

Burgess, Oliver Carry CA To 3rd Wrestling Title



ROLLING ON THE MATS are Canandaigua wrestler Tom Burgess (bottom) and Tom Goole of Greece Olympia as both try to get an edge in a close match. Burgess prevailed for his second straight sectional crown in the 141 class with a 5 to 1 triumph. (Messenger photo)

Rankin Continues To Sizzle

By DOUG MONROE
SARASOTA, Fla. (UPI) — A week ago, Judy Rankin was saying she didn't think one woman could completely dominate the LPGA tour.

"I still think that it's difficult to do," she said Sunday. But her protests sounded a little less emphatic as she wound up a three-week swing through Florida with two victories and one second-place finish in the LPGA's first four events.

The slender, 32-year-old blonde recorded her second straight victory Sunday in the \$100,000 Bent Tree Ladies Classic, shooting a three-under 69 through a blustery wind, for a 54-hole total of 209 — seven under par.

She finished four strokes in front of Clifford Ann Creed and won \$15,000, boosting her earnings in Florida to \$27,540.

Creed also shot a 69 Sunday to gain the second-place finish. Pam Higgins, who fired a wind-hampered 73 Sunday, was third at two-under-par for the tourney. The rest of the 60-woman field was over par for the three-day event.

Three golfers, Jane Blalock, Sandra Palmer and Beth Stone, were tied at one over par with 217 totals.

Rankin led the LPGA last year with \$150,734 in winnings

Hayes Awesome In Bullets Win

By FRED DOWN
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Elvin Hayes of the Washington Bullets is proud National Basketball Association rivals think it takes three men and a boy to keep him in check.

"I'm 6-9 and I'm getting double and triple-teamed all the time," said Hayes Sunday after his 40 points led the Washington Bullets to a 117-103 victory over the Buffalo Braves. "Kareem Abdul-Jabbar sometimes has only one guy guarding him.

Hayes scored 11 of his points in the final 3½ minutes, capping a game in which he also pulled down 14 rebounds for the NBA's Central Division leaders. Phil Chenler added 27 points, and Mitch Kupchak 18 for the Bullets, who have won 23 of their last 30 games.

The Bullets trailed by as many as 17 points in the first half and by nine at halftime, but tied the score at 79-79 with 1:26 left in the third period. The game remained close until Tom Henderson made a three-point play with 4:08 remaining and after that the Bullets were in command.

Adrian Dantley had 33 points and Randy Smith 21 for the

the Houston Rockets, 106-101, in other games.

Nuggets 121, Celtics 100:
David Thompson scored 31 points, including 19 in the first half, and Dan Issel had 27 to lead the Nuggets to their victory over Boston. The Celtics were led by Dave Cowens, who had 24 points and 16 rebounds.

76ers 95, Sonics 85:
Julius Erving scored 22 points and George McGinnis and Lloyd Free had 18 each as the 76ers scored their victory over the Sonics at Seattle. Fred Brown led the Sonics with 22 points.

Spurs 135, Jazz 118:
Bill Paultz scored 31 points and George Gervin 27 in the Spurs' triumph over the Jazz at New Orleans. The Spurs outscored the Jazz 37-20 in the third period to take a decisive lead. Pete Maravich scored 40 points for the Jazz.

Warriors 106, Nets 98:
Phil Smith scored nine of his 21 points in the fourth period leading the Warriors over the Nets at Uniondale, N.Y. The Nets rallied to take a 74-73 lead at the end of the third period, but then faded. Mike Bantom led the Nets with 23 points.

PGA Kids Awaken

By LES KJOS
LAUDERHILL, Fla. (UPI) — These youngsters who have been staging a tour takeover the last two months might have to wait a year or two or more after all.

Tom Purtzer, Rick Massengale and Bruce Lietzke were served notice at the Jackie Gleason Inverrary Golf Classic that Jack Nicklaus is still very much around and so is Gary Player. Lee Trevino also let it be known that it won't be long before he's back on top.

Nicklaus holed a 32-foot putt for an eagle three on the 15th hole Sunday to win the \$50,000 first prize in the Gleason event, the first Florida event on the PGA tour.

Nicklaus had a 70 Sunday for a 72-hole total of 275, five shots better than Player, who finished second after shooting 73 Sunday.

Trevino, playing his first tournament since major back surgery last November, skied to a 79 Sunday, but a 69 and a 71 on Friday and Saturday showed he can't be counted out. He finished way back in the pack with 294.

Purtzer, who won at Los Angeles last week, missed the cut. Massengale, who won the Rob Hope Desert Classic the previous week, shot a 69-290.

Lietzke took this week off to spend time with his ailing father in Beaumont, Tex. The tour's other two-time winner

GREECE — The Canandaigua Academy wrestling team made it three straight Section Five Class AA titles Saturday night finishing in first place with 81 points. Churchville-Chili grabbed the second spot with 71 points and Batavia wound up third with 66 points.

Five Canandaigua wrestlers made it into the final round. Don Jones (101) was the first Canandaigua wrestler on the mats and dropped a 17 to 7 decision to Tom Burney of Batavia.

