

CNY Athletes Are Tops

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Cries of "We're No. 1!" echoed across Central New York last weekend as Section Three athletes swept top honors at the annual intersectional gymnastics, swimming and wrestling meets held in Rochester, Syracuse and Utica, respectively.

Paced by state champions Buck Gabriel (parallel bars), Pat DeNero (side horse), John Bella (still rings) and Matt Levy (all-around), the Section Three gymnasts scored 104.81 points to top a seven team field at Monroe Community College.

Liverpool's 400-yard freestyle relay team set a state record of 3:18.3 to lift Section Three's final point total to 229 and give the Central New York mermen team honors in a 10-way race at Syracuse University's Archbold Pool.

Dan Hunt (119), Tom Capone (145) and Greg Stevens (177) captured individual titles as the Section Three wrestlers scored 96½ points to defeat 10 other sections at the Utica War Memorial.

Adding frosting to the Section Three cake was the state record 1421 total fired by the victorious Central Square rifle team in the Intersectional Rifle Meet at Deposit.

The newly-installed cumulative point system enabled the Section Three gymnasts to overwhelm their strong Section Five hosts with a tremendous display of depth and balance. Section Three scores ranged from a low of 7.05 to a high of 8.7.

West Genesee's Gabriel, the Onondaga High School League and Section Three champ on the parallel bars and still rings, started the Central New York victory parade at the state meet with an 8.0 performance on the p-bars.

Moments later, Fayetteville-Manlius's Levy wrapped up a 37.15 performance to add state all-around honors to his OHSL and Section Three titles. Levy also finished second (7.75) in floor exercise and tied (with Cicero's Joe Vecchr, for third (7.2) in high bar to account for 21.14 of Section Three's 104.81 points.

Henninger teammates DeNero (8.7) and Phil DeRose (7.95) finished 1-2 in the side horse competition and Liverpool's John Bella nipped Henninger's Bob Burch, 8.1 to 7.9, for another 1-2 Section Three finish in still rings.

Ironically, DeNero, the meet's lone defending champion, and Bella were called upon to perform simultaneously and the loud applause which signaled the end of Bella's routine seemed to visibly shake DeNero, causing a minor break in his normally flawless performance.

The over-all contest might have been an even bigger Section Three triumph had Vecchio not fallen off the high

bar while attempting a difficult (and dangerous) trick. The fall cost him one full point and the state title.

Central New York entrants finished 7-8 in long horse vaulting, but even that might have been different had foot and ankle injuries not cost the team the services of F-M's Section Three optional leader John Beach (8.85) and OHSL champ Dave Collum (8.4). The winning state meet vault was only 8.65.

Despite first place finishes by Weedsport's Mike Guzowicz (427.05 points in diving), Liverpool's Don Langenmayr (52.58 seconds in the 100-yard butterfly, Watertown's Jeff Barnard (meet record 48.8 in the 100-yard freestyle) and Rome Free Academy's Scott McKee (1:02.81 in the 100-yard breaststroke), Section Three led defending champion Section Six (Buffalo) by only 10 points with one event remaining in the Intersectional Swim Meet.

Liverpool's quartet of Rick Yasky, Greg Bissell, Mike Ditch and Langenmayr iced the Section Three triumph with a state record smashing 400-yard relay performance. Anchorman Langenmayr won a judges' decision over Bethlehem Central anchorman Curt Schoons as both teams earned identical times of 3:18.3.

Wrestling in front of nearly 5,000 onlookers at Utica Saturday, the gold-clad Section Three team earned its second Intersectional title in four years, led by repeat champions Hunt and Capone.

Fulton's Stevens, who didn't allow a point during his sectional and state meet matches, mauled rugged Ben Smith of Huntington, 17-0, and was a unanimous choice as the "Most Outstanding" wrestler. All 14 writers present voted for Stevens as the fourth annual recipient of the New York State Sports Writers' Association trophy.

Of the 13 wrestlers from Section Three, 10 placed among the state's top four in their respective weight classes at Utica, an overwhelming display of over-all team strength.

The state runners-up were Bob Medina (98) of Baldwinsville and John Janiak (138) of North Syracuse. Taking thirds were Jim Kimple (105) of F-M, Randy Gillette (112) of Fulton, Pat Greene (126) of Cicero, and Joe Davitt (167) of Westhill. Heavyweight Jim

Markert of North Syracuse collected a fourth place for the state champions.

