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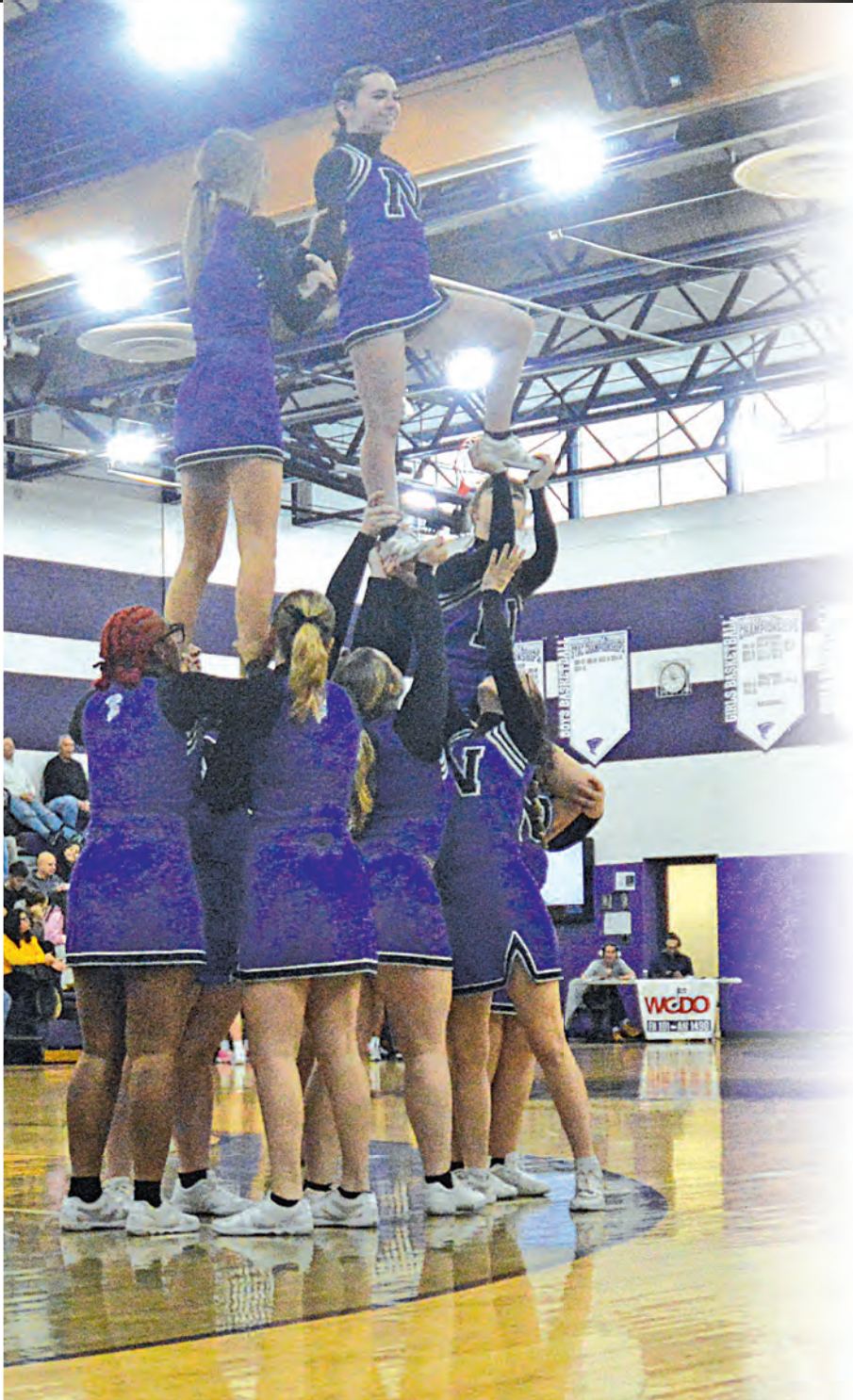
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2025-2026 Best of Chenango County Winter Sports

From the Evening Sun Sports Editor:

Thank you for supporting these outstanding local athletes who went above and beyond for their teams this winter season. A big congratulations goes out to everyone.

As much as we wanted to include every team and every athlete in this special section, each athlete included reached either a major milestone, a state-level achievement, or a conference first team recognition.

'The Best of Chenango County Winter Sports' is not to take away from the efforts of athletes who put in extra hours of dedicated work for their teams, but to recognize this year's successes.

We, at the Evening Sun, share appreciation and gratitude for all athletes and their coaches.

If we missed an athlete or team that achieved a title or milestone, we want to hear about it. At the Evening Sun, we always appreciate the positive feedback from our readers and look for ways to improve for the future.

This would not be possible without the cooperation and dedication of the student-athletes and coaches who helped us put this special section together. We cannot thank you enough!

With the 2025-2026 winter sports season in the books, we wish the student-athletes much success for the rest of the school year and beyond.

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Norwich Purple Tornado Girls Basketball

- 2026 Section IV, Class A Champions- first time since 2022
- Coach Abby Flynn- BCANY Section IV, Class A Coach Of the Year
- Made it to sub-regionals: Lost to Honeoye Falls-Lima.
- Finished with a 2025-26 season record of 17-3.

"It was a great season that we prepared greatly for with summer work, individual work, AAU, and playing together consistently," Coach Abby Flynn said about her first official season as head coach. " We had set a standard with a goal of making it to sectionals and we exceeded our expectations, so now we know what it takes to get there. We rebuilt and brought back the tough and family aspect of Norwich girls' basketball and I could not have asked for a better team and a better coaching staff."

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Emma Urgo

Norwich Purple Tornado

Girls' Basketball

Senior

- STAC East All-Division
- BCANY 2nd Team All-Star

"Emma was the first to buy in to the rebuilt program and she was another big leader to our team this season," Coach Abby Flynn said. "I was blessed to have her and she leaves a hole but leaves behind a great impact and always pushes others to do better."



Josey Ryan

Norwich Purple Tornado

Girls' Basketball

Junior

- STAC Central/East All-Conference
- BCANY Section IV, Class A Player of the Year.

"Josey stepped up on and off the court, making big plays all over the place," Coach Abby Flynn said. "She is a big role model and shows great team chemistry with knowing the right spots to be and also led us in free throws. I hope to see her continue to be a great leader for us as she has been going into her senior year."

