

WRESTLEMANIA

The Raiders' wrestling team, under the direction of Coach Len Zanowicz and Assistant James Sochan, finished the season with a 9-4-1 record. The tie was 30-30 against powerful Union.

The Raiders qualified for the NJSIAA Group 3 Tournament, but lost a grueling match to Belleville 37-32.

"All year we had four or five kids winning consistently," Zanowicz said. "The kids wrestled very well. It was a case of our .500 kids coming through where some of our better kids lost."

In the Union County Wrestling Tournament, the Raiders finished eighth with 105.5 points. The team placed three wrestlers, Pat Bartels (14-0), Marc Donnadio (16-1) and Scott Rosander (15-2), in the finals, but couldn't win an individual championship.

"Sometimes the calls go your way, sometimes they don't," said Bartels, after losing by one point in the UCT finals.

One of the most exciting bouts for the Raiders in the District 12 tournament came in the 112-pound final where Bartels, the champion in 1990, scored a takedown in the first minute of overtime to beat his opponent from New Providence 4-2. The team placed third with 97 points. Co-captain Dave Oslislo also won at 171 pounds, while co-captain Scott Rosander (160), Jason McLean (119) and Jorge Mendez (130) finished third. Other key wrestlers throughout the season were Marc Donnadio (125), Mike Marcovecchio (135), Pete Sanguiliano (140), and Ralph Sanguiliano (152).



JV and Varsity Wrestling Team: Top Row, L-R: Sean Dambaugh, David Oslislo, Bjorn Eklof, Head Coach Len Zanowicz, Assistant Coach James Sochan, Kevin Burke, Douglas Germinder, Andy Schmidt. Middle Row, L-R: Pedro Mendez, Dennis Trelease, Jason Berkowitz, Jason Casale, Scott Rosander, Ralph Sanguiliano, David Hilton, Michael Marcovecchio, Peter Sanguiliano. Bottom Row, L-R: Jason McLean, Ernie Guzman, Dominick Irovando, Scott Carthens, Jorge Mendez, Jeffrey Jacome, Kareem McDowell, Marc Donnadio, James Kelleher, Pat Bartels. Not Pictured: Rizwan Ahmad, Greg Atkins, Craig Costello, Michael Rebuth.

