

Bobby Hadsell finishes third —

Bruce Hadsell, Ron Langdon first W-FL state wrestling champions

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UTICA — Section 5 dropped from its second place finish of last year to fourth place in the 1973 Intersectional Wrestling Tournament, but not because of the efforts of Canandaigua's three Wayne-Finger Lakes entries who provided more than half of the sections 66 points.

Ron Langdon, 105 pounds, and Bruce Hadsell, 132 pounds, became Canandaigua's and the Wayne-Finger Lakes Conference's first State Wrestling Champions. Robert Hadsell added a third place finish at 98 pounds to give Canandaigua 34 points and make them the number two team in State Tournament points. Huntington, Long Island (Section 11) had two champions and a runner-up for 39 points.

Langdon became the first W-FL State Champion by crushing Vince Ungarro of Brentwood (Sec. 11), 15-1 in the semi-finals and beating Mike Arnold of Pioneer (sec. 6), 5-1 in the finals. Ron had a takedown and two point nearfall in the first period to take a 4-0 lead. The two boys traded escapes in the second and third periods and Langdon had his 5-1 win.

Four matches later, pandemonium broke loose in the Canandaigua rooting section as Bruce Hadsell gave them their second State Champion with a 6-2 win over Sev. Popolizio of Linton (Sec. 2), in the 132 pound class. Hadsell used two takedowns and a reversal to get his six points while giving up a pair of escapes.

Bruce reached the finals by pinning Brad Kanter of John Jay-East Fishkill (Sec. 1) in the semifinals. It was a very emotional Coach Weldon Canough, fighting back the tears of joy and raising two fingers as he embraced his two champions while well-wishers pounded backs and shook hands all around.

This year was the culmination of a six year effort by Canough to produce a state champion and it was fitting that he should collect double for his efforts.

Canough is the only Wayne-Finger Lakes coach with any success at all in state competition. In the six years Section 5 has participated in the state event, he has sent nine men as Section 5 Champions. They have a combined record of 17 wins and nine losses in this toughest of competition.

Besides the two champs this year, Canandaigua has had a runner-up (Mike Chappelle, last year), a third place finish (Robert Hadsell, this year) and two fourth place finishes (Don Jones, 1970 and Jim Hartwell, 1971).

The first three to go (Gary Gustin, 98 in 1968, Dick Hadsell, 127 in 1968 and Gerry Case, 98 in 1969) all lost their first matches.

By comparison, the rest of the W-FL Conference has sent six men and have yet to win a match. Geneva's Steve Achilles (133 in 1968), Jim Welsh (98 in 1971), John Szkolnik (105 in 1971) and Bill Welsh (112 in 1971) all lost their first match as did Mynderse's Lynn Chuley (145) and Victor's Mike Guinan (177) this year.

Bobby Hadsell lost his rubber match with George Medina of Baldwinsville (Sec. 3), 2-0 in overtime. After battling to a draw in regulation time, Medina scored two nearfall points with a leg-split in an otherwise scoreless overtime.

Bobby battled back through the wrestlebacks to take third. He first crushed Paul Pietropaulo of Nanuet (Sec. 9), 16-5, winning the right to meet Jay Spates of Smithtown (Sec. 11) for third place. He won a referee's decision in over-time over Spates after they drew 1-1 in overtime. Both Spates and Medina are younger brothers of former state champions, a distinction which now falls on young Hadsell. Jack Spates was the 107 pound champion in 1970 while Bob Medina won the 123 pound crown the same year.

Lynn Chuley, Mynderse 145 pounder, was defeated in wrestlebacks 15-6 by Steve Jabout of Queensbury (Sec.



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2) and did not place.

Other Section 5 results:

At 112 pounds, Spencerport's Steve Silver was pinned by Kevin Schuck of Norwich (Sec. 4) in the preliminaries. At 119, Dave Polsinelli of Eastridge decided Tony Marciano of Ramapo (Sec. 9) 6-2 in the quarterfinals. In the semifinals he was pinned by Bob Sloand of Niagara - Wheatfield (Sec. 6) in 4:13. In the wrestlebacks he lost a close 5-4 decision to Kurt Kaminsky of Binghamton North (Sec. 4) and did not place.

At 126 pounds, Dave's older brother, Jim Polsinelli just missed the state title, losing 16-12 in the most exciting match of the finals. Jim lost to Craig O'Grady of MacArthur (Sec. 8). He had reached the finals by overpowering Clyde Rabideau of Saranac (Sec. 7), 11-2 in the preliminaries, beating the pre-tournament favorite Pat Greene of Cicero (Sec. 3), 6-4 in the quarterfinals and Tom Braun of Tappan Zee (Sec. 9 in



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the semifinals, 4-1.

The 138 pound class, won by last year's 132 pound king, Steve Hunte of Bellmore-Kennedy (Sec. 8) was a preview of things to come for Section 5. Spencerport's sensational sophomore Frank DeAngelis finished third and was the talk of the tournament. It is a rarity for an underclassman to do so well in the weights over 120 pounds.

DeAngelis pinned his first two opponents, Mike Aspisi of Centereach (Sec. 11) in the preliminaries in 1:53 and Kelly Geary of Ogdensburg (Sec. 10) in the quarterfinals in 2:54. He lost to Hunte in the semifinals 16-9 in an exciting bout in which DeAngelis carried the fight to the champion, causing Hunte to be called for stalling in the third period.

