

Louisiana Wrestling Roundup

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East Jeff captures top state honors

East Jefferson high school of Metairie captured three individual titles and the 1978 Division I State Wrestling Championship Feb. 10-11 at Baker high school.

Twenty-four teams competed in the two day meet with 229 wrestlers vying for the top 12 honors. Only five of the top seeded wrestlers won, while five second seeders won. Three wrestlers were selected as the meet's Outstanding Wrestler as the coaches votes were deadlocked with East Jefferson's Craig Seals, West Jefferson's John Hart and Lee's Jim Campbell.

It was a typical finish for Coach George Trygg's powerful Warriors of East Jeff. Their strength was spread throughout the team, scoring points in all but two weights, while eight wrestlers placed in the tournament. Three firsts, three seconds, a fourth and a sixth place aided the East Jefferson team to 187 points.

Brother Martin, coached by Ray Charboneau, finished 16½

points behind to place second, but they also had three state champions, one runner-up, a fourth and a sixth place.

Baker got three in the finals but could win only one championship and finished third with 136 points, one notch down from last years finish.

Defending state champion Jesuit high school of Sam Har-

Warriors get three individual winners

songkram, finished fourth and for the first time in many years didn't have a champion.

Lead all season by senior Craig Seals, the Warriors won five out of the six tournaments that they entered this year. Seals, the 98 pound state champ last year, moved up to 105 and won his second title while racking up a 30-0 record. Jim Ravannack who managed to get to the finals last season, won six tournaments plus his first state title this year. Big Tommy Majors could score but a

two point reversal in the finals, but managed to win the state championship in doing so.

Junior Mitch Michelli of Brother Martin, a finalist a year ago, came into the meet top seeded at 98 with a 25-2 record. Michelli had two falls and a superior decision, getting into the finals against Jessie Heck of Baker. Heck pinned second seeded Charles LeBlanc of Rummel in the semis to gain his spot in the finals. Scoring 7 points on near-falls along with a takedown and a reversal, Michelli won his title.

Seals won his second title on the strength of his crossbody ride and his arm bars. Junior Greg Town of Lee, a third seed (25-7), defeated second seed Mike Pou of Jesuit 8-3 to earn a place in the finals. Town could score but one reversal as Seals piled up 14 points and the 105 pound championship.

The 112 pound bout was unusual as defending state champ John Hart of West Jefferson wasn't seeded because of his coach's error in the seeding

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Straining

The look of strain is on the face of Division II outstanding wrestler Lenny Harner of Bossier City, as he works for back points in the 126 lb. finals against two-time state champion James Boudreaux of South Cameron. Harner defeated Boudreaux 15-15, OT 4-4, criteria decision to win his title. For additional pictures of Division II action, see Page 12.

Three in a row Tarpons win state

By KEN GOLE

The South Cameron Tarpons from Creole walked away with the crown for the third consecutive year at the Division II State Tournament held at Baker High School in Baker on Feb. 9 and 10.

The overall depth of Coach Clarence Vidrine's Tarpons proved to be the deciding factor in determining the team championship. South Cameron had two individual champions while

Bossier, John Ehert High from Metairie and Acadiana from Lafayette each had three individual champions in finishing second, third, and fourth respectively.

In addition to its two champions, Ward Theriot at 105 and Tony Porche at 167, South Cameron had five second place finishers and 11 of its 12 wrestlers placed in the top five in their respective weight classes. The only Tarpon who failed to place in the tournament was Oscar Garcia at 185 who contributed points to the team total as he won his first two matches and reached the semifinals before being forced to withdraw due to injury.

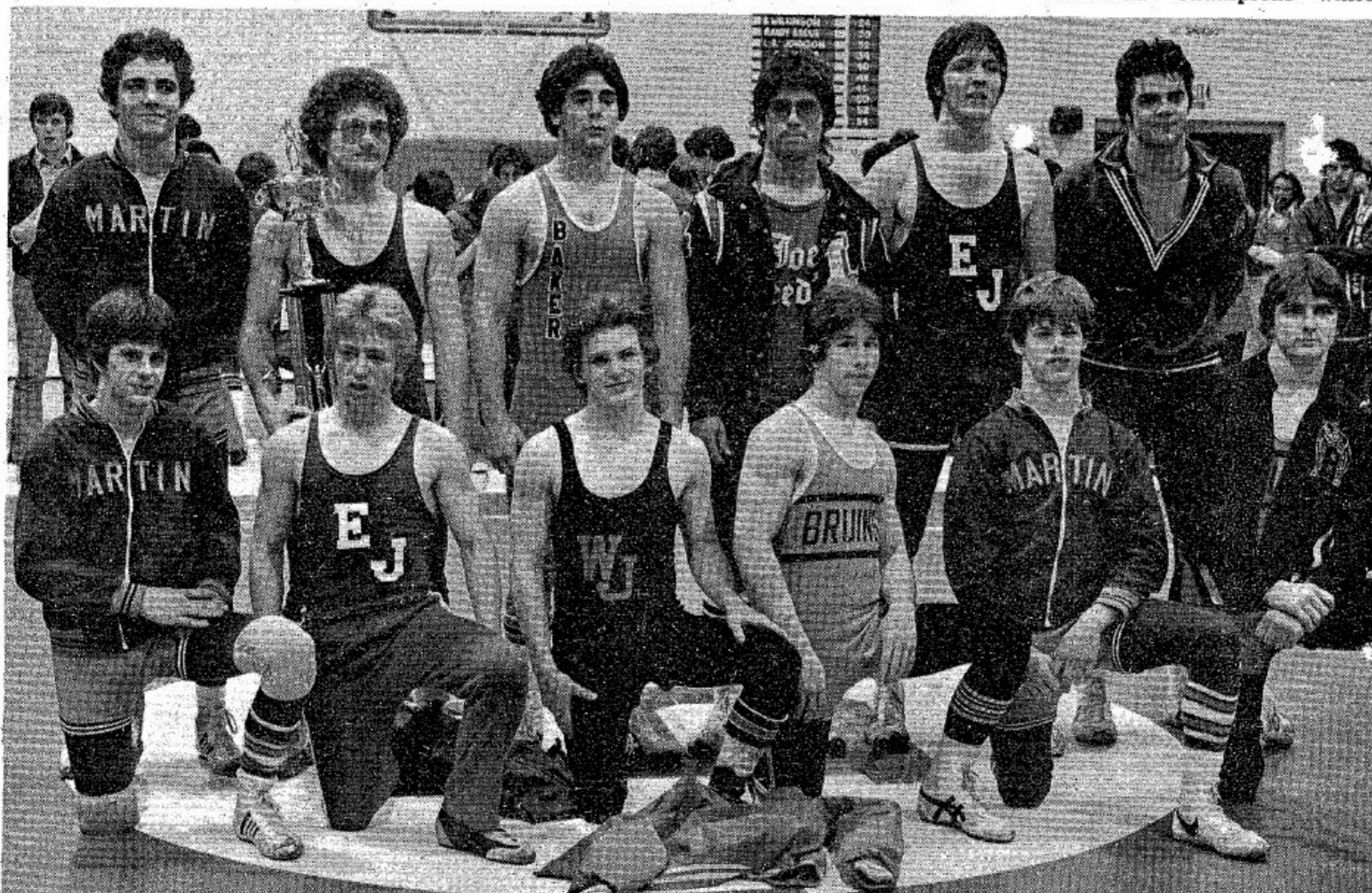
The following team scores are listed for the 19 schools which participated in the tournament with the number of state champions in parenthesis:

Team points: South Cameron, 226 (2); Bossier, 201.5 (3); John Ehert, 169 (3); Acadiana, 166.5 (3); Northside, 115, Buras, 105; St. Martin's, 85; Neville, 52 (1); Brusly, 50.5; Basile, 41.5; Baton Rouge High Magnet, 41.5; Covington, 29; Carencro, 21; La. State School for Blind, 20.5; Johnson Bayou, 9; Bogalusa, 7; Denham Springs, 7; Cloutierville, 6; Chaneyville, 3.

Acadiana's Craig Theriot won the 98 lb. crown by pinning Bossier's Bo Pate in 4:50. At the time of the pin, Theriot was leading 6-2.

In the 105 lb. division, Ward Theriot of South Cameron decisioned Acadiana's Chris Bonin 6-2. Theriot took the first period 2-0 by virtue of a double leg takedown, but not before being warned for stalling. Early in the second stanza, Theriot took a 4-0 lead by reversing Bonin with a switch. Bonin was awarded points in the second and third periods as Theriot continued to

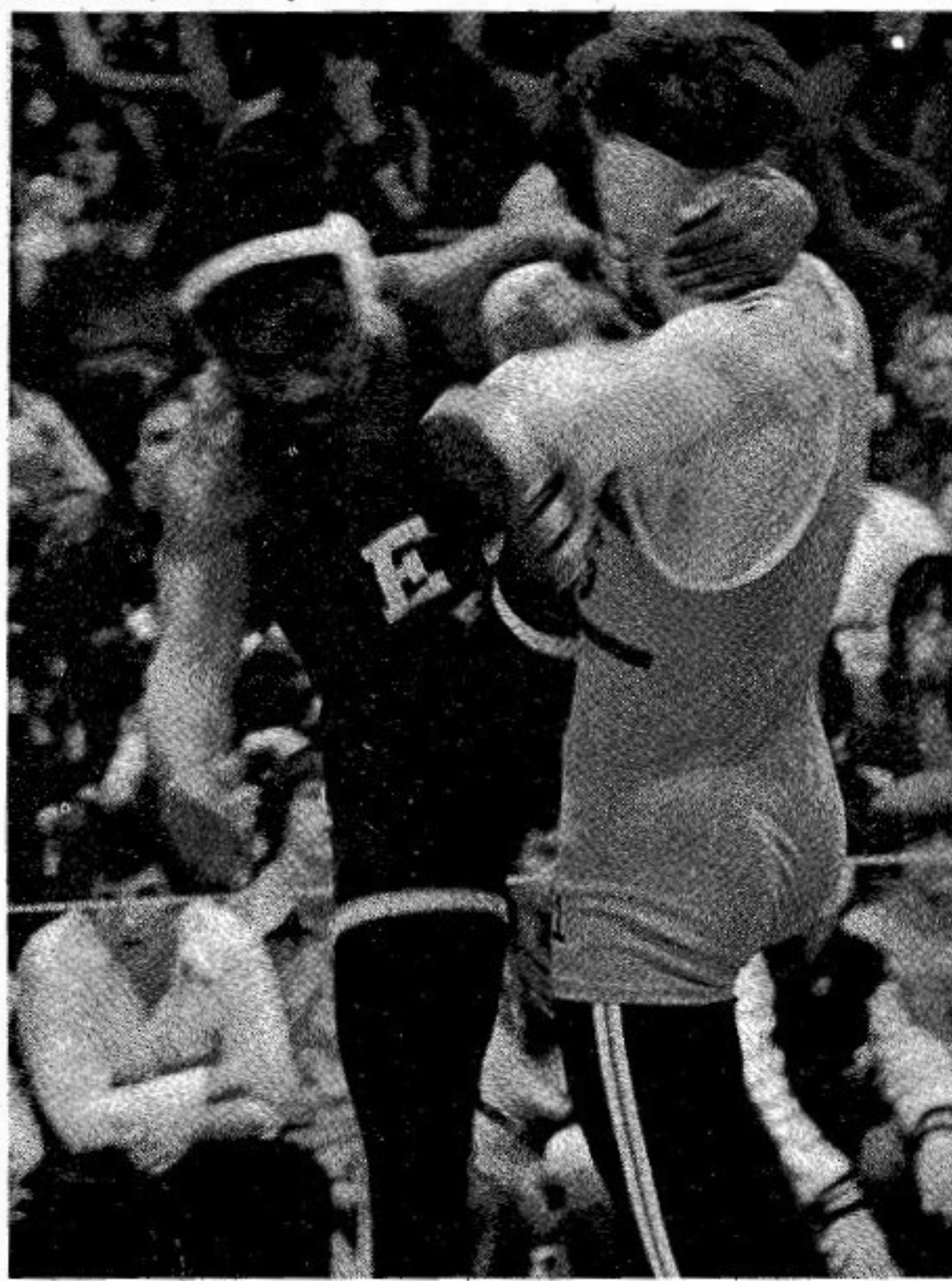
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Division I state winners

Division I State Champions pictured here are, front row: 98 Mitch Michelli (BM), 105 Craig Seals (EJ), 112 John Hart (WJ), 119 John Nette (Bonn.), 126 Tom Messonnier (BM), 132 John Fogarty (Bon-

n.); back row: 138 Mark Scariano (BM), 145 Jim Ravannack (EJ), 155 Joe Calloway (Baker), 167 Bart Gutierrez (Lee), 185 Tommy Majors (EJ), Hwt. Jim Campbell (Lee).



Warrior in trouble

Sophomore John Nette of Bonnabel lifts on a single leg to secure a takedown in the first period of the Division I 119 lb. title match. Nette, the second seed, defeated Keith Varmall of East Jefferson 9-5. Varmall was the first seed and the defending state champion.

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East Jeff captures state

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sheets. As things turned out, probably his toughest match was his first, against Redemptorists' Mark Gainey. They went into overtime with Hart winning 11-11 OT 5-3.

Catholic's Fritz Koger was seeded first (24-4-1) had already beaten Hart earlier in the season. But Koger, noted for his "Gramby roll," fell victim to Hart as Hart would secure a takedown, ride as long as he could, then let Koger escape. Final score Hart three takedowns, Koger four escapes and one penalty point -- Hart 6-5.

The 119 pound title bout found sophomore John Nette of Bonnabel facing state champ Keith Varmall of East Jefferson. Nette, a strongman, had three falls (:45, :37, 5:05) and a decision with his last fall over Troy Cross of Brother Martin a state runner-up from last year in the semis.

Varmall had his closest match from Darryl Pea of Baker in his semi-final match 3-2. Nette, scoring six points in the second period on two reversals and a near-fall, defeated Varmall 9-5.

Second seed Tom Messonnier of Brother Martin, a junior and a runner-up from last year, went after top seeded David Albrecht (22-2) of East Jefferson. Messonnier, who scored in all three periods, looked impressive throughout the tournament, and won 9-6 to take the 126 pound championship.

Second seed John Forgarty (31-2) of Bonnabel was looking to avenge an earlier loss to Jess Easley of Baker, the top seed at the time. Forgarty took place in the first period, but in the second period with Forgarty up, Easley reversed only to be reversed and put on his back. Forgarty escaped to start the third round and took down Easley, who later reversed but it was too late -- Score 8-4 Forgarty.

Mark Scariano of Brother Martin (19-3) had a 5-2 overtime victory over Sam Baily of Wossman in the quarterfinals, then behind 3-0 to second seeded

Walter Krousel of Catholic, was slammed and won the semis on a disqualification. Then he faced defending state champion Fred Kitziger (32-4), of Jesuit who had already scored three wins by fall. With no scoring in the first period, Kitziger was down the second period, then escaped and Scariano took him down to lead 2-1 going into the third period. One escape later it was all over with Scariano having a 3-1 victory and the 138 pound state championship.

Jim Ravannack, wrestling 145, was the top seed. He faced Maurice Casadaban of Brother Martin, the third seed. Ravan-

Paul Berggreen in their final bout. Majors scored a second period reversal that stood up to earn him the state championship.

Other than Seals, Mike Delesdernier (6-2, 245 lbs.) of Holy Cross, brought the most impressive credentials to the tournament. Undefeated in 26 matches with 23 falls to his credit, Delesdernier already had a 11-3 decision over Lee's Jim Campbell in the Tiger Invitational.

Campbell, was the second seed with a 12-2 record. (He missed half of the season due to a broken leg.) No scoring took place in the first period, and with Campbell on top the second period Delesdernier could not score. In the third round, Campbell switched and reversed, but Delesdernier reversed with a roll to even the score as they went out of bounds. Campbell again switched, and Delesdernier escaped. With just seven seconds left Campbell got the takedown and the heavyweight title 6-3.

This is the fifth year in a row that the heavyweight title has been won by a wrestler weighing less than 210 lbs. (Carroll West Jefferson, Landry, John Miller Lee, Jeff Tanguis Catholic and Campbell.)

Next year Michelli, Nette, Messonnier and Forgarty will have their state titles on the line week in and week out and it will be interesting to see how they can withstand the pressure.

Division I results:

- 98 Mitch Michelli (BM) dec. Jessie Heck (Baker) 11-0.
 - 105 Craig Seals (EJ) dec. Greg Town (Lee) 14-2.
 - 112 John Hart (WJ) dec. Fritz Koger (Cath.) 6-5.
 - 119 John Nette (Bonn.) dec. Keith Varmall (EJ) 9-5.
 - 126 Tommy Messonnier (BM) dec. David Albrecht (EJ) 9-6.
 - 132 John Forgarty (Bonn.) dec. Jess Easley (Baker) 8-4.
 - 138 Mark Scariano (BM) dec. Fred Kitziger (Jesuit) 3-1.
 - 145 Jim Ravannack (EJ) dec. Maurice Casadaban (BM) 5-1.
 - 155 Joe Calloway (Baker) dec. Joe Sunseri (Bonn.) 5-5 OT 2-1.
 - 167 Bart Gutierrez (Lee) dec. Tony Alas (EJ) 5-4.
 - 185 Tommy Majors (EJ) dec. Paul Berggreen (Cath.) 2-0.
 - HWT. Jim Campbell (Lee) dec. Mike Delesdernier (HC) 6-3.
- TEAM SCORING: East Jefferson 187; Brother Martin 107½; Baker 136; Rummel 109; Bonnabel 107; Jesuit 99; Parkway 96; Lee 94½; DeLaSalle 92½; Catholic 78; Holy Cross 77; Airline 67½; Wossman 45; Belaire 28½; Tara 27½; Haughton 25½; West Jefferson 25; Jeanerette 20; Capitol 18; Broadmoor 15; Destrehan 8; Lafayette 7; Natchitoches-Central 0.
- Outstanding Wrestler: Craig Seals (EJ); John Hart (WJ); Jim Campbell (Lee).

Their strength was spread throughout the team, all but two scored points and eight placed'

nack, who never looks rattled, scored a takedown and a two point nearfall in the initial period, plus a last period escape to win his championship 5-1.

Joe Calloway (24-4) of Baker, having the home town crowd to his advantage, used that and a third period reversal in overtime, to defeat top seeded Joe Sunseri (25-4) of Bonnabel 5-5 OT 2-1. Calloway, earlier in the season was pinned by Sunseri.

Top seed Bart Gutierrez (24-1) of Lee, kept things consistent as he defeated Tony Alas (21-3) of East Jefferson by a score of 5-4 for the 167 pound title. Alas' three losses were to Gutierrez and every one was by a single point. Gutierrez, a runner-up last year and third as a soph., had three falls and a decision to gain his place in the finals.

