

# New Canaan's Mastroianni finishes as a runner-up at New England wrestling tourney; Sung takes fourth

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

Update, 11 p.m.: New Canaan freshman Justin Mastroianni finished as a runner-up, and sophomore Tyler Sung took fourth place during the New England Wrestling Tournament this weekend at the Providence Career and Technical Center in Rhode Island.

Mastroianni won his first four matches, including two via pinfall, to reach the 126-pound final, where he squared off against New Milford's Mel Ortiz. Ortiz grabbed a 4-2 lead after one period, and led 7-4 after two periods, before Mastroianni closed the gap in the third. Ortiz eventually squeaked out a 12-10 victory.

Sung, who wrestled at 138 pounds, went 3-2 overall and his wins included three decisions.

As a team, the Rams collected 38 points and finished 12th, the second-best showing for an FCIAC team at the meet. Danbury was third with 75 points, and Warde was 13th with 36 points, one spot behind New Canaan

**Update, 2 p.m.:** New Canaan freshman Justin Mastroianni has moved into the New England final at 126 pounds after defeating Sean Johnson of Ellis Tech, 12-5, in the semifinals. Mastroianni will wrestle Mel Ortiz of New Milford in the final later today.

Sophomore Tyler Sung lost a tough match with Dylan Disano of Bishop Hendrikson of Rhode Island, 2-1, in the 138-pound semifinals. He will now wrestle in the consolation bracket with a chance to place.

Mastroianni started Saturday by pinning Kaya Boyle of Hingham, Mass., at 5:30 of their quarterfinal match.

In the semis, Mastroianni and Johnson were scoreless through one period, and Mastroianni then carried a 2-1 lead to the final frame. He added a point with a quick escape and dominated the match from there, scoring eight points on four takedowns and one more on a stalling call against Johnson.

Sung opened Saturday's wrestling by defeating the No. 1 seed, A.J. Pagliarulo of Bedford, Mass., in the quarterfinals. Sung took a 2-1 lead on a takedown halfway through the second period, and pushed the lead to 3-1 with an escape early in the third. He was hit with a one-point stalling penalty in the waning seconds, but won, 3-2.

In the semifinals, Sung lost a 2-1 heartbreaker to Disano.

For the tournament, Mastroianni is 4-0 with two pins and two decisions, while Sung had an opening-round bye and then went 2-1 with two decisions.

**Original Story:** New Canaan's Tyler Sung and Justin Mastroianni have advanced to the quarterfinal round of the New England Wrestling Tournament being held this weekend at the Providence Career and Technical Center in Rhode Island.

During Friday night's wrestling, Sung, a sophomore, had a first-round bye before winning a decision in the second round of the 138-pound weight class.

Mastroianni, a freshman, went 2-0 with a decision and a pinfall in the first two rounds of the 126-pound weight class.

Wrestling will resume with the quarterfinals on Saturday.

The two New Canaan wrestlers scored a combined 10 points, putting the Rams 27th in the team standings.

Including Sung and Mastroianni, the FCIAC has 10 wrestlers in the New England quarterfinals. The quarterfinalists include Danbury's Ryan Jack (120 pounds), AJ Kovacs (145), and Gino Baratta (170); Warde's Izaake Zuckerman (160) and Joe Gjinaj (195); Westhill's Chase Parrott (120) and Thomas Mazur (126); and Trumbull's Matt Ryan (138).

Sung's Friday night victory was an 8-2 decision against Trevor Morton of Reading, Mass. Sung scored two points on a first-period takedown, and expanded the lead to 6-0 with four more points on a reversal and a nearfall in the second period. He led 6-2 heading to the third and went on to win by six.

Sung will face A.J. Pagliarulo of Bedford, Mass., in the quarterfinals.

Mastroianni opened the tournament with an 8-3 win over Kyle Merritt of Chariho High School in Rhode Island.

The Ram freshman built a 4-0 lead with a first-period takedown and a second-period reversal. Merritt closed the deficit to 4-2 heading to the third, but Mastroianni put it away with a couple of takedowns.

Mastroianni then made quick work of Sam Martel of Noble High School from Maine, winning via a first-period pinfall at 1:50.

Mastroianni will face Kaya Boyle of Hingham, Mass., in the quarterfinals.