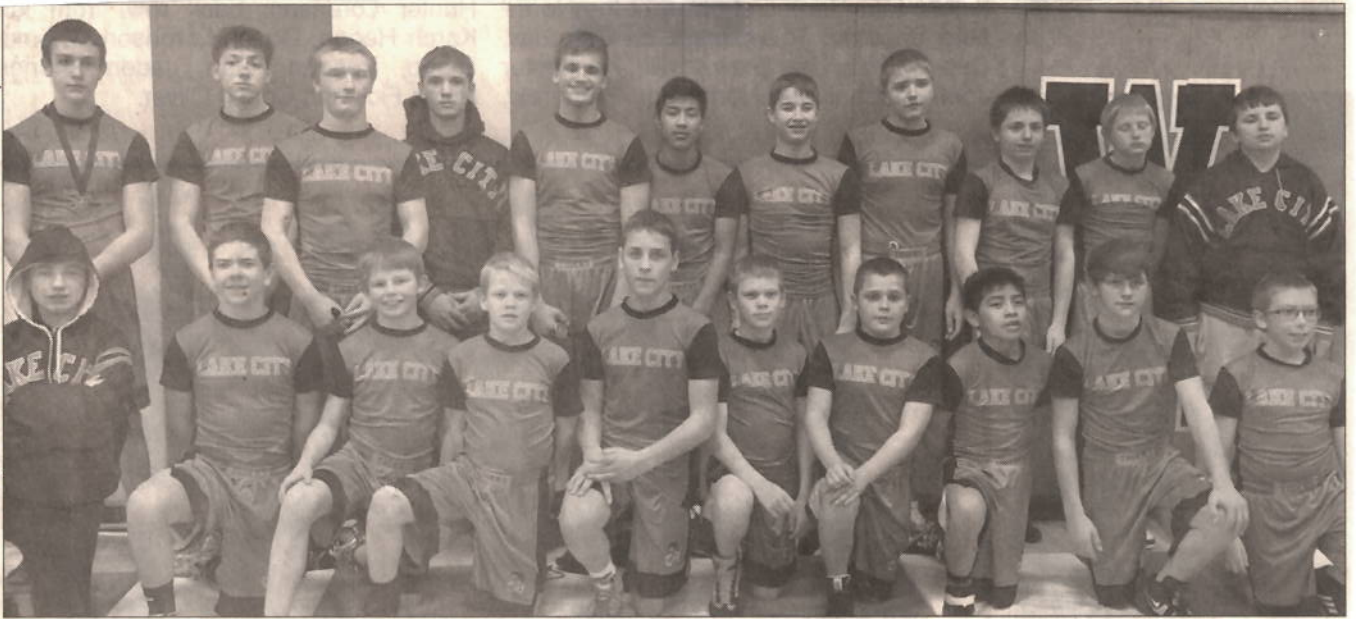


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Four JV wrestlers take top honors in Wabasha-Kellogg Invite

The Lake City Tiger junior high and junior varsity wrestlers opened their season this past Saturday in Wabasha. Four wrestlers earned the top spot in their bracket. They were Sam Nutt, Dominic Gohl-Krier, Aaron Meincke and Mitchell Anderson. Front row, from left: Will Robinson, Grant Asfahl, Riley Forbes, Jaxson Kohrs, Luke Becker,

Ethan Wurst, Nate Evans, Chris Ramirez, Tanner Laska and Landon Borgschatz; back row, from left: Sam Nutt, Cage Deegan, Mitchell Anderson, Jaiden Rolbiecki, Dominic Gohl-Krier, Steven Ramirez, Aaron Meincke, Ethan Roberson, Ashton Shingleton, Tristan Richardson and Mason Malecha.

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Doug Vaith returns for his 23rd overall season as head coach at Lake City and third consecutive season after returning to the head coaching spot.

The Tigers went 9-9 last season, falling to GMLOS in the opening round of the Section 1A tournament. Brendon Allen, Denilzo Baltazar, Carl Kozlowski, Edwin Vasquez and Matt Wooding all graduated. Tanner Frank is the top returner. The senior was third in the section in 2016 and fourth last season. He went 28-6 last winter. Luke Skifton had a great eighth-grade season, going 19-11. He's back and should be at 126.

Other returners include Jacob Allen (182, 7-10), Thomas Frank (152-160), Joey Kozlowski (11-17, 113/120), Derek Meincke (145/152, 9-13), Harold Schumacher (138), Gabe Vargas (285, 10-17) and Ivan Vargas (195/220, 10-14). Others competing for varsity spots include Mason West, Jon Harvey, Luke Becker, Nash Nelson, Danny Glander, Albert Schuna and Max Balow. Numbers are up in the Lake City program; the Tigers have 39 wrestlers on the roster. "We had a great offseason in terms of open gym and camp participation," Vaith said. "The most exciting part of this team is how young we are ... and the weakness of this team is how young we are. We only have two seniors and one junior returning from last year's team."



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Wrestlers finish strong at Edina

By Gary Smith

The Lake City Tiger wrestling team had a successful start to the new season last Saturday at the Edina Invitational. All 11 Tigers entered in the tournament placed in the top five at their weights, and team wise Lake City finished a competitive fourth in the nine team field with 130 points. Farmington won the team title with 151.5 points followed by Bloomington Kennedy (147) and Cannon Falls (139).

The Tigers had three runner ups, two third place finishers, two fourths, and four fifth place winners. Mason West (106) and Joey Kozlowski (120) both lost 3-0 decisions in their championship matches, and Tanner Frank lost 5-1 in the 132 pound title match to a Class AAA defending state champion.

"We had a lot of new faces on the varsity, and I couldn't have expected more," said Coach Doug Vaith. "Our conditioning was good, and we competed well. It was a good tournament for us to open up the season."

West was one of four Lake City wrestlers who made their varsity debut. Jon Harvey wrestled as an extra at 106 and

placed fifth, Nash Nelson won two matches and finished fifth at 113, and Max Balow went 1-1 and placed fifth at 170.

"Nobody disappointed, even though there were a couple matches that I thought we should have won," Vaith said.

Unofficially Lake City won 17 matches and lost 13, and they out-pinned their opponents 13-7.

Tonight (Thursday) Lake City travels to Stewartville for a conference dual.

"We had a good match with them last year. With a young bunch hopefully we see improvement through the year," said Vaith.

Team Results

1. Farmington	151.5
2. Bloomington Kennedy	147
3. Cannon Falls	139
4. Lake City	130
5. Grand Rapids	110.5
6. St. Thomas Academy	92
7. Spectrum	63
8. Edina	58
9. St. Croix Lutheran	32

Lake City Individuals

106 - Mason West received a first round bye in his varsity debut, then in the semis he pinned Colton Zwiefel of St. Thomas Academy (STA) in 4:41. In the championship match second seed Mason was

defeated 3-0 by Farmington's Gavin Anderson, the top seed.

Wrestling as an extra, Jon Harvey was pinned in 5:10 by Anderson, then after a bye, Jon notched his first varsity win as he defeated Cannon Falls' Preston Carlisle 4-0.

113 - Nash Nelson also

made his varsity debut against eventual champion, Erwin Strelow of Cannon Falls, who pinned Nash in 4:47. Nash was undaunted and went on to pin his next two opponents, Grand Rapids' Connor Wakefield in 4:10 and Farmington's Noah Kendall in 1:52, to win fifth place.

120 - Joey Kozlowski pinned Spectrum's Wyatt Ward in 1:37 then he majored Farmington's Michael Johnson 8-0. In the championship match Joey was decisioned 3-0 by Cannon Falls' Cooper Peterson.

126 - Luke Skifton pinned Spectrum's Adam Devine in 3:53, then he fell victim to eventual champion Josh Holm of Grand Rapids who pinned Luke in 1:07. In the third place match Luke had a late lead but Kennedy's Allen Iverson got the pin in 5:21.

132 - Tanner Frank pinned his first two opponents, Spectrum's Logan Schumacher in 3:21, and Farmington's Connor Soppeland in 1:49. In the championship match Tanner went up against defending state runner-up (AAA) Trayton Anderson of Farmington, who decisioned Tanner 5-1.

138 - Harold Schumacher was pinned by eventual champion Luke Peterson of Farmington in 3:03, then he rebounded with a 4-0 win over Spectrums' Arie Wilson and a pin (1:33) over St. Thomas'

Jack Libbesmeier to take fifth place.

145 - no entry

152 - Derek Meincke pinned Edina's Jeff Nyheim in 1:04, then he was teched 18-3 (4:49) by eventual runner up Brendin Morlan of Grand Rapids. In the third place match Derek pinned St. Croix Lutheran's Caleb Leach in 3:59.

160 - Thomas Frank pinned St. Thomas Academy's Steven Holmquist in 4:40, then he was decisioned 5-2 by eventual champion Isaac Grams of Kennedy. Thomas had the lead most of the way in the third place match, but Farmington's Zac Janz came on late to win 7-4.

170 - Max Balow made his varsity debut against eventual champion Jake Leicht of Kennedy who pinned him in 1:11. After a bye, Max got his first varsity win by pinning St. Croix Lutheran's Ben Molina in 3:07 to finish in fifth place.

182 - no entry.

195 - Ivan Vargas was pinned in 1:26 by eventual runner up Garrison Solliday of St. Thomas Academy. But Ivan went on to get two pins to win fifth place — the first in 31 seconds over St. Croix Lutheran's Thomas Boehlke, and finally sticking Spectrum's Connor Sharp in 5:39.

220 - no entry.

285 - no entry.

Wrestlers lose close

Thursday, December 21, 2017 - 11

match to Pine Island

By Gary Smith

The Lake City Tiger wrestling team lost another close dual 34-31 to Pine Island last Thursday, then on Saturday the Tigers placed three individuals in the top six at the 16-team Northfield Invitational.

The Tigers had a fast start against Pine Island, winning the first four matches for a 21-0 lead. But the Panthers roared back with four straight wins to draw within two points. After Thomas Frank's major decision at 160, Pine Island came back with two majors and a win by forfeit to pull ahead by nine points, virtually clinching the win.

Ivan Vargas got a pin at 220, and both teams forfeited at 285.

"I knew they matched up with us pretty well," said Coach Doug Vaith. "They were strong from 132 through 170, and we had to move some kids up again."

Nash Nelson (113) had Lake City's only other pin. The Tigers had to forfeit two weights, and the Panthers forfeited three weights.

Saturday's results at Northfield were rather predictable as Lake City took only nine wrestlers, and they faced pretty strong competition. However, all but two Tiger wrestlers won at least one match.

Tanner Frank (132) upset the number one seed in the semifinals, but lost in the championship match to finish second. Mason West went 3-2 at 106 to finish sixth and Derek Meincke went 3-1 at 152 to finish fifth.

"It was a good day for us," said Coach Vaith. "Most of the guys had at least one win. Mason, Tanner and Derek did well. Tanner beat a kid in the semis who was a state tourna-

ment participant last year. I liked the way he bounced back after Thursday's loss."

Mankato East won the team title, followed by Faribault and South St. Paul.

The Tigers travel to Mazeppa Thursday (tonight)

to take on top ranked Zumbrota-Mazeppa in their last competition before the two week holiday break.

"Obviously they (Z-M) present many challenges for us. We just want to compete well," said Coach Vaith.

Lake City returns to action Jan. 4 with a conference dual at Cannon Falls.

Pine Island 34

Lake City 31

106 - Mason West received a forfeit.

113 - Nash Nelson made quick work of Jackson Campeau, pinning him in 24 seconds.

120 - Joey Kozlowski received a forfeit.

126 - Luke Skifton led Dan Krier most of the way before Krier tied it up at 4-4 with a third period reversal. But Luke returned the favor with a switch to pull out a 6-4 win.

132 - Tanner Frank was the aggressor, but Dawson Fallon countered well and earned a 10-1 major.

138 - Harold Schumacher got the first takedown, but Evan Goplen reversed him to his back and pinned him in 1:17.

145 - Elliot Mahn suffered the same fate as he took Mason Pike down early, but Pike reversed Elliot and pinned him in 1:24.

152 - Derek Meincke started fast with a 4-0 lead, but in the second period Broghen Kunz had a five point reversal and ended up with a 9-4 decision.

160 - Thomas Frank also got the first takedown, but he was able to dominate Eric Wittlief for a 12-3 major.

170 - Dominic Gohl-Krier survived a couple nearfalls and went the distance against Cade Predmore, who won a 14-3 major.

182 - Lake City forfeited to Matt Riley.

195 - Max Balow moved up and was teched 18-3 in 6:00 by Brayden Burkhalter.

220 - Ivan Vargas pinned Hunter Jackson in 2:35.

285 - Double forfeit, no points.

Northfield Invitational Lake City Individuals

106 - Mason West (6-3) lost 10-8 to Northfield's Sam Holman, who finished fourth, then he beat Cannon Falls' Preston Carlisle 8-1 and received a forfeit in his first two consolation matches. In the consolation semis, he pinned South St. Paul's Max Beeler in 38 seconds, and in the fifth place match Mason was pinned in 1:30 by Faribault's Aiden Tobin.

113 - Nash Nelson (5-3) pinned Mound-Westonka's Tyler Stevenson in 4:00, then he was majored 13-2 by Mahtomedi's Hunter Wilsey, who took third. In the consolations, Nash was eliminated 5-1 by New Prague's Jacob Vaughan, who placed fifth.

120 - Joey Kozlowski received a bye, then he was decided 5-2 by New Prague's Simon Kajer, who wound up third. After another bye in the consolations, Joey was pinned in 3:00 by Faribault's Sam LaCanne, who placed fifth.

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126 - Luke Skifton received a bye, then he was teched 18-3 (5:30) by Mahtomedi's Jake Fitzpatrick, the second seed who finished second. In the consolations Luke pinned Rosemount's R.J. Gerisch in 3:00, then he was eliminated 6-4 by Mound-Westonka's Noah Lietzau, who took fifth.

132 - Tanner Frank (6-3) majored New Prague's Taylor Woodyard 13-2, then he pinned Northfield's Darrin Kuyper in 1:28. In the semis Tanner upset top seeded Ethan Devore 5-1, and in the championship match, he was decided 9-3 by second seed Noah Parish of Mankato East.

138 - No entry.

145 - No entry.

152 - Derek Meincke (6-3) drew a bye, then he was majored 10-2 by second seed and eventual champion Gavin Christoffersen of So. St. Paul. In the consolations Derek beat Henry Sibley's Levi French-Amara 5-2, and in the fifth place match, Derek edged Mahtomedi's Nate Kujawa 11-9 in overtime.

160 - Thomas Frank (4-

4) was decided 10-4 by Mahtomedi's Collin Grandstand, then he pinned Charles Greenberg of Lakeville South in 2:40. In the consolation semis Thomas was eliminated 8-3 by Cannon Falls' Dylan Rohr.

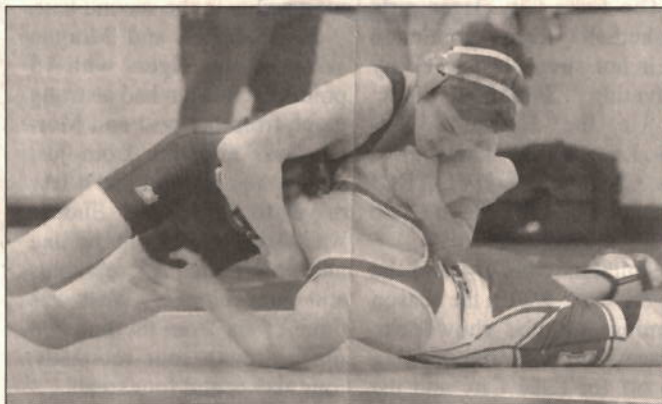
170 - Max Balow was majored 13-0 by eventual fifth place finisher Brendon Bischof of Lakeville South, and after a bye in the consolation round, Max was decided 9-6 by Northfield's Jack Stanton.

