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Wellsville's Dan White holds on to the leg of Alfred-Almond's Lucas Cady during the 145-pound contest Monday in Almond. White won by major decision, 9-0, but was one of only three Lions to score points in a 56-13 loss.

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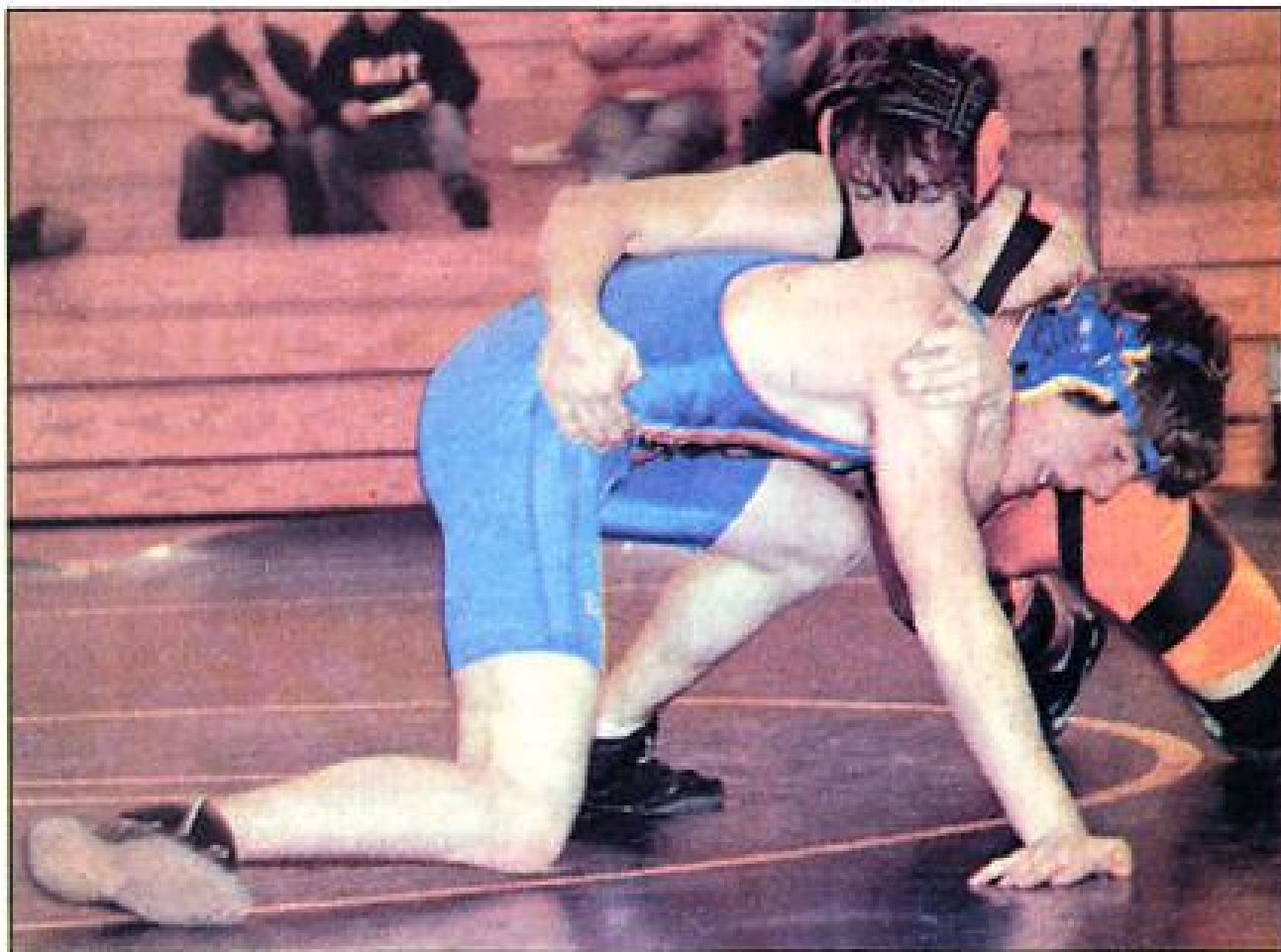
Pettenati, White pick up wins for Wellsville

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ALMOND — Alfred-Almond scored the first 21 points of Monday's non-league wrestling match with visiting Wellsville and won five of the seven head-to-head matchups during a convincing 56-13 win, but it wasn't enough to please head coach John Gemmill.

