



**Tomah's Jacob Van Hoof** drives Sparta's Brandon Walters to the mat during the third place match at Saturday's Division 1 regional in Holmen. Van Hoof won by fall and had a chance at true second place, but lost by fall to West Salem/Bangor's Bradyn Glasspoole. **Herald photo by Nate Beier/GX3 Media.**

# Area wrestlers take first step towards state tourney berths

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The time left in the high school wrestling season is disappearing fast now that the WIAA postseason has begun.

Area teams went to work in the regional round of the postseason last weekend - the first step to the coveted state berth and a chance to wrestle at the Kohl Center in Madison.

The West Salem/Bangor co-op made a positive impression on teams in its first year as a Division 1 program. The Catbirds managed to push through 13 wrestlers to the sectional round at the Division 1 regional in Holmen on Saturday, February 11.

The Catbirds qualified for the team sectional by virtue of a second place finish Saturday as well. WS/B accrued 240 points for second place behind Holmen (293) and will compete at the Eau Claire North team sectional on Tuesday, February 14 against Marshfield.

Holmen gets Menomonie in the opening round of Tuesday's team sectional with the winners facing off once the opening round has concluded.

Individually, the WS/B co-op produced a quartet of champions, three of which came in order from 170, 182 and 195.

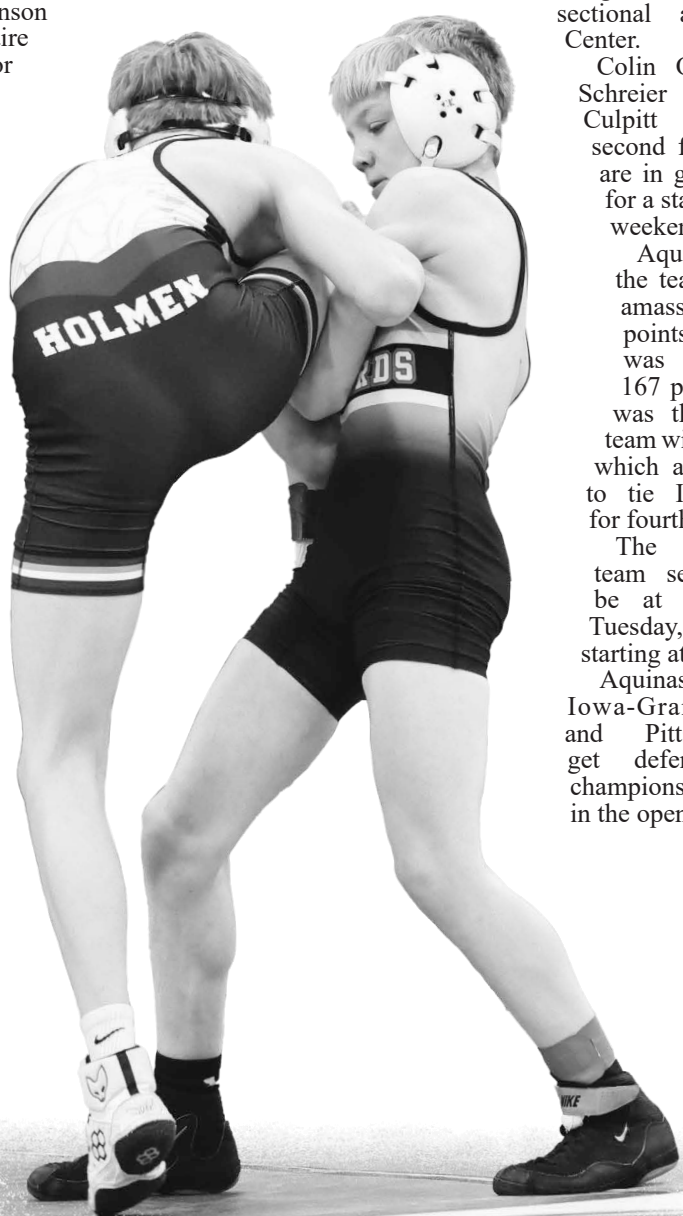
Teghan Moore won the 106 bracket with a 4-1 decision over Holmen's Caleb Runde.

At 170, Andy Johnson pinned Eau Claire Memorial's Connor Anderson in 3:28 in the title bout.

Miles Olson had a rousing victory at 182 by turning the tables on Holmen's Carson Weber late in the second period and secured a win by fall just ahead of the buzzer to mark the end of the period.

Luke Noel needed 3:43 to finish with a pin against Eau Claire North's Jin Yang.

