

Sweet Home, N-W grab mat crowns

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Kenmore East High School, the defending Section VI, Division I wrestling champs, ran into some hard luck Saturday on their own mats. The Bulldogs not only gave up the divisional crown to Sweet Home, but saw two of their undefeated grapplers beaten.

Ken-East dropped to third place in the final statistics behind second place Maryvale. Wrestling in their own gym proved no advantage for the Bulldogs during the Division I competition.

Dave Izard of Sweet Home was named the "Most Valuable Wrestler" in the tournament. He earned the honor by defeating formerly unbeaten Chris Lawson of Ken-East. However, Lawson wrestled with a badly sprained ankle which was heavily taped.

North Tonawanda's last hope for an individual champ died when Bob Schultz lost a narrow decision in the 105-lb. event. He, along with all the other runners-up, will take place in the Section VI championships Friday and Saturday at Sweet Home High School.

Joe Palmieri emerged as the 112-lb. champion with a slim

decision. He was one of three individual champs for Ken-East. Ray Pfeifer remained undefeated in the 119 category with a 6-2 decision over SH's Len Sisti.

Mitch Levine won his show-down in the 167-lb. class with a slim 1-0 decision over Ken-West's Matt Chimera. Levine was an important factor for East finishing in second place in the Niagara Frontier League. He will get the supreme test in the Section VI championships.

It was Paul Rogers of Ken-West who rounded out the area winners with a victory in the super heavyweight (250-lbs.) class.

Undefeated Tom Gill of Ken-East may have been the most courageous wrestler of the tourney. He competed despite being plagued by an extremely high temperature. He was beaten in the semi-finals.

The Niagara-Wheatfield wrestling team added to its laurels by taking the Division III crown in Lake Shore. The mighty Falcons scored 109½ points, 43½ more than second-place Clarence.

Besides taking team honors, the Falcons placed eight of their grapplers in the finals,

four of them emerged as individual champs.

Paul Cianchetti led the N-W onslaught by pinning Tonawanda's Steve Marone at 2:32 in the 170-lb. match. Cianchetti is unbeaten in the NFL and has won all his matches but two by pins in the last two years. Both of the matches he failed to earn pins were against Marone. Saturday night he finally did. It was Cianchetti's second Division III crown.

Also wining his second Division III crown was N-W's Jim Briggs in the 253-lb. class. Jim Heuer won the 108-lb. class championship for the Falcons as he decisioned Craig Campbell of Tonawanda, 7-1.

Niagara-Wheatfield's other undefeated wrestler, Steve Miller, didn't participate. But his understudy, Russ Kolthan, did. It resulted in another individual Falcon victory.

The Falcon brothers, Tam and Art Pittman, made it to the finals but had to face two of the toughest grapplers in Western New York in the forms of Mitch Brown and Bill Kistner, both from Williamsville South. Brown pinned Tam at 2:48 while Kistner took a slim victory away from Art, 7-6. For the second straight year,

Brown was named the MVP of the tourney.

Tonawanda's Guy Miller, only in the eighth grade, took the individual crown at 91 lbs. Miller's father, George, is on a leave of absence from the Red Warrior coaching ranks.

Dave Petersen took the other individual crown for the Red Warriors at 135.

Sophomore sensation Tom Blinco of Lewiston-Porter continued to marvel at the 218 class as he took the individual crown. He was the Lancers' one bright spot as they managed to score but 31 team points.

DIVISION I Team Results

Sweet Home	79
Maryvale	65½
Kenmore East	64
Lancaster	62
Kenmore West	42
W. Seneca West	38
Jamestown	30½
N. Tonawanda	22

INDIVIDUAL RESULTS

Individual Results
88— Don Schneider (Lan) dec Joe Leonard (WS), 3-0; 98 — Dave Young (Lan) dec. Bill Gallagher (SH), 7-6; 105 — John Sendzik (Lan) dec. Bob Schultz (NT), 9-2; 112 — Joe Palmieri (KE) dec. Ray Garcia (Mary), 6-3; 119 — Ray Pfeifer (KE) dec. Len Sisti (SH), 6-2; 126 — Kurt Huer (SH) dec. Ken Zoeller (Mary), 4-1; 132 — Jim

Mize (M) dec. Ross Cellino (WSW), 7-2; 138 — Dave Schmidbauer (WSW) dec. Mark Edwards (SH), referee's decision in overtime; 145 — Bob Pearce (WSW) dec. (KE) (No name given), 10-4; 167 — Mitch Levine (KE) dec. Matt Chimera (KW), 1-0; 177 — Steve Pulley (Lan) dec. Bob Darling (Jas), 3-2; 215 — John Kunert (Mary) dec. Steve Kuznik (Lan), 2-1; 250 — Paul Rogers (KW) dec. Brian McNamara (SH), 11-6.

DIVISION III Team Results

Niagara-Wheatfield	109½
Clarence	66
Tonawanda	65
Williamsville S.	57½
Lake Shore	52½
Lewiston-Porter	31
Orchard Park	6
Lackawanna	0

Individual Results

91 — Guy Miller (Ton) pinned Bill Daw (WS), 2:13; 191 — Tom Wood (LS) pinned Nick Perri (N-W), 1:18; 198 — Jim Heuer (N-W) dec. Craig Campbell (Ton), 7-1; 115 — Steve Funnell (LS) dec. Tom Caserisano (N-W), 5-2; 122 — Ken Long (Cla) dec. Kevin Moody (Ton), 8-7; 129 — Jim Hogan (Cla) pinned Scott Andrews (LP), 1:51; 135 — Dave Peterson (Ton) pinned Pat White (Cla), 5:11; 141 — Bob Truesdell (WS), dec. Chuck Maisch (Cla), 3-2; 145 — Mitch Brown (WS), pinned Tam Pittman (N-W), 2:48; 158 — Bill Kistner (WS) dec. Art Pittman (N-W), 7-6; 170 — Paul Cianchetti (N-W) pinned Steve Marone (Ton), 2:32; 180 — Russ Koithan (N-W) dec. Vic Stepankowski (LS), 8-2; **Heavyweight** — Tom Blinco (L-P) dec. Paul Stebbins (LS), 9-3; **Unlimited** — Jim Briggs (N-W) dec. Dave Dombrowski (WS), 3-2.

UCLA appears to be over slump

What's wrong with UCLA? Nothing at all.

The Bruins, who've won nine national titles in a row, proved that their lost weekend in Oregon was just a temporary aberration. They clobbered Washington

Southern California, which is ranked ninth and is now tied with the Bruins for the Pacific Eight lead, beat Washington 79-64 and Washington State 86-59 over the weekend.

It's now taken for granted that the March 9th battle