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What lies behind us and what lies before us are tiny matters compared to what lies within us

Cougar Matmen Crush No. Plainfield, 64-12

The Cranford High School wrestling team improved to 14-4 with a 64-12 crushing of North Plainfield on January 30.

103: Frank Aleman (NP) p Diego Castro, :50
112: Mike Helmstetter (C) d Carrlos Aleman, 16-14
119: Ian Henry (C) won forfeit
125: Joe Giaccio (C) tf Ishmail Taylor, 4:03
130: Mario Herrera (NP) p Carmine Pellino, 1:05
135: Kyle Markovitch (C) p Luis Orsoco, 1:10
140: Matt DiGiovanni (C) p Mark Comayagua, 3:29
145: Eric Knight (C) d Max Torres, 5-4
152: Connor Londregan (C) p Jon Davala, :59
160: JP Christiano (C) p Victor Solis, 1:27
171: Chris Keim (C) won forfeit
189: Errol Petgrave (C) d Brian Tabares, :50
215: Julian Campo (C) won forfeit
285: Joe Brady (C) p Nelson Alegria, 3:38

Cougar Matmen Jar Plainfield, 68-7

The Cranford High School wrestling team defeated Plainfield, 68-7, on January 27.

103: Diego Castro (C) won forfeit
112: Mike Helmstetter (C) p Yelsin Varela, 3:58
119: Ian Henry (C) won forfeit
125: Brian Buontempo (C) won forfeit
130: Kyle Markovitch (C) p Miguel Nunez, :22
135: Matt DiGiovanni (C) p Saeed Nelson, 1:45
140: Eric Knight (C) tf Chukwuma Nwadike, 5:39
145: Jim Dwyer (C) p Antonio Cruz, 4:40
152: JP Christiano (C) p Nigel McPleasant, 1:35
160: Chris Keim (C) won forfeit
171: Rob Kessler (C) p Greg Price, 2:29
189: Martin Moodie (P) d Errol Petgrave, 8-7
215: Dawud Hicks (P) md Julian Campo, 12-2
285: Joe Brady (C) d Tiaquan Womack, 6-2

Westfield Matmen Top SPF Raiders, 42-33

The Westfield High School wrestling team defeated Scotch Plains-Fanwood, 42-33, in Elizabeth on January 30.

BOUT SEQUENCE:
103: — Mike Kalimtzis (W) p Lucas Cinafonte, :35
112: — Dan Cardoza (S) p Pat Currie, 1:46
119: — Devin Ausbon (S) p Anthony Aldana, 1:45
125: — Tristan Bundy (S) p Keith Peterson, :58
130: — Troy Skibitsky (W) p Dion Natale, 5:04
135: — Ryan Jennings (W) p Dom Pigna, 3:24
140: — Mike Steinfeld (S) d Ellis Opoku, 3-2
145: — Christian Barber (W) md Josh Foote, 15-5
152: — Brian Henry (W) tf Luke Vuono, 15-0, 5:13
160: — Chris Tomasso (W) md John Devia, 10-1
171: — Bill Kim (W) won forfeit
189: — Kieran Cline (W) p Jack Bouchakian, 1:45
215: — Andrew Jacobs (S) p Tom Snyder, 2:40
Hwt: — Anthony Tufaro (S) won forfeit

Blue Devils Reject ALJ Matmen, 55-18

The Westfield High School wrestling team defeated AL Johnson, 55-18, in Clark on January 27.

BOUT SEQUENCE:
103: — Mike Kalimtzis (W) p Tom Mercurio, 1:33
112: — Pat Currie (W) won forfeit
119: — Anthony Aldana (W) d James Kobryn, 8-2
125: — Troy Skibitsky (W) won forfeit
130: — Keith Peterson (W) won forfeit
135: — Ryan Jennings (W) won forfeit
140: — Brandon Santos (J) won forfeit
145: — Brian Bulger (W) d Kyle Mogensen, 8-2
152: — Brian Henry (W) md Jason Dent, 10-2
160: — Chris Tomasso (W) p Mark Vinegra, 1:39
171: — Keiran Cline (W) d Dennis Funk, 7-0
189: — Bill Kim (W) p Lou Bove, :51
215: — Matt Gollas (J) p Tom Snyder, 3:22
Hwt: — Ed Olenick (J) p Kyle Kania, 3:36

Cougar Matmen Rout J.P. Stevens, 62-12

103: Darshiit Mehta (S) p Diego Castro, 3:58
112: Mike Helmstetter (C) won forfeit
119: Joe Giaccio (C) p Pete Byun, 2:53
125: Brian Buontempo (C) p Luis Fabionar, 3:01
130: Carmine Pellino (C) p Ethan Jeffries, 3:38
135: Kyle Markovitch (C) d Mike Giacobbe, 7-1
140: Matt DiGiovanni (C) md Anthony Rovito, 15-2
145: Eric Knight (C) md Anthony Rienzo, 12-1
152: Connor Londregan (C) won forfeit
160: JP Christiano (C) d Chris Miehle, 9-5
171: Rob Delmonaco (S) p Chris Keim, 3:26
189: Errol Petgrave (C) won forfeit
215: Julian Campo (C) p Ryan Amaral, 2:27
285: Joe Brady (C) won forfeit

