

NT 2nd With 3 Titles: THS' Verrastro Named Most Valuable

K-East Retains Mat Title With 3 Individual Champs



Verrastro



Gary Kumm

Niagara Frontier League AAA schools, led by North Tonawanda and Kenmore East, will send nine wrestlers to Saturday's sectional qualifiers at ECTI.

Kenmore East retained its AAA Section VI title Saturday night at Amherst Central High gym. The Bulldogs posted 96 points, one more than last year, and had three individual winners.

North Tonawanda, 66 points, and Maryvale, 64 points, equalled the East individual champion total but trailed the Bulldogs in team standing. NFL schools again dominated the action. Only the 123-lb. class did not feature an NFL wrestler in the finals.

TONAWANDA'S Jim Verrastro was named the tourney's "most valuable wrestler." The little firebrand got the finals off to a rousing start by decisioning Maryvale's Tony Guizzotti, 8-0, to repeat as the AAA 98-lb champ. Both were undefeated entering the title match.

Verrastro carried the action through the full six minutes. He almost put Guizzotti away in the first minute as he scored a take down and a near fall. Guizzotti was unable to escape and Verrastro piled up riding time. The Warriors ace picked up two more points in the second period for a predicament and that was the way it finished.

Verrastro and Dennis Brown of Niagara Falls were the only wrestlers to repeat as champions. The only other returning titleholder, Amherst's Roy Guarino was defeated by Jim

Guizzotti of Maryvale, 6-5, in the 123-lb. final. East's winners were Tom Rust, Gary Kumm and Rich Fiden. The Lumberjacks matched that total with Jim Wachowicz, Paul Eichler and Stan Andrzejewski in the winners' circle. Maryvale had Jim Guizzotti, Gary Brice and Doug Leroy.

There were no pins in the finals. However, two of the matches were shortened when one of the wrestlers was injured and unable to continue and another was disqualified.

POSSIBLY the biggest upset



Look Out Below
... Andrzejewski Slams Hamburg's Statler

occurred when NT's Wachowicz decisioned East's Dave Rust, 5-4, in the 157-lb. class. Wachowicz and Rust met last week in a spirited duel with the NT grappler losing on a disqualification.

The match was not unduly rough. Both boys battled through a scoreless first period. In the second period, Rust scored a reversal and predicament as he appeared to have Wachowicz in serious trouble. Wachowicz picked up a point for an escape to set the stage for the exciting finish.

The third period found Wachowicz score an immediate re-

versal and then keep his opponent on the mat for most of the two minutes. He received two points for riding time to take the title. Wachowicz opened the match wearing a wrestling helmet to protect a tender ear. He disarmed it midway through the second period after negotiating an escape. Rust wrestled with a broken finger on his left hand, but refused to blame the defeat on the handicap.

WACHOWICZ reached the finals by decisioning Maryvale's Norm Keisling, 8-2, while Rust pinned Al Paduano of LaSalle in 4:17.

A capacity crowd was on hand as Verrastro and Tony Guizzotti got the card underway. Verrastro reached the finals by scoring an 8-0 decision over Jim Baldin of Frontier and Guizzotti advanced by decisioning East's Fred Menth, 11-2.

The majority of the crowd started to drift out following the 136-lb. match. The partisan Amherst and Maryvale fans apparently felt they had little to root for as the team outcome had been decided and the remaining seven matches featured mostly NFL performers.

In the 141-lb. class, East's Tom Rust rallied for eight points in the final period to defeat NT's Chris Wein. The match was one of the best of the night. Rust scored a pair of take downs to Wein's reversal in the opening period to lead 4-2. Wein came alive with a vengeance in the second stanza and appeared to have Rust in trouble. Wein scored a pair of reversals and a predicament, to Rust's single reversal, to take the lead. Apparently he had shot his wad and the Bulldog ace racked up



Tom Rust



Fiden

eight points in the final period for the win.

Rust pinned Craig Vera of Amherst in 2:26 to reach the finals, while Wein scored a quick pin over Jerry Mahoney of East in 1:44 to advance to the title fight.

