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Paramus gives Bruins a battle

By Michael Farber

Staff Writer

HACKENSACK — North Bergen's Tony Tabbacchino and Paramus's Bill Savage spent part of last night dashing between the two mats, checking on their wrestlers in the quarterfinal round of the Bergen County Holiday Wrestling tournament.

"It's a whole lot better trying to be in two places at once than being no place," Tabbacchino reasoned.

And North Bergen and Paramus were in the two places — No. 1 and No. 2 — in the Hackensack satellite heading into the semifinals and finals today. The Bruins, the only non-Bergen County team in the 32-school field, scored 96 points, 8½ more than the surprising Spartans.

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Paramus advanced six wrestlers into the semifinals of the eight who entered the quarters, while North Bergen placed five of its eight.

“We’re not nearly the team North Bergen is,” said Paramus coach Savage, “but this is a young team which really works hard. I’m just hoping we can be in the top five when this thing is over, and some of my kids can take their medals and show them to their peers and say, ‘This is what I achieved.’ ”

The most surprising achievement by a Spartan was by 141-pounder Joe Maio, an 8-8 wrestler last year who beat three district place winners yesterday, including Northern Highlands’ Lee Martino, 6-2, in the quarterfinals.

Bob Suriano (101), Art Paladino (135), sophomore Rob Young (148), Tom Brulato (158) and Pete Kalksma (188) were the other Spartans to advance, Brulato

at the expense of North Bergen's James Takakjian.

But the Bruins' Steve McMahon (122), a junior varsity wrestler last year, had eliminated Paramus standout Kurt Massey, 5-4, in the opening round. McMahon was joined by teammates John Crowley (108), Lee Argush (129), Ray Denti (170) and heavyweight Art Scotto in the semifinals.

"We like coming to Bergen County, partly because we've got no place else to go for good competition," Tabbacchino said. "Kearny is the only Hudson

County school we wrestle. If the athletic directors and boards of education in Hudson County would wake up and see the need for wrestling, we'd be better prepared for this."

Pascack Valley was hardly prepared for last night. The Indians entered wrestlers in just eight of the 12 weight classes, but the four who reached the quar-

terfinals — Gary Beyer (115), Dave Weck (122), Dave Galdi (135) and Bruce Haberli (148) — all won.

Galdi recorded a 1:27 overtime pin

over Chris Bojanovic of Fort Lee after they tied in regulation, 2-2. Paladino, the other 135-pounder to advance, was tied by Dumont's Dave Wightman, 3-3, in the closing seconds of regulation but posted a 4-1 overtime decision.

Defending champion Brian Young of Fort Lee (188) barely edged Ramapo's Bob Laauwe, 5-4, to remain in contention. Laauwe needed 12 more seconds of riding time to force the quarterfinal match into overtime.

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TEAM SCORING

North Bergen 96, Paramus 87½, Hackensack 63, Fort Lee 58½, Saddle Brook 43, Ramapo 32½, Dumont 31, Bergen Catholic 28, Pascack Valley 27½, Bogota 20, Englewood 12, Northern Highlands 12, Waldwick 3, Glen Rock 1, St. Joseph -2, Leonia -26.

FIRST ROUND

101—John Loschiavo (SB) dec. Paul Brophy (BC), 10-1; Bob Suriano (P) pin. Ray Maurer (GR), 4:35; Bob Cirone (FT) pin. Keith Foher (NH), 1:37; Matt McCue (BG), bye; Paul Hleovas (WL), bye; Ted DiGuilmi (NB) dec. John Cannon (RM), 16-1; Bill Nixon (H), bye; John McHugh (DU) pin. Adam Kominsky (E), :40.

108—Ray Hargedon (L) pin. Dan Avel (BC), 2:59; Andy Ehlers (PA) pin. John Feliter (BG), 3:05; John Crowley (NB) pin. Dennis Joris (SJ), 5:26; Henry Colmanares (DU) bye; Tim Leonard (RM) pin. Rick Steinmark (GR), 1:01; John Greer (H) dec. Glenn Fagen (WL), 10-2; Gary Pickett (SB) dec. Vanya Gojonovic (FT), 17-3; Jason Lustig (E) pin. Blair O'Connor (NH), 2:36.

115—Don Balestri (FT) pin. Doug Cook (BG), 3:27; Rich Gowe (H) dec. Bruce George (WL), 11-0; Bob Carmichael (PA) pin. William Earls (SJ), 3:25; Jeff McDonald (RM) pin. Tom Haveika (GR), 4:48; Mike Denny (NB) pin. Ali Satarger (E), 2:44; Rob Fusco (SB) pin. Lou Intorre (DU), 1:03; Tim Ade (NH) pin. Kevin Rota (BC), 1:17; Gary Beyer (PV) pin. Steve Kennelly (L), 1:11.

122—Terry Fitzpatrick (BG) pin. Mike Reiner (BC), 3:06; Steve McMahon (NB) dec. Kurt Massey (P), 5-4; Roy Fogelstrom (FT) pin. Pete Vistosco (SJ), 2:17; Mike Martino (DU) pin. Frank Santino (GR), 3:43; Paul Cabibbo (H) dec. Glen Weisiger (RM), 3-0; Glenn Hutson (SB) pin. Robert Fowler (WL), 3:01; Rob Ade (NH) pin. Armel Isaga (E), :56; Dave Weck (PV) pin. Ed Kennelly (L), :17.

129—Mike Forhez (WL) pin. Gary Grothues (L), 5:57; Steve Kokkinakis (M) dec. Brian Nelan (DU), 5-2; George DiMarzo (FT) dec. Ray Ragonese (SJ), 11-8; Mike Collins (BC) pin. Brian Cook (BG), 3:18; Larry Scheer (PV) dec. Ron Slozgar (SB), 9-0; Dennis Mele (PA) pin. Ethan Lichtlau (E), 3:51; Walter Busby (H) dec. Steve Skinner (GR), 5-2; Lee Argush (NB) pin. Jim Paulino (NH), 3:22.

