



TRYING TO MAINTAIN CONTROL...Raider JT Beirne, top, tries to maintain control over Panther Josh Gergish in his 126-lb bout. Beirne beat Gergish, 8-2, but the Panthers won the match, 45-16.

BIERNE, LAPHAM, VAN BRUNT, PHILIPPE WIN BOUTS

Roselle Park Panthers Chill SPF Raider Wrestlers, 45-16

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Concentrating solely on getting the best efforts, the Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School wrestling team managed only four victories against Roselle Park in Scotch Plains on January 29. The 15-0 Panthers won four bouts by pins, two by major decisions and four by decisions to grab a 45-16 victory, while the 9-8 Raiders won one bout by pin, two by decision and the fourth by major decision.

"It definitely was a light atmosphere just talking to the kids. I'll never say that I'm happy and content with the loss, but I am happy with the way that our kids wrestled. We had some of our better kids bumping up weights to take on some of their best kids. The matches that didn't go our way, we lost a couple of important swing bouts but we know their line-up, we see them in counties, we follow them all year long and we know that they're having a phenomenal year. I'm just proud of my kids that showed up here to wrestle tonight and that they just didn't flop over," said Raider Head Coach TJ Gavor.

The match began at 126-lbs where J.T. Beirne emerged with an 8-2 decision over Panther Josh Gergich to up his record to 19-3. Beirne scored a

takedown in the first period and recorded three takedowns by power throws in the third period.

"He's tough on bottom so I couldn't turn him. He was really lanky and I tried to use that to my ability, go for his ankles, low shots, get his long legs. Third period, I was going neutral and got takedowns, so overall it worked out pretty well for me," said Beirne.

In the fourth bout at 145-lbs, Raider Brian Lapham, being the aggressor throughout, got a first-period takedown against Joe Devito, added a reversal in period two and another arm bar and wrist takedown in the third period to win a 6-1 decision.

"I'm not trying to be rude. It was not a tough match. I went up against a kid that didn't even want to win, he just sat there. I was really upset that he gave me a stall warning. I took him down easily. I just couldn't understand that I couldn't pin him. It was there multiple times, he just clammed up and I couldn't get it. To me it was a loss," said Lapham.

Any small tweaks could have changed the outcome of the 182-lb bout between Raider Alex Mirabella and Will Ferdinando, who gathered five takedowns earn an 11-8 decision.

"I really kind of let this one go. I feel definitely that I can take that kid. What it really comes down to, if I wrestled stinger, depending how I wrestle from my feet. The whole game plan was, just don't let him get to my legs, maybe I could do something on top, try to work his head a little bit. Unfortunately, I could not get a takedown there. Definitely, my neutral game needs improvement. I just need to get away from being in close but, it's not every day that you get to wrestle a top-20 team," said Mirabella.

With Roselle Park leading, 25-6 entering the 195-lb bout, Dan Van brunt struck back and silenced Allen Nunez in 1:39.

"What I was thinking about was that I wrestled him in the counties and it went into an overtime tiebreaker in a very close match. I thought it was going to be tougher than it was. He didn't seem so well on his feet, so I ducked under his arms really quick. He was hanging out on the ground and I got him on his back. Once he was down, he rolled right over," said Van brunt who boosted his record at 17-6.

At 113-lbs, Jashmar Philippe got the drop on George Perez to notch a 15-4 major decision.

"We have very good senior leadership and it starts in the practice room. These guys and this group of special men have relentless pursuits of excellence and it just carries over to the dual meet. It's special for me as it happens to be my 200th victory so it's a special night for me. As far as tonight is concerned, I thought we wrestled well, we're starting to get everybody back healthy and that's important this time of the year," said Roselle Park Head Coach John Ranieri.

SPF Raider Icers Manage To Hold off Hightstown, 5-2

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School ice hockey team suffered two more one-sided losses, one to old rival Westfield and the other to new rival Woodbridge, but were finally able to pull out a 5-2 victory against a struggling Hightstown squad.

With the Raiders overall record falling to 3-13-2, making the state playoffs will have to wait until next year, but the play of freshman Jared Figueroa could be something for the Raiders to look forward to. Figueroa notched a hat-trick against Hightstown as the Raiders displayed their best passing of the season.

Figueroa started off the scoring in the first period with an assist from senior forward Eric Hogan, but Hightstown tied it up before the period ended. Figueroa scored again to put the Raiders ahead in the second,

getting a slick assist from Hogan and senior Tyler Hargrove, who was switched to forward from defense.

Hightstown tied it up early in the third, but Hargrove put the Raiders ahead for good when he put in a rebound of a slap-shot from senior defenseman Kurtis Wisniewski with less than two minutes remaining. Two more top-shelf goals by Hogan and Figueroa iced the win.

The Raiders have a full week ahead with games against Johnson, Woodbridge and Summit as they look to build on their improved play and gain some momentum heading into the end-of-season county tournament.

Follow the Raider Icers and check their schedule on their website at www.spficehockey.com and follow all of New Jersey high school ice hockey on www.njhockey.org.

