

Eagles Threepat In Tournery

By GREGG MUNKS-GARD

The Ripley Eagles maintained a lead throughout the 1994 Southern Tier Wrestling Conference Division 2 tournament as they took eight wrestlers into the championship finals and claimed their third consecutive Division 2 title.

The Eagles nailed down five champs of the eight entering the final round. And to please their coach even more, every Ripley grappler finished fourth or higher, a first for coach John Carleton.

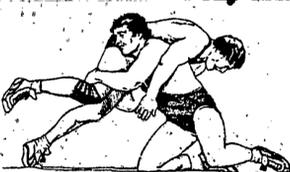
"Everybody that I brought placed fourth or higher, and that's the first time I've done that well at a tournament," Carleton said. "Obviously, I'm very pleased with our team effort, everyone contributed to our win."

David Rammelt (91) captured Ripley's first Division title with a fall over Westfield's Brandon Smith. Rammelt had built a 7-2 lead before sinking a half-nelson and rolling Smith onto his back midway through the second period.

Ripley's Brad Rowe (98) continued the Eagles' pin streak with a fall over John Molly of Frewsburg, with his second period pin.

Ripley grabbed another crown with Greg Bentley's 4-0 win over the Westfield Wolverines' Brad Smith at 126. Darrin Rammelt (138) edged Walter Stanton of Frewsburg to capture another title for Ripley.

The Panama Panthers scored back-to-back wins at 105 and 112 as Jason Burch and Luke Ecker both scored major decisions. Burch used a first period take-down and two nearfall



combinations to build a 8-0 lead over Ripley's Ryan Bentley. Despite a last minute flurry by Bentley, Burch claimed the 105 pound Division title with a 12-4 win.

In the 112 contest Ecker scored nine nearfall points in the third period to easily outdistance Silver Creek's Marty Anderson 15-1.

The 119 pound clash ended with a default for Westfield's Jim Cunningham over Jeremy Ziegler of Ripley. Cunningham was in control early in the second period, with the two grapplers on their feet. As the two fell to the mat Ziegler injured his rib cage, and could not continue.

The Wolverines James Reese and Ed Morrison of Panama were in a close battle through two periods at 132. Reese scored seven unanswered points to claim the 11-4 title win.

Pete Dorman brought Ripley back into the winner's circle at 155 with his third period pin of Bill Odell of Panama at 5:17. The Panthers junior, a first year wrestler kept the match close until Dorman sunk a half and earned the fall.

The final bout of the tourney brought another winner for the Wolverines as Shannon Milliman needed only 1:47 to flatten Silver Creek's Fred Hallett in the 215 bout.



WRESTLING CHAMPIONS - The following are the champions of the 1994 Southern Tier Wrestling Conference Division 2 tournament at Panama last Saturday, Feb. 5. Bottom row (left to right): Greg Bentley at 126, Jim Cunningham at 119, Luke Ecker at 112, Jason Burch at 105, Brad Rowe at 98, and David Rammelt at 91. Back row: James Reese at 132, Darren Rammelt at 138, David Bryant at 145, Pete Dorman at 155, Jay Cwanek at 167, Miah Stanton at 177, Shannon Milliman at 215 and Bill Catania at 250. Photo by Roger D. Roselli Jr.

Smith To Wed Paternosh

Charles and Nancy Smith of Westfield are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Roxanne Smith to Michael Paternosh, son of Frank and Jeanie Paternosh, also of Westfield.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Westfield Academy and Central School and is employed at the Bark Grill in Westfield. Her fiance, also a graduate of WACS, is employed with Stan Betts Masonary of Westfield.

A July 1994 wedding is being planned.

Eagles Break Wildcats' Streak

The Ripley Eagles (8-1) played their first game of the season in Division 3 basketball in a home makeup game, knocking off the previously undefeated Sherman Wildcats, 67-65.

"We led most of the way," Ripley coach Jeff Buchholz stated. "JR Hannold of Sherman got hot in the fourth quarter and the Wildcats had a 5-point lead with four minutes to go in the game."

"Ripley came back with

a bucket by Wayne Yokom, two field goals by Herb Swoger and Andy Wade was 4-for-4 from the free throw line for a 5-point advantage down the stretch before, Hannold converted a 3-point goal with 1.5 seconds left on the clock," Buccholz stated. "Hannold had 14 points in the final quarter."

The foul line was the difference in the ball game with the Eagles converting 16-for-23 for the contest

and the Wildcats scoring on 3-for-5.

Ripley's defense held Nolan Swanson to six points in the first half as the Eagles led 28-24 at intermission.

Swoger finished with 21 points, Wade 14 and Ryan Carr 12 for the Eagles, while Hannold completed the game with 25, Swanson 22 and Mark Wassink 10 for the Wildcats.

The teams will meet on the Wildcat home floor tomorrow, Feb. 11.

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