

# Trophy named after Tashian

Paul Tashian is remembered in Bergen County athletic circles as an outstanding football player and wrestler at Paramus High School and as a by-the-book wrestling official.

Always open to a challenge, Tashian told his wrestling coach, Pete Newell, he would wrestle at any weight Newell suggested. He was so able at officiating he continually was invited to work the matches at the Bergen County Wrestling Tournament, which begins tomorrow at Hackensack High School.

The Bergen County Coaches Association plans to keep the memory of Tashian alive by naming its outstanding

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wrestler trophy after him. Tashian died of cancer last summer at the age of 37, leaving a wife and two children.

# Fair Lawn has point edge in Bergen event

Pascack Hills  
in second spot

By Ron Fox  
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HACKENSACK — The Bergen County Coaches Association Wrestling Tournament is a crowd pleaser because, for the first time in years, the team title is up for grabs going into the second and final day. But a master of ceremonies is needed to introduce the new faces who are dictating the action.

A case in point is 115-pounder Ron Holzberg, a late arrival to stardom

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at Fair Lawn. "I wrestled part-varsity last year, but I lost more than I won," said the tournament's biggest surprise. "I'm a senior now and a tricaptain, so I guessed it was time to make a name for myself."

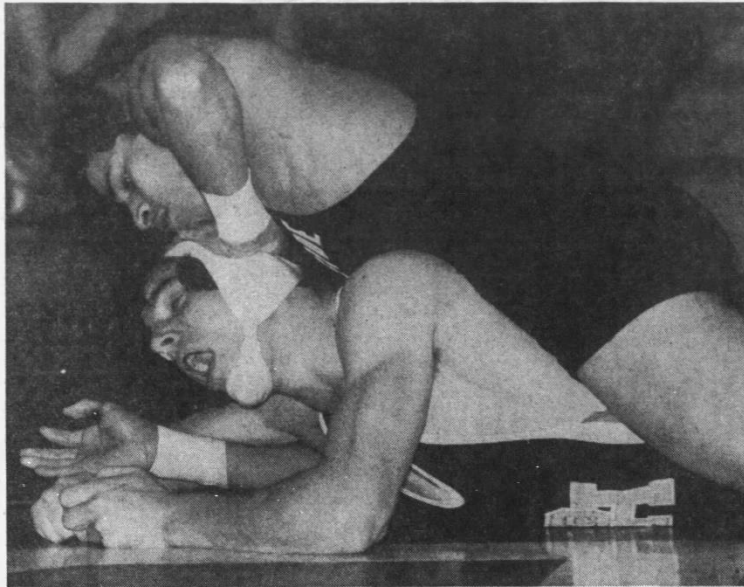
Holzberg did so quickly, defeating Joe Ianiro of Ramsey, among the favorites in the class, with a 13-9 decision in the first of yesterday's three rounds. Holzberg's win ignited Fair Lawn's surprising rush to the top of the pack. The Cutters had a 105 ½-100 lead over perennial winner Pascack Hills in the team race.

"When I drew Ianiro's name, I was pretty down," said Holzberg, "but I figured I'm here for a reason, so I'd better do my best."

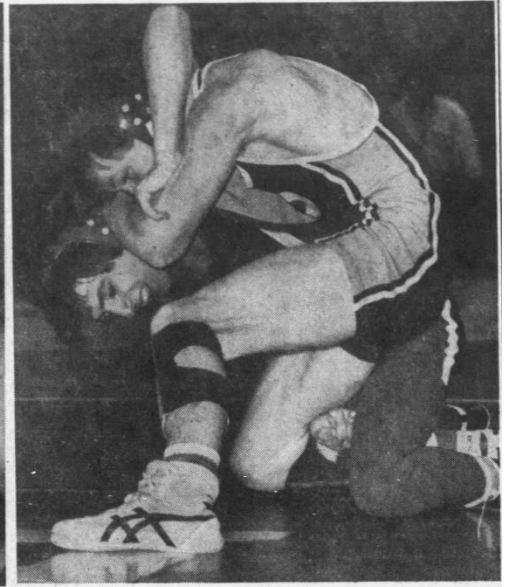
He used mostly arm bars in that bout, won a 14-3 decision over Dave Handschin of Hackensack in the afternoon, and shocked the crowd again in his evening bout, rallying from a 6-1 deficit to pin North Bergen's Rob McMahon. He did it in veteran style. "He was riding me a little too high, so I just whipped him over and pinned him with a half-nelson," explained Holzberg, who surprised even himself with his sudden mat savvy.

The two team leaders and Bergen Catholic each have four wrestlers in this afternoon's semifinals. Bergenfield, Westwood, and surprising Ramsey, even after the upset of Ianiro, have three apiece.

