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Dick Aquila

Maryvale, Hamburg wrestlers in semifinal

N-W Matmen Win 3 Sectional Titles

Three representatives of Niagara-Wheatfield's Niagara Frontier League champions were among 13 wrestlers who qualified for the Intersectionals in Long Island next Saturday by winning Section VI championships Saturday night at the Erie Tech Sports Arena.

Frank Patterson, perhaps the state's heaviest matman at 370 pounds, was one of Niagara-Wheatfield's winners. He copped the unlimited class title by crunching Jamestown's Jim Stockwell, 6-1, in the final.

N-W's other victors were 98-pounder Jim Printup and Jim Hunt, who took the 148-pound crown. Printup decisioned Norm Kumm of Kenmore East, 5-0, and Hunt scored a 4-0 verdict over Bill Whitford of Cassadaga Valley.

Three schools had a pair of title winners. Cattaraugus' Dan Evans and Bill Prusinowski scored in the 115 and 168-pound classes, respectively. Each registered surprise wins over Class AAA foes. Evans decisioned North Tonawanda's Gord Caughill in overtime and Prusinowski outpointed previously undefeated John Parkinson of Amherst.

Amherst had two of its four entrants go all the way. Henry Gullia triumphed in the 130-pound class over Ray Cross of Silver Creek and Nick Kish won the 183-pound crown, but had to go overtime before subduing Maryvale's Neil Bateman.

Both Tiger matmen are unbeaten. Kish has won 56 consecutive matches.

Orchard Park's Art Snyder (141 pounds) and Ray Stevens (157) qualified for the Long Island tourney. Snyder scored the only pin of the finals, pressing West Seneca's Steve LoVullo in the third period.

The biggest surprise was the triumph of Niagara Falls freshman Mel Cunningham over Iroquois' Rod Rudich in the 106-pound category. Cunningham is still unbeaten, though this is his first season of mat competition.

Other title winners were: Al Costanzo of North Tonawanda (123 pounds), Gary Lefford of Falconer (136) and Springfield's Roger Preisch (heavyweight).

FINAL

98—Jim Printup (Niagara-Wheatfield) d. Norm Kumm (Kenmore East) 5-0. 106—Mel Cunningham (Niagara Falls) d. Rod Rudich (Iroquois) 8-4. 115—Dan Evans (Cattaraugus) d. Gordon Caughill (North Tonawanda) 4-1 (overtime). 123—Al Costanzo (North Tonawanda) d. Ray Hoxie (Randolph) 8-6. 130—Henry Gullia (Amherst) d. Ray Cross (Silver Creek) 8-4. 136—Gary Lefford (Falconer) d. Mark Kiesling (Maryvale) 3-2. 141—Art Snyder (Orchard Park) pinned Steve LoVullo (West Seneca). 148—Jim Hunt (Niagara-Wheatfield) d. Bill Whitford (Cassadaga Valley) 4-0. 157—Ray Stevens (Orchard Park) d. John Parkinson (Amherst) 4-2. 168—Bill Prusinowski (Cattaraugus) d. Alex Berger (Amherst) 4-2. 183—Nick Kish (Amherst) d. Neil Bateman (Maryvale) 4-3 (overtime). Heavyweight—Roger Preisch (Starpoint) d. Jerry Chiari (Maryvale) 7-2. Unlimited—Frank Patterson (Niagara-Wheatfield) d. Jim Stockwell (Jamestown) 6-1.

CONSOLATION

98—Dave Higgins (Medina) d. Wes Bernard (Cassadaga Valley) 5-4. 106—Jim Ellis (Starpoint) d. Bert Nagel (Cattaraugus) 5-4. 115—Wayne Miller (Gowanda) d. Rich Humphreys (Springville) 6-3. 123—Russ Brookman (Iroquois) d. Bill Bennett (Eden) 6-3. 130—Ron Enser (Eden) won by default over Larry Boland (East Aurora). 136—Dick Aquila (Hamburg) d. Bruce Schapp (Randolph) 2-0. 141—Dave Kayser (Pine Valley) d. Tom Jakubowicz (Depew) 3-2. 148—Ron Fessenden (Kenmore West) d. Mike Crandall (Medina) 6-2. 157—Dave Kowalski (Depew) d. Dave Scott (Cassadaga Valley) 10-6. 168—Tim DuMoulin (Iroquois) d. Gary Preisch (Starpoint) 2-1. 183—Chuck Stankey (Pine Valley) d. Paul Wagner (Medina) 11-3. Heavyweight—Larry Bodie (Tonawanda) pinned Dick Preston (Franklinville). Unlimited—Dale Waigata (Grand Island) won on a forfeit.

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