



In Control

These two wrestlers got so entangled in their 112-pound championship match at the Youngsville tournament it's difficult to tell who is who. But the Thursday evening, wrestler controlling the action from behind, Youngsville's

Tim Blakeslee, knew exactly what was going on and that was a 9-4 decision in his favor. The Eagles had six champions to retain the team title. (Photo by Zavinski)

When the final scores of the Youngsville Holiday Wrestling Tournament were tallied Thursday evening, the Youngsville Eagles remained the champion, amassing 168 points. The hosts placed nine wrestlers in the finals, and six were later crowned champions.

But Youngsville was not the only county team to fare well as the Sheffield Wolverines wrestled to second place with 129 total points and four tournament champions.

The Union City Bears, who had 119½ points, had two winners with 104 total points, and the Panama, N.Y. team returned home without a trophy to show for its efforts.

The finals were completely dominated by the Warren County teams. Larry Mihalko of Sheffield was the first countian to collect hardware. The Wolverine dominated his 105-pound match and trounced his Union City opponent, 13-2. In his first match of the day, recorded a pin.

The next two local winners came back-to-back and both from Youngsville. Tim Blakeslee captured his 112-pound bout by decisioning Panama's Ron Messinger, 9-4. He received a bye earlier in the day. Gene Baker was also a

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winner for the Eagles with a pin in the third period of the 119-pound finals against Dean Holden of Sheffield. Baker recorded a 6-2 decision earlier in the day and Holden recorded a pin.

Wolverine Shawn Rogers was the next winner from the county with a 10-7 decision in the 126-pound finals. In the 132-pound finals, Youngsville's Ron Horn lost in overtime to Union City's Darryl Higley, 4-2. But Virgil Birchard, the Eagles' 138-pounder, made up for the loss when he flipped over Sheffield's Keith McCracken at the 1:26 mark of the second period.

Woody Brown of Youngsville pulled out a squeaker and recorded a 7-4 victory over his Panama opponent. Youngsville coach Jim Manchester said Brown did the finest job among his wrestlers. "He had to wrestle an overtime match to advance to the finals earlier in the day," commented Manchester. "His opponent had a bye."

Steve Siliano's 11-4 victory at

155 turned out to be a surprise to Wolverine coach Denny Johnson. "He was matched against Youngsville horse Mike Weissinger and he did a really fine job," Johnson noted. "I was very pleased with all my kids' performances," he concluded.

The next three matches ended hastily, with county wrestlers recording two first period pins and one in the second canto. The first came when Youngsville's 167-pound Tony Harlan caught his man at the 1:07 mark and laid him out for six team points. Ray Witzel added to the total with his pin over his Panama opponent at the 1:12 mark of the 185-pound match. In the unlimited match, it was another match-up of county wrestlers, with Sheffield's Mike Maxwell pitted against the Eagles' Harry Lyszaz. Maxwell got the better of his manning in recording a pin 17 seconds into the second period.

In consolation matches, Sheffield's Randy Sadler, 98; Randy Thomas, 112; and Chuck Froman, 132; all recorded third-place finishes. The Eagles had one third-place finisher, Bruce Haight at 105 pounds.

FINALS

98—Kysor (UC) pinned Smith (P), 2:46.
105—Mihalko (S) dec. Wienczkowski (UC), 13-2.
112—Blakeslee (Y) dec. Messinger (P), 9-4.
119—Baker (Y) pinned Holden (S), 5:17.
126—Rogers (S) dec. Carmody (UC), 10-7.
132—Higley (UC) dec. Horn (Y), 4-2 OT.
138—Birchard (Y) pinned McCracken (S), 3:34.

145—Brown (Y) dec. Cornish (P), 7-4.
155—Siliano (S) dec. Weissinger (Y), 11-4.
167—Harlan (Y) pinned Gerdy (UC), 1:07.
185—Witzel (Y) pinned James (P), 1:12.
UNL—Maxwell (S) pinned Lyszaz (Y), 2:43.

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