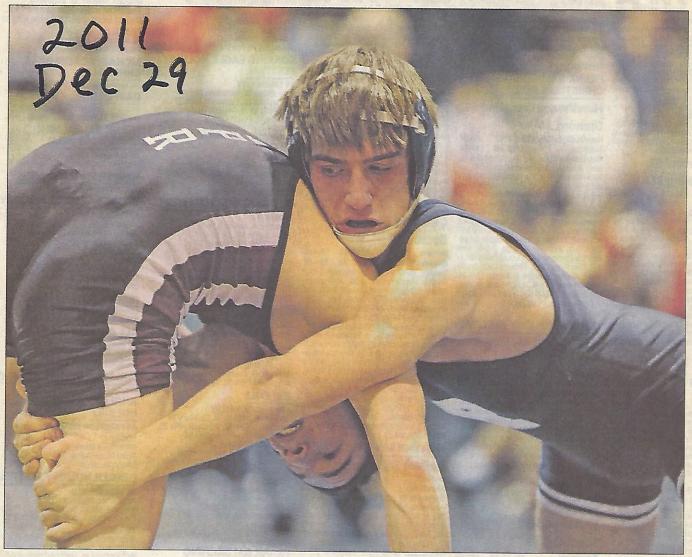
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Mike Paskas of Rutherford, right, has James DiGregorio of Emerson/Park Ridge in a bind in his 5-3 quarterfinal win.

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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.

immeasurable.

Paskas shook off an early takedown 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."

Catholic – competing without in- me. He's a workaholic."

jured state place-winner Connor six-point lead over second-place coach Jeff Rehain said. Paramus, 117-111, through the teams were bunched within 12 points.

Paramus, Don Bosco and Emerson/Park Ridge put five But what he got out of it was wrestlers through to the semifinals, while Bergen Catholic, Becton/Wallington and North Bergen each had four. Twentyfive teams had at least one wrestler advance through to the

> 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 Holi-finishing shots. day Tournament last year.

Defending champion Bergen me tips. I give him tips. He's like with 10 seconds left after being

Melde (concussion) - held a slim goal to win this," Rutherford Brandon Buonomo of Emer-

The road to the top is a chalquarterfinals, as the top four lenging one for Paskas, who will face third-seeded Matt Mangini of Bergen Catholic today with twotime champion and former state waiting in the finals.

> gorio, 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 Bergen Catholic, 5-1, at 285. Rutherford had two, as senior strong," Paskas said. "I was nervable to lift it in the air for two.

Freshman Roy Forys of Bec-"John and I always work out ton/Wallington had a nice finish together," Paskas said. "He gives in his quarterfinal at 126, escaping Email: schutta@northjersey.com ridden out for most of the third More wrestling coverage, S-9

"The two of them have set a period to upset third-seeded son/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, place-winner Nick Gravina of who split four matches in the Northern Highlands possibly tournament last year, was one of several wrestlers who either made And it all started with DiGre- a big jump in weight or were prio, who got in with a shot and wrestling light this year. He had two pins before upsetting thirdseeded Carmine Goldsack of

"I love wrestling guys who are ous. But I was able to get my one bigger than I am," said the senior, and then shot a single and was who wrestled 25 pounds up at 215 last year and 70 pounds up That was my problem last year, when he takes the mat at 285 this year. "I just have to make sure I stay away from the throws."

oso charges from out-bracket 2011

By BRIAN A. GIUFFRA

STAFF WRITER

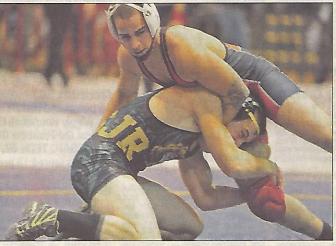
SUFFERN, N.Y. - Nick Spinoso went from a projected outbracket victim to a legitimate main-bracket star. And now that he's taken his spot on center stage, Paramus' surprise semifinalist is hoping for more.

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 stunned second-seeded Jep Alorleg sweep midway through the ria coming in," Spinoso said. third period to earn the victory and excite the fans at Rockland it was going to be tough [to make Community College.

But perhaps even more im- here, anything can happen." pressive than making it to the semifinals is that Spinoso won four matches Thursday to equal in the quarterfinals and sent made sure the Spartans ended on one of the sport's biggest early his win total from last year, when through five to the semis to help he went 4-20 as a sophomore.



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

> "When I didn't get a seed, I knew the semifinals]. But now that I'm

The same is true for Paramus. The Spartans had six wrestlers

them finish the night in second "I knew I was going to have a place. Freshman Joe Trovato got

ro of Cresskill, 6-4, with a single-bad seed because I had no crite-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 a good chance to make it wrestled after Spinoso and kept through." the momentum going with a 5-3 a high note with an 11-5 major stars. decision at 170.

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."