At the Rifle Intersectionals, the Central Square team of Bill Patzke, Jack Van Almelo, Tom Weatherup, Len Hass and Terry Dunham broke the former state record score of 1416, set by East Meadow, LI., last year.

Sophomore Patzke shot 292, tying Kevin Richards of East Meadow for first place. That score was also a state record.

The Intersectional Bowling meet was also held Saturday at Binghamton and Section Three placed fourth. The East Syracuse-Minoa team represented CNY, and also placed fourth.

Members of the Onondaga High School League should be especially proud of the Intersectional results, because the major share of the point-getting Saturday was done by the OHSL athletes.

In wrestling, Tom Capone of Watertown was the only Section Three scorer who wasn't a member of the Onondaga League.

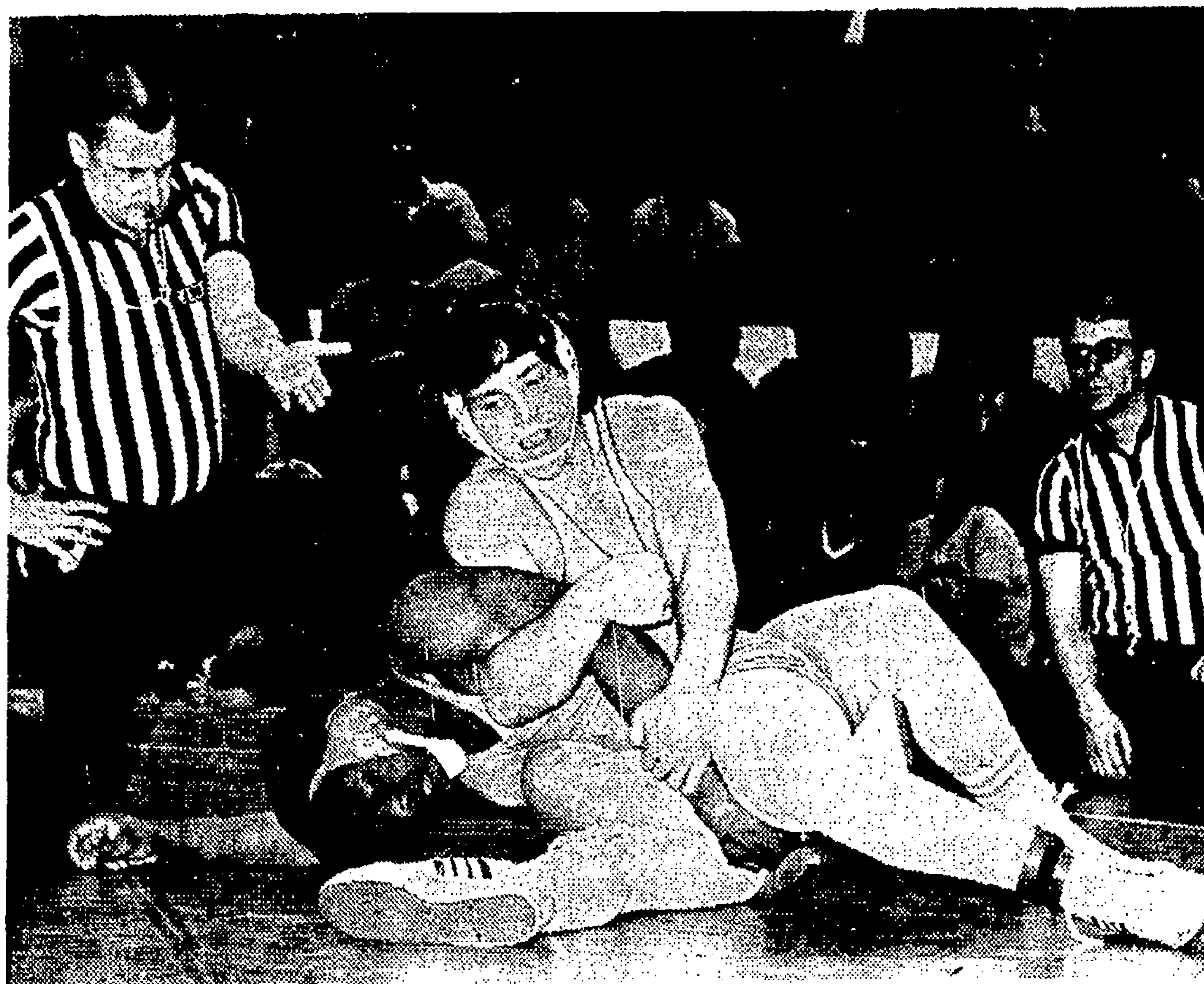
The Onondaga League also possesses the state's No. 1-rated swim team (Liverpool), the top rifle team (Central Square), its gymnastics champion (Levy-F-M), the best wrestlers at 119 and 177 pounds, plus New York State's "Most Outstanding" wrestler, Stevens.

