



Spencerport Wins Again

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The Spencerport Rangers wrestling team won the Monroe County Tournament for the 19th consecutive season last night. Fourteen wrestlers from Spencerport received all-county honors for placing in the top six of their respective weight classes. Seven wrestlers reached the finals with five of them leaving victorious. Spencerport amassed 264.5 points, 101.5 more than second place Penfield's 163 points. Fairport, with 138 points, edged out Hilton and their 135 points.

Defending state champion Paul Glover started the finals off in typical Spencerport fashion by controlling Churchville Chili's Ernest Pringle for a 9-5 decision. Glover was also the 215-pound champion last year.

Geoff Brown continued the winning ways in taking the 96-pound weight class over Fairport's Cal Hotelling by 7-1 decision.

Tim Campbell upset top seed T.J. Glickman of Brighton in the 140-pound class by a 5-3 score.

Paul Morabito ran through the 145-pound weight class and finished the tournament with an impressive 25-10 tech fall as time expired over Webster Schroeder's Alec Panipinto. Morabito did not place last year as the top seed.

Nick Baxter came from behind to defeat top seeded Troy Ireland of Batavia 10-6. Baxter was trailing 6-5 with 30 seconds remaining before catching Ireland and putting him to his back for a takedown and two-point near fall.

Steve Maier lost a 4-2 decision to Pittsford's C.J. Howard and Enzo Zagari lost to Brighton's Mibo Aiono 3-1.

Penfield took home second place honors after placing 11 wrestlers in the top six. Brandon Ling improved on his third place finish from last year, winning the 103-pound final over Batavia's Josh Mase by fall in :59.

Greece Olympia's 119-pounder Mike Gentilcore won arguably the deepest weight class in convincing fashion. Gentilcore, the fourth seed, picked up three pins, including a pin in 3:02 over Fairport's

Jeff Slabe in the final. Gentilcore's efforts earned him Most Outstanding Wrestler honors. Teammate Joe Bonaldi won the 135-pound class over Gates Chili's Lewis Cucchiara 6-3 to avenge a loss earlier in the season. Bonaldi took third place in the tournament last year at 125-pounds.

Olympia's most accomplished finalist Josh Veltre won the Monroe County title for the third time. He defeated Fairport's Dave Foley 9-3 to capture the 152-pound class.

Hilton's Nate Smith entered the century club during the 130-pound final. Smith upset top seeded Phil Moore of Rush Henrietta 3-1 and won his 100th varsity match. Batavia's Ireland, Ryan Darch, Nick Lazarony, and Anthony D'Aurizio, Spencerport's Glover, Brighton's Glickman, Fairport's Dave Foley, Brockport's Christian Boley, Hilton's John Velieri, Pittsford's Cam Kelly and Brendan Dwyer, and Greece Olympia's Bonaldi were all honored for achieving their 100th win over the course of the season before the finals.

Hilton's Velieri defeated Batavia's Darch 7-1 at 160 pounds in one of the most anticipated matches of the night. Both wrestlers were representatives of Section V at the state tournament last year and both entered the match undefeated on the season. The victory earned Velieri the heavyweight Most Outstanding Wrestler award.

The final match of the evening was a battle between Pittsford's Dwyer and Brockport's Boley. Both wrestlers are listed in the state rankings at 189 pounds and both participated in the state tournament last year and were defending county champions. Dwyer led for most of the match but the tenacious Boley refused to give in and came from behind for a 4-3 win. The outcome was not known until the buzzer sounded with Dwyer nearing an escape. Boley held on to earn the win and his third straight county title. □

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