

# Six Genevans Advance To Section Five Finals

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Geneva High's wrestling team advanced six men to the finals by winning morning matches Saturday at John Marshall High School. Of these six, John Morocco, a sophomore, stood out as he swept his final match from Berardeurte, Jefferson, by the score of 5-4.

Other Genevans who advanced to the Class A, Section Five finals included Chuck Donahue, Abraham Rossi, Al Davids, Phil Maio and Edge Deuel. Of this aggregation, only two are seniors, Deuel and Maio.

In the first match of the morning, in the A competition, Freshman Jerry Lynn of the locals was pitted against Fuller, Wellsville High, in the 98-pound class. Both boys battled ferociously for the take-down. Fuller finally dug in on Jerry Lynn and slammed him down hard on the mat. As he did so, Lynn's knee was injured. After minutes of debating, it was decided that Lynn could not continue because of the injury and therefore had to give the match to Fuller by default.

## Ottley Pinned

The next Genevan to grapple was Sophomore Fred Ottley. Opposing him was Whalen, Hornell. At the outset of the match, Whalen time and again got hold of one of Ottley's legs but due to the quick thinking of Ottley, a take-down was prevented for the first minute. Whalen finally did get the take-down just as the period ended to put him in the lead 2-0.

As the second stanza got under way, Ottley chose the top.

Quickly, both boys reversed on each other but neither gained any points. Whalen from Hornell finally established the top to gain two more points and put a pinning hold on Ottley.

Ottley bridged and was rewarded by his efforts as he escaped the hold of Whalen's. However, the Hornell husky put the hold on again, and this time Ottley was not as successful as he was pinned with seconds remaining in the second period.

## Morocco Bests Foes

John Morocco in his first match of the day did not have an easy time with Stevens, Hornell. All during the first period neither boy was able to gain a take-down and at the finish both were still feeling their way around. With the second period under way, Morocco, who was on top, controlled that position for all but 10 seconds of that period. With the second period about over Stevens escaped to take the lead 1 to 0.

Morocco tied the score by escaping during the third period. He then showed his ability under pressure by gaining the take-down to give him a 3 to 1 advantage. By picking up another point on time advantage, Morocco finally won the match 4-1.

In John's evening match with Berardeurte, he managed to get the take-down and started working his man over. During the second period, Berardeurte tried numerous escapes, but Morocco appeared too fast for him. He finally was able to escape, however, to tie the match at 2 - 2. In the last period, Morocco again went ahead by 2 on a take down but the boy from Jefferson tied it up as the match ended, by reversing.

With both boys having four points to their credit, the time factor prevailed. In this, Morocco won the match by gaining a point on time advantage, making the final score 5-4.

## Donahue's Match Close

In the 138-pound class, Chuck Donahue won easily in the morning by the overwhelming score of 10 to 2. Donahue was in complete control all the way and the outcome was never in doubt for the local grappler. In the evening match Donahue lost a tough one 3 to 2 to Seman, Madison.

After feeling themselves out in the first period, Donahue chose the top for the second period. The minute the whistle blew, Seman reversed on Donahue and appeared to have a pinning hold on him. Donahue fought off the hold-off, however, and escaped for one point.

With the last period under way and Donahue behind by one point, the boys fought doggedly during most of the final period. Donahue finally managed to escape again to tie the score at 2-2, but Seman won the match on the strength of a one-point time advantage, 3 to 2.

## Rossi Has Rough Time

In Abraham Rossi's first match he had a rough time but managed to come out on top by the count of 4-2. At night, Turner, Madison, was victorious over Rossi by the score of 9-1. Turner got the take-down at the beginning of the match and appeared to be well on his way to pinning Rossi but Abe bridged and worked his way off the mat to escape the finish.

During the second period Turner picked up four more points, two on a reverse and two on a near-pin to take a 6 to 0 advantage. With the final period under way, Rossi escaped to gain his lone point for the evening but Turner also picked one up with the final count being 9 to 1, in favor of the Madison grappler.

## Deuel Gains Finals

In the unlimited class, Edge Deuel gained the finals by winning 7 to 0 in the morning from Tichmann, Wellsville. In the evening match Edge was pinned by Fuselle of Madison with 55 seconds gone in the final period. After neither man was able to score in the first period, Fuselle racked up three consecutive points on an escape and take-down and then as the third period began, executed the pin.

In the 165-pound class, Phil Maio got the take-down on Hakes, Painted Post and rode him throughout the first period. Time and again Maio would get a pinning hold but had to be called back to the middle of the mat because they had gone off. With Phil on the bottom as the second period started, he reversed and immediately put the final pin on Hakes.

In Maio's evening tussle, he again gained two points on the take-down and almost pinned Nelson, West. However, Nelson finally escaped. With the second period under way Nelson escaped again to tie the score and then got a take-down for two more. Maio fought hard in the third period to come back but could manage only one point and the final score was 5-3 in favor of Nelson.

## Davids Wins

Al Davids won his semi-final tilt with Houghtburg, Wellsville, by a score of 6 to 1. Houghtburg took the lead at the beginning of the second period by escaping for one point but from there on in it was all Davids as he got two on a take-down, two on a reverse and two on time. In the evening, Incardona, East, slipped his hand around Davids' leg and took Al down. He then slipped on a half-Nelson and got the pin with a 1 minute 20 seconds gone in the first period.

Madison won the trophy in Class A competition on the strength of five winners. Charlotte and West High Schools, both of Rochester, tied for second with two winners apiece and Wellsville, East and Geneva gained one. In Class B competition, Letchworth Central snared three individual titles to win the trophy, with Attica and Canisteo each getting two victors.

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