



Part of the "hyp" at Baldwinsville wrestling matches is the "Number One" sign, shown here by Mike Conners as the matmen parade the edge of the mat in pre-match ceremony.



Jeff Beaver puts a quick pin on Canandaigua's Jim Henderson in the 155-lb. class.
Wrestling photos by Al Tayler.



Mike Conners couldn't pin a tough Braves opponent but he did work a masterful 12-0 decision.

No doubt now. . . matmen are definitely Number One in state

Baldwinsville's varsity wrestlers capped their third straight undefeated season Saturday night by stopping a tough Canandaigua team from the Rochester area.

The Bees, ranked number one in the state by the New York

State Sports Writers Association, hosted the number two squad from nearby Section 5 in what was billed as the Super Bowl of high school wrestling.

B'ville ran its unbeaten streak to 51 in a row with the 35-19 win over Canandaigua's Braves and virtually locked up their third straight state dual meet title. The meet, which was sold out for more than two weeks beforehand, was also televised live on WCNY-TV.

Most of the pre-meet talk was concerned with a close dual between two undefeated talent-laden teams who probably could not pin each other. Coach Leo Johnson's Bees quickly dispelled any of those ideas as Rob Allen and Dave Peters promptly went out and pinned their opponent to jump the Bees out to a 12-0 lead.

Peters, who has been hot and cold much of the season, was red-hot Saturday as he let up his 105-lb. opponent and then hit him with a beautiful lateral drop move which took the Canandaigua boy from his feet to his back in one quick flash. The pin came at 1:09.

At 112, Dan Allen squared off with Ron Jones in a tight match-up of two aggressive firey wrestlers. Allen dropped Jones on his back early in the match and it looked as if the Bees were going to serve another pin, but Jones fought Allen off and kept coming back in an exciting and exhausting duel. Allen won 9-7 and boosted the Bees score to 15-0.

The Braves fought back at 119 with twin Don Jones escaping with a 6-3 decision from a fired-up Dave Zimba. Zimba, who has been coming on in the last few weeks, appeared to be on the verge of turning Jones to his back with a cradle for the entire last

period but Jones just refused to go over and held on for the win.

Steve Gregory shocked the packed house at Baker gym, with some excellent wrestling and a pin of talented Steve Finnick at 126 lbs. in 2:39. Gregory's pin put the Bees up 21-3 and things looked bleak for Canandaigua. However, the Braves led by Matt King at 132 started to get things rolling as King, who was fourth in the state last year, scored a superior decision over Tim Ward, 19-6.

Then, Matt McGivney (B) went up to cover injured John Pickard's weight at 138 and lost a close 8-5 decision to Morris White. McGivney appeared to be driving to a takedown and near-fall in the third period but White held him off for the win.

At 145, Dale Reho scored a major upset over the Bees' Dave Filsinger as Filsinger dropped a 6-2 decision in his poorest effort of the year. Filsinger has been having weight problems the last few meets and it showed its toll on the talented grappler Saturday night.

With the three victories in a row, Canandaigua's hopes came alive and the score closed to 21-14.

Jeff Beaver raced on to the mat at 155 lbs. and took only 2:44 to show the Braves' Jim Henderson the light on the ceiling. Beaver's big pin win closed the door on a Canandaigua victory as the score read 27-14 with only three matches to go and ace Mike Conners still pacing the sidelines waiting his turn.

Bill Hadsell scored a superior decision for Canandaigua at 167 lbs. as he whipped Steve Earle, 16-2. Hadsell looks like a good bet for state honors at 167 lbs. and Earle, who weighs 154, was just too small. But the effort was there and Earle won't quit and that's why he was there.

Big Mike Conners worked hard for the fall over the Braves' Condon but Condon, who has won a few tournaments himself, was not to be pinned. However, Mike scored a 12-0 shut-out for five big team points, bringing the meet score to 32-19.

Senior Randy Shute wrestled real well as he bested Joe Kuras, 10-6, in the battle of two of upstate's better heavyweights. Randy's decision completed the

scoring.

This Saturday the Bees travel to West Genesee for an 11 a.m. start on the annual Onondaga North League meet. Liverpool and Fulton are possible threats to the Bees' eight-straight tourney titles.



Matt McGivney went up a class and tangled with the Braves' talented Morris White, suffering a close 8-5 decision.

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Gymnasts push win streak to eight

The girls varsity gymnastics team stretched its winning streak to eight by defeating Fayetteville-Manlius, 103-98, last week Tuesday and Liverpool, 109-101, on Saturday.

"The F-M victory was an important one for the B'ville gymnasts," said coach Jerri Costich. The lady Bees squeaked out a 2-

vaulting, floor ex and all-around, and second on beam and bars. Kristin Hebblethwaite took third on floor ex and Peggy Collins was third all-around.

At Liverpool, the Bees put together an impressive showing, beginning with a sweep of the vaulting event by Bessette (8.53), Collins (8.67) and Hebblethwaite

Dave Vulcano is a hard junior swimmer on the team of Baldwinsville who, according to his coach, Kuhn, keeps the team in this great attitude and he's a good kid and a leader. In this sport everyone motivated, everyone practice is hard and everyone rubs off on team."

Dave recently broke record that was set in 50 yard freestyle with 23.6 seconds. In 14 race he's finished first in 1. His only losses were Liverpool's powerhouse team, unbeaten annual

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Letters

TO THE EDITOR

Congratulations

To the Editor:

I would like to congratulate the students of the Baker High School community who were at the Baldwinsville - Canandaigua wrestling match Saturday night.

The positive attitude and enthusiasm expressed by the spectators as they were led by the cheerleaders was great. The positive enthusiasm for success of the Bees without putting down or mocking out the Canandaigua team was good sportsmanship. The "joy of victory and the agony of defeat" was accepted with class by the members of the wrestling squad.

There were consistent references to the overall positive tone demonstrated by the spectators by the announcers on Channel 24, and I believe it is as a result of a positive tradition regarding sportsmanship for the students in the Baker High School community.

Congratulations in demonstrating the Bees are the very best, not only in winning the athletic event, but also in showing respect and responsibility.

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