

Cosentino, Button, 4 Braves make up record FL state mat team ★

By JOHN BAGSHAW

The Intersectional Wrestling Tournament, scheduled for Syracuse's War Memorial next Friday and Saturday, will have more of a Finger Lakes flavor than ever before.

Heavyweights John Cosentino (250) of Geneva and Bob Button (215) of Newark join four wrestlers from powerful Canandaigua, Marty King (91), Matt King (132), Mike Reho (145) and Bill Hadsell (167), to give the Finger Lakes six representatives on the Section 5 team, breaking by one the record of five set in 1971 and equaled in 1973.

The start of the championship finals Saturday, was delayed for an hour by a loss of electrical power caused by an automobile accident which knocked out power lines in the area of Fairport High School. At 8 p.m., just as tournament officials had decided to go ahead with the matches under the auxiliary emergency lighting, full power was restored, to the approving roar of the overflow crowd.

Thus, with an extra hour's wait under his belt to add to the natural "butterflies," 91 pound Marty King took to

the mat against Clarence Brown of Franklin. King, nicknamed "the puppy" in Canandaigua in reference to his size and age (8th grader) and perhaps in deference to his older and more famous brother, Mike, was quickly taken down by Brown. That seemed to be just the shock he needed. He immediately escaped and scored a takedown himself to take a 3-2 lead at the end of the first period. He had no problems the rest of the way, scoring a nearfall, reversal and another takedown while giving up two escapes, to win easily 9-4.

King had advanced to the finals by pinning Mark Rosata of East Rochester in the quarterfinals and beating Class AAA champion Rick LaPaglia 4-2 in the semifinals, avenging an early season 6-3 loss to the Spencerport wrestler. King's record stands at 22-4.

Canandaigua's next chance to cheer came at 132 pounds as Matt King earned his second straight trip to the state tournament. King's routine 8-2 decision over Class AAA champ Rich Battaglia of Penfield was indeed anticlimatic. As expected, his only real test came in the semifinals when he faced arch-rival

Romeo Battazzi of East Rochester.

These two foes have met four times over the past two years with King holding a 2-1-1 edge. Indeed, their last match, just two weeks ago, was perhaps the most remarkable. Though both wrestlers are noted for their high scoring matches, they battled to a 0-0 draw, each countering the others moves to perfection. ER coach Don Quinn had been quoted, in admiring both wrestlers, "It's a shame they both can't go (to states). I think whoever scores the first takedown will win it."

King has great respect for the veteran East Rochester coach and took him at his word. He scored a hard fought first period takedown and that was the match. The two stars swapped reversals in the last two periods and King was on his way with a 4-2 win.

Battazzi was brilliant even in defeat. The two-point reversal he scored on King was a thing of beauty that even this long time wrestling fan won't try to put a name on. Thrown after fighting his way to his feet, it was a freestyle type, forward tumbling move. I'm convinced that only two people in the

packed gymnasium knew what was going on. Battazzi himself — and King. It was a great match.

King, who finished fourth at 119 pounds in the state tournament last year, takes a 30-1-1 record with him this trip. His only loss was to 126-pound state champ Clar Anderson of Olean.

Two matches later Canandaigua had its third "ticket to Syracuse." Mike Reho, son of Canandaigua assistant coach Dale Reho, had wiped out the disappointment of failing to repeat as Section 5 Class AA champion by winning the "overall" title and gaining a spot on the Section 5 state team. It was not an easy road. First he had to meet AAA champ Scott Trainor of Churchville, thought by many to be the favorite. Reho defeated the highly touted Trainor 3-1, then matched that score in his semifinal win over Class B champ Dan Carmen of Geneseo.

In the championship bout against Paul Salamone of Irondequoit, Reho had to come from behind with a late reversal to tie the match at 7-7. In the overtime it was all Reho, scoring an

escape and takedown in the second period and then riding his opponent out for the victory. It was his first tournament win this year. All four losses on his 28-4-1 record had come in tournament finals.

