

Arkport's historic season continues

Team wins 1st tourney, Hoyt reaches 100 career victories

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ARKPORT — The season isn't even 10 matches old, but the Arkport Blue Jays wrestling team has already enjoyed a historic winter campaign.

Last Saturday, the Blue Jays traveled to Hammondsport to take part in the Hammondsport Dual Tournament along with nine other teams. Joining Arkport were schools such as Penn Yan, Hammondsport, Genesee Valley, Dundee, and Williamson.

Arkport defeated all comers, winning the first tournament in team history. The Blue Jays accomplished the historic feat in convincing fashion, as none of the vanquished opponents finished within 34 points of Arkport's tally.

The Blue Jays defeated Penn Yan 58-24, Hammondsport and Genesee Valley by a count of 66-18, Dundee 68-18, and Williamson 63-23. Scoring first-place finishes were Jake VanScoter, Anthony Prete, Matt Getman and

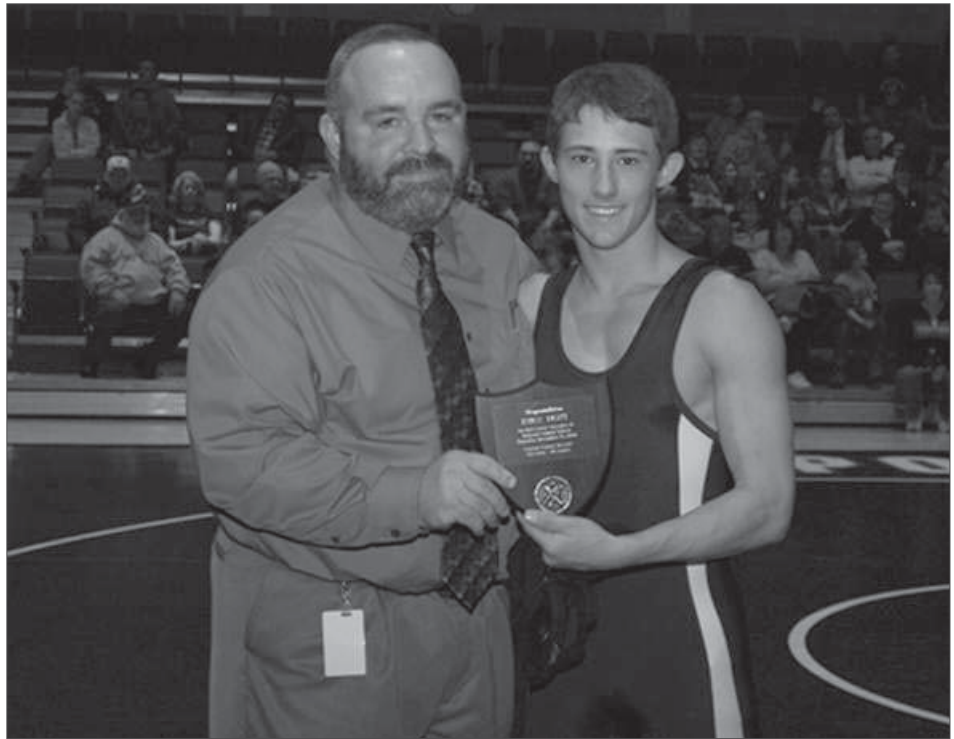


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Arkport's Ryan Hoyt, right, poses with his coach, Brett Talbot after he won his 100th career match against Alfred-Almond.

Kyle Cook. Ryan Hoyt, Casey Wellington, Nate Gambino and Ed McMichael, meanwhile, secured second-place individual place winners.

The Blue Jays returned to their home turf Thursday night, hosting the Alfred-Almond Eagles. In front of a standing room only crowd full of Arkport partisans, the Blue Jays again achieved history.

This time, it was an individual accomplishment.

After an Alfred-Almond

forfeit, Hoyt was credited with his 100th career victory, a wrestling milestone. Hoyt reached the century mark early in his junior season, making the achievement even more impressive.

The rest of the Blue Jays took care of business as well, running away with a 72-12 victory. Prete, McMichael, Gambino, Damon Flurschutz and Grant Soper all won after pinning their Eagle opponent.

Getman earned an 8-4 decision, while Hoyt, VanScoter, Adam Brewer, Gar Chatain, Jimmy Pierce and Jimmy Lanze all received wins via Alfred-Almond forfeits.

The win improved Arkport's record on the season to a perfect 7-0, including 2-0 against Steuben County Athletic Association competition.

The Blue Jays return to action Tuesday night, hosting Campbell-Savona.