

STEBBINS FINISHES FOURTH IN SECTION VI



Paul Stebbins, Lake Shore's fine sophomore wrestler, finished fourth in the Section VI State Qualifying Meet last week at Sweet Home. This meet determined the Section VI representatives for the State Championships in Utica. The two-day qualifier included the champions and runners-up in each weight class from the six Western New York school classes: AAAA, AAA, AA, A, BBB, and BB-B.

Paul advanced to the semi-finals with two convincing wins in the opening and quarterfinal rounds of wrestling. He pinned Rick George of Pioneer (A) and then decisioned the Class BBB 215-pound champion, Geoff Seals of Starpoint, 7-1. In the semifinal action Paul met Niagara-Wheatfield's Jim Briggs, who one week earlier had defeated him for the AA heavyweight title. Stebbins put up a gallant fight, but was defeated, 6-2, by the more experienced Briggs, a senior. Class BB-B champion Skip Lord of Franklinville decisioned Paul in the consolation match, 3-0. Lord had suffered his first defeat all season in the semi-final round.

Paul's accomplishments this season prompted the Lake Shore Wrestling Staff to name him the Most Improved Wrestler this season. His won-lost record of 20-7 and his team leading totals in escapes, pins, and points scored were vital in Lake Shore's championship season. Coach Backus was thoroughly impressed with Paul's determination to improve and looks for great things from his heavy-weight in his last two years at Lake Shore.

Other statistics became available this week. Senior Dave Alberts had the best all-round record, 19-3-1, and led in take-downs with 17. Steve Funnell was

John Driscoll, standing — Roman Jaworek, Howard Wurster, John James Emerson and Jim Miller. M. Bill Bateman.

BASKETBALL TEAM C

The Lake Shore Central modified basketball team completed its best season in the history of the school with a perfect 10 wins and 0 loss league record (champions) and 13-1 overall record. The team scored 840 points for an average of 60 per game while giving up 630 points or 45 per game. The greatest offensive output of the season was 81 points against Cheektowaga while defensively Eden and Cheektowaga were both held under 35 points.

Individually, Howard Wurster led all scorers averaging 21.1 points per game, also Howard led in total rebounds grabbing off 181. His personal scoring high finished at 38 points against Orchard Park, two points short of a modified record.

Big John Wurster, after missing the opening two games because of an injury, anchored the defense as he blocked 33 shots by the opponents and established a new record by grabbing 29 rebounds against Cleveland Hill. The Cleveland Hill game was his personal best as he also scored 21 points in the contest.

Gary Jaworek took over the tough task of handling the ball and controlling the tempo of the game and did a superior job. In addition he also averaged 10.2 points a game with his best being against Orchard Park.

Little Jon Driscoll sparked the team to many a victory with his

the team leader in reversals with 11. Other seniors and their final season records were: Doug Schifano, 18-5-1; John Schmidt, 13-8; Don Ross, 10-4; Chuck Salva, 7-3; and Al Stangl, 11-1.