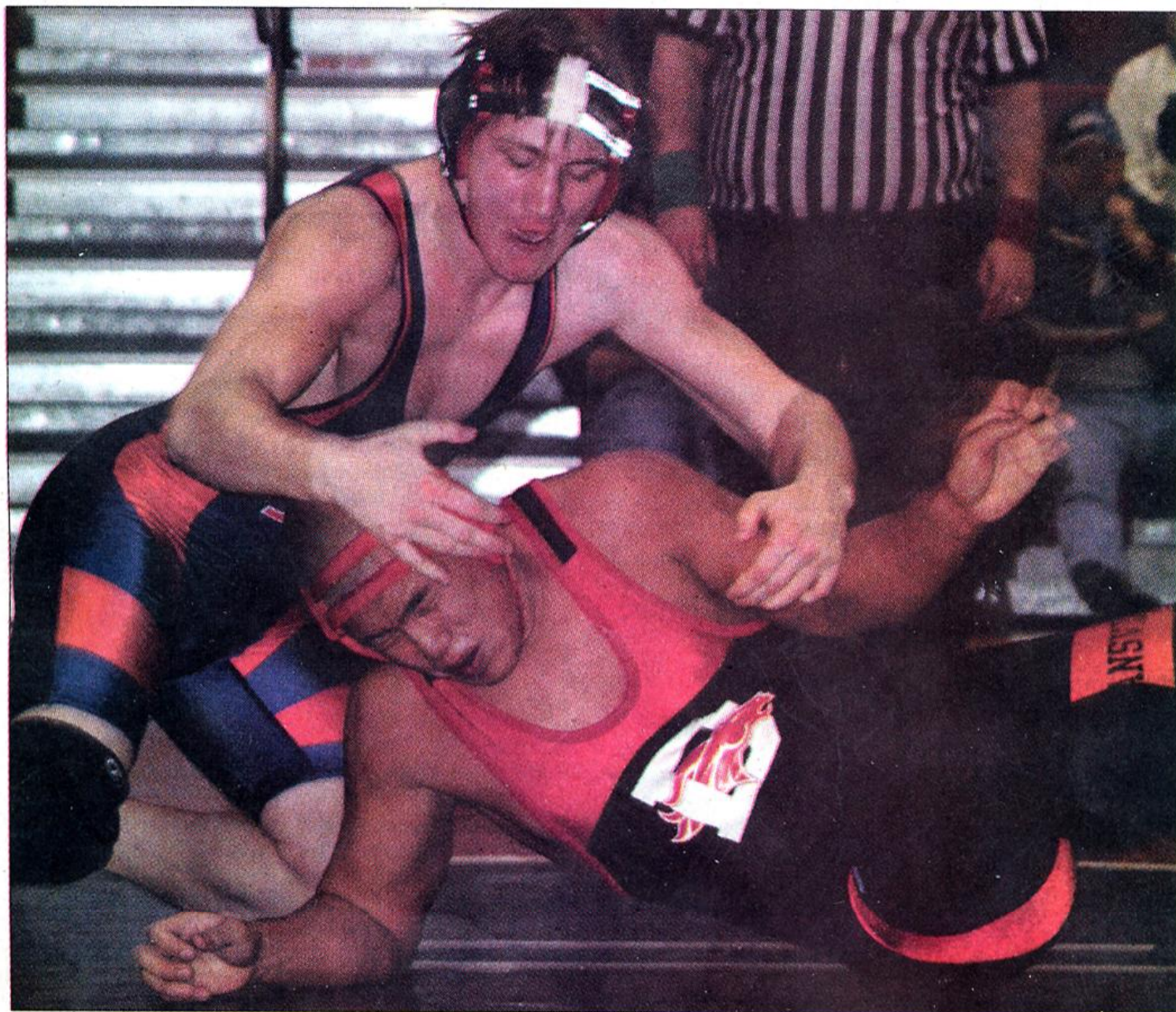




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Dansville's Scott Sliker, right, is inadvertently smacked in the face by Hornell's Doug Drew, as he tries to escape during the second period. Sliker went on to score a two-point reversal, but lost 8-6 in overtime Thursday night in Dansville.