The tournament was so tight going



Nelson Thomas of Pascack Hills finds that wrestling Cliffside Park's Marc Cabrera is a real headache. Cabrera won, 5-3.



Ron Guerra of Northern Highlands, rear, fights off an escape attempt by Mike Pyle of Paramus.

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into last night's quarterfinals that 30 of the original 32 teams had wrestlers alive after two rounds. At that point Fair Lawn led Pascack Hills, 75-70, with Cliffside Park third at 66, followed by Dumont's 65 ½, Bergenfield's 62, Westwood's 61, and Indian Hills's 60 ½.

But Cliffside fell out of contention when Marc Cabrera was the only one of four Raiders to survive the quarterfinals. Dumont dropped four of its six bouts and Bergenfield lost three of six, and Indian Hills three of five. Westwood advanced three of five, but still fell 10 points further back. BC shot from eighth to third place with 86 ½ points when its quartet of Jeff DiCocco, Paul Wiegartner, Tim Doherty, and Doug Pilatowski advanced.

The rise of Fair Lawn was a relief to new coach Vinnie O'Brien. The

Cutters had wrestled against several State powers in the Hunterdon Tournament last week and finished sixth of eight teams. "That could have hurt their confidence," O'Brien said, "but it seems they all salvaged something and now they believe in themselves."

The confidence showed last night with Holzberg's win, a late pin by Bill Juchnewich at 148 pounds, and an impressive 8-0 decision by an aggressive Rich Dougan over Hackensack's 170-pound standout Anthony Iozzia. Dougan, who skipped wrestling last year, showed nimble footwork and threw in a sharp cross-face cradle to aid the Cutters' rise.

Harrison had only one champion in the Midland Park Tournament, 126-pound Rolly Rodriguez, but held on to edge St. Peter's for the team title, 118-114 ½. The runners-up had four

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#### TEAM SCORES

Fair Lawn 105½, Pascack Hills 100, Bergen Catholic 86½, Westwood 81, Bergenfield 80½, Dumont 77½, Indian Hills 74½, Cliffside Park 72, Saddle Brook 63, Ramsey 62, Hackensack 61½, Bogota 60½, Paramus 58½, Ramapo 57, River Dell 54½, New Milford 54, Palisades Park and St. Joseph 51½, Paramus Catholic and Pascack Valley 49, Park Ridge 44½, Fort Lee 44, Demarest 43½, Lyndhurst 40½, Englewood 40, Ridgefield Park 33½, Ridgefield 32, Rutherford 30½, Old Tappan 25½, Cresskill 20.

#### PRELIMINARIES

100 — Eric Plarre, Ramapo, bye; Joe Thompson, Fair Lawn, dec. Bob Malesstein, Ramsey, 13-4; Chris Skelly, Fort Lee, pin John Dougherty, Park Ridge, 1:35; Paul Zimmerman, Pascack Hills, pin Ken DeSavino, Pascack Valley, 1:03; Glenn Hodgins, Paramus, dec. Dennis Castellano, Ridgefield, 8-5; Steve DeLuca, Lyndhurst, dec. Jim Chacania, Hackensack, 16-0; Jeff DiCocco, Bergen Catholic, won by default over Alex Pantis, North Bergen; Ralph Linardio, River Dell, bye; John Musone, St. Joseph, bye; Rich Giannone, Demarest, dec. Tom Goodman, Dumont, 13-0; Kevin Giglinto, Saddle Brook, pin Vincent Hall, Englewood, 1:59; Tom Connor, Paramus Catholic, pin Steve Jennerick, Rutherford, 1:35; Bob Marion, Northern Highlands, dec. Peter Gianantonio, Palisades Park, 8-1; Jerry Gundry, Bogota, pin Tom Thomson, Bergenfield, 1:11; Mark Peterski, Cliffside Park, pin Andy Pieper, Cresskill, 5:12; Jim Burns, Indian Hills, bye.

107 — Art Dennis, Fair Lawn, bye; Gary Buonocore, New Milford, pin Bernie Ise, Old Tappan, 1:23; Frank Scalise, Palisades Park, dec. Joe Mackert, Bergen Catholic, 8-2; Pete Gonzalez, Ridgefield Park, pin James Kerr, Bogota, 0:34; Bob Franklin, Dumont, pin Don Remme, Cliffside Park, 0:31; Dave Slater, Englewood, pin Nat Mufson, Dumont, 0:18; Bob Hamilton, Pascack Hills, pin Dan Garrity, River Dell, 1:18; Andy Leonard, Bergenfield, bye; Matt MacDonald, Ramapo, bye; Joe Reilly, Paramus, dec. John Carrigan, Paramus Catholic, 15-1; Steve Glasson, Pascack Valley, pin Wille Adams, Ridgefield, 2:40; Jim Matta, Westwood, pin Matt Tomay, St. Joseph, 3:50; Chris Drewella, Indian Hills, bye; Tom Guerra, Northern Highlands, dec. Aurelio Santos, North Bergen, 6-2; Ken Verni, Fort Lee, won by default over Mike Ligon, Hackensack; Tony Van Horn, Park Ridge, bye.