Tommy Majors, the 185 pounder of East Jefferson, had his hands full with Catholic's

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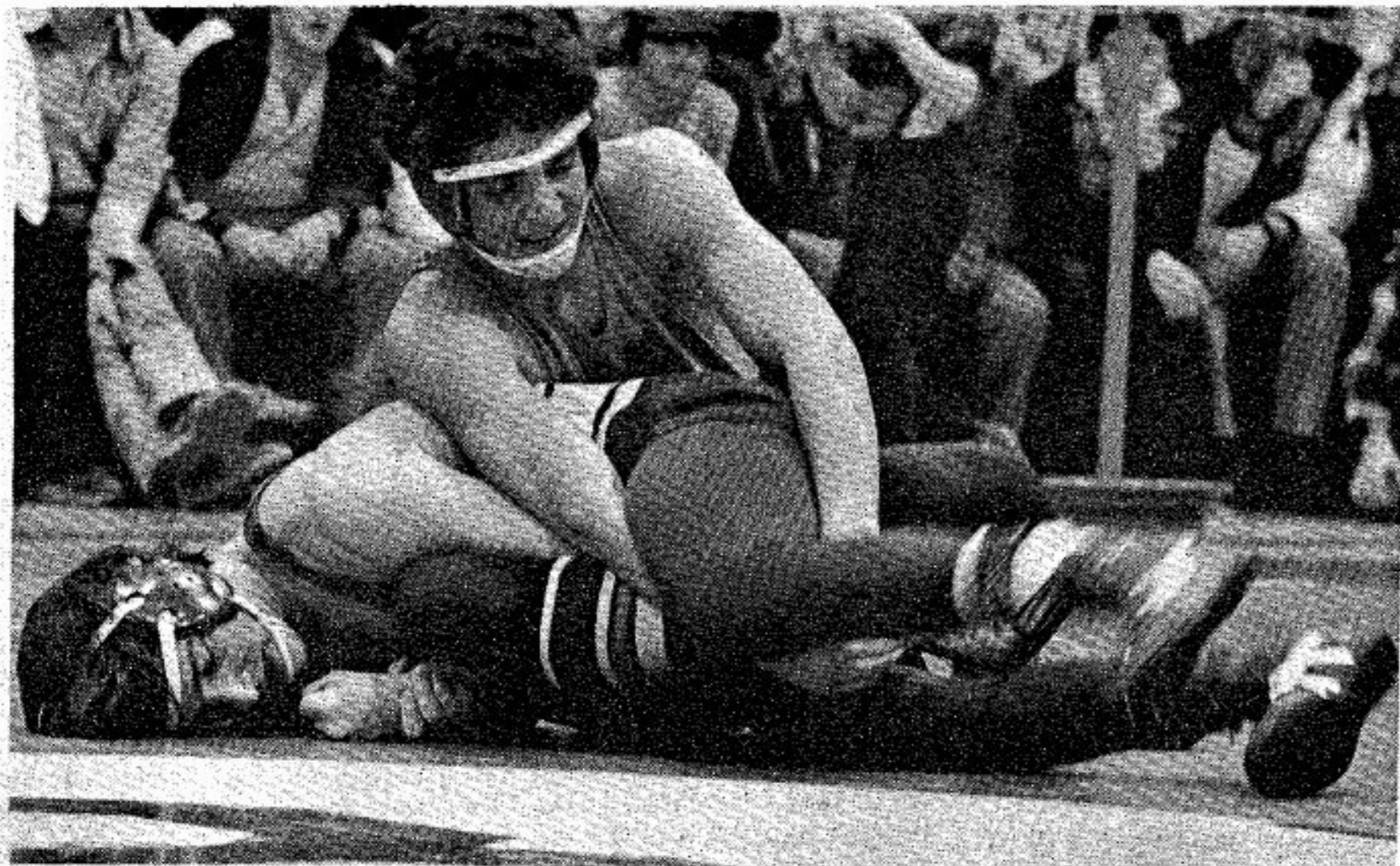


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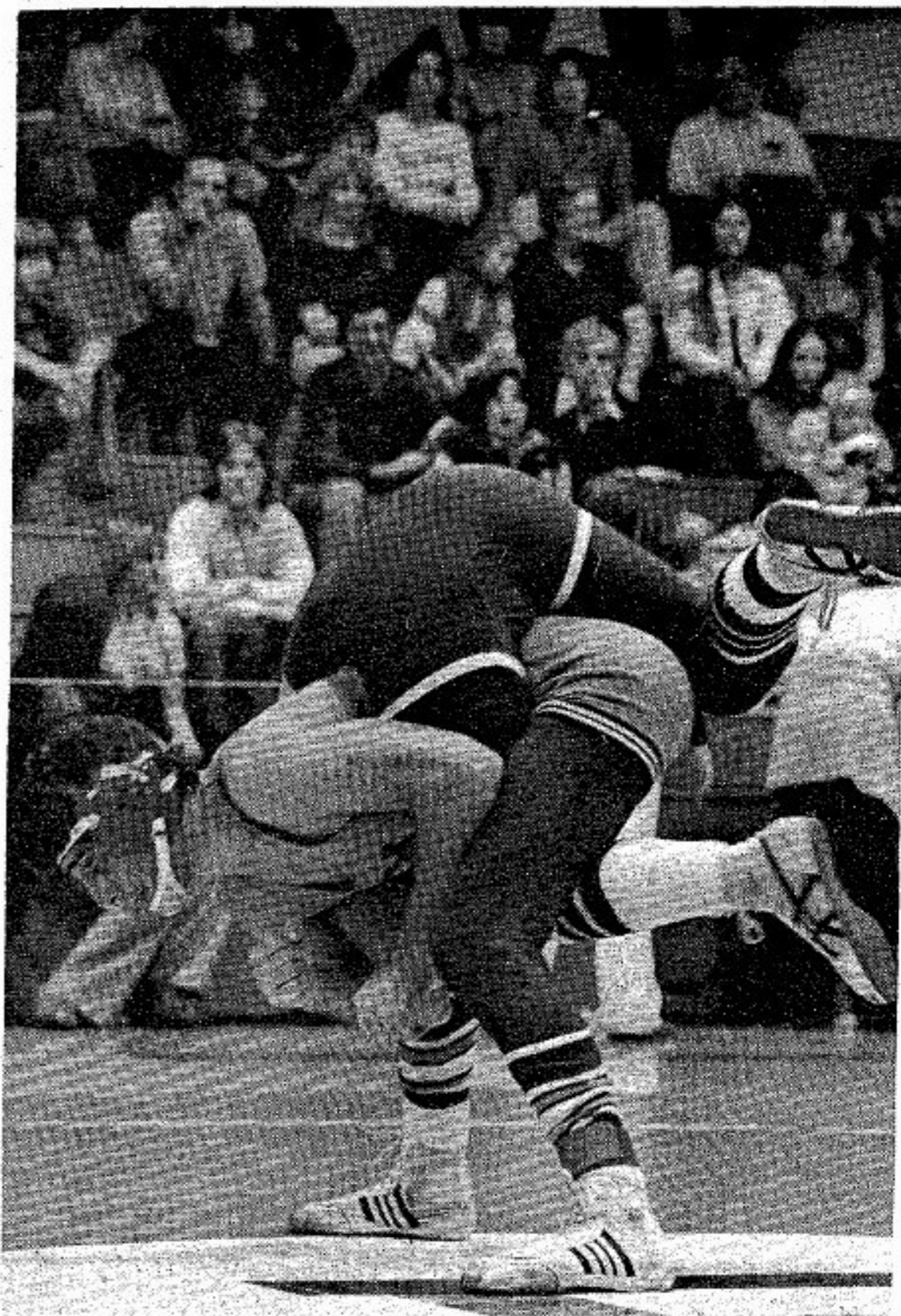
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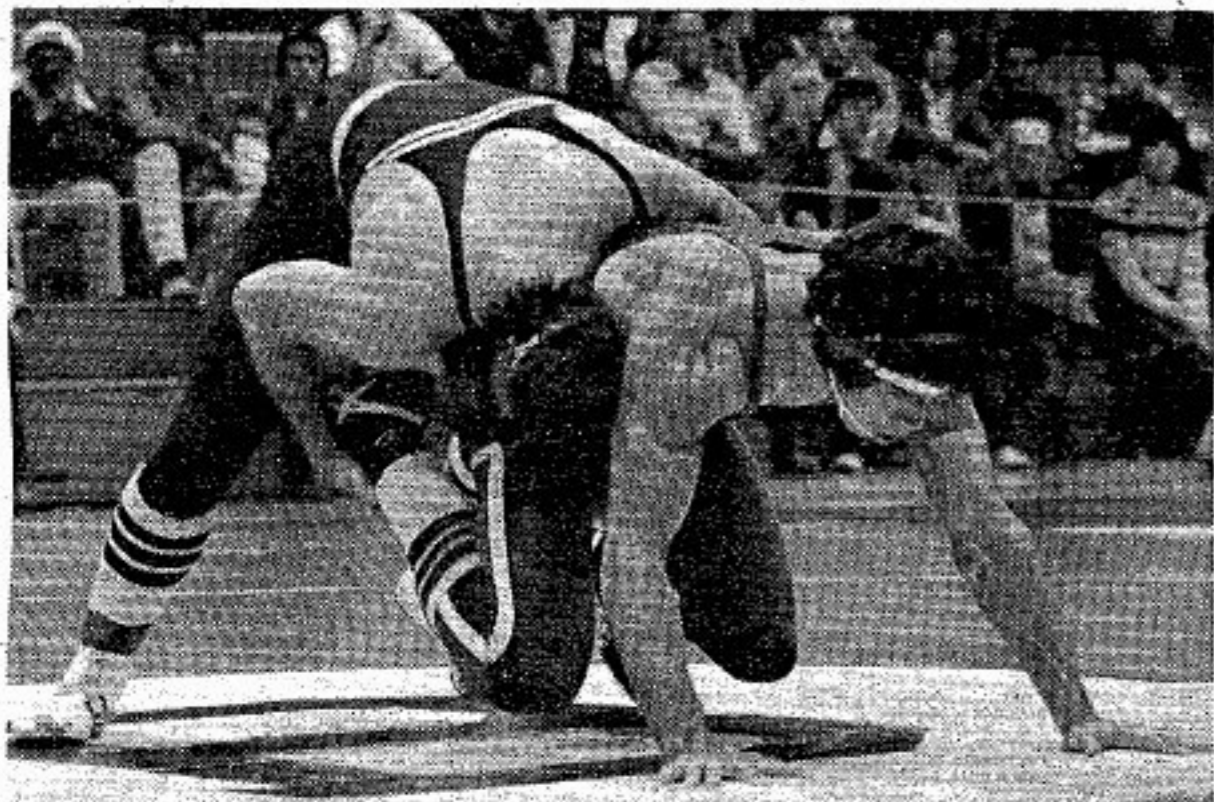
Looking for points

Mark Scariano of Brother Martin rides with the legs in the 138 lb. Division I title bout against state champ Fred Kitziger of Jesuit. Scariano, the third seed, defeated Kitziger 3-1 to earn the title and finish the season 23-3.



Potentially dangerous

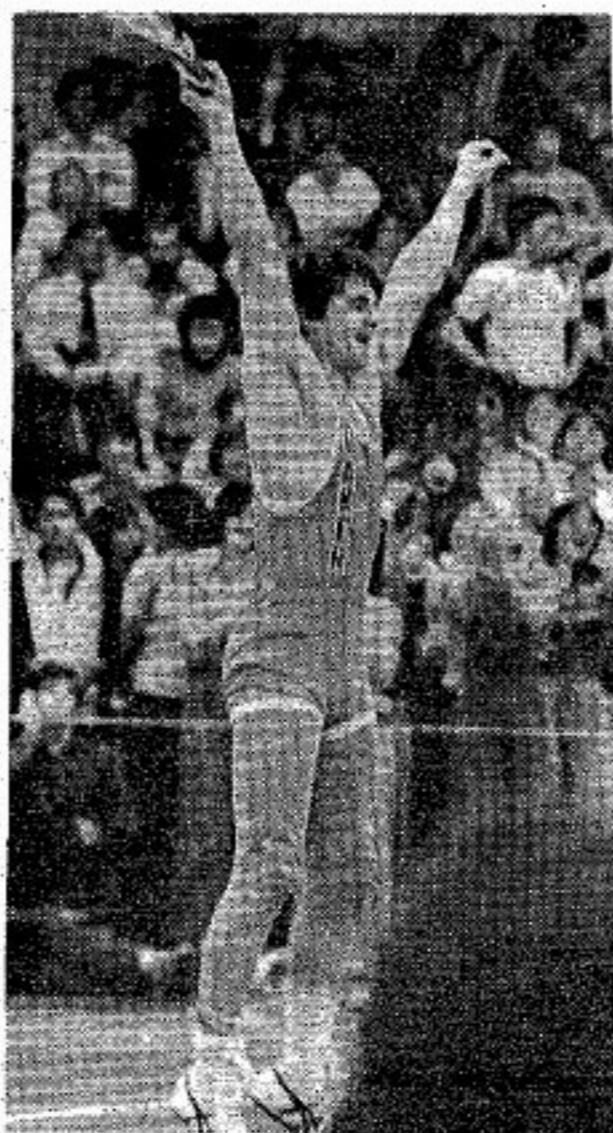
Jim Ravannack of East Jefferson has a crossbody ride on Maurice Casadaban of Brother Martin in the 145 lb. Division I finals. The hold was stopped because it was potentially dangerous but Ravannack, who was in the finals last year, won 5-1 to win the state title.



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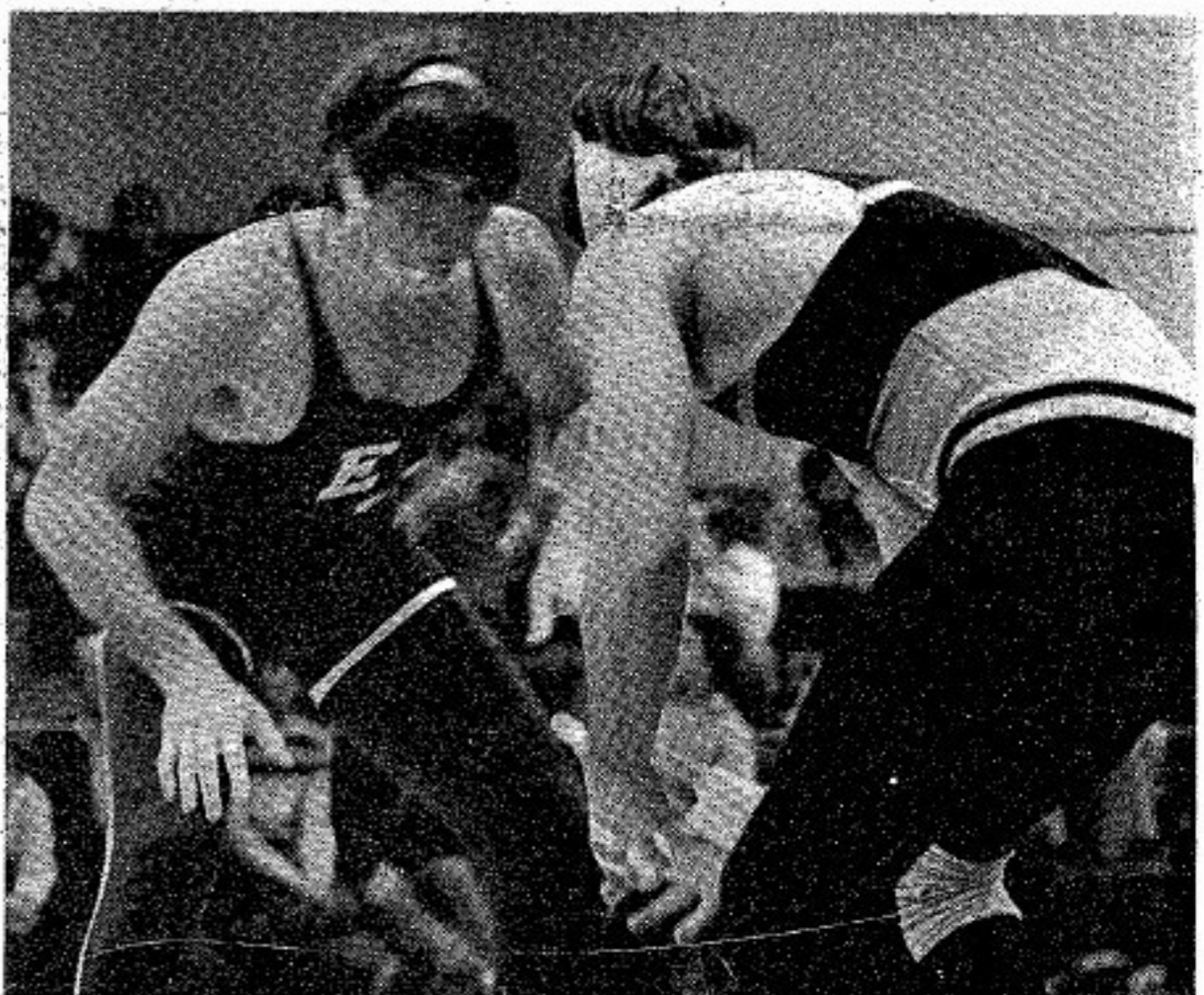
Bert Gutierrez of Lee rides out Tony Alas of East Jefferson in the second period of the 167 lb. finals in Division I. Gutierrez, the top seed, won 5-4 and completed his senior year 29-1.

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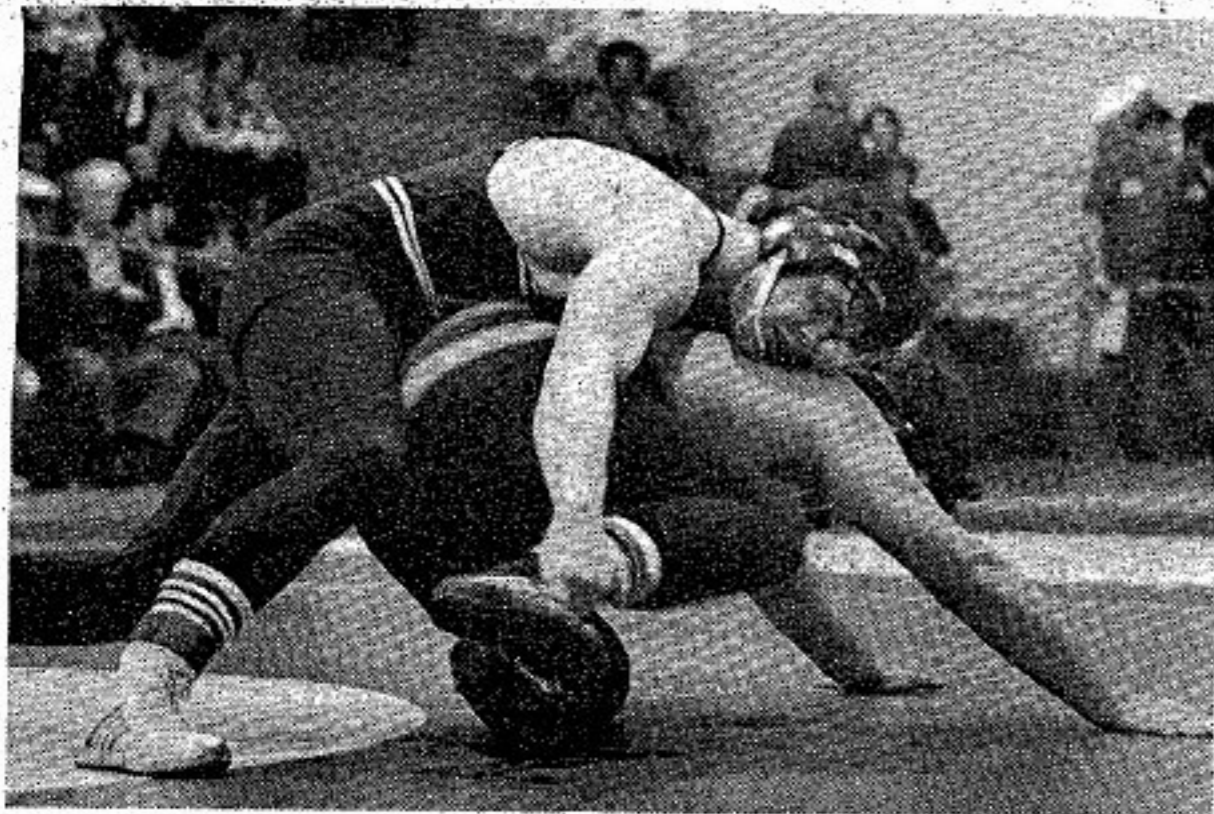
Victory

Excitement is shown on the face of Baker's Joe Brent Calloway as he defeats top seeded Joe Sunseri of Bonnabel 5-5, 2-1 in overtime in the Division I 155 lb. title bout. Calloway was the second seed and finished the year 28-4.



