



## FUNNELL, WOOD ARE LSC SECTIONAL CHAMPS

The Section VI Class A Wrestling Championships were held at Lake Shore last Saturday and the host team managed to come up with two sectional champs, while finishing in fifth place in the team standings.

Competition was extremely tough, as Lake Shore finished behind Niagara-Wheatfield (109.5 points), Clarence (66), Tonawanda (65) and Williamsville South (57.5). The Eagles chalked up 52.5 points and were followed by Lewiston-Porter (31), Orchard Park (6) and Lackawanna (0).

The two Lake Shore first place finishes came at 101 and 115 lbs. Sophomore Tom Wood won at 101 by pinning Niagara-Wheatfield's Nick Perri in 1:18. Steve Funnell, a senior, also defeated a Wheatfield wrestler for his championship. Funnell won a 5-2 decision over Tom Caterisano in an exciting 115 lb. final.

Heavyweight Paul Stebbins and 180-pounder Vic Stepankowski also made it to the finals, but were defeated by outstanding wrestlers. To finish second, Paul, a junior, lost to highly-regarded Tom Blinco of Lewiston-Porter, 9-3, while Vic, a senior, came out on the short end of an 8-2 decision to Russ Koithan, Niagara-Wheatfield. Third place honors went to junior Pete Caldwell, who decisioned Mark Carroll of Clarence, 7-2, in the consolation round of the 158-lb. class. Pete had earlier suffered a tough loss to Williamsville South's Bill Kistner, the eventual champion.

Two seniors, Jim Lammerhirt and Tom Caldwell, finished in fourth place at 122 and 170-lbs. respectively. Jim was defeated by sectional champ Ken Long of Clarence in the semi-finals, while Tom's injury in his semi-final loss to Steve Marone of Tonawanda, kept him from competing in the consolations.

Overall, Lake Shore did quite well, and only the fact that this was the toughest class of the eight Western New York Divisions, kept the Eagles from placing higher. This weekend, Tom Wood, Steve Funnell, Paul Stebbins and Vic Stepankowski will be competing at Sweet Home in the State Qualifier. Winners here will travel to Syracuse next week to represent Section VI in the State Championships.

Other winners last Saturday at Lake Shore were: 91 lbs. - Guy Miller (Tonawanda); 108 - Jim Heuer (Niagara-Wheatfield); 129 - Jim Hogan (Clarence); 135 - Dave Peterson (Tonawanda); 141 - Bob Truesdell (Williamsville South); 148 - Mitch Brown (Williamsville South) - named the Tournament's outstanding wrestler; 170 - Paul Cianchetti (Niagara-Wheatfield); and unlimited - Jim Briggs (Niagara-Wheatfield).