Maverick Beckwith

Norwich Purple Tornado

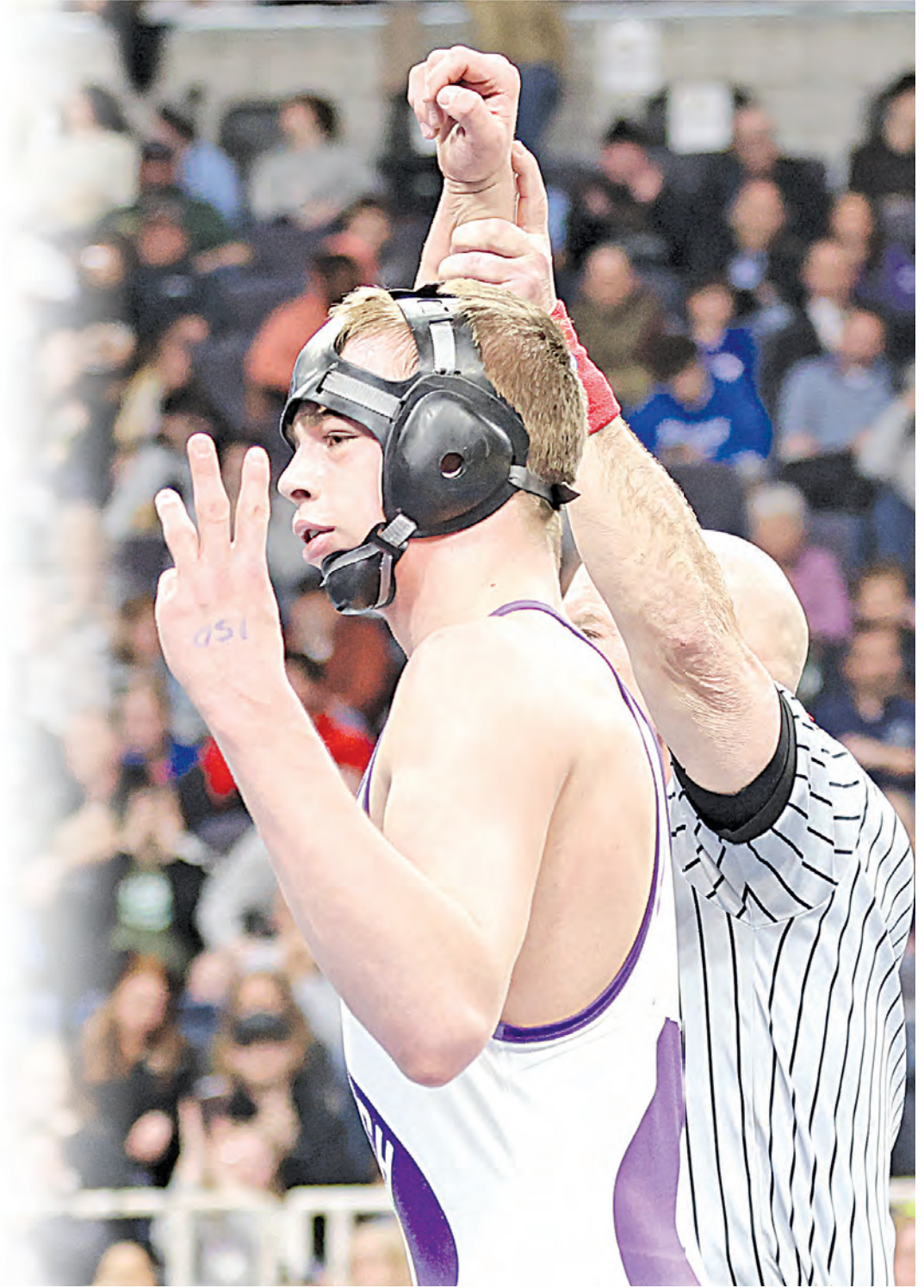
Wrestling

Junior

- 2026 Clyde Cole Champion (second year in a row)
- 4x Sectional Champion
- 3x State Champion
- 3x STAC Champion
- 3x Windsor Christmas Tournament Champion
- 2026 Eastern States Classic Champion
- 2026 Journeymen Wrestling World Classic Champion
- Committed to Army West Point after graduation.
- Finished junior year with record of 44-2 with 17 pins, 17 tech. falls, 226 PF, only allowed seven points against him.

"I went from 126 pounds to 152 pounds this season, which the coaches were interested in me getting bigger." Maverick Beckwith said. "The bulking up was better this year because there wasn't any pressure on cutting weight and I wrestled better with more pins. The only thing harder about bulking up to 150 pounds was the hand fight, going against stronger guys."

Beckwith on his upcoming senior season: "I always want to get better at wrestling as a whole and improve and I don't know maybe bulk up more but not too much," Beckwith said.



Kotlyn Collins

Norwich Purple Tornado

Wrestling

Eighth Grade

- Finished sixth at Sectionals
- Named STAC East All-Division



Bryce Wellington

Norwich Purple Tornado

Wrestling

Sophomore

placed sixth at Sectionals

"Kotlyn had an impressive post season, earning STAC East all division, as well as his first sectional appearance and sixth place finish. Joining him on the podium in his first sectional appearance would be sophomore Bryce Wellington placing sixth as well," Coach Garrett Sylstra said. "We were an exceptionally young team and I am excited to watch all of our underclassmen continue to develop and reach their goals. They are all an eager bunch and have remained busy and dedicated so far in our off-season."





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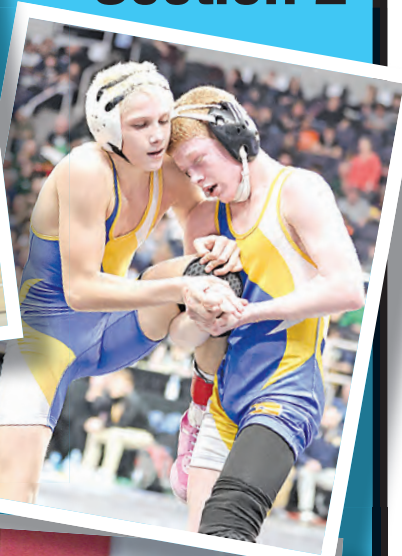


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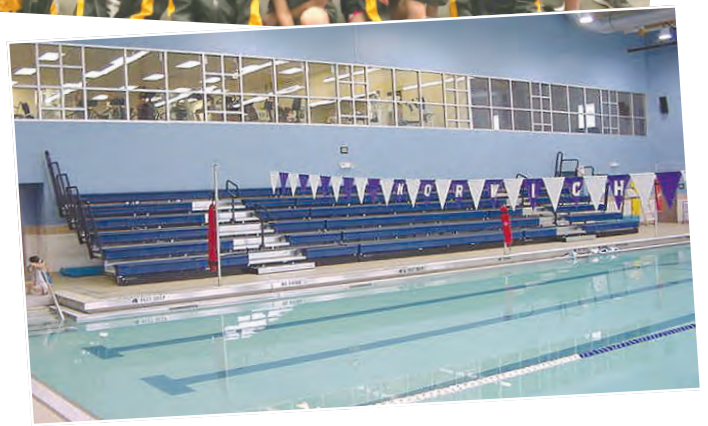
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Our winter season was busy and full of excitement with many of our area teams and competitors achieving significant success. We enjoyed the sports updates, radio broadcasts, and pictures highlighting all of the successes. We are proud of our Chenango County Athletes and we enjoyed cheering for you this past season. Job well done.