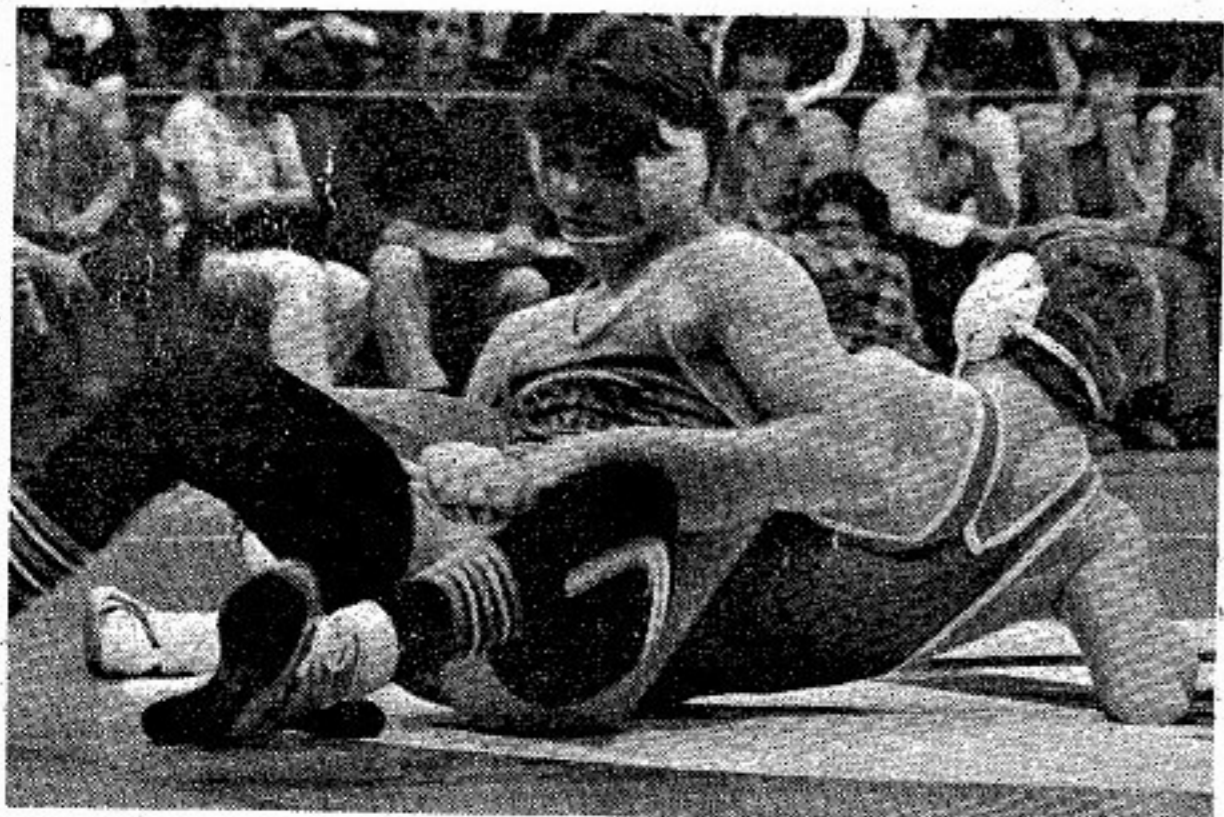
Sizing him up

Tommy Majors of East Jefferson sizes up Catholic's Paul Berggreen in the first period of the 185 lb. Division I state finals. Majors won 2-0.



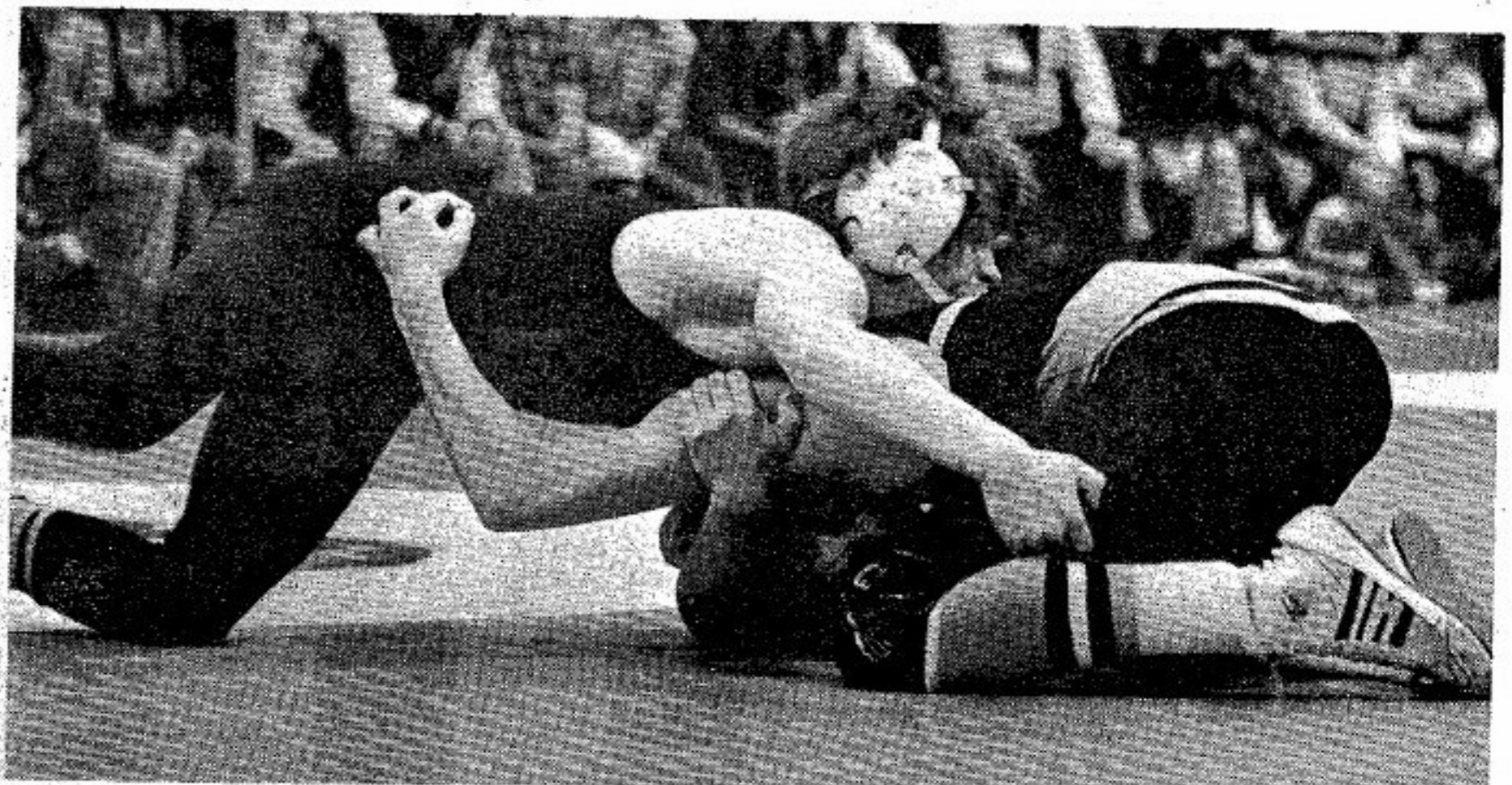
Campbell captures title

Lee High's Jim Campbell rides the ankle of Holy Cross heavyweight Mike Delesdernier in their final bout of the Division I state meet. Campbell defeated Delesdernier 6-3 for his first state title. Campbell tied for the meet's outstanding wrestler award.



Granby roll

Bonnabel's junior John Forgarty, the second seed at 132 lbs., reverses and near-falls top-seeded Jess Easley of Baker in the Division I state finals. Forgarty won his first state crown and finished the season 31-2.



Defending title

John Hart of West Jefferson is about to get a takedown, one of three, to defeat Catholic's Fritz Koger 6-5 in the 112 lb. Division I state tournament. Hart who was 30-4 for the season, successfully defended his state title.

South Cameron wins state

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stall. Theriot scored the final points of the match in the third period with a nearfall. He completed his Senior season with a record of 23-0 which included a victory the previous week in the finals of the Western Regional Tournament over Johnny Hamilton of Wossman High who finished fourth at 105 in the Division I State Tournament.

Bryan Hawkins of John Ehret won the 112 lb. championship with a 6-3 decision over South Cameron's Norman Cormier.

Bossier's Paul Barnes took the 119 lb. crown by whipping Chris Hannaman of Baton Rouge to give his school the first of its three straight wins in the tournament. The match was a low scoring affair as neither wrestler had a clear cut advantage over the other. Final score of the match was 4-2 with Barnes getting all his points on reversals. The new state champ had previous experience in Nebraska.

In a real war, Lenny Harner of Bossier won the 126 lb. title by defeating South Cameron's two-time state champ, James Boudreaux, a junior, by a criteria decision. Boudreaux opened the match with a takedown, but Harner fought back to lead 6-4 at the end of the first period.

Harner became his own worst enemy in the second period by being penalized for unsportsmanlike conduct, being warned, then penalized for stalling. After falling behind, Harner ended the second period with a takedown to lead 8-7.

The third period looked as though Boudreaux was going to win the match going away when Harner continued to make errors. After falling behind 14-8, Harner, in his first year of wrestling, showed why he was named as the outstanding wrestler by scoring five consecutive points to close within one point. Harner allowed Boudreaux to escape and then scored a takedown at the buzzer to tie the score at 15-15 and send the match into overtime. The overtime ended in a 4-4 tie, and Harner, a junior, won a criteria

decision on the basis of scoring the greater number of escapes in the overtime. This match alone was worth the price of admission.

Terry Washington made it three in a row for Bossier by capturing the 132 lb. title with a 7-5 decision over John Ehret's Robert Bonard. Washington, a senior, had previously wrestled in Germany.

defeated Pat Smith on a criteria decision. The score was 4-4 after three periods. After the three-minute overtime, the score was still knotted at 1-1. Janice was awarded the state championship on the basis of scoring the only escape in the overtime period. Smith's lone point was granted when Janice was penalized for locking hands.

After losing five finals, South Cameron got its second state champion of 1978 when Tony Porche pinned Neville's Curt Stephens in 1:46. Porche claimed the 167 lb. championship after staying off the mats for two years. The senior ended his high school career by winning 14 of his 15 matches this season.

Bill Huff, Neville's only other wrestler, defeated Martin James of St. Martin by the score of 8-2 to claim the 185 lb. title. James scored his only two points on a reversal in the opening period.

Griffith Champagne, a 255-pound senior, became Acadiana's third individual champion when he pinned the top seeded heavyweight, Bryan Bourgeois of Basile, in 2:35. The unseeded Champagne moved up from a sixth place finish in last year's heavyweight division.

Acadiana will be moving up to Division I next year, but both Bossier and John Ehret will again be competing in Division II and will try to stop South Cameron's streak at three straight Division II state championships.

Bossier returns eight starters from this year's squad. Bossier is a Quad A school which was competing for the first time, but many of its wrestlers had competed previously for the first time, but many of its wrestlers had competed previously at various military installations around the world.

The Bearkats' coach, Clark Matkins, is to be congratulated for his team's fine finish this year. He teaches at Bossier but was not a member of the coaching staff before volunteering to coach wrestling this year.

John Ehret had no seniors of this year's squad and only two juniors. Ehret was an all-girls school until this year when 1,80 boys transferred from Wes Jefferson. Stars of the future might be Ehret's two Freshman wrestlers, Claude Numa and Vincent Tessitore. Numa placed sixth at 155 while Tessitor placed fourth at 126.

Div. II results:

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 98 Craig Theriot (Acad.) pinned Bo Pate (Boss.) 4:50.
 105 Ward Theriot (SC) dec. Chris Bonin (Acad.) 6-2.
 112 Bryan Hawkins (Ehr.) dec. Norman Cormier (SC) 6-3.
 119 Paul Barnes (Boss.) dec. Chris Hannaman (BR) 4-2.
 126 Lenny Harner (Boss.) dec. James Boudreaux (SC) 15-15, 4-4, CD.
 132 Terry Washington (Boss.) dec. Robert Bonard (Ehr.) 7-5.
 138 Stuart Hart (Ehr.) dec. Myron Mayard (SC) 6-3.
 145 Augusto Menendez (Ehr.) dec. Hector Garcia (SC) 2-2, 4-3 OT.
 155 Russel Janice (Acad.) dec. Pat Smith (SC) 4-4, 1-1, CD.
 167 Tony Porche (SC) pinned Curtis Stephens (Nevill.) 1:46.
 185 Bill Huff (Nevill.) dec. Martin James (St. M.) 8-2.
 HWT. Griffith Champagne (Acad.) pinned Bryan Bourgeois (Bas.) 2:35.

In the 138 lb. class, John Ehret's Stuart Hart defeated Myron Mayard, last year's 126 pound state champ from South Cameron. After two periods, Hart led 6-0. Mayard scored the only points of the third period; however, it was a case of too little, too late as Hart held on to win 6-3.

Wrestlers from John Ehret and South Cameron squared off for the championship at 145 lbs. Following the pattern set by his teammate in the previous match, Augusto Menendez defeated the Tarpons' Hector Garcia 4-3 in overtime, after the regulation match ended in a 2-2 tie.

At 155 lbs., a wrestler from South Cameron was again involved in an overtime match. The end result was the same because Acadiana's Russell Janice

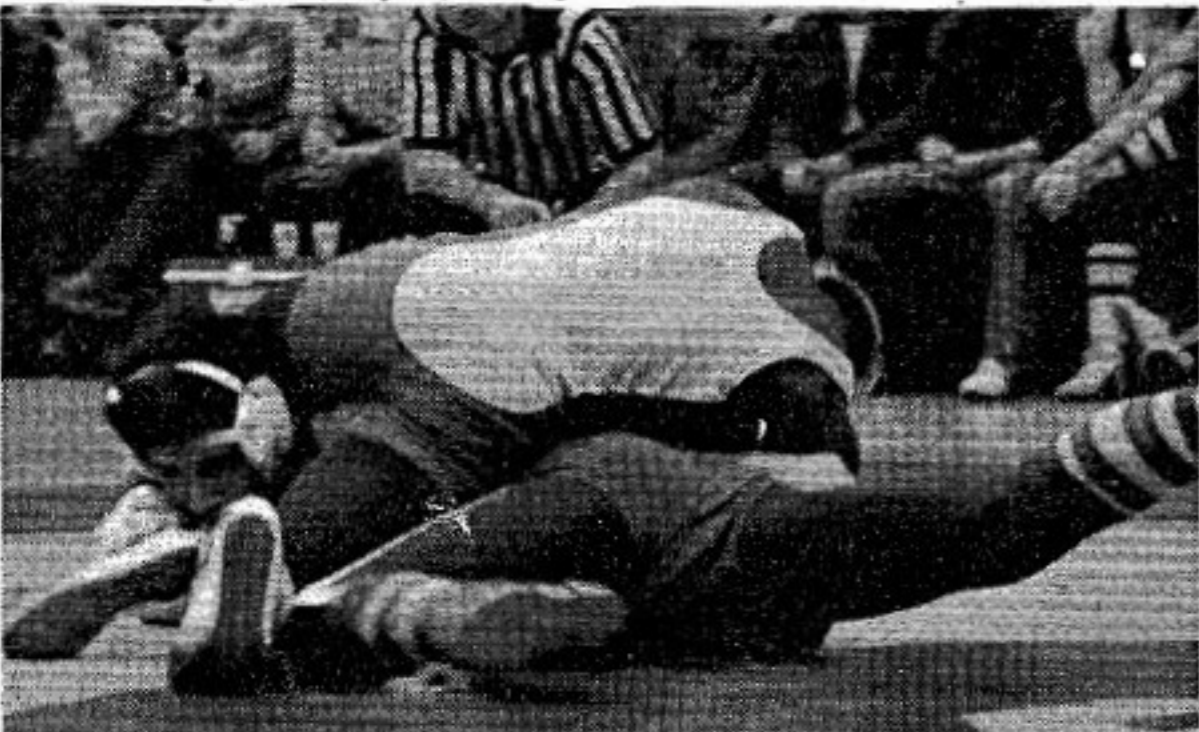


Figure four

Bryan Hawkins, wrestling for John Ehret High School, and number one seed at 112 lbs., is turning South Cameron's second seeded Norman Cormier with a figure four head scissors on Hawkins' way to his first state crown. Hawkins won 6-3.



A winner!

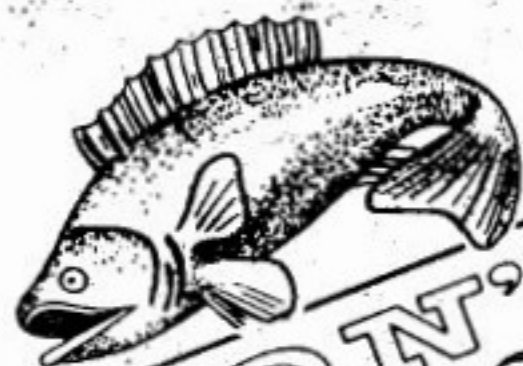
South Cameron's top seed at 167 lbs., Tony Porche went right to work after he saw only one out of six teammates win in the finals. Porche, a strongman, took down third-seeded Curtis Stephens of Neville High School in Monroe, and recorded a fall in 1:46.

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Seals named 'tops' by LWR

Craig Seals, 105-pounder from East Jefferson High School in Metairie, has been selected as the 1978 Louisiana Wrestling Roundup Outstanding Wrestler.

Without a doubt, Seals has one of the most impressive records of any Louisiana wrestler with a career total of 88 wins, 6 losses and no ties. Out of those 88 wins, 65 were by falls.

Probably more noteworthy is the fact that Seals won 14 tournament championships with runnerup honors only twice.

Seals was also the only wrestler in the state to go undefeated this year with a 30-0 record and 21 falls.

A close look at his record shows the following:

Sophomore year: 22-4, 17 falls.

Junior year: 36-2, 27 falls.

Senior year: 30-0, 21 falls.

Total: 88-6, 65 falls.

Seals wrestled in the U.S.W.F. Greco tournament last summer and placed seventh. He was a three-time Tiger Invitational winner and a two-time winner in the Big 8, Thanksgiving, Lee Invitational, and the state meet.

