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N-O LEAGUE WRESTLING

Medina retains N-O tourney title

NEWFANE — Placing seven grapplers in the finals, Medina captured top honors at the Niagara-Orleans All-League Wrestling Tournament held here Saturday.

JR Roberts (119), Greg Hodgins (152) and Nate Hartway (112) all won individual weight class championships for Medina as Justin Hartway (125), Andy Hermann (130), Matt Root (140) and Nick Hermann (189) all earned second place finishes.

Medina garnered a total of 157 points on the day to earn a fourth straight N-O tourney title. Newfane finished second with 139.5 points followed by Starpoint 118.5, Roy-Hart 111.5, Barker 97, Akron 95, Albion 84.5 and Wilson 24.

However, Newfane which posted a key 41-30 duel match victory over Medina in the regular season finale Wednesday, emerged with the season's overall N-O championship by a one point. The Panthers finished with 20 points and the Mustangs 19. Roy-Hart finished in third place with 12 followed by Barker 11, Akron 10, Starpoint 7, Albion 3 and Wilson 0.

"I'm very, very proud of the way all the kids wrestled. We had seven in the finals and that was great," said Medina Coach Mike Crandall. "It's sweet winning the tournament after losing that duel match (41-30 to Newfane)."

Albion had a pair of

champions in Mike Sanders (125) and Brad Watkins (215) while Nate Huntington earned top honors at 275 lbs. for Roy-Hart.

Newfane matched Medina with three individual champions including Jeremy Hazlett (130), Ryan Needle (140) and Justin Lovewell (189).

Barker was represented by Mike Aris (96) and Dennis Reinard (135), Starpoint by Brian Marmo (103) and Derek Cutter (171), Akron by Bob Lucciano (145) and Wilson by Josh Durham (160).

Roberts, who earned the tourney's MVP honors, decisioned Newfane's Jeremy Stopa 10-4 in the finals to claim an N-O title for the third time in four years. The defending state 119 lb. champion, quickly advanced to the finals with a pair of sub minute pins, :34 over Akron's Kevin Parzych in the quarterfinals and :52 over Barker's Jon Reeson in the semis as he stayed perfect at 30-0 on the season.

Hodgins earned his third straight N-O title by decisioning Roy-Hart's Keith Donnelly 15-6 in the finals. Now at 22-1 on the season, Hodgins reached the finals by pinning Akron's Jason Geddes in 1:13 in the quarterfinals and Albion's Matt Allport in 2:36 in the semis.

Nate Hartway notched his 25th win of the season (25-9) in his title match by



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Medina's JR Roberts works toward his title and MVP clinching victory over Newfane's Jeremy Stopa during Saturday's league tournament at Newfane.

decisioning Starpoint's Mike Cutter 7-4. He pinned Albion's Cody Chappius in 2:08 in the quarterfinals and decisioned Barker's Vincent Aris 6-2 in the semis.

Sanders claimed his third

straight league title by decisioning Justin Hartway 3-1. He advanced by pinning Barker's Nick Daningberg in 4:24 in the quarterfinals and decisioning Starpoint's Errick Cholewa 7-1 in the semi.

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Watkins earned his first N-O title by pinning Barker's Jason Nellist in 5:58. He also notched a pin of 3:40 over Roy-Hart's Matt Mundion in the semis.

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Starpoint's Adam Kantor 1-0 in his title match. He decisioned Newfane's Scott Jones 4-0 in the semis.

Needle earned his fifth N-O title by decisioning Root 17-7 in the finals.

N-O Wrestling Tourney summary

Tourney team standings

Medina 157, Newfane 139.5, Starpoint 118.5, Roy-Hart 111.5, Barker 97, Akron 95, Albion 84.5, Wilson 24.

Individual weight classes

96 lbs.

Quarterfinals: Chris Sindo (Ak) p. C.J. Frost (RH) 5:46; Mike Aris (B) p. Dillon Koss (W) 1:15.

3rd: Frost p. Koss 4:50

Finals: Aris d. Sindo 12-7

103 lbs.

Quarterfinals: Mike Crane (M) p. Keith Hetrick (B) 1:23

Semifinals: Brian Marmo (S) p. Crane 5:15; Jon Vosberg (N) p. Joe Moran (RH) 2:28

3rd: Crane d. Moran 8-2

Finals: Marmo p. Vosberg 3:34

112 lbs.

Quarterfinals: Mike Cutter (S) d. Josh Ervine (Ak) 6-3; Greg Donnelly (RH) p. Robert Zehler (N) 1:38; Nate Hartway (M) p. Cody Chappius (Alb) 2:08

Semifinals: Cutter d. Donnelly 6-3; Hartway d. Vincent Aris (B) 6-2

3rd: Donnelly d. Aris 10-2

Finals: Hartway d. Cutter 7-4

119 lbs.

