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## KLIMOWICZ NETS 16, BREAKS 1,900 CAREER POINTS

### Lady Raiders Head to Semis, Whip Cougar Cagers, 54-41

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Mild frustration turned into confidence when the No. 5 Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School girls basketball team finally found an Achilles heel late in the second quarter then proceeded to roll to a 54-41 victory over host Montgomery in the

quarterfinals of the North Jersey, Group 3, Section 2 tournament on March 3. Raider center Hillary Klimowicz scored 12 of her 16 points in the second half to raise her career total to 1,911.

Klimowicz pulled down 10 rebounds to up her total of 10 or more rebounds in a game this season to 21.

She also had three steals and two blocked shots, along with several pickoffs. Point guard Jenny Burke scored nine points, Maura Gillooly sank eight points and had three steals, Elizabeth DeCataldo netted seven points, Allie Zazzali and Tiffany Smith each put in five points and Lauren

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HEAVILY GUARDED BY COUGARS...Raider center Hillary Klimowicz, No. 34, was heavily guarded in the first half by Cougar center Megan Fox, behind Klimowicz, but she managed to score 12 of her 16 points in the second half.

## HENDRICKS SINKS 12 POINTS, MURRAY SCORES 10

### Mt. Lady Lion Cagers Reject Vikings, 55-38, in Semifinals

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The Union Catholic High School girls basketball team fell victim to the physical play and a tenacious defense by Mount Saint Dominic and dropped a 55-38 decision in the North Jersey, Non-Public A semifinal at West Orange on March 5.

"I'm pretty happy with the season and the way it went. We got to the county final. We got to play in the

conference championship game," said Viking Head Coach Kathy Matthews. "Our kids played hard, they're mentally tough but now they need to match that with better skills for next year and I think we're going to be okay."

Junior point guard Lesley Hendricks led the 18-7 Vikings with 12 points, including two 3-pointers, grabbed six rebounds and committed three robberies. Senior Captain Katelyn Murray sank 10 points, had

three rebounds, made three steals and had one assist. Junior Courtney Harris finished with six points, had six rebounds and had five assists. Junior Kim Hannam contributed strong defense and added two points, but was taken to the hospital with a possible concussion in the fourth quarter. Aerille Belk scored four points and had two steals. Jackie Burton had three points, four rebounds, one assist and one steal. Eileen Dopart had three rebounds.

The Vikings jumped to an 8-6 lead with 1:21 remaining in the opening quarter, but several turnovers turned into three conversions, giving the Lions a 12-8 lead. Murray hit for four points. Hendricks and Belk each added two. The Vikings seemed hesitant under the boards, especially with

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AN ALL-AROUND, TOUGH KID...Senior captain Katelyn Murray, in her last game as a Viking, netted 10 points, grabbed three rebounds and made off with three basketballs against Mt. St. Dominic.



BULLDOGGING TO THE MAT...Raider heavyweight Marc Fabiano bulldogs Rahway's Andre Neblett to the mat during the Region 3 championship bout. Fabiano had Neblett in a cradle but got off-balance and Neblett rolled Fabiano to his back and got a quick pin.

## WF'S SHAFFER, SPF'S FERRANTE STOPPED IN SEMIS

### Mineos, Fabiano Get Second In Region 3 Wrestling Finals

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The NJSIAA wrestling tournament held this Friday, March 11, through Sunday, March 13, at Boardwalk Hall in Atlantic City (AC) offers a clean slate for all wrestlers who finished in the top-three in their respective weight classes in their respective regions. That may be good news for Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School matmen Steve and Pat Mineo and Marc Fabiano who were edged in their bids to become Region 3 champions on March 5 in Union.

It could not have been more dramatic in the 135-lb final for senior Steve Mineo, last year's Region 3 champion at 130-lbs. Seeded first, Mineo marched to the finals by receiving a bye, winning by 16-1, technical fall over Rahway's Oscar Zuniga in the quarterfinals and by demolishing Mike Powers of Seton Hall Prep (SHP) via fall in 5:05 after using several power throws to take him to the mat.

"After coming out sluggish yesterday, I made sure that I ate right after weigh in. I was looking for high position takedowns. If my opponent (Powers) came out for shots, I would have my arm there to guard him and throw him to his back like I did a few times," Mineo explained.

The real drama and heartbreak for Mineo came in the championship bout with unbeaten, 30-0, Ed McCray of South Plainfield. Mineo appeared to be breezing through the bout with a 6-2 lead at the end of two periods. After allowing an escape midway through the third period, Mineo decided to go

into a defensive mode - similar to a football's prevent defense. Not noticing a stalling warning, Mineo continued his strategy. With a few seconds remaining, McCray scored a takedown to go along with a second warning that resulted in a penalty point to tie the bout, 6-6, in regulation. Forty-two seconds into the overtime, McCray took Mineo to the mat and recorded a fall in 6:42.

"I did what many do when they are in that situation, up by a decent lead. I

became a clock watcher, try to hold onto my lead and neutralize his offense. I failed to keep the pace up in the last minute. They hit me for stalling and I didn't recognize that. Frankly, I thought that I won by one when he took me down. I wasn't aware that I got hit with a stalling point," said Mineo. "It's a clean slate down at Atlantic City. I have eight days left of my high school career. I've got to work the hardest I've ever worked."

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DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION	
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3/13	10:00 - 12:00	Fielding	The Baseball School	A-L
3/13	12:00 - 2:00	Fielding	The Baseball School	M-Z
3/19	11:00 - 1:00	Hitting	The Ballpark	ALL
3/20	11:00 - 1:00	Fielding	The Baseball School	A-L
3/20	1:00 - 3:00	Fielding	The Baseball School	M-Z

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- All 9<sup>th</sup> graders
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