

Ripley, Southwestern, Franklinville

Move On

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SALAMANCA — The 1994 Southern Tier League tournament held in Salamanca Central High School Friday and Saturday set the tone for the upcoming sectional elimination tournaments.

Ripley, Southwestern and Franklinville all advanced four wrestlers in the championship finals, with Falconer, Panama, Allegany, Portville, and Salamanca each sending two to the finale.

Ripley's Brad Rowe (98) left little doubt from the opening whistle of his dominance over Kyle Sweet. Rowe led 13-5 after two periods, using takedowns and three nearfall combinations to build his lead.

A third period nearfall put the icing on the cake for Rowe and he topped his season record to 26-1 with his League crown.

Greg Bentley of Ripley (30-2) scored a few milestones at the League classic in the 126 category. The sophomore grappler notched his 100th career win with a 34 second fall over Westfield's Lee Gilmore on Friday. To complete his trophy weekend Bentley pinned Southwestern's Jerry Fairbanks at the 1:45 mark of their championship match.

The Sweet brothers, Joe and Kyle, from Franklinville each made their way to the finals. Joe Sweet claimed the 91 pound League title with a 4-2 overtime decision over Southwestern's Nolan Rheinisch.

Rheinisch nailed an early takedown to lead, until Sweet duplicated the effort with his own second period two pointer. In the overtime period, Sweet needed just 48 seconds to earn the winning takedown.

In the 105 class Jason Burch of Panama scored in all three periods to blank Ripley's Ryan Bentley 10-0. Franklinville's Chad Caros held John Inkley of Randolph in check throughout their 112 bout to mount a 7-0 score.

Olean's Matt Lindamer doubled the scoring of Westfield's Jim Cunningham, 6-3, to cop the crown at 119.

Matt Amore (132) of Allegany was in a nip and tuck match with Southwestern's Larry Bryant as the number one and two seeds met. Bryant scored a third period takedown to knot the bout, 4-4, with Amore escaping a short time later to get the one point margin of victory.

Panama's David Bryant, a cousin to Southwestern's Larry Bryant, used a overtime period takedown to snag his League title at 138. Bryant and Portville's Ryan Jordan were deadlocked 1-1 after regulation, and Bryant waited just 28 seconds into the OT period before he scored as the two were heading out of bounds.

Jacob Schaus of Falconer continues on his quest for further post-season action with a League title at 145. The Falconer standout met up with Cassadaga Valley's Jim Mower in the championship bout.

Schaus turned a low shot into a takedown and scored two nearfalls to lead 8-0 after one period. A nifty ankle trip put Mower on his back and Schaus in position for the fall at 2:21.

Erich Crisafulli of Allegany zoomed to a 19-5 lopsided win over Gowanda's Seth Leising at 155 pounds.

Fredonia's Robert Dando had coaches and knowledgeable wrestling observers shaking their heads after he decked Nate Chapman of Franklinville at 4:44 of the 167 pound championship tilt.

Salamanca claimed back-to-back titles with Chauncey Brace at 177 and Bob Breazeale at 215.

Brace had the local partisan crowd screaming as he took Dave Hodges of Southwestern to the mat and worked for a pinning combination.

After an adjustment for leverage Brace tightened the hold and he heard the mat slap at 4:58 for his share of the title hardware. Breazeale won a 6-4 decision over Jess McFall of Portville.

Falconer's Erin Putnam put the lid on the League tourney with his second pin of Ripley's Dan Webb.

The top four place finishers in each weight class plus the following seven wrestlers qualify for the Sectional tourney next weekend in Sweethome: Dale Lamb of Falconer at 145, Southwestern's Lee Lindstrom (112).

Ripley sends David Rammelt (91) and Jeremy Zeigler (119), while Olean's Anthony Mariani (105) and Jeff Henning (126) each get a ticket, with Portville's Jason Hoffmier moving on also.

CHAMPIONSHIP FINALS

91: Joe Sweet (Fran) OT d. Nolan Rheinisch (SW). 4-2.

98: Brad Rowe (Rip) d. Kyle Sweet (Fran). 16-3.

105: Jason Burch (Pan) d. Ryan Bentley (Rip). 10-0.

112: Chad Caros (Fran) d. John Inkley (Rand). 7-0.

119: Matt Lindamer (O) d. Jim Cunningham (WF). 6-3.

126: Greg Bentley (Rip) p. Jerry Fairbank (SW). 1:45.

132: Matt Amore (A) d. Larry Bryant (SW). 5-4.

