

Section 2 cops first mat title

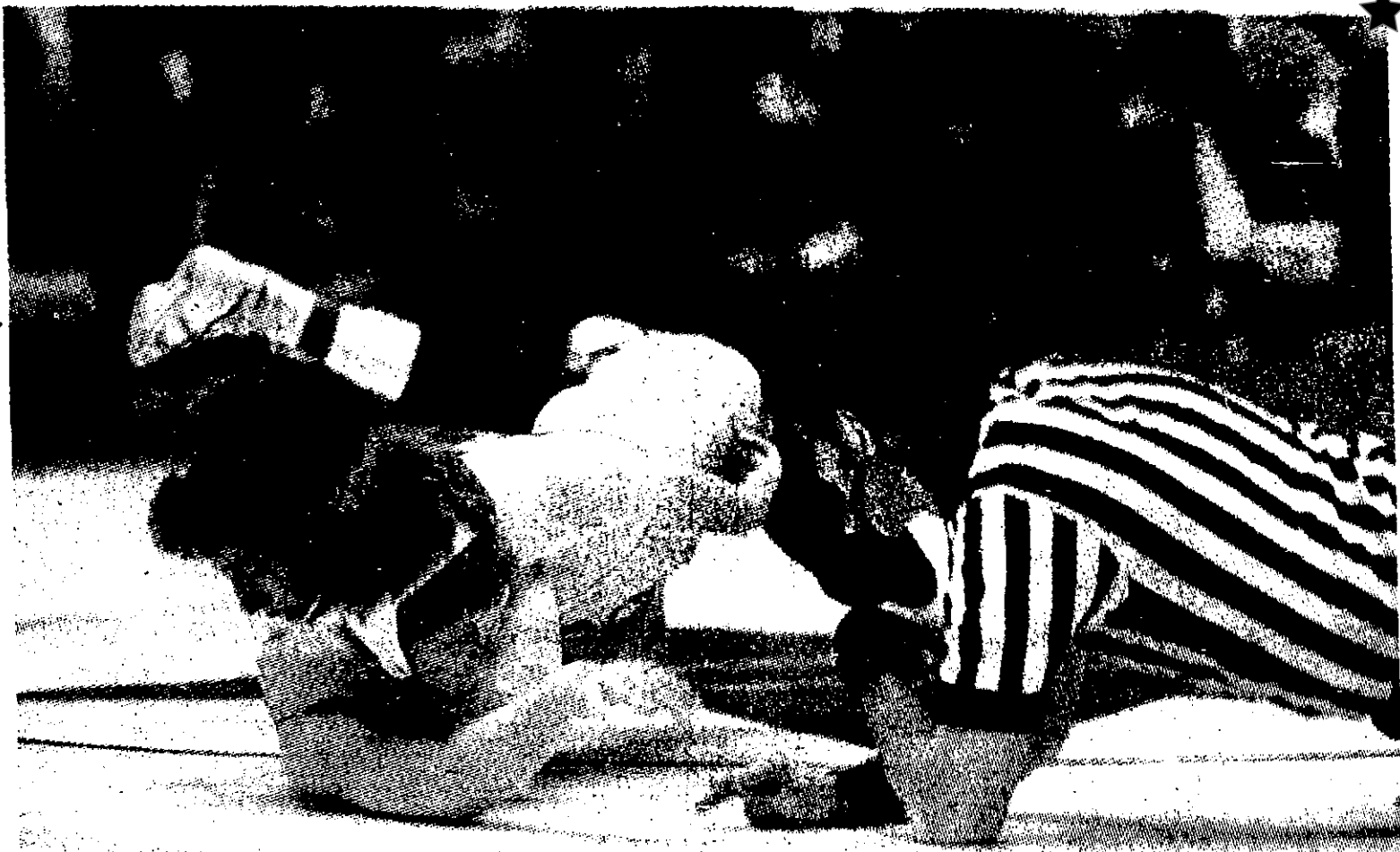
By **MARK BROWN**

Section Two came through with twice as many individual champs than it had ever managed before on the way to its initial team title in the 20th annual New York State wrestling championships last night at the Onondaga County War Memorial.

Section Two, backed by a strong following among the approximately 6,000 fans in attendance for the finals, totaled 229 points to outdistance Section Eight (210) and Section Three (194½). Section Two's four champs wasn't the best performance in the finals, however, as Section Three won its most titles ever with five.

Taking individual crowns for the Central New York Team were Canastota's Dave Gleeson at 91 pounds, Fulton's Ron LaBeef at 126 and the threesome labeled 'Murderers Row'. Fulton's Lelan Rogers took

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Dave Gleeson (Canastota—gold) wrestles into finals

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Section Two wins State mat title

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honors at 167, Oswego's Jim Matteson triumphed at 177 and Liverpool's Tim Green was victorious at 215.

Starts things right

Gleeson, a junior with a 38-1 record this season and a career mark of 75-2-1, started Section Three off on the winning trail in the championships with a 2-0 overtime decision over senior John Condamé (Waverly-4). Gleeson led 2-0 after one period and 3-2 after two, but faltered in the final stanza. Trailing 6-5 with time running out, Gleeson scored an escape with just two seconds remaining in regulation to knot the score. The first two one-minute periods of overtime went scoreless and again Gleeson used a late move to win. With 30 seconds to go he scored a takedown to beat Condamé (34-2-1, 83-11-2).

Beaver River 112-pounder Mark Virkler (32-2, 105-13-2) was Section Three's next finalist and only second place finisher. Virkler put up a good fight, but finally fell to three-time state champ Al Palacio of Long Beach-8, 6-4. Palacio (33-1-1, 132-4-1) joins Dan Hunt of West Genesee-3 (1972-73-74), Mark Iacovelli of Ithaca-4 (1975-76-77) and Bob Bury of Calhoun-8 (1976-77-78) as the only three-time winners. Virkler was the surprise performer for Section Three, knocking off defending 98-pound champ Brad Penrith (Windsor-4) in the opening round Friday.

LaBeef tops Doherty

Fulton's Ron LaBeef put Section Three on the winning track again with an 8-2 win over Chris Doherty (Berner-8) in the 126-pound finals. La-

Beef (28-2, 85-15-1), a senior, blitzed to a 7-0 first period lead and held on for the win. Doherty's record ended at 30-2, 88-13.

Section Three's 'Murderers Row' won their three matches, but the awesome trio did have some scary moments.

Fulton's Lelan Rogers (32-0, 87-4) became his school's second state champ by beating Dan Mayo (Sachem-11), 9-6, at 167 pounds. Rogers trailed 4-1 after the first period and 6-4 after the second. The undefeated senior took control in the final period, however, outscoring Mayo (27-1, 74-3), 5-0. Rogers' ability to score two takedowns, one at the end of the second period and the other early in the third, was the big factor in the comeback. Rogers was also awarded two stalling points in the third period.

Matteson also trailed

Oswego senior Jim Matteson (34-1, 103-17-2) also trailed early in his match with Jim Beichner (Cassadaga Valley-6) at 177 pounds, but managed to rally for a 5-4 win. It was Matteson's second straight state title at this weight. Beichner (32-2, 130-18-1) led 3-2 after one stanza and 4-2 entering the third. Matteson made his move with one minute to go, scoring an escape and takedown for the one point win.

Liverpool's Tim Green, an All-American gridder headed to Syracuse University in the Fall, didn't have quite as much trouble handling Scott Sabo (Granville-2), last year's 215-pound runnerup, 10-4. Green (24-0, 107-15), who finished second in the Most Outstanding Wrestler balloting and was fourth in the tourney last year, led all the way, but didn't break it open until the final period. Sabo (34-1, 119-10-1) was unable to

score a takedown over the muscular Green, but had three escapes.

In other finals, junior Jon Cardi (Burnt Hills-2), who won his 62nd straight match at 145 pounds and second state crown in a row, was named the event's Most Outstanding Wrestler. Cardi (26-0, 110-6) defeated Morris White (Candaigua-5), 8-2.

