

Cannon, Kalimtzis, Tufaro, Jacobs Win UCT Titles; Christiano 2nd; Murray 3rd

tough senior. It's a good learning experience for him. It will teach him how to take a loss and bounce right back to win. That shows you what kind of character the kid has. He is real strong on his feet. Very strong on top! He knows where he is at all times. He has more mat sense as a freshman than a lot of kids have as seniors," Cougar Head Coach Pat Gorman said of Murray.

Raider heavyweight Anthony Tufaro pinned his first opponent with a corkscrew (Jimmy John) in 2:21, then faced Linden's (L) Sumir Burns known for his dangerous head throw, but Tufaro began with a takedown and controlled him from the top position en route to a 5-1 victory and a trip to the finals.

"He was ready to move. I just ducked out of it. When you get a big guy, and you put 285-lbs on top of him, it is a lot of work to keep off," Tufaro explained.

Looking to his title bout with Mike Christian (B), Tufaro said, "I have never wrestled him before. I am pretty sure it's going to be a good match. It will definitely go the full six minutes."

Tufaro was correct! Tufaro controlled Christian on top the entire second period and even attempted to bait him for a pancake maneuver.

"I had to keep him down. I was trying to make him make a mistake, so I could work off of it," Tufaro explained.

Tufaro escaped and added a takedown in the third period to grab a 3-0 victory and the crown.

"It was a lot of hard work in the room with my coach really helps, because he makes me do stand-ups all day," Tufaro said.

Blue Devil heavyweight Kyle Kania recorded 3-0 and 7-3 decisions, respectively, before falling to Christian in the semis, but he finished third winning by injury default.

Raider senior Andrew Jacobs

used his hips for walkover takedowns to record a 5:53 fall in his first bout at 220-lbs and had some success with it in his 7-4 victory over Union's Jake Coccharella in the semis.

trip takedown to a pin in 5:19 "I had a single leg in. He was supported by his other leg, so I swept it out. He fell to a pin and I held it," Jacobs said. "It's great that I can share it [UCT title] with

138-lb finals.

"He gave me a lot of open looks. I had to get around him, and I took what I had. In the second period, he was riding a little high. He tried to go around,

ing a reversal, a takedown and a two-point near-fall to win, 8-3.

Raider Dom Natale, who lost to Floyd, 12-6, in the semis, finished third with a 7-1 win over Smith.

Cougar JP Christiano won his first bout by tech fall at 182-lbs, then slipped in to record three takedowns and an escape to defeat Blue Devil Brian Bulger, 7-4, in the semis. Bulger finished fourth.

"I knew I could get in on my shots. I had to set them up right then get my finishes. He has long legs, so I needed to get in there. I just wanted to wrestle under control. Get ready for my final match. I got [Joey] Balboni [B]. He's a good kid. I will see him again this year, so I want to get the victory to help in seedings," said Christiano, who added, "He is great on his feet. My coach and I have been talking about it. We have a game plan. We will see if it works."

Balboni fought off two potential takedowns and recorded two himself to beat Christiano, 5-2.

Blue Devil Mike DeLouisa bounced back from a loss to top-seeded John Balboni to defeat Phil Woods (RP), 5-1, to place third at 160-lbs

"I got beat by Loevsky [Roselle Park] a couple of weeks ago in a match that I was hoping to win, but I didn't. It meant a lot to me to get this win over Woods. Barber beat him earlier in the season. I wanted to prove myself to my coaches and to my family that I can really work hard and take home a top-3 today," DeLouisa said.

Balboni defeated Shane Haddad (GL), 8-6, for the title.

Blue Devil Ellis Opoku defeated Raider Mike Steinfeld, 5-3, to place third at 145-lbs. Nick Lospinoso (B) won the title with a 6-1 win over Justin Becker (Rahway). Raider Tom

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DESPERATE TO ESCAPE...Blue Devil Matt Barber, front, desperately needs to escape the grasp of Brearley Bear Mike Disko in the 132-lb third-place bout. Disko held on to win, 2-1, after 3 overtime periods

"It was a tough match. I like to work them, but if they don't work, it's not that big of a deal," Jacobs said.

Looking to the title bout, Jacobs said, "I don't really pay attention to the names. I am not concerned about anybody."

In his final bout against Cougar Jeff Weiss, Jacobs saved his best for last with a single-leg back-

one of my training partners, because he pushes me a lot in practice."

Weiss defeated second-seeded Ed Olenick (Johnson) in the semis to reach the finals.

Blue Devil Nick Rotondo won his opening bout, 3-1, recorded a pair of takedowns and a reversal to defeat Dan Smith (New Providence), 6-1, to reach the

so I caught him in the air and capitalized on his mistakes," Rotondo explained.

His title bout would be against a very physical D'Ondre Floyd (Elizabeth). "I got to make sure I wrestle my match. Tire him out a lot, and in the third period dominate him," Rotondo said.

Floyd, however, had the upper hand in the third period, record-