



IN A BATTLE FOR BALL CONTROL...Blue Devil forward Santo Nardi, No. 50, looks to rumble past Raider guard Danny DeCataldo, left, after picking up a block from Dan Pritsker, second from right, on Bryan Dougher, No. 21. Despite the physical battle, Scotch Plains-Fanwood won, 63-57, in double OT in Scotch Plains on January 4.

Raider Matmen Get Lion's Share, Ice Westfield Blue Devil Wrestlers, 58-15

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That's a district and county seed," said MacKay who added, "I like to stick to the basics. You get a half nelson and a wrist, and you just get down and get ready to wrestle."

"Colin was in complete control of the match. Ferrara is a good wrestler. We know that. A 4-0 score is a good win for Colin," said Kurz.

Raider Ricky Olsson recorded three takedowns and two nearfalls via single grapevine and Jacob's hook to claim an 11-0, majority decision over Matt Shaffer at 135-lbs.

"I kept the legs in and tried to hip him over to get the Jacob's. I hit them pretty hard and got him a few times," said Olsson. "The Seton Hall match was a big wakeup call for me. I have been working a lot harder in practice and I have been wrestling a lot better since then."

"He didn't get that urgency until his loss at Seton Hall. He did some soul searching and, look what he's done! He won John Goles. I'm really

proud of him," said Scholz. Relying on his flexibility, Raider Rob Desiato wiggled out of some perilous situations to pull off a 5:23, tight waist, half nelson pin over Sam Reichbach at 140-lbs.

"We call him Happy Hips! He could have been pinned two, three times. He doesn't give up. A lot of other kids would have given up. He looks for opportunity. Once he gets his hips a little bit over, he makes it worth his while," said Scholz.

Raider Pat Mineo used a sit through headlock to record a 42-second pin at 145-lbs then Trevor Cannon proved that he was quite flexible also with his 8-2 victory over Andy Castoraro at 152-lbs.

"Castoraro is a tough kid. Trevor doesn't give stuff up," said Scholz. "He's tough on top. He's working legs."

At 160-lbs, the final face-to-face bout featured Raider Dave DeNichilo, who placed second in the district at

152-lbs last year, and Blue Devil Mark Boyd, the returning district champ at 160-lbs. Boyd scored two takedowns and two escapes before pinning DeNichilo in 4:49 with a far-arm corkscrew.

"Coming into that match, we thought it was going to be a tossup. You have to respect DeNichilo," said Kurz. "I have seen two Mark Boyds, the one who is wrestling smart and under control. That is the one who wins matches. The other, I hope we have seen the last of him."

WEIGHT SEQUENCE:

- Hwt: — Joe Blaes (S) won forfeit
- 103: — Dave Casmas (S) won forfeit
- 112: — Bundy (S) md DeFraitte, 8-0
- 119: — Barnes (W) p Gaines, 3:53
- 125: — Gano (S) p Panarese, :52
- 130: — MacKay (W) d Ferrara, 4-0
- 135: — Olsson (S) md Shaffer, 11-0
- 140: — Desiato (S) p Reichbach, 5:23
- 145: — Mineo (S) p Falzon, :42
- 152: — Cannon (S) d Castoraro, 8-2
- 160: — Boyd (W) p DeNichilo, 4:49
- 171: — Mike Zamzam (S) won forfeit
- 189: — Billy Jacobs (S) won forfeit
- 215: — Keith Baker (S) won forfeit

SPF Raider Hoopsters Scorch Blue Devils In, 63-57, Double Overtime Classic

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makes you look pretty good as a coach, making good plays and hitting the foul shots."

Shooting performances were at a minimum in the first half, but the 5-2 Raiders played an effective zone defense to hold Venezia to two points and to take an 18-17 lead into the locker room. The Blue Devils were effective shutting down the dangerous Greg Bayard.

