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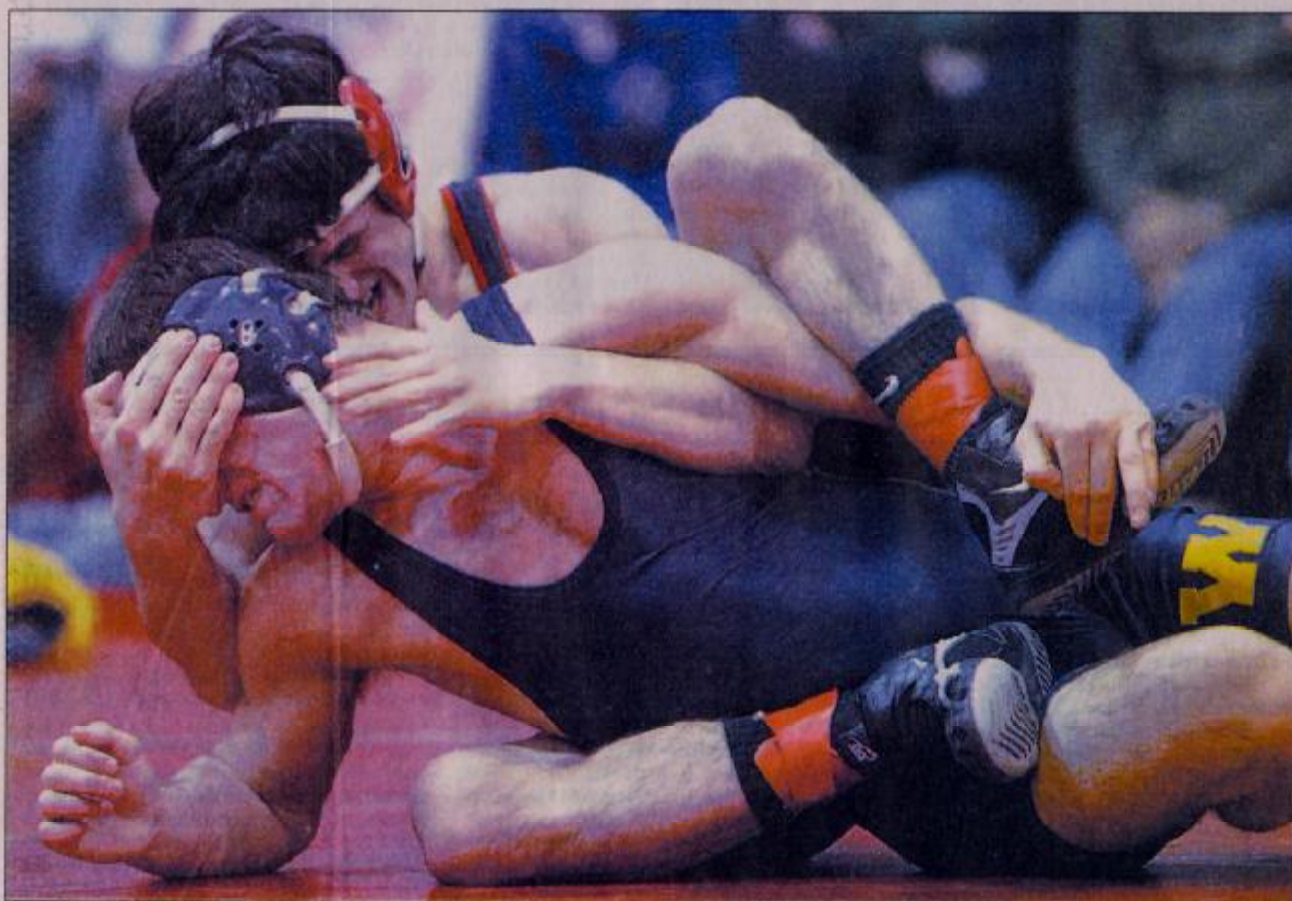
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SECTION B

SECTION V WRESTLING

Geneva trio delivers championships



Geneva 152-pounder Nick Fratto made it hard for Wayne Central counterpart Kevin Connolly to see during their Class A championship bout Saturday night. Fratto outscored Connolly 10-2 to win his first sectional crown.

