

BCCA GEORGE JOCKISH HOLIDAY WRESTLING TOURNAMENT

At Teaneck Armory: Today, Preliminaries and second round, 10 a.m.; quarterfinals and wrestlebacks, 7 p.m.
Thursday, Semifinals and wrestlebacks, 11 a.m.; Third and fifth-place consolations, 5 p.m.; Finals to follow.

Greenwald's ready for some heavy duty

By GREGORY SCHUTTA
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RUTHERFORD — The basement cafeteria that doubles as a wrestling room at St. Mary's is looking a little smaller to David Greenwald this year.

The junior has grown a couple of inches since last year. Gone is that wispy look of an underclassman that belied the strength and ability that led to a pair of top-5 finishes in Atlantic City.

The determination that has accompanied Greenwald since he burst on the high school wrestling scene as a freshman phenom two years ago remains, however, and will be on display beginning today when he jumps three weight classes into the teeth of a 135-pound division that features two-time returning Holiday champ and State third-place finisher Sal Tirico of Lodi at the BCCA George Jockish Holiday Wrestling Tournament.

"What's the sense of being weak at a lighter weight when you can be strong at a good weight," said Greenwald, who won his first holiday championship last year at 119 pounds.

"I see a young man instead of a boy," Gaels coach Scot Weaver said. "He was not real focused, or he would only get focused when I was in his face or for the big matches. When you try to turn the switch like that, sometimes it doesn't come on when you expect it to."

The switch did not come on last year when he lost to Chris Notte of Holy Cross, 8-6, in the State quarterfinal. Greenwald came back the next day to beat Notte, 8-6, in overtime, to finish fifth in the state event, one step lower on the podium than the year before.



THOMAS E. FRANKLIN/STAFF PHOTO
St. Mary's David Greenwald will make the jump from 119-pound champ to 135-pound challenger.

"Dave fell short of his goal last year," Weaver said. "He felt as we did that he should have won it. He was so sloppy against Notte, and then he comes back to beat him in the wrestleback for fifth."

"Last year, I put myself out of my game in the States," Greenwald said. "Once I lost, I knew there goes the State title, there goes a year of work. This is my year. I wrestled every weekend. I practiced two or three times a week. Every extra mile I ran was another 30 seconds I could go in double overtime in the State final."

And this is the year that Greenwald decided to stop cutting the 18 to 20 pounds he needed to stay at 119 pounds.

"I just knew that 135 was my

weight," said Greenwald, who finished eighth at 130 pounds at the Cadet National Freestyle Championships in July to earn All-America status. "Last year was extremely difficult. When I'd wake up every morning, it would take me five minutes to get out of bed. I've got more energy. I feel stronger. Even though I'm at 135 instead of 119, I feel lighter because I'm not trying to drop 8 pounds every day."

"Last year and as a freshman, he was battling the scale every day," Weaver said. "That's the dark side of wrestling. This year, he came in at 142 and we discussed whether he wanted to drop down to 130 or 135."

The deciding factor for Greenwald was which weight class would be most challenging. At 135, he could expect to see Tirico and Gene Palko of Saddle Brook/Glen Rock, who was a regional runner-up in 2003. Weaver also thought there was a shot that returning State runner-up Cory Dunn of Rutherford might bump up to 135, although the senior will remain at 130 for the holiday tournament.

"I told him if he goes 135 in the County tournament, he could be the fourth, fifth, maybe the sixth seed," Weaver said. "That was part of his decision to choose 135. Does that mean he won't be at 130 by the end of the season? I don't know."

"I know it's a packed weight at the County," Greenwald said. "You have Tirico and Palko. I can't wait. The County is a big tournament, and it lets you know how you're going to do this year. My goal is to win the States."

He's hoping to take the first step this week.

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BREAKING DOWN THE WEIGHTS

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Favorite: Joe Trause, Bergen Catholic, freshman.

Contenders: Fred Santaite, Northern Highlands; Mike Lupo, Bergen Tech; Nick Adamo, Demarest.

Lowdown: Trause, who reached the quarterfinals of the Beast of the East, has been getting all the attention, but Santaite, a district and region champ has the experience. Lupo is a dark horse.

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Favorite: John Trumbetti, St. Joseph (103 champ last year).

Contenders: Chris Battaglia, Bergen Catholic; Dan Bonastia, Cliffside Park; Joe Kover, Fair Lawn.

Lowdown: This is likely a battle for second behind State runner-up Trumbetti. Freshman Kover can make a splash.

119

Favorite: Jon Weber, Westwood (second at 112 last year).

Contenders: Matt Ulrich, Garfield; Matt Egizi, Ridgefield Park/Ridgefield; Andrew Van Dyk, Ramapo.

Lowdown: This weight class broke wide open when Kyle McSweeney of Old Tappan (fourth last year), was disqualified in a season-opening tournament and forced to sit out.

125

Favorite: Dan Glover, Bergenfield (112 champ last year).

Contenders: Jimmy Grant, St. Mary; Isaac Golubchin, Cliffside Park; Tom Piccininni, Northern Highlands; Jack O'Hara, Pascack Valley.

Lowdown: Grant wasn't a champion last year because he competed in the same weight class as four-time champ Bryan Nunziato of Bergen Catholic. A final between him and Glover would be one of the highlights of the tournament.

130

Favorite: Cory Dunn, Rutherford (125 champ in 2002).

Contenders: Daryl Cocozzo, River Dell; Dale Fava, Don Bosco; Matt Lindsay, Paramus; Matt Morgenstern, Bergen Catholic; Rob Kein, Becton/Wallington.

Lowdown: Dunn, a State runner-up, finished third at 135 pounds last year. He's on a mission to regain the title but wrestles in one of the most stacked weight

classes in the tournament. Kein was the most outstanding wrestler at the Garfield tournament.

135

Favorite: Sal Tirico, Lodi (130 champ last year).

Contenders: Dave Greenwald, St. Mary's (119 champ last year); Gene Palko, Saddle Brook/Glen Rock; Anthony DiPaola, Westwood; John Dack, Don Bosco.

Lowdown: With two returning champs and Palko, a 2003 regional runner-up back from an injury that cost him his junior season, this class is top-heavy. A final between Tirico and Greenwald would be a sight to see.

140

Favorite: Dan Adamo, Demarest.

Contenders: Zach Glattman, Northern Highlands; Danny Rinaldi, Lodi; Marshall Keating, Leonia/Palisades Park.

Lowdown: Adamo is a district champ and region fourth. Glattman finished second in the district. Rinaldi looked strong in a dual match against Pequannock and Keating won a gold medal at the Mahwah tournament.

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Favorite: Derek Sickles, Bergen Catholic (135 champ last year).

Contenders: Brad Marquart, Rutherford; Mark Getto, Northern Highlands; Nick Magaraci, Old Tappan.

Lowdown: Sickles forfeited his final bout to finish sixth at the Beast of the East. Marquart will likely have to get through Getto, who beat him in the Kearny tournament. Magaraci won two bouts in Atlantic City last year after finishing second in the region.

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Favorite: Spencer Kent, Bergen Catholic.

Contenders: Brian Innis, St. Mary's; Jim Schultz, Ramapo; Jason Horowitz, Pascack Valley; Rico Rodriguez, North Bergen.

Lowdown: Kent is at the top of a strong weight class that could go to any of four wrestlers. He, Schultz and Innis are returning district champs and regional runners-up, and Horowitz won 23 bouts a year ago.

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Favorite: Dan Woods, Demarest.

Contenders: Everett Sayers, Pascack Valley; Andy Kiely, Paramus; Rick Eichenlaub, Pascack Hills; Derrick Van Dyk,

Ramapo; James Brock, Hackensack.

Lowdown: Woods and Sayers are looking to revisit the rivalry they built last year. Sayers beat Woods in the Holiday semifinals. Woods beat Sayers in the district semifinals. Van Dyk also could have a say.

171

Favorite: Dillon Landi, Fair Lawn.

Contenders: Greg Osgoodby, Waldwick/Midland Park; John Procopio, Indian Hills.

Lowdown: Landi was the Most Outstanding Wrestler at the Cutter Classic. Osgoodby beat Procopio, 7-4, to win the Mahwah tournament.

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Favorite: Bryan Fill, Hasbrouck Heights/Wood-Ridge.

Contenders: John Elia, Pascack Valley; Ricky Keenan, Bogota; Karim Mahmoud, Becton/Wallington; Justin Dobish, Lodi.

Lowdown: Fill had the misfortune of facing Fair Lawn's Lior Zamir in last year's semifinals. Now he's the one others will have the misfortune of facing. Keenan could drop to 171, but likely will remain here. Mahmoud, a regional place-winner, can surprise.

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Favorite: Keith Dobish, Lodi (returning champion).

Contenders: Dan Fugnitti, Ridgefield Park/Ridgefield; Keivan Tayeb, Dumont; Michael Schlossberg, River Dell.

Lowdown: Dobish had his breakout season a year ago, going unbeaten into the State tournament before losing in Atlantic City. The battle here is for second place.

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Favorite: Eric Sewell, Hackensack (second last year).