114 — Dave Handschin, Hackensack, pin Dave Musicant, Bogota, 1:35; Rich Holzberg, Fair Lawn, dec. Joe Ianiro, Ramsey, 13-9; Eric Hiltke, Indian Hills, dec. Chris Catena, Lyndhurst, 14-8; Rob McMahon, North Bergen, pin James Buorgiorno, Old Tappan, 1:05; Mike Pyle, Paramus, dec. Keith Johnson, Park Ridge, 10-6; Lou Battaglia, Palisades Park, dec. Dave Luizzi, Paramus Catholic, 8-2; Ron Guerra, Northern Highlands, dec. Jeff Rehain, Pascack Hills, 7-2; Eric Beyer, Pascack Valley, pin Doug Fishman, New Milford, 2:56; Rich Guerra, Saddle Brook, dec. Joe Gorta, Westwood, 17-2; Mike Vietri, Dumont, dec. Carlos Hanze, Cliffside Park, 10-2; Steve Houle, Cresskill, Steve Bielawski, Englewood, 1:51; Ben Ryu, Fort Lee, pin Mike Ryan, Bergen Catholic, 3:45; Chris Keane, St. Joseph, dec. Ken Sharp, Ridgefield Park, 14-2; Gary Miuccio, Bergenfield, pin Anthony Bogosian, Ridgefield, 1:46; Tony Marotta, Rutherford, dec. Adi Quira, Ramsey, 11-3; Peter Reist, River Dell, bye.

121 — Tom Hayman, Ramapo, bye; Rob Jackson, Bergen Catholic, pin Bob Castellane, Ramsey, 5:38; Bill Blume, Cliffside Park, pin Bill Barry, Paramus Catholic, 5:54; Tom Frasse, Old Tappan, dec. Scott Pantano, Palisades Park, 14-6; Kirk Foyle, Northern Highlands, pin Mark Desett, North Bergen, 1:01; Mike Berg, Westwood, pin Mike DiNapoli, Ridgefield, 3:58; Kevin Herb, River Dell, pin Charlie Ramiggio, Bogota, 1:08; Neil Hanley, Paramus, dec. Ken Lazarus, Pascack Hills, 9-0; Joe Caufield, Saddle Brook, bye; John Prince, Dumont, pin Mark Ke, Cresskill, 1:45; Jim Purcell, St. Joseph, pin Brian Becker, Bergenfield, 1:45; Chris Esposito, Rutherford, dec. Clyde Worthen, New Milford, 7-2; John Kamens, Fair Lawn, pin Josh Litchenblau, Englewood, 1:17; Dave Perini, Pascack Valley, pin Cory Heiden, Fort Lee, 2:50; Bill Cashman, Indian Hills, bye; Kevin Valle, Hackensack, bye.

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128 — Alan Gavilanes, Englewood, bye; Dave Pepe, Northern Highlands, dec. Larry DiGia, Demarest, 5-0; Bob Cainero, Paramus, dec. Martin DeVaney, Paramus Catholic, 10-2; Tony Lopez, Dumont, dec. Greg Avallone, Cliffside Park, 7-0; John Hanson, St. Joseph, pin Dennis Coffey, Old Tappan, 5:22; Bill Baiakian, Bergenfield, dec. Larry Weiseneck, New Milford, 6-2; Jim Freeman, Pascack Hills, pin Tim Shanahan, Bergen Catholic, 5:45; Mike Plechy, Cresskill, bye; Wayne Wright, Hackensack, pin Mike Hiltke, Indian Hills, 5:40; Joe Romano, Fair Lawn, pin Mike Strauss, Fort Lee, 0:42; Chris Marrone, Lyndhurst, dec. Ultim Lifa, North Bergen, 17-6; Jay Shortway, Ramsey, dec. Fred Lisanti, Rutherford, 5-0; Fernando Bruni, Ridgefield, dec. Dave Madonna, River Dell, 4-1; Dave Serrano, Pascack Valley, bye; Rich Davies, Park Ridge, bye; Greg Maher, Palisades Park, dec. Ed Phelan, Saddle Brook, 10-2.

