

# Bergenfield tourney draws 16 mat squads

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Holiday wrestling tournament action resumes tomorrow with three more tournaments getting under way, including the largest and oldest of them all—the Bergen County Coaches competition at Bergenfield High.

Action in the 13th annual affair, which will feature full teams from 16 invited schools, starts at 12 noon. It will continue throughout the day with quarterfinal round bouts at 8 tomorrow night. Several mats will be used for the early rounds and consolation bouts. The tourney finals Thursday night will be on one mat.

Also listed for tomorrow are two eight-school tournaments, one at Park Ridge and the other at Bogota. The Bogota competition also starts at noon, with the one at Park Ridge beginning at 6 p.m. Park Ridge will have its second round Thursday afternoon and consolation and finals that night. Bogota will get down to the consolation (third place) and championship rounds the first day, and have only one session Thursday night.

A fourth tourney is scheduled for Saturday at Dumont. This will be a four-school affair starting at 1 p.m., with the consolation and finals starting at 7 o'clock.

## Host team defends

Bergenfield is the defending team champion in the Coaches' meet. Alex Turnamian's Bears ended Pascack Valley's two-year reign in the meet at Passaic Valley High a year ago. Previously Bergenfield

had won a record four straight titles under Sal Cascio. Teaneck Hackensack and East Paterson are the only other schools to have won team titles.

The Bears also have won the most individual championships in past meets with 20, one more than Pascack Valley matmen have garnered. Fair Lawn has won 13 and Teaneck 10 individual titles.

Several boys successful in last year's tournament will be back. One is Alvin Walker of Englewood, voted the outstanding wrestler in the 1971 competition. Walker is moving up from the 106 to 115-pound class where Jack Grimaldi, the 1971 champion at that weight, returns. Grimaldi has been given the No. 1 seed and Walker No. 2.

This is one of the most competitive weight divisions in the tournament, for Chris Bove of Ridgewood and John Viscardi of Hackensack, both district champions a year ago, are entered. Bove got the third seed and Viscardi No. 4.

Tim Rooney of Bergenfield is a returning district champion in the 98-pound class and Scott Furman of Pascack Hills, the 1971 state champion at 98 pounds, is now wrestling at 106. As they are the only returning district champions at their weights, there is no seeding in either class.

There are two returning district champions in the 136-pound division. Neil Della Torre of River Dell and Bob McAleese of Saddle Brook are in that division. in opposite halves of the draw

Jeff Boyd, a returning regional champion from Westwood, is top seeded and Frank Bitetto of Hackensack rated No. 2 in the 157-pound competition.

There are two outstanding unlimited wrestlers returning, with Mike Murburg of Old Tappan, runner-up in the state championships last year, in one half of the draw and Ted Klaube of North Bergen in the other.

There are no seeds in any other weight classes.

Bill Powley of Teaneck is tournament director. Officials will be Frank Bennett, Stan Thornton, Robert Dickstein, Spike Israel, Louis Jasmine and William Quinn.

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**BERGENFIELD** — Westwood and Passaic Valley were tied at 25½ points each following the opening two rounds of the 13th annual Bergen County Coaches Association Holiday Wrestling tournament at Bergenfield High last night. But Westwood advanced seven competitors into today's semifinal round, scheduled for noon, compared to six for the Little Falls school.

Hackensack, also with six survivors of the hectic action held on three mats before standing room crowds, was very much in contention with 23½ points, while Bergenfield was fourth with 17½ but with only four semifinalists.

The other 12 schools in the field seemed out of title contention, although 14 schools still have at least one grappler in the running for individual honors.

The tournament concludes tonight. Following the semifinals at noon, consolation bouts for third place will get underway at 7 p. m. and the championship bouts at 8 o'clock.

Tournament officials had indicated they will limit the attendance to 1,000.

A number of pre-tourney favorites will not be seen in competition today. Alvin Walker of Englewood, the tourney's "outstanding wrestler" award winner a year ago, was scratched because of personal problems. Mike Murburg of Old Tappan, the 6-5, 265-pound heavyweight who won the silver medal in the state meet at Princeton last year, was side-

