

Cassadaga Valley, Gowanda Win Mat Titles

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FALCONER — Joe Anarella's "year of conquest" had another diamond in its mounting today.

Saturday the affable Cassadaga Valley coach clapped his hands, shouted encouragement and in general, worked harder than his wrestlers as the Cougars captured the Section VI Class B wrestling title on the Falconer Central School gym floor.

Before the Cougars' athletic season had opened, Joe had remarked there were two ambitions he would like to fulfill. One was to beat

TEAM STANDINGS

Class A	
Gowanda	75
Falconer	70
Southwestern	68
Randolph	46
Class B	
Cassadaga Valley	56
Depew	26
Mayville	21
Cattaraugus	21
Pine Valley	9
Alden	2
Salamanca	1
Silver Creek	0

Northern Area in football, the other to top Gowanda, four-times league champs, in wrestling. Joe didn't mention the sectional crown, probably figuring there are times

when a man can be too ambitious.

His gridders came through against Northern Area and his grapplers polished off Gowanda in a league match Feb. 25. Saturday night the Cougars copped two individual titles and totaled 56 points for the Sectional Class B mat crown.

Gowanda Wins Class A

"That makes it a pretty good year—I'm satisfied," Joe sighed when the last muscle had been flexed and the last pair of shoulders laid on the mat in a meet that embraced 12 schools and 106

grapplers.

Gowanda, "New York Yankees" of local high school wrestling, annexed three titles and headed off a Chautauqua county sweep by edging Falconer, 75-70, for the Class A crown.

On an individual title basis in both classes, the championships went this way: Gowanda 3, Falconer, Cassadaga Valley and Southwestern, two each; Cattaraugus, Depew and Mayville, one each.

Seneca Retains Title

Martin Seneca, barrel-chested Gowanda Indian, retained the heavyweight title with a 3:50 pin of Maury Westley of Cassadaga Valley.

Seneca has never lost a high school match but one other grappler of the same pre-meet status did not fare so well. Doug Evans of Cassadaga Valley started the meet off with an upset, a 5:50 pin of Falconer's unbeaten Vince Scholeno in the 98-pound class. Allan Lefford picked up one of Falconer's titles with a decision over Denny Menshell of Gowanda in the 130 pound class and Gail Dallas accounted for the other by beating Denny Maybee of Gowanda in a thriller. Dallas trailed, 5-1, when he came back the hard way, turning Maybee with a further Nelson and pinning him in 5:17.

Johnson Wins Overtime

Jim Johnson beat Mike Potoczak of Depew in an overtime to give Southwestern the 141-pound crown. Potoczak picked up an escape point in the first five seconds of the overtime but with 20 seconds left, Johnson won (6-5) on a two-point reverse. Bruce Thorpe copped Coach Flash Olson's second Trojan title, decisioning Shannon Vandewark of Falconer, 4-2, in the 148 pounds class.

In addition to Seneca, Gowanda won titles in the 106-pound class when Bruce Haggart decisioned Wayne Vollenline of Falconer on a penalty point. Vollenline was charged with stalling. Paul Meyer blanked Dale Pierce of Randolph, 3-0, for the Panthers' second of three crowns.

Win For Cassadaga Valley

Dave Nichols took a 5-2 lead and stalled off a rally by Gary Capron of Southwestern to win the 168 for Cassadaga Valley and sew

up the Class B crown. Tony Funicello earlier had won the 136-pound crown in another thriller, shading Bob Olson of Randolph with an escape in the last 30 seconds of an overtime. It was one of the toughest matches of the night.

Burly Wayne Henry of Mayville, probably the strongest man in the meet, rolled up the most lopsided score when he decisioned Carl Books, a lanky entry from Gowanda, 17-2, in the 178-pound class. Henry controlled Books throughout but, although close several times, couldn't quite clamp him in a pinning hold.

Despite a storm and slippery roads, about 800 watched the finals.

Championship and consolation finals:

CHAMPIONSHIPS

98-Pound Class — Doug Evans (Cattaraugus) pinned Vince Scholeno (Falconer) 5:50.
106 — Bruce Haggart (Gowanda) dec. Wayne Vollenline (Falconer) 3-2.
115 — Paul Meyer (Gowanda) dec. Dale Pierce (Randolph), 3-0.
123 — Gail Dallas (Falconer) pinned Denny Maybee (Gowanda) 5:17.
130 — Arlen Lefford (Falconer) dec. Denny Menshell (Gowanda), 3-0.
136 — Tom Funicello (Cass. Valley) dec. Bob Olson (Randolph) 3-2 (overtime).
141 — Jim Johnson (Southwestern) dec. Mike Potoczak (Depew) 6-5 (overtime).
148 — Bruce Thorpe (Southwestern) dec. Shannon Vandewark (Falconer) 4-2.
157 — John Krikovich (Depew) dec. Warren Cowen (Falconer) 6-1.
168 — Dave Nichols (Cass. Valley) dec. Gary Capron (Southwestern) 6-4.
178 — Wayne Henry (Mayville) dec. Carl Brooks (Gowanda) 17-2.
Heavy — Martin Seneca (Gowanda) pinned Murray Westley (Cass. Valley) 3:50.

CONSOLATIONS

(For third and fourth)

98 — LaRoy (Cass. Valley) pinned G. Gustafson (Gowanda) 4:59.
106 — Milliman (Randolph) dec. Sharp (Cass. Valley).
115 — Dallas, (Falconer) forfeit.
123 — R. Inkley (Randolph) pinned G. Houghton (Cattaraugus) 3:45.
130 — Ingraio (Southwestern) dec. Harvey (Cass. Valley).
136 — Lynch (Gowanda) dec. Merrill (Pine Valley).
141 — Strong (Cass. Valley) dec. Parr (Randolph).
148 — Becker (Cass. Valley) dec. G. Robbins (Mayville).
157 — R. Milliman (Randolph) pinned G. Johnson (Southwestern) 0:43. (Johnson injured).
178 — G. Gordon (Southwestern) pinned R. Pasche (Depew) 1:19.
168 — R. Ellis (Pine Valley) dec. G. Hill (Cattaraugus).
Heavy — Larson (Southwestern) pinned Armstrong (Randolph) 2:26.