135—John Wightman (DU) dec. Joe Consiglio (SJ), 13-4; Ross Levy (H) dec. Ed Kugler (SB), 10-1; Art Paladino (PA) dec. John Butto (BC), 6-0; Jie

Sargenti (BG) dec. Jim Altamauro (RM), 9-4; Mark Rutishauser (E), bye; Dave Galdi (PV) pin. Charles Young (WL), 3:06; Chris Bojanovic (FT) dec. Dave Heitman (NH), 8-2; Bob Haley (NB) pin. Neil Sailer (L), 3:27.

141—Bill Whipple (BG) pin. Guv O'Brien (H), 1:48; Lee Martino (NH) dec. Glenn Garrison (PV), 7-0; Rich Fagliarone (NB) dec. Mark Cannon (RM), 15-5; Joe Maio (PA) dec. Joe Laurentino (SB), 13-1; Jim Strole (DU) pin. Charles Herget (L), 1:30; John Flynn (BC) pin. Danny Dooner (GR), 2:52; Brad Cohen (FT) dec. Ed Hines (E), 4-3; Jim Delia (SJ) dec. Mike Roll (WL), 7-5.

148—Dick Lesh (RM) pin. Joe Reap (SJ), 1:59; Rob Young (PA) dec. Scott Stewart (L), 11-1; Charles Smith (E) dec. Tony Russo (GR), 13-6; Dan Cohen (FT) dec. Fred Wostbrock (WL), 6-0; Roy Wheeler (BC) pin. Matt Fitzpatrick (DU), 3:30; Doug Vallinino (H) dec. Mark Meyers (NH), 4-2; Mike Lubrano (NB) dec. Mike Carroll (BG), 12-3; Bruce Haberli (PV) pin. Terry Ur (SB), 5:53.

158—James Foley (SJ) pin. Jim McConnell (NH), 3:59; Vito Errico (H) pin. Mike Mayer (BC), :35; Steven King (GR) pin. John Colon (E), :34; Rich Schemm (SB), bye; Marty Musikant (BG) dec. Bryan Babar, 7-5; James Takajian (NB), bye; Rich Hartman (FT) pin. Doug Deschler (PV), 1:30; Tom Brulato (PA) pin. Brian Husk (WL), 3:48.

170—Keith Bland (E) pin. Bill Haenn (SJ), 1:17; Steve Cannon (RM) dec. Mark Messner (WL), 11-2; Mike Lamparillo (SB), bye; Nick Badagliacch (PA), bye; Ray Denti (NB) dec. Jim Lallia (NH), 8-7; Guy Garner (H) pin. Vin Tirone (BC), 3:27; Chris Joyce (DU), bye; Steve Stotsky (FT) pin. Frank DiStasi (BG), 4:52.

188—Brian Young (FL) pin. Donald Braun (WL), 1:00; Kevin Lampeter (NH), bye; Bob Laauwe (RM) pin. Pete Sheridan (GR), 1:47; Chris McCue (BG) pin. Dan Cannon (L), 4:45; Pete Kalksma (PA) dec. Chris Rutishauser, 10-0; Sam Hazan (H) pin. Ray Harold (BC), :24; John Chinchar (SB), bye; Mark Leibovic (NB) dec. Billy Pantale (DU), 11-0.

HVY—Steve Lucas (FT), bye; Dave Rivara (GR) pin. Erwin Reed (E), 3:02; Jim Mazzei (BC) pin. Tom Burns (SJ), 1:43; Art Scoto (NB) pin. Jamie O'Neill (DU), 5:58; Julio Villalba (SB) dec. John Toleno (PV), 14-2; Mark Angrick (NH), bye; Jeff Sgro (H) dec. Karl Droppers (RM), 4-1; Ralf Euler (BG) pin. Tony Marciano (PA), 1:17.

SECOND ROUND

101—Suriano dec. Loschiavo, 18-0; Cirone pin. McCue, 1:21; DiGuilmi pin. Hleovas, 1:58; Nixon dec. McHugh, 8-3.

108—Ehlers pin. Hargedon, 5:50; Crowley pin. Colmanares, 4:50; Greer dec. Leonard, 7-4; Pickett pin. Lustig, 2:35.

115—Balestri pin. Gowe, 3:45; McDonald pin. Carmichael, 3:59; Denny dec. Fusco, 12-7; Beyer dec. Ade, 14-0.

122—McMahon dec. Fitzpatrick, 13-1; Martino dec. Fogelstrom, 10-2; Cabibbo dec. Hutson, 12-5; Weck dec. Ade, 11-4.

129—Forhez pin. Kokkinakis, 1:53; Collins dec. DiMarzo, 6-3; Mele dec. Scheer, 8-5; Argush pin. Busby, :47.

135—Wightman dec. Levy, 4-3; Paladino dec. Sargenti, 8-0; Galdi pin. Rutishauser, 5:32; Bojanovic dec. Haley, 11-3.

141—Martino dec. Whipple, 6-0; Maio dec. Fagliarone, 4-1; Strole dec. Flynn, 4-1; Delia dec. Cohen, 4-3.

148—Young dec. Lesh, 6-3; Smith dec. Cohen, 3-2; Wheeler dec. Vallinino, 4-2; Haberli dec. Lubrano, 7-0.

158—Errico dec. Foley, 24-1; Schemm dec. King, 11-5; Takajian pin. Musikant, 3:36; Brulato dec. Hartman, 9-2.

170—Cannon dec. Bland, 7-2; Lamparillo pin. Badagliacch, 1:53; Denti dec. Garner, 17-7; Joyce dec. Stotsky, 5-2.

188—Young pin. Lampeter, 1:50; Laauwe pin. McCue, 1:58; Kalksma dec. Hazan, 5-0; Chinchar dec. Leibovic, 8-1.

Hvy.—Rivara pin. Lucas, 1:39; Scotto dec. Mazzei, 11-6; Villalba dec. Angrick, 7-4; Sgro pin. Euler, 1:33.