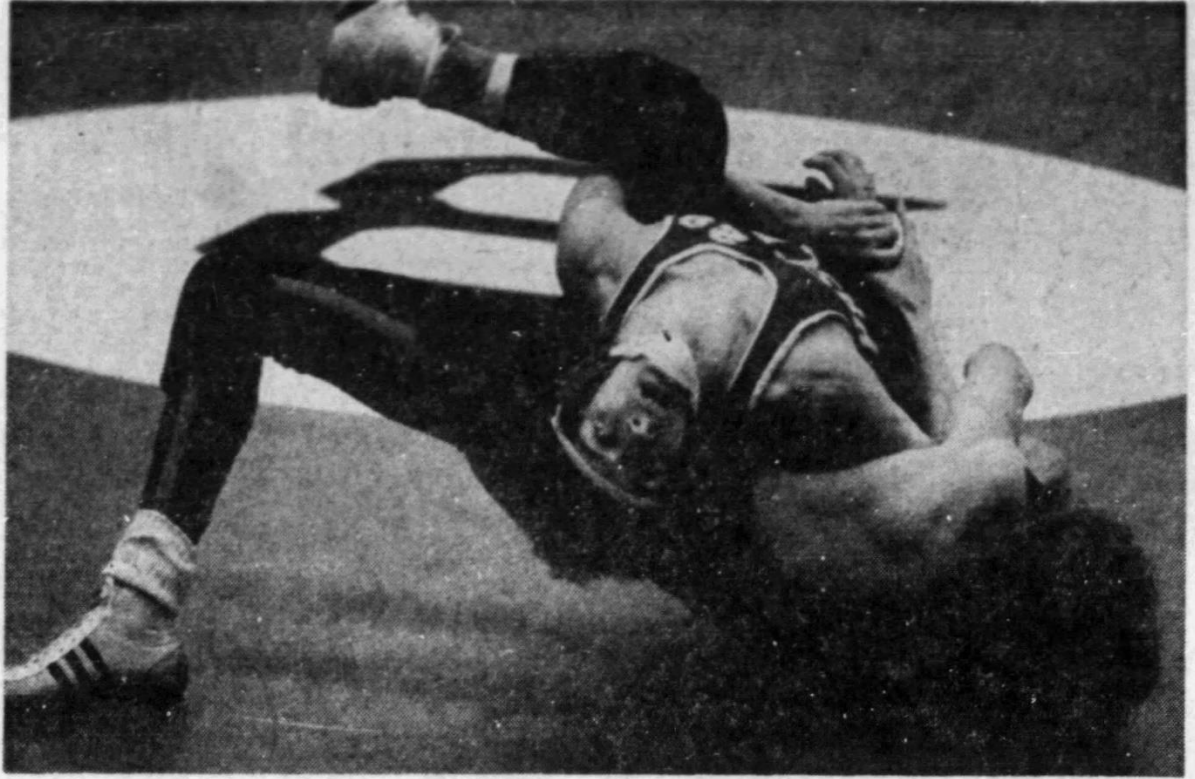
lined because of a shoulder injury received in practice. And North Bergen's highly regarded heavyweight Ted Klaube also missed the tourney because of an injury not connected with wrestling.

The fastest of the numerous pins turned in during the day was recorded by Chris Bove of Ridgewood when he won his opening bout at 115 pounds in

25 seconds at the expense of Tim Sappath of Pascack Hills. Bove also pinned his man in the second round but it took him 5:52 to dispose of Mauri Manzi of Saddle Brook.

Scott Furman of Pascack Hills, the 96-pound state champion a year ago, picked up a pair of quick pins, while Jack Grimaldi of Bergenfield, another of the All-Bergen wres-

tlers in the competition, scored a pin and a shutout victory in his matches. Both have moved up one weight class.



Staff Photo by Dan Oliver

**DOUBLE TROUBLE** — Although neither appears to have an edge in this photo, Dave Irwin of Old Tappan (bottom) de-

cisioned Scott Simpson of Pascack Valley, 6-2, in second round bout of Coaches' wrestling tourney yesterday.



# Bergenfield

## FIRST ROUND

98 pounds

Tony Miller (E) pin Tim Ritchie (SB), 4:28; Steve Burton (PkV) dec. Bernie O'Malley (T), 8-0; Jim Kougasian (Pa) dec. Karl Meyers (FL) 6-5; Jim Keough (W) dec. Chet Golembiewski (PH) 7-0; Tim Rooney (B) dec. Mike DeKiso (NB) 5-2; Jim Bush (PsV) dec. Arthur Kulo (RD) 15-2; Fran Coviello (OT) won by default; and Fernando Forero (H) dec. Don Bowe (R), 5-1.

106 pounds

Scott Furman (PH) pin Ken Greer (H) 2:31; Doug Michelli (NM) pin Jon Davis (OT) 1:15; Joe Franks (SB) pin Keith Cassidy (R) 3:25; Mark Pollack (FL), bye; Ted Davis (W) pin Inqman (NB) 3:16; Rich Weiss (Rd) dec. Bob Lindsay 5-0; Bob Hopkins (B) pin Mitch Lester (E) 1:55, Art Seamay (PkV) bye.

