

## Warde wrestlers second in FCIAC meet

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The Fairfield Warde wrestling team finished in second place in the FCIAC Championship meet that took place on Feb. 9 and 10 at New Canaan High School. The Mustangs totaled 202 points to take second behind Danbury (242 points). New Canaan (168), Trumbull (130) and Wilton (116) rounded out the top five. Fairfield Ludlowe finished tied for 10th place with 60 points.

The Mustangs went 1-3 in finals matches. Warde has finished runner-up in six of the past seven seasons.

"Overall as a team I think we did well," Mustangs coach Jason Shaughnessy said. "We would have liked to perform better in the finals. I think two of the three matches we

could have and should have won, but we didn't. I think it's going to give us the opportunity to prepare us for next week."

Kris Gjinaj, Joe Gjinaj and Izaake Zuckerman all made the finals for Warde.

"You're always chasing Danbury, and we made it a respectable result," Shaughnessy said. "They're a real good team and I think we had a good team effort to stay competitive."

Warde had a top six place winner in 11 of the weight classes, highlighted by 132-pound class championship Alex Steele, who was also voted the Most Outstanding Wrestler in the lower weight classes after edging Danbury's Kyle Fields 5-4 in the finals.

Dylan Cruvinel (106 pounds) took fourth while Ludlowe's Luis Zambrano took sixth place at 106 pounds.

At 113 pounds, Reber Shurki finished sixth, Cole Shaughnessy (120) placed fifth, Nate Cuoco (126) placed fourth, Noah Zuckerman (138) finished fifth, Anthony Zarlenga (145) finished third, Kris Gjinaj (152) placed second while Ludlowe's Eric Emmendorfer placed fourth at 152.

Izaake Zuckerman (160) finished second, Ludlowe's Justin Hathaway (170) placed fourth, John Summers (182) took fifth while Ludlowe's Stan Godlewski finished fourth at 182. Joe Gjinaj (195) finished second, Dan Mundle (220) placed third and Alec Nardone (285) finished fifth.

In the SCC Championship, Fairfield Prep finished in 10th place with 32.5 points. Individually, Prep's Dean Tsiranides took second in the 145-pound class and Henry Bosken in the 120-pound class finished third. Bosken lost his opening match but then won three straight in the wrestlebacks to place third. At 138 pounds, Henry Adiletta tied for fifth, as did Sean Zenter at 160 pounds.