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Bill Brooks, Penn Yan Ends Years of Frustration

Dick, Larry Marchionda, Mel Brinson Win First Shield for M

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After three frustrating tries, Bill Brooks of Geneva High finally won Section 5 shield and after four years of emptiness, the Penn Yan Mustangs have broken into the win column.

Brooks, an outstanding wrestler for Geneva for the past four years, at last won the state shield after twice reaching the finals and once losing out in the quarterfinals.

The Geneva 120 pounder was joined by three Penn Yan grapplers in copping sectional titles. Dick and Larry Marchionda and Mel Brinson of Penn Yan, all won to make their's the number one school in sectional championships. Oddly enough, Penn Yan, in its fifth season with the mat sport, had not had a state shield winner before Saturday night.

The Marchionda brothers both scored victories by falls while Brinson scored a rugged 4-0 decision.

The Sectional finals held at Geneva Junior school saw two defending champions ousted while five of 12 undefeated wrestlers suffered their first losses.

Still boasting undefeated marks are Brooks (18-0); Larry Marchionda (12-0); Bill Protz (11-0) of West; Tom Smith (12-0) of Madison; John Billone (8-0) of Jefferson; Willie Weaver (11-0) of Penn Yan with three champions.



Bill Brooks
... Caps sparkling career

of Corning Northside.

Among the casualties were defending champions Auggie Cavallote of Hornell who was defeated by Smith, another former champion, in the 127 pound class, and Tom Brockway of

Corning Northside, beaten by Weaver in the 165 pound class.

Ray Johnson of Corning Free Academy, won a shield two years ago but failed to regain it, losing to Mike Tartaglia of West. Penn Yan with three champions.



Dick Marchionda
... Ends big season

topped the list of winners. Madison and West of Rochester each had two winners while Geneva, Corning Northside, East, Franklin, Jefferson each had one.

When asked how it felt to be the winningest coach at the meet, the exulted Dave Currier of Penn Yan could only answer: "Ask me tomorrow, I'm too excited tonight."

But he noted that his trio of champions "work hard. They didn't come here to lose. The only think I could tell them was that

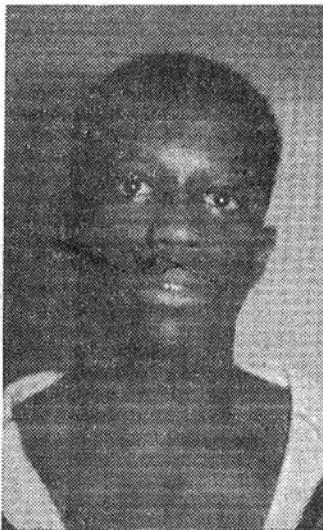


Larry Marchionda
... Finally Wins title

they were on their own. No one is going to help you out there. They wanted to win it bad."

Dick Marchionda, making his first sectional appearance, climaxed a big season. The sophomore co-captain won his 11th match against one loss to cop the title.

Larry, also co-captain, has been trying for three years for a championship. A three time Finger Lakes champion, he came out for the sport as a sophomore when he



Mel Brinson
... Speed, great desire

grew from a 65 pound freshman to a 95 pounder as a sophomore, and a 103 pounder the past two years. He was a fourth two years ago in the sectional and third last year.

Brinson, like Dick Marchionda, is only a sophomore. But this is his first season. A surprise from the start, he lost only to Chuck Wilkison of Geneva during the season. "He has great desire,"

"Currier said. "He knows two or three things but he has great speed

and tremendous desire. He won 11 matches."

Brooks capped a remarkable career with the only title he eluded him. In four years, Brooks won only six and the only loss was in an 8-0 defeat to DeMillo of Waterloo a year ago.

Brooks won his third period. After periods, Brooks got a reversal in the final and got an extra point time for a 3-0 win over Caleo of Edison.

Dick Marchionda down in the first period after a reversal in the second before applying the pin match at 2:46 over of West.

Larry Marchionda in the first period after he nailed his Scarlotta of East in

Brinson broke a lock in the second after an escape and a take down for a 3-0 lead. Having the age in the final proved Bob Mosier of 4-0 win.

Two Finger Lakes Dick Atkinson of Geneva and Domini of Canandaigua defeated.

Atkinson, behind periods, fought val-