134 — Frank Calazzo, Palisades Park, pin Bob Miller, Old Tappan, 4:27; Todd Anderson, Fair Lawn, pin Tim Gallagher, Paramus, 3:35; John Dolan, Bogota, pin Mark Cecere, Paramus Catholic, 5:58; Scott Carmilani, Westwood, pin John Warden, Park Ridge, 5:04; Rob Carney, St. Joseph, dec. Tony D'Amico, Saddle Brook, 15-4; Bob Mangino, Ridgefield, pin Bill Black, Ridgefield Park, 3:30; Steve Azzolino, Rutherford, pin Mark Stefanelli, Lyndhurst, 3:31; Mike DiGuilmi, North Bergen, dec. Charles Cromwell, Northern Highlands, 7-2; Scott Allmers, Dumont, dec. Mike Martin, Cresskill, 15-5; Joe Alpert, Cliffside Park, pin Eric Davis, Pascack Valley, 1:30; Paul Pinski, River Dell, dec. James Redding, New Milford, 9-4; Ken Tsunoda, Demarest, pin Fillmore Forde, Englewood, 3:25; Mike Ferraioli, Hackensack, won by default over Peter Buffington, Bergenfield; Neil Canfora, Pascack Hills, dec. Jim Maresca, Indian Hills, 2-0; Anthony Clay, Bergen Catholic, bye; Fred Hoff, Ramapo, dec. Geroge Matthews, Ramsey, 10-4.

140 — Marc Cabrera, Cliffside Park, pin Luciano Bruni, Ridgefield, 1:58; Phil Mazzini, Rutherford, dec. Kevin Murrey, Palisades Park, 2-1; Nelson Thomas, Pascack Hills, won by default over Brad Altefer, Pascack Valley; Bob Stadlerman, Bergen Catholic, dec. Walther Mearns, Bergenfield, 6-5; Wayen Ruddick, Englewood, pin Bernie Euler, Bogota, 5:18; John Buller, River Dell, dec. Rich Gartner, Ridgefield Park, 12-5; Steve Peraino, Ramsey, dec. John Ciampo, Ramapo, 7-2; Charles Zweil, Paramus, pin Ray Pingitore, St. Joseph, 1:55; Tom Farinaro, Park Ridge, dec. Glenn Bartlett, North Bergen, 7-4; Paul Link, Lyndhurst, pin Mark Hiltke, Indian Hills, 7-5; Burrell, Hackensack, dec. Mike Wunder, Dumont, 12-3; Gary Merrit, Cresskill, pin Len Korzenowski, Demarest, 1:25; Dan Giacomarro, Saddle Brook, pin Jeff Ryu, Fort Lee, 0:52; Jim Pepe, Northern Highlands, pin Jay Pollock, Paramus Catholic, 1:20; Tim O'Keefe, Westwood, pin John Janley, New Milford, 1:00; Bill Juchnewich, Fair Lawn, pin Brian Harrison, Old Tappan, 1:05.

147 — Carl Robotti, Northern Highlands, bye; Steve Meehan, North Bergen, pin Nick Ippolito, Lyndhurst, 1:55; Paul Wiegartner, Bergen Catholic, pin Scott Schlenker, Indian Hills, 2:55; Larry Joel, River Dell, dec. Darren Korz, Ridgefield Park, 12-2; Len Renne, Ramapo, dec. Jack Hergenrother Ramsey, 13-2; Tom Pepe, Pascack Hills, dec. Alan Stempel, Pascack Valley, 5-0; Bob Stitz, Cliffside Park, dec. Ted Hughes, Fair Lawn, 3-0; Kevin Judkins, Hackensack, dec. Jim Mitchell, Old Tappan, 17-4; Gerry Schmidt, New Milford, bye; Jim Phelan, Saddle Brook, pin Steve Veninger, Paramus Catholic, 3:40; Jeff Saferstein, Paramus, pin Ken Creslak, Palisades Park, 2:38; Pat Sayer, Park Ridge, dec. Bill Malatak, Rutherford, 5-3; John Hurlév, Bergenfield, dec. Pete Scanlon, Demarest, 3-0; Adam White, Westwood, won by forfeit; Walter Duncan, Englewood,

bye; John Saxenian, Dumont, pin Adam Strobel, Cresskill, 2:55.

157 - Robert Boyle, Westwood, bye; Jeff Creamer, Ramsey, dec. Mike Stapleton, Ramapo, 13-0; Mike Barnum, Pascack Hills, dec. Robert Hayden, Pascack Valley, 9-7; Gerald Schulz, Park Ridge, dec. John Papenburg, Rutherford, 8-5; Bill Steidel, Ridgefield Park, dec. John Roberts, Ridgefield, 12-3; Joe Orecchio, Palisades Park, dec. Dan Alvord, River Dell, 8-5; John Bott, North Bergen, pin John O'Connor, Paramus Catholic, 5:50; John Lamethe, Paramus, dec. Tom Lamparillo, Saddle Brook, 10-5; Tom Bruno, New Milford, dec. Emil D'Scola, Fair Lawn, 12-0; Mike Licata, Dumont, dec. Dave Musicant, Hackensack, 11-9; Joe Villani, Cliffside Park, dec. Ted Matthews, Demarest, 3-1; Dominic Branda, Bogota, dec. Pat McGagh, Cresskill, 13-2; Paul Mastropietro, St. Joseph, pin John Barillo, Bergen Catholic, 5:00; Vinny Meija, Bergenfield, pin Vandell Hampton, Englewood, 1:20; George Crisci, Indian Hills, dec. Keith Foyle, Northern Highlands, 11-3; Scott Burkhardt, Lyndhurst, bye.

