

Marion cops Class B mat title

GENESEO—Marion capped the school's most successful wrestling season ever Saturday by winning the Section 5 Class B Wrestling Tournament.

It was the first sectional title ever for the Black Knights and their fourth tournament championship of the season. Marion posted a 13-2 overall mark, and a 10-0 league record as it won the Finger Lakes Western Division title.

"We've had a good season, but we wanted to make it a great one by winning the sectionals," Marion coach Steve Habecker said. "I thought we had a good chance to win if we could get first-places out of two or three kids and the rest did their jobs."

Habecker got first-places from three of his wrestlers. Al Pulcini at 119 pounds, Nick DiCesare at 155 and Bob Jones at 177.

Pulcini wasted no time in claiming his sectional title. He pinned Jim McAllister of Holley in 1:26 to up his individual season record to 26-2. DiCesare dominated the 155 title match, decisioning Avon's Jason Bowers 11-0 to raise his mark to 20-4-2. Jones also recorded a decision at 177 to up his record to 27-0, beating Mark Goosens of Avon 5-2.

"Those three were just great," Habecker said of his sectional champions. "They just made up their minds they were going to win and they did. All three dominated their weight classes throughout the tournament."

Marion also got second-place finishes from Brent Bushart at 91, Jeff DiRidder at 112 and Tim Gannett in the unlimited division. Eighth-grader Kevin DeRidder finished third for the Black Knights at 98.

Lyons, which finished fourth in the tournament, had two sectional titleists. Brothers Mike and Ed Mitchell each won for the Lions. Ed in the

heavyweight class and Mike at 105. Rick Liesenring finished second at 167 and Greg Chadwick third at 112 for the Lions.

South Seneca placed three wrestlers in the top three of their respective classes. Mike Betts finished second at 98 pounds, Dale Updike third at 132 and Steve Messmer third at 145.

Dundee also claimed two places in the tournament. Cal Switzer at 119 and Steve VanHeusen at 167 each finished third for the Scots.

Frank Heffernan of Red Creek finished third at 126.

The top three finishers in each weight class advance to the state qualifying tournament to be held at Fairport this Friday and Saturday.

The summary:

Team scoring

Marion 164½, Cal-Mum 136½, Geneseo 113½, Lyons 101, Avon 92, Byron-Bergen 87½, Warsaw 70, Canisteo 63½, South Seneca 59, Keshequa 48, Red Creek 47, Holley 44½, Dundee 42½, Barker 12, Bloomfield 11, Addison 10, Perry 2, Red Jacket 0, Letchworth 0.

Finals

91—Dana Rischard (Geneseo) decisioned Brent Bushart (Marion), 4-2. 98—Tracy Regan (Avon) pinned Mike Betts (South Seneca), 1:42. 105—Mike

Mitchell (Lyons) decisioned Mike Murphy (Cal-Mum), 5-3. 112—Kevin Rischard (Geneseo) pinned Jeff DeRidder (Marion), 3:50. 119—Al Pulcini (Marion) pinned Jim McAllister (Holley) 1:16. 126—Paul Rischard (Geneseo) decisioned Don Liles (Byron), 9-3. 132—Marc Phillips (Avon) decisioned Greg Dermody (Byron), 9-3.

138—Mitch Hiller (Warsaw) decisioned Dan Valente (Cal-Mum), 5-4. 145—Doug Nathnegle (Cal-Mum) decisioned Shawn Hughes (Geneseo), 10-1. 155—Nick DiCesare (Marion) decisioned Jason Bowers (Avon), 11-0. 167—Gordy Craw (Cal-Mum) decisioned Rick Liesenring (Lyons), 11-8. 177—Bob Jones (Marion) decisioned Mark Goosens (Avon), 5-2. Hwt.—Ed Mitchell (Lyons) pinned John Yerger (Byron), 2:30. Unlimited—Jeff Forrest (Keshequa) pinned Tim Gannett (Marion), 3:51.

Consolation

91—Shannon Donahue (Canisteo) decisioned Dean Cooke (Dundee), 2-0. 98—Kevin DeRidder (Marion) pinned Todd Burger (Warsaw), 2:03. 105—Mark Thompson (Canisteo) decisioned Don Drexler (Red Creek), 7-4. 112—Greg Chadwick (Lyons) decisioned Sam Schillachl (Warsaw), 4-0. 119—Cal Switzer (Dundee) decisioned Art James (South Seneca), 3-0. 126—Frank Heffernan (Red Creek) pinned Allen Goodenow (Warsaw), 2:41. 132—Dale Updike (South Seneca) decisioned Paul Fisher (Marion), 6-2.

138—Pete Haney (Geneseo) decisioned Mike List (Byron), 6-4. 145—Steve Messmer (South Seneca) decisioned Lindsey Wilrow (Keshequa), 3-2. 155—Scott Langdon (Cal-Mum) decisioned Dave Middledistat (Barker), 10-8. 167—Steve VanHeusen (Dundee) decisioned Mark Sampson (Red Creek), 9-1. 177—Bill Cook (Holley) decisioned Pete Johnson (Byron), 3-2. Hwt.—Bob Dineen (Canisteo) decisioned Greg McCarthy (Cal-Mum), 12-8. Unlimited—Jeff Gardner (Canisteo) pinned Dane Manly (Cal-Mum), 2:01.

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