

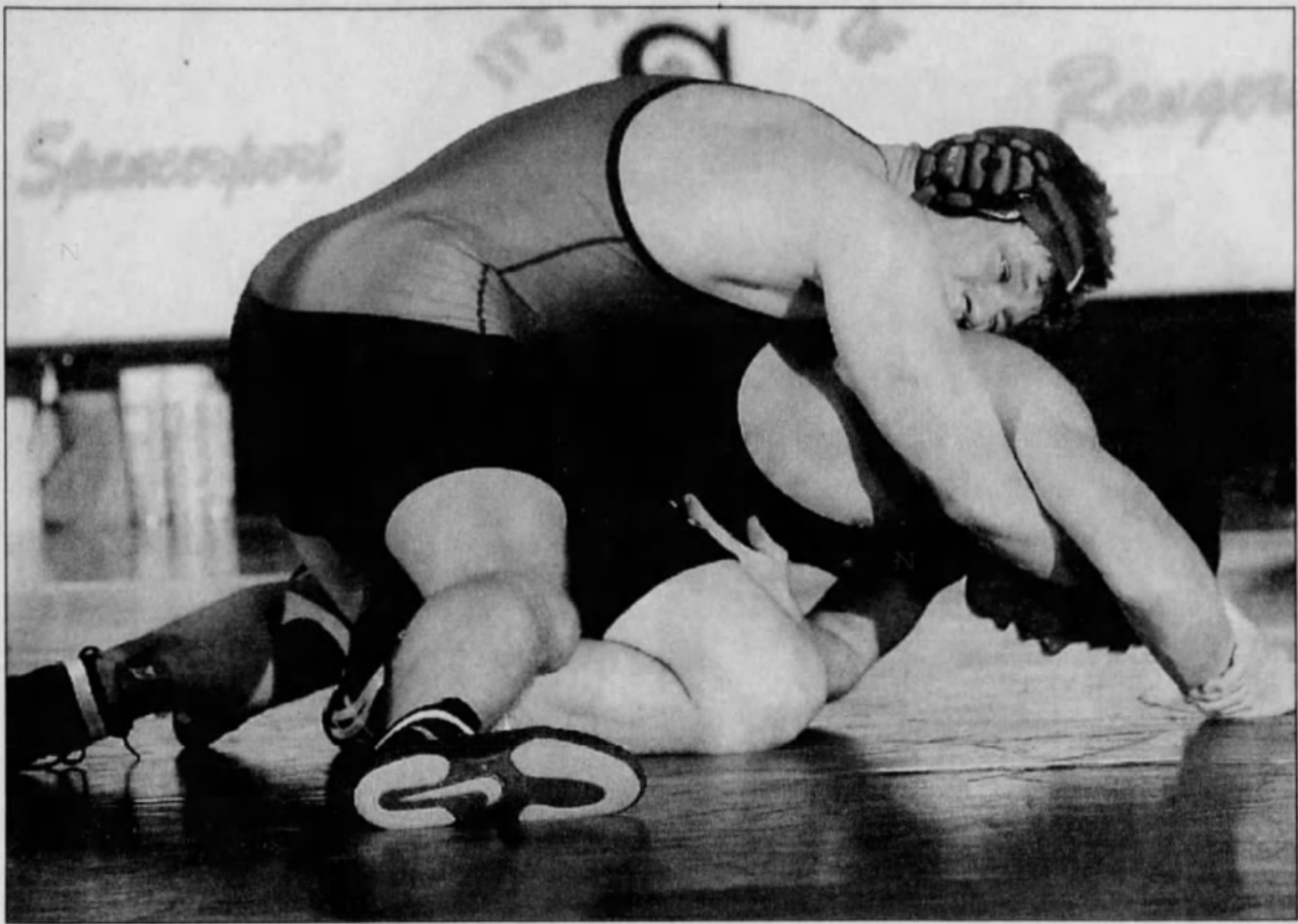
Wrestling



Section V champion John Ames of Northstar Christian Academy, left, controls Eric Wiseman of Niagara-Wheatfield at the Teike-Bernabi wrestling tournament in Spencerport last night.

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HIGH SCHOOL REPORT



CARLOS ORTIZ staff photographer

John Ames, top, battles Niagara-Wheatfield's Eric Wiseman en route to his 7-2 victory in the 171-pound weight class at the Teike/Bernabi Wrestling Tournament in Spencerport.

Northstar's Ames shows he's a wrestling star, too

BY STAFF WRITER
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John Ames was a newcomer to the Teike/Bernabi Wrestling Tournament but he ended up in a familiar spot.

Ames, a senior at tiny Northstar Christian Academy, made his way to the top step of the awards podium after winning the 171-pound final 7-2 over Eric Wiseman of Niagara-Wheatfield from Section VI at Spencerport.

