

# Four Mustang Grapplers Capture N-O League Titles ★

ALBION - Capturing the spotlight, a quartet of Medina High wrestlers claimed titles here last night at the 25th annual Niagara-Orleans League championships.

Senior Willie Wilson (167), juniors Eric Gross (177) and Jose Hernandez (138) and eighth grader Eric Vaughn (91) all captured championships for the Mustangs at the silver anniversary edition of the N-O Tourney. The title was the second for Vaughn and the first for Wilson, Gross and Hernandez, who was named the tourney's MVP.

Regular season champion Newfane, which placed a total of 12 wrestlers in the finals, emerged with three winners including Jason Wilson (98), Matt Dawson (132) and Jason Ethridge (155). The N-O title was the fifth for Dawson.

Host Albion was represented on the

victory stand by Kevin Hillman (112) and Joe McVige (126) while Roy-Hart placed Jason Collins (105), who is now a three-time N-O champion.

Starpoint, likewise, had two winners in Aaron Class (145) and Art Dispenza (250), who is now a two-time league champ.

Akron's Daric Brege (215) and Wilson's Aaron Cobb (119) round out the championship All-League squad.

Vaughn, after scoring first period pins over Wilson's Paul Myers in the quarterfinals and Newfane's Gary Watier in the semis, decided his teammate Aaron Harmer to go to 25-6 on the season and claim his second straight N-O championship.

Hernandez upended Newfane's previous unbeaten (27-0-1) Allen Gerhardt 10-4 to claim the 138 lb. title and earn tourney MVP honors. Now at

20-10 on the season, Hernandez advanced to the finals via a first period pin over Roy-Hart's Steve Kling and a decision win over Wilson's Matt Botzer.

Going to 31-3 on the season, Wilson made quick work of his bid for the 167 lb. title as he notched first period pins over Starpoint's Paul Reed in the semis and over Newfane's Jerry Babcock in the finals.

Gross avenged a narrow 3-2 regular season loss, by outdueling Roy-Hart's Jarred Lake 7-2 in overtime to capture the 177 lb. championship. Now at 27-3 on the season, Gross notched a quick 59 second pin over Starpoint's Bill Barone in the quarterfinals and then decided Albion's Chris Vogt in the semis. Lake scored a second period pin over Akron's Bruce Cummings in his semifinal round match.

Medina also had a trio of third place finishers in Binh Hua (126), Ted Howard (215) and David Mahnke (250).

Advancing to the finals via a pin and an injury default, Hillman claimed the 112 lb. crown by nipping Newfane's Craig Hinkley 2-0 in the finals. The win improves Hillman's season record to 20-3-1 while Hinkley slips to 23-8.

Overcoming a painful rib injury, Joe McVige bested Newfane's Bo King 14-6 to capture the 126 lb. championship. McVige, who is now 23-3 on the season, advanced to the finals via a superior decision win over Starpoint's Greg Seefeldt in the quarterfinals and a first period pin over Hua in the semis.

Collins earned his third straight N-O championship by downing Starpoint's Bill Smith 8-2 in the finals. Now at 19-6-1 on the season, advanced to the finals via a major decision win over Albion's Jamie Nickerson and a second period pin over Newfane's Ryan Teague.

Albion also had three third place finishers in Nickerson, Willie Thomas (155) and Vogt. Brandon Sharpsteen (98) and Dan Coe (112) likewise both earned third place finishes for Roy-Hart.

Dawson, who is rapidly approaching the 150 career victory mark, captured his record fifth straight N-O title by downing Albion's Jeremy McVige 6-2 in the finals. Dawson notched two pins to reach the title match.

Next up will be the Section VI state qualifier tournament to be held this coming weekend at Sweet Home.

