

Suffolk, Nassau Show Their Mettle and Muscle

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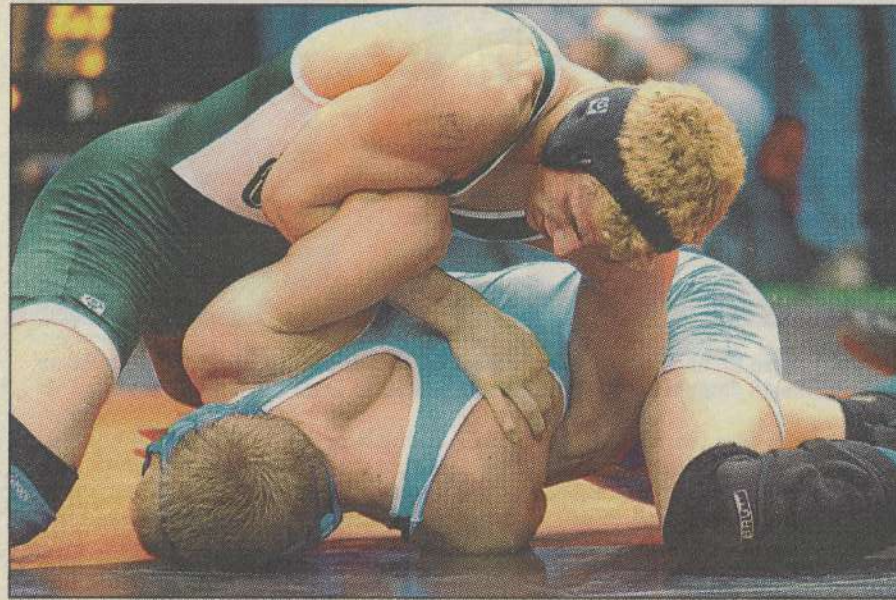
Syracuse — Justin Crisci is at it again, only this time, he's got plenty of help. Crisci, who led Floyd to the Suffolk League I title and the county championship, by virtue of wins in the final bout of both events, capped a record-breaking, first-day performance for the Suffolk sectional team at the state wrestling championships.

Crisci headlocked and flattened Anthony Chamorro of Sidney (IV) for four points in the waning seconds of a 5-3 comeback win in the quarterfinal round of the 275-pound weight class Friday night before 6,733 fans at the Onondaga County War Memorial.

The victory enabled Suffolk to move a state record 14 wrestlers into Saturday's semifinal round at 10 a.m. Suffolk wrestlers won 25 of 26 bouts, the only loss coming in overtime in the first round.

"Was that something?" Suffolk coach Terry Phelan of Floyd said. "We had some very tough matchups and the kids came through. We almost won every bout."

Suffolk has earned the last three team titles and 10 of the past 19 to dominate the state championships. They are on a pace to break the team scoring record of 246.5 points set by



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Calhoun's Greg Lawrence controls Port Chester's Declan Josephson in 171-pound quarterfinal

the Suffolk team in 1986. No team has ever won four straight state crowns. All 14 semifinalists are guaranteed a state place finish and Mike Tutunjian of Longwood will get the opportunity to come back through the wrestleback rounds to grab a place.

Suffolk scored 119 points and nearly swept the first round with 11 wins in 12 bouts and three byes. Tutunjian almost made it a clean sweep when he

erased a 6-2 deficit and battled back to a 10-10 tie on a takedown at the buzzer against Andrew Vibes of East Ramapo (Section I). Vibes won the match in overtime, 12-10.

Nassau, in second place with 83.5 points and nine wrestlers in the semifinals, is led by MacArthur, one of three teams with three wrestlers in the semifinals. The Generals are led by James Strouse (140), Adam Molano (145) and

Gian Villante (215). Huntington and St. Anthony's also have three wrestlers in the semifinals. Huntington is led by Pat Flynn (112), Steve Palacios (125) and Stephon Sair (145), and St. Anthony's, the first CHSAA school to send three wrestlers into the semis, boast brothers Tom (103) and Lucas Magnani (119) and Chris Algieri (130).

"We take a step and improve every year up here in Syracuse," St. Anthony's coach Antoni Walters said. "We can compete with anyone. And our kids believe that. The Catholic Schools as a whole still don't get any respect upstate. But we're changing that — from a St. Anthony's standpoint."

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At Onondaga War Memorial, Syracuse — Quarterfinal Results

96 — Tom Finnerty (Brentwood) d. O'Connor (Oxford, IV), 3-2; Prutzman (Valley Central, IX) d. Matt DeLorenzo (MacArthur), OT criteria. 103 — Tom Magnani (St. Anthony's) d. Vibes (East Ramapo, I), 12-6. 112 — Pat Flynn (Huntington) d. John Witzemberger (Chaminade), 2-0; Walter Sosnowski (Massapequa) d. Denesha (Governour, X), 8-0. 119 — Rob Vaccaro (East Islip) d. Colagiovanni (Mahopac, I), 16-5; Lucas Magnani (St. Anthony's) d. Mima (Kingston, IX), 16-2. 125 — Jewett (Indian River, III) p. Joe Drennan (St. Anthony's), 4:44; Steve Palacios (Huntington) d. Gabriel Estevez (Baldwin), 7-0. 130 — Dan Song (Hauppauge) d. Aronowitz (Clarkstown North, I), 5-3. 135 — Stephen Anastasia (Patchogue-Medford) d. Mike Roberts (Colonie, II), 2-1; Chris DeLuca (East Meadow) d. John Gartsler (Monroe-Woodbury, IX), injury default. 140 — James Strouse (MacArthur) d. Tyler (Governour, X), 12-11; Dan Miracola (Shoreham-Wading River) d. Ostrowski (Lancaster, VI), 5-3, OT. 145 — Adam Molano (MacArthur) d. Rock (Peru, VII), 3-1; Stephon Sair (Huntington) d. Terranova (Lancaster, VI), tech. fall, 3:16. 152 — Jose Viera (Central Islip) p. Hodgins (Medina, VI), 3:59. 160 — Tom Storza (Lindenhurst) d. DeForge (Beekmantown, VII), 15-4; Carlos Patrick (Freeport) d. John Cappa (St. Anthony's), 15-8. 171 — Sean Coffin (Smithtown) d. Wayman (Burnt Hills, II), 7-3; Greg Lawrence (Calhoun) d. Josephson (Port Chester, I), 12-2. 189 — Chris Parris (North Babylon) d. Bower (Lansing, IV), 14-8; Chris Weidman (Baldwin) p. Seward (Woodlands, I), 1:35. 215 — Gian Villante (MacArthur) d. Hadley (Carthage, III), 11-4; Derrick Whitfield (Islip) d. Zemiak (Franklin Academy, X), 4:35. 275 — Justin Crisci (Floyd) d. Cowan (Mexico, III), 5-3; Charles McCullough (Glen Cove) d. Jason Forrest (St. John the Baptist), 7-1. Team Scores — Suffolk 119, Nassau 83.5, Syracuse (III) 78, Rochester (V) 67, Binghamton (IV) 55, Buffalo (VI) 52, St. Lawrence X 40, II 39, IX 27, CHSAA 26, I 13.5, VII 10.5, PSAL 4.