

# Zariczny didn't look back on way to tourney title

Salamanca's Dave Zariczny 'never looked back' despite two tough victories in this past weekend's Olean Jaycees' Wrestling Tournament at St. Bonaventure.

The Warrior co-captain captured the 132 pound championship in the two-day meet and won all four bouts by decisions.

Zariczny, with two relatively easy decisions his first two bouts, then had to face two wrestlers who had defeated him earlier.

Greg Dahlbeck of Maple Grove had hung a loss on Zariczny in a dual meet earlier this season and Tim Slade of Iroquois had bested Zariczny last summer in a freestyle tournament.

But Zariczny used his wiles, along with some hard work and a move learned in the pre-season, to get past those and win the title.

Zariczny drew a first round bye and then took decisions by 10-2 over Marvin Lehman of Wellsville, 9-2 over Goodrich of Kenmore East and 5-2 over Dahlbeck before besting Slade by 4-2 in the final match.

Salamanca's other co-captain, Chris LoPresto at 112 pounds, also won his first four bouts but was decisioned by Jeff Waddington of Falconer, 7-2, in the finals.

Salamanca finished 13th among 25 schools in the tournament as Ridgway won followed by Falconer, Maple Grove, Johnsonburg and Olean.

After a tough match with Dahlbeck in the semi-finals, Zariczny prepared to meet Slade in the final before his 'never look back' attitude.

"Dave took off his warm-up jacket just before the final match," said Salamanca coach Rich Morton, "and he had his uniform top on backwards. Instead of 'Salamanca' across the front, it was on the back. That showed his intense concentration for the match, that he didn't realize he had it on backwards, and also his 'never look back' attitude."

Slade took Zariczny down for two points in the opening period but then Zariczny tied the match at 2-2 in the second period with a move he had learned in the pre-season.

Zariczny took a lesson from Gene Mills, former two-time NCAA champion who was at a clinic in Canandaigua, and used that for a two-point near-fall.

Slade then rode Zariczny for most of the third period until about 25 seconds left when Zariczny picked up a two-point reversal. Zariczny then controlled the rest of the period for the win.

"Slade was a tough challenge for Dave," said Morton, "but Dave made it pay off with extra work and concentration. Dave did not get lucky but it (the title) was something he had been working at for the last three years. He won on dedication, smarts and the time and effort and hard work he put into wrestling in the off-season."

After a first-round bye, Zariczny dominated his match against Lehman, leading by 10-2 after the second period.

Against Goodrich, also a stocky wrestler, in the second round, Zariczny led by 2-1 after the first period and got a takedown and reversal for a 4-1 second-period lead up to the 9-2 victory.

Dahlbeck, second seed to Zariczny's third, proved a little tougher opponent as Zariczny led by 2-1 after two periods.

He then picked up an early escape point and then got inside to bring Dahlbeck down and rode out the period for the 5-2 win.

"Dave just did a tremendous job," said Morton, "especially beating two he had lost to earlier. Nobody could have wrestled any better."

"Chris LoPresto also did an outstanding job," he added, "and the choice of him and Zariczny as co-captains is a good one because there are no two better kids to lead by example of their hard work and dedication."

LoPresto, at 112 pounds, had no trouble in his first-round pin over McDonald of Bolivar, pinning him in 2:24, and then took a 9-6 decision over Prechtl of Ridgway.

LoPresto was behind by 3-1 after the opening period against Prechtl and then trailed by 4-2 after the first two minutes against Dunworth of Johnsonburg.

A reversal and three backpoints gave the Warrior the 9-4 second period lead and led to the 14-6 decision.

Against Wymer of Smethport in the semi-finals, the two were tied at 2-all after the first period but LoPresto controlled the second for a 10-5 lead on way to another 14-6 win.

Jeff Waddington of Falconer, who had beaten LoPresto last year, took a 2-1 first period lead in the final before a second period takedown went along with a third period escape and takedown for the 7-2 win.

Salamanca's Ron Leder, at 119 pounds, and Carl Muzi, at 167, fought their way through the wrestlebacks as Leder finished with a 1-3 record and Muzi 1-2.

The Warriors return to their dual-meet schedule tomorrow at home against Southwestern with the junior high and junior varsity wrestlers beginning at 6:30 p.m.



**132 POUND CHAMP**— Salamanca High co-captain Dave Zariczny poses with his trophy and a chart showing the path to his championship in the 132 pound class at this past weekend's Olean Jaycees' Wrestl-

ing Tournament at St. Bonaventure. Zariczny won all five bouts by decisions and bested two he had lost to earlier.



**HOOP SHOOT WINNERS**— Winners in the Salamanca Elk's Lodge District Hoop Shoot competition this past Saturday were, front row from left, Tim Insley of Wellsville, Annie Gooley of Greenwood, Gina Muzi of Salamanca; and back, Marianna Norton of Hornell, Pat Andrews of Salamanca and John Steinbroner of Little Valley. Divided into three age categories, the six will vie in the regional competition in North Tonawanda on January 23.

## Three area students win in Elk's Hoop Shoot contest

Two students from Salamanca and one from Little Valley were among the winners in the Elk's District Hoop Shoot held Saturday at the Salamanca High School gymnasium.

Participants from Salamanca, Little Valley, Hornell, and Olean Jaycees were among the winners. The winners are Tim Insley of Wellsville, Annie Gooley of Greenwood Central School, in the girls' division (10-11 years old); and Marianna Norton of Hornell High School, in the girls' division (12-13 years old).

Those six winners will compete in the regional competition in North Tonawanda on January 23.

## Buffalo bowling scores on decline

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BUFFALO, N.Y. (AP) — Bowling scores nationwide have soared while scores around Buffalo bowling alleys are on the slide. A national director of the American Bowling Congress, the sport's governing body, says the explanation may lie in the way local

of dressing prevents the ball from going high on the headpin or crossing over. "Originally, dressing wasn't applied as a scoring aid. It was put down to help protect the lane finish," said Blase "Ben" Palumbo, an ABC national director and secretary of the Buffalo Bowling Association. The ABC rulebook says blocking is illegal.

1979-80 season when there were twenty 300 games — four unanctioned.

Palumbo, an attorney, said it's his job to make sure lanes are oiled properly, even though some proprietors and bowlers complain about lower scores. It's also his job to recommend which scores are to be sanctioned by the Milwaukee-based ABC.