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Alex Moutarde

Norwich Purple Tornado

Boys' Swimming

Sophomore

- STAC East All-Division

"Alex is a strong kid who is confident in the water," Coach Sandra Gantt said. "As I have him for another two years, he is destined to be one of our fastest sprinters as he has good technique and has worked on being a competitive swimmer since modified."

Amon Oliver

Norwich Purple Tornado

Boys' Swimming

Junior

- 2025-26 500 freestyle Section IV champion with a time of 5:14.19.
- STAC Central/East All-Conference

"It was a fun year for Amon," Coach Sandra Gantt said. "He did a lot of work over the summer and got stronger and so quick. He just needs to stay in the water to work up his aerobic capacity and endurance and just work on the little things for next season."

Nate Shtrauch

Norwich Purple Tornado

Boys' Swimming

Senior

-STAC East All-Division

"Nate was all-in this year and he showed it as he practiced every day and was focused. He even switched training partners to challenge himself and listened to all the corrections," Coach Sandra Gantt said. He helped manage for the girls as a lifeguard in the fall and just saw a lot of work that they did and he was able to process that and buy in this season."

Tim Guzewich

Norwich Purple Tornado

Boys' Swimming

Senior

-STAC East All-Division

"Tim loves swimming and has a good feel for water," Coach Sandra Gantt said. "It was great to have him back this year and he has been a swimming fanatic since he was eight years old, loved talking about it and I can see him as a swim coach someday as he just loves the sport."



Norwich's Nate Shtrauch, Timothy Guzewich, Alex Moutarde, and Amon Oliver take second in the 400 free relay at Sectionals.

(Photo from Norwich Purple Tornado Swim)



Kaden Downey

Norwich Purple Tornado

Indoor track

Senior

- Section IV record holder in weight throw
- Shattered the meet record, school record, and Section IV record in first meet of season at the Ithaca College Bomber Invitational.
- Record throw of 66 feet, eight and 3/4 inches.
- Improved record to 66-11.
- 2026 Section IV Weight throw champion (64-8.50).
- Placed fifth in the state and seventh in the federation with a throw of 63-9.75.

"Kaden just was phenomenal this season and made many improvements," Coach Shaun Horan said. "Him and Coach Stoddard put in tons of work and Kaden worked his tail off and was more competitive than before. I'm super proud of him and his efforts to improve through every performance."

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Connor Marshall

Norwich Purple Tornado

Indoor track

Senior

- Broke school record in 55m hurdles with a time of 8.65 seconds at the 607 Invitational meet in Dec. 2025

"He's been a track and field workaholic since he was on modified doing drills," Coach Shaun Horan said. "He doesn't care which school record he breaks, he just goes for everything. He puts in the work, sometimes extra, which is more than he needs to, and is a smart kid with good form and quickness."



Ava Cirigliano

Norwich Purple Tornado

Indoor Track

Senior

- Rebroke her 400 meter dash record with a time of 1:03.73 at the Utica Challenge meet.

"Ava has a really positive attitude and is really quick," Coach Shaun Horan said. "She stayed focused and got the job done and improved in all events."



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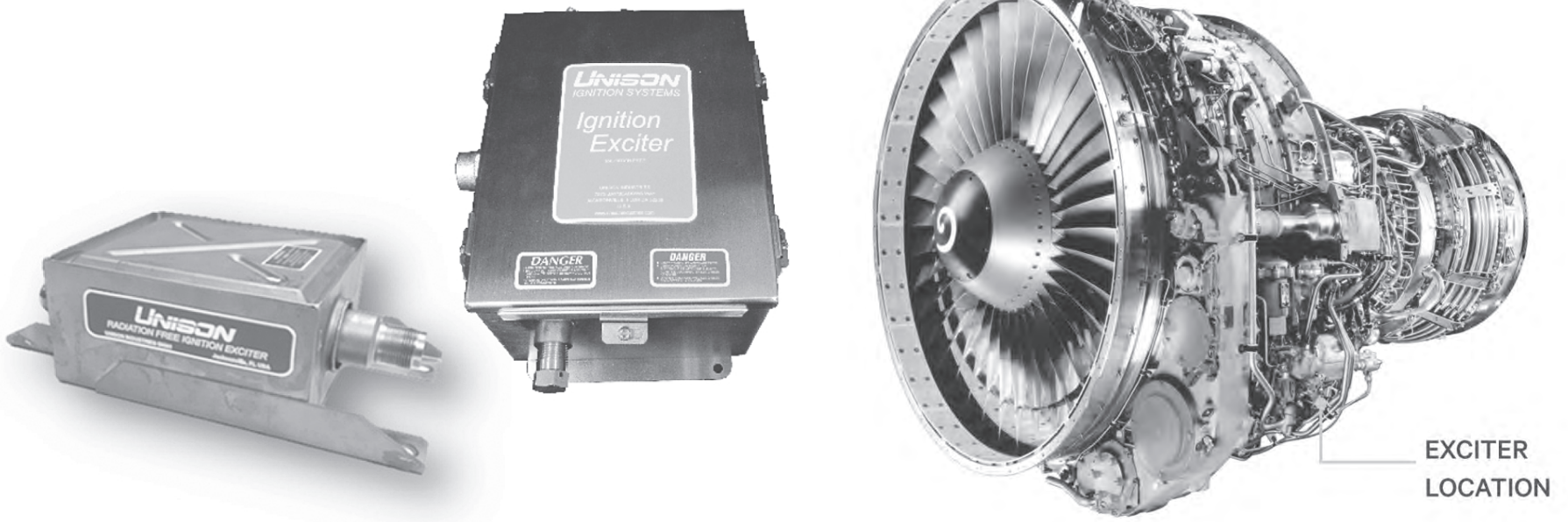
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Braden Lewis

Sherburne-Earlville Indoor track

Junior

- Rebroke his own weight throw record with a throw of 41 feet, two and a quarter inches.
- Shot: 37-0 (SB)
- Weight: 41-2.25 (PR, SR)

“Braden oddly enough was more focused on Shot Put because he wanted that record too, and has put countless hours into it. He owns his own throwing implements and on “warm” winter days can be seen throwing in our circle outside of practice,” Coach Wes Macker said. “He has added a spit to his shot and does a large amount of research on form. He is excited to throw discus in spring, that is his favorite event. Braden is a team leader and teaches many of our athletes how to throw and leads the team warm ups.”



Victor Smith

Sherburne-Earlville

Indoor Track

Sophomore

- Broke teammate Braden Lewis' 600 meter run school record with a new best time of 1:31.48.

“Victor is a transfer from Oriskany Falls, so this was my first season coaching him. His previous PR was 1:34.91 in the 600,” Coach Wes Macker said. “He is a great kid, we started him on strength training and he has done a lot of speed work on treadmills this season. He is a relatively quiet kid, but the team warmed up to him quickly and he is excited to form some strong relays outdoors. Victor also got an Allstar patch from our league. He got the school record at Sectionals, where he went out more aggressively than he usually does and hung on resulting in a nice time drop. This season, we took him and some other athletes down to compete at the armory, where he did okay, it was a great eye-opening experience that showed him how to run a fast 600. He got boxed out right at the start line and I think that lesson set him up to come off the line faster and jockey for position earlier in the race to get a better time.”