182 - No entry.

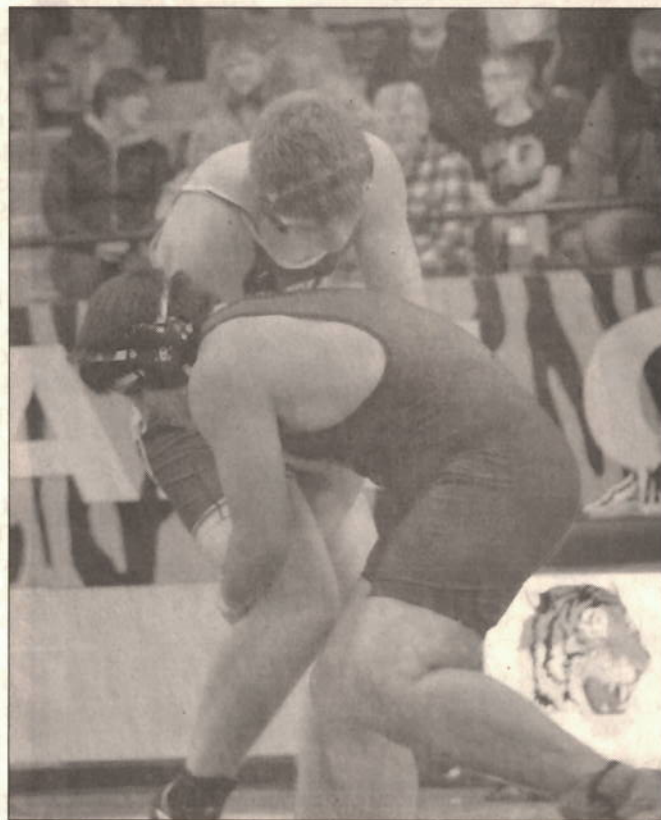
195 - Ivan Vargas (6-3) pinned Henry Sibley's Gabe Delmont in 1:40, then he was teched 17-2 (3:32) by Lakeville South's Charlie Bratsch, who finished fourth. In the consolations, Ivan won 2-1 over Mankato East's Darnell Hines, then he was eliminated by Northfield's Sam Bakko, who pinned him in 2:24. Bakko finished sixth.

220 - No entry.

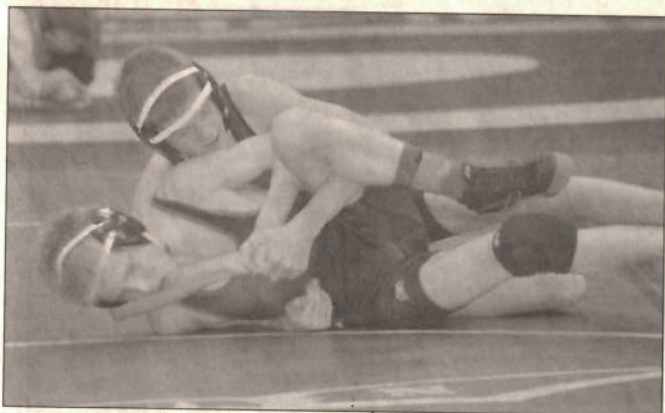
285 - No entry.



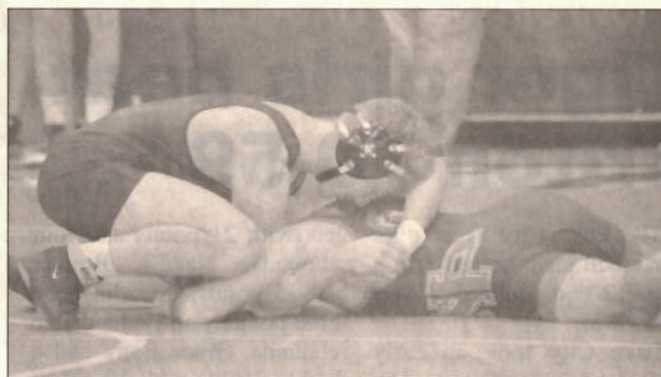
Nash Nelson (113) pinned Jackson Campeau of Pine Island in the dual Dec. 14.



Ivan Vargas (220) pinned Hunter Jackson in 2:35 in the Pine Island dual last Thursday.



Mason West (106) finished in fifth place at the Northfield Invitational Dec. 16. Mason beat Preston Carlisle of Cannon Falls 8-1 in his second round match.



Tanner Frank (132) finished in second place at the Northfield Invitational on Saturday. In his first round match he majored New Prague's Taylor Woodyard 13-2.

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Tiger matmen defeat Cannon Falls,

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wrestle well at Clash of Titans

By Gary Smith

It was a good week for the Lake City Tiger wrestling team as they rolled over Cannon Falls last Thursday with a surprisingly one-sided 43-22 victory, and on Saturday all 11 Tigers entered in the event placed in the top six at the Clash of the Titans Tournament at Tartan High School in Woodbury.

Thursday's big win over the Bombers in front of a home crowd was very satisfying.

"I knew it would be a close match," said Coach Doug Vaith. "But we won the flip, and we won every toss up match. Mason West (106) got us going early with a major, then Nash Nelson (113) held a kid who had pinned him earlier this year to a major. We got come-from-behind wins from Luke Skifton (126), Harold Schumacher (138), Derek Meincke (152) and Ivan Vargas (220). It was a great team effort."

The Tigers got pins from Skifton, Tanner Frank (132), Schumacher, Thomas Frank (160), Max Balow (170) and Vargas. The Tigers forfeited at 182, and both teams forfeited at 195 and 285.

At the Tartan tournament Lake City's only champion was Tanner Frank at 132, but two other Lake City competitors, Max Balow (170) and Ivan Vargas (195) made it to the finals at their weights before losing.

The Tigers also earned a third place, four fourth places, two fifths and one sixth.

"Elliot Mahn (145) got two wins, including a pin for fifth place," said Vaith. "I was real happy for him. Nash Nelson (113) wrestled well and lost the third place match in overtime. Tanner Frank (132) wrestled smart in his championship

match and Joey Kozlowski (120) had a good solid day winning three straight for third place after losing in the first round. And Max Balow (170) reached the championship match — that's really good for an eighth grader."

Team wise Lake City finished fourth in the eight team field — pretty good for a short handed team.

"We're a good team," said Vaith. "We're making the most with what we've got."

Tonight (Thursday) Lake City travels to Kasson-Mantorville for a triangular with the KoMets and Byron. Then on Saturday they journey up the hill to Plainview for a 15-team individual tournament.

"It'll probably be a lot different for us than last week," said Vaith.

Lake City 43 Cannon Falls 22

106 - Mason West scored an 11-3 major over Preston Carlisle.

113 - Nash Nelson held Erwin Strelow to a 17-3 major. Strelow pinned Nash earlier in the season.

120 - Joey Kozlowski was pinned by Cooper Peterson in 3:28.

126 - Luke Skifton pinned Levi Anderson in 2:47.

132 - Tanner Frank pinned Sam Ludden in 3:16, putting the Tigers in front for good at 16-10.

138 - Harold Schumacher pinned Chris Medrak in 3:40.

145 - Elliot Mahn was pinned by Bomber stud Peter Fitterer in 1:39.

152 - In a pivotal match, Derek Meincke came from behind in the third period with six straight points to beat Dylan Rohr 6-2.

160 - Thomas Frank wasted no time as he stuck Charlie Otterness in 36 seconds.

170 - Max Balow turned Riley Keannen in the third and pinned him in 4:25.

182 - Lake City forfeited to Hayden Strain.

195 - Double forfeit (no points).

220 - Ivan Vargas was cradled early in the second but he got out of it, then he reversed Ryan Linde and pinned him in 3:50.

285 - Double forfeit (no points).

Tartan Titan Clash Lake City results

106 - Mason West (9-6) pinned Tartan's Zackary Wilkinson in 52 seconds, then he was pinned by eventual champion, Anthony Romero of Grand Meadow. In the consolation Mason pinned Roseville's Birash Budathoki in 2:52, and in third place match he was decided 6-0 by second seed Nathan Fenske of Lakeville North.

113 - Nash Nelson (8-6) was teched 17-2 by eventual champion Trevor Pearson of Maple River. In the consolation he majored Irondale's Michael Buffington 11-2. In the consolation semis Nash won 5-3 over Ethan Evenson who was unattached. In the third place match he was pinned in overtime by Grand Meadow's Chris Romero.

120 - Joey Kozlowski was teched 18-3 by top seed and eventual champion Jackson Hale of Grand Meadow. In the consolation Joey roared back winning three in a row to take third. He pinned Cretin-Derham Hall's Isaac Yahn in 23 seconds, then he beat Grand Meadow's Rece Voigt 12-8, and

for third place Joey decided Tartan's Isakar Lopez 9-6.

126 - Luke Skifton was pinned by Maple River's Reise Hanson in 1:45, then he pinned Roseville's Ber Blute Htoo in 2:58. In the consolation semis Luke pinned Tartan's Cade Iverson in 2:46. In the third place match he was pinned by Hanson again in 5:03.

132 - Third seeded Tanner Frank (11-3) pinned Irondale's Chris Zuniga in 43 seconds, then in the semis he beat second seed Daniel Smith of Grand Meadow 10-3. For the championship Tanner edged top seed Javen Guzik-McNeil of Cretin-Derham Hall 2-1.

138 - Harold Schumacher upset the second seed Nik Strasser of Irondale 2-0 in the first round. Strasser came back to win third, but Harold had tough sledding ahead. He was pinned in 1:39 by runner-up Cody Walters of Maple River, then in the consolation semis he lost 11-6 to Tartan's Cade Maggill who finished fourth. In the fifth place match Harold was pinned in 3:06 by fourth seed Yared Ansera of Roseville.

145 - Elliot Mahn upset third seed Ashton Singer of Irondale 4-1, then he was pinned in 1:36 by Roseville's Miguel Urriola who finished second. In the consolation semis Elliot was pinned in 2:58 by Lakeville North's Gavin Roy who ended up fourth. In the fifth place match Elliot beat Singer again, this time pinning him in 53 seconds.

152 - Derek Meincke (10-5) pinned fourth seed Edmundo Villalva Lijo of Cretin-DH in 1:21, then he was majored 16-2 by top seed and eventual champion Payton Nelson of Roseville. In the consolation

semis Derek pinned Cretin-DH's Eric Ilaug in 42 seconds, and in the third place match he was decided 6-0 by Maple River's Wyatt Simon.

160 - Thomas Frank (8-7) was decided 7-3 by third seed Jacob Forar of Lakeville North, who finished first. In the consolation Thomas decided Tartan's Cooper Jwanouskos 6-1, then he was defeated 9-3 by Grand Meadow's Noah Sayles who finished fourth. In the fifth place match Thomas pinned Cretin-DH's Cage Linton in 2:35.

170 - Second seed Max

Balow (5-5) pinned Lakeville North's Ryan Leum in 1:02, then in the semis he beat Grand Meadow's DeAngelo Vigo 5-3. In the championship Max was majored 12-4 by top seed Nathan Trio of Maple River.

182 - No entry.

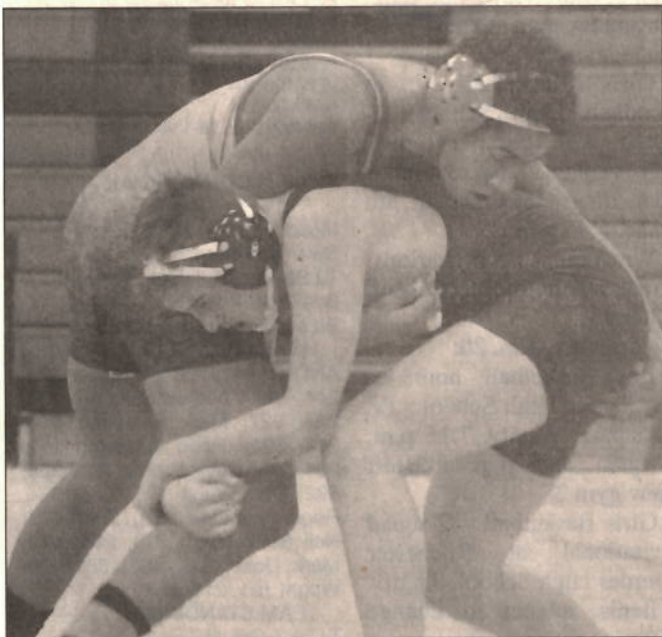
195 - Top seed Ivan Vargas (9-4) drew a bye, then he decided fourth seed Nguyen Phan of Tartan 4-2. In the championship match Ivan lost 3-1 to third seed Logan Ziegler of Maple River on a third period takedown.

220 - No entry.

285 - No entry.



Luke Skifton (126) pinned Levi Anderson of Cannon Falls in 2:47 in last Thursday's dual. —Photo by Dave Ender



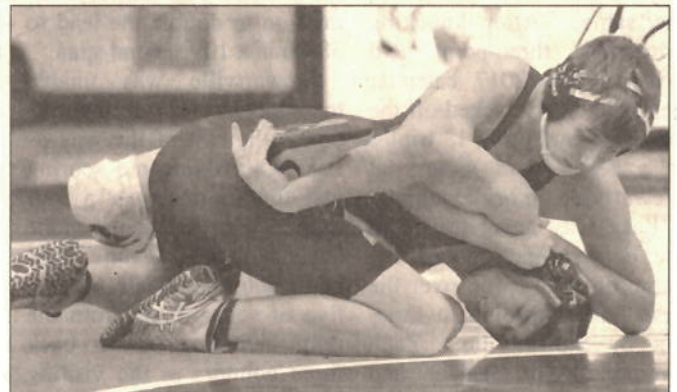
Second seed Max Balow (170) was runner-up in the Clash of the Titans tournament Jan. 6. He began by pinning Lakeville North's Ryan Leum in 1:02, followed by 5-3 win over Grand Meadow's DeAngelo Vigo (above) in the semis. In the championship match Max was majored 12-4 by top-seed Nathan Trio of Maple River.



