

Falls High's Dale Wins MVP Award

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KENMORE—Dwight Dale of Niagara Falls High School won the 145-pound title with three pins and was voted the most outstanding wrestler in the Section VI; 4A tournament Saturday at Kenmore East.

Dale pinned Larry Tatar of Frontier Central in three minutes and three seconds of the 145-pound final.

In the semifinals, the senior team captain of the Cataracts pinned Tim Bronschidle of North Tonawanda in 1:36 after winning his preliminary bout from Kenmore West's Mark Harsch in 1:03, fastest pin of the tourney.

Dale has a 16-2 season record, including 11 pins.

Niagara Falls had two other champions, Bernie Ewing at 123 pounds and Jurel Hunt at 137. Both won over top-seeded wrestlers in the finals. Ewing

pinned Ken Spurrier of Amherst in 1:30. Hunt decisioned Tony Corigliano of Kenmore East 6-5.

In the 155-pound final, Willie Hunt of Niagara Falls lost to unbeaten Dave Rust of Kenmore East in overtime on a referee's decision.

Bob Leggett of Niagara Falls finished third at 185 pounds and Rick Sweney of the Cataracts fourth at 98 pounds.

From LaSalle, Al Paduano was third at 175 pounds and Leon Morgan fourth at 250 pounds. Jim Carbin, seeded third in the 115 pound class, didn't make weight.

Kenmore East was the team champion with 120 points. Frontier was second with 79 and Niagara Falls and North Tonawanda tied for third with 61 points apiece. It was the highest finish ever for Niagara Falls in a sectional wrestling tournament.

Class AAAA

Team scoring: Kenmore East 120, Frontier 79, Niagara Falls 61, North Tonawanda 61, Kenmore West 42, Amherst 31, Jamestown 12, LaSalle 7.

Finals

98 pounds, Tom Brown (KE) dec. Vince Tundo (F) 6-3; 107, Fred Menth (KE) dec. Mike Miller (NT) 3-1; 115, Ron Kumm (KE) dec. Steve Kenney (NT) 6-0; 123, Bernie Ewing (NF) pinned Ken Spurrier (A) in 1:30; 130, Mike Ricotta (KE) dec. Don Benn (F) 9-1; 137, Jurel Hunt (NF) dec. Tony Corigliano (KE) 6-5; 145, Dwight Dale (NF) pinned Larry Tatar (F) in 3:03; 155, Dave Rust (KE) dec. Willie Hunt (NF) in overtime on referee's decision; 165, Jim Lamb (KW) dec. Bill Bopar (F) 6-2; 175, Fred GMI (KE) dec. Gary Hammond (FF) 1-5; Paul Eichler (NT) dec. Jim Normandale (KE) 3-1; 215, Rich Culver (F) pinned Stan Toboczynski (KW) in 1:57; 250, Keith Frankie (KE) pinned Steve Pachio (NT) in 2:02.

Gamecocks Win Title

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. (AP) — Fourth-ranked South Carolina capitalized on the cold shooting of North Carolina Saturday night to take a 79-62 win, clinching the Atlantic Coast Conference title.

The Tar Heels jumped out to an early eight-point lead as the