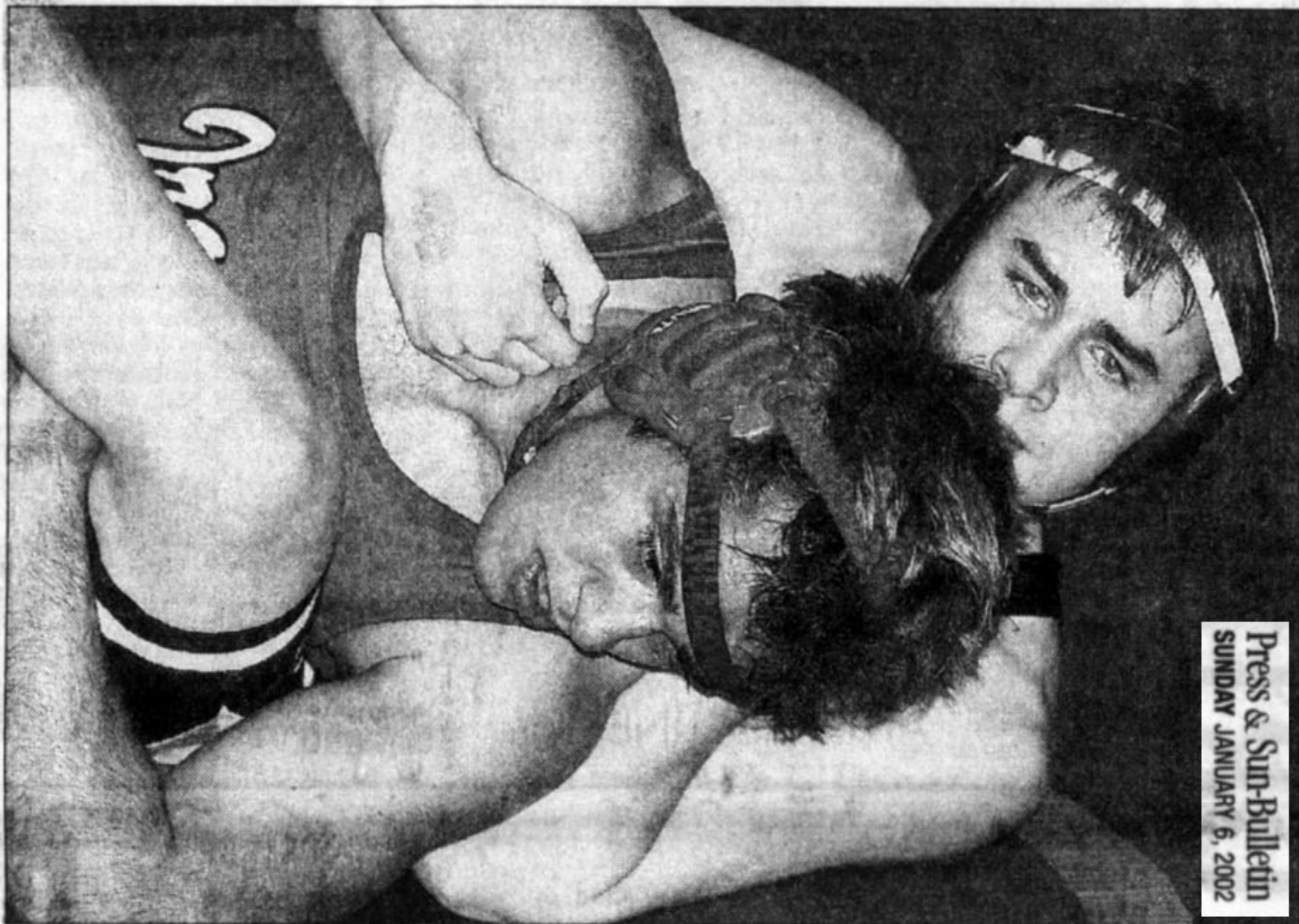


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Johnson City's Joe Tokos wraps up Iroquois' Eric Mrugacz en route to a 10-2 victory at 152 pounds in a quarterfinal match of

the Union-Endicott Dual Meet Tournament. JC won the match 40-6, then beat Fulton 27-21 to advance to the finals.

JC finishes second in U-E tournament Spencerport prevails in final

By MIKE MANGAN
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ENDICOTT — Johnson City's quest for a state team championship in wrestling will have to wait another season.

The Wildcats rallied from a 15-point deficit to take a late lead, but Section 5's Spencerport battled back for a 29-22 victory Saturday in the championship match of the Union-Endicott Dual Meet Tournament.

The Rangers secured the title with Don Zimmerman's 9-4 victory over Ryan Kuzel at 160 pounds. It was the final bout of the 10-team tournament.

Spencerport will likely retain the top ranking among large-school teams, as selected by the New York State Sports Writers Association.