## Tournament Summary

**91 lb.**  
**Quarterfinals:** Eric Vaughn (Medina) p. Paul Myers (Wilson) 1:26.  
**Semifinals:** Vaughn p. Gary Watier (Newfane) 1:56; Aaron Harmer (Medina) won by disqualification over Ken Rebmann (Akron).  
**Third Place:** Watier p. Myers :58.  
**Finals:** Vaughn d. Harmer 13-0.  
**98 lb.**  
**Quarterfinals:** Jason Wilson (Newfane) p. Mike Courmyea (Wilson) 1:48.  
**Semifinals:** Wilson d. Brandon Sharpsteen (Roy-Hart) 8-0; Jamie Fragale (Roy-Hart) d. Travis Gorman

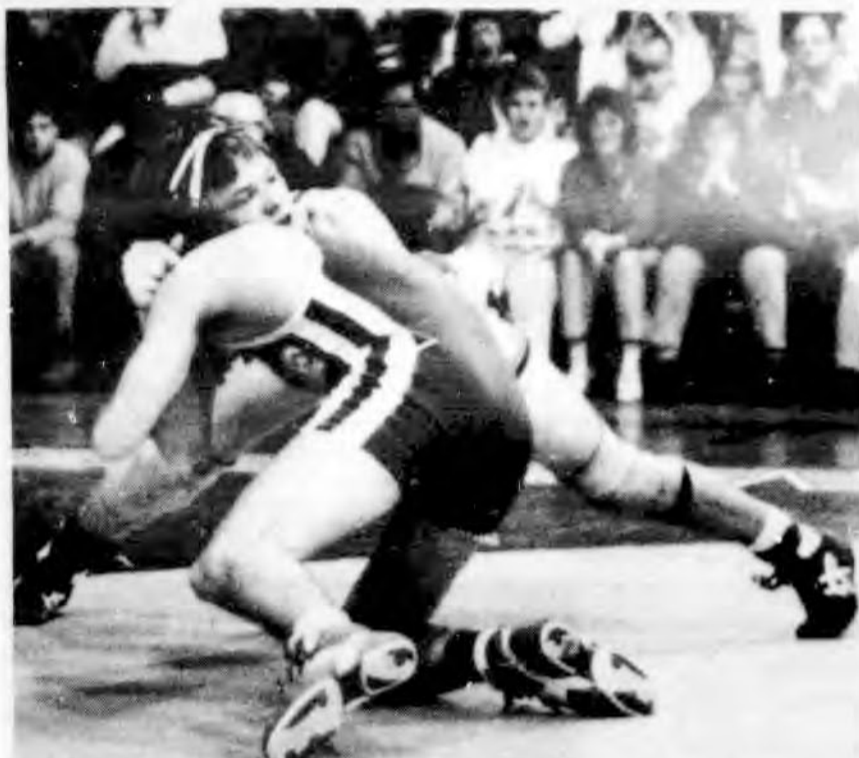


Medina High's victorious quartet of N-O League champions includes, from left, Eric Vaughn, Jose Hernandez, who was named the tourney's MVP, Eric Gross and Willie Wilson. (J-R Photos By Mike Wertman)

(Starpoint) 20-4.  
**Third Place:** Sharpsteen d. Courmyea 13-0.  
**Finals:** Wilson d. Fragale 4-0.  
**105 lb.**  
**Quarterfinals:** Jason Collins (Roy-Hart) d. Jamie Nickerson (Albion) 11-2.  
**Semifinals:** Bill Smith (Starpoint) d. Jeff Duke (Wilson) 12-4; Collins p. Ryan Teague (Newfane) 2:11.  
**Third Place:** Nickerson p. Teague 2:53.  
**Finals:** Collins d. Smith 8-2.  
**112 lb.**  
**Quarterfinals:** Kevin Hillman (Albion) p. Scott McKenzie (Roy-Hart) 3:19; Dan Coe (Roy-Hart) p. Jerome Hobart (Wilson) 1:49.  
**Semifinals:** Hillman won by injury default over Chad Weese (Medina); Craig Hinkley (Newfane) p. Coe 4:58.  
**Third Place:** Coe d. McKenzie 4-2.  
**Finals:** Hillman d. Hinkley 2-0.  
**119 lb.**  
**Quarterfinals:** Tim Lukasik (Newfane) p. Jim Beaver (Medina) :45; Aaron Cobb (Wilson) p. Jeremy Tripp (Starpoint) 3:31.  
**Semifinals:** Lukasik p. John Paponetti (Albion) 5:31; Cobb d. Mike Middaugh (Akron) 5-4.  
**Third Place:** Tripp d. Middaugh 5-0.  
**Finals:** Cobb p. Lukasik 5:38.  
**126 lb.**  
**Quarterfinals:** Joe McVige (Albion) d. Greg Seefeldt (Starpoint) 15-2; Binh Hua (Medina) p. Dave Kantor (Starpoint) 3:10; Cliff Brown (Albion) d. Dave Lombard (Akron) 10-2; Bo