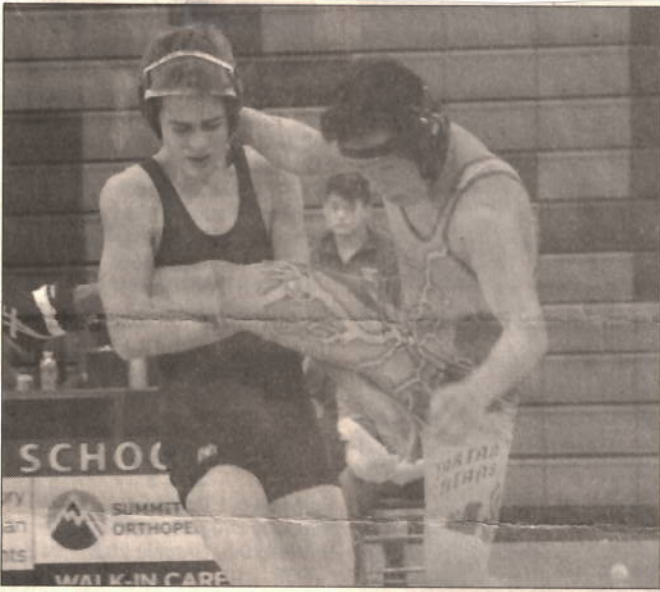
Tanner Frank (132) pinned Sam Ludden in 3:16 Thursday, putting the Tigers in front for good. —Photo by Dave Ender



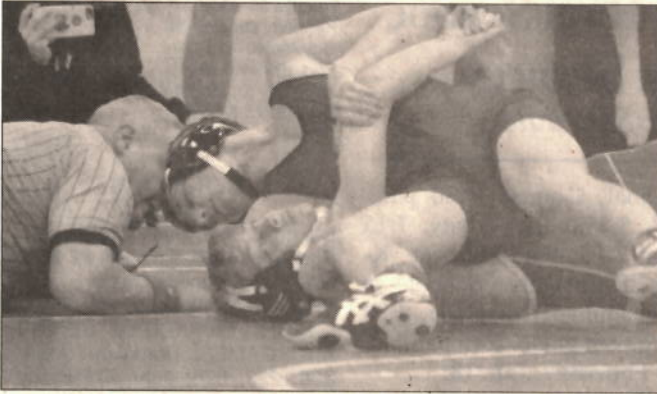
Harold Schumacher (138) pinned Christ Medrak of Cannon Falls in 3:40 Jan. 4. —Photo by Dave Ender



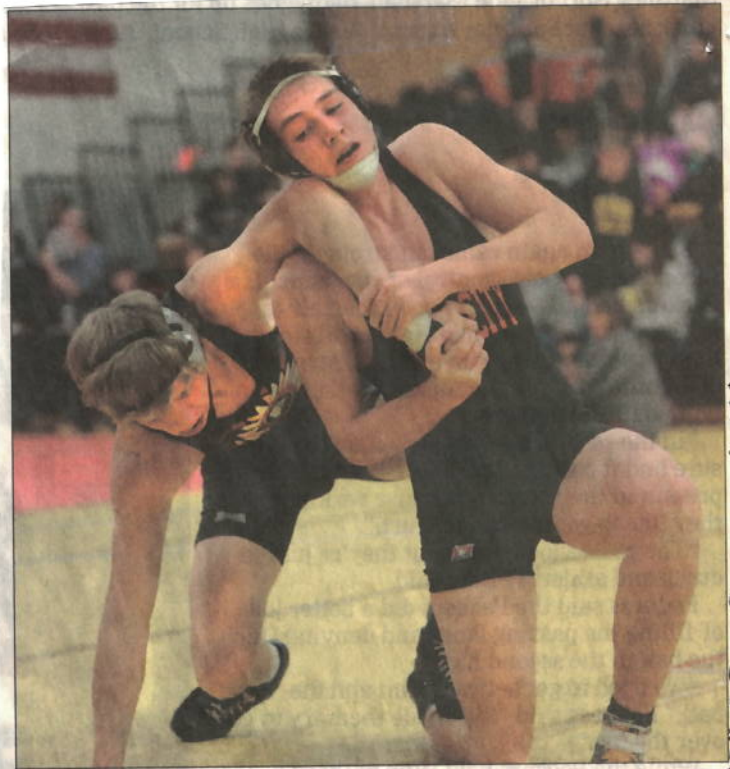
Derek Meincke (152) came from behind in the third period with six straight points to beat Dylan Rohr of Cannon Falls 3-2. — Photo by Dave Ender



Joey Kozlowski (120) finished in third place at the Tartan tournament Jan. 6. He was teched 18-3 by top-seed and eventual champion Jackson Hale of Grand Meadow. In the consolations Joey won three in a row to finish third, pinning Cretin-Derham Hall's Isaac Yahn, beating Rece Voit 12-8 from Grand Meadow and decisioning Isakar Lopez 9-6 (above) from Tartan.



Elliot Mahn (145) wrestled to a fifth place finish at the Titan tournament last Saturday. He upset third seed Ashton Singer of Irondale 4-1, then he was pinned by Roseville's Migual Urriolo, who finished second. In the consolation semis Elliot was pinned by Lakeville North's Gaviri Roy, who ended up fourth. In the fifth place match Elliot beat Singer again (above), this time pinning him in 53 seconds.



Above, Lake City's Tanner Frank works the arm in an escape attempt against Sam Puetz of Lewiston-Altura/Rushford-Peterson. Frank won the match and the title at 160 pounds during Saturday's Plainview-Elgin-Millville Invitational. Below, La Crescent's Colton Jorgenson takes down Ethan Sense of LARP in a 170-pound match.

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Tiger wrestlers fare

Thursday, January 18, 2018 - 9

well at PEM Invite

By Gary Smith

The Lake City Tigers wrestling team had another good showing Saturday at the Plainview-Elgin-Millville (PEM) Invitational. The Tigers finished fourth in the 14-team field as they placed 10 individuals in the top six at their weights.

Senior Tanner Frank, who was seeded fourth, battled his way to a championship at 126, and sophomore Derek Meincke took third at 152. Lake City had four fifth place winners and four sixth place finishers.

"It was a fun day for us from top to bottom," said Coach Doug Vaith. "We wrestled well. We're starting to see some consistency with the younger kids in their routine and preparation."

For Tanner Frank, it was his first time wrestling at the lower weight this year. "Tanner beat a three time state qualifier in the semifinals," said Vaith. "His offense was good and he was good on the mat, getting away when he was down. He's doing a nice job of leading the team."

Last Thursday's triangular at Kasson-Mantorville was to be made up Tuesday. Scores were not available at press time. On Thursday (today) the Tigers go to Goodhue to

face the third ranked (Class A) Wildcats.

PEM Invitational Team Results

PEM	199
Caledonia-Houston	164
Lewiston-Altura-Rushford-Peterson	132
Lake City	124
Wabasha-Kellogg	121
Austin	111.5
Byron	106
Winona	97
La Crescent	83.5
Cochrane-Fountain City	77.5
Eau Claire North	63
Burnsville	32
Richfield	30
Fillmore Central-Lanesboro-Mabel-Canton	22

Lake City Individuals

Records unofficial

106 - Mason West (13-7) beat Eddie Lopez, unattached, 9-2, then he was decided 7-0 by second seed Ross Herber of LARP, who finished second. In the consolations Mason pinned Wabasha-Kellogg's Terrik Miller in 3:19 and Winona's Logan Henningson in 4:56. In the fifth place match Mason won a 6-4 decision over Lopez.

113 - Nash Nelson (10-8) pinned Austin's Tae Weber in 1:36, then he was decided 8-3 by PEM's Garrett Olson,

who finished second. In the consolation round Nash drew a bye then he pinned W-K's Chase Holtorf in 3:27. In the fifth place match Nash was decided 8-4 by Byron's Talon Freerken.

120 - Joey Kozlowski (10-8) beat unattached Parker Kline 10-7, then he was pinned in 58 seconds by eventual runner up Nick Miller of PEM. In the consolations Joey took care of business, pinning Burnsville's Trey Arika in 2:53 and majoring Richfield's William Voigt 10-0. In the fifth place match Joey beat Kline again, this time by a 7-0 shutout.

126 - Fourth is a pretty low seed for Tanner Frank (14-3), but it was a tough bracket. After a bye Tanner pinned Jordan Scott of Burnsville in 5:33, then he upset the top seed Connor Swetala of Richfield 3-1. In the championship match Tanner prevailed 2-1 over PEM's Cael Marx, the third seed.

Wrestling unattached, Luke Skifton lost 5-2 to W-K's Tanner Sanderson, who finished fourth, then he was eliminated 7-0 by Eau Claire North's Ethan Johnson who took fifth.

132 - No entry.

138 - Harold Schumacher majored La Crescent's Mitchell Roberts 10-2, then he was pinned in 1:07 by top seed

and eventual runner up Max Dascher of Cochrane-FC. In the consolation bracket Harold was eliminated 6-3 by Caledonia's Aaron Francis.

145 - Elliot Mahn pinned Burnsville's Matt Gerner in 4:39, then he was pinned in 2:30 by top seed and eventual runner up Jack Vaselaar of Winona. In the consolations, after a couple byes, Elliot won by injury default over Byron's Austin Freerken, and in the fifth place match Elliot was decided 9-4 by La Crescent's Dylan Worrel.

152 - Third seeded Derek Meincke (12-7) received a bye, then he pinned La Crescent's Ty Mallicoat in 2:47. In the semis Derek was majored 10-2 by eventual runner up Isaac Densted of Caledonia, and in the third place match Derek won 8-5 over W-K's Jon Frazier.

160 - Thomas Frank (9-8) received a bye, then he was decided 5-1 by eventual fourth place finisher Sam Puetz of LARP. After a couple byes in the consolation round, Thomas won fifth place 2-1 over Austin's Chance Brady.

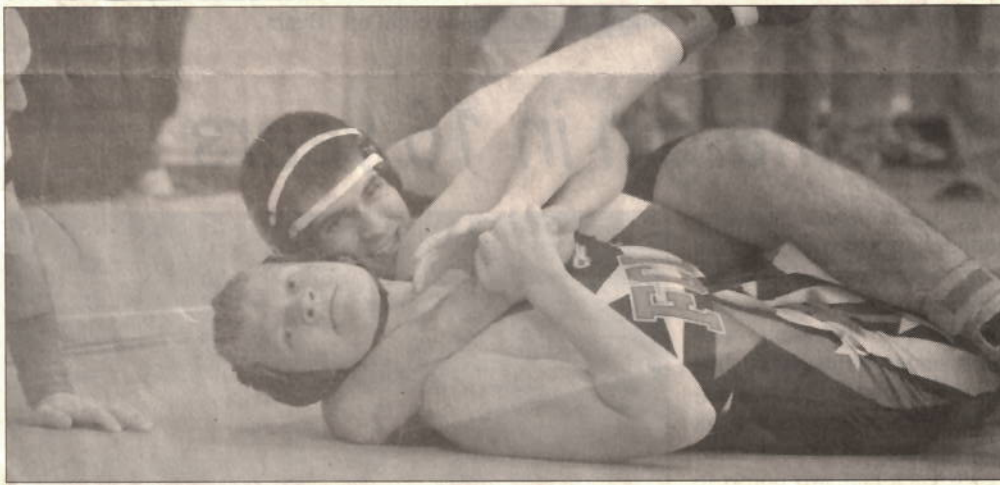
170 - Max Balow was pinned in 1:24 by Caledonia's Ryan Wagner, who finished third. In the consolations Max pinned Austin's Kaden Igou in 3:21, and in the fifth place match Max was majored 14-5 by Ethan Sence of LARP.

182 - No entry.

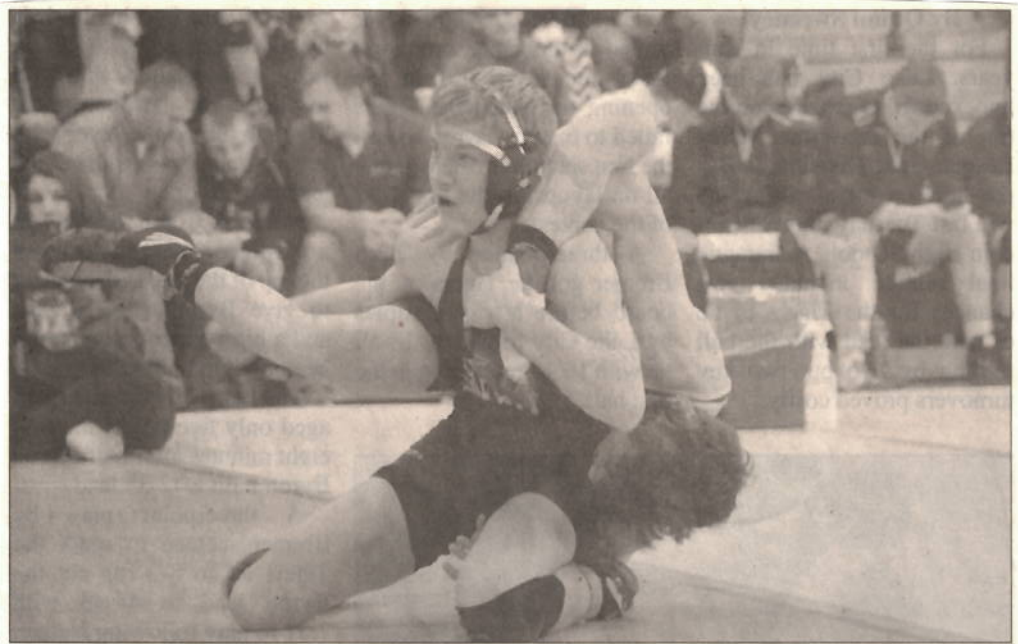
195 - Ivan Vargas (11-6) was decided 3-1 by Winona's Lance Thorn, who ended up fourth, and in the consolations, he pinned Austin's Lucas Bed-

nar in 4:43. In the fifth place match Ivan majored Fillmore Central's Michael Barrett 8-0.

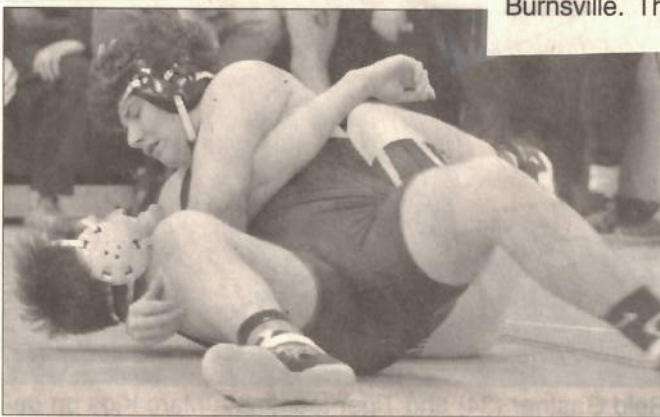
220 - Albert Schuna pinned Byron's John Nieman in 4:50, then he was pinned by top seed and eventual champion, Isaac Arjes of Austin in 1:31. In the consolation round Albert pinned Eau Claire North's Devin Hollins in 1:15, and in the fifth place match he was pinned in 5:01 by Caledonia's Mason Staggemeyer.



Ivan Vargas (195) captured a fifth place finish at the PEM Invite Jan. 13. He opened the tournament with a loss to Winona's Lance Thorn. In the consolations he pinned Lucas Bednar of Austin and then he majored Michael Barrett of Fillmore Central (above) in the fifth place match.

