

—Eight Teams Wrestle In Holiday Meet—

Greg Locke Chosen Tournament MVP

Eight teams were involved in the Arcadia Christmas Wrestling Tournament last Saturday, an all day affair that saw host Titans take team first place with 113 1/2 points.

The Titans edged out County East power Fairport, who scored 104 overall points for the second place trophy. The Greece wrestling schools, Olympia, Athena, Mooney, and Arcadia and City-Catholic squads from Jefferson and Charlotte, and Brighton along with their Eastern partner, Fairport, took part.

The Titans held control over the individual weight classes, with five first place finishers, followed closely by Fairport with four. Winning for Arcadia was Greg Locke (128 lbs.), Don O'Mara (140 lbs.), Dave Goodwin (157 lbs.), Steve Wood (169 lbs.), and

Paul Brigandi (179 lbs.) The only other Greece winner was Mark Sivero of Olympia in the 107 lb. weight class.

Coach Mike Lopa talked about his team's performance after the matches has ended. "Fantastic, just fantastic. We beat a good team, in Fairport; they just did great. I'd like to congratulate Greg (Locke) on his MVP award."

Greg Locke was chosen the tournament's MVP after he captured first place in the 128 lb. class by beating Cardinal Mooney's Patrick Holmes. Locke (8-1) was in control the entire match, finally taking a 9-5 decision. Holmes (3-1) had made it to the finals by pinning Olympia's Dave Parker and Jefferson's Stanley Mayoski, but against Locke there wasn't a pinning opportunity. Locke made it to the class championship after pinning Charlotte's Shawn Kennedy and defeating, by decision, Fairport's Mike Lennon 29-6. So Locke made it three wins in-a-row, won first place, and became the Tournament's MVP.

Don O'Mara became the second Titan to win a first place spot, in the 140 lb. class over Fairports Gerry Savoie. O'Mara had eliminated Athena's John Battaglia by a pin, and he defeated Tom Gool of Olympia 9-2 to earn the right to wrestle Savoie. Against Savoie, one of the Red Raiders best, O'Mara trailed once midway through the second period. But Savoie's 4-3 lead lasted only eight seconds, as O'Mara jumped back in front and went on to win 10-6. It was O'Mara's ninth consecutive win without a loss, while Savoie's individual record dropped to 8-2.

Dave Goodwin captured the 157 lb. title with an easy 12-2 decision over Brighton's Mike Tellgren. Goodwin (8-1) and Tellgren (7-3) had a close first

period, but after that it was all Goodwin. Goodwin had progressed to the finals with a pin against Cardinal Mooney's Paul Brecig and Olympia's Mike Arena.

Steve Wood and Chuck Giordano then met in the final of the 169 lb. weight class, the toughest match of the Tournament. Wood (Arcadia) and Giordano (Olympia) ended the three regulation periods in a 4-4 dead-lock. Sending them into three, one minute overtime periods, where the two again battled to a tie, this time 1-1. But by a referee's decision Wood was given the win, and the first place spot. Wood (6-2) had led Giordano (8-2) by 1 until the last second of regulation, when Wood was penalized, sending the match into overtime.

The surprise victory of the tournament came in the 179 lb. class when the Titans Paul Brigandi beat Brighton's Rich Swift by decision. Brigandi (6-1) a junior, had beaten two experienced wrestlers to make the finals, toppled Swift 6-1. It was a surprise to some, but a pleasant one, as Brigandi controlled all three of his opponents en route to a first place finish.

Olympia's Mark Sivero was the only other victorious Greece wrestler, he took first place in the 107 lb. weight class. Sivero defeated Charlotte's Don Powers (8-2) in his tenth consecutive win without a loss. He enjoyed his sixth and seventh pins, over Arcadia's John Miller in the semi-finals, and then against Powers. Sivero's pin in the finals was the only one in the tournament coming at 3:50 in the match. He had opened a 9-0 lead, and with ten seconds left in the second period put Powers away. It marked the second Christmas Tournament that Sivero has been

unscored upon, not allowing a point in six matches.

Those were the individual winners from Greece schools, but there were many other outstanding performances that showed. As far as team totals went, Arcadia's slim 113 1/2-104 margin over Fairport carried first and second. Brighton was third edging out Olympia 69-68, so the Spartans settled for fourth. Jefferson followed with 37, Cardinal Mooney scored 33 1/2, Charlotte had 27, and Athena rounded out the tournament with 12 points.

Individuals from Greece that also place were: for Arcadia in the 100 lb. class Brian Needler who finished in second. He was defeated in the finals by Brighton star Scott Lewis (10-0) by an 8-2 decision. John Miller was fourth in the 107 lb. class, Ed Ellis finished third in the 114 lb. class, and Mark Idler ended in sixth at 121 lbs. Mark Sullivan held fifth in the 134 lb. class, and Bob DelDuca placed third in the 147 lb. weight class. Mike Palumbo rounded out the Titans finishers, all twelve placed, coming in second place in the Heavyweight class. Palumbo lost to Jefferson's Jim Rossi by a 6-5 decision in the finals, to finish second.

Olympia had eleven wrestlers who placed, but won only one match. Terry Mundrick came in second place in the 134 lb. class. Mundrick (9-1) lost his first match of the season to Fairport's Dave Hallady (9-0) by a 6-3 decision in the finals. And of course Chuck Giordano finished second behind Steve Wood of Arcadia. In third place was Tom Gool in the 140 lb. class, while fourth place finishers were Gary Mikel in the 121 lb. class, Mike Arena in the 157 lb. class, and Joe Gibaud in the Heavyweight class. And Jim Watt (100 lbs.), Dave Parker (128 lbs.), and Doug Vellerio (179 lbs.) came in fifth place to round off their teams scoring.

Mooney placed six wrestlers, but went without a victory. Joe Seil was the runner-up in the 121 lb. weight class, losing to Fairport's Scott Tortorello (3-0) by a 4-1 score. And Patrick Holmes lost to Arcadia's Greg Locke in the 128 lb. class for a second place spot. Carl Tandoi came in fourth place in the 100 lb. class, and Paul Brecig finished fifth in the 157 lb. level. Mark Baker (134 lbs.) and Mike Agostinelli (169 lbs.) made sixth place showings.

Athena had a tough day, finishing last in team points, and placing only four wrestlers. George Vito finished in second place in the 147 lb. weight class, losing to

Fairports Mike Stuver (8-1) by a 3-1 decision. Marty Yeager came in fourth in the 114 lb. class, losing to Arcadia's Ed Ellis in the match for third place. While Paul Musso (107 lbs.) and Mike Kellop (heavyweight) ended up in sixth place to give the Trojans their hard earned team points.

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Arcadia's Mark Sullivan takes control of Athena's Mike Patemoster in their 122 pound match, Saturday, Dec. 26. The Titans captured first place in the Arcadia Christmas Wrestling Tournament.



Olympia's Doug Valeria is on top of things at the moment. Cardinal Mooney's Jerry Reed has his head buried in the mat. Valeria won the match and the Spartans placed fourth overall in the eight team tournament.