

★ Antonucci's advantage pays off

Junior wins 105 title in Barnard tourney

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Given what the situation was moments into the second period, Andy Antonucci did about the only thing that could be expected.

Breaking quickly from the neutral position, the Hilton junior picked Craig Fox of Lakewood (Ohio) St. Edward's up and had him suspended in mid air.

"I remember thinking I had to take advantage of my move," Antonucci said. "When you have him in the air, you have to be able to put him on his back because

you're in command in that situation.

Antonucci dumped Fox back first to the mat and scored a pin at 2 minutes, 15 seconds of the 105-pound final last night on his way to the Most Outstanding Wrestler award at the Clayton Barnard Memorial Tournament in Hilton.

He was one of seven area boys to win championships at the eighth annual tournament.

In all-Section 5 finals, Brighton's Dan Presberg edged Edison's Anthony Calderon at 112 pounds by 4-2; Joe LoPresti of Spencerport decisioned Jim Mann of Hilton at 126, 7-1; Chris LoPresti of Spencerport met the host school's Pat White at 138 and won by a 9-4 score; and Todd Levine of Brighton outpointed John Crandall of Spencerport at 177, 8-0.

Other area individuals taking home championships were McQuaid senior Paul Roselli with a 6-3 145-pound victory against St. Edward's Jeremiah Sawyers and Hilton's Rick Sadwick with a 4-3 decision over Ethan Bosch of Iroquois (Section 6) at 167 pounds.

Chris LoPresti's victory gave him a 20-0 record for the season. His brother Joe is 17-3. Antonucci and the LoPresti's are cousins, and their combined 1987-88 record is 54-4.

St. Ed's held on to a slim lead entering the finals to win the team trophy with 177 points. Brighton (174½, Hilton (152), Spencerport (147) and McQuaid (108½) completed the top five.

Spencerport, St. Edward's and Brighton finished 1-2-3 a year ago.

Antonucci, 17-1 for the season, dominated his match from the start, scoring a takedown in the first period and riding Fox (18-1 this season, 31-2 for his varsity career) for most of the two minutes.

"After I took him down, he wasn't doing much," Antonucci said. "I was controlling him. He didn't even build a base, and that gave me a lot of confidence going into the second period."

While Antonucci's final was perhaps the most exciting of the matches before more than 1,000 fans, it was Sadwick who scored the big victory. The defending state 155-pound champion was not facing an average opponent. Bosch also went to the state meet in Syracuse, but did not

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place.

Bosch steamrolled the Barnard field last season to win the 155 title, a fact that Sadwick had not overlooked.

"It was a fun match. It really was," the All-Greater Rochester football running back said. "He had me worried even before the start of the match. He had four

pins last year and three this year going into our match.

"I watched every match. He's tough and he's strong. That's why I'm glad he's not going down."

Sadwick was referring to Bosch's comment that he planned to spend the rest of the season in the 167 class. By contrast, Sadwick anticipates being able to get back to 155 in time for sectionals.

Sadly, another potential opponent for Sadwick appears to be out of the running as well. Shannon Costello had to default midway through the first period of the 155 final when his knee locked up.

The McQuaid senior had to be helped off the mat.

Costello underwent arthroscopic knee surgery before his junior season, but came back in time to give Sadwick two outstanding battles. Sadwick won Class A sectionals by referee's criterion and at the state qualifier by one point.

If the injury proves to be serious, he'll have little or no time to prepare for the sectional meet to be held Feb. 19-20.

NOTES — Roger Reis of Kendall won the aggregate pin award with four falls in 8:13 . . . Antonucci and both LoPrestis were defending tournament cham-

pions . . . Hilton, ranked fourth in the *Democrat and Chronicle* coaches poll, has a home dual meet with No. 2 East Rochester scheduled for Thursday. The Bombers host No. 1 Spencerport on Saturday.

St. Edwards placed four boys in the final but won only once . . . Edison brothers Allan and Andy Aceto reached the semifinals at 98 and 105 pounds respectively. Andy Aceto bowed to Fox, 8-4. Allan Aceto lost to Herb Russell of St. Ed's. Russell went on to lose a tough 11-8 final to Bob Jackson of Amherst Sweet Home.

Eighth Clayton Barnard Memorial At Hilton

Team

Lakewood (Ohio) St. Edward's "B" 177, Brighton 174½, Hilton 152, Spencerport 147, McQuaid 108½, Amherst Sweet Home 99½, Erie (Pa.) Tech 88, Elma Iroquois 78½, Williamsville South 78, Thompson (Ohio) Ledgemont 76, Maple Grove 72, Edison 60, Kendall 49½, Cassadaga Valley 48½, Fairport 35½, Lyndonville 12½.

Individual finals

91 pounds — Dave Gustovitch (SE) d. Chris Kumrow (WS), 10-2; 98 — Bob Jackson (SH) d. Herb Russell (SE), 11-8; 105 — Andy Antonucci (Hil) p. Brian Fox (SE), 2:15; 112 — Dan Presberg (Bri) d. Anthony Calderon (Ed), 4-2; Mark Macek (ET) d. Chris Passaro (McQ), 13-10; 119 — 126 — Joe LoPresti (Spen) d. Jim Mann (Hil), 7-1; 132 — Tom Shiffet (SH) d. Hobby Workman (Lodge), 15-3; 138 — Chris LoPresti (Spen) d. Pat White (Hil), 9-4; 145 — Paul Roselli (McQ) d. Jeremiah Sawyers (SE), 6-3; 155 — Dave Nalbone (MG) d. Shannon Costello (McQ), injury default 1:15; 167 — Rick Sadwick (Hil) d. Ethan Bosch (Iroq), 4-3; 177 — Todd Levine (Bri) d. John Crandall (Spen), 8-0; 215 — Rob Brandish (SH) d. Jerry Pelusio (Fair), 10-5; 250 — Pat Nolan (MG) p. Dave Erite (Iroq), 1:38.