QUARTERFINALS

101—Suriano dec. Cirone, 5-1; Nixon dec. DiGuilmi, 10-1.

108—Crowley pin. Ehlers, 5:50; Pickett dec. Greer, 14-5.

115—Balestri dec. McDonald, 7-0; Beyer dec. Denny, 8-1.

122—McMahon dec. Martino, 6-2; Weck dec. Cabibbo, 9-4.

129—Collins pin. Forhez, 1:53; Argush dec. Mele, 7-2.

135—Paladino dec. Wightman, 4-1 (OT); Galdi pin. Bojanovic, 1:27 (OT).

141—Maio dec. Martino, 6-2; Strole dec. Delia, 8-3.

148—Young pin. Smith, 1:50; Haberli pin. Wheeler, 4:31.

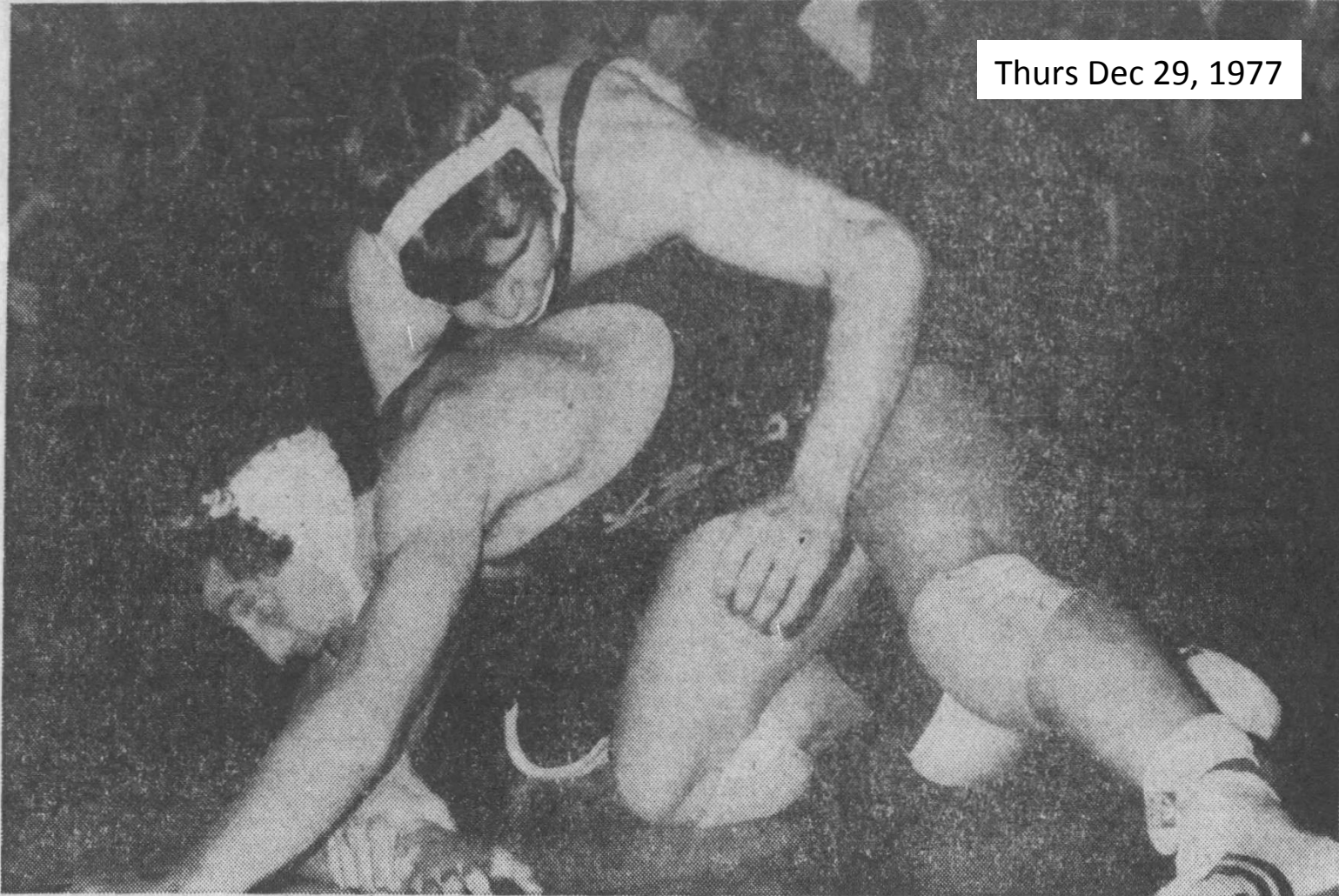
158—Errico pin. Schemm, :43; Brulato dec. Takajian, 10-5.

170—Cannon dec. Lamparillo, 22-5; Denti dec. Joyce, 5-1.

188—Young dec. Laauwe, 5-4; Kalksma dec. Chinchar, 8-2.

Hvy.—Scotto dec. Rivara, 11-5; Sgro dec. Villalba, 11-0.

