

Paddock shows his perfectionist side

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Ian Paddock was one win away from wrestling in the New York state high school tournament last year.

Paddock says the margin was closer than that, about a half-a-second.

Either way, the difference is small enough to irritate a talented wrestler like Paddock, an eighth-grader at Warsaw.

Paddock is a young man with high standards for himself when it comes to his sport. That's why he stood with his shoulders slumped after the 96-pound final during the Teike-Bernabi Invitational Tournament Wednesday night, despite a convincing win.

A 5-0 decision for Paddock over Pete Capone of Johnson City at Spencerport High, improved the middle-school student's record to 14-0, but that

**Teike/Bernabi Wrestling Tournament
At Spencerport High School**

Teams: Valley Central 187.5 points, Spencerport 158, Wayne 156.5, Athens (Pa.) 114, Shenendehowa 101, Iroquois 92.5, Rush-Henrietta 79.5, Southwestern 75, LaSalle 66.5, Johnson City 65, Warsaw 63.5, Geneva 59.5, Lancaster 43.5, North Adirondack 29.5, Fredonia 20.

Individual finals, 96 pounds: Ian Paddock (Warsaw) decisioned Pete Capone (Johnson City) 5-0; **103:** Austin Meys (Shenendehowa) dec. Steve Singley (Wayne) 6-2; **112:** Eric Piedimonte (Spencerport) defeated Mike D'Amato (Valley Central) 2-0 overtime; **119:** Lou Ruggirello (Valley Central) major dec. Matt Mariacher (Iroquois) 12-1; **125:** Hunter Meys (Shenendehowa) dec. Sean Bauer (Valley Central) 8-6; **130:** Phil Gordon (Rush-Henrietta) dec. Barry Thrush (Athens) 2-1; **135:** Josh Knecht (Athens) dec. Luke Baum (Wayne) 9-3; **140:** Chad Sidoni (Athens) dec. Dan Tomasso (Spencerport) 2-0; **145:** Bryan Bourne (Spencerport) dec. Nick Fratto (Geneva) 5-0.

152: Mark Bloom (Geneva) dec. Nathan Patterson (Wayne) 6-3; **160:** Dave McCarty (LaSalle) dec. Josh Patterson (Wayne) 9-8; **171:** Rick Scott (Valley Central) via fall over Corey Raupers (Athens) 3:35; **189:** Jared Plucknette (Spencerport) dec. Matt Langworthy (Southwestern) 4-3; **215:** Ed Bordas (Valley Central) dec. Matt Mazgaj (Southwestern) 4-1; **275:** Tom Rodak (Spencerport) via fall Ham Pritchard (Shenendehowa) 2:54.

Co-most outstanding wrestlers: Rick Scott (Valley Central) and Ed Bordas (Valley Central).

wasn't enough at first.

"I was frustrated," Paddock said. "I thought I could beat him

by more."

Capone was an opponent that Paddock defeated via technical fall before and in his mind, beat in the same fashion again. Paddock used that kind of inner-drive to win, by his count, eight national youth tournaments, and it will fuel his drive toward the 2005 state tournament.

Paul Paddock, Ian's older brother, was one of Section V's qualifiers in 2004 for states.

"I want to go to states," Ian Paddock said. "I was happy for him, but I wished that I could've been there."

"The truth is, I want to beat my brother's record. He has about 130 wins and he still has two more years to go."

While the pace of Ian Paddock's final wasn't to his liking, the Spencerport Rangers were not thrilled with the tournament's final scores.

Valley Central of Section IX, located in Montgomery in Orange County, scored 187.5 points to beat runner-up Spencerport by 29.5. Wayne, which finished third with 156.5 points, probably will also have lofty spots when the season's first state rankings come out this week.

"The numbers speak for themselves," Geneva senior 152-pounder Mark Bloom said. "Fourteen New York state placers in the tournament and I know a bunch of kids on the Athens (Pennsylvania) team were state finalists or champions."

"It was a well-run, competitive tournament."

Bloom won the matchup of the tournament, a 6-3 decision in the 152 final over Wayne's Nathan Patterson. The only previous losses on Patterson's record in 19

matches this season were two setbacks to former state champion Gregor Gillespie.

Bloom improved to 14-0 after he scored two takedowns during the final 40 seconds, including a single-leg that he executed after a successful arm-drag.

"There's not really a name for it," Bloom said. "A guy like Patterson, you have to really set it up well."

Patterson was one of four Wayne wrestlers who lost during the finals.

Brother Josh Patterson lost 9-8 to Dave McCarty from the LaSalle Institute in the Albany-area. McCarty is a three-time All-American with 149 wins.

Luke Baum and previously undefeated Steve Singley also came up short. The Eagles are 5-0, including a 28-26 win at Canandaigua on Dec. 22. □

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