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## Cougars Defeat Raiders, 46-22, at JFK-Iselin Mat Quad-Meet

The Cranford High School wrestling team picked up three wins with a 46-22 victory over the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Raiders, a 66-15 triumph over JFK-Iselin and a 40-18 triumph over Old Bridge at the JFK-Iselin Quad Meet on January 11. The three victories put the Cougars' record at 8-2, while the Raiders, who also beat Old Bridge earlier, 43-30, and JFK, 36-31, shifted to 8-2.

Cougars Anthony Capece (106-lbs) and Chase Gunther (113-lbs) received forfeits then Chris Scorese pinned Owen Martin in 50 seconds at 120-lbs). Raider JT Beirne nipped Dave Busch, 2-1, at 126-lbs then Cougar Brian McGovern earned a 9-3 decision over Tom Cunningham at 132-lbs. Cougar Gavin Murray pinned Jeff Lieblich in 1:30 at 138-lbs then Raider Brian Lapham grabbed a 5-1 decision over Andrew Tompkins at 145-lbs.

In a key bout at 152-lbs, Cou-

gar Corey Birch shutout Dom Natale, 7-0, then Paul Castillo claimed a 14-3 majority decision over Raider George Ramos at 160-lbs. Cougar Niko Cappello pinned Jaylen Bryant in 31 seconds at 170-lbs. Raider Alex Mirabella pinned Nick Ballas in 2:50 at 182-lbs.

Raider Matt Ridge received a forfeit at 195-lbs then Dan Van Brunt seized a 13-2 majority decision over Cougar Mike Pastor at 220-lbs. Cougar heavyweight Jon Elkhoury pinned Mike Henderson in 3:48.

Against Old Bridge, Tanner Corbett pinned Raider Matt Olin in 39 seconds at 106-lbs. After the Raiders forfeited 113-lbs, Martin received a forfeit at 120-lbs the Beirne decisioned Steve Nadera, 7-6, at 126-lbs. Cunningham won a 10-0 majority decision over Tom Angstadt at 132. At 138, Nick Sodano pinned Lieblich in 3:17 then

Lapham pinned Xavier Jenkins in 3:26 at 145.

Natale claimed a 17-2, 4:07 tech fall over Adam Chojnowski at 152 then Dave Hopman pinned Ramos in 1:46 at 160. At 170, Dmitry Mikhol pinned Bryant in 1:48. Mirabella nipped Mike Yuhos, 1-0, at 182. Ridge pinned Dan Makagon in 1:31 at 195. Van Brunt won a 13-4 majority decision over Jeff Pabon at 220 and Henderson pinned heavyweight Christian Manzanares in 3:24.

Against JFK, Anthony Favor pinned Olin in 36 seconds at 106 and JFK's Kevin Schaeffer won by forfeit at 113. At 120, Martin was pinned in 52 seconds by Victor Torress. Beirne pinned Emmanuel Rivera in 5:57 at 132 and Cunningham lost, 13-6, to Stiven Skenderi at 138. At 145, Lapham pinned Sean Aston in 3:48.

JFK's Carl Buttitta won a 14-6 majority decision over Natale at 152. Ramos won by forfeit at

160. Mirabella lost, 13-8, to Brandon Farrell at 170. Ridge won by forfeit at 182 and Van Brunt pinned Carlos Martinez in 59 seconds at 195. Anthony Deleon won, 7-2, over Raider Chris McMahon at 220. Heavyweight Henderson pinned Christian Cardosa in 4:28.

Against JFK, Cougar Capece pinned Favor in 1:26 at 106. Tom DiGiovanni pinned Adem Djonovic in 5:13 at 113 and Scorese pinned Torress in 1:07 at 120. Busch won by forfeit at 126. McGovern pinned Rivera in 5:07 at 132, Murray pinned Skenderi in 2:43 at 138 and Tompkins pinned Aston in 1:20 at 145.

Buttitta pinned Castillo at 152 in 1:10 and Alan Skaev pinned Corey Birch in 49 seconds at 160. Farrell nipped Cappello, 4-3, at 170. Cougar Chris Kiame pinned Isaiah Diaz in 40 seconds at 182. Ballas won by fall at 195 over Martinez.

Pastor won by fall over Deleon at 220 and Elkhoury pinned Cardosa in 1:46 at heavyweight.

Against Old Bridge, Capece pinned Corbett in 42 seconds at 106. At 113, DiGiovanni pinned Nick Botte in 1:57. Scorese eked out an 8-7 win over Kyle Brown at 120. Busch beat Nadera, 4-2, at 126. McGovern beat Angstadt, 5-0, at 132 and Murray grabbed an 18-4 majority decision over Sodano. Tompkins beat John McCarthy, 6-4, at 145.

At 152, Birch claimed an 8-2 decision over Chojnowski. Hopman pinned Cougar Castillo in 1:21 at 160. At 170, Cappello beat Mikhol, 4-1. At 182, Ballas lost to Yuhos, 4-2. Old Bridge won by forfeit at 195 and Pastor lost, 1-0, to Pabon at 220. Elkhoury won by forfeit at heavyweight.

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