coaches don't note who the highest-scoring public school team is every year.



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While some titles are not attainable for small public schools in Bergen County, others just seem elusive.

Emerson/Park Ridge coach Stan Woods has been leading the Cavos program since 1967. In all that time, he's won plenty of league titles – heck, he's won titles in leagues that no longer exist – and eight sectional titles.

For all his successes, including most team wins in New Jersey, there is one hole left: Woods has never had a state champion in Atlantic City.

"Deep down I think it has to bother every coach that doesn't have one," said Woods' longtime assistant Don Spataro. "Especially when you see a coach who has only coached a year or two and they have one."

Spataro even joked with Woods in 2006 when the Delbarton job came open and Green Wave superstar Mike Grey was a senior – Grey was a four-time state champ – that Woods should go there for a year and then come back.

"That wasn't going to happen," Woods said and laughed. "If I can't win one here, I don't care. If I get one, that's nice; if I don't, it's been great."

Woods believes in this day, unless a kid is wrestling 12 months a year, it would be hard for them to win a state title. Emerson/Park Ridge doesn't have that luxury.

"You can't be playing other sports," said Woods. "You have to be able to bring yourself to a real high level. Maybe your upper weights can get away with it. They are good athletes and they might be wrestling other kids who might be playing football, too."

What Woods said he really wants is an overall Group 1 title. That has been the property of Paulsboro High School for years, but the Red Raiders are reportedly down and Emerson/Park Ridge fared well in a tournament with Paulsboro kids earlier this year.

"I'm pretty sure we can beat Paulsboro," said Woods. "I don't know who else is around the state, but we have to get by Pequannock and Kittatinny, too."

Woods has one of his deepest and best squads. Schneider was one of three finalists, and the Cavos embarked on an ambitious off-season regimen, competing more than ever.

"I know we are good," said Woods. "They just wanted to go after it all. They wanted to win this and we want to win the state sectionals, so they have set some high goals."

"I think you could see a difference in this tournament," said Spataro. "I think we opened a lot of eyes, especially coming from a Group 1 school. I think the hard work is starting to show."

Schneider and his teammates know that no one wearing a red and black Emerson/Park Ridge singlet has ever won a state title.

"I made it down [to Atlantic City] sophomore year and I didn't really know what I was doing," said Schneider. "Last year I was more comfortable. This year, with my experience, I feel like I know it like the back of my hand."

No one deserves to see one of his kids get their hand raised in the last match in Atlantic City more than Woods. Schneider would love to see the big placards those winners get, but there are other ways to measure success.

"We have had a successful program for 47 years," said Spataro. "You know, it even bothers me that we haven't had a state champ, but I would rather have all the accolades and team success versus having one individual winner."

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AT ROCKLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE, SUFFERN, N.Y.

TEAM SCORES

1. Don Bosco (DB) 191; 2. Bergen Catholic (BC) 189; 3. Emerson/Park Ridge (EPR) 184.5; 4. Paramus (P) 172; 5. St. Joseph (SJ) 138; 6. North Bergen (NB) 121; 7. Glen Rock/Saddle Brook (GS) 118.5; 8. Northern Highlands (NH) 112; 9. Becton/Wallington (BW) 111; 10. River Dell (RD) 93.5; 11. Ridgewood (RW) 92; 12. Rutherford (RU) 89.5; 13. Bergenfield (BF) 82; 14. Pascack Valley (PV) 73; 15. Pascack Hills (PH) 72; Tie 16. Hackensack (H) and Old Tappan (OT) 65; 18. Ramsey (RSY) 58; Tie 19. Garfield (GF) and Westwood (WW) 49; 21. Mahwah (M) 43; Tie 22. Dumont (DU) and Waldwick/Midland Park (WMP) 41; 24. Cliffside Park (CP) 36.5; 25. Torah (TO) 34; 26. Hasbrouck Heights/Wood-Ridge (HW) 33; 27. Demarest (DEM) 31; 28. St. Mary (SM) 27; 29. Bogota/Weehawken (BOW) 26; 30. Indian Hills (IH) 24.5; 31. Ridgefield Park (RP) 20; Tie 32. Fair Lawn (FLN) and Teaneck (TEA) 18. 34. Elmwood Park (EP) 16. 35. Cresskill (CK) 15; Tie 36. Leonia/Palisades Park (LPP) and Lodi (LO) 11; 28. Lyndhurst/North Arlington (LNA) 9; 39. Fort Lee (FTL) 8; 40. Paramus Catholic (PC) 7; Tie 41. New Milford (NM) and Queen of Peace (QP) 4; 43. Ramapo (RPO) 0.

SEMIFINALS

106: Tyler Casamenti (BC) dec. Rick Gonzalez (NB), 6-3; Joe Trovato, (P) dec. Mike Andreano (GS), 5-2.

113: Luis Gonzalez (NB) dec. D.J. Tirelli (RD), 4-0; Marc Mastropietro (HW) dec. Eric Giannantonio (P), 3-0.

120: Anthony Giraldo (NB) pin Joe Guerriero (GS), 4:41; Dean Piterski (PV) dec. Joe Oliva (RW), 4-3.

