

Weir Matmen Gain 2nd In OVAC

Soph Grace Voted Top Mat Honor

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Copping four individual championships, Weir High's wrestling team served notice Saturday night it's ready to challenge powerful John Marshall for regional honors in the upcoming tournament.

John Marshall took top honors in the giant Ohio Valley Athletic Conference tourney for the third straight year, accumulating 130 points to runner-up Weir High's 130. The Monarchs, also two-time defending State kings, had to count on points picked up in the consolation bracket to edge the Red and Black of Weir.

The highlight of tourney for Weir was the naming of sophomore sensation Sheldon Grace as the tourney's Most Outstanding Wrestler. Grace, the 175-pound champion, pinned his way through five opponents and will be presented the Dave Bierkorte Memorial Award at the OVAC's annual Spring Dinner.

Other individual champions for Weir were Chris Pryor at 126 pounds, Mike Kovalick at 185 and Eric Frankovitch in the heavyweight class. Frankovitch won the OVAC title a year ago in the 185-pound class.

Two Weir high wrestlers finished third in their divisions. Mike Waldeck, decisioned by eventual champion Rick Tluchowski of Big Red in the afternoon semifinals, 10-6, decisioned Shenandoah's Denny Bickford for third place at 138. Brian Brecht, who lost to Oak Glen's Patterson in the afternoon, 10-3, decisioned Dan Parsons of East Liverpool, 8-4, for third place in the 145-pound class.

Weir's Carl Wilkinson garnered fourth-place honors in the 132-pound class, bowing to Wellsville's Keith Carter on a decision, 5-3.

Brooke High's Kevin Felton, at an emotional high before his match, had to deal with Union Local's Mike Gregg in the 98-pound title bout but Felton prevailed on a 9-6 decision.

One other local champion was Oak Glen's Dean Patterson, who wound up decisioning Linsly's Doug Pell in the 145-pound division, 8-5. Patterson almost met disaster when he got a reverse but suddenly found himself on his shoulders. He quickly worked his way free, though, and held on for the victory.

John Marshall had three individual champions in Ron Griffin (132), Ron Koontz (155), and Scott Lehasky (167).

The other individual champions were Martins Ferry's Jeff Oberdick (105), Linsly's Bob Mendenhall (112), Barnesville's Challen Stewart (119), and Steubenville Big Red's Rick Tluchowski (138). Tluchowski had decisioned Weir's Waldeck in the afternoon semifinals to gain the championship berth.

A jam-packed crowd estimated at 2,300 sat in on the championship and consolation action Saturday night. Big crowds had also been on hand for the two previous days of eliminations.

Weirton's Pryor had the lone distinction of scoring the only first-period pin in the championship round, stopping his opponent, John Dolan of Wheeling, in 1:59. Dolan had a 15-1 record before bumping into Pryor, now 19-0.

Grace upped his individual record to 16-3 by also disposing of his foe on a pin. He stopped Warwood's Mike Yankovitch in 2:47.

Kovalick, son of assistant coach, George Kovalick, upped his over-all record to 17-1 by decisioning John Marshall's Mike Cain by a 6-2 margin. Cain was 11-1.

Frankovitch, who didn't report until a week ago, continued to show he didn't lose anything. Now competing heavyweight class, Frankovitch took on Warwood's previously-unbeaten Denny Haney (17-0) who had scored four straight pins in gaining the championship berth. The Weir All-State football linebacker disposed of the defending champion on a pin at the 2:51 mark, upping his record to 8-0.

Jeff Blower, Oak Glen's entry in the 167-pound bracket, took home a fifth-place trophy, decisioning Hank Fleshour of Steubenville Big Red, 5-2.