Canandaigua hit pay dirt in the 141 class as Tom Burgess won a tough decision over Tom Goole of Greece Olympia 5 to 1. It was the second straight sectional crown for Burgess.

Dale Oliver followed teammate Burgess on the mats and avenged an earlier loss with a 6 to 3 win over Don Henshaw of Brockport in the 149 class. Henshaw handed Oliver a 7 to 1 defeat in the Bradshaw Tournament two months ago.

Heavyweight Dan Nolan was the next Canandaigua grappler out and had a rough time with Wes Audsley of Attica who won 8 to 2. In the unlimited class Canandaigua's Joe Mender was pinned by Hornell's Steve Terry in 4:36.

Section Five qualifiers for the New York State Championships are next on the Canandaigua matmen's agenda. The qualifiers begin Friday night at Fairport.

SUMMARY

94 — Tim Archer (Churchville-Chili) decided Bob Egan (Brockport) 6 to 2.

101 — Tom Burney (Brockport) decided Don Jones (Canandaigua) 17 to 7.

108 — Mike Kelley (Batavia) decided Dave Wesenieder (Wayne) 7 to 1.

115 — Carl Bumbarger (Churchville-Chili) decided Mike Sivard (Greece Olympia) 11 to 7.

122 — Darrell Leslie (Madison) decided Dino Francheschi (Waterloo) 3 to 2.

125 — Don Gugel (Batavia) pinned Terry John (Geneva) 1:46.

135 — Mark Willison (Churchville-Chili) decided Derick Cooper (Greece-Athens) 13 to 1.

141 — Tom Burgess (Canandaigua) decided Tom Goole (Greece Olympia) 5 to 1.

148 — Dale Oliver (Canandaigua) decided Don Henshaw (Brockport) 6 to 3.

158 — John Linscott (Brockport) decided Steve Denner (Churchville-Chili) 3 to 1.

170 — Chuck Giordano (Greece Olympia) decided Don Battone (Hornell) 3 to 1.

180 — Al Metz (Attica) decided Tim Crawford (Pittsford-Mendon) 5 to 3.

Hvt. — Wes Audsley (Attica) decided Dan Nolan (Canandaigua) 8 to 2.

Unlt. — Steve Terry (Hornell) pinned Joe Mender (Canandaigua) 4:36.



IN CONTROL of his opponent is Canandaigua grappler Dale Oliver in Saturday night's sectionals at Greece-Athens. Oliver took the 148 class with a 5 to 3 decision over Don Henshaw of Brockport. (Messenger photo)

Kovalovsky, Button Splash To New Records

GENEVA — Two area swimmers had a field day Saturday at the Section Five Class C Championships. Kelly Kovalovsky of Naples set two new sectional marks, and

Marcus Whitman's Bob Button notched two victories shattering the existing mark for the 100 freestyle by over three seconds.

Kovalovsky's first record-breaking swim came in the 200 individual medley where he grabbed first with a 2:11.94. A while later he entered the Hobart pool again for the 500 freestyle and came home with a 5:19.96. Overall, the Naples' swimmers finished eighth with 69 points.

The Whitman Wildcats wound up in second place, to Wheatland-Chili's 226 points, with 172 points. "It's the best we've ever done," said Whitman Coach Hank Savage. "I can't say enough about the team. For a three-year-old team they did a super job. Something clicked and I was really pleased with their efforts. Button proved he was the best swimmer in the Finger Lakes area."

Button, who was awarded the Finger Lakes Coaches award last week as the top area swimmer, lasted victory first in the 200 freestyle with a 1:57.31 finish. His new sectional record in the 100 freestyle was a :51.10.

Intersectional qualifiers will

UNC, Kentucky In Drivers' Seat

By GREG AIELLO
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As far as North Carolina is concerned, it shouldn't matter what happens in the Atlantic Coast Conference tournament. And, after what happened last weekend, it probably won't.

"I feel we deserve an NCAA bid," North Carolina Coach Dean Smith said after No. 8 North Carolina beat No. 10 Louisville Sunday afternoon in Charlotte, N.C., in a nationally televised game.

The victory gave North Carolina a 22-4 record and came one day after the Tar Heels clinched their second straight Atlantic Coast Conference regular-season championship. This is the 11th straight year in which the Tar Heels have finished first or second in the ACC standings.

North Carolina beat Duke, 84-

71, on Saturday to finish 9-3 in the ACC, then won the title later that night when North Carolina State handed No. 9 Wake Forest its fourth conference loss, a 91-85 upset.

The winner of the ACC tournament, which begins Thursday in Greensboro, N.C., receives a spot in the East Regional.

Phil Ford and Mike O'Koren scored 26 points each Sunday as North Carolina built a 57-38 halftime lead against Louisville. The Tar Heels increased a 37-33 lead with 7:55 to go in the half by outscoring the Cardinals, 18-2.

"We got outstuffed so much last week our players seemed to be nervous," Louisville Coach Donny Crum.

On Saturday night, Wake Forest held a 43-38 halftime lead over North Carolina State, but Kentucky