

Class LL Wrestling: Danbury cruises to repeat, 19th title; Moynihan, Devivo lead Xavier to 2nd

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Xavier's Ryan Devivo (33-1) defeats Southington's Paul Calo in the 160 lb. weight class at the CIAC class LL state wrestling championship, Saturday, Feb. 18, 2017, at the Trumbull High School gymnasium. (Catherine Avalone/New Haven Register)

TRUMBULL >> The No. 2 was wild for the Xavier wrestling team on Saturday.

Xavier had two finalists in the CIAC Class LL wrestling championships on Saturday at Trumbull High and the Falcons made the pair of championship opportunities count with two title.

The two championships ultimately led to a No. 2 team finish in the event for the Falcons with 191 points.

PHOTO GALLERY: Class LL Wrestling Championship

Danbury won the event with 272.5 points, for it's 19th Class LL championship and first since 2014. Newtown was third with 181 and Shelton was seventh with 120.5.

Xavier's Patrick Moynihan beat Fairfield Warde's Alex Steele 5-1 in the 132-pound class. In the 160 class, Xavier's Ryan Devivo defeated Paul Calo of Southington by a 4-2 overtime decision.

Moynihan controlled most of his match, building up a 3-0 lead thanks in part to a takedown and cruised to his second straight wrestling championship. He won the Class LL 126-pound title last season.



Xavier's Patrick Moynihan (29-3) defeats Fairfield Warde's Alex Steele (30-4) in the 132 lb. weight class at the CIAC class LL state wrestling championship, Saturday, Feb. 18, 2017, at the Trumbull High School gymnasium. (Catherine Avalone/New Haven Register)



Danbury's Jakob Camacho (29-1) defeats Shelton's Chandler Duhaime (37-3) in the 120 lb. weight class at the CIAC class LL state wrestling championship, Saturday, Feb. 18, 2017, at the Trumbull High School gymnasium. (Catherine Avalone/New Haven Register)

"When it was only 1-0, I was a little worried and not so confident," Moynihan said. "But once I got it to 3-0 I felt a lot better and thought I could cruise the rest of the way."

"This was a tough match, probably my toughest this season. In the last period I just wanted to hold him down and cruise to the win."

Devivo was a little disappointed in his personal effort but was happy with the comeback victory. Calo took a 2-0 lead after one period. Devivo tied it at 2 after two periods and that's where the score stood after the third period.



Shelton's Ray Weiner (23-5) defeats Fairfield Warde's Matt Cuoco (29-6) at the CIAC class LL state wrestling championship, Saturday, Feb. 18, 2017,

“This was not my best match, I got a little lazy out there,” Devivo said. “I was lazy in that first period and that gave him the two-point lead. But I came back a little fired up and was fortunate to get the OT win.

at the Trumbull High School gymnasium. (Catherine Avalone/New Haven Register)

“It’s definitely great for our team to get two wins tonight.”

Xavier coach Mike Cunningham was happy with his entire team’s effort including underclassmen who got points for the team.

“I’m satisfied getting second place, especially since Danbury was really pulling away,” Cunningham said. “We got a good effort from everyone including some freshmen who got third and fifth.

“I’m happy for Pat getting another championship since he’s a senior and it’s his last time out there.”



Action from the CIAC class LL state wrestling championship, Saturday, Feb. 18, 2017, at the Trumbull High School gymnasium. (Catherine Avalone/New Haven Register)

Shelton had a pair of finalists and ended up with a win and runner-up finish. In the 195, Ray Weiner of Shelton powered his way to a 7-3 decision over Matt Cuoco of Fairfield Ward, and in the 120-pound final, Jakob Camacho of Danbury pinned Chandler Duhaime of Shelton 1:51.

For Weiner, an early takedown that gave Cuoco two points woke him up.

“When he got that takedown for two points (2-0 lead), that woke me up, it got me fired up,” Weiner said. “I had some exciting matches this season and this one was exciting. The difference here is it was for a LL title.

“It feels great to get this win, to be up there and compete against the best in the state and beat the best in the state.”

In other matches, in the 170 class Joe Accousti of Newtown def. Evan Titus of Fairfield Prep by technical fall 16-0, 5:42. In the 285-pound class, Michael Gaboardi of Danbury decisioned Jacarie Houston of New Haven wrestling 2-1 in overtime.

Earlier in the day in the championship semifinals, in the 106 class Chase Parrot (Westhill) pinned Steven Reyes (Shelton) in 2:40, in the 120 class Jakob Camacho (Danbury) pinned James Lunt (Xavier) in 1:58, in the 145 class Michael Mirmina (Trumbull) decisioned Jake Holland (Xavier) 12-6, in the 285, Gaboardi pinned Daniel Brown (Shelton) 3:07.