Commenting on his success this year Seals said what he considered to be his most successful move: "From the bottom, faking the switch and going to the Oklahoma roll and on top, my most successful move was the cross body ride."

A good deal of Seals' confidence had to do with his ability to handle the pressures of being undefeated. When asked how he psyched himself up, he said, "I try to foresee each match as it comes; in my head I plan on how to put a whippin' on the guy." Even with a fine attitude like that, Seals still admitted he had several difficult matches which threatened his 30-0 season.

"One of the most difficult matches I remember," he explained, "was the match I wrestled against Mike Pou from Jesuit for the city tournament. It was really a tough match even though I won 6-0."

Like last year's LWR outstanding wrestler David Gaffney, Seals agreed that a key point in holding up under pressure was to "make the undefeated season work for you, and not you work

for the undefeated season."

Seals has been contacted by LSU Coach Sciacchetano as a college recruit but nothing definite has been set; however, he plans to go to college in the fall and enter the College of Business and wrestle. "I'd be thrilled to be

contacted by anybody up North," he said. Hopefully his dream will come true.

Seals will receive a beautiful laminated plaque by the Roundup at a later date for his efforts in the sport of wrestling.



Heavyweight workout

Acadiana's Griffith Champagne gets ready to secure his first state heavyweight title by decking Bryan Bourgeois of Basile in 35 seconds of the second period.

In Western Regional

South Cameron repeats

The Second Annual Louisiana Western Regional Tournament was held Feb. 3-4 at Lafayette High School.

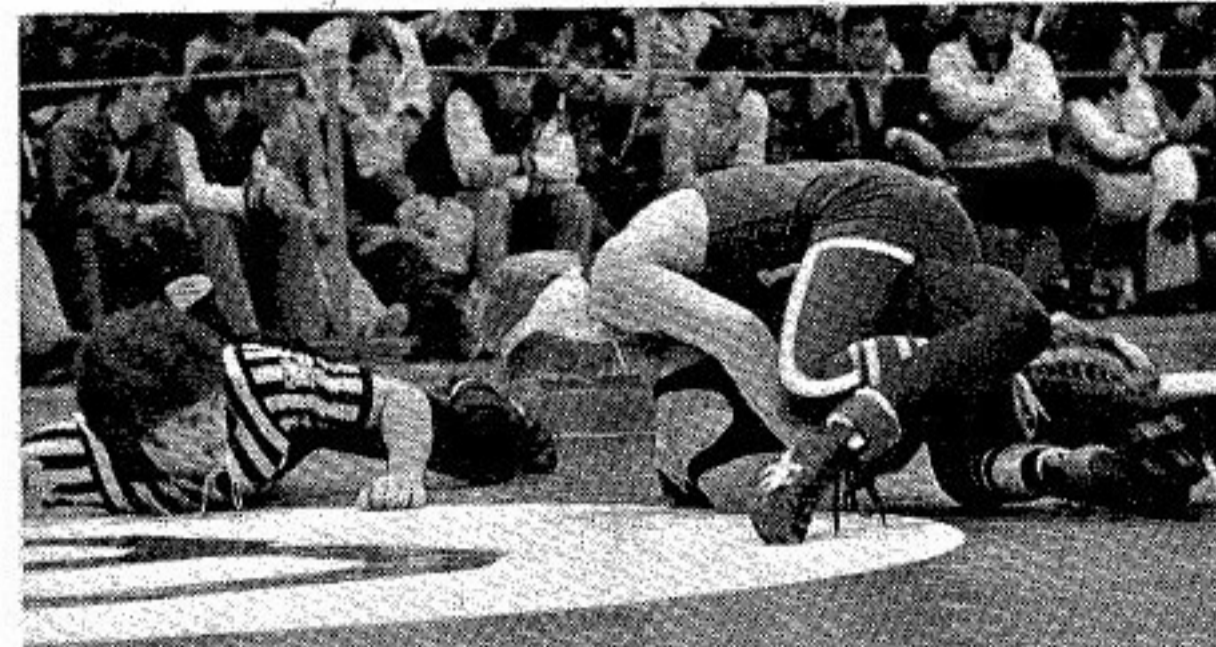
Division I and Division II schools competed against each other in the tournament which included seven schools from Division II and four from Division I.

The Division II defending two-time state champion South Cameron Tarpons successfully defended their 1977 Western Regional title. Going into the tournament, Coach Clarence Vidrine of the Tarpons stated that this year's team was the best

in overall depth in his 12 years at South Cameron. That depth was the deciding factor as the Tarpons placed in the top four in each of the 12 weight classes while winning the Tournament championship by 23.5 points. They outscored runner-up Jeanerette 188.5 to 165 although having only two individual champions as compared to Jeanerette's four individual champions.

The Tarpons were paced by Ward Theriot at 105 and Tony Porche at 167 lbs. Theriot defeated Johnny Hamilton of

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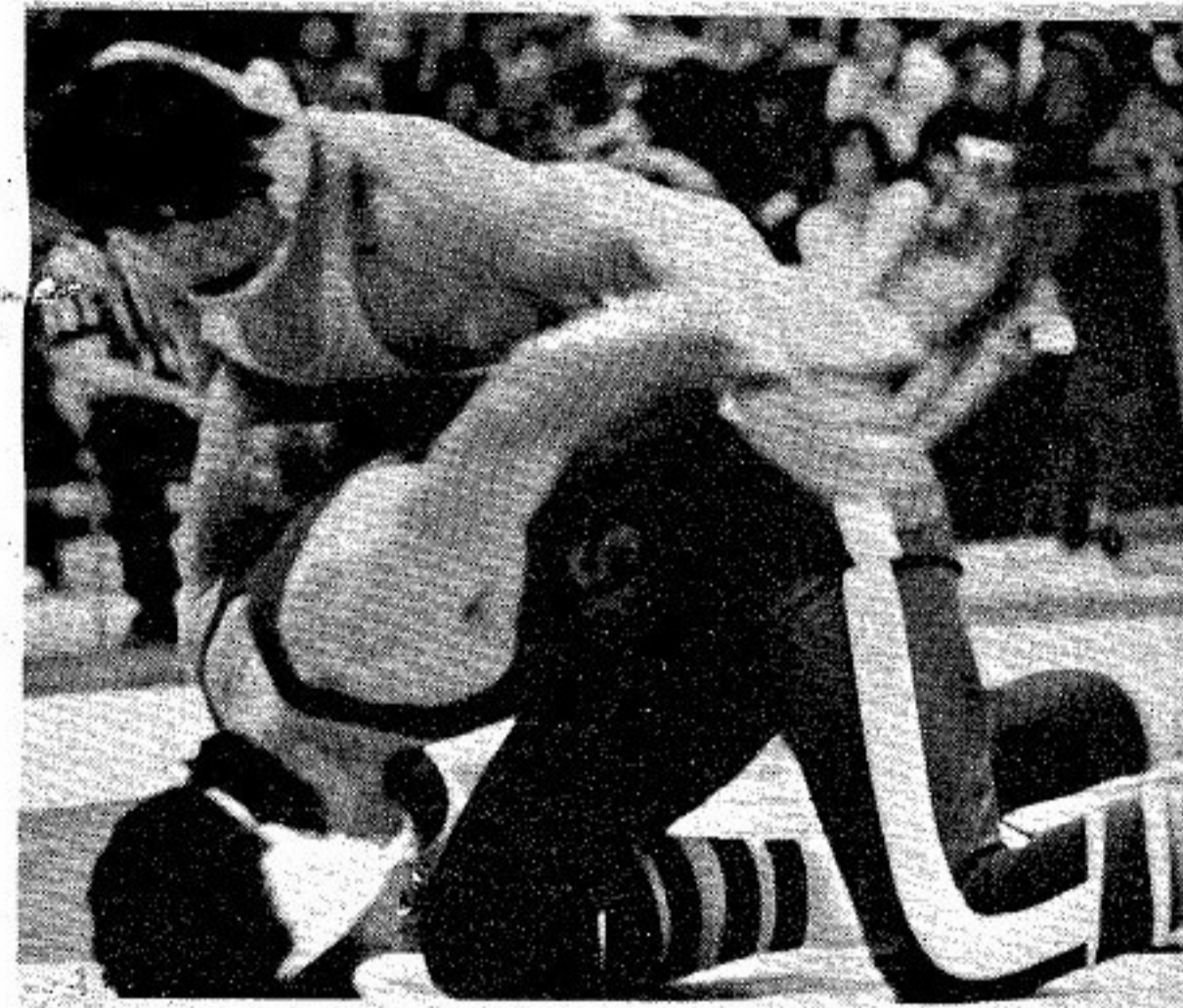


Seals works crossbody

Craig Seals picks up his 88th victory and his second state title for East Jefferson while in control of Lee's Greg Town in the 105 lb. finals of the Division I state meet. Seals was the only wrestler to finish the season undefeated, 30-0. Seals was also selected in a tie for outstanding wrestler.

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Defending state champion Myron Mayard of South Cameron who had three falls coming into the 138 lbs. finals, has his hands full with John Ehret's Stuart Hart. Hart did not hold back, and won the Division II state title 6-3, while his brother was winning his second state title in the Division I

tournament.



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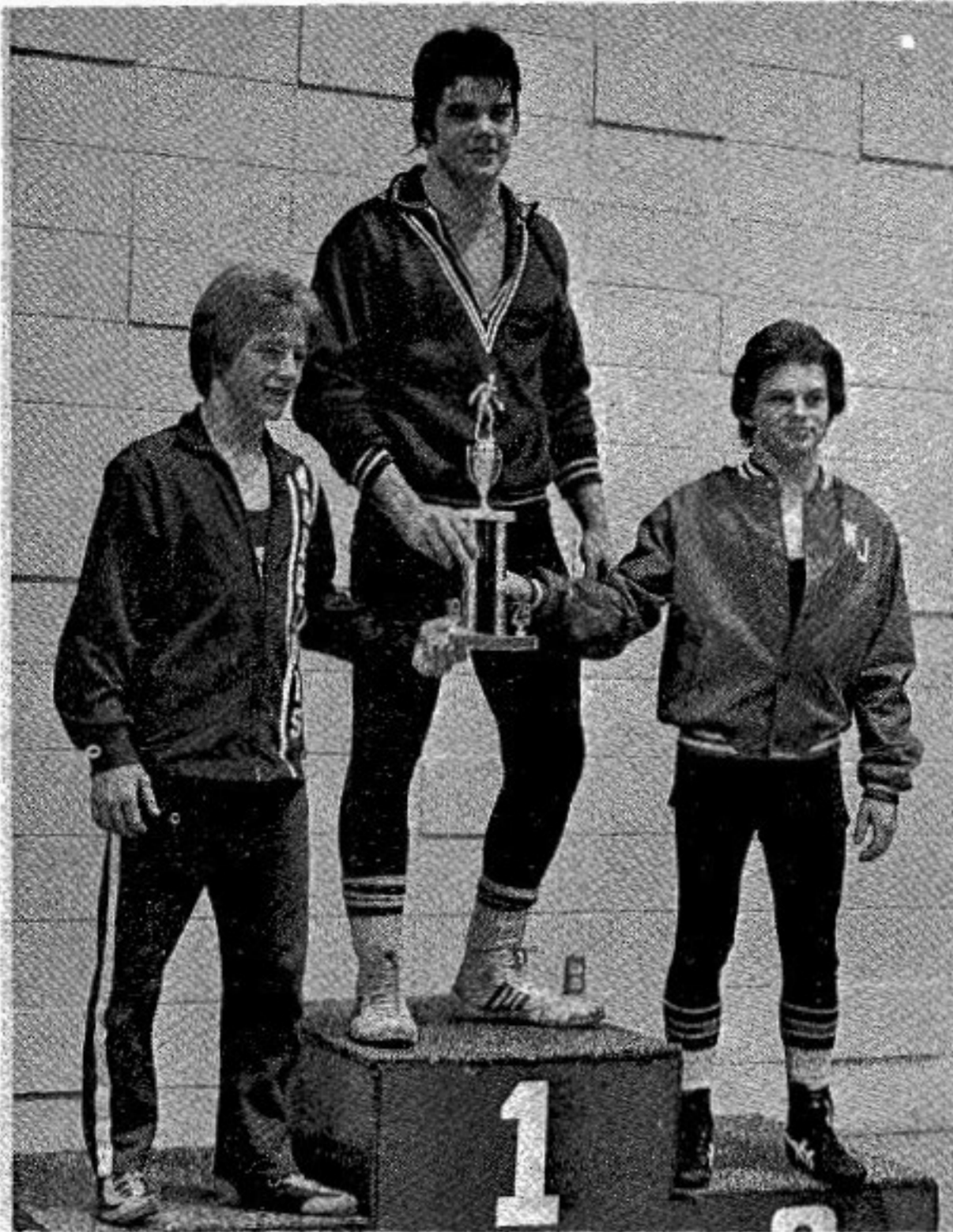
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Outstanding

Division I Outstanding Wrestlers for 1978 are, left to right: Craig Seals (East Jefferson), Jim Campbell (Lee), and John Hart (West Jefferson). All three were selected as this year's Outstanding wrestlers of the tournament as the coaches could not break the tie in voting.

Top state wrestlers picked

The Division I Outstanding Wrestlers were selected by coaches of the teams participating in the Division I state tournament and when all the votes were counted there was a three way tie for the honor. After looking over the

credentials of the three selected no one has to wonder why they were selected. East Jefferson's Craig Seals, two-time state champion and once a state runner-up, is the only wrestler to go undefeated in the state this year. He has a career

record of 88-6-0, with 65 victories coming by the pin. Winner of 14 tournaments, he placed seventh in the U.S.F.W. Greco-Roman tournament in Iowa City last summer.

John Hart of West Jefferson also was a two-time state champion and placed third as a sophomore. He carries a career record of 86-9-2 with seven folkstyle tournament wins to his credit. As a sophomore he placed ninth in the NAAU Junior Olympic freestyle tournament; as a junior he placed second in the NAAU Junior Olympic Greco-Roman tournament, and in his senior year he won the Sunshine Open (USWF). Hart also carries a 3.25 grade point average.

Lee's Jim Campbell, moving to heavyweight this year after two seasons at 185, started slow due to a broken leg. But after being in a cast for eleven weeks, Campbell started right to work and after only one week's work, placed second in the Tiger Invitational. Campbell's career record is 52-13-0 with 34 falls. He was the 185 lb. state runner-up as a sophomore and placed third last year.

The Division II outstanding wrestler was junior Lenny Harner of Bossier City High School. This was Harner's first year to wrestle and his season record was 19 wins, five losses, with 14 falls, and the Division II 126 pound championship.

Clark Matkins, Bossier wrestling coach, said that, "Harner is the most dedicated kid I have ever worked with and he has a tremendous amount of confidence in himself" as he showed in the state finals in the overtime referee's decision win. He came from behind for the win.

We know there were other outstanding wrestlers in the state tournament. These, however, not only wrestled well in the tournament to earn the honor, but also extremely well throughout their careers.

175 wrestlers enter

Jaycee tourney held

The Second Annual Jaycee Junior High Wrestling Tournament took place at the Catholic High Gym March 4 with some 175 wrestlers participating.

As always, competition was keen and defending champs, Prescott Junior High, had their hands full with the host team, Catholic High. Nevertheless, Prescott managed to emerge victorious by a close score of 179½ to 167.

The following are the first three place winners:

--70 Derek Rispono (Red.); Alton Jones, (Prescott); Kenny Zachary (Westlake).

--75 Steve Loupe (CHS); Tim

Payne, (Sherwood); George Rome, (Red.).

--80 Craig Mistretta, (Red.); Francis Mayer, (CHS); James Rider, (Pres.).

--86 Ralph Dietrich, (Pres.); Blake Hopkins, (CHS); Chris Lefleur, (Red.).

--92 Charles Shultz, (SE); Fred Hoover, (Sherwood); Jeff Smith, (Pres.).

--100 Karl Krousel, (CHS); Darrell Tate, (Bak.); Brent Watts, (Red.).

--107 Brett Murphy (CHS); Butt Payne, (Bak.); Harry Phillips, (Bak.).

--115 Tom Chabreck, (Val. P.); Jim Rivers, (Pres.); Ronald Denham, (Pres.).

--123 George Cupit, (Bak.); Carey Smith, (Pres.); David Sunseri, (Bel.).

--130 Kirk Williams, (Bak.); Blake Roberts, (Sherwood); Craig Forrester, (Bel.).

--137 Keith Barbate, (Bel.); James Cupit, (Bak.); Brad Thompson, (CHS).

--145 Shea Landry, (CHS); Don Alberworthmann, (Pres.); Johnny Robin, (Pres.).

--155 Jeff McMillian, (Pres.); Richie White, (Bak.); Todd Watson, (Pres.).

--165 Troy Donaldson, (Pres.); James Johnson, (Pres.); Troy Bonaventure, (Sherwood).

--Hwt. Kenny Staggs, (Pres.); James Willis, (CHS); Paul Lagatuta, (CHS).

Team scores: Prescott 179½; CHS 167, Baker 148, Sherwood 104, Redemptorist 88½, Belaire 62, Southeast 34, Central 17, and Park Forest 14.

Coaches' clinic planned

Jerry Epperson, principal of Baker High School, will again sponsor the Second Annual Spring Wrestling Coaches' Clinic to be held at Baker.

The clinic will be held Saturday, May 20 from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Clinicians and schedule will be announced at a later date. Registration fee is \$25 per coach and \$10 per additional coach from the same school.

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Kids' clinic scheduled

Coach Barrett Murphy of Belaire and Coach Bill Bofinger of Lee will again hold their kids' wrestling school on six successive Saturday mornings from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. on April 15 - May 20.

The school will be for kids ages 8 - 14 years who are interested in learning the basics of high school and international style wrestling.

Registration will be from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. April 15 at Lee High School. Cost will be \$25 and payable at registration. This will include insurance. Gym shorts, tee shirt, and tennis shoes will be appropriate dress.

In the past, the school was identified as the Grizzly Wrestling School.

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Baker nabs city title



Winners of the Junior Varsity State Tournament held Feb. 25 at Lee are front row, left to right: 85 Tommy Albrecht (Haynes); 90 Kevin Scheyd (BM); 95 Kevin McMullen (BM); 100 Steve Gibbons (DLS); 105 Eric Seals (EJ); 110 Sergio Gutierrez (Rum.); 115 John Cary (DLS); 120 Gary Prichard (Jes.). On the back row are: 126 Mark Roberts (BM); 132 Dennis Champagne (Bonn.); 138 Brett Davidson (EJ); 145 Dan Diluzio (Jes.); 155 Darren Davis (Bonn.); 167 Steve Bertilino (Bonn.); 185 Darryl Boudreaux (Bel.); Hwt. Roger Halphen (Buras).

The Battling Buffalos of Baker High School did just that as they stamped to their first East Baton Rouge Parish wrestling title held Feb. 3 - 4 at Belaire High School. Baker scored 182.5 points in crowning five champions and placing three others to far out-distance second place surprise, Redemptorist High 160.5 and third place Catholic High 158.5. Defending champions Lee High finished fourth, their lowest place in nine years. The rest of the parish schools were at least 70 points behind the top four schools.