JC (11-1), which last won the large-school state title three years ago and was ranked

fourth in the state entering the U-E tournament, is likely out of championship consideration.

"The team part is done — now we worry about getting guys to Syracuse," said JC coach Pete Capone, referring to the state tournament in March. "There were matches we should have gotten pins and we didn't, and matches we should have won and we didn't."

JC rallied from an 18-3 deficit to take a 22-20 lead with two matches remaining.

Vince Heneker and Andy Tobias started the comeback with convincing victories. Heneker earned his by

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JC's Joe Sacco, left, locks up with Iroquois' Joe Swatland during their quarterfinal match at 145 pounds. Sacco won 8-6 and finished 3-for-3 in the tournament.

Johnson City finishes second in U-E tournament —

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technical fall over Kris MacBeth, 15-0, in 4:33 at 125 pounds. MacBeth was called for a technical violation early in the match — his shoelaces weren't taped up — which cost Spencerport a team point.

Tobias then beat Don France 10-2 at 130, cutting Spencerport's lead to 17-13.

Spencerport's Mike Bronco increased the lead to 20-13, scoring a takedown with 30 seconds left in the third period for a 3-1 decision over Ryan Felton at 135.

The Wildcats responded with a pair of wins. Josh Glenn applied a headlock for a takedown as time expired in his 5-4 victory over Chuck Zimmerman at 140. Joe Sacco beat Joe Mirabito by technical fall, 17-2, in four minutes at 145, giving JC a two-point edge.

However, Steve Stulpin regained the lead for Spencerport, 26-22, by pinning Adam Harendza in 5:08 at 152 pounds.

"We were in it until the last match," Capone said. "We needed an eight-point win from Kuzel, though, in that last match, which would have been tough.

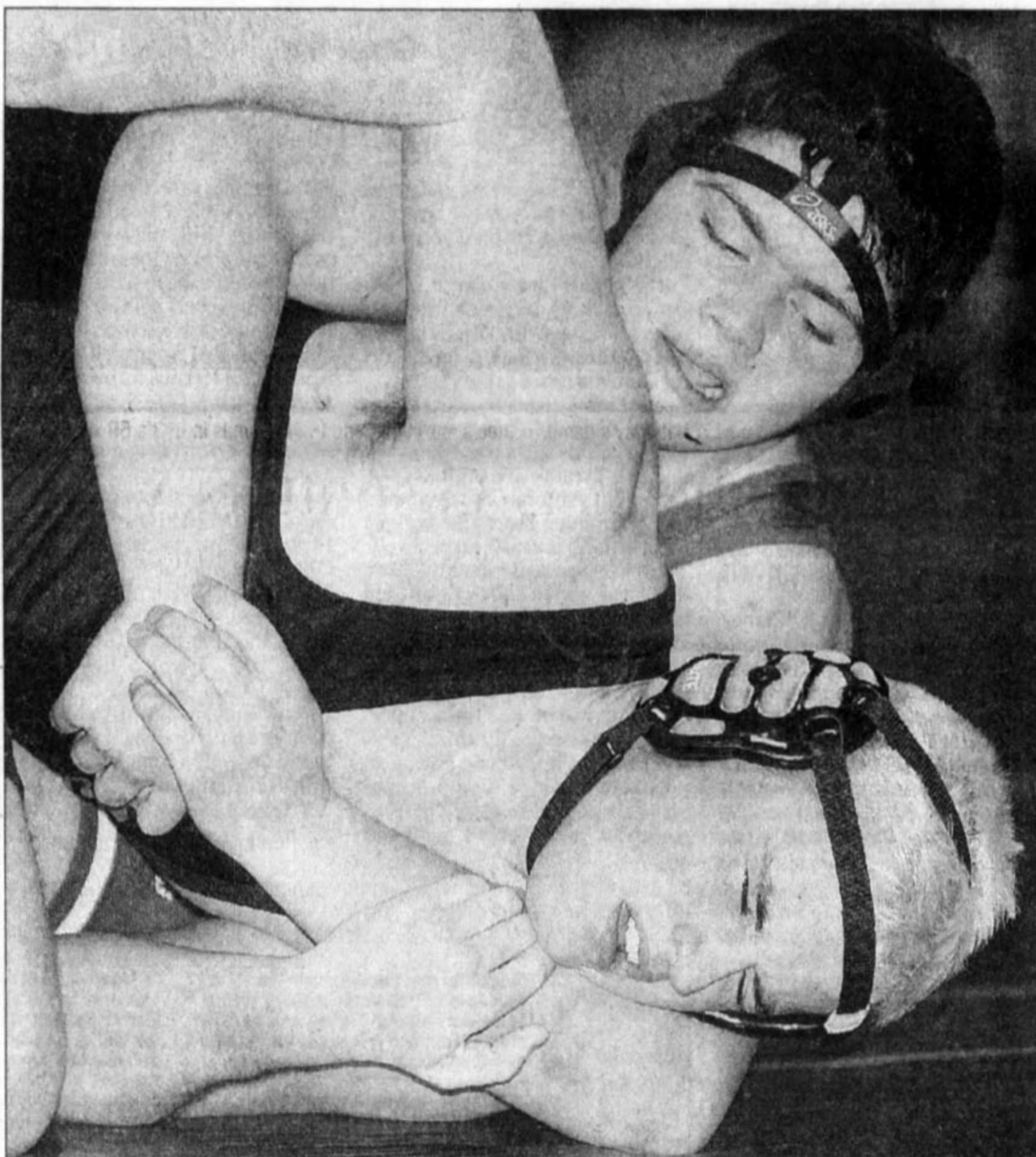
"If only we had gotten some more pins earlier. If you don't pin, you don't win."

