

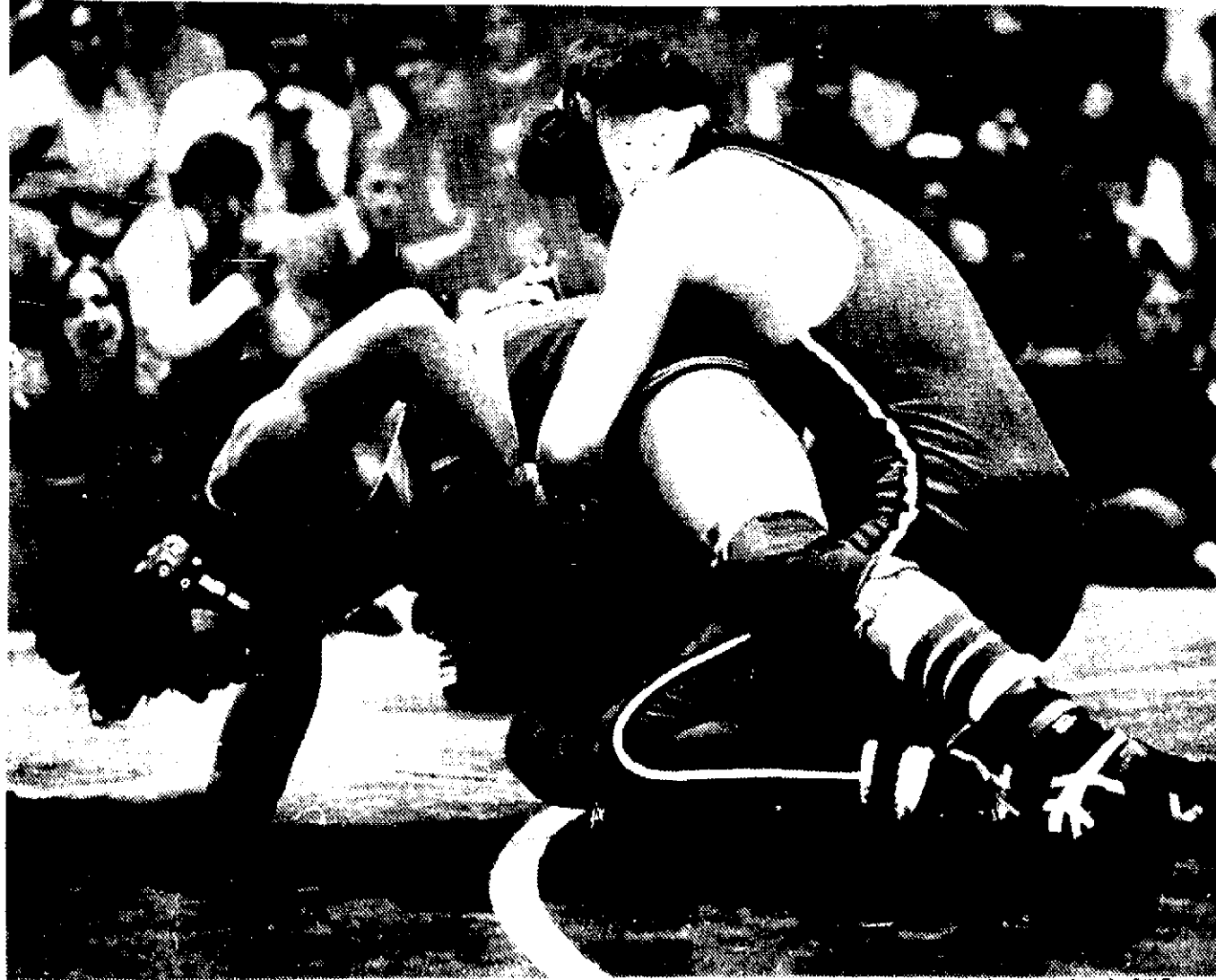
Bees may not be the greatest, but they do wrestle

By BILL PLUMMER

Perhaps Leo Johnson, Baldwinsville's head wrestling coach, summed up best his

team's performance in yesterday's ninth annual Holiday Classic Wrestling Tournament.

"They aren't the greatest wrestlers, but they can all wrestle." There was no doubt about that after the



B'ville's Tom Pickard has control of Peru's Cameron Riggs in final

Merald-Journal photo by Bill Tynan

Bees had buzzed through an impressive 11-team field before a crowd estimated at more than 2,000 at the Bee Hive (also known as the Baldwinsville gym).