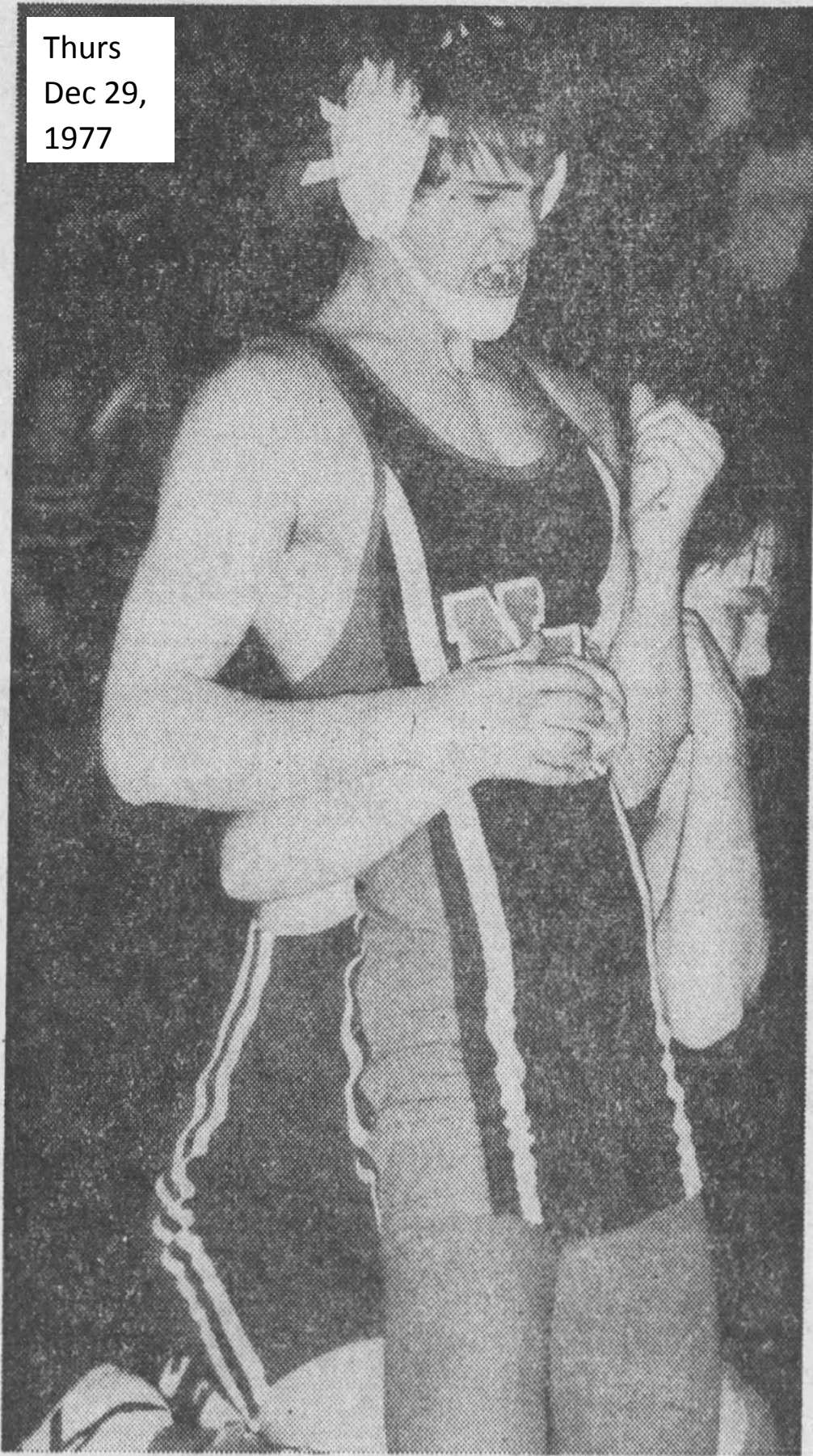
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Staff photo by Al Paglione

Dumont's Jim Strole (141) controls Jim Delia of St. Joseph on his way to an 8-3 quarterfinal victory.

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Northern Highlands' Lee Martino struggles to escape from Paramus' Joe Maio in their 141 quarterfinal match.

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FAIR LAWN — It pays to have a recreational wrestling program.

Fair Lawn, accustomed to fielding strong wrestling teams, fell on hard times a few years ago. So coach Daniel DeLuca convinced some reluctant parents and alumni to help organize a program similar to one that was keeping Pascack Hills in clover year after year, one in which seventh- and eighth-graders would wrestle once or twice a week.

The Cutters are beginning to cash in their chips from that decision. After finishing 15th in last year's Bergen County Holiday Wrestling Tournament, the Cutters are a strong third in the 16-school Fair Lawn satellite entering the semifinal round of this year's tournament.

"Everybody's doing it now," says DeLuca. "A program's a must thing."

Of the five Cutters who won their quarterfinal matches last night, four are products of the program — Rick Babbitts, Glenn Nacion, Frank Guadagnino and Dave Laube. The only exception is Leo Miller.

DeLuca, the 14-year Cutter coach, describes the current crop as his best in five years. It delighted the large hometown contingent in a standing-room-only gym by capturing five of its six quarterfinal matches for a total of 68½ points.

Pascack Hills, seeking its fifth straight Holiday Tournament title, coasted comfortably in first place with 117½ points after winning seven of eight quarterfinal matches. River Dell stood second at 76½, advancing four wrestlers out of seven quarterfinalists.

The quarterfinal winners move to Hackensack today for the conclusion of the 18th annual classic.

Fair Lawn's biggest triumph last night was a nip-and-tuck battle at 129 pounds between Nacion and Pascack Hills junior Bruce Bates, who had never lost a high-school match. Nacion, ex-

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hausted through the last three minutes, hung on for a 6-5 decision after breaking a 3-3 tie with three straight points.

The frustrated Bates kicked at Nacion afterwards. "The referee never saw it," said DeLuca.

"The kid held his leg and Bates kicked away from it," Hills coach Bucky Rehan said. "He's not that way at all. I think the kick was misunderstood."

That was the only break in Pascack Hills' string of quarterfinal victories. Rob Davis (108), Bob Lavery (135), last year's MVP Chris Catalfo (141), Jim Lockett (158), Steve Bessette (170), Howie Lindstrom (188) and heavy-weight Ron Dini breezed through their matches. Davis, Lavery, Bessette, Lindstrom and Dini each had three pins for the day.

"We predicate everything on the pin," said Rehan. "We won seven matches, but the pins make the difference."

"Dini is a big surprise for us. He lost some weight playing football — he weighs 190 — and we didn't know if he could handle heavyweight."