Drew Telesky

Sherburne-Earlville

Wrestling

Eighth grader

- CSC League champion, Class C champion, Section III Champion, State Champion, Section III Most Outstanding Wrestler of the Year.
- First State champion since Jack Buell in 2016.
- Finished 2025-26 season with a 34-3 record with 12 pins and 10 tech. falls.

"Drew's success shows what hard work and investment can bring. He has put so much time into this sport, he bought into our program and philosophies, and this combination led to his success," Coach Greg DuVall said. "When you have a great family support system, a great wrestling family, and a program that prepares you the right way, success is inevitable. We are looking forward to our Alpha youth program to follow in Drew's footsteps!"



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A new era in Sherburne: Lady Timberwolves Wrestling steps into the spotlight in 2025-26

SHERBURNE— After being with the boys for multiple seasons, the 2025-26 season was one for the history books for the Sherburne-Earlville Lady Timberwolves as Brian Hicks, Bim Palmer, and a group of committed ladies took the mat as their own program.

Hicks and Palmer with about 30 years of experience coaching and 15 years coaching together, tried so hard last year to get a team together for the girls but there was no interest from the board and no money allotted in the budget.

When the 2025-26 season came around, parents wrote a letter to the board for approval, but there was no room for a varsity position in the budget, so the modified coaching stipend was all put towards the girls for new uniforms, hotel stays for out of town tournaments, food, etc. Hicks and Palmer made anything possible for the four girls that “worked their butts off.”

The S-E girls went to six tournaments and had only one dual meet on the road against Oxford-Greene, which marked the girls’ first dual meet victory and they were the only team in Section III to go 1-0 with the rest being all big school girls’ wrestling programs. The girls were also able to go anywhere they wanted as the school and transportation system was super supportive.

Isabelle Smith, Avagelene Hoffman, Ava Mereness, and Autumn Miler made up the first official Sherburne-Earlville girls’ wrestling team for 2025-26.

Izzy Smith, who is Freddy Smith’s, who took fifth at states, sister is a sophomore, and this year was her first year wrestling ever. She talked about loving the sport after growing up around it and even having a mat in the living room.

“I had just moved here this past year and the girls were so welcoming,” she said. “The season just brought us all closer together and we all wanted to get better for each other.”

Smith went 12-13 at 145 pounds.

Hoffman, only a seventh grader, had been wrestling for two years in youth folk style and freestyle, said joining varsity wrestling was a big change to get used to.

“It was a big change, easier change,” she said. “I like being able to use my strength and throwing people. It was sometimes scary going up against lower seeds being young but I thought to myself, “Maybe I can beat them” and get on the wall someday.

Hoffman led the team with a 17-9 record in the 185 weight class.

Autumn Miller, the team’s leading upperclassman, is like the “Mom” of the group and even to the coaches as she keeps everyone in check.

“We’re all like sisters with two papas,” Miller said. “They push us hard and I like the open mat and challenge and pressure and the whole culture of the sport. No other practice compares to ours. No one sees the work we put in and we put in a lot of work. Other athletes wouldn’t be able to handle it.”

Miller went 8-9 at 114 pounds.

Mereness, a freshman, could not attend the conversation but did really well this season in the 120 weight class, where she went 15-15 and her and her parents pushed hard to get a team together.

Hicks and Palmer are looking forward to next season, where they intend to double their numbers and make more connections to have more dual meets and other tournaments.



Sherburne-Earlville Boys' Wrestling

- Won the CSC West Title for the second year in a row with a 8-1 record, 3-0 in league.
- Won the CSC league overall for third year in a row- Championships were held at S-E on home mat.
- Won the Cazenovia Invitational
- Finished runner-up at the Section III D2 Dual Meet Championship
- Finished second in the Section III Class C tournament
- Sent two wrestlers to states: Drew Telesky (1st) and Freddy Smith (fifth)
- Roster: Noah Ackermann, Trenton Anderson, Xavier Bush, Alex Campbell, Colin Carpenter, Jonathan Conklin, Josh Evans, Miles Fowlston, Richard Fuller, Manuel Hollins, Andrew La-France, Johnathan Macumber, Andrew Menard, Justin Race, Aiden Shreve, Freddy Smith, Drew Telesky, and Cameron Wheeland.
- Coached by Greg DuVall, Matt Telesky, and Paul DuVall

Greg DuVall on winning the CSC West title for second year in a row and CSC league for third year in a row:

"It begins with smaller goals like division championships and league tournament titles that we use as building blocks to bigger things. Last year, we were Section III dual meet champions and this year, we were the runner-up and finished with a ninth in the state team ranking. It all starts in winning our division, and the success we have had the past three years has been a true blessing and testament to our kids and families for buying into our program."

DuVall on his team really coming together this year despite some adversity at the start:

"This group was another special one in their own way. We didn't start the season the way we wanted to, but pushed through adversity and came together when it counted. We had a very balanced team regarding leadership. We had a lot of seniors who were still paving the way, but also a plethora of young, talented hard-working kids who led through example."

DuVall on the team culture:

"For a second year in a row, we brought the energy and team-first mentality to the section III duals. We came in as the seven seed, made the finals, beating two state ranked teams (Little Falls and Holland Patent) in route to our finalist appearance. I feel that are not many other teams that have the team-first approach like we do. The kids are invested into one another, and it shows when dual meets are on the line. We have the word "FAMILY" printed on the back of our shirts and we don't just use that as a slogan. We are a wrestling family from our youth program up to our varsity program."



Jordan Palmer

Sherburne-Earlville

Boys' Basketball

Junior

- Led S-E in points per game (8.5) and in rebounds per game (5.3).
- Second on the team in steals (1.3).
- Third on the team in assists (1.2).
- CSC All-Star
- All-Tournament Team for S-E tip-off tournament & South Lewis Tournament.
- Won the team's Heart & Hustle Award
- Highest scoring game: 20 points vs. Waterville.

"Jordan really exceeded our expectations this season. He always plays harder than anyone else on the court and does all the little things that we ask as a coaching staff," Coach Kevin Vibbard Jr. said. "Jordan has emerged as a leader this season for our team and we are looking forward to what he will accomplish next season."



Nolan Sigman

Sherburne-Earlville

Boys' Basketball

Sophomore

- Second on the team in PPG (8.3).
- Led S-E in Blocks
- Finished third in rebounding (4.0 PG) and in assists (1.2 PG).
- CSC All-Star
- Was one of 45 players on Syracuse.com Instant Impact players who are turning heads in Section III.
- Highest scoring game: 20 points vs Morrisville-Eaton.

"Nolan loves the game of basketball and is constantly working to find ways to improve his game," Coach Kevin Vibbard Jr. said. "Throughout the fall, Nolan was coming into school before 7 a.m. to get basketball workouts in before the school day started. This work ethic has helped bring tremendous improvement to his game from his freshman season and we are looking forward to all the things he will accomplish in the next two years."