King (Newfane) p. Shawn Bowman (Wilson) 3:22.  
**Semifinals:** McVige p. Hua 1:38; King d. Brown 14-7.  
**Third Place:** Hua d. Seefeldt 2-1.  
**Finals:** McVige d. King 14-6.  
**132 lb.**  
**Quarterfinals:** Matt Dawson (Newfane) p. Tim Krepelin (Akron) 1:56; John Muscarella (Medina) p. Tom Midenbauer (Starpoint) 1:33; Jeremy McVige (Albion) technical fall over Adam Barry (Starpoint) 2:55.  
**Semifinals:** Dawson p. Muscarella 3:34; McVige d. Paul Mangan (Wilson) 15-6.  
**Third Place:** Barry p. Krepelin 3:57.  
**Finals:** Dawson d. McVige 6-2.  
**138 lb.**  
**Quarterfinals:** Allen Gerhardt (Newfane) p. Joe Scouten (Albion) 3:07; Jason Jastrzemski (Wilson) d. Jim Szatkowski (Medina) 11-8; Matt Botzer (Wilson) d. Shawn Murray (Akron) 7-6; Jose Hernandez (Medina) p. Steve Kling (Roy-Hart) 1:34.  
**Semifinals:** Gerhardt p. Jastrzemski 2:56; Hernandez d. Botzer 5-2.  
**Third Place:** Botzer d. Murray 6-0.  
**Finals:** Hernandez d. Gerhardt 10-4.  
**145 lb.**  
**Quarterfinals:** Aaron Class (Starpoint) p. Brian Henessy (Akron) 2:10; Matt Burck (Akron) d. Keith Levick (Starpoint) 5-4; Tim DeGlopper (Newfane) p. Larry Balch (Wilson) 1:48; Lenny Marszalkowski (Albion) p. Matt Harsock (Roy-Hart) 5:24.  
**Semifinals:** Class p. Burck 4:56; DeGlopper p. Marszalkowski 1:44.  
**Third Place:** Burck won by forfeit over Henessy.  
**Finals:** Class d. DeGlopper 8-1.  
**155 lb.**  
**Quarterfinals:** Jason Ethridge (Newfane) p. Eric Dean (Akron) 4:14;