Linn Babb who was voted the Coach of the Year by his fellow coaches brought five first place seeds into the meet and one second seed. Although Baker did have five winners and one runner-up, Darryl Pea, the second seed at 119, won and Dale Woodward, first seed, at 145 lost.

After the wrestle backs were completed, Redemptorist, coached by former Wolf wrestler James Watts, picked up 65 points and had nine wrestlers in the consolation finals. However, it was all over but the shouting for Baker as the Buffalos could not lose at that point.

One of the biggest matches for Redemptorist in the tournament was Jay Lavera's upset win over Woodward of Baker at 145 lbs. That put Redemptorist ahead of first-year coach Mark Stanzion's

Catholic High Bears.

Lee High's Rebels, coached by Bill Bofinger, had three winners, all picking up their second title. They included: Greg Town, Bart Gutierrez and Jim Campbell.

Junior Jessie Heck, Baker's first seed at 98 lbs. went through

the tournament with four falls and his first title, pinning sophomore Craig Ketelsen of Catholic in 5:32. This was Heck's first year to wrestle.

Town of Lee dropped to 105 for the tournament, had a bye in the

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BR city champs

These local wrestlers won titles in the Baton Rouge City Meet at Belaire. From left, first row, are Tom Heck, Greg Town, Fritz Koger, Darrell Pea, David Kelly, and Jess Easley. In back row, from left, are Jim Campbell, Paul Berggreen, Bart Gutierrez, Joe Calloway, Jay Lavera, and Walter Kroussel.

State JVs compete

(Feb. 25, 1978)

The Junior Varsity State Tournament for ninth and tenth graders held Feb. 25 at Lee High School in Baton Rouge was dominated by the schools of Jefferson Parish and New Orleans.

There were no team points kept, but Brother Martin and Bonnabel both had three winners each, while DeLaSalle, Jesuit and East Jefferson each had two champions, followed by Haynes Middle School, Rummel, Belaire and Buras with one champ each.

The tournament was the culmination of regional tournaments held Feb. 18 in New Orleans at Holy Cross and in Baton Rouge at Lee High. The first four place winners of each region qualified for J.V. state.

The following are the winners of each region and the results of the Junior Varsity State Tournament:

REGION I WINNERS (HOLY CROSS, FEB. 18):

- 85 Tommy Albrecht (Haynes).
- 90 Kevin Scheyd (Br. Martin).
- 95 Kevin McMullen (Br. Martin).
- 100 Steve Gibbons (DeLaSalle).
- 105 Eric Seals (East Jeff.).
- 110 Sergio Gutierrez (Rummel).
- 115 John Cary (DeLaSalle).
- 120 Gary Prichard (Jesuit).
- 126 John Nette (Bonnabel).
- 132 Dan Volpi (Bonnabel).
- 138 Brett Davidson (East Jeff.).
- 145 Mike Fogarty (T. H. Harris).
- 155 Ned Duplantier (Jesuit).
- 167 Keith Ramirez (Bonnabel).
- 185 Casey Cognevich (Buras).
- HWT. Roger Halphen (Buras).

REGION II WINNERS (LEE, FEB. 18):

- 85 Alan Lightfoot (Tara).
- 90 Robert Morris (Capitol).
- 95 Tim Chidester (Belaire).
- 100 Allen Boudoin (Jeanerette).
- 105 Jonny Hamilton (Wossman).
- 110 Nathaniel Mallet (Capitol).
- 115 Kevin Tabor (Belaire).
- 120 Tiger Grace (Catholic).
- 126 Keith Hall (Belaire).
- 132 Willard Willis (Belaire).
- 145 Gilbert Joe (Jeanerette).
- 155 Mike Hebert (Broadmoor).
- 167 Robert Gajan (Baker).
- 185 Darryl Boudreaux (Belaire).
- HWT. Mark Silvio (Belaire).

JUNIOR VARSITY STATE TOURNAMENT RESULTS (LEE HIGH, FEB. 25):

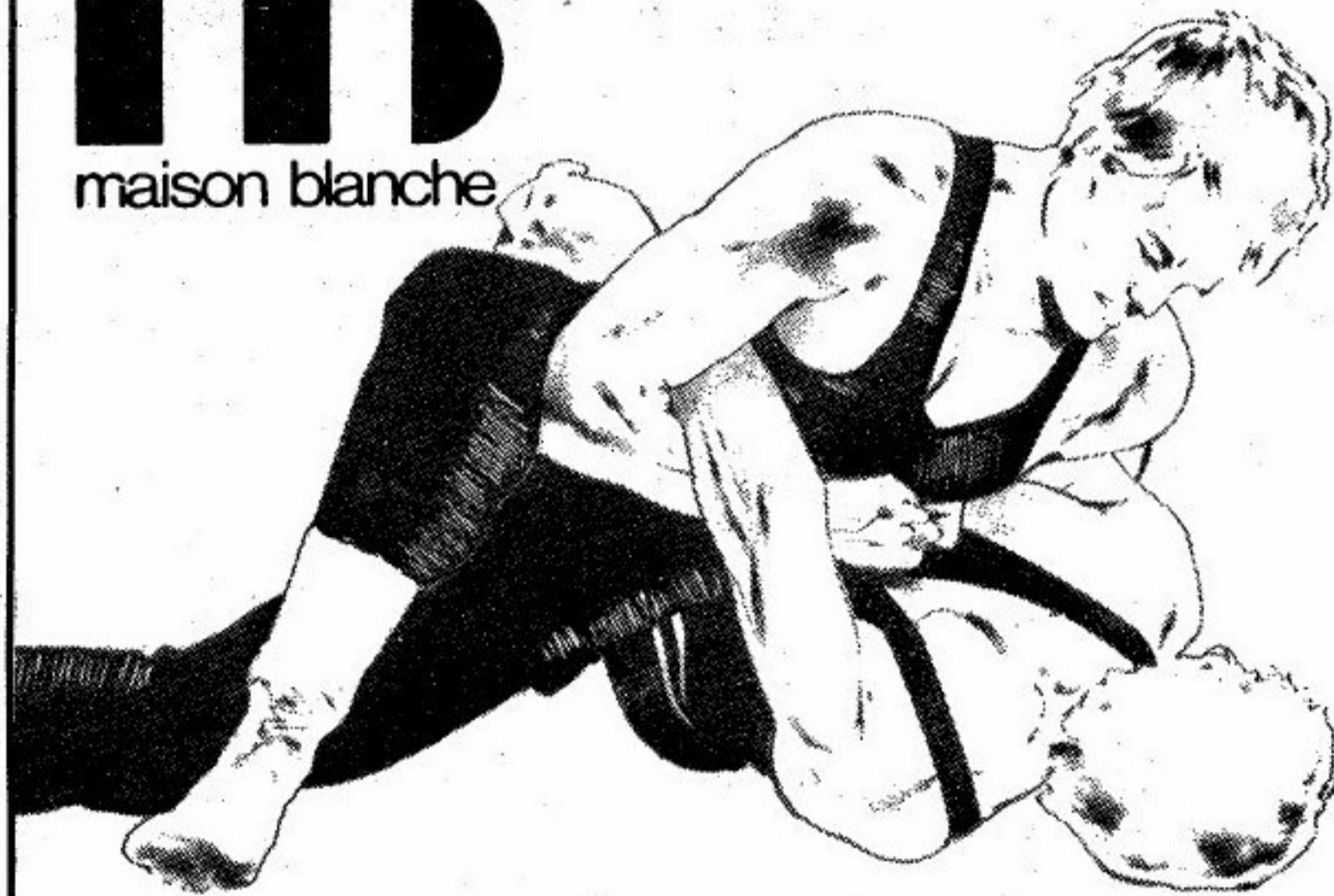
- 85 Tommy Albrecht (Haynes) dec. J. Urguart (Fairchild) 5-3.
- 90 Kevin Scheyd (BM) dec. C. Kelly (Rum.) 8-4.
- 95 Kevin McMullen (BM) dec. Ed Vincent (Rum.) 5-2.
- 100 Steve Gibbons (DLS) pinned Allen Boudoin (Jean.) 3:20.
- 105 Eric Seals (EJ) dec. Johnny Hamilton (Woss.) 11-2.
- 110 Sergio Gutierrez (Rum.) dec. Randy Chaix (Rum.) 5-0.
- 115 John Cary (DLS) dec. Bobby Bergeron (Rum.) 10-5.
- 120 Gary Prichard (Jes.) pinned Melvin Johnson (Cap.) 2:45.
- 126 Mark Roberts (BM) dec. Chris Nalty (Jes.) 4-0.
- 132 Dennis Champagne (Bonn.) pinned John Lagasse (Jes.) 1:40.
- 138 Brett Davidson (EJ) dec. Ricky Smith (Jes.) 9-4.
- 145 Dan Diluzio (Jes.) dec. Mike Fogarty (Harris) 6-3.
- 155 Darren Davis (Bonn.) dec. Eric DeRoche (HC) 9-7.
- 167 Steve Bertilino (Bonn.) dec. Greg Sutton (St. Mar.) 8-3.
- 185 Darryl Boudreaux (Bel.) pinned Joe Materne (Bel.) 2:31.
- HWT. Roger Halphen (Buras) dec. David Bateman (Cath.) 2-0.

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In NCAA championships

LSU places 17th

The 48th Annual NCAA Wrestling Championships took place at Cole Field House on the University of Maryland campus March 16 - 18. The 354 entries represented 120 schools from across the nation.

Wisconsin's Lee Kemp and Oklahoma State's Jimmy Jackson became the 24th and 25th wrestlers in the 60 year history to win three consecutive NCAA titles. Junior Mark Churella of Michigan was voted the Outstanding Wrestler of the tournament as he won his second title.

The team title was not decided until the second to last match of the finals as Iowa State's defending 190 pounder Frank Santana lost on a default, and Dan Gable's University of Iowa Hawkeyes won by a 1 1/2 point 94 to 94 victory over Iowa State. Coach Harold Nichols, who has already won six team titles, made the decision to stop the match when Santana injured his knee and therefore gave up his chances for another team championship.

Again as always, the tournament was exciting. Anytime you get the best wrestlers in the country, champions in their own conferences, all together you will see great action.

LSU coach Larry Sciacchetano took his four SEC qualifiers into the tournament (three freshmen

and one senior) and placed 17th with 16 points. LSU had only scored in three NCAA tournaments in ten years with the highest previous place being 44th in 1971.

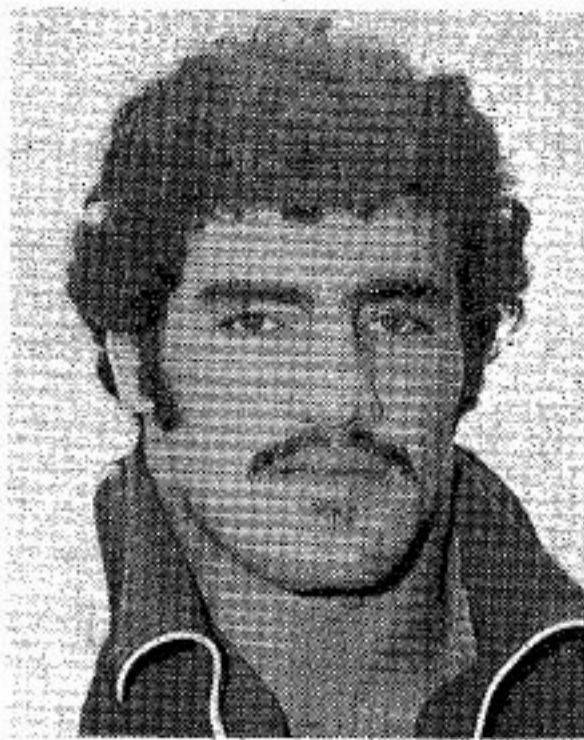
Senior co-captain Mike Chinn of Grove City, Ohio, became the first Tiger grappler to ever place in the nationals. Chinn placed fifth on the strength of five wins and two losses, finishing the season 26-5.

Jeff Parker, SEC 167-lb. champ, and Eric Moll, SEC 177-lb. champ (both freshmen), didn't place but they both looked very impressive.

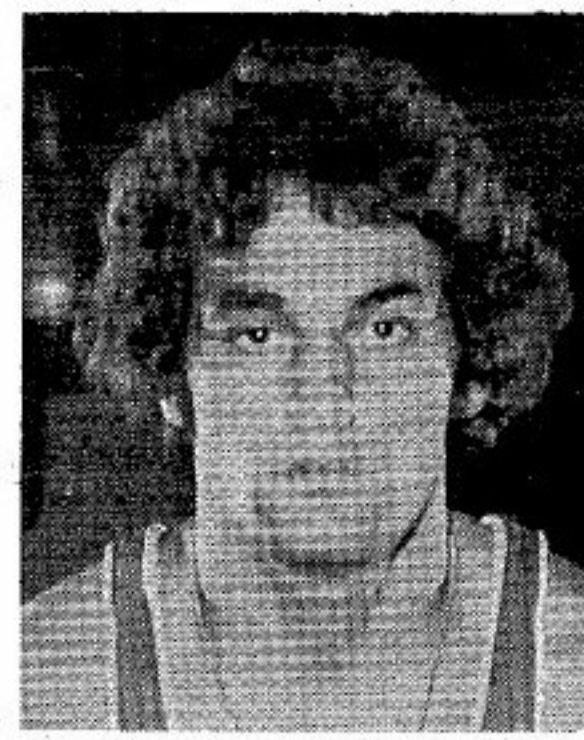
Parker pinned Mike James of Washington State (Pac 8 champ) in 1:46, Rob Diserafino of Rider (East Coast Conference champ) in 3:28 before losing to Mike Deanna, the number two seed from Iowa. Parker was ahead at one time 9-4 before the score was tied and he was pinned in the last 16 seconds.

Moll started by defeating Steve Draper of Cal. St. Bakersfield, the Division II national champ, (5-5 1-0, OT), then sixth seed Pac 8 conference champ Marty Ryan of Oregon State (9-6), and finally Mid-America Conference champ Al Manning of Ball State (7-7, 8-0, OT) before losing to Don Shuler the third seed from Arizona St., 12 - 3.

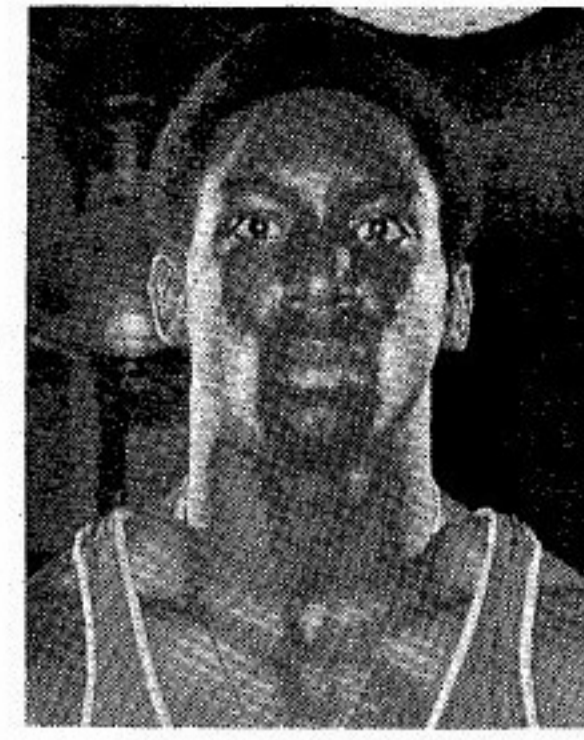
Heavyweight George Atiyeh,



George Atiyeh



Eric Moll



Jeff Parker

Tigers take SEC meet

The Chinese Bandits stole the show - four weight class titles, wrestler of the year honors, coach of the year honors, and the Southeastern Conference wrestling championship.

Athens, Ga. was the scene of the crime as the Tigers rolled up 74 3/4 points to out distance runner-up Florida by 12 1/2 points. Auburn, Alabama, Tennessee, defending champion Kentucky and Georgia followed.

Coach Larry Sciacchetano went back 20 years into history on the Tiger campus and retrieved an old tradition which had personalized L.S.U. to the New Jersey native. He named his group the Chinese Bandits like those of football fame, a defensive unit that led the 1958 Tiger football team to a national championship.

"We had those Chinese Bandit t-shirts made up, and I've never seen a group take so much pride in anything."

It had been seven years since an L.S.U. wrestling team won the conference championship and it had been three years since any individual titles were won. But Coach "Shack" and his "Fantastic Freshmen" corp were not awed by defending champs Kentucky and powerful Florida. Three frosh won their first titles - Jeff Parker 167, Eric Moll 177, and George Atiyeh HWT, with Moll and Atiyeh both beating defending S.E.C. champs.

Senior co-captain Mike Chinn won his first S.E.C. title at 134 by forfeit over two-time defending champion Kurt Mock of Kentucky. Chinn actually has two conference titles to his name as two years ago while at the University of Oklahoma he won the "Big 8" conference. He has been ranked second in the nation this year and was chosen to wrestle in the East-West Classic earlier in February.

Other place winners were freshmen Chris Wentz 118 (3rd), Kyle Grunwald 142 (4th), and Jerry Rodriguez 190 (3rd) plus

junior Scott Preston 150 (3rd).

Parker, off to a slow start this year was due to two broken wrists, used an escape with four seconds remaining to defeat Joe Elinsky of Auburn 14-13. Shack said, "He looked super all during the tournament." A first team high school All-American from Toms River South High School in New Jersey, Parker had a prep career mark of 98-4 with two state championships to his credit. In his senior year he was honored as the state's outstanding wrestler. He was also Junior Olympic National champion.

Moll actually clinched the team title with his 3-1 overtime victory over Florida's defending champ Bill Teutsch. Moll brought fine

stats to LSU from Barrington High School in Barrington, Ill., as his career record was 112-9 and 31-1 as a senior. This year as a freshman his record is 20-9-2.

Atiyeh, the 6-2, 240 pounder, put the icing on the cake when he was named the S.E.C. wrestler of the year after he decided defending champ Harold Smith of Kentucky 11-8. Smith, third last year in the nationals, was in trouble and almost pinned at the buzzer. Smith also was ranked second in the country this year and was undefeated with a 14-0 record and 11 falls.

Earlier in the year Atiyeh had 360 pound Jimmy Jackson (two-time National Champion from Okla. State) 6-1 before the huge Oklahoman pinned him. Big George, a first-team high school All-American from Allentown, Pa., was a two-time Pennsylvania state champ and was 31-0 as a senior. He also lettered as a defensive tackle on L.S.U.'s Sun Bowl team last season.

The S.E.C. sends 22 wrestlers to the nationals March 16-18 at the University of Maryland. Champions and runners-up in each of the ten weight classes go, plus two wild card choices of the conference coaches.

