

★ Cartwright Fails in Bid for State Title

Dewight Cartwright suffered his first and only loss of the season in the semi-finals of the new York State Wrestling Tournament.

After pinning Stu Jones from Section IV in the quarter finals, Cartwright met Jim Hohman from Section IX in the semi-finals. Cartwright scored 2 quick take downs in the first period and had Hohman on his back twice during the period but could not put him away.

At the start of the second period Cartwright had Hohman by the score of 6-0. The second period appeared to be all Cartwright's when suddenly he was reversed and pinned in the matter of five seconds. Pin time 2:50 of the second period.

The crowd of about 6,000 was stunned by the sudden turn of events, as were Cartwright and Coach Marano. They could not believe Dewight, the boy labeled for the outstanding wrestler trophy of the tournament, had lost.

Dewight showed what he was made of when he returned to the consolation match and scored a 2-1 victory over Curtis Smith from Section XI, giving him third prize in the 177 lb. class for the State of New York.

The loss was a bitter pill to swallow for Dewight and he will long remember this defeat, but it in no way dampened the desire of many of the big name coaches of wrestling to have him attend their college or university. Nor can it cloud the fact that he has tied or even broken the consecutive pin record for a high school wrestler in the United States.

Dewight will soon be mentioned in such prominent magazines as Sports Illustrated and Scholastic Wrestling News.

This young man has made his mark in the world of high school wrestling already and still has another year to go.