

# Intersectionals "Disastrous" For Section 4 Wrestlers As Section 11 Wins Championship

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Section 4, team champion of the state high school wrestling tournament just two short years ago, looked more like wrestling's disaster area when the team scores were posted at the Onondaga County War Memorial late Saturday night at the conclusion of the two-day intersectional contest.

The section, which covers the Southern Tier including Cortland, Homer and Ithaca, twice champion and thrice runnerup in a five year period from 1965 through 1969, finished ninth in a field of 11 sections and saw only two of its 13 wrestlers survive the quarterfinals. One went all the way, the other finished third.

Section 11, Long Island's Suffolk County, won the title in its ninth try after finishing second twice and third four times in the eight previous tourneys. Defending champion Section 3 claimed second place with five-time champion Section 8 (Nassau County) third.

John Cuyler of Elmira Free Academy, the tournament's only returning champion, was Section Four's lone bright spot. Cuyler added the 145 crown to the 137-pound class title he won last year and was voted the Outstanding Wrestler of the tournament by the NYS Scholastic Sports-writers Association.

Cuyler's EFA teammate Butch Bartlett was the only other Section 4 entrant to get into the semifinals, losing to eventual unlimited champion Bob Hill of Mount Vernon in a 1:59 pin then coming back to take third place with his own pin in 4:27 over Section 11 champ Bruce Croce of Lindenhurst.

Only five of Section 4's 13 entrants made it to the quarterfinals Saturday afternoon. They were Homer's Stu Jones at 177, Chenango Forks sophomore Tim Jenks at 155 and Cuyler via byes in the Friday night's first round and Owego 215-pounder Steve Burrell and Bartlett via Friday night victories.

Jones became the victim of Dwight Cartwright's twenty-first

## Backus And Gallois Meet In Ring Tonight

PARIS (AP) — Billy Backus of Syracuse, N.Y., world welter-weight boxing champion, meets Robett Gallois of France tonight in a 10-round nontitle bout and his greatest fear is that a hometown decision might favor the Frenchman.

Backus won his title from Jose Napoles, a Cuban based in Mexico City, last December.

Gallois is generally rated as Fs No. 3 welterweight. Marcel Cerdan Jr., defeated him by a narrow margin on points. Roger Menetrey knocked out Gallois in the fifth round early last year.

Neither Cerdan nor Menetrey was interested in meeting Backus in Paris, so Gallois took the bout. Menetrey is aiming for the European welterweight crown. Cerdan would like to meet Backus in the United States with the title at stake.

The last world champion seen in a Paris ring was Curtis Cokes, of Dallas, who then had the world welterweight title. He was given a draw against Francois Pavilla of Guadeloupe in a nontitle bout. Many boxing writers however, thought Cokes had won.



er player stuff the ball through the hoop in Saturday night's benefit game at Homer Central. The game was held under the auspices of the Varsity Club. (Art Allen Photo)

pin in as many matches, Jenks lost a 6-0 decision to eventual champion Dick Molbury of Section 8 and Burrell was edged 3-0 in Jim Rosecrans' march to the title.

Cartwright, the Section 5 champion from Keshauqua High of Nunda, south of Rochester, was involved in a twenty-second straight pin in his semifinal match with Jim Hohman of Pearl River but this time it was Cartwright looking up at the lights when Hohman reversed and cradled him in 2:50.

Outweighed by almost 30 pounds, Burrell wrestled Rosecrans to a scoreless stand-off for two periods before getting caught for a nearfall in the final two minute period for a 3-0 decision.

Cuyler and Bartlett both chalked up pins in the quarterfinals, Cuyler mastering Al Valieri of Spencerport (5) in 3:35 and Bartlett planting Larry O'Neill of Clarkstown (9) in 3:08.

Joe Goldsmith of Ramapo, Section 9, turned in one of the outstanding performances of the tournament, dominating four opponents on his way to the state championship at 105 pounds. Goldsmith won by scores of 8-0, 11-2, 14-1 and 15-3 in his title match with Bob Sloand of Section 6. Goldsmith was Section 9's only champion.

