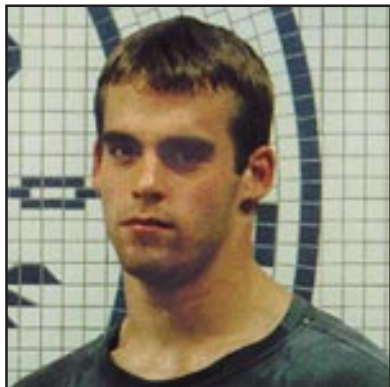




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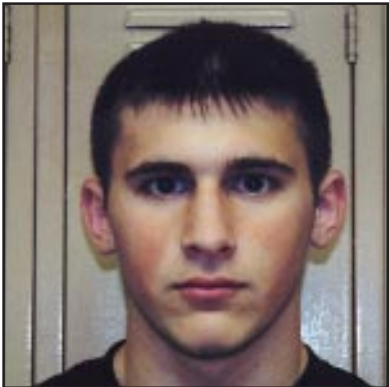
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Scott Paterson - 189-215 SP-F Raiders



Mike Kivetz - 160-171 Westfield Blue Devils



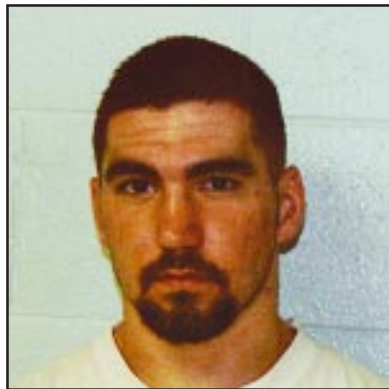
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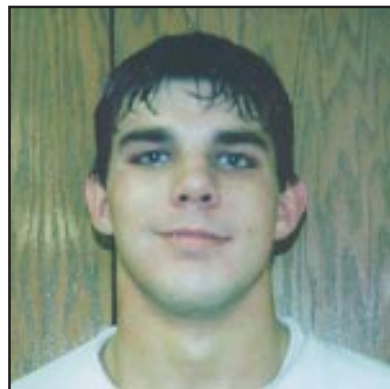
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Danny Garay - 215 Rahway Indians



Dan Freer - (140)-152 Rahway Indians



Mike Mergott - 160-171 A L J Crusaders



Pete Paradise - 125-130 New Prov. Pioneers

Western Union County Offers Several New Jersey State Wrestling Contenders

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a dogged determination and a "Linebacker" mentality since he was the Raiders' middle linebacker and a captain on the football team.

****Jim Feeley - Heavyweight, Senior.** Feeley is the returning District 12 heavyweight champion. Averaging about 245 pounds last year, he lost to state champion Antonio Garay in the second round of the Region 3 Tournament and finished with a 19-10 record.

This year, Feeley added 12-15 pounds of muscle maturity and will demand respect at heavyweight. Feeley will probably be seeded first at the district tournament but can expect some competition from Colin Hunter of South Plainfield. In the Counties, his stiffest competition will come from Mike Munoz of Roselle Park.

Cranford Cougars

The Cougars under Head Coach Ron Standridge have experienced an amazing increase in their turnout. More than 40 wrestlers have taken to the mats. The Cougars definitely have the youngest team of the eight mentioned, with only one senior and three juniors.

****John Donofrio - 152-160, Junior.** Donofrio placed first at 145-lbs in the Union County Tournament and placed second to Tezucar at 147-lbs in the District 11 Tournament. This year, Donofrio will be right in the hunt in a potentially very tough weight class. Donofrio finished with a 13-2 record.

****Pat Ekstrom - 215, Senior.** Ekstrom was last year's "dark horse" selection. As a sophomore, he had virtually a .500 record but showed definite promise. As a junior, Ekstrom came alive and tore up the scene. He won the Union County, District 11 and the Region 3 title at 217 and placed seventh in the state, finishing with an astonishing 29-4 record.