169 - Todd MacGlashen, Ramsey, bye; Andrew Goodman, Palisades Park, pin C.J. Miko, Indian Hills, 5:40; Tim Doherty, Bergen Catholic, pin Rich Brendel, Westwood, 0:49; Marc Friedberg, Old Tappan, pin Mike Hartman, Bergenfield, 3:00; Jim Tomasini, New Milford, pin Matt McCluthey, Pascack Valley, 5:59; Craig Zarita, Fort Lee, dec. Nick Kolozuk, Paramus Catholic, 15-0; John List, St. Joseph, dec. Bill Manning, Rutherford, 7-6; Rocky Castellano, Ridgefield, dec. Joe Scarborough, Englewood, 10-9; Pat Horn, Bogota, bye; Dan Perez, Paramus, dec. Tom Petrocelli, Cliffside Park, 13-8; Rich Ellis, Ramapo, dec. Ed Forzani, Dumont, 6-4; Chris LaRocca, Pascack Hills, pin Augie Mustardo, Lyndhurst, 0:39; Phil Sabatino, River Dell, dec. Jake Goldstein, Northern Highlands, 7-6; Rich Dugan, Fair Lawn, pin Steve Spina, Cresskill, 4:20; Anthony Iozzia, Hackensack, dec. Glenn Haley, North Bergen, 13-4; Joe Bosworth, Park Ridge, bye.

187 - Rich Sargenti, Bogota, bye; Doug Guide, St. Joseph, pin John Weilbacker, Old Tappan, 3:01; Chris McMullan, Dumont, dec. Mike Blume, Saddle Brook, 3:55; Mark Luchatta, Ridgefield Park, bye; Phil Pfeifer, Park Ridge, bye; John Chakonis, Cliffside Park, pin Joe Certelline, Lyndhurst, 0:48; Derek Bastinik, Fair Lawn, pin Willie Drone, Englewood, 3:20; Paul Gravalis, Pascack Hills, bye; Paul Lesica, Ramsey, bye; Doug Pilatowski, Bergen Catholic, pin Craig Russe, Ridgefield, 1:35; Darry Margroff, Ramapo, bye; John Guerriero, Bergenfield, bye; Nelson DeAvila, Paramus Catholic, bye; Doug Kuizema, Westwood, bye; Mike DeJonge, Indian Hills, pin Scott Watson, Hackensack, 1:08; Mark Levey, Paramus, bye.

Hwt - Tim Farrell, New Milford, bye; Steve Bauman, Bergenfield, dec. Ronnie Angelone, Bogota, 11-5; Ernie Wunder, Dumont, pin Gino Parotta, Ridgefield Park, 2:51; Wayne Snyder, Westwood, dec. Steve Steele, Bergen Catholic, 13-5; Dave Bradbury, Demarest, pin Bob White, Cliffside Park, 1:59; Mark Calderone, Saddle Brook, pin Dennis Gleason, St. Joseph, 0:28; Kurt Pfeifer, Fair Lawn, pin Ray Cherry, Hackensack, 4:22; Doug Rizzi, Englewood, bye; Jim Dunleavy, Park Ridge, bye; Mike Cornell, Indian Hills, pin Chris Melikian, River Dell, 1:45; Charles Strobel, Paramus Catholic, dec. Dan Johnston, Pascack Hills, 10-1; Jack Dunig, Ramapo, pin Howard Winstein, Ridgefield, 1:45; Roman Morales, North Bergen, pin John Malandrucolo, Old Tappan, 3:45; Paul Benvenuto, Palisades Park, dec. Rich Friend, Fort Lee, 8-4; Orlando Setola, Paramus, bye; Dan Benedetto, Northern Highlands, bye.

### PREQUARTERFINALS

100 - Plarre dec. Thompson, 10-2; Skelly dec. Zimmerman, 13-8; DeLuca dec. Hodgins 17-1; DiCocco pin Linardo, 1:35; Giannone dec. Musone, 9-1; Connor dec. Giglinto, 12-2; Gundry pin Marion, 3:11; Burns dec. Peterski, 22-0.

107 - Buonocore pin Dennis, 3:38; Gonzales dec. Scalise, 13-0; Slater dec. Franklin, 5-1; Leonard dec. Hamilton, 17-0; McDonald dec. Reilly, 10-4; Glasson pin Matte 0:56; Drewella dec. T. Guerra, 9-1; T Van Horn dec. Verni, 8-0.