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Midlakes duo prevail in final tries

Mateo, Rudy three-peat,
Pal-Mac claims BBBB title

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ATTICA — Morgan Hoven and Chris Teed broke through for their first Section V titles. Josh Mateo and Dan Rudy ran their championship streaks to three. Rudy and his Palmyra-Macedon

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teammates, eight of whom wrestled in the finals, regained team hardware.

Finger Lakes league wrestlers enjoyed a memorable Friday and Saturday in the Class BBBB tournament at Attica High School.

Hoven, who has yet to lose this year, made his final sectional appearance a victorious one, upending 135-pound

counterpart Cody Hutcheson of Haverling in the final. Hoven was named the tournament's most outstanding 96- to 140-pound wrestler.

His teammate, fellow senior Chris Teed, downed Haverling's Bryant Madigan to win the 275-pound crown. Hoven and Teed each atoned for narrow defeats in last year's championship

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Smaldone, Fratto, Lyons win titles, Bloom is second

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CANANDAIGUA — Geneva wrestler James Lyons had to wait to defend his Section V Class A title Saturday. He waited ... and waited ... and waited. Although his 160-pound bout was the last on the card at Canandaigua Academy, the Panthers' senior made the most of his chance. So did two of his teammates.

Lyons, Joe Smaldone and Nick Fratto each earned sectional championships for the Panthers with wins over fellow Finger Lakes East opponents in the finals. The fourth Geneva wrestler to make it to the championship round, Josh Bloom, ran into the tournament's most outstanding heavyweight, four-time sectional champ and nationally ranked Josh

Patterson of Wayne.

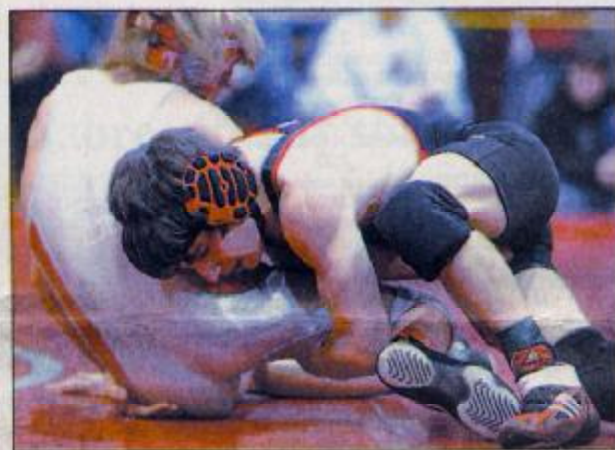
Canandaigua also had two repeat champs as Rob Mack and Dan Mandara took titles.

The top four wrestlers in each weight class advanced to the Division I SuperSectional state qualifier next weekend at Fairport. Fifth-place finishers are wild cards.

In team results, Webster Thomas piled up 257½ points to unseat three-time defending champion Wayne. The Eagles were runner-up with 228 points. Canandaigua was third with 170½.