Kyle Vanstone (Medina) d. Nick Schmitz (Akron) 10-7; George Hammonds (Medina) d. Will O'Conner (Wilson) 13-3; Chad Bisher (Newfane) d. Willie Thomas (Albion) 14-5.  
**Semifinals:** Ethridge d. Vanstone 22-7; Bisher d. Hammonds 10-7.  
**Third Place:** Thomas d. Hammonds 11-4 in overtime.  
**Finals:** Ethridge won by injury default over Bisher.  
**167 lb.**  
**Quarterfinals:** Jerry Babcock (Newfane) p. Al Brown (Roy-Hart) :55.  
**Semifinals:** Willie Wilson (Medina) p. Paul Reed (Starpoint) 1:25; Babcock d. Dave Kania (Akron) 17-2.  
**Third Place:** Kania p. Reed 3:29.  
**Finals:** Wilson p. Babcock 1:35.  
**177 lb.**  
**Quarterfinals:** Bruce Cummings (Akron) d. Nate Stevenson (Wilson) 20-3; Chris Vogt (Albion) p. Mike Fay (Wilson) 1:35; Eric Gross (Medina) p. Bill Barone (Starpoint) :59.  
**Semifinals:** Jarred Lake (Roy-Hart) p. Cummings 2:42; Gross d. Vogt 6-3.  
**Third Place:** Vogt p. Cummings :59.  
**Finals:** Gross d. Lake 7-2 in overtime.  
**215 lb.**  
**Quarterfinals:** Daric Brege (Akron) p. Jason Stapf (Wilson) :56; Mark Gross (Newfane) technical fall over Bill Putnam (Albion) 5:54.  
**Semifinals:** Brege d. Craig Burns (Starpoint) 9-2; Gross p. Ted Howard (Medina) 3:58.  
**Third Place:** Howard d. Putnam 8-3.  
**Finals:** Brege d. Gross 5-4.  
**250 lb.**  
**Semifinals:** Jeff Capen (Newfane) p. Dave Mahnke (Medina) :56.  
**Finals:** Art Dispenza (Starpoint) p. Capen 1:45.



Albion's Joe McVige works toward a victory over Newfane's Bo King in the 126 lb. championship bout.

## Shorthanded Goals Power Kings To Win Over Capitals

By KEN RAPPOPORT  
 AP Hockey Writer

For the Los Angeles Kings, skating a man short doesn't seem to be much of a problem. As a matter of fact, sometimes they prefer it that way.

With Washington on a five-minute power play Monday at the Los Angeles Forum, the Kings scored two shorthanded goals and beat the Capitals 5-2.

The goals by Bob Kudelski and Tony Granato 69 seconds apart capped a three-goal first period for the Smythe Division leaders. The Capitals outshot the Kings 4-2 during their five-minute "advantage."

Oilers 4, Devils 0

Grant Fuhr returned to the NHL from a season-long suspension for

substance abuse and led Edmonton over New Jersey with his ninth career shutout. Fuhr came back in spectacular and storybook fashion, turning aside 27 shots in his first game in almost a year.

Islanders 5, Rangers 4

Pat LaFontaine had a goal and two assists.

Joe Reekie gave the Islanders their game-winner when he made it 5-3 at 18:48 with a slapshot.

Flyers 5, Blackhawks 3

Scott Mellanby's tie-breaking goal early in the third period sparked Philadelphia over Chicago.

Nordiques 3, Canucks 3

Steven Finn scored a fluke goal with 33 seconds left in the third period to lift visiting Quebec into a tie.

## Bo Settles With Royals For \$2 Million

NEW YORK (AP) — Baseball's best two-sport player is now a \$2 million man.

Bo Jackson avoided a hearing scheduled for today when he agreed Monday with Kansas City on a one-year contract worth \$2,375,000.

Jackson, who just finished the fourth season of a five-year, \$7.4 million contract with the Los Angeles Raiders, had lost in arbitration last year and was paid \$1 million instead of

the \$1,900,001 he had wanted.

"He's improved every year, and we believe he will continue to get better," Kansas City general manager Herk Robinson said. "I think he's going to have a heck of a year."

The 28-year-old outfielder was limited to 111 games because of injuries last season and hit .272 with 28 home runs and 78 RBIs. He was hurt again in the NFL playoffs, injuring his right hip in the Raiders' 20-10 second-round victory over Cincinnati on Jan. 13.

Jackson was named to the Pro Bowl team but was unable to play in the Feb. 3 game because of the injury.

Jackson's settlement was 64 percent of the difference between the \$2.7 million he sought and the \$1.8 million Kansas City offered.

## NHL Standings

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	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
NY Rangers	31	21	9	71	229	191
Philadelphia	29	27	6	64	204	193
Pittsburgh	30	26	3	63	250	222
New Jersey	25	25	11	61	212	202
Washington	27	31	3	57	195	210



Jeremy McVige of Albion here tries to escape the hold of Newfane's Matt Dawson who went on to claim his fifth straight league title.

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