Bradyn Glasspoole defended his position in the wrestleback rounds after losing the title bout by fall at 120.



**ABOVE** West Salem/Bangor's Teghan Moore sets up a takedown against Holmen's Kaleb Runde in the 106 pound title bout at the D1 regional in Holmen. Moore won 4-1 and is one of 13 sectional qualifying wrestlers for the Catbirds. **Herald photo by Nate Beier/GX3 Media.**

## SPARTA

Sparta finished with two champions and five other sectional qualifiers Saturday.

Devon Lietzau bested Holmen's AJ Alesch 9-4 in the 126 pound title match. Lietzau was joined in the winner's circle later on by Cadence Zwiefel.

Zwiefel made quick work of Eau Claire North's Noah Penigar in the 285 champisip, after throwing his opponent to the mat and covering for a pin in 1:16.

Landon Connelly won his third place match on the strength of a 13-8 decision against La Crosse's Justus Mueller

## TOMAH

Gavin Finch led Tomah with its only regional title at Saturday's regional. Finch picked up his 40th win of the season after topping Holmen's Jared Rotering by fall in 45 seconds during the 145 pound title match.

## BROOKWOOD

The Powell brothers, Dylan and Drew managed to move on for at least one more tournament together as Dylan claimed first at 120 and Drew fourth at 126.

Alex Guzman was fourth at 132.

## CASHTON

Despite not having a regional champion, the Eagles still pushed a half dozen wrestlers through to next weekend's sectional at Richland Center.

Colin O'Neil, Jack Schreier and Austin Culpitt all finished second for CHS and are in good position for a state berth next weekend.

Aquinas won the team title after amassing 350.5 points. Pittsville was second with 167 points. Royall was the top SBC team with 138 points which allowed them to tie Independence for fourth place.

The Division 3 team sectional will be at Cashton on Tuesday, February 14 starting at 5.

Aquinas will face Iowa-Grant/Highland and Pittsville will get defending state champions, Fennimore in the opening round.

## SECTIONAL QUALIFIERS

### BROOKWOOD

- 120 Dylan Powell (34-5)
- 126 Drew Powell (29-14)
- 132 Alex Guzman (21-17)

### CASHTON

- 106 Parker Mlsna (30-15)
- 113 Rory Mlsna (13-17)
- 170 Colin O'Neil (35-7)
- 182 Jack Schreier (21-10)
- 220 Ericris Tirado-Lopez (29-17)
- 285 Austin Culpitt (36-11)

### SPARTA

- 106 Landon Connelly (27-13)
- 120 Brandon Walters (17-15)
- 126 **Devon Lietzau (32-6)**
- 152 Nathan Poss (19-13)
- 160 Brock Connelly (21-18)
- 170 Emmett Brooks (28-16)
- 285 **Cadence Zwiefel (32-7)**

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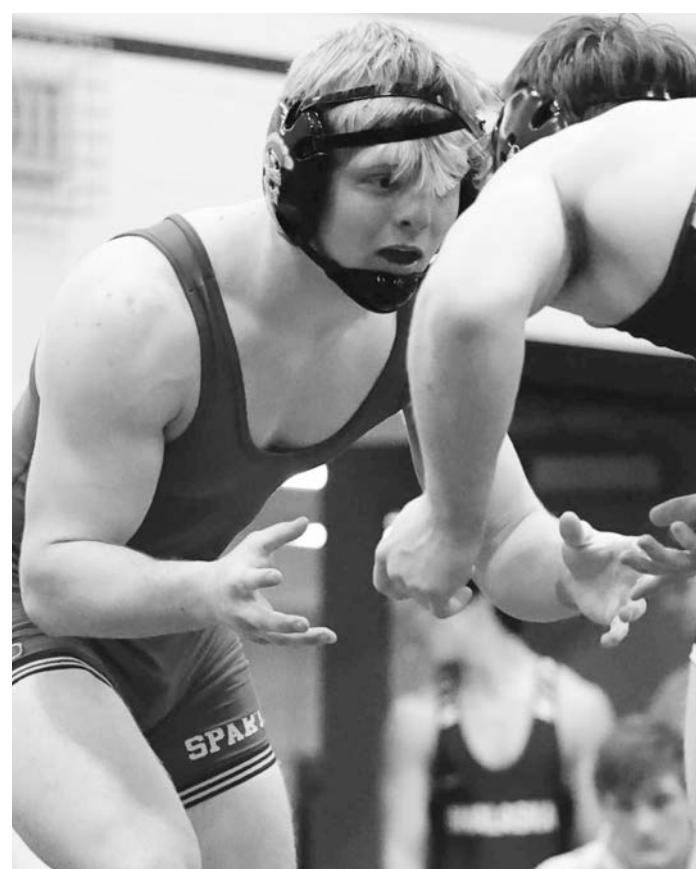
- 113 Austin Gray 22-14)
- 120 Jacob Van Hoof (20-15)
- 126 Evan Johnson (6-11)
- 132 Cameron Finch (33-9)
- 138 Benny Bemis (19-16)
- 145 **Gavin Finch (40-4)**
- 220 Carter Habeck (18-15)

