

HIGH SCHOOL REPORT

Late rally earns Hadden 'Super' victory

■ The Geneva wrestler escapes Bill Merle to score the winning point in the 125-pound final.

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Geneva sophomore Dave Hadden will have at least one good story to share with his relatives and friends.

Wrestling Hadden trailed Spencerport senior Bill Merle by a point late in the third period of their 125-pound SuperSectional tournament final last night.

At stake was a berth in this week's state tournament, something thousands of wrestlers sweat long and hard every day in stuffy rooms for.

Time was running out for Hadden, but then he gained momentum from a stalling call against Merle and went on to win 3-2 in front of about 2,500 yelling spectators at Fairport High.

"I've been waiting for this for my entire life," Hadden said after a long line of friends hugged him. "I hope someone got it on tape for me so I can watch it."

The finalists in all 15 weight divisions were vying for one spot each on Section V's New York State tournament team.

It is considered a huge accomplishment for a wrestler to reach the state tournament, which takes place Friday and Saturday in Syracuse.

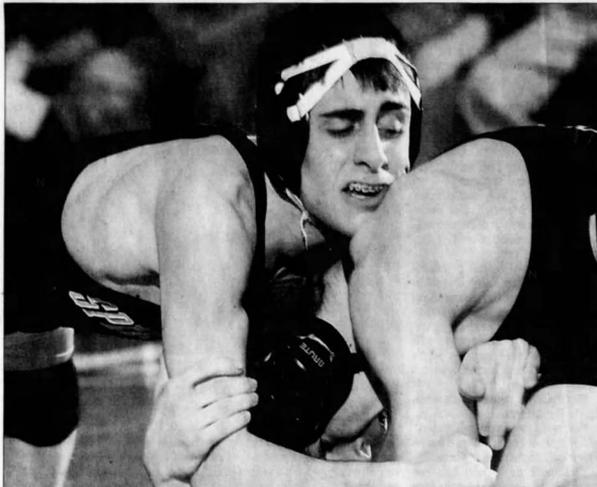
To the only way they can qualify is to beat all-comers in their weight class, which consist of the top four finishers from the Section V Class A, B, C and D tournaments.

Merle was the sectional Class A runner-up.

Hadden scored the first points in his final after Merle let him to his feet early in the second period.

A takedown early in the third gave Merle a 2-1 lead. But the Spencerport wrestler was having more and more difficulty keeping control of Hadden as time went on.

"I just kept plugging and plugging and plugging away," Hadden said. "I knew if I did something good would happen."



MAX SCHULTE staff photographer

Chin music Gary Borrelli of Spencerport ties Troy Forte of Pittsford in the 112-pound final.

It did for Hadden with about 30 seconds left in the third period.

Merle was clinging to Hadden's left leg when he was called for stalling. That tied the score at 2-2.

"As soon as they gave me that point, I knew there was no way I was going to lose," Hadden said. "I was going to do anything to get out. Anything."

Hadden worked his way to his feet before turning out of Merle's grasp with about 15 seconds left.

Canandaigua seventh-grader Trevor Chinn controlled the 96-pound final, defeating Jeff Teike of Holley 7-2.

Chinn usually likes to score the first takedown, but didn't come right out looking for it against Teike.

"I went in a little cautious," Chinn said. "I let him take the first shot."

"When he almost took me down,

I thought I better get hitting or I might lose this one."

After denying Teike the first points, Chinn scored the first takedown and went on from there.

Greece Olympia junior Joe Veltrio defeated Spencerport's Shawn Hibbs in the 103 finals at the Monroe County and Class A Tournaments.

When they met again for a state berth last night, it was Hibbs who came out on top 8-2.

"There's no feeling better than this," Hibbs said. "I've never felt anything this good."

Hibbs studied tape and stressed fundamentals while preparing for Veltrio this time around.

Hibbs seemed more aggressive in this match and was in control throughout.

Spencerport's Gary Borrelli edged Pittsford's Troy Forte 5-3 in the 112 final, the senior's second win over the sophomore in a week.

Borrelli dominated the Section V Class A final, but this meeting was filled with much more tension as he had to pick up the winning points in overtime.