114 - Holzberg dec. Hendschin, 14-3; McMahon dec. Hillke, 10-2; Pyle dec. Battaglia, OT, third criteria; Ron Guerra dec. Beyer, OT, third criteria; Mike Vietri dec. Rich Guerra, 11-5; Ryu pin Houle, 3:06; Miuccio pin Keane, 3:13; Reist dec. Marotta, 8-1.

121 - Hayman pin Jackson, 4:42; Blume pin Frasse, 3:59; Berg dec. Foyle,

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16-6; Hanley pin Herb, 5:33; Prince dec. Caufield, 10-4; Esposito dec. Purcell, 5-4; Kamens dec. Perini, 11-4; Valle dec. Cashman, 11-2.

128 - Pepe pin Gavilanes, 1:15; Lopez dec. Cainero, 5-0; Maher dec. Hansen, 9-0; Baiakian dec. Freeman, 10-3; Wright pin Plechy, 1:47; Romano pin Marrone, 4:32; Shortway dec. Bruni, 6-4; Davies pin Serrano, 5:45.

134 - Anderson dec. Caiazzo, 8-3; Carmilani pin Dolan, 3:23; Mangino dec. Carney, 3-2; DiGuilmi pin Azzolini, 2:47; Allmers dec. Alpert, 13-6; Pinski pin Hoff, 1:25; Tsunoda won by default over Ferraioli; Carfora dec. Clay, 16-0.

141 - Cabrera pin Mazzini, 2:30; Thomas pin Stadelmann, 0:38; Buller pin Ruddock, 1:15; Peraino pin Zweil, 5:10; Link dec. Farinaro, 9-0; Korzonowski dec. Burrell, 9-5; Giacomarro pin Pepe, 5:30; Juchnewich pin O'Keefe, 5:56.

147 - Meehan pin Robotti, 3:03; Wiegartner dec. Joel, 10-4; T. Pepe dec. Renne, 12-1; Slitz pin Judkins, 3:50; Schmidt dec. Phelan 10-6; Saferstein dec. Sayers, 12-7; Hurley pin Saxenian, 2:30; White pin Duncan, 3:17.

157 - Creamer pin Boyle, 4:32; Barnum dec. Schulz, 7-6; Orecchio dec. Steidle, 19-4; Bott dec. Lamothe, 38-3; Licata dec. Bruno, 15-7; Branda pin Villani, 1:59; Mastropietro pin Meija, 1:15; Crisci pin Burhardt, 1:39.

169 - McGlashan dec. Goodman, 8-5; Doherty dec. Friedberg, 17-9; Tomasini dec. Zarita, 14-1; List dec. Castellano, 9-4; Horn dec. Perez, 4-3; LaRocca pin Ellis, 4:48; Dougan dec. Sabatino, 12-4; Iozzia dec. Bosworth, 19-2.

187 - Sargenti pin Guide, 1:03; McMullan pin Luchetta, 2:30; Chakonis pin Pfeifer, 1:17; Gravalis dec. Bastinick, 11-3; Pilatowski pin Lesica, 5:45; Guerriero pin Margroff, 1:32; Kuizema pin Avila, 2:28; DeJonge pin Levy, 1:15.

Hwt. - Bauman pin Farrell, 3:07; Snyder dec. Wunder, 3-2; Calderone pin Bradbury, 1:35; Pfeifer pin Rizzi, 5:59; Cornell dec. Dunleavy, 10-2; Strobel pin Duhig, 1:17; Morales pin Benedetto, 3:59; Benvenuto pin Setola, 5:36.

## QUARTERFINALS

100 - Skelley dec. Plarre, 8-2; DiCocco pin DeLuca, 1:53; Connor pin Giannone, 2:31; Burns pin Gundry, 3:45.

107 - Gonzales pin Buonocore, 3:47; Slater dec. Leonard, 3-1; Glasson pin MacDonald, 1:54; Van Horn dec. Drewella, 3-2.

114 - Holzberg pin McMahon, 4:53; Guerra dec. Pyle, 8-0; Vietri dec. Ryu, 10-5; Miuccio dec. Reist, 8-0.

121 - Hayman dec. Blume, 5-3; Hanley dec. Berg, 15-6; Prince dec. Esposito, 5-0; Valle dec. Kamens, 11-5.

128 - Pepe dec. Lopez, 10-4; Baiakian dec. Maher, 4-2; Romano pin Wright, 3:56; Shortway dec. Davies, 14-0.

134 - Carmilani pin Anderson, 5:59; DiGuilmi pin Mangino, 3:27; Pinski pin Allmers, 1:55; Carfora pin Tsunoda, 3:51.

140 - Cabrera dec. Thomas, 5-3; Peraino dec. Buller, 17-12; Link dec. Korzonowski, 10-5; Juchnewich pin Giacomarro, 5:16.

