

WRESTLING ★

Fairport captures county crown

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WEBSTER — More history was made in Monroe County wrestling Saturday, and Jordan Seidel played a part in the process.

Seidel, who wrestles in Fairport's 170-pound lineup slot, was one of two Red Raiders who won their weight classes at Webster Schroeder at the Monroe County Wrestling Championships.

Colton Kells at 195 and Seidel, also were among 11 Red Raiders who earned top-six finishes, which helped Fairport end Spencerport's reign as Monroe County tournament team champions at 21 consecutive years.

"It'll be something this



Jordan Seidel

group of athletes can carry with them forever," Fairport coach Michael Kohl said. "Spencerport got on top and stayed on top by doing things right.

"There's no question their hard work and dedication resulted in excellence."

Fairport finished with 201 points. Hilton (177), Penfield (162.5), Spencerport (145) and Victor (120.5) were next in the 20-team championships.

Hilton 99-pound eighth-grader Yianni Diakomihalis improved his record to 39-0 and was named the most outstand-

ing wrestler of the lighter weight classes. The selection for the heavier weights was Churchville-Chili senior Josh Powell, a fourth-year varsity member at 160 pounds.

Powell, 34-1 this season, and 220-pounder Sam Eagan became Churchville-Chili's first Monroe County wrestling champions in eight years.

"A lot of hard work," Powell said. "The last couple of years, I've taken fifth at this tournament, so I've been doubly training, it's my last year.

"Wrestling, it takes a certain amount of strain and conditioning to wrestle for just six minutes."

Seidel, a senior, would have wrestled more last season, but a stress fracture in his back and a her-

niated disc prevented that. The injuries occurred during the Matthew Marino Invitational at Webster Schroeder, where he became a Monroe County champion Saturday.

"I was out most of the season," Seidel said. "I tried to come back, but it was too much.

"I came back (this season) and I wanted to do big things. It's a step in the direction of a big thing."

Seidel needed to stay alert until the end of his final, as he edged Pittsford senior Rob Klotz, 3-2. Kohl was on his knees as he clapped and encouraged Seidel during the match.

"I couldn't be happier for Jordan," said Kells, who is 38-0. "He comes to practice with a great atti-

tude, everyday.

"He wrestles heavier guys, me and a 182-pounder. It's not easy to carry that weight everyday. He comes in ready to battle, and sometimes pushes me around."

The season has gone Fairport's way, for the most part. Jan. 12 Fairport beat out Spencerport and host Hilton for first place at the Clayton Barnard Tournament.

When the Red Raiders defeated Webster Thomas on Wednesday, they clinched the Monroe County Division I title. Fairport hosts the Section V Class AA championships on Feb. 3.

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Monroe County Wrestling Championships

At Webster Schroeder

Team scores: Fairport 201.5 points, Hilton 177, Penfield 162.5, Spencerport 145, Victor 120.5, Brockport 109, Pittsford 102, Canandaigua 94.5, Webster Thomas 94.5, Gates Chili 91.5, Greece Athena 88, Webster Schroeder 86, Rush-Henrietta 66.5, Batavia 62, Churchville-Chili 52, East Irondequoit Eastridge 35, Brighton 33, Honeoye Falls-Lima 22, Irondequoit 16, Greece 7.

99 pounds: Yianni Diakomihalis (Hilton) major decision Parker Kropman (Penfield) 12-1; **106:** Jonathan Haas (Spencerport) major dec. Bryan Ruggeri (Fairport) 12-2; **113:** Matt Boyle (Batavia) dec. Zack Barker (Fairport) 3-2; **120:** Chris Fantuazzo (Greece) dec. Kevin Palmeri (R-H) 3-1; **126:** Frankie Gissendanner (Penfield) dec. Rosario Venniro (Schroeder) 3-1.

132: Tim Dattilo (Victor) dec. Sam Giovino (Gates Chili) 9-4; **138:** Vincent DePrez (Hilton) major dec. Skylar Kropman (Penfield) 14-4; **145:** Anthony DePrez (Hilton) dec. Jacob Pincus (Pittsford) 7-5; **152:** Mike Spallina (Hilton) dec. Erich Ensslin (Gates Chili) 3-2; **160:** Josh Powell (Churchville-Chili) dec. Keith Langdon (Penfield) 9-4.

170: Jordan Seidel (Fairport) dec. Rob Klotz (Pittsford) 3-2; **182:** Trent Egenlauf (Spencerport) dec. Max Kowal (Thomas) 6-1; **195:** Colton Kells (Fairport) dec. Collin Pittman (Spencerport) 5-3 (overtime); **220:** Sam Eagan (C-C) dec. Ryan Mattison (Brockport) 2-1; **285:** Austin Coleman (Spencerport) dec. Ian James (Greece) 1-0.

Most outstanding lowerweight wrestler: Yianni Diakomihalis (Hilton). **Upperweight:** Josh Powell (Churchville-Chili).