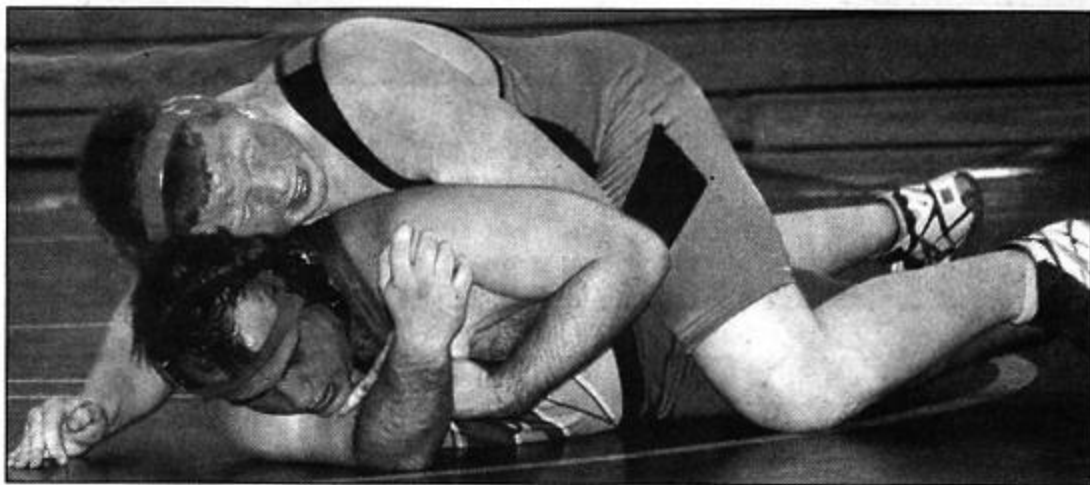
"Not good," Gemmill of his team's performance in the blowout following the match. "We didn't wrestle well at all. I think probably three kids — my

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Above, Wellsville's Ben Pettenati, back, controls Alfred-Almond's Tom Demetreu during the 135-pound contest in Almond Monday. Pettenati scored three points in the final 30 seconds to earn a 5-3 decision and was one of only two Lions to wins matchups during a 56-13 loss.



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Wellsville's Lester Fanton, top, controls Alfred-Almond's Brian Harrison in the 215-pound match Monday in Almond. Harrison had five takedowns in the third period and scored a 13-8 decision over Fanton in the night's first match.

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3-pounder (Ted Quant), my 19-pounder (Robert Comer) and my 40-pounder (Travis Smith) — wrestled pretty well.

"Other than that, we were lazy, lethargic, we weren't aggressive and we were very defensive. We won the match, yes, but I think they get it in their heads that these teams are giving up some forfeits and we get complacent. They didn't come out to wrestle."

The Eagles were coming off a tough match with Campbell-Savona on Saturday in which the Eagles, who gave up 24 points because of an incomplete roster, came within seven points of upsetting the visiting Panthers.

"We won quite a few matches, but they weren't as impressive and as dominant as they should have been," explained Gemmell. "We wrestled well against Campbell-Savona and then we come out here like this two days later. I don't know if it's just because of the weekend and it's a Monday match, but we were pretty lazy tonight."

After A-A built a 21-0 lead through the first five weight classes, Wellsville attempted a rally with six point on a forfeit at 130 to Dustin White and a come-from-behind win by Ben Pettenati at 135.

"That was a nice comeback," said Wellsville coach Bill Sortore. "He's normally our 30-

pounder and he gave up about six pounds. Tommy (Demetreu) is tough, but the thing we've been working on with Ben is having six minutes of wrestling. That's what won it for him. He kept trying to get something and he did."

Demetreu came back from a 2-0 deficit after the first period and took a 3-2 lead with an escape and takedown in the third period, but Pettenati broke free with 30 seconds left in the match and took advantage of a poor headlock by Demetreu with 10 seconds to go by getting a takedown in the final seconds and winning, 5-3.

"That's something we preach to these kids," said Gemmell. "You've got to know the score and you've got to know the situation. It was a 3-3 match with 10 or 15 seconds left and you're throwing a headlock — he should know that. He's a second-year kid, but you've got to know the score and you've got to know the situation."

The win pulled Wellsville within 12 points at 21-9 with two matches to go. Eagle senior Smith pulled out an 18-0 technical fall over Ryan Lehman at 140 and Wellsville's Dan White won 9-0 over Lucas Cady at 145 to conclude the night's wrestling with the Eagles ahead 26-13.

Robert Lounsberry (152), Brad Matacale (160), Kyle

Burnett (171) and Kyle Hadsell (189) all picked up six team points by way of forfeit for the Eagles in the final four weight classes.

"It's the end of the season and we're looking to get some good mat time for the kids," Sortore said of his short-handed team. "We have to give up a lot of forfeits, but we wrestled okay. It's a young crew and I'm looking forward to sectionals."

Eagles' Brian Harrison had five takedowns in the final period to come back for a 13-8 win over Lester Fanton in the night's first match at 215 and Quant earned a pin over Joe Patrick at 103. After a forfeit to J.R. Emo at 112, A-A got pins from Comer at 119 and Jason Fraser at 125.

Wellsville falls to 2-9 overall and will host Allegany-Limestone in its regular season and Expressway Conference finale next Wednesday while A-A (6-4) finishes out its regular season Thursday against Genesee Valley at home.

215 Brian Harrison (A-A) by dec. over Lester Fanton 13-8 103 Ted Quant (A-A) by pin over Joe Patrick 3-46 112 J.R. Emo (A-A) by for. 119 Robert Comer (A-A) by pin over Ethan Lamphier 1:03 125 Jason Fraser (A-A) by pin over Nick Lehman 5-46 130 Dustin White (W) by for. 135 Ben Pettenati (W) by dec. over Tom Demetreu 5-3 140 Travis Smith (A-A) by tech. fall over Ryan Lehman 18-0 145 Dan White (W) by maj. dec. over Lucas Cady 9-0 152 Robert Lounsberry (A-A) by for. 160 Brad Matacale (A-A) by for. 171 Kyle Burnett (A-A) by for. 189 Kyle Hadsell (A-A) by for.

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130 Dustin White (W) by pin over Jerod Comer