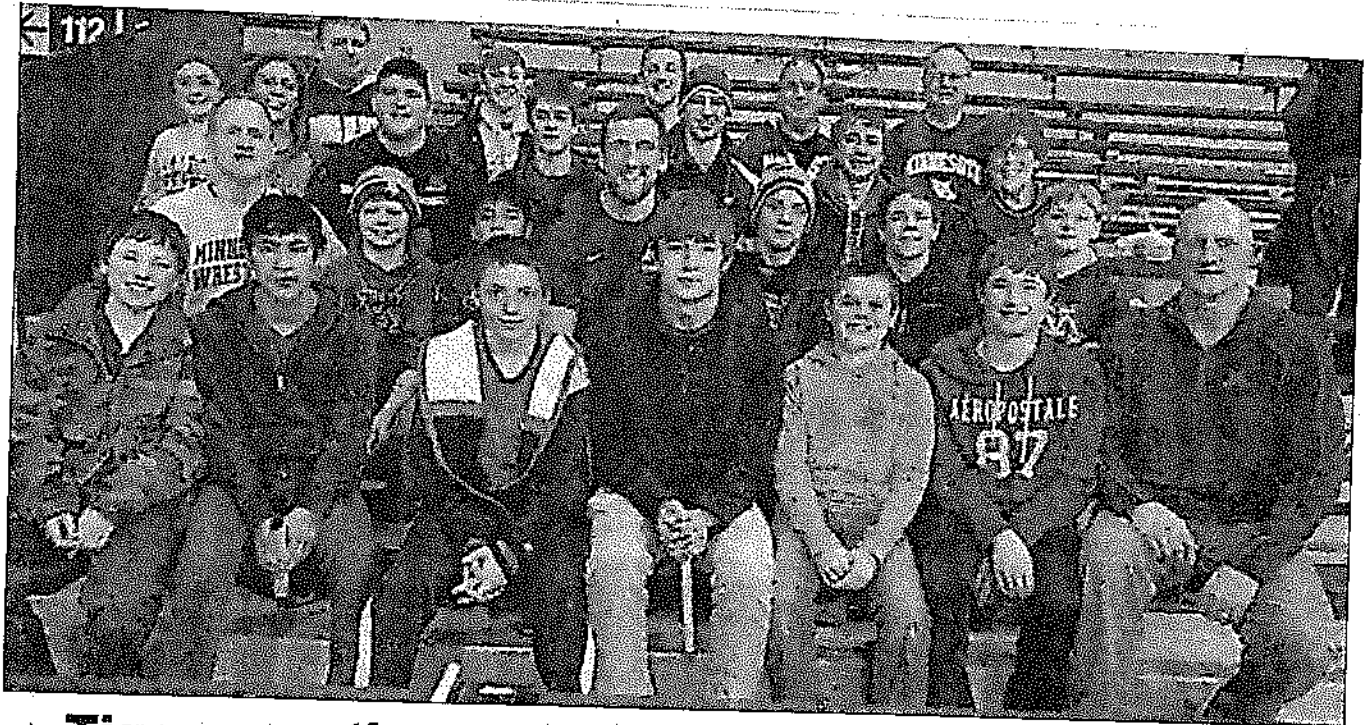


Tanner Frank (160) opened the PEM tourney with a pin over Jordan Scott Swetala of Richfield. In the championship match Tanner defeated third seed Cael Marx of PEM.



Albert Schuna (220) pinned John Nieman of Byron in the opening round. He was then pinned by top seed Isaac Arjes of Austin. In the consolation round Albert pinned Devin Hollins of Eau Claire North and then he was pinned by Mason Staggemeyer of Caledonia in the fifth place match, to finish sixth.

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Tiger wrestlers take in U of M wrestling match

Sunday, Jan. 21 was Lake City community day at the University of Minnesota Gopher wrestling match against the University of Michigan. Will Balow is a Lake City High School alumnus who is on the Gopher roster at 197 pounds. "Special thanks to the Athletic Booster Club for providing transportation to the event and to the University of Minnesota for free admission for all Lake City wrestlers and coaches," Lake City coach Doug Vaith said. Front row, from left: Will Robinson, Steven

Ramirez, Ashton Shingleton, Derek Meincke, Nate Evans, Aaron Meincke and coach Tom Balow; second row, from left: coach Doug Vaith, Riley Forbes, Cristopher Ramirez, Will Balow, Luke Becker, Grant Asfahl and John Harvey; third row, from left: Abby Evans, Deb Evans, Austen Poss, Joe Kozlowski, Elliot Mahn, Thomas Frank and Dawn Balow; back row, from left: Kevin Frank, Tanner Frank, Max Balow, Chad Evans and coach Mike Harvey.

Lake City Invitational Individual Results

106 - Fourth seed Mason West (20-9) majored Dover-Eyota's Treyton Thesing 13-3, then lost 3-1 to eventual champion Ethan Arett of Westfield. In the consolation

tions Mason won 9-7 over St. Charles' Jett Thoreson, and in the third place match he was pinned in 1:45 by Chatfield's Seth Goetzinger.

Unattached John Harvey pinned United South Central's Ethan Elveback in 5:36, then he was pinned in 58 seconds by Northfield's Chase Murphy, who finished second. John was eliminated by Thoreson 8-0.

113 - Nash Nelson (14-13) beat Rochester Mayo's Ian Macho 12-0, then he lost 5-0 to eventual runner-up Jake Messner of Northfield. In the third place match Nash defeated Wabasha-Kellogg's Chase Holtorf 4-0.

Unattached Luke Becker was pinned in 3:40 by Dover-Eyota's Gavin Gust, then he was pinned in 41 seconds by Medford's Johnny Meyer.

120 - Joey Kozlowski was teched in 3:34 by top seed and eventual champion Drew Woodley of Northfield, then in the consolation, he pinned Medford's Garron Hoffman in 1:16. In the third place match Joey was edged 2-1 by Chatfield's Tate Karver.

126 - Tanner Frank (20-5) pinned Mayo's Jayden Engelken in 35 seconds, then he pinned Dover-Eyota's Teigan Miller in 3:47. In the championship match Tanner was majored 9-0 by United South Central's Blake Legred, defending state champion at 106, who has shot up close to six feet tall this year.

Wrestling as an extra, Luke Skifton teched Andover's Josh Surgenor 17-0 (4:41), then he was pinned by Legred in 1:01. In the consolation Luke won three straight to place fifth, 3-1 over Chatfield's Grady Schott, 3-2 over W-K's Tanner Sanderson and pinning St. Charles' Connor Simon in 2:18.

132 - no entry.

138 - Harold Schumacher suffered an injury in his first match and defaulted out of the tournament.

145 - Derek Meincke (17-12) pinned United South Central's Hunter Johnson in 4:59 then he was teched 18-3 (5:25) by the undefeated eventual champion, Jake Mandt of Chatfield. In the consolation, Derek edged unattached Elliot Mahn 2-1, and in the third place match he was decided 14-7 by Johnson.

Elliot pinned his first opponent, Andover's Blaine Oberhamer, in 3:19, then he was pinned in 2:35 by eventual runner up Ethan Johnson of Northfield. Elliot pinned his first consolation foe, Peyton Simon of Westfield, in 2:26, before losing to Meincke. In the fifth place match Elliot was pinned by D-E's Blake Lehnertz in 1:19.

152 - Thomas Frank (14-12) pinned D-E's Gavin Dabelstein in 1:37, then he lost 5-1 to eventual runner-up Kolby Olson of Northfield. In the third place match he was pinned in 4:15 by Medford's Bo Noble.

160 - no entry.

170 - Max Balow lost 14-10 in overtime to Medford's Greg Larson, then in the consolation he pinned D-E's Spencer Welsh in 1:19 before losing 16-5 to W-K's Cody Irish, who finished third. In the fifth place match Max lost a close 6-4 decision to USC's Levi Thisius.

182 - no entry.

195 - Ivan Vargas (17-10) lost by criteria in four overtimes to D-E's Reece Lemke, who finished second. In the consolation, Ivan pinned St. Charles' Riley Ferden in 2:55, before edging Mayo's Dedric Burger 12-10. In the third place match Ivan was decided 8-1 by USC's Maslyn Elvebak.

220 - no entry.

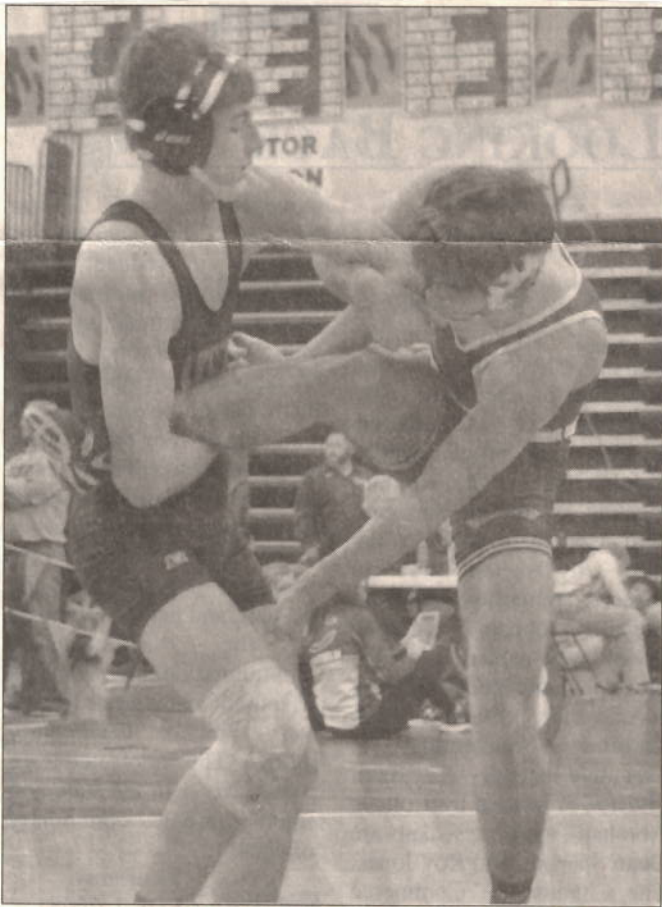
285 - Gabe Vargas was pinned in 1:33 by Mayo's Noah Carter, the eventual champion. In the consolation, Gabe won 6-3 over Jake Stokes, then he was pinned by D-E's Alex Bushman in 20 seconds. In the fifth place match Gabe pinned USC's David Garza in 25 seconds.

Lake City Invitational
Jan. 27th



Tanner Frank (126-center) finished in second place at the Lake City Invitational Jan. 27. In his opening match he pinned Mayo's Jayden Engelken in 35 seconds. Then he pinned Dover-Eyota's Teigan Miller. In the championship match Tanner was majored 9-0 by USC's Blake Legred, defending state champion at 106, who moved up in weights this year.

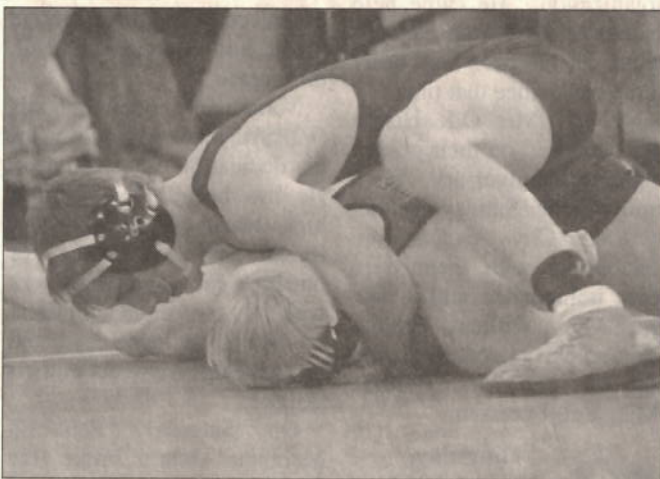
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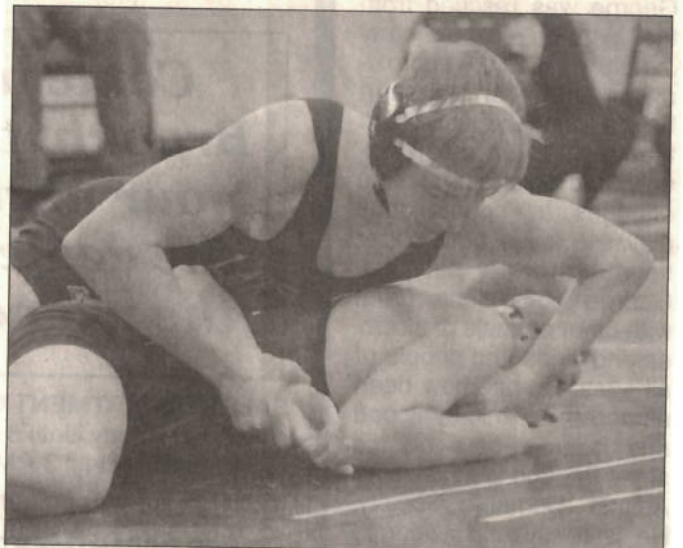
Derek Meincke (145) pinned USC's Hunter Johnson in the first round of the Lake City Invitational last Saturday. Derek was teched in the second round and moved on to the consolations. He edged Elliot Mahn of Lake City and in the third place match he was decided by USC's Johnson, finishing fourth.



Nash Nelson (113) beat Rochester Mayo's Ian Macho (above) 12-1 in the opening round of the Lake City Invitational last Saturday. Then he lost 5-0 to eventual runner-up Jake Messner of Northfield. In the third place match Nelson defeated Wabasha-Kellogg's Chase Holtorf 4-0.



Thomas Frank (152) pinned Dover-Eyota's Gavin Dabelstein (above) in his opening round match at the Lake City Invitational. Then he lost 5-1 to Kolby Olson of Northfield. In the third place match he was pinned by Medford's Bob Noble, to finish fourth.



Tanner Frank (126) pinned Dover-Eyota's Teigan Miller in his second round match of the Lake City Invitational. Tanner advanced to the championship round where he lost a major to Blake Legred of USC.

Wrestlers continue late

The Lake City Graphic

season success, win 3

By Gary Smith

The Lake City Tigers wrestling team continued its late season assault toward a .500 season last week with three straight dual victories. Thursday the Tigers invaded St. Charles and came away with a hard fought 40-33 win and on Friday Lake City swept a triangular at Wabasha, beating Rochester Century 54-21 and nudging the host Falcons 34-33. The three wins boosted Lake City's season record to 7-6 with one dual left in the regular season — tonight's (Thursday's) home contest against Triton.

All this was accomplished with a shorthanded lineup of 11 wrestlers against St. Charles' full lineup of 14, and 12 in the Tiger lineup versus Wabasha-Kellogg's 14.

But that's the way it's been all season as the Lake City coaches have figured out ways to shuffle kids around to compensate for the shortage and the team has responded with the will and the determination to overcome that shortfall in numbers.

"It's been one of the more unique seasons," said Coach Doug Vaith. "The kids are having more fun with each dual, competing hard and enjoying the challenges. After having to compete against two number one ranked teams (Kasson-Mantorville and Zumbrota-Mazeppa), a third ranked team (Goodhue) and another highly ranked team (Kenyon-Wanamingo),

whom the Tigers came close to beating, and emerging with a winning record, it's just been one of the more enjoyable seasons ever."

Last week the Tigers were helped greatly in all three duals by the fast start of the first two wrestlers in their lineup, Mason West (106) and Nash Nelson (113). Both of them had pins in all three duals to give Lake City 12-0 leads.

Also getting pins against St. Charles Thursday were

Tanner Frank (138), Thomas Frank (160) and Max Balow (195). But the Tigers had to step up in several close matches to win the dual.

Rochester Century actually had one more open weight than the Tigers in their dual, but the outcome was determined on the mat as Lake City had six pins to the Panthers' two.

In the Wabasha-Kellogg (W-K) dual Lake City got off to a fast start, leading 24-0 after the 132 pound match, but the Falcons roared back with two pins to make it 24-12. After Derek Meincke (152) won a decision, and Thomas Frank (160) won a major decision to temporarily stop the bleeding, W-K got forfeits at 170 and 182 and a decision at 195 to draw within 31-27. But Ivan Vargas won 8-2 at 220 to clinch the dual for Lake City.

