

Gentzke Brothers, Kumm and Rust Win Titles



KEEPS CONTROL: Don Rust of K-East (wearing ear protector) keeps control of THS' Gary Miller during their finals bout Saturday night.



REVERSAL: Referee Gene Hiller indicates that Kenmore East's Norm Kumm has scored a reversal against his opponent Vern LaVerde of Niagara Falls in the 115-pound class. LaVerde is nearest camera.

Maryvale Takes Sectional Crown In Mat Tourney

The Gentzke brothers gave Tonawanda High School two champions while Kenmore East's Don Rust and Norm Kumm also won titles in Section VI Triple-A wrestling Saturday at North Tonawanda.

Niagara Falls was the remaining NFL school to produce champions in Mel Cunningham and Greg St. Onge while Maryvale won the team title on a total of 80 points with three individual champs.

SECOND PLACE in the team scoring went to Williamsville with 64 points followed by Kenmore East 56, Tonawanda 53, Frontier 50, Amherst 44, Niagara Falls 41, Kenmore West 36, North Tonawanda 34, Jamestown 27, Hamburg 7, West Seneca 6, Lockport 3 and LaSalle 2.

Maryvale had a repeat champion in Neil Bateman along with Gary Slusser and Mark Kiesling. Kiesling also is a defending champion. The school was AA last season.

Other individual champs were Denny Brown of Williamsville, Mike Tharp of Amherst, Mike Kenyon of Frontier and Jim Stockwell of Jamestown. Brown was named the "outstanding" wrestler. Last year this 149-pound junior placed second.

The tourney started Friday and the semifinals were held at 1 p.m. Saturday. The finals, along with the consolation matches, started at 7 p.m. Saturday. A total of 170 matches were concluded in approximately 14 hours overall.

FOR KEN GENTZKE, the Sectional semis and finals marked the first time this season that he did not win with a pin. He had recorded 13 straight falls on the season and a 23 straight unbeaten record. He pinned his first two preliminary opponents but settled for close decisions in his finals.

The 169-pound class champ (actual weight 160), is headed for Oswego College and is a THS co-captain. He finished second last season.

Glenn Gentzke beat out Kenmore West's Rich Hartman in a real thriller. The bout went into overtime. The 131-pounder is a junior and also a co-captain of the THS team. He finished fourth last year in the Sectionals.

RUST, CAPTAIN of next year's East football team scored the title by beating Tonawanda's Gary Miller. An A student, the 158-pound Rust finished third last year in Section VIII and had to

be in top shape all the way because he went into a gruelling overtime semifinal victory.

Kumm has now won two straight titles. The K-East senior won the title last season in the 98-pound class and finished the entire campaign with a lone loss.

Niagara Falls' Cunningham won the same 107-pound title last year and also went on to take the intersectionals. He is unbeaten over two years and has won 25 straight. He's only a sophomore and won the most valuable award last year.

St. Onge of Niagara Falls was second last year and transferred from Starpoint. The 98-pound champion is a junior.

Maryvale's Bateman had a 17-0 record and is a three-time Sectional titleholder. He had his hands more than full with Jamestown's Jonas Johnson. Johnson was ahead in the actual scoring 3-2 after the regulation time but Bateman's riding time forced the issue into overtime when he won by a pin.

KIESLING WON the 137-pound title last season while Slusser was fourth last year in the 124-pound class.

Mike Tharp finished second last year. The 142-pound senior captained the Amherst team and will attend Case Institute.

Frontier's Kenyon had pinned all but one opponent this season but had plenty of trouble with NT's Loring Hall before winning by a narrow 8-7 score.

The unlimited champ, Jim Stockwell, is a senior and is a repeat titleholder. Results:

99: St. Onge, NF, dec. Jack Zoella, M (4-2). 107: Cunningham, NF, dec. Dan Dathan, W (2-1). 116: Kumm, KE, dec. Dan LaVerde, NF (2-1). 124: Slusser, M, dec. Bob Thompson, W (2-1). 131: Glenn Gentzke, T, dec. Hartman, KW (3-2 overtime). 137: Kiesling, M, dec. Milt Schoch, W (3-1). 142: Tharp, A, dec. Tom Buntich, F (4-1). 149: Brown, W, dec. John Blaszkiewicz, M (3-1). 158: Rust, KE, dec. Miller, T (4-0). 168: Ken Gentzke, T, dec. Bob Stone, A (2-1). 184: Bateman, M, pin Johnson, J (overtime). **HEAVY:** Kenyon, F, dec. Hall, NT (8-7). **UNLIMITED:** Stockwell, J, dec. Jehrio, NT (6-1).



HAPPY GENTZKE CLAN: Glenn Gentzke, left, and brother Ken, right, were congratulated by a happy sister, Mrs. Nancy Schifferle, after the two grapplers won Sectional championships Saturday in their respective classes.



PRESENTATION: Mrs. Donald Graf of the North Tonawanda school board congratulates the winners in the 157 pound class. From left the finalists include Gary Miller

of THS, who was second, Don Rust, the champion of Kenmore East and Dave McFarland of Kenmore West, third placer.

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