115 pounds

Jack Grimaldi (B) pin Joe Warner (PSV) 2:52, Kevin Knudsen (SB) pin Rich Spath (T) 2:54, Ron DiCola (PsV) pin Hilleson (E) 3:19; John MacGregor (PH) dec. Larry Flach (PH) 6-0, John Viscardi (H) pin Tom Teta (NB) 3:58; Mauri Manzi (FL) pin Kevin Klumek (SB) 3:36, and Chris Bowe (R) pin Tim Sappath (PH) 0:25.

123 pounds

Ben Benvenuti (PsV) pin Ray Milazzo (FL) 2:26, John Dolch (T) dec. Bill Reilly (Pa) 9-3, Scott Simpson (PkV) dec. Tony DiVincent (NB) 5-0, Dave Irwin (OT) dec. Paul Anodide (RD), 6-0, Bob Sellarole (H) pin Cliff Mitchell (NM) 5:18, Arnando Fernandez (B) pin Frank Sabach (E) 3:53, Bob Vogler (W) pin Pat Montalbano (PH) 5:49, and Tom Carafello (SB) pin John McKeown (R) 1:46.

130 pounds

Bill Fisher (NB) pin Jon Roberts (OT) 5:06, Mike Elliott (RD) dec. Dave Volpe 1-0, Mike Hogan (H) dec. Tom Spath (W) 9-3, John Worthington (PH) pin Tom Rossi (PkV) 4:55, Brian Nuss (FL) dec. Mark Towers 8-2, Stuart Trott (E) pin

Bob Krammer (T) 0:30, Steve Stallman (NM) dec. Cliff Adams (PA) 9-1 and Pete Cooper (R) dec. Bill Kyse (SB) 6-5.

136 pounds

Bill Beresford (PsV) pin Ralph Bryant (FL) 2:31, Dan Foley (B) pin Don Bordonaro (E) 1:26, Neil Della Torre (RD) bye, Jim Miehle (Pa) dec. Tony Genantonio (T) 3-2, Wayne Arrighi (NB) dec. Chris Ferraro (R), Jeff Allen (SB) dec. John Azzolino (W) 8-5, Bob McAleese (SB) dec. Rich Rausa (OT) and Daryl Alston (H) pin Peter Bradshaw (PkV) 3:16.

141 pounds

Bill McKellar (PkV) dec. Scott Whitney (T) 8-0, Mike O'Rourke (H) dec. Jack Herman (SB) 5-1, Tony Azzolino (W) pin Bruce Smith (PH) 3:07, Chris Koenig (Pa) dec. Jeff Ryan (R) 12-0, Al Lyons (OT) won by default over Howard Walker (E) in OT, Kevin Carlisle (RD) dec. Jim White (NM) 4-3, Tom Fracciola (NB) pin Mike Riether (FL) 4:41, and Gary Novak (B) dec. Mark Stanek (PsV) 8-6.

148 pounds

Vic Santalla (PsV) dec. Gary LeClare (OT) 3-2, Russ Lizzoli (W) pin Steve Odee (SB) 1:00, George Markos (RD) pin Steve Caruso (R) 2:46, Allen Andrews (T) dec. Tom Cervino (NM) 5-3, Dave Demarest (PkV) dec. Fred Grevious (E) 5-0, Fred Esser (FL) dec. Marty Gavin (B) 8-1, Frank DiMatteo (H) pin Harold Chamharry (NB) 1:13, and Kevin Silverang (Pa) pin Steve Chapman 3:53.

157 pounds

Jeff Boyd (W) dec. Bill McBurnie (FL) 11-0, Don Guarciello (NB) dec. Bob Tyson (OT) 3-2, Tim Donohue (PsV) John Jovner (RD) 5-3, John Lindstrom (PH) dec. John Carroll (NM) 4-3, Brian Collier (PkV) dec. John O'Dowd (B) 1-0, Ken Studer (SB) pin Thorn Bertrano (R) 3:24, Charlie Trippeda (T) pin Steve Holmes (E) 4:49 and Frank Bitetto (H) pin Frank Pedorvillano (Pa) 3:57.

168 pounds

Bob Kenny (PkV) dec. Ron Leonardo (H) 10-3, Jim White (RD) dec. Dave Perry (R) 11-0, Bruce Chinery (T) dec. Gary Wilson (Pa) 6-1, John Lonsky (PsV) pin

Mike Averbach (FL) 2:51, Jim Hoah (B) dec. Ron Hanna (E) 11-0, Bruce Lindstrom (PH) dec. Russ Schmaltz (SB) 6-5, Paul Jambor (W) pin Jeff Kaplan (NB) 3:07, and Bill Barbieri (OT) dec. Bob Friedman (NM) 6-3.