At 167 pounds Canandaigua picked up its fourth champion, marking the first time the Braves have sent four wrestlers to the state tournament. It is fitting that this record setting win should come from Canandaigua's greatest wrestling family. In coasting to a solid 9-0 win over Class B champion Stu McFarland of Kendall, Bill Hadsell became the fourth member of his family to earn the right to compete in the state tournament.

Dick Hadsell was on the initial Section 5 team in 1968 at 127 pounds. Brothers Bruce (132) and Robert (98) made the trip in 1973 with Bruce winning the State Championship and Robert finishing third. Robert returned at 132 in 1976, finishing sixth.

And now Bill. And if the ease with which he won this tournament is any indication, there may be another medal due in the Hadsell household. Hadsell gained the finals by pinning Chuck Dove of Mynderse and defeating AAA champ Terry Kent of Brighton 9-1. His record stands at 29-2.

Undefeated Bob Button takes his 32-0 record back to Syracuse, the scene of his last loss. The 215 pound Newark star has not lost a match since his 3-2 defeat in the state finals last year. Since then Button has won an Empire State Games title and five tournament championships, including his third straight Section 5 Class AA title and, in the process, has driven most of the section's premiere heavyweights up to the 250 pound class.

Button pinned Class A champion Dave Hauf of Mynderse in the quarterfinals, defeated Class B champ Joe Borrelli of Lyons 13-0 in the semifinals and pinned Class C winner Dave Williams of Elba in the finals. He will undoubtedly carry the added burden of being the "odds-on-favorite" at the state tournament.

I know all area wrestling fans will forgive me when I say, "I have saved the best for last." This long time Geneva wrestling fan has attended 12 state wrestling tournaments, only two of which have included a Geneva wrestler. There has not been a Geneva wrestler go to Syracuse since 1971 when former coach Bill Brooks took his famed "Bantam Trio" of Jim Welsh (98), John Szkolnik (105) and Bill Welsh (112).

Big John Cosentino ended the long drought by winning the 250-pound championship and just about rewriting the Geneva record books in the process. He pinned all four of his opponents in the tournament, the only wrestler in the field to do so, bringing his pin total to 20, the most ever by a Geneva wrestler in a single season.

In the quarterfinals Cosentino pinned Dan Bocach of Hilton. In the semifinals it was Gary DeVries of Marion, setting

up a return match with Joe Kuras of Canandaigua, his victim in the Class AA finals last week. Many matside "experts" were favoring Kuras, considering last week's result an upset as Cosentino had been trailing the Canandaigua wrestler 5-0 when he reversed and pinned him. Even Geneva fans were less than overconfident. They realized the difficulty in beating a Canandaigua-coached wrestler two weeks in a row.

Cosentino quickly put their minds at ease with an all-out attack. Aided by an early warning against Kuras for stalling, which kept him from avoiding contact, Cosentino lateral-dropped his opponent to the mat and pinned him in 1:19 of the first period. The win brought his record to 26-4, breaking the Geneva record of 25 wins in a single season set in 1970 by Jim Welsh and equaled by Terry Jahn (1977) and John Scalzo (1978).

Geneva coach Don Knisely, himself a Pennsylvania state runner-up, was naturally elated with his wrestlers victory. "I couldn't ask for a better example for my young wrestlers," said Knisely. "John's success this year did not come from any God-given ability. It came from simply 'paying his dues' and hard work. John suffered through a freshmen season of three wins and 18 losses but he never quit. After each loss he'd pick himself up and go back to work on his faults. He simply refused to be a loser. I'm very proud of him."

Joe Ricciotti, Canandaigua 98 pounder, was the only other Finger Lakes wrestler to lose in the finals and it had to be a bitter disappointment. Ricciotti had battled his way to the finals to earn another crack at AA champ Mike Kase of Mendon, who had beaten him last week in the AA finals. Ricciotti was leading 3-0 and working on another takedown when Kase "hipped" him on to his back for a fall at 3:41.

