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N-O All-League Wrestling Tournament

Albion brothers, MHS trio win titles

WILSON — Albion brothers Mike and Matt Sanders, along with the Medina trio of Matt Root, Justin Hartway and Nate Hartway, all captured individual weight class titles at the annual Niagara-Orleans All-League Tournament held here Saturday.

The title was the fourth straight for Mike Sanders, the third in a row for Justin Hartway and the second for both Root and Nate Hartway.

Newfane's Ryan Needle, who earned MVP honors, captured a league record sixth N-O title, as he led a contingent of six Panthers to the victory stand.

Newfane captured top team honors with 206 points to repeat as overall N-O champion. The Panthers, which posted a perfect 7-0 record in dual match competition, have now won the N-O title 11 of the last 13 years.

Medina finished in second place in the tournament with 113½ points followed by Barker 106, Albion 101½, Starpoint 89, Roy-Hart 70, Akron 38½ and Wilson 36½.

In the most exciting title match of the evening, Mike Sanders earned an escape point with just one second remaining to nip Medina's Andy Hermann 8-7 for the 135 lb. title.

Sanders, a junior, used a pair of takedowns to build up a 5-1

lead after two periods but Hermann came battling back in the final two minutes.

After closing the gap to 6-5 with a takedown and a near fall, Hermann, who is also a junior, finally pulled even at 7-7 with another takedown with 14 seconds to go.

However, Sanders turned back the challenge with a last second escape to improve to 34-4 on the season and 132-20 for his career.

Sanders opened with a technical fall (19-4) won over Wilson's Chris Held and then pinned Starpoint's Mike Cutter in 5:40 in the semifinals.

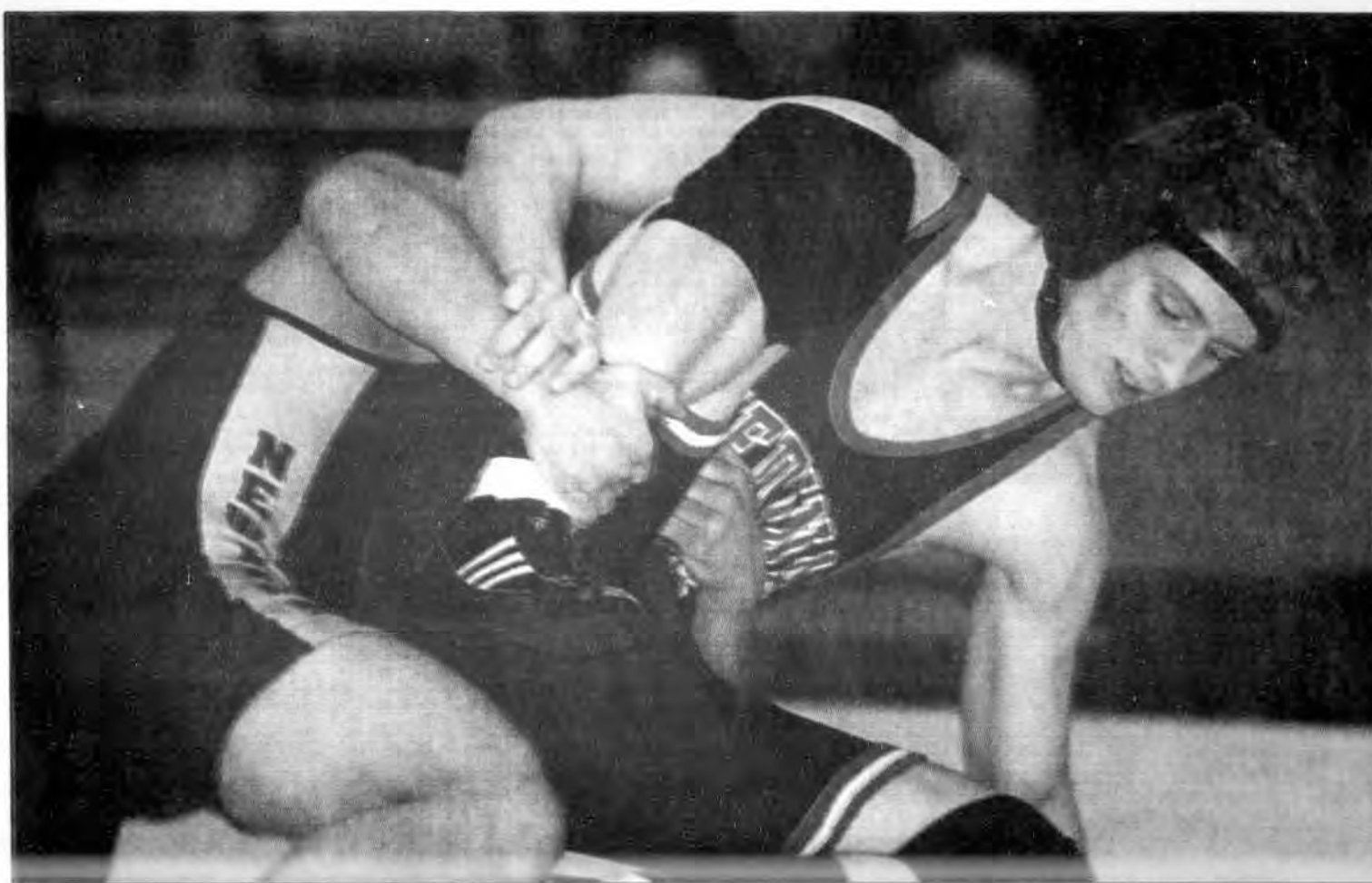
Hermann, who is now 32-5 on the season, nipped Barker's Dennis Reinard 15-13 in overtime in the semis.