This year, Ekstrom will be the man to beat at 215 in Union County. His competition will come from Ismael Medley from Elizabeth and Danny Garay of Rahway.

Johnson Crusaders

The Crusaders are a very young team and bring about 25 wrestlers to the mat, but all eyes will be on senior Todd DeWitt who gave state runner-up Eric Swick all that he could handle at 154-lbs in the Regions last year.

"We won't fill all the weight classes this year," said Head Coach Ron Ferrara. "We won't have a heavyweight and maybe a 140-pounder.

We are very young. We are all sophomores and a couple of seniors."

Joe Majocho - 145, Junior. Last year, Majocho placed third in the district at 147 and finished with a 17-11 record.

****Todd DeWitt - 152-160, Senior.** DeWitt has a lot of talent and could do some serious damage at 152-lbs. Last year, he placed second in the counties, first in the districts and third in the regionals. He was a state qualifier and finished with an impressive 28-6 record. DeWitt will wrestle 160-lbs early in the season.

****Mike Mergott - 160-171, Senior.** Mergott placed first in the District 11 Tournament at 171 last year and lost in the second round of the Region 3 Tournament. He finished at 24-7.

This year, he is certified at 160-lbs but will begin the season at 171-lbs. "It matters what DeWitt does. If he drops to 152 and if I can make it, I will drop to 160," said Mergott.

Rahway Indians

Once again the Indians will present a strong team and will be in the top-4 in Union County. The big loss this year will be the absence of New Jersey State Heavyweight Champion Antonio Garay who graduated and Region 3 runner up at 162-lbs. Jason Crutchfield.

The Indians' big gun this year will be senior Shawn Stueber who has been a varsity terror for three years and plans to take a trip to Atlantic City this season. "Presently Shawn will be wrestling 135-lbs but he is certified at 130-lbs," said Head Coach Fred Stueber.

****Blake Jackson - 112, Sophomore.** Last year Jackson was the District 11 Champion at 105 and lost in the second round of the Region 3 Tournament. He finished with a 23-3 record.

Louis Ott - 125, Senior. Came on strong toward the end of the year and placed third in the Districts at 127-lbs. Ott finished with a 14-9 record.

****Shawn Stueber - 130-135, Senior.** Definitely the top Brave on the powerful Indians' squad. Stueber has wrestled varsity every year and boasts a 76-14 career record. As a sophomore, he won the Region 3 title. Last year, after winning the District 11 title at 132-lbs., he placed second in the Region 3 Tournament and finished with a 25-5 record.

Although he is certified at 130-lbs, Stueber will wrestle 135 early in the season then make his move come tournament time.

Dan Freer - 145-152, Senior. The rugged Freer placed third at 137-lbs. in the District 11 Tournament and finished with a 17-8 record.

Tom Petrusko - 145-152 Senior. Last year, he placed second in the District Tournament at 142-lbs. and finished with a 21-5 record.

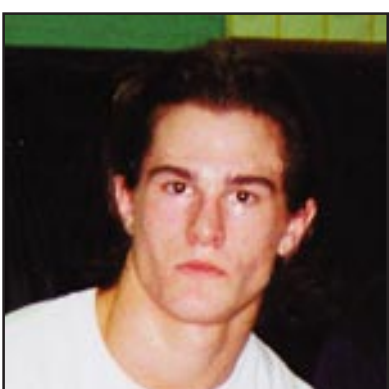
***Danny Garay - 215, Sophomore.** Younger brother of Antonio. As an undersized 215-pounder, weighing 195-lbs, Danny placed third in the District 11 Tournament and finished with a 14-11 record.

Garay is a smart wrestler and has acquired more muscle maturity, now weighing 208-lbs and having dropped from 220-lbs after football season. He will reek havoc in his weight class and should not be underestimated.

