Matmen Cop Section Title

The Hamburg High School wrestling team, last Friday, successfully defended its Class AA, Section VI crown at Williamsville. The Bulldogs scored 53 points to 45 for second place West Seneca. The Purple victory also gave the team the over-all Section VI championship.

Individual winners for Hamburg were Phil Stutzman, George Callahan, Captain Gene Kempf and Dale Minard. Outstanding performances were also turned in by Bill Brehm, Fran Reuter, Bill Durell and Jim Dpgert.

Stutzman came from behind to beat Wayne Butt of Williamsville, -6, in the final match after winning two other matches, one by a pin. George Callahan was one of the best in the tournament. The Hamburg blonde won four matches, all by pins. In the final match Callahan stopped the 1953 champion, Julian Cappello in 2:14 with a half-nelson and bar.

Captain Kempf maintained his two-year unbeaten record and successfully defended his title by taking two decisions and scoring on two pins. His most impressive match was in the finals against West Seneca's Denny Deubel. This was Kempf's last appearance as a Hamburg High School grappler.

Minard provided the meet's big upset by winning over previously undefeated Frank Maciejewski of West Seneca in the finals. Dale won four matches in all, one by a pin, to take the 154 pound title.

Two Hamburg wrestlers lost ground when referees decisions caused defeats. Both Frank Reuter and Bill Durell lost out after finishing with tie scores when the official gave the nod to the opponent.

Bill Brehm won three matches before losing out to Bill Price in the finals.

There were 128 matches in the two-day tournament.