### WEST SALEM/BANGOR

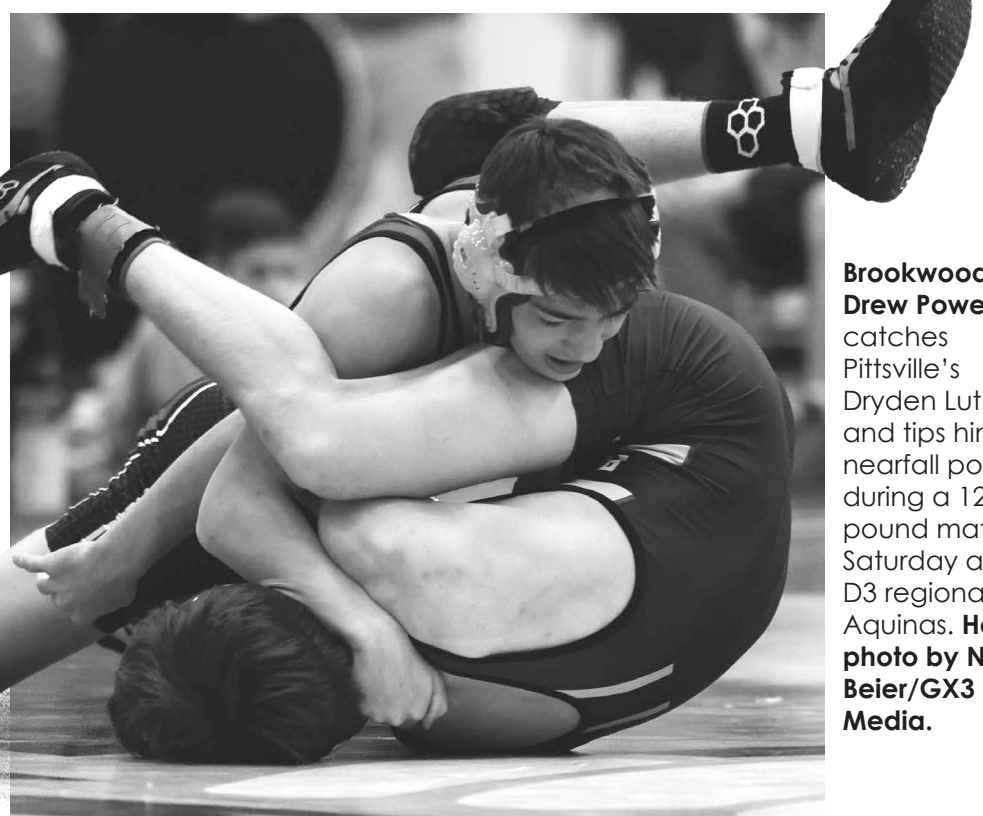
- 106 **Teghan Moore (32-11)**
- 113 Cayson Anderson (7-6)
- 120 Bradyn Glasspoole (44-6)
- 126 Nick Ziegler (20-12)
- 132 Brett Promedahl (18-4)
- 138 Caden Anderson (26-15)
- 145 Isaiah Murphy (6-5)
- 152 Trevor Arentz (38-9)
- 160 Cody Peterson (40-12)
- 170 **Andy Johnson (40-10)**
- 182 **Miles Olson (26-12)**
- 195 **Luke Noel (25-1)**
- 285 Cameron Sidie (25-18)



**Cashton's Rory Mlsna** tries to finish a takedown against Cochrane-Fountain City's Deklen Lambert at the D3 regional at Aquinas Saturday morning. **Herald photo by Nate Beier/GX3 Media.**



**Sparta's Emmett Brooks** faces off with Onalaska's Brady Kuhn during the third place match at the D1 regional in Holmen. Kuhn won by fall. **Herald photo by Nate Beier/GX3 Media.**



**Brookwood's Drew Powell** catches Pittsville's Dryden Luther and tips him for nearfall points during a 126 pound match Saturday at the D3 regional at Aquinas. **Herald photo by Nate Beier/GX3 Media.**