Morgan Mikalunas

Sherburne-Earlville

Girls' Basketball

Sophomore

- First team CSC all-star
- Finished with 355 points for 2025-26, where she averaged 16.9 points per game
- Led the team in points scored, in three-pointers (54), assists (65), and steals (71).

"Morgan has grown up a lot over the past year both on and off the court," Coach Steve Franklin said. "We knew that she had the ability to be a great scorer one day, but she has developed not only in her scoring ability but the rest of the game earlier than our staff anticipated and we really needed that from her. She always had a knack to shoot the ball extremely well but the most underrated part of her game is her ability to get to the basket and her ability to finish around the rim."

"She is always in the gym and we are working hard to improve her defense game as well and we fully expect her to take another step forward next season."






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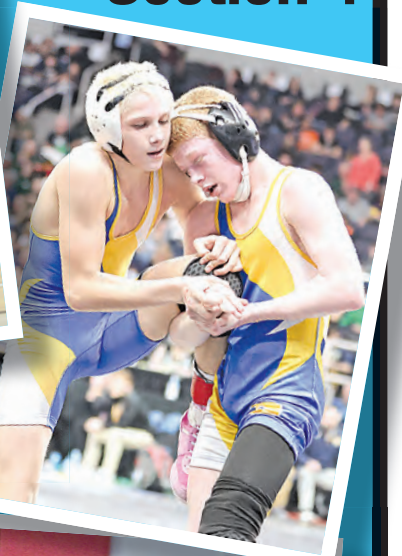
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Bainbridge-Guilford Boys' Bowling

- Section IV, Class D champions- first time in 40 years!
- 2026 MAC League Champions-first time in 20 years!
- Finished fourth at state qualifiers
- Coached by Sammy Ventura and Tracey Evans-Ventura

Ventura on his team:

"We did really good this season with everyone working hard and having fun," he said. "We lose senior Ryan Larsen this year but will have Ethan Beardslee and Aayden Ireland coming back as seniors next year and have about two to three kids coming up with the rest returning. "We're changing the culture of bowling at Bainbridge," Ventura said proudly.



Ryan Larsen Bainbridge-Guilford Boys' Bowling Senior

- Spent six years on the Varsity team
- Won Class D overall series with a 649 at Sectionals
- Made top six at State qualifiers to advance to 2026 NYSPHSAA bowling championships
- Finished 26th at states with a total score of 1141 with highest game of a 224.
- Rolled a 300 on January 20, 2026

Ventura on Larsen:

"Ryan is a very mature and hard working young man that will be hard to replace," he said. "He made progress throughout his six years with us, where he listened and we were just so in tune with each other and he was able to make good moves. Really proud of him."



Bainbridge-Guilford/Afton/Harpursville Girls' Indoor track team

- 2026 Section IV, Class C champions- third Sectionals title in the past six years!

BG: Madalynn Beardslee, Shweta Fazio, Brenna George, Maddie Ingham, Macey LaFever, Hailey Maye, Marissa Mayo, Ariana Nieves, Railey Odell, Solara Spinella, Isabel Suda, Laila Williams, Elanor Sprow, Brooklinn Hall, Madisyn Larsen, Abbagayle Fitzgerald, Lucia Hall, Sophia Suda, Tori Suda, Alessandra Cafasso.

Afton: Tabitha Charette, Kathleen Charette, Jaylee Kehoe, Jenna Wilson, Appalonia Bushaw, Emilie Hopkins, Madison Joslin.

Harpursville: Emma Snow, Kelsey Brewster.

"The team is super well-rounded and well-balanced," Coach Nick Mayo said. "The kids buy in and all want to do well and have shown a lot of great growth as a team."





Bainbridge-Guilford/Afton/Harpursville Boys' 4x800 Meter Relay

Ethan Beardslee, Sean Fowler, Jackari Garipoli, and Owen Degan

- Broke indoor track record that had been in place for 14 years
- Time: 8:57.75- second place at Sectionals
- Improved on time to 8:43.24 at State qualifiers for fifth place.

"They were happy and excited on breaking the record and having their name etched on a record and broke it again at the state qualifiers, but just missed qualifying for states," Coach Nick Mayo said. "We did not collectively have those four together much throughout the season in the event, so we were just waiting on the right time to place all of them together and it was our strongest relay combination."

(Photo by Jason MacPherson)





Bainbridge-Guilford/Afton/Harpursville Indoor track State competitors

Laila Williams B-G Junior

- a part of the 4x400 relay team

"It was the first year she was able to compete at states, last year she was an alternate," Coach Nick Mayo said. "She has been with us since the eighth grade, so she has ton of experience and is a great long-sprinter and mid-distance runner for us."

Madisyn Larsen B-G Eighth grader

-Ran the 600 leg of intersectional relay at states

-a part of the 4x400 team

-placed third at state qualifiers in the 600 meter run to make intersectional relay

"She is a feisty competitor in everything she does, even as a dual-sport athlete (basketball)," Mayo said. "She is a such a talented long-sprinter."

Isaiah Hampton

B-G Senior-team's only senior

- broke school's long and high jump records

LJ: 22-4

HJ: 6-2

-2026 Section IV, Class C champion in both events.

-Finished 11th at states in the long jump.

-Finished 18th at states in high jump.

"He's just an explosive athlete, who stays late at the gym to get better and is always in full focus mode," Mayo said.

Harpo Hardt B-G Junior

-Holds 55m hurdles record and triple jump record

Hurdles: 7.79 seconds

TJ: 42 feet, six and 3/4 inches

- Finished 28th at states in the 55m hurdles with a time of 8.18 seconds- took second at Sectionals to qualify

"He has so much dedication to the sport and is a huge track and field nerd," Mayo said. "He likes to do a lot of research and watch the pros (olympians) as well."

Appalonia Bushaw Afton Sophomore

- 2026 Section IV Class C champion in the long jump

- Came in 29th place at states with a jump of 16-2.75.

"She's just so electric with a lot of energy and has an up-beat attitude and is so positive," Mayo said.

Isabel Suda, Maddie Ingham, Madisyn Larsen, Laila Williams

4x400 meter relay

- Finished 17th at states with a time of 4:25.12.

"The girls really took off at sectionals and it came down to their event to help us win our sectional title," Mayo said. "They came together and bond well as a team and were so pumped up."

Mayo on all seven:

"It was a fantastic feeling to have seven go to states for us," he said. "It is the largest number that qualified and went to states since I started coaching. It was great to have a variety of kids from jumpers, hurdler, long-distance, sprinters there for us."



Jayslin Henderson

Bainbridge-Guilford Girls' Basketball Senior

- MAC first-team All-Star
- Career: 923 point, 575 rebounds, 320 steals, and 146 assists.

"Jayslin was the cornerstone of our defense. Her tenacity gave us great pressure on the other team's point guard, creating numerous turnovers.," Coach Bob Conway said. "She led our team in steals with 72 for the season. She was our second leading scorer with 218 points and second leading rebounder with 129. Her defense helped led her team to a 19- 3 season, allowing a 32.5 PPG average defensively. We only allowed 40 + points."



