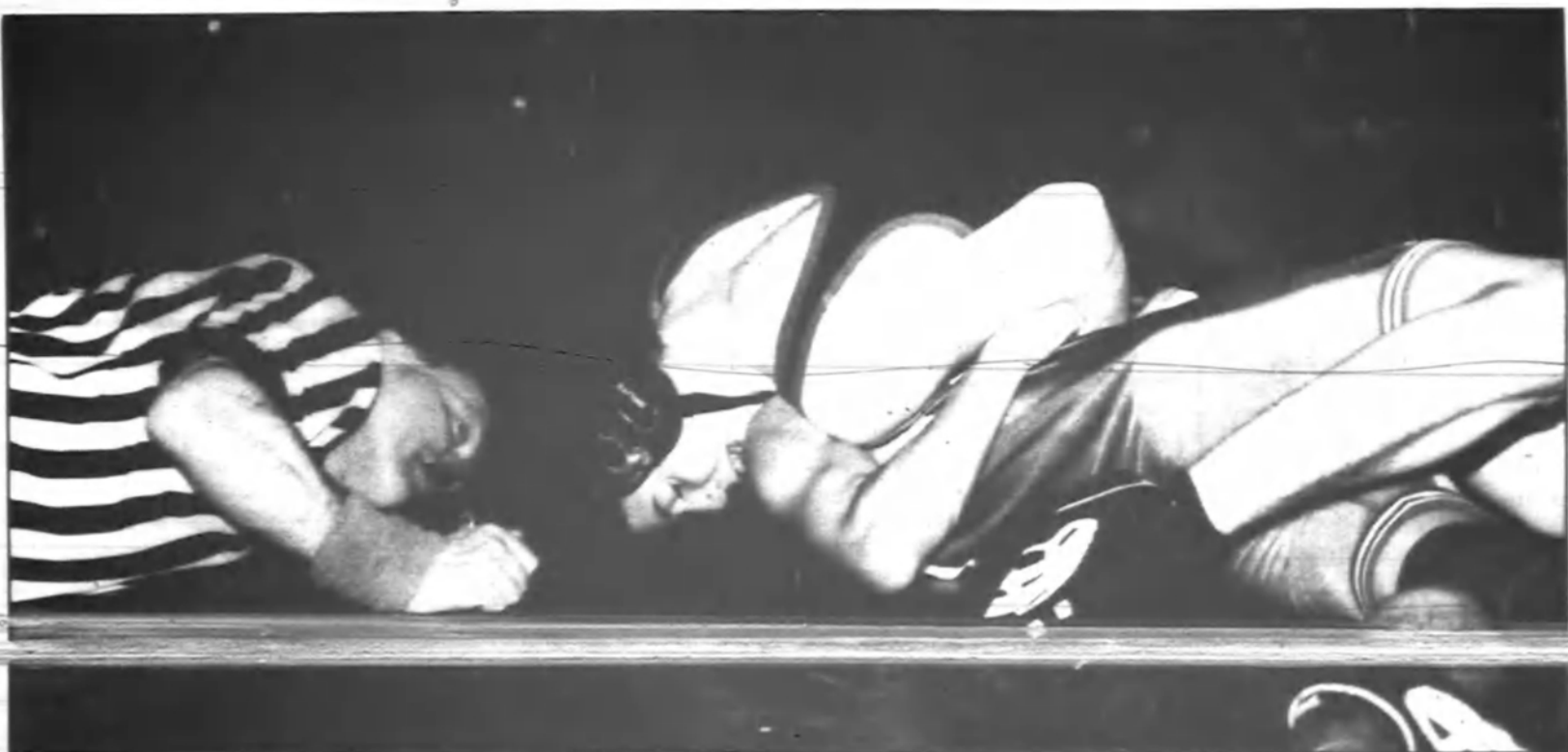


Hillbillies steal the show; Arena wins again



Salamanca's Joe Conlan pins Westfield's Ivan Torres in the 103 pound weight class 3rd & 4th place match during Saturday's Salamanca Invitational Wrestling Tournament.

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SALAMANCA— The Fredonia Hillbillies walked away with the Salamanca Invitational Tournament title on Saturday in convincing fashion with 267 points, almost 100 more than second-place Allegany-Limestone (171 1/2).

Fredonia, who captured the Southern Tier Division I wrestling title less than a week ago, placed nine wrestlers in the championship round with five going home as tournament champions.