Spencerport coach Bill Jacoutot felt his wrestlers' ability on their feet was the difference.

"I thought our takedowns were better," said Jacoutot, whose team reached the final with a 43-16 victory over Section 3's Baldwinsville. "We have [kids with good positioning], and that was key because [Johnson City is] a very good team that moves around well."

JC's road to the final was tough. The Wildcats had to beat third-ranked Fulton of Section 3 in the semifinals, and they did so by a 27-21 margin. Kuzel's 7-2 victory over Nate Drake at 160 sealed the outcome.

"Our goal was to beat Spencer-



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Owego's Caleb Monell, top, works his way to command position of Mexico's George Stonecipher during Saturday's U-E

Dual Meet tournament. Monell won the 189-pound match by pin, but Mexico prevailed, 39-32.

port, and we had to get through Fulton to do that," Capone said. "We had everything we wanted —

we just didn't get it done in the finals."

Fulton defeated Baldwinsville

34-22 for third place, and Iroquois beat Queensbury 33-21 in the fifth-place match.

Results from the Saturday's Union-Endicott Dual Meet Tournament.

CHAMPIONSHIP

Spencerport 29, Johnson City 22

171— Tom Vail (JC) dec. Matt Morris, 6-5; 189— Alex Baxter (S) dec. Nolan Robinson, 4-2; 215— Ben Plucknette (S) dec. Jon Colgan, 8-5, double overtime; 103— Brett Woodward (S) dec. Ryan McCormick, 12-5; 112— Blake Woodward (S) dec. Steve Wiktorek, 8-5; 119— Jeff Trike (S) pinned Ben Whitbeck, 3:46; 125— Vince Heneker (JC) won by tech. fall over Kris MacBeth, 15-0, 4:33; 130— Andy Tobias (JC) dec. Don France, 10-2; 135— Mike Bronco (S) dec. Ryan Felton, 3-1; 140— Josh Glenn (JC) dec. Chuck Zimmerman, 5-4; 145— Joe Sacco (JC) won by tech. fall over Joe Morabito, 17-2, 4:00; 152— Steve Stulpin (S) pinned Adam Harendza, 5:08; 160— Don Zimmerman (S) dec. Ryan Kuzel, 9-4.

Third place: Fulton 34, Baldwinsville 22

Fifth place: Iroquois 33, Queensbury 21

SEMIFINALS

Johnson City 27, Fulton 21

171— Tom Vail (JC) dec. Harry Merritt, 7-6; 189— Nolan Robinson (JC) dec. Keith Wise, 5-4; 215— Matt Pollock (F) pinned Jon Colgan, 3:15; 103— Derek Wise (F) dec. Ryan McCormick, 4-0; 112— Josh Levea (F) dec. Steve Wiktorek, 5-1; 119— Ben Whitbeck (JC) won by tech. fall over

Nick Duskey, 18-3, 5:57; 125— Chris Ely (F) dec. Vince Heneker, 10-8; 130— Andy Tobias (JC) dec. Tyler Shue, 4-3; 135— Ryan Felton (JC) dec. Matt French, 9-4; 140— Josh Glenn (JC) dec. Zach Bogardus, 9-6; 145— Joe Sacco (JC) dec. Mike Vant, 10-6; 152— Matthew Keib (F) pinned Adam Harendza, 2:40; 160— Ryan Kuzel (JC) dec. Nate Drake, 7-2.

Other semifinal score: Spencerport 43, Baldwinsville 19

QUARTERFINALS

Spencerport 58, Union-Endicott 4

171— Matt Morris (S) dec. Keith Clift, 6-4; 189— Alex Baxter (S) dec. Chris Lane, 1-0; 215— Ben Plucknette (S) pinned Pat Warner, 4:30; 103— Brett Woodward (S) pinned Dan Blaine, 1:11; 112— Blake Woodward (S) pinned Chris Mele, 1:25; 119— Jeff Trike (S) pinned Tomas Madden, 5:8; 125— Kris MacBeth (S) dec. Geoff Gardner, 9-2; 130— Scott Osman (U-E) dec. Don France, 11-3; 135— Mike Bronco (S) dec. Andy Wahila, 7-2; 140— Joe Morabito (S) won by tech. fall over Jim Wahila, 15-0, 4:31; 152— Steve Stulpin (S) pinned Trevor Backus, 1:36; 160— Don Zimmerman (S) won by tech. fall over Jon Jones, 23-8.