Hornell disposes of Dansville in Mustangs' home finale

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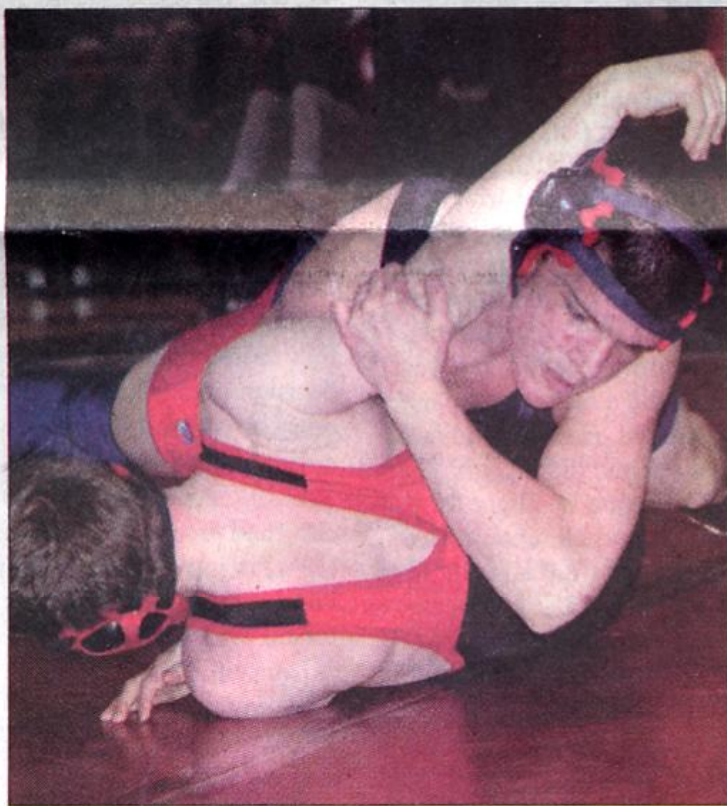
DANSVILLE — Coming off its second tournament title this season, the Hornell wrestling team took care of Dansville in the Mustangs' final dual meet of the season, 57-23, Thursday.

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"It went pretty well actually," said Hornell coach Matt Sheldon, who was displeased with the way his team performed last week heading into the State Farm Classic in Hornell. "We were sick, we have some injuries, but we had a couple of jayvee kids that had to jump in and they won."

"I was real happy that Tony Persichilli won at 152 and I had to bump Doug Drew up at 189 and he wrestled well and won," he added. "That's what you like to see, some of the younger guys get some of the wins."

Hornell scored the first 21 points of the match and led 57-11 at the end of competitive wrestling, although Dansville earned 12 more points from forfeit victories by Drew Inzinna at 275 and



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Hornell's Tony Persichilli, top, takes Dansville's Justin Briggs to his back during the 152-pound contest Thursday in Dansville. Persichilli won by pin in the second period.

Rocco Russo at 96.

"I think our 89-pounder should have won," said Dansville coach Ralph Pery. "All he had to do was hold on for 10 seconds more and he would have won. Other than that, the guys wrestled pretty good. Hornell's got a really strong

team."

The most exciting match of the evening came at 189 when Drew, who usually wrestles at 171, moved up to face Dansville's Scott Sliker. The wrestlers went back-and-forth with 1-point leads during the first three periods and Drew looked to have

won the match when he pulled off a reversal with 20 seconds left to gain a 6-5 advantage, but Sliker escaped with three seconds on the clock to force an overtime session.

Drew struck first in the extra period and took Sliker down 17 seconds into overtime to seal the 8-6 victory and give Hornell the 51-11 lead. Dan Rosemier, also wrestling up a weight class for HHS, pinned David Lovetro in 1:21 at 215 to close out the scoring for the Red Raiders.

