



**INCHES TO GO** — Gowanda's Pat Gordon, top, works for the pin while Falconer's Jack Weddington tries his best to break the bar-arm combination. Seconds later Pat touched his opponent's shoulders to the mat and won the 127 pound weight class championship at the Holiday Wrestling Tournament at Falconer last night. Referee Jim Lucey watches.

—Post-Journal Stafffoto by Dick Thayer

# Gowanda Adds Wrestling Prestige In Holiday Tourney

By JIM JOHNSON

FALCONER—Gowanda, which holds more records in the Southern Tier Wrestling Conference than the rest of the nine teams combined, added one more to its seemingly invincible list, taking top honors in the first Holiday Tournament here last night.

With five of its grapplers making the first team, the Panthers romped to 97 points while its closest contender, Falconer, ended up

## TEAM STANDINGS

	Pin	Pts.	Pos.	Pts.	Ttl
Gowanda (A)	7	90		97	
Falconer (A)	9	57		68	
Southwestern (A)	5	42		47	
Silver Creek (B)	5	39		44	
Salamanca (A)	5	31		36	
Randolph (B)	7	29		36	
Cattaraugus (B)	3	21		24	
Cassadaga Valley (B)	3	18		21	
Pine Valley (B)	3	17		20	

with 66, nine points being awarded from pins.

Schools competing were Gowanda, host Falconer, Southwestern, Silver Creek, Salamanca, Randolph, Cattaraugus, Cassadaga Valley and Pine Valley. In team standings, each finished in the same order as mentioned.

Throughout, the all-day tourney was highlighted by close matches, a few upsets and some real championship wrestling. In all, 104 matches were run off, 80 between noon and 6 o'clock. The final 24 were contested before a good-sized crowd from 7:30 until 12.

## Evans Keeps Up Tradition

Dan Evans, following in his older brother Doug's footsteps who won three consecutive Class B titles, recorded a win in the 95 pound finals, defeating Dick Laroy, 6-0 on a takedown, reversal and a predicament.

In closer matches Gowanda's Lyle Boss, a Section 6 champ, slipped by Falconer's Gary Leford 4-2, Pine Valley's Doug Fancher switched on Southwestern's Dick Thorp late in the third period to win 2-0, and Gowanda's Ray Pachucinski turned the tables on Ron Lindstrom, of Southwestern, 2-1. Lindstrom had defeated "Patch," 6-2, earlier this year.

Gowanda's Len Layhew took a heartbreaker from Falconer's George Cameron. Layhew, who just made his required 15 practices, wrestled for the first time this year yesterday and reached the finals as did Cameron. Both remained standing the first period and Cameron rode the Gowandan out for the second stanza. In the third period Layhew was penalized one point for unsportsmanlike conduct but picked up an equalizer when Cameron stalled.

## No Firsts

In the overtime period, Layhew gained an escape and won the match, 2-1. Clark Cowan, of Falconer, tied Bob Weaver for three periods but was pinned in the overtime minutes.

Oddly enough, neither Falconer nor Southwestern had a first placer but each had three second place finishers. Cattaraugus had trophy winners on both ends of the undefeateds, the 95 pounder and the heavyweight Jim Ridall, but its other 10 grapplers failed to enter the quarter-finals.

Following is the complete list of first place winners and consolation victors:



UP AND OUT — Southwestern's Dick Thorp, tries a leg-lift against Doug Fancher, Pine Valley's 138 pound expert, in the Holiday Wrestling Tournament at Falconer last night. Fancher, winning the weight class title, kept Thorp from reversing for the remainder of the match. Referee John Finley follows the action.

