



Lyons wins team championship —

In 16 hours of wrestling, Ed Mitchell wins his title in 6 minutes



Combat

Ed Mitchell (right) of Lyons is being worked on by Eric Eaton of Williamson in 177-pound championship of the West-Finger Lakes Wrestling tournament Saturday at Dundee. Mitchell won by a fall to stay unbeaten in 18 matches this season. (Times photo).

By DICK PATRICK

DUNDEE—Ed (Grip) Mitchell of Lyons spent about 16 hours at Dundee during Saturday's Finger Lakes West Wrestling Tournament. He was officially on the mat for 5:59 minutes. He spent the rest of the day killing time while wearing a floppy maroon knitted hat.

Mitchell, the defending champion, won the 177-pound title as the Lyons (214.5) edged Marion (209.5) for the team title. Jeff Kaller (126) and Jeff Leonard (145) also won championships for the Lyons.

"We figured if we could come up with three winners in the finals then we had a good chance of taking it," said Lyons Coach Don Aleksiewicz, whose team tied with Marion and Williamson for first place during the regular season. "Probably another big reason we won was the pins we got in the preliminary rounds."

Mitchell, the top seed, only had to wrestle two matches Saturday. He won both by falls, raising his record to 18-0 this season and 42-2 for the last two seasons. "He's big; he's fast, and he's strong," said Aleksiewicz. "I'd have to try to think of a weakness. It's a pity he hasn't had any real competition this year."

Mitchell's biggest worry has been controlling his weight. "Most of the time I'm about 14 pounds over," he

said. "I've got to do a lot of running and hard work to make weight."

Mitchell, an All-Wayne-Finger Lakes Western Division defensive lineman for the past two seasons, took the Section 5 177-pound title last year as a sophomore and advanced to the state semifinals before losing to the eventual champion.

"Once I get to Rochester (sectionals)," said Mitchell, "I'll start meeting better competition. I plan to win the sectionals and take the states. I never worry when I wrestle. I'm always confident."

Mitchell's teammates, Kaller and Leonard, did not have such an easy time in winning their championship matches. Kaller beat Rich Perry of Marion in overtime 2-1 in a match that was stopped several times as Aleksiewicz and Marion Coach Steve Habecker argued calls by the officials.

"The head referee didn't make one right call," said Aleksiewicz. "It took all three (officials) to make the right call. They must have had five conferences. But Kaller really pulled through for us."

Leonard, after losing a 6-1 lead, scored an escape late in the match to defeat Marion's Dan Hartel, 7-6. "I haven't wrestled well in tournaments," said Leonard, undefeated in 10 dual matches, "and I didn't feel sharp tonight. But I've finally got a winning record in tournaments. I was

1-4, now I'm 5-4."

The Lyons were helped to the team title when Whitman's Doug Young upset Marion's Al Pulcini for the 112-pound championship. Pulcini, the 98-pound champion last year, entered the match with a 22-2 record.

Young scored a takedown in the first period but the match went into overtime after Pulcini scored two escapes. Young escaped in the second overtime period in winning a 1-0 decision. He was voted runner-up to Sodus' Paul Polochock as the tournament's outstanding wrestler.

South Seneca had two champions. Guy Bowers, the 91-pound champ last year, dominated the 98-pound class. He won his first two matches by pins and took an 18-5 superior decision in the finals over Williamson's Rich Lesson.

The Falcons' Mike Betts won the 91-pound title by default. The match was stopped in the first period when Williamson's Al Ashe, leading 2-0, threw Betts to the mat with an illegal body slam. Betts was unable to continue because of a back injury.

Other winners were defending champion Jeff DeRidder (105) of Marion, Red Creek's Frank Heffernan (119), Scott Beckens (132) and Paul Polochock (138) of Sodus, Williamson's John Ashe (155), Bob Jones (167) of Marion, Marion's Mike Compton (215) and Bloomfield's Joe Condon (250) and Condon (250).

The team scoring: Lyons (214½), Marion (209½), Williamson (182), Sodus (144), South Seneca (109½), Whitman (77), Red Creek (60½), North Rose-Wolcott (36), Red Jacket (33), Bloomfield (32).

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Quarterfinals

91—Al Ashe (Williamson) pinned Tim Simmons (Whitman), 1:23. David Gastreau (Sodus) decisioned Mike Conover (Dundee). Mike Betts (South Seneca) decisioned Brent Bushart (Marion), 3-0. Mike Mitchell (Lyons) decisioned Dave Cole (North Rose Wolcott), 11-0. 98—Guy Bowers (South Seneca) pinned Don Drexler (Red Creek), 1:17. John Sergeant (Lyons) decisioned Pete Petersen (Sodus), 15-3. Bob Newby (Marion) decisioned Dave Plumlee (Dundee), 9-3. Rick Lesson (Williamson) pinned Rod Goodrich (Whitman), 3:01.

