

# Prescott Wins 4th Sectional Title

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For the last four years, Olean's Jeff Prescott has been chasing the legacy of Clar Anderson. Saturday, at the Section VI Wrestling Championships, he caught it. At next weekend's state championships, he should surpass it.

Prescott won the 112-pound class for his fourth straight Section VI title Saturday at the University of Buffalo's Alumni Arena. That equalled the mark of Anderson, the former Olean great who is an idol of Prescott's.

The victory also was the 158th of Prescott's career, tying him with Anderson for most career victories in Western New York history.

Prescott (158-17) will try to become only the sixth wrestler in state history to win three straight state titles next weekend in Syracuse. Anderson (158-7-1), who went on to become an NCAA champion at Oklahoma State, won two state titles — in 1979 and 1980.

Prescott, who has won a state-record 116 straight matches, pinned Falconer sophomore Chad Waddington in the final, in 2:45. The Olean senior moved to 36-0 for the season.

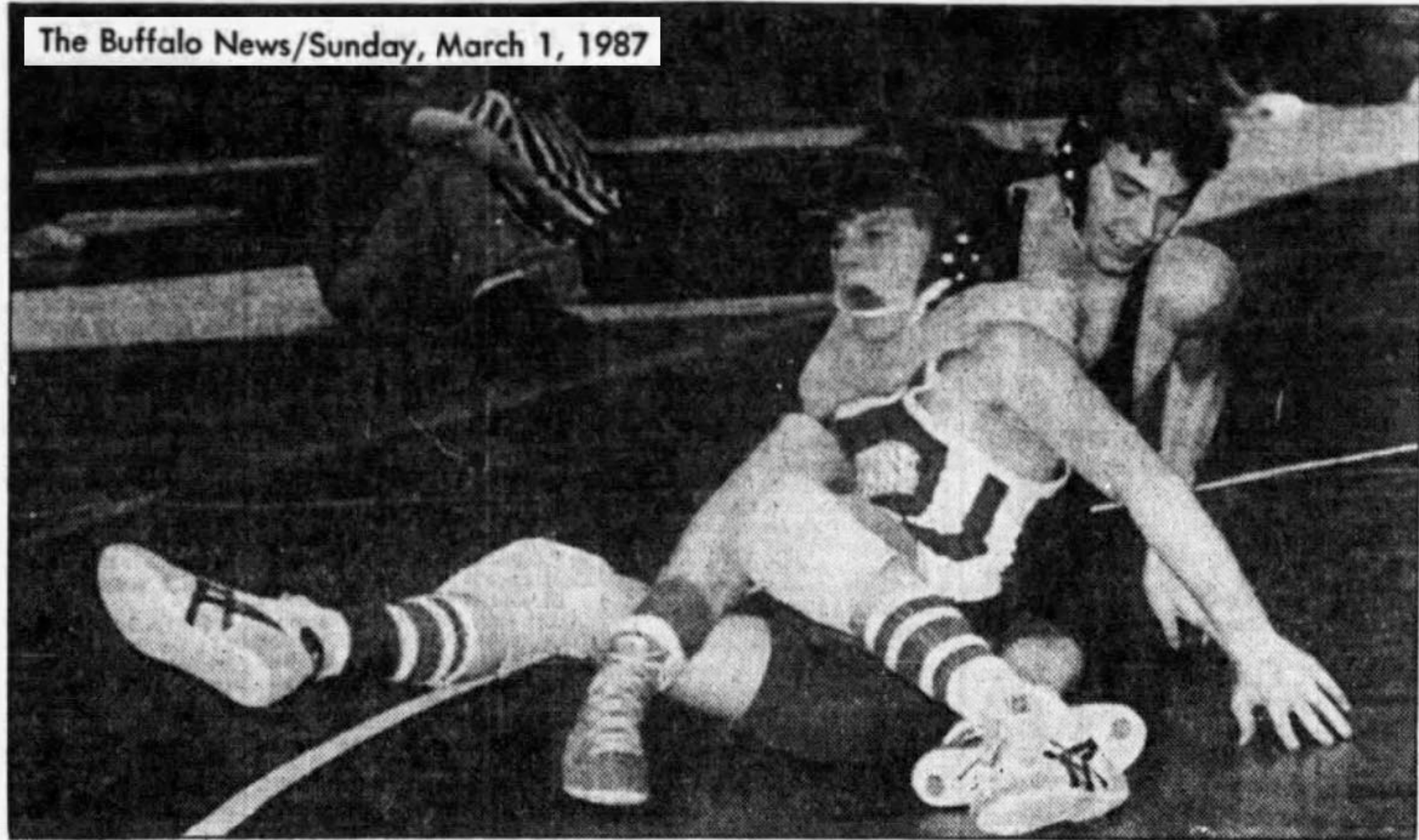
The section's three other returning state champions — Joe Zito, Lou Rosselli and Bill Schoenle — also earned repeat trips to Syracuse.

Zito, a Lancaster senior, scored a hard-fought, 7-6 win over Salamanca's Jess Wilson at 215 pounds.

Wilson, the defending 215 champion, forged a 5-5 tie with 19 seconds left when Zito was penalized a point for stalling. But six seconds later, Zito scored two points with his patented single-leg takedown, his third of the match. Wilson added a point in the final seconds. Zito (35-0) was state champion at 177 pounds last year.