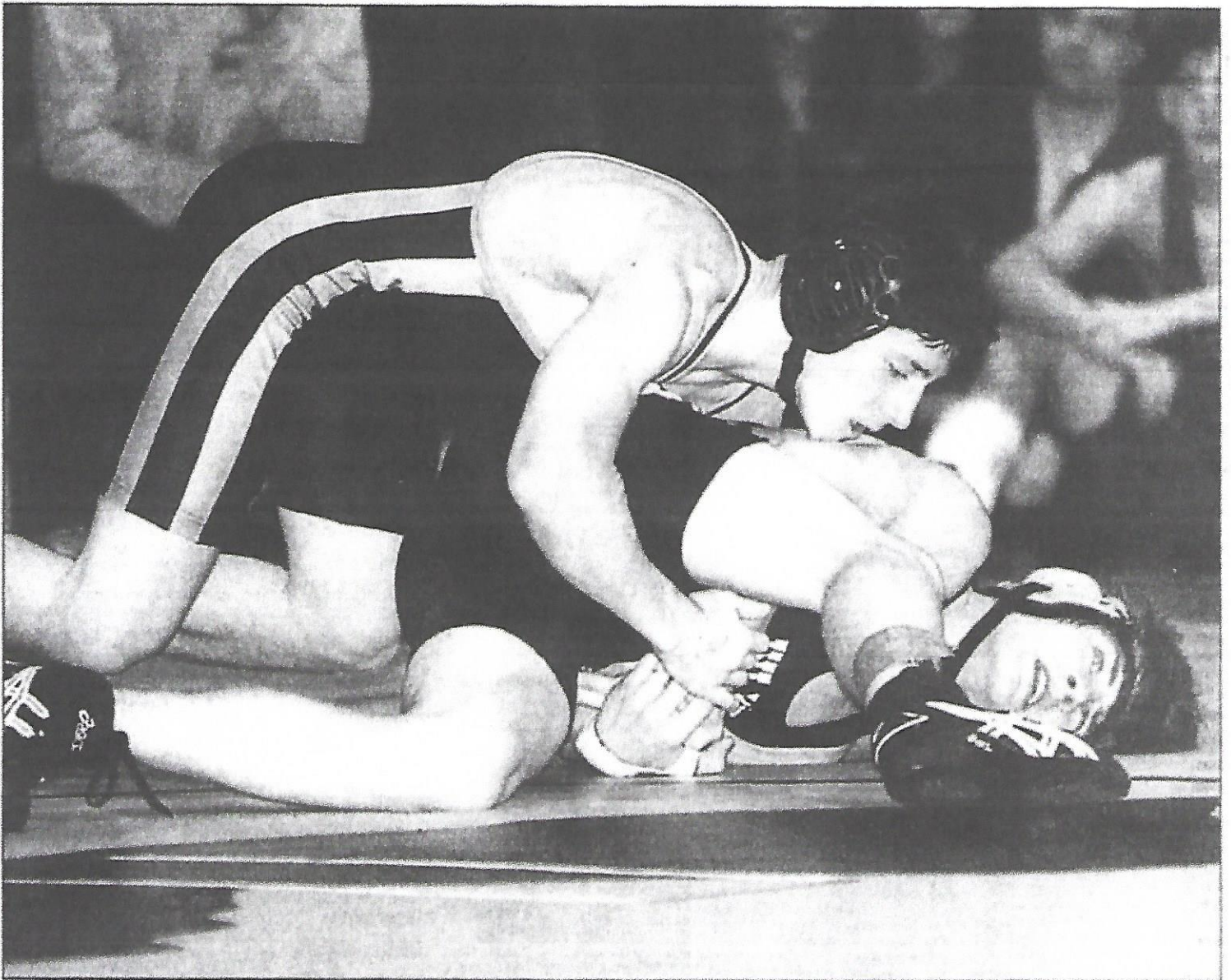
Contenders: Mark Fersa, Saddle Brook/Glen Rock; Sean Lissimore, Dumont; Terry Stanford, Ridgefield Park/Ridgefield; Chris Farulla, Leonia/Palisades Park.

Lowdown: After wrestling in Diego Crespo's shadow, it's Sewell's turn to be the class of the competition in Bergen County. He beat Fersa, 7-4, in the final of the Cutter Classic. Lissimore moves up to heavyweight for the Huskies. Farulla won gold to help lead the Lions to the Mahwah tournament championship.

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All the way back



DON SMITH/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Gene Palko, top, of Saddle Brook/Glen Rock en route to a 7-0 win over Kyle Antoine of Hasbrouck Heights/Wood-Ridge on Wednesday.

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Palko returns from major surgery to get to semis

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TEANECK — Gene Palko stood up after his 7-0 victory over Kyle Antoine of Hasbrouck Heights/Wood-Ridge as if it were just another day at the office.

But those close to the senior from Saddle Brook/Glen Rock know differently, that that win in the quarterfinals of the BCCA Holiday Wrestling Tournament on Wednesday and his berth in this morning's semifinal against top-seeded Andrew Wagner of Ramsey is another victory of Palko's will.

It's the same will that helped him come back from major surgery a year ago to repair his one functioning kidney after falling hard while playing football at a friend's house.

"It feels great to be back,"

Palko said. "It was terrible sitting all year watching the team lose. But I punched through it."

"After he won his first match at the Cutter Classic, he went over and congratulated his mother and his father for their support," Saddle Brook/Glen Rock coach Chris Marren said. "What that kid went through needs to be told. Every match he wrestles is one more victory for him."

Palko was a regional runner-up as a sophomore and looking to improve as a junior when he shattered his kidney in October 2003. What he and his family didn't know was that his other kidney had never functioned since birth.

The 8-inch scar on his chest is a souvenir of the operation to repair the one working kidney.

Palko will tell the story to anybody who asks, but he'd prefer to

be remembered as a wrestler with a shot at a Holiday tournament championship and an eye on another trip to Atlantic City.

Palko barely broke a sweat in his first two bouts, pinning Bergenfield's Mike Kimmerle in 59 seconds and Marshall Keating of Leonia/Palisades Park in 1:30 before blanking Antoine, 7-0, in the quarterfinals.

"I want to place in the States," he said. "I think it's a goal I can accomplish. I'm not as good as I was two years ago. I'm better. I've built myself back up this year."

Fred Santaite of Northern Highlands, who was outweighed by double digits by many of his opponents last year, also has built himself up to the point where he is wrestling on an even keel with the rest of the 103-pounders in Bergen County. But

even with a regional second under his belt, he still finds himself with something to prove.

Santaite, a runner-up to St. Joseph's John Trumbetti in this tournament and in the regional last year, pinned in 1:04 and again in 19 seconds in his first two bouts before beating Randy Strobel of Pascack Hills, 16-6, in the quarterfinals. For his troubles, he earned a date with one of the most highly touted freshman in the state, Joe Trause of Bergen Catholic, in today's semifinals.

"When I first saw who I had, I was kind of mad," Santaite said. "But then I got over it. I like the challenge of facing good guys because a win against them isn't like a regular win. I just have to go out there and beat him and show everybody."

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Garfield's Buenafuente steps up

Rebounds from loss in style

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TEANECK — Frank Buenafuente wasn't pushing himself hard enough as the season approached. He knew it and his coaches knew it. So it was really no surprise a week ago when he lost in the Garfield Holiday tournament.

But Buenafuente took a big step toward redeeming himself Wednesday night at the BCCA Holiday tournament with a surprising pin of Bergen Catholic's Matt Morgensten at 4:27 in the 130-pound class.

"I started off slow this season, but I think I'm really starting to come around," Buenafuente said. "I just wasn't practicing hard enough for some reason, and after I lost that Christmas tournament match, I knew I had to get serious and turn things around."

Buenafuente advances to today's semifinals, where he takes on top-seeded Cory Dunn of Rutherford.

The sophomore was confident heading into Wednesday night's match, having wrestled Morgensten before.

"I knew he was a tough wrestler, but we wrestled over the summer in the Westwood dual meets and I beat him in overtime. So I knew what I had to do to get the win," Buenafuente said. "I

was surprised that I pinned him there. It was a real close match."

Buenafuente believes that his ride doesn't have to stop here.

"I know Dunn is a real good wrestler too, but I just have to go in there knowing what I want to do and I'll be fine," he said.

"Frank has just started to come around," said Garfield coach Todd Williams. "He had some success last year, and I think coming in to this year he was a little nervous about living up to expectations. He hasn't been showing what's he's capable of, but this was a big win for him and he's a good kid."

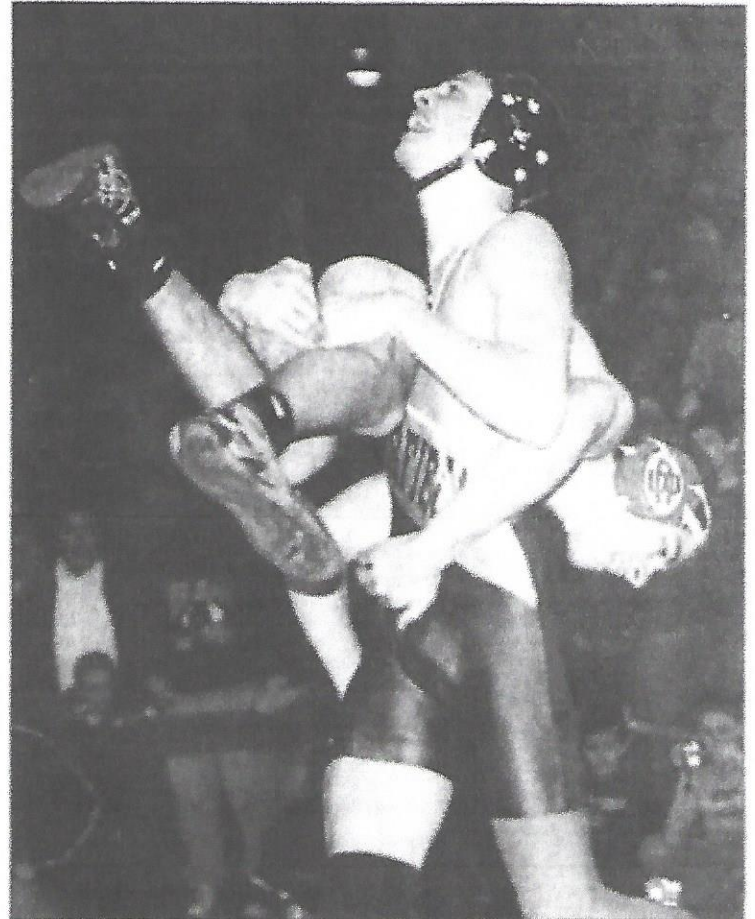
Williams said watching teammate Kyle Kutsup lose at 103 helped give Buenafuente some extra motivation.

"After watching Kyle go down, I think it drove him to go out there and show what he has," Williams said.

One of the biggest upsets of the day came at 160, where eighth-seeded Derrick Van Dyk of Ramapo made quick work of top-seeded Daniel Woods of Demarest by pinning him in 52 seconds.

"I don't know what happened out there," Van Dyk said. "I've just been working hard all summer and I guess it just paid off tonight."

