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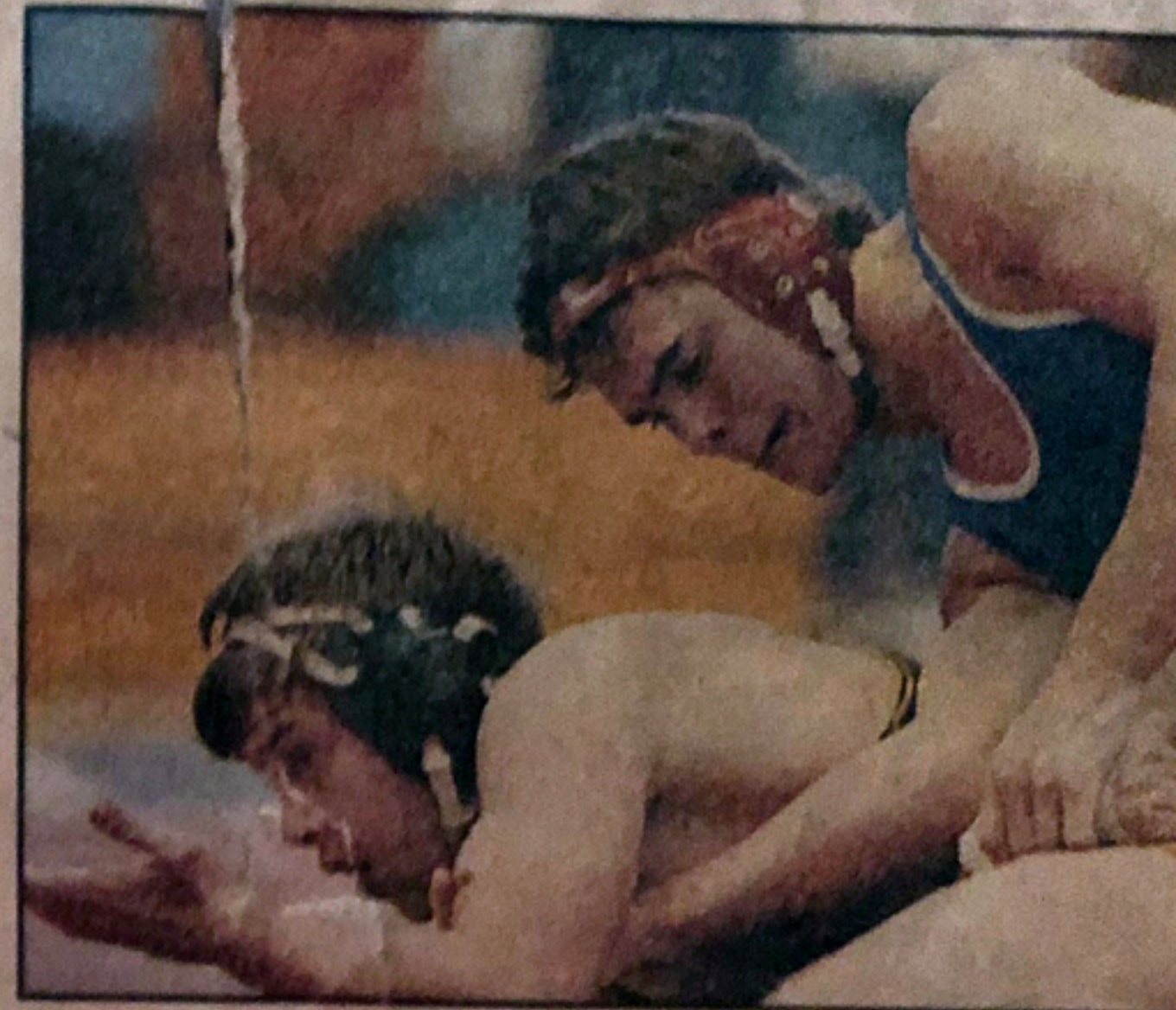
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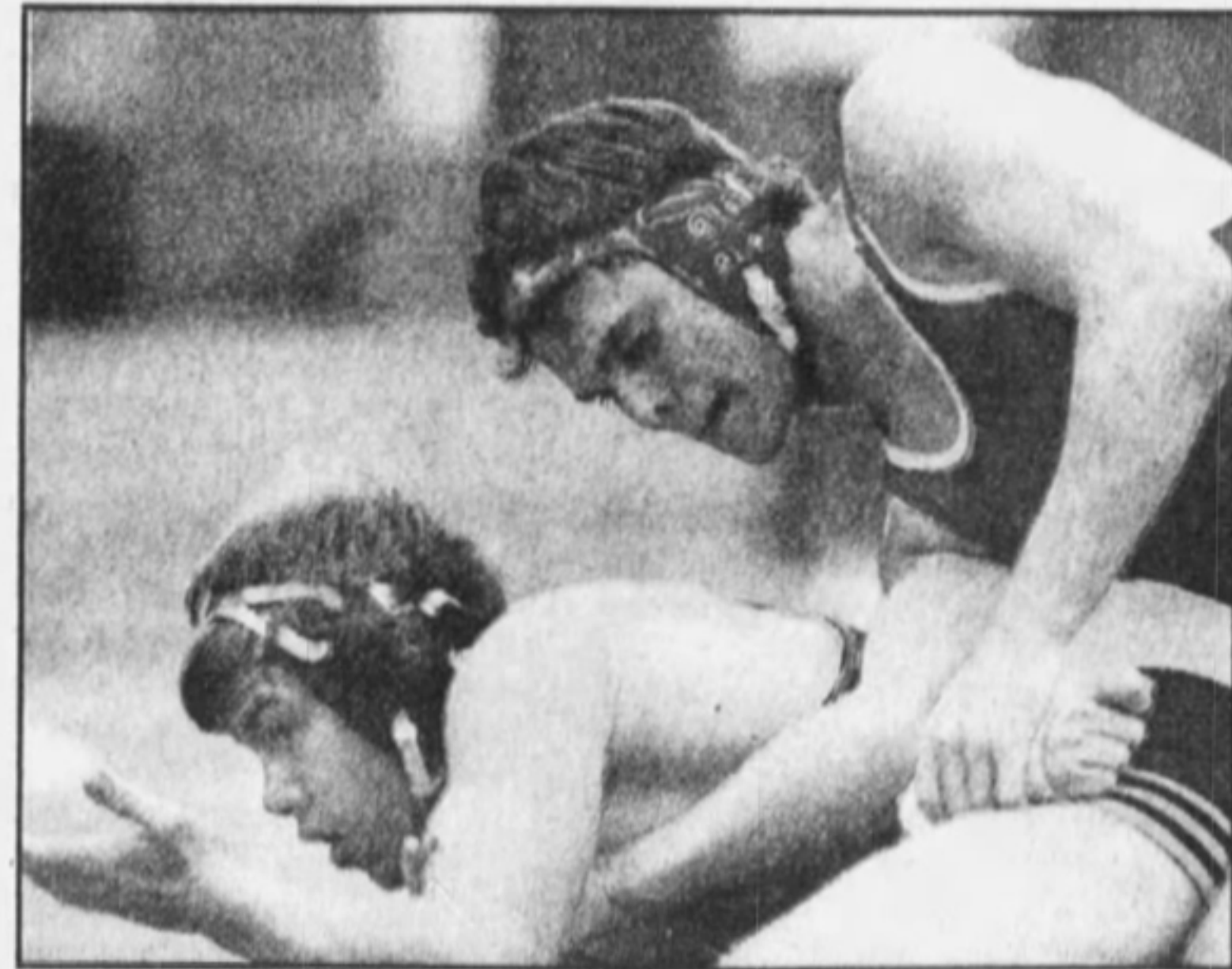
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Actually, it looked like Rush-Henrietta would give the Red Raiders all they could handle early. At 98 pounds, Chris Hillen scored a 16-8 victory over George Chow. Tim Hollister, a winner at the Geneva Invitational last week, scored an 8-5 decision over Joe Fraser at 105 pounds.

