

Ripley Rolls To Win Over Pine Valley

SOUTH DAYTON — The Ripley wrestling team (1-0, 1-0) neatly made it a clean sweep, capturing all but one contested event in a Division 2 52-6 victory over Pine Valley Thursday night.

All but one of the Eagles' match victories came on technical falls or pins. The quickest win of the day came in the 116-pound match when Ryan Bentley took a technical fall over James Traber in 1:16.

Rich Chase pinned Howard MacLennan in 2:54 for the Panthers' only victory.

The best match of the meet occurred in the 126-pound matchup between Ripley's Brad Rowe and Dennis Stein. Tied at 3-3, Stein had to default when he twisted his ankle.

106: Matt Belson (R) won by forfeit.
112: David Rammelt (R) won by forfeit.
119: Ryan Bentley (R) vs. James Traber 1:16.
126: Brad Rowe (R) vs. Dennis Stein 3-3.
132: Jeremy Zeigler (R) vs. Bryan Smith 12-3.
138: Darin Rammelt (R) vs. Chris Howard 3:51.
145: Greg Bentley (R) vs. Jason Reynolds 3:08.
155: Randy Ewing (R) vs. Brian Herman 2:45.
167: Peter Dorman (R) won by forfeit.
215: Rich Chase (P) vs. Howard MacLennan 2:54.

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Ripley making good on promise of last season

JAMESTOWN — With a team made up of all underclassmen, Ripley finished 22nd in the state wrestling rankings last season. That much is a fact.

What coaches John Carleton and Marty Rowe would like to find out is how good is this year's team?

With that in mind, the coaches entered the Eagles in the 10th Jamestown Holiday Classic over the weekend at Jamestown Community College. It was Ripley's first appearance here since 1978, when the tournament went by another name.

Judging from the results, the Eagles proved their state ranking last year was justified. They finished seventh out of 30 teams, an impressive finish by itself made all the more impressive by Ripley's size. The Eagles were the smallest school in the competition.

"I'm extremely pleased considering the level of the competition at the tournament," said Carleton. "It proves we can compete with anyone."

Carleton sent out 10 wrestlers, four short of the maximum, which made their seventh-place finish even more impressive. Among the miss-

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ing was Darin Rammelt ("He's one of our big guns," said Carleton), who was held out by a combination of a sore elbow and the flu. Rammelt was scheduled to compete at either 132 or 138 pounds.

The Eagles were led by freshman Ryan Bentley, who defeated Panama's Jason Burch in the 112-pound weight class. Bentley, the most valuable wrestler at the Panama Tournament last weekend, improved to 8-0 this season when Burch defaulted because of injury 30 seconds into their match. It was the first time Bentley defeated Burch after five losses last season.

Greg Bentley, a junior and Ryan's older brother, defeated Spencerport's John Grabowski, 3-2, in their 132-pound consolation final; sophomore Brad Rowe lost to Mike Alderson of Grove City, Pa., in the 119-pound consolation final; and Randy Ewing finished sixth in the 155-pound class, losing his consolation match, 6-3, to Spencerport's Dave Lyon.

In other matches involving Northern Chautauqua wrestlers, Westfield's Jim Cunningham advanced to the 132-pound final