Raider Matmen Edge Blue Devils in Final Bout

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say I won the match but, without my team, I don't do anything out there. I can't wrestle by myself," said Ridge.

The game of strategy began at 220-lbs when Raider Dan Van brunt bumped up from 195-lbs to center off with Tom Anderson. Van brunt recorded a single-leg takedown then pinned Anderson in 1:10 with a half nelson. The Raiders' lead increased to 12-0 when heavyweight Mike Henderson received a forfeit.

"I went out there and gave it all that I had, banging his head, lifting his arm, trying to dump him and then he was getting all sloppy, stepping forward, stepping back, he was just hanging out on top, I swept the ankle and he fell down," Van brunt said.

"We wanted Danny Van brunt at 220 and we wanted to end the match with Ridge against Frega. We felt very good with Ridge; he's been wrestling very strong; he's got a couple of losses against some of the best competition in the state so he's battle tested," Raider Head Coach TJ Gavor said.

At 106-lbs, Blue Devil Chris Hoerle quickly took Matt Olin to the mat and pinned him in 41 seconds using a yank-and-crank half nelson. After a scoreless first period at 113-lbs, Blue Devil John Fuller controlled Jashmar Philippe from the top position in the second period then escaped in the third to grab a 1-0 decision.

The Blue Devils took a 14-12 team lead when Nick Kalimtzis recorded 12 takedowns and a penalty point to claim a 25-10, tech fall in 6:00 at 120-lbs. Raider JT Beirne received a forfeit at 126-lbs then Raider Tom Cunningham, at 132-lbs, took Jack Miller to the mat and nearly put him to sleep with a cross-face cradle in the first period, but all he could salvage was a 5-1 decision to put his team ahead, 21-14.

"He took a shot, dragged his arm by, swung around and got the two. I was working to get the turn. I got it, but he was a tough wrestler. Periods, two and three, he kept coming for it, he was relentless and he beat me up good and I couldn't get any takedowns," said Cunningham.

At 138-lbs, Blue Devil Kevin Miller recorded a head-and-arm takedown in the first period then added an arm drag takedown in the second before showing Jeff Lieblich the lights in 3:47 with a wrist/arm bar combination.

Another showdown bout came at 145-lbs when Blue Devil Matt Barber went head-to-head with Brian Lapham, whom he recently beat, 5-2, for the Union County Tournament (UCT) title. The bout turned out to be very physical, but Barber delivered most of the punishment with a side single takedown in the first period, a quick escape and two more takedowns in the second to claim a 7-3 decision.

"I wanted to push the pace. Coach made some rules before we go into the match, saying, 'if you don't run back to the circle, you have to stay in practice. If you get a stall called, that's 25 pushups', so I knew I had to push the pace more this time around. I feel like I am in his head now that I beat him twice. I have been gaining confidence throughout the year. You will see me even better in districts probably," Barber said.

lead to 33-21 when Jarek Gozdieski, leading 4-1 at the time slammed George Ramos with a lateral drop in 5:17 at 160-lbs. Raider Alex Mirabella received a forfeit at 170-lbs, making the score, 33-27, then at 182-lbs, Raider Jaylen Bryant recorded four double-leg takedowns to earn an 8-2 decision over Devin Anderson and set the stage for the final act.

"I couldn't let them down. I wanted it more than all of them. I wrestled a couple of other varsity matches and haven't won one, so this would have been like the best match ever to win. I just tried harder. I put in the work," said Bryant.

"Jaylen was really the wild card at 170. He just moved here from South Carolina, he's got one year under his belt; he's a real tough athletic sophomore. The match all came down to Ridge at the end and we were com-



A BAR AND A WRIST...Blue Devil Kevin Miller, top, begins to turn Raider Jeff Lieblich to his back with an arm bar and wrist pinning combination.

"Barber/Lapham is always a tough one. Two very talented wrestlers, they go after each other, they bang heads," Coach Gavor said.

Another closely observed bout came next at 152-lbs. Blue Devil Nick Velez, the UCT champ at that weight, quickly delivered an offensive spin takedown in the first period then slipped out of Dom Natale's leg riding attempt in the second period for a reversal to carry a 4-1 lead into the third period where he added another reversal, a takedown and a two-point tilt to grab a 10-2 majority decision.

"The game plan was that I wrestled Natale. We gave up a couple of forfeits, so we had to make it up with bonus points where we could get it. He defended really well. In the third period, when I got the takedown and the turn with a pancake, I got the major, but I was looking for some more bonus," Velez said.

The Blue Devils stretched their team

fortable that he could major him," said Coach Gavor.

"Scotch Plains was tougher than us today. Our kids put Frega in a tough situation. We could have put this thing away earlier. Scotch Plains went out there with a definite game plan. They stuck to it better than our kids stuck to ours," Blue Devil Head Coach Glen Kurz said.

Fred Lecomte recorded the comments from the Raider wrestlers and coach.

