

Section Ten Grapplers Compete In Syracuse

For the first time ever Section 10 sent a team to the 9th Annual Intersectional Meet in Syracuse, N.Y. The tournament is billed as a Tournament of Champions and that is exactly what it was. The meet pits the sectional champions from each of 11 sections in New York State against each other. calibre ever seen by any of the upstaters. The coaches from Section 10 including Al Nicola, Massena, Section 10 Chairman, said that the competition throughout the tournament was sharp, and our boys saw fine wrestling. It was an honor to attend.

Three Massena wrestlers competed: 101 lb. Champion Mike LaRosa, 141 lb. Champion Al Nichols and 215 lb. runner-up Rick Aslanian. All three did a good job even though they lost. LaRosa lost to the eventual 3rd place finisher from Section 3. Nichols lost a fairly close bout to the eventual winner in the 141 lb. class Stu Gillette from Indian River, and Aslanian, subbing for injured Steve Mills of OFA lost to the 3rd place finisher from Section 5 (Rochester).

It was a fine, educational experience for the upstaters, one that they will not soon forget. As a team they finished 10th - a point ahead of Section 7 (Plattsburgh, Peru) which is an accomplishment for the 1st year. Maybe in the near future the Section 10 representatives will have a place finisher, and start to move up the ladder of wrestling success.

This year the championship was won by the sectional champs from Section 11 (Suffolk County, Long Island), followed closely by defending Champions Section 3 (Syracuse, Watertown area).

The wrestling was the finest