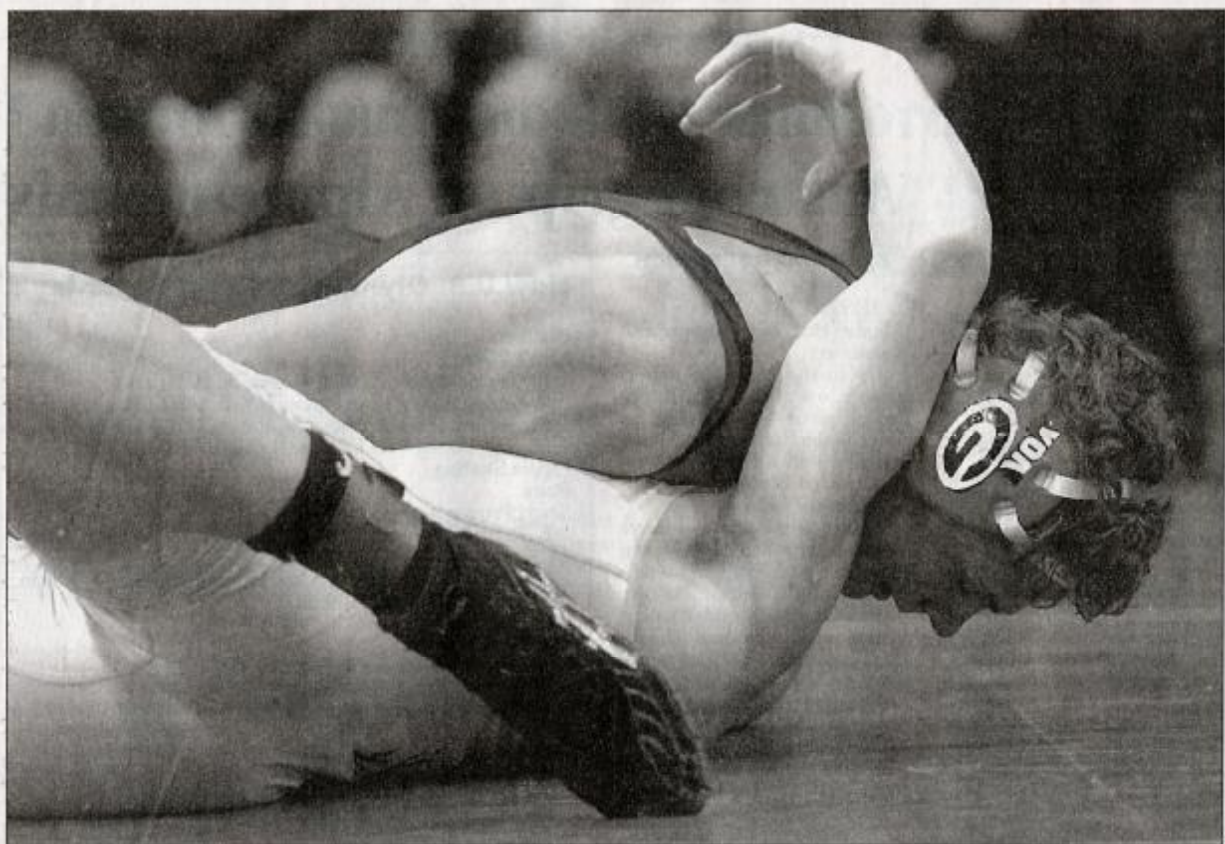
The tournament finals started at 171 pounds, meaning Lyons would have to wait. First on the mat was Patterson and Bloom, a repeat of last year's 160-pound championship bout, also won by Patterson. The

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Geneva 96-pounder Joe Smaldone (right) had the upper hand on Canandaigua's Nick King at this stage of their Class A final. Smaldone won his first sectional title by outpointing King 8-4.



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Geneva 160-pounder James Lyons put Victor's Marc Collins on his back in the second period and earned the Class A title with a pin.

GENEVA

Webster Thomas ends Wayne Central's three-year reign as team champion

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Wayne senior controlled the match throughout and picked up the pin in 4:27.

"Patterson is a great wrestler. What's unfortunate for us is that one of them [Lyons or Bloom] had to go up to 171 to face him," Geneva coach Bill Hadsell lamented. "Josh [Bloom] wrestled a great tournament. He's got 98 wins now. He can wrestle a great tournament next weekend and gun for 100. And, if he's wrestling well, who knows what can happen."

Smaldone faced off against Canandaigua's Nick King at 96 pounds. Smaldone, a freshman, came out of the gate aggressively, earning a quick 2-0 lead that was equaled after a King reversal. But, Smaldone kept up his pace and also kept his feet.

"He's tough on his feet. That's where he's strong," said Hadsell of Smaldone. "And he was really focused. [King] is a dangerous wrestler. We wanted to make sure Joe wrestled a smart, mistake-free match, which for the most part he did."

