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SECTION 5 WRESTLING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Holley, Letchworth capture titles

B-B's McNally gets MOW honor

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SODUS — The Holley wrestling team has won a sectional championship in eight of the last nine years, but this one was the biggest.

The Hawks scored a whopping 303.5 points — the highest total in the run — and beat second-place finisher Byron-Bergen by 135.5 points — the largest margin of victory in the stretch — in capturing the Section 5 Class BBB title Saturday at Sodus.

"I thought Mynderse, Byron-Bergen and Marion would be our top competition, with an outside shot by Le Roy," Holley coach John Grillo said. "We had very good seeds going into the tournament and I think the quality of competition we get during the year helped us."

The Bees scored 168 points for second and were followed by Mynderse (165), Marion (142), Sodus (130), Le Roy (124), Pembroke (113.5), Campbell-Savona (97), Williamson (72), Bishop Kearney (50), Red Creek (46), Wellsville (45) and Avon (18.5).

Holley had six sectional champions and a total of 10 wrestlers competing in the championship round.

Tim Banks wrestled in the 96-pound weight class and absolutely dominated.

The freshman pinned Travis Burdick of Williamson in just 57 seconds, then took care of Andrew Giannino of Mynderse in 44 seconds before winning his first sectional title with a pin over Sodus' Lance Zemiak in 56 seconds. Banks has yet to lose this season and heads to next week's SuperSectionals with a 37-0 record.

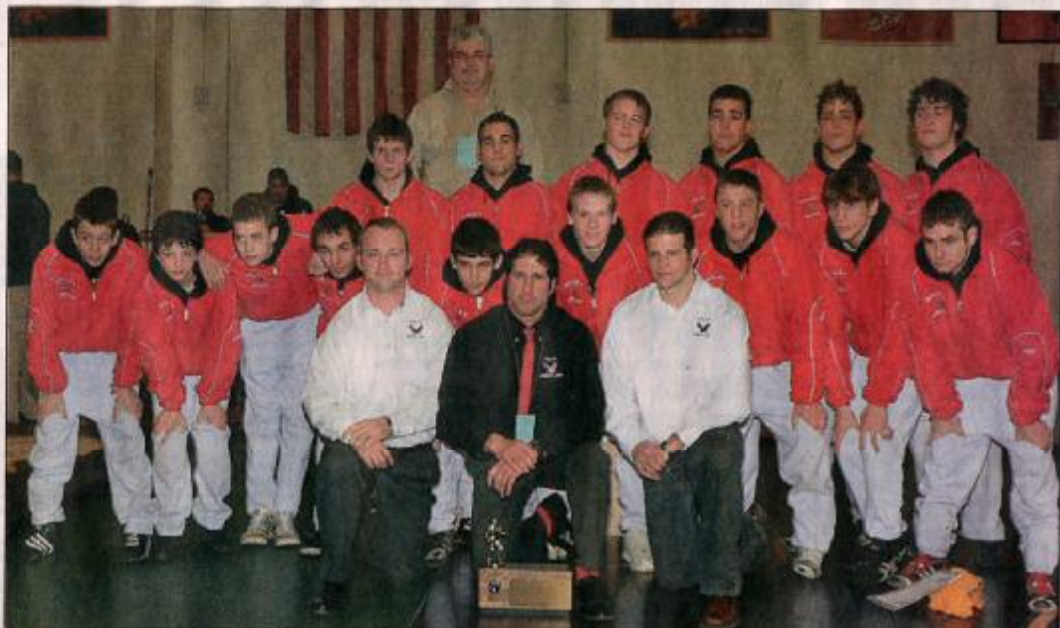
"He's been around our program for several years now," Grillo said. "He has two older brothers, one wrestles for me now and one did wrestle for me before. He was a team manager before this. He's a product of our program and our youth program."

Justin Widrig — who has two losses this season, both to competitors in last season's state tourney — won the 135-pound title with three pins also. He beat Andy VanHall of Mynderse in 1:12, Jordan Kiessling of Byron-Bergen in 4:58 and then took care of Aaron Monahan of Campbell-Savona in the finals in 1:22.

Andrew Vendetti — who spent a year and a half away from wrestling — won the 160-pound title, beating Le Roy's Justin Casper 7-6 in the finals.

"He's worked really hard and been focused on wrestling this year," Grillo said. "He's hard to hold down. He wrestles like a college wrestler in high school. He's very strong and explosive."

Key McPherson is not fully recovered from an injury he sustained early



CLASS BBB CHAMPS: Holley's wrestling team poses after its dominating performance in winning the Section 5 Class BBB title on Saturday in Sodus.



CLASS BB CHAMPS: Letchworth's wrestling team poses after its victory on Saturday in the Section 5 Class BB tournament at Caledonia-Mumford.

in the season, but upped his season record to 22-4 and won a second sectional title, pinning Williamson's Mark Lewis in the 171-pound finals in 1:34.

The Hawks followed that up with another sectional champion at 189 pounds as Matt Denning decisioned Byron-Bergen's Ryan Woodward 8-4 in the championship match.

And at 275 pounds, the Doty family captured yet another sectional crown. Several years ago Jesse Doty took third in the tournament before Ben won a pair of titles at 275 and Lucas has won the last two.

This year it was Casey Doty's turn as he pinned Chad Hanshaw of Sodus in the finals in 4:59, improving to 34-4 this season.

"He has to put on weight to wrestle at 275," Grillo said. "He uses his speed, quickness and athletic ability to out maneuver his opponents."

