



TOP MATMEN — These six members of the Dansville High varsity wrestling team made outstanding showings in the County Tournament staged Saturday at Geneseo. They are (from left) Roger Mark, Tim Taft, Gerry Thompson, Gary Whiteman, Doug Atwell and Dave Knights. The Team now looks to Section V competition.

Conservation Committee Elects, Looks at Projects

Officers of the Steuben County Resource Conservation and Development Committee were elected at a meeting last week when officials also reviewed past and projected programs.

Coleman Ryther is new chairman while Mrs. Janice Owens will serve as secretary.

Ryther has been secretary of the committee for two years. Upon retiring as a public school administrator, he moved to Bath and worked for the Soil Conservation Service and Steuben County Soil & Water Conservation District for two years.

Mrs. Owens has been a member of the local committee for the past year. She is active in community affairs, being chairman of the Wheeler Planning Board. She was a leader in keeping people in the area informed

and the S&WCD are co-sponsoring this project. The streams in this area of the county sustained the most damage during Hurricane Agnes. It was noted that the benefits of this project would be protection of roads, bridges, prime agricultural land and other properties. An additional benefit would be reduction of siltation in these streams and the Canisteo River.

The committee also took favorable action on a proposal for bank stabilization along the Canisteo River. This project will be co-sponsored by the Steuben County Sportsmen Federation and the Hornell Lions Club which will seek other local sponsors.

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Wrestlers Shine In County Tourney

Dansville High School had two individual champions and placed fourth on a team basis in the Livingston County Wrestling Tournament Saturday at Geneseo.

Capturing championship trophies were Doug Atwell in the 108-pound division and Gerry Thompson in the 170-pound category. A second place award went to Roger Mark who lost out in the finals.

In the consolation round to decide third and fourth place, Dansville had one winner, Dave Knights and two losers, Tim Taft and Gary Whiteman.

Atwell gained his title with three one-sided victories. He posted an 18-4 decision over Rick Kemp of Geneseo in the quarter-finals, a 17-2 win over Ed Sardinia of Perry in the semi-finals and in the finals clipped Lov Mowry of LeRoy by a 12-4 margin.

Thompson moved up from his regular 158-pound class to the 170-pound division for the tourney and was successful in the switch. He scored a 5-3 decision over Jerry Wheeler of Avon in the first round and decisioned first-seeded Bill Uhl of Perry by a 16-9 score in the semi-finals. He gained the title with a 7-1 decision over Vern Price of Warsaw who was the tourney's second seed. Thompson was seeded fourth going into the county-wide action.

Mark came within a whisker of a 135-pound county crown. In the quarter-finals he decisioned Dan Miller of Caledonia and won 7-3 over Glenn Hackemer of Warsaw in the semi-finals only to lose 3-2 to Kerry Backes of Keshequa. In that final match, there was no scoring in the first period. Backes got one point for an escape in the second and with 30 seconds remaining in the last period, Mark scored a reversal for a 2-1 lead. However, just before the buzzer, Backes squirmed for a reversal and the championship.

Knights earned his third place title with a 5-3 decision over Mitch Hiller of

Warsaw in the 122-pound division. Taft lost 5-0 to Dan Swearingen of York in the 141-pound class and Whiteman was pinned by Dan Coyle of Caledonia in the 250-pound category. In the quarter-finals, Whiteman set a school record for the fastest pin, putting Nick Orlando of Geneseo down in eight seconds. The previous mark of 13 seconds was set by Terry Forrester in 1973.

Other county champions are Fran Rapone of Caledonia, 101 pounds; Mike Fuller of Warsaw, 115 pounds; Robin Scott of Caledonia, 122 pounds; Tom Rider of LeRoy, 129 pounds; Warren Bush of Warsaw, 141 pounds; Rich Brown of Caledonia, 148 pounds; Steve Hall of LeRoy, 158 pounds; Randy Gratton of Caledonia, 180 pounds; Roland Reinisch of Perry, 218 pounds; John Patt of Warsaw, 250 pounds.

Caledonia won the team title with 103 points. Warsaw was second with 90, LeRoy third with 63½ and Dansville fourth with 53. Finishing behind the top four were Keshequa with 50, Perry with 48, Livonia with 36½, Avon with 33, York with 18½, Geneseo with nine, Letchworth with seven and Mt. Morris with six.

The Class AA Sectional Championships in which Dansville competes this year began last night at Penn Yan. It will conclude Saturday with the quarter-finals starting at 11 a.m. The finals are scheduled for 8 p.m. An inter-sectional round to determine berths in the state championships is planned for Saturday, Mar. 1.

Young Ski Stars Capture Awards

Two Dansville youths brought home awards from the Swain Slope Coca-Cola Challenge Ski Series conducted last weekend.

In the under 10 age group, Bradley Matthews placed third while Kirk Bukowski gained a fifth place prize in the 11-15 age category.