"Fredonia came into the tournament and really showed that they were the team to beat. They had five champions, four seconds, one third, two fourths, a fifth, and a sixth place finisher," said Salamanca Head Coach Rich Morton.

Fredonia was led by first-place winners Josh Seward (103), Bobby Parker (130), Brad Rhoton (135), Jesse Pennica (145), and Joe Vecchio (189) while Justin Perry (112), Ryan Yerico (125), Mike Pietrkiewicz (160), and Len Mead (275) took seconds.

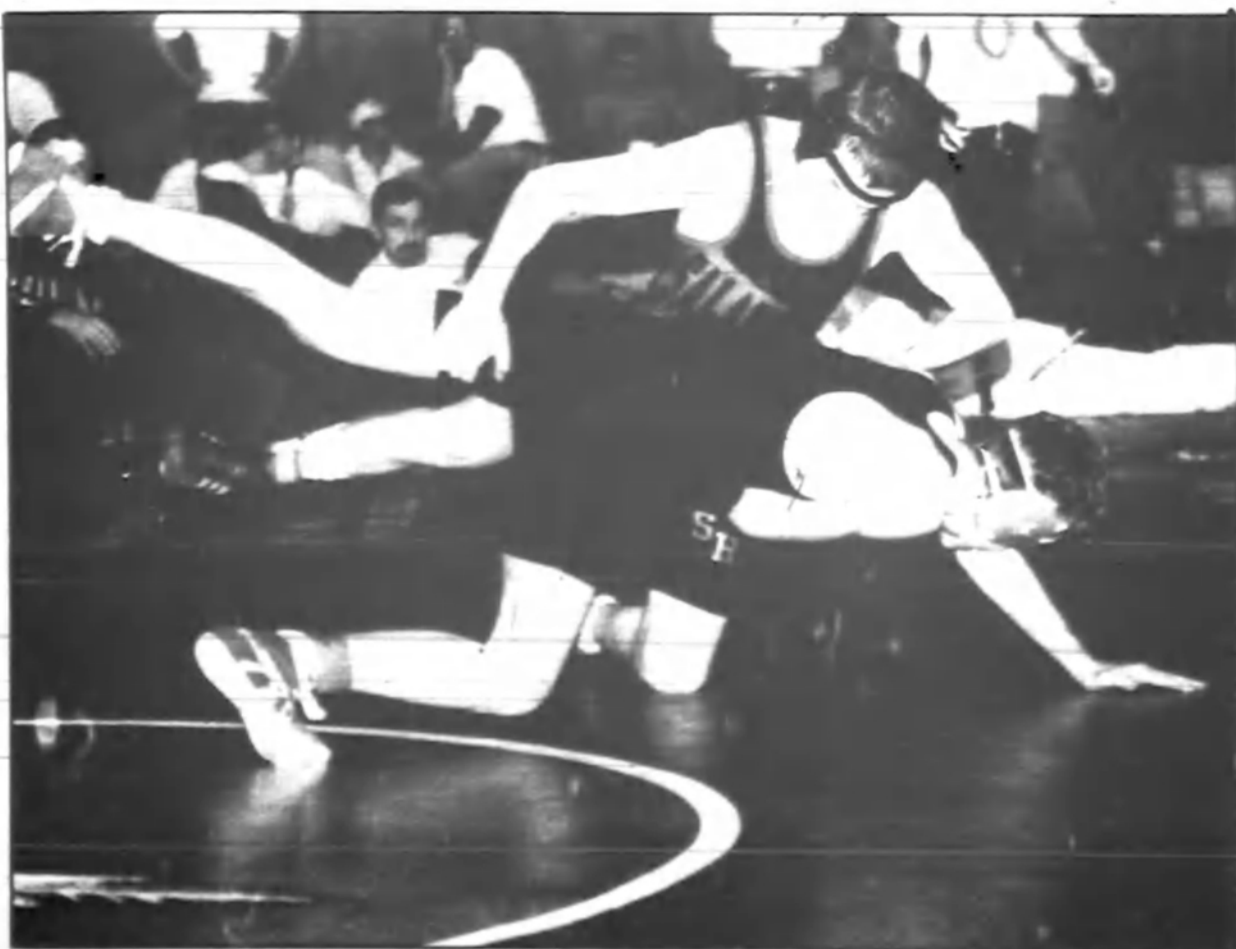
Salamanca, who finished sixth of 14 teams, was led by Vic Arena in the 125-pound weight class as he defeated Ryan Yerico 8-1 to earn his fourth in-season tournament title this year.

