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Twin Tiers in the tournament, Elmira Southside was sixth with 98.5, Corning was eighth with 92 points, Elmira Notre Dame was 14th with 72 points, Bath was 16th with 64 and Horseheads was 17th with 60.

Tioga finished 20th with 45, Hammondsport 22nd with 27 and Avoca 24th with 16.5.

Local champions included Notre Dame's Tim Steed, a 6-0 winner over Lon Snook of Waterloo at 98 pounds; Southside's Ryan Benjamin with a 3:15 pin of Bruce Wahl of North-Rose Wolcott at 145; Ryan Emo of Bath with a pin over Jamie Twist of Bishop Kearney in 2:15 at 167; and Watkins Glen's Adam Robbs with a pin over Corning's Joe Morgan in 4:47 at 215.

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ment were: Jesse Dugan of Athens at 91; Chris Kamas of Notre Dame at 119; Kris Manning of Athens at 132 and Pat Hall of Athens at 215.

Coming in fourth place were Jeremy Jones of Horseheads at 105; Brad Seymour of Notre Dame at 112; Walt Levantovich of Corning at 132 and Brandon Hall of Athens at 250.

Recording fifth-place finishes were Tim Kressly of Hammondsport at 98; Nathan Rider of Tioga at 119; Tex Hannon of Corning at 138; Earon Knolles of Athens at 155; Darin Vough of Athens at 167 and Andy Merry of Bath at 177.

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Other sixth-place finishers included Sanders Watson of Watkins Glen at 105; John Parker of Bath at 112; Greg Bydairk of Athens at 119; Chris Glick of Watkins Glen at 126; Shawn Austin of Corning at 138; Bob Millage of Tioga at 145; Scott Cline of Horseheads at 155 and Jeremy Beber of Watkins Glen at

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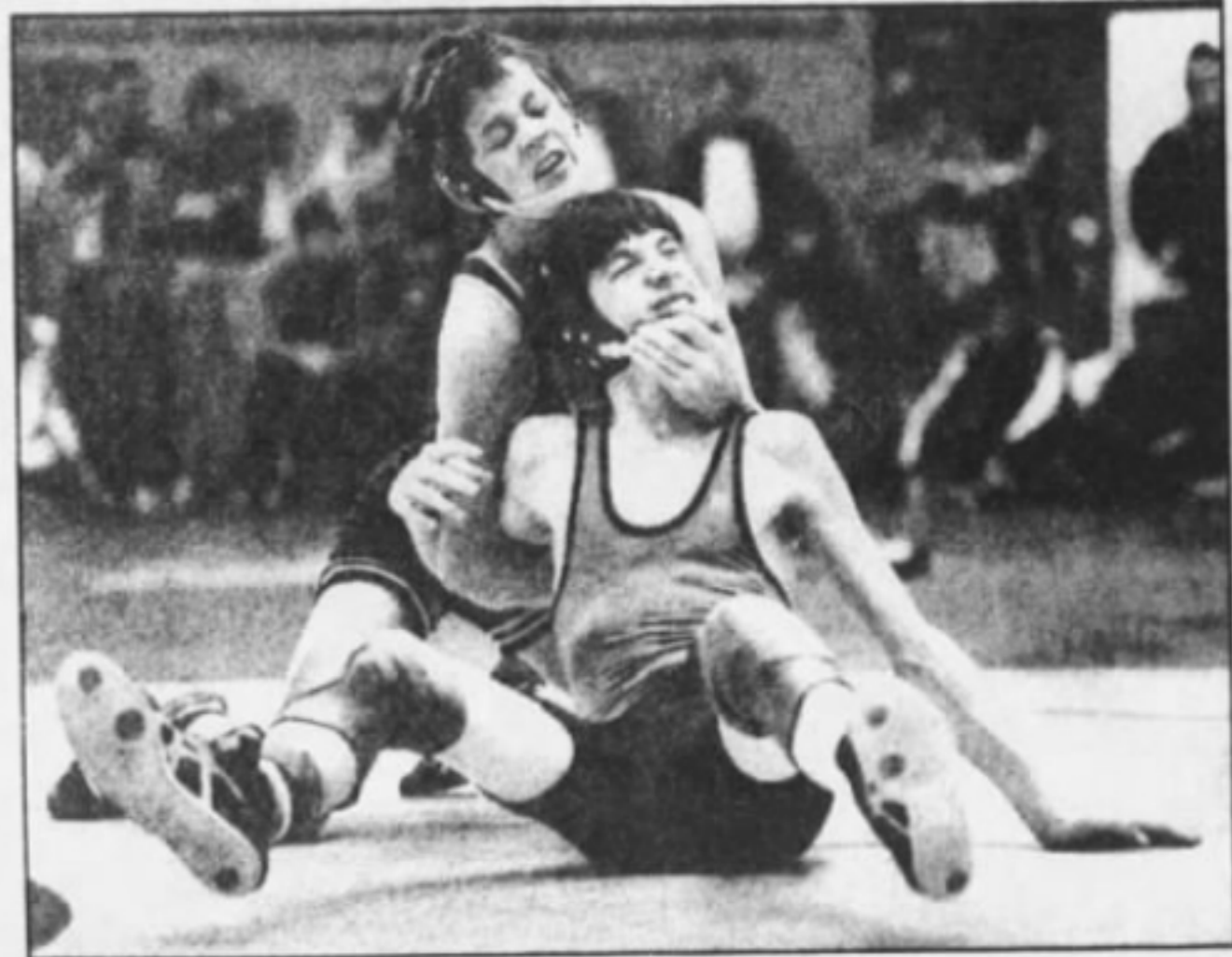
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"I walked into it saying it was 50-50," Addison coach Jay Rothmund said. "We had a good idea the two teams would be closely matched."