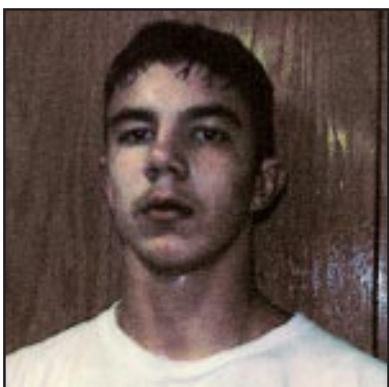
"My biggest competition this year will be Pat Ekstrom," said Garay. "Ismael Medley (Elizabeth) is who I really want this year. Since we were little kids, he was always beating me, but this year is my year to beat him."

"Tom (Petrusko) and Dan (Freer) can both make 140, but they both decided for the good of the team to wrestle up," pointed out Coach Stueber.

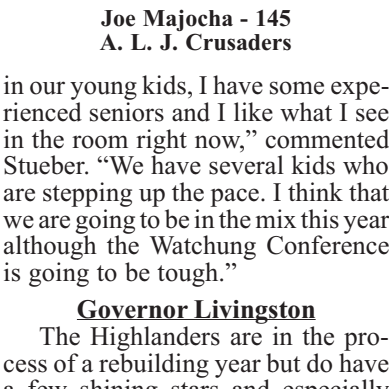
Stueber has a good outlook for his team this season. "I got a lot of hustle



John Donofrio - 152-160 Cranford Cougars



Joe Majocho - 145 A. L. J. Crusaders



Louis Ott - 125 Rahway Indians

in our young kids, I have some experienced seniors and I like what I see in the room right now," commented Stueber. "We have several kids who are stepping up the pace. I think that we are going to be in the mix this year although the Watchung Conference is going to be tough."

Governor Livingston

The Highlanders are in the process of a rebuilding year but do have a few shining stars and especially one which glows with brilliance. The Highlanders also like the spirit and dogged determination of their 125-lb wrestler Kevin Nadrowski.

"Kevin can probably win about 12-15 matches this year and help our team out significantly," said Assistant Coach Vince Crisafi. "The sky is the limit for this kid. He never gives up and is very aggressive."

Mountainside resident Tom Ehrhardt will be competing at the 125-lb or 130-lb class.

****Brett Vanderveer - 119, Senior.** Vanderveer represented Union County very well at the state tournament, placing fifth at 114-lbs. last year. He is a two-time District 12 Champion, a two-time Union County Champion and is a two-time returning Region 3 Champion. Vanderveer finished with an outstanding 28-4 record.

"I will be moving up classes depending on what the other team has," said Vanderveer.

When asked who he believes will be his stiffest competition at 119-lbs this season, he replied, "I think that Alexander who won the states at 119 last year will be tough. He will probably be wrestling at 119-lbs this year."

Vanderveer has a 75-14 career high school record and most likely will surpass the 100 career victory mark this season.

Kris Lecomte - 145, Senior. Lecomte was selected as a Dark Horse Candidate last year and proved himself well. He placed second in District 12 at 137-lbs and made it to the second round of the Region 3 Tour-

nament. Lecomte finished with a 19-7 record.

****Tim Marcantonio - 152, Junior.** Despite being injured for part of the season, Marcantonio returned to the lineup and won the 147-lb. title at the District 12 Tournament. Marcantonio finished with a 17-4 record.

New Providence

The Pioneers have 32 wrestlers on their squad but only four are seniors and six are juniors according to Head Coach Gary Bremer. Another disadvantage the Pioneers have at this point is that most of their good wrestlers are clumped in a few weight classes. For example, talented freshman J. J. Infantini is wedged in the same weight class with two other fine wrestlers, senior Peter Paradise and junior Greg Buttitta. Senior Pete Holderied will make some noise at 189-lbs, but nobody will ignore the Pioneers when their "monster star" Donny DeFilippis steps onto the mats.

Pete Paradise - 125-130, Senior. Finally, Paradise will have the opportunity to wrestle at his proper weight class. Each year, he had to

jump at least one weight class because exceptional wrestler and teammate Rich Sachsels just happened to be at that weight. Last year, Paradise placed second in the District 12 Tournament at 132-lbs and finished with a 13-6 record.

