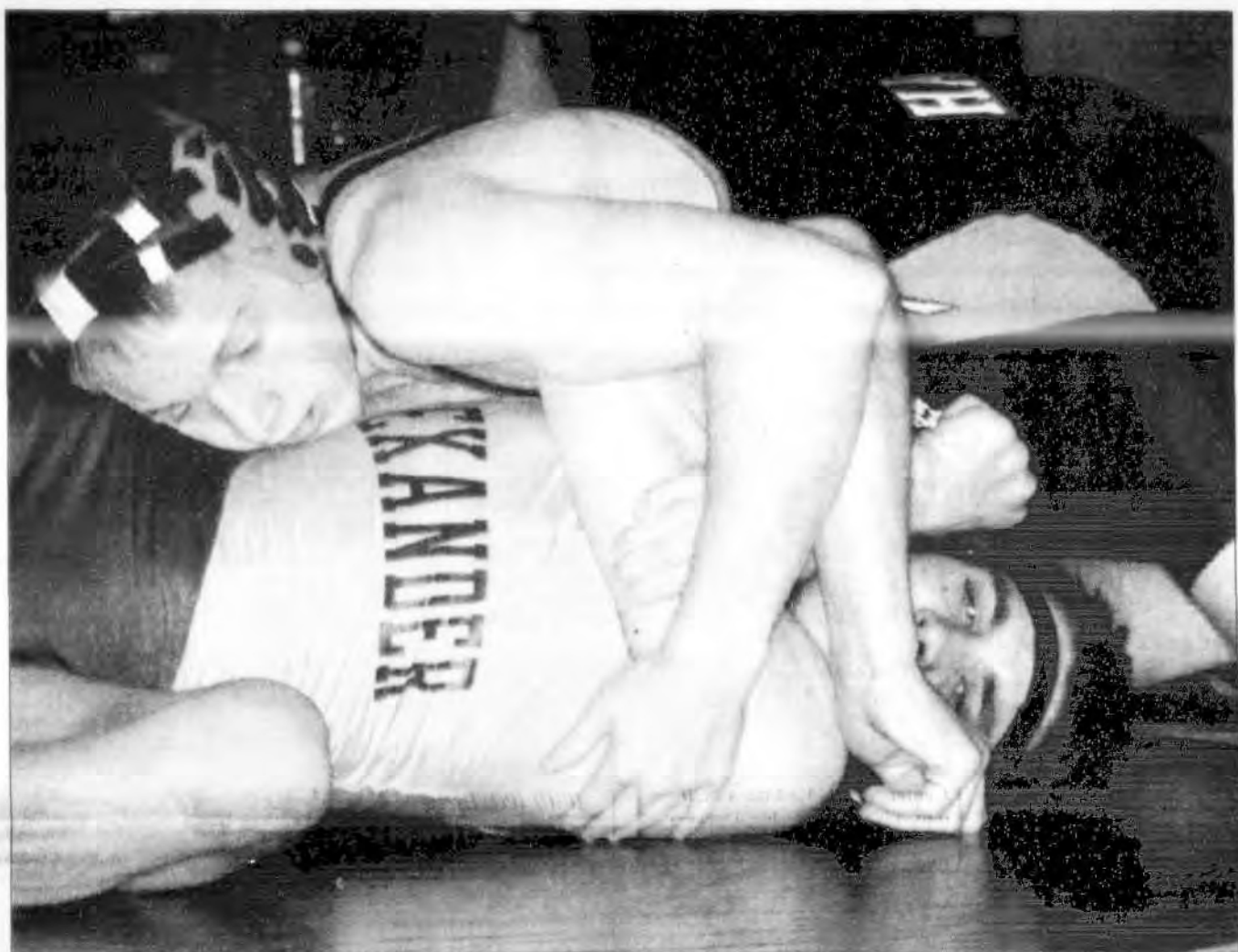


MAT CHAMPS



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TOURNEY ACTION: Holley's Key McPherson works toward a 145 pound semifinal round victory over Matt Biggins of Alexander during Saturday's Genesee Region League Tournament at Lyndonville. McPherson emerged as one of five individual weight class champions for Holley, which also took the team title.