Marissa Mayo

Bainbridge-Guilford Girls' Basketball Sophomore

- MAC first-team all-star

"Marissa led our team offensively this season. She scored 253 points, 11.5 PPG on 49% FG shooting," Coach Bob Conway said. "She was second on the team in 3PT FG'S with 21. She also led our team in rebounds with 181, 68 offensive and 113 defensive. She was second in steals with 63. Her presence was a calming influence for her teammates."

Lukas Schieferstein

Otselic Valley Vikings

Boys' basketball

Senior

- Became the ninth player in OV basketball program history to score 1000 points- first since Braeden Davis (2022-23)
- Finished with 1110 career points with 13.7 points per game overall.
- Scored 525 points overall this season, averaging 25 points per game- second in Class D.
- First team CCL all-star

"Lukas had a ver good season and it was very cool to see his hard work pay off to reach the milestone," Coach Jacob Preston said. "We knew he had to average 22 points per game to reach it, so it wasn't going to be a cake walk and he had to be prepared for everything the defense threw at him, so he played and whatever happened, happened. He made good team decisions and made it.

"He has an easy going personality and treats everybody like their best friends and he is always willing to help and encourage young kids, even through his barbering at BOCES."



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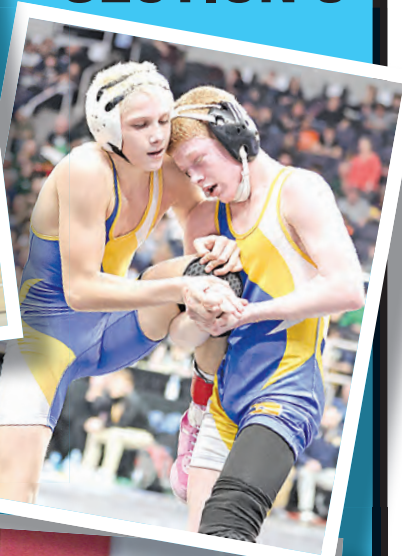
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- Natalie Smith
- Layla Stevens*



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Unadilla Valley Storm Girls' Bowling

- 2025-26 MAC League champions
- Sixth straight league title
- 2025-26 Section IV, Class D champions
- Coached by Rob Catena, Zea Beckwith, and Josh Prentice

Full Girls' Roster: Amelia Beckwith, Sarina Bell, Kylie Menard, Natalie Smith, Layla Stevens, Sherri Conklin, Hunter Sherman, Maliyah Bass, Alexandria Guller, and Zoe James.

"We built a culture that was loud, united, and fun, replacing frustration with a mindset where great effort was celebrated regardless of the outcome. This consistent positivity created the resilience our athletes needed to compete with freedom instead of fear, turning joy into a habit that didn't break under pressure. In the end, this championship belongs to more than just the five girls on the lanes; it was earned by the players but sustained by the heart and energy of our entire bowling community," UV Bowling Coaches Rob Catena and Zea Beckwith.