Garv Kumm of East had little difficulty in defeating Dwight Dale of Niagara Falls, 10-3, for the 148-lb. crown. Kumm defeated Jim Delahunt of Kenmore West, 9-5, and Dale decisioned John Pooluck of Jamestown, 13-8, on their way to the finals.

Willie Hunt of Niagara Falls scored a 15-10 win over George Rupert of Frontier to take home the 168-lb. championship. Hunt led, 11-4, going into the final period and coasted home. Hunt advanced by pinning Rex Biscaro of Orchard Park, while Rupert decisioned Bob Rusert of Hamburg.

NT's EICHLER was in command all the way in winning the 178-lb. crown by a 9-5 verdict over George Ladori of West Seneca. Eichler reached the finals by decisioning Paul

Altzer of Hamburg, while Ladori advanced with a 9-5 decision over West's Buddy Boughton.

Andrzejewski of the Lumberjacks was just too strong for Bill Statler of Hamburg. He muscled his opponent for a 12-4 decision to take the heavyweight crown. Andrzejewski pinned Burt Bugbee of Amherst in 3:45 to advance to the finals, while Statler decisioned the opening day sensation, Bill Sanders of Kenmore West, to earn the title match.

East's Fiden took the unlimited title when Hamburg's Rich Grotianelli failed to come out for the final period and was disqualified. Fiden's win was officially announced as a default. Fiden got to the finals through another default. LaSalle's Miles Wakefield. Fiden's semi-final opponent, withdrew because of illness. Grotianelli edged Pat Russi of Maryvale, 13-12, to go to the finals.

In the early matches, Garv Brice of Maryvale piled up 21 points to defeat East's Ron Kumm for the 106-lb title. Brice reached the finals with an 11-1 win over Tonawanda's Sam Williams, while Kumm whipped Mike Young of Jamestown, 2-0.

Pete Leone of Amherst took the 115-lb. title with a 4-2 win over Dennis Daley of Kenmore East. Leone scored a take down in the first period and a predicament in the second period. Daley answered with a reversal in the second period for all the scoring. Daley decisioned NT's Pat Campbell, 10-0, in the semis.

In the only final which didn't feature an NFL wrestler, Jim Guizzotti of Maryvale used riding time to knock off Ron Guarino of Amherst, 6-5, and win the 123-lb. title. The match ended with Guarino ahead 5-4, two points for riding time gave the crown to the Maryvale wrestler. Guizzotti decisioned Mike Ricotta of East, 8-0, while Guarino dumped Tom Crowe of West, 11-5, to set up their title matches.

THE CATARACT'S Brown won the 130-lb. title when his opponent was injured at the 1:22 mark of the first period and could not continue. Brown had Dale Etengoff in a cradle and was applying pressure when the Amherst grappler went limp. He suffered an injury to his rib cage and was unable to complete the match. Brown decisioned NT's Steve Power to advance, while Etengoff got by Mike Wynn of LaSalle, 8-3.

Tonawanda's Andy Buettner put up a good scrap before falling to Doug Leroy of Maryvale in the 136-lb. title clash, 5-2. Leroy decisioned Tony Corigliano of Kenmore East, 8-0, to go to the finals, while Buettner turned back Jim Wiegell of Amherst, 8-3.



Andrzejewski



Eichler



Wachowicz

Final	Standings
K. East	97 K West 26
NT	96 Jamestown 25
Maryvale	64 Frontier 20
Hamburg	45 West Seneca 13
Amherst	41 Orchard Park 7
Tonawanda	37 Lancaster 6
LaSalle	33 Lockport 4
Falls	31

DePadre Leads NW Grapplers To AA Crown

Nick DePadre led the undefeated Niagara-Wheatfield wrestling team to an easy triumph in the Section VI AA Wrestling Championships Saturday night at Iroquois Central School.

The Falcons came up with eight titlists en route to piling up 113 points for the runaway victory. Iroquois and Sweet Home were a distant second with 51 points apiece.

DePadre repeated as sectional champ when he pinned Mark Lesniowski of Williamsville to win the 157-lb. crown. He was selected the tourney's outstanding wrestler.