**178 Pounds**

Bob Fritz (B) dec. Jerry Mulligan (T) 6-3, Paul Marion (FL) pin Chris Przpowski (E) 2:29, Don O'Leary (NM) dec. Chuck Fraham (PkV) 7-0, Glenn Ax (Pa) pin Kevin Cronin (R) 3:19, Robin Osborne (W) pin Nick Bouhoutsos (NB) 1:40, Steve Sposa (OT) dec. Pete Mora (H) 9-0, and Brian Donahue (PsV) pin Gary Schwander (RD) 5:52.

**Unlimited**

Bruce Klein (H) dec. Karl Szabo (W) 14-4, John Murburg (OT) pin Ken Savage (B) 2:35, Mike Muller (RD) dec. Steve Fletcher (PH) 5-3, John Garcia (PsV) pin Steve Rendine (T) 0:48, John Tate (NB) pin Alan Bell (FL) 4:16, Art Brierly (R) dec. John Posluszny (SB) 7-2, Jim Byrnes (NM) pin Joe Ozer (E) 3:44 and Joe Mahfouz (Pa) dec. Bill Eckerson (PkV) 5-1.

**QUARTERFINALS**

**98 Pounds**

Burton dec. Miller, 8-3; Keough pin Kouqasian 3:38; Rooney dec. Bush 5-0, and Ferero dec. Coviello 4-2.

**106 Pounds**

Furman pin Michelli 1:10; Franks dec. Pollack 5-0; Davis dec. Weiss 7-0, and Hopkins pin Seamay 0:39.

**115 Pounds**

Grimaldi dec. Knudsen 7-0; DiCola dec. MacGregor 14-6; Viscardi dec. Anstatt 8-5, and Bowe pin Manzi 5:32.

**123 Pounds**

Benvenuti dec. Dolch 8-3; Irwin dec. Simpson 6-2; Sellarole dec. Fernandez 7-1, and Vogler dec. Carafello 5-3.

**130 Pounds**

Elliott dec. Fisher 6-2; Hodan pin Worthington 3:41; Nuss dc. Trott 6-2, and Stallman dec. Cooper 8-0.

**136 Pounds**

Beresford dec. Foley 10-4; DellaTorre dec. Miehle 4-0; Allen dec. Arrichi 3-2, and McAleese pin Alston 2:56.

**141 Pounds**

McKellar won over O'Rourke by default; Azzollino pin Koenig 5:32; Carlisle dec. Lyons 3-0, and Novack dec. Facciola 7-2.

**148 Pounds**

Santalla pin Lizzoli 4:43; Markos dec. Andrews 7-0; Demarest dec. Esser 2-1, and DiMatteo pin Silverang 5:28.

**157 Pounds**

Bovd pin Guarciello 1:38; T. Donahue pin Lindstrom 3:29; Collier dec. Studer 3-2, and Trippeda dec. Bifetto 5-3.

**168 Pounds**

Kenny pin White 5:32; Lonsky dec. Chinery 5-0; Lindstrom dec. Hoah 5-4, and Jambor pin Barbieri 3:07.

**178 Pounds**

Marion dec. Fritz 18-0; Sufera dec. O'Leary 5-0; Osborne dec. Ax 4-0, OT, and Sposa pin B. Donahue 3:55.

**Unlimited**

Klein pin J. Murburg 4:56; Muller dec. Garcia 6-3; Prierly pin Tate 1:53, and Mahfouz pin Byrnes 3:57.

**TEAM SCORES**

Passaic Valley 25½, Westwood 25½, Hackensack 23½, Bergenfield 17½, River Dell 14½, Saddle Brook 13, Pascack Val-

ley 13, Pascack Hills 12, Old Tappan 10, Fair Lawn 8½, North Bergen 8, Ridgewood 6, Paramus 5½, Teaneck 6, Englewood 4 and New Milford -13.



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# Westwood garners Bergen mat title

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BERGENFIELD. — Westwood High joined the big boys in Bergen County wrestling circles last night when John Kane's well-balanced team walked off with championship honors in the 13th annual Bergen County Coaches' Holiday Wrestling Festival.

The Cardinals, who have been competing in the tournament for the past six years, won the title for the first time with 92½ points, far outdistancing the rest of the field.

Co-favorite Hackensack was second with 65½ and Passaic Valley third with 56½.

