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Making the save

Sabres goalie Ryan Miller (30) makes a save during Thursday night's game against the Panthers. Buffalo won the game 2-1.

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H-A-C edges Notre Dame

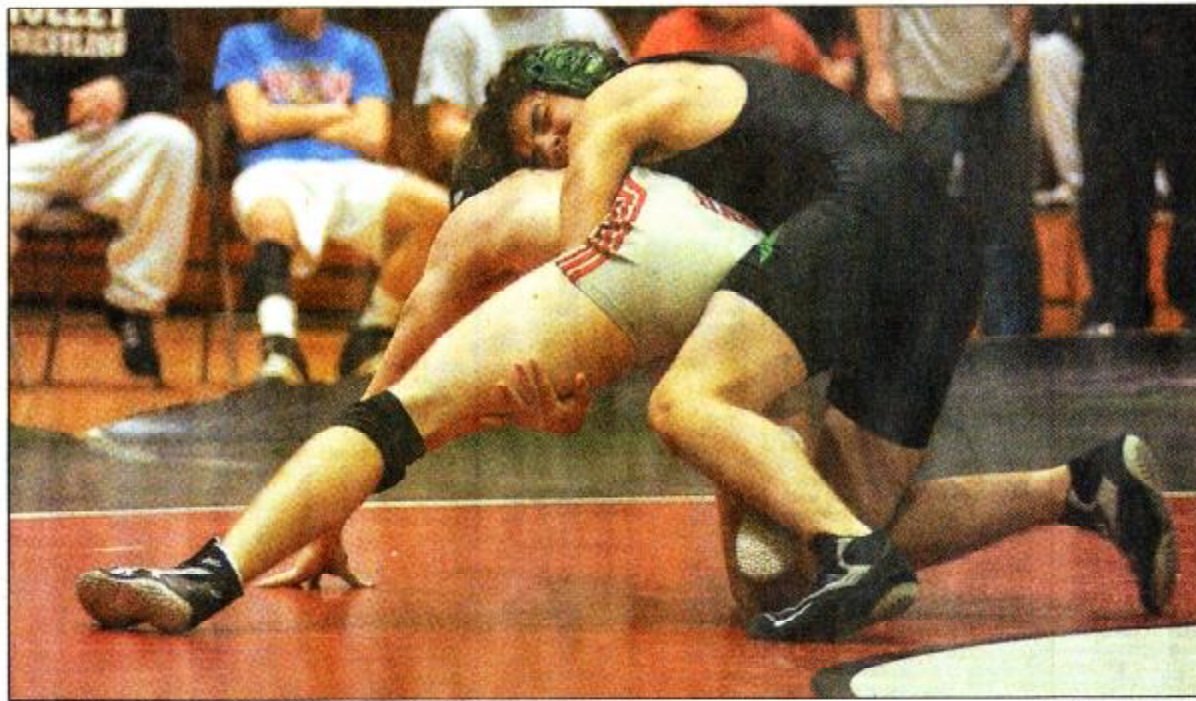
The foursome of Leah Shanin, Alexis Williams, Nicole Boucher and Jane Merrill won the 400 freestyle relay in 4:33.68 to give Harley-Allendale-Columbia an 85-80 triumph over Notre Dame in a Genesee Region League girls swimming meet Thursday at Notre Dame.

"It was a very exciting meet. It came down to the last relay," ND coach Eric Geitner said.

Shanin and Williams also were part of the winning 200 medley relay team for the Wolves (2-0), and each posted an individual victory. Shanin prevailed in the 100 butterfly (1:12.16), while Williams finished first in the 100 backstroke (1:12.07).

Haley Alexander was a triple winner for the Fighting Irish (0-1 league, 0-4 overall), placing first in the 200 individual medley (2:37.98) and 500 freestyle (6:22.87) and teaming with Lucy Norton, Alex Morgan and Jessica Ehrmantraut to take the 200 freestyle relay (1:58.81).

WRESTLING



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IN COMMAND: Pembroke's Anthony Bosse (top) puts a hold on Holley's Shawn Corke during Thursday's match at Holley. Bosse won the 145-pound match with a pin. Holley edged Pembroke 44-38 in the match.

Holley edges Pembroke

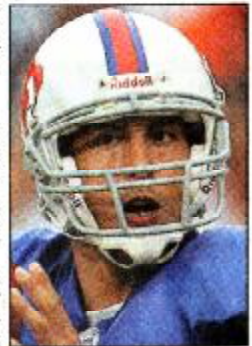
NFL

Losman earns right to remain as starter

By John Wawrow
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ORCHARD PARK — J.P. Losman can stop looking over his shoulder. He's won the right to be the Buffalo Bills starting quarterback beyond this year.