"I wasn't really surprised that I beat him — I knew I could beat



DON SMITH/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Garfield's Frank Buenafuente lifting Bergen Catholic's Matt Morgensten in their 130-pound bout Wednesday night.

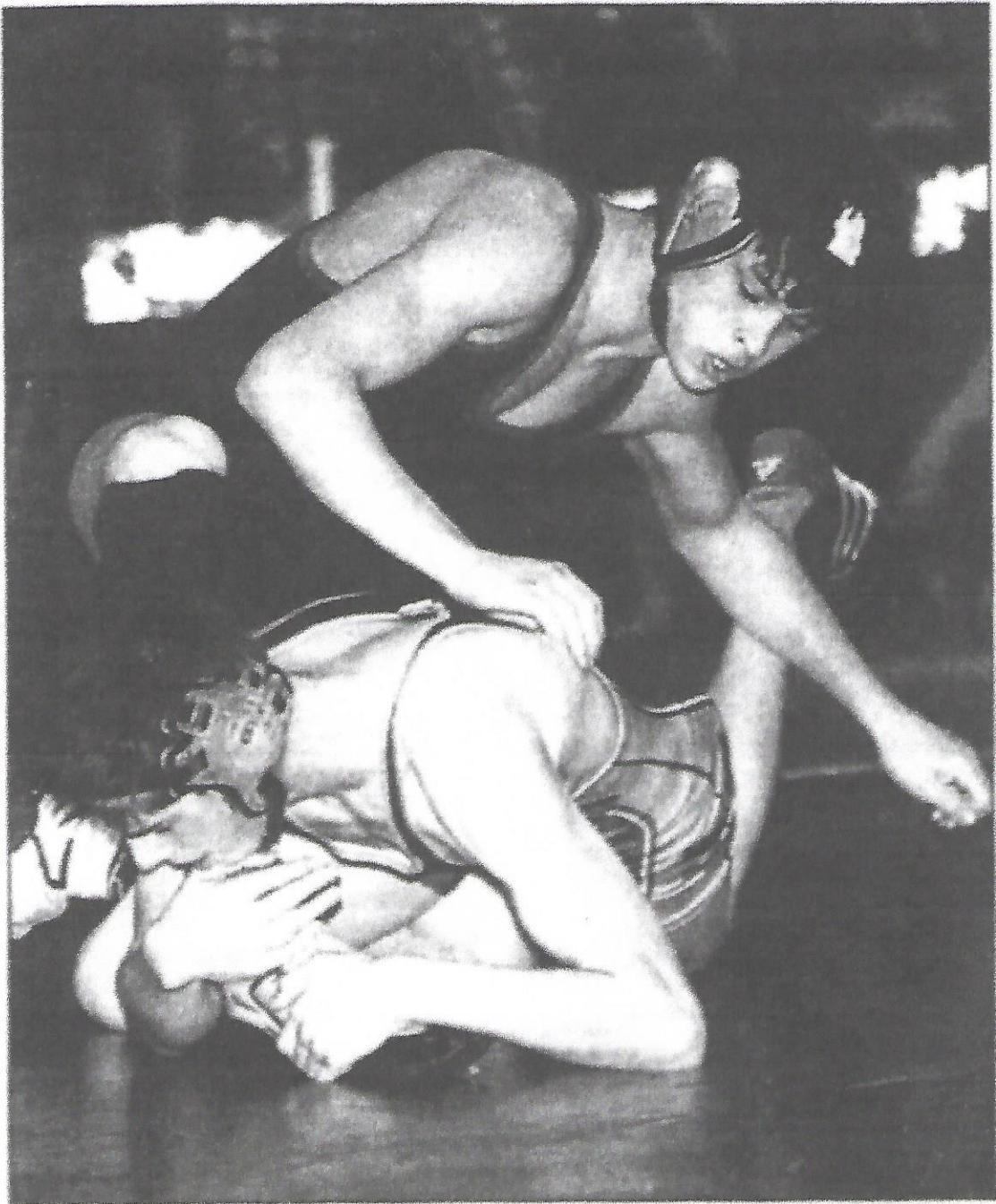
him. I was a little surprised though at how fast I pinned him. I wanted to stay defensive at first, but I got comfortable real quick and I just went for it."

Van Dyk, a junior, will take on

Rick Eichenlaub of Pascack Hills today in the semifinals.

"I feel comfortable with my next match," Van Dyk said. "I just have to do the same things I did today."

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David Greenwald of St. Mary's en route to a win over Brad Arlington of Mahwah in their 135-pound bout Wednesday.

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BY THE WEIGHTS

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Unseeded Mike Zotorelli of Lodi upset second seed Kyle Kutsup of Garfield when he pinned the favorite at 1:21. Northern Highlands' Fred Santaite and Bergen Catholic's Ryan Trause moved on to set up a marquee semifinal matchup.

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Top seed John Trumbetti of St. Joseph defeated freshman Joe Kover of Fair Lawn in an 8-4 decision. Westwood's Dan Butcher toppled Cliffside Park's Don Bonastia, 3-1, to move on to the semis.

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Westwood's Jon Weber took a 6-2 decision over Zach Schiffer of Demarest and Garfield's Matt Ulrich decisioned Anthony Bachmann of Rutherford, 5-1.

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St. Mary's Jimmy Grant took care of business with a pin of Tenafly's Zach Mueller at 3:35, and Tom Piccininni of Northern Highlands pinned Cliffside Park's Isaac Golubchin at 3:35. Grant and Piccininni will square off today in the semis.

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Rutherford's Cory Dunn pinned Joe Borghoff of Old Tappan at 2:28 to move on. Dale Fava of Don Bosco will face Matt Lindsay of Paramus in the semis after Fava pinned Ramsey's Stephen Andolena Wednesday night in 1:18.

135

The top four seeds advanced in 135. No. 1 seed Sal Tirico pinned Steve Ray of Bergen Tech at 1:47 and will face John Dack of Don Bosco in the semis. St. Mary's David Greenwald advanced with a 17-6 decision over Brad Arlington of Mahwah and will next take on Daryl Cocozzo of River Dell.

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Dan Adamo of Demarest pinned Zach Glattman of Northern Highlands in 2:59 and Waldwick/Midland Park's Jon Biango took a 12-2 decision over J.C. Figueroa of North Bergen. Biango will wrestle Adamo today in the semifinal round.

145

Old Tappan's Nick Magaraci won by a 10-6 decision over Jordan Chacon of Hackensack and Nick Buldo of Paramus pinned Adam Strobel of Pascack Hills in 5:23. Buldo will square off with top seed Derek Sickles of Bergen Catholic today.

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Pascack Valley's Jason Horowytz edged Dan Gordon of Fair Lawn in a 3-2 decision. Sixth-seeded Rico Rodriguez of North Bergen knocked off Hasbrouck Heights/Wood-Ridge's Mike Tsiolas with a pin at 2:33.

160

Eighth seed Derrick Van Dyk of Ramapo pulled off the first upset of a top seed, shocking Demarest's Dan Woods with a 52-second pin in the quarterfinals. Second seed Jeff Bliss of New Milford remains after posting a pair of first-period pins and a 6-5 victory in the quarterfinals. He will face Everett Sayers of Pascack Valley.

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The four top seeds reached the semifinals, led by top seed Dillon Landi of Fair Lawn. Third seed John Procopio of Indian Hills will get his shot to avenge an early-season loss to second seed Greg Osgoodby of Waldwick/Midland Park in the semifinals.

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Top seed Bryan Fill of Hasbrouck Heights/Wood-Ridge pinned in all three of his bouts, the final two coming in 42 and 48 seconds, respectively. He will face fourth seed Angelo Riccardi of Ramapo while third seed Ricky Keenan of Bogota faces off with second seed Karim Mahmoud of Becton/Wallington in the other semi.

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Twelfth seed Larry Otsuka of Bergen Catholic upset fourth seed Jason Eliya of Ridgewood, 6-4, in overtime to earn his way into the semifinals. But his reward is a date with returning champ Keith Dobbish of Lodi. League rivals Michael Schlossberg of River Dell, who pinned in all three of his bouts, and Dan Fugnitti of Ridgefield Park/Ridgefield will meet in the other semifinal.

275

Top seed Eric Sewell of Hackensack, a runner-up last year, pinned his way into the semifinal against Bogota's Kevin Bayani with wins in 31 seconds, 1:24, and 1:27. Second seed Terry Stanford of Ridgefield Park/Ridgefield also had three first-period pins while his semifinal opponent, Mark Fersa of Saddle Brook/Glen Rock, pinned in two of his three bouts.

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Teams: Becton/Wallington (BW); Bergen Catholic (BC), Bergenfield (BFLD), Bergen Tech (BT), Bogota (BOG), Cliffs Park (CP), Cresskill (CK), Demarest (DEM), Don Bosco (DBP), Dumont (DU), Elmwood Park (EP), Fair Lawn (FLWN), Fort Lee (FtL), Frisch (FR), Garfield (G), Hackensack (H), Hasbrouck Heights/Wood-Ridge (HHWR), Indian Hills (IH), Leonia/Palisades Park (LPP), Lodi (LO), Lyndhurst/North Arlington (LNA), Mahwah (MAH), New Milford (NM), North Bergen (NB), Northern Highlands (NH), Old Tappan (OT), Paramus (PAR), Paramus Catholic (PC), Pascack Hills (PH), Pascack Valley (PV), Ramapo (RPO), Ramsey (RSY), Ridgewood (RW), Ridgefield Park/Ridgefield (RPR), River Dell (RD), Rutherford (RU), Saddle Brook/Glen Rock (SBGR), Saint Joseph (StJ), Saint Mary (StM), Teaneck (TEA), Tenafly (TEN), Waldwick/Midland Park (WMP), Westwood (WW).

FIRST ROUND

103 - Fred Santaite (NH) pin Jesse Kolich (RU), 1:04; **Jose Vega (HHWR)** pin Ben Saks (PC), :19; **Joe Trause (BC)** tech. fall Michael DeMarco (LNA), 4:54; **David Harley (WW)** pin Joe Rusin (CP), :23; **Mike Lupo** tech. fall Jake Weinberg (PAR), 16-1, 4:20; **Nick Adamo (DEM)** pin John Cannon (RD), 1:07; **Mike Zottarelli (LO)** dec. Joe Yuskalis (FLWN), 14-6; **Steve Giesemann (DU)** dec. Jeff Mazpule (SBGR), 12-11; **Kyle Kutsup (G)** pin J.P. Russell (CK), 3:12.

