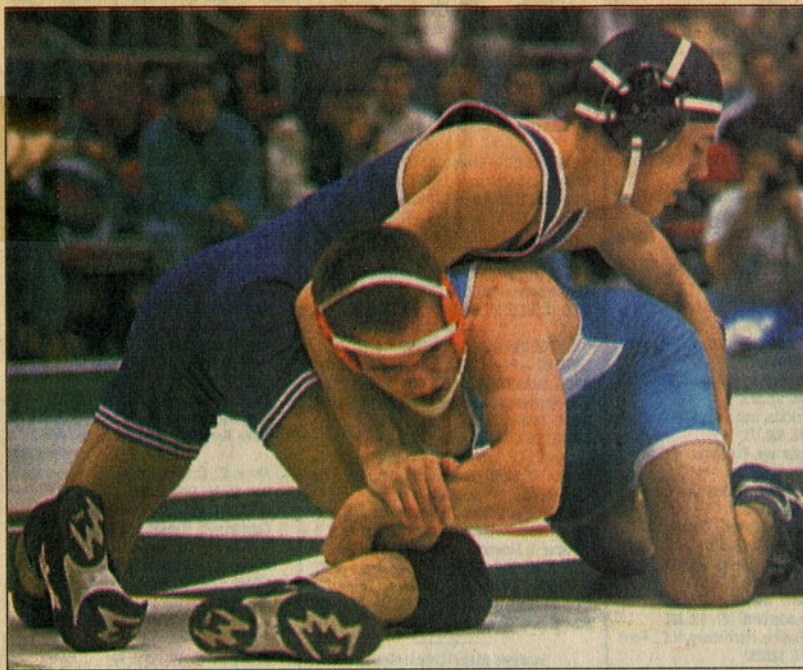


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## State title on line

Byron-Bergen's Jon Myers, right, gets ready to square off against Morgan Carey of Section 1's Horace Greeley High in the championship match in the 145-pound weight class at Saturday's state wrestling meet at the Onondaga War Memorial in Syracuse. Carey won the match 4-3. *See page 13.*

# ★ Myers, Voorhees come close



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## Tight match

Byron-Bergen's Jon Myers (dark uniform) tries to gain control during his match against Morgan Carey of Section 1's Horace Greeley in the 145-pound final. Carey won the match 4-3.

## Both lose by a single point in wrestling championships

By Mike Hughes  
Daily News Sportswriter

SYRACUSE — One point.

That's all that stood in the way of both Charlie Voorhees of Warsaw and Jon Myers of Byron-Bergen and a New York state wrestling championship.

Each brought home second place finishes in their respective weight classes at the New York State Public High School Athletic Association Wrestling Championships Saturday in Syracuse.

Voorhees (105 pounds) advanced to the finals after beating former N.Y. state champion P.J. Bory of Suffern (Section 1).

"I thought I wrestled pretty good. I was happy with the way the weekend (was) going ... I just gave it all I had," said Voorhees, who is only a sophomore.

Beating Josh Lamberg of Sec-

tion 4 5-4, and Bory 2-1 in the semifinals, Voorhees was both confident and excited about his final matchup.

"This is what I came for," he said.

But in Angelo Zegarelli (Deer Park-Section 11), he found not only a crowd favorite, but a strong grappler.

The two went point for point, giving the crowd the most exciting match of the night.

But when the final whistle blew, the underdog Voorhees, who finished 42-2 on the year, was on the short end of a 7-6 score.

"He controlled my head pretty good," Voorhees said. "I couldn't do everything I wanted. He just controlled me. I think it was close though. I gave it all I

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had, that's all that matters. It was tough."

Warsaw coach Alan Goodenow said Voorhees was a contender throughout the tournament, and is happy with the finish.

"(Charlie) wrestled great today," Goodenow said. "That last one was an even match; it could have gone either way."

Voorhees was attempting to become the second Genesee-Wyoming wrestler in a row to win the 105-pound title. Alexander's Brian Schaal won the crown a year ago, becoming the first area wrestler in more than a generation to take home a state crown.

