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Fabiano said.

The Cougars won the 113-lb bout when Will Fernandez used a fireman's takedown and a walk-around takedown to decision Andre Carinhas, 5-1. The Cougars took a 9-6 team lead when Brendan Reilly pinned Jack Burke in 1:14 with a tight waist/half

nelson at 120-lbs. At 126-lbs, Cougar Pat Kalnins worked a double arm bar to stack Kyle Robinson in 1:00. Cougar Dean Smith exercised a single-to-double leg takedown and a low single takedown to defeat Anthony Robinson, 5-0, at 132-lbs. At 138-lbs, Jack Korzeneski

worked a pair of low single takedowns and a pair of switch reversals to grab a 9-1 majority decision over Bobby Root.

Coming off a fine third-place showing at the Tunkhannock Pa. Tournament in which the Cougars placed second among 26 teams, nearly all from Pennsylvania, Conor Halpin went to work with a takedown clinic and added an arm bar-to-stretch headlock nearfall to seize a 13-1 majority decision over Martin Rogoff at 145-lbs.

As to the Cougars performance at Tunkhannock, Halpin said, "Going into Day 2, we knew we had to get the next best thing. For me that was taking third. We wanted to pile up those team points and we ended up nicely. They kind of had a chip on their shoulder for us. We took that as motivation."

On his bout with Rogoff, he added, "Coach told me build a lead and work for six. A lot of my takedowns are putting two shots together. I like to counter off his attacks and counter off my bad shots."

AJ Bencivenga, who placed second at Tunkhannock, showcased his fabulous modified fireman takedowns before catching Noah Samms in 1:58 with a quick pull-back pin at 152-lbs.

"I am always doing it, always going for the five points, put him right to his back for a quick pin. I think he knew it was coming but I had a Turk in. He was squirming, so I tucked the bar in and pulled him back," Bencivenga explained.

As to his tournament outing, He said, "My finals match was 9-7. I got two technical points taken

away from me. My first kid was the 12th seed. I pinned him in 34 seconds. Next kid was the eighth seed. I pinned him. I had the second seed in the semis and pinned him in 1:40, so I was on a roll going into the finals."

At 160-lbs, Cougar Ky'ell Roper recorded four takedowns and a slip-through reversal to defeat a scrappy Tim Roden 10-4. Cougar Evan Kanterman converted his takedown to a half nelson to pin John O'Connor in 1:10 at 170-lbs. In the final bout of the evening at 285-lbs, Cougar Kevin Shriner earned a 3-1 decision over CJ Estevez.

BOUT SEQUENCE:

- 106: — Costanzo (S) p Waters 2:21
- 113: — Fernandez (C) d Carinhas 5-1
- 120: — Reilly (C) p Burke 1:14
- 126: — Kalnins (C) p Robinson 1:00
- 132: — Smith (C) d Robinson 5-0
- 138: — Korzeneski (C) md Root 9-1
- 145: — Halpin (C) md Rogoff 13-1
- 152: — Bencivenga (C) p Samms 1:58
- 160: — Roper (C) d Roden 10-4
- 170: — Kanterman (C) p O'Connor 1:10
- 182: — Oslislo (S) d McLean 10-3
- 195: — Zimmerman (S) d Blevins 10-6
- 220: — Smith (S) d Doran 11-7
- 285: — Shriner (C) d Estevez 3-1



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