112 - Matt Murray (DBP) pin Danny Lin (BW), 3:25; **Joe Kover (FLWN)** pin Andrew O'Neill (DU), :52; **Kevin Buonadonna (PV)** dec. Mark Eggert (BFLD), 10-2; **Matt Pecora (LO)** pin Zach Kahar (FR), 3:59; **Anthony Raccioppi (H)** dec. Jeff Woehrie (RW), 9-0; **Dan Bonastia (CP)** dec. Dave Melissarattos (PAR), 9-2; **Dan Butcher (WW)** pin Ron Bhardwaj (DEM), :22; **Vin Gerardi (EP)** pin Jason Franks (BT), 1:17; **Anthony Bell (FtL)** pin Tom Murphy (NH), 1:49; **Chris Battaglia (BC)** pin Dylan Huddleston (PH), 1:20.

119 - Jim Lombard (StM) dec. Steve Adelson (MAH), 12-8; **Adam Falcarro (PV)** pin Tony Cariddi (RD), 5:42; **Jon Weber (WW)** pin Casey Schick (SBGR), 2:22; **Zach Schiffer (DEM)** dec. Shawn Atfield (LO), 7-6; **Dan Matthaer (FLWN)** pin Luke Mallet (DBP), 2:58; **Nick Herrick (PAR)** dec. Justin Ludwig (NH), 4-3; **Andrew Van Dyk (RPO)** pin Mark Lee (BT), 1:52; **Matt Ulrich (G)** pin Derik Willock (PH), :34; **Anthony Cirello (PC)** pin Chris Pizzute (DU), 1:54; **Anthony Bachmann (RU)** tech. fall Anthony Iorio (BC), 16-1, 3:58; **Max Ferreira (CK)** pin John Fuhram (StJ), :26.

125 - Jimmy Grant (StM) tech. fall Anwar Saleem (DU), 16-1, 2:31; **Isaac Golubchik (CP)** pin Mike Getto (EP), 1:39; **Chaz Demera (BT)** dec. Roni Simchi (FR), 6-5; **Zach Mueller (TEN)** pin Scott Janz (HHWR), 3:45; **Jack O'Hara (PV)** pin Pedro Flores (FLWN), 3:11; **Ed Tucker (PAR)** pin Joe Draper (PC), :41; **Paul Maffei (StJ)** pin Matt Calnan (NM), 3:39; **Erald Mamo (CR)** pin Dan Farrell (RU), 2:21; **Mike Bauer (RD)** pin Dan Moran (RPO), 4:00; **Randy Bognatz (H)** pin Blair Lithgow (IH), 1:38; **Dan Glover (BFLD)** pin Anthony Capozza (DBP), 2:43; **John Maio (BC)** dec. Kyle Burdette (WW), 5-4 (2OT); **Kyle Senft (FtL)** pin Dan Hunt (MAH), 1:49; **Bob Cottright (RW)** dec. Steven Wettstein (WMP), 10-3.

130 - Cory Dunn (RU) pin Nick Natoli (HHWR), 1:31; **Joe Borghoff (OT)** dec. Chris Depow (IH), 10-9; **Mike Cellupica (DU)** pin Gio Quattrone (PH), 1:14; **Matt Morgenstern (BC)** pin Brian Gallina (PC), 1:13; **T.J. DeOliveira (LO)** dec. Jake Collins (MAH), 6-1; **Ari Simchi (FR)** pin Robert Brito (StJ), 1:39; **Dan Regina (RW)** tech. fall Brian Moriarity (PV), 15-0, 3:28; **P.J. Maio (NH)** pin Chris Mangan (WMP), :50; **Mike Fenner (BFLD)** pin Mark Basile (LYNA), 1:24; **Brandon Vilchez (NB)** pin Ryan Quinones (StM), :29; **Andrew Eng (DEM)** dec. Gandhi Yetish (BT) 9-6; **Dale Fava (DBP)** tech. fall Brent Westcott (H), 4:40.

135 - Sal Tirico (LO) pin Vinny Baranello (BOG), :54; **Derek Stueben (NH)** tech. fall Frank Taryla (SBGR), 19-4, 3:43; **Steve Ray (BT)** pin Stephan Macchiorola (FLWN), 3:42; **Anthony DePaola (WW)** pin Bobby Heaney (PH), 1:43; **Matt MacLean (OT)** pin Larry O'Brien (NM), 1:32; **John Dack (DBP)** pin Dave Brown (PV), 2:37; **Daryl Cocozzo (RD)** tech. fall Wesley Halter (H), 15-0, 2:13; **Ben Duronio (BC)** pin Brian Buccino (CK), :48; **Rob Kein (BW)** dec. Matt Hope (RSY), 10-1; **Brad Arlington (MAH)** pin Somers Steelman (BFLD), 1:43; **Dave Greenwald (StM)** pin Angelo Garcia (EP), :22; **Ryan Zahn (HHWR)** tech. fall Joe Naem (DU), 17-2, 4:52; **Rob Comito (WMP)** pin Chris Baresic (DEM), 5:07; **Frank Gallucci (PAR)** pin Herbert Gonzalez (NB), 4:43.

140 - John Kahrijian (DBP) pin Anthony PIERRO (BC), 3:09; **Cory Spector (FLWN)** pin Steve Morrison (FtL), 1:06; **Robert Fischer (CK)** pin John Stanton (BT), :19; **Gene Palko (SBGR)** pin Mike Kimmerle (BFLD), :59; **Jon Biango (WMP)** pin Geoff Mercandetti (H), 1:01; **Anthony Gallo (RD)** pin Shane Balkaran (OT), 1:55; **Andrew Wagner (RSY)** pin Keith Wendrychowicz (MAH), 4:38; **J.C. Figueroa (NB)** pin John Lee (PV), 3:04; **Ed Brown (RU)** pin Joe Helsinoine (PH), :35; **Timothy Kovars (G)** pin Jarred Goldberg (BOG), 3:14; **Dan Adamo (DEM)** pin Dave Geer (EP), 1:46; **Zach Glattman (NH)** pin Scott Cannon (WW), 5:52; **Marshall Keating (LPP)** dec. Alex Katsneshon (RPO), 10-8; **Kyle Antoine (HHWR)** pin Jack Kilgallen (StJ), 1:27; **Jan Kolikowski (BW)** dec. John Rizzatello (PAR), 7-3.

189 - Al Escalante (SBGR) pin Hector Ibarra (BT), 3:01; **Brian Oliver (CK)** pin Ryan Verhage (PC), 1:44; **Bryan Fill (HHWR)** pin Jack Conti (OT), 4:39; **Shawn Golomb (NM)** pin Mike Zurla (RU), 3:32; **John Elia (PV)** pin Kunle Bamisile (H), :44; **Brendan Quinones (StM)** pin Will Yakowicz (RW), 5:47; **Mike Burns (BFLD)** pin Kevin Whitley (RD), 3:41; **Angelo Riccardi (RPO)** pin Greg Pattman (WMP), 1:39; **Ricky Keenan (BOG)** tech. fall Russell Cotter (DU), 15-0, 3:28; **Stephen Broek (IH)** pin Vinny Colangeo (NH), 1:53; **Vincent Abramo (BC)** pin Anthony Lubrano (CP), 3:25; **Justin Dobish (LO)** pin Patrick Gut (LNA), 1:05; **Craig Logan (FLWN)** pin Greg Edlin (TEN), :59; **Joe Sangardi (StJ)** pin Devin Cunningham (PH), 4:46; **Chris Sblendorio (DBP)** pin Adam Delvecchio (RSY), 5:01; **Karim Mahmoud (BW)** pin Jose Lopez (NB), 3:20.

215 - Keith Dobish (LO) pin Eric O'Hanlon (CP), 1:34; **Ralph Lopez (NB)** pin Tim Perkins (RSY), :47; **Chris Dixon (H)** pin Joel Guardia (PC), 1:38; **Mike Colaianni (HHWR)** pin Frank Soricelli (BT), 3:32; **Joe Regina (StM)** pin Auggi Venturini (TEN), 2:20; **Larry Otsuka (BC)** pin Zak Taylor (NH), 1:19; **Michael Schlossberg (RD)** pin Joe Blakely (SBGR), :35; **Michael Zapata (G)** pin Yoni Cohen (FR), 4:25; **Kevin Hill (NM)** pin Tom Tufaro (BW), 1:03; **Matthew Protas (StJ)**, dec. Chris Raupers (PV), 11-10; **Luke Stala (EP)** dec. John Nacco (RPO), 7-0; **Jordan Schmenti (PH)** pin Vin Struss (WW), 3:18; **Dan Fugnitti (RPR)** pin Maleck Galaway (BFLD), 3:11; **Steve Kupryk (RU)** dec. Dan Taloner (MAH), 7-4.

275 - Eric Sewell (H) pin John Wright (BFLD), :31; **Ryan McElroy (DEM)** pin Chris Cattaraso (PH), :27; **Casey Colaneri (RPO)** pin Tyler Blake (HHWR), :42; **Randy Martinez (TEA)** pin Dan Daluar Tonuzzi (PAR), 1:35; **Mike Farr (DBP)** pin David Cao (CP), 4:44; **Mark Fersa (SBGR)** pin Pete Buesemi (PV), 1:04; **Josh Kondik (RU)** pin Rob Prenselaar (FLWN), 1:06; **DeAndre Page (BC)** pin A Macuado (StM), :19; **Keivan Tayeb (DU)** dec. Alan Peek (NB), 9-6; **Shadey Auda (FtL)** pin Fred Kim (CK), 3:53; **Terry Stanford (RPR)** pin Danny Paz (BW), 1:55; **Evan Hajiyerov (NH)** dec. Charlie Bennett (MAH), 4-3.

