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INTENSE WRESTLER: Batavia's Dylan Goodsell stares at Keshequa's Jake Dale in the 215-pound finals during Saturday's Batavia Christmas Wrestling Tournament. Dale won a 19-7 decision.

Batavia captures its own tourney

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For the first time in 16 years, the hosts captured the team title at the 34th annual Batavia Christmas Wrestling Tournament Saturday.

Batavia won the championship in convincing fashion, compiling 177 points. Keshequa was a distant second with 113 points, while Newark took third with 111.

"It's our first Christmas Tournament

win since 1991," Batavia coach Rick Stewart said. "We dominated pretty good."

Perry was fourth with 91 points, followed by Gates-Chili (75.5 points), Bishop Kearney (63), Kendall (62.5), Eastridge (60), Honeoye Falls-Lima (53), East Rochester (45) and East (16).

The Blue Devils had just two champions, but six other Batavia wrestlers reached the finals in their respective

weight classes. The Blue Devils also had two third-place finishers and two fourth-place finishers.

Batavia's champions were Troy Ireland at 140 pounds and Ryan Darch at 152. Ireland pinned Keshequa's Brandon Schier in just 22 seconds, while Darch registered a 10-1 major decision over Cody Lansberry of Kendall.

It was Darch's second individual

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Batavia wins title

Blue Devils beat host school Elba

By The Daily News Sports Staff

Tournament most valuable player Brittany Mazurkiewicz went 4-for-4 from the free-throw line in the final 30 seconds to seal the victory for the Batavia girls basketball team during its 37-30 triumph over Elba in the finals of the Elba Tournament Saturday at Genesee Community College.

Mazurkiewicz finished with a game-high 12 points — including two 3-pointers — and also led all players with five steals.

The game began very slowly, with neither team being able to generate much offense. The teams were tied at 7 at halftime.

But both offenses got going in the third quarter, with Batavia scoring more points in the frame — 15 — than both teams combined for in the first half. Elba scored 12 points in the third, which ended with the Blue Devils owning a 22-19 lead.

All-tournament selection Alyssa Tretter had a solid game for Batavia with eight points and nine rebounds. Annie Palermo — another all-tournament choice — and Mary Zinni contributed six points apiece. Palermo's total came on a pair of 3-pointers.

Jaycee Shirk pulled down five rebounds for the Blue Devils (2-0).

The Lancers (2-1) got eight points apiece from Jill Marshall and Julie Marshall, both of whom were selected to the all-tournament team.

Kara Bergstresser netted six points for the Lancers.

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title in the tournament. Lansberry is a two-time sectional champion.

Ireland wrestled less than two minutes the entire tournament. In addition to his quick pin in the finals, he needed just 46 seconds for his pin in the quarterfinals, and 36 seconds for his semifinal pin.

In the only other final involving two local wrestlers, Kendall's Zachary Sobieraski defeated Batavia's Fernando Aragon 8-4 at 119 pounds.

Other Batavia wrestlers who placed second were Josh Mase (96 pounds), Nick Lazarony (who lost 6-1 at 119 pounds to tournament most outstanding wrestler Chester Demanchick of Gates-Chili), Trey Henderson (125 pounds), Joe Muoio (135) and Dylan Goodsell

(215).

Muoio didn't even wrestle last year.

"I thought that was pretty impressive," Stewart said.

Batavia's third-place finishers were Anthony D'Aurizio (who pinned Newark's Joe Morey in 1:49 at 160 pounds) and Zach Ireland (who pinned East's Lance Williams in 3:27 at 285). Taking fourth for the Blue Devils were Cameron Wright (103 pounds) and Ray Feldman (130).

"We only had one wrestler lose in the first round," Stewart said. "After seeing (all the winning) it kind of became contagious."

