

Dec. 23 Wrestling



Steinert's Sean Agustyn puts the finishing touches on his pin of Hopewell's Anthony DeClarico, then gets a happy congratulations from coach Adam Jankos (Photos by Mike Dill/purchase photos at www.michaeldillphotography.com).

Steinert gives powerful HoVal a strong challenge in setback

Dec. 23: Steinert's wrestling team gave Hopewell Valley a battle, but the visiting Bulldogs won the afternoon's final two bouts to prevail, 33-22, today.

The Spartans (0-2) fell behind 15-0 after the first three matches, but Tyler Beers won a major decision, 11-2, at 120 pounds and Joe Michel, a returning Mercer County Tournament and district champion, was victorious 4-2 in overtime at 126 to pull Steinert within 15-7.

Hopewell Valley, the defending MCT champion, then won consecutive decisions to extend its lead to 21-7 before Steinert's Sean Augustyn and the Bulldogs' Eric Barbera had pins to make it 27-13.

Steinert won the next three bouts in a row, with Mathew McDonald winning a decision 8-6 at 160, Sean McDonald winning 6-2 at 170 and River Ulrich winning 7-3 at 182.

The Bulldogs, who lost their season opener by four points to Delaware Valley, closed the match by winning decisions to even their record at 1-1.