Yanni Drapaniotis

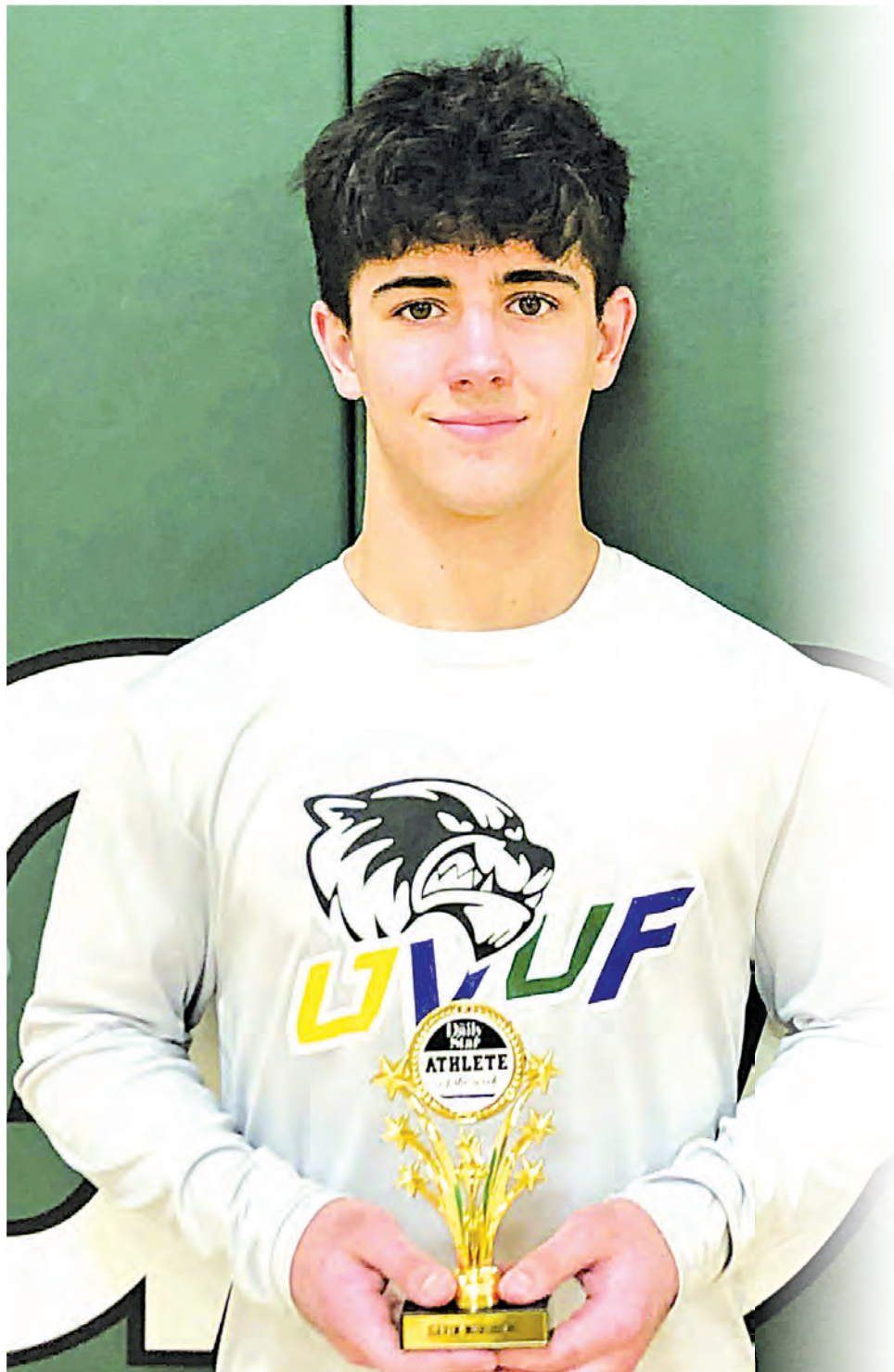
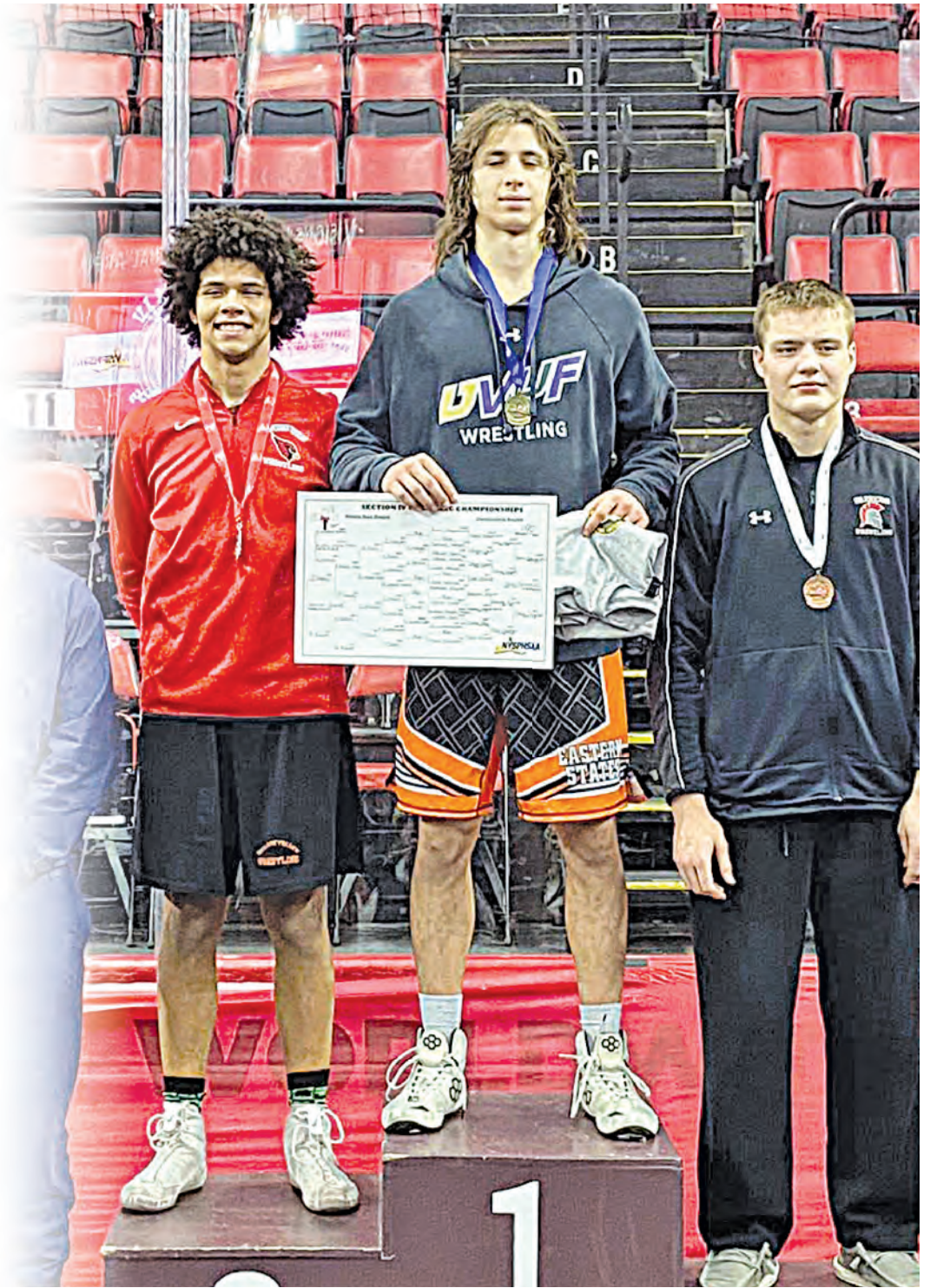
Unadilla Valley-Unatego-Franklin

Wrestling

Senior

- 2026 Sectional champion at 190 lbs
- Finished third at states, which he suffered his only loss on the season.
- 2x Sectional champion and 2x states finisher for UV-U-F
- Finished runner-up at HS Nationals in VA Beach.
- Career record: Norwich (Freshman): 27-10, nine pins.
UV-U-F (three years): 89-4 with 65 pins.
Overall: 116-14 with 74 pins.

"This year, Yanni's biggest win came in the Eastern States Classic, where he became our first Eastern States champ in program history, but otherwise, he really wasn't tested a lot as he stayed the same weight but was a full 190 as he was bigger and stronger," Coach Mike Hamilton said. "He approached with more discipline and really worked on his foot work on the mat and just took things more seriously and was more engaged every day. He was one of the better guys I have ever coached."



Gavin Nordberg

Unadilla Valley-Unatego-Franklin

Wrestling

Junior

- 2026 Sectional Champion at 132 pounds
- Finished third at states
- Finished season with a 43-2 record with 22 pins, 226 points for and only allowed six points.
- Ross Cordell Rotary Tournament and Dan Wickham Classic champion

"Gavin put in a lot of work in the offseason and everything just clicked for him this season," Coach Mike Hamilton said. "He really focuses on his nutrition and is always working out and is very disciplined. The goal for him is to win a state championship and I definitely see him getting it done next year for his senior year."

Unadilla Valley Storm girls' indoor track relay teams

Congratulations to the Unadilla Valley Storm girls' indoor track relay teams for winning sectional titles!

Congratulations to Margaret Kemnah, Madison Dix, Molly Gorrell, and Natalya Schrag on winning the 4x800 relay title with a time of 10:48.60.