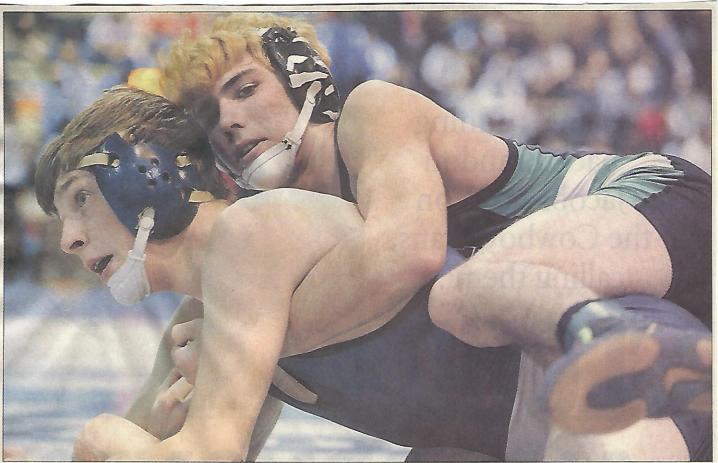
No one more so than Spinoso. The junior wrestled at 140 pounds last year, but trained throughout the off-season, dropped to 126 pounds, and is off to a 7-2 record. He began the Bergen Holiday as an afterthought during seeding, but finished with one of the biggest upsets of the quarterfinals.

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

After his shocking run, he's not win at 132, and Mustafa Aslami only through to the semis. He's

"We've been flying under the Email: giuffrab@northjersey.com



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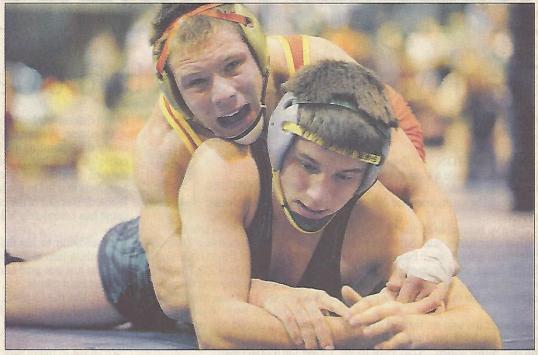
Pascack Valley's Dean Piterski (top) controlling Old Tappan's Jesse Massaro during their 120-pound quarterfinal bout at the Bergen County George Jockish Holiday Wrestling Tournament in Suffern, N.Y. Piterski won, 9-0. More coverage, S-7, 9

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BERGEN WRESTLING WEIGHT-BY-WEIGHT



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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 thirdseeded 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 Gianntonio 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 Forys 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 Reardon 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. Fourthseeded 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.
 - Greg Schutta and Brian A. Giuffra



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Bergen County George Jockish Holiday Tournament

TEAM SCORES

Bergen Catholic (BC) 117.00; Paramus (P) 111.00; Don Bosco (DB) 107.50; Emerson/Park Ridge (EPR) 105.00; Glen Rock/Saddle Brook (GS) 82.50; Northern Highlands (NH) 72.00; St. Joseph (SJ) 72.00; North Bergen (NB) 68.00; Becton/Wallington (BW) 67.00; Ridgewood (RW) 65.00; River Dell (RD) 64.00; Bergenfield (BF) 53.00; Hackensack (H) 52.00; Ramsey (Rsy) 50.00; Pascack Hills (PH) 49.00; Rutherford (Ru) 48.50; Pascack Valley (PV) 48.00; Garfield (GF) 45.00; Old Tappan (OT) 45.00; Westwood (WW) 38.00; Waldwick/Midland Westwood (WW) 36.00, Waddwick/Midlaid Park (WMP) 36.00; Demarest (Dem) 30.00; Du-mont (Du) 29.00; Mahwah (M) 29.00; Has-brouck Heights/Wood-Ridge (HW) 22.00; Torah (TO) 21.00; Ridgefield Park (RP) 20.00; Cliffside Park (CP) 19.50; Bogota/Weehawken (Bow) 19.00; Indian Hills (IH) 18.50; Teaneck (TEA) 15.00; Cresskill (CR) 14.00; Elmwood Park (EP) 13.00; Leonia/Palisades Park (LPP) 11.00; Lodi (LO) 11.00; Fair Lawn (FL) 10.00; Lyndhurst/North Arlington (LNA) 9.00; Fort Lee (FL) 8.00; Paramus Catholic (PC) 7.00; New Mil-ford (NM) 4.00; Queen of Peace (QP) 4.00; Ramapo (RPO) 0.00.

FIRST ROUND

120: Justin Cochran (P) pin Joseph Ratner

126: Nick Spinoso (P) pin Mike Minardi (NM), 1:24; Brendan Gorman (Du) pin Steve Mitchell

138: Sean Violante (EP) dec. Rob Nicoletti (IH), 7-3; Taj-Aziz Brown (H) maj. dec. Rob DeMauro (SJ), 19-5; Aidan Feeney (OT) pin Youngseok

Hong (LPP), 4:30; 145: Matt Johns (Rsy) pin Ian Yunis (LNA), 3:02; Rob Bandstra (WMP) pin Matt Davies (PC), 4:21; Dave Kirshensteyn (PH) dec. Chris Glaser (NB), 3-2; Christopher Maselli (SJ) maj. dec. J.T.

