

HIGH SCHOOL WRESTLING: Marshall, Ferri climb the top of the New England mountain

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Credit: Ryan McBride

Shawsheen's Jake Ferri (r) captured the New England title Saturday night

(Kevin Barrucci and Dan Ventura)

PROVIDENCE – Andrew Marshall certainly picked the right time to throw himself a coming out party.

The Lincoln-Sudbury junior hadn't finished higher than third in each of his previous two tournaments, overshadowed in the 195-pound weight class by the likes of Henri Behaeghel of Billerica and Antonio DiFronzo of Melrose.

But Marshall proved his worth when it mattered most, defeating Michael Tanguay of Windham, N.H., 2-1, in double overtime to capture the New England title at the Providence Career and Technical Academy last night.

“This week, my coaches were big on letting me know it was all about the vengeance tour,” Marshall said. “I didn't get a shot at the All-State finals, but it's all about staying focused on the main prize and I couldn't have gotten it done without my coaches next to me encouraging me.”

Lincoln-Sudbury coach Nick Avery said the week leading up to the New Englands was more mental than physical in terms of preparing Marshall for the grind.

“Last week was a little upsetting because he thought there were things he could do better,” Avery said. “We thought he could do better this week, so we wanted to keep his confidence up. Obviously he believes in his abilities, but sometimes you can over-analyze, so we wanted to keep him focused and believing in himself.”

Marshall's teammate, Andy Richard, had a terrific run to the 120-pound finals. He won four matches, including a stunning 4-3 victory over Billerica's Christopher DeRosa in the semifinals, a week after losing to him 15-3 in the All-States. Richard's run ended at the hands of Danbury standout Jakob Camacho, who pinned

him with 52 seconds left in the match.

The only other Massachusetts wrestler to win a New England title was Jake Ferri of Shawsheen. The Kent State-bound standout capped off a spectacular senior season by defeating Ryan Garlitz of St. John's Prep, 6-0, to capture the 113-pound title. Making the win all the sweeter for Ferri was the fact that it came at the expense of Garlitz, who defeated Ferri two weeks ago in the Div. 1 state final.

"I lost to (Garlitz) at the states and I was really upset about that, but obviously I had to stay focused" said Ferri, who beat Garlitz at the All-States last week. "This week, I was really loose, kind of happy-go-lucky. I used the past (loss) as a humbling experience and I kind of hit the reset button."

It was a special moment for Shawsheen wrestling coach Mark Donovan. He's coached many champions in his 32 years at the school, but Ferri goes down as the first two-time New England champion.

"I've had a lot of good athletes come through the doors, but Jake Ferri is hands down the hardest worker I've had," Donovan said. "Jake lost in the finals and he was running six miles that very night."

A week after becoming the first wrestler at his school to win a state title, Baltazar Gonzalez of Ellis Tech (Conn.) added to his laurels when he pinned Burlington standout Josh Lee at 3:43 of the second period in the 132-pound final.

Minnechaug standout Benton Whitley advanced to the finals at 220 pounds before losing to Nick Johnson of Milton, Vermont. Johnson, who finished second in the Vermont All-States last weekend, pinned the two-sport standout in 1:40. Whitley's teammate, Ryan Monteiro, also made it to the championship match before falling. Michael Ross of Foran, Conn., defeated Monteiro, 5-0, to take home first at 152 pounds.

NEW ENGLAND WRESTLING CHAMPIONSHIPS

(At Providence)

SEMIFINAL RESULTS

106: Ryan Jack (Danbury, Conn.) def. Hunter Adrian (Melrose), 4-1; Cody Craig (Skowhegan, Maine) def. Andrew Fallon (LaSalle, R.I.), 9-1

113: Jake Ferri (Shawsheen) def. Sam Johnson (Ellis Tech, Conn.), 9-4; Ryan Garlitz (St. John's Prep) def. Jack Darling (Masconomet), 5-0

120: Andy Richard (Lincoln-Sudbury) def. Christopher DeRosa (Billerica), 4-3; Jakob Camacho (Danbury, Conn.) def. Cole Wyman (Brockton), 19-6

126: Tyler Sung (New Canaan, Conn.) def. Ramazan Attasauov (Wayland), 3-2; Connor Mcgonagle (Timberlane, N.H.) def. Tristan Haviland (Trumbull, Conn.), 5-0

132: Baltazar Gonzalez (Ellis Tech, Conn.) def. Seth Brown (Coventry, R.I.), 10-2; Josh Lee (Burlington) def. Samson Sirois (Skowhegan, Maine), 7-3

138: Timmy Kane (Fairfield Warde, Conn.) def. Devin Rivet (Bishop Hendricken, R.I.), 7-5 (ot); Brady Beaulieu (Marshwood, Maine), def. Brian Lindsay (Kingswood, N.H.), 8-0

145: Edward Lovely (Newtown, Conn.) def. Avery Shay (New Fairfield, Conn.), 5-3 (ot); Ryan Luth (Foran, Conn.) def. Michael Mirmina (Trumbull, Conn.), 9-2

152: Ryan Monteiro (Minnechaug) def. Tyler Burgess (Mt. Anthony, Vt.), 10-5; Michael Ross (Foran, Conn.) pinned Peyton Cole (Ellsworth, Maine), :24

160: Ryan Devivo (Xavier, Conn.) def. Gino Baratta (Danbury, Conn.), 18-3; Paul Calo (Southington, Conn.) pinned Ahmad Sharif (Putnam), 3:46

170: Robert Heatherman (Mt. Ararat/Brunswick, Maine) def. Dylan Tremblay (Timberlane, N.H.), 15-0; Joe Accousti (Newtown, Conn.) def. Ibragim Arsakhanov (Manchester Central, N.H.), forfeit

182: Ryan Fredette (Winslow, Maine) def. Darius Franklin (Methuen), 10-5; George Tarwo (Concord, N.H.) def. Tom Wrzesien (Chariho, R.I.), 8-3

195: Andrew Marshall (Lincoln-Sudbury) def. Jackson Rheault (Somers, Conn.), 9-7 (ot); Michael Tanguay (Windham, N.H.) def. David Verizzi (Lynam.Windham, Conn.), 3-2

220: Benton Whitley (Minnechaug) pinned Sebastian Rocher (Mt. Anthony, Vt.), 1:50; Nick Johnson (Milton, Vt.) pinned Dan Greaney (Bedford/Minuteman), 2:29

285: Jasper Stone (Simsbury, Conn.) def. Michael Gaboardi (Danbury, Conn.), 4-0; Nicholas Marino (Bishop Hendricken, R.I.) pinned Michael Burchell (Daniel Hand, Conn.), :42

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TEAM TOTALS: 1. Danbury (Conn.), 114; 2. Newtown (Conn.), 67; 3. Mount Anthony (Vt.), 62.5; 4. Timberlane (N.H.), 57; 5. Bishop Hendricken (R.I.), 56; 6. Foran (Conn.), 51; 7. Lincoln-Sudbury, 51; 8. Ellis Tech (Conn.), 50; 9, Minnechuag, 48; 10. Cumberland (R.I.), 44