On paper, tonight's regular season finale against Triton should leave the Tigers with a winning record, but stuff happens, and Lake City will need

another good effort to make sure of a win. The dual is in the auditorium at 7 p.m.

Tomorrow night (Friday) from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. there will be a spaghetti feed in the cafeteria to benefit the Allen family who is dealing with Jacob's recent cancer diagnosis, surgery and treatments. The feed will be a free will offering and it will coincide with the elementary tournament next door in the gym.

Lake City 40

St. Charles 33

106 - Mason West pinned Jett Thoreson in 3:53.

113 - Nash Nelson pinned Logan Updike in 4:26.

120 - Joey Kozlowski was decisioned 3-0 by Tyler Mathison.

126 - Luke Skifton shut out Connor Simon 8-0 for a major.

132 - Lake City forfeited to Saint stud Mark Buringa.

138 - Tanner Frank moved up and pinned Alex Welch in 3:41.

145 - Elliot Mahn led 8-4 entering the third, but Gage Buss reversed him and pinned him in 4:50.

152 - Derek Meincke was pinned by Jersey Thoreson in 1:13.

160 - Thomas Frank pinned Mason Buck in 1:16.

170 - Lake City forfeited to Joe Dayland.

182 - Lake City forfeited to another Saint stud Logan Wendt, and the Saints took the lead 33-28.

195 - Max Balow stepped up and pinned Riley Ferden in 2:57.

220 - Ivan Vargas held on to beat Teagan Young 3-2, and the Tigers led by four.

285 - Gabe Vargas got the last takedown to beat Jacob Stokes 7-5.

Lake City 54

Rochester Century 21

106 - Mason West pinned Jaden Peterson in 2:33.

113 - Nash Nelson made quick work of Christian Swenson, pinning him in 29 seconds.

120 - Joey Kozlowski got the takedown in overtime to beat Aiden Austin 2-1.

126 - Luke Skifton got the first takedown, but Garret Pavelko came back and pinned him in 3:07.

132 - Tanner Frank pinned Zach Herber in 1:10.

138 - Harold Schumacher was decisioned 4-0 by Paxton Pagel.

145 - Elliot Mahn was pinned in 4:59 by Owen Pharo.

152 - Dominic Goihl-Krier received a forfeit.

160 - Derek Meincke pinned Casey Neumann in 1:31.

170 - Thomas Frank pinned Tommy Tankhamvang in 57 seconds.

182 - Max Balow received a forfeit.

195 - Ivan Vargas decisioned Cale Wilson 6-2.

220 - Lake City forfeited to Seth Arndt.

285 - Gabe Vargas pinned Felix Orakwue in 1:45.

Lake City 34

Wabasha-Kellogg 33

Records unofficial

106 - Mason West (22-10) pinned Terrik Miller in 1:25.

113 - Nash Nelson (17-12) pinned Nate Irish in 18 seconds.

120 - Joey Kozlowski (15-14) shut out Chase Holtorf 5-0.

126 - Luke Skifton pinned Mason Huth in 4:56.

132 - Tanner Frank (23-5) defeated two time state qualifier Nolan Rommel 5-1.

138 - Harold Schumacher was pinned by a strong Tagen Miller in 1:34.

145 - Elliot Mahn led 3-2 after two periods, but Devin Beier pinned him in 5:13.

152 - Derek Meincke (19-13) defeated Gage Jonus 8-2.

160 - Thomas Frank (15-13) majored Jon Frazier 15-1.

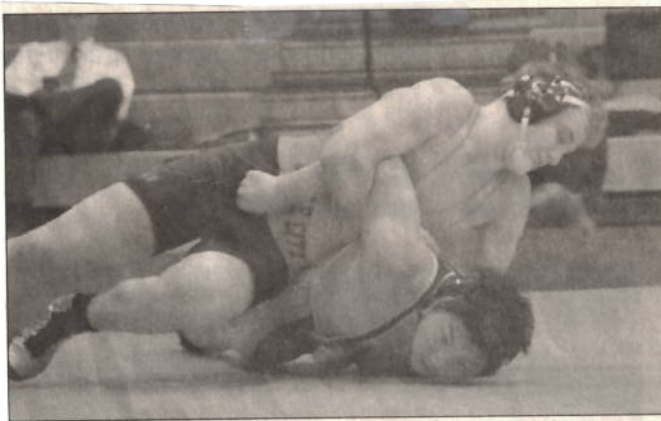
170 - Lake City forfeited to Jack Ro.

182 - Lake City forfeited to Cooper Holtorf.

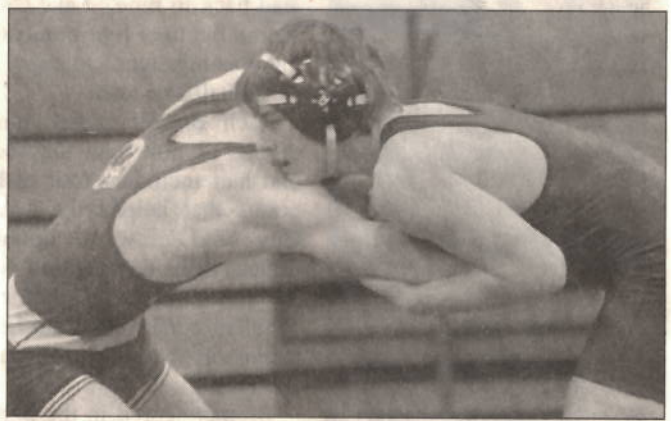
195 - Max Balow was decisioned 5-1 by Cody Irish.

285 - Gabe Vargas (6-6) was pinned in 58 seconds by Ben Tentis.

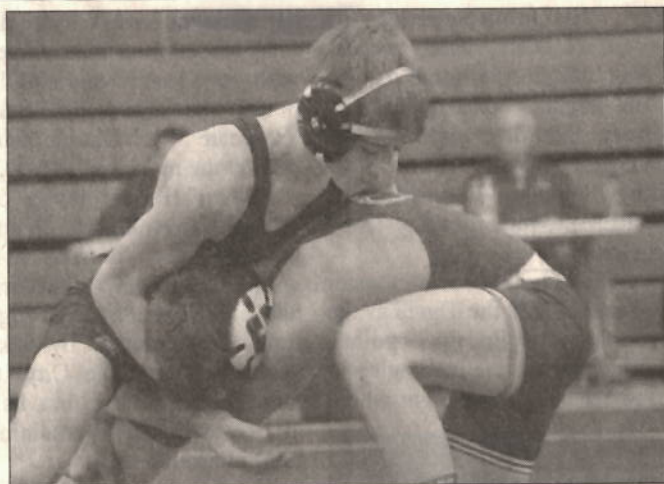
220 - Ivan Vargas (19-10) decisioned Jon Norgrant 8-3 to give the Tigers a 34-27 lead.



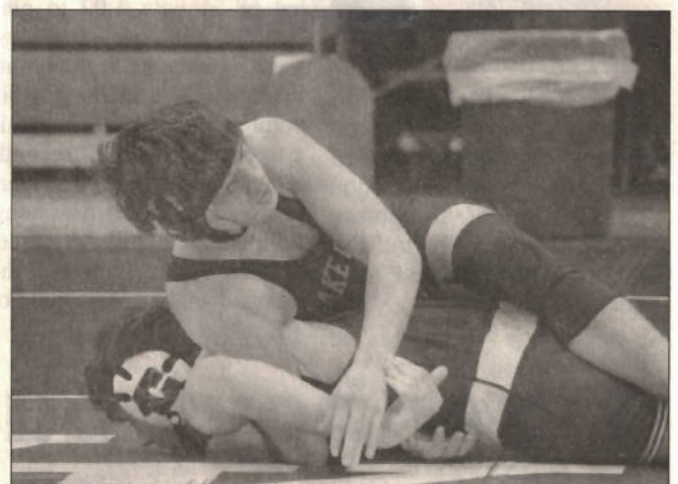
Max Balow (195) pinned Riley Ferden of the Saints in 2:57 at the St. Charles dual Feb. 1.



Luke Skifton (126) got the first takedown in his match against Garret Pavelko of Century, but Pavelko came back and pinned Luke in 3:07.



Joey Kozlowski (120) wrestled well last week, taking his opponents out with pins in all three matches. In the contest with Century he wasted no time on Christian Swenson, pinning him in 29 seconds.



Harold Schumacher (138) was decided by Paxton Pangel of Century at the W-K Triangular Feb. 2.

Matmen finish regular season

Thursday, February 15, 2018 - 11

with win over Triton

By Gary Smith

The Lake City Tiger wrestling team is seeded fifth in the Section 1AA tournament and will travel to fourth seeded Stewartville tonight (Thursday) for a 7 p.m. quarterfinal. Stewartville finished the regular season with a 15-11 record, while Lake City finished 8-6. Stewartville beat the Tigers 36-33 in the first dual of the season in early December.

"I'm excited that we worked our way back to meeting them again," said Coach Doug Vaith. "The kids have worked hard this season, and they've got nothing to lose and everything to gain."

Undefeated and Class AA number one ranked Kasson-Mantorville is the number one seed followed by newcomer to Section 1AA, Simley, at number two. Plainview-Elgin-Millville is third, while the sixth through 10th seeded teams are Byron, Pine Island, St. Thomas Academy, Cannon Falls and La Crescent, in that order.

The four quarterfinal winners from Thursday's round will meet in the semis and finals Saturday at Mayo Civic Arena to determine the Section 1AA champion.

Meanwhile the Tigers have to feel good about the way the regular season went as they concluded their schedule with

a 46-27 win over Triton on Senior Night last Thursday in the auditorium. It was Lake City's fourth consecutive win and the sixth win out of their last seven duals. The lone loss in that stretch was the near miss against Kenyon-Wanamingo (K-W) as the Tigers fought the Knights all the way to the heavyweight match, which K-W needed in order to win the dual.

Triton wasn't easy to shake Thursday, however, as the Cobras stayed close almost all the way. The Tigers got pins from Ivan Vargas at 220 and Gabe Vargas at 285 to pull away at the end.

"It wasn't real conclusive, but we finished with a win," said Coach Vaith. "I was happy for the seniors whose last home dual was a win."

Eighth grader Max Balow also had an important pin at 182.

So far this season eight Tigers have records of .500 or better, and a few others are close.

"This season far exceeded my expectations," said Coach Vaith. "The kids focused and fought hard and wrestled well as a team."

Lake City 46 Triton 27

106 - Jon Harvey received a forfeit.

113 - Nash Nelson (18-13) decisioned Kody Rasmussen 9-3.

120 - Joey Kozlowski was pinned by Colby Dobbs in 4:24.

126 - Tanner Frank (25-5) edged a tough Cole Rasmussen 4-2.

132 - Luke Skifton (16-15) received a forfeit.

138 - Sam Nutt was pinned by Hunter Shadow in 4:28.

145 - Elliot Mahn was pinned in 3:20 by Kyle Mitchell.

152 - Derek Meincke (19-13) majored Kaleb Strom 10-2.

160 - Gage Deegan received a forfeit.

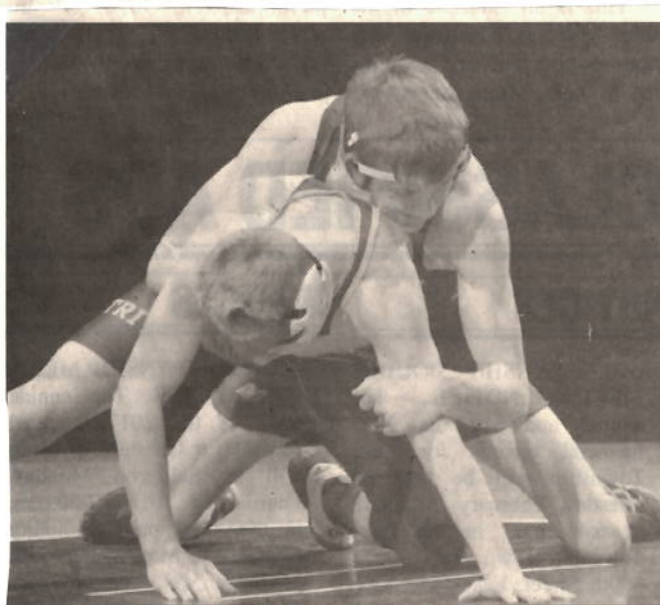
170 - Tom Frank (17-13) was decisioned by Trey Theobald 5-2.

182 - Max Balow had Mason Barker on his back three times before getting the pin at 5:30.

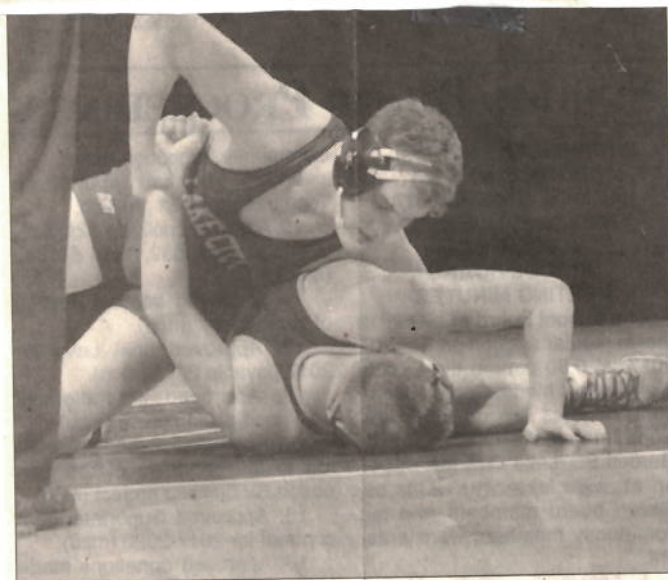
195 - Lake City forfeited to Hunter Jennings, and the lead was down to 34-27.

220 - Ivan Vargas (21-9) clinched it for the Tigers, pinning Tony Gonzalez in 4:25.

285 - Gabe Vargas (7-7) followed suit, pinning a huge eighth grader, Corbin Giesler, in 4:23.



Sam Nutt, wrestling at 138 pounds, was pinned in 4:28 by Hunter Shadow of Triton.

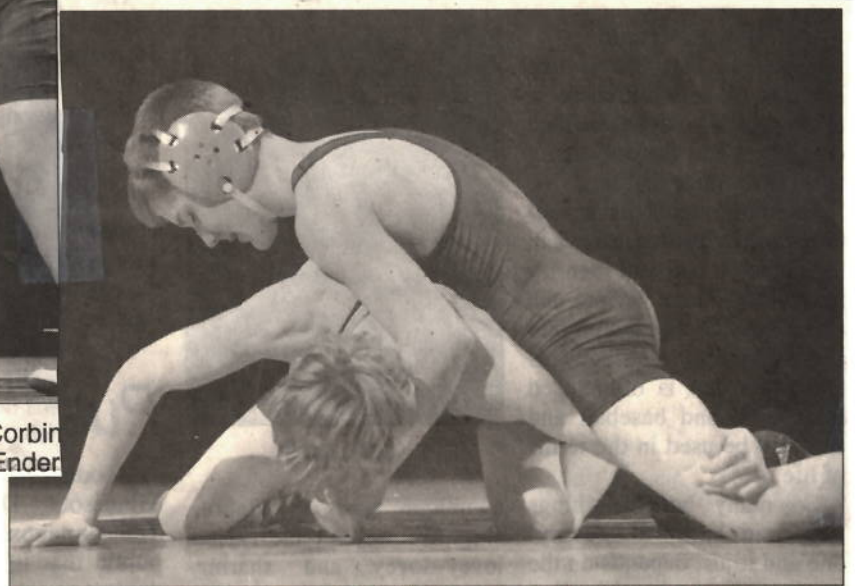


Max Balow (182) put a nice finishing touch on his regular season with a pin on Mason Barker of Triton Feb. 8. Max had Barker on his back three times before getting the stick at 5:30.

