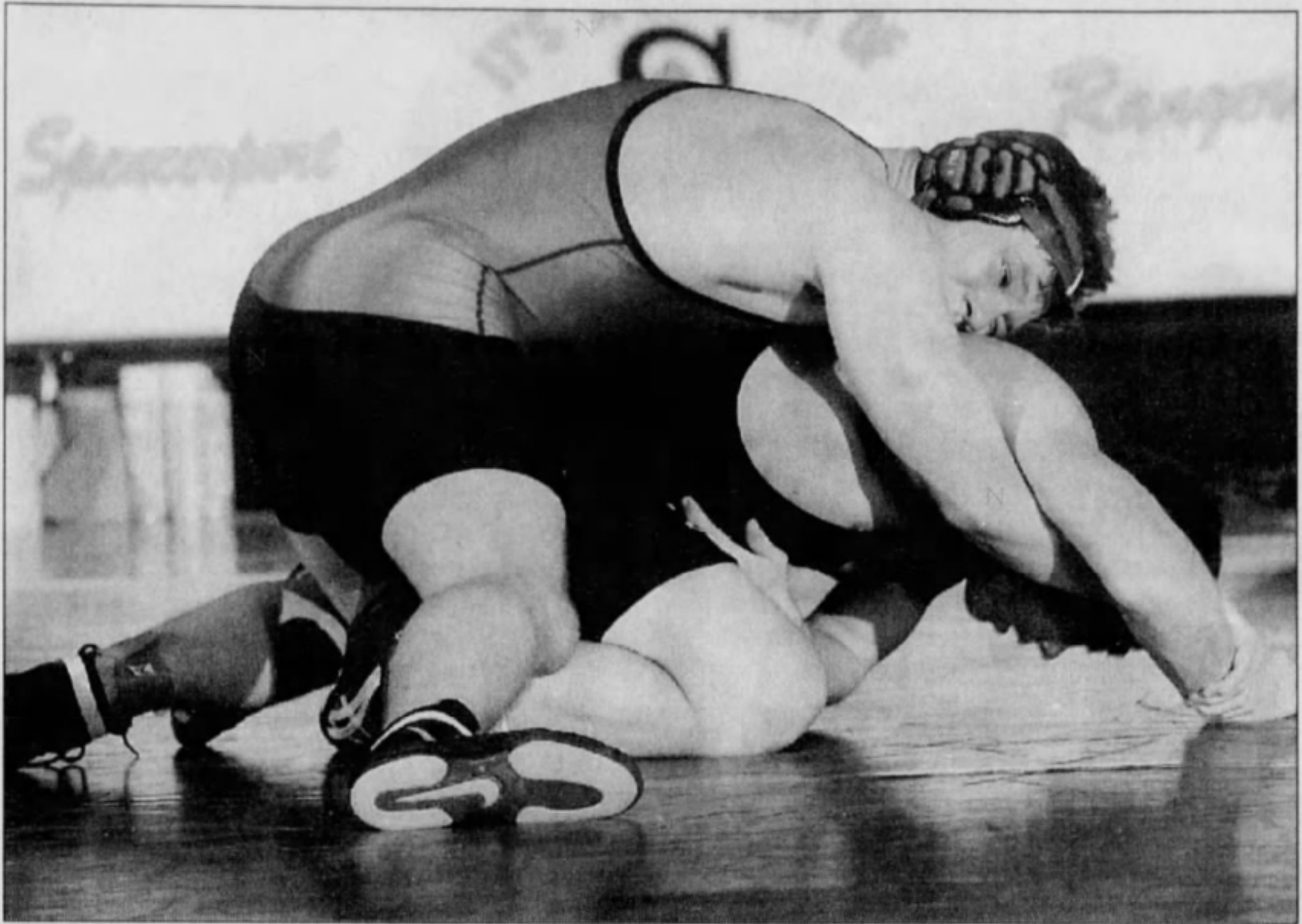


## HIGH SCHOOL REPORT



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.

# Spencerport battles back to win tourney

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There were no pep talks, no words. None were needed.

What the Spencerport wrestling team needed, and needed in a hurry, were points — or the Rangers would watch another team win their tournament for the second time in three years.

A strong push by Spencerport in the final rounds allowed the Rangers to overtake Lancaster of Section VI and win the Teike/Bernabi Tournament last night.

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

"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 tell them three words: 'Represent your abilities.' They hear about winning from everybody else. I don't dwell on that because it would drive the kids crazy and it would drive me crazy."

Brett Woodward at 96 pounds, Jared Moreland at 119 and Mike Bourne at 140 came through for the Rangers by winning their weight classes. Bourne had the clincher, a 6-0 decision over Derrick Morgan of Athens, Pa., in the 140 final.

Still clearly one of Section V's best teams, the Rangers were still stunned by their second-

place finish at the Jamestown Tournament on Dec. 15-16 and a loss to state power Monroe-Woodbury earlier this season.

"For us to lose twice was unusual," Bourne said. "It's great to bounce back, especially in our home."

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. 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."

John Ames was a newcomer to the tournament but 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 final 7-2 over Eric Wiseman of Niagara-Wheatfield from Section VI.

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

"This has more top-ranked wrestlers and Wiseman will probably represent the Buffalo area at states," said Ames, who

reached the 160 SuperSectional semifinals last season. "So I got a good taste of that."

Ames is fast on his feet and that might have something to do with being one of the area's top high school soccer players. He was an All-Greater Rochester forward last fall and gave a verbal commitment to play for Division I Campbell University. □

## 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 Ranzanbach (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 Cerninara (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.