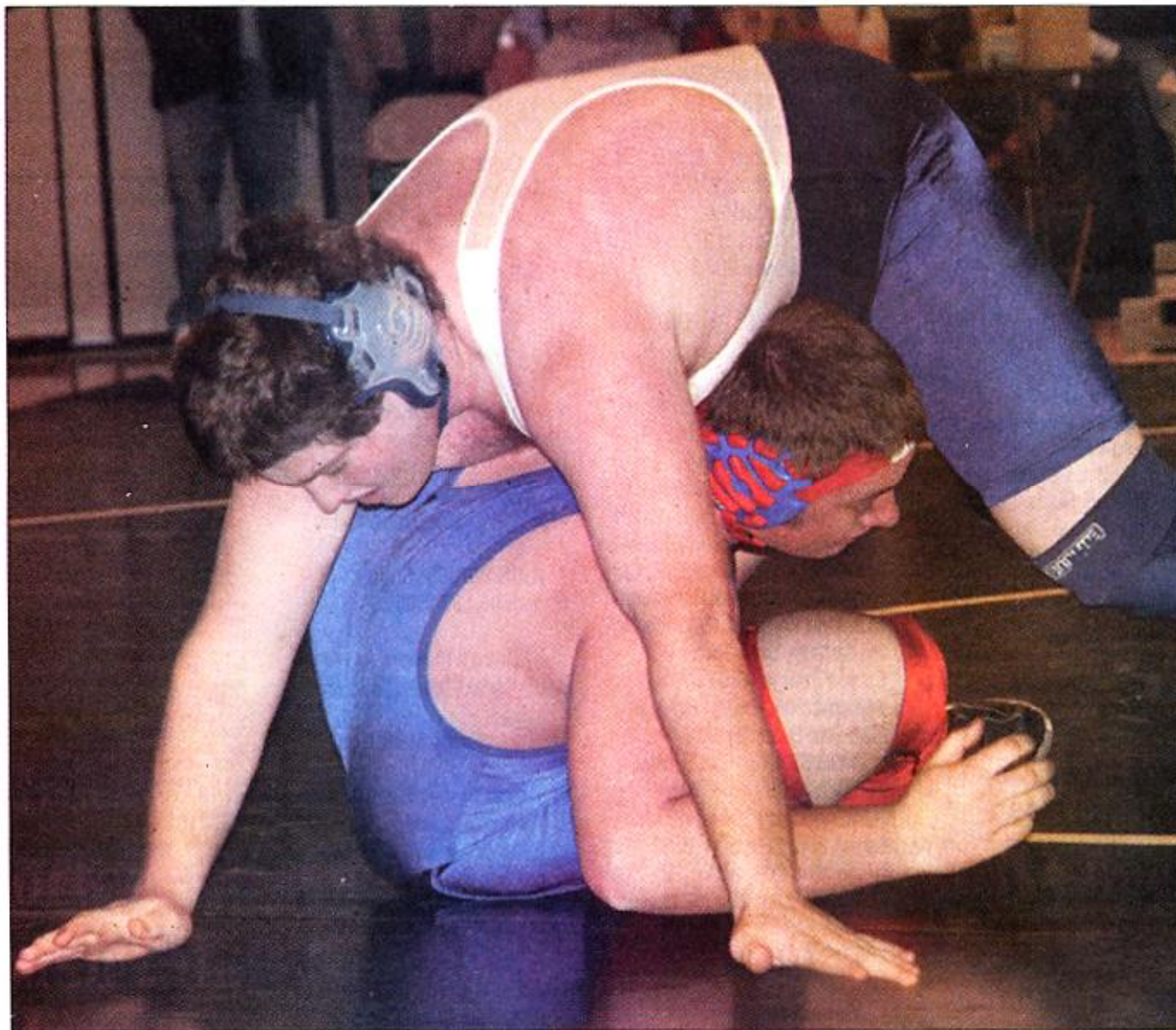


# 'Elegant Violence'



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Arkport's Tom Robinson, top, maneuvers into position to pick up a pinfall victory over Campbell-Savona's Chris McLaughlin during their 275-pound contest Thursday evening at the Arkport Central School auditorium in Arkport.



