

# Jantzen Adds to His Collection

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Shoreham-Wading River's Jesse Jantzen pursued Casey Beach of Brentwood across the mat the way a hungry hawk chases a rabbit. The two were entangled in the final of the 145-pound weight class late Sunday night at the Suffolk wrestling championships before a packed house of 3,458 at the University at Stony Brook.

Jantzen was looking to add a sixth straight county title and another chapter to his incredible six-year high school career. Beach, one of the few wrestlers that had the courage to remain in Jantzen's weight class, was looking to survive.

Beach, a crafty senior, eluded Jantzen's superior riding ability and should be commended for his effort. Jantzen used every offensive move in his arsenal to finally put Beach away with a technical fall win in 4:28. It was only the third time Jantzen was forced to work into the third period this season.

And when it was over, Jesse Jantzen had run the table, from seventh through 12th grade, by winning a sixth straight county crown.

His next goal is to become the state's only four-time champion at the state tournament March 3-4 at the Onondaga County War Memorial in Syracuse.

"We're almost there," Shoreham-Wading River coach Paul Jendrewski said. "We're all looking forward to the state tournament and watching Jesse put the exclamation point on a great career."

Jantzen moved his state record of consecutive wins to 153 with three technical falls and a pin in the tournament. His career record is 211-3.

Jantzen was one of six defending county champions that reached Sunday night's finals. Floyd junior Ryan Maurer, the defending state champion at 135 pounds, pinned Amityville's Uthman Jackson in 4:28 for the 140-pound title. Mike Torriero of Rocky Point, a state runnerup at 140 pounds, captured the 135-pound title with a first-period pin over Hauppauge's Justin Iannello in 1:52.

Other two-time county champions were Rob Vaccaro of East Islip at 96 pounds, Mike Patrovich of Islip at 152 and Longwood's Dan Sable at 215.

Patrovich, a junior, beat Huntington's Lou Giani, 4-2, in a spectacular bout where he gained two takedowns against the senior. It was quite a win considering Patrovich was the defending 119-pound champion last year, and moved up six weights classes.

**Notes & Quotes:** Suffolk official Ken

Cellan of Lindenhurst participated in his 38th straight county championship tournament. Cellan, 62, will be inducted into the New York State Wrestling Hall of Fame, prior to the state championships March 3-4 at the Onondaga County War Memorial in Syracuse. Cellan, who graduated from Lindenhurst H.S. in 1956, has been an official for the past 43 years. Cellan scored a Long Island-record six touchdowns in a football game versus Babylon on Oct. 13, 1955. The mark stood for 37 years.

"It's an incredible honor to be named to the Hall of Fame," Cellan said. "It's a great sport to be involved with."

Huntington coach Lou Giani guided his Blue Devils to the school's seventh team title with 149½ points. Hauppauge, the defending champion, finished second with 132 points.

East Islip and Brentwood tied for third place with 107½ points apiece. For East Islip, it was the school's best finish and highest point total.

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#### SUFFOLK WRESTLING CHAMPIONSHIPS

#### Finals — At University at Stony Brook

96 -- Rob Vaccaro (East Islip) p. Matt Sganga (Longwood), 5:31; 103 -- Patrick Flynn (Huntington) p. John Cusumano (Lindenhurst), 3:01; 112 -- Dan Song (Hauppauge) d. Starlin Jimenez (Brentwood), 5-4; 119 -- Steve Palacios (Hunt) d. Steve Sebastopoli (Lind), 3-2; 125 -- Dan Roberts (Bellport) d. Frankie Rivera (North Babylon), 2-1; 130 -- Kyle Bernholz (Mt. Sinai) d. Anthony Carbone (Northport), 3-2; 135 -- Mike Torriero (Rocky Point) p. Justin Iannello (Haup), 1:52; 140 -- Ryan Maurer (Floyd) p. Uthman Jackson (Amityville), 4:28; 145 -- Jesse Jantzen (Shoreham-Wading River) def. Casey Beach (Brent), by TF, 4:28; 152 -- Mike Patrovich (Islip) d. Lou Giani (Hunt), 4-2; 160 -- Jack Piana (Hunt) d. Ryan Robey (Newfield), 8-2; 171 -- Jerome Joe (Hills East) d. Woody Cromarty (A), 12-6; 189 -- Antonio Pegues (Brent) d. Matt Rocco (Hills East), 8-6, OT; 215 -- Dan Sable (Longwood) def. Larry Banks (B) by TF, 5:57; 275 -- Cole Ferraro (Ward Melville) p. Duncan Iannucci (Sachem), 5:57.

**Team Scores** — Huntington 149½, Hauppauge 132, Brentwood 107½, East Islip 107½, Shoreham-Wading River 102, Floyd 97½, Northport 81, Lindenhurst 79½, Amityville 62, North Babylon 70½, Rocky Point 67, Longwood 52½, Hills East 50½, Sachem 43½, Westhampton 42½. Most Outstanding Wrestler -- Mike Torriero (Rocky Point). Champion of Champions -- Dan Song (Hauppauge). Most Pins/Least Time -- Rob Vaccaro (East Islip), 4 in 10:35.

#### Third Place

96 -- Joe Fiumano (Huntington) d. Rohan Murphy (East