Ferrara (PV), 12-4; 152: Mike Valle (BF) pin Evan Latrella (PC), :46 170: Michael Silano (SJ) pin James Wenger (LNA), :43; Cameron Lukas (OT) pin Chris Finn (WMP), 5:16;

SECOND ROUND

106: Paul Antonick (WW) pin Kyle O'Keefe (CK), 1:25; Brian DiGuilmi (EPR) pin Drew Boscorino (Rsy), 3:56; Rick Gonzalez (NB) pin Kurtis Cathey (WMP), :59; Christopher Ambrogio (SJ) pin David Rodriguez (OT), 1:33; Mike Andreano (GS) maj. dec. Owen Woods (EP), 13-1; Joe Trovato (P) pin Alex Vargas (QP), :37; Mohamed Abdelhamid (Ru) maj. dec. Gianni Frasco (NH), 12-1; Cameron McLearie (PV) dec. Dylan Mitchell (RD), 3-2; Jimmy Reardon (DB) dec. Anthony Tsikititos (BF), 9-4; Joseph Morreale (LNA) maj. dec. Jonathan Mendoza (RP), 10-1; Dylan Ray (H) dec. Devin Sokolich (FTL), 5-0; Andrew Hurdman (Dem) pin Jay Vekaria (Du), 2:59; Mohammed Haras (PH) maj. dec. Erik Molino (M), 9-0;

(Bow), 1:25; Matt Rose (BC) dec. Nick Jacobson (GS), 2-1; Luis Gonzalez (NB) pin Andy son (GS), 2-1; Luis Gonzalez (NB) pin Andy Quintana (BW), 342; Kyle Layne (Dem) pin Al-laric Abdool (Du), 2:38; D.J. Tirelli (RD) pin Ja-cob Ramos (GF), 3:34; Vincent Macaluso (SJ) dec. Scott Galdi (EPR), 6-4; Jarred Rose (FLN) dec. Eric Grossbard (NM), 6-1; Andrew Rosensweig (DB) pin Mike Worthington (PH), 2302; Zoek Calobicci (SM) pin Math April 271 3:28; Zach Golebieski (SM) pin Matt Apruzzi (M), 2:47; Joe Rocca (EMP) maj. dec. Anthony Aiello (OT), 8-0; Eric Giannantonio (Par) dec. Andy Juarez (BF), 5-0; Eric Hicks (FTL) maj

Adio, Judiez (Br), 3-9, Bit Bicks (Pt Hishide), Nick Saglimbeni (RW), 15-7; Jared Holli (NH) dec. Bryan Rottingen (Rsy), 5-4; 120: Jimmy Avella (SM) pin Kollin Siracuse (WMP), :40; Anthony Giraldo (NB) pin Socrates Olivero (H), 3:18; Matt McKay (WW) Socrates Olivero (H), 3:18; Matt McKay (WW) pin John Kalimtzis (PH), 3:46; J.P. Ascolese (BC) dec. Paul Scalici (CK), 13-6; Joe Guerriero (GS) pin Mike Voight (RD), :53; Matt Murphy (NH) pin Mark Sproviero (EP), :15; Dan McBrinn (DB) pin Eric Garcia (BW), 2:42; Dean Piterski (PV) pin Nick Knight (M), 3:07; Jack Nigro (Dem) pin Brian Krakower (FL), 4:44; Jesse Massaro (OT) maj. dec. Kevin Damato (Rsy), 14-0; Tristian Geirek (IH) maj. dec. Frank Pa-parozzi (LO), 11-1; Daniel Dalcortivo (SJ) dec. Christian Negron (BF), 3-1; Joe Oliva (RW) pin Matthew Danz (HW), 2:58; Michael Morreale (LNA) pin Brian Cross (EPR), 3:39; Chris Joyce (Ru) dec. Zack Cavallaro (PC), 7-4; Cochran pin Nick Eggert (NM), 1:31; 126: James Henry (H) pin Drew Oresto (FLN), :50; Austin Cantone (SJ) pin Anuj Kunadia (EP), :58; Billy Reardon (DB) pin Owen Ross (Dem), 3:58; Matthew Joskowitz (CP) tech. fall Jesse Forstot (GS), 15-0; Brandon Buonomo (EPR) pin Colin Clifford (LNA), 1:29; Stephen Gerdner (RW) dec. Jeff Rivera (NB), 4-1; Jep Alorro (CK) pin James Caperossi (IH), Braedon Garcia (NH) dec. R.J. Izquierdo (PC), 13-7; John McLaughlin (RD) maj. dec. Vinnie Totaro (WW), 15-1; Edwin Fiscal (Bow) pin Steve Smith (BF), 2:48; Piotr Kucab (GF) pin Amani Pittman (Tea), 2:42; Alex Moore (PV) dec. Ahmed Abdelhamid (Ru), 4-1; Roy Forys (BW) pin Matthew Innis (HW), 3:18; Colin Hanley (BC) maj. dec. Anthony Arena (SM), 15-3; Spinoso dec. Mateo Perez (RP), 7-0; Peter Pra-vata (PH) maj. dec. Mitchell, 12-4; 132: Steven Schneider (EPR) pin Victor Arias

(HW), 5:38; Richard Dempster (H) pin Jimmy Mack Casey (Bow), 1:09; Manny Dominguez (NB) pin Billy Duby (PC), 3:43; Brendan Campbell (RD) pin Devin Estevez-Perez (FLN), 1:40; Chris Jacobson (GS) pin Anthony Giaquinto (LNA), 1:59; Sean Kelly (NA) pin Cory Dobel (ENA), 1:59, Seal Reily (MA) pili Cyly Bobel (BC), 1:58; Joe DeFuria (BF) pin Jensen Gore (LPP), 2:39; Mike Pierro (PH) pin Dan Klyde (Rpo), :59; Joe Rizzitello (P) pin Nick Nabbaro (EP), 2:24; Matt Zovitoskiski (SJ) dec. Adam Barno (GF), 6-0; Danny White (PV) pin Bruno Gerardi (DB), 1:28; Tyler Loughlin (BW) pin Matt Porrino (NM), 1:09; Michael Senchi (TEA) pin Justin Moon (Dem), 3:00; Israel Curbelo (RP) pin Joey Misilmeri (WW), 2:33; Brandon Giovanetti (RW) pin Paul Giordano (WMP), 3:55; Mike Carey (Ru) dec. Amit Haim (CK), 3-