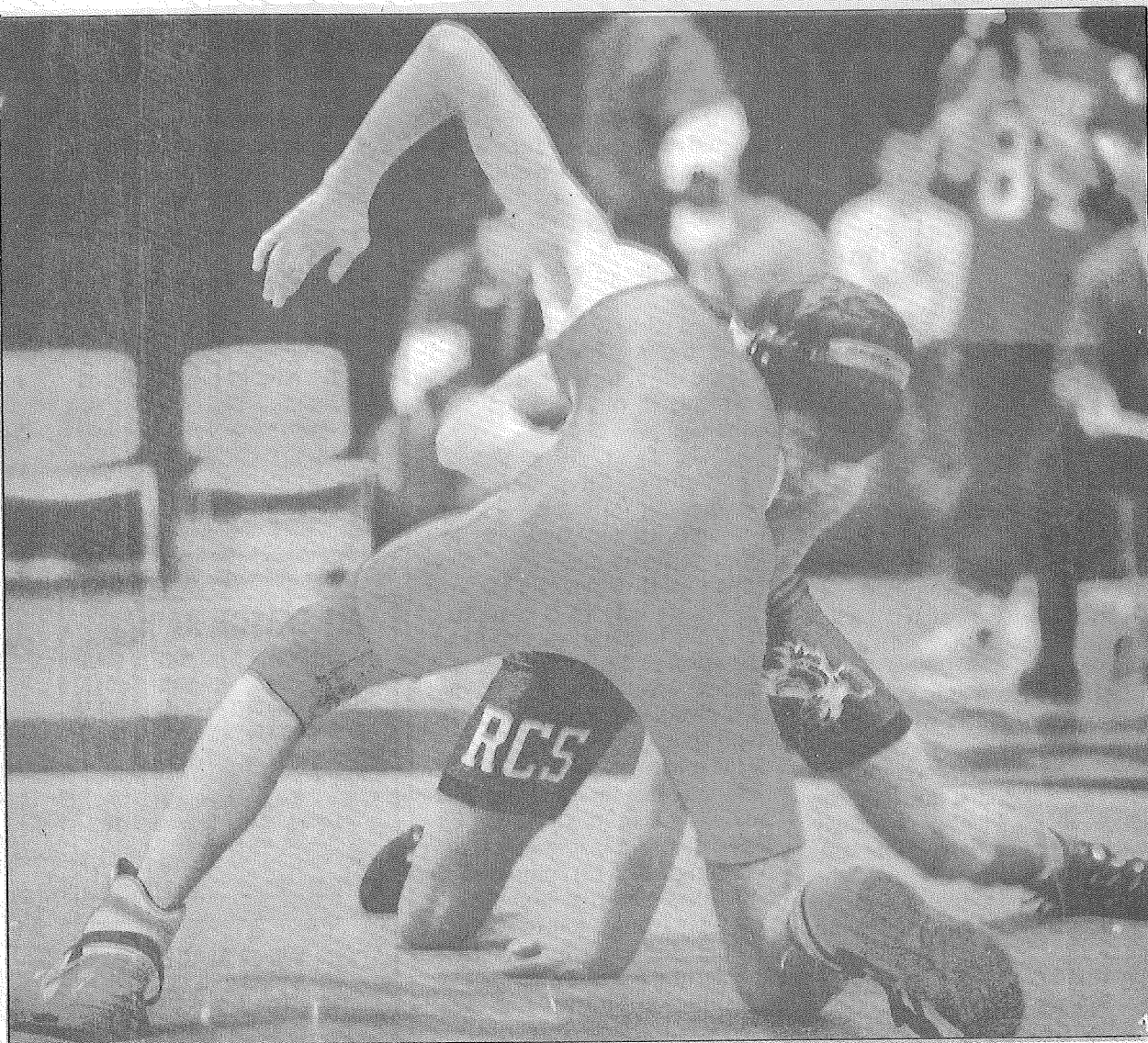
before falling to Tony Rosenhower from Ridgeway, Pa., 6-2.

Fredonia's Rob Dando pinned Jamestown's Andy Benson at 2:15 for third place at 177 pounds. Cassadaga Valley's Bobby Warsitz finished fourth at 155 pounds, losing the third-place match to Grove City's Mike Hedglin by a pin.

Pine Valley's Dennis Stein finished fourth at 126, losing by default to Ned Parmer from Niagara Falls.

Westfield's Chris Reese (91), Brad Smith (138) and Alex Clutter (145) all advanced to fifth-place matches as did Silver Creek's Fred Hallett (215). Clutter and Hallett finished fifth while Reese and Smith were sixth.

In the team standings, Ridgeway, Pa., (275 points) outdistanced Spencerport (259 1/2). Falconer (118) was fifth, the highest finish by a Chautauqua County team. The others were Southwestern (sixth, 115 1/2), Ripley (seventh, 111 1/2), Jamestown (ninth, 97 1/2), Frewsburg (10th, 92), Westfield (11th, 80), Panama (18th, 65 1/2), Fredonia (22nd, 39 1/2), Cassadaga Valley (24th, 32), and Silver Creek (28th, 20 1/2).



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Winning moves

Ripley's Ryan Bentley takes down Panama's Jason Burch during their 112-pound match Saturday at Jamestown Community College. Bentley won his weight division at the Jamestown Holiday Classic. *Story on Page B2.*