Dini apparently can, and the Cowboys finished their night with a flourish. Bessette arched Bergenfield's John Bacci high on his neck, Lindstrom applied a pretty cross-face cradle on Old Tappan's Joe Giavannone and Dini pressed Old Tappan's Joe D'Apolito with a half-nelson.

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TEAM SCORING

Pascack Hills 117½, River Dell 76½, Fair Lawn 68½, Old Tappan 32½, Becton 27½, Ridgewood 25½, Bergenfield 24½, Lyndhurst 18, Teaneck 16½, Westwood 14, Paramus Catholic 14, New Milford 8, Demarest 7, Palisades Park 2, Rutherford -4, Wood-Ridge -30.

FIRST ROUND

- 101—Mike Sardoni (Bec) dec. Mark Smith (T), 11-1; Brian O'Callahan (Rwd), bye; Jim Worthington (PH) pin Steve Woloszyn (L), 5:38; Andy Lewie (Bgf), bye; Joe Bava (RD), bye; Leo Miller (FL) dec. T. McKnight (PC), 18-0; R. Lalacoma (OT) pin M. Mancuso (We), 1:08; Andy Shapiro (D), bye.
- 108—Al Marra (Bec) pin M. Sutherland (PP), 0:55; Mike DeMarco (L), bye; Dan Bottenfeld (We) pin K. Joyce (PC), 1:43; Terry Regan (RD) pin K. Lansky (D), 5:45; John Paskalides (Rwd), bye; Henry Huppert (OT) pin N. Ferris (WR), 3:39; Ben Eshelman (T) dec. Tony Alfano (Bgf), 5-0; Rob Davis (PH) pin J. Connelly (FL), 0:40.
- 115—Carl Simmonds (Bgf) pin Joe Cignarelli (L), 4:16; Mark Melone (WR) dec. K. Spillane (OT), 9-2; Rob Goldblatt (We) pin T. Cohn (Rwd), 2:46; Mike Dwyer (RD) dec. T. Worthen (NM), 17-3; T. Maute (PC) pin R. Vagell (FL), 5:33; Steve Markowitz (T) dec. Bob Monohan (D), 11-0; Bob Rotolo (Bec) dec. Rob Rottingen (PH), 4-1; Fred Santaite (PP), bye.
- 122—J. Leonetti (Bgf) pin R. Roberts (Bec), 5:44; John Driller (Rwd) dec. R. Murtagh (PC), 10-3; Lou Ferullo (Ruth) pin Mike McKenna (We), 2:55; G. Paternoster (NM), bye; Peter DeLuca (L) dec. Bill Frasse (OT), 5-3; J. Garcia (T), bye; Rick Babitts (FL) dec. Mike Furman (PH), 10-2; Keith Knudsen (RD) pin P. Aschoff (PP), 0:51.
- 129—Bob Wagner (PP) dec. Charles Carlo (WR), 7-4; Tom Briese (Ruth) pin F. Borland (D), 1:35; J. Martin (We), bye; Art Jeon (Rwd) dec. Mike Linarello (Bgf), 8-1, OT; John Zacccone (RD), bye; Glenn Nacion (FL) dec. Mike Trause (Bec), 23-1; Paul Bayse (OT), bye; Bruce Bates (PH) pin Rich Depietro (PC), 3:02.
- 135—Michael Cascio (We) dec. Mike Gaiperin (D), 11-2; R. Keurajian (OT) dec. Steve Luftig (T), 5-0; John Wagner (Bec) pin Pete Wilder (Rwd), 4:22; Jordan Jackson (Ruth) dec. Frances Monaghan (Bgf), 3-0, OT; R. Matuozzi (FL) pin W. Aiello (NM), 4:40; Bob Rushworth (RD), bye; Bob Lavery (PH) pin Tom Kruger (L), 3:41; Kevin Smith (PC) pin Dave Soltero (PP), 3:30.

141—Gary Keurajian (OT) dec. Savas Constantinou (Bgf), 8-2; Chris Catalfo (PH), bye; Dale Creamer (PC), bye; Mike Lomio (L) won by default; John Biango (PP), bye; Bob Parrinello (NM) pin George Rausch (Bec), 4:45; Howard Adler (FL) dec. Dennis D'Alessandro (T), 5-0; Carnevale (RD), bye.

148—Ed Maloney (We) dec. Tom Carroll (Ruth), 7-1; Rich Place (Rwd) dec. Frank Pallotta (PP), 5-0; Ed Dolphin (NM) ref. dec. Bill Schick (FL); P. Taylor (WR) pin Rick Hild (L), 2:45; Mike Golabek (Bec) dec. Scott Mure (D), 4-2; Chad Rokeach (OT) dec. P. Waldron (PH), 4-0; Frank Inserra (PC) pin Ed Volmer (Bgf), 1:40; Mark Heller (RD) dec. A. Fisco (T), 23-0.

158—Jim Locketell (PH) won by default; Lou Angioletti (OT) pin Bob Belli (Bec), 2:48; Russell Pfeifer (FL) dec. Mike McClutchy (NM), 10-1; Lou Julig (T) dec. Terry Eleftheriou (PP), 15-11; Mark McCurdy (Bgf) dec. Bill Sawwell (D), 5-3; Dan Collins (PC) dec. Joe DeCandia (Ruth), 11-4; Hank Fortmuller (RD) dec. V. DeCarlo (L), 12-2; Dirk Ritenhouse (Rwd) pin Chris Novello (FL), 4:35.

170—Frank Guadagnino (FL) pin Eric Stolzenberg (We), 5:26; Chris Smith (Ruth) dec. John Fonse (WR), 6-0; John Zanussi (OT) dec. Mike Habersaat (PP), 2-0; Dave Greif (RD) def. Mario Ferraro (Rwd), 18-0; Steve Bessette (PH) pin Jack Inserra (PC), 1:25; Carl Simpenderfer (Bec) pin E. Grant (T), 3:45; Dave Piccoli (D) dec. R. Forstat (NM), 3-0, OT; John Bacci (Bec) dec. Mark Vanarelli (L), 6-5.