Mock wins at 98

Kieran Mock (30-1, 55-3) of Huntington-11 won the crown at 98 pounds with an 8-5 decision over Sylvester Lake (32-2, 84-8) of Long Beach-8. Mock used a last second reversal and three back points to comeback from a 5-4 deficit.

Junior Anthony Bellai (31-1, 99-17) easily downed Robert Pannariello (30-1, 69-7) of Bay Shore-11, 19-6, at 105 pounds. It was the most lopsided final of the night. Bill Starke (26-0-1, 86-5-2) of Sachem-11 defeated Joe Wilsey (28-2, 117-12) of Saratoga-2, 6-3, at 119; John Placek (37-0, 112-25) ripped Herb Valentin (27-5, 61-10) of Long Beach-8, 10-8, at 132; and Glen Lanham (32-1-1, 81-10-1) of Lindenhurst-11 beat Dean Zuccherro (24-1-1, 76-10-1), 5-1, at 138.

Mike Arpey (37-0, 86-21) of Saratoga-2 was a 6-1 overtime winner over Mike Leonard (32-2, 82-15) of Long Beach-8 at 155 pounds, while 250-pounder Steve Whelan (27-0, 71-11-1) of Massapequa-8 topped Steve Vetsch (31-1, 109-18) of Saratoga-2, 10-2.

Long Beach-8, with four wrestlers in the finals and one winner, collected the school crown. Fulton-3 had the most individual champs with two, but failed to place its only other wrestler. Saratoga-2 had three finalists and one champ.

While Section Three had five champs, it was the remainder of the team's inability to place well that cost Central New York the team crown. Only Copenhagen's Merle Zehr, who took fourth at 98 pounds; Watertown's Dave Recor, a fifth place winner at 132; and Liverpool's Rick George, a fifth place finisher at 250, did well in the wrestlebacks.

TAKEDOWNS — Four sections (2, 8, 3, 11) had 25 of the 28 finalists . . . Todd Mabb (Balston Spa-2) won aggregate pin honors with three in 5:34 . . . Section Three has won the 91 pound title the last three years.

Fans don't like stall

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Many fans who complained about stalling brought up the NBA's solution, the 24-second shot clock. Some fans advocated various adaptations of the clock while others said that such a cure could be worse than the problem. Fans in favor of some sort of clock suggested time periods ranging from 15 seconds to 1½ minutes.

Not everyone saw the slow-down game as such a bad thing.

"I do not like the clock idea," said Bob Deyo. "It would take all the coaching out of the game. Pro ball is basically run, gun and shoot."

"It's important for team which are not real powerhouses to have a chance to control the tempo," said SU alumnus Sam Gordano. "That's the beauty of college basketball. If you want to see 10 second-and-shoot (games), go watch the pros."

SU coach Jim Boeheim offered a compromise solution.

"I would like to see a 45-second clock that would be turned off for the last five minutes," Boeheim said. "That would disallow an all-out stall and still let a team like St. Peter's cat-and-mouse you."

Boeheim acknowledged the publicity the North Carolina-Virginia game generated and said that publicity indicated how the rule could be changed.

"The difference was national television," Boeheim said. "If it (a six-minute stall) ever happened in a Final Four game, the rule would be changed the next year."

Most dislike possession rule

Of the 13 fans who mentioned the new possession rule, the only difference of opinion was why they were against discarding the jump ball. Most said the rule was harming defense late in the game while other fans simply did not understand why the jump ball was such an evil.

From the thin air seats at the top row of the DemiDome, where the possession indicator is a speck in their field of vision, Cicero-North Syracuse high school students Jeff Keenan and Keith Klink shook their heads about the rule.

"It (the possession rule) is so hard to get used to," Keenan said. "What's wrong with jump balls?"

"They've got to change this possession rule," said Matt Ryan, an SU student. "This thing is penalizing teams for good defense."

Most people, Boeheim included, suggested that making the five-second tie-up call (i.e. keeping an offensive player from attacking the basket for five seconds) a violation would end much of the controversy and give some of the game back to good defensive teams.

Three fans mention two other concerns — too tight officiating and standardizing the in-bounds rules.

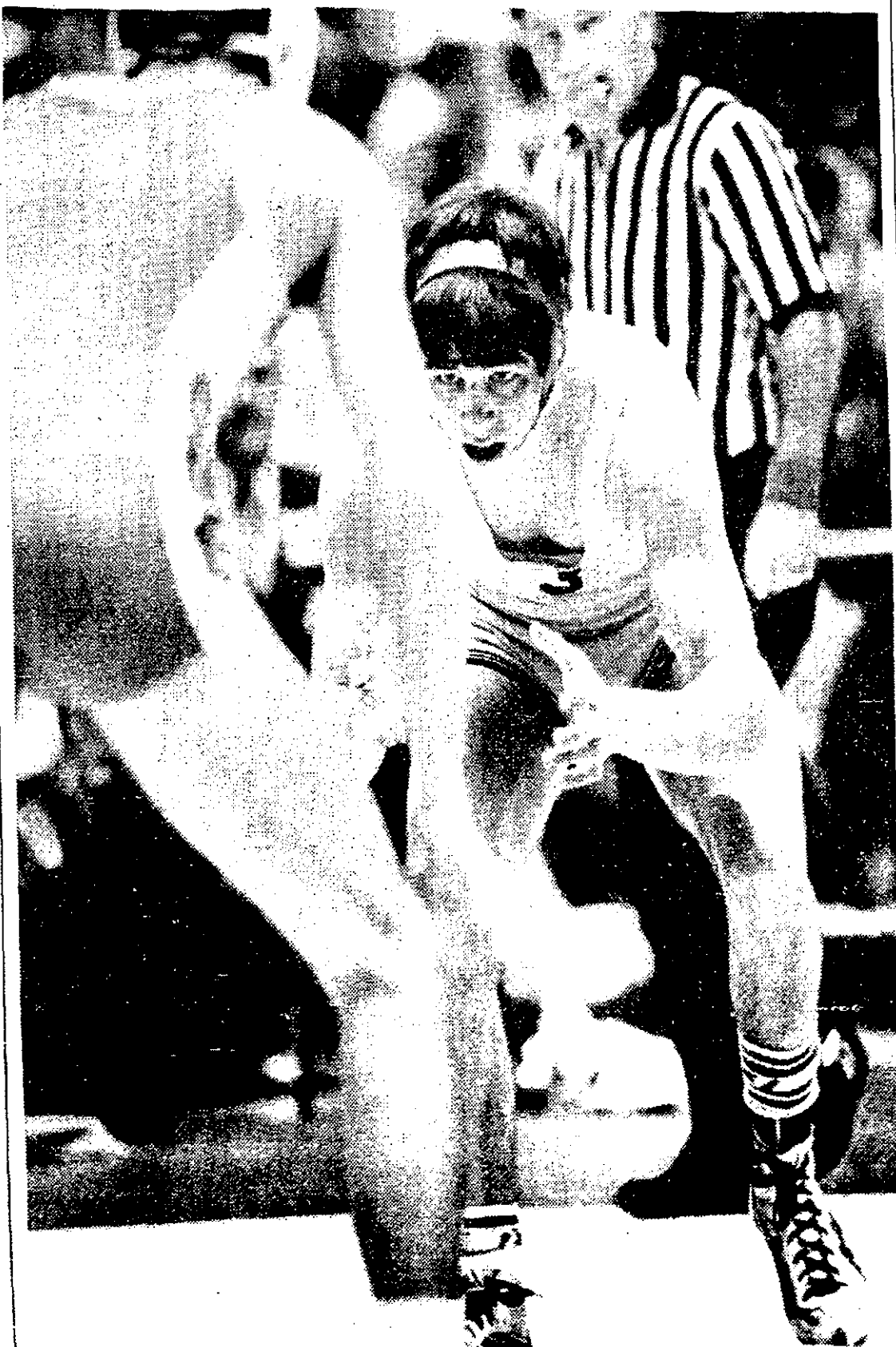
"It's a less physical game but I don't know if you can change the rules," Ron Cook said from behind the SU basket. "The athletes are better, stronger, taller. They're so much better, the refs go to extra lengths to control them."

