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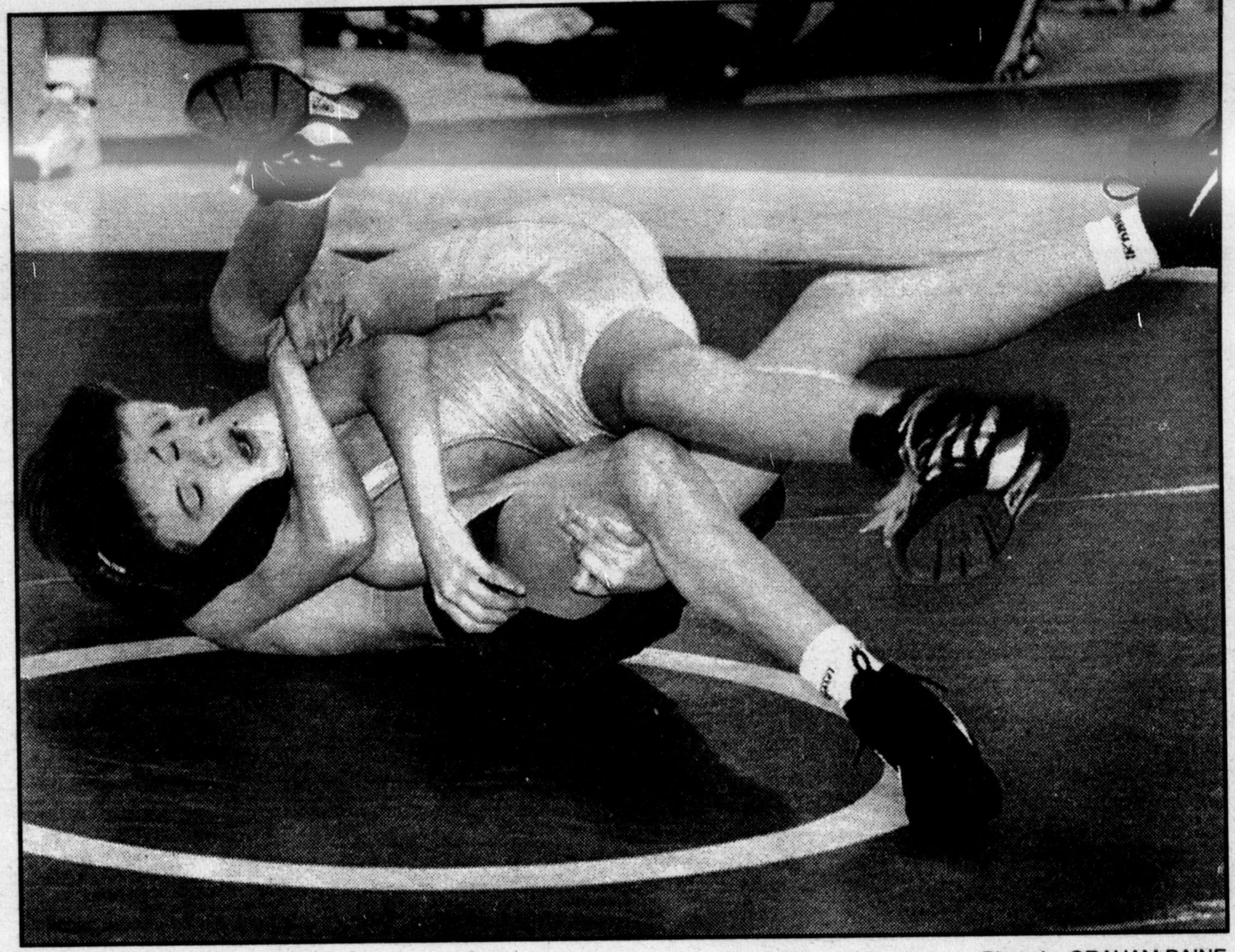


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Spartan Nick Baron grapples with Brad McClennon of Arthur during E.C. Drury High School's annual holiday wrestling tournament Wednesday.

Drury wrestlers win crown in truly dominating fashion

E.C. Drury High School wrestlers saved their best for last.

Larry Jaroslawski's grapplers traditionally triumph at their holiday tournament — but were especially commanding during the millennium ending bash Wednesday.

The Spartans won seven weight classes — five more than any other team — and amassed a whopping 115 points on the way to annihilating the collective competition.

Georgetown was next in line with 62 points. Rounding out the top five schools were St. Catharines, Guelph Centennial and last year's provincial champion Brampton Centennial.

Leading the hardware haul were seniors Kevin Heffron and John McCart.

Both extended their undefeated

season streaks and neither gave up even a single point in four matches en route to claiming their third gold medal of the year.

They combined for one pin and seven 10-point superiority wins.

Veteran Chad Merritt claimed his second season gold almost as impressively, after falling behind by a couple of points in round one. He battled back to take the match 12-2 and went on to score three straight 10-0 victories.

Tom Gallinger won his third medal and first gold this year by besting all three of his opponents. He too delivered a big comeback—only in his case it came in the finals where he squeaked by 6-4.

Continuing the finest season of his career, Will Van Duyn went 4-0 to collect a third gold medal this

year. He dominated the finals — which was a rematch of one of his previous tournament triumphs — from start to finish.

Capturing their first golds of the season were Chris Holmes and Sean Burnham.

Holmes ran his win total to 13 with a perfect 4-0 campaign while Burnham equaled that showing and upstaged a provincial champ in the semifinals.

Securing silver at the tournament were Mike Devries and Andy Wadeson. Rory McDonnell came away with bronze.

Meanwhile, rounding things out with top four finishes were Nick Barkley, Matt Devries, Kevin Moore and Mark Wilson.

Drury now has a handful of team titles this season.



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