GL Highlanders Stop Union Farmers, 54-18

BOUT SEQUENCE:
171: — Omar Shehaiber (U) d Zach Hessler, 4-2
189: — Frank Colder (G) p Rashaan Richardson, 1:23
215: — Nick Gaglione (U) p Matt O'Sullivan, 2:40
Hwt: — Kyle Crowley (U) d Anthony Manganiello, 4-0
103: — Jon Mele (G) p Bryan Villacres, 2:51
112: — Anthony DeFranco (G) p Isaiah Olivieri, :54
119: — Ryne Morrison (G) won forfeit
125: — John Bohrer (G) d Chris Dorvius, 9-5
130: — Mike Stepien (G) p Mike Zuena, 1:09
135: — Joe Hoy (G) p Beve Julien, :51
140: — Pat Rangel (U) won forfeit
145: — Pat Eichner (G) won disqualification over Wymid Whitted
152: — Brian Sobol (G) d John Sedillo, 5-1
160: — Steve Schaumberg (G) won forfeit



FROM PAL PALS TO COACHES...Linden Head Coach Anthony Reinoso, left, congratulates Glen Kurz on his 100th win as the Blue Devils' Head Coach after Westfield defeated Elizabeth, 45-22, on January 30. The two friends have known each other since their PAL youth wrestling days.

KURZ WINS 100TH AS HEAD COACH Blue Devils Grab 500th Varsity Mat Triumph

By DAVID B. CORBIN
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

Westfield High School (WHS) wrestling history was tapped twice when the Blue Devils defeated Elizabeth, 45-22, in the first match of a quad meet in Elizabeth on January 30. The victory made it the 500th win for the program, and Glen Kurz recorded his 100th career victory as the Blue Devils' Head Coach.

After the final bout with the Minutemen, a crowd of Blue Devils fans, which included Westfield Mayor Andy Skibitsky, raised numerical balloons indicating the numbers 500 and 100.

The match with the Minutemen began at the 215-lb class where Jeremy Portillo nipped Blue Devil Tom Snyder, 3-2. The Minutemen took a 9-0, team lead when Carlos Cardenas pinned Kyle Kania in 1:59, but Mike Kalimtzis got the Blue Devils on the scoreboard with a 1:19 pin over James Thevenin with an arm bar. At 112 lbs, Blue Devil Pat Currie caught Carlos Herrera in a reverse cradle then switched to a half nelson to pin him in 3:27.

At 119 lbs, Blue Devil Anthony Aldana got taken down in overtime by Mateo Perez to lose, 8-6, but the Blue Devils took an 18-12 team lead when Troy Skibitsky pinned his opponent in 43 seconds with a stack arm bar. Minuteman Ralph Stadler knotted the score when he pinned Kevin Cascillo in 2:33.

Brearley Bears Beat Highlanders, 42-21

In a battle of Union County Tournament (UCT) champions, Highlander Frank Colder, the UCT 189-lb champ, edged Khusen Taramov, the UCT 215-lb champ, 13-11.

BOUT SEQUENCE:
160: — Dillon Geoghegan (B) p Steve Shaumberg, 5:29
171: — Zach Hessler (G) d Anthony Tancs, 6-3
189: — Colder (G) d Taramov, 13-11
215: — Greg Rice (B) md Matt O'Sullivan, 18-5
Hwt: — Wayne Hanns (B) d Tony Manganiello, 4-3
103: — Jon Mele (G) p Dylan Oliva, 1:53
112: — Matt Disko (B) p Anthony DeFranco, 2:58
119: — Anthony Rice (B) p Ryne Morrison, 1:36
125: — Andrew Scarillo (B) md John Bohrer, 10-0
130: — Mike Stepien (G) d Allen Phillips, 8-2
135: — Nick Lospinoso (B) md Joe Hoy
140: — Dan Ries (B) won injury default
145: — Devin Geoghegan (B) d Pat Eichner, 5-0
152: — Shane Haddad (G) p Sean Spillane, 5:05

Roselle Park Defeats Montgomery, 53-22

WEIGHT SEQUENCE:
103: — Leonard Bird (M) p John Devito, :37
112: — Erik Biago (M) md Brendan Leary, 13-5
119: — Giovanni Rameriz (RP) p Lucas Peterhans, 1:41
125: — Tyler Bobal (M) d Dan Pisauru, 4-3
130: — David Bergida (M) d Enrique Soriano, 5-0
135: — Nick Longo (RP) p Tyler Ajamian, 1:09
140: — Matt Krynicki (RP) p John Moyle, 3:16
145: — Rich Weslock (RP) p Yang Yeh, 3:08
152: — Russ Benner (RP) tf Matt Cassar, 19-4
160: — Dennis Carroll (RP) p Luke Meisenbacher, :51
171: — Vic Pozsonyi (RP) p Alex Rook, :47
189: — Frank Yuro (RP) p Mike Boyer, 1:23
215: — John Canelao (RP) p Moustafa Ramadan, 1:21
Hwt: — Kevin Lisanti (M) p Lou Medina, 3:41

Elizabeth Matmen Rap Scotch Plains-Fanwood

The Elizabeth High School wrestling team defeated the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Raiders, 46-24, in Elizabeth on January 30.

