

DeBarbieris capture twin titles; Ridgway dominates team scoring

McGraw captures 125-pound crown at Warren tourney

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★JAMESTOWN — Portville Central School's brother tandem of John and Joe DeBarbieri proved to be double trouble Saturday at the Southern Tier Officials' Wrestling Tournament at Jamestown Community College.

The twin sons of Portville coach Mike Debarbieri, John and Joe won back-to-back titles at 140 pounds and 145, respectively, to help the Panthers place seventh in the two-day, 36-team tourney.

"THEY BOTH had super tournaments," said the elder DeBarbieri. "John pretty-much went through with ease, while Joe pinned his way through, in five matches.

"And we got a good tournament from Adam (Babcock), who was in the lineup for the first time and made it to the finals."

Babcock fell 11-1 in the 189-pound finals to defending champion Joe Rendos, of Grove City, the only one of four returning champs to repeat.

In a finals matchup of a pair of returning placefinishers, John Debarbieri (second) won 6-4 over Jason Brongo (third) of Spencerport. Joe, also second a year ago, pinned Ridgway's top-seeded Gary Gerber, a turning third, in 2:25.

But despite its three finalists — the only Big 30 wrestlers to make it to the championship round — Portville found itself chasing tournament favorite Ridgway all weekend.

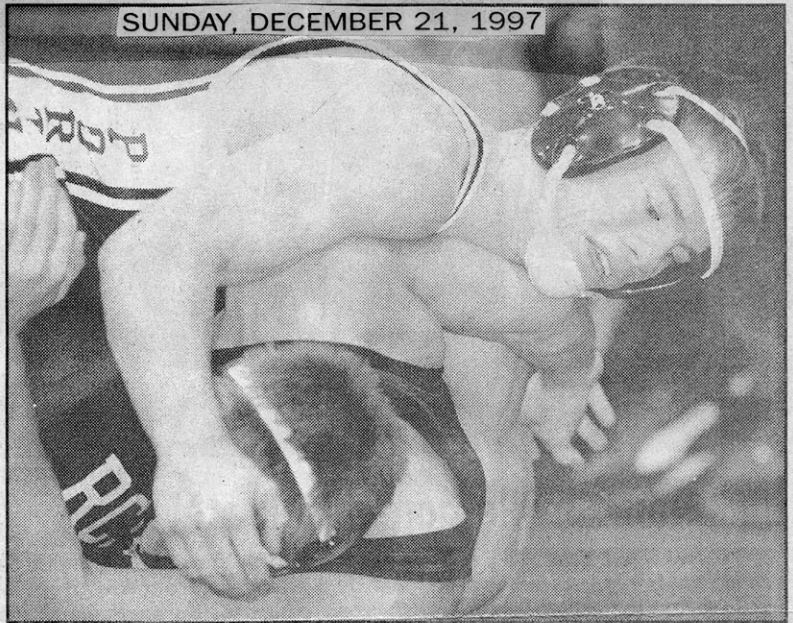
As expected, the Elkers ran away with the tournament title, leaving even always powerful Spencerport a distant second, 268-179 1/2.

The title was the fourth in five years, and fifth in seven years, for Ridgway, which set a tourney record for largest margin of victory.

In crowning four champions and getting two runners-up, the Elkers' 268 points was the second most ever recorded, falling just seven short of its 275-point total set in 1994.

Meanwhile, among the rest of the Big 30 contingent, Allegany-Limestone placed 16th and Olean High 19th. (See page C-2 for complete team scoring).

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Portville 140-pounder John DeBarbieri gets the upper hand against Ripley's Brian Rowe in their quarterfinal round match at the Southern Tier Officials Tournament Saturday in Jamestown. DeBarbieri went on to win the crown.

Also for Portville, senior Bryan Yates recorded his 100th career win with a victory in the 171-pound quarterfinals, pinning Travis Lincoln, of Falconer, in 55 seconds.