# Arkport completes first wrestling season in 20 years

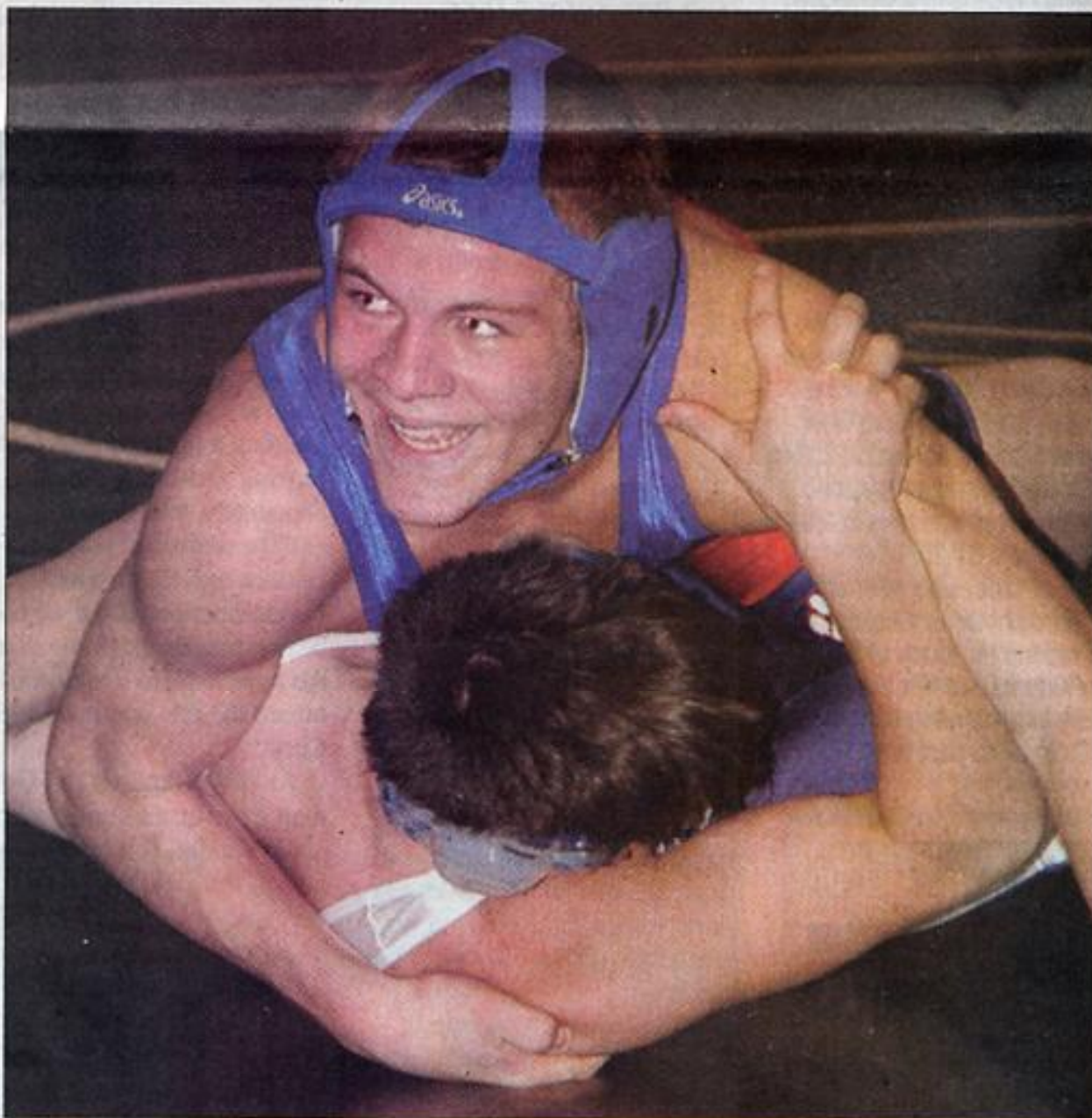
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ARKPORT — For the first time in 20 years, Arkport completed a high school wrestling season.

## WRESTLING

The outcome was an 0-7 varsity record in non-tournament dual meets, with the final blemish coming on Senior Night in Arkport at the hand of Campbell-Savona Thursday evening in a Steuben County Athletic Association matchup. However, the team's record isn't any indication of the progress Coach Brett Talbot's troops made this season, or their dedication to the sport of wrestling.

