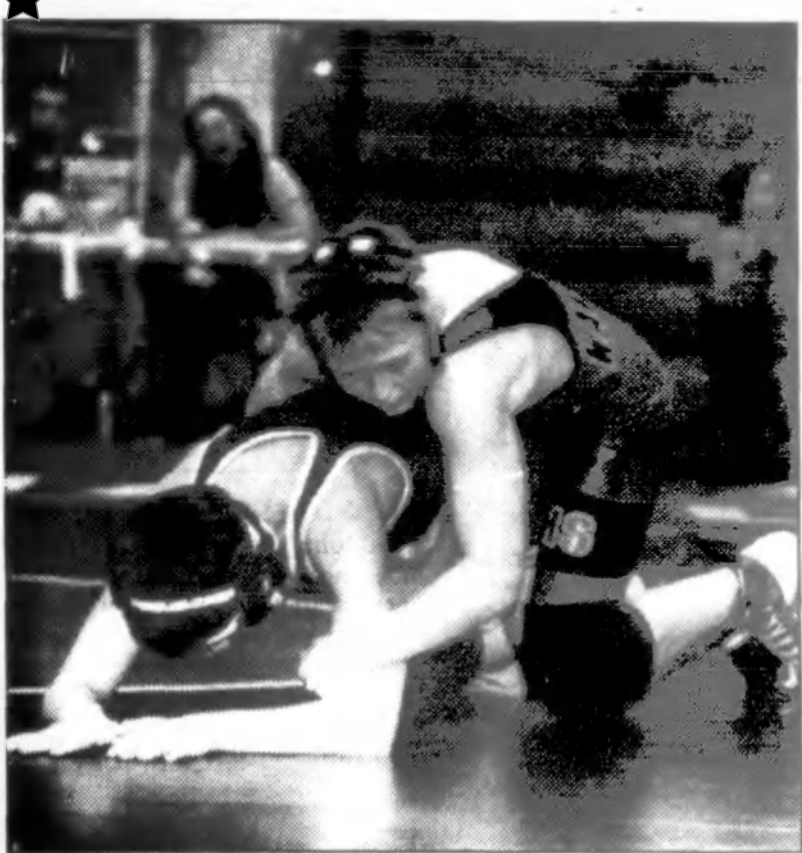
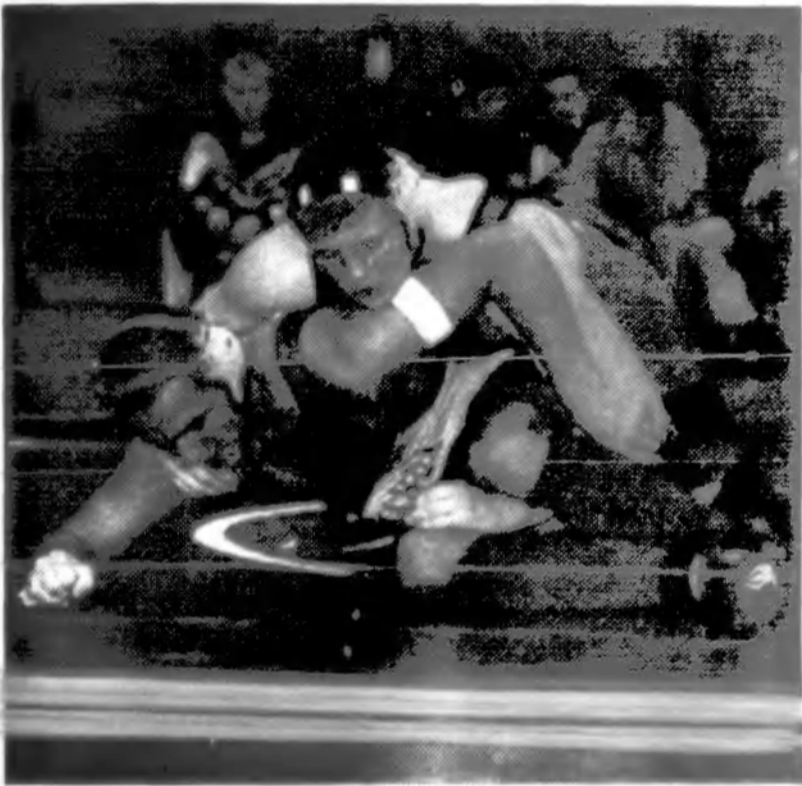


Sixteen teams set to gather for Saturday's Salamanca Invitational



(Top photo) Matt Metzler, who placed second last year at the Salamanca Invitational Wrestling Tournament, will compete this year at 103 with a 21-2 record. (Bottom) Kane Smith, also a tournament runner-up in 2003, brings a 26-0 record into tournament play. Both are No. 1 seeds.

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SALAMANCA — Wrestlers from 16 teams will compete for titles in weight classes ranging from 96 to 275 pounds during Saturday's Salamanca Invitational Wrestling Tournament.

The field includes Allegany-Limestone, Bolivar-Richburg, Bradford, (Pa.), Campbell-Savona, Canisteo, Clarion (Pa.), Fredonia, Olean, Maryvale, Oswayo Valley (Pa.), Panama, Pine Valley, Randolph, Salamanca, Sili, ver Creek and Westfield.

The cost for spectators will be \$5 (adults) and \$2 (students). Food will be available all day.

The tournament will begin with a coaches' meeting at 9 a.m. Wrestling will start at 10 a.m. Championship semifinals will start at about 2 p.m. and will be held on two mats. The finals for first and second, third and fourth, and fifth and sixth

are expected to begin at about 7 p.m. on three mats.

Matt Metzler (103 pounds), Jon Jacobson (145) and Kane Smith (215) are seeded first; Josh Becker (96) and Jared Jacobson (171) are second; Billy Roosa (140) is fifth; and Justin Hoag (152) and Joe Lewis (160) are seeded sixth.

In 2003, the Warriors placed second with 189 points. Among the returning Warriors, Metzler placed second in the 96-pound weight class, as did Smith at 189 pounds. Other returnees who placed last year were Lewis (third at 130 pounds), Jon Jacobson (third at 135), Roosa (fifth at 119) and Hoag (sixth at 152).

The top six finishers in each weight class will earn awards. The top four teams will each be presented with a team trophy. Coaches will vote on the tournament's outstanding wrestler.