WF Basketball Association **Fourth Grade Girls Results:**

The Westfield Basketball Association fourth grade girls' league kicked off its final stretch of the basketball season with two exciting games.

The first game between UMASS and Cincinnati started with UMASS, led by Leanna Prip, Sierra Byrne, Megan Prasek and Emily Isaacman dominating the boards and scoring many points. Cincinnati, headed by Theresa Difalco, Julia Gagliardi, Kaitlin Laskaris and Noelle Laskaris, bounced back with strong defense and pinpoint passing.

Both teams played well and showed significant improvement from their previous match-up earlier in the season. The Cincinnati team had a strong group of players like Valerie Chang, Allison Hess, Annie Cerria, Anna Schwartz, Grace Hutchinson and Isabelle Zeidner. The UMASS team was filled with talented players like Amanda Wagner, Ashley Klein, Halle Riorden, Maya Hooey, Maggie Mcguire, Caroline Gallagher and Sa-

The second game, a rematch between Michigan State and Pittsburgh, was extremely competitive and exciting. Kiley Parker, Claire Loder, Jasni McGrail, Zoe Zorrilla and Katherine Troutman led a Pittsburgh team that could dribble and shoot well. While Michigan State, headed by Alexis Hammer, Shannon Baker, Sofia Martinez, Rasamee Quinn and Anna Swartz, continued to play aggressive basketball with

many scoring opportunities.

Both teams displayed improved basketball skills. Michigan State was filled with many good players like Sara Wheatley, Oliva Roth, Lauren Gaudin, Carly Sherman and Lind-say Sherman. Pittsburgh also had a talented group of athletes like Anita Imbornone, Aliyah Feinberg, Faith Dobosiewicz and Tate Fallon. Both games were played very well with a high level of teamwork, good sportsmanship and improved basketball

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FACING HIS NEMESIS...Cougar JP Christiano faces top-seeded Brearley Bear



EN ROUTE TO VICTORY...Blue Devil Mike Kalimtzis, right, defeated Governor Livingston's Ryan Morrison, 6-4, in the 120-lb wrestleback.

Tufaro, Jacobs Win Titles at Region 3 Wrestling Tournament

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Barber shot for the takedown and

succeeded for a 3-2 victory.
"I was not stalling at all. We kept

going out of bounds, but I worked

through that. Time was running out. I had to take him down to win, and I did," Barber said.

Christiano, seeded second at 170lbs, had a little difficulty with Union's (U) Steve Gibki in the first period, but he took care of business and pinned him with a half nelson in 2:33.

They (Union) have great coaching there now. Now they are becoming technically sound, so I wanted to get the first takedown and control the match from there. I was working my turns, and I got that opening and took him straight to his back. I got the claw. He came to his feet. I lifted him to his back and I grabbed one of his feet, so he couldn't push himself over to his stomach, then it was just adjust-ment from there to get the six [pin]," Christiano explained.

Christiano rolled to the championship bout to face nemesis Joey Balboni (Brearley – Br) after recording a pair of takedowns and a reversal to defeat Pat Murphy (Morristown).

"I've lost to him three times this year, but I am getting something out of every match. I am getting closer and closer, trying to rework the game plan. Hopefully this is the one on the biggest stage where I finally beat him," Christiano said.

Christiano's strategy worked well as they entered the second period with no score, but Balboni recorded three takedowns to grab the title with a 7-2 decision.

Blue Devil Kalimtzis, seeded sixth at 120-lbs, dropped a 7-1 decision to Max Rogers (Del) to be placed in the wrestlebacks where he recorded a pair of takedowns on Cougar Murray before pinning him in 4:29 with a back-door stack.

"I wanted to leave it all on the mat. I wanted to wrestle my best match. That's my plan for the rest of the day. I didn't want to come off the mats with any regrets," Kalimtzis explained.

His next bout would be with GL's Ryan Morrison, who had defeated in a dual meet.

"I was hoping to see him again. I have to wrestle my match, wrestle smart," Kalimtzis said.

His smart wrestling earned him a 6-4 decision and a showdown for third in a rematch with Rogers. Unfortunately for Kalimtzis, Rogers

Raider Lapham won his first wrestleback, 10-6, but lost 4-2 to Alex Murray (WH) in the semis. Cougar Ian Henry, seeded fourth at 126-lbs,

lost his quarterfinal bout, 7-5, in overtime to Murray then lost, 7-4, to Genaro Cuccolo (HP) in the

Steinfeld dropped an 11-4 decision to Nick Lospinoso (Br) the eventual champion then won his first wrestleback, 5-3, over Mike Reid (Boonton). He then lost to Mike DeVito (WH), 7-2. Cline lost in the quarterfinals then defeated Pete Jones (Parsippany – Par), 9-8, in the wrestlebacks before losing to GL's Zach Heissler, 5-0. Knepper, after losing in the quarterfinals, pinned Nick Haboj (Madison – Mad) in 4:41 in the wrestlebacks and lost to Josh Knight (Plainfield), 7-5.

CHAMPIONSHIPS: 132: — Scott DelVecchio (SoP) md Eamonn Gaffney (Seton Hall Prep – SHP), 14-6 138: — Tyler Hunt (SoP) md Lopez (Del), 12-5

145: — Lospinoso (Br) d Corey Strasenko (SoP), 5-3 OT 152: — Brian Merkel (RP) d Desmond

Towns (Motown), 4-3 160: — John Balboni (Br) d Dillon Danis

(Par Hills), 7-2 170: — Joey Balboni (Br) d Christiano (C), 7-2 182: — Vic Pozsonyi (RP) p Kevin Matlon

182: — VIC FOZSON, (...,), (SHP), 1:49 195: — Anthony Tancs (Br) d AJ larussi (Summit), 3-1 OT 220: — Jacobs (SPF) p Coiro (Boon),

1:31
Hwt: — Tufaro (SPF) d Proctor (Msx), 5-3
106: — Anthony Cefolo (HP) md Nick
DeMarco (Br), 15-4
113: — Christian Innarella (Del) d
Brendan Calas (SHP), 3-2
120: — Troy Heilmann (SoP) d Mike
Magaldo (WH), 8-5
126: — Anthony Ashnault (SoP) d Nick

126: — Anthony Ashnault (SoP) d Nick Anderson (Del), 6-1

THIRD PLACE: 106: — John DeVito (RP) d Alex Pollera

(WH), 5-3 113: — Jon Mele (GL) d Sam Kovacs - Rogers (Delbarton) d Kalimtzis

(W), 8-2 126: — Patsy Davis (Mad) d Murray (WH), 4-2 132: — Matt Coppola (WH) d Dan Reed (Del), 9-6 138: — Opoku (W) d Signorelli (PH), 7-6 145: — DeVito (WH) d Josef Johnson

152: — Barber (W) d Cannon (SPF), 3-2 160: — Travis Foster (Linden) d Simon Levin (Millburn), 3-1

170: — Pat Murphy (Motown) d Andrew Nelson (Mountain Lakes), 7-3 182: — Heissler (GL) d Jeff Velez (Br), 7-3

195: — Ives Viola (Colonia) p Knight (Plainfield), 4:47 220: — Russell (SoP) d Kyle Allison (Motown), 5-4 Hwt: — Sumir Burns (L) p Kania (W), :31

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