

# Gerry Case reaches state tourney

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Gerry Case, 95 pound Class A champion from Canandaigua, is the only Wayne-Finger Lakes conference wrestler who will compete in the State meet at RIT, this weekend.

Case was one of three Section 5 class champions to survive the Class A vs. Class B meet at Hobart College last night as he scored an 8-1 decision over Andy Strano of Caledonia-Mumford.

Canandaigua's 133 pounder, Don Jones, and Victor's unbeaten 145 pounder, Penn Sheldon, failed in their bids to go to the State tournament.

Jones was decided by Bob McMahon of Caledonia-Mumford, 8-5, and Sheldon lost a 6-4 decision to Jim Nowak of Eastridge, the decision being based on riding time.

Mike Duffy, 154 pounder from East Rochester, became the first recipient of the John J. Ordway Memorial award presented to the tournament's outstanding wrestler. The award is made in memory of the late Mr. Ordway, former wrestling coach at Dansville and an area wrestling official who died last August of leukemia.

Case won his match after a scoreless first period when he

scored a reversal and a predicament in the second period.

After giving up an escape to Strano in the third period, Case scored a takedown and added two points for riding time.

Sheldon's problem was an inability to get away from Nowak, two time Section 5 Class A champion.

The Victor wrestler, who finished with a career record of 82-6-1, winning Section 5 Class B shield four straight years, scored a takedown and a predicament in the first period.

Late in the first period, Nowak scored a reversal and got another in the second period. He rode Sheldon out in the third period and wound up with plenty of riding time to get the maximum two points for the 6-4 victory.

## Romano vs. Drury

NORTH ADAMS, Mass. (AP) — Matchmaker Sam Silverman announced today the signing of Al Romano, New England welterweight boxing champion, of North Adams, and Jim Drury of Toledo, Ohio, for a 10-round non-title bout March 15 at the Armory. Romano has won four straight fights in his hometown.

Jones was in trouble from the start and his late surge wasn't enough. McMahon scored a takedown and predicament in the first period before the Canandaigua wrestler was able to escape, trailing 4-1 at the end of the first period.

McMahon escaped and scored a takedown for a 7-1 lead before Jones went to work. He scored a reversal before the second period ended and got another in the third period. But McMahon had a point for riding time and wound up an 8-5 winner.

The night's top upset came at 112 pounds where Arcade's Ed Keenan surprised East High of Rochester's Carmen Oliveri, 8-6.

Oliveri won the title last year and advanced through the preliminary round of the State meet before losing in the quarterfinals.

It looked like Oliveri would have little trouble with Keenan as he scored two first period takedowns against one escape for the Arcade 112 pounder.

In the second period, Keenan scored a reversal but Oliveri escaped and went into the final period with a 5-3 lead.

Oliveri made it 6-3 with an escape early in the final period but Keenan scored a take-

down and then won the bout with a nearfall for an 8-6 victory.

Duffy won the outstanding wrestler award after scoring the first pin of the night when he nailed Arcade's Dennis Gill in 3:25. Duffy was leading, 5-1, when the end came for Gill.

Closest match was at 103 pounds where Allan Solomon scored a referee's decision over Ken Bernatz of Arcade. Both scored escapes in a 1-1 tie during the regulation match and both scored escapes in the overtime for another 1-1 tie.

Rush-Henrietta, coached by former Waterloo menter Gordon Gilfillian, and Arcade each scored two victories in the A-B finals.

Gilfillian will take 127 pounder Dick Grubagh, who scored an 8-5 win over Kevin Brooks of Pavillion, and Solomon to the state meet at RIT.

Arcade will go with Keenan and 165 pounder Ron Fojdowski, who defeated Pittsford's Joel Archer, 6-4.

In other matches, Roger Bubel of Spencerport scored a 7-4 decision over Mike Morgan of Arcade at 120 pounds; Tony Backus of Livonia won a 2-0 decision over Rush-Henrietta's Mike Underwood on an escape and a minute's riding time; Er-



Gerry Case  
... W-FL representative

nie DiBella of Pittsford pinned Dan Heater of Caledonia-Mumford in 1:46 of the 175 pound test; Rick Zweig of Irondequoit won the heavyweight bout by pinning Kendall's Dana Moore in 1:24, and George Dietrick of Corning West had the fastest pin of the night when he nailed Bill Wilcox of Warsaw in 56 seconds of the unlimited class.

Case will go to the State meet sporting a 24-1-1 record. Other records for Section 5 representatives:

- Solomon (22-1); Keenan (23-5); Bubel (25-2); Grubagh (27-0); McMahon (13-1); Backus (11-0); Nowak (25-1); Duffy (21-0); Fojdowski (26-2); DiBella (22-0); Zweig (26-1), and Deitrick (8-0).

Nowak, Fojdowski and DiBella are all going back to the State tournament for the second time. DiBella reached the semi-finals at 175 last year before losing. He took third by winning the consolation final.

Nowak was beaten in the 145 pound quarterfinals while Fojdowski lost in the preliminary at 154.

### The summary:

- 95—Gerry Case (Canandaigua) decided Andy Strano (Caledonia-Mumford), 8-1.
- 103—Allan Solomon (Rush-Henrietta) decided Ken Bernatz (Arcade), referee's decision.
- 112—Ed Keenan (Arcade) decided Carmen Oliveri (East), 8-6.
- 120—Roger Bubel (Spencerport) decided Mike Morgan (Arcade), 7-4.
- 127—Dick Grubagh (Rush-Henrietta) decided Kevin Brooks (Pavillion), 8-5.
- 133—Bob McMahon (Caledonia-Mumford) decided Don Jones (Canandaigua), 8-5.
- 136—Tony Backus (Livonia) decided Mike Underwood (Rush-Henrietta), 2-0.
- 145—Jim Nowak (Eastridge) decided Penn Sheldon (Victor), 6-4.
- 154—Mike Duffy (East Rochester) pinned Dennis Gill (Arcade), 3:25.
- 165—Ron Fojdowski (Arcade) decided Joel Archer (Pittsford), 6-4.
- 175—Ernie DiBella (Pittsford) pinned Dan Heater (Caledonia-Mumford), 1:46.
- Hwt.—Rick Zweig (Irondequoit) pinned Dana Moore (Kendall), 1:24.
- Unl.—George Dietrick (Corning West) pinned Bill Wilcox (Warsaw), 0:56.



DON JONES was in trouble in the first period when Bob McMahon of Caledonia-Mumford got a leg and went on to score a takedown against the Canandaigua wrestler. Jones lost in the Class A vs. Class B meet, 8-5.



PENN SHELDON of Victor also was in trouble in his 145 pound match with Jim Nowak of Eastridge. Sheldon (on bottom) was unsuccessful in his efforts to escape in the third period of a 6-4 loss.