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ROUNDUP

Wagner wins Met Conference hockey crown

■ Downs CC Morris, 8-2, in playoff finale to finish unbeaten

ADVANCE STAFF REPORT

MENNETT, N.J. — The Wagner College Hockey Club capped an undefeated Metropolitan Collegiate Hockey Conference season last night with a convincing 8-2 victory over Community College of Morris to capture the playoff championship at the Metten Ice Arena. Wagner finished the season with a 20-0-0 mark, including three playoff wins.

John Convery led the scoring with two tallies. HJ Uter, Anthony Bavaro, Tom Britt, Pete Popovino, Rich and Mike Camaratta added one goal apiece for the winners.

Gymnastics

CLARK, N.J. — David Imannation finished first in the Level 2 all-around with a score of 40.0 to qualify for the regionals at the New Jersey State championships. Imannation had firsts in the rings (8.1) and vault (8.8).

Tommy Sica, 11, also qualified after finishing fourth in the all-around with a score of 44.2.

Basketball

Billy Marsh connected on two foul shots with no time on the clock to lift Marsh and Associates over Rosebank Tavern 31-49 in a CVO Men's Unlimited League game at the league's Port Richmond gym. Scott Springfield scored 14 points for the winners.

In other league action, Phil Benigno (21 points) and Dennis Gregory (17) led the offense as New York Home Care dined All Tire 75-41. Chris Boyle (19) and Scott Fitzgerald (12) led the attack as Guaranteed Gutters defeated Elm Park 45-39. Billy VanVleet netted 34 points to lead Hugo Tavern over Horemans 70-66. Bruce Becherer had 25 points and Mark Levine scored 21 to lead Scala Funeral Home over High Five 75-71. And Anthony Benarriello scored 16 and Shawn Fitzgerald and Ken Coffey added 13 each to carry Richmond Amusement past CVO 52-56.

Randy Bunch scored 12 points as the Real Deal edged the H-Crew 54-46 in Men's Over-the-Hill Spring Summer action at PS 18, West Brighton.

Greg Springfield scored 23 points to lift the Children of the Dawn over the Blue Knights 87-66.

Rob Lombardi scored 15 points as the Weekend Warriors edged the Bad Boys 35-34 in YMCA Six-foot-and-under action in West Brighton. In other games, Phil Balesca's 22 led the No-Names past the Craniums 44-42. Kevin McNamara led 25 to carry Spirits past PS 8 74-66. R.H. Tugges downed Seaside Stars 60-47 as Matt Locks scored 14 and James Williams tallied 21 to vault PS 51 past Wet Look 74-63.

James Williams' 17 markers led the Mad Dogs past Team Ward 79-39 in SportsFest Men's Unlimited action in New Dorp.

Soccer

The Silver Lake Storm lost in overtime to the Rockville Center Redstart 1-0 in the Waldbaums Cup girls' 11-and-under 2 action at Floyd Bennett Field. Brooklyn's Marianne Arango and Andrea DiTrani excelled defensively.

Swimming

St. Joseph Hill defeated the Academy of St. Dorothy 170-86 in Catholic Grammar School League action at the Staten Island Aquatics Pool, West Brighton.

Triple winners for St. Joseph Hill were Lynn Moore, Billy Carroll, Sai Calogano, Janine LeGoffo, Stephanie Cusumano, Andrew Calogano, Jaclyn Calogano, Angela Lepore and Christina Cusumano.

Double winners were Charlotte Cusumano, Andrew Latham, Jo-

seph Castellano and Sebastian Serpico. Jamal Webb-Smith was a double winner for St. Dorothy's.

Synchronized swimming

NEW CANAAN, Conn. — Seven Staten Islanders had fine days at the Tri-State Championships. Christina Stylianou placed second in the under-19 solos with a score of 43.9. Samantha Quirk was third with a 39.9.

Jessica Carbone finished fourth in the under-11 solos with a score of 47.6. Roy Stephens was fifth with a 38.4.

Roller hockey

Justin Crocco recorded the hat trick and Peter Caldane added two scores to lift DiForte Insurance to the Richmond Roller Hockey League 15-15-year-old division championship with a 7-5 win over the Italian Club at Miller Field, New Dorp.

Shawn Marks netched a hat trick and Rick Arthier and John Oliva scored one goal each as T & C Sports World downed Panda Sports 5-3 in a SportsFest Men's League game late Saturday night in New Dorp.

Rifle shooting

Mike Tully was victorious in the M-1 carbine match, tallying 281-3x out of a possible 300 at the Richmond Boro Gun Club, Charleston.

Norbert Phillips was second (250-3x) and Hiram Golden (250-3x) was third.

Ice hockey

John Formichello netted a goal with one second remaining in the game to give Snapple a 4-3 victory over Manhattan College in Staten Island Rangers 4-3 in a Staten Island Ice Hockey Mini division game at Baker Arena.

Dog show

RAYMOND, N.J. — Kimball Ruffel Auf Baden, a doberman pinot, owned by Barbara and Ronald DeMayo of Prince's Bay and handled by Barbara DeMayo, scored 180's points in the First Dog Training Club of Northern New Jersey show to earn the second leg toward her CD at Ram Hill.