****Donny DeFilippis - 140-145 Senior.** The "monster star" has a string of accomplishments that could fill a good sized newspaper and has made the trip to Atlantic City three times. His freshman year, while at Seton Hall Prep, he placed second in the state in the 114-lb. class. As a sophomore at Seton Hall Prep, he was the No. 1 seed in the 127-lb. class at the states but was upset in the quarterfinals. Last year, at 142-lbs for the Pioneers, DeFilippis won every match until he lost 5-4 to two-time state champion Mark Worthy, also an exceptional wrestler.

Rarely does a "Phenom" come around, and even with more rarity do two "Phenoms" meet each other in a state title match, but that is what happened between DeFilippis and Worthy in 1998. DeFilippis, who certified at 140-lbs this season, has a career high school record of 78-3.

Plainfield Cardinals

For several years, the Cardinals have had only four or five wrestlers on their squad, but recently, they have been increasing their numbers and now have 12. Presently, the Cardinals have two wrestlers who have made an impact on the District 12 scene.

Jason Howard - 171-189, Senior. Howard was a mild surprise when he captured the 162-lb crown last year. He finished with a 12-7 record. This year, he is heavier and will probably be competing at 189 come tournament time.

****Aaron Morton - 171, Senior.** Morton is a two-time returning District 12 Champion at 171-lbs. He made a big impact when he won the Region 3 crown and finished with a 21-4 record.

Morton said that he had one regret about last year. "I let up in my last match, but this year I intend to go full force."

Devil Matmen Increase Size, Need Experience

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wrestlers gain some experience.

Other than Tezucar and Kivetz, the Blue Devils have four juniors and two sophomores who have adequate varsity experience. Junior Nick Clark wrestled 22 matches last year at heavyweight. This year, Clark has added muscle and tips the scale at 252 pounds.

Junior Francisco Vasquez, who may certify at 135, will spend a large portion of the season at 140. Junior Dan Sawicki and sophomore Mike Sawicki acquired plenty of varsity matches and could be an asset. Junior Brian Williams chalked up 22 var-

sity matches at 215 last year and sophomore Jim Villane experienced six varsity matches.

More good news for the Blue Devils' future is the fact that their seventh and eighth grade programs have massive numbers and that could spell success in the years to come. At the intermediate level, Coaches Dave Duels and Lou Cerchio have been doing a fine job of recruiting and training the potential high school stars of the future.

Possible Lineup:

- 103: — Undecided
- 112: — Mike Sawicki or John Leonardis
- 119: — Dan Sawicki
- 125: — Jim Villane
- 130: — Undecided
- 135: — Sean Joffe
- 140: — Francisco Vasquez
- 145: — Tom Hanscom
- 152: — Omur Tezucar
- 160: — Matt Castaldo
- 171: — Mike Kivetz
- 189: — Josh Ray (Later in season)
- 215: — Brian Williams
- Hwt: — Nick Clark

Moser Gets Named All-State 1st Team

Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School senior Todd Moser has been selected to the *Star Ledger* 1998 First Team All-State Boys Soccer list. Two other Raiders and one Westfield High School Blue Devil have been named to an All-Group 3 list.

Moser found the net 25 times this year and set up nine assists for the Group 3 State Champion Raiders. Moser has participated in four straight Group 3 finals in which the Raiders have won three.

Raider junior Eugene Ferrara was selected to the First Team All-Group 3 list and teammate senior Tafari Laing made the Second Team All-Group 3 list. Westfield Blue Devil junior Ralph Rapuano was also selected to the Second Team All-Group 3 list.

Caravello Named All-State 1st Team

Westfield High school freshman Lauren Caravello has been selected First Team All-State by the New Jersey Girls Gymnastic Coaches Association for her excellence on the uneven bars. Caravello along with teammate senior Julie Elmuccio have been named to the *Star Ledger's* Second Team All-State list.

