

Cougar Matmen Keeping Bar High This Season

with these guys. I am this good! So when he went down to the states and took that first loss, probably had a little bit of jitters, but after that he put that together and had a great run down there. I am looking for him to capitalize on that down there and get on the podium," Coach

Gorman commented

Senior Rob Schork, who was a very pleasant surprise last year when he won the UCT 220-lb title, placed second in the region and finished 25-9, will compete at the same weight. Senior Matt Savino, who placed third in the UCT at 285-lbs, has been injured

and will be out for the season. Senior Zach Blevins (3rd in district at 182) will fill the 195-lb slot. Senior Kyell Roper (3rd in district at 160, finished 18-13) will compete at 152-lbs.

Senior Dan Swanson, who had a few varsity matches last year, will fill the 170-lb slot. Senior Conor Halpin, who placed second in the UCT at 138-lbs but was injured toward the end of the season, will fill the same slot. Senior Dean Smith (3rd in UCT at 132, injured late in season) will wrestle at 132-lbs. Others with varsity experience last year are juniors Jack Korzeneski (138), Justin Alpaugh-McLain (182), Max Nock (160) and Evan Kanterman (160).

"We have guys some guys who had some time in the lineup when we had some injuries. So we are looking for them to be more of a factor in our lineup this year," Coach Gorman said.

Freshman Ronan Waters will compete at 106-lbs, junior Will Fernandez (3rd in district last year) and sophomore Brendan Reilly will vie at 113-lbs. At 120-lbs is junior Pat Kalnins and at 126-lbs will be sophomore Jimmy Gluck and freshman Colin Murray. Sophomore Christian Esposito will be at 132-lbs.

Last year the Cougars competed at the Group 3 level in the sections but this year the Cougars have moved up to North 2, Group 4 and they have been shifted to District 14 (Millburn).

"Our section has changed and our district has changed. Other than that we are looking forward to a lot of the teams around here. Last year Rahway clipped us, Westfield handed us a pretty solid beating. So we are looking to get some revenge on some local teams along the way and hang with those big teams and eke out a couple of wins there," Coach Gorman said.



Cougar at Top – Patrick Kalnins; Cougar on Bottom – Conor Halpin



SUPER BOWL CHAMPIONS...The Westfield PAL A team recently won the Suburban Youth Football League Championship with a 24-0 win over Somerville.

Westfield PAL A Team Wins NJSYFL Super Bowl, 24-0

The Westfield PAL A Team powered its way to its second Super Bowl victory in the past four years in the New Jersey Suburban Youth Football League. Over the past four years the team has posted a dominant 38-2-2 record highlighted by three consecutive shutouts in this year's playoff and Super Bowl run. This season the team averaged 30 points, while yielding only four points per game.

Last week the team defeated Somerville in a thrilling game highlighted by a superb defensive effort. Somerville came in undefeated averaging 31 points per game. The stingy Westfield defense led by Mark Gialluisi, Dan Hanlon, Alex Tilyou, Brandon Love, Paul Cerro, Zaire Carter and Jonathan Boufarah held the highflying Somerville offense to only 70 yards and zero points. Late in the game the secondary grouping of Paul Tilyou, Owen Shakal, Aidan Harper and Dimitri Potamosis shut down a late offensive surge highlighted by the

interception on the final play by Jonathan Alpizar.

On offense the Blue Devils were led by a powerful offensive line anchored by Charlie Blessing, Patrick Ryan, Serge Cabrera, CJ Haviland and Nick Schoen. This offensive line, Tight ends Quinn Wojcik and Jack O'Connor, and Wide Receivers Ben Kelly and Nick Brindle dominated the line of scrimmage enabling Quarterback Trey Brown and Tailback Dylan Wragg to pick up yardage in the air and on the ground keeping the defense on its toes. Dylan Wragg was named Super Bowl MVP for his three touchdowns and three extra point (kicking) performance, allowing the A Team to secure the 24-0 victory.

Key contributors to this team all year also include Dan Cano, JD Lara, Dylan Scanlon, Peter Palles, Gabe Dayon, Patrick Beriont, Senu Glasco, Grant Kuyat, Finn Mindak, Will Dailey, Richard Derick, Max Chang, Steve Wang.