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Raiders' struggles on the mat continue vs. Ithaca

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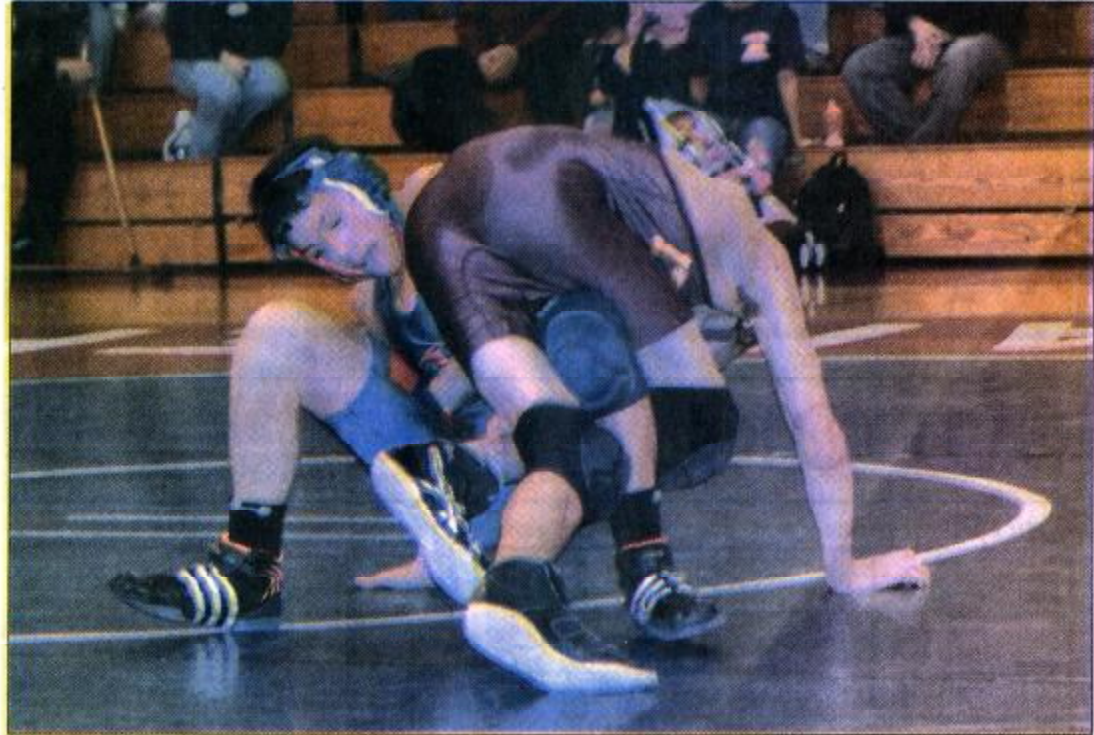
HORNELL — Tom Hall made his return to Hornell High School's "A" gym a memorable one Saturday.

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The former Red Raider, now head coach at Ithaca High School, saw his team come out of the Maple City with a 53-15 non-league victory.

"It feels good. I love Hornell," Hall said. "They came out to our place last year, they beat us up a little bit, so we had to come back and return the favor.

"It's a great program. (Former head coach) Matt Sheldon did a great job, (current head coach) Bobby Roe is doing a



DERRICK BALINSKY

Ithaca's Dylan Watios, right, attempts to maneuver around Hornell's Austin Dwyer during their 130-pound match Saturday afternoon in Hornell. Dwyer won by pin with one second left in the third period.

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great job," he added. "It's great to be back in the building."

While attending HHS, Hall turned in a sixth-place performance at the 1997 NYS championship. The same year Hall was the Section V, Class B champion.

Hall went on to win the 133-pound Division III championship for Ithaca College in 2002. As a Bomber, he was a three-time NCAA qualifier and a two-time All-American.

"It was a dual meet. I came back to watch I think Horseheads versus Hornell," Hall said of the last time he was in Hornell's gym. "It was in college, so it's been a long time."

"It's a weird thing. I always root for Hornell in everything they do, except in this situation," he added. "I can't root for them. They've got a great sports program here. It's a great town. I'm always supportive of Hornell, except for when they go up against us."

The Little Red jumped out to a 12-0 lead Saturday after a pin in the opening 103-pound

match, followed by a Hornell forfeit.

Joe Sirianni got the Red Raiders on the board with a technical fall against John Ward at 119. Sirianni scored the fall at 5:21 after going up 17-2. HHS trailed 12-5 after Sirianni's victory.