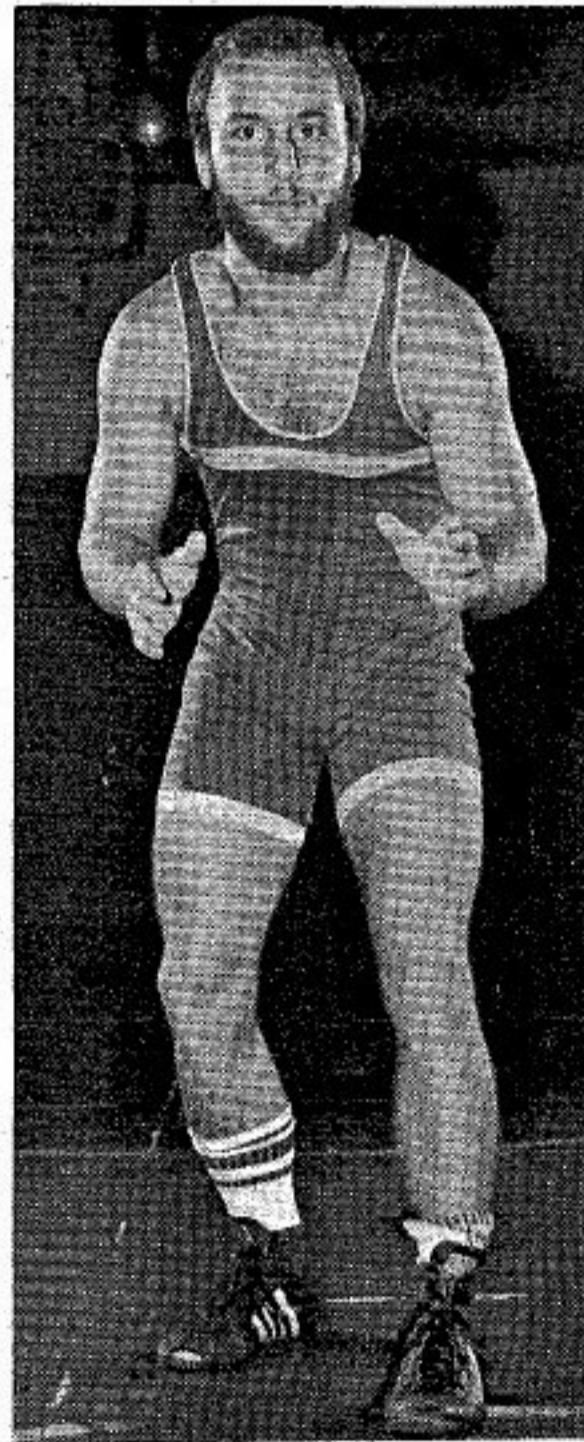
If there was a disappointment at the tournament, Jerry Rodriguez's heartbreaking loss in the semi-finals and then not being selected as a wild card, really shocked Shack as he felt Rodriguez ranked third in the nation, deserved to go.

Louisiana Wrestling Roundup wants to congratulate Coach Sciacchetano and his staff Mel Renfro and Nabil Guketlov on the great season and the Southeastern Conference Championship.


SEC results

Southeastern Conference results, Athens, Ga. March 3, 4, championship

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Baker nabs city title

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first round, then blitzed his next three opponents in a cumulative time of 3:44. Town pinned Capitol's Tim Kelly the second seed (13-1) in 1:33. Town will have his chance to become only the third person to win three titles next year as he is only a junior.

Fritz Koger of Catholic racked up his second title in three years as he decisioned second seed Mark Gainey of Redemptorist, 6-0. Koger, working his "Gramby and High Turn" to perfection hiked his season worksheet to 21-3-1.

Darryl Pea of Baker, Jay Harris of Lee... what can you say?

Harris, the defending City Champion and first seed met Pea, the second seed and already beaten twice by Harris. Pea was the aggressor throughout most of the bout, won 2-1 when Harris who had been warned for stalling, gave up a penalty point in the last ten seconds of the match. Pea was voted the outstanding wrestler in the lower weights.

Senior David Kelly of Baker won the 126 lb. title over third seed Richard Allen of Broadmoor, 10-3. Another senior wrestler of Baker, Jess Easley, looked impressive as he nailed down his 132 pound weight class in 1:44 over Catholic's Ed Lamy.

Catholic's Walter Krousel, a "pinner" through the season, decked his three opponents on the road to the 138 lb. championship.

Lavera had his work cut out for him as he had to go into overtime to decision Woodward in the key match at 145 lbs. Lavera's efforts

Sec results

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finals:

- 118 Steve Stalnaker (Tenn.) dec. Mike Picozzi (Fla.) 11-9.
- 126 Ray Downey (Aub.) dec. Ricky Dellagatta (Ken.) 9-5.
- 134 Mike Chinn (LSU) won by forfeit over Kurt Mock (Ken.).
- 142 Mike Collins (Fla.) dec. Tim Welch (Aub.) 5-4.
- 150 Larry Tusick (Ala.) dec. John Stallings (Aub.) 6-3.
- 158 Arthur Jones (Tenn.) dec. Jeff Cutler (Fla.) 13-7.
- 167 Jeff Parker (LSU) dec. Joe Elinsky (Aub.) 14-13.
- 177 Eric Moll (LSU) dec. Bill Teutsch (Fla.) 4-4 OT 3-1.
- 190 Billy King (Ala.) dec. Brian Gaffney (Fla.) 8-5.
- HWT. George Atiyeh (LSU) dec. Harold Smith (Ken.) 11-8.
- TEAM SCORING: LSU 74%, Florida 62%, Auburn 53, Alabama 44%, Tennessee 41%, Kentucky 37%, Georgia 13.
- SEC Wrestler of the Year: George Atiyeh, LSU.
- SEC Coach of the Year: Larry Sciacchetano, LSU.

earned him the outstanding wrestler in the upper weights.

Joe Brent Calloway of Baker won the 155 lb. crown over Belaire's Brent Berryhill, 5-2.

The 167 lb. bout found two city champs squaring off to face each other. Steve Durrett of Broadmoor, the defending champ a 167 last year, tangled with Bart Gutierrez of Lee, a winner at 145 two years ago. Gutierrez scored a 9-6 decision to capture his second city crown and run his record to 24-1.

The 185 lb. class found first seed Paul Berggreen of Catholic down 4-0 at the outset of the match to strongman "Mean Dean" Turner of Belaire. Berggreen fought his way back to eventually pin Turner in 3:19.

Lee's Jim Campbell, small as heavyweights go at 200 lbs., earned his second title by outworking Tara's Mark Van Norman 7-2 in the finals. Campbell was last year's 185 lb. title holder.

In the junior-varsity division, Baker won with 126.5 followed by Tara with 96, Catholic 87.5, Belaire 72.5, Lee 64.5. Louisiana School for the Blind, 62, Capitol 42, Baton Rouge Magnet 27.5, Redemptorist 23.5, Denham Springs 10 and Broadmoor 0.

East Baton Rouge Parish Wrestling Championship

Results:

- 98 Jessie Heck (Baker) pinned Craig Ketelsen (Cath.) 5:32.
- 105 Greg Town (Lee) pinned Tim Kelly (Capt.) 1:33.
- 112 Fritz Koger (Cath.) dec. Mark Gainey (Red.) 6-0.
- 119 Darryl Pea (Baker) dec. Jay Harris (Lee) 2-1.
- 126 David Kelly (Baker) dec. Richard Allen (Br'dm.) 10-13.
- 132 Jess Easley (Baker) pinned Ed Lamy (Cath.) 1:44.
- 138 Walter Krousel (Cath.) pinned Todd Newman (Br'dm.) 2:41.
- 145 Jay Lavera (Red.) dec.

LSU places

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SEC champ and fifth seed, ran into trouble from the start as Pittsburgh's Mark Stepanovich decisioned him 13-5 in the preliminaries.

Scicchetano commented after the meet was over that, "Our goal was to make the Top 20, so I am pleased. It was satisfying. We had hoped for higher, but maybe that was unrealistic with the youth we had."

Next year the Tigers lose only Chinn, and they will have three wrestlers back with experience in the nationals, an entirely new experience for them.

Dale Woodward (Baker) 4-4 of 3-1.

- 155 Joe Calloway (Baker) dec. Brett Berryhill (Bel.) 5-2.
- 167 Bart Gutierrez (Lee) dec. Steve Durrett (Br'dm.) 9-6.
- 185 Paul Berggreen (Cath.) pinned Dean Turner (Bel.) 3:19.
- HWT Jim Campbell (Lee) dec. Mark Van Norman (Tara) 7-2.

Consolation Finals

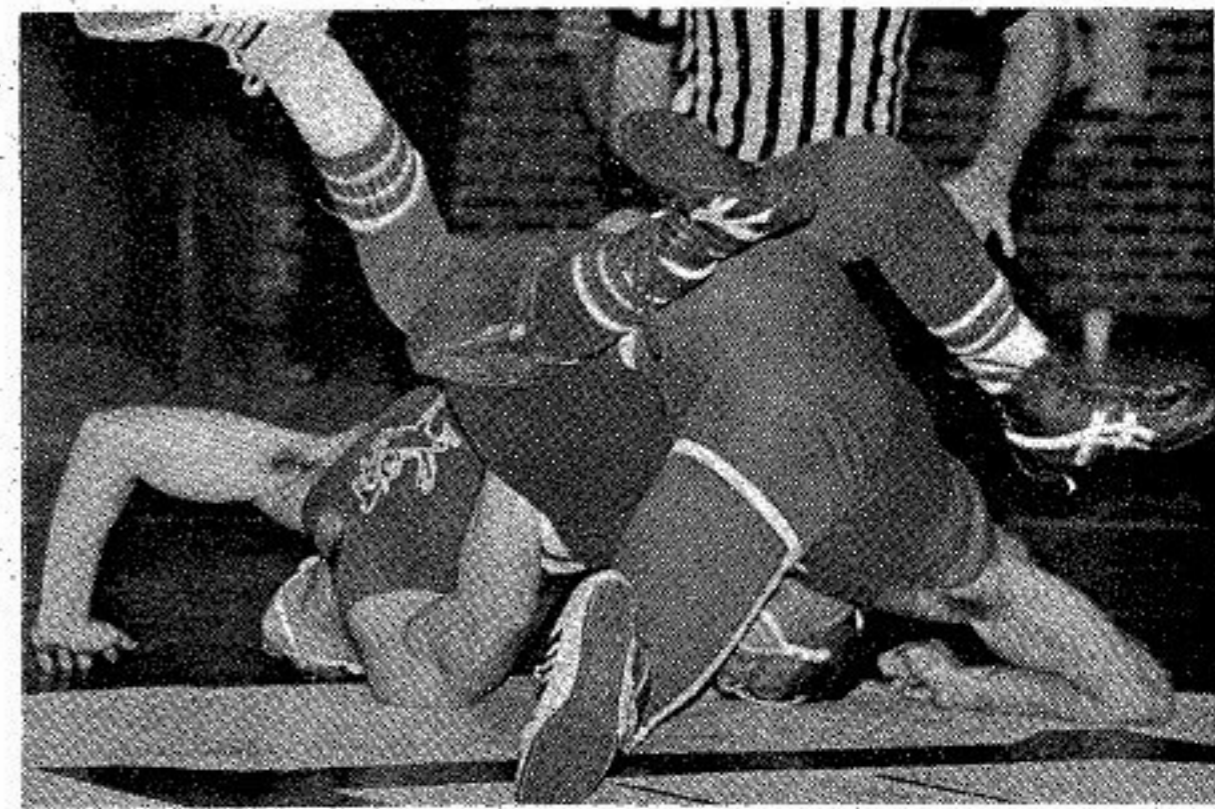
- 98 Jimmy Miller (Red.) dec. Mark Young (Br'dm.) 9-6.
- 105 Tony Lightfoot (Tara) dec. Mike Cop (Red.) 8-0.
- 112 Russel Moran (Lee) pinned Bruce Bowman (Baker) 1:30.
- 119 Ronnie Zumo (Red.) dec. Gary Navo (Cath.) 7-4.
- 126 Greg Patin (Red.) dec. Flint Virgets (Cath.) 5-0.
- 132 Kirk Rispone (Red.) dec. Dennis Serio (Lee) 6-4.
- 138 Mark Galasso (Lee) pinned Ricky Tortorich (Red.) 5:40.
- 145 Steve Rome (Cath.) dec. Dicky Roy (Tara) 7-3.
- 155 Mark Moreau (Red.) dec. Hank Chiles (Tara) 9-6.
- 167 Blair Roussell (Red.) dec. Bucky Bearden (Bel.) 12-9.
- 185 Rodney Roubique (Red.) pinned Eric Elliot (Cap.) 1:07.
- HWT Kelvin Gray (Cap.) dec. Tommy Gilbert (Baker) 9-4.

Team Scoring

Baker 182.5 (5), Redemptorist 160.5 (1), Catholic 158.5 (3), Lee 140 (3), Broadmoor 69, Belaire 66, Tara 57.5, Capitol 42.5, Denham Springs 11, Baton Rouge 10.

BATON ROUGE CITY MEET "B" TEAM FINALS:

- 98 Harry Phillips (Baker); Mukul Verma (Cath.).
- 105 Ryan Comeaux (LSB); Jerry Landry (Bel.).
- 112 Joel Thomas (BR); Kirk Daigle (Baker).
- 119 Scott Bonds (Lee); Mark Roberts (Tara).
- 126 Mike Kelly (Baker); Keith Hall (Bel.).
- 132 John Fernandez (Tara); Buck Kneffin (Lee).
- 138 Greg Murphy (Cath.); Daniel Calix (Baker).
- 145 Mike Leggio (Cath.); Kennedy Wolf (Baker).
- 155 Dan Claitor (Lee); Pierre Brousseau (Tara).
- 167 Tommy Leggio (Cath.); Reggie Mackie (Baker).
- 185 Jacob Augustus (Baker); Darryl Boudreaux (Bel.).
- HWT. Allen Mika (Tara); Bryan Collier (Bel.).



Legs, legs, legs

That's all there seems to be in this action against Jesuit's Fred Kitziger and East Jefferson's Hilton Bond. Kitziger was the eventual winner.

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Lament of a coach's wife

By LINDA BOFINGER

Everyone is familiar with the old jumping rope song "Doctor, lawyer, Indian chief..." Well, apparently there were reasons why the occupation of 'coach' was not listed there.

I think a coach's wife can attest to the reason's why -- good, bad, or indifferent -- a coach's wife is a different breed of woman, just as a coach is a different breed of man. Whether or not they are compatible is another story, but let me explain just what it means:

to be a coach's wife.

I used to be really interested in sports; I enjoyed participation in various sports and enjoyed others as a spectator. Never did I realize that these interests would have made my life somewhat of an arena itself.

I have been married to a coach for nearly 10 years. I've grown to accept little attention; to feel independent in raising children; to be superior in balancing the budget, terrific at answering in the negative to friends' in-

vitations during tournament season; and most of all, I've adjusted to sitting in a hot, sticky, oftentimes unbearable gymnasium.

Don't get me wrong, the above descriptions are not necessarily negative feelings. I've also grown to accept tournament sheets through or scattered about the house; lists of wrestlers complete with phone numbers, date of birth, and exactly how many times a takedown led to a pin; pictures of anyone and everybody posed just right to allow for facial expression along with a good-looking figure-four hold hanging about my living room, den, and kitchen...

Sleeping is another story in being married to a coach. I've listened attentively while my husband tossed and turned while describing last night's wrestling match; I've listened quite annoyed at his snoring when the match was finally over; and, I've gone to bed without him while he sat and figured brackets, posters, and programs for upcoming meets.

Sharing with a non-coach husband can't be near as interesting...I've wrestled on the floor with books in hand as my husband pushed, shoved, twisted and turned me until my frail body looked just like a pretzel; I've watched him near tears when a boy he felt gave it all and didn't get his just reward; I've heard him argue, fight, cuss, and laugh with his wrestlers; I've shared in his school uniform colors, his best-looking team picture, and I've helped him analyze individual wrestler's efforts after a match. And, I've felt closer to him because of these.

I can remember telling him when our little boy began walking: "Bill, Eric has been walking for a week now..." I also remember Bill taking Eric to wrestling matches before the boy learned to say "Ready, Wrestle." I can remember when I was on my way to the hospital to give birth to our son, that Bill had to be called from a stadium seat.

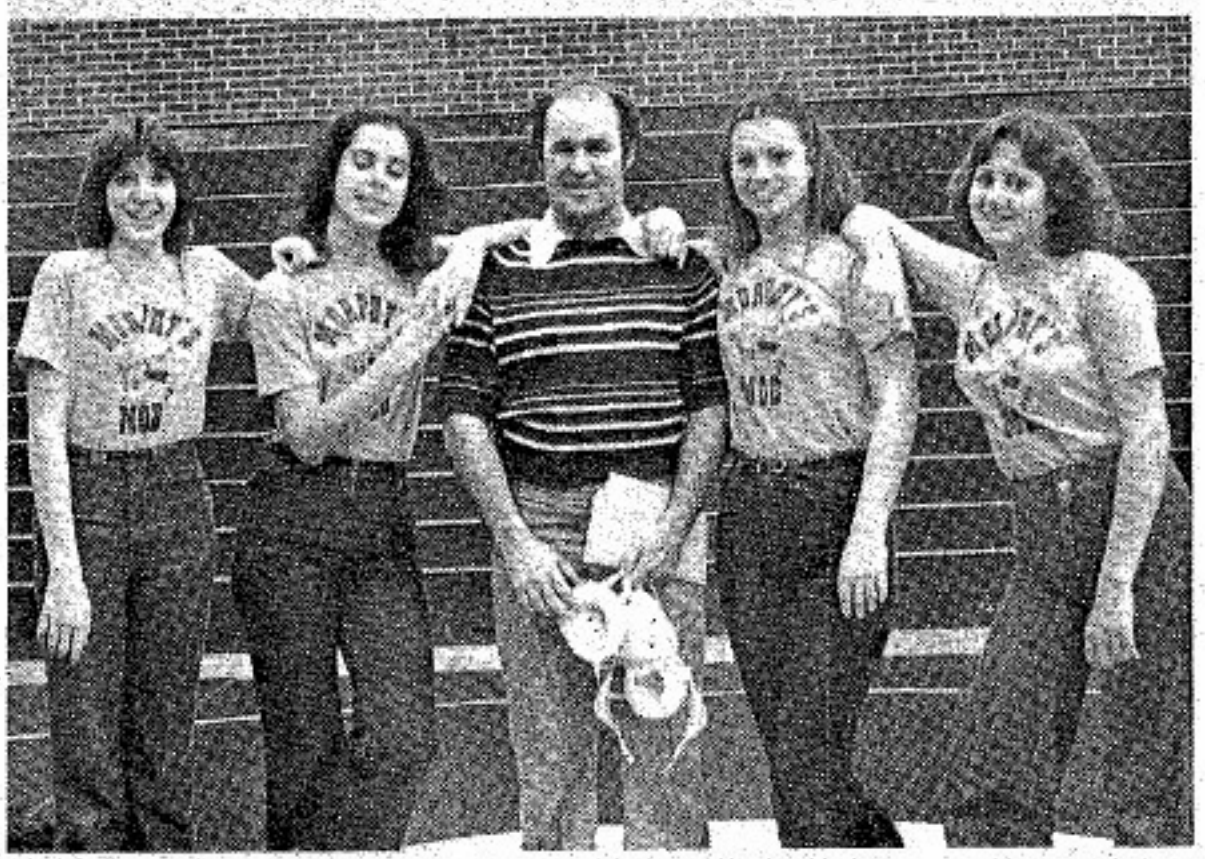
To be married to a coach, I'm sure anyone can agree, takes a certain kind of woman and an incredible kind of man.

However, don't just take my word for the above mentioned ideas. Diane Kavanaugh has been married for 5½ years to coach Ed Kavanaugh of Holy Cross. She expressed her opinions on the matter similar to those I've mentioned.