"The refs call too many incidental fouls," Bob Dembowski concurred. "They try too hard to do their job."

The interest in the in-bounding rule apparently evolved from Leo Rautins' foot-shuffling violation in the SU-Boston College Big East Tournament game. As the rule reads now, a

player may run along the sideline to throw an in-bounds pass after a basket but must establish a pivot foot while throwing all other in-bounds passes.

"They've got to stabilize the rule," SU student Larry Mason said. "It doesn't matter how they throw the ball in, but it ought to be one rule."



Fulton's Ron LaBeef takes aim at 126-pound opponent

Herald American photo by David Lossman

WRESTLING

COLLEGE

NCAA WRESTLING CHAMPIONSHIPS

52nd NCAA Wrestling Championships At Ames, Iowa

Saturday's Championship Finals 118 Pounds

Barry Davis, Iowa, dec. Kevin Darkus, Iowa State, 7-5.

126 Pounds

Dan Cuestas, Cal-Bakersfield, dec. Scott Barrett, Boise State, 10-4.

134 Pounds

C.D. Mock, North Carolina, dec. Don Reese, Bloomsburg State, 9-2.

142 Pounds

Andre Metzger, Oklahoma, dec. Lennie Zalesky, Iowa, 9-6.

150 Pounds

Nate Carr, Iowa State, dec. Kenny Monday, Oklahoma State, OT 3-3, 2-0.

158 Pounds

Jim Zalesky, Iowa, dec. Perry Shea, Cal-Bakersfield, 10-3.

167 Pounds

Dave Schultz, Oklahoma, dec. Mike Sheets, Oklahoma State, OT 4-4, 1-1 criteria.

177 Pounds

Mark Schultz, Oklahoma, dec. Ed Banach, Iowa, 16-8.

190 Pounds

Pete Bush, Iowa, dec. Mike Mann, Iowa State, OT 3-3, 2-2 criteria.

Hwt.

Bruce Baumgartner, Indiana State, dec. Steve Williams, Oklahoma, 4-2.

NCAA Team Results

Iowa 131.75, Iowa State 111, Oklahoma 109, Oklahoma St. 71.75, North Carolina 47, Nebraska 40.25, Indiana St. 33, Lehigh 31.75, San Jose St. 26.75, Northern Iowa 26, North Carolina St. 24.75, Missouri 23.5, Bloomsburg St. 23.25, Penn St. 20.25, Boise St. 20, Minnesota 17.75, Navy 17, Oregon 16.5, Eastern Illinois 15.75, Louisiana St. 14.5, Clarion St. 13.5, Wisconsin 13, New Mexico 11.25, Cal Poly-San Luis Obispo 10.5, Michigan 10.5, Michigan St. 10, Miami (Ohio) 9.75, Syracuse 9.5, Ohio St. 7.75, Old Dominion 7.25, Arizona St. 7, Yale 7, Tennessee 6.5, Brigham Young 6.25, Harvard 6, Wilkes 6, Columbia 5.5, Tennessee-Chattanooga 5, Rider 4.5, Army 4, Oregon St. 4, Slippery Rock 3.25, Kentucky 3, Kent St. 2.5, Pittsburg 2.5, Clemson 2, West Chester St. 2, Washington St. 1.75, Cleveland St. 1.5, James Madison 1.5, Nevada-Las Vegas 1.5, Toledo 1.5, Utah St. 1.5, William & Mary 1.5, Boston U. 1, Bucknell 1, Lock Haven St. 1, Millersville 1, Stanford 1, Youngstown St. 1, Ball State .5, Colorado St. .5, Idaho St. .5, Wyoming .5.

(Consolations determine third place and lower in overall competition)

Third Place

118 — Bob Weaver, Lehigh, dec. Bob Monahan, North Carolina, 9-7.

126 — Wayne Jones, San Jose State, dec. Joe Gibbons, Iowa State, 7-5.

134 — Jim Gibbons, Iowa State, dec. Eddie Baza, San Jose State, 10-4.

142 — Jim Martinez, Minnesota, dec. Bill Nugent, Oregon, 7-5.

150 — Roger Frizzell, Oklahoma, dec. Wes Roper, Missouri, 9-2.

158 — Ricky Stewart, Oklahoma State, dec. Israel Sheppard, Oklahoma, 3-2.

167 — John Reich, Navy, dec. Brad Bitterman, New Mexico, 11-4.

177 — Charlie Heller, Clarion state, dec. Perry Hummel, Iowa State, 2-1.

190 — Colin Kilrain, Lehigh, dec. Bill Scherr, Nebraska, 6-2.

Hwt — Lou Banach, Iowa, dec. Wayne Cole, Iowa State, 11-10.

Fifth Place

118 — Randy Willingham, Oklahoma State, dec. Joe McFarland, Michigan, 3-1.

126 — Frank Samiano, Brockport, won by injury default over Scott Lynch, Penn state.

134 — Jim Edwards, LSU, pinned Jeff Kerber, Iowa, 1-50.

142 — Johnny Selmon, Nebraska, won by injury default over Randy Conrad, Iowa state.

150 — Frank Castrignano, North Carolina state, dec. Mark Schmitz, Wisconsin, 7-2.

158 — Chris Catalfo, Syracuse, won by injury default over Bill Dykeman, LSU.

167 — John Harahan, Penn State, dec. Colin Grissom, Yale, 6-4.

177 — Dave Young, Missouri, dec. Jim Scherr, Nebraska, OT, 2-2, 5-4.

190 — Kirk Myers, Northern Iowa, pinned Gino Savagniano, Eastern Illinois, 1-19.

Hwt — Mike Holcomb, Miami of Ohio, dec. Mark Rigatuso, Nebraska-Omaha, 7-3.

SCHOLASTIC

TEAM STANDINGS

Section Two 229, Section Eight 210, Section Three 194.5, Section Eleven 174, Section Five 130, Section Six 123.5, Section Four 106.5, Section Nine 90, Section One 63.5, Section Seven 51, Section Ten 18.5, CHSAA 10, FSAL 9.

Individual Results Finals

91 — Dave Gleason (Canastota-3) dec. John Candame (Waverly-4), 6-6, 2-0 OT.
98 — Kieran Mock (Huntington-11) dec. Anthony Belfai (Mt. Pleasant-2) dec. Robert Pannariello (Bay Shore-11), 19-6, 11-2 — Al Palacio (Long Beach-8) dec. Mark Virkler (Beaver River-3), 4-4, 11-9 — Bill Störke (Sachem-11) dec. Joe Wilsey (Saratoga-2), 6-3, 12-6 — Ron LaBeef (Fulton-3) dec. Chris Doherty (Berne-8), 8-2, 13-2 — John Placek (Niskayuna-2) dec. Herb Valentin (Long Beach-8), 10-8, 13-8 — Glen Lanham (Lindenhurst-11) dec. Dean Zuccherro (Calhoun-8), 5-1, 14-5 — Jon Cardi (Burnt Hills-2) dec. Morris White (Canandaigua-5), 8-2, 15-5 — Mike Arpey (Saratoga-2) dec. Mike Leonard (Long Beach-8), 4-4, 6-1 OT, 16-7 — Lelan Rogers (Fulton-3) dec. Dan Mayo (Sachem-11), 9-6, 17-7 — Jim Matteson (Oswego-3) dec. Jim Belchner (Cassadaga Valley-6), 5-4, 21-5 — Tim Green (Liverpool-3) dec. Scott Sabo (Granville-2), 10-4, 25-0 — Steve Whelan (Massapequa-8) dec. Steve Vetsch (Saratoga-2), 10-2.