River Rise, a chocolate Labrador owned and handled by Carol Reims of New Springfield, scored a 1st to place fourth for a third leg and earned a CD title in Novice A.

Seashaw's West Minter Abbie, a golden retriever owned and handled by Kathy O'Connor of West-terhigh, earned her UD title with a score of 195's and took a fourth place.

Buku, a German shepherd owned and handled by Terry Papineau of



Convery Leone

Huguenot, captured the third leg of her companion dog title with a score of 193.

WEST SPRINGFIELD, Mass. — Pawprints Nerek Punctious CD, a pointer owned and handled by George Molloy of Prince's Bay, was first in open dog and winners dog to earn a three-point major and complete his American Kennel Club Championship and also won best of opposite.

Road racing

MONMOUTH, N.J. — Tom Mahoney of the Staten Island AC finished the St. Patrick's Day 10-Mile Run in 1:13:57 yesterday, while Jill Mahoney (SIAC) stopped the clock in 1:14:05.

It's one day. But one day can work in your favor. Sometimes, all it takes is one day to snap out of it.

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Biathlon

Joe Saladino had a time of 1:26:30 and Fred Capetta clocked 1:31:00 in the Central Park Biathlon.

Touch tackle

Quarterback Doug Arminas fired four touchdowns as Tommy's Sealed Blanket Belfore Meats 28-0 in a Model's Staten Island Touch Tackle Winter League game at Great Kills Park.

Arminas threw two passes to Scott Guffrida (seven and 54 yards), and one each to Frank Male (31 yards) and Ryan Tate (four).

In other league action, quarterback Larry Redmond also threw four TDs as Silver Fox defeated Leekers Fish 26-7. Al Bedford (30 yards), Tom Berte (two and 10 yards) and Jamie Donahue (24) caught the passes.

At PS 46, South Beach, quarterback Joe DeMarzio ran nine yards for a TD and three touchdowns passes to Tim Murphy (six yards) and Mike Aruta (69) as Intrepid routed Great Guns 20-7.

Aruta finished the day with five interceptions for 128 yards, while Burger King's Wayne Jackson had an interception and ran for a 31-yard TD.

QB Adam Thompson's 10-yard TD pass to Chris DeNatala provided the winning points as Richmond Appliances blanked Scramming Broccoli 10-0.

Upper Deck's 35-14 victory over Interglobe was sparked by Anthony Lombardi's four TD passes. Gary Salerno caught three (23, 27 and 30), finishing with 116 yards for the day. Keith Lottito also scored a TD for the winners.

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The Police Athletic League will run a free track meet March 31 at 11:30 a.m. at New Dorp High School.

Events will include 100, 200, 400 and 1,500-meter runs, and a 4x100 relay. The division includes under-9, 9-10, 11-12, 13-14, 15-16 and 17-18. All runners will need the written permission of a guardian to participate.

The James Tabor Softball League is seeking teams for its Sunday morning dirt loop. Call Joe Beyers at 739-3413.

The Staten Island Baseball Outliners will hold a Memorial Mass at St. Mary's Episcopal Church (Castleton Ave. and Davis Ave.) on Thursday at 7:30 a.m. for all deceased members of the SIBO. There will be coffee and cake served after mass.

The Varsity Umpires Association will hold its second organizational meeting Wednesday night at 6:30 at SportsFest, New Dorp. The Varsity Softball weekend hardtop and dirt leagues will also hold registration at 8 p.m. Call 479-7801.

BOWLING

Venosa's 300 takes him to S.I. Classic's top seed

■ Old Town resident totals 792 with nine-pin handicap

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John Venosa's struggles are over.

At least that's the way it looked yesterday during the final round of qualifying in the 20th annual Staten Island Singles Classic at Colonial Lanes.

The 29-year-old, Old Town resident secured his third career 300 en route to a personal-high 783 net.

His nine-pin handicap gave him a 792 total pinfall which, in turn, gave him the top seed heading into Saturday's 16-person final at 2:30 p.m.

This year it's been a struggle for me," said Venosa, whose previous high was 779. That was just a break-out, something that maybe will help me get back into it.

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But no matter how good they are, you still have to be throwing the ball good to carry like that, he said.

In addition to Venosa, there were nine others who cracked into the Top 16 over the weekend. They were George Cretella (747), Jeff Scott (737), Mickey Girdley (723), Tom Sention (719), Pete Calise (715), Mike O'Brien (711), Jerry Lyman (710), Nazareth Philippi (710) and Bob Garzone (706).

The cut score to make the finals was Vin Russo's 702.

Venosa said he's happy to have grabbed the top qualifying spot, but said it means very little when the finals begin.

"When I bowl in something like this, I'm just thinking about making the top 16," he said. "I'll come in first, so be it. But when we start Saturday, everybody from 1 through 16 is even. You're starting over again."

State Island Singles Classic

Top 16 after first weekend

Net	High	Low
John Venosa	783	9
Dennis Scott	752	10
George Cretella	747	11
Norby Sention	747	12
Jeff Scott	737	13
Mickey Girdley	723	14
Tom Sention	719	15
Pete Calise	715	16
Mike O'Brien	711	17
Jerry Lyman	710	18
Nazareth Philippi	710	19
Bob Garzone	706	20
Vin Russo	702	21

High pins

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