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H.S. Bowling: Sussex Tech wins first-ever HWS title

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WASHINGTON — The Sussex Tech bowling team captured its first-ever Hunterdon Warren Sussex championship, thanks to four 600 series from Patrick Kapuscinski, Travis Vihti, Tommy Slate and Michael Xayac.

The Mustangs totaled 3,220 for the tournament, outscoring second-place Lenape Valley, which had 3,037. This is the first tri-county title in any sport for the Mustangs.

"It's awesome," Sussex Tech coach Chad Gasiorek said. "The kids were on fire and worked hard to get it. I'm still in awe."

Kapuscinski rolled a 695 series, after posting two 235 games and a 225 game. Kapuscinski's efforts earned him the third highest series for the tournament, behind HWS Most Valuable Player Nick Aroune, of High Point, and Larry Tufaro, of Wallkill Valley. Aroune put up a 710 series, led by a high game of 249, while Tufaro rolled a 698 series that featured a high of 267.

Vihti had the second highest series for Sussex Tech with a 666. Slate followed with a 663 while Xayac put up a 606. Dennis Rupp rounded out the Mustangs' lineup with a 590.

Crystal Keller led Lenape Valley by rolling a 707 to lead all girl bowlers in the tournament. Keller's series featured a high of 258.

The Patriots also got a pair of 600 series from Gabe Parmele and Eric Levasseur. Parmele rolled a 627 while Levasseur posted a 608.

Individually, Vernon's Dan Mangano and Sparta's Sarah Rhodes stood out.

Mangano recorded the highest game in the tournament with a 268, which helped him post a 675 series and the team finish ninth. Rhodes had the second-best series of any girl, posting a 672 to highlight the Spartans' sixth.

Hunterdon Warren Sussex Tournament

Team results: 1. Sussex Tech (ST) 3,220, 2. Lenape Valley (LV) 3,037, 3. Hunterdon Central (HC) 3,005, 4. Warren Hills (WH) 2,849, 5. Sussex/North Hunterdon (SNH) 2,813, 6. Sparta (S) 2,779, 7. Newton (N) 2,743, 8. High Point (HP) 2,577, 9. Vernon (V) 2,514, 11. Hopatcong (H) 2,400, 12. Wallkill Valley (WV) 2,350

High games: 1. Dan Mangano (V) 268, 2. Larry Tufaro (WV) 267, 3. Travis Vihti (ST) 259, 4. Crystal Keller (LV) 258, 5. Nick Aroune (HP) 249

High series: 1. Nick Aroune (HP) 710, 2. Crystal Keller (LV) 706, 3. Larry Tufaro (WV) 698, 4. Patrick Kapuscinski (ST) 695, 5. Dan Mangano (V) 675



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