Individual Results Semifinals

91 — Gleason (Canastota-3) dec. Bridenstein (Orchard Park-6), 10-2; Candame (Waverly-4) dec. Hibbard (Canandaigua-5), 7-7, 8-0 OT. 98 — Lake (Long Beach-8) dec. Consiglio (N. Rockland-9), 8-0; Mock (Huntington-11) dec. Elliott (Arlington-1), 11-3, 10-5 — Belfai (Mt. Pleasant-2) dec. Hollamby (Peru-7), 11-0; Pannariello (Bay Shore-11) dec. Siegfried (Seneca Falls-5), 5-4, 11-2 — Virkler (Beaver River-3) dec. Clark (Voorheesville-2), 6-4; Palacio (Long Beach-8) dec. King (Canandaigua-5), 12-6, 11-9 — Wilsey (Saratoga-2) dec. Arena (Mepham-8), 7-3; Störke (Sachem-11) dec. Bauer (Gates Chili-5), 16-2, 12-6 — Doherty (Berne-8) dec. Ferrante (New Paltz-9), 13-4; LaBeef (Fulton-3) dec. Sullivan (Bronxville-1), 6-1, 13-2 — Valentin (Long Beach-8) dec. Kane (Penfield-5), 3-2; Placek (Niskayuna-2) dec. Simmons (Waverly-4), 4-3, 13-8 — Lanham (Lindenhurst-11) pinned Lisi (Fox Lane-1), 3:09; Zuccherro (Calhoun-8) dec. Fishbein (Monroe-Woodbury-9), 9-6, 14-5 — Cardi (Burnt Hills-2) dec. Sola (Lynbrook-8), 8-5; White (Canandaigua-5) dec. Dabolt (Pioneer-6), 7-5, 15-5 — Arpey (Saratoga-2) dec. Ashline (Peru-7), 13-2; Leonard (Long Beach-8) dec. Pidel (New Paltz-9), 10-9, 16-7 — Mayo (Sachem-11) pinned Hoffman (Pioneer-6), 3:28; Rogers (Fulton-3) dec. Rosa (Rush Henrietta-Sperry-5), 10-4, 17-7 — Matteson (Oswego-3) dec. Mabb (Ballston Spa-2), 14-5; Belchner (Cassadaga Valley-6) pinned Rowntree (Cardinal Mooney-5), 1:59, 21-5 — Green (Liverpool-3) pinned Cox (Freeport-8), 1:02; Sabo (Granville-2) pinned Patnode (Massena-10), 1:56, 25-0 — Whelan (Massapequa-8) dec. Keith (Elmira Southside-4), 9-3; Vetsch (Saratoga-2) dec. L'Heureux (Peru-7), 7-1.

Section Three Wrestleback Results (First Round)

98 — Zehr (Copenhagen-3) pinned Charland (N. Adirondack-7), 4:2, 10-5 — Grossfeld (Massapequa-8) dec. Pauley (New Hartford-3), 8-5, 11-9 — Samuel (Vestal-4) dec. Crowningshield (Central Square-3), 4-1, 13-2 — Recor (Watertown-3) dec. Servidio (Chamaine-C), 11-0, 13-8 — Parrott (Whitehall-2) dec. Akley (Oswego-3), 4-3, 14-5 — Narewski (Fulton-3) dec. Metruck (Massena-10), 14-4, 15-5 — Jantzi (Lowville-3) pinned Lidowski (West Babylon-11), 2:53, 25-0 — George (Liverpool-3) dec. Parker (Chamaine-C), 13-1.

(Second Round)

98 — Zehr (Copenhagen-3) dec. Brown (Herman-DeKalb-10), 12-6, 13-2 — Recor (Fulton-3) dec. Tierney (Bay Shore-11), 10-6, 14-5 — Vredenburg (Chenango Forks-4) dec. Narewski (Fulton-3), 6-5, 15-5 — Peterson (Unatego-4) dec. Jantzi (Lowville-3), 11-2, 25-0 — George (3) dec. Helgren (Maple Grove-6), 5-4.

(Third Round)

98 — Zehr (Copenhagen-3) dec. Elliott (Arlington-1), 6-2, 13-2 — Kane (Penfield-5) dec. Recor (Watertown-3), 12-5, 25-0 — L'Heureux (Peru-7) dec. George (Liverpool-3), 4-4, 4-2 OT.

Consolations

Third Place

91 — Barton (Sachem-11) dec. Hibbard (Canandaigua-5), 8-7, 9-8 — Waddington (Falconer-6) dec. Zehr (Copenhagen-3), 14-2, 10-5 — Grossfeld (Massapequa-8) dec. LoPresto (Salamanca-6), 7-7, 8-3 OT, 11-2 — Penrith (Windsor-4) dec. King (Canandaigua-5), 9-5, 11-9 — Samuel (Vestal-4) dec. Bauer (Gates Chili-5), 8-2, 12-6 — Brawn (Brockport-5) dec. Stauffers (Ballston Spa-2), 5-3, 13-2 — Kane (Penfield-5) dec. Barrett (Peru-7), 8-3, 13-8 — Fishbein (Monroe-Woodbury-9) dec. Parrott (Whitehall-2), 11-5, 14-5 — Sola (Lynbrook-8) pinned Welker (Somers-1), 4:0, 15-5 — Peterson (Unatego-4) dec. Caldarà (Ardley-1), 12-2, 16-7 — Rosa (Rush Henrietta-Sperry-5) dec. Marwill (Bethlehem-2), 12-0, 17-7 — Arceri (Ward Melville-11) dec. Howell (Goshen-9), 5-1, 21-5 — Johnson (Cassadaga Valley-6) won by default over Cox (Freeport-8), 25-0 — L'Heureux (Peru-7) dec. Keith (Elmira Southside-4), 1-1, 1-1 OT, ref. criteria.

★ *State mat ends tonight*

By MARK BROWN

Section Three recorded its best opening round in the 20-year history of the New York State Wrestling Tournament last night at the Onondaga County War Memorial, but faltered slightly in the quarterfinals and was in third place overall entering this morning's semifinals.

Semifinal action began today at 11 a.m. and was followed by wrestlebacks. Consolations for third through sixth place begin tonight at 6 o'clock with the finals slated for 8 p.m.

Section Three advanced 13 of 14 matmen through the first round with Copenhagen's Merle Zehr the lone casualty at 98 pounds. But after taking the team lead after the initial round, Section Three faltered slightly, advancing just six to the semifinals and was in third place with 72½ points entering today's competition.

Section Two moved nine wrestlers into the semifinals and was the team leader with 89 points. In second place was Section Eight with 87½ points and 10 semifinalists. These two teams, along with Section Three, appear to have the best shot at the team crown as defending champ Section Five was in fourth

with 69 points and eight semifinalists and Section Eleven had a disappointing 54 points with just five unbeaten wrestlers.

Canastota's Dave Gleeson got things going in the right direction for Section Three by winning his first round match over Matt Brown (Herman-DeKalb-10), 10-2, at 91 pounds. Gleeson went on to pin John Canty (Suffern-9) at 4:26 in the quarterfinals.

Zehr had a tough opening round match with Adam Erno (Mechanicville-2) at 98 pounds, losing 14-9. From here on out, Section Three won all its first round bouts, before losing seven matmen to the wrestlebacks in the quarterfinals.

Defending 91-pound state champ John Pauley of New Hartford scored a difficult 2-1 overtime decision over Dave Mott (Monroe-Woodbury-9) in his first match at 105, but was a 5-2 loser in the quarterfinals to Anthony Bellai (Mt. Pleasant-2). Pauley has been hampered by pulled muscles in his arms and did not appear up to par.

