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RIDGE DELIVERS WINNER AT 195; BARBER, VELEZ WIN

Raiders Nip Westfield, 34-33 In 'Pin Cancer' Final Bout

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All the chips were on the line when Raider senior Matt Ridge stepped on the mat to face Blue Devil sophomore Kevin Frega in the final bout at 195-lbs in the "Pin Cancer" Alumni Night between the Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School wrestling team and Westfield at Scotch Plains on January 31. All proceeds from the ticket sales and the concession stands were to be donated to the "Pin Cancer" program.

Both coaches were juggling around their lineups throughout like a "chess" match to get the most advantageous match-ups for their team and with the Raiders trailing, 33-30, the final move was made when Ridge bumped up from his regular class at 182-lbs to face Frega and the winner would deliver the victory for his team. Frega took the initiative with a takedown attempt, but Ridge countered to get the takedown and a two-point nearfall. Ridge recorded a side

roll reversal in the second period and added a defensive takedown to claim an 8-0 majority decision. "Beginning of the match, I wrestled a little complacent, didn't know what to do on my feet, he was too strong but then again, muscle won't beat talent and hard work. Once I got to the second period, I knew I was reversing him with the wrist roll. You can't hold down a good wrestler no matter how strong you are. You may

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SHOWING SPECIAL UNIFORMS...Raider Jasmir Philippe, left, and Blue Devil John Fuller show their "Pin Cancer" uniforms during their 113-lb bout on Alumni Night in Scotch Plains on January 31. Fuller won, 1-0.



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REALLY GOING AFTER THE BALL...Cougars Jack McCaffrey, left, and John Oblachinski, right, put the pinch on Raider Jack Poillon in Cranford on January 30. The Cougars defeated the Raiders, 56-41.

CR's McCaffrey Sinks 22; SPF's Gibbons 9, Gary 8

Cougars' Run in 3rd Rattles Raider Basketball Boys, 56-41

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Senior John Oblachinski sank five of his 12 points and added an assist, which ignited a 13-3 run in the first half of the third quarter to put the Cranford High School boys basketball team on the road to a 56-41 victory over Scotch Plains-Fanwood in Cranford on January 30.

Prior to that breakout, both teams were locked in a back-and-forth struggle with the Cougars clinging to a two-point lead at halftime. "Last game was a close game and they had like a 14-2 run. For 27 minutes, we played a close game then they get that run. They were beating us off the dribble. They are nice athletic kids," Raider Head Coach Denis Doherty said.

Two major deciding factors was the Cougars' ability to control the boards and dish out a large number of assists. Five Cougars had five rebounds or more and one grabbed four. Oblachinski pulled down nine, Tommy Trotter pulled down eight and Mike Guarreillo grabbed seven.

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