Scoring 239½ points, the Bees gave an impressive showing of balance and depth to capture the tourney title they lost by 12 points to Massapequa last year and hadn't won since 1974.

All 14 Baldwinsville wrestlers that entered placed. In all, the Bees won four weight classes, placed second in three others, took two thirds, two fourths, two fifths and one sixth in a field of some of the best wrestlers New York State has to offer. Finishing behind Baldwinsville in the team scoring was another Section Three school, New Hartford, with 147½ points. Mepham of Bellmore, L.I., one of the teams expected to challenge the Bees for team honors, was third with 129½ points and Section Seven power Peru rounded out the top four with 118 points. The ease with which Baldwinsville handled some of the top teams in New York left little doubt it is the best team in the state.

As he left, Johnson, trying to escape a victory shower from his team, said, "This win really shows what balance we have. This is probably the best dual meet team I've ever had."

Besides winning the team honors, the Bees won two of the three tourney's awards.

Freshman Jerry Haselmayer, who started the finals off with a pin of Auburn sophomore David Flanigan at 5:31 in winning the 91-pound weight class, won the aggregate pin title. He pinned three opponents in 8:07. Flanigan, by the way, had a pin in 24 seconds to win the quickest pin category.

The Carlos Medina Award, which annually goes to the tournament's outstanding wrestler, was won by Baldwinsville's Tom Pickard, who was undefeated en route to the 145-pound title.

The lean, long-armed Pickard, who won at 132 pounds in this tourney last year en route to the state title, was one of three to repeat. The others were Charbel Karrat of New Hartford (177-pounds) and Baldwinsville junior Ed Krupa (250-pounds).

Pickard's opponent for the second year in a row was Cameron Riggs of Peru, who lost by default last year.

"He hurt his knee and had to default last year," said Pickard, who upped his career record to 71-3-1 in winning his 45th straight match with a 5-1 decision. Stalling prevented Pickard from registering a shutout.

Riggs gained the final with an impressive 6-2 win over Mepham's Tony Damiani, who was 25-1-1 last year, the loss to eventual state champ Paul Meyers, 5-3, in the Section 8 finals. Mepham's only winner was Bob Carbo at 119-pounds.

Others winning weight classes included Joe Labbate (105), Sam Jacopelle (112) and Mike Letcher (126), East Syracuse-Minoa; Andy Giannino (98), Auburn; Barry Albert (138), Baldwinsville; Scott Inman (155) and Mike St. Armour (132), New Hartford; John Zito (167), East Rochester; and Jim Sleeper (215), West Genesee.

Although the tournament went off like clockwork and was well organized and run, it was marred by one injury.

Baldwinsville's Carl Kristeller was stunned in the head in the finals against Labbate. Trailing 9-3, Kristeller was stunned with 56 seconds left in the second period.

"Karl was hit in the head," said Johnson. "We don't know if one of Labbate's bones hit his head or what. But we decided to not take any chances. So we stopped the match." Kristeller was taken to a local hospital for a check-up.

TAKEDOWNS. Baldwinsville set tone of evening with impressive win in JV Tourney, scoring 235 points to 117 for Auburn . . . Dan Allen, a Baldwinsville

freshman, was outstanding wrestler in that tourney . . . Baldwinsville Wrestling Club has a bus charter (\$12) for bout against Buffalo power Pioneer next month. Call Carl Zimba (635-3828) if interested . . . Spartans of ES-M lacked overall depth to top Bees, but they figure to be one of the top teams around . . . Sleeper won his bout on stalling call against Joe Picher of ES-M.

Morrisville

MORRISVILLE — Morrisville-Eaton had eight champions to capture first place in its own Christmas wrestling tournament here last night.

Brian Curtis (91), Pat Ginney (105), Gale Petroff (119), Paul Orth (126), Marlin Brown (132), Ed Brnst (138), David Johnston (167) and Rich Gruikshank (Hwt) all won titles for M-E which scored 237 points.

Tully finished second in the team standings with 188 points, followed by Bishop Grimes (112), Westhill (108), Richfield Springs (99), New Berlin (70) and Coopers-town (34).

Tony Cafferelli of Bishop Grimes won the 112 pound class and was named the tourneys Most Outstanding Wrestler. Orth had the most pins in the least amount of time.