138: John Boyle (Ru) pin Joseph Reiff (LNA), :23; Mike Maye (BC) pin Thomas Hernandez (NM), 1:10; Cenzo Cariddi (RD) pin Sean Mar-ro (WMP), :59; Matt Goldstein (PH) pin Andrew Bell (Rpo), 2:52; Chris Lassoni (BW) pin Anthony Ponteriero (PC), 3:28; Craig Carmilani (WW) dec. George Kostantakis (Du), 8-2; Dylan Myers (NH) pin Kenny Montoya (SM), 1:38; Ricardo Fuentes (GF) pin Joe Kelley (CK), :26; Oscar Marroquin (TEA) pin Ian Dilone (RP), 4:25; Christian Marrero (BF) dec. Mike Mimmo (P), 9-5; Justin Gramaglia (RW) pin Sean Violante (EP), :39; Chuckie Slater (Rsy) maj. dec. Ryan Coburn (M), 11-3; Owen Mayer (Dem) dec. Anthony Dabal (NB), 3-1; Tristan Hollen-baugh (DB) maj. dec. Aidan Feeney (OT), 17-6; Brown pin John Rosa (GS), 2:36; Nick Masel-

145: Nick Gravina (NH) pin Charles Gabrielle (QP), 1:51; Adam Rusch (OT) pin Nick Camilerri (GS), 1:34; Jake Knight (M) pin Nick Kovacs (SM), :26; Gabe Calderon (GF) pin Kevin Layne (Dem), 3:37; James DiGregorio (EPR) pin Matt Calton (RW), 2:25; Adam Elayan (CP) pin Nick Siegel (RD), 5:47; David Arrighi (P) pin Tommy Deoliveira (Lo), 3:25; Edward Cox (HW) pin Amir George (H), 1:27; John Volmer (BF) pin Sean Coffey (CK), 1:36; Kamil Olechowski (BW) dec. Chris Mutterer (Rpo), 3-2; Rob Bandstra (WMP) pin Branden Sanabria (TEA), 1:59; Chris Leidig (Du) dec. Nick Williams (NM), 6-4; Mike Paskas (Ru) pin Christopher Maselli (SJ), :48; Luke Farinaro (DB) tech. fall Kirshensteyn, 16-1, 3:11; Miguel Vasquez (LPP) maj. dec. Raymond Corona (CK), 13-4; Matt Mangini (BC) maj. dec. Matt Johns (Rsy),

8-0; 152: Sal Mastriani (DB) pin Alex DeLaCruz (NB), 1:10; Valle pin Sam Price (TEA), 2:38; Brian Bandstra (WMP) pin Matt Bachman (NM), 3:04; Chris Fitzgerald (RP) pin Sergio Gonzalez (LPP), :48; Brian Vogel (NH) pin Freddy Takla (Bow), 3:29; Tommy Alhanti (CK) pin Emmanuel DeJesus (Du), 3:15; Billy Schwartz (EPR) pin Alec Claudio (HW), 1:25; Dan Ressler (FV) pin Danny Gray (PH), 3:08; Brandon Lopresti (P) maj. dec. Dan Bendul (OT), 8-0; Tyler Napoleone (GF) forfeit; Dylan More (SJ) pin Frank Mezzina (LNA), 1:01; Michael Rodriguez (H) pin Robert Morgenstern (BC), :52; Eric Schlett (GS) pin Aaron Martinez (Rw), 3:07; Abn Detara (CNA) John Pestana (SM) pin Craig Layne (Dem), :41; James Dugan (BW) maj. dec. Zach Spira (M), 9-0; Mark Sheridan (IH) dec. Tyler Kallansee

160: Johnny Sebastian (BC) tech fall Jae So (SM), 16-1, 1:27; Brandon Lateirno (NH) pin Nick Crocamo (RPO), 3:23; Andrew Vecchione (EPR) pin Justin Savio (GF), 2:29; Cory Gottlieb (PV) tech fall Nathaniel Onorato: (HW), 15-0; Noah Lerner (TO) pin Felix Barrios (Du), 1:32; Nick Bucci (P) pin Justin Costello (PC), 2:40; Zach Frolich (OT) dec. Isiah Castranon (NB), 5-1; Seth Zuidema (WMP) pin Mike Erenberg (Ftl), 5:44; Taylor Sweeney (DB) dec. Michael Amatrula (Dem), 4-1; Mike Lamparillo (WW) pin Anthony Cardaci (LNA), 2:16; Matt Dickman (GS) pin Zack Locorriere (Lo), 2:08; Andrew Pohl (RD) pin Greg Altamare (M), 3:18; Fred Guss (PH) pin Devlin McClure (LPP), 2:24; Konnor Shetler (Rsy) pin Jed Benhamroun (CK), 3:05: Jeff Farina (SJ) mai, dec. Austin Purritano (RW), 15-3; Hans Seri (BF) dec. Kevin Castillo (H), 8-3;

