

F-SPY 'C' Gymnasts Defeats South Mountain 'Y' Girls

On February 5, the Fanwood-Scotch Plains YMCA (FSPY) "C" Division gymnastics team traveled to the South Mountain YMCA for its second competition of the season and returned undefeated.

In the 10-and-under age group, Kaitlyn Frey captured first all-around honors, placing first on the uneven bars and floor exercise, and second on vault and balance beam. Katie Buchbinder earned second place all-around award, first on vault and beam, and second on bars and floor. Lauren Lockfeld placed third all-around, tied Frey for second on vault, took third on bars and floor, and fourth on beam.

Kacie Bumiller got fourth all-around, tied with Buchbinder for the first on vault and took third on beam, fourth on floor and fifth on bars. Zoe Stein took

fifth on vault and floor, while Jenna Gouldley took fourth on vault. Marissa DiBella's consistent routines on vault, beam and floor also contributed to the team's winning efforts.

In the 11-and-over age group, Alexa Uvino delivered stellar performances on all four events, sweeping first place on everything, including all-around. Lisa Matrale captured third on floor and vault. Tori Ingato took second on vault and fourth on beam. Taylor Robustelli was awarded second on floor.

The teams' next home competition will be a combined "B" and "C" Division meet on Saturday, February 19 at 3:30 p.m. For more information about the FSPY gymnastics program, please call (908) 889-8880 or visit www.fanwoodscotchplainsymca.org.



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BATTLE OF RANKED HEAVYWEIGHTS...Panther Roy Dragon, left, attempts a leg pick on Raider heavyweight Marc Fabiano. Dragon is presently the state's top-ranked wrestler and Fabiano is ranked seventh.

A.L. Johnson Crusaders Stop Blue Devil Matmen, 51-28

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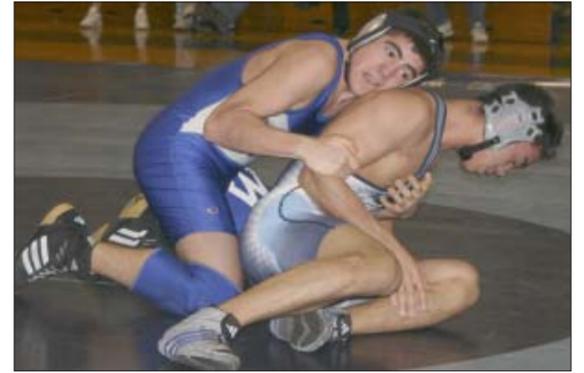
season, stepped up to record a majority decision at 189-lbs.

After the 7-6 Crusaders received forfeits at heavyweight, 103-lbs and 112-lbs, Kramer met center mat with Matt Rusin, who began the bout with a takedown. Kramer answered with a reversal then added an escape in the second period before showing Rusin the lights in 3:11 with a back trip to a head smother.

Kramer, who was also out of the

champion, I'm looking forward to meeting him again."

Four more Crusaders received forfeits then DelDuca began his bout with Steve McKenna by recording a head-and-arm walk around takedown. After practicing a spiral nearfall, a two-point tilt and a cradle nearfall in the first period, and adding an escape with another takedown in the second period, DelDuca ended the bout with a fall in 2:54.



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TRYING TO MAINTAIN TOP CONTROL...Blue Devil Matt Kamel, top, tries to maintain top control on Crusader Mike DiMaio in the 125-lb bout. DiMaio ended up winning the bout, 6-4.



NAIL BITER...Fourth grade Westfield Basketball Association Head Coach Mike Smith discusses what play to run in a neck-in-neck game against IHM last Thursday night. Pictured, left to right, are: Parker Friedman, Kel Dolan, Keagan Hess and Christian Burgdorf. Kneeling, Coach Smith.

BrH2O-Raritan Panthers Rip SP-F Raider Wrestlers, 50-21

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Ferrante got a first-period takedown and a second-period escape to take a 3-0 lead on Wayne Hampton into the third period. Hampton added a reverse but Ferrante escaped to win 4-2. Watson baffled Jeff Timmick after recording a takedown and pinned him in 1:06 using a double grapevine, head smother.

The Panthers won the next three bouts via fall to take a 29-15 lead. The later bout being between Pflaum and Dan Frias, which was anybody's bout until Pflaum got caught in 5:39. Giannaci spent little time on the

period, Dragon finally turned Fabiano with a stretch arm bar, half nelson in 3:53.

Although losing his bout, Raider Trevor Cannon gave Panther Dan Bomeo, ranked seventh in the state, a run for his money, losing just 4-1 at 112-lbs.