Quarterfinals: JR Roberts (M) p. Kevin Parzych (Ak) :34; Jon Reeson (B) p. Brett Tinder (RH) 2:10

Semifinals: Roberts p. Reeson :52; Jeremy Stopa (N) d. Mike Marmo (S) 17-9

3rd: Marmo d. Reeson 2-0

Finals: Roberts d. Stopa 10-4

125 lbs.

Quarterfinals: Mike Sanders (Alb) p. Nick Daningberg (B) 4:24; Errick Cholewa (S) p. Mark Donnelly (RH) 1:41

Semifinals: Sanders d. Cholewa 7-1; Justin Hartway (M) d. Dan Letcher (N) 17-2

3rd: Cholewa d. Letcher 5-4

Finals: Sanders d. Hartway 3-1

130 lbs.

Quarterfinals: Jeremy Hazlett (N) d. Adam Rush (Alb) 12-5; Austin Sharpsteen (S) d. Caleb Snyder (Ak) 5-0; Ben Turrell (RH) p. Charles King (W) 3:00

Semifinals: Hazlett d. Sharpsteen 9-5; Andy Hermann (M) d. Turrell 15-6

3rd: Sharpsteen d. Snyder 3-2

Finals: Hazlett d. Hermann 8-3

135 lbs.

Quarterfinals: Dan Klonowski (Ak) p. Mike Brown (N) 4:34; Justin Sharpsteen (S) d. Jesus Velez (M) 7-2; Dennis Reinard (B) p. Ray Santiago (Alb) 1:51; Josh Quackenbush (RH) p. Kurt Freischlag (W) 3:34

Semifinals: Klonowski p. Sharpsteen 3:35; Reinard p. Quackenbush 2:47

3rd: Sharpsteen d. Quackenbush 5-0

Finals: Reinard p. Klonowski 3:43

140 lbs.

Quarterfinals: Ryan Needle (N) p. Matt Carroll (W) 1:56; Chris Schultz (RH) p. Ben Logan (Alb) 3:48; Jared Ervine (Ak) d. Rob Farnham (S) 8-4; Matt Root (M) p. Tony Clark (B) 4:58

Semifinals: Needle d. Schultz 18-6; Root d. Ervine 3-1

3rd: Ervine d. Schultz 9-3

Finals: Needle d. Root 17-7

145 lbs.

Quarterfinals: Bob Lucciano (Ak) p. Matt Wolcott (W) :47; Kyle Piccirilli (Alb) d. Elijah Garcia (M) 12-2; Anthony Hallows (B) p. Josh Farley (S) 4:35

Semifinals: Lucciano d. David Alphonso (RH) 7-4; Piccirilli d. Hallows 6-3

3rd: Alphonso d. Hallows 9-3

Finals: Lucciano d. Piccirilli 3-1

152 lbs.

Quarterfinals: Greg Hodgins (M) p. Jason Geddes (Ak) 1:13; Noah Phillips (B) p. Nick Converso (N) 3:15; Keith Donnelly (RH) p. Tim Hanna (W) 2:44

Semifinals: Hodgins p. Matt Allport (Alb) 2:36; Donnelly d. Phillips 4-0

3rd: Allport d. Phillips 7-6

Finals: Hodgins d. Donnelly 15-6

160 lbs.

Quarterfinals: Milt Sheehan (Ak) d. Dave Celletto (N) 9-5

Semifinals: Rich Wodka (B) d. Sheehan 12-7; Josh Durham (W) d. Adam Lake (Alb) 8-2

3rd: Sheehan d. Celletto 7-6

Finals: Durham d. Wodka 11-4

171 lbs.

Quarterfinals: Derek Cutter (S) p. Josh Bujalski (RH) 1:14; Nate Sutch (B) p. Jamin Ryan (W) :11; Tom Letcher (N) d. Chris Crandall (M) 13-1; Jason LeFrois (Alb) p. Bill Campbell (Ak) 1:24

Semifinals: Cutter p. Sutch 3:55; LeFrois d. Letcher 3-1

3rd: Letcher p. Crandall 2:48

Finals: Cutter d. LeFrois 6-2

189 lbs.

Quarterfinals: Justin Lovewell (N) p. Zack Klug (RH) :54; Nick Hermann (M) p. Mike Smith (Ak) 2:18

Semifinals: Lovewell p. Josh Luzzi (B) :36; Hermann won by default over Andrew Ebbs (Alb)

3rd: Smith d. Klug 15-0

Finals: Lovewell d. Hermann 8-1

215 lbs.