Casulio (H), 8-3; 170: Ryan Ribaudo (Rsy) pin Blaine Bradley (RPO), 57; John Paluskiewcz (LPP) pin John Dickson (RD), 0:11; Alex Kruklinski (BC) tech fall Tom Cosgriff (NH), 26-8, 6:00; Anthony Walker (M) pin Jordan Ballesteros (GF), 3:05; Jonathan Marrero (BF) dec. Alex Hodulik (HW), 4-2; George Souflis (PH) dec. Mark Kris-ton (RU), 5-2; Aaron Bess (RW) pin James lafrate (DEM), 1:10; Dylan Menze (EPR) pin Anthony Schielzo (RP), :23; Nathin Bueno (BW) dec. Elvis Tavares (H), 9-2; Cameron Lukas (OT) pin Angelo Calabro (PC), 2:37; Zach Hunko (GS) dec. Mike Begen (PV), 5-1; Mustafa Aslami (P) tech fall Jeff Lombardi (DB), 19-4, 5:25; Peter Creamer (WW) pin Jesus Colado (NM), 1:52; Jack Montgomery (SM) pin Jared Gagliardi (TEA), 5:21; Michael Silano (SJ) maj. dec. Jack Conklin (IH), 10-2; Wallace Payne (LO) dec. Paul Arcos (NB), 8-7;

182: Joey Fisco (EPR) pin Chris Lesica (SJ), :53; 182: Joey Fisco (EPR) pin Chris Lesica (SJ), :53; Paul Lowry (WMP) pin Sean Monahan (RP), 1:15; Tyler Bray (IH) pin Gorin Krasic (H), 1:24; Luke Iorio (BC) pin Bryan Alfieri (EP), :12; Kyle Myers (NH) pin Anthony Setola (PV), 5:23; Dan Fedor (GF) pin Aldan Lukas (OT), 2:25; Tyler Gambardella (DU) pin Kyle O'Donnell (MM), 1:26; Nick Baranello (RD) pin Justyn Vergara (PH), :34; Victor Trascu (BF) dec. Gavin John (CK), 9-2; Ronnie Stecher (GS) pin Chris Cofrancesco (WW), 1:51; Jacob Chang (RSY) maj, dec. Alexander Voutsas (SM), 9-1; Josh Lay (RW) pin Orlando DeLosSantos (NB), 1:47; Matt Tozzi (P) pin Anthony locco (DEM), 5:48; Matt Tozzi (P) pin Anthony locco (DEM), 5:48; Harold Hofemeister (DB) pin Derek Neville

195: Adam Cord (WW) pin John Butler (RD), 1:40; Aaron Gonzales (EP) pin Andrew Gonza-lez (QP), :32; Robert Askew (M) pin Charlie Wallentine (SM), 2:20; Lirieon Maloku (P) pin Andrew Bonetti (DU), 3:21; Jimmy Butler (PV) dec. John Jablonski (NH), 10-9; Christian Jenco (BC) dec. Alex Saez (BF), 3-1; Travis Picariello (RSY) dec. Mike Norling (BW), 9-6; Mike Helewa (PC) pin Lou LaRegina (LNA),

220: Nick Garcia (NB) pin Nick Codina (M), 1:03; Hunter Kiselick (BC) pin Chris Ribeiro (EPR), 1:42; Kyle Bratyanski (GS) pin Ryan Woods (RSY), 5:15; Gus Molina (WW) dec. Christian Decastro (NM), 5-0; Lenny Smith (RD) pin Marc Castrillon (PH), 1:03; Dan Choe (FTL) pin Ernest Brodie (LNA), :32; Brendan Faison (H) pin Anthony Martinez (BW), 1:21; Miller Line (CR) Mike Lynch (QP) pin Tommy Tarkazikis (OT), 2:37; Kevin Torrez (HW) maj. dec. Jose Nobleza (P), 9-1; Alex Copicchioni (NH) dec. Steve Timpanaro (PV), 11-9

285: Keith Rodman (OT) pin Shehryer Ali (LO), 1:42; Kevin Wilkens (DB) pin Myles Lesane-Hunt (H), 1:51; Neil Forrester (RSY) pin Moharned Sherif (RU), :08; Mike Ayden (P) pin Tommy Valverde (PC), :42; Joe Camilleri (GS)pin Justin Gonzalez (SM), 1:37; Frank As-

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THIRD ROUND

106: Andreano pin McLearie, 4:43; Trovato maj. 106: Andreano pin McLearie, 4:43; Trovato maj. dec. Johnny Cruz (LO), 13-0; Gonzalez pin Abdelhamid, 4:58; Hurdman pin Esteban Mena (PC), :47; DiGuilmi dec. Ambrogio, 4-2; Antonick dec. Morreale, 7-3; Tyler Casamenti (BC) maj. dec. Haras, 14-0; Reardon dec. Ray, 5-4; 113: Gonzalez pin Rose, 2:27; Rose maj. dec. Romero, 13-4; Marc Mastropietro (HW) dec. Salvatore, 3-1; Gianntonio dec. Rocca, 4-2; Layne dec. Hicks, 8-7; Macaluso dec. Lanzalotto. 4-0: Tirelli pin Rosepsweig 4:33: Golebies. to, 4-0; Tirelli pin Rosensweig, 4:33; Golebieski dec. Ibelli, 8-3;