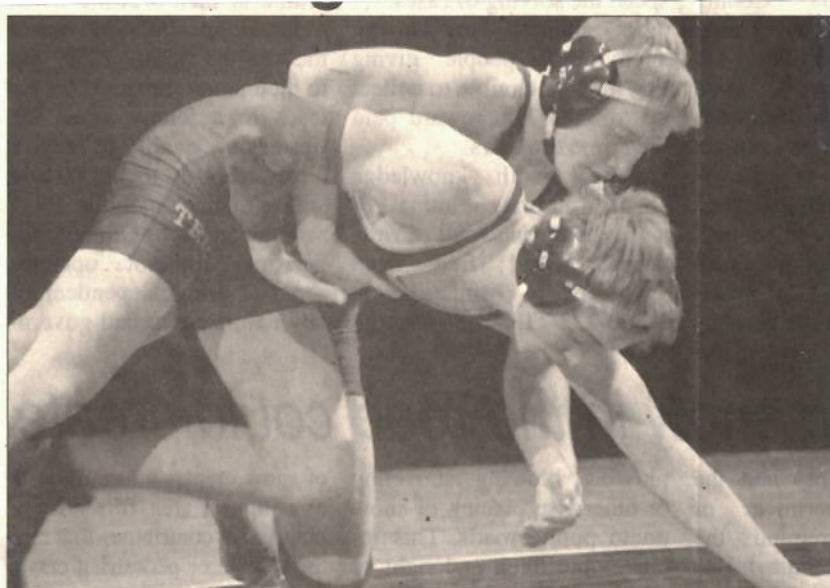
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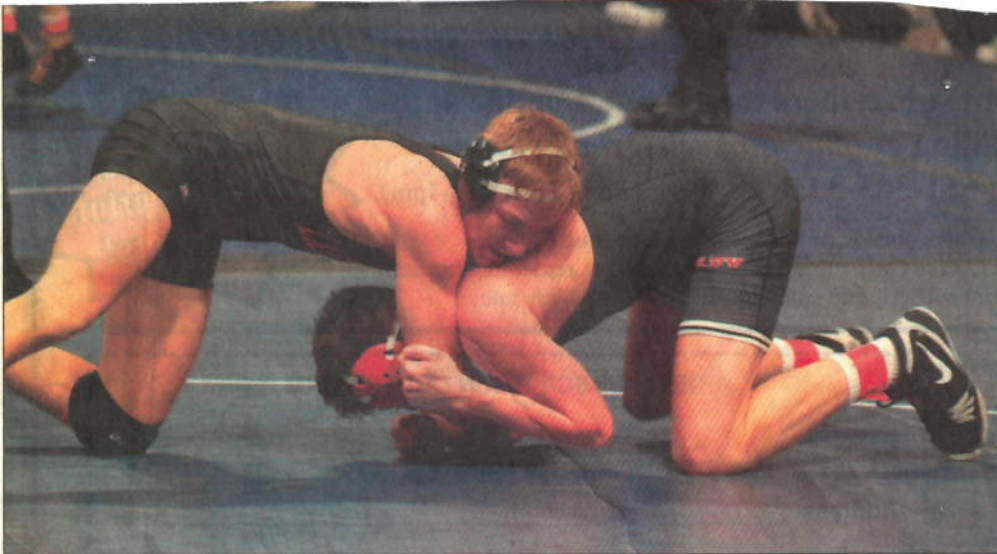
Gabe Vargas (285) pinned Triton's eighth grader, Corbin Giesler, in 4:23. — Photo by Dave Ender



Nash Nelson found success at 113 pounds when he decided Kody Rasmussen 9-3. — Photo by Dave Ender



Tanner Frank (126) got the win over Cole Rasmussen of Triton last Thursday, 4-2.



Upsets earn Frank a trip to state

Lake City senior Tanner Frank (left) narrowly missed qualifying for the state tournament the last two seasons. It took two upsets, including a victory clinched in the waning seconds of the section champion-

ships, to get there this year, but he did it. A complete run-down of Lake City's wrestlers at the Section 1AA individual tournament can be found on pages 9 and 10 of this issue.

March 1, 2018



ABOVE: Lake City's Tanner Frank, left, celebrates after beating Simley's Cael Berg in the 126-pound finals. BELOW: Hayden Strain of Cannon Falls has his hand raised after downing Kasson-Mantorville's Ethan Shea in the 170-pound finals.

Pair of upsets send Frank to state

MARCH 1
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By Gary Smith

Lake City senior Tanner Frank won the championship at 126 pounds at last Saturday's Section 1AA Tournament, earning him a berth in the State Class AA Tournament Friday (tomorrow) and Saturday. It will be Frank's first trip to state, and helps erase two years of frustration of falling just short of making the State Tourney his sophomore and junior seasons.

Frank received the sixth seed at the state tournament (out of the 16 wrestlers in that weight division) and will square off against Foley's Cameron Kowite in tomorrow's first round which starts at 9 a.m.

Frank's success headlined yet another good showing by the Tigers as a total of 10 Lake City wrestlers finished in the top six at their weights in the section tournament last weekend at Rochester's Mayo Civic Arena.

"I can't remember ever that many of our kids placing at the Section Tournament," said Coach Doug Vaith.

While no other Tiger reached the finals at their weights, three others wrestled for third place which technically means they were still in the running for a true second match. However all three ended up losing their third place matches and finished fourth.

Two Tigers placed fifth, and four finished in sixth place.

As Coach Vaith has indicated several times this season, this year's edition of the Tigers continued to impress week after week.

"Coming into this season I didn't know what to expect," said Vaith. "But the kids made it fun. They really meshed as a team. I got more comments from other coaches on how our kids never quit. It was one of my most enjoyable seasons. Sometimes a

wrestling season can seem long. This season just flew by because it was so much fun."

Regarding Tanner Frank's qualifying for the state tournament, Vaith said, "It's a great feeling for him to finally make it after the disappointments the last couple years. He has worked so hard, and he has put in the time and effort. I'm so happy that he reached the state tournament. He's so deserving."

"Tanner hasn't been ranked this year but he has beaten some ranked kids and others who have been to state. Plus he has lost to a defending state champion and another kid that was second ranked. So he has had some quality wins and quality losses. Not being ranked has kept him under the radar," Vaith said.

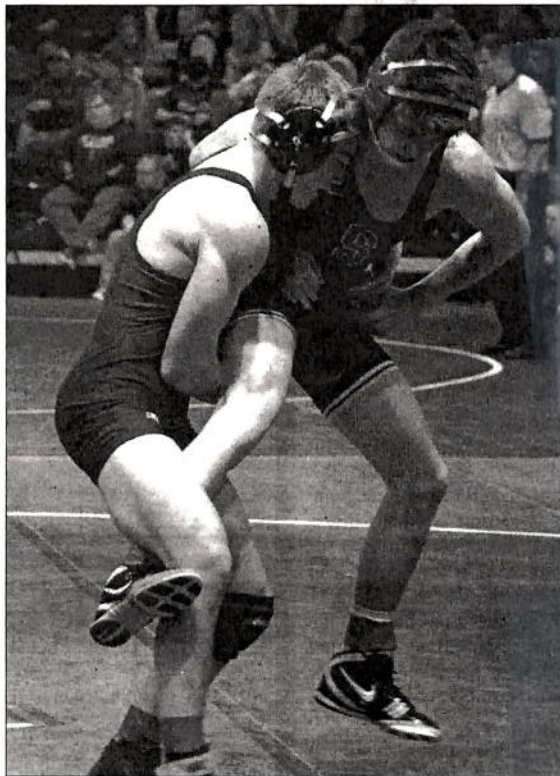
"The last two years definitely motivated me this year," said Frank. "I lost one match with one second left last year at the section tournament. This year I won the championship match right at the end. He (Cael Berg of Simley) shot in on me and he kind of fell on his hips. I was able to get my arms around him and get him on his back for a five count."

"It hasn't really hit me yet. But it took a lot of hard work," said Frank. "It was tougher this year being in Class AA instead of A. I was seeded third, so there were some tough kids."

Frank's first round opponent tomorrow, Cameron Kowite of Foley, is also a senior and ranked ninth with record of 37-8. He was the runner up in his section last weekend.

"I just want to have fun with it," said Frank. But he conceded, "My goal is to make it to the podium."

Class AA quarterfinals are scheduled for 4 p.m. tomorrow followed by consolation matches later in the evening.



Tanner Frank lifts Cael Berg off the mat in the Section 1AA individual finals. Frank won the match in the closing seconds to win the section and qualify for his first appearance at the state wrestling meet.

Consolation quarterfinals, championship semis and consolation semis are on Saturday starting at 9 a.m. Third, fifth and championship matches are slated from 4 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Saturday.

Lake City individuals section tournament results:

106-Mason West (26-12) defeated Plainview-Elgin-Millville's Garrett Olson 6-5, then he was pinned in 1:22 by top seed and eventual champion Maxwell Petersen of Byron. In the consolations Mason decisively defeated LaCrescent's Joey Schreier 8-4, and in the third place match Mason was pinned in 1:21 by third seed Erwin Strelow. "Mason triggered us this year," said Coach Vaith. "He got us go-

ing, and Friday he rode out Olson the entire third period to win by one, which set the tone for us."

113-Nash Nelson (18-16) was pinned in 4:51 by top seed and eventual champion, Jared Johnson of Kasson-Mantorville, then in his consolation match Nash was majored 10-0 by eventual runner up Cooper Peterson of Cannon Falls. "Nash had a great year," said Vaith. "He was tremendously improved and helped set the tone for us in duals. He lost to the two top guys in the section tournament." All eight wrestlers at this weight had winning records.

120-Joey Kozlowski (16-19) was majored 10-1 by Stewartville's Tyler Laues who finished third, then af-

ter a bye he was pinned in 5:11 by Pine Island's Isaiah Douglas who finished fourth. In the fifth place match Joey defeated Simley's Ruben Saldivar 9-4. "Joey didn't get a win in last year's section tournament, and this year he did," said Vaith. "Hopefully that will motivate him for next year."

126-Tanner Frank (28-6) pinned Pine Island's Dan Krier in 45 seconds, then he nipped Kasson-Mantorville's second seeded Matthew Harfmann 4-3 in three overtimes. For the championship Tanner got a five point move in the final seconds to defeat top seed Cael Berg of Simley 6-1. Tanner lost some heartbreakers the past two Section Tournaments--this year he won them.

132-Luke Skifton (18-18) was pinned in 4:48 by eventual third place finisher Dawson Fallon of Pine Island, then in the consolations he majored Cannon Falls' Sam Ludden 12-1. In the consolation semis Luke lost 7-0 to eventual

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fourth place finisher Cooper Hofschulte of Plainview-Elgin-Millville, but he finished on a winning note as he took fifth place, pinning St. Thomas Academy's Jacob Draxler in 4:50. "Luke is a fearless competitor. He doesn't care who he's facing," said Vaith. "He was winless in last year's section tournament and was unseeded this year, but he had a great finish."

138-Harold Schumacher (10-18) lost 4-0 to fourth seeded Keegan Zelinske of Stewartville, then in the consolations he pinned Byron's Tyson Dean in 3:31. In the consolation semis, Harold was pinned by third seed Evan Goplen of Pine Island in 1:30, and in the fifth place match he was pinned by Zelinske in 59 seconds. "Harold accomplished more than I expected this year," said Vaith. "He's a physical wrestler, and after missing a couple weeks with an injury and an illness he came back to place in his first section tournament."

145-Derek Meincke (22-15) was defeated 9-2 by Peter Fitterer of Cannon Falls then he beat Pine Island's Mason Pike 4-1. In the consolation semis Derek got an escape in the second and rode out third seed Kasson-Mantorville's Nic Van Ort in the third for a 1-0 win---"the best win of his career" according to Coach Vaith. In the third place match Derek was decisioned by Fitterer 7-2. "Van Ort majored him earlier this year in the K-M dual, so Derek beating him in the Sections was big." Van Ort easily won fifth place.

152-Thomas Frank (19-17) pinned Byron's Donald French in 5:23 then he upset fourth seed Broghen Kunz of Pine Island 8-7. In the semis he was edged 3-0 by top seed and eventual runner up Carter Marx of P-E-M. In his consolation semi he was beaten in overtime 4-1 by Christian Sackett of Stewartville, who finished third. In the fifth place match Thomas was edged 6-5 by Kunz. "Thomas will continue to improve," said Vaith. "His off season work has shown. He's developed himself into a much stronger wrestler."

160-Elliot Mahn (10-21) pinned Byron's Kyle Cloutier in 5:04, then he was pinned in 1:46 by top seed Jacob Hageman of Simley, who finished second. In the consolation semis Elliot pinned PEM's Alex Rahman in 3:11, and in the third place match he was pinned in 41 seconds by third seed Ethan Meyer of Stewartville. "Elliot drilled hard, he was a quiet and hard worker and he was coachable," said Vaith. "He overachieved, getting to the third place match in his only section tournament."

170-Max Balow (14-17) was pinned in 5:45 by top seed and eventual champion Hayden Strain of Cannon Falls, then he pinned Kyle Stahler of Byron in 3:06. In the consolation semis he was teched 17-0 (5:51) by PEM's Austin Rother, and in the fifth place match he was pinned in 4:36 by La Crescent's Colton

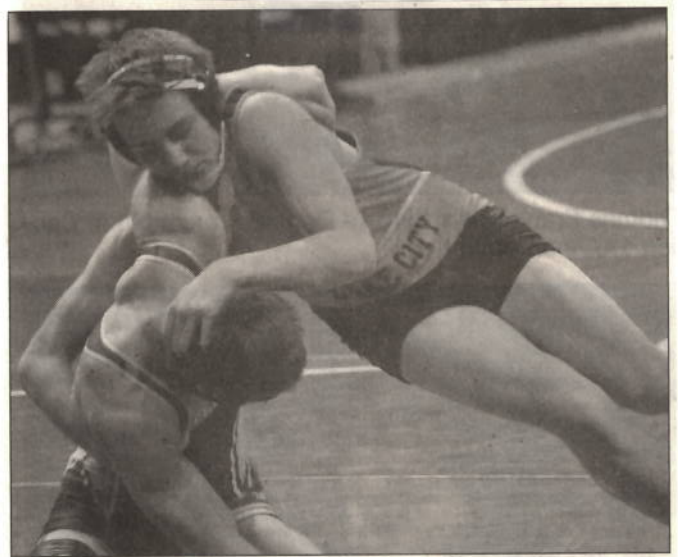
Jorgenson. In other words, in a strong weight class, Max was 1-3 against two 20 match winners and two 30 match winners. "Max had Strain on his back before Strain pinned him," said Vaith. "For him to medal in a strong 170 pound weight class is a great accomplishment for a kid of that age."