Smaldone built a 4-2 lead after the second period and extended the margin with a

quick takedown. He continued his momentum in an 8-4 win.

"I wanted to stay up and wrestle on my feet," Smaldone said. "This feels great, there's nothing like it."

"Since the middle of the year, Joe has really taken off and made great strides," Hadsell added. "He's really wrestling with confidence right now."

At 119, Mandara opened up a 4-1 lead early in the second on Steve Singley of Wayne and cruised to an 11-1 major decision. Three matches later, at 135, Mack defeated Brandon Zaffuto of Eastridge. After a scoreless first, Mack got a takedown at the second-period buzzer, sparking a 5-0 victory.

"Dan [Mandara] and Rob [Mack] won last year, and they looked good again," Canandaigua coach Rich Romeo said. "We had a few disappointments in the finals, but in all I thought we did real well."

The final two matches of the day belonged to Fratto and Lyons. Fratto got a takedown 10 seconds into his match with Wayne's Kevin Connelly and had a 4-0 edge at the end of the first period.

Fratto sandwiched a reversal around a pair of Connelly escapes to build an 8-2 advantage in the second. In the third, Fratto kept a solid base when Connelly had the edge on top and ultimately came away with the 10-2 win.

"I usually don't go that quick right off the bat. I was a little tired at the end," noted Fratto, a junior. "I really worked hard for this all year. My drill partners, James [Lyons] and Josh [Bloom], really worked hard with me. We've been together for 13 years, since peewees. And coach Hadsell and [assistant] coach [Nate] Schneckenburger have been great."

"One of the big goals for Nick was to get the sectional championship," Hadsell said. "He had one roller-coaster ride during the season, but other than that he's been really focused."

Finally, Lyons stepped on to the mat against Marc Collins of Victor. The Geneva senior was looking for his second sectional patch of the scholastic season after earning one with the Panthers' football team in the fall.

"It was tough. I had to watch everybody else, and I

was anxious," Lyons said. "I was running 11 weight classes before me. I might have tired myself out a little bit. I met [Collins] earlier in the season and beat him. He took me down real quick today. It kind of surprised me."

Collins used a takedown in the first 15 seconds to break the ice. Lyons came back with an escape and, with 30 seconds left in the first, leveraged himself with Collins at his back to earn a takedown and a 3-2 lead heading into the second.

Lyons used a spin move for another two points and got in prime position for a pin, which he got with 28 seconds left in the period.

"James was the defending champ. We just wanted to keep him consistent. We wanted him to get by this tournament before he looks toward the next one," Hadsell said. "I was very pleased with him today. He wrestled very solid all the way through."

In addition to Patterson, Mike Roselli (112), John Maryin (145) and Ryan Lamagra (189) won titles for Wayne. Lamagra earned his third straight title.

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Pal-Mac sent 9 wrestlers to final round

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round.

Mateo, Waterloo's standout junior, captured his third straight sectional title by beating Pal-Mac's Chaz Hill in the 152-pound championship. Mateo was selected as outstanding wrestler for athletes competing from 145-275 pounds.

At 160, Rudy upended Marcus Whitman's Jason Cota in the final. Teammates Tyler Marlow (103), Alex Ekstrom (112), Sean Walton (119) and Scott Witt (125) joined him on the top step of the awards podium, helping the Red Raiders amass 241½ points. Pal-Mac routed fellow contenders Haverling (159½), Hornell (148) and Attica (136) to win a team championship for the first time since 1996-97.

More on Monday

Check Monday's *Times* for a complete wrapup of the weekend's sectional action.

Along with Hill, Cody Williams (140), Eric Ekstrom (145) and Mike Ciaburri (171) settled for runner-up honors.

A pair of Midlakes wrestlers, Tyler Brooks-Lambert (103) and Aaron Congdon (189), wound up in second place, as did Marcus Whitman's Shane Ryan (125) and North Rose-Wolcott's Sean Wahl (215). Wahl's teammate, 125-pounder Mike Tellier, saw his two-year run as champion end.