Johnson City 40, Iroquois 6

171— Tom Vail (JC) dec. Kyle Mariacher, 3-2; 189— Jeff Simmons (I) dec. Nolan Robinson, 8-3; 215— Jon Colgan (JC) dec. John Picolo, 9-3;

103— Ryan McCormick (JC) pinned Pat Korzelius, 3:10; 112— Steve Wiktorek (JC) dec. Jason Rathfuss, 11-4; 119— Ben Whitbeck (JC) dec. Reece Mariacher, 8-1; 125— Chris Ferraro (I) dec. Vince Heneker, 4-3; 130— Andy Tobias (JC) dec. Jordan McGuire, 7-0; 135— Ryan Felton (JC) dec. Josh Rathfuss, 9-3; 140— Josh Glenn (JC) dec. Damianos Skaros, 7-4; 145— Joe Sacco (JC) dec. Joe Sutherland, 8-6; 152— Joe Tokos (JC) dec. Eric Mugarz, 10-2; 160— Ryan Kuzel (JC) pinned Garrett Lorenzo, 1:40.

Fulton 51, Bainbridge-Guilford/Afton 22

171— Harry Merritt (F) pinned Jon Zieno, 3:08; 189— Keith Wise (F) pinned Erik Kelly, 2:00; 215— Matt Pollock (F) pinned Chris Locke, 1:36; 103— Tyler Mumbulo (BGA) pinned Derrick Bartlette, 1:17; 112— Josh Levea (F) pinned Gavin Winn, 2:27; 119— Nate Mumbulo (BGA) pinned Eddie Parkhurst, 2:28; 125— Chris Ely (F) dec. Cody Conpropst, 7-1; 130— Tyler Shue (F) dec. Andrew Smith, 5:0; 135— Matt French (F) pinned Joe Buttice, 4:0; 140— Jake Granger (BGA) pinned Bryan Phelps, 3:21; 145— Mike Vant (F) pinned Tyler James, 1:29; 152— Matthias Keib (F) pinned Brendan Palmetier, 1:42; 160— Josh Miller (BGA) dec. Matt Osborne, 17-7.

Other quarterfinal score: Baldwinsville 39, Queensbury 24

FIRST ROUND

Union-Endicott 45, Owego 23

171— Keith Clift (U-E) pinned Jon Woodburn, 3:40; 189— Chris Lane (U-E) dec. Caleb Monell, 3-2; 215— Bob Elliott (O) pinned Pat Warner, 3:52; 275— Arthur Jones (U-E) dec. Josh Bestle, 5-3; 103— Dan Blaine (U-E) won by forfeit; 112— Chris Mele (U-E) dec. Paul Kwiatkowski, 7-0; 119— Tomas Madden (U-E) pinned Tom Shultis, 3:31; 125— Chad Kwiatkowski (O) dec. Geoff Gardner, 7-1; 130— Scott Osman (U-E) pinned Bob Patelunas, 4:2; 135— Andy Wahila (U-E) pinned Adam Sullivan, 1:49; 140— Jim Slezak (U-E) pinned Josh Bell, 5:21; 145— Chad Halliday (O) dec. Jim Wahila, 14-2; 152— Dan Cumm (O) pinned Trevor Backus, 4:9; 160— Justin Lemmon (O) dec. Jon Jones, 8-3.

Bainbridge-Guilford/Afton 34, Mexico 31

171— Jon Zieno (BGA) dec. Russ Aiken, 8-6; 189— Erik Kelly (BGA) pinned George Stonecipher, 5:0; 215— Chris Locke (BGA) pinned Bryan Bickford, 5:2; 103— Tyler Mumbulo (BGA) pinned Clark Warren, 2:35; 112— Gavin Winn (BGA) dec. Andy Tagliareni, 7-6; 119— Anthony Hallsted (M) pinned Nate Mumbulo, 4:10; 125— Cody Conpropst (BGA) dec. Brian Redhead, 11-0; 130— Derrick Smith (M) pinned Andrew Smith, 2:28; 135— Austin Caufield (M) dec. Joe Buttice, 13-5; 140— Darren Comes (M) dec. Jake Granger, 7-0; 145— Josh Smith (M) pinned Brendan Palmetier, 5:38; 152— Ryan Fleming (M) pinned Tyler James, 1:21; 160— Josh Miller (BGA) pinned Zach Gilbert.