Westwood practically clinched the title during the semifinals by placing six wrestlers in the finals. Four Cardinals won gold medals last night and Jeff Boyd also took home the "outstanding wrestler" trophy.

Boyd dominated the 157 division as no other wrestler handled his weight class. He scored two pins and two shut-out decisions, one by 11-0 and the other by 7-0. The latter was the score of the final round bout against Charlie Trippeda of Teaneck. Trippeda also was a losing finalist a year ago when he competed at 178 pounds.

Hackensack was the only other school to win more than one championship, capturing a pair. Passaic Valley, Bergenfield, Pascaek Valley, Pascaek Hills and New Milford each won one gold.

The championship clinching came in the first title bout when Jim Keough, a 15-year-old freshman, edged Tim Rooney of Bergenfield, 3-2, for the 98-pound title. Keough showed the results of the clinic program Kane has installed in the Westwood system in the lower schools for he had all the moves—and surprising strength as well—to cope with Rooney, a senior with three years of experience in scholastic competition.

Scott Furman, the state champion at 98 pounds a year ago who has moved up one weight class this year, met surprising opposition from Ted Davis, a Westwood junior, before winning a 5-0 decision. The Pascaek Hills veteran was in command all the time, but was unable to come close to a pin. He had won his first three bouts by falls in 2:31 or less.

Jack Grimaldi of Bergenfield, another All-County wrestler last year and defending champion at 115 pounds, also had to battle to win, 8-3, over John Viscardi. Another repeater was Steve Stallman of New

Milford, who moved up from the 123-pound class to win at 130 pounds over Hackensack's Mike Hogan, 2-0.

One of the better final bouts was at 136 pounds where Neil Della Torre of River Dell barely edged Bob McAleese of Saddle Brook, 5-4. Another action bout was in the 148-pound division in which Vic Santella of Passaic Valley bested Hackensack's Frank DiMatteo, 6-4, with the aid of a penalty point and riding time. DiMatteo lost his temper for a spell, as well as the match.

One of the most satisfied of all the 192 matmen in the tournament today is Westwood's Paul Jambor. Although he had to compete most of last year in the unlimited division because of the personnel makeup of the Cardinals, he won the 168-pound title.

Robin Osborne accounted for the fourth Westwood title in the 178-pound division, while Klein gave Hackensack its second in the heavyweight class, 1-0.

Dave Irwin of Old Tappan at 123 pounds and Bill McKellar of Pascaek Valley at 141 were the other champions crowned last night.



# Bergenfield Summaries

## SEMIFINALS

### 98 Pounds

Jim Keough (W) pin Steve Burton (PkV) 2:57; Tim Rooney (B) dec. Fernando Forero (H) 12-0.

### 106 Pounds

Scott Furman (PH) pin Joe Franks (SB) 2:10; Ted Davis (W) dec. Bob Hopkins (B) 4-0.

### 115 Pounds

Jack Grimaldi (B) dec. Ron DiCola (PsV) 11-0; John Viscardi (H) pin Chris Bowe (R) 3:50.

### 123 Pounds

Dave Irwin (OT) dec. Ben Benvenuti (PsV) 2-1; Bob Vogler (W) dec. Bob Sellarole (H) 3-1.

### 130 Pounds

Mike Hogan (H) dec. Mike Elliott (RD) 8-2; Steve Stallman (NM) def. Brian Nuss (FL) 4-3.

### 136 Pounds

Neil DellaTorre (RD) dec. Bill Beresford (PsV) 7-2; Bob McAleese (SB) pin Jeff Allen (PH) 3:45.

### 141 Pounds

Bill McKellar (PkV) dec. Tony Azzolino (W) 5-0; Kevin Carlisle (RD) dec. Gary Novack (B) 5-2.

### 148 Pounds

Vic Santalla (PsV) dec. George Markos (RD) 5-0; Frank DiMatteo (H) dec. Dave Demarest (PkV) 6-0.

### 157 Pounds

Jeff Boyd (W) pin Tim Donahue (PsV) 2:49; Charlie Trippeda (T) dec. Brian Collier (PkV) 3-1.

### 168 Pounds

John Lonsky (PsV) dec. Bob Kenny (PkV) 5-3; Paul Jambor (W) pin Bruce Lindstrom (PH) 3:08.

## 178 Pounds

Paul Marion (FL) dec. Jim Sutera (SB) 13-3 OT; Robin Osborne (W) dec. Steve Sposa (OT) 2-0.

## Unlimited

Joe Mahfouz (Pa) dec. Art Brierly (R) 5-0; Bruce Klein (H) dec. Mike Muller (RD) 3-1.