Warriors' Corey O'Neil breezed past Silver Creek's Phil Kavanaugh 16-0 to earn a hard-fought third-place medal, while teammate Joe Conlan had little trouble in picking up a pin over Ivan Torres of Westfield in 2:40. Salamanca's Marty Jacobson also had a strong showing by defeating Albert Dunn of Silver Creek 6-1 in the 215-pound class to pick up a third-place award.

Salamanca's Josh Gleason was defeated by Randolph's Eli Pearson 6-4 in the 135-pound 3rd & 4th place match.

In one of the closest matches of the evening, Allegany-Limestone's Josh Crisafulli defeated Fredonia's Justin Perry 7-6 to take the 112-pound title, while Adam Phearsdorf was another first-place winner for the Gators at 96.

The meet's Most Outstanding Wrestler went to Panama's Chris Howard (171-pound) as he defeated Robert Truman in the champion-



Salamanca's Vic Arena (top) had little trouble in disposing of Fredonia's Ryan Yerico in the 125-pound championship match.

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ship match.

"The 171-pound class was loaded with talent," said Morton. "Three of the kids who were entered in it were past champions of this tournament."

Championship Finals

96: Adam Phearsdorf (Allegany-Limestone) 10-3 Greg Torres (Westfield)
103: Josh Seward (Fredonia) 14-5 Matt Guither (Pine Valley)
112: Josh Crisafulli (Allegany-Limestone) 7-6 Justin Perry (Fredonia)
119: Bob Russell (Panama) 6-3 Chris Reese (Westfield)
125: Vic Arena (Salamanca) 8-1 Ryan Yerico (Fredonia)
130: Bobby Parker (Fredonia) 6-3 Damon Logue (Franklinville)
135: Brad Rhoton (Fredonia) 2-37 Aaron Thome (Franklinville)
140: Ron Kavanaugh (Silver Creek) medical forfeit Craig Greene (Bolivar-Richburg)
145: Jesse Pennica (Fredonia) injury default Kevin Herman (Pine Valley)

152: Josh Doner (Pine Valley) 11-1 Scott Kossman (Rocky Grove, Pa.)
160: Ed Palchek (Panama) 6-2 Mike Pietrkiewicz (Fredonia)
171: Chris Howard (Pine Valley) 8-3 Robert Truman (Allegany-Limestone)
189: Joe Vecchio (Fredonia) 3-2 Nate Genung (Silver Creek)
215: Jeff Hernandez (Franklinville) 2-52 Dan Bellor (Albion)
275: Len Mead (Fredonia)

Consolation Finals

96: Corey O'Neil (Salamanca) 16-0 Phil Kavanaugh (Silver Creek)
103: Joe Conlan (Salamanca) 2-40 Ivan Torres (Westfield)
112: Dan Udenitz (Albion) 6-4 Lyle Milliman (Pine Valley)
119: Seneca Stone (Olean) 12-0 John Perry (Fredonia)
125: Ryan Marvin (Silver Creek) 5-2 A.J. Paoletto (Olean)
130: Mike Willis (Olean) 6-2 Pat Fitzsimmons (Albion)
135: Eli Pearson (Randolph) 6-4 Josh

Gleason (Salamanca)
140: Mike Hagen (Allegany-Limestone) 3-54 Joe Lundy (Oswayo Valley)
145: Nick Hagen (Allegany-Limestone) 8-6 Shawn O'Connell (Franklinville)
152: Joe Levandowski (Fredonia) 3-1 OT Jason McCann (Allegany-Limestone)
160: Brett Cowen (Randolph) 11-3 Nate Faulkner (Olean)
171: Cliff Golembieski (Silver Creek) 3-2
189: Chad Sillemann (Pine Valley) :58 James Verhagen (Albion)
215: Marty Jacobson (Salamanca) 6-1 Albert Dunn (Silver Creek)
275: Chris Troitsky (Allegany-Limestone) 9-1 Tony Baez (Silver Creek)

Salamanca Tournament

Fredonia 267, Allegany-Limestone 171 1/2, Pine Valley 133 1/2, Silver Creek 132 1/2, Olean 109 1/2, Salamanca 109, Franklinville 105, Albion 100, Randolph 86 1/2, Panama 71 1/2, Westfield 66 1/2, Bolivar-Richburg 65 1/2, Rocky Grove, Pa. 48, Oswayo Valley, Pa. 18.