SECOND ROUND

103 - Santaite pin Ben Gruber (FR), :19; **Trause** pin Mike Quinn (PV), 4:27; **Harley** pin Joe Rusin (CP), 3:50; **Randy Strobel (PH)** dec. Vega, 10-7; **Trause** pin Mike Quinn (PV), 4:27; **Bob Dabal (NB)** pin Adamo, 2:22; **Kutsup** pin Tiessemann, 1:35; **Zottarelli** pin Michael Tiesman (H), 5:11; **Brian Dack (DBP)** by DQ over Lupo.

112 - Kover pin Buonadonna, 4:00; **Bonastia** pin Glenn Ulrich (G), :39; **John Trumbetti (StJ)** pin Murray, :38; **Kover** pin Buonadonna, 4:00; **Raccioppi** pin Tony Dussault (HHWR), 3:01; **Butcher** tech. fall Gerardi, 17-2, 5:33; **T.J. Buttner (BOG)** dec. Pecora, 9-0; **Bell** pin Mike Minko (NM), 5:36; **Battaglia** pin Al Alvarez (StM), :24.

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145 - Derek Sickles (BC) tech. fall Matt Szymczak (EP), 18-1, 1:41; Mike Madormo (RPO) pin Carmine Lofaro (PC), 3:00; Nick Buldo (PAR) pin H. Nikolopoulos (StM), :55; Chris Karcich (PV) tech. fall Christian Garcia (CP), 18-2, 5:59; Adam Strobel (PH) pin Raffi Manjinkian (MAH), 3:17; Ryan Purciello (RD) dec. Sevag Markosian (RPR), 8-4; Tito Ramos (NB) dec. Ryan Rotelli (LO), 5-2; Ramon Gonzalez (BW) dec. Bob Calderone (HHWR), 9-7; Brad Marquart (RU) pin A.J. Ingersoll (SBGR), 2:27; Matt Royland (WW) pin Keith Hanson (DU), 4:31; Mark Getto (NH) pin Nick Libecchi (CK), :17; Jayson Scala (BFLD) dec. Chris Orefice (LNA), 12-1; Jordan Chacon (H) pin Jon Golle (RSY), 1:21; Ed Boffalo (DBP) pin Joe Baranello (BOG), 2:43; Dan Means (DEM), pin Nick Cafas-

so (FtL), 2:52; Nick Magaraci (OT) pin Anthony Randazzo (BT), 2:23.

152 - Jim Schulz (RPO) pin Garrett O'Donnell (StJ), :46; Doug Lanzo (DBP) pin Matt Vaccarino (CK), 3:03; Dan Zotollo (PAR) pin Joe Zarro (LNA), 2:36; Anthony Lisanti (WW) dec. Gabriel Lee (G), 10-1; Dan Gordon (FLWN) pin Billy Patterson (RSY), :26; Alberto Fernandez (RD) pin Adam Schlett (SBGR), 2:32; Pete Carey (NH) pin Kay Toyada (LPP), :36; Tim Buirkle (MAH) dec. Frank Panza (NM), 5-2; Dan DaVeiga (RU) pin Jeff Weissman (PH), 4:11; Rico Rodriguez (NB) pin Gavi Feuer (FR), :13; Corey Fitzpatrick (H) pin Mike Davis (OT), :45; Brendan Guarino (LO) pin Joe Ajabe (BOG), 3:44.

160 - Dan Woods (DEM) pin Don Byrne (PC), :25; Mark Pertsov (TEN) pin Matt Perkins (RSY), :24; Rob Williams (RW) dec. Jon Deitchman (NH), 10-8; Derrick Van Dyk (RPO) pin Ray Ruduchowski (LNA), 1:03; Tim Ryan (RU) pin Jorge Bermudez (CP), 3:20; Brett Biggins (BFLD) dec. Matthew Albano (StJ), 11-8; Kyle Hemmer (DU) pin Dan Luzzi (StM), :43; James Brock (H) dec. Sean Hughes (FLWN), 9-2; Vin Giovanniello (WW) dec. Austin Gore (LPP), 13-5; Mike Saglimbene (DBP) pin Drew Messlink (IH), 5:00; Abe Hasanai (LO) pin Benji Bouskila (FR), :11; Everett Sayers (PV) dec. Joel Vega (NB), 8-4; Jeff Bliss (NM) pin Robert Mack (G), 1:03; Mark Peck (HHWR) pin Mike Piegara (BC), 2:40.

171 - Rocky Lotito (DBP) dec. Kyle Kolich (RU), 9-8; Vinny Cevetello (StM) dec. John Buonadonna (PV), 9-0; Hector Osoria (NB) pin Rob Travis (MAH), :51; Jason Fersa (SBGR) pin Hamid Ketabchi (RPO), 2:54; Ken Jankowski (PAR) dec. Matt Sasso (H), 10-4; Jordan Kenny (BOG) dec. Frank Dodd (EP), 2-1, crit.; John Procopio (IH) pin Ryan Reimer (DU), 5:41; Costa Skoufas (DEM) dec. Greg Malatino (RSY), 6-4; Louis Gatoulis (PH) dec. Frank Huerta (NH), 8-6.

119 - Van Dyk dec. Herrick, 14-0; Ulrich tech. fall Anthony Cirello (PC), 2:50; Pete Macaluso (FtL) pin Lombard, 12-8; Weber pin Aaron Pagan (BFLD) 5:32; Bachmann dec. Steve Mantilla (CP), 3-2; Ferreira pin Nick Allegretta (H), 5:31; Falcarro dec. Matt Egizi (RPR), 8-2; Schiffer pin Matthaesi, 5:57.

125 - Golubchin pin Mamo, :54; Grant pin Demera, :22; O'Hara pin Bauer, 3:47; Tucker dec. Maio, 7-1; Glover tech. fall Cortright, 15-0, 4:57; Mueller dec. Senft, 14-1; Tom Piccininni (NH) dec. Maffei, 7-3; Bognatz dec. Mark Scimeca (LO), 6-4.

130 - Frank Buenafuente (G) pin Cellupica, 1:41; Dunn pin DeOliveira, 3:44; Matt Lindsay (PAR) pin Eng, 1:18; Borghoff dec. Denio Brown (EP), 6-2; Morgenstern pin Regina, 3:59; Stephen Andolena (RSY) pin Fenner, 1:48; Fava pin Vilchez, 5:48.

135 - Tirico pin Stueben, 5:00; DePaola pin MacLean, 5:08; Dack pin Zahn, 4:42; Cocozzo pin Comito, 1:30; Kein by inj. def. over Duronio, :25; Ray dec. Doug Miller (StJ), 12-10; Arlington dec. Dan Delin (TEN), 9-0; Greenwald dec. Gallucci, 6-2.

140 - Wagner tech. fall Kahnijan, 17-2, 3:03; Spector dec. Fischer, 10-2; Palko pin Keating, 1:30; Antoine dec. Kollikowski, 8-2; Adamo pin Kovars, 1:07; Biango dec. Rinaldi, 5-2; Figueroa dec. Galo, 6-0; Glatzman dec. Brown, 6-2; Adamo pin Kovars, 1:07.

145 - Madormo dec. Ramos, 3-1; Buldo dec. Purciello, 6-1; Scala dec. Getto, 10-7; Chacon pin Boffalo, :49; Sickles pin Karcich, 1:35; Magaraci pin Means, :28; Marquart tech. fall Royland, 17-2, 4:00; Strobel dec. Gonzalez, 15-9.

152 - Mike Tsiolas (HHWR) pin Carey (NH), 1:57; Fitzpatrick pin Subar, 1:35; Schulz pin Lanzo, 4:31; Lisanti pin Zotollo, 5:01; Horowitz dec. Fernandez, 4-2; Gordon dec. Buirkle, 3-1; Rodriguez dec. DaVeiga, 13-3; Spencer Kent (BC) pin Guarino, :56.

160 - Woods pin Pertsov, 1:06; Van Dyk pin Williams, :55; Sayers pin Giovanniello, 5:56; Bliss pin Hasanai, 1:35; Ryan dec. Biggins, 13-12; Eichenlaub dec. Mark Chang (CK), 8-0; Brock dec. Hemmer, 18-6; Peck dec. Saglimbene, 7-4.

171 - Landi pin Jankowski, :49; Cevetello dec. Eric Golomb (NM), 17-3; Kenny pin Ben Carrera (LO), :51; Procopio pin Skoufas, 1:03; Fersa pin Dimitry Perkis (BT), 1:22; Osgoodby tech. fall Gatoulis, 15-0, 1:50; Tim Janz (HHWR) dec. Lotito, 19-6; George Kochar (BC) pin Osoria, 5:59.

189 - Fill pin Escalante, :42; Golomb dec. Oliver, 6-3; Elia pin Quinones, :45; Keenan pin Broek, 2:25; Riccardi pin Burns, 1:39; Logan dec. Sangardi, 4-3; Mahmoud dec. Sblendorio, 8-0; Abramo dec. Dobish, 13-6.

215 - Dobish pin Lopez, 3:07; Schmenti pin Kupryk, 1:27; Dixon pin Colaianni, 2:31; Otsuka dec. Regina, 3-2; Jason Eliya (RW) tech. fall Protas, 16-0, 4:05; Schlossberg pin Stala, 1:41; Hill dec. Zapata, 3-2; Fugnitti dec. Adam Koziol (PAR), 7-6.

275 - Sewell pin Jousef Janajrah (BT), 1:24; McElroy pin Tayeb, 5:59; Fersa pin Kondik, :24; Colaneri pin Martinez, 4:16; Bayan pin Farr, 5:10; Hajiyerov dec. Todd Chermak (LO), 2-1; Stanford pin Page, 1:36; Farulla dec. Auda, 8-5.

QUARTERFINALS

103 - Zottarelli pin Kutsup, 1:21; Trause tech. fall Harley, 17-0, 3:24; Dabal dec. Dack, 10-3; Sataite dec. Strobel, 16-6.

112 - Battaglia pin Bell, :15; Raccioppi dec. Buttner, 11-0; Trumbetti dec. Kover, 8-4; Butcher dec. Bonastia, 3-1.

119 - Van Dyk tech. fall Macaluso, 17-0; Weber dec. Schiffer, 6-2; Ferreira pin Falcarro, 3:27; Ulrich dec. Bachmann, 5-1.