147 - Wiegartner dec. Meehan, 13-7; Pepe dec. Slitz, 3-2; Schmidt dec. Saferstein, 8-4; Hurley dec. White, 9-7.

157 - Creamer dec. Barnum, 2:40; Bott pin Orecchio, 3:48; Branda dec. Licata, 9-3; Mastropietro pin Crisci, 5:53.

169 - Doherty pin McGlashan, 3:55; Tomasini dec. List, 7-4; LaRocca pin Horn, 4:21; Dougan dec. Iozzia, 8-0.

187 - Sargenti dec. McMullan, 16-9; Gravalis pin Chakonis, 3:18; Pilatowski dec. Guerriero, 9-3; Kuizema dec. DeJonge, 13-7.

Hwt. - Snyder dec. Bauman, 8-2; Calderone pin Pfeifer, 0:15; Cornell dec. Strobel, 8-6; Benvenuto pin Morales, 2:57.

# Stoic sophomore clinches title for Pascack Hills

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HACKENSACK — Chris LaRocca waited until his Pascack Hills coach, Bucky Rehan, had finished leaping in the air before applying a jubilant bear hug to the coach. Cowboy teammates Paul Gravalis and Neil Carfora rushed to join the celebration, while another teammate, the one responsible for the merriment, showed no emotion as he bent to unfasten his ankle strap.

That ritual taken care of, Tom Pepe stoically strode toward the

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bedlam being created by his compatriots. Sophomores may be expected to lose their composure at times, but Pepe never did last night. His convincing 10-5 victory over Bergenfield senior John Hurley in the 148-pound championship bout clinched the Bergen County Coaches Wrestling Tournament team title for Hills.

"He's paid his dues," said Rehan, whose team won for the eighth time in nine years. "He entered just about every summer tournament, he went out to Iowa for a month of wrestling, and he went to a couple of training camps. He earned it."

Pepe's win finally wrested the team title away from upstart Fair Lawn, which led through most of the two-day tournament. Gravalis's pin in the 188-pound semifinal bout exactly six hours earlier had given Hills a 2 1/2-point lead over the Cutters, but Fair Lawn regained it with

a consolation-round forfeit win by Rich Dougan.

The teams seemed to lack a killer instinct in the final round as Cutters Rich Holzberg, Joe Romano, Bill Juchnewich, and the Cowboys' Carfora lost before Pepe took charge. Hills (144 1/2 points) had two champions. Pepe and Gravalis, while Fair Lawn (123) had none.

Summaries of title bouts follow:  
101 — Paramus Catholic's Tom Connor, after being taken down twice in the first period by BC's Jeff DiCocco, frustrated his opponent with a tight-waist ride, two back points, and a tying escape with 16 seconds remaining, finally winning, 6-5, on 1:45 of riding time.

108 — Pete Gonzalez of Ridgefield Park swung fellow sophomore Tony Van Horn of Park Ridge down 12 seconds into the bout, added a second-period escape from his knees, and had 3:30 of riding time for a 4-0 win.

115 — A first-period single-leg trip held up for Bergenfield's Gary Miuccio. He finally put Fair Lawn's Rich Holzberg away, 6-0, with a third-period flurry starting with a tumbling reversal.

122 — Neil Hanley of Paramus and Hackensack's Kevin Valle parried each other until the third period when Hanley began a 7-1 win with a switch reversal and, used Valle's momentum to leg-trip him to his back. He added 3:43 of riding time.

129 — A taller Dave Pepe of Northern Highlands took Fair Lawn's Romano down with three different moves. An arm bar, a reverse half-nelson, plus a 2:48 ride



Staff photo by Steve Auchard

Tony Van Horn of Park Ridge left, and Pete Gonzales of Ridgefield Park, look for openings at the beginning of their 108-pound title bout. Gonzales won, 4-0.

gained Pepe a 10-2 win.

135 — A first-period takedown and two escapes and an elevator takedown in the third period led North Bergen's Mike DiGuilmi over Carfora, 7-2.

141 — Cliffside Park's Marc Cabrera built a 7-4 win over Juchnewich through counter-wrestling, using a headlock for a take-

down in the first and a cradle for a reversal in the second.

148 — An ankle pick and an arm snap gave Hills's Pepe a 4-1 first-period lead, but after Hurley put him to his back, Pepe responded with an escape, dump takedown, and riding time for the 10-5 win.

158 — St. Joseph's Paul Mastropietro, the tournament pin-trophy

winner with four pin victories, was tied with North Bergen's John Bott, 1-1, until Bott used a whip-over takedown and body press for a pin seven seconds from the end.

170 — Impressively aggressive Tim Doherty of Bergen Catholic, the tournament's Outstanding Wrestler, led LaRocca, 2-1, on a first-period leg trip, and then arm rolled him

into a headlock pin at 4:28.