The biggest upset of the tourney came in the 136-lb. division. N-W's Ken Rowles nailed Sweet Home's two-time

sectional winner Jeff Bloom, 10-8. Bloom is considered one of the finest wrestlers in Western New York.

Two other sectional kings retained their titles. The Falcons' John Rinker, down 8-0 in the third period, rallied to pin Gary Altheide of Sweet Home and avert possibly an even bigger upset than the Bloom loss. Rinker won the 178-lb. title. Grand Island's Les Chambers, class A champ a year ago, won the 130-title with a 7-0 decision over N-W's Gary Castiglione.

Other individual N-W winners were Rick Norton, 115-lbs., Tom Hutchison, 148-lbs., Tom Darnley, 168-lbs., heavyweight Neil Patterson and unlimited Jim Miller.

Falcons 4th In Eastern's Swim Classic

The entry list was so heavy at the Eastern Interscholastic Swimming and Diving Championships at Lawrenceville, N.J. that final tabulations in the final standings had not been completed as of today.

However, the top listings were completed and it revealed that the best showing of local teams came from Niagara-Wheatfield which finished in a tie for fourth place with 10 points. The winning team in the high school division was Westfield High of New Jersey.

The Falcon 200 medley team finished fourth with a 1:45.9 while Jon Lederhouse was 7th in the 100 backstroke. Kirby Werner made the top showing for the Falcons with a third in the 100 breast in 1:05.

As far as North Tonawanda was concerned, Coach Baronich said "it was beautiful weather on the trip."

The NT medley relay team finished 7th while Kenmore West's unit was fifth.

In the diving, West's Pete Milen finished fifth with 275.25 points and NT's Mike Toth had 269.55. Larry Moore of Haverford won with 394.65.

NT's Ken Tubbs placed sixth in the 50 free with a time of 23.3 as the winning time was 22.2. NT's 400 free relay team was sixth with a 3:30.2 and saw its Eastern record broken by Westfield with a time of 3:23.6. NT's record time had been 3:24.9 set in 1967.

Baronich said the competition was the fiercest ever for the championships, especially in the prep school division where national records were broken. The host Lawrenceville 200 medley team set a national mark of 1:39.8 while the 400 free national prep mark was broken by Russ Varley of Episcopal Academy, Pa., with a 3:45.5.

Thiele Sparks N-W JC Win

Niagara Falls eliminated Lewiston from further play in the District Four Jaycee Basketball Tournament yesterday by taking a 54-39 win at the EBC gym. It was the second loss for Lewiston in the double elimination tourney.

In the other game yesterday, Earle Thiele scored 33 points to pace Wheatfield to a 79-31 win over Pendleton. It was the second win for Wheatfield and the first loss for Pendleton. Box scores:

LEWISTON	GFT	NIAGARA FALLS	GFT
Peascoe	7 317	Putnam	2 84
Damocco	3 918	Hornback	0 11
Sorice	2 26	DesParis	2 39
Saunders	1 24	Pucher	4 88
DeRusha	1 02	MacPherson	2 37
		Ribarick	1 02
		Liv	2 48
		Giam	0 00

