

ST Champs



Third In 'A'

Trojans Second; Medina Wins

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GOWANDA — Gowanda Central, a perennial Southern Tier Wrestling Conference champion and Sectional VI Class A winner, choked before a full-house home crowd over the weekend, dropping to fourth in the 1963-64 tournament.

CLASS A STANDINGS

Medina	7	68
Southwestern		55
Starpoint		54
Gowanda		50
Depew		50
Eden		49
Falconer		38
Alden		25
Salamanca		8
Royalton-Hartland		6

Medina topped the point totals with 68 counters in a closely contested affair that saw everyone "loaded." The Niagara-Orleans champs had three individuals on top of the heap as well.

Southwestern, second to Gowanda in the Tier competition this season, finished second to Medina in the sectionals, with 55 points and a very impressive showing. Tom Todaro of the Trojans placed first while his brother Jerry and Ron Borst each copped runner-up trophies.

Preisch Brothers

Starpoint, with the fabulous Preisch brothers, Gary and Roger, winning the 168 and heavy-weight categories respectively, racked up 54 points good enough for third.

Gowanda, winner in six of the last ten sectionals and runner-up in the other three, sent only three men into the final round, and only 115-pounder Wayne Miller came out of that alive, in the closest match of the meet. Pete Thompson and Jeff Bush

SOUTHERN TIER CONFERENCE

Final Standings

Overall Class

	W	L	W	L
Gowanda (A)	7	0	2	0
Southwestern (A)	6	1	1	1
Cattaraugus (B)	5	2	4	0
Cassadaga Val. (B)	4	3	3	1
Falconer (A)	3	4	0	2
Pine Valley (B)	2	5	2	2
Randolph (B)	2	5	2	2
Silver Creek (B)	0	7	0	4

of the Panthers, both seeded second, never won a match, while Howie Gabel and Jimmy Jones were beaten out in the finals.

The top match record-wise was the 136 affair pitting Gary Lefford of Falconer against Jones of Gowanda. Lefford went through a 13 meet regular season schedule without a scratch and two preliminary meets while Jones boasted only a draw for his 15 efforts.

Time Runs Out

The two were evenly matched. The Falcon star gained a 3-1 advantage and held it until the five second mark in the meet. With the two grapplers at the starting position, Jones reversed Lefford, and the ref signalled two. But the timer's table ruled the buzzer had sounded first, as Gary wound up his career with a Sectional championship.

Tom Todaro handily whipped his rival, 6-2, while brother Jerry dropped a 5-4 thriller that would have been the "comeback of the year." After a scoreless first period Jerry spent a good 30 seconds bridging in the second session to avoid the closest near-pin of the tournament. He finally escaped and reversed his rival, but lost out eventually on points.

Come From Behind

Gowanda's Miller thrilled the home fans with a come-from-behind effort against favored Bill Blackburn of Medina in his match. Going into the second overtime period the Panther ace was down on points, 3-2, but he escaped and got the take-down over Blackburn. The Medina mite had won both of his preliminary matches by quick pins.

Only two entrants were on hand for the unlimited clash, with Ron Borst of Southwestern challenging Wayne Silvernail of Falconer. Silvernail won a fall in 5:38, giving Dan Lounsbury's team its second first, the most won by a Tier school.

The summary:

98—Jim Higgins (M) p. Greg St. Onge (SP), 1:12; Tom Todaro (SW) dec. Jim Ellis (SP), 6-2; 115 — Wayne Miller (G) dec. Bill Blackburn (M), 5-4; 123—Bill Bennett (E) dec. Howie Gabel (G), 6-2; 130 — Ron Enser (E) dec. John Betz (D), 6-4; 136—Gary Lefford (F) dec. Jimmy Jones (G), 3-2; 141—Tom Jakubowicz (D) dec. Denny George (M), 3-1; 148—Mike Crandall (M) dec. Jim Werts (D), 9-1; 157—Dave Kowalski (D) p. Bob Krauss (A); 168—Gary Preisch (SP) dec. Tom Zoeller (A) 6-2; 183 — Paul Wagner (M) dec. Jerry Todaro (SW), 5-4; Hvy — Roger Preisch (SP) p. John Szalasny (E), 3:06; Unl—Wayne Silvernail (F) p. Ron Borst (SW), 5:38.