BOUT SEQUENCE:
220: — Van brunt (S) p Anderson, 1:10
Hwt: — Henderson (S) won forfeit
106: — Hoerle (W) p Olin, :41
113: — Fuller (W) p Philippe, 1-0
120: — Kalimtzis (W) tf Martin, 25-10
126: — Beirne (S) won forfeit
132: — Cunningham (S) d Miller, 5-1
138: — K. Miller (W) p Lapham, 3:47
145: — Barber (W) d Lapham, 7-3
152: — Velez (W) md Natale, 10-2
160: — Gozdieski (W) p Ramos, 5:17
170: — Mirabella (S) won forfeit
182: — Bryant (S) d D. Anderson, 8-2
195: — Ridge (S) md Frega, 8-0

Pioneer Hoopsters Stun Lady Blue Devils, 47-43

Trailing 32-30 after three quarters, the New Providence High School girls basketball team went on a 17-11 run to stun the 15-2 Westfield Lady Blue Devils, 47-43, in New Providence on February 1. It was the first time in three meetings that the 12-4 Pioneers got the upper hand on the Blue Devils.

Blue Devil Lil Scott led all scorers with 22 points, including four 3-pointers, and Jackie Knapp scored 10 points. Hannah Liddy netted five points, Olivia Luzzi sank four and Carly Friedman added two points. Sydney Morang led the Pioneers with 21 points and Natalie Barrett put in 13 points.

Cougars Ground GL Matmen

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barrel roll, three tilts and a reversal to seize a 16-3 majority decision over Nic Mele. At 113-lbs, Cougar Tom DiGiovanni was temporarily stunned when Chris Sergio took him to the mat within the first 10 seconds, but he quickly recovered to pin him in 25 seconds with a double-leg grapevine and head smother.

"He sure did! To come out like that and get taken down to your back is like jumping into a cold bath. Sometimes that brings the animal out in you," Cougar Head Coach Pat Gorman said.

After Scorese's bout, Cougar Dave Busch made the team score, 25-12, when he clamped Austin Senkarik with a cradle in 1:57 at 126-lbs. At 132-lbs, Cougar Brian McGovern recorded a pair of backdoor takedowns and an escape to defeat Turner Haddad, 5-2, then after Murray's bout, Cougar Andrew Tompkins took Dennis Sobol to his back with a double-leg takedown and pinned him in 3:08 at 145-lbs.

Cougar Corey Birch recorded a takedown on Mike Rhodes in the first period added a reversal in the second and another in the third to earn a 6-2 victory at 152-lbs. Birch kept working for the pin throughout their bout, but Rhodes refused to be turned.

At 160-lbs, Cougar Niko Cappello spent very little time on the mat and pinned Tom O'Sullivan in 48 seconds with an arm bar/half nelson. The final bout went to overtime, but Highlander Sam Burke got the takedown to record a 7-5 victory over Chris Kiame at 170-lbs.

"We have seven kids where it's their first year on varsity. It was awesome to see them come out and do really good and get a lot of team points," Murray said.

"The kids came to wrestle. They sent Hoy out on Gavin. That's good! That's what we want. We want to wrestle the best kid. It's good when we get those match-ups and our kids performed. They wrestled and did moves that we teach. It was an all-around good win," Coach Gorman said.

BOUT SEQUENCE:
182: — Lippick (G) d Ballas, 7-3
195: — RJ Greeley (G) won forfeit
220: — Pastor (C) p Marke, 2:25
Hwt: — Tomlinson (G) d Elkhoury, 2-1 OT
106: — Capece (C) md Mele, 16-3
113: — DiGiovanni (C) p Sergio, :25
120: — Scorese (C) d Colder, 5-0
126: — Busch (C) p Senkarik, 1:57
132: — McGovern (C) d Haddad, 5-2
138: — Murray (C) d Hoy, 5-2
145: — Tompkins (C) p Sobol, 3:08
152: — Birch (C) d Rhodes, 6-2
160: — Cappello (C) p O'Sullivan, :48
170: — Burke (G) d Kiame, 7-5 OT

PUBLIC NOTICE
TOWN OF WESTFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR FOOD SERVICE MANAGEMENT SERVICES FOR THE 2014/2015 SCHOOL YEAR

NOTICE is hereby given that the Westfield Board of Education is accepting sealed proposals for Food Service Management services contract until 9:00 a.m. on February 26, 2014 at the office of the Business Administrator. Proposals should be submitted on the required forms, in a sealed container labeled Food Services Management Services Contract and delivered to the Office of the Business Administrator as provided below:

Ms. Dana Sullivan
Business Administrator
Board Secretary
302 Elm Street
Westfield, New Jersey 07090

The Board assumes no responsibility for proposals mismailed or misdirected.

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Upon release of this Request for Proposals (RFP), all Food Service Management Company's (FSMC) communications concerning this information request must be directed in writing no later than 4:00 p.m. on February 13, 2014 to the Business Administrator, who is the only authorized contact person for the RFP. Any contact or lobbying regarding this RFP with any Elected, Appointed Official or employee of the School District or Township other than the Business Administrator can and will result in disqualification. Any oral communications will be considered unofficial and non-binding on the School District.

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