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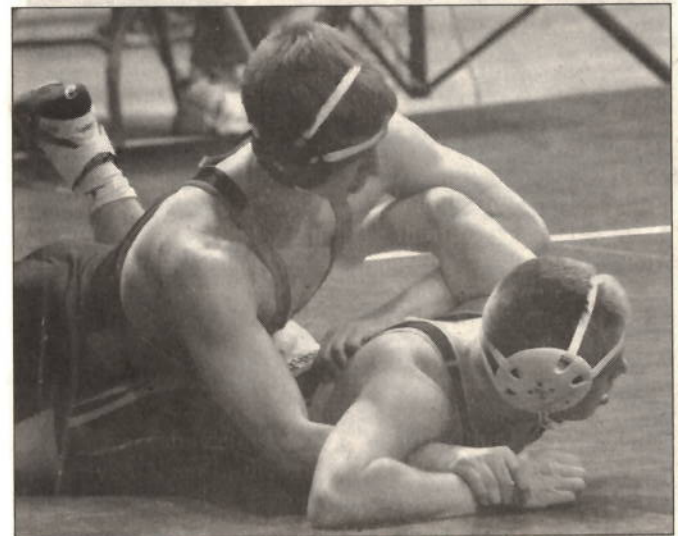
195-Ivan Vargas (22-13) was pinned by fourth seed Shawn Curtis of Stewartville, then in the consolations he pinned Byron's Luke Lampat in 4:51. In his consolation semi Ivan was edged 1-0 by St. Thomas Academy's Thomas Litecky, who finished third, and in the fifth place match Ivan was pinned in 3:59 by Simley's Esiquio Diaz. "Ivan had a solid season," said Vaith. "He set a great example by what he did for the team, wrestling anywhere from 195 to heavy-weight. It was a strong year for him."

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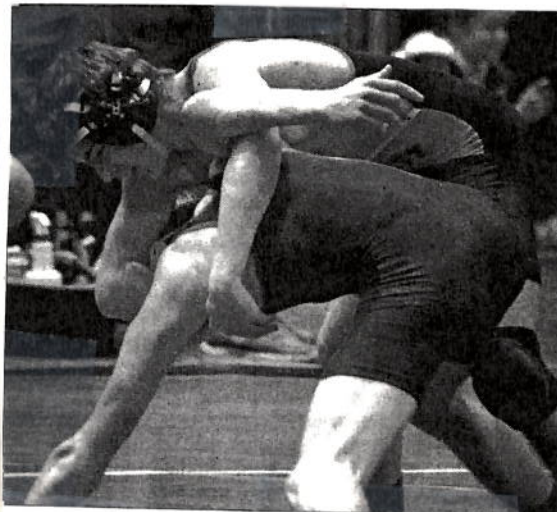
285-Gabe Vargas (7-10) was pinned in 47 seconds by top seed and eventual champion Luke Zaiser of Simley, then in his consolation match he was pinned in 2:40 by La Crescent's Zach Bolyard, who placed fifth. Gabe's seven wins marked an improvement over last year.



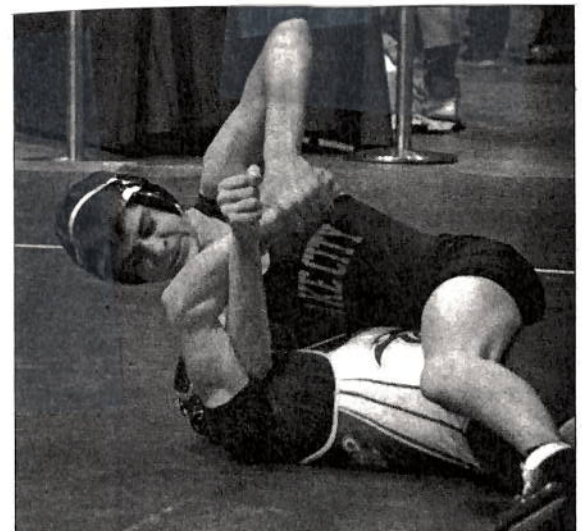
Thomas Frank (right) goes after fourth seed Broghen Kunz of Pine Island. Frank would go on to upset Kunz 8-7.



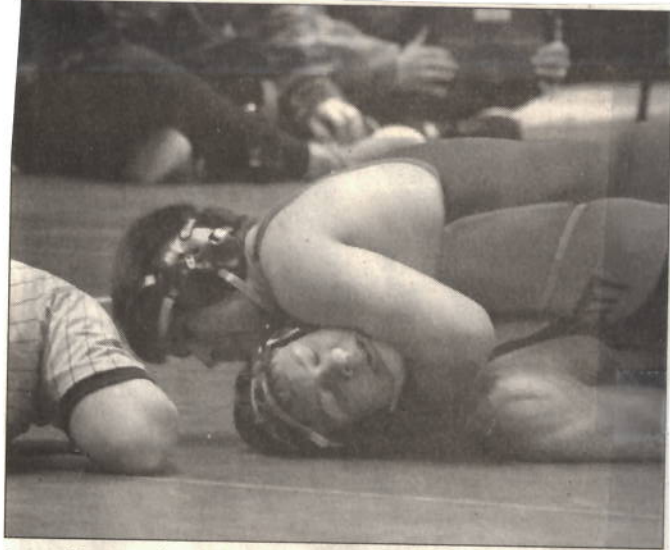
Elliot Mahn on top of Byron's Kyle Cloutier at the Section 1AA wrestling tournament.



Luke Skifton in action at the Section 1AA Tournament.

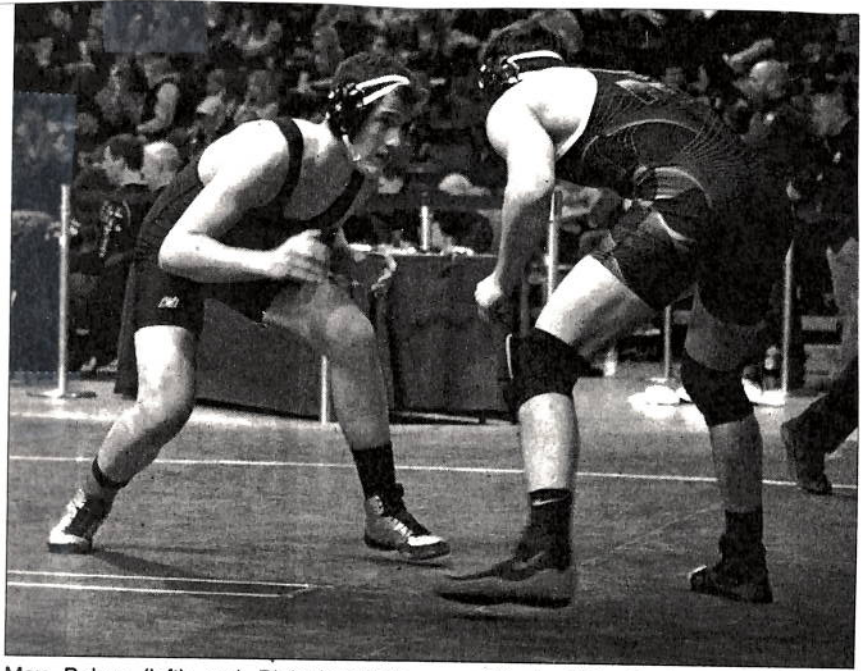


Joey Kozlowski contorts the arm of Pine Island's Isaiah Douglas. But it was Douglas who would emerge victorious, pinning Kozlowski in 5:11.

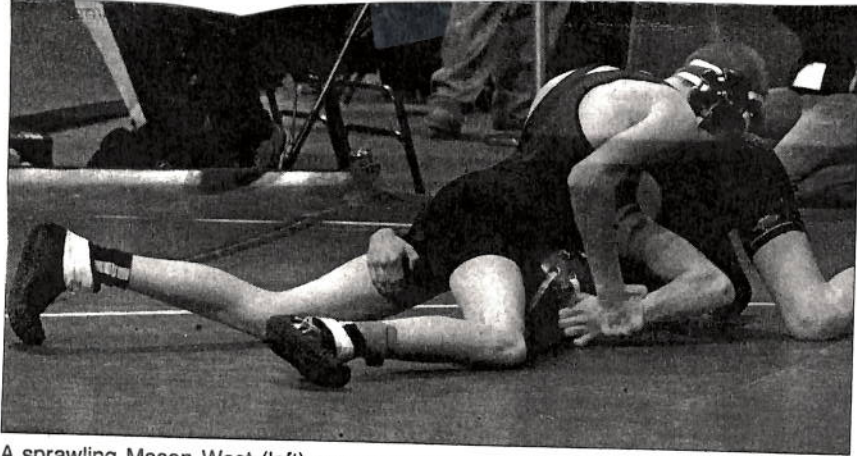


Ivan Vargas looks to the referee as he holds Byron's Luke Lampat to the mat. Vargas pinned Lampat in 4:51.

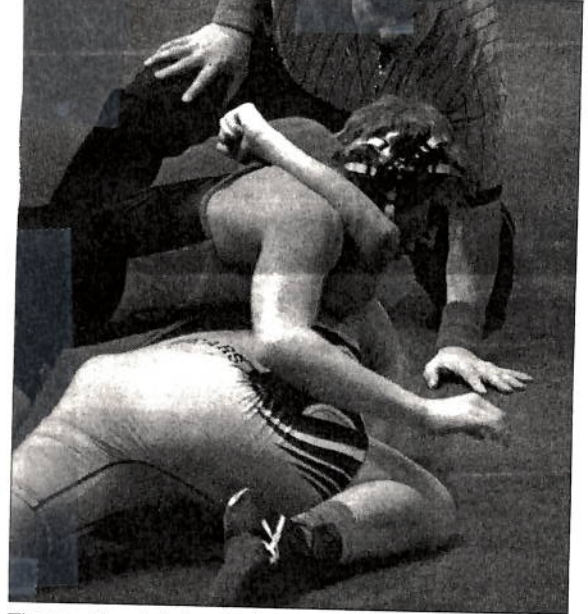
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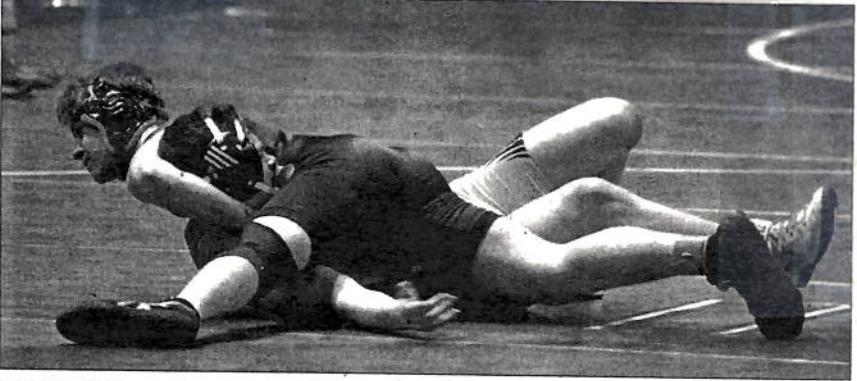
Max Balow (left) and Plainview-Elgin-Millville's Austin Rother in the consolation semi-finals at the Section 1AA individual wrestling tournament.



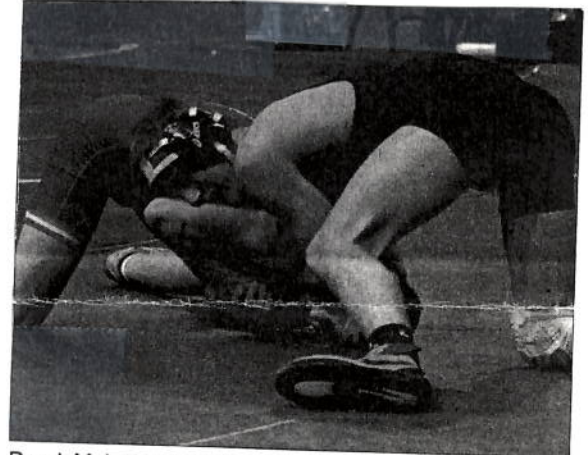
A sprawling Mason West (left) covers up an opponent at the Section 1AA individual tournament.



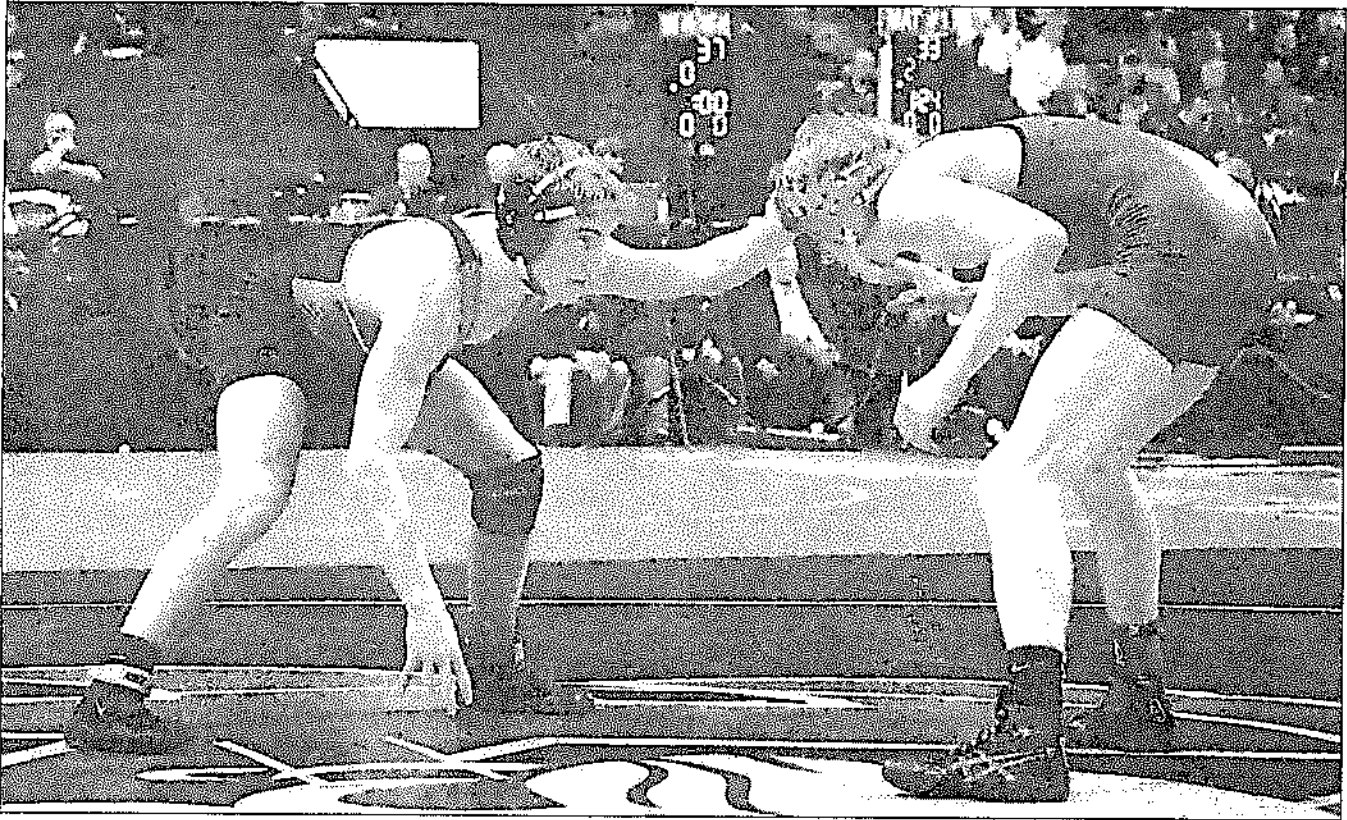
Thomas Frank twists Byron's Donald French at the Section 1AA tournament.