Beaver River's Mark Virkler had the best night of all the Central New York wrestlers, scoring a major upset over defending 98-pound State champ Brad Penrith (Wind-

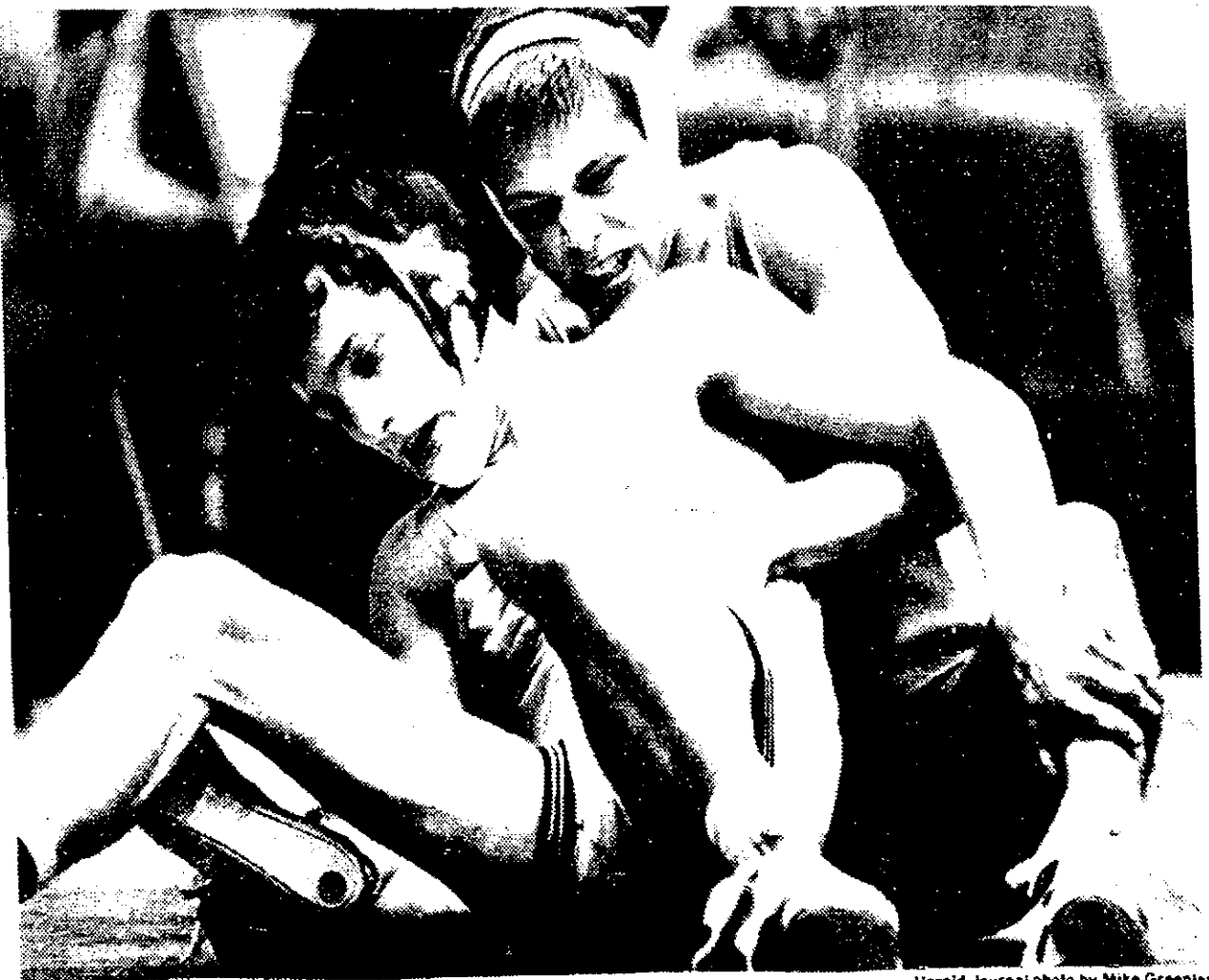
sor-4) at 112 pounds. Virkler, who now has 104 career victories, topped Penrith, 11-7, and then went on to advance to the semis with a 9-3 win over Mike Prenoveau (Peru-7). Also advancing at 112 was two-time state champ Al Palacio (Long Beach-8). The only three-time state champs are Dan Hunt (West Genesee-3) in 1972-73-74, Mark Iacovelli (Ithaca-4) in 1975-76-77 and Bob Bury (Cathoon-8) in 1976-77-78.

Central Square's Keith Crowningshield made it through the first round at 119 with a 9-6 decision over Dom Oddo (J.F. Kennedy-1), but was pinned at 3:14 by awesome Bill Starke (Sachem-11) in the quarterfinals. Starke is a national junior Greco-Roman champion and heavily favored to win the State title.

Fulton's Ron LaBeef made it into the 126-pound semifinals by pinning Andy Johnson (Canton-10) at 1:56 and decisioning Pete Yozzo (Sayville-11), 11-8. LaBeef was the last Section Three wrestler to advance until 'Murderers Row' flexed its muscles at 167, 177 and 215.

Watertown's Dave Recor pinned Darryl Rogers (Pioneer-6) at 5:42 before losing to John Placek (Niskayuna-2), 18-7, in the quarterfinals

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Central Square's Keith Crowningshield looks to reverse J.F. Kennedy's Dom Oddo

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at 132. Oswego's Brian Akley also won his first round match with a pin over John Wood (Holy Family-C) in 3:54 at 138 pounds, but was beaten 12-2 by Gary Fishbein (Monroe-Woodbury-9) in the quarters. Fulton's Mike Narewski made it through his first match with a 9-7 win over Lee Ingersoll (Goshen-9) and then lost a close 8-6 decision to Morris White (Canandaigua-5). Lowville's Tim Jantzi beat B.J. Caldarà (Ardsley-1), 7-2, before losing to Marty Pidel (New Paltz-9), 15-6.

Fulton's Lelan Rogers got 'Murderers Row' going in the right direction by scoring two pins at 167 pounds. Rogers, who is 30-0 on the season and 85-5-2 career, flattened Gene Ashline (Peru-7) at 4:41 and then pinned Joe Conklin (Canton-10) at 2:56. Oswego's Jim Matteson also performed well, registering his 100th and 101st career victories. Matteson, the defending state champ at 177 pounds, hit the century mark in the opening round by pinning Brian Silcott (Fox Lane-1) in 5:06 and then went on to beat Brent Poirier (Massena-10), 9-3.

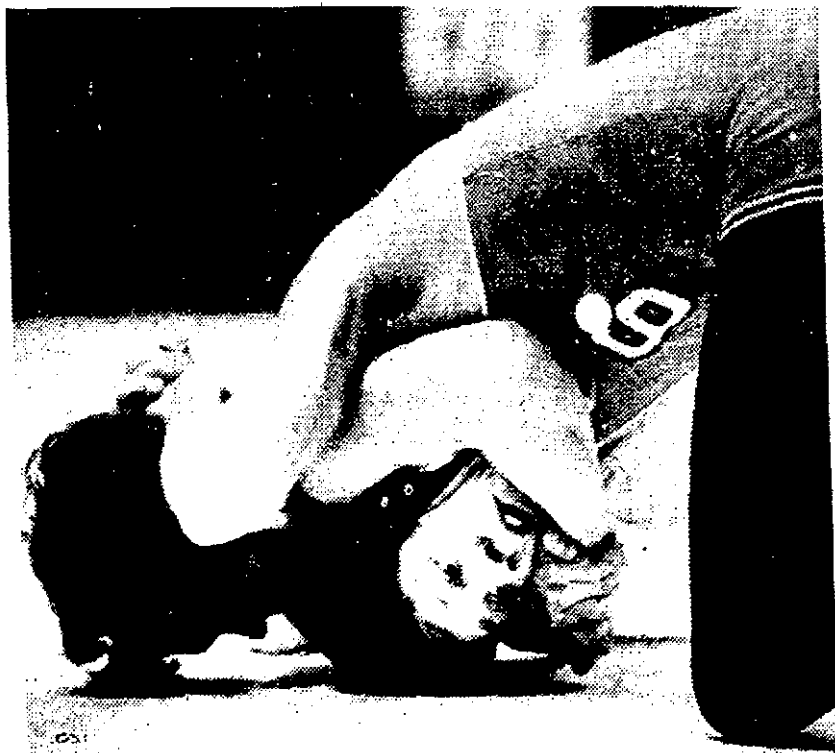
Liverpool's All-American griddler

Tim Green (32-0, 106-15) made it a clean sweep for 'Murderers Row' by scoring two easy wins. Green won by disqualification at 5:34 over Todd Hall (Oxford-4) and then pinned Robert Johnson (Cassadaga Valley-6) at 5:15.