Blue Devil freshman Jessica Caravello made the *Star Ledger's* Third Team All-State list.

DEADLINE INFO.

Sports deadlines are:
All sports that take place during the week MUST be submitted by FRIDAY, 4 P.M. Weekend sports ONLY will be accepted up till Noon on Monday. Articles must be typed, double spaced, upper and lower case and no longer than 1-1/2 pages. NO EXCEPTIONS

PUBLIC NOTICE

UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS
NOTICE OF CONTRACT AWARD
 Date Adopted: December 10, 1998

Public Notice is hereby given that the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders has awarded a contract without competitive bidding as a professional service or extraordinary, unспециifiable service pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a). This contract and the resolution authorizing it is available for public inspection in the Office of the Clerk of the Board.

RESOLUTION NO.: 1366-98
AWARDED TO: Rev. Leroy Alexander, 345 East Stearns Street, Rahway, New Jersey.

SERVICES: To provide religious services for the Protestant patients/residents of Runnells Specialized Hospital.

AMOUNT: In an amount not to exceed \$8,000.

PERIOD: For the period January 1, 1999 through December 31, 1999.

M. Elizabeth Genievich
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 1 T - 12/17/98, The Leader Fee: \$23.97

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RESOLUTION NO.: 1370-98
AWARDED TO: Janet Heinzer, 153 Risoli Terrace, South Plainfield, New Jersey.

SERVICES: To provide beautician services for the patients/residents of Runnells Specialized Hospital.

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RESOLUTION NO.: 1368-98
AWARDED TO: Frank Losavio, 730 Somerset Street, Watchung, New Jersey.

SERVICES: To provide barber services for the patients/residents of Runnells Specialized Hospital.

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RESOLUTION NO.: 1360-98
AWARDED TO: Somerset County Homes for Temporarily Displaced Children, 49 Brahma Avenue, P.O. Box 6871, Bridgewater, New Jersey.

SERVICES: To provide mandated services to youth who are homeless, abused, neglected and in crisis as referred by the Courts.

AMOUNT: In an amount not to exceed \$20,000.

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RESOLUTION NO.: 1362-98
AWARDED TO: The Consortium, Bridgewater Office Center/Building 4, 674 Routes 202-206, North, Bridgewater, New Jersey.

SERVICES: To provide physical therapy for patients/residents of Runnells Specialized Hospital.

AMOUNT: In an amount not to exceed \$23,680.

PERIOD: For the period January 1, 1999 through December 31, 1999.

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RESOLUTION NO.: 1363-98
AWARDED TO: The Consortium, Bridgewater Office Center/Building 4, 674 Routes 202-206, North, Bridgewater, New Jersey.

SERVICES: To provide occupational therapy services for patients/residents of Runnells Specialized Hospital.

AMOUNT: In an amount not to exceed \$159,120.

PERIOD: For the period January 1, 1999 through December 31, 1999.

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 Clerk of the Board
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PUBLIC NOTICE

BOROUGH OF FANWOOD
 Notice is hereby given that Ordinance No. 98-17-S

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 31, SALARIES AND COMPENSATION OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF FANWOOD

was passed and adopted on the second and final reading at the Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Fanwood held on December 10, 1998.

Eleanor McGovern
 Borough Clerk
 1 T - 12/17/98, The Times Fee: \$14.79

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RESOLUTION NO.: 1365-98
AWARDED TO: Rabbi Jacob Zakheim, 23 Mansel Avenue, Maplewood, New Jersey.

SERVICES: To provide Jewish religious services for the patients/residents of Runnells Specialized Hospital.

AMOUNT: In an amount not to exceed \$5,000.

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RESOLUTION NO.: 1369-98
AWARDED TO: Bruna Cordones, 512 East 3rd Avenue, Roselle, New Jersey.

SERVICES: To provide grooming services for the patients/residents of Runnells Specialized Hospital.

PERIOD: For the period January 1, 1999 through December 31, 1999.

M. Elizabeth Genievich
 Clerk of the Board
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