



Way-Co 8th-grader wins, off to states

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People were rubbing their eyes last night during the 98-pound championship bout at Webster.

That was when Wayland-Cohocton's Tim Page was meticulously doing something probably no other Section V wrestler has done in the SuperSectionals.

Page was defeating Holley junior Ashley-John Grillo 5-2 for a trip to the state tournament. That followed a semifinal match in which he beat Lyndonville sophomore Tom Russo by technical fall.

It wasn't that people couldn't believe Page, an eighth-grader, was winning against wrestlers with a little more experience. But Page beat two wrestlers with state tournament experience.

Grillo and Russo each finished fifth in the New York State Public High School Athletic Association championships at 91 and 98 pounds, respectively.

"It's probably never happened,"

Section V wrestling chairman Don DeBadts said. "At least not in this tournament."

Page's win highlighted the early bouts at the SuperSectional, which is the state qualifier for next week's state tournament at the Onondaga County War Memorial in Syracuse. Hornell had a pair of champions in 91-pound freshman Kory Holland and 105-pounder Otto House. House beat last year's state runner-up, Warsaw junior Charlie Voorhees, in the semifinals, then pinned Canandaigua's Wes Bennett in 1:18 of the championship. The Red Raiders, ranked second all season in the *Democrat and Chronicle/Times-Union* large-schools poll, also had 132-pounder Matt Drake and 167-pounder Jeff Green reach the championship. Each reached the state tournament last year but did not place.

Monroe County champion Spencerport had three wrestlers reach the final: 112-pounder Billy Jacoutot, 126-pounder Jason DeBruin and 138-pounder Adam Ventress.

Jacoutot lost by pin in 3:39 but DeBruin beat Webster senior Pete Fox, last year's champion, 5-2. Ventress was scheduled to meet Greece Olympia's Don Carlo-Clauss in a later bout.

But Page was the early story last night.

The Class B champion had lost in last year's semifinals to Grillo.

"I made it this far, so I figured I'd just keep going," said Page, who is 35-0 this season and 63-3 in his two-year career. "It's hard to believe it, but it has been done now."

He may have been an unknown commodity in Monroe County until last night, but that isn't the case south of Rochester.

"Being down in the Southern Tier we don't get a lot of press," said Way-Co coach John Pangia, who shares coaching duties with Paul Welytok. "People who had seen (Page) knew he had a lot of talent. He's always had a lot of natural ability, but I think he really matured this year."

Page also beat East Rochester

senior Ryan Wilson, the runner-up to Grillo in last week's Class C meet, in the quarterfinals.

"I was just thinking to wrestle with my heart and to give it all I've got," said Page, the Class B champion the past two years. □

CHAMPIONSHIP FINALS

- 91 pounds:** Kory Holland (Hornell) dec. Kris Harrington (Caledonia-Mumford) 11-0.
 - 98:** Tim Page (Wayland-Cohocton) dec. Ashley-John Grillo (Holley) 5-2.
 - 105:** Otto House (Horn) pin Wes Bennett (Canandaigua) 1:18.
 - 112:** Steve Lacagnina (Penfield) pin Billy Jacoutot (Spencerport) 3:39.
 - 119:** Coddie Bissell (Bolivar-Richburg) dec. Leo Urbanelli (Wayne) 11-9.
 - 126:** Pete Fox (Webster) vs. Jason DeBruin (Spen).
 - 132:** Ed Wolcott (Perry) vs. Matt Drake (Horn).
 - 138:** Don Carlo-Clauss (Greece Olympia) vs. Adam Ventress (Spen).
 - 145:** Jeremy Flint (Pavilion) vs. Nick Zito (Brighton).
 - 155:** Billy Payne (Geneva) vs. Luke Lamb (Victor).
 - 167:** Jeff Green (Horn) vs. Anthony Bultron (Geneva).
 - 177:** Geoff McIntosh (Way-Co) vs. Mark Schmerhorn (Hilton).
 - 215:** Jake Swyers (Perry) vs. Mike O'Keefe (Brockport).
 - 250:** Jason DiCesare (McQuaid) vs. Shcharansky Carr (East).
- (Results of matches 126 and up not completed by deadline for this edition).