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Cougar Matmen Rout Woodbridge Barrons, 52-14, in North 2, Group 4 Sectional

up but I wasn't going over. I knew I was going to be able to break it. It was just a fact that he got two [points] on me."

The Barrons then were awarded a bit of a gift in the 145-lb bout when Cougar Conor Halpin slipped on a takedown attempt and got stuck in 3:26 by Joe Brucado to make the team score 21-5. At 152-lbs, Cougar AJ Bencivenga, who normally likes to amass numerous takedowns, only used two of his famous Fireman's before clamping Tyler Job in 26 seconds with a cradle.

"I went for a Russian [takedown] first then he set his arm into an under hook and I went for it. He went to his back. He popped over. I didn't catch it right away, so I cut him and went back to it and caught him,"

Bencivenga described. "I wanted to get back on the bench, get the team all hyped up with the quick pin."

At 160-lbs, being a little hasty in his attempt to set up a guillotine cost Cougar Ky'ell Roper a win in regulation. Instead Barron Sergio Cespedes recorded a takedown in overtime to win 8-6. Cougar Evan Kanterman has to thank his top control ability when

he pulled off a 1-0 victory over Yusuf Elbayar at 170-lbs. At 182-lbs, Cougar Justin Alpaugh-McLean recorded seven takedowns, a pair of nearfalls and an escape to claim a 22-6, 4:11 tech fall over Rodwan Dahhan. Zach Blevins shuffled out to the center of the mat to receive a forfeit at 195-lbs.

A very hungry Cougar Matt Doran voraciously attacked Chris Costales quickly and consistently, using his linebacker mentality to record a five-point double-leg tackle to back move and following with a driving five-point head throw to carry a 10-1 lead into the second period. Doran added another driving takedown in the second period then tacked on another takedown-to-back move to seize a 16-1, 6:00 tech fall to up the team score to 46-8.

With a grin on his face, Doran [Doran] painted the picture, "I

see the opponent as a fat elk and I am the wolf. And I am trying to eat that elk. That's basically the mentality. Wolves take down elks that are a lot bigger than them. I don't actually weigh 220 but because I am a spirit wolf, I go right to the elk. Got to chase them down, get them tired, go for the kill, got to feed the pack."

Cougar Kevin Shriner turned Manny Rivera to his back in 3:09 with a half nelson at 285-lbs then in the final two bouts, Barron Alex Irazarry topped Ronan Waters, 5-1, at 106-lbs and Xavier Laracuenta beat Cougar Will Fernandez, 7-1, at 113-lbs.

"I think our kids are wrestling pretty well going into the post season, which is a good time of the year. We got some close wins and there's some stuff that we really got to work on, some things that we are doing not so great that we have to fix before we go

to Phillipsburg on Wednesday," Coach Gorman said.

BOUT SEQUENCE:

- 120: — Kalnins C p Zecchino 5:11
- 126: — Gluck C p DiLauro 5:54
- 132: — Smith C p Langan 3:26
- 138: — Korzeneski C d Catalano 8-5
- 145: — Brocado W p Halpin 3:26
- 152: — Bencivenga C p Job :26
- 160: — Cespedes W sv Roper 8-6
- 170: — Kanterman C d Elbayar 1-0
- 182: — McLean C tf Dahhan 22-6 4:11
- 195: — Blevins C won forfeit
- 220: — Doran C tf Costales 16-1 6:00
- 285: — Shriner C p Rivera 3:09
- 106: — Irazarry W d Waters 5-1
- 113: — Laracuenta W d Fernandez 7-1

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