Holley matmen roll to Genesee Region tourney title

STAFF REPORTS

LYNDONVILLE — Placing 12 wrestlers in the finals, undefeated (8-0) regular season champion Holley captured top honors at the annual Genesee Region League Tournament held on Saturday.

Key McPherson (145), Matt Denning (152), Rob McElwain (160), Ron Ryan (215) and Lucas Doty (275) all captured individual weight class titles for Holley.

The Hawks also had seven runners-up including Matt Banks (96), Ken Ryan (112), Justin Widrig (125), Nick Ornt (130), Sam Miller (140), Andrew Vendetti (171) and Justin Corona (189). Brett Underwood (103) added a third place.

Holley garnered a total of 241 points to win the tourney team championship. Attica finished a distant second with 152 followed by Pembroke 148.5, Byron-Bergen 138.5, Kendall 71.5, Alexander 44, Lyndonville 43, Notre Dame 29.5 and Oakfield-Alabama 28.

"We had a very good semifinals round and advancing 12 wrestlers to the finals clinched the title for us right there," Holley coach John Grillo said. "I'm very excited for the five kids who won championship, and teamwise were looking at this as a good stepping stone and tune-up for the Class BBB tournament next week. Hopefully we'll have a little better performance in the final round there."

Kendall had one champion in Wes Snyder (189) who earned MVP honors. The Eagles also had Geoff Chippendale (119) place second and J.D. Bauer (112) take third.

McPherson decisioned Chad Dillimone of Pembroke 6-0 in his title match. Now at 33-2 on the season, he pinned Matt Biggins (Alexander) in 1:48 in the semifinals.

Boosting his season record to 34-5, Denning pinned Josh Pak (Kendall) in 3:34 in the semifinals and then pinned Mike McKenrick (Pembroke) in 3:21 in the finals.

McElwain edged Brandon Comstock



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SEMIFINAL COMPETITION: Holley's Matt Denning has the advantage during a 152 pound semifinal round bout against Kendall's Josh Pak. Denning won the bout and went on to take the 152 pound title.

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(Attica) 6-5 in his title bout to improve to 33-2. He pinned Chris Richenberg (Oakfield) in 3:18 in the semis.

Staying perfect at 33-0 on the season, Ron Ryan pinned Nick Antonnucci (Alexander) in 1:40 in the semis and Jeff Aradine (Byron-Bergen) in 1:20 in the finals.

Doty took just over a minute in total mat time to claim his title and improve to 14-2 on the season. He pinned Joe Cordaro (Byron-Bergen) in just 16 seconds in the semifinals and Brock Minnick (Attica) in just 59 seconds in the title bout.

In the other title round matches for Holley, Banks was pinned by Jamie Carpenter (Attica) in 4:50; Ken Ryan was pinned by Nick Price (Pembroke) in 1:22; Widrig was pinned by Mike McNally (Byron-Bergen) in 4:40; Ornt was

decisioned 5-3 by Joel Jarnot (Byron-Bergen); Sam Miller was decisioned 5-2 by John Fuller (Attica); Vendetti was pinned in 1:33 by Clay Johnson (Pembroke) and Corona was pinned by Snyder in 2:35.

Snyder advanced to the finals by pinning Paul Skiener (Notre Dame) in 48 seconds and Jake Terrance (Byron-Bergen) in 1:43.

Chippendale lost his title bout by a narrow 7-6 margin to Sam Domthongmivahn (Pembroke).

For host Lyndonville, Nick McAdoo (275) took a third while Nick Joy (119), Dave Ward (130) and Andy Bressett (160) all placed fourth.

"I want to thank and commend the Lyndonville Sports Boosters and the Lyndonville staff for a very well run tournament," Grillo said.