Forte was more aggressive in this meeting with Borrelli, who at first was caught off guard by that.

"I wasn't happy with the way I wrestled," Borrelli said.

"I thought about it and I said 'Hey, I won the match, I should be happy' and I am."

Forte wiggled his way to an escape with about a minute left in the third period, tying the score, 3-3.

Borrelli then sucked in Forte's left leg and drove himself forward. When Forte hit the mat, Borrelli hustled behind his opponent to win.

"I think he was trying to tie up and I went under it," Borrelli said. "Once I had his leg, I knew I had him." □

Tight grip Holley's Jeff Teike struggles to break free from Canandaigua seventh-grader Trevor Chinn's grasp.

Results

SUPERSECTIONALS NY State Tournament Qualifiers

Semifinal and 3rd-place match results

96 pounds: Jeff Teike (Holley) defeated Peter Pagan (Wayne) 15-2; Trevor Chinn (Canandaigua) def. Gerry Fortna (Dundee) 5-1; Third-place: Jeff Teike def. Pagan 5-3.

103: Shawn Hibbs (Spencerport) def. Tim Sampsel (East Rochester) 9-1; Joe Veltrio (Greece Olympia) def. Adam Gelo (Holley) 8-6 (overtime criteria); Third-place: Spaulding pinned Sampsel 37 seconds.

112: Troy Forte (Pittsford) of Joe Lacagnina (Perfetto) 4-0; Gary Borrelli (Spencerport) def. Kory Holland (Hornell) 3-1 (OT crit.); Third-place: Holland pinned Tim Page (Wayland-Cohocton) 3:28.

119: Bill Schell (Warsaw) def. Jason Alvarez (McQuaid), 7-6; Mike Smith (Hornell) pinned Pat Beach (Greece Olympia) 3:16; Third-place: Beach def. Jose Pao (Pondcroft) 6-2.

125: Bill Merle (Spencerport) def. Jason English (Addison) 7-1; Dave Hadden (Geneva) def. Kristian Alexander (LeRoy) 4-2; Third-place: Alexander def. Jeff Collier (Perfetto) 9-3.

130: Zach Jones (Addison) def. Adam Slomski (Victory) 7-1; Mike Wolowicz (Spencerport) def. Chris Bala (Alexander) 1-0 (OT crit.); Third-place: Bala def. Slomski 4-2.

135: Joe Scotaro (Clyde-Savannah) def. Nick Stover (Fairport) 11-4; Justin Gill (Webster) def. Jamie Wech (South Seneca) 6-3; Third-place: Joe Campolongo (Spencerport) def. Earl Wolcott (Perry) 11-4.

140: Mike Ellis (Myersde) def. Paul Clarke

(Williamson) 11-7; Mike Pagano (Greece Athena) def. Joe Travers (Irondequoit) 3-2; Third-place: Matt Cannon (Webster) def. Justin Sullivan (Holt) 8-5.

145: Shane Rhodes (Rush-Henrietta) won via technical fall over Nick Davis (Hornell) 6:00; Justin Hoch (Canandaigua) def. Bradon Ezell (Holley) 4-0; Third-place: Jason Menzies (Byron-Berger) def. Josh Miller (Webster) 14-12.

152: Lucas Firt (Pavilion) def. Shane Rimmer (Perry) 15-10; Geoff Seleck (Rush-Henrietta) def. Dan Whitaker (ccj) (Victory) 5-3 (OT crit.); Third-place: Joe DeFallo (Webster) def. Tamiel Jones (East) 3-1.

160: Erich Steffans (Wayland-Cohocton) def. Nate Parmenter (Canandaigua) 4-2; Dan Chase (Rush-Henrietta) 12-3; Third-place: Parmenter def. Joe Tice (Waterloo) 1-0.

171: Jason MacArthur (Gates Chili) def. Ben MacDonald (Byron-Berger) 15-5; Michael Brown (Franklin) def. Scott Baxter (Spencerport) 11-4; Third-place: Zach Lehmann (Brighton) def. Donnie Moore (Bolivar-Richburg) 3-2.