"Big difference from last year," commented Raider Head Coach John Scholz. "I knew it was going to be tough. They looked impressive. Dakiem made a big mistake. He needs to be aware of that. Chris Pflaum! He's getting better and better. Even



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READY TO SAY NIGHTY, NIGHTY...Raider Nick Giannaci, right, gets ready to turn out the lights on Panther Tony D'Ovidio in the 215-lb bout. Giannaci pinned D'Ovidio in 1:57.

mat when he recorded a takedown and showed Tony D'Ovidio the lights in 1:57 then Dragon faced off with Fabiano. Dragon got a low-single takedown in the first period and received a penalty point as they rolled off the mats. Then late in the second

though he lost, I can see he's coming around the corner. Cannon, Boemeo! What a match, 4-1! Trevor wrestled a great match against him. Dragon, Fabiano! They both went at it. For Dragon to get Fabiano on his back, it's a credit to him."

- WEIGHT SEQUENCE:**
- 130: — Jeff Ruggini (B) p Dave DeNichilo, 2:48
 - 135: — Eric Radwanski (B) p Dakiem Gaines, 4:27
 - 140: — Mineo (S) p Jim Schearer, 1:10
 - 145: — Ferrante (S) d Hampton, 4-2
 - 152: — Watson (S) p Timmick, 1:06
 - 160: — Drew Ives (B) p Joe Bachi, 5:25
 - 171: — Jon Rothman (B) p Rob Bethea, 2:41
 - 189: — Frias (B) p Pflaum, 5:39
 - 215: — Giannaci (S) p D'Ovidio, 1:57
- Hwt: — Dragon (B) p Fabiano, 3:53**
- 103: — Ryan Radwanski (B) p Gary Schardien, :54
 - 112: — Bomeo (B) d Cannon, 4-1
 - 119: — Adam Friedman (B) d Sal Gano, 6-4
 - 125: — Dan Liss (B) d Ricky Olsson, 6-0

lineup most of the season, returned in time to place third at 112-lbs in the Union County Tournament on February 5. "I'm getting back into the flow. I thought I had a good showing with Ryan (Wilson of Rahway, the UCT

Blue Devil Boys Sting Cougar Cagers, 64-62

With his team trailing by three points with less than a minute to play, Bryan Power hit a 2-pointer and a free throw to tie the game and Mike Venezia sank two free throws with two seconds remaining to give the Westfield High School boys basketball team a 64-62 win over host Cranford on February 8. It was the sixth victory in eight games for the 9-8 Blue Devils.

The Blue Devils held a 32-22 lead at the half but watched the lead dwindle to three after the 12-7 Cougars went on a 24-17 run in the third quarter. Terrence Grier bucketed a season-high 42 points for the Cougars. Blue Devil Eric Hayes hit 10 of his 16 points in the fourth quarter. Venezia also had 16 points, Tom Bonard sank nine and Powers finished with eight points.

Westfield	16	16	17	15	64
Cranford	10	12	24	16	62

DelDuca, who dislocated his shoulder in the Roselle Park Holiday Tournament while attempting a throw-by takedown on Jionni LaValle of Hanover Park who eventually won the weight class, said, "I just started back Tuesday. I have been running a lot. My conditioning seemed great. I thought that I should get a couple warm up matches for the districts. Today, I wanted to work stuff that didn't pressure my shoulder. I pressured his head and worked the walk around. No more throw-bys, just smart stuff!"

Marc Boyd at 160-lbs and Dan Whitney at 171-lbs received forfeits then Willard faced off with Vin DelVecchio and recorded a 13-1 victory. Willard tallied three takedowns, a reversal and two cradle nearfalls that forced DelVecchio to be kicking in the air like a beetle on its back.

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- Hwt: — Erik Kaminsky (J) won forfeit
 - 103: — John Caponigro (J) won forfeit
 - 112: — Anthony Priore (J) won forfeit
 - 119: — Kramer (W) p. Rusin, 3:11
 - 125: — Mike DiMaio (J) d. Matt Kamel, 6-4
 - 130: — Frank Coler (J) won forfeit
 - 135: — Mike Coler (J) won forfeit
 - 140: — Dave Jusefyk (J) won forfeit
 - 145: — Chris Golias (J) won forfeit
 - 152: — DelDuca (W) p. McKenna, 2:54
 - 160: — Marc Boyd (W) won forfeit
 - 171: — Dan Whitney (W) won forfeit
 - 189: — Willard (W) md. DelVecchio, 13-1
 - 215: — Matt Kohen (J) won forfeit

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We've added a new division for Kindergartners and First graders. We'll also be offering a developmental skills clinic for 2nd and 3rd graders run by Tara Pignoli, the Westfield High School Varsity Softball Coach and players on the WHS softball team.

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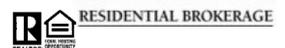
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