

Blue Devil Swim Boys Quiet Hunterdon Cent. in Semis

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ally great job opening up with the first relay victory. We have been talking with the guys to start it off right, get the meet rolling right early and that is what we tried to do here. We shaved everyone for this meet and hopefully we'll be even faster when we swim Bridgewater."

In the first event, the 9-4-1 Blue Devils dominated the 200-yard medley relay, finishing 1-2. Luke Baran, Daurio, Bluffield and Brandon Cuba recorded the fastest time at 1:42.95. Cuba was credited by grabbing first in the 50-yard freestyle in 23:00 and Baran finished second at 23:48.

"Everything started snowballing from the 200-medley. I did my best split with a 22:3 and in my 50, I got my best at 23 flat and bested my 100-free at 52:06," said Cuba. "As a team, we stepped it up and showed a whole lot of guts. People never expected us to get this good and it's just going to continue progressing until we get to states."

Daurio swam to victory in the 100-butterfly at 54:48. Harley swam a 2:10.91 to easily touch first in the 200-yard individual medley (IM) and Matt Green grabbed another first for the Blue Devils in the 500-

yard freestyle with a time of 5:25.04. Colin Sullivan took third at 1:43.88. Baran was involved in the 100-yard backstroke and quieted his opponents by placing first in 57:41 followed by teammate Dan McCrory who finished second.

"Everyone showed so much heart today by getting in there and swimming their best times," said Baran. "Personally, I had the best time in the relay splitting the best 50-sprint."

Hunterdon's Johnny Millaci took top honors in the 100-breaststroke with a time of 1:07.24. In the final event, the Hunterdon Central quartet of Ethan Grossman, Joe Urcinas, Eric Elberty and Graham Berstler captured the 400-yard freestyle relay in 1:42.95.

"As far as the team is concerned, February has always been the month for Westfield," said Kyle Murray. "No matter what people say in the paper, none of that seems to matter. The littlest guys on our team all the way to the top, we always manage to pull off some kind of miracle and surprise everyone. We train hard all year long, everything comes together and it comes out in the pool."



WORKING ON ESCAPING...Raider Dakiem Gaines, front, does a standup to escape Lancer Pat Nann's grasp in the 130-lb bout. Gaines walked off the mat with a 10-6 victory.

Livingston Lancers Set Back SP-F Raider Matmen, 28-24

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"I was in a rut for a while but I have been wrestling better recently. It was a big win over Bridgewater (Hamp-ton)," said Ferrante who added, "I like working a good fireman's plus you can get some back points with it."

Constantly improving, Joe Bachi, who performed a smooth throw by takedown in the first period, gave the Raiders a 12-7 lead by recording a 4-1 win over Eugene Lee. The 171-lb bout between Raider Rob Bethea and Ed Tetzlaff rocked the house, ending in a 14-13 win for Tetzlaff to put the Lancers in front, 12-10.

Speaking of tweaks, although both wrestlers remained on their feet, two shrug duck unders by 215-lb Lancer Phil Silverberg resulted in the award of four points worth of takedowns against Nick Giannaci. Silverberg

won, 6-4. Heavyweight Marc Fabiano disposed of Lancer Hubert Urbansky in 2:11 to narrow the team score to 19-18 Lancers.

Raider Trevor Cannon used a Petersen roll to record a 2-1 victory over Mike Spiesbach at 112-lbs but disaster struck when Raider Sal Gano, carrying a 6-4 lead into the third period, was abruptly stuck in 5:04 by 119-lb Zack Kane to seal victory for the Lancers. Ricky Olsson won the final bout with an 8-6 decision over Lancer Pat Byrne.

"It's fun watching these young guys improve," said Raider Head Coach John Scholz. "Joe (Bachi) wrestled well. He had a nice throw by and is picking up his moves. Trevor (Cannon) wrestled (Dan) Bomeo (Bridgewater, ranked seventh in the state) very tough and even had a few chances to score points. He wrestled tough today."