"This team has shown tremendous improvement, leaps and bounds," Arkport head coach Brett Talbot said after losing the match 57-6. "We're going much deeper into each match than we did at the beginning of the season. We're a little bit smaller than we were when we first



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Campbell-Savona's Alex Caward realizes he is just seconds away from a pinfall in his 152-pound match against Arkport's Bill Stewart. Caward's second-period victory came in a time of 2:56.

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# Arkport completes first season

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started, but that's okay. We're going to finish up strong with sectionals, keep going with a strong offseason and come back twice as hard next year."

It took 11 matches before Arkport was finally able to get on the board. However, solid proof of the team's growth came in the final bout of the evening when the Blue Jays' lone senior member of the team Tom Robinson pinned Chris McLaughlin in just 38 seconds.

Prior to the start of the match Robinson was honored for his dedication to the team as well as being a contributing factor in Arkport's return to the mat. His coach offered several kind words and Robinson was presented with a plaque for his achievement.

"We knew that we didn't have enough weights covered to win in the first place so it was individual," said Talbot. "The outcome does not reflect the output we put in by any means. They have some very

experienced wrestlers and we gave them a fight, we really did. These kids did great, as they have all season."

"The Arkport guys fought hard," C-S Coach Dominick Scolaro said after the match. "I think it's great that they're building a program and we're looking forward to future encounters with them."

"The unlimited was a surprise to us," Scolaro added. "If I remember correctly, we had beaten him the last time that we wrestled. He (Robinson) turned the tide and took it to Chris."

At 140, Arkport's Jeff Getman gave Justin Tombs all he could handle. Tombs, however, got off to an early lead and was able to hang on for a 17-11 win by decision.

"140 was a very hard-fought, close match," Scolaro said. "It could have gone either way. Overall, we had some matches in this contest which were very, very competitive. Again, I'm glad to see Arkport back in the wrestling loop. It's

a great thing for our sport."

Aaron Nichols wrestled the first match of the evening at 112, earning a 43-second pin over Jeremy Harwood. Two forfeits later Billy Simons took a 19-1 technical fall over John Lockwood. Aaron Monaghan then pinned Zach Henry at 135 in 44 seconds. Following Tombs' victory, Joe York (145) pinned Matt Jacobs in 1:43 and Alex Caward (152) pinned Bill Stewart in 2:56.

The Panthers, now 10-1 overall and 7-1 in the SCAA, are currently in second place in the SCAA standings behind undefeated Addison. The Knights (7-0) will play host to the Canisteo-Greenwood Redskins on Tuesday at 6:15 p.m. The final regular-season dual meet for both teams will determine the top-three positions in the rankings. An Addison win guarantees the Knights the outright title, while a loss would create a three-way tie for first place.

"It'll be an interesting match to see," Scolaro said.

Arkport, meanwhile, has a week to prepare for the Section V, Class B Tournament which begins a week from today at Alfred-Almond Central School and concludes a day later.

"I think we'll give a few kids some challenges. In fact, I think we could pull out a surprise third or fourth place with a couple of my middle weights. There's no doubt about it," Talbot said. "But my kids are going to go, wrestle their hardest and get up and shake hands knowing that they did the best that they could."

## Campbell-Savona 57, Arkport 6

96 Matt Knowles (C-S) by for. 112 Aaron Nichols (C-S) by pin over Jeremy Harwood :43 119 Josh Simons (C-S) by for. 125 Steve Black (C-S) by for. 130 Billy Simons (C-S) by tech. fall over John Lockwood 19-1 135 Aaron Monaghan (C-S) by pin over Zach Henry :44 140 Justin Tombs (C-S) by dec. over Jeff Getman 17-11 145 Joe York (C-S) by pin over Matt Jacobs 1:43 152 Alex Caward (C-S) by pin over Bill Stewart 2:56 189 Anthony DeSalvo (C-S) by for. 215 Logan Wilson (C-S) by for. 275 Tom Robinson (A) by pin over Chris McLaughlin :38

## Exhibition

125 Anthony DeVito (C-S) by pin over Nate Gambino 3:01  
125 Gambino (A) by pin over Pat Tims 1:52  
130 Monaghan (C-S) by pin over Henry 1:30