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AAA FINALS	AA FINALS
98 - Jim Verrastro (Tonawanda) dec. Tony Guizzotti (Maryvale) 8-0; consolation, Fred Menth (KE) dec. Jim Baldin (Front) 6-0	98 - Hayden Fusia (East Aurora) dec. Ron Blackmore (Clarence) 8-0; consolation - Ken Nieman (Cleveland Hill) dec. Dale Jarlinski (Williamsville N.) 1-0 overtime
106 - Gary Brice (Maryvale) dec. Ron Kumm (KE) 21-4; consolation, Mike Young (Jamestown) dec. Sam Williams (Tonawanda) 11-1	106 - Keith Blackmore (Clarence) dec. Mike Kunold (Cleveland Hill) 4-0; consolation, Randy Foucha (Iroquois) dec. John Tweedy (Lake Shore) 6-2
115 - Pete Leone (Amherst) dec. Dennis Daley (KE) 4-2; consolation, Pat Campbell (NT) dec. John Tulga (Jamestown) 6-2	115 - Rick Norton (Niagara West) dec. Mike Sernofski (Iroquois) 7-4; consolation, Jim Jeffers (Lake Shore) dec. Humphreys (Springville)
123 - Jim Guizzotti (Maryvale) dec. Ray Guarino (Amherst) 6-5; consolation, Tom Crowe (KW) dec. Mike Ricotta (KE) 4-2	123 - Don Spink (Williamsville N.) dec. Rick Smith (Springville) 4-1; consolation, Garv Bogner (Lake Shore) dec. Norm Wilson (Sweet Home) 8-3
136 - Dennis Brown (NP) won by default over Dale Etengoff (Amherst) in 38 seconds; consolation, Steve Power (NT) dec. Mike Wynn (LaSalle) 11-7	136 - Les Chambers (Grand Island) dec. Garv Castiglione (Niagara Wheatfield) 7-0; consolation, Larry Bachman (Cleveland) dec. Gary Smith (Springville) 8-4
157 - Doug Leroy (Maryvale) dec. Andy Beutner (Tona); consolation, Tony Corigliano (KE) dec. Jim Wiegell 8-3	136 - Ken Rowles (Niagara Wheatfield) dec. Jeff Bloom (Sweet Home) 10-8; consolation, Jim Egan (Trott) dec. Dean Sinclair (Clarence) 2-0
141 - Tom Rust (KE) dec. Chris Wein (NT) 14-8; consolation, Craig Vera (Amherst) dec. Jerry Mahoney (KW) 8-3	141 - Kevin Mauch (Clarence) dec. Dave Wurster (Sweet Home) 7-0; consolation, Craig Brown (Lake Shore) dec. Phil Pfeiffer (East Aurora) 4-1
148 - Gary Kumm (KE) dec. Dwight Dale (NF) 10-3; John Pooluck (Jamestown) dec. Jim Delahunt (KW) 13-5	148 - Tom Hutchinson (Niagara Wheatfield) dec. Sam Alberts (Lake Shore) 1-0; consolation, Garv Springer (Iroquois) won by forfeit over Mark Riemer (Williamsville) who cracked his ribs in the semifinals
157 - John Wachowicz (NT) dec. Dave Rust (KE) 5-4 with two points on riding time; consolation, Al Paduano (LaSalle) dec. Norm Keisling (Maryvale) 7-6	157 - Nick DePadre (Niagara Wheatfield) pinned Mark Lesniowski (Williamsville S.) in third period; consolation, Jamie Spangler (Sweet Home) dec. Garv Aberhorn (Cleveland Hill) 6-1
168 - Willie Hunt (LaSalle) dec. George Rupert (Frontier) 15-10; consolation, Bob Rusert (Ham) dec. Rex Biscaro (Orchard Park) 6-3	168 - Tom Darnley (Niagara Wheatfield) dec. Dennis Smith (Iroquois) 6-2; consolation, Garv Tylock (Williamsville N.) pinned Jim Schmitter in third period
178 - Paul Eichler (NT) dec. George Lador (WS) 9-4; consolation, Paul Altzer (Hamburg) dec. Bud Boughton (KW) 5-3	178 - John Rinker (Niagara Wheatfield) pinned Gary Altheide (Sweet Home) in third period; consolation, Tom Eames (East Aurora) dec. Kevin Coolkane (Williamsville S.) 4-2
Heavyweight - Stan Andrzejewski (NT) dec. Bill Statler (Hamburg) 12-4; consolation, Burt Bugbee (Amherst) dec. Bill Sanders (KW) 6-1	Heavyweight - Neil Patterson (Niagara Wheatfield) dec. Joel Puelo (Iroquois) 7-2; consolation, Wayne Benton (Grand Island) dec. Pete Green (Trott) 6-2
Unlimited - Rich Fiden (KE) won by default over Rich Grotianelli (Hamburg) after 44 seconds; consolation, Pat Russi (Maryvale) won by forfeit	Unlimited - Jim Miller (Niagara Wheatfield) pinned Greg Hill (Sweet Home) in the third period