105—Jeff DeRidder (Marion) pinned Jim Parkhurst (Red Creek), 1:16. Dan Miller (Sodus) decisioned Steve Fischer, 6-2. Greg Chadwick (Lyons) pinned Brian Clark (Williamson), 1:27. Art James (South Seneca) pinned Joe Foro (North Rose-Wolcott), 3:48. 112—Al Pulcini (Marion) pinned Jack Garrison (North Rose Wolcott), 1:04. Jim Wiggins (S) pinned Oriando Osorio (Lyons), 1:24. Mike Ward (Dundee) pinned Dave Paulsen (South Seneca), 2:33. Doug Young (Whitman) pinned Randy VanSteen (Williamson), 1:42.

119—Frank Heffernan (Red Creek) pinned Dave Wignall (Dundee), 1:04. Pedro Osorio (Lyons) pinned Brian Halstead (Marion), 2:27. Brian Camidge (Williamson) decisioned Al Galens (Whitman), 12-9. Tom Thurston (Sodus) pinned Bob Betts (South Seneca), 2:43. 126—Sam Gallo (Williamson) decisioned Chuck Roach (Red Jacket), 7-2. Rich Perry (Marion) decisioned Carl Lent (Sodus), 5-3. Jeff Kaller (Lyons) decisioned Abe Rossi (Whitman), 10-0. Dale Hollister (South Seneca) decisioned Mark Plumlee (Dundee), 12-7.

132—Scott Beckens (Sodus) pinned Robin Haller (Bloomfield), 3:47. Paul Fisher (Marion) decisioned Neil Ross (Whitman), 6-3. Stan Olevnik (Dundee) decisioned Ray Fillingham (Red Creek), 3-1. Dale Updike (South Seneca) decisioned Jim Wilck (Lyons), 9-1. 138—Jerome Douglas (Williamson) pinned Daryl Bentley (North Rose Wolcott), 1:56. Steve VanHeusen (Dundee) decisioned Kevin Killel (Lyons), 13-4. Paul Polochock (Sodus) decisioned Gene Loran (Marion), 10-2. Blake Champlain (Whitman) pinned John Coant (Red Creek), 28.

145—Jeff Leonard (Lyons) decisioned Mike Dombroski (Dundee), 15-4. Randy Phillips (Whitman) decisioned Steve Messmer (South Seneca), 5-0. Dan Hartel (Marion) decisioned Mike Hilts (North Rose-Wolcott), 18-1. Brian Thayer (Williamson) decisioned John Dumas (Sodus), 8-6. 155—John Ashe (Williamson) decisioned Jim McClure (Whitman), 17-5. Mark Sampson (Red Creek) decisioned Mark Benton (North Rose-Wolcott), 22-5. Tom Ginet (Marion) pinned Jeff Webster (Dundee), 2:49. Rick Leisenring (Lyons) pinned Bob Wallace (Bloomfield), 1:07.

167—Bob Crane (North Rose-Wolcott) decisioned Andy Glitzer (Whitman), 6-3. Don Oliver (Red Jacket) decisioned Terry Phillips (Whitman), 3-0 (overtime). Rod Wadhams (Lyons) decisioned John Houck (Dundee), 12-4. Bob Jones (Marion) pinned Paul Purdy (Red Creek), 1:42. 177—Ed Mitchell (Lyons) bye. Jerry Naylor (Dundee) pinned Ray Conrow (North Rose-Wolcott), 2:27. Eric Eaton (Williamson) pinned Mike DeCann, 4:59. Bob VanCaessèle (Red Jacket) bye.

215—Mike Compton (Marion) pinned Aaron Mouso (Whitman), 1:50. Terry Urbanitic (Williamson) decisioned Mark DeVries, 11-3. Norm Peterson (Sodus) pinned Tom Edkin (South Seneca), 4:18. Pat Maddock (Lyons) pinned Steve Boehm (Bloomfield), 3:12. 250—Joe Condon (Bloomfield) bye. Henry Henderson (Williamson) pinned Bill Kennedy. Jon Morris (North Rose-Wolcott) bye. Bruce Barber (Red Jacket) bye.

Semifinals

91—Al Ashe (Williamson) decisioned Dave Gastreau (Sodus), 9-0. Mike Betts (South Seneca) decisioned Mike Mitchell (Lyons), 3-1 (overtime). 98—Guy Bowers (South Seneca) pinned John Sergeant (Lyons), 3:44. Rich Lesson (Williamson) decisioned Bob Newby (Marion) 12-11. 105—Jeff DeRidder (Marion) decisioned Dan Miller (Sodus), 14-2. Greg Chadwick (Lyons) decisioned Art James (South Seneca), 15-0. 112—Al Pulcini (Marion) decisioned Jim Wiggins (Sodus), 13-0. Doug Young (Whitman) decisioned Mike Ward (Dundee), 6-4.

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Finals

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