

# OVAC pins MAC stars

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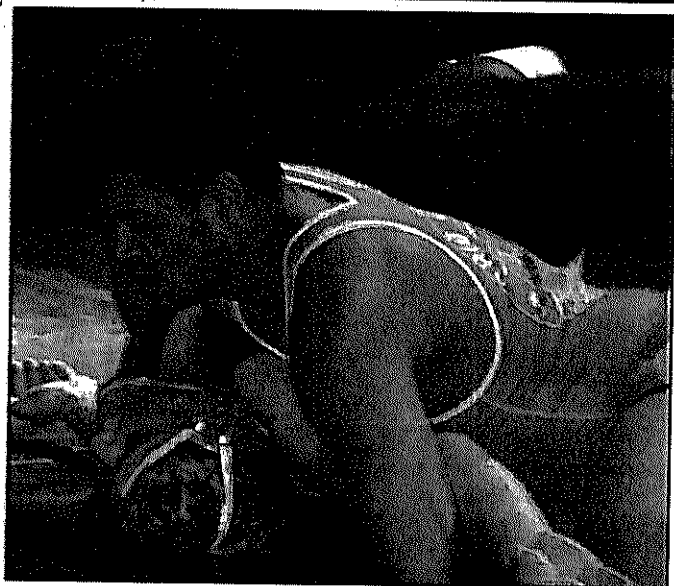
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**TOP:** Shadyside's Josh Kahl, right, and Ellwood City's Jake Alberts hook up in the 132-pound match during Thursday night's "Clash of the Champions" at Moon Area High School. Kahl won, 4-2.

**ABOVE:** Steubenville's Drone Moore pins his opponent in a 220-pound but.

standing Wrestler after winning the 2017 Allegheny County championship. It was Quinn's 193 all-time victory and gave the OVAC a 9-0 edge.

Steubenville's Timmy Young made it 12-0 OVAC when he scored a takedown 19 seconds into overtime in outlasting Pine Richland's Alex Salas, who finished seventh in the prestigious Powerade Tournament and is committed to wrestle at Drexel University. Young, who was seventh last weekend in Division II, trailed 3-0 after two periods and 4-2 late before securing a takedown with 15 seconds left to force the extra 1-minute session.

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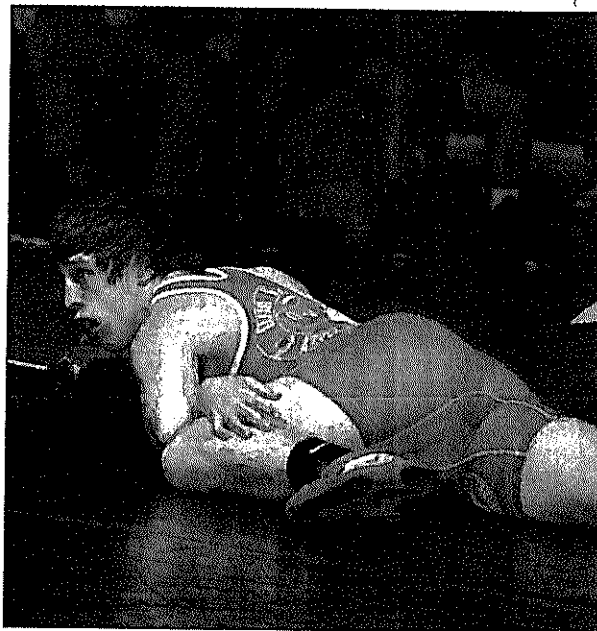


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Michael Starcher of Cameron in a match during the Clash of Champions.

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