

Medina, Albion both have two class champions

Medina and Albion captured a pair of individual weight class championships in Section VI class wrestling tournament action over the weekend.

Medina's duo of Justin Hartway (130) and Mike Crane (112) captured titles at the Class AA Tournament at Wilson.

Albion saw both Mike Sanders (130) and Steve Donnelly (215) earn titles at the Class AAA Tournament at Lewiston-Porter.

Hartway, who has been plagued by injuries all season, claimed his fourth Class AA title by decisioning Ben Filegar of Southwestern 8-6 in the finals.

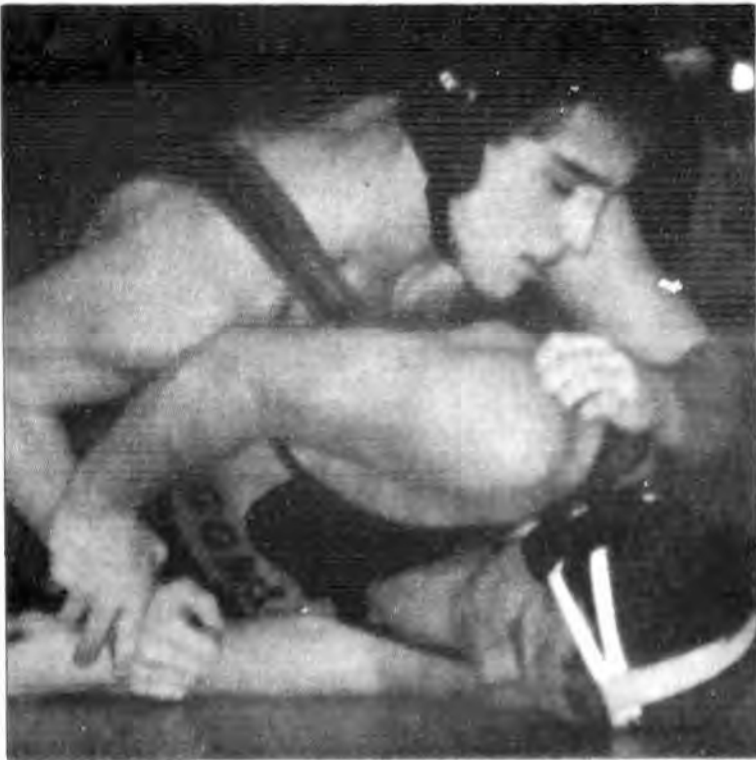
Now 14-3, Hartway advanced to the finals by pinning Dave Telecky of Alden in 1:53 in the quarterfinals and decisioning Adam Johnson of Falconer 13-4 in the semis.

Boosting his season record to 30-5, Crane decisioned Brandon Strandburg of Fredonia 11-6 in his title bout.

Crane opened with an 18-1 technical fall victory over Wilson's Shane Phillips. He then pinned Holland's Jake Dembiok in 1:36 in the quarterfinals and decisioned Roy-Hart's Joe Moran 6-3 in the semis.

In a rematch of the previous weekend's Niagara-Orleans Tournament final, Sanders defeated Starpoint's Eric Cholewa 5-1 to claim his fourth Class AAA title and boost his season record to 35-0 and his school career record to 173-21. He bested Cholewa 3-0 for the N-O crown.

A five-time N-O champion, Sanders quickly advanced to the finals as he scored 15-0 technical



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Medina's Ryan Blount has the upper hand over Gowanda's James Maybee during a 171-pound consolation bout Saturday at the Class AA Tournament at Wilson.

nical falls over John Flowers of West Seneca East in the opening round and over Mitch Anderson of Amherst in the semifinals. In between, he pinned Kyle Belles of Grand Island in 1:12 in the quarterfinals.

Donnelly pinned Matt Gartler of Iroquois in 3:52 in his championship match to improve to 29-5 on the season. He advanced to the finals by pinning Maryvale's Ted Stanek in 1:43 in the quarterfinals and decisioning Pioneer's DJ Stambrow 10-3 in the semifinals.

Albion's Kyle Piccirilli lost in the finals 8-3 to Tyrell Riley of Iroquois. Now at 25-11, he

advanced to the title round by decisioning Pioneer's Josh Betto 6-5, pinning Maryvale's Justin Torzerson in 1:41 in the quarterfinals and decisioning Williams' East's Jared Teal 5-1 in the semis.

Albion, which is sending a total of eight grapplers to the Section VI championships, also had three third place finishers in Marvin Thompson (275), Howie Daggs (189) and Adam Lake (160) as well as two fourth place finishers in Cody Chap-pius (135) and Adam Rush (152).

Also for Medina, Jesus Velez (135) and Sam Montesanti (275) both lost in the semifinals. Velez lost 14-3 to Jim Krant of

Eden 14-3 and Montesanti was pinned by Fredonia's Frank Zielinski in 2:45.

Roy-Hart's Greg Donnelly finished second at 125 dropping a 3-2 decision in the finals to Southwestern's Dusty Truver. He scored decisions over Nick Czapla of East Aurora 6-3 in the quarterfinals and over Rob Neal of Tonawanda 10-6 in the semis.

The Rams also got third place finishes from Moran (112), Mark Donnelly (130) and Brad Miller (171).

The N-O League had two other winners in the Class AA tourney, as Newfane's Jeremy Stopa decisioned Southwest-ern's Mike Bush 7-3 in the 152-pound final and Akron's Dan Klonowski edged Eden's Joe Calderon 2-1 in overtime at 140.

Newfane also had a third-place finisher in Brian Pollack (275) and three fourth-place finishers in Steve Lovewell (96), Brad Werth (103) and Alex Otto (215).

Wilson had a pair of second-place finishers in Matt Carroll (145) and Scott Hanna (160).

The top four finishers in each weight class advance to the Section VI state qualifier tournament, which will be held Saturday at Jamestown Community College.

In the team competition, Albion finished second to Iroquois, 186-175 in the Class AAA Tournament while Roy-Hart placed fourth in the Class AA Tournament behind Southwestern Falconer and Fredonia.



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Medina's senior duo of Justin Hartway, left, and Mike Crane earned Section VI Class AA titles in competition at Wilson on Saturday.



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Mike Sanders, left, and Steve Donnelly earned individual titles for Albion on Saturday at the Section VI Class AAA Tournament at Lewiston-Porter.