## CONSOLATIONS

98—Forero dec. Burton 5-2.  
106—Hopkins dec. Franks 2-0.  
115—Bowe dec. DiCola 11-0.  
123—Benvenuti dec. Sellarole 6-5.  
130—Elliott dec. Nuss 7-1 (OT)  
136—Allen dec. Beresford 7-0.  
141—Azzolino dec. Novack 4-1.  
148—Demarest dec. Markos 11-2.  
157—Donahue dec. Collier 7-2.  
168—Kenny dec. Lindstrom 11-2.  
178—Sutera dec. Sposa 5-2.  
Unlim.—Muller dec. Brierly 5-3.

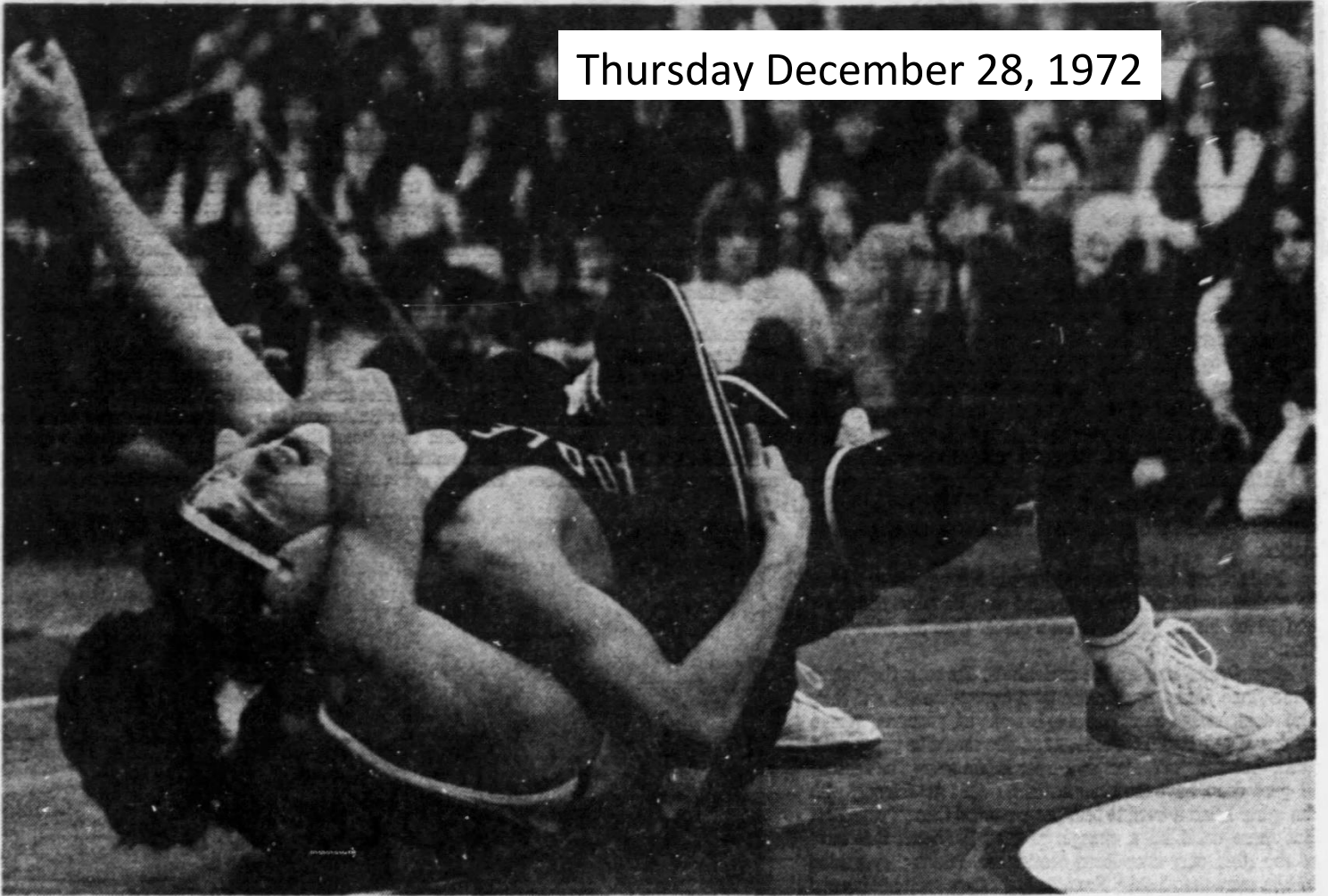
## CHAMPIONSHIPS

98—Keough dec. Rooney 3-2.  
106—Furman dec. Davis 5-0.  
115—Grimaldi dec. Viscardi 8-3.  
123—Irwin dec. Vogler 5-0.  
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136—Della Torre dec. McAleese 5-4.  
141—McKellar dec. Carlisle 4-0.  
148—Santalla dec. DiMatteo 6-4.  
157—Boyd dec. Trippeda 7-0.  
168—Jambor dec. Lonsky 11-5.  
178—Osborne dec. Marion 10-5.  
Unlim.—Klein dec. Mahfaux 1-0.