The overall match was undecided until the final match which pitted Matossian against Edison's Brian Adams. Matossian was 5-4, while Adams had a much better record, Rothmund said. Matossian pinned Adams — had the match gone the other way they two teams would have ended up tied.

"Sarkis has been showing a great deal of improvement," Rothmund said. "He is really dedicated to wrestling. Every time he has lost a match, he goes within himself to see his mistakes and makes sure he doesn't do them again."



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For Addison, other pinfall triumphs came from Shane Smith

at 105, Steve Stewart at 126 and Steve Risley at 138. Charlie Painter won by technical fall at 132.

Rothmund said he used the *Star-Gazette's* Twin Tiers wrestling poll as an incentive to his wrestlers. Although Edison and Addison had nearly identical records, Edison was ranked sixth and Addison ninth.

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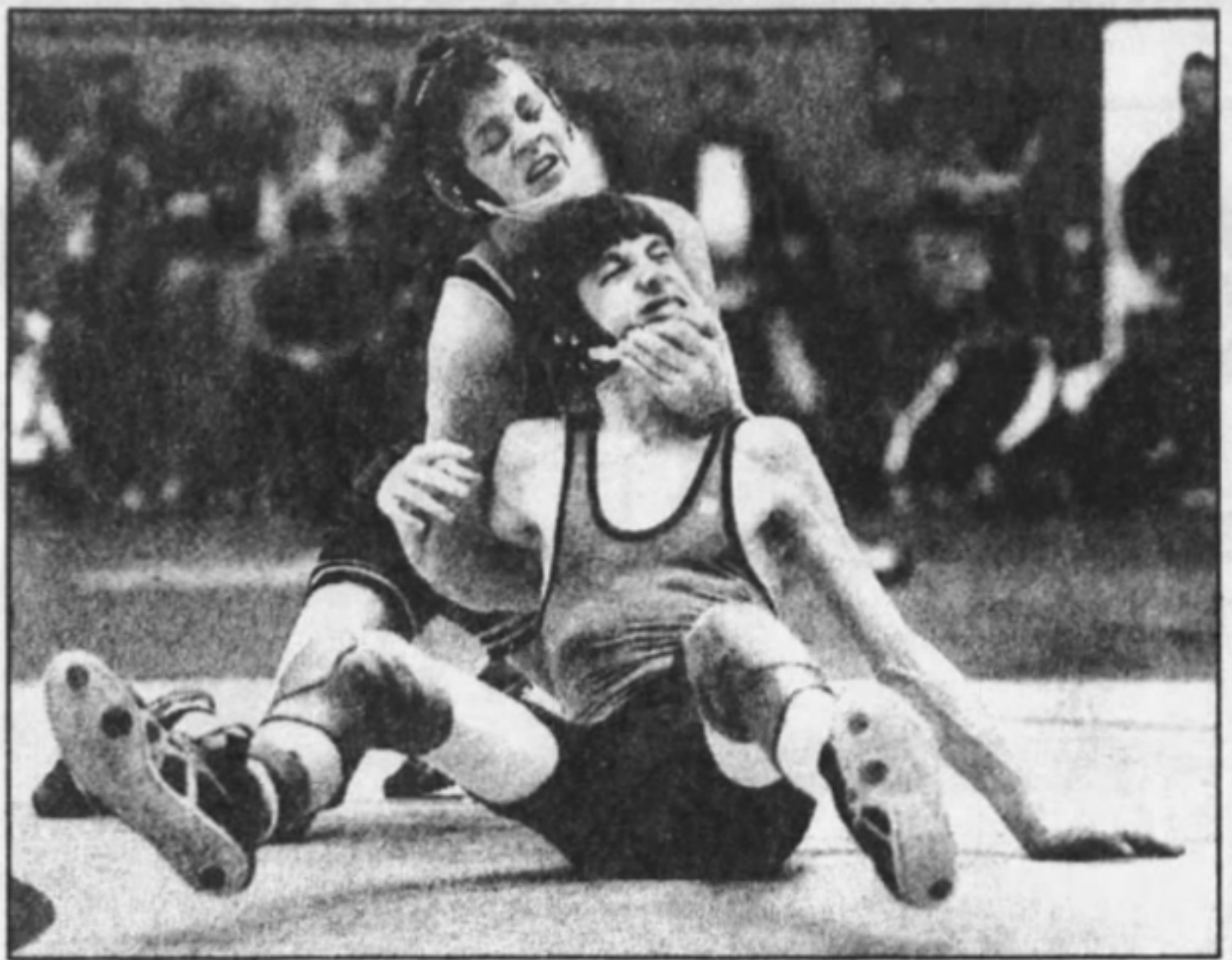
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Wrestling