In other finals, Perry's Eddie Koziel was the only other local wrestler to win a title, posting a 13-5 major decision over Keshequa's Pat Mettle at 160

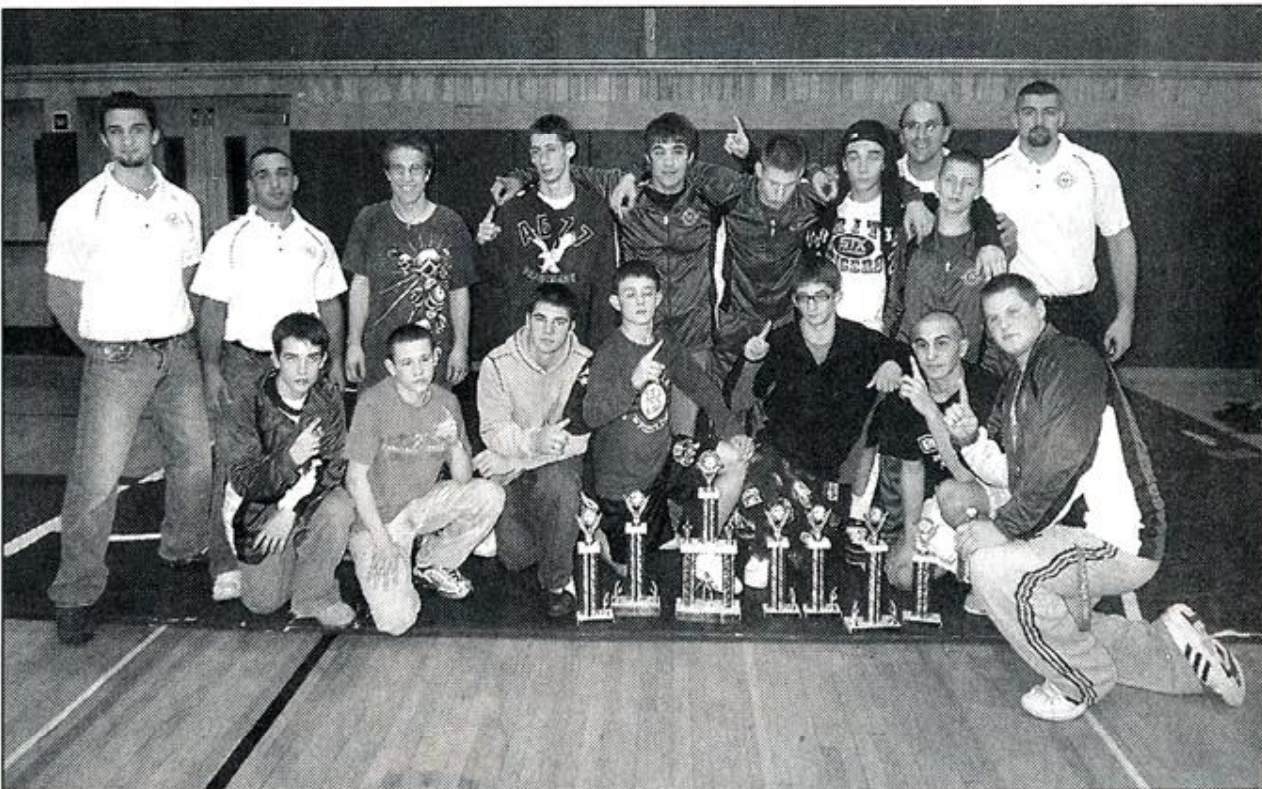
pounds. Teammate Jon Orban lost a 7-3 decision to Keshequa's Nate Shute.

Also falling in the finals was Kendall's Jimmy Wiler, who lost a 12-1 major decision to Matt Martone of Honeoye Falls-Lima at 103 pounds.

Three Perry wrestlers won consolation finals. Rob Court pinned East Rochester's Zack Finn at 119 pounds, Tyler Bush pinned Batavia's Feldman in 1:49 at 130 and Brad Collings defeated HF-L's Bryan Lampson 8-6 at 135. Teammate Ethan Fitch was pinned by Newark's Tommy Parcero in 2:39 at 145.

Kendall's Gabe Sobieraski lost a 14-1 major decision to Jeff O'Lena of East Rochester at 96 pounds.

(Sports editor Bill Bruton Jr. contributed to this story)



TOURNAMENT CHAMPS: Members of the Batavia wrestling team pose after winning the Batavia Christmas Wrestling Tournament on Saturday. It was the first time the Blue Devils have won their tourney since 1991.