188—P. Cimicata (L), bye; Vic DellaTorre (RD) pin P. Coleman (We), 3:00; Dee Lander (Rwd) dec. Tom Larkin (Ruth), 5-4; Ed Dolan (PP) dec. Gary Poplaski (Bgf), 4-3; Ron Sacchi (NM) dec. John Van Slooten (FL), 4-2; John Giovannone (OT), bye; Howie Lindstrom (PH) pin John Shreshian (T), 1:05; Ed Doye (D) dec. Jeff Lomauro (PC), 10-0.

Hvy—John Lonks (Bgf), bye; Dave Laube (FL) pin Bob Schmidt (NM), 3:40; Tom Haines (Bec) pin Dave Hausman (We), 1:17; John Doyle (D) dec. Don Nicoletti (PC), 10-0; Russ Jones (T) pin Joe Ryan (RD), 3:59; Ron Dini (PH) pin Tim Morrone (L), 4:27; Joe D'Apolito (OT), bye, T. Bulson (WR) pin C. Smythe (Rwd), 5:15.

SECOND ROUND

101—Sardoni dec. O'Callahan, 8-1; Lewie dec. Worthington, 5-2; Miller pin Bava, 2:10; Shapiro won by default.

108—DeMarco dec. Marra, 7-0; Bottenfeld pin Regan, 1:15; Huppert dec. Paskalides, 10-2; Davis pin Eshelman, 3:18.

115—Simmonds pin Melone, 3:20; Dwyer dec. Goldblatt, 31-2; Markowitz pin Maute, 1:52; Rotolo dec. Santaite, 8-4, OT.

122—Driller dec. Leonetti, 13-4; Ferullo pin Paternoster, 4:09; DeLuca dec. Garcia, 10-0; Babitts dec. Knudsen, 13-0.

129—Wagner dec. Briese, 8-4; Jeon pin Martin, 0:36; Nacion dec. Zacccone, 20-6; Bates dec. Bayse, 14-4.

135—Cascio dec. Keurajian, 9-0; Jackson pin Wagner, 4:10; Rushworth pin Matuozzi, 1:31; Lavery pin Smith, 4:28.

141—Catalfo dec. Keurajian, 18-6; Lomio dec. Creamer, 10-2; Parrinello dec. Biango, 6-1; Carnevale dec. Adler, 9-7.

148—Place pin Maloney, 5:51; Dolphin dec. Taylor, 13-7; Rokeach dec. Golabek, 12-4; Heller dec. Inserra, 20-3.

158—Locketell pin Angioletti, 1:36; Pfeifer dec. Julog, 12-0; McCurdy dec. Collins, 12-1; Fortmuller dec. Ritenhouse, 7-1.

170—Guadagnino dec. Smith, 5-1; Greif dec. Zanussi, 16-5; Bessette pin Simpenderfer, 1:15; Bacci dec. Piccoli, 5-1.

188—DellaTorre pin Cimicata, 0:21; Lander dec. Dolan, 15-0; Giovannone dec. Sacchi, 4-0; Lindstrom pin Doyle, 2:34. Hvy.—Laube dec. Lonks, 7-1; Doyle pin Haines, 3:52; Dini pin Jones, 5:24; D'Apolito pin Bulson, 2:48.

QUARTERFINALS

101—Sardoni dec. Lewie, 5-1; Miller dec. Shapiro, 5-0.

108—DeMarco won by default; Davis pin Huppert, 1:19.

115—Dwyer dec. Simmonds, 13-3; Markowitz dec. Rotolo, 16-1.

122—Ferullo pin Driller, 1:28; Babitts pin DeLuca, 1:07.

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188—DellaTorre pin Lander, 3:03; Lindstrom pin Giovannone, 2:54.

Hvy.—Laube dec. Doyle, 10-1; Dini pin D'Apolito, 3:11.

Catalfo rolls despite 'disadvantage'

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HACKENSACK — Pins usually don't come easy in the championship round of a wrestling tournament. There were none Friday night in the finals of the Bergen County Holiday Tournament. But Chris Catalfo, Pascack Hills' 141-pounder, felt he was at a particular disadvantage.

"The refs don't let me use bars too much," said Catalfo, whose favorite pinning move involves barring [prying] his opponent's straightened arm behind the opponent's back. "That's how I made most of my pins last year. But they don't give it to me anymore."

So, deprived of the maneuver, Catalfo had to settle for a 15-0 decision over Joe Maio of Paramus. That victory, coupled with his four other wins in the tournament, was enough for Catalfo to be voted the most valuable wrestler for the second straight year.

His opponents undoubtedly can't feel much sympathy toward Catalfo, last year's 135-pound champ. Despite being forced to break three times for using a potentially-dangerous move, he still had an easy time in the final match. A reversal and predicament in the first 15 seconds of the second period gave Catalfo a commanding 6-0 lead, and he boosted that to 14-0 before the period was over.

His team's fifth straight Holiday Tournament crown was almost as simple. Pascack Hills had three champions out of five finalists—Catalfo, Bob Davis and Steve Bessette—and finished with 173½ points. North Bergen took second at 128½ with one champion, 129-pounder Lee Argush.

Paramus was blanked in three championship tries but still managed to

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shade Fair Lawn for third place, 115-144. The Cutters had two champions, Rick Babitts and Dave Laube. River Dell, with two champions (Mark Heller, Vic DellaTorre), took fifth place with 106½ points.

Hackensack, an 8-6-1 club last year, took sixth place on victories by Bill Nixon and Vito Errico.

Pascack Hills' triumph, coming before a crowd of about 1,700, wasn't surprising. But the complete absence of pins was, considering last year's finals contained four. Even Bessette, who had nailed his first four opponents this year in a combined time of six minutes, 40 seconds, could only outpoint Ramapo's Steve Cannon. Bessette won, 11-4, on a dandy second-period move that almost gave him a pin without first gaining

control.

