

# Canisteo Wrestlers Capture 7 Bi-County Championships

CANISTEO—For a squad which had to hustle to finish with a winning dual meet season, the Canisteo Redskins are doing mighty well in Section 5 wrestling competition.

Seven Redskin matmen captured Steuben County titles here Saturday and last night all seven posted wins in bi-county action against Allegany County's champs.

These boys, plus two each from Bath and Alfred-Almond and one from Belmont now square off

against winners of the Wyoming County area tournament in Sectional Class B semifinals here at 8 p.m. Saturday.

Among the Canisteo winners last night were three defending Section 5 champions — Larry Travis, Dick Stewart and Dave Stewart. Reaching the semifinals for the first time were Jim Greenfield, Harry Hurd, Tom Makitra and Lou Mehlenbacher.

Remaining berths went to Jay Dickson and Bob Dawson of Bath, Virgil Nye and Dale Butts

of Alfred-Almond and Dick Hand of Belmont.

Alfred-Almond had the most entries in the bi-county match, eight, followed by Canisteo with seven, Belmont four, Bath three and Painted Post two.

One of the closest matches last night was in the heavy-weight division where Mehlenbacher came from behind to decision Alfred-Almond's Gary Jefferds 9-7. Jefferds, who earned three points for a near-pin, was leading 7-4 in the second period

when Mehlenbacher pulled an escape and then a take-down to tie the match. The Redskin grappler then managed two points for a reversal in the final period to win it.

In another real struggle, Dale Butts of A-A scored two points for a reversal to account for the only points in a bout with George Waldo of Bath.

Winners of Saturday's matches will qualify for the Section 5 finals in Perry, while the losers will remain in contention for third place.

- 95—Jim Greenfield (C) decisioned Tom Harwood (A-A) 3-0.
- 103—Harry Hurd (C) decisioned Everett Brooks (A-A) 5-0.
- 112—Dick Stewart (C) pinned Tom Tucker (Bel.) in 5:33.
- 120—Larry Travis (C) pinned Grover Griffin (A-A) in 0:45.
- 127—Tom Makitra (C) decisioned Don Drake (Bel.) 7-0.
- 133—Jay Dickson (B) decisioned Jim Bliven (Bel.) 5-0.
- 138—Dave Stewart (C) decisioned Art Roberts (A-A) 11-0.
- 145—Dick Hand (Bel.) decisioned Ed Hall (P-P) 4-2.
- 154—Virgil Nye (A-A) pinned Larry McAllister (P-P) in 5:44.
- 165—Bob Dawson (B) pinned Gary Rechichi (A-A) in 4:54.
- 175—Dale Butts (A-A) decisioned George Waldo (B) 2-0.
- Unlimited—Lou Mehlenbacher (C) decisioned Gary Jefferds (A-A) 9-7.