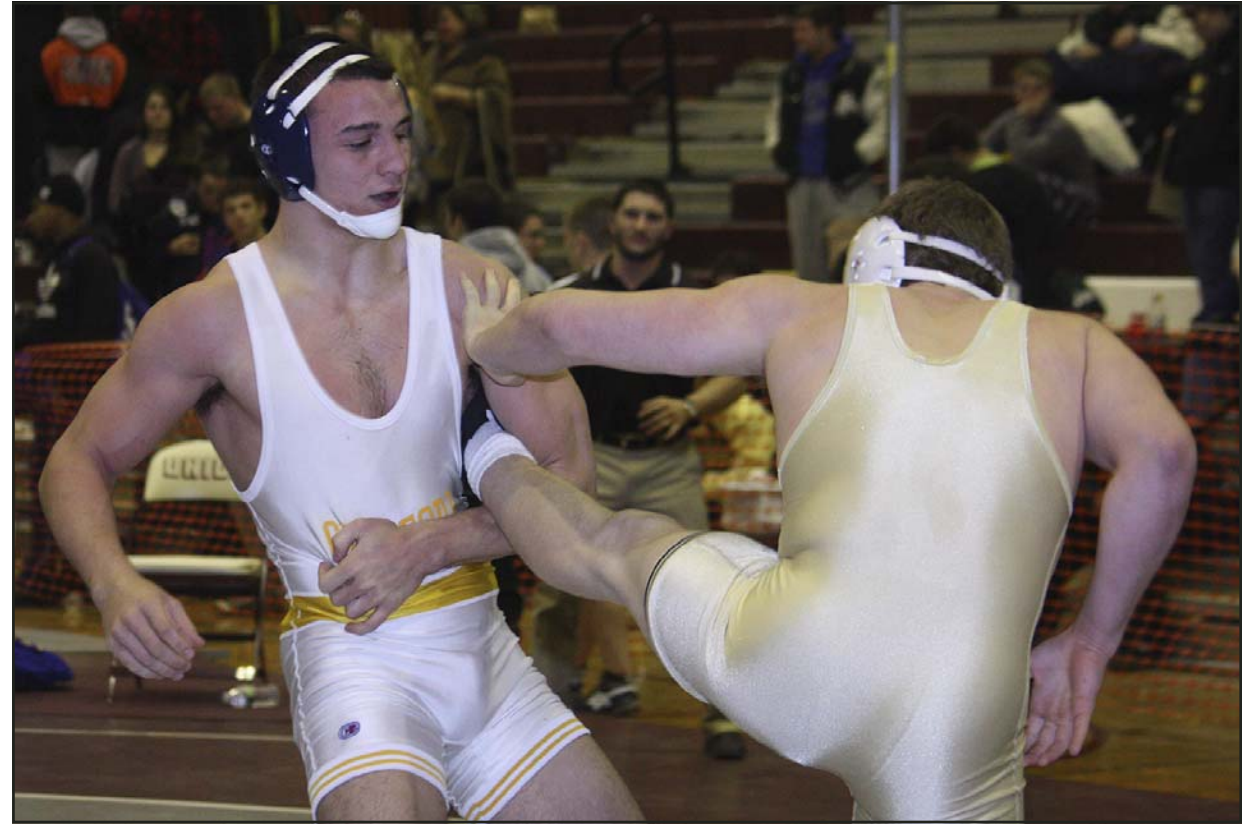




WORKING THE NAVY RIDE...Raider heavyweight Anthony Tufaro, top, works a navy ride on Roselle Park's Avsar Patel. Tufaro pinned Patel with a corkscrew (Jimmy John) in 2:21.



TRYING TO FINISH A SINGLE LEG...Cougar JP Christiano, left, looks to finish a single-leg takedown on Brearley's Joey Balboni in the 170-lb title bout. Balboni held off the attack to win 5-2.

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trolled Christian on top the entire second period and even attempted to bait him for a pancake maneuver.

"I had to keep him down. I was trying to make him make a mistake, so I could work off of it," Tufaro explained.

Tufaro escaped and added a takedown in the third period to grab a 3-0 victory and the crown.

"It was a lot of hard work in the room with my coach really helps, because he makes me do stand-ups all day," Tufaro said.

Blue Devil heavyweight Kyle

Kania recorded 3-0 and 7-3 decisions, respectively, before falling to Christian in the semis, but he finished third winning by injury default.

Raider senior Andrew Jacobs used his hips for walkover takedowns to record a 5:53 fall in his first bout at 220-lbs and had some success with it in his 7-4 victory over Union's Jake Coccharella in the semis.

"It was a tough match. I like to work them, but if they don't work, it's not that big of a deal," Jacobs said.

Looking to the title bout, Jacobs said, "I don't really pay attention to

the names. I am not concerned about anybody."

In his final bout against Cougar Jeff Weiss, Jacobs saved his best for last with a single-leg back-trip takedown to a pin in 5:19.

"I had a single leg in. He was supported by his other leg, so I swept it out. He fell to a pin and I held it," Jacobs said. "It's great that I can share it [UCT title] with one of my training partners, because he pushes me a lot in practice."

Weiss defeated second-seeded Ed Olenick (Johnson) in the semis to reach the finals.

Blue Devil Nick Rotondo won his opening bout, 3-1, recorded a pair of takedowns and a reversal to defeat Dan Smith (New Providence), 6-1, to reach the 138-lb finals.

"He gave me a lot of open looks. I had to get around him, and I took what I had. In the second period, he was riding a little high. He tried to go around, so I caught him in the air and capitalized on his mistakes," Rotondo explained.

