

DeLorenzo, McHugh gain state mat berths



Niagara-Wheatfield's John DeLorenzo (left) toys with his opponent

... Before he beat Carl Carter for the 105-pound championship



Sweet Home's entry in the state finals, John McHugh, left, is caught in a leg lock

... But he managed to get free and beat Edén's Joe Birmingham

John DeLorenzo will be out for revenge in this weekend's New York State wrestling championships as he hopes to better last year's fifth place finish.

The 105-pound Niagara-Wheatfield High School standout, earned his second trip to the prestigious state meet by remaining unbeaten through Saturday's three Section VI Intersectional matches at Sweet Home.

The only other local grappler going to the states will be Sweet Home's 98-pound junior, John McHugh. The Panthers had three wrestlers in the finals.

Kenmore East's superb Scott Pine lost to Larry Cohen of Williamsville South in the 112-pound finals. Cohen finished fifth in the state finals last year and is unbeaten this year.

Pine, who saw his win streak ended, did a remarkable job against Cohen. He was leading 3-2 early in the match, but was taken down three times, giving Cohen the advantage.

DeLorenzo, who, along with his younger brother Glenn, romped through the Niagara Frontier League this year, defeated Lackawanna's Carl Carter, 9-4 in the finals.

Glenn, only a sophomore, lost in his opening bout Friday evening, after qualifying for the sectionals last weekend. He was, however, hampered by a cold all week.

DeLorenzo will carry a 67-4 record into the state meet, including a perfect 38-0 NFL slate. He has 45 pins to his credit, a proof of his talents on the mats.

In the 105-pound finals, DeLorenzo was pitted against a fellow he beat, 5-4, in the sectional finals two weeks ago. This time out, John gained four points in the final period to clinch a very close match.

"He has a lot more

confidence in his wrestling," Niagara-Wheatfield Coach Mike Prescott said. "That, along with the fact that he has been to the finals before, makes me believe that he will do okay."

Olean and Pioneer Central dominated the meet, but the Panthers from Sweet Home put on a good showing by qualifying eight wrestlers—six of whom were juniors.

McHugh, a very aggressive wrestler, who was the Greco-Roman national wrestling champion last summer, will bring an impressive 29-0 record to the state finals with him. He finished second in the sectional qualifier last year.

After winning three events by pins in this year's qualifiers, McHugh jumped to a 5-0 lead over Joe Birmingham of Eden in the finals. Birmingham managed the first points off against McHugh since Christmas when he scored two points late in the third period.

McHugh had previously beaten Birmingham in the Sweet Home Wrestling tournament in December. Aside from winning that event, McHugh also won the Amherst Invitational tournament and was a qualifier in last summer's Junior Olympic freestyle event.

At 138 pounds, Sweet Home's Calvin Crippen lost to the tournament's most valuable wrestler, Kyle Grumwald of Pioneer High School. Grumwald wrestled with a mask to protect facial stitches he received in an automobile accident.

The Panthers' fierce junior All-League football player, Cedric Hinton lost to Olean's Dave Simon, 7-4 in the final after Hinton pinned LaSalle's Duane Hunt in the semi-finals.

Simon also went to the state tournament last year.

"For a first year wrestler, Cedric did real well," Sweet Home Coach Joe Shifflet said. "He was ahead of Simon, 4-2 at one point, but Simon did a good job to beat him."

Sweet Home will be back next year with a very strong team as several of Shifflet's wrestlers are underclassmen. One of his biggest hopes lies in eighth grader, Pete Rao, the son of the Lewiston-Porter head football coach. At 94 pounds, Pete lost his first match Friday evening.

"He was very nervous," his coach confessed.

Section VI Intersectional Qualifier Semifinals

91 — Clare Anderson (Olean) p. Jack Franz (Hamburg) 2:56. Pat Mooney (Lancaster) d. Charles Morley (Medina) 8-4.