Steve Siegfried, Mynderse's 3-time sectional champion at 98 pounds, missed an almost sure trip to the states in a controversial loss to Kase in the semifinals.

Trailing 5-2, Siegfried scored an escape and went right back in for an apparent match tying takedown. However, when Kase went to the mat on his side, Siegfried threw a half-nelson so hard the momentum carried him right over the top of Kase. While fighting to pull Kase back on to his back, the two wrestlers went out of bounds. The referee ruled that there had been no control and Siegfried lost not only the possible back points but the takedown also. Kase avoided further trouble and won the match 5-3.

Dave Kiemle of Red Creek impressed all Finger Lakes fans with his solid 9-3 win over highly touted 155 Class AA champ Rick Kase of Mendon. Kiemle lost 4-2 in the semifinals to Jeff Smith of Arcadia.

Scott Eberhardt, Newark's outstanding 177 pounder, pinned the first two opponents before being edged 6-5 in the semifinals by Ron Kidder, the undefeated (33-0) Class A Champion from Livonia.

ACC lands 5 spots in NCAA cage tourney

MISSION, Kan. (AP) — The Big 10, Pac-10 and Atlantic Coast Conference comprise more than 25 percent of the 48-team field and got seven of 16 first-round byes in the expanded NCAA Basketball Tournament, announced Sunday.

The nine-man Division I Basketball Committee, for the first time in tournament history, exercised almost total freedom in selecting teams and handing out seedings. Previously, no conference could have more than two entries.

The eight-member ACC placed five teams in the tournament while the Big 10 and Pac-10 got four each. Four ACC teams, North Carolina, North Carolina State, Maryland and Duke, received first-round byes. The top four seeds in each of four regionals are relieved of playing first-round games, which begin Thursday and Friday at different locations.

Under its expanded format, the tournament includes 25 at-large entries along with 23 teams which got automatic invitations by winning conference championships or postseason tournaments. The team payoffs are expected to jump dramatically over last year, with teams getting about \$80,000 for first and second-round games, \$200,000 for advancing to regional competition and \$320,000 for making it to the final four. This is up from

\$40,000, \$117,000 and \$275,000 last year.

Top-ranked DePaul, whose 26-1 record is the tournament's best, was seeded No. 1 in the West Regional while Kentucky, ranked No. 2 in the Associated Press Top Twenty, is the top seed in the Mideast. No. 5 Louisiana State is seeded tops in the Midwest and No. 3 Syracuse is the top seed in the east.

Committee Chairman Wayne Duke conceded that committee members "recognize there may be discussion" on a few conferences getting so many invitations.

"Our No. 1 objective was to take the best 25 teams after the 23 automatic qualifiers," Duke said. "Our No. 2 objective was to balance the brackets as best we could. Our No. 3 objective was to take into consideration as best we could any geographical boundaries."

The tournament will conclude with the nationally televised semifinals and finals March 22 and 24 in Indianapolis.

Duke also defended the enlarged bracket and said it came "in response to the great caliber of college basketball which we are seeing across the country today. I don't believe it dilutes in any way the tournament field, or the interest in college basketball which is not its zenith," Duke said.

"In selecting the field, the cream of

the crop emerges very easily," he added. "But I'm sure we'll have followers of the 49th team who think their team should be in."

The Southeast Conference and Metro Conference each placed three members in the tournament.

Others receiving first-round byes included Georgetown in the East Regional; Notre Dame and Louisville in the Midwest; St. John's and Indiana in the Mideast, and Ohio State, Brigham Young and Oregon State in the West.

The Midwest Regional will launch first-round action Thursday in Lincoln, Neb., with Missouri meeting San Jose and Kansas State playing Arkansas. Friday night in Denton, Tex., first-round games in the Midwest will be completed with Alcorn playing South Alabama and Texas A&M meeting Bradley.