Fast on his feet, Ames, the 2000 Section V Class D 160 champion, scored three takedowns to clinch his fourth tournament win this season. He is 13-0 after his debut in one of the state's top events.

"This has more top-ranked wrestlers and Wiseman will probably represent the Buffalo-area at states," Ames, who reached the 160 SuperSectional semifinals last season, said. "So I got a good taste of that."

A strong push by Spencerport in the finals brought back good times to the Rangers. Still clearly one of Section V's best teams, they were still were stunned by a second-place finish at the Jamestown Tournament and a loss to state power Monroe-Woodbury earlier this season.

The Rangers finished with 189.5 points, nine more than runner-up Lancaster of Section VI, which led Spencerport by a point going into the finals. Both teams had five finalists.

"For us to lose twice was unusual," Spencerport's Mike Bourne, the 140 champion,

said. "It's great to bounce back, especially in our home."

Brett Woodward at 96, Jared Moreland at 119 and Bourne each came through for the Rangers. Bourne clinched the team's victory with a 6-0 decision over Athens, Pa.'s Derrick Morgan in the 140 final.

"I knew it was going to be competitive coming in," Spencerport coach Bill Jacoutot said. "We had some disappointments and we had some kids do an excellent job. 'I only tell them three words, 'Represent your abilities'. They hear about winning from everybody else."

Rush-Henrietta senior Dan Chase was beaten for the first time after 15 matches this season, when he was pinned by LaSalle's Zach Taber in 5:01.

Taber, later named the tournament's most outstanding wrestler, used a headlock to put Chase on his back in the third period. That was a bad spot to be in with the two-time Section II champion and third-place finisher at the 2000 state tournament.

"Right now, I'm mentally off," Chase said about his focus. "I've been struggling. My semifinal match, I was sick. I won that but barely against a kid I think I should've handled."

Ames, a 2000 All-Greater Rochester soccer forward, had little trouble during his final. He already led 1-0 because of an escape in the second period when he hit a double-leg takedown and a heel trip.

After riding Wiseman for the rest of the period, Ames let the

Niagara-Wheatfield wrestler to his feet at the start of the third, only to take his opponent down again. "I don't like to be on the mat," Ames, who has given a verbal commitment to play Division I soccer for Campbell University (N.C.) said. "I can ride guys but I'm more comfortable on my feet." □

Final results

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Team scores: Spencerport 189.5, Lancaster-VI 180.5, Johnson City-IV 175, LaSalle 123.5, Rush-Henrietta 97.5, Hilton 86, Fredonia 71.5, Athens (Pa.) 66, Niagara-Wheatfield 63, Gates Chili 61.5, South Seneca 59.5, Cicero-North Syracuse 53.5, Hornell 53, Guilderland 48.5, Southwestern 47, Springville-Griffith 44.5, Lewiston Porter 28.5, Northstar Christian Academy 22.

96 pounds: Brett Woodward (Spencerport) decisioned Joe Ranzbach (Hilton) 10-3; **103:** Stephen Sutton (LaSalle) pinned Lorne McCallum (Lancaster) 3:09; **112:** J.P. Zengerle (Gates Chili) dec. Mike Terenzi (Spencerport) 4-1.

119: Jared Moreland (Spencerport) pinned Josh Glen (Johnson City) 1:12; **125:** Mike Sebaaly (Lancaster) dec. Josh Lange (Niagara-Wheatfield) 4-3; **130:** Justin Perry (Fredonia) dec. Mike Brongo (Spencerport) 7-3.

135: Mark Mancari (Rush-Henrietta) dec. Derek Ostrowski (Lancaster) 3-1; **140:** Mike Bourne (Spencerport) dec. Derrick Morgan (Athens) 6-0; **145:** Matt Yonkowski (Johnson City) dec. Nick Kwiatek (Lancaster) 5-2.

152: Zach Taber (LaSalle) pinned Dan Chase (Rush-Henrietta) 5:01; **160:** Matt Harrington (LaSalle) technical fall over Bill Hetherington (Niagara-Wheatfield) 5:30; **171:** John Ames (Northstar) dec. Eric Wiseman (Niagara-Wheatfield) 7-2.

189: Kyle Cerminara (Lewiston-Porter) dec. Jordan Glen (Johnson City) 13-7; **215:** Jon Gregg (LaSalle) major decision over Jon See (Cicero-North Syracuse) 15-5; **275:** Mike St. Louis (Guilderland) dec. Rick Eicheldinger (Lancaster) 2-1.

Most outstanding wrestler: Zach Taber (LaSalle).

Aggregate pins: Paul Sleiboda (Lancaster), four in 11:27.