Harold Schumacher wraps his arms around the head of Byron's Tyson Dean. Schumacher pinned Dean in 3:31.



Derek Meincke (right) tangles with Nic Van Ort in the consolation bracket of the Section 1AA individual wrestling tournament.



Tiger senior Tanner Frank (left) squares off in the neutral round of the state tournament March 2. Kowitz won the position with Cameron Kowitz of Foley in the opening match 9-3.

Frank drops first round match to Kowitz of Foley

By Gary Smith

Lake City's Tanner Frank (126) lost his opening round match 9-3 at last Friday's State Wrestling Tournament. His opponent, Cameron Kowitz of Foley lost his second round match later on Friday which eliminated Frank from further competition.

Frank said, "I enjoyed the experience. I wish I could have gotten more matches, but Kowitz had a leg attack that I had trouble defending. He was taller which made it more difficult for me. I don't think that because it was my first experience at the state tournament made any difference. It's hard to tell."

"Tanner is pretty easy going so I don't think he was intimidated," said Coach Doug Vaith. "He just ran into a kid who was better on that day. Kowitz won fair and square, and he deserved to win."

Section 2A team champion Kenyon-Wanamingo went 0-2 in the Class A team tournament.

Tanner Frank, Cage Deegan, Elliot Mahn, Gabe Vargas and stat girl Mac-Kenzie Noll were the seniors honored at the awards banquet March 4. Frank was named to the all-conference team, while Mason West and Ivan Vargas were honorable mention all-conference. West, Frank and Max Balow were named to the all-conference academic team. Frank won the team's highest academic award, and the team won a Silver Award which is for an overall grade point average of at least 3.2.

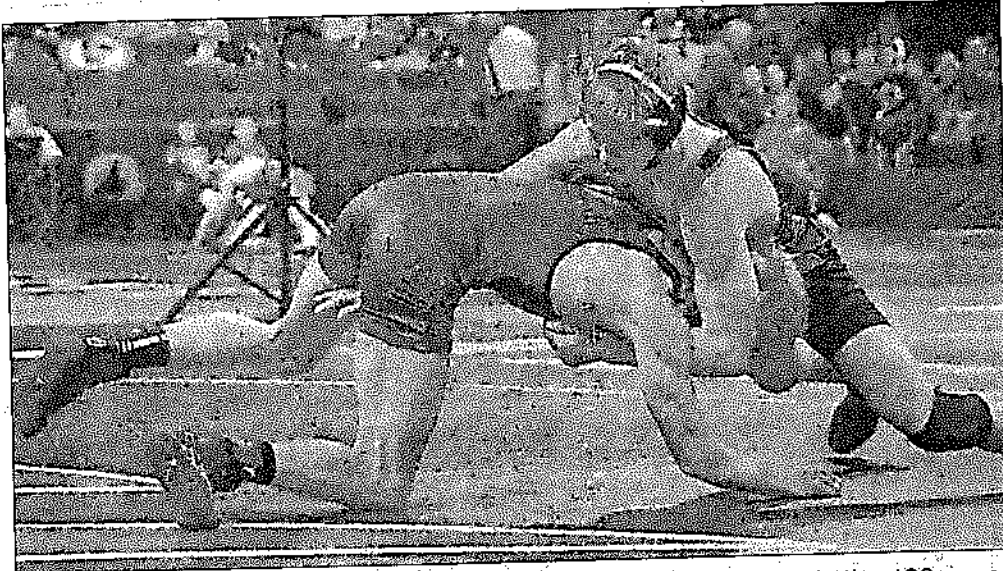
Frank had the most pins on the team (14), while Frank and Derek Meincke tied for the most takedowns with 20.

Kowitz won his first consolation match and then lost his second one which eliminated him. The two guys that beat Kowitz place third and fourth at 126.

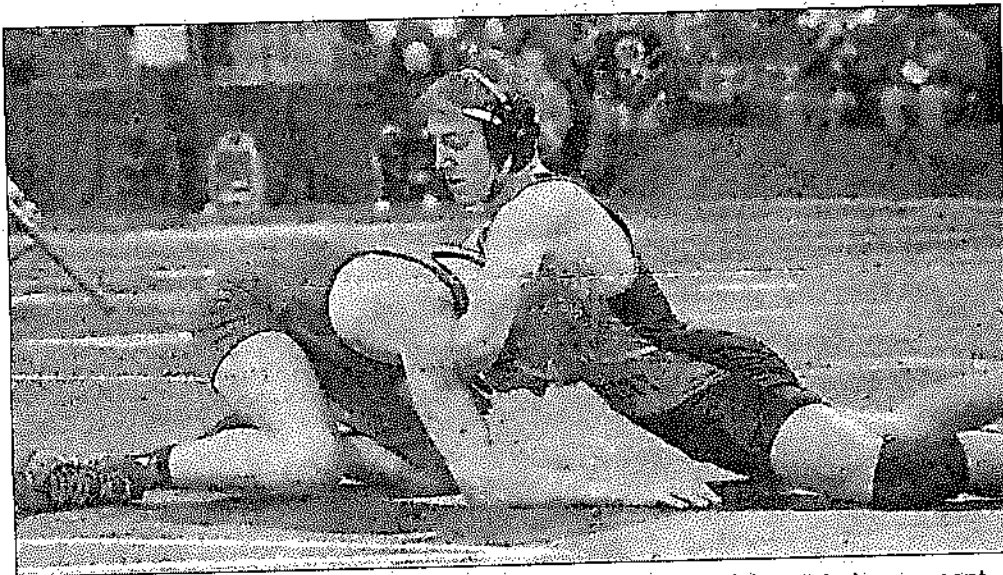
Eighteen place medals (first through sixth) were taken home from the State Tournament by Section 1AA wrestlers. Naturally most of them were by State AA Team Champion Kasson-Mantorville (seven) and Section 1AA team runner-up and second ranked Simley (six). The Petersen brothers from Byron each won championships at 106 and 120.

Fellow Hiawatha Valley Conference member Zumbrota-Mazeppa won their second straight Class A State Team Championship, while

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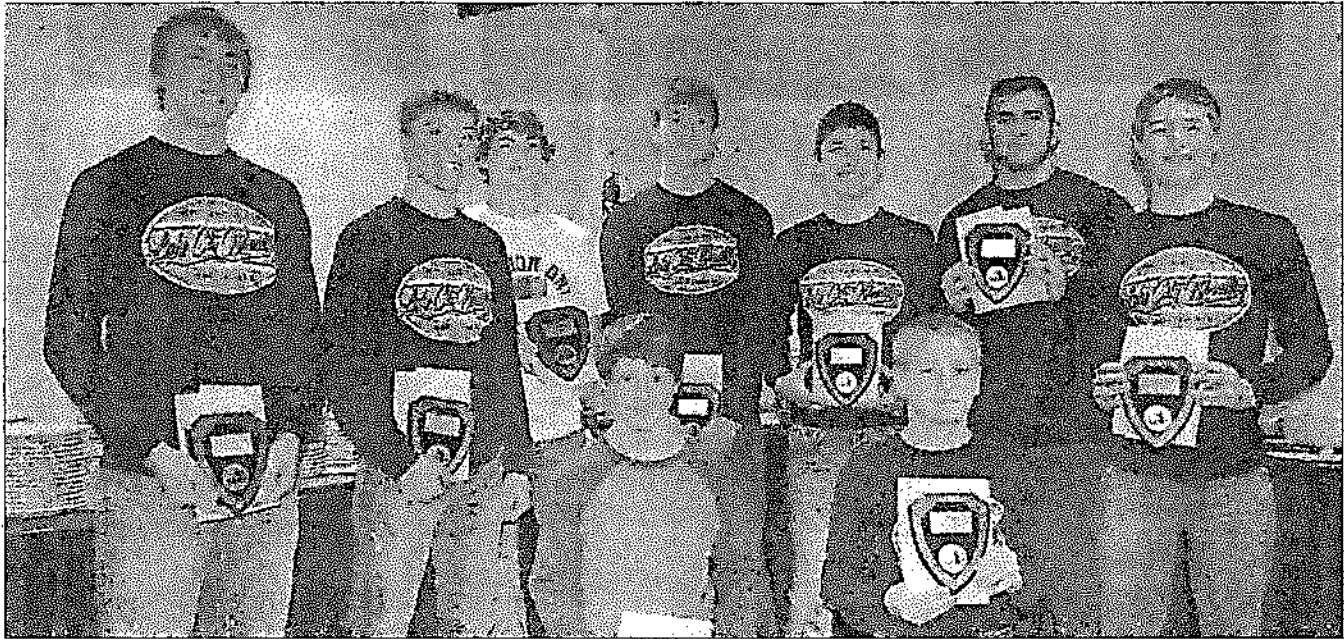
Frank sprawls to defend the leg attack of Cameron Kowitz of Foley, in the 126 pound opening match March 2.



Frank goes low to keep his legs free in the opening round of the state tournament.

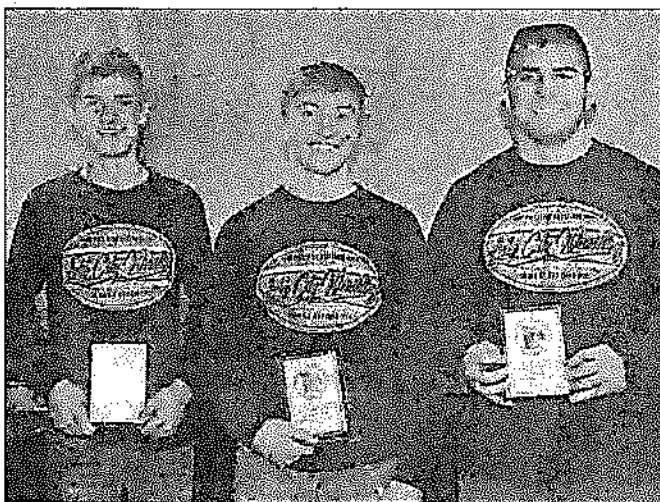
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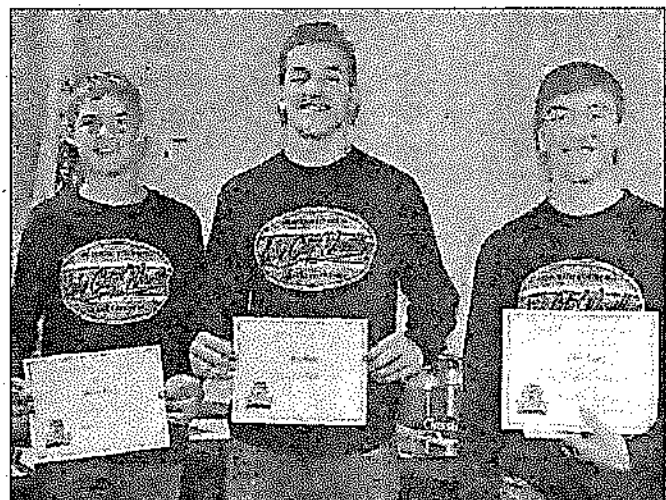


The Tiger wrestling team wrapped up their season with an awards banquet March 4. Nine wrestlers qualified for the Iron Man perfect attendance award. Front row, from left: Tanner Laska and Jon Harvey; back row, from left: Thomas Frank, Tanner Frank, Luke Skifton, Derek Meincke,

Nash Nelson, Ivan Vargas and Aaron Meincke. Tanner Frank had the most pins on the team with 14 and Frank and Derek Meincke tied for the most takedowns with 39.



Hiawatha Valley League all-conference award went to Tanner Frank (center) with honorable mention recipients Mason West (left) and Ivan Vargas.



Hiawatha Valley League academic all-conference awards went to, from left; Mason West, Max Balow and Tanner Frank, with Frank receiving the team's highest academic award. Lake City received a team Silver Award for an overall GPA of 3.2.

Lake City (2017-2018)

Season Dual Meet Summary (Record: 8 - 7)

12/07/2017	Stewartville	33-36	Loss
12/14/2017	Pine Island	31-34	Loss
12/21/2017	Zumbrota-Mazeppa	10-57	Loss
01/04/2018	Cannon Falls	43-22	Win
01/16/2018	Kasson-Mantorville	0-77	Loss
01/16/2018	Byron	39-25	Win
01/18/2018	Goodhue	13-52	Loss
01/25/2018	Fillmore C-Lanesboro-M-C Wolves	52-12	Win
01/25/2018	La Crescent	51-19	Win
01/26/2018	Kenyon-Wanamingo	28-37	Loss
02/01/2018	St. Charles	40-33	Win
02/02/2018	Rochester Century	54-21	Win
02/02/2018	Wabasha-Kellogg	34-33	Win
02/08/2018	Triton	46-27	Win
02/15/2018	Stewartville	12-44	Loss

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Lake City (2017-2018)

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<u>Name</u>	<u>W / L</u>		<u>Fall</u>		<u>T2</u>	
Baiow, Max	14	17	10	5	25	49
Becker, Luke	0	2	0	2	0	2
Deegan, Cage	1	0	0	0	0	0
Forfeit,	3	29	0	0	0	0
Frank, Tanner	28	7	14	0	39	19
Frank, Thomas	19	17	10	3	29	34
Goihl-Krier, Dominic	1	3	0	2	0	8
Harvey, Jonathan	3	3	1	2	6	5
Kozlowski, Joey	16	19	4	6	21	36
Mahn, Elliot	10	21	8	18	19	33
Meincke, Derek	22	15	10	1	39	35
Nelson, Nash	18	16	9	5	33	41
Nutt, Sam	0	1	0	1	0	1
Rolbiecki, Jaden	0	1	0	1	0	2
Schumiacher, Harold	10	18	7	9	15	34
Schuna, Albert	2	2	2	2	5	4
Skifton, Luke	18	18	9	9	24	52
Vargas, Gabe	7	10	5	8	15	15
Vargas, Ivan	22	13	10	5	28	17
West, Mason	26	12	12	7	35	33

<u>Wrestler</u>	<u>Wins</u>	<u>Losses</u>	<u>Falls</u>
Grant Asfahl	14	18	9
Landon Borgschatz	3	13	2
Nate Evans	16	15	10
Riley Forbes	4	15	3
Zach Keller	5	11	
Cristofer Ramirez-Lopez	9	12	4
Ethan Roberson	3	21	1
William Robinson	1	12	
Ethan Wurst	6	6	5
Tristan Richardson	5	15	4
Luke Becker	30	6	17
Tanner Laska	10	12	4
Aaron Meincke	27	14	7
Sam Nutt	18	8	16
Ashton Shingleton	4	12	3
Jaden Rolbiecki	15	13	14
Dominic Gohl-Krier	17	6	8
Mitchell Anderson	4	6	2
Steven Ramirez	9	9	5
Cage Deegan	4	15	3
Elliot Mahn	2	1	2
Taylor Owens	9	8	5
Max Balow	0	1	
Jon Harvey	25	3	10
	240	252	134

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