In Sectional team competition Onondaga League teams this season won six championships, in soccer (F-M), wrestling (Baldwinsville), swimming (Liverpool), rifle (Central Square), bowling (ES-M) and volleyball (Jamesville-DeWitt).

"The Onondaga League coaches and athletes have done a beautiful job; I'm very pleased," reported OHSL president Luke LaPorta of Liverpool yesterday. "The sports programs in this league, and section, have really been improving in the past three or four years.

"One big factor in this success is the spirit of cooperation that exists in the league, and in the section," added LaPorta. "The coaches, schools and superintendents are all working together, in the interest of the kids involved

"This same spirit of cooperation obviously exists among the athletes from various Section Three schools at Intersectional Meets, and that is a key to the successes we enjoyed this weekend."



State King at Work

Fulton High wrestler Greg Stevens (top) attempts to pin Ben Smith of Huntington during the 177-pound championship match at the 11th annual Intersectional Wrestling Meet at

Utica Saturday. Stevens eased to a 17-0 victory and was unanimously voted as the "Most Outstanding Wrestler" by the working press.

Opens NCAA Bid Friday

Cornell Seeks Hockey Title

ITHACA — Cornell's hockey team will shoot for a third national collegiate championship this week at Boston Garden. If it can survive at 7:30 p.m. Friday semifinal with Wisconsin it will go for the whole ball of wax there Saturday night against the winner of Thursday's semifinal between Boston College and Denver.

Denver, the top-seeded tournament team rates the Thursday assignment which gives the winner of that game a day's rest before the Saturday final.

Cornell, 22-4-1 following last weekend's victories over Clarkson and Boston College in the ECAC Playoffs, is seeking its first national title for Coach Dick Bertrand. When Cornell won in 1967 and 1970 Ned Harkness was in charge. He presently is the general manager of the Detroit Red Wings.

Cornell, was undefeated in 1969-70, with a 29-0 record. Carlo Ugolini, senior from Toronto, is the Big Red scoring leader with 68 points on

25 goals and 43 assists. Doug Marrett is next with 61 on 32 and 29 and the other first-line wing, junior Bob Murray, has 55 on 21 and 34. The line accounted for seven goals against Clarkson and all three against Boston College.

Ugolini was most valuable player in the Easterns. The first line center set tournament records for assists with 12 and for total points with 14. Marrett set tournament records for goals with eight. The

records included the first round eastern game in which Cornell whipped RPI.

Dave Elenbaas, senior goalie, has 2.89 goals against average. He has allowed 79 in 82 periods.

This is Cornell's second straight trip to the tournament. Laast year it beat Denver and then lost to Boston University in the championship game.

Cornell's spring sports season will start Saturday when the baseball team plays Biscayne in a doubleheader in Northern Miami. Ted Thoren's nine will play 15 games in eight days in greater Miami, including six in the Hurricane Classic where the competition will come from the University of Miami, Michigan State and Ohio State.

NHL Standings				
EAST				
	W	L	T	Pts.
Montreal	46	9	14	106
N.Y. Rangers	44	17	7	95
Boston	43	20	5	91
Detroit	34	23	11	79
Buffalo	33	23	12	78
Toronto	23	35	9	55
Vancouver	18	43	8	44
N.Y. Islanders	9	57	5	23
West				
Chicago	38	23	8	84
Philadelphia	33	26	10	76
Minnesota	33	27	8	74
St. Louis	29	29	10	68
Los Angeles	28	31	10	66
Pittsburgh	27	35	7	61
Atlanta	24	32	13	61
California	11	43	15	37

Monday's Games
No games scheduled.

Tuesday's Games
Boston at N.Y. Islanders.
Buffalo at St. Louis.
Los Angeles at Minnesota.

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