120: Dalcortivo dec. Morreale, 8-4; Oliva pin Joyce, 1:13; Giraldo pin Ascolese, :09; McBrinn dec. McKay, 6-2; Guirerrieo pin Nigro, :48; Mur-phy dec. Cochran, 9-3; Massaro dec. Avella, 5-4; Piterski tech fall Geirek, 15-0, 5:59;

126: Reardon maj. dec. McLaughlin, 9-0; Cantone dec. Gerdner, 1-0; Joskowitz dec. Garcia, 10-5; Spinoso dec. Kucab, 10-8; Buonomo dec. Moore, 3-2; Henry maj. dec. Pravata, 18-10; Alorro dec. Hanley, 6-2; Forys dec. Fiscal, 9-2. 132: Kelly maj. dec. Campbell, 15-4; White dec. Senchi, 6-0; Schneider maj. dec. Dempster, 8-0; DeFuria dec. Zovitoski, 3-2; Jacobson tech fall Curbelo, 21-6, 5:15; Loughlin dec. Pierro, 8-1; Giovanetti pin Carey, 4:49; Rizzitello maj. dec. Dominquez, 11-3

138: Boyle tech fall Carmilani, 17-2, 3:36;

Brown pin Marroquin, 4:45; Hollenbaugh dec. Lassoni, 6-5; Cariddi maj. dec. Fuentes, 9-0; Maye dec. Mayer, 13-7; Slater maj. dec. Goldstein, 12-2; Maselli maj. dec. Myers, 18-9; Gra-

maglia dec. Marrero, 14-9; 145: Gravina pin Bandstra, 1:53; Mangini pin Vasquez, 3:31; Farinaro dec. Cox, 9-3; DiGregorio maj. dec. Volmer, 8-0; Leidig pin Elayan, 5:23; Paskas dec. Arrighi, 3-1; Knight dec. Rusch, 8-4; Calderon dec. Olechowski, 3-2;

152: Bandstra pin Vogel, 3:39; Mastriani maj. dec. Lopresti, 15-3; Dugan pin Sheridan, 2:21; Napoleone pin Alhanti, 3:08; Ressler dec. Ro-driguez, 10-3; Schwartz dec. Pestana, 3-2; More dec. Fitzgerald, 3-2; Valle dec. Schlett, 2-

160: Vecchione pin Shetler, 2:13; Sebastian pin Zuidena, :24; Dickman pin Bucci, 3:20; Gottlieb dec. Lateirno, 5-2; Seri pin Guss, :23; Farina dec. Sweeney, 7-3; Frolich dec. Lerner, 10-4; Lamparillo pin Pohl, 2:29;

170: Marrero dec. Pluskiewicz, 11-8; Silano maj. dec. Souflis, 12-3; Kruklinski pin Ribaudo, 5:56; Aslami pin Walker, 5:59; Bueno maj. dec. Payne, 12-4; Menze pin Lukas, :25; Creamer dec. Montgomery, 6-3; Bess dec. Hunko, 5-3; **182:** Lowry pin Hofemeister, 1:06; Bryan Loughlin (BW) pin Trascu, 4:00; Fedor pin Chang, 5:22; lorio maj. dec. Stecher, 11-0; Baranello pin Gambardella, 2:55; Bray dec. Fis-co, 5-2; Myers dec. Lay, 6-0; Tozzi maj. dec. An-

co, 5-2; Myers dec. Lay, 6-0; ToZzi Maj. dec. Arthony Durdan (FTL), 13-4; 195: Dominick Carfagno (SJ) pin Cort, :17; Eric McMullen (NB) pin Butler, 1:40; Jake Regina (Ru) pin Askew, 4:43; Gonzales maj. dec. Joe Lopez (Bow), 11-2; Robbie Maggiulli (EPR) pin Maloku, 2:48; Cekuan James (TEA) dec. Jenco, 7-4; Rachn Gross (DB) pin Helewa, :57; Demetri Rodriguez (FL) maj. dec. Picariello,

220: Thomas Hatton (SJ) dec. Bratyanski, 6-3; Faison pin Dan Delpercio (GF), :25; Tzvi Najman (TO) pin Choe, 1:46; Zach Chakonis (DB) pin Molina, 1:25; Kiselick pin Torrez, 3:29; Garcia pin Marcus Pantoja (PC), :21; Pierce Donegan (Du) inj. def. Copicchioni, 1:22; Smith pin Lynch, 2:49;

285: Camilleri pin Forrester, :32; Cotrell pin Rhode, 1:16; Astarita pin Goodell-Reid, 2:28; Motacki dec. Aydin, 10-4; Greenfield dec. Suarez, 3-2 (OT); Rodman dec. Wilkins, 5-4; Reiss dec. McCornell, 7-2; Goldsack pin Cho,