Finishing third in the tourney behind Don Poluszek's Red Riders were Warwood, 106; Steubenville Big Red, 105; Martins Ferry, 72½; Wellsville, 64½; Linsly, 60½; East Liverpool, 51; Bellaire St. Johns, 50; Brooke, 4; Oak Glen, 43½; Union Local, 1; Wheeling Central, 37½; Wintersville, 29; Wheeling, 28; Bellaire, 26½; Beallsville 25½; Shenandoah, 25; Triadelphia, 23½; Jefferson Union, 21½; Bridgeport, 19; Magnolia and Mingo, 10; Buckeye West, 8; Mendowbrook, 6½; Cadiz, 6; St. Clairsville, 5; and Madonna, 2. Toronto, Cameron and Buckeye North did not score.



1973 O.V.A.C. INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONS — The biggest OVAC tourney ever held concluded Saturday night at the Moundsville Fieldhouse with these grapplers copping individual titles. They are (FRONT, L-R) Kevin Felton, Brooke (98); Jeff Oberdick, Martins Ferry (105); Bob Mendenhall, Linsly (112); Challen Stewart, Barnesville (119); Chris Pryor, Weir (126); and Ron

Griffin, John Marshall (132). (BACK), Rich Tluchowski, Steubenville (138); Dean Patterson, Oak Glen (145); Ron Koontz, John Marshall (155); Scott Lehasky, John Marshall (167); Sheldon Grace, Weir (175); Mike Kovalick, Weir (185); and Eric Frankovitch, Weir (heavyweight).



WEIR HIGH WRESTLERS FINISH SECOND — The Weir wrestling team came up just seven points short in upending highly-favored John Marshall Saturday in the OVAC tourney. The Riders had four individual champions, two third-place winners and a fourth in compiling 130 points. John Marshall had 136 points. Sheldon Grace, the tourney's Most Outstanding Wrestler (L) and captain Chris Pryor (R) hold the runner-up trophy.



WEIR'S SHELDON GRACE SALUTED — Grace, only a sophomore, pinned his way through the three days of competition in the OVAC wrestling tourney and was voted most outstanding wrestler. Congratulating Grace are Chester Dobbins and George Logston of the Marshall County Board of Education.

119 Dave Camilliti (Wing Con) decisioned Bill Henderson (EL), 7-0
126 Mark Thompson (MF) decisioned Kevin Poland (Shen), 3-2
132 Bob Walker (OG) decisioned John Yoder (MI), 8-4
138 Rick Tluchowski (Steub) decisioned Bulch Coleman (Wells), 2-0
145 Dean Patterson (OG) decisioned Doug Pell (Lin), 8-5
155 Ron Koontz (JM) decisioned John Kolsan (SI), 4-3
167 Scott Lehasky (JM) decisioned Bill McKenzie (War), 5-2
175 Sheldon Grace (Weir) pinned Mike Yankovitch (War), 2 mins. 47 secs.
187 Mike Kovalick (Weir) decisioned Mike Cain (JM), 6-2
Heavy Eric Frankovitch pinned Henry Haney (War), 2 mins. 51 secs.

THIRD AND FOURTH PLACE
98 Jack Wilton (War) decisioned Mike Davis (SI), 2-0
105 Craig Platt (Steub) decisioned Kevin Chronister (Wells), 8-7
112 Rick Jenkins (EL) pinned Jeff Felton (Brike), 4 mins 54 secs.
119 Joe Jarrell (Steub) decisioned Gary Dobbs (JM), 2-1
126 Art Cohen (Steub) decisioned Tim Sullivan (JM), 8-6
132 Keith Carter (Wells) decisioned Carl Wilkinson (Weir), 5-3
138 Mike Waldeck (Weir) decisioned Denny Bickford (Shen), 9-6
145 Brian Brecht (Weir) decisioned Dan Parsons (EL), 8-4
155 Sid Hercules (War) pinned Tom Barr (ME), 5 mins. 25 secs.
167 Scott Smith (Barns) decisioned Bulch Biondello (Brike), 6-2
175 Tom Taylor (Beats) decisioned Rick Schufeldt (Wint), 10-8
187 Steve Wolick (Wing Con) decisioned Tim Mamonovich (Steub), 10-8
Heavy Jim Dean (MI) decisioned Rick Jafrate (JM), 3-0