Rosselli (32-0), a junior at Royalton-Hartland, took the 105-pound crown with a pin of Frontier's Bill Page in 2:42. Rosselli, who stretched his winning streak to 70 matches, was named the tourna-

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ment's most outstanding wrestler.

Schoenle, a senior at Williamsville South, pinned Sweet Home's Joe Muscarella in 5:53.

Roy-Hart was the most successful team at the event, qualifying three wrestlers for the state meet.

Besides Rosselli, Ken Copella (145) and Mark Baehr (126) took titles for the Rams.

Copella (29-3) edged Pioneer's Shane Carder, 7-5. A two-point reverse with 15 seconds left was the decisive score for the Roy-Hart senior, who was runner-up as a sophomore.

Baehr, a junior, was one of the biggest surprises of the event, beating two undefeated foes en route to the crown. He upset Randolph's Bill Young (35-1) by an 8-7 margin in the semifinals. In the final, he edged Williamsville North's Dan Bethke (26-1), 7-6.

Amherst's Dave Grabenstatter, bound for nationally ranked Lock Haven (Pa.) State, captured the 177-pound class by defeating Salamanca's Myron Wilson, 5-4. Grabenstatter (35-0) overcame a cut near the eye and went ahead on an escape with 40 seconds left. He placed second to Zito last year. Myron Wilson, the brother of Jess, finished 32-3.

Sweet Home sophomore Bob Jackson (32-3) won at 91 pounds, defeating Allegany freshman Matt Lippert, 17-4.

Falconer's Todd Carson took the 98-pound title with a 4-2 decision over Grand Island sophomore Nick Rastelli.

At 119, Dunkirk's Joe Pagan decided Kenmore East's Rob Pitruzzella, 11-10. Pagan (14-1) missed much of the season after suffering a torn cartilage in his knee at an ear-

ly-season tournament.

At 132, Cheektowaga's Brain McGill (34-0) defeated Sweet Home's Kevin McInnis, 8-1. Sweet Home, like Roy-Hart, sent three wrestlers to the finals.

Lockport's Lennox Gillon won his second straight sectional crown, scoring a 4-1 overtime decision over Niagara-Wheatfield's Steve Wolanyk in the 138-pound final.

Iroquois junior Ethan Bosch (34-1) executed an escape with 45 seconds left and edged Falconer's Jim Burdic, 3-2, for the 155-pound title.

At 167, Niagara Falls senior Rod May held off Lockport's Luis Maldonado, 6-5. Maldonado had upset Salamanca's Joe Bierfeldt in the semifinals.

Salamanca's Jess Wilson received the sportsmanship award.



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## WRESTLING

### SECTION VI CHAMPIONSHIPS

#### At Alumni Arena

**SEMIFINAL MATCHES** — 91 — Bob Jackson (Sweet Home) d. Matt Dawson (Newfane) 11-0; Matt Lippert (Allegany) d. Chris Kumrow (Wmsv. South) 8-5. 98 — Todd Carson (Falconer) d. Matt Prelewicz (Tonawanda) 5-2; Nick Rastelli (Grand Island) d. Dave Brainard (Falconer) 3-1. 105 — Lou Rosselli (Roy-Hart) pinned Kevin Abbatesa (Lancaster) 3:40; Bill Page (Frontier) d. Mike Benca (Allegany) 5-2. 112 — Jeff Prescott (Olean) d. Bob Ochs (Ken-West) 19-4; Chad Waddington (Falconer) d. Phil Tripi (Maryvale) 6-2.

119 — Rob Pittruzzella (Ken-East) technical fall Nelson Colley (Roy-Hart) 5:52; Joe Pagan (Dunkirk) d. Mike Barbera (Ken-West) 18-2. 126 — Mark Baehr (Roy-Hart) d. Bill Young (Randolph) 8-7; Dan Bethke (Wmsv. North) d. Mark Hall (Franklinville) 5-4. 132 — Brian McGill (Cheektowaga) d. Will Moss (Albion); Kevin McInnis (Sweet Home) d. Marc Freda (Ken-East) 1-0 OT. 138 — Lennox Gillon (Lockport) d. Dave Nalbene (Maple Grove) 10-2; Steve Wolanyk (Niag.-Wheat.) d. Shawn Booth (Cattaraugus) 8-1.

145 — Ken Copella pinned Dave Mascio (Lake Shore) 3:32; Shane Carder (Pioneer) d. Darryl Burton (Niag. Falls) 9-3. 155 — Jim Burdic (Falconer) d. John Giannicchi (Orch. Park) 9-2; Ethan Bosch (Iroquois) pinned

Matt Johnson (Cass. Valley) 1:23. 167 — Luis Maldonado (Lockport) d. Joe Bierfeldt (Salamanca) 6-5; Rod May (Niagara Falls) d. Terry Green (Jamestown) 10-0. 177 — Dave Grabenstatter (Amherst) tech. fall Todd Forringer (Lew-Port) 3:34; Myron Wilson (Salamanca) d. Al Wooten (Niagara Falls) 1-0 OT.

215 — Joe Zito (Lancaster) tech. fall Tom Meyers (So'western) 4:40; Jess Wilson (Salamanca) pinned Michael Harris (Niagara Falls) 1:36. 250 — Bill Schoenle (Wm. South) pinned Phil Skutschke (So'western) 42; Joe Muscarella (Sweet Home) d. Mark Lubs (Starpoint) 4-3.

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