OUARTERFINALS

106: Trovato tech fall Antonick, 17-0, 5:06; Casamenti tech fall Reardon, 21-6, 5:06; Andreano dec. DiGuilmi, 11-5; Gonzalez dec. Hurdman, 4-1, 113:1. Gonzalez pin J. Rose, 4:00; Tirelli dec. Macaluso, 3-1; Gianntonio dec. Golebieski, 2-1; Mastropietro maj. dec. Layne, 15-3. **120:** Oliva pin Dalcortivo, 3:45; Piterski maj. dec. Massaro, 9-0; Giraldo pin Murphy, 2:00; Guirerrieo, inj. def. McBrinn, 2:33. **126:** Joskowitz dec. Cantone, 3-2; Reardon dec. Henry, 9-7; Spinoso dec. Alorro, 6-4; Forys dec. Buonomo, 3-2. **132**: Schneider pin Kelly, 1:46; Rizzitello dec. DeFuria, 5-3; Loughlin dec. Ja-Robson, 8-6; Giovanetti dec. White, 9-3, 138: Boyle pin Gramaglia, 1:49; Hollenbaugh dec. Maye, 1-0; Slater maj. dec. Brown, 10-0; Masel-li maj. dec. Cariddi, 17-6, 145: Gravina dec. Calderon, 10-4; Knight dec. Farinaro, 5-4; Mangini maj. dec. Leidig, 12-1; Paskas dec. Di-Gregorio, 5-3. **152:** Mastriani pin Bandstra, :49; Dugan dec. Napoleone, 10-8; Ressler dec. Schwartz, 7-2; Valle dec. More, 3-2 (30T). 160: Sebastian pin Gottlieb, :52; Vecchione pin Seri, 2:38; Farina dec. Frolich, 6-1; Dickman dec. Lamparillo, 7-2. **170:** Bess dec. Marrero, 3-0; Menze dec. Creamer, 6-2; Kruklinski dec. Silano, 7-5; Aslami dec. Bueno, 11-5. 182: Loughlin maj. dec. Bray, 9-0; lorio maj. dec. Tozzi, 15-2; Lowry dec. Myers, 11-4; Baranello maj. dec. Fedor, 13-1. **195**: McMullen pin Gonzales, 1:39; Gross maj. dec. Rodriguez, 16-6; Maggiulli dec. Regina, 8-5; Carfago dec. James, 8-2. **220:** Faison pin Garcia, 1:39; Kiselick pin Najman, 1:22; Chakonis pin Hatton, 5:24; Smith maj. dec. Donegan, 11-0. **285**: Rodman pin Motacki, 4:12; Greenfield pin Camilleri, 3:25; Cotrell dec. Goldsack, 5-1; Reiss dec. Astarita, 5-3.

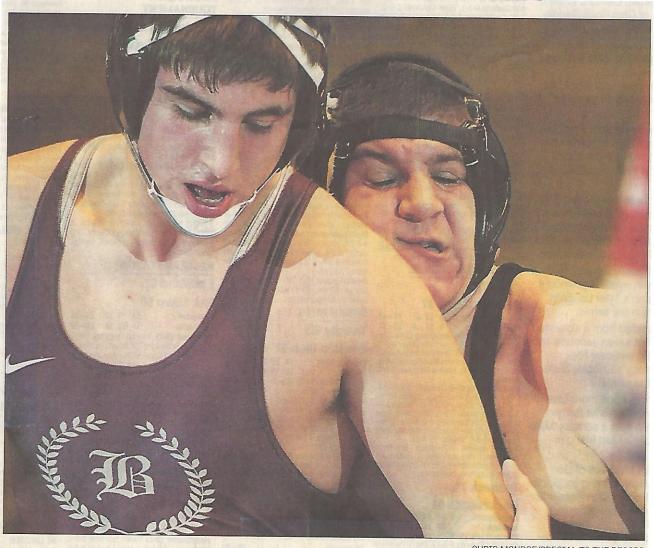
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Don Bosco's Zach Chakonis, left, on his way to beating River Dell's Lenny Smith in the 220-pound final.

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Freshman Chakonis lifts Ironmen to tourney win

By GREGORY SCHUTTA STAFF WRITER

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

that at me before the match," he fought 5-3 victory over Bosco's said. "They said, 'We hate to do this to you, but you have to win Most Outstanding Wrestler the Crusaders a 189-187 lead. this for us to win."

went out and did what he was wrestling for Paulsboro while things up to Chakonis. told.

Chakonis opened up a 5-0 freshman in 2010. lead on senior Lenny Smith at 220 and went on to a 5-2 victo- ond for Don Bosco, which last ry in the final bout of the night to lift the Ironmen to a 191-189 victory over defending champion Bergen Catholic in the Bergen nals with a slim two-point lead County George Jockish Holiday over Bergen Catholic and 2½ Wrestling Tournament.

"Do it for yourself, do it for son/Park Ridge.

your team," Chakonis said.

guys can wrestle on any level," Bosco coach Chris Bitetto said.

North Bergen's Eric Mc-Mullen won the battle of former "My coaches kind of threw region champions with a hard-Razohn Gross at 195 to earn the scored a decision at 170 to give award. McMullen won the Re-So like a good freshman, he gion 8 title last season while 182 and Bosco's Gross at 195 left Gross won the Region 2 title as a

The team title was just the secwon in 2007 and capped a nailbiting couple of hours.