125 - Grant pin Mueller, 3:35; Piccininni pin Golubchin, 3:30; Glover dec. Bognatz, 8-2; O'Hara pin Tucker, 5:17.

130 - Dunn pin Borghoff, 2:28; Fava pin Andolena, 1:18; Buenafuente pin Morgenstern, 4:27; Lindsay dec. Maio, 5-4.

135 - Tirico pin Ray, 1:47; Cocozzo dec. Kein, 4-2; Dack dec. DePaola, 10-0; Greenwald dec. Arlington, 17-6.

140 - Biango dec. Figueroa, 12-1; Wagner dec. Spector, 14-3; Adamo pin Glatzman, 2:59; Palko dec. Antoine, 7-0.

145 - Sickles pin Madormo, 1:32; Buldo pin Strobel, 5:23; Marquart pin Scala, 3:30; Magaraci dec. Chacon, 10-6.

152 - Schulz dec. Lisanti, 16-5; Rodriguez pin Tsiolas, 2:33; Horowitz dec. Gordon, 3-2; Kent dec. Fitzpatrick, 6-3.

160 - Van Dyk pin Woods, :52; Eichenlaub dec. Ryan, 6-5; Sayers dec. Brock, 9-7; Bliss dec. Peck, 6-5.

171 - Janz dec. Kenny, 7-6; Landi pin Cevetello, 1:02; Procopio pin Kochar, 3:55; Osgoodby dec. Fersa, 12-3.

189 - Fill pin Golomb, :48; Riccardi pin Elia, 1:13; Keenan pin Abramo, 3:08; Mahmoud dec. Logan, 16-3.

215 - Schlossberg pin Hill, 3:35; Dobish pin Dixon, :42; Otsuka dec. Eliya, 6-4 (OT); Fugnitti dec. Schmenti, 14-9.

275 - Sewell pin McElroy, 1:27; Stanford pin Hajiyerou, 1:24; Fersa dec. Farulla, 6-0; Bayani dec. Colaneri, 2-1, by criteria.

Fresh faces take over

Dabal wins as freshmen make mark

By GREGORY SCHUTTA
STAFF WRITER

TEANECK — To the multitudes packed into the Teaneck Armory on Thursday night, it was a showcase matchup between two of the top freshmen in the state. To Bob Dabal of North Bergen, it was simply the latest chapter in his ongoing battle with Joe Trause of Bergen Catholic.

Dabal, who traveled under the radar this preseason in relation to the highly regarded Trause, pinned the BC freshman in 2:55 in the 103-pound final at the BCCA Holiday Wrestling Tournament to give the Bruins their first champion since Orley Lago in 1994.

"It's a great feeling," Dabal said. "I knew I had to get the first takedown and ride him out."

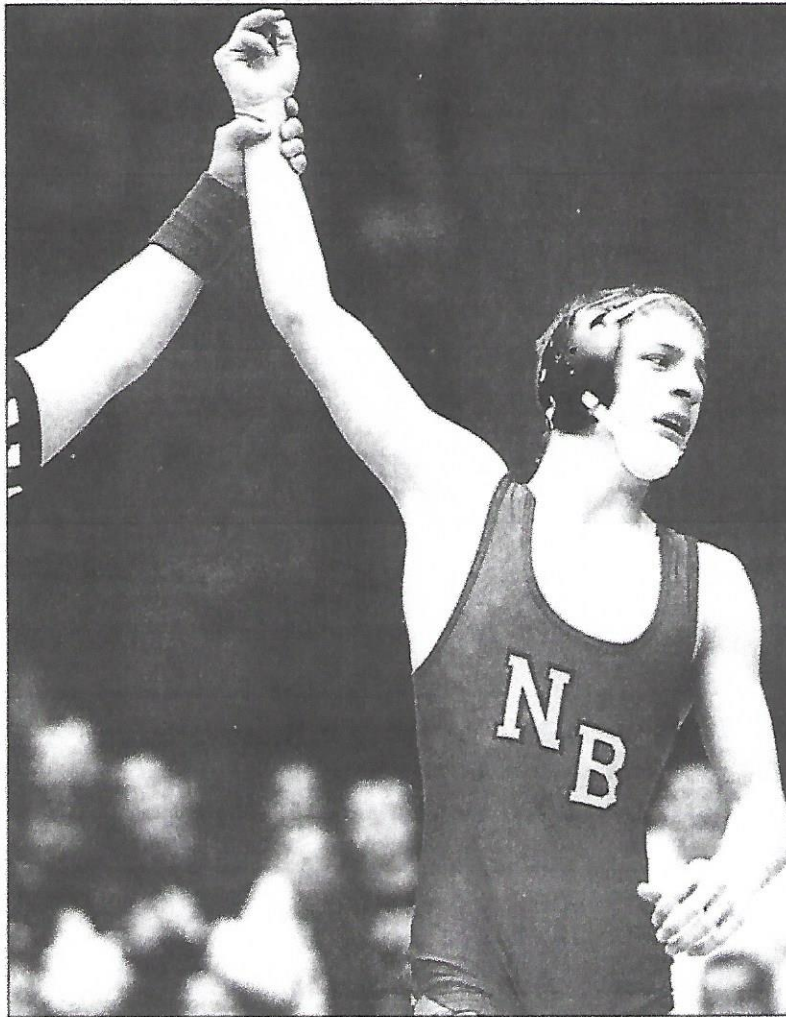
The future was on display at the Holiday Tournament this week as Ramapo freshman Andrew Van Dyk also took gold by pinning Matt Ulrich of Garfield in 5:33 at 119 pounds. Van Dyk, who didn't give up a point in the tournament, and Dabal spearheaded a freshman class that includes Trause and fellow place-winners Joe Kover of Fair Lawn, Dan Butcher of Westwood and Lodi teammates Danny Rinaldi and Mike Zottarelli.

One senior, Gene Palko of Saddle Brook/Glen Rock, made his presence known after sitting out all of last year by winning the 140-pound championship to earn the Most Outstanding Wrestler award.

"I don't remember it ever being like this," North Bergen coach Jerry Maietta said about the influx of top freshmen this year. "It used to be freshmen would come in here and take their lumps."

This year, they gave them out, starting with Dabal.

He got the first takedown just as he wanted, only to give up the tying reversal later in the first pe-



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North Bergen's Bob Dabal pinned fellow freshman Joe Trause of Bergen Catholic at 103 pounds.

riod. But with the score tied at 2, Dabal turned Trause to his back and got the pin to electrify the crowd right off the bat.

"He turned toward me, and I tried a cement mixer," Dabal said. "Then I got in a double grape [vine] and that was it. This was a chance to get people to know me."

"At this level, every kid has the physical tools," Maietta said. "The difference is in their mind. I looked in his eyes. He knew he could win."

Van Dyk also had the look, scoring two pins and a pair of lopsided shutout wins in the tournament. He and Jim Schulz, who edged North Bergen's Rico Rodriguez, 5-3, at 152 pounds, gave the Green Raiders their first Holiday Tournament champions since Pete Zanchelli in 1989.

"I remember coming here last year and dreaming that I would be down there," Van Dyk said. "I couldn't wait until I got to high school."

"With Andrew, like a lot of

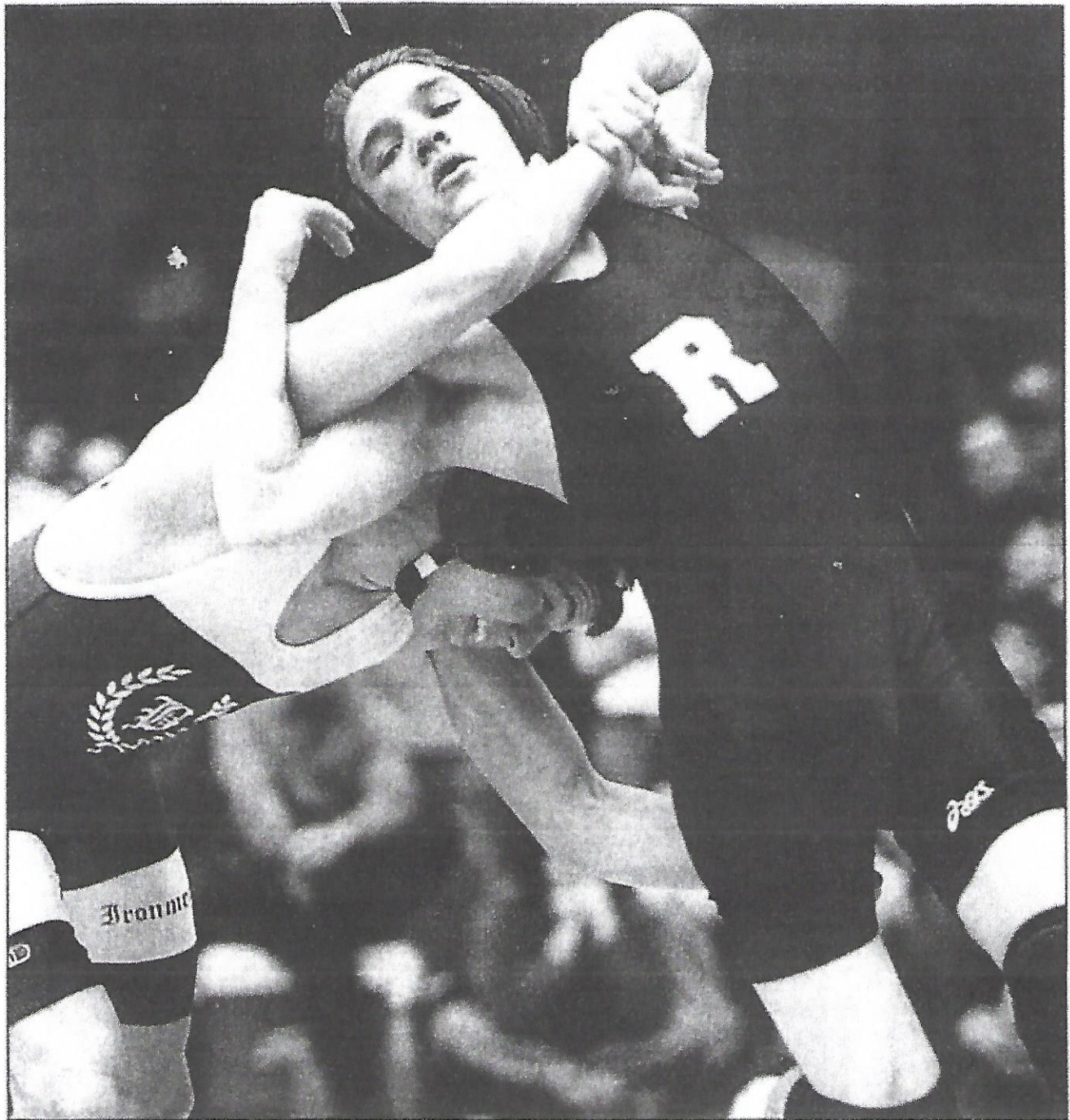
these hotshot freshmen, they're tournament-tested," Ramapo coach Drew Gibbs said. "You don't have to worry about their wrestling in these big tournaments."

