

Metzler takes win in team's first title in own tourney

FINAL RESULTS OF THE SALAMANCA WRESTLING TOURNAMNET



TEAM	SCORE
SALAMANCA	153.5
OSWAY VALLEY	152.0
BOLIVAR-RICHBURG	117.5
CANISTEO- GREENWOOD	106.0
BRADFORD	95.0
SWEET HOME	80.5
WESTFIELD	80.5
CAMPBELL- SAVONA	63.0
OLEAN	31.0



The Salamanca wrestling team won its first title in its own tournament in its 15-year history. Pictured are back row from left; Calvin Demart, Jon Pierce, Micth Hoag, Josh Becker, Willy Yaworski, Stephen Jacobson; middle row; Rich Minner, Carmen Papa, Coach Mike Sebaaly, Frank Quattrone, Matt Metzler, Brian Horning, Bob Triscari and in front; Ben Haas. Missing from htye picture was Roger Phearsdorf.

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SALAMANCA — It was 15 years in the making. The Warriors had never done it before.

For the first time in the history of the Salamanca Invitational Tournament, the home team won it all.

The team win wasn't the only first for the Warriors mat men, they also had two guys take home their first varsity tournament championships.

Carmen Papa entered the tournament seeded number one in the 130 pound weight bracket. His first match was against Bradford's Josh Miller. Papa cruised to an easy 21-5 victory over Miller to advance to the next round.

There, he faced Dan Rothwell of Westfield. He pinned Rothwell in 2:55 to advance to the finals to meet Westfield's other 130 pounder, Chaz Clutter.

In an 11-0 decision, Papa emerged victorious.

The 171 pound division had Mitch "Hollywood" Hoag seeded in the top spot.

Hoag opened the class with a pin over Sweet

Homes Paul Fazekas in 5:15 and followed that up with another pin. This time over Brad Matacale of Canisteo-Greenwood, in 3:30. It came down to Hoag and Andy Benjamin, of Oswayo Valley, in the finals. Hoag took the match by a 7-0 decision.

In the 125-pound weight class, Salamanca's Matt Metzler entered the tournament in the number one seed.

It only took Metzler :49 to beat Bolivar-Richburg's Anthony Pierce to advance to the semifinal round. In another quick match, Metzler pinned Aaron Nichols in 1:45 for the right to face Jake McMurtrie of Bradford in the finals.

The 125 pounders took the match to its length. Metzler emerged victorious with a 13-9 decision to take the win.

Also taking home the title was Salamanca's Ben Haas in the 96 pound division.

With the class being light on competition and Haas being the first seed, he received a bye into the semis.

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where he faced Canisteo-Greenwood's Garrett

win the division.

Barker. The semifinal bout was stopped at the 4:37 mark with Haas being declared the winner in an injury decision. Haas then went on to pin Campbell Savona's Tyler Romanski in 3:15 to

Taking second for the Warriors were Josh Becker in the 152 division and Roger Phearsdorf in the 215 -pound weight class.