MORRISVILLE-EATON TOURNEY

Team Results

Varsity — Morrisville-Eaton 237, Tully 188, Bishop Grimes 112, Westhill 108, Richfield Springs 99, New Berlin 70, Coopers-town 34.

JV — Morrisville-Eaton 139½, Richfield Springs 91½, Tully 89, Westhill 83, Bishop Grimes 73½, New Berlin 38, Coopers-town 0.

Individual Results

91 — B. Curtis (M-E) dec. D. Cafarelli (T), 4-1. 98 — C. Lakata (RS) pinned H. Lighthall (M-E), 1:09. 105 — P. Ginney (M-E) pinned T. Ficalora (T), 4:20. 112 — T. Cafferelli (BG) dec. M. Colin (M-E), 9-4. 119 — G. Petroff (M-E) dec. B. Bowie (T), 8-3. 126 — P. Orth (M-E) dec. D. Ames (RS), 7-5. 132 — M. Brown (M-E) pinned B. Stark (W), 2:27. 138 — E. Brnst (M-E) dec. R. Byrnes (T), 11-3. 145 — C. Coon (W) dec. Wes Vadala (T), 4:20. 155 — M. Schmidt (BG) won by default over G. Hulson (T). 167 — D. Johnston (M-E) pinned M. Wille (T), 3:57. 177 — D. Cooper (T) pinned L. Munday (NB), 3:31. Hwt — R. Gruikshank (M-E) pinned R. Kipp (T), 1:34.

Wrestling

B'VILLE WRESTLING TOURNAMENT RESULTS TITLE MATCHES

91—Haselmayer (B) pinned Flanagan (Aub), 5:31; 98—Giannino (Aub) dec. Allen (B) 10-3; 105—Labbate (ES-M) won by default over Kristeller (B), 3:04; 112—Jacopelle (ES-M) dec. DeLawyer (B), 4-0; 119—Carbo (Meph) dec. Kevin Bruno (Peru), 4-1.

126—Letcher (ES-M) dec. Cool (SJ), 3-2; 132—St. Amour (NH) dec. Ramus (SJ) 3-2; 138—Albert (B) dec. Cook (NH) 6-5; 145—Pickard (B) dec. Higgs (Peru) 5-1; 155—Inman (NH) dec. Distin (Ful) 5-4; 167—Zito (ER) dec. Plumb (Liv), 10-4.

177—Karrat (NH) dec. Ormsby (Peru) 8-2; 215—Sleeper (WG) dec. Richer (ES-M), 8-7; 250—Krupka (B) pinned Baido (ER), 3:17.

TEAM SCORING: Baldwinsville 239.5, New Hartford 147.5, Mepham 129.5, Peru 118, East Syracuse-Minoa 108, South Jefferson 83, East Rochester 82, Liverpool 79, Auburn 69, Fulton 59, West Genesee 49.5.

CONSOLATION MATCHES

91—Adams (Liv) pinned Cook (NH) 3:47; 98—Mettais (NH) pinned Starke (Meph) 2:50; 105—Didio (Meph) dec. Phillips (Ful), 7-3; 112—Battazzi (ER) dec. Marson (Meph), 6-4; 119—Foraker (ES-M) dec. LePorte (B) 9-1; 126—Neufang (B) dec. Savino (Meph), 4-3.

132—Kregg Bruno (Peru) dec. Rob Savino (Meph) 8-5; 138—B. Berryhill (Liv) dec. D. Werbeck (WG) 4-0; 145—Damiani (Meph) dec. Miles (NH) 4-2; 155—Hirsh (B) won by default over Chesebro (Liv)

167—Hallatshek (Meph) dec. Shaver (B) 2-0; 177—Cotton (Ful) dec. Dellonte (Aub) 13-7; 215—Parish (SJ) pinned Dischiavo (NH) 2:00; 250—Dobson (Peru) pinned Kane (Ful), 3:40.

MOST OUTSTANDING WRESTLER — Tom Pickard (B'ville) 145; AGGREGATE PIN: Jerry Haselmayer (B'ville) 91, 3 pins in 8:07. QUICKEST PIN: Doug Flanagan (Auburn) 91, :24 seconds.

SCHOLASTIC

Non-League

Mohawk 48, LaFayette 12

CBA 26, LaFayette 24

CBA 29, Mohawk 27