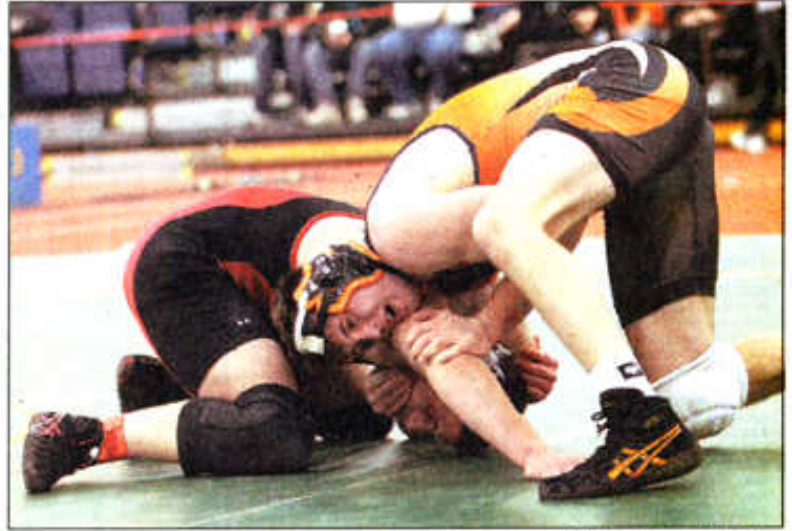
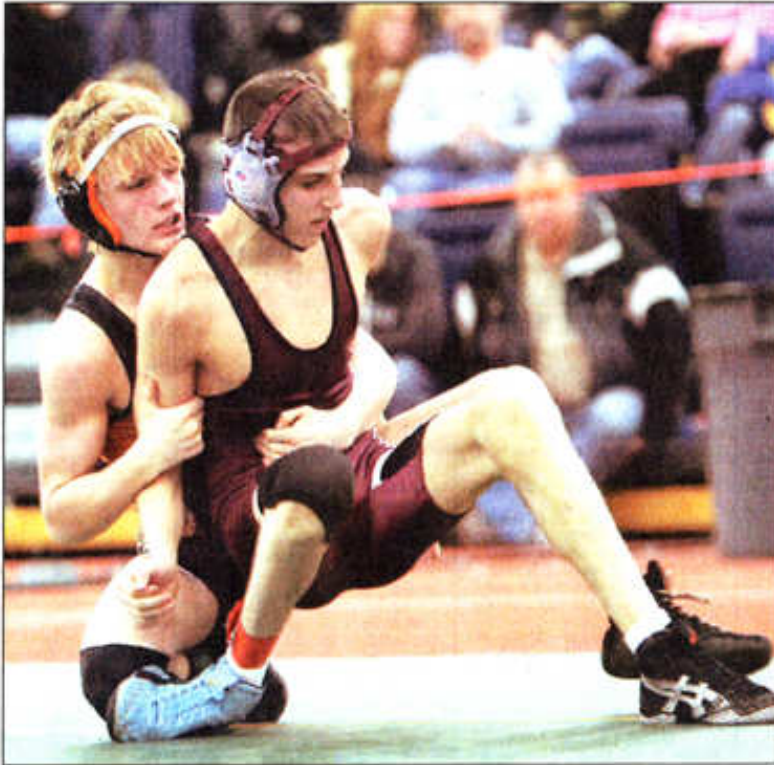


SUPERSECTIONAL WRESTLING



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WORKING OVERTIME: Above, Warsaw's Billy Romasser (right) works on Red Creek's Joel Ford during the 215-pound SuperSectional title match that Romasser won 9-7 in overtime.

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PADDOCK LOCKS UP TITLE: At left, Warsaw's Ian Paddock (back) pulls down Lyons' Craig Scott before pinning him for the 119-pound title and a trip to the state tournament.

Four score for Warsaw squad

Paddocks, Romasser, Stackhouse all win titles, head to states

By Chris Metcalf
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ROCHESTER — It's official — Warsaw will need a bigger van when they head to Albany in two weeks.

That's because four Tiger grapplers qualified for the New York State Wrestling Championships as they captured Supersectional Division II titles last Saturday at Gordon Fieldhouse on the campus of Rochester Institute of Technology.

Eighth-grader Dakota Stackhouse (96), sophomore Ian Paddock (119) and seniors Paul Paddock (160) and Billy Romasser (215) all won their respective D-II weight classes.