At Greensboro, N.C. on Thursday, the East Regional begins first-round play with Iowa playing Virginia Commonwealth and Tennessee meeting Furman. On Friday night at Providence, R.I., Villanova plays Marquette and Iona goes against Holy Cross in the other East first-round game.

Opening-round games in the West Regional at Ogden, Utah Thursday night match Clemson against Utah State and Weber State against Lamar. The other first-round games in the West begin Friday night at Tempe, Ariz. with UCLA meeting Old Dominion and Arizona State going against Loyola of California.

First-round action in the Mideast Regional begins Thursday night at West Lafayette, Ind., matching Washington State against the winner of Tuesday

the funeral of Emmett Ashford, the first black umpire in the major leagues. Ashford died of a heart attack Saturday. He was 66. He had worked in Kuhn's office since retiring from the majors in 1970.

Notes 'n quotes

The DeSales Booster Club will meet tonight at 7 p.m. at the high school.

Bristol Mountain will host an Easy Giant Slalom race with proceeds going to the Ontario County Heart Fund Association. The race will be held

HS wrestling

Section 5

Intersectional Qualifier

Finals

91—Marty King (Canandaigua) *decided Clarence Brown (Franklin) 9-4, 98—Mike Case (Mendon) pinned Joe Ricciotti (Canandaigua) 3:41, 105—Larry Kane (Penfield) decided Andy Komarek (Spencerport) 16-0, 112—Tony Cotroneo (Irondequoit) decided Chris Kane (Penfield) 6-4, 119—Bob Arao (Fairport) decided Tim Lehmann (Irondequoit) 6-2, 126—Trevor Graham (Spencerport) decided Mike Kuhn (East Rochester) (7-7) 3-1 in overtime, 132—Matt King (Canandaigua) decided Rich Battaglia (Penfield) 8-2.

138—Rick Gould (Bolivar) decided Joe Walczyk (East Rochester) 4-3, 145—Mike Reho (Canandaigua) decided Paul Salamone (Irondequoit) (7-7) 3-0 in overtime, 155—Dave Silipini (Gates Chili) won by default over Jeff Smith (Arcadia), 167—Bill Hadsell (Canandaigua) decided Stu McFarland (Kendall) 9-0, 177—Ron Kidder (Livonia) decided Joe Prestigiacomo (Athena) 9-2, 215—Bob Button (Newark) pinned Dave Williams (Elba) 2:34, 250—John Cosentino (Geneva) pinned Joe Kuras (Canandaigua) 1:19.

FL Quarterfinal Results

91—Ed Principio (Geneva) decided Dan Bower (Red Creek) 8-6, King pinned Mark Rosata (East Rochester) 1:25, 98—Ricciotti decided John Leone (Penfield) 5-1, Nick Conner (Roth) pinned Jim Fultz (Dundee) 5:57, Steve Siegfried (Mynderse) decided Dan Tucker (Warsaw) 9-1, 105—Dave Gastrau (Sodus) won by forfeit, Andy Komarek decided Rich Levan (Marion) 2-0, Dan Scheele (Canandaigua) decided Dan Pagano (East Rochester) 18-6, 112—Kane decided Don Jones (Canandaigua) 4-2, Steve Burton (Hilton) pinned Mike Betts (South Seneca) 3:41.

119—Ron Jones (Canandaigua) decided Dana Richard (Geneseo) 5-0, Bill Affronti (Wayne) decided Ralph Torcello (Pavilion) 10-3, 126—Dave Fay (Roth) decided Steve Azzano (Wayne) (5-5) 3-2 in overtime, Steve Finnich (Canandaigua) decided Buzzy Lampson (Waterloo) 3-2, 132—Pat Friedman (Wayne) decided Bob DeFranco (Geneseo) 7-3, Romeo Battazzi (East Rochester) pinned Jeff Staheli (Williamson) 1:08, King pinned Tim Fitzgerald (Lyons) 4:40, 138—Gould decided Dom Caraccilo (Mynderse) 5-4, Jim Brault (Irondequoit) decided Jeff Yost (Newark) 8-2, Walczyk decided Morris White (Canandaigua) 9-7.

