

Ray, Hanselman capture County wrestling crowns

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They cheered loudest and longest when Brighton's Roger Ray upset Irondequoit's Tim Lehmann, 5-4 in overtime, to win the 126-pound title in last night's finals of the Monroe County high school wrestling tournament at Webster Schroeder. That was midway through the program.

Earlier, a 91-pound winner named John Hanselman of East Rochester drew a polite round of applause for his 4-2 victory over Kevin Carney from Gates-Chili. Maybe that's because few in the

estimated crowd of 1,000 knew Hanselman's story.

Irondequoit won the team title for a second consecutive year. That was announced. Ray was named the tournament's Most Valuable Player. That was announced. Irondequoit's Tony Cotroneo won his fourth straight county title — and the 139th match, 19 short of the state record — of his brilliant five-year varsity career. That, realistically, was a foregone conclusion.

But the story of 4-foot-11, 91-pound John Hanselman was known to only a few.

He had registered two straight pins during last August's Empire State Games in Syracuse. He was cruising towards a medal, perhaps a gold.

The only metal he got was when two steel plates were inserted to hold together a broken right arm suffered during his third match. Doctors told him he could forget about wrestling this year.

But John Hanselman didn't listen. And last night, wearing a protective cast on his arm, he outmaneuvered Carney, raised his arms in victory and raised his freshman record to 10 victories, two losses.

"This guy's a worker," a proud coach, Don Quinn, said later. "Since he was in the seventh grade he's lived and slept wrestling."

"The doctors told him he wouldn't wrestle this year, but when they removed his cast (after more than 10 weeks), they couldn't believe the strength in his arm."

And they couldn't have begun to measure his desire. From the first day of practice, Hanselman was there. If he was going to become the next Tony Cotroneo, he wasn't going to sit around and watch other people wrestle

And he wasn't at Schroeder last night just to prove he could compete. He was there to prove he was the best.

"I was in there to win the whole smash," Hanselman said. "After last year the coach (Quinn) made me list my goals. This was my goal for this year. Just this."

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Ray aroused the crowd when he overcame a 6-0 deficit, tied the score at 7-7 with a takedown with eight seconds left in regulation, then won his 126-pound final against defending champion Lehmann when the Irondequoit wrestler al-

lowed him to escape (one point) with :09 left in overtime. Lehmann was not able to play for a tie because of tie-breaking criteria that favored Ray.

"He started pushing me real hard," Ray said, recalling the reversal and near-fall that gave him five points and cut Lehmann's lead to 6-5. "He was trying to push me over. I just found a weak spot and got him over. Once I got him on his back, my adrenalin started flowing."

"I just came out and decided I was going to go for it," Ray said. "He had everything to lose, and I had nothing to lose."

WRESTLING

Monroe County Tournament at Webster Schroeder

Team scoring: Irondequoit 165, Brighton 144½, Brockport 140, East Rochester 138, Pittsford Mendon 126, Penfield 121, Gates-Chili 102½, Fairport 92, Webster Schroeder 77, Greece Athena 65, Webster Thomas 60½, Rush-Henrietta Sperry 58, Greece Olympia 39, Rush-Henrietta Roth 37, Batavia 29, Greece Arcadia 25½, Pittsford Sutherland 19, Eastridge 5.

Individual results: 91 pounds — John Hanselman (freshman, ER) decisioned Kevin Carney (sophomore, Gates-Chili), 4-2; third — Doug Berryhill (junior, Sperry).

98 — Ted Pittinaro (soph, Schroeder) dec. Bill Heap (soph, Gates-Chili), 4-0; third — John Gafney (soph, Fairport)

105 — Bill Toomey (senior, Schroeder) dec. Brian Young (jr., Mendon), 9-5; third — Rick Lupisella (jr., Brockport)

112 — John Leone (soph, Penfield) dec. Mike Coddington (sr., Schroeder), 5-3; third — Nick Conner (sr., Roth)

119 — Tony Cotroneo (sr., Irondequoit) dec. Jeff Barker (sr., Fairport), 9-1; third — Scott McIntosh (sr., ER)

126 — Roger Ray (jr., Brighton) dec. Tim Lehmann (sr., Irondequoit), 5-4 OT; third — Chris Kane (jr., Penfield)

132 — Glen Locke (sr., Irondequoit) pinned Bob Brawn (jr., Brockport), 3:12; third — Scott Spicer (sr., Gates-Chili)

138 — Joe Walczyk (sr., ER) dec. Brett Simpson (sr., Irondequoit), 9-3; third — Dave Parker (jr., Thomas)

145 — Todd Buenting (jr., Brockport) pinned Dave Billone (sr., Schroeder), 4:55; third — Bill Howard (Mendon)

155 — Scott Kay (sr., Fairport) dec. Kevin Woods (sr., Mendon), 4-2; third — Rob Evarts (Brighton)

167 — Terry Kent (sr., Brighton) dec. Steve Leone (sr., Penfield), 6-0; third — Jim Kendall (sr., Athena)

177 — Steve Bly (sr., Olympia) dec. Bob Twomey (sr., Mendon), 6-3; third — Tom Tompkins (sr., Sperry)

215 — Evan Wexler (sr., Brockport) dec. Mark DelCorvo (sr., Gates-Chili), 9-6; third — Dave Bellinger (jr., ER)

250 — Mark Glickman (jr., Brighton) dec. Jeff Sawyer (sr., Brockport), 7-2; third — Mark Angora (soph, Arcadia)

Spencerport Lyons-Bernabi Tournament at Spencerport

(Section 5 in bold face)

Team scoring: Liverpool (Section 3) 171½ points, Huntington (11) 160, **Spencerport (5) 148½**, Pioneer (6) 145, Tappen Zee (9) 144½, Lancaster (6) 132½, Athens, Pa. 132½, Connetquoit (11) 128, Newark Valley (4) 108½, Horseheads (4) 97½, **Hilton (5) 95**, Depew (6) 82½, **Palmyra-Macedon (5) 80½**, **McQuaid (5) 80**, Elmira Southside (4) 75½, **Caledonia-Mumford (5) 27**.

Individually: 91 lbs. — Kerian Mock (Huntington) dec. Gary Curtis (Lancaster), 9-1; **98** — **Ken Frisbee (Athens, Pa.)** dec. **Jim Santini (Pal-Mac)**, 5-0; **105** — Steve Karas (Tappen Zee) dec. Scott Poreda (Newark Valley), 6-2; **112** — Mike Olivieri (Connetquoit) dec. Russ Poreda (Newark Valley), 6-2; **119** — Jeff Owens (Pioneer) dec. Draton Wienckowski (Lancaster), 8-4; **126** — **Bob Johnson (Athens, Pa.)** pinned **Jim Ginther (Spencerport)**, at 3:36; **132** — **Darryl Rogers (Pioneer)** dec. **Angelo DeAngelis (Spencerport)**, 9-0; **138** — **Trevor Graham (Spencerport)** pinned **Tim Phille (Lancaster)**, at 2:17; **145** — A.J. LaFrance (Liverpool) dec. Hector Ortega (Huntington), 8-5; **155** — Rich Zboraz (Huntington) dec. Dave Green (Pioneer), 9-5; **167** — **Jim Mulligan (Tappen Zee)** dec. **Gerry Bensley (Hilton)**, 18-6; **177** — Jim Kline (Liverpool) dec. Garth Ebanks (Huntington), 6-3; **215** — Andy Schwab (Elmira Southside) pinned Tim Green (Liverpool) at 1:29; **250** — **Garrett Keith (Elmira Southside)** pinned **Bob Collie (Pal-Mac)** at 5:32.