



Barton-Meyer Mat Rivalry Is Ended; Gowanda Wins Sectional 'A' Title

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SALAMANCA—The final chapter of a story that has been three years in the making finally came to an end at Salamanca Saturday evening in the Section VI Class A Wrestling Tournament.

The story started in the 1959 Tournament held at Falconer. Then wrestling in the 115 pound class, Paul Meyer from Gowanda went on to win in the finals after Southwestern's Gerald Barton settled for fourth. After Barton's first match he developed a sudden rash—measles—and was taken home

Class A Standings	
Gowanda	100
Falconer	67
Eden	64
Depew	45
Southwestern	41
Salamanca	8

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One year later in the sectionals at Southwestern the two met again. This time the cards were stacked against Meyer as Barton went on to win the 123 pound class crown after the Gowandan bumped his head on the floor and was unable to continue. But the story is only half over.

During the 1960-61 campaign both boys sported a 10-1 record prior to the sectionals and each of the losses was to the other.

Barton Wins Final

The final chapter. After pinning their first man in the prelims of the sectionals here Saturday, they were destined to meet in the finals. At the drop of the referee's hand and Meyer moved in and got a takedown but Barton retaliated with a quick reversal and maneuvered his opponent into a near pinning combination, gaining a lead which he never relinquished.

In overall points, the Gowanda Panthers romped over all six opponents, totaling 100 points, probably the top total scored in Section VI tournament history. On its way to being awarded the Class A trophy, Gowanda captured five firsts, three seconds, three thirds and one fourth.

This sectional win kept Gowanda's string of four out of four championships since it entered Section VI competition. The Panthers' all-time win-loss record is a record of 78-3.

Falconer Second

Falconer, finishing second in the



THE PERFECT TEAM—The Section VI Class A Wrestling champions, who won all their matches at Salamanca Saturday, are: First row from left, Mal Sikes, 98 pounds, Eden; Chuck Grinols, 106, Falconer; Lyle Boss, 115, Gowanda; Don Hallberg, 123, Falconer; Gerald Barton, 130, Southwestern; Ed White, 136, Gowanda; second row from left, Greg Ferry, 141, Gowanda; Murray Dallas, 148, Falconer; Don Holcomb, 157, Gowanda; Ron Lindstrom, 168, Southwestern; Ray Pachucinski, 183, Gowanda; and Jim Overoff, heavyweight, Eden.

point standings, had three first placers including repeater Murray had two each. Of the 12 champions only four are seniors, including Gowanda's Ed White, Don Holcomb, and Greg Ferry and Barton of Southwestern.

In the closest match of the finals, Gowanda's Ed White decided Southwestern's Dick Thorp on an escape in the first overtime period.

Louie Lee, from Gowanda, figured in the two shortest matches, getting pinned by Jim Overoff, who later won the heavyweight crown, in 1:30, and then pinned SW's Jim Stone in 1:45 in the consolation matches.

Probably the biggest upset was Lyle Boss' 8-4 decision over Fal-

coner's Jack Waddington, the latter winning last year's sectionals in his division and who also went undefeated this year prior to the 115 pound class finals.

Of the 64 contested bouts, 39 were won by decision, 24 by pin and one boy was awarded a win by default.

Class A Finals

- 98 lbs.—Mal Sikes (E) pinned Tom Jakubowicz (D) 2:05.
- 105—Chuck Grinols (F) dec. Paul Dingman (G) 7-0.
- 115—Lyle Boss (G) dec. Jack Waddington (F) 8-4.
- 123—Don Hallberg (F) dec. Mike Fetz (D) 4-0.
- 130—Gerald Barton (SW) dec. Paul Meyer (G) 8-4.
- 136—Ed White (G) dec. Dick Thorp (SW) 1-0 (ovt.)
- 141—Greg Ferry (G) dec. Ray Cagwin (E) 6-2.
- 148—Murray Dallas (F) dec. Rick Quiram (D) 5-4.
- 157—Don Holcomb (G) dec. Weldon

- Jennings (D) 2-1.
- 168—Ron Lindstrom (SW) dec. Dick McKeon (G) 3-0.
- 183—Ray Pachucinski (G) dec. Dave Williams (E) 4-2.
- Hywt.—Jim Overoff (E) pinned Harold Smith (F) 3:47.

Class A Consolations

- 98 lbs.—Howard Gabel (G) pinned Steve Funcell (F) 5:30.
- 103—Ron Enser (E) dec. Bill Petz (D) 4-0.
- 115—Tom Vogel (D) dec. Dick Reichberger (E) 11-2.
- 123—Dan Graovac (E) pinned Paul Twoguns (G) 3:45.
- 130—Jim Murphy (Sala) dec. Terry Lindstrom (F) 5-0.
- 136—Bill LaFountain (D) dec. Dean Wilson (E) 4-0.
- 141—Joe Allette (F) pinned Doug Ahlstedt (SW) 1:52.
- 148—Len Leyhew (G) dec. Art Smith (Sala.) 2-0.
- 157—Terry Engel (E) pinned Jim Burk (SW) 3:30.
- 168—Clark Cowen (F) dec. Mike Birmingham (Sala.) 1-0.
- 183—Joe Przeporia (SW) dec. Al Sorletto (F) 6-5.
- Hywt.—Louie Lee (G) pinned Jim Stone (SW) 1:45.