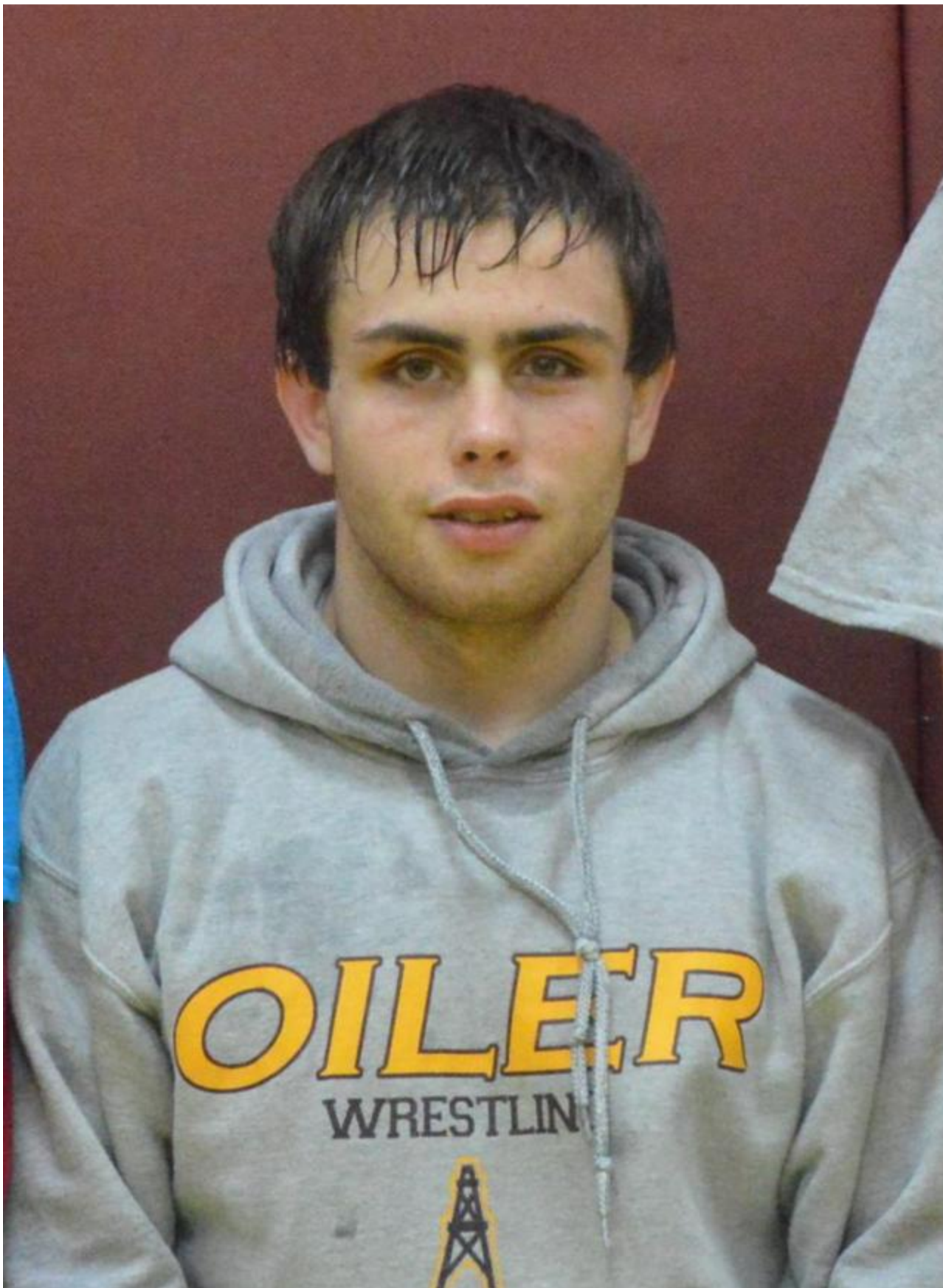




East Alton-Wood River's Blasioli captures IHSA state title at 132 pounds

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CHAMPAIGN – Zac Blasioli of East Alton-Wood River has become an Illinois High School Association state wrestling champion.

Blasioli, a senior, took the 132-pound title Saturday night at the IHSA State Individual Wrestling Championship at Champaign-Urbana's State Farm Center by defeating Trey Hild of Petersburg PORTA 7-5 in the title bout.

Blasioli was one of three Oilers who took part in this weekend's tournament; the other two were senior Drew Sobol, who wrestled at 106 pounds, and Jon Wright, who wrestled at 285 pounds.

“We knew it was going to be a tough match, but no state championship match is an easy one,” said Oiler coach Dave Sobol. “Zac went out and executed his game plan. It's a testament to his work ethic.

“Matches like this are won with hard work in the practice room, and he's put in a lot of time. It's a great way to go out.”

Blasioli finished the season with a 40-1 record after taking second at 152 in last year's individual state tournament.

A welcome-home celebration for Blasioli will be held at 1 p.m. Sunday in Wood River; he will travel down Edwardsville Road by the Wood River VFW, followed by a presentation at the EAWR East Building.