WEIGHT SEQUENCE:

130: — Gaines (S) d Nann, 10-6
 135: — Rob Giordano (L) md Dave DeNichilo, 16-3
 140: — Mineo (S) d Robertson, 6-0
 145: — Ferrante (S) d McKenna, 9-5
 152: — Dave DeAngelo (L) d A.J. Watson, 7-1
 160: — Bachi (S) d Lee, 4-1
 171: — Tetzlaff (L) d Bethea, 14-13
 189: — John Kane (L) p Keith Baker, 4:35
 215: — Silverberg (L) d Giannaci, 6-4
 Hwt: — Fabiano (S) p Urbansky, 2:11
 103: — Dan Meland (L) d G. Schardien, 7-5
 112: — Cannon (S) d Spiesbach, 2-1
 119: — Kane (L) p Gano, 5:04
 125: — Olsson (S) d Byrne, 8-6

P. MINEO TOPS 2 RANKED MATMEN

Raider Wrestlers Grab Two of Three Matches

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 Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

Competing without varsity starters Steve Mineo, ranked second in New Jersey at 135-lbs, and 130-lb Dakiem Gaines, the Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School wrestling team defeated Bound Brook, 45-30, and Hightstown, 49-27, but were topped, 43-27, by Toms River North (TRN) in Scotch Plains on February 19. The main story, however, was Raider sophomore Pat Mineo who knocked off two top-ranked wrestlers to improve his overall record to 26-3 — two losses were at the prestigious Beast of the East Tournament in December.

First, Mineo, who has been on a mission since his only New Jersey loss to Millburn's Seth Podhoretz in December, edged sixth-ranked Jesse Harrington of Bound Brook, 6-5, then took it to rugged Joe Vito of TRN, using two lifting, throw takedowns, two escapes and an elevator takedown to claim an 8-4 victory.

"I think, all day, I was on my game. I was really psyched up yesterday. The coaches had total faith in me. It was great that we scheduled these (matches) because that's what I really needed to prepare me for regions," said Mineo. "I'm really happy with the way I wrestled. I'm having a lot of fun out here. I wrestled smart against Harrington and I just took it to Zito. It's been a great day for me."

Mineo also pinned Leo Brunetti of Hightstown in 1:11.

Raider heavyweight Marc Fabiano gathered three wins — two pins and a forfeit — but the most impressive came against big 275-lb Rob Meuera of TRN when he recorded a takedown and quickly caught him with a half nelson and body press in 1:58.

"He was a big kid. I knew I had to use my speed to get around him," Fabiano said of Meuera. "He tried to muscle up with me in the beginning. I worked my shot and got him to the ground. I hit a navy, stacked him then got on top."

Raider Sal Gano recorded two pins and a majority decision at 119-lbs. His quickest pin came when he clamped TRN's Anthony Marano with a cradle in 19 seconds. Anthony Ferrante at 145-lbs and A.J. Watson at 152-lbs each won two of three bouts as did Dave DeNichilo at 135-lbs. Nick Giannaci won two of three bouts at 215-lbs, the more impressive win being a 1-0 decision over TRN's powerhouse Eric Nyeganv. Giannaci's mat sense and balance have shown a noticeable improvement since the beginning of the season.

"It was pretty much going out there and being physical with those guys. My hips, I have been getting better wrestling with Fabiano. He's a big guy. He likes to throw a lot," chuckled Giannaci.



ACCOMPLISHING A MISSION...Raider Pat Mineo, lifts, Joe Vito of Toms River North off his feet en route to an 8-4 victory. Mineo also defeated state-ranked Jesse Harrington of Bound Brook, 6-5.



SOARING HIGH IN THE AIR...Raider forward Gavin Ford, No. 43, soars high in the air to get a rebound in the Union County game against Rahway. Rahway squeaked out a 59-56 victory to advance to the semifinals.

Rahway Hoopmen Nip Raiders in UCT, 59-56

Trailing by three points, the fourth-seeded Rahway High School boys basketball team outscored 12th-seeded Scotch Plains-Fanwood 21-15 in the final quarter to pull out a 59-56 come from behind victory in Cranford on February 18 to advance to the semifinals of the Union County Tournament.

Dashan Martin netted eight of his 14 points for the 17-5 Indians in that fateful quarter. Kyle Gates and Greg Bayard each put up 10 points for the 10-13 Raiders while Sean Young, Gavin Ford and Jeff Marable each sank eight points. Jerelle Lewis and Earl Clark scored 10 and nine points, respectively, for Rahway.

Sc. Pl.-Fanwood	11	18	12	15	56
Rahway	17	13	8	21	59

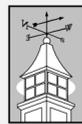


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