FIFTH AND SIXTH PLACE
98 Jim Whitman (War) decisioned Mike Kaiser (MI), 4-2
105 Jay Berce (JM) pinned Howard Stikhouse (Wint), 3 mins 78 secs.
112 Keith Owens (Steub) decisioned Frank Chaffin (Triad), 8-7
119 Challen Stewart (Barns) pinned Steve Nightingale (Wells), 2-0

Waterford Park

TUESDAY'S ENTRIES

FIRST RACE CLMG 1200 4&UP 6 FURS
White Star, Sands, 5-1
Camouflage, Gutterer, 7-2
Toblou's Brother, NB, 12-1
Court Circuit, Andrews, 20-1
Valley Club, Shriver, 8-1
Madabout, Cave, 3-1
Babuanna, Coy, 20-1
Chad's Boy, Barton, 5-2

SECOND RACE CLMG 1300 4&UP 6 FURS
Al's Comet, Cave, 4-1
Rapido Rocha, Sollars, 6-1
Castle Babe, Andrews, 15-1
It's Trico, NB, 5-2
Malao, VanHoozer, 20-1
Fairway Dancer, Zook, 3-1
Kelly Boy, Zook, 8-1
Valkimo, Applebee, 8-1
Whites Nancy, Shriver, 15-1
Bock A Ray, Thompson, 10-1
Toblou Miss, Briggs, 20-1

THIRD RACE CLMG 1400 4&UP 6 FURS
Speedy's Heritage, Applebee, 2-1
Vicious Wind, VanHoozer, 15-1
Canadian Mist, NB, 8-1
Silent Knight, Applebee, 4-1
Brooklyn Miss, Andrews, 8-1
Coppers Kite, NB, 3-1
Mook's Reward, Cave, 20-1
Vermicelli, VanHoozer, 6-1

FOURTH RACE CLMG 1300 4&UP 6 FURS
The Cobbler, Tornambe, 6-1
Busy Mark, Thompson, 15-1
Canadian Mist, NB, 8-1
King Francis, NB, 12-1
Guest Book, Andrews, 20-1
Dream Peddler, Sollars, 3-1
Bay Flag, Dunn, 2-1
Pimpernel Sun, Zook, 12-1

FIFTH RACE CLMG 1200 4&UP 6 FURS
Jeffrey's Pet, Andrews, 5-1
Grogan's Best, Grogan, 12-1
Kelly Boy, Zook, 8-1
Empire Star, Alter, 2-1
Dannaerfield, Grogan, 5-2
Better Click, Zook, 8-1
Friendly Move, Tappin, 15-1
Chess, Grogan, 4-1
Patrick's Gal, Sosa, 6-1

SIXTH RACE CLMG 1400 4&UP 6 FURS
Rays Purse, Grogan, 3-1
Bell's Traveller, Shifflet, 4-1
Landing Boy, Lamm, 15-1
Laughing It, Choma, 8-1
Jacob Starr, Thompson, 8-1
Southern Yam, NB, 20-1
Model Boy, Cooper, 2-1
Big Fatotic, Burton, 8-1

EIGHTH RACE ALLOW 1400 4&UP 6 FURS
Dart Frog, Burton, 15-1
Fantastico, Lamm, 3-1
Numatic, Matias, 12-1
My Boy Joe, Barton, 5-2
Try Mike Fry, Stakes, 20-1
Mrochowski, San, Thompson, 15-1
Jestlight, Datpo, 20-1
Poopy Wooly, Burton, 15-1
Cyp's Gold, Pomposetti, 7-2

NINTH RACE ALLOW 1500 4&UP 6 FURS
Dancy Fancer, Gutterer, 6-1
Baroness, Dunn, 5-2
Party Road, Matias, 15-1
Hit The Six, Oloff, 12-1
Flurry Note, Grogan, 1-1
Zellomple, Sosa, 20-1
Mortel Man, Jimenez, 12-1
Mr. Talent, Albe, 5-2