Liverpool's Rick George, who had the lone Section Three bye in the first round, was the final casualty, losing a tough 4-2 decision to Steve Whelan (Massapequa-8) at 250 pounds.

Section Three's chances for a team title rely not only on the six unbeaten but also on the efforts of the eight matmen in the wrestlebacks. High finishes in the wrestlebacks will play a major role in deciding the team champion.

TAKEDOWNS — Section Three had a total of five pins in the first round and three in the quarterfinals . . . Defending 145-pound champ Jon Cardi (Burnt Hills-2) scored his 57th and 58th straight victories . . . Section Two, the leader entering today's wrestling, has never won a team title. Section Eight has the most team crowns with eight. Section Three and Eleven both have three team titles.



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Watertown's Dave Recor locks up Pioneer's Darryl Rogers

WRESTLING STATE TOURNEY

At War Memorial

Team Standings

(After Friday's Matches)

Section Two 89, Section Eight 87½, Section Three 72½, Section Five 69, Section Eleven 55, Section Six 53, Section Nine 43, Section Four 32, Section One 35, Section Seven 28, Section Ten 10, CHSAA 9, PSAL 6.

Section Three's

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98 — Adam Erno (Mechanicville-2) dec. Merle Zehr (Copenhagen-3), 14-9. 105 — John Pauley (New Hartford-3) dec. Dave Mott (Monroe-Woodbury-9), 0-0, 2-1 OT.
112 — Mark Virkler (Beaver River-3) dec. Brad Penrith (Windsor-4), 11-7. 119 — Keith Crowningshield (Central Square-3) dec. Dom Oddo (J.F. Kennedy-1), 9-6. 126 — Ron LaBeef (Fulton-3) pinned Andy Johnson (Canton-10), 1:36.
132 — Dave Recor (Watertown-3) pinned Darryl Rogers (Pioneer-6), 5:42. 138 — Brian Akley (Oswego-3) pinned John Wood (Holy Family-C), 3:54. 145 — Mike Narewski (Fulton-3) dec. Lee Ingersoll (Goshen-9), 9-7. 155 — Tim Jantzi (Lowville-3) dec. B.J. Caldara (Ardsley-1), 7-2.
167 — Lelan Rogers (Fulton-3) pinned Gene Ashline (Peru-7), 4:41. 177 — Jim Matteson (Oswego-3) pinned Brian Silcott (Fox Lane-1), 5:06. 215 — Tim Green (Liverpool-3) won by disq. over Todd Hall (Oxford-4), 5:34. 250 — Rick George (Liverpool-3) had a bye.

Quarterfinals

91 — Gleeson (Canastota-3) pinned Canty (Suffern-9), 4:24; Bridenstein (Orchard Park-6) pinned Rausa (St. Anthony-C), 4:22; Hibbard (Canandaigua-5) dec. Mosso (Amsterdam-2), 4-3; Condamine (Waverly-4) dec. Barton (Sachem-11), 8-4. 98 — Consiglio (N. Rockland-9) pinned Charland (N. Adirondack-7), 3:26; Lake (Long Beach-8) pinned Rodriguez (Wagner-P), 3:15; Elliott (Arlington-1) dec. Erno (Mechanicville-2), 11-7; Mock (Huntington-11) pinned Waddington (Falconer-4), 2:34.

105 — Hollamby (Peru-7) dec. Atkins (Clinton-P), 14-4; Bellai (Mt. Pleasant-2) dec. Pauley (New Hartford-3), 5-2; Siegfried (Seneca Falls-5) dec. LoPresto (Salamanca-6), 16-7; Pannariello (Bay Shore-11) dec. McDonald (St. Anthony-C), 14-1. 112 — Virkler (Beaver River-3) dec. Franeveau (Peru-7), 9-3; Clark (Voorheesville-2) dec. Tust (R.C. Kat-cham-1), 12-3; King (Canandaigua-5) pinned McGuilty (Chaminade-C), 3:12; Palacio (Long Beach-8) dec. Burres (Monroe-Woodbury-9), 5-3.

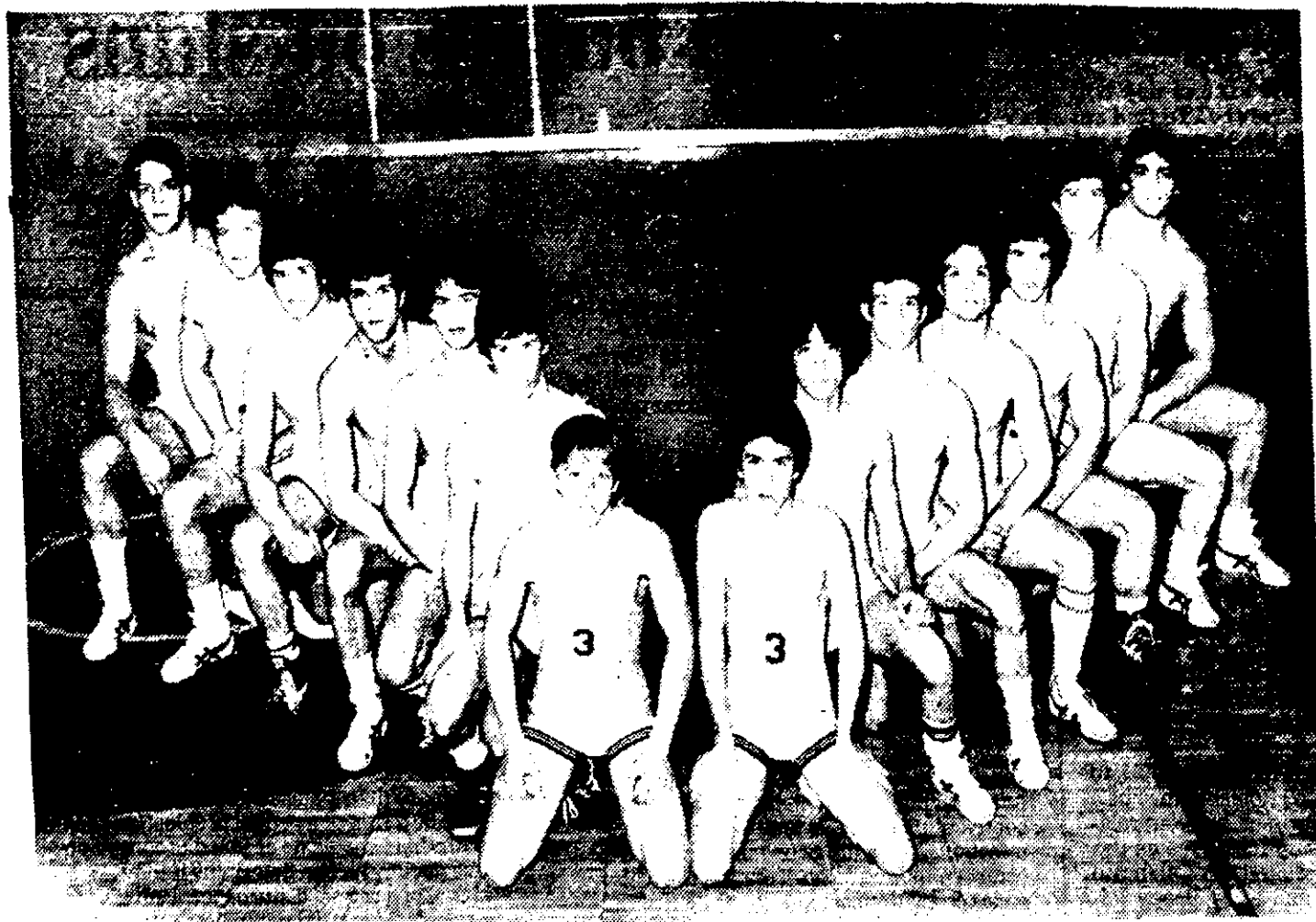
119 — Arena (Mepham-8) dec. Slade (Iroquois-6), 6-4; Wilsey (Saratoga-2) pinned Carroll (Chaminade-C), 3:49; Bauer (Gates Chili-5) pinned Gusnow (Newtown-P), 1:18; Starke (Sachem-11) pinned Crowningshield (Central Square-3), 3:14. 126 — Doherty (Berner-8) pinned Brawn (Brockport-5), 3:51; Ferrante (New Paltz-9) dec. Stafford (Bainbridge-Gullford-4), 7-3; Sullivan (Bronxville-1) pinned Tucker (Xaverian-C), 3:12; LaBeef (Fulton-3) dec. Yozzo (Sayville-11), 11-8.