138: David Bryant (Pan) OT d. Ryan Jordan (Port). 3-1.

145: Jacob Schaus (Fal) p. James Mower (CV). 2:21.

155: Eric Crisafulli (A) d. Seth Leising (G). 19-5.

167: Robert Dando (Fred) p. Nate Chapman (Fran). 4:44.

177: Chauncey Brace (Sal) p. Dave Hodges (SW). 4:58.

215: Bob Breazeale (Sal) d. Jess McFall (Port). 6-4.

250: Erin Putnam (Fal) p. Dan Webb (Rip). 3:06.

CONSOLATION FINALS

91: Ryan Fralick (Fal) d. Brandon Smith (WF). 13-5.

98: Shane Simpson (O) inj def. John Molly (Frew).

105: Andrew Diaz (Fred) d. John DeBarbieri (Port). 5-4.

112: Alan St. Clair (Port) d. Luke Ecker (Pan). 5-0.

119: Dennis Stein (PV) d. Trevor Norlander (Fal). 9-2.

126: Jason Pecuch (Frew) d. Scott Oroloff (CV). 4-2.

132: Louis Szabo (Fran) won by forfeit Jim Reese (WF).

138: Darin Rammelt (Rip) d. Walter Stanton (Frew). 8-1.

145: Frank Anastasia (A) p. Randy Ewing (Rip). 2:42.

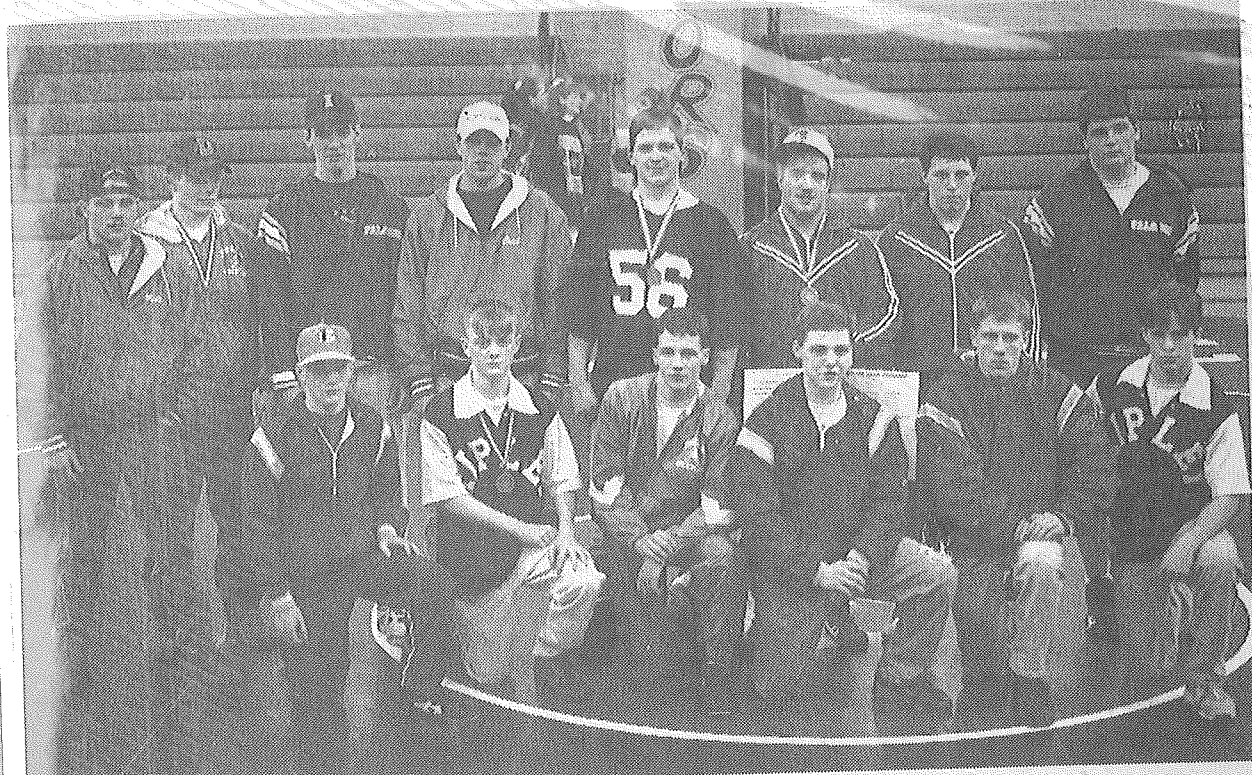
155: Bill O'Dell (Pan) p. Carlo Miceli (SW). 1:50.