TENTH RACE CLMG 1300 4&UP 6 FURS
First Sonny, Shriver, 5-1
Jubilant Miss, Lapia, 12-1
Broadwater, Matias, 20-1
Classy Copycat, Whitlow, 7-8-1
Like A Diamond, Gutterer, 20-1

SATURDAY'S RESULTS

FIRST RACE
5 Heap Big Brave 8:40 4:60 3:00
1 Springbrook Tory 4:60 2:60
7 Liberal Prince 2:40
Mindslicker, Naughty Dream, Flying Ruthie, Pan Ricka, Be Mo Fleet, Rocky Princess, Also Ran.

SECOND RACE
3 Sam Chuckle 7:00 3:00 17:00
7 Three Lynn 9:40 5:20
8 Boston Beggar 4:80
Never A Fool, Rational Therapy, Speckled Hen, Foxie's Prospect, Burgoine, Kriss Miss, At Sundown, Also Ran.
Daily Double 5-3 Paid \$349.20
Perfecta 3-1 Paid \$903.00

THIRD RACE
6 Captain A. 6:40 3:60 3:00
7 icy Nip 6:20 4:20
4 Buyer Beware 5:80
Swift Yorky, Allison Park, Duck's Pride, Rough Flame, Go Shuffle Go, Also Ran.
Perfecta 6-7 Paid \$40.40

FOURTH RACE
2 Downstairs Butler 4:20 3:20 9:80
5 Easter Psalm
6 George Jimson
Floppy Hat, Carcel, Chalkanna Plojito, Chris's Friend, Also Ran
Perfecta 2-1 Paid \$58.60

FIFTH RACE
7 Beacon Road 11:60 5:40 3:00
8 Elkaychow 6:20 3:40
1 Led's Revere 3:60
De Kalb Red, Dark Rippte, Bally Hero, Break Or Make, Boone Creek, Also Ran.

SIXTH RACE
3 Slanpan 7:60 4:20 3:40
4 Chicles Choice 5:20 3:80
7 Artist Way
Bronze Sultan, Son Of Eclipse, Darker Tone, Satan's Fury, San Pop, Also Ran.
Big Perfecta 7-8-3 Paid \$1,377.80

SEVENTH RACE
8 Jodysteve 3:60 3:40 3:00
6 True Lad 12:80 7:60
7 Recording Star
Impy Dan, Sheldon Road, Lap Sitter, Pok A Shoas, Capouse, Also Ran
Perfecta 8-1 Paid \$81.00

EIGHTH RACE
4 Royal Shogun 6:80 3:40 1:20
3 Lovable Red 3:00 2:60
7 Mini Joust 3:40
Persiamn Lime, Slide Rule Joe, Battling Sam, Decreto, Also Ran.
Perfecta 4-1 Paid \$27.20

NINTH RACE
5 Charney 8:40 5:20 3:60
1 Top Tank 8:20 5:20
1 Offident 4:00
Field Tour, Three Cheers, Royal Colors, Babbin's Exposure, Also Ran.
Perfecta 3-1 Paid \$68.20

TENTH RACE
8 So's So's 7:60 4:40 2:80
1 Happy Hoeman 6:20 4:20
7 Major Annor 2:80
Bunter, Parotie, Hey Leroy, Martin's Boy, Bully Boy Kid, Also Ran.
Perfecta 8-1 Paid \$40.00

ELEVENTH RACE
1 Oratuk 14:00 6:40 4:20
5 Marlin's Doshny 3:20 2:60
8 Beau Hunk 4:60
Lucky Troubles, Bill Rummage, I Do Indeed, Satin Onyx, Tumbquat, Also Ran.
Perfecta 1-5 Paid \$55.40

TWELFTH RACE
7 Ramper's Bounty 8:20 4:40 2:60
5 Col Mustard 4:60 3:40
8 Bunter, Parotie, Hey Leroy, Martin's Boy, Bully Boy Kid, Also Ran.
Perfecta 7-5-9 Paid \$68.80

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