Both offenses opened up in the third quarter. DeCataldo hit two from downtown and Dorch sank five points to give the Raiders a 15-14 edge in the quarter. Venezia and Bonard combined for 11-points, including three 3-pointers.

The Blue Devils carried a slight 15-13 edge in momentum in the final quarter. Venezia, Bonard and Lessner combined for 12 points, including two from 3-point range. DeCataldo and Dougher combined for 11 points.

With 28 seconds left, Pritsker, off a feed from Bonard, nailed a three-bagger that tied the game at 46-46.

The Blue Devils jumped out to a 52-48 lead in the first overtime but Solomon came off the bench and hit a driving lay-up that cut the lead to two. Venezia hit a free throw, extending the lead to three. With time trickling down, Dougher gathered an offensive rebound, raced to the right corner spot and, falling backward looped in a 3-pointer at the buzzer that tied the game, 53-53.

In the second overtime, it was all Raider basketball led by Dougher's and Okarter's eight points.

"They came in with a five-game winning streak so we knew we wanted to break that and keep it close the whole game," said Dougher. "We ran a bunch of sets and tried to get our big guys involved so it would free up the perimeter, while we tried to get

Venezia and Bonard into foul trouble. On defensive plays, we had to shadow and contain Venezia as much as we could because he can hit three's when he wants to."

As to Bayard's lack of scoring, Dougher added, "They were playing tight on him by not giving him open shots. Every shot he took was contested, but he did other things. He played good defense, rebounded and did all the little things to help us win."

"We played that first overtime almost flawlessly. Our defense was good and we made our shots. Everything was perfect until that last play, where we didn't box out Dougher. Going into that second overtime, we knew that we were going to win and it became a killer. To try as hard as we did and to come up empty is disappointing," said Bonard.

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ADDING THE FINISHING TOUCHES...Raider Sal Gano wraps a tight half nelson around Blue Devil Joe Panarese's head and records a 52 second fall in his 125-lb bout.

Raider Wrestlers Win Two, Drop One at Patriot Duals

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School wrestling team defeated East Stroudsburg North, 66-6, and West Milford, 36-28, and lost to Newton, 33-26, at the Patriot duals at North Warren High School on January 6. Raider senior Pat Mineo won all three of his bouts by fall to increase his varsity career win total to 101.

Mineo recorded falls in 46 seconds, 1:15 and 2:58. At 125-lbs, Raider Sal Gano had a clean slate by recording falls in 2:29 and 1:47 and by adding a 16-3, majority decision. At 135-lbs, Ricky Olsson cruised with a 16-5, majority decision and an 8-1 decision but had to go to overtime to claim a 4-2 decision over West Milford's Clay Vandenberg.

Raider freshman Tristan Bundy had a productive afternoon with three victories at 112-lbs, two via fall and one forfeit. Competing at 171-lbs, Dave DeNichilo won both his bouts by fall in 1:18 and 5:45. Billy Jacobs wrestled two bouts at 215-lbs and recorded a fall in 1:32 and another in 3:05.

At 160-lbs, Joe Bachi won a 4-1 and a 7-2 decision and lost one via

fall. At 189-lbs, Mike Zamzam won a 6-0 and a 5-0 decision and lost an 8-1 decision. Trevor Cannon won by pin in 5:11 in his 152-lb bout but lost an 8-1 decision to Newton's Austin Alpaugh (state ranked) and a 12-0 decision to West Milford's Billy Stark, who won his class at the Roselle Park Invitational.

Lady Raiders Fall To Hun Cagers, 73-60

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School girls basketball team fell to Hun, 73-60, in Scotch Plains on January 6. Allie Zazzali netted 17 points for the Raiders and Emily Gratch put up 25 points for 11-2 Hun.

Basketball Raiders Rip Kearny Christian Boys

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School boys basketball team ripped Kearny Christian, 64-51, in Scotch Plains on January 6. Brian Dougher banged in 27 points and Darrell Dorch added nine for the Raiders.

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