"All four wrestled extremely well and we're very proud of them," Warsaw coach Rob Hirsch said. "They were all top seeds and they wrestled like it."

This will be Paul Paddock's fifth trip to the state meet while younger brother Ian will be making his third trip.

Both Paddocks won state titles in 2005. Ian finished third last year while Paul placed second.

Both Stackhouse and Romasser will be making

their first trip to states.

Stackhouse dominated his title match as he built a nice lead before pinning Holley's Quinton Murphy in 1:34.

Speaking of dominating, Ian Paddock built up a 11-1 lead before pinning Lyons' Craig Scott for the 119-pound crown.

"That's just Ian," Hirsch said. "He is so dominating out there. He takes it right to you."

Paul Paddock captured his fifth Section 5 crown with a convincing 13-0 victory over Josh Mateo.

"Paul had a great tournament," Hirsch said. "It would be nice to see him get one more (state title)."

Romasser had a much tougher time making the states as he edged Red Creek muscleman Joel Ford 9-7 in overtime. Romasser battled back from a 5-0 deficit to knot the match at 7-7 before winning it in overtime with a takedown.

"I'm very proud of Billy," Hirsch said. "He battled back against a very tough kid and got the win. He never let up and now he's going to states."

All four Warsaw wrestlers dominated on their way to the finals.

Stackhouse defeated Livonia's Brian Ohle 6-0 in the quarterfinals before winning a 6-1 decision over Bath's Kyle Conrad in the semifinals.

Ian Paddock won a 15-0 decision over Alexander's Dylan Shea in the first round, pinned North-Rose Wolcott's Greg Shove in 1:12 in the quarterfinals, and took just 30 seconds before pinning Lyndonville's John Brabon in the semifinals.

Paul Paddock won a 17-1 technical fall over Attica's Tom Raines in the first round, pinned North-Rose Wolcott's Bill Bowman in 1:51 in the quarters, and pinned Addison's Chris Snow in the semifinals.

Romasser pinned Genesee Valley's Devin Garfield in 44 seconds in his first round match before pinning Midlakes' Trent Jones in 3:09 in the quarters. It took him 2:57 before pinning Mynderse's Mike Quinn in the semifinals.

Two Letchworth wrestlers also made the big dance. Sophomore Mike Nevinger earned a convincing 8-3 decision over Pembroke senior Sam Damthongmivanh to win the 130-pound division.

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Nevinger controlled the match from the opening whistle and never trailed. Last year Damthongmivanh placed third at the state tournament, the same result Nevinger had back in 2005.

Letchworth senior Weston Weaver earned his first berth to states as he defeated top-seeded Mike Tellier 5-3 in the 135-pound finals. Weaver, the No. 2 seed, had two more rugged matches on his way to the crown. After pinning Alexander's Cory Buckenmeyer in 1:23 in his first round match, Weaver pulled off a 1-0 victory over Lyndonville's Mike Green in the quarterfinals. Weaver then gutted out a 5-2 victory over No. 3 Matt Sanders in the semifinals.

Bath's Cody Hutcheson won a 5-1 victory over Attica's Pat Carter for the 152-pound title and fellow Bath wrestler Tony Viselli earned his first-ever trip with a 14-4 majority decision over Holley's Key McPherson in the 189 final.

Caledonia-Mumford's Nate Schiedel will be making a return trip to the state meet as the junior captured the 171-pound division with a 10-5 victory over Marion's Nic Mayville. Last year Schiedel took third at states.

While 10 Livingston Conference wrestlers made the state meet, another one will have to wait for his state fate.

Le Roy senior Chad Condidorio lost a tough 4-3 decision to defending state champion Alex Ekstrom of Palmyra-Macedon in the 125-pound

title match.

Condidorio led 3-2 late in the match when Ekstrom scored a last second takedown to win it.

The loss cost Condidorio an automatic berth but that doesn't mean he won't be making the trip.

This year a new rule allowing 'at large' berths will add four wrestlers in each weight class around the state.

The points system will be based on wins and losses, past state performance, past sectionals and power-points.

The 'at large' berths will be decided by Wednesday.

The Genesee Region had a tough go of it in the championship finals. Murphy, Vinnie Napierski (103, Attica), Tim Banks (112, Holley), Damthongmivanh, Justin Widrig (140, Holley), Carter and McPherson each placed second and will have to wait until Wednesday to hear if they get an "at-large" berth.

The NYSPHSAA Wrestling Championships are slated for March 2-3 at the Times Union Arena in Albany.

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