One of the big favorites with the large crowd was West Genesee freshman Dan Hunt. The Section 3 champ at 112, Hunt made it all the way to the title match before losing 5-2 to Ivan Gonzales, the first of three Brentwood state champions.

Brentwood, the Section 11 team champion, tied Mephram High's mark of three state champions in one year and missed setting a new mark when Cuyler decisioned the Suffolk County school's fourth finalist, 4-1. Brentwood had six men on the Section 11 team and won three championships, one second place, one third place and one fourth place.

Sections 11, 8 and 3 all had three champions, while Sections 4, 9, 5 and 1 each had a single titlist.

### Championships

98 — Matt Smith (Calhoun, 8) dec. Bob Sloand (Niagara-Wheatfield, 6), 10-5.

105 — Joe Goldsmith (Niagara-W., 6) dec. Ivan Casavant (Hoosick Falls, 2), 15-3.

112 — Ivan Gonzales (Brentwood, 11), dec. Dan Hunt (West Genesee, 3), 5-2.

119 — Dave Larrache (Brent, 11), dec. Rubin Solero (Middletown, 9), 6-1.

126 — Bob Antonacci (Brentwood, 11), dec. Scott Casper (Rye Neck, 9), 5-3.

132 — John Golden (Island Trees, -8), dec. Steve Greene (Horace Greeley, 1), 5-4.

138 — Stu Gillette (Indian River, 3), dec. Rory Houlihan (Niskayuna, 2), 14-10.

145 — John Cuyler (Elmira Free Academy, 4) dec. Pete Galea (Brentwood, 11), 4-1.

153 — Dick Molbury (Carey, 8) dec. Dave Rust (Kenmore East, 6), 7-0.

167 — Kurt Blank (Irondequoit, 5) dec. Willie Hunt (Niagara Falls, 6), 3-2.

177 — Eric Bratt (Westhill, 3) dec. Jim Hohman (Pearl River, 9), 11-3.

215 — Jim Rosecrans (West Genesee, 3) dec. Joel Puelo (Iroquois, 6), 12-2.

250 — Bob Hill (Mount Vernon, 1) dec. Russ Rano (North Shore, 8), 5-2.

### Consolations

(For third place)

98 — Jacobson (Fulton, 3) pinned Olszewski (Hauppague, 11), 4:55.

105 — Mitchell (Mt. Vernon, 1) dec. Marchinek (Walt Whitman, 11), 10-3.

112 — Labate (Lakeland, 1) dec. Dixon Farmingdale, 8), 8-5.

119 — Thomas (Rye, 1) dec. Daboy (Rochester, Edison, 5), 3-1.

126 — Granowit (Massapequa, 8) dec. Killings (Roch. Edison), 4-2.

132 — Hannon (Portville, 6) won by forfeit over Stumps (Rush-Henrietta, 5).

138 — Carrasquillo (Brentwood, 11) dec. Hartwell, (Canandaigua, 5), 13-3.

145 — Porter (South Jefferson, 3) dec. Krysak (Guilfordland, 2), 8-1.

153 — Horvath (Ramapo, 9) dec. Jantzi (Lowville, 3), 9-8.

167 — Remick (Whitesboro, 3) dec. Bruns (W. Babylon, 11), 7-3.

177 — Cartwright (Keshauqua, 5) dec. Smith (Brentwood, 11), 2-1.

215 — Schuster (Pembroke, 5) dec. Green (Bayport, 11), 9-1.

250 — Bartlett (EFA, 4) pinned Croce (Lindenhurst, 11), 4:27.

Team scores: Section 11 (Suffolk County) 82, Section 3 (Central New York) 72, Section 8 (Nassau Co.) 59, Section 1 (Westchester Co.) 55, Section 6 (Western New York) 50, Section 9 (Catskills) 42, Section 5 (Rochester and Western Finger Lakes) 35, Section 2 Albany-Schenectady) 28, Section 4 (Southern Tier including Homer and Cortland) 22, Section 10 (Western Adirondacks) 2, Section 7 (Eastern Adirondacks) 1.