132 — Valentin (Long Beach-8) dec. Grana (Carmel-1), 19-4; Kane (Pentfield-5) dec. Barrott (Peru-7), 5-2; Simmons (Waverly-4) dec. Ritz (Canton-10), 9-5; Placek (Niskayuna-2) dec. Recor (Watertown-3), 18-7. 138 — Lisi (Fox Lane-1) dec. Kogler (Columbus-P), 14-4; Lanham (Lindenhurst-11) dec. Azzano (Wayne-5), 14-11; Zuccherro (Calhoun-8) dec. Rheume (Franklin Academy-10), 13-0; Fiabain (Monroe-Woodbury-9) dec. Akley (Oswego-3), 12-2.

145 — Sola (Lynbrook-8) pinned Smith (West Babylon-11), 2:32; Cardl (Burnt Mills-2) dec. Welker (Somers-1), 8-5; Dabolt (Pioneer-6) pinned Lightbourne (Stevenson-P), 1:41; White (Canandaigua-5) dec. Narewski (Fulton-3), 8-6. 155 — Arpley (Saratoga-2) pinned Wunder (Ogdensburg-10), 5:37; Ashline (Peru-7) dec. Bonds (Richman-P), 12-4; Leonard (Long Beach-8) dec. Peterson (Unatego-4), 6-0; Pidel (New Paltz-9) dec. Jantzi (Lowville-3), 15-6.

167 — Mayo (Sachem-11) pinned Thompkins (Valley Central-9), 4:23; Hoffman (Pioneer-6) dec. Buhner (Sherburne-Earlville-4), 12-6; Rogers (Fulton-3) pinned Conklin (Canton-10), 2:54; Rosa (Rush Henrietta-Sperry-5) dec. Marwill (Bethlehem-2), 18-2. 177 — Mabb (Ballston Spa-2) pinned Arceri (Ward Melville-11), 1:25; Matteson (Oswego-3) dec. Poirier (Massena-10), 9-3; Rowntree (Cardinal Mooney-5) dec. Howell (Goshen-9), 12-5; Beichner (Cassadaga Valley-6) pinned Hunter (Odessa-Montour-4), 5:09.

215 — Cox (Freeport-8) pinned Gustainis (Caledonia-Mumford-5), 3:03; Green (Liverpool-3) pinned Johnson (Cassadaga Valley-4), 5:15; Patnode (Massena-10) dec. Ullmark (Nichols-C), 9-3; Sabo (Granville-2) pinned Bellucci (Mahopac-1), 3:53. 250 — Whelan (Massapequa-8) dec. George (Liverpool-3), 4-2; Keith (Elmira Southside-4) dec. Helgren (Maple Grove-6), 10-5; L'Heureux (Peru-7) dec. Blackwell (N. Rockland-9), 10-2; Vetsch (Saratoga-2) won by disq. over Brennan (Pittsford-Mendon-5), 5:48.



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READY FOR STATES. Section Three's talented wrestling team is all set to take on the rest of the state in the annual intersectionals tonight and tomorrow at the Onondaga County War Memorial. The grapplers are (from back left): Tim Green, Jim Matte-

son, Mike Narewski, Brian Akley, Ron LaBeef, Mark Virkler, Merle Zehr, Dave Gleeson, John Pauley, Keith Crowningshield, Dave Recor, Tim Jantzi, Lelan Rogers, Rick George.

State mat meet opens

The 20th annual Intersectional wrestling tournament began today at 3:30 p.m. in the Onondaga County War Memorial and will continue through the quarterfinals this evening. Semifinal competition starts at 11 a.m. tomorrow with the wrestlebacks to follow, consolations at 6 p.m. and the finals at 8 p.m.

Section Three's 14-member team is one of the

leading contenders for overall honors, along with Section Eleven, Two and Eight. Section Five is the defending champion.

Tickets for today are priced at \$4 for adults and \$3 for students. Tomorrow's morning-afternoon session is priced the same, as is the evening session (consolations-finals).

SU's Catalfo still alive

AMES, Iowa — Just one of five Syracuse University wrestlers has survived both rounds of championship bracket competition completed yesterday at the NCAA wrestling tournament.

Chris Catalfo (158 pounds) topped Bob Glaberman (Trenton State) 13-4 and David Strickland (Tennessee-Chattanooga) 14-7.

SU's 126-pounder, Ed Lorah, lost in the first round to top-seeded Dan Cuestas of Cal-Bakersfield, 22-10. Lorah will be admitted to the wrestle-back consolation bracket if Cuestas advances to the semifinals.

Conquerors of SU's other three wrestlers at the tournament have already been eliminated. Dennis Koslowski of the University of Minnesota, who beat SU heavyweight John Dougherty, lost in the second round as did Jim Scherr (Nebraska) who topped Tim Catalfo at 177 and Jim Edwards (LSU), who beat Mark Iacovelli at 126.

Baldwinsville's Tom Pickard (Iowa State) was eliminated in the first round by LSU's Bill Dykeman, 9-4. Two wrestlers from Brockport and one from Oswego State were also eliminated. Frank Farnham (126 from Brockport) led top-seeded

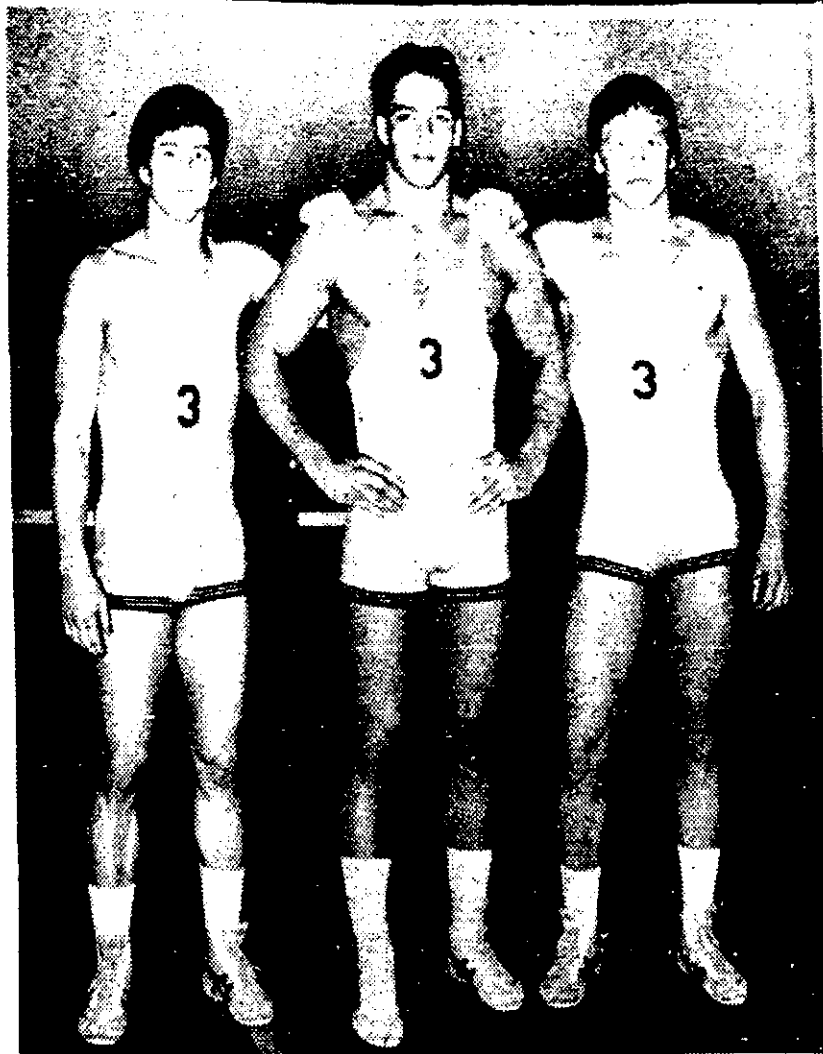
Oklahoma Coach Stan Abel. "Iowa's got the horses. They're wrestling well and they're getting the breaks."

