And More Sports...

Senior Derek Jenkins of the wrestling team was named the CAA Wrestler of the Week. Jenkins is currently ranked 12th in the nation and second in the CAAs, and has won the last two CAA championships.

Freshman Bobby Stinson of the wrestling team was named the CAA Rookie of the Week. Stinson will be joining Jenkins, along with junior Carmelo Marrero and senior Derek Jenkins at Nationals. This trip to nationals will be Jenkins fourth in a row.

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Athletes of the Week

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