Citing Losman's improved performance as this season progressed, coach Dick Jauron said Thursday he intends to keep Losman as the team's starter going into next year.



J.P. Losman

Holley edges Pembroke

Hawks win 44-38

By David Hibbard
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HOLLEY — Holley's powerhouse wrestling squad got a scare from Pembroke Thursday night in a Genesee Region League showdown.

The match was tied at 38-38 going into the final match of the night at 189 pounds. Holley got a pin from Kyle Steadman over Tim King in the finale to pull out a 44-38 win.

"Pembroke was awesome last night. They wrestled tremendously," Holley coach John Grillo said.

In the only non-pinfall victories for either squad, Pembroke's Colby Sanner won an 11-1 major decision over Garrett Defillips at 103 pounds, Holley's Ken Ryan had a 15-0 technical fall over Clint Worthington at 135, the Dragons' Sam Damthongmivanh prevailed by a 17-5 major decision over Justin Widrig at 140 and the Hawks' Tom Eberlin edged Paul Barth 2-1 at 152.

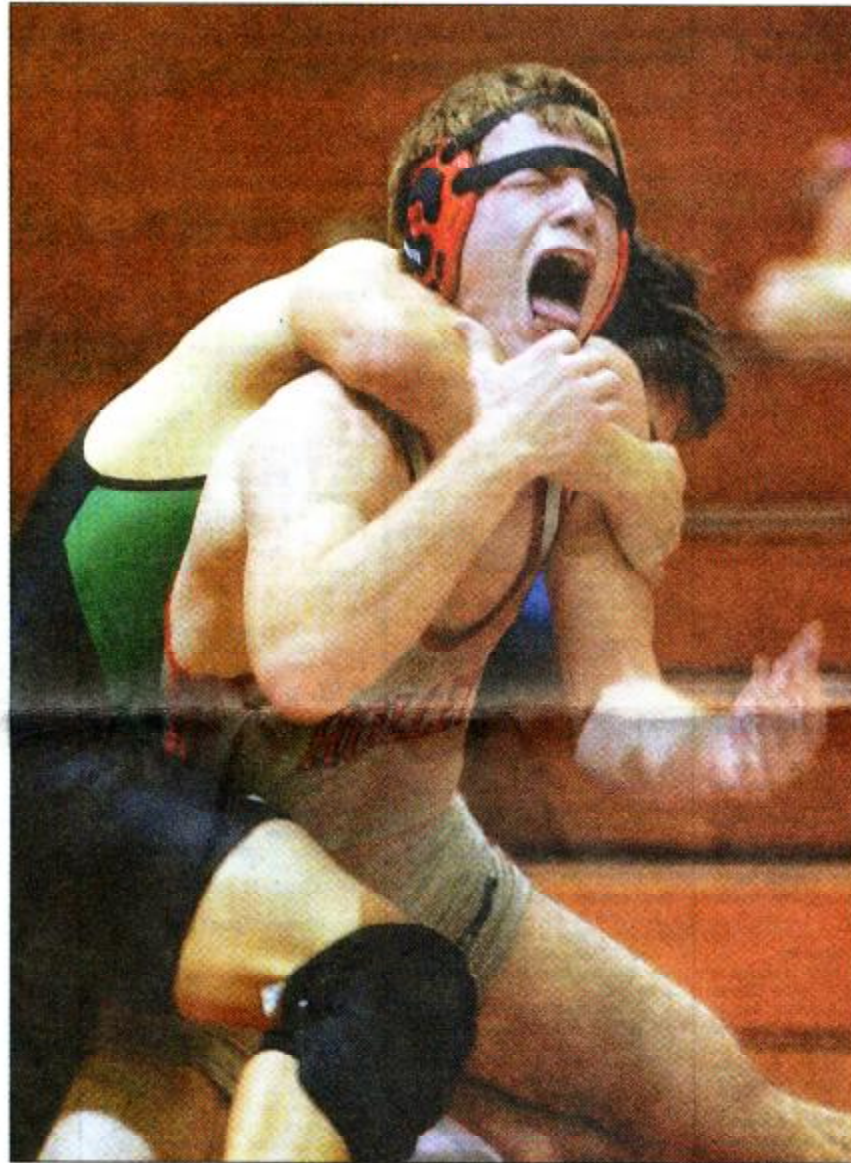
Quinton Murphy (96), Tim Banks (112), Brett Underwood (119), Matt Banks (125) and Demetrius Mendes (275) had pins for Holley.

