



Warriors take 2nd, earn three titles at own tourney

Salamanca finishes with 189 points

SALAMANCA — Five championship final appearances and three titles enabled Salamanca to take a second-place finish at its own tournament Saturday.

The Warriors, with 189 points, finished behind only Fredonia (212 points). Fifteen teams competed in the Salamanca Tournament.

"We had 11 kids in the tournament out of 15," said Warriors coach Rich Morton. "We had nine out of 11 place in the tournament."

Corey O'Neil (112 pounds) Justin Hager (140) and Jaymee Minner (145) each won a title. Matt Metzler (96) and Kane Smith (189) both took second.

O'Neil got a takedown early in his championship match. He won by default when his opponent, Andrew Taylor of Bolivar-Richburg, suffered a concussion on the takedown.

Hager won a 15-0 tech fall vs. Adam Rush of Albion.

"This kid (Rush) was big, strong," Morton said. "He (Ha-

ger) got a takedown and then he put him on his back."

Minner won a 6-1 decision over Clarion, Pa.'s Brian Luten.

Metzler lost a 16-0 tech fall to Silver Creek's Phil Kavanaugh.

"Kavanaugh's the No. 1 wrestler in this section," Morton said. "He's a junior and he's been wrestling at 96 pounds since seventh grade."

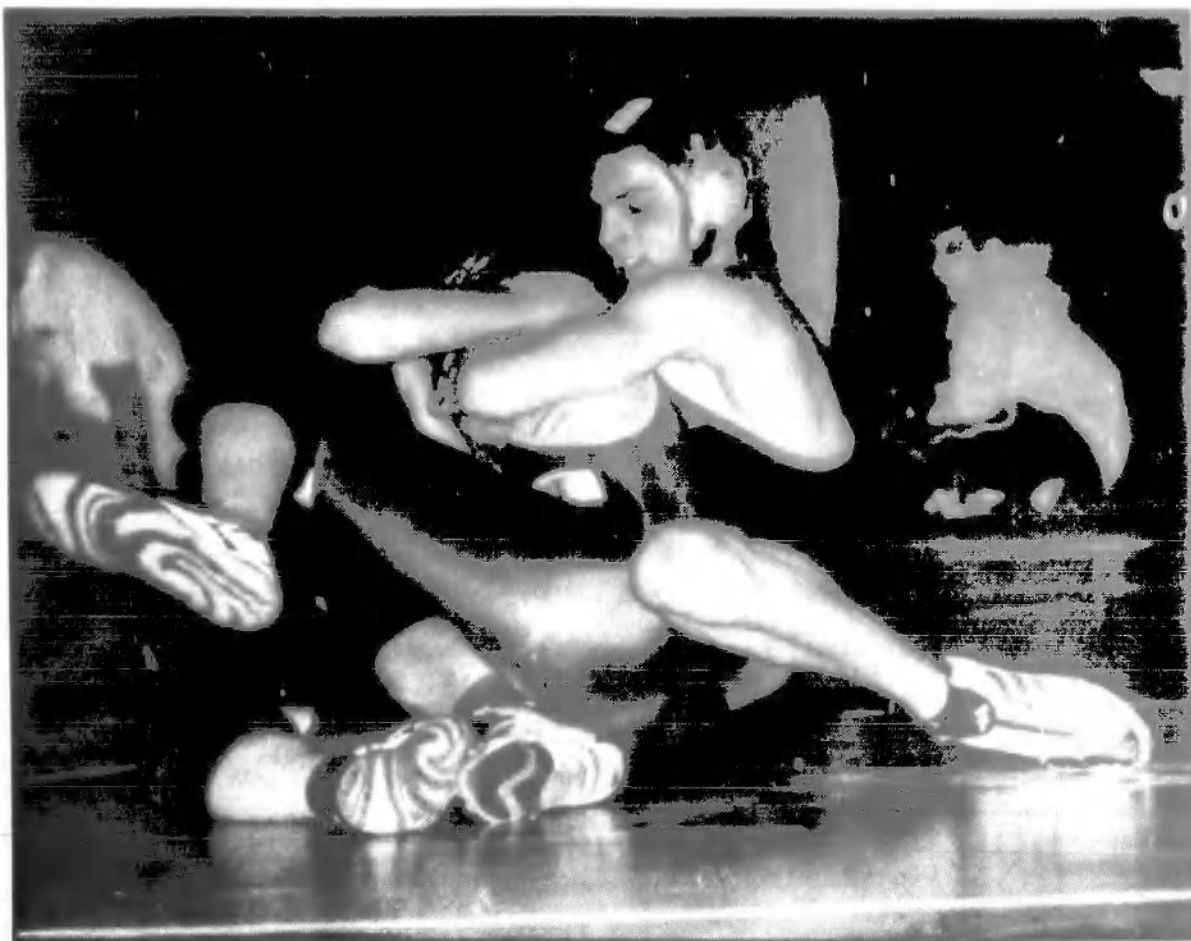
Smith lost a 16-11 decision to Fredonia's Wil Sidey, the tournament's Most Outstanding Wrestler Award winner.