Team Scores

1. Danbury 272.5; 2. Xavier 191; 3. Newtown 181; 4. Southington 179.5; 5. Trumbull 169.5; 6. Fairfield Warde 166; 7. Shelton 120.5; 8. Ridgefield 111.5; 9. East Hartford 95; 10. Westhill 83; 11. Staples 76.5; 12. Conard 69; 13. Greenwich 68; 14. Fairfield Prep 53; 15. Amity 49; 16. New Britain 43; 17. Norwalk 39; 18. Stamford 38; 19. Glastonbury 37; 19. New Haven Wrestling 37; 21. Enfield 26; 22. Brien McMahon 20; 23. Norwich Free Academy 18.5; 24. Cheshire 18

Top Finishers

106 — 1st: Ryan Jack (Danbury) F Chase Parrott (Westhill), 3:52; 3rd: Ronan Marino (Xavier) DEC Benjamin Smart (Ridgefield), 4-3; 5th: Steven Reyes (Shelton) DEC Jack Ryan (Trumbull), 1-0

113 — 1st: Matthew Ryan (Trumbull) DEC Ben Leblanc (Danbury), 3-1 SV; 3rd: Samuel White (Norwalk) MD Jacob Cardozo (Southington), 8-0; 5th: Cole Shaughnessy (Fairfield Warde) F Derek Vincelette (Glastonbury), 0:48

120 — 1st: Jakob Camacho (Danbury) F Chandler Duhaime (Shelton), 1:51; 3rd: James Lunt (Xavier) F Noah Zuckerman (Fairfield Warde), 2:35; 5th: Jordyn Rowe (New Britain) F Dylan Ehret (Greenwich), 3:34

126 — 1st: Tristan Haviland (Trumbull) DEC Kyle Fields (Danbury), 2-1 TB1; 3rd: Jesse Walker (Ridgefield) MD Timothy Roberts iii (East Hartford), 16-6; 5th: Kevin Zentner (Fairfield Prep) DEC Matthew Leroux (Xavier), 4-0

132 — 1st: Patrick Moynihan (Xavier) DEC Alex Steele (Fairfield Warde), 5-1; 3rd: Aaron Occhipinti (Newtown) DEC Shaun Wagner (Southington), 2-1; 5th: Shaun Williams (Danbury) F Garey Mendez (Stamford), 1:56

138 — 1st: Timmy Kane (Fairfield Warde) DEC Aj Kovacs (Danbury), 1-0; 3rd: Tagan Welch (Southington) DEC Sean Black (Cheshire), 8-7; 5th: Owen Walsh (Newtown) DEC Adrian Ardon (Conard), 8-2

145 — 1st: Edward Lovely (Newtown) DEC Michael Mirmina (Trumbull), 10-6; 3rd: Jake Holland (Xavier) DEC Simon Preston (Ridgefield), 10-5; 5th: Peterson Souza (Danbury) DEC Denver Dorsainvil (Westhill), 4-1

152 — 1st: Austin Abacherli (Southington) DEC Alexander Stavola (Newtown), 3-2; 3rd: Brian Wallace (Trumbull) DEC Antonio Masse (Conard), 3-1; 5th: Liam Courtney (Ridgefield) DEC Benjamin Goh (East Hartford), 10-8 SV

160 — 1st: Ryan Devivo (Xavier) **DEC Paul Calo (Southington), 4-2, OT**; 3rd: Michael Ceci (Greenwich) DEC Gino Baratta (Danbury), 9-2; 5th: Delonne Sloan (Shelton) DEC Brian Showstead (Ridgefield), 4-2

170 — 1st: Joe Accousti (Newtown) TF Evan Titus (Fairfield Prep), 16-0 5:42; 3rd: Kieran Clarke (Staples) DEC Matheus Ribeiro (Fairfield Warde), 3-1; 5th: Trevor Dell'oso (Xavier) F Nathan Morrissey (Amity), 2:17

182 — 1st: Joseph Gjinaj (Fairfield Warde) MD Fransisco Jiminian (East Hartford), 14-6; 3rd: Brett Nutter (Trumbull) F Jake Constantine (Danbury), 3:54; 5th: Nate Chesworth (Enfield) DEC Ryan Mahoney (Staples), 1-0

195 — 1st: Ray Weiner (Shelton) DEC Matt Cuoco (Fairfield Warde), 7-3; 3rd: Alexander Nanai (Greenwich) DEC Julian Robles (Southington), 3-2; 5th: Christopher D'entrone (Ridgefield) F Joseph Palmieri (Trumbull), 3:30

220 — 1st: Andrew Marquis (Danbury) DEC Thomas Long (Newtown), 4-3; 3rd: Dillon Forstberg (Conard) DEC Richard Rivera (Southington), 6-2; 5th: Isaiah Jiminian (East Hartford) F Dillian Gonzalez (Westhill), 0:33

285 — 1st: Michael Gaboardi (Danbury) DEC Jacarie Houston (New Haven Wrestling), 2-1 TB2; 3rd: George Harrington (Staples) F David Brown (Shelton), 3:32; 5th: Nathan Shilling (Amity) F James Starr (Southington), 0:55.

Correction: *Devivo's championship victory was originally listed as a fall by CIAC. It was corrected to a 4-2, overtime decision by the organization and has been corrected here (in red)*



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William Santarsiero says
[February 21, 2017 at 5:16 PM](#)

Mr. Nowak,

Good evening and blessings. Just a correction. In the Class LL wrestling finals, 160 LB bracket, Devivo defeated Calo in the championship round by decision in overtime, 4-2. Calo was not fallen, or pinned, by Devivo.

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Sean Patrick Bowley says
[February 21, 2017 at 5:40 PM](#)

The final score was listed as a fall, originally, by the CIAC contractor. Looks as though they have revised it, as well. So we will make this correction.