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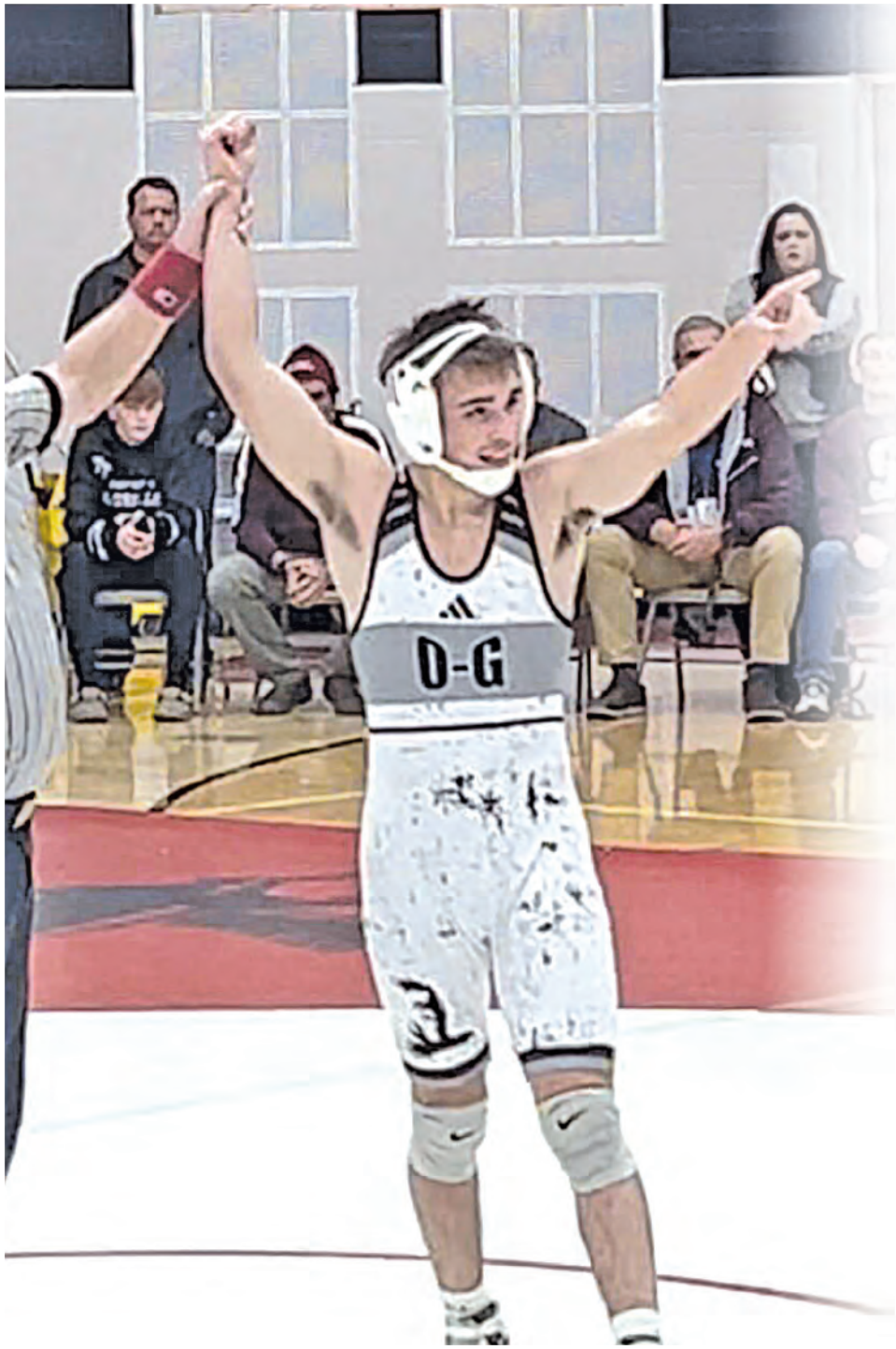


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Oxford-Greene

Wrestling

Greene Sophomore

- 2026 Clyde Cole Champion
- 2026 Stan Elinsky Memorial Tournament Champion-Earned his 100th career win.
- 2026 Red Devil Invitational Champion
- Won the 2026 Section IV, Division II Qualifier B
- Qualified for States after finishing second at Sectionals
- Went 2-2 at states in the 132 weight class.
- Finished 2025-26 season with a 39-6 record with 14 pins, 14 tech falls, 204 PF, 25 PA.

"Kade is always doing the right thing and lives and breathes wrestling," Coach Jesse Fendryk said. "He is always ready to roll and puts in the work and it's exciting to watch. His leadership just has a great overall effect of the wrestling program as a lead by example kind of guy. I'm hoping he will be more verbal and involved in his junior year next season."

Troy Braman

Oxford-Greene

Wrestling

Greene Senior

- Earned 100th career win at Sectionals
- Won the Cazenovia Invitational
- Qualified for States with a third place finish at Sectionals.
- Went 3-2 at States in the 157 pound weight class.
- Finished overall career with a record of 106-63 with 64 pins and 10 tech falls.

"After some adversity, this was Troy's Cinderella season," Coach Jesse Fendryk said. "He was both phenomenal in academics and wrestling. He hit the trifecta at Sectionals, where he had that first loss but then came straight back, earned his 100th career win, and qualified for states. He just put the work in and it paid off and he was able to change his style and mental ability."

"With his academics, he also earned a Section IV scholarship and we had discussed collegiate and he does want to wrestle somewhere," Fendryk said. "I just want him to be happy wherever he goes and in whatever he does."





Keegan Waltz

Oxford-Greene

Indoor track

Greene Senior

- Section IV, Class C champion in the 300 meter dash with a time of 36.14 seconds.
- Qualified for states in both the 300 meter dash and in the high jump.
- Finished 23rd at states in the 300 with a time of 35.60 seconds- holds the school record.
- Finished 25th at states in the high jump and cleared six feet.
- Holds the school record in the 400 meters with a time of 52.27 seconds.
- Holds the school record in the high jump with 6'-1".
- Holds the school record in the long jump- 19'-3.25"

"Keegan is a generically blessed and super gifted athlete," Coach Shannon Gawronski said. "He is a fierce competitor that hates to lose and rises for any challenge. He played basketball and did indoor track, which helped him stay active and cross-train well. He over-performs for each meet and is an overall track athlete, competing in any event from hurdles, jumps, etc and gives a great performance that you haven't seen before."

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Gordon Smith

Oxford Blackhawks

Boys' Basketball

Oxford Sophomore

- MAC first-team All-Star
- Finished 2025-26 season with 398 points-averaged 19 per game, 72 assists.
- Team leader in points, steals, and assists.

"Gordon has a great competitive attitude," Coach Tim Davis said. "He never gives up and does whatever is necessary to try and help the team get a win."



Gordon Smith

Oxford Blackhawks

Oxford-Greene Indoor track

- Qualified for the states intersectional relay team, where the Section IV boys finished ninth.
- Ran the 1600m leg of the intersectional relay with a time of 4:30.12, which is a new PR.
- Holds the school record in the 800 meter run (2:04.71).
- Holds the school record in the 1000 meter run (2:38.33).
- Holds the school record in the 1600 meter run (4:30.87).
- Holds the school record in the 3200 meter run (10:12.50).

"Gordon Smith is the real deal," Coach Shannon Gawronski said. "Even as a dual-sport athlete, he is all about bettering himself and our team. He will always do better than what you tell him to."

Paige Rickard

Oxford Blackhawks

Girls' Basketball

Junior

-MAC first-team all-star

"I think Paige played with more maturity. She is doing well as a leader and keeping her composure during tough situations. Skill wise, she has started to improve her outside shooting," Coach Chris Palmer said. "What makes Paige one of the top players in the MAC is her competitive spirit. She has a strong will to win. In addition to that she has good quickness and anticipation on defense. She averaged 2.2 steals per game and three deflections per game. Her defense often leads to offense for her or the team."

"I think Paige is a leader through her energy and positivity towards basketball. She continually cheers loudly for her teammates and tries to keep people excited," Palmer added. "I hope that she will be a leader in all ways for our team next season. Paige along with the other incoming seniors will need to set the tone in terms of attitude, effort, dedication, and more. Those areas will determine how well our team does."



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