Jeff Hathaway (130), Anthony Bosse (145), Joseph Hill (160), Michael McKenrick (171) and Graham Jensen (215) had pins for Pembroke.

Pembroke had some key wins midway through the match that almost carried the Dragons to the upset.

"Pembroke got the momentum going, and it snowballed," Grillo said.

Holley is 3-0 in the league and 8-0



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OUCH! Holley wrestler Tom Eberlin grimaces as Pembroke's Paul Barth applies a hold during their 152-pound match. Eberlin won 2-1.

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overall. Pembroke is 1-2.

In other wrestling action Thursday:

Livingston Conference

LETCHWORTH 57, WAYLAND-COHOCTON 9: Host Letchworth prevailed in 11 of the 13 weight classes and blasted Wayland-Cohocton.

In the closest matches of the night, Chris Nevinger of Letchworth defeated Neal Vecellio 5-3 at 112 pounds, teammate Andrew Wray blanked Evan Saylor 4-0 at 145 pounds and the Indians' Pat Pankow bested Tim Musto 7-4 at 152 pounds.

At 119 pounds, Bucky Hendrickson of Letchworth won a 1-0 major decision over Bobby Sikes. And at 140 pounds, the Indians' Mike Nevinger had a 16-1 technical fall triumph over Adam Mortenson. Winning by pinfall for Letchworth (2-0 league, 4-0 overall) were Dakota Hendrickson (103 pounds), Dave Wooly (135), Al Fagan (160) and Matt Hendrickson (189).

KESHEQUA 45, PAVILION 15: The Indians won five matches by pinfall and two more by forfeit in staying unbeaten at 2-0, 4-0. The Golden Gophers (0-2, 0-3) posted three wins by decision. Mike Hackett beat Brandon Schrier 6-2 at 140 pounds, Kevin Green needed overtime to defeat John Johnsen 11-7 at 145 pounds and Eli Blond recorded a 7-5 overtime triumph over Al Schmitter at 160 pounds.

LE ROY 39, LIVONIA 30: The Oatkan Knights prevailed five times by pin and the Bulldogs four, and that helped Le Roy even its overall record at 1-1 with a victory in its first league meet. The Oatkan Knights got pinfall wins from Don Pangrazio (112 pounds), Chad Condidorio (130), Kory Cosimeno (152), Shawn Matthews (160) and Jon Casper (215). Triumphant by

decision were Travis Hurd (125 pounds) and Vince Kovach (140).

PERRY 42, AVON 30: The Yellowjackets notched four pinfall wins to the Braves' two, and that made the difference as Perry improved to 1-0, 2-1. Jake Bell pinned D.J. Welch in 20 seconds at 130 pounds to get the Yellowjackets going. Jared Beach (145 pounds), Eddie Koziel (160) and Nick Lock (189) also won by pinfall for Perry.

Genesee Region

KENDALL 43, ALEXANDER 36: Four forfeits helped the Eagles hold off the Trojans. Alexander (0-2, 2-2) actually had twice as many pins — four — as did Kendall.

Dylan Shea pinned Matt Klafehn at 125 pounds, Ben Antonucci pinned Justin Roberts at 171, Brian Hirsch pinned Casey Gaesser at 189 and Cameron Sitarek pinned Ricky Martinez at 215 for the Trojans. Pinfall wins for Kendall (1-0, 1-1) came from Evan Blodgett (over Cory Buckenmeyer at 140 pounds) and Dave McLaren (over Rick Bittler at 152).

Meanwhile, Jimmy Wiler blanked Kevin Wolfley 4-0 at 96 pounds and Cody Lansberry had a 10-1 major decision over Dustin Say at 160 pounds to account for Kendall's other wins.

Monroe County

WEBSTER THOMAS 57, BATAVIA 18: The Titans (1-0, 1-0) won six matches — including the last five weight classes — by forfeit and cruised to the victory over the Blue Devils.

Mike Raphael had Batavia's lone pinfall win, taking down Dan Romito in 3:41 at 140. Winning by decision for the Blue Devils (0-1, 1-1) were Trey Henderson (6-4 over Nate Sengillo) at 125 pounds and Troy Ireland (5-0 over Austin Fox) at 135.

(Sports editor Bill Bruton Jr. contributed to this story)