188 — Gravalis rallied with a body-throw reversal and five back points before pinning BC's Doug Pilatowski at 5:20 with a reverse-half.

Unlimited — Westwood's Wayne Snyder hit Palisades Park's Paul Benvenuto with a four-point trip takedown at the second-period buzzer. A 1:20 ride made it a 5-3 Snyder win.

## TEAM SCORES

Pascack Hills 144½, Fair Lawn 137, Bergen Catholic 123, North Bergen 100½, Bergenfield 97, Westwood 94, Cliffside Park 84½, Dumont 83, Indian Hills 74½, Paramus 71½, Ramsey 70, Hackensack 69½, Northern Highlands 68½, Bogota 66½, Saddle Brook 66, Ramapo 62, Paramus Catholic 61, Park Ridge and St. Joseph 60½, Palisades Park 59½, New Milford 55, River Dell 54½, Pascack Valley 49, Fort Lee 47, Ridgefield Park 45½, Demarest 43½, Englewood 43, Lyndhurst 40½, Ridgefield 32, Rutherford 30½, Old Tappan 25½, Cresskill 20.

## FINALS

101 — Tom Connor, Paramus Catholic, dec. Jeff DiCocco, Bergen Catholic, 6-5; 108 — Pete Gonzales, Ridgefield Park, dec. Tony Van Horn, Park Ridge, 4-0; 115 — Gary Miuccio, Bergenfield, dec. Rich Holzberg, Fair Lawn, 6-0; 122 — Neil Hanley, Paramus, dec. Kevin Valle, Hackensack, 7-1; 129 — Dave Pepe, Northern Highlands, dec. Joe Romano, Fair Lawn, 10-2; 135 — Mike DiGuilmi, North Bergen, dec. Neil Carfora, Pascack Hills, 7-2; 141 — Marc Cabrera, Cliffside Park, dec. Bill Juchnewich, Fair Lawn, 7-4; 148 — Tom Pepe, Pascack Hills, dec. John Hurley, Bergenfield, 10-5; 158 — John Bott, North Bergen, pin Paul Mastropietro, St. Joseph, 5:53; 170 — Tim Doherty, Bergen Catholic, pin Chris LaRocca, Pascack Hills, 4:28; 188 — Paul Gravalis, Pascack Hills, pin Doug Pilatowski, Bergen Catholic, 5:20; **Unl.** — Wayne Snyder, Westwood, dec. Paul Benvenuto, Palisades Park, 5-3.

## CONSOLATIONS

101 — Skelley, Fort Lee dec. Burns, Indian Hills, 4-1; 108 — Slater, Englewood, dec. Glasson, Pascack Valley, 6-5; 115 — Vietri, Dumont, dec. Guerra, Northern Highlands, 11-4; 122 — Hayman, Ramapo, pin Prince, Dumont, 2:08; 129 — Shortway, Ramsey, won by forfeit over Bill Bajakian, Bergenfield; 135 — Carmilani, Westwood, dec. Pinski, River Dell, 7-0; 141 — Peraino, Ramsey dec. Link, Lyndhurst, 5-0; 148 — Wiegartner, Bergen Catholic, dec. Schmidt, New Milford, 9-0; 158 — Branda, Bogota, dec. Creamer, 7-3; 170 — Dougan, Fair Lawn, won by forfeit over Tomasini, New Milford; 188 — Sargenti, Bogota, dec. Kuizema, Westwood, 5-2; **Unl.** — Calderone, Saddle Brook, dec. Cornell, Indian Hills, 7-2.

## SEMIFINALS

101 — DiCocco dec. Skelley, 15-6, Connor dec. Burns, 3-2; 108 — Gonzales dec. Slater, 5-2; Van Horn dec. Glasson, 5-0; 115 — Holzberg pin Guerra, 1:52; Miuccio dec. Vietri, 3-1; 122 — Hanley dec. Hayman, 15-1; Valley dec. Prince, 11-5; 129 — Pepe won by forfeit over Bajakian; Romano dec. Shortway, 6-2; 135 — DiGuilmi dec. Carmilani, 6-3; Carfora dec. Pinski, 5-1; 141 — Cabrera dec. Peraino, 15-4; Juchnewich dec. Link, 11-1; 148 — Pepe dec. Wiegartner, 5-2; Hurley dec. Schmidt, 13-5; 158 — Bott dec. Creamer, 15-2; Mastropietro pin Branda, 4:42; 170 — Doherty won by default over Tomasini; LaRocca dec. Dougan, 12-2; 188 — Gravalis pin Sargenti, 3:12; Pilatowski dec. Kuizema, 10-2; **Unl.** — Snyder dec. Calderone, 7-3; Benvenuto dec. Cornell, 8-2.