"Dedication," she says, "is what it's all about. A man has to be dedicated to be a coach; it can't be anything else when you consider the time spent away from home."

Diane thinks "it's fun" being a coach's wife and she has numerous stories to back up her statement. A little quirk of her husband's is biting his nails. "Ed bites his nails some, but never

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Murphy's mob

Murphy's Mob, from left to right, are: Karen Thompson, Ronda Silvio, Coach Barrett Murphy, Terry Mitchell and Yvette Slovar. These Belaire girls helped with most of the paperwork in the recent Junior Varsity meets held at Lee High. Their help was greatly appreciated.

South Cameron repeats

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Wossman in the finals and raised his season record to 19-0.

Despite winning the tournament championship, South Cameron had some disappointments as six Tarpons were in the finals and four lost, including previously undefeated James Boudreaux at 126, a two-time Division II state champ, and previously undefeated Myron Mayard at 138, who was also a defending Division II state champ.

Boudreaux was pinned in 1:27 of the first period by Jesse Herman of Haughton. Mayard was beaten 7-3 by the tournament's outstanding wrestler, Sam Bailey of Wossman from Monroe.

Last year Bailey had beaten Mayard in the finals of the Western Regional at 126 lbs. and was the only one of the three returning champions to win this year. Twenty place winners from the 1977 tournament were in this year's tournament and 17 placed.

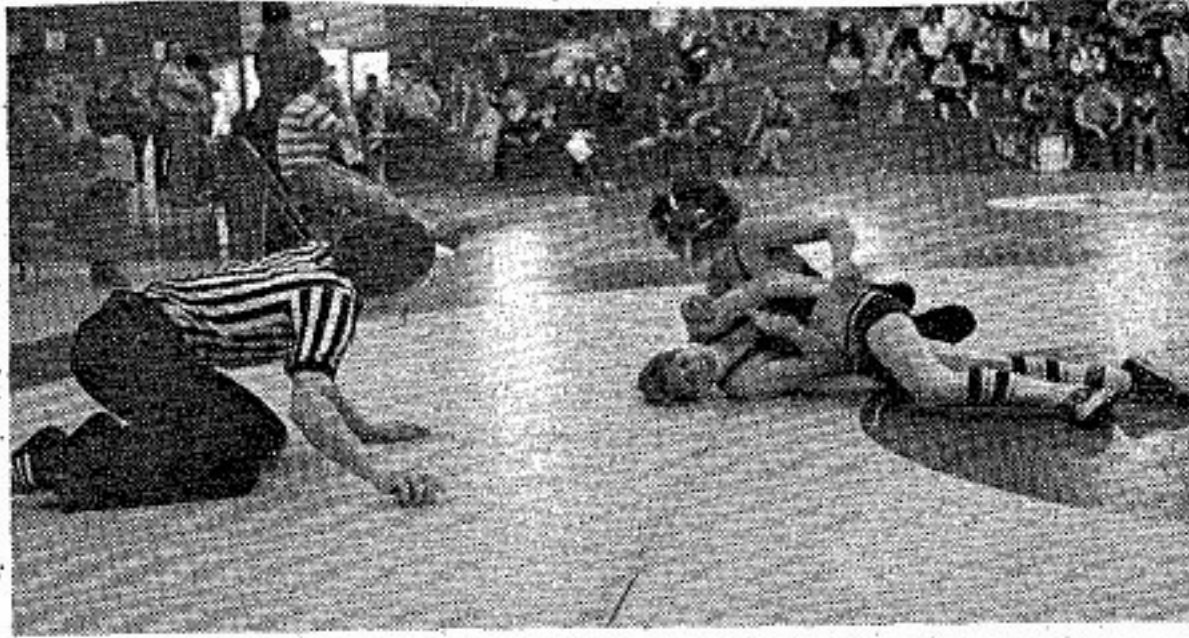
In finishing second, the Jeanerette Tigers placed eight of their 12 wrestlers. Jeanerette was led by first place finishers Leonard Joseph (112), Derrick Renner (119), Michel Fortier (132), and Gilbert Joe (145).

The Acadiana Wrecking Rams from Lafayette finished third in team scoring with 113.5 points. Acadiana had two champions, Craig Theriot (98) and Russell Janice (155). Wossman High School of Monroe finished fourth with 95.5 points and one individual champion in Bailey at 138.

The surprise team of the tournament was Haughton which finished seventh with 48 points despite bringing only two wrestlers to the meet, but they won a first and a second as Jesse Herman won at 126 and Jed Dunigan finished second at 132. In addition, Dunigan won the trophy for the most pins in the least time. He reached the finals with three pins in 5:36 (0:19, 1:54, and 3:23). Herman also had three pins (1:22, 3:51, and 1:27) to total 6:40.

Western Regional Championship Finals results are as follows:

- 98--Craig Theriot (Acadiana) pinned Allen Boudoin (Jeanerette) 5:22.
 - 105--Ward Theriot (South Cameron) dec. Johnny Hamilton (Wossman) 11-4.
 - 112--Leonard Joseph (Jeanerette) dec. Duane Alleman (Acadiana) 15-12.
 - 119--Derrick Renner (Jeanerette) dec. Allan Perry (Wossman) 13-8.
 - 126--Jesse Herman (Haughton) pinned James Boudreaux (South Cameron) 1:27.
 - 132--Michel Fortier (Jeanerette) dec. Jed Dunigan (Haughton) 4-4, 2-0.
 - 138--Sam Bailey (Wossman) dec. Myron Mayard (South Cameron) 7-3.
 - 145--Gilbert Joe (Jeanerette) dec. Hector Garcia (South Cameron) 6-1.
 - 155--Russell Janice (Acadiana) dec. Pat Smith (South Cameron) 6-3.
 - 167--Tony Porche (South Cameron) dec. Lonnie Dykes (Wossman) 6-3.
 - 185--Bill Huff (Neville) pinned Danny Domengeaux (Northside) 1:30.
 - HWT.--Bryan Bourgeois (Basile) pinned Roderick Jeanise (Jeanerette) 1:49.
- Team Scoring: South Cameron 188.5, Jeanerette 165, Acadiana 113.5; Wossman 95.5, Brusly 54, Northside 54, Haughton 18, Lafayette 40, Basile 33, Neville 33, Carencro 14.



State JV action

Catholic High's Craig Ketelsen looks to be in trouble in the consolation finals of his 110 lb. J. V. State Tournament match. Ketelsen came out of this predicament and recorded a 4:18 fall over Johnny Gonzales of Wossman to place third in the state.

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TIME OUT

By BILL BOFINGER

Much of the wrestling action at the NCAA Championship Tournament takes place not on the Cole Field House gymnasium floor at the University of Maryland, but in the crowded catacombs of the wrestling rooms, where college, high school, and over-the-hill wrestlers of all sizes go at it.

Participants are so numerous that many bumps and bruises occur from bouncing off walls, pillars, and other wrestlers. Inflicting some of the contusions were the likes of NCAA champions Wade Schallis ('72-'73), Stan Dzedzic ('71), Jimmy Haines ('77), Chris Campbell ('76-'77), Chuck Yagla ('75-'76), Nick Gallo ('77) and many others.

Teaching was also going on with Olympic Gold Medal winners Doug Blubaugh, Shelby Wilson, John Peterson and Dan Gable showing and working moves.

Between sessions -- there were six -- some 300 people would gather at the wrestling room to either pickup pointers on techniques or get it in the action itself. Coach Barrett Murphy, who isn't noted for being timid, was dressed out in his '1958' Olympic uniform (tennis shoes, gray sweat pants, and his old marine shirt) and was asking questions about techniques. Doug Blubaugh almost broke Murphy's jaw with one pinning combination while Shelby Wilson worked him over on breakdowns and cradles.

After telling them they needed some Gatorade, Murphy showed Coach Stanzone his newly learned moves. "Bruiser Murphy" (he said that's what they called him in the '58 Olympics) looked as though he was just about to get his old form back when we all had to leave and get something to eat before heading back for the tournament.

This issue of Louisiana Wrestling Roundup completes our second year of statewide wrestling coverage. We strongly feel that this publication will help our sport grow.

We are also pleased to say that a few more coaches are becoming interested enough to begin sending material on their kids and their team accomplishments.

However, in order to have an even better publication next year, more cooperation from coaches must still take place. In order to help defray ever-increasing costs, we are considering the possibility of charging each school \$25 for a year's subscription of the papers they need. This money could come from the school's wrestling budget as only two schools sent in their \$1 per wrestler as earlier suggested.

Coaches, we're trying, but everything isn't free!!



Metropolitan place winners

N.O. city meet held

In the Metropolitan City High School Tournament Feb. 3 - 4 at Brother Martin the first three places were as follows:

--98 Mitch Michelli (BM), Lenny Davis (Bonn.), Kevin Daboval (Jesuit).

--105 Craig Seals (EJ), Mike Pou (Jesuit), Bobby Feigler (DLS).

--112 Johnny d'Aquin (EJ), Joel McMullin (BM), Drew Lajaunie (HC).

--119 John Nette (Bonn.), Steve Nunenmacher (Jesuit), Keith Varmall (EJ).

--126 David Albrecht (EJ), Tom Messonnier (BM), Jim Gatti (Jesuit).

--132 John Fogarty (Bonn.), Joey Cunningham (BM), Richard Seither (DLS).

--138 Fred Kitziger (Jesuit), Mark Scariano (BM), Percy Colon (Bonn.).

--145 Jim Ravannack (EJ), Mark Casadaban (BM), Greg Stacy (Rummel).

--155 Joe Sunseri (Bonn), Ed Story (HC), Wayne Schmidt (BM).

--167 Tony Alas (EJ), Mike Dale (Rummerl), Joe Bodenheimer (HC).

--185 Tommy Majors (EJ), Bobby Dale (Rummel), Justin Duke (DLS).

--HWT Mike Delesdenier (HC), Randy Duke (DLS), Kurt Queyrouze (Jesuit).

The Most Valuable wrestler was Mike Delesdenier of Holy Cross.

The Sam Cashio Memorial Trophy for sportsmanship went to Tommy Messonnier of Brother Martin.

Team champions went to East Jefferson and runner-up Brother Martin.

Brusly holds tournament

In the Brusly Invitational held Jan. 14, the following wrestlers placed first and second in their weight classes:

--98 Gerald Wray (Brusly), Robert Morris (Capitol).

--105 Timothy Kelly (Capitol), Tommy Daigle (Brusly).

--112 Tommy Tate (Denham Springs), Nathaniel Mallet (Capitol).

--119 Gary Thomas (Denham Springs), David Rabalais (Brusly).

--126 Ronald Brooks (Capitol), Mike Rivera (LSSB).

--132 Gerald LeJeune (Brusly), Keith Normand (Brusly).

--138 Darrell Wilson (Brusly), Shawn Gage (Capitol).

--145 Shelby Ramagos (Brusly), Glen Fortune (Capitol).

--155 Dean Hebert (Brusly), Lynn Vinning (LSSB).

--167 Tony Morris (Bogalusa), Terrence Johnson (Brusly).

--185 Eric Elliot (Capitol), Joey Mancuso (Brusly).

--HWT. Kelvin Gray (Capitol), Michael Johnson (Denham Springs).

Team Results: Capitol 173; Brusly 155; LSSB 98; Denham Springs 58; Bogalusa 35; Covington 29; Chaneyville 18.

Only one school had extensive experience so it was an interesting and rewarding challenge of mutually able teams and individuals.

Trophy plaques constructed by the Brusly wrestling backers were awarded to individual place winners.

Outstanding Wrestlers were Timothy Kelly (Capitol), 105, and Lynn Vining (LSSB) 155.

Lament of a coach's wife

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like he does during wrestling season," she told me. "Tournaments, practices, meeting all kinds of people, learning wrestling, etc., are all part of being a coach's wife."

Jennie Murphy has been married to Barrett Murphy of Belaire for 18 years, has three children and has enjoyed being married to a coach for all the same reasons that I'm sure any coach's wife could recount.

"I enjoy going to meets and meeting people, and my children have had many rewards due to my husbands coaching," she explained. "Sure, he's never

home, and oftentimes I feel I've raised my family on my own, but, there are rewards."

A funny thing about her husband is that he wears the same socks (at least for the past seven years) to all the wrestling matches. "It's his good luck charm," she laughs.

The list could go on and on. All the familiar quotes about the "ole coach" fit, and all the feelings of being second to a 15 year old wrestler could be applied.

Nonetheless, being a coach's wife truly has many advantages. Seeing a man dedicated to his occupation because he enjoys

being involved with young people is a plus on anyone's scale. Being aware of the love and respect that young people have for your husband and his ideals of life through coaching, serve to give that extra boost over the humps.

Whether it is watching "My" 12 children out there wrestling, or whether it is sitting home and waiting for Bill to return, being a coach's wife is a different lifestyle for most.

When my daughter grows up and learns the jargon for proper jump-roping, I'm not too sure I wouldn't include 'coach' in the song.

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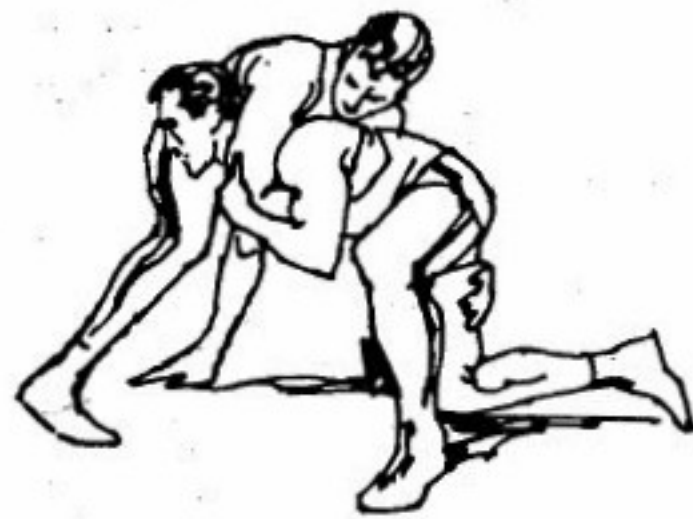
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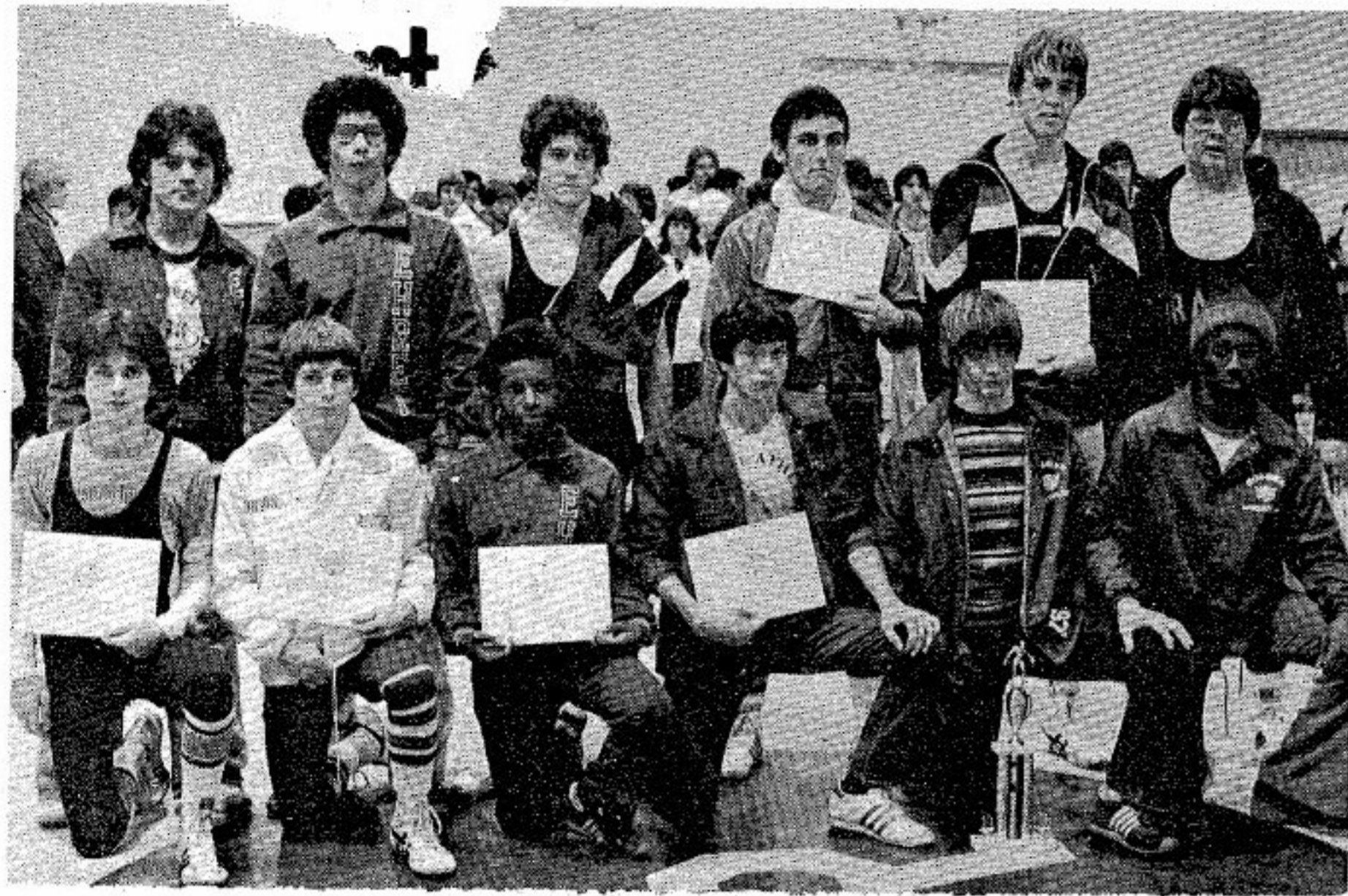
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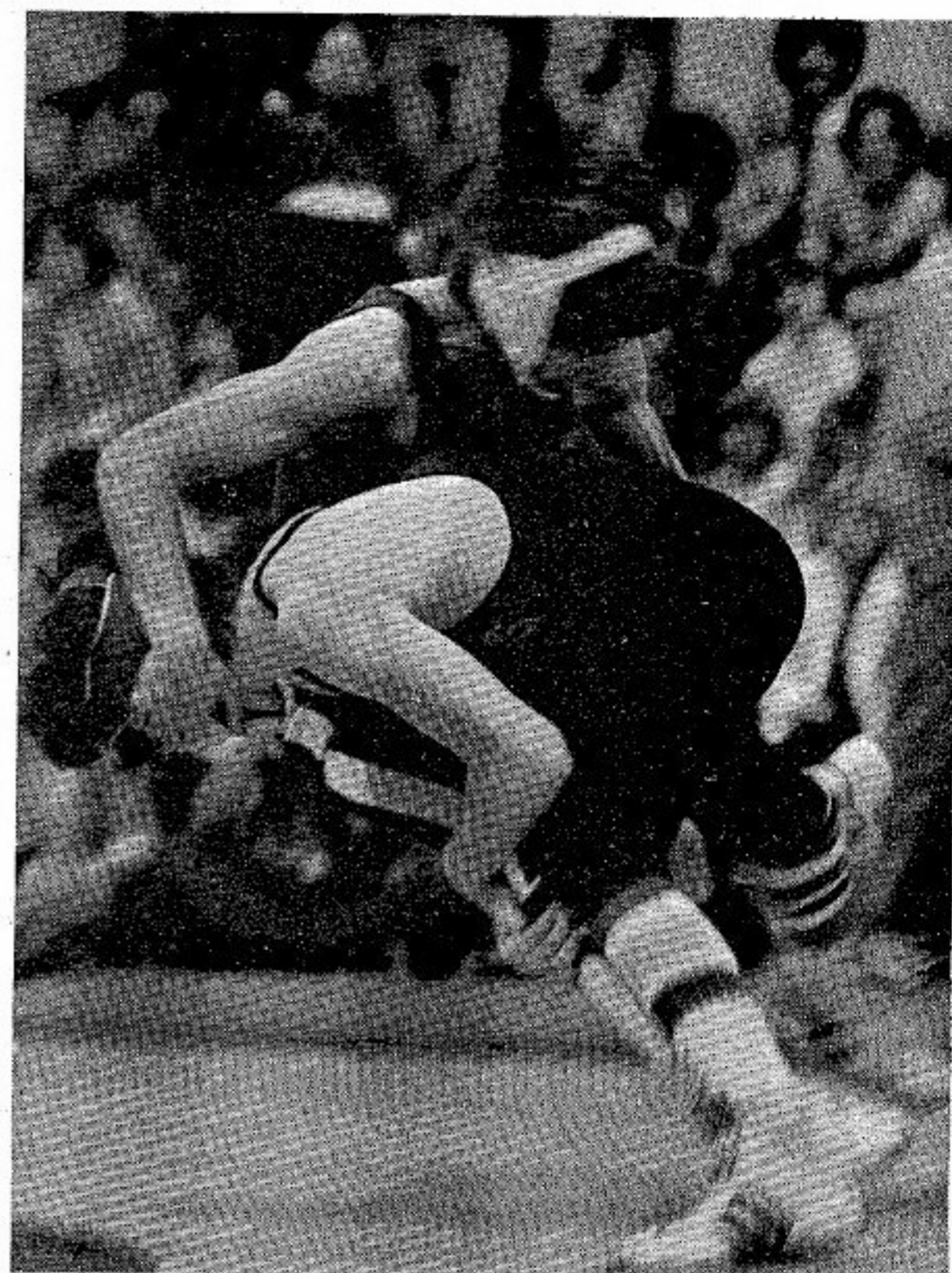
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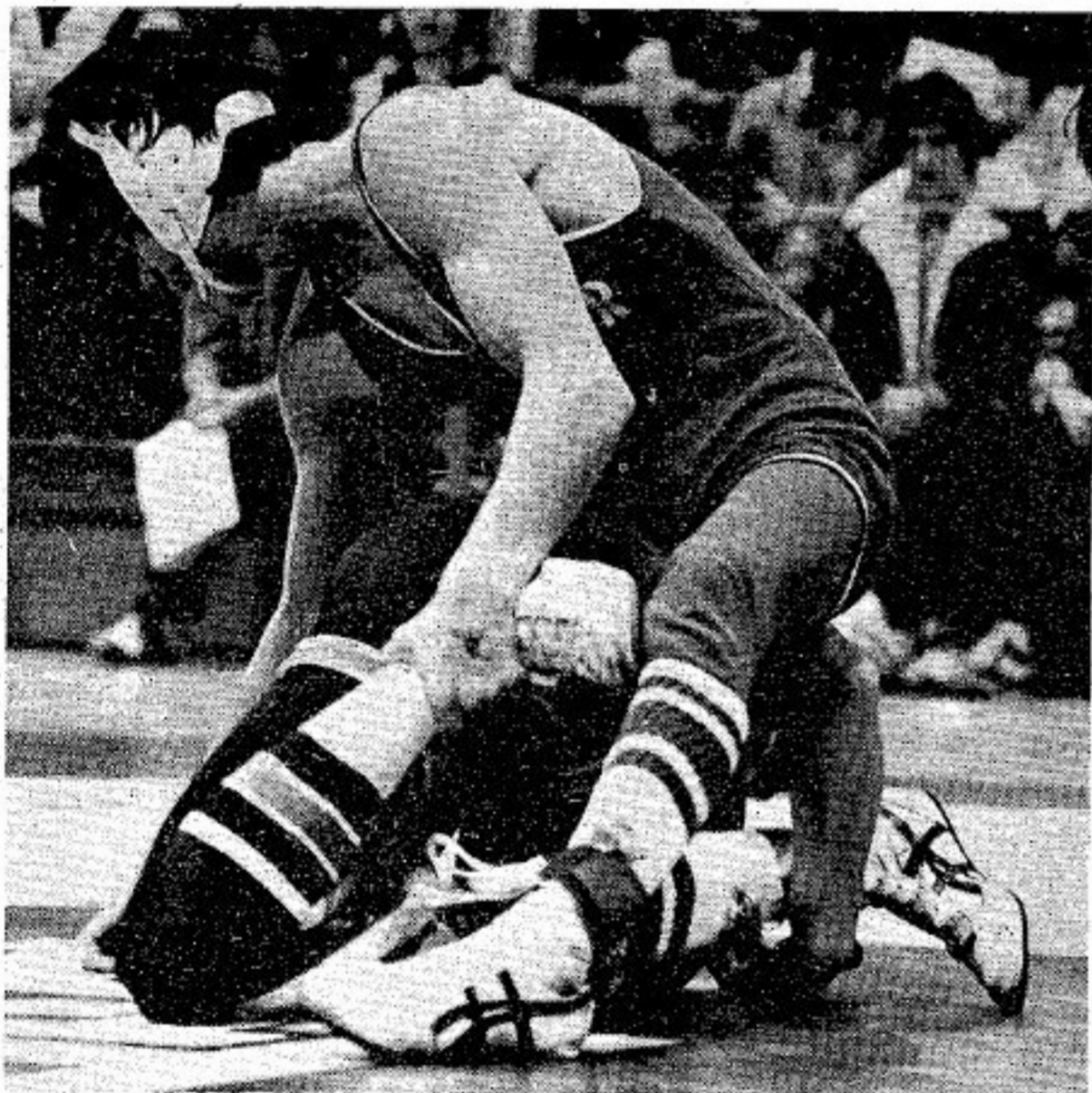
Division II state champs