126: Matthew Joskowitz (CP) dec. Billy Reardon (DB), 6-4; Roy Forsys (BW) dec. Nick Spinoso (P), 3-1.

132: Brandon Giovanetti (RW) pin Tyler Loughlin (BW), 6:36; Steven Schneider (EPR) dec. Joe Rizzitello (P), 3-0.

138: Nick Maselli (EPR) tech. fall Tyler Hollenbaugh (DB), 19-3, 4:00; John Boyle (RU) dec. Chuckie Slater (RSY), 4-0.

145: Nick Gravina (NH) dec. Jake Knight (M), 7-0; Mike Paskas (RU) dec. Matt Mangini (BC), 8-2.

152: Dan Ressler (PV) dec. James Dugan (BW), 7-2; Sal Mastriani (DB) maj. dec. Mike Valle (BF), 15-4.

160: Matt Dickman (GS) dec. Andrew Vecchione (EPR), 5-1; Johnny Sebastian (BC) maj. dec. Jeff Farina (SJ), 11-2.

170: Alex Krukliniski (BC) pin Aaron Bess (RW), 4:31; Dylan Menze (EPR) maj. dec. Mustafa Aslami (P), 13-4.

182: Bryan Loughlin (BW) dec. Paul Lowry (WMP), 7-3; Luke Iorio (BC) dec. Nick Baranello (RD), 3-2.

195: Razohn Gross (DB) pin Dominick Carfagno (SJ), 2:42; Eric McMullen (NB) dec. Robbie Maggillulli (EPR), 10-5.

220: Zach Chakonis (DB) maj. dec. Hunter Kiselick (BC), 12-4; Lenny Smith (RD) tech. fall Brendan Faison (H), 17-2, 5:49.

285: Dovid Greenfield (TO) pin Keith Rodman (OT), 3:22; Ryan Cotrell (PH) pin Bobby Reiss (BOW), 3:44.

FINALS

106: Trovato dec. Casamenti, 3-2; **113:** Gonzalez maj. dec. Mastropietro, 11-3; **120:** Giraldo dec. Piterski, 6-0; **126:** Joskowitz pin Forsys, 6:30; **132:** Schneider dec. Giovanetti, 5-0; **138:** Boyle dec. Maselli, 8-5; **145:** Gravina dec. Paskas, 6-4; **152:** Mastriani dec. Ressler, 6-0; **160:** Sebastian dec. Dickman, 5-1; **170:** Krukliniski dec. Menze, 10-6; **182:** Loughlin dec. Iorio, 7-4; **195:** McMullen dec. Gross, 5-3; **220:** Chakonis dec. Smith, 5-2; **285:** Cotrell dec. Greenfield, 1-0.

FIFTH PLACE

106: Christopher Ambrogio (SJ) pin Mohamed Abdelhamid (RU), 5:24; **113:** Tirelli dec. Giannantonio, 3-2; **120:** Matt Murphy (NH) dec. Justin Cochran (P), 4-2; **126:** Spinoso pin Reardon, 3:55; **132:** Joe DeFuria (BF) dec. Richard Dempster (H), 3-1; **138:** Enzo Cariddi (RD) dec. Taj-Aziz Brown (H), 5-0; **145:** David Arrighi (P) by inj. def. James DiGregorio (EPR); **152:** Dylan More (SJ) dec. Billy Schwartz (EPR), 5-1; **160:** Farina dec. Zach Frolich (OT), 5-1; **170:** Peter Creamer (WW) dec. Anthony Walker (M), 4-3; **182:** Matt Tozzi (P) dec. Kyle Myers (NH), 8-6 (ot); **195:** Jake Regina (RU) dec. Demetri Rodriguez (FLN), 5-3; **220:** Pierce Donegan (DU) by disq. Faison; **285:** Kevin Wilkins (DB) pin Maalyjah Goodell-Reid (BF), 1:52.

THIRD PLACE

106: Andreano dec. Gonzalez, 10-8 (ot); **113:** Andrew Rosensweig (DB) dec. Vincent Macaluso (SJ), 3-1; **120:** Oliva dec. Guerriero, 10-3; **126:** Austin Cantone (SJ) dec. Brandon Buonomo (EPR), 9-3; **132:** Loughlin dec. Rizzitello, 5-1; **138:** Slater dec. Hollenbaugh, 2-0; **145:** Mangini dec. Knight, 7-2; **152:** Dugan pin Valle, 1:30; **160:** Vecchione dec. Hans Seri (BF), 5-2; **170:** Aslami pin Bess, 4:50; **182:** Baranello dec. Lowry, 3-1; **195:** Carfagno dec. Maggillulli, 3-2; **220:** Kiselick dec. Thomas Hatton (SJ), 5-4; **285:** Rodman dec. Reiss, 5-4 (OT).

The champions

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John Boyle, Rutherford

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Nick Gravina, Northern Highlands

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Sal Mastriani, Don Bosco

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Johnny Sebastian, Bergen Catholic

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Alex Krukliniski, Bergen Catholic

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Bryan Loughlin, Becton/Wallington

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Eric McMullen, North Bergen

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Zach Chakonis, Don Bosco

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Ryan Cotrell, Pascack Hills