

Patrovich pins down

■ Islip's 160-pounder dominates 3 foes for 2nd straight title

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Ryan Patrovich sported a few facial bruises and a small scratch on the bridge of his nose. The rugged cosmetic look came after Patrovich pounded his way through the state wrestling championships for his second straight title. But Patrovich inflicted the most damage throughout the tournament.

Patrovich pinned three opponents, including a pin in 2:54 over Manny Hickson of LaSalle (Section II) to claim the 160-pound title in the state wrestling tournament last night before a record crowd of 9,340 at Nassau Coliseum.

The two-day attendance of 17,755 broke the record of 17,323 set at last season's meet at Pepsi Arena in Albany. The crowd roared for the eight Suffolk finalists and six from Nassau. Suffolk crowned five Division I champions and Nassau two.

"I expected to win, but it is my senior year and it's hard when you're the favorite," said Patrovich, who has 205 career wins, the second most in Long Island history. "It was very important that I stay focused, not make mistakes and break people. This was a great way to end my high school career."

Patrovich, who won the state title at 152 in 2005, crushed Erik Schuth of Brockport (V), 18-5, for a major decision. It was the only opponent who lasted the full six minutes against the Islip senior. Schuth beat three opponents decisively for a third-place finish.

Islip junior Tyler Mashkow used two early takedowns to build a 4-1 lead and cruise to a 6-1 win over Jamie Franco of Monroe-Woodbury (IX) at 112

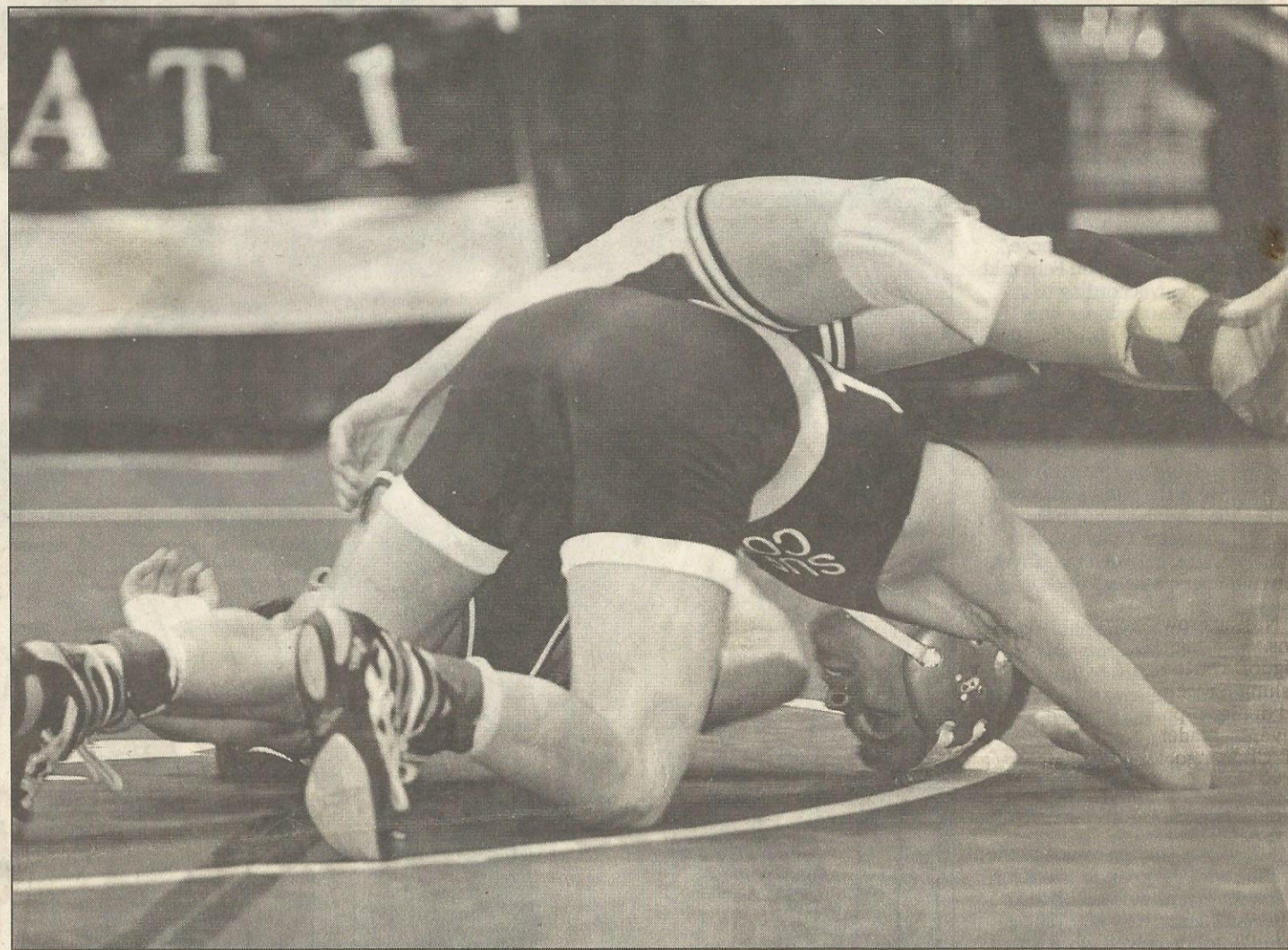


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Islip's Tyler Mashkow controls Monroe-Woodbury's Jamie Franco in their 112-pound match. Mashkow won by decision, 6-1.

earn the team title with 83 points. Valley Central, the defending champion, was second with 62½ points.

"It's a great honor to be the best team in the state," Patrovich said. "Our whole team shares in this accomplishment."

Teammate Lance Wade just missed giving Islip three championships for the second year in a row. Wade lost a 3-1 decision in overtime to Michael Chaires of

Suffolk's Corey Jantzen, a junior from Shoreham-Wading River, allowed an early takedown before dominating Dave Colagiovanni of Mahopac (I), 16-5, to win the 125-pound title. His performance earned him the tournament's most outstanding wrestler award in Division I.

The achievement was the first for a brother tandem in the 44-year history of the tournament. Jesse Jantzen won the

In the first of two state finals that pitted L.I. wrestlers against each other, East Islip's Dave Ingram held on for an 8-7 win over MacArthur's Steve DeLorenzo at 135 pounds. Ingram scored three takedowns to build an early 7-3 lead.

With an opportunity to gain some redemption after losing in the state championship a year ago, Sachem East's Matt Ferber earned the 215-pound

Uniondale's Eric Burnett. Ferber used three single-leg takedowns for the win. The bout had a Sachem twist in both corners as Uniondale coach Tim Godoy and Sachem East coaches Sean O'Hara and Ray Pickersgill wrestled for Jack Mahoney from 1990-92.

"I felt that after losing last year, I didn't want to feel that disappointment again," Ferber said. "So I put everything I had