

N-W matmen finish first

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Area high school wrestling action closed out over the weekend with only two Niagara Frontier League grapplers surviving. Paul Cianchetti and Paul Briggs of Niagara-Wheatfield High School were the only two area NFL winners after Saturday night's Section VI finals.

The standing room only crowd of 1,800 at Sweet Home Senior High School saw only two matmen repeat as tourney champs. They were Niagara Falls' Willie Moore (126) and Pioneer Central's Mike Arnold (112).

It was the amazing Cianchetti who topped off a super season. He was undefeated in the NFL before breezing through the wrestle playoffs and now takes his laurel to the state meet in Syracuse this weekend.

He had little trouble in getting to the finals Saturday night. He pinned Jeff Gross of

Portville for the 167-pound title.

Jim Briggs also brought a championship crown to N-W with his win in the 215-pound class. Briggs won the match with a pin at 2:22 over Tom Braunsheidell of Lockport.

Pioneer came up with the most individual champions with three. N-W and Williamsville South were right behind Pioneer with two each.

At the close of the NFL season, Kenmore East backed three undefeated wrestlers in Tom Gill, Chris Lawson and Ray Pfeiffer. But in the wrestle offs, Gill and Lawson were eliminated due mostly to injuries. Pfeiffer continued unbeaten. He managed to grapple his way to the final round Saturday night in quest of his second trip to the state meet. But Pioneer's Mike Arnold surprised the East senior by beating him, 7-1.

Tonawanda's Dave Petersen also wound up in the runnerup position as he battled in the

final round but lost to another Pioneer grappler — Phil Roblee, 8-1. Petersen experienced some hard luck as his weight class was one of the toughest in the NFL.

Williamsville South's dynamic duo of Mitch Brown and Bill Kistner continued to dominate the 145 and 155-pound weight classes as they won individual crowns. Kistner's was the toughest win of the two as he beat highly regarded Dave Izard of Sweet Home 6-2.

Sophomore sensation Tom Blinco of Lew-Port walked into the state meet as he pinned Paul Stebbins of Lake Shore at 3:44 of their match.

Mike Ognibene of Falconer High School won the most valuable wrestler award for the tourney.

Championship

88 — Ken Butler (Will North) d. Kevin Manacher (Amherst) 14-4. 98 — Mike Ognibene (Falconer) d. Tim Booker (East Seneca) 5-1. 105 — Keith Homme (Lockport) d. Bob Mahoney (East Aurora) 2-0. 112 — Mike Arnold (Pioneer) d. Ray Pfeifer (Kenmore East) 7-1. 126 — Willie Moore (Niagara Falls) d. Dave Shembada (Olean) 5-0, overtime. 132 — Phil Roblee (Pioneer) d. Dave Petersen (Tonawanda) 8-1. 138 — Kirk Anderson (Olean) pinned Greg Germony (Niagara Falls) 2:22. 145 — Mitch Brown (Will. South) d. Mike Clark (Iroquois) 9-0. 155 — Bill Kistner (Will. South) d. Dave Izard (Sweet Home) 6-2. 167 — Paul Cianchetti (Niagara-Wheatfield) pinned Jeff Gross (Portville) 4:58. 177 — Skip Lord (Franklinville) d. Dick Gernett (Gowanda) 4-0. 215 — Tom Blinco (Lewiston - Porter) pinned Paul Stebbins (Lake Shore) 3:44. Unfilmed — Jim Briggs (Niagara-Wheatfield) p. Tom Braunsheidell (Lockport) 2:22.

Lutheran cage tourney ends 1st weekend of play

The second day of the 13th annual Lutheran Schools Basketball Tournament began with St. Paul's of North Tonawanda defeating St. Mark's of NT, 22-11, in boys' action. It was the second win for St. Paul in two days, and moves it closer to the semi-finals.

Game two saw the St. Matthew girls of NT down Martin Luther of Buffalo 13-11 in overtime. Beth Matthew's basket gave St. Matthew the victory in OT.

The Martin Luther boys had an easy win over Trinity of W. Seneca with a 33-19 verdict. The 12 points by Quinton Angel led Martin Luther scorers.

The fourth game saw the St.

Paul's of NT girls down St. Mark of NT, 16-8. St. Paul girls started slow but came on in the second quarter to take the lead. St. Paul girls were undefeated with eight wins in league play.

Game five saw Holy Ghost of Bergholz defeat St. John of NT, 33-27. St. John outscored Holy Ghost in the fourth quarter 13-1.

The sixth game saw St. Peter of Sanborn girls defeat St. John of NT, 15-12.

In the seventh game, St. John of Hamlin boys defeated St. Mark of NT, 45-30. It was St. Mark's second loss, putting it out of the tournament.



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