His title bout would be against a very physical D'Ondre Floyd (Elizabeth). "I got to make sure I wrestle my match. Tire him out a lot, and in the third period dominate him," Rotondo said.

Floyd, however, had the upper hand in the third period, recording a reversal, a takedown and a two-point near-fall to win, 8-3.

Raider Dom Natale, who lost to Floyd, 12-6, in the semis, finished third with a 7-1 win over Smith.

Cougar JP Christiano won his first bout by tech fall at 182-lbs, then slipped in to record three takedowns and an escape to defeat Blue Devil Brian Bulger, 7-4, in the semis. Bulger finished fourth.

"I knew I could get in on my shots. I had to set them up right then get my finishes. He has long legs, so I needed to get in there. I just wanted to wrestle under control. Get ready for my final match. I got [Joey] Balboni [B]. He's a good kid. I will see him again this year, so I want to get the victory to help in seedings," said Christiano, who added, "He is great on his feet. My coach and I have been talking about it. We have a game plan. We will see if it works."

Balboni fought off two potential takedowns and recorded two himself

to beat Christiano, 5-2.

Blue Devil Mike DeLouisa bounced back from a loss to top-seeded John Balboni to defeat Phil Woods (RP), 5-1, to place third at 160-lbs.

"I got beat by Loevsky [Roselle Park] a couple of weeks ago in a match that I was hoping to win, but I didn't. It meant a lot to me to get this win over Woods. Barber beat him earlier in the season. I wanted to prove myself to my coaches and to my family that I can really work hard and take home a top-3 today," DeLouisa said.

Balboni defeated Shane Haddad (GL), 8-6, for the title.

Blue Devil Ellis Opoku defeated Raider Mike Steinfeld, 5-3, to place third at 145-lbs. Nick Lospino (B) won the title with a 6-1 win over Justin Becker (Rahway). Raider Tom Cunningham defeated Hugo Parraga (RP), 3-1, for third at 113-lbs. Raider Brian Lapham defeated Ralph Stadler (Elizabeth), 9-2, for third at 126-lbs. Blue Devil Kieran Cline (182-lbs) placed fourth. Blue Devil Matt Barber got stung, 2-1, in three overtimes to place fourth at 132-lbs.

TEAM TOTALS:
1. Brearley 180, 2. Westfield 153, 3. Roselle Park 146.5, 4. Scotch Plains-

Fanwood 139, 5. Governor Livingston 129.5, 6. Cranford 107.5, 7. Linden 86.5, 8. Rahway 65, 9. Elizabeth 55, 10. Plainfield 52, 11. Union (U) 50, 12. Johnson (J) 49, 13. Summit (S) 46, 14. New Providence (NP) 35

BOUT SEQUENCE:
182: — Vic Pozsonyi (RP) d Zach Heissler (GL), 7-1
195: — Anthony Tancs (B) d AJ Jarussi (S), 1-0
220: — Jacobs (SP) p Weiss (C), 5:19
Hwt: — Tufaro (SP) d Christian (B), 3-0
106: — Nick DeMarco (B) d Nick Tekula (L), 5-3
113: — John Mele (GL) p Gabe Magalhaes (L), 1:26
120: — Kalimtzis (W) d Morrison (GL), 2-1
126: — Nick Abbott (S) d Isaac Valentin (R), 3-0
132: — Ryan Hoy (GL) p Brendan Leary (RP), 5:34
138: — Floyd (E) d Rotondo (W), 8-3
145: — Lospino (B) d Becker (R), 6-1
152: — Cannon (SP) d Merkel (RP), 10-9
160: — Balboni (B) d Haddad (GL), 8-6
170: — Balboni (B) d Christiano (C), 5-2

THIRD PLACE:
106: — John DeVito (RP) won fall
113: — Cunningham (S) won 3-1
120: — Murray (C) won 7-1
126: — Lapham (S) won 9-2
132: — Disco (B) won 2-1, 3 OT
138: — Natale (SP) won 7-1
145: — Opoku (W) won 5-3
152: — Barber (W) won 6-0
160: — DeLouisa (W) won 5-1
170: — Foster (L) won 3-1
182: — Velez (B) won 4-0
195: — Knight (P) won 10-8
220: — Coccharella (U) won 7-1
Hwt: — Kania (W) won injury default

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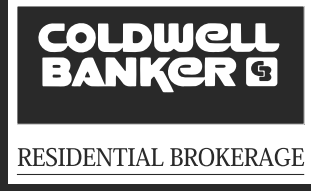
effort every day and don't get to see as much action on the court. I was happy for them today," Coach Palmieri said.

Coach Palmieri had to be especially happy when the bench players stung the Green Hornets, 25-7, in the final quarter. Tom Malley (3 rebounds, steal) scored seven of his 11 points in the quarter. Freshman Sean Elliott and Vin Molineri each scored four points, and junior Eric Demers (2 points) pulled five rebounds in the quarter. "He had a nice game. He was a JV

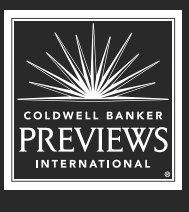
last year, and hopefully we will get something out of him as a senior. He has been working hard all year. He is a guy who has the potential to step on the court for us next year," Coach Palmieri said of Demers' rebounding performance.

Leon Johnson led the Green Hornets with nine points, including a 3-pointer. Nasir Clark scored seven points, and Estevan Soliven sank five points.

Barack Obama	8	4	7	6	25
Westfield	18	21	25	17	81



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