

# Geer County Mat Champ



The two team's records weren't so hot for the season, but R.L. Thomas and Schroeder High Schools both contributed top individual performances Thursday, Friday and Saturday (February 17, 18-19) at the Monroe County Wrestling Tournament. RLT had itself a weight-class champion, a runner-up and a sixth placer; Schroeder wrestlers finished third, fourth and fifth in their respective weight classes.

County champ in the 180-pound weight range is RLT's Wes Geer, co-captain of the mat squad and a senior. Geer won four matches enroute to his crown, including a pin (at 2:30) over Brian Owen of Penfield, a 4-1 overtime decision against Dan Vieri of East Rochester, a tight 6-5 win over Mark Kukurrka of East-ridge, then a 9-2 victory in the final match against Mark Everts of Brighton.

Meanwhile, RLT's other co-captain, Tom Elter, nearly went as far as Geer. Elter pinned Chris Mooney of Batavia at 1:58 to start the day, then he decisioned John Lehman (Irondequoit) and Mickey Ortega (Fairport) by

11-2 and 13-5, respectively. Ermino DeAngelis of Spencerport proved too much for Elter, though, and the Ridgeman lost, 7-3.

In other RLT action, Brett Summers finished sixth in the 129-pound class with two wins (one a pin), then three straight losing decisions.

Top Schroeder wrestler of the tourney was Jim Mooney, who finished third in the 167-pound class. Mooney pinned this first opponent, Mark Powderly of Spencerport; he then decisioned Mark DeStefano of RLT, 5-1, in overtime, before losing a match to East Rochester's John Zito, 5-0. Mooney snapped back in the consolation bracket for two decisions -- a 7-5 victory over Pat Fagan of Pittsford Mendon, then a 9-4 conquering of Bob Kyff of Fairport.

On the basis of his three winning decisions and two losses, Schroeder's Ted Costich finished fourth in the 119-pound class. Heavyweight John Allie ended up fifth in that category with a 3-2 record for the three-day tourney.