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Team key

Athens (ATH); Avoca (AV); Canandaigua (CAN); Corning (COR); Elmira Southside (SS); Geneva (G); Hammondspport (HAM); Bath (B); Horseheads (HH); Lansing (LAN); Leroy (L); Marietta, Ga. (MAR); McQuaid (MQ); North-Rose Wolcott (NRW); Notre Dame (ND); Maine-Endwell (ME); Newark (NEW); South Seneca (SEN); Tioga Central (TIO); Trumansburg (TRU); Waterloo (WAT); Watkins Glen (WG); Wellsville (WEL); Whitney Point (WP); Bishop Kearney (BK).

TEAM TOTALS

1. Athens 152.5; 2. Newark 142.5; 3. Maine-Endwell 135; 4. Watkins Glen 124; 5. Canandaigua 101; 6. Southside 98.5; 7. Bishop Kearney 93; 8. Corning 92; 9. South Seneca 89; 10. Whitney Point 86.5; 11. Rochester McQuaid 85; 12. Wellsville 81.5; 13. LeRoy 74.5; 14. Notre Dame 72; 15. Waterloo 71.5; 16. Bath 64; 17. Horseheads 60; 18. Marietta, GA 58; 19. North-Rose Wolcott 48; 20. Tioga Central 45; 21. Trumansburg 41; 22. Hammondspport 27; 23. Geneva 17; 24. Avoca 16.5; 25. Lansing 10

FINALS

91 pounds Jason Goldman (ME) dec. Doug Riddell (WP), 3-0; **98 pounds** Tim Steed (ND) dec. Lon Snook (WAT), 6-0; **105 pounds** Jason Sutton (NW) dec. Garcen Porreca (BK), 10-5; **112 pounds** Jason Chervak (ME) dec. Tim Gass (NEW), 6-0; **119 pounds** Robert Farnsworth (NEW) maj. dec. Luke Buchholz (WEL), 13-2; **126 pounds** Felix Madero (MQ) maj. dec. Brian Reese (COR), 13-2; **132 pounds** Steve Balsamo (L) dec. Mike Elliott (WG), 4-2; **138 pounds** Kyle Junker (ATH) dec. Gus Gorman (HH), 1-0; **145 pounds** Ryan Benjamin (SS) p. Bruce Wahl (NRW), 3:15; **155 pounds** Matt Marciniak (WG) maj. dec. Mark Johnson (NEW), 16-7; **167 pounds** Ryan Emo (B) p. Jamie Twist (BK), 2:15; **177 pounds** Mike Ellerson (WP) dec. Kevin Elston (SS), 3-0; **215 pounds** Adam Robbs (WG) p. Joe Morgan (COR), 4:47; **250 pounds** Jack Fisher (NEW) dec. Pete Roorda (TB), 8-4

TOP 6 FINISHERS

91 pounds 1. Jason Goldam (ME); 2. Doug Riddell (WP); 3. Jesse Dugan (ATH); 4. Darryl Travers (WAT); 5. Andy Guastafarro (CAN); 6. Jeff Reese (SS)
98 pounds 1. Tim Steed (ND); 2. Ron Snook (WAT); 3. Chris Cilice (SEN); 4. Jaimie Barry (MAR); 5. Tim Kressly (HAM); 6. Ryan Stisser (WEL)
105 pounds 1. Jason Sutton (NEW); 2. Gracen Porreca (BK); 3. Darren Scherer (CAN); 4. Jeremy Jones (HH); 5. Fred Zona (SEN); 6. Sanders Watson (WG)
112 pounds 1. Jason Chervak (ME); 2. Tim Steingass (NEW); 3. Mike Fanton (WEL); 4. Brad Seymcur (ND); 5. Mark Voci (MQ); 6. John Parker (B)
119 pounds 1. Robert Farnsworth (NEW); 2. Luke Buchholz (WEL); 3. Chris Kamas (ND); 4. Rick Spaker (BK); 5. Nathan Ryder (TIO); 6. Greg Bydairk (ATH)
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215 pounds 1. Adam Robbs (WG); 2. Joe Morgan (COR); 3. Pat Hall (ATH); 4. Aaron Smith (CAN); 5. Doug Pheetge (SEN); 6. Jeremy Monz (WEL)
250 pounds 1. Jack Fisher (NEW); 2. Peter Roorda (TB); 3. Alton Turner (MQ); 4. Brandon Hall (ATH); 5. Stewart Wobdard (SEN); 6. Jody Ford (WAT)