Every championship match except 115 pounds was decided by the second period.

Fort Lee's 115-pounder, Don Balestri, trailed Gary Beyer of Pascack Valley, 3-2, and started on the bottom to open the third period. But he quickly used a turn-in for a reversal and picked up a penalty point on the move because Beyer had clasped his arms. That made the score 5-3, and Balestri went on to win, 6-4.

The only other encounter of the suspenseful kind was at 101, where District champion Leo Miller of Fair Lawn met Nixon, a district runnerup.

Nixon, who weighed 65 pounds as a freshman three years ago, twisted out of Miller's grasp for a 1-0 lead early in the second period. He caught Miller with a two-leg takedown 90 seconds later. Miller sat out for a third-period escape but could do no more, and Nixon won, 4-1.

Pascack Hills' Davis, the 101 champ last year, rallied from a 3-2 deficit with a half-nelson takedown and predicament and went on to beat Lyndhurst's Mike DeMarco, 11-3, for the 108-pound crown.

Babitts, a junior with the build of a greyhound, outmuscled North Bergen's Steve McMahon, 6-0, for the 122 crown, an encore to his 115 title last year.

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TEAM SCORING

Pascack Hills 173½, North Bergen 128½, Paramus 115, Fair Lawn 114, River Dell 106½, Hackensack 92½, Fort Lee 75½, Pascack Valley 55½, Saddle Brook 43, Ramapo 40½, Dumont 34, Old Tappan 32½, Bergen Catholic 28, Becton 27½, Lyndhurst 26, Ridgewood 25½, Bergenfield 24½, Teaneck 21, Bogota 20, Westwood 14, Paramus Catholic 14, Northern Highlands 12, Englewood 12, New Milford 8, Demarest 7, Palisades Park 5, Waldwick 3, Glen Rock 1, Rutherford -1, St. Joseph Regional -2, Leonia -26, Wood-Ridge -30.

SEMIFINAL ROUND

101—Leo Miller (FLn) dec. Mike Sardon (Bec), 6-2; Bill Nixon (H) dec. Bob Suriano (Par), 6-2.
108—Bob Davis (PH) dec. John Crowley (NB), 2-0, OT; Mike DeMarco (Ly) dec. Gary Pickett (SB), 8-2.
115—Gary Beyer (PV) dec. Steve Markowitz (T), 8-2; Don Balestri (FtL) dec. Mike Dwyer (RD), 9-6.
122—Steve McMahon (NB) dec. Lou Ferullo (Ruth), 7-1; Rick Babitts (FLn) pin Dave Weck (PV), 3:54.
129—Glenn Nacion (FLn) dec. Bob

Wagner (PP), 14-2; Lee Argush (NB) dec. Mike Collins (BC), 14-2.
135—Bob Lavery (PH) dec. Art Paladino (Par), 4-0; Dave Galdi (PV) dec. Jordan Jackson (Ruth), 15-0.
141—Chris Catalfo (PH) dec. Bob Parrinello (NM), 18-9; Joe Maio (Par) dec. Jim Strole (Dum), 9-1.
148—Bob Young (Par) dec. Ed Dolphin (NM), 7-0; Mark Heller (RD) dec. Bruce Haberli (PV), 18-1.
158—Tom Brulato (Par) dec. Hank Fortmuller (RD), 5-3, OT; Vito Errico (H) pin Jim Lockatelle (PH), 3:33.
170—Steve Bessette (PH) pin Ray Denti (NB), 1:40; Steve Cannon (Rpo) dec. Frank Guadagnino (FLn), 7-3.
188—Howie Lindstrom (PH) dec. Brian Young (FtL), 8-6; Vic DellaTorre (RD) won on default.
Hvy—Art Scotto (NB) pin Ron Dini (PH), 1:32; Dave Laube (FLn) dec. Jeff Sgro (H), 12-3.

CHAMPIONSHIP ROUND

101—Nixon dec. Miller, 4-1.
108—Davis dec. DeMarco, 11-3.
115—Balestri dec. Beyer, 6-4.
122—Babitts dec. McMahon, 6-0.
129—Argush dec. Nacion, 10-2.
135—Galdi dec. Lavery, 5-0.