## TEAM SCORES

Westwood 92½, Hackensack 65½, Pascack Valley 56½, Bergenfield 43½, River Dell 43½, Pascack Valley 36, Pascack Hills 30, Saddle Brook 28, Old Tappan 23, Fair Lawn 19, Paramus 14½, Ridgewood 14½, Teaneck 14, North Bergen 8, Englewood 4 and New Milford -1.

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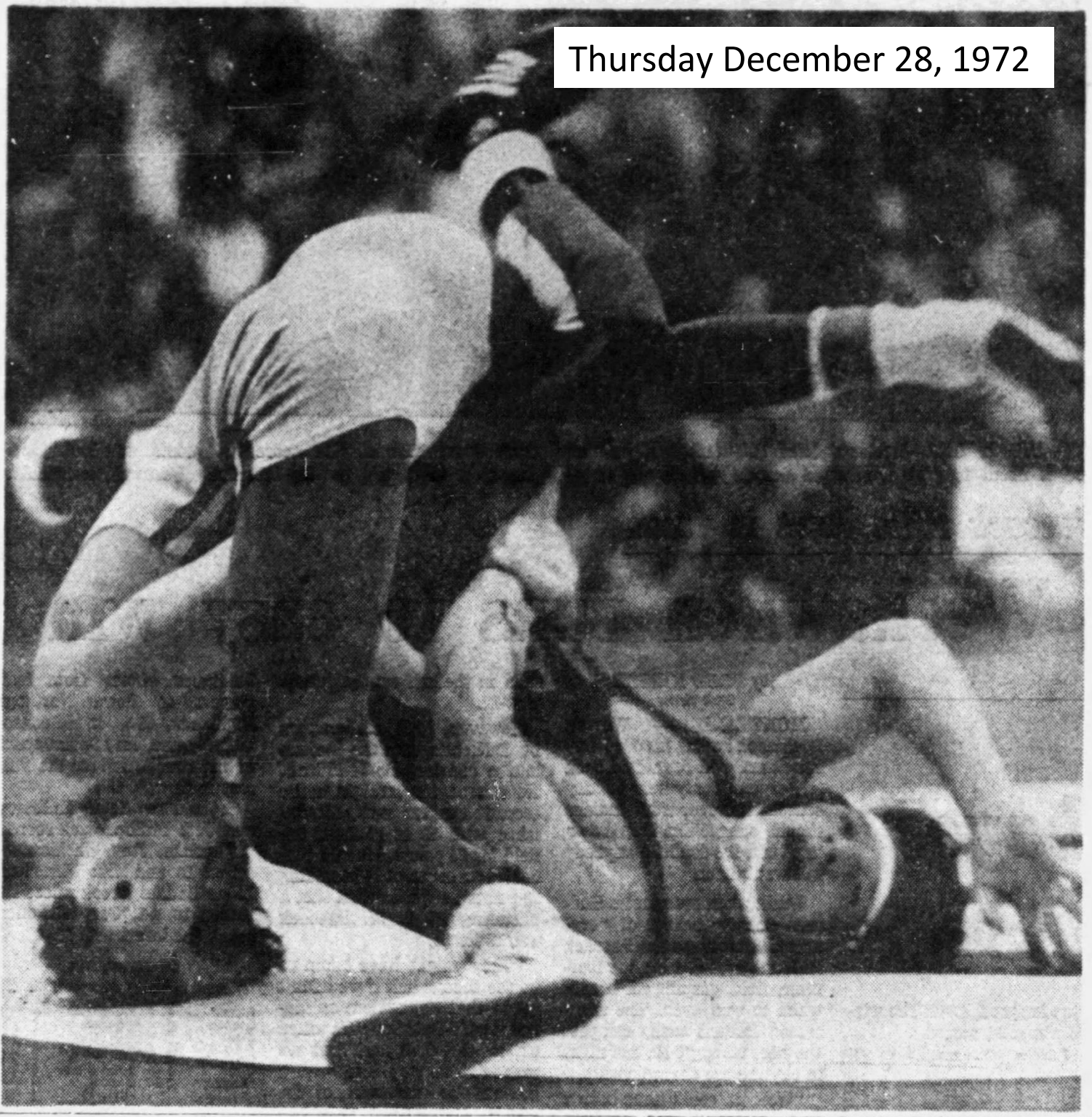
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## *Topsy ... and turvy*

Neil Della Torre of River Dell got out from under (top photo) to nip Bob McAleese of Saddle Brook for 136-pound title in Bergen

Coaches' tourney last night. And in lower photo Jack Grimaldi of Bergenfield (on back) reverses Hackensack's John Viscari.