Other leaders in the team scoring were Nebraska 14.5, North Carolina 13, North Carolina State 12.25, Northern Iowa 10.5, Penn State 10.25, and Eastern Illinois and Indiana State, tied at 9.75.

There were few upsets in the first round of competition at the three-day tourney. All eight defending champions advanced to the quarterfinals, although some had an easier time of it than others.

Ed Banach of Iowa, a two-time titlist at 177, pinned both his opponents, one of just four wrestlers to record two falls.

But his brother, Lou, Iowa's defending champion at heavyweight, struggled through an 18-14 victory over Navy's George Fears. He came close to being pinned by North Carolina State's 404-pound Tab Thacker before turning the tables and pinning Thacker in two minutes, eight seconds.



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Section Three's 'Murderers Row'. Fulton's Lelan Rogers, Liverpool's Tim Green and Oswego's Jim Matteson

State mat tourney to open ★

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improve on last year's sixth place finish and may win it all.

Section Three's team worked out Tuesday and yesterday with several area coaches on hand. Most of the area's scholastic mentors feel this year's 14-man unit is a strong one.

"This is a good group," said Fulton's Wayne Bleau. "They're a closely knit group. Closer than usual. They have a lot of confidence."

Most experts feel the three wrestlers at 167, 177 and 215 pounds, appropriately named 'Murderers Row,' are the strongest part of this Section's lineup.

Fulton's Lelan Rogers is at 167, Oswego's Jim Matteson vies at 177 and is the defending state champ at that weight, while Liverpool's All-American grizzer Tim Green is at 215.

"Just look at that gorilla over there," Bleau remarked as he gestured towards the undefeated Green. "Every year they get bigger and stronger."

If it wasn't for Green's awesome size, Rogers and Matteson would look even more impressive. Rogers is unbeaten this season while Matteson has one loss, a 12-2 defeat at the hands of Rogers.

Also adding power in the upper weights is Liverpool's Rick George at 250 pounds. "Rick is the toughest kid I've faced all year," remarked teammate Green. "I think he'll do pretty well."

"George is as strong as Green," said Liverpool coach Bob DaRin. "He may not be as quick, but he has a shot."

With these big seniors in the top weights, some of the lightweights have obtained a greater feeling of confidence.

"There's a lot of experience in the upper weights," said Watertown's 132-pounder, Dave Recor. "And (105-pounder John) Pauley has been there before. The rest of the Sections' wrestlers are just the same as we are, so we'll be all right."

Pauley is the defending Sectional and State champ at 91 pounds.

"I'd like to borrow some of their muscle," remarked Copenhagen 98-pounder Merle Zehr, who is the youngest member of the team at 15. "We just have to wrestle hard. Real hard."

At 91 pounds for Section Three is Canastota's Dave Gleeson, who has also seen plenty of tough competition, competing against teams like Canandaigua, Fulton and Baldwinsville.

Beaver River's Mark Virkler is the team's 112 pounder, while Central Square's Keith Crowningshield is at 119. Crowningshield is his school's first wrestler to ever compete in a state tournament. Central Square's last Sectional champs were crowned one year before the initial Intersectionals. This week has been something special for Crowningshield.

"This is a totally new experience for me," commented Crowningshield. "I'm not used to it. When someone comes up to congratulate me I just kind of look down and say, 'thanks.' I don't expect to be the best in the state, but I'll try my best."

"Keith's a kind of Cinderella story," remarked Central Square coach Bob Coppola. "His father died three years ago and he's taken his knocks, but it's starting to payoff. He can do it."

Fulton's Ron LaBeef will be at 126 pounds for Section Three, with undefeated Brian Akley from Oswego at 138. Mike Narewski, also of

Fulton, is at 145 and Lowville's Tim Jantzi is the 155 pounder.

Many of the area's wrestling enthusiasts feel Section Three's hopes for its fourth team crown will not rely on the efforts of the likes of Rogers, Matteson and Green, but more on the ability of the remainder of the team to place well at their individual weights. It's obvious not all of Section Three's matmen will win, but third and fourth place finishes help considerably in the team standings.

Here are the 13 sections with area represented and team colors: Section One, Westchester, Columbia Blue; Section Two, Albany-Schenectady, Maroon; Section Three, Central New York, Gold; Section Four, Binghamton-Southern Tier, Scarlet; Section Five, Rochester, Purple; Section Six, Buffalo, Orange; Section Seven, Plattsburgh-Champlain, Gray; Section Eight, Nassau County, Green; Section Nine, Catskills, Royal; Section Ten, St. Lawrence County, Black; Section Eleven, Suffolk County, Navy; PSAL, New York City, Navy with Orange; CHSAA, Buffalo-NYC-Long Island, White with Black.

TAKEDOWNS — Friday's ticket prices are \$4 for adults, \$3 for students. Saturday's morning-afternoon session also costs \$4 and \$3, as does the consolation-final session. . . . Returning champs include Pauley (91) at 105, Brad Penrith of Windsor-4 (98) at 112, last year's Most Outstanding Wrestler Al Palacio of Long Beach-8 (105) at 112, Jon Cardi of Burnt Hills-2 at 145 and Matteson at 177. . . . Scott Sabo of Granville-2 is back at 215 where he finished second last year. . . . Bill Starke of Sachem-11 has been highly touted at 119.

Section III Mat Champions

Weight — Wrestler, School	Record Season, Career	Class
91 — Dave Gleeson, Canastota	34-1-0, 71- 2-1	Junior
98 — Merle Zehr, Copenhagen	25-1-0, 56-14-0	Sophomore
105 — John Pauley, New Hartford	29-2-0, 75-12-0	Junior
112 — Mark Virkler, Beaver River	29-1-0, 102-12-2	Senior
119 — Keith Crowningshield, Central Square	33-3-0, 61-17-1	Senior
126 — Ron LaBeef, Fulton	24-2-0, 80-21-1	Senior
132 — Dave Recor, Watertown	29-1-0, 90-14-2	Senior
138 — Brian Akley, Oswego	29-0-0, 91-22-1	Junior
145 — Mike Narewski, Fulton	27-1-1, 49- 8-1	Junior
155 — Tim Jantzi, Lowville	29-3-0, 48-14-0	Senior
167 — Lelan Rogers, Fulton	28-0-0, 83- 5-2	Senior
177 — Jim Matteson, Oswego	30-1-0, 99-17-2	Senior
215 — Tim Green, Liverpool	30-0-0, 104-15-0	Senior
250 — Rick George, Liverpool	19-1-0, 52-10-0	Senior

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