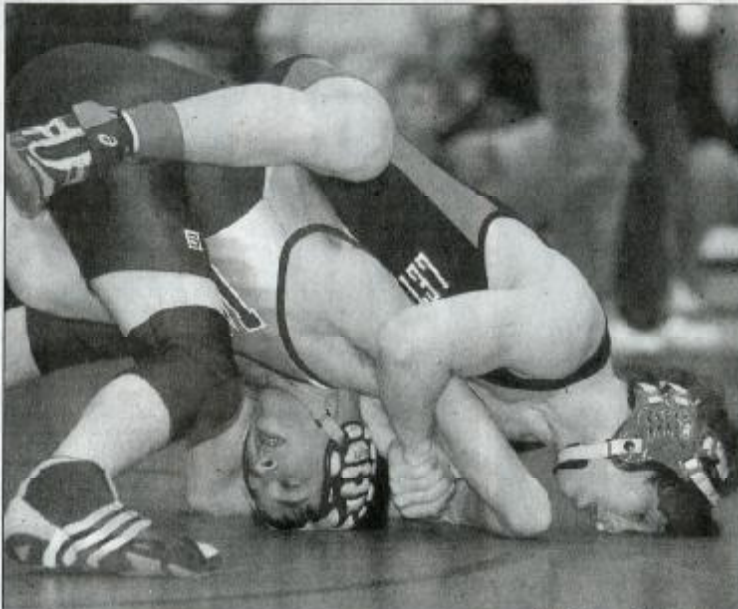


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MAT MEN: The 119-pound finals saw Mike Nevinger (top) of Letchworth win the title over Wayland-Cohocton's Richy Sikes 8-2 during Saturday's Livingston Conference Athletic Association Wrestling Championships.



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ROMASSER ROLLS: Warsaw's Bill Romasser (right) locks up Dan Rosemier of Hornell in the 215-pound weight class in the finals of the Livingston Conference Athletic Association Wrestling Championships that Romasser won with a pin.

Hornell trips Letchworth for LCAA crown

By Chris Metcalf
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LE ROY — Hornell wrestling coach Matt Sheldon was hoping his team's 31-30 victory over Letchworth 223-199 to capture their fourth title in five years in winning the 48th annual Livingston Conference Athletic Association Wrestling Championships Saturday night at Le Roy Central School.

Sheldon and his Red Raiders rode that momentum as they outdistanced runner-up Letchworth 223-199 to capture their fourth title in five years in winning the 48th annual Livingston Conference Athletic Association Wrestling Championships Saturday night at Le Roy Central School.

"I am extremely proud of my entire team and how they worked as a team to win the title," said coach Sheldon, who was also named LCAA Coach of the Year by his coaching peers prior to the finals.

"We had 11 of our 13 wrestlers place and I feel that is what made the difference."

Hornell had seven finalists while Letchworth placed five in the championship round.

Warsaw, which placed third with 197½ points, also had five finalists.

Scott Ray (130), Aaron Parks (140) and Tyler Sick (152) all captured individual titles for Hornell.

Ray won a narrow 3-1 decision over Wayland-Cohocton's Adam Mortensen, Parks pinned Le Roy's Kory Cosimeno in 1:57 and Sick remained unbeaten on the season at 40-0 with a 11-2 majority decision over Letchworth's Al Fagan.

Both Letchworth and Warsaw had the most individual champions with four each.

Winning crowns for Letchworth included a trio of the Hendrickson brothers — Bucky (103), Joe (145) and Matt (189) — along with Mike Nevinger (119).

Bucky Hendrickson, an eighth-grader, won a hard-fought 4-2 overtime decision over Livonia's Tim Coughlin in a match that saw the Letchworth grappler make a last second take-

down just inside the outer circle for the win.

His older brother Joe, a senior, repeated last year's title by winning by default over Hornell's Ryan Dieter, who re-injured his shoulder after winning an 8-7 semifinal decision over Bath's Derrick Nadjadi.

Going into the tournament the 145-pound division was considered the toughest with nine of the 11 wrestlers coming in with winning records.

On his way to the crown, Joe Hendrickson pinned Geneseo's John Fayiah in 1:25 in his first round bout. He then won a 20-4 decision over Way-Co's Kyle Mott in the quarters before pinning Cal-Mum's Tim Sullivan in just 47 seconds in his semifinal match.

Matt Hendrickson, a junior who won the 135-pound title a year ago, bumped all the way up to 189 pounds as he defeated Warsaw's Jo Russ-Wilkolaski 5-3 in the finals. Matt had defeated his previous two opponents by 15 points or more — ousting LeRoy's Keith Barnes 18-3 in the quarters before topping York's Justin Clark 18-2 in the semifinals.