"He just got in on Kane too many times," Morton said. "The kid was just a little bit tougher that night."

Joe Lewis (130 pounds) and Jon Jacobson (135) each placed third for the Warriors. Billy Roosa (119) placed fifth Teammate Justin Hoag (152) finished sixth.

Bolivar-Richburg won the Team Sportsmanship Award Saturday.

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Warrior Jon Jacobson took a third place Saturday during the Salamanca Tournament. His consolation finals match was a pin in 4:44 over Trent Filer of Oswayo Valley, Pa.

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An appeal to anything but common sense

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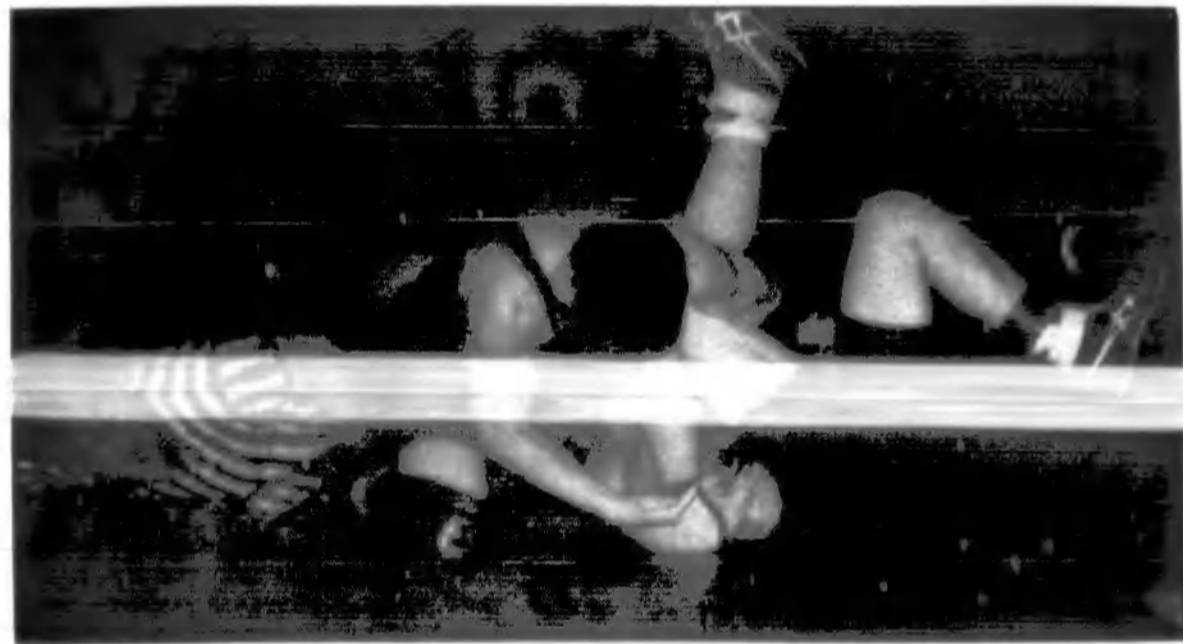
He already plays ball like a pro, wears the pricey bling-bling, even drives the same car the pros do, down to the TVs and video-game hookups.

So doesn't it seem odd that LeBron James would appeal to the Ohio High School Athletic Association to declare him a regular high school student again?

Yet that's apparently what the St. Vincent-St. Mary senior from Akron intends to do today, employing the same kind of expensive legal help favored by so many of those same pros. And if things don't work out with the OHSAA, or if James and his handlers don't like the

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Jaymee Minner moves in for a pin on his way to a Salamanca Tournament title at 145 pounds. Minner, Corey O'Neil and Justin Hager each won titles Saturday.

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Championship finals

96 — Kavanaugh (Silver Creek) tech fall Metzler (Salamanca) 16-0

103 — Pancio (Olean) dec. Strandburg (Fredonia) 11-0

112 — O'Neil (Salamanca) won by default over Taylor (Bolivar-Richburg)

119 — Henry (Clarion) pin Chappius (Albion) in 2:07

125 — Keane (Bradford) dec.

Sanders (Albion) 6-0

130 — Cusamano (Panama) dec. Schimek (Pine Valley) 16-6

135 — Taylor (Bolivar-Richburg) dec. Silleman (Pine Valley) 12-5

140 — Hager (Salamanca) tech fall Rush (Albion) 15-0

145 — Minner (Salamanca) dec. Luten (Clarion) 6-1

152 — Neely (Bradford) dec. Scalaro (Campbell Savona) 8-4

160 — Bean (Panama) pin Brown (Randolph) in 2:23

171 — Hanson (Fredonia) dec. Hallett (Pine Valley) 11-0

189 — Sidey (Fredonia) dec. Smith (Salamanca) 16-11

215 — Zielinski (Fredonia) dec. Miller (Allegheny-Limestone) 4-3

275 — Raymond (Fredonia) pin App (Oswayo Valley) in 3:56