Byron-Bergen had three sectional champions, including the McNally brothers.

Steve — who was named the tournament's most outstanding wrestler in the 96-140-pound weight groups — won his title at 125 pounds with a 5-3 overtime win over Le Roy's Chad Conditorio.

Mike pinned Campbell-Savona's Steve Black in 5:38 to win the 119-pound title.

Casey Engle won the other title for the Bees, beating Pembroke's Mark Humel 8-3 in the 103-pound finals.

The Oatman Knights had a sectional champion at 140 pounds as Kory Cosimeno decisioned Holley's Abe Miller by an 8-5 count.

Matt Sanders (130 pounds) and Keith Miller (215) had second-place finishes for Holley while Ed Englerth (152) had a second-place finish for Le Roy.

Class A

It was not a great sectional tournament for the Batavia wrestlers, as only one finished in the top five in his weight class.

Mike Raphael lost an 8-6 decision to Bobby Bradshaw of Canandaigua at 140 pounds in the consolation finals as the Blue Devils finished in 11th place out of 13 schools with 35 points.

Webster Thomas won the Class A team title with 257.5 points.

Class BBBB

Jamie Carpenter and Dylan Rusinak won sectional championships for Attica, but the Blue Devils finished fourth in the team competition.

Palmyra-Macedon took 241.5 points to win, followed by Bath-Haverling (159.5), Hornell (148), Attica (136), North Rose-Wolcott (126), Midlakes (119), Marcus Whitman

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(118.5), Wayland-Cohocton (107), Waterloo (81.5), Livonia (56.5), Penn Yan (50.5) and Dansville (50).

Carpenter — a runner-up last season — pinned Hornell's Joe Sirianni in 1:52 at 96 pounds.

Rusiniak won a sectional title last year and finished third in the state. He won a 7-0 decision over Scott Ray of Hornell in the 130-pound finals.

The other Blue Devil to make it to the finals was Dylan Dabolt, who took third in the state two years ago and was a sectional runner-up last year.

He lost a 3-0 decision against Pal-Mac's Alex Ekstrom at 112 pounds.

Class BB

Bringing only one senior to the sectional tournament,

Letchworth coach Chad Wittenrich didn't have a ton of experience on his side.

But his young squad stepped up the challenge and won the team title, scoring 215.5 points.

"There was some great competition in the tournament," said Wittenrich, whose squad took second two years ago and third last year. "We knew Bolivar-Richburg and Canisteo were going to be tough and we didn't know much about some teams like South Seneca and Lyons, but we had seven kids in the finals. Overall we are taking 11 kids next week (to SuperSectionals).

Bolivar-Richburg was second with 171.5 points and was followed by Canisteo-Greenwood (148), South Seneca (136.5), Addison (123.5), Warsaw (121), Kendall (99),

Lyons (83), Caledonia-Mumford (70), Perry (58), Alexander (55), Pavilion (53.5), York (27) and Oakfield-Alabama (14).

Wittenrich won the Coach of the Year award for Class BB.

"It's very humbling, especially because your peers vote on it," said the fourth-year coach. "I try to look at it more as a team honor than an individual honor. They work hard, along with myself and my staff, and we have a great product."

Mike Nevinger — who took third in the state last year after winning a sectional title — repeated at 112 pounds with a forfeit win over Craig Scott of Lyons in the finals.

The freshman already has over 100 wins in his varsity career.

"He has a great worth ethic,"

Wittenrich said. "Besides being a great student, day-in-and-day-out he is a hard worker."

Weston Weaver was third last season in sectionals but dominated throughout the tournament to win his first sectional title at 119 pounds.

Weaver pinned Cal-Mum's Brian Walker in 1:35 and Pavilion's Shawn Mascho in 1:24 before winning a 17-2 technical fall over Canisteo-Greenwood's Brandon Mills at 4:54.

Joe Hendrickson is the only senior on the Indians to wrestle in the tournament, but he captured the title with a 14-3 major decision over Matt Appleby of Bolivar-Richburg.

"This being his senior year, I think he's really pumped up," Wittenrich said. "We are hoping the fire continues next

week."

Al Fagan (152 pounds), Matt Hendrickson (215), Camden Barber (275) and Dakota Hendrickson (96) all had second-place finishes.

Hendrickson was decisioned by Warsaw's Dakota Stackhouse in the finals.

Ian Paddock and Paul Paddock won state titles last year and had pins in the sectional finals.

Ian pinned Owen Scott of Lyons in 1:56 at 103 pounds and Paul took care of Bolivar-Richburg's Rob Morris in 1:57 at 160.

Pavilion's Mike Hackett pinned Canisteo-Greenwood's Joe Rinaldi in 31 seconds at 130 pounds and Cal-Mum's Nate Schiedel pinned B-R's Derrick Dorvitt in 5:29 at 171 pounds.

Kendall's Geoff Chippen-

dale (125) had a second-place finish.

Class B

Lyndonville took second in the Class B tournament as Keshequa won with 201 points.

The Tigers had 175 and were followed by Genesee Valley (158), Geneseo (157), Alfred-Almond (143), Hammondsport (136.5), Fillmore (107), Jasper-Troupsburg (100), Red Jacket (91), Avoca (77), Notre Dame (35), Arkport (13) and Northstar (3).

Ross Burgess (96 pounds) and John Brabon (103) won sectional titles for Lyndonville while Tyler Palmer (119), Chris Shingleton (152) and Tyler Lilley (171) had second-place finishes.