"If everyone else would have held on it would have been really important," Roe said. "It's good for Joe. He wrestled tough, but in the end it didn't make a difference between winning and losing. It made a difference for him, personally."

Ithaca received a decision victory at 125, before Hornell's Austin Dwyer scored a pinfall with one second left in his match against Dylan Watios at 130. Dwyer's pin put HHS within four.

However, the Little Red won three-straight matches - two by decision and one by pin - giving themselves a 29-11 lead.

At the 152-pound division, Matt Baker defeated Greg Kay, 11-5, to make the score

29-15. Baker trailed, 2-0, after the first period, but rebounded with a five-point second period.

"If he wrestles like that all year he's going to have a fantastic year and a fantastic next year," Roe said. "I was very proud of him."

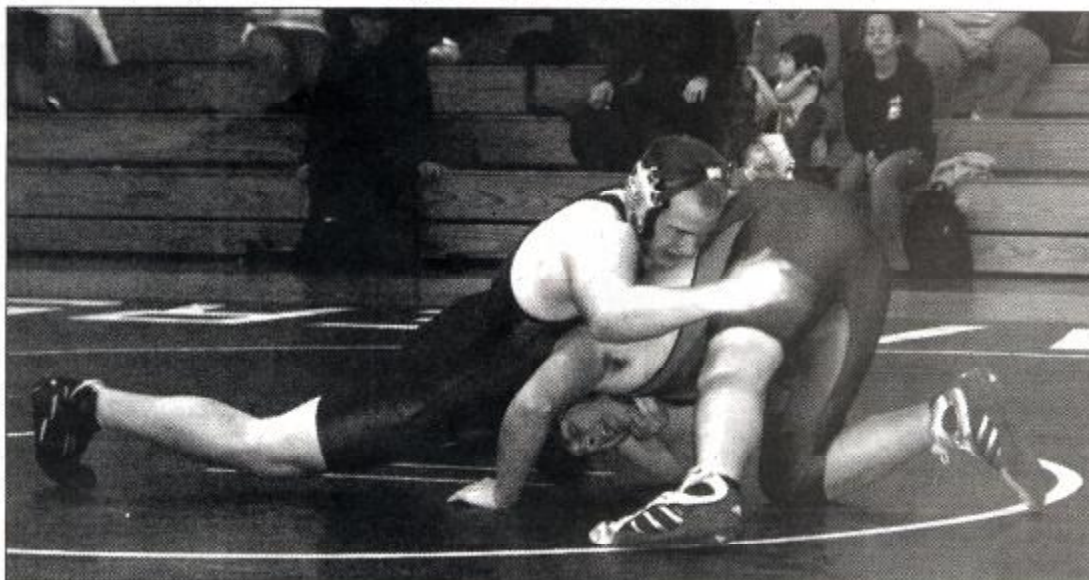
The Little Red got four-straight pins from Broncho Rollins (160), Gordy Duke (171), Zach Foldshuh (189) and Nick Sacco (215) to close out the match.

HHS dropped to 1-5 overall on the season in dual meets and are scheduled to face Wayland-Cohocton on Thursday.

Ithaca improved to 8-7 overall on the season.

Ithaca 53, Hornell 15

103: Alec Iacovelli (I) by pin over Shawn Hughes (H) 2:18 112: Richie Gillespie (I) by for. 119: Joe Sirianni (H) by tech. fall over John Ward (I) 5:21 125: Joe Brennan (I) by dec. over Adam Dwyer (H) 11-8 130: Austin Dwyer (H) by pin over Dylan Watios (I) 5:59 135: Tyler Whittaker (I) by dec. over Nick Van Scooter (H) 9-1 140: Jonah Brown-Cohen (I) by dec. over Nate Hynes (H) 9-0 145: Pat Reynolds (I) by pin over Jason Stidham (H) 3:36 152: Matt Baker (H) by dec. over Greg Kay (I) 11-5 160: Broncho Rollins (I) by pin over Tony Persichilli (H) 1:59 171: Gordy Drake (I) by pin over Brian Fuller (H) 2:35 189: Zach Foldshuh (I) by pin over Darrin Armaly (H) 3:38 215: Nick Sacco (I) by pin over Vinnie Vogt (H) :46



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Ithaca's Nick Sacco, left, works his way around Hornell's Vinnie Vogt on his way to a 46-second pin during their 215-pound match Saturday in Hornell. The Little Red won, 53-15.

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