

# Robert Hadsell Named ★ Section 5 Top Wrestler

BROCKPORT — On September 2, 1973, CA's Robert Hadsell was struck by a school bus, and lay between life and death for four days with a head injury. It looked like the end of a most promising wrestling career. However, the lad weathered the storm and Saturday night climaxed his high school career by being named the Outstanding Wrestler of Section 5 at the State Qualifiers at SUNY Brockport.

Along with the honor goes the John Ordiway Memorial Plaque given each year to Section 5's outstanding wrestler by the Wrestling Coaches and Officials Association (WCOA) in memory of John Ordiway, former Pittsford coach and wrestling official.

Hadsell becomes the second CA winner in the eight-year history of the award. Don Jones won the honor in the 1969-70 season.

Others winners include Mike Duffy of East Rochester at 157 pounds in 1968-69; Jones at 138 pounds, 1969-70; Dewight Carlwright of Keshequa at 177 pounds, 1970-71; Al Velieri of Spencerport at 145 pounds, 1971-72; Clair Barnard of Hilton at 155 pounds, in 1972-73; Brad Ahonen of Victor at 155 pounds in 1973-74; Frank DeAngelis of Spencerport at 138 pounds, 1974-75; and Hadsell at 135 pounds this year.

## 36-0 Record

Thus Hadsell, headed for the states, lifted his season record to 36-0, by defeating Chuck Partridge of Hilton, 19-4, Saturday night. Despite the lopsided victory, everyone agreed that Hadsell's performance was probably the finest seen in many years. His use of different holds and combinations and his total aggressiveness won him the outstanding award.

After pinning Jerome Douglas of Williamson in the opening round, Hadsell had his toughest match of the day against Joe Murnin of Fairport.

As CA Coach Weldon Canough put it, "Robert went out and was content to let Murnin be the aggressor, and to wrestle strictly a defensive



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match. It almost backfired, but Hadsell got an escape with 10 seconds left, to win the match, 7-6."

Hadsell had no trouble with Sandy Spero of Rush-Henrietta Sperry, getting a 15-3 decision to advance to the finals against Chuck Partridge of Hilton. Partridge came into the match with a 34-2 record.

## Shoots Everything

Again quoting Coach Canough, "Robert made up his mind that he was going to go out and shoot everything in the book. I told him before the match that the more aggressive wrestler keeps his opponent on the defense and you can't win wrestling matches on the defense, you're too busy trying to counter what the other guy's throwing at you, and Robert wrestled probably the finest match of his career."

Hadsell dove right into Partridge with an ankle pick, got the takedown and a two-point near fall. But Partridge came back to get a reversal and a two-point near fall off a cradle. Hadsell came back with a head lock to reverse Partridge, put him in a three-point near fall, to lead, 9-4.

In the second period Hadsell reversed Partridge coming out of a cradle and put him in a two-point near fall, to lead, 13-4, at the end of two.

Hadsell nearly wrapped Partridge up with a cradle, getting a three-point near fall and, when the Hilton lad slipped this, Hadsell come back with an arm bar for another near fall to win a standing ovation with his 19-4 victory.

## Semi-Finalists

The Braves had four semi-finalists in Jeff Gelinas at 105, Doug Lynn at 119, Jim White at 125, and Tommy Burgess at 138.

At 105, Gelinas decided Eric Maggio of ML Morris, 11-4, decided Jack Fuelner of Livonia, 7-6, and was decided by John Smallridge of McQuaid, who went on to cop the crown.

At 119 pounds, Doug Lynn decided Dave Pulcini of Pal-Mac, 6-2, pinned Keith Whipple of Keshequa at 5:01, and was decided by Jerry Sachitelli of Spencerport, 4-2.

At 126 pounds, Jim White pinned Tom Rosata of East Rochester in 3:40, pinned Dave Porter of Alfred-Almond in 1:00, and was decided, 7-3, by Greg Locke of Greece Athena, who won the championship.

At 138 pounds, Tommy Burgess decided Nate Cole of Churchville-Chili, 10-9, then decided Dan Tupper of Pembroke, 9-2, and lost to Dan O'Mara of Greece Athena, 12-4.

Also winning the right to go to Syracuse were Waterloo's Chris Schafer at unlimited and Roy Lang of Wayne Central at 155 pounds.

Other Finger Lakes wrestlers, Harry Allerton of Newark was pinned by Frank Kiff of Bath in the 167-pound finals; Tom Heathcote of Newark got beat in the semi-finals by Bob Steinruck of East Rochester; John Zello of Geneva lost to Dave Halliday of Fairport in the first round; and Steve Cook of Geneva lost to Robin Parker of Cal-Mum.

## Overall Story

How does Coach Canough feel about Section 5's chances in the states? "We're weak in some weight classes, but over I feel that Section 5 strads a real good chance of bettering their last year's finish at the state."

The winners of Saturday night's matches will be going to Syracuse to compete Friday and Saturday in the state finals. The runners-up will be alternates in case any of the boys are unable to make the trip.

## SUMMARY:

- 91 — Rick Salamone (McQuaid) dec. Kevin Richard (Geneseo) 4-0
- 88 — Don St. James (R-H S) dec. Mike Hendrix (East) 6-4
- 105 — John Smallridge (McQuaid) dec. Alex Cole (Cuba) 13-2
- 112 — Mike Fuller (Warsaw) dec. Dave Halladay (Fairport) 11-0
- 119 — Robin Parker (Cal-Mum) dec. Jerry Sachitelli (Spencerport) 10-4
- 126 — Greg Locke (Greece Athena) dec. Pete Springer (McQuaid) 6-2
- 133 — Robert Hadsell (CA) dec. Chuck Partridge (Hilton) 19-4
- 138 — Jerry Savoie (Fairport) dec. Dan O'Mara (GA) 7-2
- 145 — Dave Sulpin (Fairport) dec. Bob Steinruck (ER) 8-3
- 155 — Roy Lang (Wayne) dec. Wayne Taff (Webster Schroder) 1-0 OT
- 167 — Frank Kiff (Bath) pin Harry Allerton (Newark) 2:37
- 177 — Steve Rosa (Rush-H S) pin Bob Clark (Hilton) 3:03
- Hwt. — John Kinley (Webster-Thomas) pin Keith Piccarelli (Hush-H Roth) 3:42
- Unl. — Chris Schafer (Waterloo) dec. Rick Bour (Livonia) 4-3

## Swimming

finals at R.I.T., Friday and Saturday.)

200 Medley Relay — Iron-dequoit (Bartels, Edelman, Frey, Charlotta) 1:43.573

200 F.S. — 1. Tim Malach (Pitt-Sutherland) 1:47.704 County League school records; 2. Jeff Libutti (McQuaid)

200 I.M. — Parr Weigel Penfield) 2:01.909; 2. Bartels (IR) 50 F.S. — Rick Carvotta (IR) 22.349; 2. John O'Brien (Gr-Ath)

Diving — Steve Russell (Spen) 460.71; 2. Mark Inguaggiato (Web-Th)