145—Reho decided Scoot Trainor (Churchville) 3-1, 155—Dave Kiemle (Red Creek) decided Rick Kase (Mendon) 9-3, Silipini pinned Rob Lang (Wayne) 1:52, 167—McFarland decided Greg Lawrence (Palmyra-Macedon) 7-1, Hadsell pinned Chuck Dove (Mynderse) 1:20, 177—Prestigiacomo decided Bill Condon (Canandaigua) 8-2, Scoot Eberhardt (Newark) pinned Clinton Rice (Edison) 5:00, 215—Joe Borrelli (Lyons) decided Mike Muller (East) 6-2, Button pinned Dave Hauf (Mynderse) 5:10.

250—Cosentino pinned Dan Bocach (Hilton) 1:26, Gary DeVries (Marion) pinned Tom Remchuk (Avoca) 1:16, Kuras decided Henry Hood (Madison) 1-0, Bob Plate (Mynderse) pinned Mark Shutt (Letchworth) 1:42.

FL Semifinal Results

91—Brown decided Principio 8-5, King decided Rick LaPaglia (Spencerport) 4-2, 98—Ricciotti decided Conner 4-2, Kase decided Siegfried 5-3, 105—Kane pinned Gastrau 3:50, Komarek decided Scheele 6-1, 119—Arao pinned Jones 3:23, Lehmann decided Affronti 10-7, 126—Graham decided Finnich 10-1, 132—Battaglia decided Friedman 8-6, King decided Battazzi 4-2.

145—Reho decided Dan Carmen (Geneseo) 3-1, 155—Smith decided Kiemle 4-2, 167—Hadsell decided Terry Kent (Brighton) 9-1, 177—Kidder decided Eberhardt 6-5, 215—Button decided Borrelli 13-0, 250—Cosentino pinned DeVries 1:25, Kuras pinned Plate 0:37.

Ski conditions

Code: new—inches of new snow (snowfall ending in last 24 hours), pdr—powder snow, pp—packed powder, wet gr—wet granular, lsgr—loose granular, frgr—frozen granular, icy—formed by extreme compaction or freezing rain, vc—variable conditions, wbln—wind-blown, bare spots—exposed ground, tc—thin cover, ltd—limited, obs—obstacles, xx trails—the number of trails open, mm—machine-made snow within last 24 hours, ns—night skiing, opr—operating, no—not operating.

NORTHERN

Dry Hill closed Monday
Gore Mt. pp-lsgr 6 trails
McCauley Mt. pp 5 trails
Oak Mt. closed Monday
Snow Ridge pp 7 trails
West Mt. pp 6 trails mm new weekday hours: 3:30-10 pm

Whiteface Mt. lsgr-pp 15 trails
Willard Mt. lsgr 2 trails ns
Woods Valley pp 7 trails

SOUTHERN

Big Birch pp 7 trails ns
Bobcat at Catskill pp-pdr 10 trails
Cataamont closed Monday
Cortina Valley lsgr 7 trails
Holiday Mt. lsgr 7 trails
Hunter Mt. pp 30 trails
Scotch Valley pp 12 trails
Sterling Forest lsgr-frgr 3 trails
Windham Mt. lsgr 6 trails

CENTRAL

Creek Peak pp 12 trails ns
Labrador pp 15 trails ns
Mystic Mt. pp 9 trails
Shu-maker Mt closed Monday
Song Mt. pp 16 trails ns
Toggenburg pp 7 trails ns

WESTERN

Bluemont pp 6 trails
Bristol Mt. pp 17 trails mm ns
Cockaigne pp 11 trails mm
Holiday Valley pp 31 trails mm
Kissing Bridge pp 20 trails
Peek n Peak pp 14 trails
Swain pp 13 trails
Wing Hollow pp 16 trails, hours today: 1-10 pm

SPECIAL EVENTS

Windham Mt.—Monday and Tuesday: New York State High School Championship ski races