Myers, the only grappler from the area to make a return trip to the states, had his hands full all weekend long.

He took second place in the 145-pound class after losing a close 4-3 decision to Morgan Carey of Section 1's Horace Greeley in the finals.

"I never gave up," Myers, a senior, said. "He wouldn't let me work on the mat. He got a hold of my leg and I couldn't get out of that. It's hard to break that lock."

Myers, down 2-0, knew the pressure was on and that he had to make his comeback.

"I started thinking, I have to get some points, and I did. But he kept stalling," he said.

Mike Jeffords, Byron-Bergen's coach, said Carey was deliberately stalling, and that hurt Myers.

"It was pretty obvious that the kid was stalling on purpose," Jeffords said. "He wasn't pushing at all. But I'm proud of Jon and the career he's had."

Myers qualified for states at 138 a year ago. His weight class was seen to be one of the most difficult of the tournament this year.

Myers agreed.

"Well, it was tough. The semi-

finals were probably the hardest. But it's fun to win those. In the finals I just had a tough time breaking his lock. I just wish I didn't have to end my career with a loss," he said.

To get to the finals, Myers defeated Ron Douglas of Section 7 by a 9-4 score in round one. His second match turned into a breeze as he whipped Section 11's Rob Fries 16-7. And in the semifinals, Myers went to overtime to beat Mike Amoroso of Section 8, 4-2.

Lyndonville's Tom Russo (98 pounds) also took home fifth place, defeating Anthony Riccardi, 6-5.

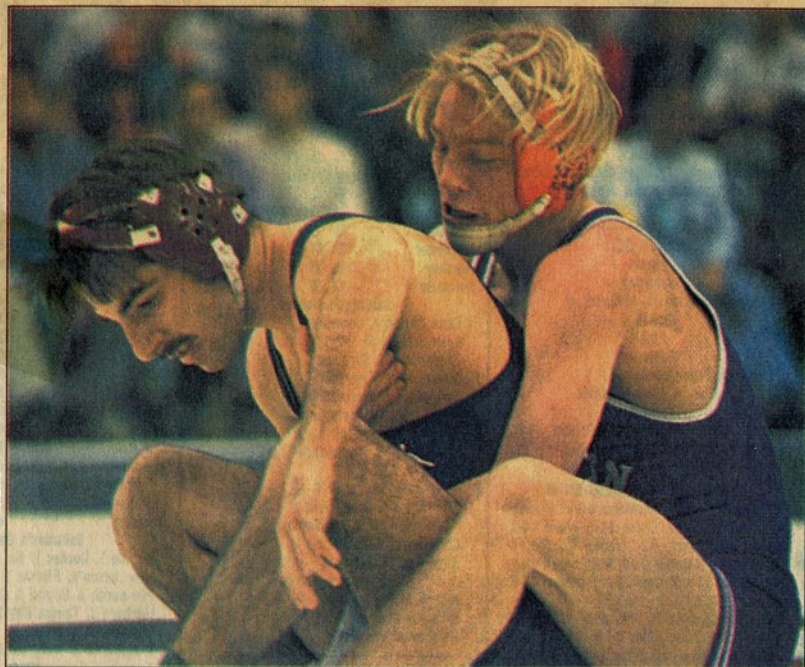
He originally lost to Riccardi but fought his way through wrestle-backs, beating Section 6's Dave Dixon 6-4 to gain redemption.

Attica's Greg Laude lost two 138-pound matches.

Wano Kvaralachili, a Russian exchange student from Section 4's Harpursville, won an 11-4 decision in the first round over Laude.

In the second round, Mark Teischman of Section 8 decimated Laude 4-2 to eliminate the Attica wrestler.

Section 5 finished ninth overall as a team with 85.5 points. Section 4 won the team competition with 208 points.



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## Close battle

Warsaw's Charlie Voorhees, right, battles with Angelo Zegarelli of Section 11's Deer Park in the 105-pound final at Saturday's state wrestling meet. Zegarelli won the match 7-6.