

Wrestling Sidelights

The tournament was a long tough haul for its chairman, Ray Korzelius, and his North Tonawanda co-workers. The first night's work wasn't ended till midnight while the finals also lasted until almost that time.

Despite the countless chores necessary to put on a program of this type, the entire operation was carried out in almost flawless fashion. A great deal of credit also must go to Joe Rotundo who handled the scoring and did the announcing all the way. John Campbell also was a big lift with his complete run-down on all events for us.

The Sectional awards were presented by Mrs. Donald Graf of the school board while many other duties went to members of the school's faculty and NT students. One of the huge mats was supplied by Maryvale, the ultimate champion of the tourney.

THE MARYVALE coach Fritz Price, had a rough night all the way. In addition to watching his charges in action, one of his grapplers suffered a neck injury. He had the difficult task of caring for the lad (Ernie Ferguson), telling his (Ferguson's) mother about it over the phone, and at the same time continue to keep his grapplers ready for upcoming events.

Ferguson was taken to DeGraff Hospital where his injury was determined to be a muscle pull or tear. One of the spectating coaches, Sparky Adams of K-East volunteered his services to assist but the Maryvale coach carried on alone.

One of the wrestlers had plenty of warmup during the entire final evening. He and his girl friend were wrapped up arm and arm through the entire proceedings. He wound up as a champ.

The officiating matside was handled aptly by Bill Hockaday, Gene Hiller, Joe Ucci, Jack Brueckman and Bob Jacobson.

ONE OF THE COACHES, Bob Muscarella of LaSalle, watched it all with an arm in a sling. He injured his shoulder while teaching one of his wrestlers escape tactics Thursday. LaSalle wasn't

in the league this season but did enter the Sectionals.

Although every match was hotly contested, there wasn't a single near-pin or predicament called by an official in any of the first nine classes. This was attributed to the well-balanced competition in the finals along with factors of playing it safe, which we'll discuss editorially in the future.

In the unlimited class, one youngster probably will never be able to look another milkshake in the foam again. He's Mike Ulmer of Tonawanda who had to put on about 10 pounds in order to compete in the unlimited category. He downed about six milkshakes and when that failed to make it he went to eating bananas and milk until he finally made the weight. He lost in the semis but his entry helped grab some points for his team.

U.S. Women Lose

MELBOURNE (UPI) — Australia beat the United States, 1-0, Sunday for the championship in the women's international softball series.

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