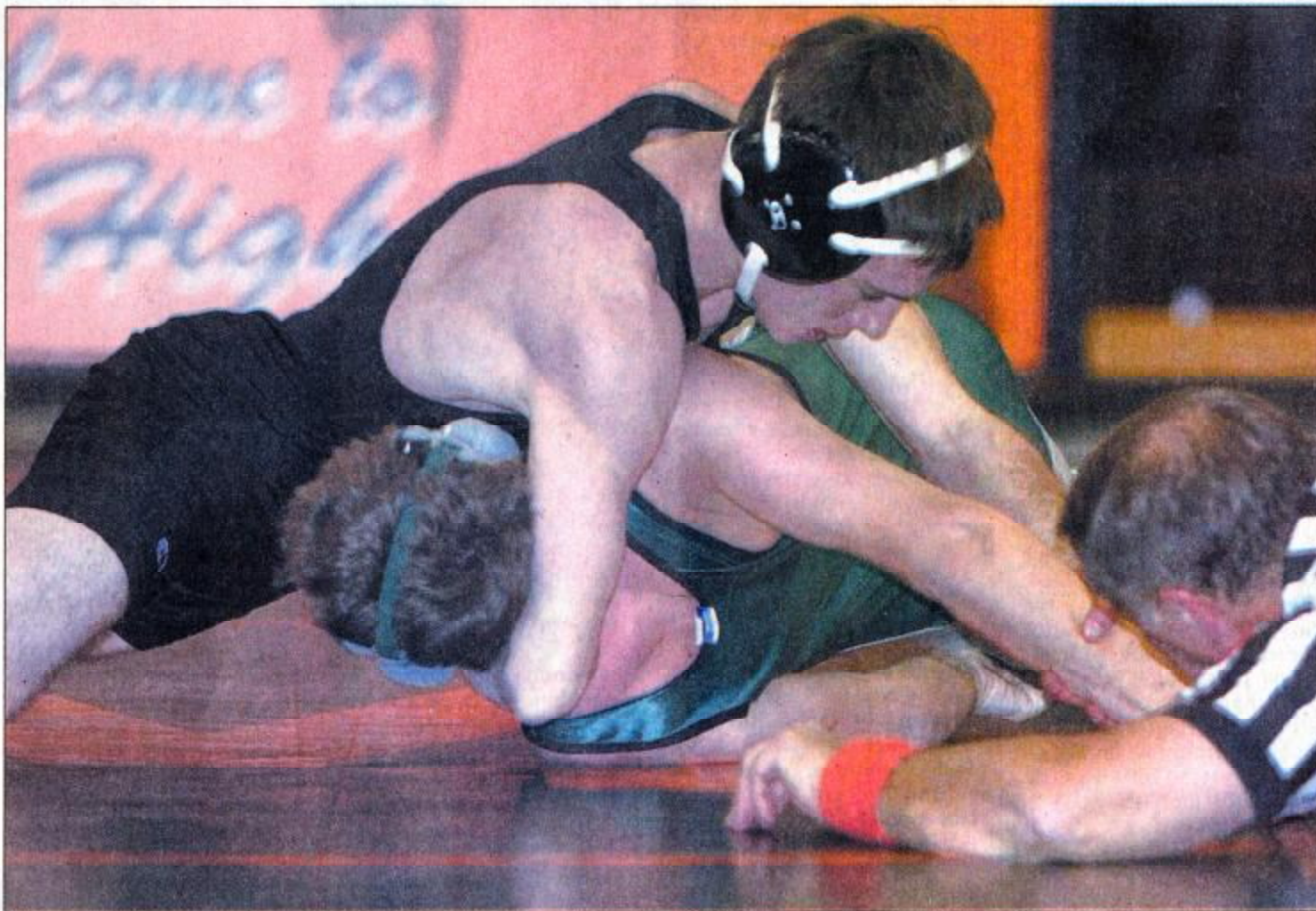


# NR-W lowers boom on Tribe



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Waterloo 140-pounder Preston Wheeler went to work on North Rose-Wolcott's Corey Youells during first-period action. Wheeler recorded a pin before the period ended.

Cougars control  
FL Central rival  
from the outset  
**N. ROSE-WOLCOTT 43,**  
**WATERLOO 27**

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WATERLOO — Tied up and twisted near the edge of the mat, Waterloo freshman Kevin Sessler battled to escape the clutches of North Rose-Wolcott's Billy Bowman.

Sessler reached the out-of-bounds line, but a few minutes later Bowman delivered the pin that locked up the Cougars' 43-27 victory over Waterloo in the rivals' annual Finger Lakes Central matchup.

Bowman's fall made it 38-21. NR-W (5-4, 1-1) gained five more points on Mike Norton's technical fall at 189 pounds before a forfeit accounted for the final score.

"It was the young guys that stepped it up," NR-W coach James Prentice said.

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## Cougars win annual matchup vs. rival Waterloo to create wide-open FL Central race

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"We needed every point we could get. They had to scrap for it. They came through and avoided mistakes."

"They outwrestled us tonight when you get down to it," Indians coach Tyrone Thomas said after his team fell to 1-2 overall, including 1-1 in league matches. "We had opportunities and our guys didn't deliver tonight."

In Thomas' five-year tenure as head coach, he is 0-3 vs. the Cougars in Waterloo and 2-0 against them at NR-W.

"Looks like next year we're due," Thomas said.

"Without a (Bryant) Tumbelekis or (Kyle) Besley, we don't have the room to maneuver. We've got guys out of our lineup, but that is no excuse."

"We are short one too," Prentice noted. "You have to make do."

