

# Frontier wrestlers fall in Sectionals; St. Francis wins 11th straight title

Don Klein and Michael Hilty each took second places in the Section VI Wrestling Championships last Saturday (Feb. 27) at Sweet Home High School.

Only the top finishers in each weight class advances to the state tournament.

Frontier had qualified three wrestlers for the Sectional tournament. Aaron Schoenle was entered in the 138-pound class, but lost his first match by a 4-3 decision. Since the tournament is a single elimination event until the semifinals, the loss ended Schoenle's tournament.

A senior, Schoenle was 24-12 this season and finished with a three-year career mark of 58-44.

## High school wrestling

Klein entered the tournament at 98 pounds because of his second place finish in the divisional meet. He did not get one of the seeded positions he is accustomed to having, but advanced through the first two rounds by scoring convincing pins and then defeating the top seed in the semifinals by an 8-3 score.

This set up a rematch with Ryan McGuire of Pioneer in the championship. McGuire was the wrestler who previously beat Klein in the divisional finals. Once again, McGuire wrestled hard and won by a 13-5 count.

It was the second year in a row that Klein has reached the Sectional finals and each time he came in second place.

Klein finished the season with an outstanding 24-5 record, giving him a career mark of 60-22 with his senior year remaining.

Hilty entered the tournament as the No. 2 seed at 215 pounds. He won his first match by a 9-0 score to set up a rematch with Keith Hansen of Cheektowaga in the semifinals.

Hansen had beaten Hilty earlier in the season 6-3, but Hilty avenged that loss with a 3-2 victory.

In the finals, Hilty faced the only wrestler who defeated him twice during the season, Colin Crickhard of Williamsville East. Crickhard had previously beaten Hilty 9-6 and 5-3 (OT).

However, in the finals a rash was discovered on Hilty's leg by the referee and by rules he was forced to default, giving him second place.

A senior, Hilty finished the season with a 24-7 record and was 32-10 for his career. He has been selected to wrestle in the North/South all-star meet.

## ECIC meet

Frontier High School hosted the 1993-94 ECIC Division I/II Championships with the Falcons qualifying three wrestlers for the Section VI championships despite no one winning an individual title.

At 91 pounds, Chris Jablonski met the third seed in his first match and was beaten by a technical fall in the third period. He was slightly injured in the match and lost his next match by a heartbreaking 4-2 score. He finished the season with a 4-9 overall record and a 4-3 Division I/II mark.

Klein was the No. 1 seed at 98 pounds and easily advanced to the finals by scoring a technical fall in the quarterfinal round and a pin in the semifinals. In the finals, however, he was leading 2-0 when he was caught in the second period and pinned by tournament Most Outstanding Wrestler, McGuire.

Josh Rohaner was also entered in the 98-pound weight class. His first match was against the No. 3 seed whom he was beating 2-0 going into the second period. In the second period, he was taken down and pinned.

In wrestlebacks, Rohaner won a pin,

but then was defeated in the consolation semifinals by the eventual third-place finisher, 5-4. Rohaner finished the year 10-16 overall and 9-9 in Division I/II.

Nick Butera had to wrestle the No. 1 seed at 112 pounds in his first match and was pinned. In wrestlebacks, Butera lost again, 7-5 in overtime giving him an overall record of 3-18.

Justin Jablonski was Frontier's entry in the competitive 119-pound class. His first match was against the No. 1 seed and eventual champion, losing by a technical fall in the third period.

In wrestlebacks, Jablonski scored a technical fall and a 7-6 decision before he was defeated in the consolation semifinals. He finished the season with an 18-15 overall record and a 10-10 mark in Division I/II.

Leroy Leavell and Andy Ranic were both entered in the 132-pound class and both were defeated in their first two matches, eliminating them from the tournament. Leavell finished his season at 4-16 and Ranic was 3-13.