Championship finals

- 96: Brandon Morris (Attica) 5-0 Sam Hapstak(Canandaigua)
- 103: Dave Predko (Ridgway) 9-2 Drew Rose (Lakeview)
- 112: Bruno Iorfido (Ridgway) 12-0 Gary Borelli (Spencerport)
- 119: Bob Parker (Silver Creek) 7-2 Seth Lind (Maple Grove)
- 125: Chris Fairbanks (Southwestern) 6-4 OT Chris Coughenour (Niagara Falls)
- 130: Bill Morello (Lockport) 12-4 Jeremiah Steger (Ridgway)
- 135: Mike Jordan (Gowanda) 6-4 Al Pagano (Westfield)
- 140: John Debarbieri (Portville) 6-4 Jason Brongo (Spencerport)
- 145: Joe DeBarbieri (Portville) 2:25 Curt Gerber (Ridgway)
- 152: John Vogan (Maple Grove) 6-4 Matt Balsom (Ripley)
- 160: Ed Pawlack (Southwestern) 5-1 Russ Conti (Falconer)
- 171: Rashad Evans (Niagara-Wheatfield) 8-1 Nick Sisley (Jamestown)
- 189: Joe Rendos (Grove City) 11-1 Adam Babcock (Portville)
- 215: Scott Brigger (Ridgway) 8-3 Greg Thompson (Falconer)
- 275: Paul Shilk (Ridgway) 4-2 Creighton Smith (Niagara-Wheatfield)

WARREN TOURNAMENT

McGraw 1st for Cameron County

WARREN — Cameron County sophomore Doug McGraw remained undefeated on the year, winning the 125-pound title at the 16-team Warren Tournament.

Improving to 11-0, McGraw won a 4-2 decision in the finals over two-time Class AAA state qualifier Mike Seybold, of Waynesburg.

The title helped Cameron Coun-

ty to a ninth-place team finish with 72 points behind Waynesburg (137 1/2; complete team scoring, page C-2).

Also for Cameron County, heavyweight Luke Fragale placed third with a pin in 4:28 over North Allegheny's Luke Parks after falling 6-5 in the semifinals to eventual champion Tom Schwabenbauer of Franklin. Fragale (6-1) led that match 5-4 with 18 seconds left before getting reversed.

The Raiders' John Bickford was fourth at 171, losing 3-0 to Seneca's Dan Vogel, while Adam Bickford was fourth at 189 with a 3-1 loss to Mike Victoria of Hempfield.

Also placing was St. Marys' Dave Fordoski, who was third at 130.

Championship finals

- 103: Adam Rennard (Seneca) 4-0 Jeremy Rose (Bellefonte)
- 112: Scott Moore (Franklin) 11-0 Brian Setta (Meadsville)
- 119: Josh Moore (Franklin) 2-2 rideout criteria Mike Diaz (DuBois)
- 125: Doug McGraw (Cameron County) 4-2 Mike Seybold (Waynesburg)
- 130: Nathan Bundy (Youngsville) 1:23 Mike Senske (Eisenhower)
- 135: Paul Clough (Youngsville) 4-3 Vern Roberts (Seneca)
- 140: Corey Ace (Franklin) 3-1 OT Jason Bater (North Allegheny)
- 145: Wes Sidelinger (Commodore Perry) 5-0 Gary Gledhill (Cochranon)
- 152: Ted Carrington (Warren) 4-2 OT Bill Boeh (North Allegheny)
- 160: Nevada Walker (Commodore Perry) 11-6 Garrett Bontempo (DuBois)
- 171: Matt Hogue (Cochranon) 9-5 Chris Salapek (Warren)
- 189: Bo Woodrow (Meadville) 8-3 Ben Kuntz (North Allegheny)
- Hwt: Tom Schwabenbauer (Franklin) 14-9 OT Jeremy Wyman (Youngsville)