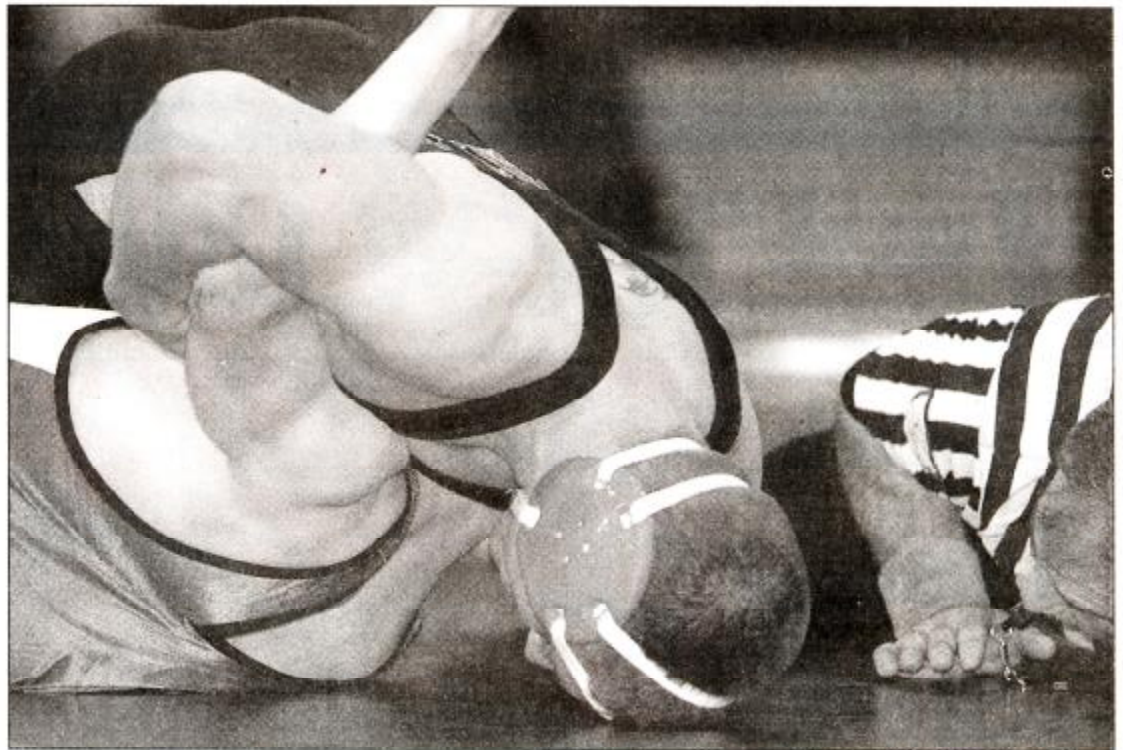
NR-W 103-pounder Sal Interlichia received a forfeit to open last night's varsity affair. Waterloo 112-pounder Matt Guereri evened with a pin, finishing off Will Wells midway through the third period.

The Cougars quickly stretched their lead to 26-6 with four straight victories.

Greg Shove pinned Brandon Hoad in the first period of their 119-pound bout. Cody Lockley followed with a 5-0 triumph over Cody Farr at 125. At 130, Josh Bielemeier came from behind to pin over John House in the third period.

"House was tough. He was winning the match into the third period, but our kid was heavier and stronger by the end," Prentice said. "When you give up weight, you give up strength too. That third period can be rough when you do that."

"We bumped a bunch of our kids up," Thomas said. "We did the best we could to cover our holes."



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**Waterloo 160-pounder Josh Mateo made quick work of John Niesner, pinning the North Rose-Wolcott wrestler in 32 seconds.**

Mike Tellier handled Curtis Brosius at 135, scoring all 15 points to earn a five-point technical fall.

"That was more points than we were anticipating," Prentice said of Tellier's match. "It gave us a comfortable number of points on paper, but we were scratching our heads and doing the math. It wasn't enough."

Preston Wheeler stopped NR-W's run by putting Corey Youells on his back at 140. Justin Deal doubled up Anthony DeCausemaker at 145, with Deal's 8-4 decision bringing Waterloo within 11 points.

NR-W seventh-grader Eric Brooks produced the key moment of the night, earning his first varsity win on his 13th birthday. Brooks pinned Adam Davoli in 3:04 after trailing Davoli 7-0 in the

first period. The Cougars led 32-15.

"Once we lost 152, we had to win them all. That wasn't feasible," Thomas said. "We needed to win at 152 and we needed a pin at 145."

"He had me in the first period, but if he didn't make that one mistake, I wouldn't have got that headlock," Brooks recalled. "He got me around the waist, but it left my head and arms free."

Waterloo standout Josh Mateo made quick work of John Niesner at 160, needing only 32 seconds to score six team points. However, Bowman settled the match outcome by pinning Sessler with 56 seconds remaining in their 171-pound match.

"I wanted to pin the kid and get out of there," Bowman said. "When he stood up, I had to pick him

up and set him back down."

Bowman used a cradle pull to open one of Sessler's legs, which he hooked on his way to the pin.

Norton earned a technical fall in 3:44 before Waterloo heavyweight Ben Thomas tallied the last six points on a forfeit.

"Tonight is an example of why I love this league," Prentice said. "Weight-class draw changes things, and any team can beat the other on any given night."

The Indians are looking ahead to the January portion of their schedule, when they're expected to have Besley and Tumbelekis back from an injury and sickness.

"Our kids went out and worked hard. We just didn't perform well," Thomas said. "They were trying."

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