180: Jared Roy (Addison) def. Brett Wilson (Lundenville) 4-3; Dan Norstrand (LeRoy) pinned Scott Fry (Wayne) 2:41; Third-place: Brett Wilson (Lundenville) def. Tarius Taylor (Rush-Henrietta) 4-2.

215: Mike Liles (Eastford) def. Mark Altobelli (Gates Chili) 5-3 (OT); Shaun Murray (Greece Athena) pinned Dan Egan (East Rochester) 1:42; Third-place: Mark Altobelli (Alfred-Armond) pinned Phil Conpton (Middleville) 4:01.

275: Lucas Silversmith (Lundenville) pinned Jamie Kamm (Geneva) 3:33; David Laitten (Warsaw) def. Oscar Latak (Eastford) 9-7 (OT crit.); Third-place: Brad Palmer (Webster) pinned John Smyth (Greece Athena) 2:39.



WRESTLING

SATURDAY/SUPERSECTIONALS

NYS Tournament Qualifiers At Fairport High School

Finals and 3rd-place match results

96 pounds: Trevor Chinn (Canandaigua) defeated Jeff Tiede (Holley) 7-2. Third-place: Gerry Fortuna (Dundee) def. Peter Pagan (Wayne) 5-3.

103: Shawn Hibbs (Spencerport) def. Joe Veltre (Greece Olympia) 8-2. Third-place: Brian Spaulding (Campbell-Savona) pinned Tim Sampsell (East Rochester), 37 seconds.

112: Gary Borrelli (Spencerport) def. Troy Forte (Pittsford) 5-3 (overtime). Third-place: Kory Holland (Hornell) pinned Tim Page (Wayland-Cohocton) 3:28.

119: Mike Smith (Hornell) def. Bill Schell (Warsaw) 7-2. Third place: Pat Beach (Olympia) def. Jose Peo (Irondequoit) 6-2.

125: Dave Hadden (Geneva) def. Bill Merle (Spencerport) 3-2. Third-place: Kristian Alexander (Le Roy) def. Jeff Collier (Penfield) 9-3.

130: Zach Jones (Addison) def. Mike Wojtowicz (Spencerport) 5-3. Third-place: Chris Bala (Alexander) def. Adam Slomski (Victor) 4-2.

135: Justin Giffi (Webster) def. Joe Scolaro (Campbell-Savona) 3-1. Third-place: Joe Campopiano (Spencerport) def. Earl Wolcott (Perry) 11-4.

140: Mike Pagano (Greece Athena) def. Mike Ellisi (Myrderse) 11-6. Third-place: Matt Cannon (Webster) def. Justin Sullivan (Hilton) 8-5.

145: Shamir Rhodes (Rush-Henrietta) def. Justin Hoch (Canandaigua) 4-2. Third-place: Jason Menzie (Byron-Bergen) def. Josh Miller (Webster) 14-12.

152: Lucas Flint (Pavilion) pinned Geoff Selleck (Rush-Henrietta) 5:16. Third-place: Joe DeFilippo (Webster) def. Tremell Jones (East) 3-1.

160: Erich Steffans (Wayland-Cohocton) def. Dan Chase (Rush-Henrietta) 5-4. Third-place: Nate Parmenter (Canandaigua) def. Joe Ticoni (Waterloo) 1-0.

171: Michael Brown (Franklin) pinned Jason MacArney (Gates Chili) 4:25. Third-place: Zach Lehmann (Brighton) def. Donnie Moore (Bolivar-Richburg) 3-2.

189: Jared Roy (Addison) def. Dan Norstrand (Le Roy) 4-2 (overtime). Third-place: Brett Wilson (Lyndonville) def. Tardus Taylor (Rush-Henrietta) 5-4.

215: Shaun Murray (Greece Athena) def. Mike Latek (Eastridge) 10-2. Third-place: Mark Aultman (Alfred-Almond) pinned Phil Congdon (Midlakes) 4:01.

275: David Leitten (Warsaw) def. Lucas Silversmith (Lyndonville) 11-4. Third-place: Brad Palmer (Webster) pinned John Smyth (Greece Athena) 2:39.