



Steve Marone, left, of Tonawanda in 170-lb. class

... Loses to Warren Rogers (W-N) by point in overtime (Photo by Ed Thomas)

Warriors take second in Class AAA struggle

Host Tonawanda High School produced four individual champions to take second place in the team standings of the Class AAA wrestling championships Saturday behind Williamsville North.

Leading the way for the Red Warriors, who finished third in the Niagara Frontier League standings behind a pair of sectional champions —

Hess sparks Sweet Home to JV title

Rusty Hess poured in a school junior varsity record 35 points to lead Sweet Home to a 76-60 victory over Frontier Friday night, handing the Panthers their first ECIC Division One jayvee championship ever with a 10-2 record.

Hess, a sophomore, averaged 15.1 points per game in leading Sweet Home to a 15-2 overall record on the year.

The winners led only by three points, 52-49, after three periods before outscoring the visitors, 24-11 over the final stanza to win going away.

High man for Frontier, which finished at 5-7, was Rick Seufert with 18 points while Doug O'Reilly added 17.

FRONTIER			SWEET HOME					
	G	F		G	F			
Balberz	3	1	7	McLam're	6	1	11	
Busher	2	0	4	Helming	6	0	12	
Gleason	5	2	12	Schwier	2	1	5	
O'Reilly	7	3	17	White	1	1	3	
Seufert	8	2	18	Hess	13	9	35	
Syta	1	0	2	Tillman	5	0	10	
Totals	26	8	60	Totals	31	12	76	
Frontier	15					10	24	11-60
Sweet Home	13					15	24	76

UB wrestlers lead qualifiers

CINCINNATI (UPI) — University of Buffalo qualified a total of six during the weekend for the NCAA wrestling championships, which will be held March 8-10 at the University of Washington.

Marquette and Indiana State each had five qualifiers in the NCAA Eastern Regionals held here. Southern Illinois had four; Cincinnati, Ball State (Ind.) and Northern Illinois, all two apiece.

Kenmore East in Class AAAA and Niagara-Wheatfield in Class AA — was undefeated Pete Grmusha in the 250-pound class, who pinned LaSalle's Jim Wakefield in 1:15 for his 14th win of the season and third straight sectional crown.

Norm Simon bounced back from a long layoff to take a 5-0 decision over Orchard Park's Herb Segiel in the 122-pound weight class, while in the 141-pound class Bill Schultz piled up a big shutout as he registered a 13-0 blanking of Dan Hanley of West Seneca East. The title upped Schultz season's record to 22-3-1, the most wins recorded this year by any Warrior grappler.

The other Tonawanda winner was defending champion Bob Sanders, who had a tough time with Williamsville North's Paul Chirico in the 138-pound class before taking a 6-2 decision, upping his season's mark to 19-3.

Undoubtedly the tightest match of the night involved another Warrior, Steve Marone in the 170-pound class. Marone and Williamsville North's Warren Rogers battled to a 0-0 standoff in regulation time before Rogers picked up one point in the overtime to take the decision and successfully defend his title.

The meet's only other defending champion was North's Bob Bedell in the 115-pound class. Bedell was also victorious, pinning Lockport's Mike Kelkenberg in 3:19 to earn himself the outstanding wrestler award.

In taking the team title, Williamsville North produced four other winners besides Rogers and Bedell, Kevin McGee took honors at 118, Rick Heim at 129, John Caulfield at 101 and Mike Bieger at 148.

All champions and runners-up will compete this weekend in the Intersectional meet at Sweet Home High School, where the Section VI representatives for the State meet will be decided. Joining the above-mentioned Tonawanda contingent will be Mike Caron, who finished second in the 148-pound class.

101: John Caulfield (WN) d.

Tim Booker (WSE), 5-3. 108: Kevin McGee (WN) d. Terry Snyder (LaS), 6-0. 115: Bob Bedell (WN) pinned Mike Kelkenberg (Lckpt), 3:19. 122: Norm Simon (T) d. Herb Segiel (OP), 5-0. 129: Rick Heim (WN) pinned Fred Hoover (LaS), 1:18. 135: John Elsberry (La) d. Tom Denecke (H), 8-1. 141: Bill Schultz (T) d. Don Hanley (WSE), 13-0. 148: Mike Bieger (WN) d. Mike Caron (T), 7-4. 158: Bob Sanders (T) d. Paul Chirico (WN), 6-2. 170: Warren Rogers (WN), d. Steve Marone (T), 1-0 in overtime. 180: Dan Boyd (H) d. Brent Werner (WN), 2-0 in overtime. 215: Ron Henning (OP) d. Bob Burns (WSE), d. 8-1. 253: Peter Grmusha (T) pinned Jim Winkfield (LaS), 1:15.

N-W ead Class AA

Niagara-Wheatfield showed the same dominance over its fellow Class AA wrestling schools as it did over the rest of the Niagara Frontier League this season, winning seven individual titles en route to an easy fifth straight team title in the annual Sectional mat meet Saturday at the winners' gym.

N-W, which has won 75 dual meets in a row and five straight NFL titles, far outclassed the rest of the field by piling up 115½ points compared to the 66½ earned by Clarence, its nearest challenger.

Bob Sloand, Tam Pittman and Pat D'Amuro defended crowns they had earned last year, while Greg Grimmer, Paul Cianchetti, Jim Briggs and Dave Thurman won for the first time around.

Sloand, the defending state champion who finished fourth in the Olympic trials last year, pinned Jim Hogan of Clarence in 4:43 to take the 119-pound crown.

Pittman, the outstanding wrestler in the NFL meet held