It marked the first time in 33 bouts this year that Hunte failed to pin his opponent.

DeAngelis continued in the wrestlebacks with a 4-0 win over Keith

Stearns of Pioneer (Sec. 6) and a 3-2 squeaker over Viggo Worum of Ramapo (sec. 9) to take third place.

At 155 pounds, Clay Barnard of Hilton, voted outstanding wrestler at the Section 5 meet last week, finished third after losing 5-2 to the eventual champion, Lou Giani of Huntington (Sec. 11) in the semifinals. Barnard had defeated Dennis Edwards of Suffern (Sec. 9) 8-0 and downed Tim Jenks of Chenango Forks (Sec. 4) 8-5. Jenks, a third place finisher at the same weight last year, had been the pre-tournament favorite. After losing to Giani, Barnard pinned Marty Towe of Ripley (Sec. 6) and decided Jim Teatom of Farmingdale (Sec. 8) 3-2 to take third place.

At 167 pounds, Dan Harmon of Caledonia - Mumford advanced to the semifinals by pinning Bill Travers of Franklin Academy (Sec. 10) in the preliminaries and pinning Jack Cahill of Mt. Assumption (Sec. 7) in the quarterfinals. Harmon lost in the semifinals 9-2 to the eventual winner, Charles Gadson of Huntington (Sec. 11). In the wrestlebacks Harmon was pinned by Joe Davitt of Westhill (Sec. 3) and did not place.

At 215, Dan Murphy of Greece Olympia, lost a 10-5 decision to Clarence Todd of Freeport (Sec. 8) and at 250 pounds, John Hackemer of Warsaw was pinned by Peter Grmusha of Tonawanda (Sec. 6). Both were preliminary bouts.

HIGHLIGHTS: A meeting of two defending champions in the 119 pound final, has Dan Hunt of West Genesee (Sec. 3) back to defend his crown at the same weight and being challenged by Bob Sloand of Niagara-Wheatfield (Sec. 6) last year's 105 pound king. (Sloand was the boy who pinned Mike Chappelle). The match-up was all it was billed to be, pitting Hunt's greater strength against Sloand's slick wrestling. (Sloand finished fourth in the Olympic trials at 105.5 pounds). The match was an unpopular one with the crowd even though the local boy (Hunt)

won 9-8. During the bout Sloand was hit with two penalty calls, one for picking fingers (less than four) and the other for locking hands, both rare calls at this level of competition. . . . The tournament's 177 pound champion, Greg Stevens of Fulton (Sec. 3) was named the Outstanding Wrestler for 1973.

Stevens pinned his first two opponents and defeated Ben Smith of Huntington (Sec. 11) 17-0 in the finals. He was unscored upon in the tournament. Stevens was runner-up at 167 pounds last year.

SCORING BY SECTION: Section 3 — 96½; Section 11 — 90; Section 8 — 75; Section 5 — 66; Section 2 — 51½; Section 6 — 36½; Section 1 — 33½; Section 4 — 30; Section 9 — 23½; Section 10-17; and Section 7 — 2.

TOP FIVE TEAMS IN POINTS: Huntington (Sec. 11) — 39; Canandaigua (Sec. 5) — 34; Fulton (Sec. 3) — 23½; Bellmore-Kennedy (Sec. 8) — 23½; and Linton (Sec. 2) — 20½.

FINALS

98 — Mark Mysnyk (Vestal, Sec. 4) decided George Medina (Baldwinsville, Sec. 3) 10-1.

105 — Ron Langdon (Canandaigua, Sec. 5) decided Mike Arnold (Pioneer Sec. 6) 5-1.

112 — Jim Earl (Valley Stream Central, Sec. 8) decided Marty Laurent (Ossining, Sec. 1) 10-1.

119 — Dan Hunt (West Genesee, Sec. 3) decided Bob Sloand (Niagara-Wheatfield, Sec. 6) 9-8.

126 — Craig O'Grady (MacArthur, Sec. 8) decided Jim Polsinelli (Eastridge, Sec. 5) 16-12.

132 — Bruce Hadsell (Canandaigua, Sec. 5) decided Sev. Popolizio (Linton, Sec. 2) 6-2.

138 — Steve Hunte (Bellmore-Kennedy, Sec. 8) decided John Janiak (North Syracuse, Sec. 3) 10-5.

145 — Tom Capone (Watertown, Sec. 3) decided Cardell Davis (Brentwood, Sec. 11) 5-0.

155 — Lou Giani (Huntington, Sec. 11) pinned Mike Chrys (Linton, Sec. 2).

167 — Charles Gadson (Huntington, Sec. 11) decided Kevin Young (Sleepy Hollow, Sec. 1) 15-2.

177 — Greg Stevens (Fulton, Sec. 3) decided Ben Smith (Huntington, Sec. 11) 17-0.

215 — Paul Bagnoli (Lindenhurst, Sec. 11) decided Mackey Tyndall (Madrid-Waddington, Sec. 10) 12-3.

250 — Jim Duggan (Glen Falls, Sec. 2) decided Frank Borelli (Union-Endicott, Sec. 4) 5-4.

Bruce begin throwing for 'seven'