Van Dyk is looking for a couple of more big tournaments.

"All the work I put in shows tonight," he said. "I want to work harder to place in the States. That's my goal to place down there."

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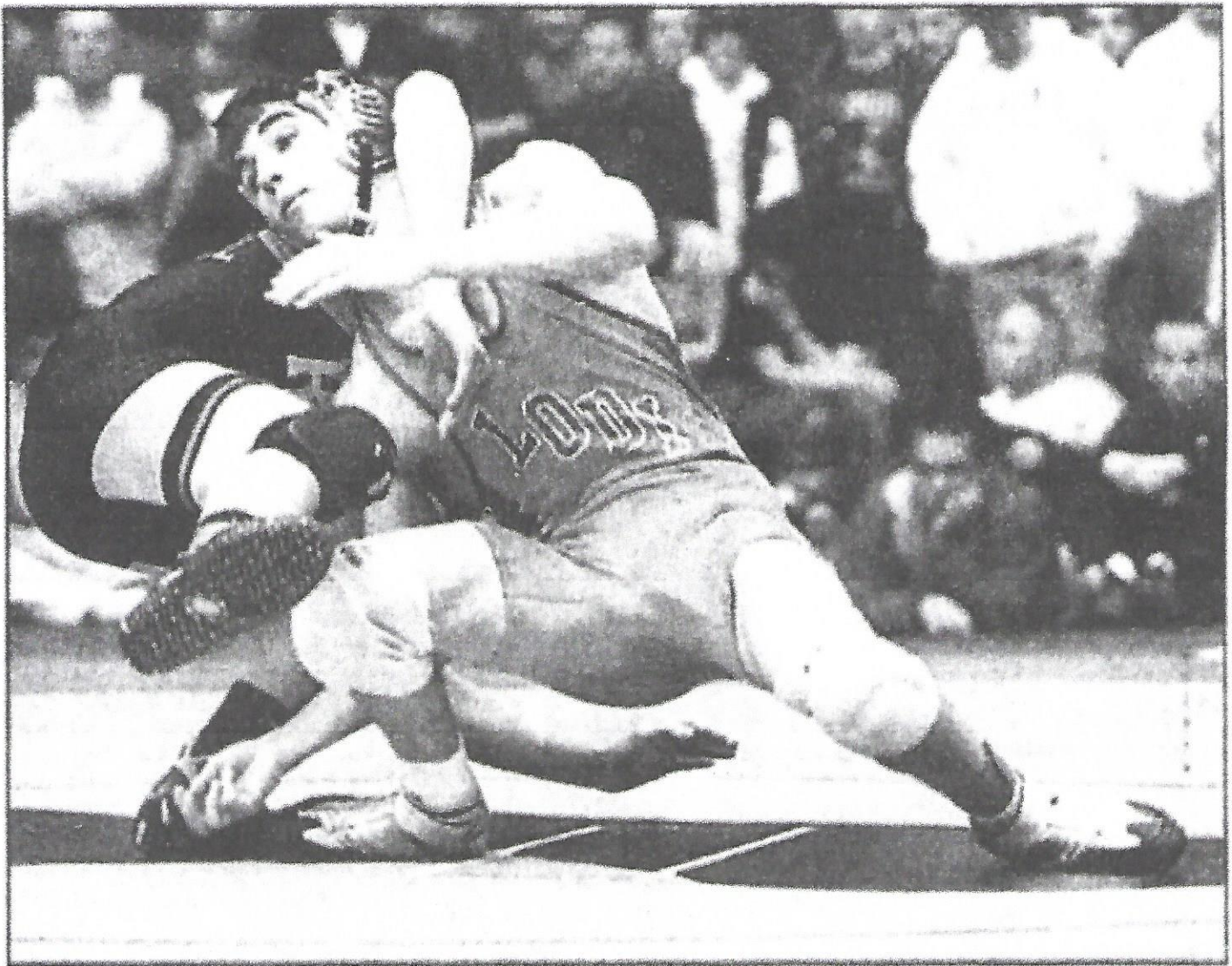
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Cory Dunn of Rutherford escaping from Don Bosco's Dale Fava en route to the 130-pound title at the BCCA Holiday Wrestling Tournament on Thursday night.

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Lodi Sal Tirico trying to control Daryl Cocozzo of River Dell in their 135-pound final Thursday night.

Sewell gives Hackensack a lift

Comets tie Ramapo for second place

By **DARREN COOPER**
STAFF WRITER

TEANECK – Powered by Eric Sewell's victory at heavyweight, one fourth, three fifths and two sixths, Hackensack tied for second as a team with Ramapo in the BCCA Holiday Tournament.

"Four years ago, this team was first and freshman county champions," said Hackensack coach John Stallone. "They knew if they stayed together as a team, their time would come. This was a nice surprise. I hope it's the start of something big."

While Stallone was quick to point out his team's contributions – "it's a balanced team" – Sewell is unquestionably the crown jewel of the Comets.

The senior was impressive winning his first BCCA crown, rolling off four victories via pinfall, including an impressive second-period pin of Terry Stanford of Ridgefield Park/Ridgefield in the finals.

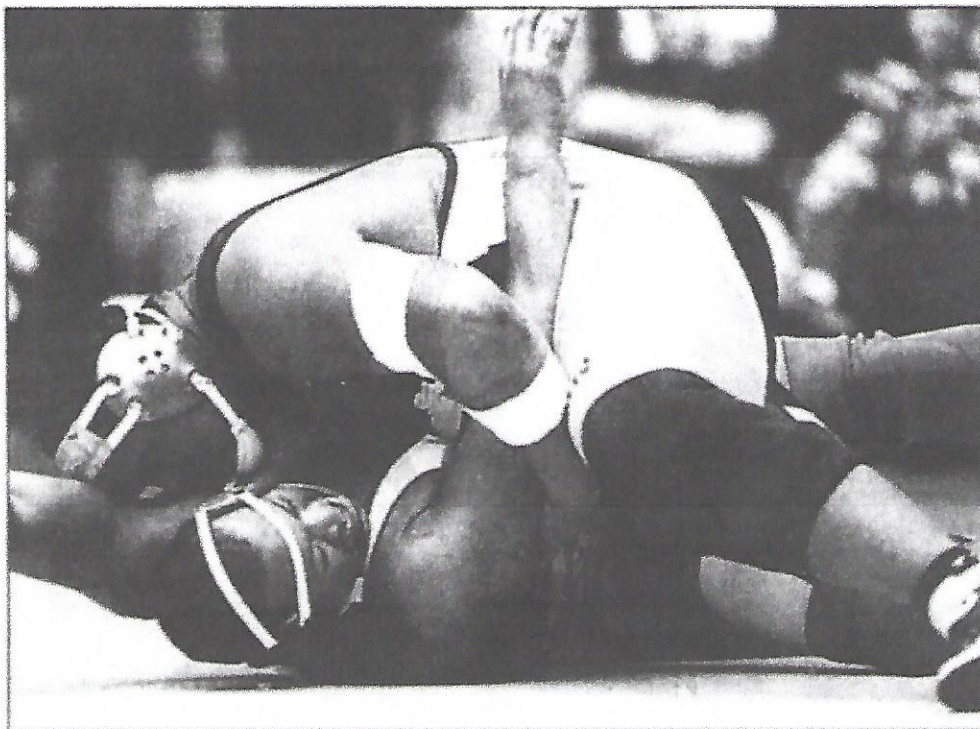
"Last year at this time, we just hadn't come together," said Sewell. "We finished 14-4, but we hadn't put it together still. Now we showed them."

Sewell remembers wrestling as a 230-pound freshman and getting beat by bigger and stronger heavyweights. Now he is a team leader on a Comets team primed for big things.

"He is great to have around. He raises the energy level in our room," said Stallone. "The kids all look up to him."

"They tell me I am lazy sometimes," said Sewell with a smile. "But whatever I am doing must be working. They don't say too much."

With last year's state champ at heavyweight, Diego Crespo of Paramus Catholic graduated, Sewell should be considered a favorite at that weight class. But Sewell said he



TARIQ ZEHAWI/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Hackensack's Eric Sewell pinning Terry Stanford of Ridgefield Park/Ridgefield in the final of the heavyweight division. Sewell had four victories by pin for his first BCCA championship.

will miss wrestling Crespo.

"I loved him" said Sewell. "I learned a lot from him. I went up against him twice and came up short both times by two points, but I miss him."

Bergen Catholic, with its wrestlers in its signature gold singlets, won its sixth straight BCCA crown, but had only one champion to boast, 145-pounder Derek Sickles.

Also making a fashion statement was Pascack Hills junior Rick Eichenlaub, who stole a pair of long socks from his father and had them on when he upset Jeff Bliss of New Milford, 5-1, to win the 160 pound title.

"They are just long socks," said Eichenlaub, a junior from Woodcliff Lake. "I just started wearing long socks when I got to high school. I took them from my dad's

drawer and used them."

Eichenlaub had a hard road to the final. He edged Tim Ryan of Rutherford, 6-5, in the quarterfinals, toppled Derrick VanDyk of Ramapo 6-4 in the semis and held off Bliss.