167: Alan Harding (Fal) p. Brad Verbosky (MG) 3:35.

177: Miah Stanton (Frew) d. Rich Chase (PV). 7-3.

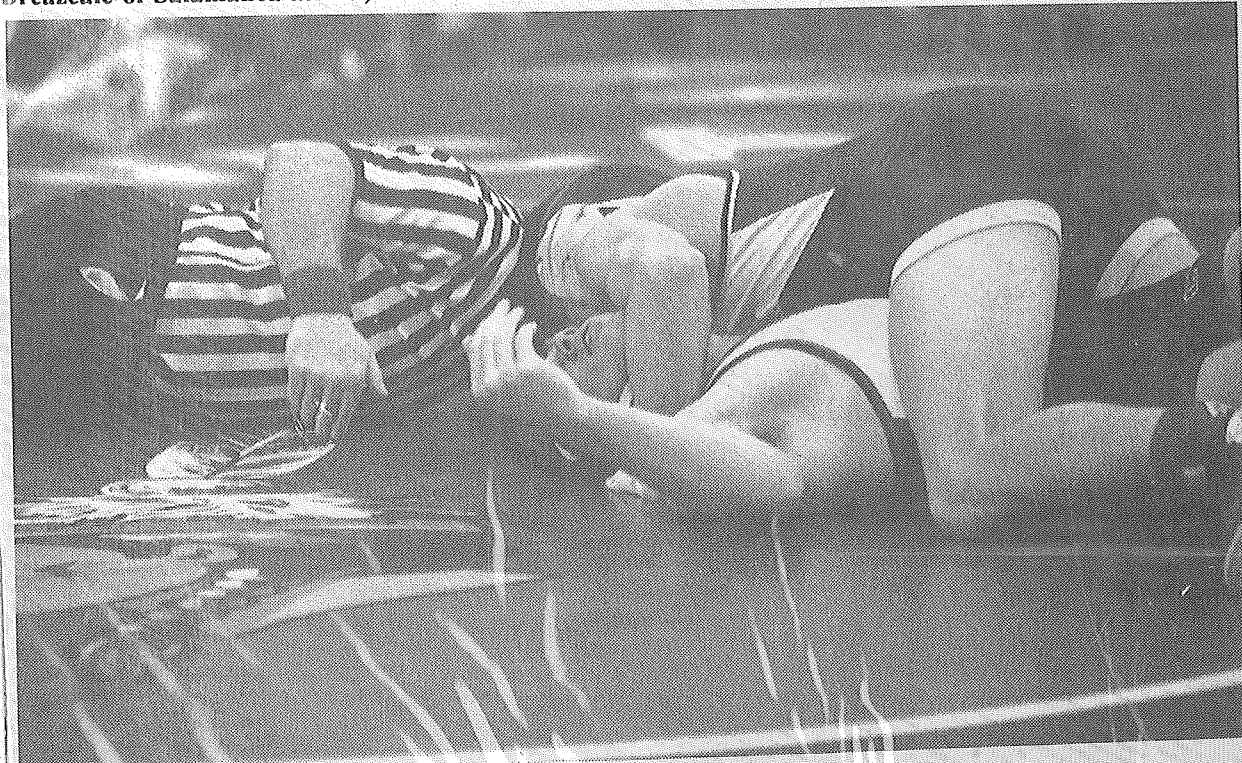
215: Eric South (SW) d. Shannon Milliman (WF). 4-2.

250: Jeff Reisner (O) d. Seth Garfield (SW). 10-0.



STWC Showcase

Shown are the winners in this year's Southern Tier Wrestling Conference state qualifier Saturday at Salamanca Central School. From left, bottom row, Joe Sweet of Franklinville at 91, Brad Rowe of Ripley at 98, Jason Burch of Panama at 105, Chad Caros of Franklinville at 112, Matt Lindamer of Olean at 119, Greg Bentley of Ripley at 126. In back from left, Matt Amore of Allegheny at 132, David Bryant of Panama at 138, Jacob Schaus of Falconer at 145, Eric Crisafulli of Allegheny at 155, Robert Dando of Fredonia at 167, Chauncey Brace of Salamanca at 177, Bob Breazeale of Salamanca at 215, Erin Putnam of Falconer at 250. P-J Photo by Timothy J. McNeill



Grapplers In Action

Falconer's top ranked wrestler, Jacob Schaus, top, pins Cascadaga Valley's James Mower at 145 during Saturday's action. P-J photo by Timothy J. McNeill