"He was tired, but the other kid was too," Sheldon said of Drew. "Being smaller, towards the end, I didn't think he was going to be able to get out. But he managed to get out right at the end and then get the take-down."

Joe Sirianni pinned Brock Morsch in 1:05 to get Hornell started at 103 pounds and Kevin McAllister scored two points in each period to pick up a 6-0 decision over Mike Barnhart at 119, sandwiched in between forfeits to Hornell's Adam and Austin Dwyer.

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Dansville's Jerry Pilkenton put the Mustangs on the board when he dominated Joe Murray at 130 pounds, picking up a technical fall just before the final buzzer. Last year in Hornell, Murray pinned Pilkenton 11 seconds into the second period at 125 pounds.

"Jerry has been strong this year, but he's had his ups and downs," said Perry. "I think Joe Murray beat him last year, but he did a real exceptional job tonight. He felt good and went out and did his job. That was kind of a highlight for us."

After Hornell received six more points from a forfeit to Scott Ray at 135, teammate Aaron Parks made quick work of Mike Belanger with a pin — in 11 seconds — at 140.

"Aaron's the type of kid that, as a coach, you like," said

Sheldon. "He goes out there, takes kids down and tries to pin them as quick as possible. That's what you want. Sometimes, (other coaches) want you to go out there and wrestle for six minutes to get in shape, but it only takes one wrong move and you are injured. I tell kids to go out there and try to pin them as quick as you can."

Andy Drake gave Hornell four more points with a major decision over Darcy VanDerwerken at 145 and JV sub Persichilli pinned Justin Briggs in 2:32. Tyler Sick wrestled up a class and won by technical fall (19-1) in just 2:24 over Travis Lana at 160 to give HHS its largest lead, 48-5.

Dansville's other victory came from Tim Lemmon at 171, who pinned Brion Fuller, also wrestling up a weight

class, in 3:07.

The win brings HHS to 15-3 overall and 6-0 in Livingston County Division I dual meets, setting up Tuesday's match with Letchworth, also 6-0 in Division I, for the regular season league title. Hornell will also take on Attica Tuesday, following its 5 p.m. match with the Indians.

"The biggest thing now is that we have to start getting healthy," said Sheldon. "The kids still need to work on getting in shape, but I think this will help us for Tuesday. And it helps some of the younger guys because it gave them a little confidence. I think we're going to have to have some of those young guys come through against Letchworth and Attica for us to win."

Hornell is ranked third in the Section V, Division II dual

meet poll, while Attica (4-1) and Letchworth (9-7) are fifth and sixth, respectively. Holly (20-1) holds down the top spot and Palmyra-Macedon (8-3) is second.

Dansville finishes its dual meet season with a 1-9 overall mark and 0-7 record in D-I.

"It's been a good season, even though our record has been bad," said Perry. "We've had some good kids that wrestle hard. I've enjoyed the season."

Hornell 57, Dansville 23

103 Joe Sirianni (H) by pin over Brock Morsch 1:05 112 Adam Dwyer (H) by for. 119 Kevin McAllister (H) by dec. over Mike Barnhart 6-0 125 Austin Dwyer (H) by for. 130 Jerry Pilkenton (D) by tech. fall over Joe Murray 17-1 (6:00) 135 Scott Ray (H) by for. 140 Aaron Parks (H) by pin over Mike Belanger :11 145 Andy Drake (H) by maj. dec. over Darcy VanDerwerken 11-2 152 Tony Persichilli (H) by pin over Justin Briggs 2:32 160 Tyler Sick (H) by tech. fall over Travis Lana 19-1 (2:24) 171 Tim Lemmon (D) by pin over Brion Fuller 3:07 189 Doug Draw (H) by dec. over Scott Silker 8-6 (OT) 215 Dan Rosemier (H) by pin over David Lovetro 1:21 275 Drew Inzinna (D) by for. 96 Rocco Russo (D) by for.