The Ironmen went into the fipoints over third-place Emer-

But the Ironmen caught a "I think this proves that these 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

Losses by BC's Lukas Iorio at

"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 lev-

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

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

three of our four finals if they lost one of their three," said coach first champion since Cory Mon-David Bell of Bergen Catholic, teforte won in 2008. "It's a big which was without two-time step toward Atlantic City." place-winner Connor came down to the wire.'

second seed, redeemed himself since Rick Eichenlaub in 2005. this time around by pinning Bec-Joskowitz, whose previous two believe it."

the way. He opened the third bouts went down the final

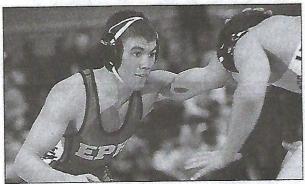
"I beat a couple of region placers and state qualifiers and I nev-"We knew we had to win er even made it out of my dis-

Ryan Cotrell of Pascack Hills Melde for the tournament. "It came out on top against guys who was a difference of two or three outweighed him by 70 pounds, points. It was exciting that it making a single escape point stand up for a 1-0 victory over Cliffside Park's Matthew Dovid Greenfield of Torah Acad-Joskowitz, who lost his first bout emy in the heavyweight final. He in the tournament last year as the is the Cowboys first champion

"At the buzzer I thought I had ton/Wallington freshman Roy lost," said Cotrell, who was near-Forys 30 seconds into overtime ly taken down in the third perito win the 126-pound title. It was od. "My coaches said You just the third straight nail-biter for won. Shake his hand.' I couldn't

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BERGEN WRESTLING WEIGHT-BY-WEIGHT



CHRIS MONROE/SPECIAL TO THE RECORD

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 Forys 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 out-weighed 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.

- Brian A. Giuffra and Greg Schutta

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Trovato's confidence rewarded with title

By BRIAN A. GIUFFRA

STAFF WRITER

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.

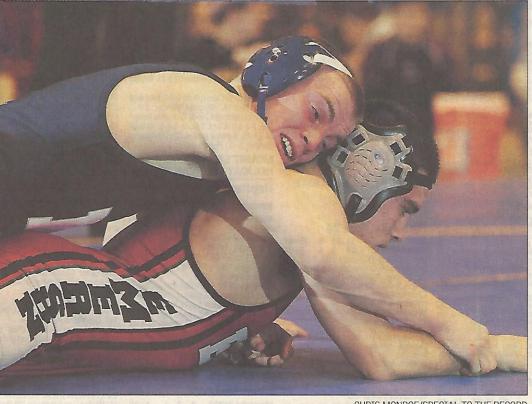
Trovato came from the 11th seed in the middle of the top bracket and beat the two top seeds on his way to the 106-pound title. He earned a 5-2 decision over topseeded Mike Andreano of Glen Rock/Saddle Brook in the semifinals and followed it up with another impressive 3-2 decision over second-seeded Tyler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

"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 in front of all these people."

sure if I could win in front of a big



CHRIS MONROE/SPECIAL TO THE RECORD

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

So does Rutherford senior John crowd because I've had some Boyle. His coach, Jeff Rehain, used

time after Boyle placed second at son/Park Ridge, they can't make the county and regions last year. that joke anymore. But with Boyle winning the 138-

"After taking second so many problems with that before. But I to joke with Boyle that he was the pound title with an 8-5 comeback times, it feels good to win counties feel a lot better now that I did well greatest second-place finisher of all victory over Nick Maselli of Emerand 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.

2011

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 don't coaches note who the highest-scoring public school team is every year.



DARREN COOPER

LOCAL SPORTS COLUMNIST

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 At-

lantic 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

"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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WRESTLING

Bergen County George Jockish Holiday Tournament

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) (BS) 1.83, 6. Wid field in glindlus (WH) 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 16. Hackensack (H) and old lappan (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 (MMP) 41; 24. Cliffside Park (CP) 36.5; 25. Torah (TO) 34; 26. Hasbrouck Heights/Wood-Ridge (HW) 33; 27. De-marest (DEM) 31; 28. St. Mary (SM) 27; 29. Pagesta (Mechaylera (POM) 26; 20 29. Bogota/Weehawken (BOW) 26; 30. Indian Hills (IH) 24.5; 31. Ridgefield Park (RP) 20; Tie 32. Fair Lawn (FLN) and Tea-(RP) 20, TIB 32-Fail LaWN (FLN) alto lea-neck (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 Peardon (PR), 6-4: Por Fons (RW) dec.

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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-

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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 Maggiulli (EPR), 10-5. 220: Zach Chakonis (DB) maj. dec.

Hunter Kiselick (BC), 12-4; Lenny Smith (RD) tech. fall Brendan Faison (H), 17-2,

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 Forys, 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:** Kruklinski 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,

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: Cenzo 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. Fai-son; 285: Kevin Wilkins (DB) pin Maalyjiah 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. Maggiulli, 3-2; 220: Kiselick dec. Thomas Hatton (SJ), 5-4; 285: Rodman dec. Reiss, 5-4 (OT).

The champions

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Luis Gonzalez, North Bergen

Anthony Giraldo, North Bergen

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Matt Joskowitz, Cliffside Park

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Steven Schneider,

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John Boyle, Rutherford

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Nick Gravina, Northern Highlands

Sal Mastriani, Don Bosco

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Johnny Sebastian, Bergen Catholic

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Alex Kruklinski, Bergen Catholic

Bryan Loughlin, Becton/Wallington

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Eric McMullen, North Bergen

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Zach Chakonis, Don Bosco

Ryan Cotrell, Pascack Hills