## Southern Tier Mat Champs

### Championships

95 — Dan Evans (Ca) dec. Dick Laroy (CV) 6-0.  
 103 — Howard Gable (G) dec. Terry Foxton (SC) 4-1.  
 112 — Chuck Grinols (Sa) dec. Ray Cross (SC) 7-1.  
 120 — Lyle Boss (G) dec. Gary Leford 4-2.  
 127 — Pat Gordon (G) pinned Jack Waddington (F) 3:46.  
 133 — Stan Cross (SC) dec. Paul Twoguns (G) 9-2.  
 138 — Doug Fancher (P) dec. Dick Thorp (SW) 2-0.  
 145 — Roger Bull (SC) pinned Jerry Todaro (SW) 1:11.  
 154 — Len Layhew (G) dec. George Cameron (F) 2-1 (Ovt.)  
 165 — Bob Weaver (R) pinned Clark Cowan (F) 7:23.  
 180 — Ray Pachucinski (G) dec. Ron Lindstrom (SW) 2-1.  
 Hywt — Jim Ridall (Ca) dec. Henry Preiss (R) 7-3.

### Consolations

95 — Carl Briotti (F) dec. Tom Mellor (SW) 3-1.  
 103 — John Krieger (Sa) dec. Joe Sluga (R) 3-1.  
 112 — Karl Lawson (CV) dec. Clare Inkley (R) 4-2.  
 120 — Roger Hohenstein (SC) dec. Jim Johnson (SW) 6-4.  
 127 — Gary Olson (SW) dec. Paul Grafstrom (CV) 3-2.  
 133 — Bob Laroy (F) won by default over Dave Quattrone (Sa)  
 138 — Joe Allette (F) pinned Harry Deeley (R) 2:31.  
 145 — Ed White (G) dec. Chuck Lamb (F) 8-4.  
 154 — Jim Burk (SW) dec. Dave Nash (P) 2-1.  
 165 — Jim Roff (Sa) dec. Dan Harp (SW) 3-2.  
 180 — Mike Birmingham (Sa) dec. Rod Stankey (P) 3-2.  
 Hywt — Chuck Light (Sa) pinned Rich Jimerson (G) 2:57.

## Pat Boyd Leads Area Bowlers With 516 Series

Bemus Point's Casino alleys contributed the only honor roll scores in area bowling last night.

Pat Boyd Jr., fired 192-516 and Janice Lipsey 182-508, both in the Friday Mixed Couples League.

### MAYVILLE

Ken Hardenberg 209-563, Horace Benjamin 559, Joe Newcombe 554, Paul Motrynczuk 566.

### HARMONY

Mixed Couples—Allen Sard 323, plus the 6-7 and 5-10 split picks, Ruby Sard 475.

Friday Men's—Floyd Stevens 516.

### CASINO

Friday Men's—Walt Brown 220-568, Friday Couples—Bill Lipsey 508.

### FREWSBURG

Onoville— 207-538.

### SUGAR BOWL

Producto Nite e Pike 529, Friday Couples—Doc Grant 567, Lynn Tuller 564, Pat Anderson 411, I.O.O.F. Couples—Dorothy Curtis 471, Bud Curtis 504.

## HAWKS LOSE PLAYER

ST. LOUIS (AP)—The St. Louis Hawks learned Friday that they will probably have to play out the rest of this disappointing National Basketball Association season without the services of veteran backliner John McCarthy. He underwent surgery for correction of torn ligaments of the left knee Thursday and will be hospitalized for a week or more.

## George Blanda Named AFL Player Of Year

DALLAS, Tex. (AP) — George Blanda, the heart of Houston's offense that swirled to the championship, was named player of the year in the American Football League Saturday.

The league's head coaches picked Blanda, the AFL's record-smashing passing leader, for the honor by almost unanimous vote.

Since the coaches could not vote for their own players, seven votes were the maximum. Blanda got six, other votes going to Boston's Gino Cappelletti and Houston's Billy Cannon.

Blanda recently renewed his contract with the Oilers although for a while there were prospects that the 12-year veteran of pro this season.

## Cornell, Tulane Lead College Regatta

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Cornell and Tulane led Friday with 48 points after six races of the intercollegiate series in the Sugar Bowl Regatta on Lake Pontchartrain.

Rensselaer Poly was close behind with 43 points. Nine colleges are competing. Twelve races remain in the event.