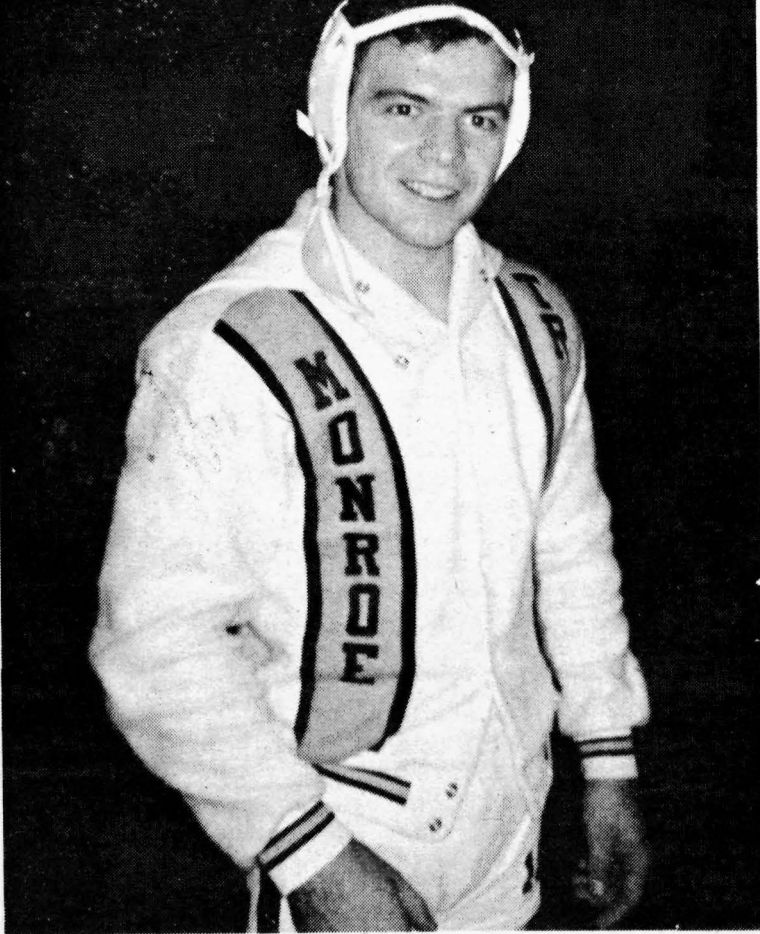


St. James Hildebrant Regional Place Winners



Bob Hildebrant of MCC placed third in the Regional Tournament for wrestlers last week.

MCC wrestlers Gary St. James and Bob Hildebrant placed second and third respectively at 158 pounds and 150 in the regional wrestling tournament at Delhi Tech last Saturday. St. James was the first finalist in MCC mat history.

Hildebrant, of York, New York, defeated Mike Didio of Hudson Valley in the first round, 9-3, but lost in the second to Bob Darin of Auburn, 6-3. Darin didn't have to wrestle an earlier match because he had a bye.

In the consolation round Hildebrant won first when Gary Campbell of Morrisville forfeited and next in the consolation finals, topping Dave Manchester of Corning Community College, 3-2. Bob was awarded a third place medal for his efforts.

St. James opened up with a 0-1 win over Bob McCullum of Adirondack Community College. Next round he toppled Dan Abbott of Paul Smith's by a score of 8 to 5. In the semifinals he defeated once defeated John Kopalek of Broome Tech, 9-8, to advance to the finals.

In the finals St. James lost to regional champion Roger Ingalls of Delhi by 8-4. Ingalls had won the regionals last year at 167 pounds. St. James was also awarded a medal for his efforts in what the

tournament director described as "one of the most competitive weight classes in the tournament."

Because of limited funds only four MCC wrestlers out of a possible seven could compete. Delhi Tech, entering only six wrestlers due to a lack of personnel, not money, won the TEAM championship by an overwhelming margin, proving that six wrestlers can make up a team.

Sixteen teams entered the tournament, but only nine provided full line ups. Delhi defeated powerhouse complete line-ups from Morrisville, Corning, Broome, and Alfred, the top four teams in the region this year.

Other individual champions were Dale Graham at 118, Jim McCloe at 126, Mike and Bob Waller at 134 and 150, and Ingalls at 158, all from Delhi, and Jim LoManaco of Broome at 142.

Also Pete Harrington from Cobleskill at 167, Gerald Hay from Adirondack at 177, Fred Marcello at 190 for Broome, and Gates Chili heavyweight Paul Wager from Fulton Montgomery at heavyweight.

Every school in the region sent wrestlers.