Semifinals: Brad Watkins (Alb) p. Matt Mundion (RH) 3:40; Jason Nellist (B) p. Jim Whitefield (N) 5:14

3rd: Whitefield d. Mundion 9-8

Finals: Watkins p. Nellist 5:58

275 lbs.

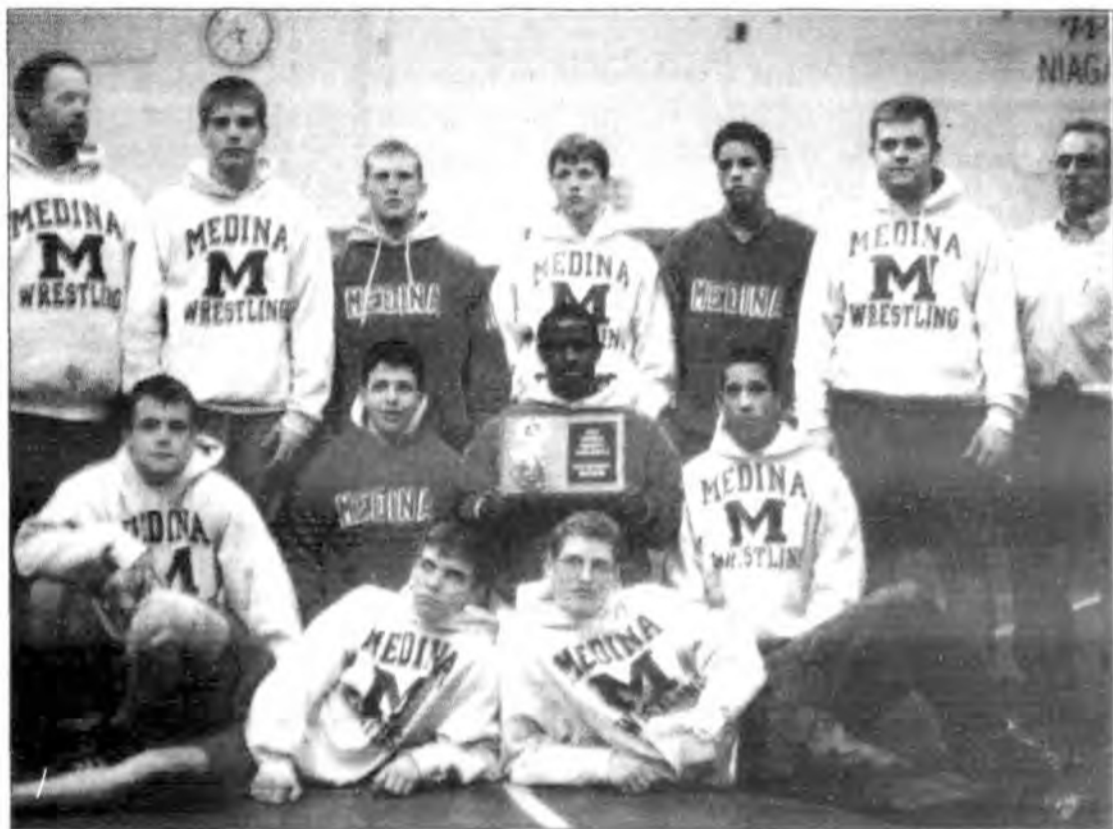
Quarterfinals: Scott Jones (N) p. Marvin Thompson (W) 3:06; Adam Kantor (S) p. Mike Mondello (B) :26

Semifinals: Nate Huntington (RH) d. Jones 4-0; Kantor d. Jared Allen (M) 4-1

3rd: Jones d. Allen 2-0

Finals: Huntington d. Kantor 1-0

Mustangs retain N-O tourney title



Mike Wertman/The Journal-Register

The Medina High wrestling squad captured the Niagara-Orleans League Tournament championship for the fourth straight year in competition held at Newfane Saturday. The Mustangs finished second to the host Panthers for the overall N-O title. JR Roberts, Greg Hodgins and Nate Hartway all captured individual weight class titles and will lead the Mustangs into the Section VI Class AA tournament this weekend at Fredonia. In front are Andy Hermann and Matt Root. Kneeling are Chris Crandall, Mike Crane, Roberts and Jesus Velez. Standing are assistant Coach Jeff Green, Nick Hermann, Hodgins, Justin Hartway, Elijah Garcia, Jared Allen and head Coach Mike Crandall. Absent from the photo is Nate Hartway.