Schoenle gained the Falcons' second Sectional berth with an outstanding performance at 138 pounds. He entered the tournament as the No. 7 seed, but advanced all the way to the finals. He won his first match by a pin, his next match by a 3-2 score and his semifinal match by a hard-fought 16-14 overtime decision. In the finals, he wrestled the top seed and lost 3-2.

Carmen Weeks wrestled at 145 pounds after going at 155 and 167 throughout the season. He also had to go against the No. 1 seed in the first match and was pinned in the second period. In wrestlebacks, Weeks scored a technical fall before being pinned by the No. 4 seed. He closed his final season for the Falcons with an 11-14 overall record and a 7-7 division mark.

Matt Noble did not make his weight at 155 pounds and had to move up to 167 and entered with teammate Ryan Forse. Noble had the third seed in his first match and was overpowered and pinned in the first period.

Forse drew the No. 1 seed for his first match and was also pinned in the first period.

The two met each other in the first round of the wrestlebacks with Noble getting the pin. Noble won his next match with a pin, but suffered a shoulder injury in the match and eventually lost in the consolation semifinals. Forse ended up 20-10 overall and 12-5 in division while Noble finished the year 4-9 (4-8 in league).

Hilty also came in as the top seed at 215 pounds, but could only earn a second place finish. The weight class had the fewest entries, so Hilty advanced to the semifinals without wrestling. In the semifinals, he scored a 17-1 technical fall, but was defeated 11-5 in the finals.

Dan Dixon was Frontier's entry in the 250-pound class and was defeated in each of his first two matches by pins. He finished his first wrestling season with a 0-10 record.

## St. Francis takes title

The St. Francis varsity wrestling team won the Msgr. Martin Association All-Catholic Meet last week to capture its 11th title in a row.

Derek Cronmiller won all-Catholic honors for placing first in the 112-pound class. Ed Ellis placed first in the 119-pound match, and Jesse White had a first-place finish in the 138-pound class. Both Ellis and White finished third this week in the New York State Catholic High School Tournament at Holy Trinity High School in Long Island.

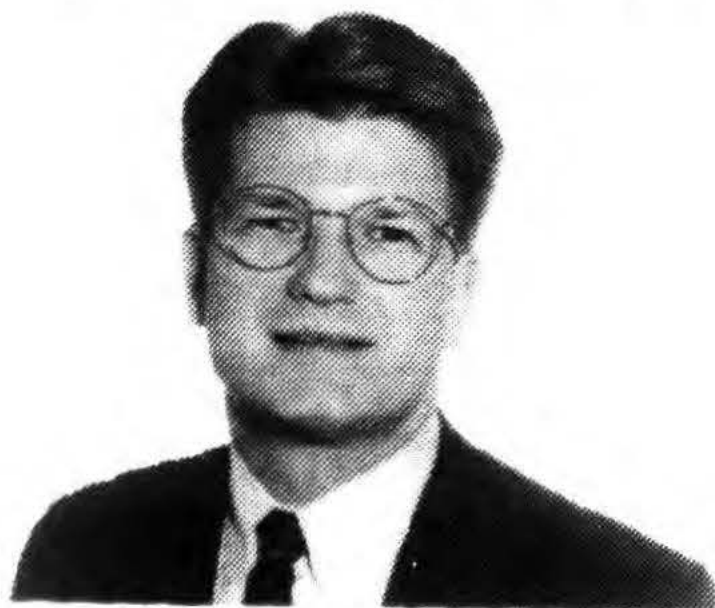
Second-place finishers for St. Francis in the all-Catholic meet were, Dave Stoehr (132 pounds), Gene Gonsiorek (145 pounds), James Stephens (155 pounds) and Rob Lydon (215 pounds).

Coach Mike Messor's Red Raiders grabbed 83 points, Canisius, 61; St. Joe's, 60.5; O'Hara, 49; St. Mary's, 41; and host Olean Walsh, 22.

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