All three Hendricksons were top-seeded going in.

Warsaw was also dominant in the championship round as Ian Paddock (112), Paul Paddock (160) and Billy Romasser (215) all scored easy wins for the Tigers.

Ian, a freshman, stayed unbeaten at 35-0 as he pinned Bath's Billy Crowe in 3:28 in the championship match. The defending state champion pinned all four opponents on his way to his third LCAA title.

His brother Paul, a junior, also pinned his way to the title as he pinned HF-L's Tom Riley in 33 seconds in the first round, Cal-Mum's Mike Wood in 54 seconds in the quarters, Geneseo's Mike Paulick in 1:32 in the semifinals and Le Roy's Justin Casper in 3:47 in the title match.

It was Paul's fifth LCAA title.

Romasser, a junior, bumped up a weight class

and came away with the crown as he decked Hornell's Dan Rosemier in 3:44 in the 215-pound title bout. In his two previous matches, Romasser pinned Pavilion's Kyle Lemley in 38 seconds and pinned Letchworth's Jeff Holly in 30 seconds.

It was Romasser's first LCAA crown.

Warsaw's Dakota Stackhouse also captured an individual title as the seventh-grader won a narrow 1-0 decision over Hornell's Joe Sirtanni in the 96-pound title match.

Stackhouse, who came in as the No. 2 seed, took a 1-0 lead into the third period before riding out the top-seeded Sirianni for the victory.

Bath (154 points) would get the nod for the fourth spot over Le Roy (127) as the Rams had two individual champions while the Knights had one.

Freshman Cody Hutcheson was impressive in his 7-4 decision over Hornell's Andy Drake for the 135-pound title.

Drake, who came in as the top seed with a 37-4 record, had defeated the second-seeded Hutcheson (28-5) twice during the regular season.

The victory for Hutcheson gave him prestigious Most Outstanding Wrestler honors.

Bryant Madigan would give the Rams two titles as he overcame a 1-0 deficit and pinned Dansville's Drew Inzanna in 4:31 in the 275-pound finals.

Le Roy's lone championship came at 125 pounds when top-seeded Chad Condidorio ran his record to 32-1 with a 5-3 decision over second-seeded Weston Weaver of Letchworth in a match that Condidorio controlled for most of the way.

Condidorio, who bumped up from his normal 119-pound class, had an easy time making the finals as he pinned Cal-Mum's David Wood in 56 seconds in his first round bout, pinned Warsaw's Wyatt Bush in 3:52 in the quarters and then rolled to a 14-1 semifinal win over Hornell's Austin Dwyer.

Cal-Mum sophomore Nate Schiedel was impressive as he captured his first LCAA crown with an injury default win over Bath's Tony Viselli in the 171 pound finals.

Schiedel was in control of the match in the second period when Viselli injured his leg on an attempted shot by Schiedel.

The Cal-Mum sophomore pinned all three of his pre-finals opponents, the longest which lasted only 3:18 in his semifinal win over Perry's Nick Lock.

Third-place finishers included Dakota Hendrickson (96, Letchworth), Jason Carpenter (103, Bath), Brad Vecellio (112, Way-Co), Chris Whiting (119, Warsaw), Emery Albers (125, Bath), Brandon Schrier (130, Keshequa), Greg VanBuskirk (135, Livonia), Mike Dale (140, Livonia), Derrick Nadjadi (145, Bath), Ed Englerth (152, Le Roy), Travis Lana (160, Dansville), Shawn Luders (171, Pavilion), Nate Anastasi (189, Cal-Mum), Jeff Holly (215, Letchworth) and Camden Barber (275, Letchworth).

Ken-Ton Tournament

BEES SIXTH: Byron-Bergen placed sixth in the team competition at the Ken-Ton Tournament Saturday.

Jamestown won the event with 131.5 points, followed by Eden (119), Clarence (113), Kenmore West (102), Tonawanda (100) and Byron-Bergen (80). Pembroke was 10th with 60.

Pembroke's Sam Dornthongnivanit was named the meet's Most Outstanding Wrestler after winning the 125-pound title with a 6-3 decision over Jamestown's Jon Bernard.

Byron-Bergen's Mike McNally brought home the championship at 119 pounds with a 13-3 major decision over Brockway's Dillon Park. The Bees had a pair of third-place finishes. Steve McNally defeated Mike Bunn of Eden at 125 pounds and Ryan Woodward was victorious over Eden's Justin Cornell at 189. Andrew Sapienza took fourth after losing to Tonawanda's Rob Neal at 152 pounds.