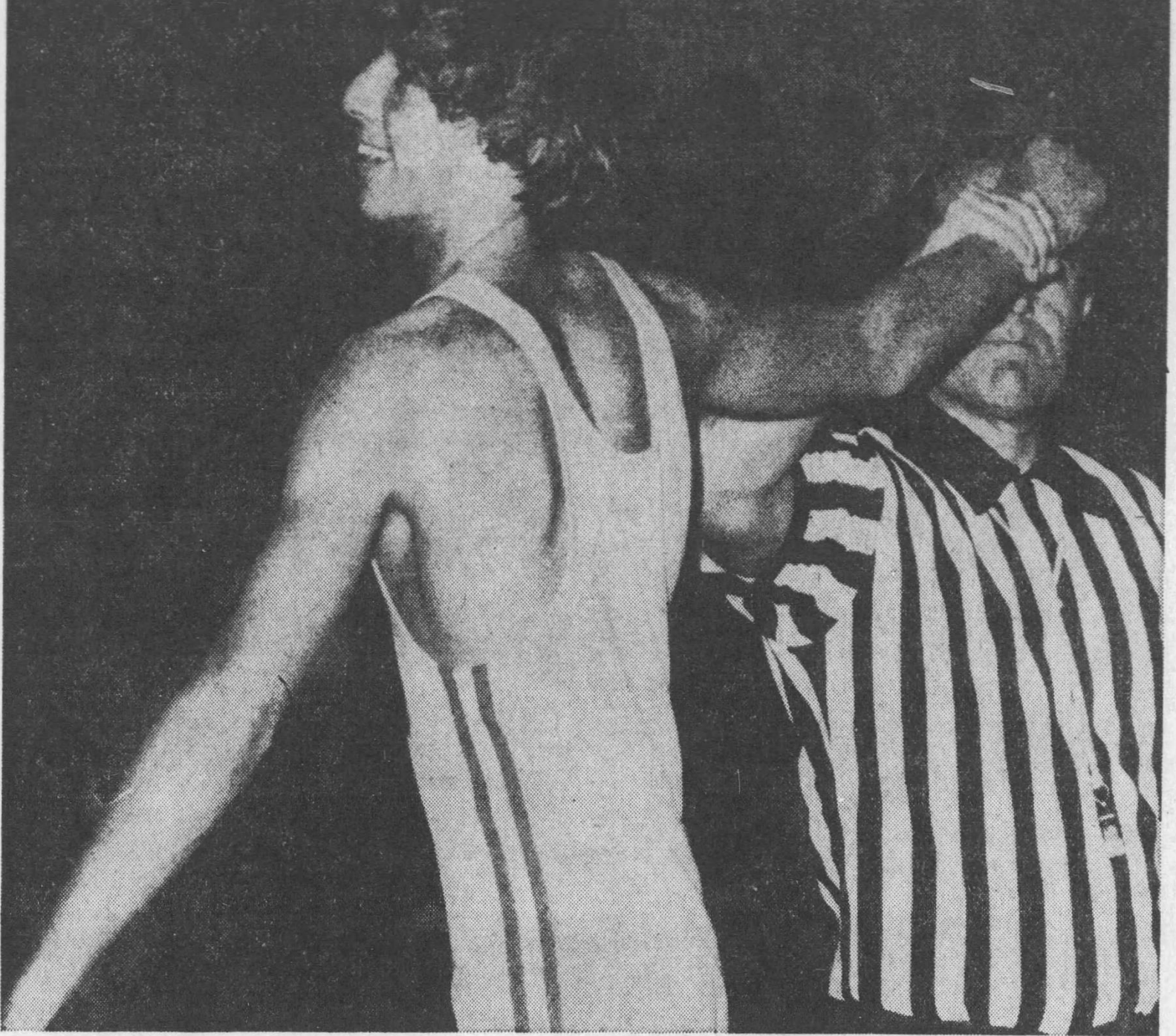
141—Catalfo dec. Maio, 15-0.
148—Heller dec. Young, 6-1.
158—Errico dec. Brulato, 7-2.
170—Bessette dec. Cannon, 11-4.
188—DellaTorre dec. Lindstrom, 10-3.
Hvy—Laube dec. Scotto, 5-2.

CONSOLATION ROUND

101—Suriano dec. Sardon, 2-0.
108—Crowley dec. Pickett, 3-0.
115—Markowitz won by forfeit.
122—Weck dec. Ferullo, 10-4.
129—Wagner dec. Collins, 7-5.
135—Jackson dec. Paladino, 4-3.
141—Strole dec. Parrinello, 12-6.
148—Haberli pin Dolphin, 2:29.
158—Fortmuller dec. Lockatelle, 12-7.
170—Guadagnino dec. Denti, 3-2.
188—Young won by forfeit.
Hvy—Sgro dec. Dini, 5-4.

*Teams receive 14 points for each first-place finish, 10 for second, seven for third and four for fourth. Teams receive two points for each pin, two points for each advancement, one point for each decision with 12 or more points for the winner and one-half point for each decision of at least eight points. Teams forfeit five points for each of the first two weight classes not entered and 10 points thereafter.

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Staff photo by James D'Alba

Ricky Babitts is a happy winner after the Fair Lawn junior outpointed North Bergen's Steve McMahon, 6-0.

Added weight agrees with River Dell ace

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HACKENSACK — "I don't know if I should say this," said Vic DellaTorre, "but I really weigh 176 pounds."

Now that isn't the confession of the century, but DellaTorre says he's been telling people he weighs 184. No matter — he wears his lack of weight well. The River Dell standout defeated a bona-fide 188-pounder, Pascack Hills' Howie Lindstrom, Friday night for his second consecutive Bergen County Holiday Wrestling Tournament title.

DellaTorre did it the hard way, moving up two weight classes from his 158-pound division of last year. Gaining two classes was much easier than gaining 30 pounds for DellaTorre.

His never-ending battle for bulk began last summer. "I lifted weights, I drank milkshakes. . . After football I weighed about 180. Then I started wrestling and I couldn't keep my weight up.

"Around tournament time you get nervous. You start forcing food

down, and it doesn't work. Lots of wrestlers say they aren't nervous, that it's not taking off any weight, but it does for me.

And the five matches get to you, both mentally and physically."

Lindstrom had pinned three opponents Thursday, then outpointed defending 188-pound champion Brian Young of Fort Lee to reach the final. But DellaTorre stayed close to the stomach of the Cowboy senior and away from the powerful legs of Lindstrom to score the first five points and win, 10-3.

So DellaTorre now returns to the enviable task of eating and eating. Why does he do it? "I like it up here," he says.

TOURNAMENT NOTES — Bill Savage, the coach of Paramus, said before the finals, "I'd rather have six finalists that don't win than one that does." He got half his wish: three finalists who didn't win — Joe Maio, Bob Young and Tom Brulato. But the trio's prior successes propelled the Spartans to a surprising third-place finish.

Chris Catalfo is the first wrestler to win back-to-back MVP awards in the 14 years they have been presented. Tom Husted (1975) is the only other Pascack Hills wrestler to have won it.

Pascack Hills' fifth straight title broke the mark of four straight held by Bergenfield (1965-8). The Bears, hit hard by graduation after finishing third in last year's holiday tournament, were eliminated in Thursday night's quarterfinals and wound up in 17th place, with 24½ points.

Pascack Valley's Dave Galdi has a good memory to go with his 135-pound title. After blanking Pascack Hills' Bob Lavery, 5-0, Galdi remembered that they had met twice before, as sophomores two years ago. "I beat him 13-5, and he beat me 4-2," Galdi said. "I felt I had control of him [tonight]."

—JOEL PISETZNER



Vic DellaTorre