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Section IV Wins State Mat Crown, Section VI 8th

Tonawanda's Jim Verrastro and Niagara-Wheatfield's Tom Darnley captured third place slots in the seventh annual New York State Inter-Sectional Wrestling Tournament Saturday at the University of Rochester.

Section VI had little else to cheer about, however, as its team, made up mostly of Niagara Frontier League wrestlers, finished a distant eighth in team standings.

Section IV, from the Ithaca area, finished first with 80 points. Section XI was second with 77 points, followed by Section VIII 68, Section V 55, Section III 44, Section IX 41, Section II 22, Section VI 20, Section I 15 and Section VII 8.

Verrastro, wrestling at 98

3-Point Bombs Carry Colonels Back to Top

The Kentucky Colonels are back in first place in the Eastern Division of the American Basketball Association thanks to the three-point bombs of Louie Dampier and Darel Carrier.

Dampier poured in 42 points, 18 of them on three-point baskets, and Carrier scored 31 points, including 12 on 25 foot-or-more bombs Sunday to lead the Colonels to a 118-104 triumph over the Minnesota Pipers at Louisville, Ky.

The victory moved the Colonels into sole possession of first place in the East when the Indiana Pacers beat the Miami Floridians 128-123.

Dampier and Carrier scored 32 points between them during a 40-point third period in which the Colonels built a 32-point lead. Chico Vaughn threw in five three-pointers to lead a fourth-period Minnesota rally which fell far short.

Roger Brown scored 38 points and Freddie Lewis had 34 to lead the Pacers, who led 72-57 at halftime and 98-87 after three periods. Don Freeman led the Floridians with 39 points.

Larry Jones scored 38 points, the 19th consecutive game in which he has reached the 30-mark, as the Denver Rockets

pounds pinned Smithtown's Jack Spates in 1:28 in the consolation final after having dropped a 5-4 decision to Sidney's Robbi Cole in the semi-finals. It was Verrastro's first loss of the season after 26 straight wins.

Darnley also was defeated for the first time in the semi-finals. He dropped a 3-0 decision to the eventual 168 pound champion, Ron Tojdowski of Pioneer. Darnley won the consolation with a 8-3 verdict over Dick Hatten of Baldwinsville. Darnley's record is 26-1.

Only one other Section VI wrestler got into the semis. Maryvale's Jim Guizzotti, who lost a disputed 9-7 decision to Sidney's Randy Payne in the semifinals, finished fourth after bowing to Rye Neck's Barry Casper, 19-2, in the 123-pound class. Payne won the title.

Seven other Section VI matmen were eliminated in the quarter-finals, while three were ousted in Friday's first round. A crowd of more than 5,000 watched the finals.

QUARTER-FINALS

98 — Jim Verrastro (Tonawanda) d. Dick Keener (Middletown, Section IX) 8-0. 115 — Bruce Biondi (Farmingdale, VIII) d. Pete Leone (Amherst) 12-9. 123 — Jim Guizzotti (Maryvale) d. John Chakmakas (Guilderland, II) 10-2. 136 — Joe Russo (West Islip, XI) d. Doug LeRoy (Maryvale) 18-1. 141 — Tony Backus (Livonia, V) d. Tom Rust (Kenmore East) 5-2. 148 — Kevin McClintock (Suffern, IX) d. Gary Kumm (Kenmore East) 6-0 in overtime. 157 — Dick Smith (Kennedy-Bellmore, VIII) d. Nick DePadre (Niagara-Wheatfield) 7-5. 168 — Tom Darnley (Niagara-Wheatfield) d. Dave Vorisenko (Scotia, II) 13-4. 178 — Ernie DiBella (Pittsford, V) d. John Drisdan (Albion) 15-8. 15-8. **Heavyweight** — Jesse Holiday (Lindenhurst, XI) pinned Neil Patterson (Niagara-Wheatfield) 1:59.

SEMIFINALS

98 — Robbi Cole (Sidney, IV) d. Verrastro 5-4. 123 — Randy Payne (Sidney, IV) d. Guizzotti 9-7. 168 — Ron Tojdowski (Pioneer, V) d. Darnley 3-0.

CONSOLATIONS

98 — Verrastro pinned Jack Spates (Smithtown, XI) 1:28. 123 — Barry Casper (Rye Neck, I) d. Guizzotti 19-2. 168 — Darnley d. Dick Hatten (Baldwinsville, III) 8-3.