98 — John McHugh (Sweet Home) p. Al Slueberski (Iroquois) 5:27. Joe Birmingham (Eden) d. Tom Graham (West Seneca East) 6-2.

105 — John DeLorenzo (Niagara-Wheatfield) p. Andy Taylor (Olean) 5:53. Carl Carter (Lackawanna) d. Karl Mildenerger (Lancaster) 6-1.

112 — Scott Pine (Kenmore East) d. Dave Sanders (Pioneer), 6-4. Larry Cohen (Williamsville South) d. John Hannah (Iroquois), 6-0.

119 — Tom Bennett (Pioneer) d. Greg Giles (Hamburg), 4-3. Eric Simpson (Olean) d. Steve Ginkel (Eden), 7-5.

126 — Steve Swan (Southwestern) d. Paul Reed (Sweet Home), 6-5. Kevin Forrest (Olean) d. Bob Thompson (Clarence), 16-3.

132 — Dave Tundo (Frontier) won by default over Gary Weber (Newfane). Gary Bliss (Olean) p. Keith Floyd (Pioneer) 5:37.

138 — Kyle Grumwald (Pioneer) p. Don Sutliff (Amherst) 3:40. Calvin Crippen (Sweet Home) d. Tom Genco (Hamburg), 9-8.

145 — Dave Young (Lancaster) d. Mike Garvey (Falconer) by forfeit. Chris Leichtweis (Olean) d. Bernie Quinn (Frontier) 3-0.

155 — Bill Caldwell (Lake Shore) d. John Swan (Southwestern), 6-5. Terry Miller (Portville) d. Bill Hoch (Maple Grove), 7-1.

167 — Gary Cooper (Albion) d. Tom Jordan (Jamestown), 4-2. Tim Prince (Maple Grove) d. Scott Reinhardt (Cheektowaga), 5-1.

177 — Cedric Hinton (Sweet Home) p. Duane Hunt (LaSalle) 1:54. Dave Simon (Olean) p. Scott Kantorski (Maryvale) 1:57.

215 — Bill Anderson (Orchard Park) d. Tom Morton (Olean), 6-1. Brjad Bretzin (Portville) d. John Lally (Clarence), 4-2.

Unlimited — Dan Moran (Jamestown) p. Leroy Johnson (Gowanda) 2:24, second overtime. Pete Pulley (LaSalle) d. Pete Lee (Salamanca), 8-2.

Consolation

91 — Morley d. Franz, 11-2. 98 — Graham d. Sluberski, 6-3. 105 — Taylor d. Mildenerger, 4-3.

112 — Sanders d. Hannah, 3-1. 119 — Ginkel d. Giles, 4-2 (overtime). 126 — Reed d. Thompson, 10-3. 132 — Floyd won by forfeit.

138 — Genco d. Sutliff, 7-2. 145 — Quinn won by forfeit. 155 — Swan d. Hoch, 6-4. 167 — Jordan p. Reinhardt, 1:17. 177 — Hunt d. Kantorski, 1-0. 215 — Morton d. Lally, 9-3. 250 — Lee p. Johnson, 0:52.

Finals

91 — Anderson w. Mooney, 5-0. 98 — McHugh d. Birmingham, 5-2. 105 — DeLorenzo d. Carter, 9-4. 112 — Cohen d. Pine, 7-3. 119 — Bennett d. Simpson, 6-2. 126 — Forest d. Swan, 5-2. 132 — Tundo d. Bliss, 6-1. 138 — Grumwald d. Crippen, 4-0. 145 — Leichtweis d. Young, 5-3. 155 — Miller d. Caldwell, 11-4. 167 — Prince d. Cooper, 5-4. 177 — Simon d. Hinton, 7-4. 215 — Anderson d. Bretzin, 3-0 (overtime). 250 — Moran d. Fulley, 5-0.

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players on the team were suffering with the flu, and the affects of the illness was obvious from the

forming in his last ball game and gave it everything he had. Paul led the Marauders

at 60-55. The Marauders came back with a pair of free throws by Murphy and