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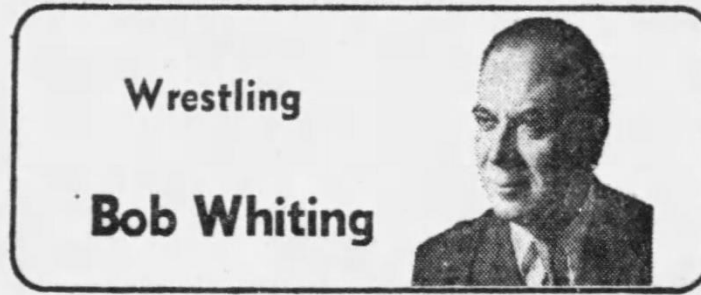




# Coaches honor Jess Jones

EACH YEAR for the past several tournaments someone who has made a major contribution to scholastic wrestling in Bergen County has been singled out by the Bergen County Coaches Association to receive an award of special merit. The recipient of the 1972 award just prior to the opening bouts in the championship round at Bergenfield High last night was Jess W. Jones.

Born and educated in Pennsylvania where he excelled in football and wrestling, Jones



came to Leonia after a World War 2 career in the Air Corp. and introduced wrestling at that school. He taught and coached wrestling there from 1946 through 1951 at a time when only four Bergen schools were represented in that sport. The others were Teaneck, Lodi and Fair Lawn. The number of wrestling teams in Bergen has now grown to more than 50.

Jones had fine success at Leonia, turning out many district champions and two state champions during his tenure. No longer coaching, or even in the teaching profession, Jones returned to Bergen County for this year's tournament. He should get a great deal of personal satisfaction from the coaches' tournament.

**WRESTLING** has long since come into its own as a major sport in New Jersey high schools, with more than 280 now conducting programs on a varsity level. This is a long stride forward since a half dozen or so schools succeeding in gaining recognition with the first state championship tournament in 1934.

During the early years of wrestling competition, the rural schools, possibly because they were not competitive with the city schools in basketball, dominated the scene. Newton, for example, won 12 team titles prior to the elimination of an overall state title in 1961. Union with five titles and Teaneck and Washington with four each were Newton's closest

competitors. Roselle Park had three team trophies.

In 1961 the New Jersey State Interscholastic A.A. ended the awarding of state team championships as the entry list grew so much that regional championships were substituted. Championships are still awarded on an individual basis, however.

Once again, athletes from the rural and suburban schools hold an edge in gold medals. Newton matmen have made a harvest of 79 gold medals alone. Union (39) and Washington (37) are its closest rivals. Teaneck is Bergen's top hoarder of the gold with 27, tying Roselle Park for the No. 4 spot. Other Bergen schools with good representation are Leonia (8), Fair Lawn (5) and Bergenfield (4). Cliffside Park and Pascack Hills, with two each, are the only other Bergen schools with more than

one individual state winner down through the years.

**BERGENFIELD'S** Ed Kochakji is one of only two athletes who have ever been acclaimed the "outstanding wrestler" in two state meets. He shares that honor with Gerald Nisiyocchia of J.P. Stevens, who was a two-time winner in 1970-71. Kochakji won his titles in 1967-68. Other Bergen winners of that award have been Dennis Sullivan of Leonia in 1951, and Ray Reichert (1957) and Kerin Raftery (1963), both of Fair Lawn.

Only seven athletes have been three-time state champions, and two of them are former Bergen aces. They are Kochakji from 1966-68 and Robert Moone (Teaneck) from 1939-41. Moone was the first ever in that category. Four of the remaining five have been from Newton and the final one was Mike Frick of Pope John in Sparta, the "outstanding" matman of 1972. Frick came the closest to bring a four-time winner. He won at 98 pounds the closest to being a four-time a sophomore although he did make the state playoffs at Princeton, and then won in 1971 (at 115) and completed his schoolboy career as the 123-pound champion last March. He's now a freshman at Lehigh.