AAA SEMIFINALS	Final Team scoring - Niagara Wheatfield
98 - Jim Verrastro (Tonawanda) dec. Jim Baldin (Frontier) 8-0; Tony Guizzotti (Maryvale) dec. Fred Menth (Kenmore East) 11-2	(13) Iroquois (51), Sweet Home (51), Clarence (36), Cleveland Hill (33), Lake Shore (32), Williamsville North (30), East Aurora (25), Grand Island (24), Williamsville South (20), Springville (16), Trott (10) and Olean (1)
106 - Ron Kumm (Kenmore East) dec. Mike Young (Jamestown) 2-0; overtime, Garv Brice (Maryvale) dec. Sam Williams (Tonawanda) 11-1	
115 - Pete Leone (Amherst) dec. John Tulga (Jamestown) 8-0; Dennis Daley (Kenmore East) dec. Pat Campbell (North Tonawanda) 10-0	
123 - Jim Guizzotti (Maryvale) dec. Mike Ricotta (Kenmore East) 8-0; Roy Guarino (Amherst) dec. Tom Crowe (Kenmore West) 11-6	
136 - Dennis Brown (Niagara Falls) pinned Steve Power (North Tonawanda) in 2:37; Dale Etengoff (Amherst) dec. Mike Wynn (LaSalle) 8-3	
157 - Doug Leroy (Maryvale) dec. Tony Corigliano (Kenmore East) 8-0; Andy Beutner (Tonawanda) dec. Jim Wiegell 8-3	
141 - Tom Rust (Kenmore East) pinned Craig Vera (Amherst) in 2:36; Chris Wein (North Tonawanda) pinned Jerry Mahoney (Kenmore West) in 1:44	
148 - Gary Kumm (Kenmore East) dec. Jim Delahunt (Kenmore West) 9-5; Dwight Dale (Niagara Falls) dec. John Pooluck (Jamestown) 13-8	
157 - Dave Rust (Kenmore East) pinned Al Paduano (LaSalle) in 4:17; John Wachowicz (North Tonawanda) dec. Norm Keisling (Maryvale) 8-2	
168 - Willie Hunt (LaSalle) pinned Rex Biscaro (Orchard Park) 15:54; George Rupert (Frontier) dec. Bob Rusert (Hamburg) 6-4	
178 - Paul Eichler (North Tonawanda) dec. Paul Altzer (Hamburg) 4-0; George Lador (West Seneca) dec. Bud Boughton (Kenmore West) 9-5	

Warner	GFT	ELDRIDGE	GFT
Saunders	10 323	Kozen	15 131
Blumov	8 319	Shiesley	2 26
Bibus	5 212	O'Connor	2 37
Mog	4 1 9	Mawson	9 918
Bluman	6 113	Bixnas	2 04
Pitcher	2 26	Henningsham	6 113
Harper	1 02		
Noworwa	0 00		
Strabecov	0 08		
		Total	36 170

Niagara Frontier Sports Schedule

The following is the Niagara Frontier League sports schedule for the week:

BASKETBALL

Tuesday - LaSalle at Tonawanda, Niagara Falls at Kenmore West, Lockport at Kenmore East, North Tonawanda at Niagara-Wheatfield and Lewiston-Porter at Trott.

Friday - Kenmore West at North Tonawanda, LaSalle at Kenmore East, Tonawanda at Niagara Falls, Trott at Lockport and Niagara-Wheatfield at Lewiston-Porter.

Action gets underway at 6:30 p.m. when the jayvee teams take to the floor. This is the final week of basketball.

SWIMMING

Section VI opens competition Thursday and action continues Friday and Saturday at the Buffalo State pool. The AAA finals in swimming are set for 5 p.m. Saturday.

WRESTLING

Section VI qualifiers are set for the ECTI gym Saturday evening.

NCC to Meet Bonnies Frosh

Niagara County Community College, fresh off a victory over Corning Community College, 13 straight after losing their opener to Al Maroones. The Bonnies have outstanding freshman talent. They defeated NCCC earlier in the season. Box score:

Saturday afternoon at	NCCC	CORNING CC
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