WEIGHT SEQUENCE:
Hwt: — Carlos Cardenas (E) d Anthony Tufaro, 2-1
103: — James Thevenin (E) md Lucas Cinafonte, 16-3
112: — Carlos Herrera (E) p Dan Cardoza, 3:25
119: — Devin Ausbon (S) p Mateo Perez, 3:07
125: — Tristan Bundy (S) won forfeit
130: — Ralph Stadler (E) p Dion Natale, 2:24
135: — Jah Guillermo (E) p Dom Pigna, :32
140: — Mike Steinfeld (S) d Jose Arias, 9-2
145: — Josh Foote (S) p George Travinsky, 3:43
152: — Elijah Greene (E) d Luke Vuono, 5-2
160: — Mike Rabatin (E) p John Devia, 5:28
171: — Ezekiel Villafana (E) p Brian Laspe, :57
189: — Maurice McCullers (E) p Jon Bouchakian, :36
215: — Andrew Jacobs (S) Jeremy Portillo, 6-3

Linden Tigers Beat Raider Matmen, 49-18

The Linden High School wrestling team defeated the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Raiders, 49-18, in the first match of a quad meet in Elizabeth on January 30.

BOUT SEQUENCE:
215: — Andrew Jacobs (S) d Keron Smith, 6-3
Hwt: — Austin Frank (L) d Anthony Tufaro, 6-0
103: — Josh Sheehy (L) d Lucas Cimafonte, 4-2
112: — Dan Tibere (L) p Dan Cardoza, 5:30
119: — Adrian Betancourt (L) tf Devin Ausbon, 15-0, 3:10
125: — Tristan Bundy (S) p Steve Dorcely, :39 (cradle)
130: — Lamar Cooper (L) md Dion Natale, 14-1
135: — Felipe Ramirez (L) p Dom Pigna, :35
140: — Mike Steinfeld (S) d Carl Holley, 4-2
145: — Josh Foote (S) p Mosa Diab, 4:42 (Pancake)
152: — Travis Foster (L) p Luke Vuono, 1:31
160: — Dan Castro (L) d John Devia, 8-6
171: — Rob Clark (L) p Brian Laspe, 1:41
189: — Aziz Sarbashhev (L) p Jach Bouchakian, 2:35

WF Blue Devils Top Linden Tigers, 39-27

The Westfield High School wrestling team defeated the Linden Tigers, 39-30*, during a quad match in Elizabeth on January 30. *(According to the printout, Linden had 30 team points)

BOUT SEQUENCE:
Hwt: — Austin Frank (L) won forfeit
103: — Mike Kalimtzis (W) won forfeit
112: — Dan Tibere (L) d Pat Currie, 5-3
119: — Adrian Betancourt (L) p Anthony Aldana, 3:21
125: — Keith Peterson (W) p Steve Dorcely, :48
130: — Troy Skibitsky (W) p Lamar Cooper, 4:12
135: — Felipe Ramirez (L) d Ryan Jennings, 9-7
140: — Ellis Opoku (W) d Carl Holley, 5-0
145: — Christian Barber (W) p Mosa Diab, 1:31
152: — Travis Foster (L) p Brian Henry, 5:19
160: — Erik Gozdieski (W) p Dan Castro, 7:09 OT
171: — Bill Kim (W) p Rob Clark, 3:07
189: — Nick Curra (L) d Kieran Cline, 8-2
215: — Keron Smith (L) d Tom Snyder, 3-2

Elizabeth Matmen Top Linden Tigers, 40-27

WEIGHT SEQUENCE:
103: — James Thevenin (E) tf J. Sheehy, 21-4 5:36
112: — Steve Rosario (E) md Daniel Tibere, 15-6
125: — Ralph Stadler (E) md Adrian Betancourt, 15-6
130: — Lamar Cooper (L) d Jah Guillermo, 4-3
135: — D'ondre Floyd (E) d Felipe Ramirez, 5-1
140: — Carl Holley (L) p Jose Arias, 2:16
145: — George Travinsky (E) p Mosa Diab, 3:12
152: — Dan Castro (L) p Elijah Greene, 3:10
160: — Travis Foster (L) d Erick Ventura, 9-2
171: — Ezekiel Villafana (E) p Robert Clark, 3:07
189: — Maurice McCullers (E) p Keron Smith, 5:18
215: — Nick Curra (L) d Jeremy Portillo, 3-1
Hwt: — Austin Frank (L) won forfeit

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