Matt Sanders, an eighth grader, pinned Barker's Heath Marziszewski in 3:37 to earn his first N-O title at 96 lbs.

Sanders also scored a pin over Newfane's Brad Werth in the quarterfinals and decisioned Roy-Hart's Ben Stopa 4-2 in the semis.

Root, a senior, defeated Dave Celotto of Newfane 7-1 in his 160 lb. championship match. He used takedowns in both the first and second periods to build up a 5-1 lead heading into the final two minutes.

Root, who is now 33-2 on the season and 111-49 for his career, pinned Akron's Kyle Brengel in 3:34 in the



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Medina's Matt Root works toward his title round victory over Newfane's Dave Celotto.

semifinals.

Justin Hartway, a junior, earned his third N-O title by pinning Starpoint's Mike Marmo in 5:04 at 125 lbs.

Hartway, who pinned

Akron's Kevin Parzych in 2:35 in the quarterfinals and decisioned Newfane's Dan Laubacker 11-5 in the semis, is now 28-6 on the season and 121-29 for his career.

Nate Hartway, a senior, completed Medina's championship brother combination when he edged Barker's Mike Aris 3-2 in his 112 lb. title bout.

Now at 23-11 on the season,

Hartway pinned Albion's Devon Pahuta in 2:58 in the quarterfinals and decisioned Roy-Hart's Joe Moran 8-3 in the semis.

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Albion High brothers Mike Sanders, left, and Matt Sanders both captured individual weight class titles at Saturday's annual Niagara-Orleans League Tournament.

N-O mat champs

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Needle, who is the all-time Section VI victory leader with 229 wins, needed less than the time of one two-minute period to dispose of three opponents and become the N-O league's first ever six-time champion. He pinned Starpoint's Andrew Angelucci in 22 seconds in the quarterfinals, Wilson's Matt Carroll in :49 in the semis and Albion's Matt Allport in :47 in the finals at 152 lbs.

Allport pinned Starpoint's Dom Borison in the semis.

Albion also got a second place finish from Jason LeFrois (189) and thirds from Adam Rush (140), Stephen



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Medina likewise had a pair of brothers claim N-O championships in Nate Hartway, left, and Justin Hartway.

Donnelly (215) and Marvin Thompson (275).

Medina also had a trio of third place finishers in Brian Hosmer (103), Chris Crandall (171) and Joe Sidari (189).

The tourney also crowned two other three-time champions in Newfane's Justin

Lovewell (215) and Starpoint's Brian Marmo (119)

Albion will next host the Section VI Class AAA Tournament this Friday and Saturday. Medina will be competing in the Class AA Tournament at Fredonia Friday and Saturday.

N-O mat kings



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A total of five Medina and Albion wrestlers, including two sets of brothers, captured individual weight class championships at the annual Niagara-Orleans All-League Tournament held at Wilson Saturday. In front are Matt Root, Medina, left, and Mike Sanders, Albion. In back are, from left, Nate Hartway, Medina, Matt Sanders, Albion and Justin Hartway, Medina. The title was the fourth straight for Mike Sanders, the third in a row for Justin Hartway and the second for both Root and Nate Hartway. The matmen will now lead their teams into this weekend's Section VI class tournaments. Albion will host the Class AAA Tournament n Friday and Saturday while Medina will compete in the Class AA Tournament at Fredonia.