Lodi and Ramapo were the only two schools with multiple champs. For the Rams, it was a repeat performance as Sal Tirico triumphed at 135 pounds and Keith Dobish bested Michael Schlossberg of River Dell, to win the 215 crown. It was each wrestler's second straight title.

"It brings up my confidence," said Dobish. "Confidence is a big thing. If I don't have that going on the mat, I am not going to do anything."

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In a match of two precocious freshmen, Bob Dabal of North Bergen pinned Joe Trause of Bergen Catholic in 2:55 to win the championship. Fred Santaite of Northern Highlands downed freshman Mike Zottarelli of Lodi to win third place, 11-3.

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Sophomore John Trumbetti of St. Joseph's won his second BCCA title, his first at 112, with a convincing 8-1 victory over Chris Battaglia of Bergen Catholic. Trumbetti was second in the State last season. Westwood's Dan Butcher, the 11th seed, completed a remarkable tournament run with a 6-2 decision over Anthony Racciope of Hackensack, 6-2, for third.

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Ramapo freshman Andrew Van Dyk, the 12th seed, went through the entire tournament without giving up a point, and he finished in style with a pin of Matt Ulrich of Garfield in 3:33 to win the 119-pound crown. Max Ferreira of Cresskill scored a 10-5 triumph over Jon Weber of Westwood for third.

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Jim Grant had been close, this time he became a champion. Grant, the St. Mary's senior, controlled his match against Dan Glover of Bergenfield, winning 16-5. Glover is a two-time BCCA champ at 103 and 112. Jack O'Hara gave Pascack Valley a third-place finish with a victory over Tom Piccininni of Northern Highlands.

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After giving up an early takedown, Cory Dunn of Rutherford powered his way to his second career title, knocking off Dale Fava of Don Bosco, 11-7. Dunn was a State runner-up last season. Matt Lindsey of Paramus fought off a strong challenge by Frank Buenafuete of Garfield for third place.

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Sal Tirico of Lodi had his hands full with Daryl Cocozzo of River Dell, but Tirico was able to get a crucial takedown with 41 seconds remaining and defeat Cocozzo, 4-3. It is Tirico's second straight BCCA title. In a battle for third place, St. Mary's Dave Greenwald, a defending champ at 119, defeated John Dack of Don Bosco, last year's runner-up at 125, 8-5.

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In a highly-competitive and close match, Saddle Brook/Glen Rock's Gene Palko earned his first BCCA title with a 10-6 decision over Jon Biango of Waldwick/Midland Park. Palko is the first Saddle Brook champ since 2001. Andrew Wagner of Ramsey bested Dan Adamo of Demarest for third place, 7-2.

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Bergen Catholic's Derek Sickles dominated Nick Magaraci of Old Tappan on the way to his second straight title, scoring a 17-0 technical fall in just over five minutes. Sickles scored 13 of his 17 points on back points. Rutherford's Brad Marquart shook off a tough semifinal loss to Magaraci to defeat Nick Buldo of Paramus for third.

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Jim Schulz made it 2-for-2 for Ramapo in the finals with a 5-3 victory over North Bergen's Rico Rodriguez. They are the first two championships for Ramapo since 1989. Spencer Kent of Bergen Catholic downed Jason Horowitz of Pascack Valley for third.

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Fourth-seeded Rick Eichenlaub of Pascack Hills upset No. 2 Jeff Bliss of New Milford, 5-1, to earn his first gold in a major tournament. The junior was fourth last year. John Sayers of Pascack Valley edged Derrick Van Dyk of Ramapo for third.

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Fair Lawn's Dillon Landi, who finished third at 189 a year ago, went a little lighter this year and went home heavier, pinning John Procopio of Indian Hills in 2:14 for the title. Greg Osgoodby of Waldwick/Midland Park defeated Tim Janz of Hasbrouck Heights/Wood-Ridge, 7-2, to salvage third.

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Second-seeded Karim Mahmoud of Becton/Wallington became the first Holiday champion for either school when he held on to defeat top-seeded Bryan Fill, a returning third-place finisher, 7-6. Ricky Keenan of Bogota got by Ramapo's Angelo Riccardi for third.

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Defending champion Keith Dobish of Lodi capped off a dominating tournament with an 11-3 victory over Michael Schlossberg of River Dell, giving Lodi two championships for the second straight year. The junior, who went undefeated into Atlantic City a year ago, pinned in each of his first four bouts. Unseeded Larry Otsuka of Bergen Catholic defeated second-seeded Dan Fugnitti of Ridgefield Park/Ridgefield, 7-4, for third.

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Returning runner-up Eric Sewell of Hackensack made it clear that he is the man to beat in North Jersey, flattening second-seeded Terry Stanford of Ridgefield Park/Ridgefield in 2:56 for his fourth pin in five bouts. Mark Fersa of Saddle Brook/Glen Rock repeated as the bronze medalist with a 1-0 victory over Bogota's Kevin Bayani.

— Darren Cooper and Greg Schutta

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112 - John Trumbetti (StJ) pin Anthony Raccioppi (H), 1:44; Chris Battaglia (BC) pin Dan Butcher (WW), 3:03.
119 - Andrew Van Dyk (RPO) pin Jon Weber (WW), :34; Matt Ulrich (G) dec. Max Ferreira (CK), 6-4.
125 - Jimmy Grant (StM) dec. Tom Piccininni (NH), 19-8; Dan Glover (BF) dec. Jack O'Hara, 7-2.
130 - Cory Dunn (RU) dec. Frank Buenafuente (G), 18-6; Dale Fava (DBP) dec. Matt Lindsay (PAR), 8-7.
135 - Daryl Cocozzo (RD) dec. Dave Greenwald (StM), 7-2; Sal Tirico (LO) dec. John Dack (DBP), 18-8.
140 - Gene Palko (SB) dec. Andrew Wagner (RSY), 14-1; Jon Biango (WMP) dec. Dan Adamo (DEM), 5-1.
145 - Derek Sickles (BC) tech. fall Nick Buldo (PAR), 15-0, 4:28; Nick Magaraci (OT) dec. Brad Marquart (RU), 18-12.
152 - Rico Rodriguez (NB) pin Spencer Kent (BC), 3:42; Jim Schulz (RPO) dec. Jason Horowitz (PV), 3-2.
160 - Ricky Eichenlaub (PH) dec. Derrick Van Dyk (RPO), 6-4; Jeff Bliss (NM) dec. Everett Sayers (PV), 10-5.
171 - John Procopio (IH) dec. Greg Osgoodby (WMP), 6-4; Dillon Landi (FLWN) dec. Tim Janz (HHWR), 10-2.
189 - Bryan Fill (HHWR) pin Angelo Riccardi (RPO), 5:24; Karim Mahmoud (BW) dec. Ricky Keenan (BOG), 8-6.
215 - Keith Dobish (LO) pin Larry Otsuka (BC), 2:58; Michael Schlossberg (RD) dec. Dan Fugnitti (RPR), 7-1.
275 - Eric Sewell (H) dec. Kevin Bayani (BOG), 10-5; Terry Stanford (RPR) pin Mark Fersa (SBGR), 4:50.

FIFTH-PLACE CONSOLATIONS

- 103:** Randy Strobel (PH) dec. Kyle Kut-sup (G), 4-2
112: Joe Kover (FL) pin Dan Bonastia (CP), 1:39
119: Nick Herrick (Par) dec. Nick Allegretta (H), 7-5
125: Isaac Golubchin (CP) pin Randy Bognatz (H), :51
130: PJ Maio (NH) dec. Matt Morgenstern, (BC), 9-7
135: Derek Stueben (NH) dec. Anthony DePaola (Wwd) 8-5
140: Dan Rinaldi (L) dec. JC Figueroa (NB), 3-2
145: Jordan Chacon (H) dec. Mike Madormo (Ramapo), 9-4
152: Corey Fitzpatrick (H) dec. Gordon (FL), 3-1
160: James Brock (H) pin Abe Hasanai (L) 4:11
171: George Kochar (BC) dec. Vinny Cevetello (StM), 11-9
189: John Ella (PV) pin Craig Logan (FL), 2:54
215: Joe Regina (StM) dec. Luke Stala (EP), 8-4
275: Casey Colaneri (Ramapo) dec. Evan Hajiyerov (NH), 2-1

THIRD-PLACE CONSOLATIONS

- 103:** Santaite (NH) maj. Dec. Zottarelli (L), 11-3
112: Butcher (Wwd) dec. Raccioppe (H), 6-1
119: Ferriera (Cr) dec. Weber (Wwd) 10-5
125: O'Hara (PV) dec. Piccininni (NH), 8-4
130: Lindsey (P) dec. Buenafuente (G), 7-4
135: Greenwald (StM) dec. Dack (DB), 8-5
140: Wagner (Ram) dec. Adamo (Dem) 7-2
145: Marquart (Ru) maj dec. Buldo (Par), 14-5
152: Kent (BC) dec. Horowitz (PV), 5-3
160: Sayers (PV) dec. D. Vandyke (Ramapo), 4-2
171: Osgoodby (WMP) dec. Janz (HHWR), 7-2
189: Keenan (Bog) dec. Riccardi (Ramapo), 5-3
215: Otsuka (BC) dec. Fugnitti (RP), 7-4
275: Fersa (SBGR) dec. Bayani (Bog), 2-

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- 103:** Dabal (NB) pin Trause (BC), 2:55
112: Trumbetti (SJ) dec. Battaglia (BC),
8-1
119: VanDyk (Ramapo) pin Ulrich (G),
3:33
125: Grant (StM) maj dec. Glover (Brg),
16-5
130: Dunn (Ruth) dec. Fava (DBP), 11-7
135: Tirico (L) dec. Cocozzo (RD), 4-3
140: Palko (SBGR) dec. Biango (WMP),
10-6
145: Sickles (BC) tech fall Magaraci
(OT), 17-0; 5:01
152: Schulz (Ramapo) dec. Rodriguez
(NB), 5-3
160: Eichenlaub (PH) dec. Bliss (NM), 5-
1
171: Landi (FL) pin Procopio (IH), 2:14
189: Mahmoud (BecWal) dec. Fill
(HHWR), 7-6
215: Dobish (L) maj dec Schlossberg
(RD), 11-3
275: Sewell (H) pin Stanford (RP), 2:56