Division II State Champions shown here are, front row: 98 Craig Theriot (Acad.), 105 Ward Theriot (SC), 112 Bryan Hawkins (Ehret), 119 Paul Barner (Bossier), 126 Lenny Harner (Bossier), 132 Terry Washington (Bossier). On the back row are, left to right: 138 Stuart Hart (Ehret), 145 Agosto Menendez (Ehret), 155 Russel Janice (Acad.), 167 Tony Porche (SC), 185 Bill Huff (Neville), HWT. Griffith Champagne (Acad.).



Takedown attempt

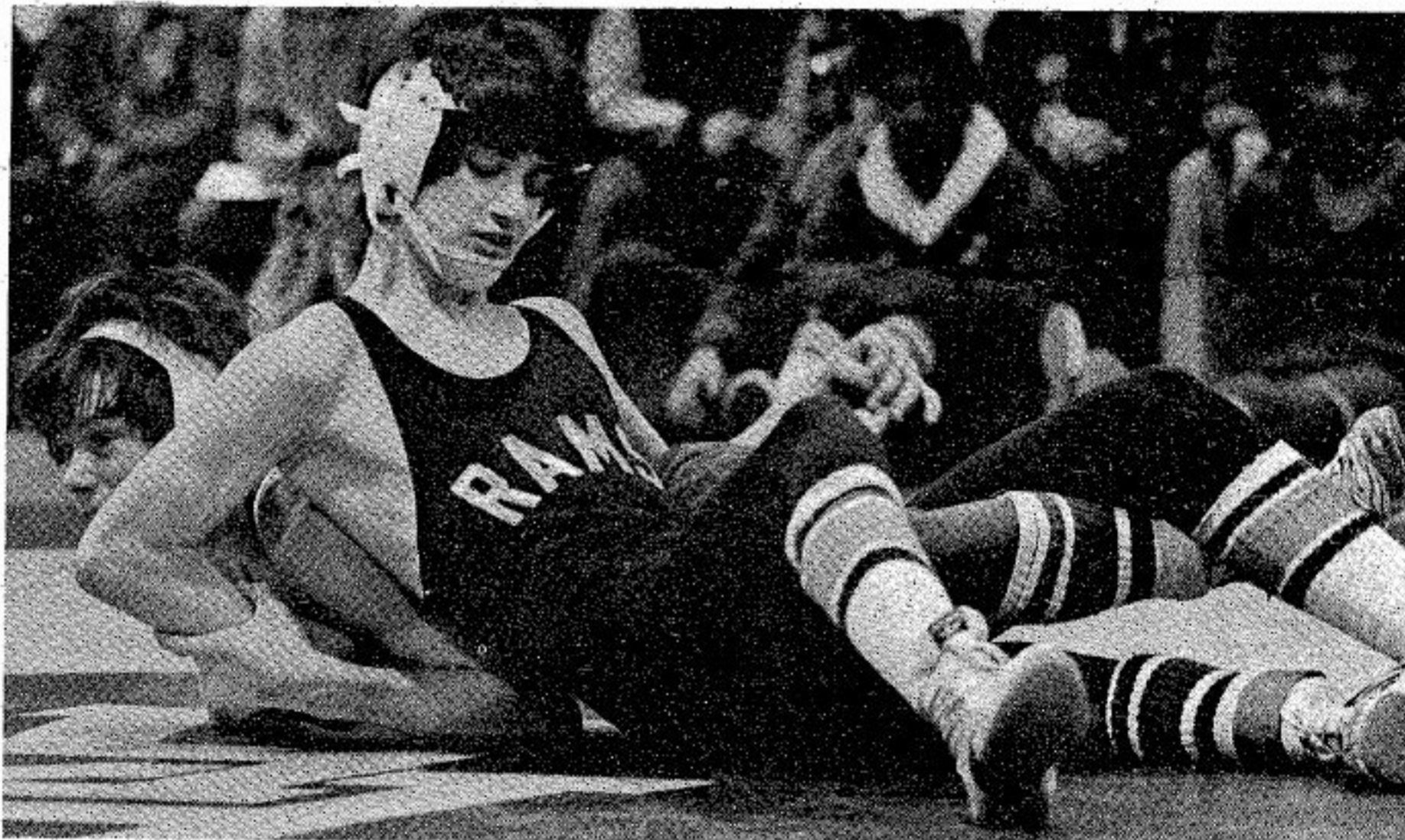
Action in the first period of the Division II State finals shows non-seeded Chris Bonin of Acadian attempting a takedown of defending state champion Ward Theriot of South Cameron. Theriot went on to win his second state title 6-2.



Pickin' away

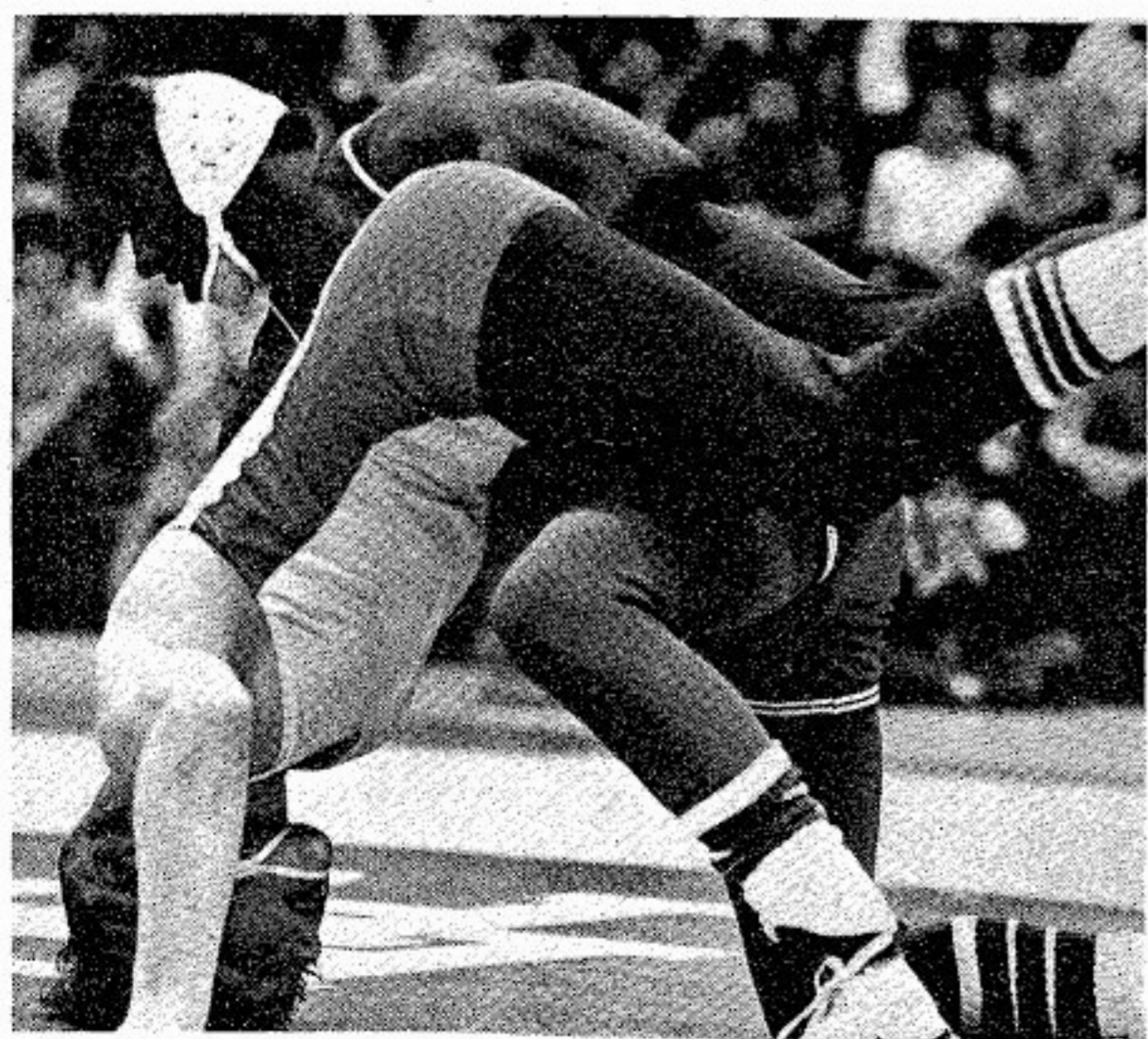
Bossier City Paul Barnes, who pinned his way into the 119 lb. Division II finals, rides with a crossbody and ankle pick on Baton Rouge High Magnet School's Chris Hannaman. Hannaman was the 105 lb. state runner-up last year, while Barnes was top seeded. Barnes won 4-2 for the title.

Division II action



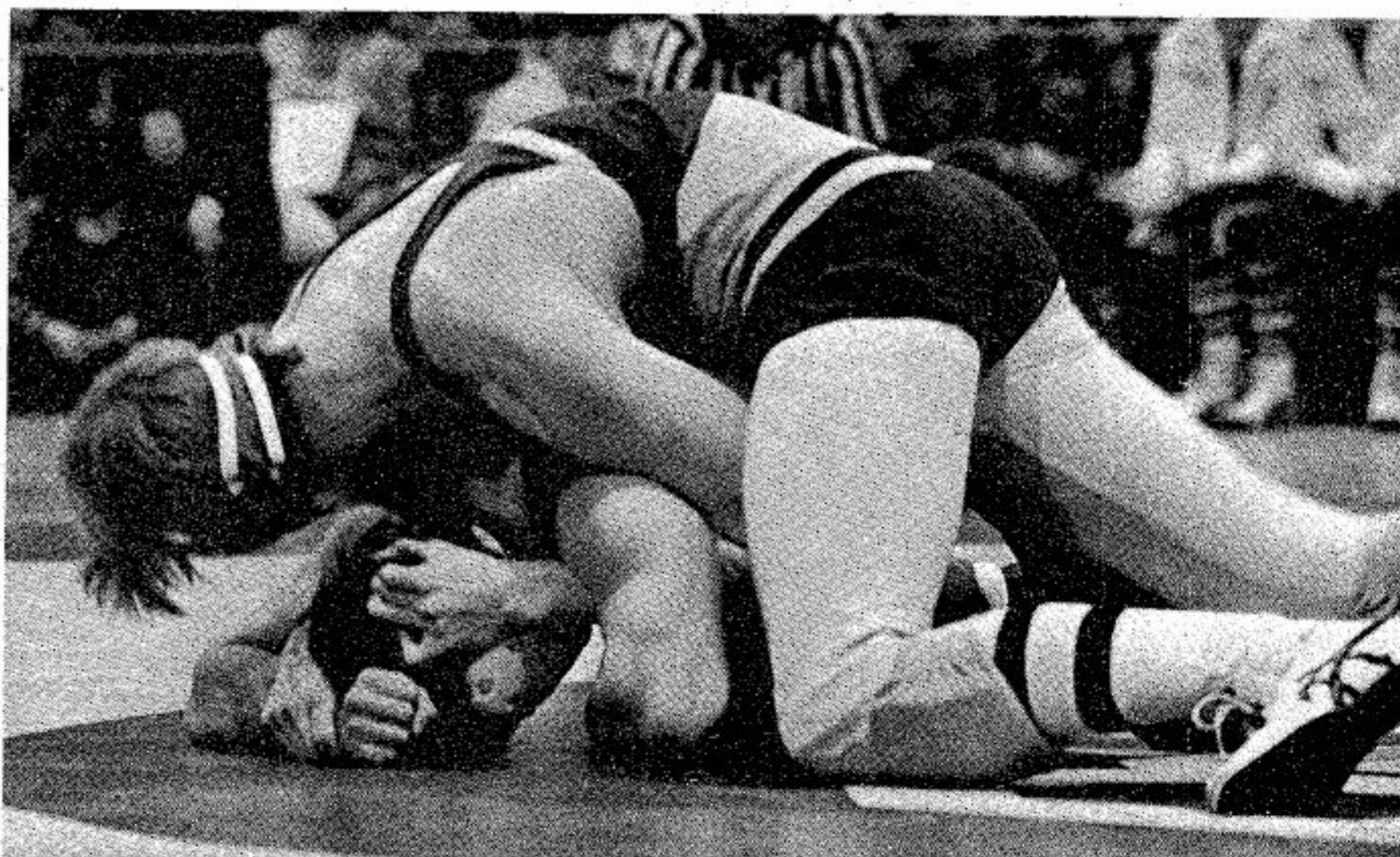
Crossbody ride

Top seeded Craig Theriot of Acadiana counters a crossbody ride by Bossier City's Bo Pate. Theriot reversed Pate and went on to record his fourth fall of the tournament and win the 98 lb. Division II state championship.



Head stand

Second seeded Terry Washington of Bossier City has Ehret's Robert Bongard on his head in the 122 lb. Division II state finals. Bongard upset first seeded [redacted] Buras in the quarterfinals to get to the finals. Wash [redacted] win 7-5.



First Neville title

Bill Huff of Neville High of Monroe rides high with a half on St. Martin's Episcopal High of Metairie in the 185 lb. Division II state finals. James was first seeded while Huff was a second seed. Huff went on to win the first wrestling title for Neville High by a score of 8-2.