

New Canaan wrestlers claim three titles, finish third at FCIAC championships

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Tyler Sung controls Trumbull's Matt Ryan en route to a 5-1 victory in the 138-pound final during the FCIAC wrestling championships at NCHS on Saturday. — Dave Stewart photo

The New Canaan Rams had one of their best performances in more than two decades as they captured three weight class crowns and finished third in the team standings at the 2018 Joe Sikorski Wrestling Championships this weekend at NCHS.

Senior Nick Kortman, junior Tyler Sung, and freshman Justin Mastroianni all scored championships, and junior Jack Stewart finished as a runner-up, highlighting a tournament which saw the Rams have 10 wrestlers place.

New Canaan scored 163 points as a team, trailing the Danbury Hatters, who won the title with 242 points, and Warde, which was second with 202. The Hatters have now won eight straight league championships and 31 titles in the last 32 years. Rounding out the top five were Trumbull (130.5) and Wilton (116).

The Rams' performance was a total team effort, as they have seven wrestlers reach the semifinals, four finalists, and three champions — numbers with again trailed only Danbury.

The three FCIAC champions and four finalists are the most for New Canaan since the 1995 season, when they had three champions and five finalists.



Senior Nick Kortman on his way to a 6-2 win over Danbury's Montez Osbey in the 220-pound final. — Dave Stewart photo

Kortman, the only New Canaan wrestler in the finals last season, followed that runner-up performance with a championship in the 220-pound weight class on Saturday.

The No. 1 seed, Kortman defeated Danbury's Montez Osbey 6-2 in the final, taking a 2-1 lead after one period and adding to the advantage with a two-point reverse in a second period and another takedown in the third.

Kortman won his first two matches via pinfall and major decision. He defeated Wilton's Tyler Previte in 2:53, and then shut out No. 5 Dan Mundle of Warde, 11-0 in the semifinals.

Sung, also a No. 1 seed, won the 138-pound weight class championship with a 5-1 decision over No. 2 Matt Ryan on Trumbull. After a scoreless first period, Sung scored three points in an escape and a takedown in the second and went on to win by four points.

Sung also went 3-0 in the tournament, winning his opening-round match against Norwalk's Connor Gilchrist via pinfall in 59 seconds, and then shutting out Danbury's AJ Caba 6-0 in the semis.



Freshman Justin Mastroianni keeps Wilton's Nick Rende under wraps during his 3-2 win in the 126-pound final. — Dave Stewart photo

Mastroianni, the No. 4 seed at 126 pounds, won a 3-2 match with Wilton's Nick Rende, the No. 2 seed, in the final. The match was scoreless through two periods when Mastroianni scored one point on an escape in the third frame.

Rende took a 2-1 with a takedown, but Mastroianni countered with a reverse for the decisive points.

Mastroianni had a remarkable tournament, as he knocked off defending New England champion Jakob Camacho 6-4 in the semis. Camacho, a Danbury senior and the No. 1 seed, led 4-1 before Mastroianni scored five in the third period for the win.

Prior to that, Mastroianni had beaten Trumbull's Jonathan Kosak, 16-9, in the quarterfinals.

Stewart went 2-1 in the heavyweight class to finish as the runner-up. He pinned Norwalk's Brendan Farrell in 24 seconds in his first match, and then scored a 5-2 decision over Danbury's Jordan Agosto in the semifinals.

In the final, Stewart faced No. 1 seed, the unbeaten George Harrington of Staples, and the two heavyweights had an action-packed final, with Harrington eventually winning 6-3. Their match was scoreless after one period and 1-1 after two, when Harrington took the lead for good with an escape and a takedown for three points.

Junior co-captain Christian Sibbett was the No. 3 seed at 152 pounds and finished third after going 3-1. He pinned JC Montoni of Greenwich in 5:12 in his first match, but then fell to second-seeded Kris Gjinaj 6-4 in the semis.

In the wrestlebacks, Sibbett defeated Greenwich's Aly Ibrahim 9-1, and won the consolation final, 4-1, over No. 4 Emmett Emmendorfer of Ludlowe.