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**SCANLAN, HEARD, DARDIA WIN; SIMPSON WINS BY TF**

## Blue Devil Matmen 'Chill' Roselle Park Panthers, 50-21

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One team remained to be beaten if the Westfield High School wrestling team wanted to win the Union County Conference (UCC) Watchung Division with a perfect slate and the team was the Roselle Park Panthers that the Blue Devils hosted on January 30. The quest was accomplished as the 10-2 (6-0 in UCC Watchung Division) Blue Devils reaped team points in 10 of the 14 scheduled bouts to defeat the 12-5 Panthers, 50-21.

The Panthers did take their only lead of the evening when Elvin Guerrero used a barrel roll-to-back maneuver to pin James Greco in 4:18 at 152-lbs. Next, Blue Devil Luke Scanlan took Pat Gergich to the mat with a single-leg trip then added a two-point tilt to take a 4-0 lead into the second period.  
Scanlan upped his lead to 8-1 with a pair of single-leg drive takedowns then converted a reversal to a half nelson, five-point move to claim a 13-2 major decision.

"I wanted to be a lot more offensive. I noticed that after the first takedown, I kept getting my half [nelson] pretty well but the issue was I couldn't turn him. My high crotch [takedown] was working so I kept hitting it over and over again. I had one that I turned into a Fireman's. I was hoping for a tech and I was pretty close to a pin. I just couldn't get my arm out at the end to finish it off and put him on his back," explained Scanlan, who added, "I am feeling a lot more confident on my feet this year than in the other years."

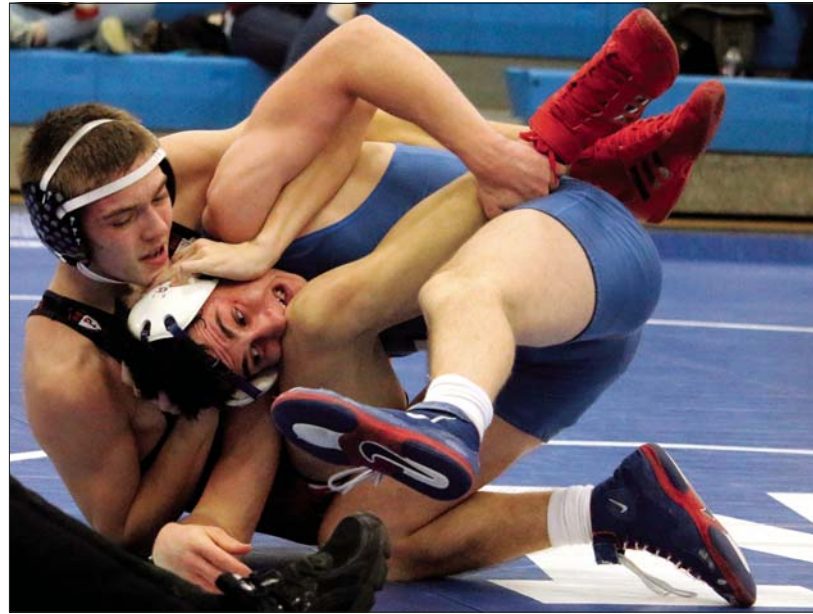
But before his reversal, Gergich attempted to work Scanlan into a dangerous Spread Eagle situation like in his bout with Cranford's Ky'ell Roper five days before.

"He tried to go for it but I saw it that time. I felt I was not going to let that happen again," Scanlan said.

At 170-lbs, Blue Devil Jordan Simpson came out firing on all cylinders. He began with a single-leg lift takedown and added a five-point lateral drop to carry a 7-1 lead over Jon Estivene into the second period where he added an escape and three double-leg tackles. Leading 15-3 in the third period, Simpson added another double-leg tackle and a cradle to grab a 20-3 technical fall in 6:00.

The Blue Devils increased their lead to 21-6 when Tim Miller received a forfeit at 182-lbs and Jack Price received a forfeit at 195-lbs. Then Brendan Loder exercised a double-leg lift-to-back to pin Igor

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WORKING OUT OF A TANGLE...Blue Devil Theo Dardia, center, begins to work his way out of a tangle against Panther Drew Graves during overtime in his 145-lb bout. Dardia wiggled out, got the takedown and won 7-5.

**KORZENESKI RALLIES TO WIN, DORAN TECHS, A.J. PIN**

## Cougars Rout Woodbridge In Mat Group Section, 52-14

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Acquiring team points proved to be very difficult for the fifth-seeded Woodbridge Barrons when they faced the fourth-seeded Cranford Cougars in the quarterfinal round of the North Jersey, Section 2, Group 4 Wrestling Tournament at Cranford High School on February 4. The 13-5 Barrons found themselves in a 21 to minus 1 hole before they could place a positive team point on the scoreboard in a 52-14 Cranford triumph.

Referring to a previous setback, Cougar Head Coach Pat Gorman said, "Some of these kids are remembering a beating [loss to Westfield] that they took not too long ago and that's fueling the fire. Sometimes that happens. You learn a lot from a loss. I felt they [Westfield] wrestled great that night and we did not. They wrestled better than us."

The 14-4 Cougars shot right out of the chute when Pat Kalnins punished Anthony Zecchino with a four-point barrel roll-to-back move and an arm bar walkover nearfall before pinning him in 5:11 with his walkover arm bar at 120-lbs. At 126-lbs, after pulling off a five-point elevator-to-back move in the second period, Cougar Jimmy Gluck showed Nick DiLauro the lights in 5:54. Dean Smith recorded three takedowns and an arm bar stack

nearfall before pinning Justin Langan in 3:26 with a tight waist stack at 132-lbs to up the Cougars' lead to 18-0.  
The next bout turned out to be a battle between Cougar Jack Korzeneski and Jaden Catalano at 138-lbs. Catalano initiated a Merkel takedown and Korzeneski escaped.

Catalano won a scramble for another takedown and Korzeneski escaped. Korzeneski escaped in the second period and Catalano escaped in the third period to take a 5-3 lead. Korzeneski reached down deep and with 11 seconds on the clock, he

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A FANTASTIC FINISH...Cougar Jack Korzeneski, left, comes back from a 5-3 deficit to beat Barron Jaden Catalano, 8-5, at 138-lbs.



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**ACTION INSIDE...Blue Devils Sam Stravfach, reaching, Caroline Dwyer, No. 3, Faith Dobosiewicz, No. 23, and Chloe Kreusser, No. 21, pack the inside lane against the Patrick School Celtics in Westfield on February 1 in Westfield.**

**DOBOSIEWICZ SINKS 11 PTS, LISANTI TRIP 3-POINTERS**

## Pat School Girls 'Shoot' Past Lady Blue Devil Cagers, 50-33

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Bragging rights for the top rung of the Union County Conference (UCC) Watchung Division and most likely the top seed for the upcoming Union County Tournament (UCT) was secured by The Patrick School girls

basketball team with a 50-33 victory over the hosting Westfield Blue Devils on February 1. The Celtics, who had beaten Westfield, 55-44, earlier in the season, improved to 5-1 in the division with their only loss being to Roselle Catholic, while the Blue Devils, who beat Roselle Catholic twice,

slipped to 5-2.  
The Celtics presented a 1-2 punch offensively beginning with a drive inside approach in the first quarter then by shifting personnel to successfully inflict an outside shooting attack in the second quarter. The Pats were

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