Hillen, an eighth-grader, overcame a slow start in the first two-minute period to improve his record to 5-3 in his first varsity season.

"He (Fraser) was quick on his feet and kept shooting over the top," Hillen said. "I like working from the bottom though. I was able to score some points to turn the match around. You win some and you lose some, but today I had things go my way."

That was about all the Royal Comets had to shout about yesterday as the Red Raiders won the last eight classes.

"We had some strong efforts in the lighter weight classes, but the higher we went in weight, Fairport seemed to get stronger," said Rush-Henrietta Coach Joe Christopher, whose team fell to 1-1 in the league, 1-3 overall. "Our young wrestlers

will learn from this experience."

One of the more impressive performances was turned in by Pierrot, who pinned Cliff Burroughs with :17 left in the second period. Pierrot, a sophomore, thought his opponent had forfeited. However, Paul Burress, Pierrot's original opponent, was moved up to 126 pounds and Burroughs was moved from 112 to 119.

Fortunately for Fairport, the confusion didn't hurt Pierrot. He was well ahead on points (14-0) when the match ended.

"I wasn't warmed up as I usually am because I didn't think I was going to wrestle," said Pierrot, in his first season with the varsity. "I try to stay mentally prepared for it and that helped. I relied more on skill than strength today. Hopefully I can build on this."

Those feelings are shared by Coach Logan, who thinks his team has a chance to contend in Monroe County's Division I League again. Fairport shared the title with Greece Athena last season.

"We have a lot of seasoned veterans on this team, but we can't forget what got us this far," he said. "We have to keep working hard and the younger guys will have to continue their improvement for us to be competitive. We still have a long way to go."