

Jones, Ahonen win Section 5 wrestling crowns



ROCHESTER — Canandaigua's Dennis Jones and Victor's Brad Ahonen copped Section 5 wrestling titles Saturday night in the Rochester War Memorial.

Jones, of the Class A W-FL Eastern Division and Ahonen, of the Class B Western Division, were the only two W-FL wrestlers to capture championships.

Jones gained the 126 pound Section 5 championships by beating Ken Brongo of Spencerport, 11-4, in the semi-finals of Class A. He pinned Greg Sutter of Corning West in the finals and then decided Tom Flint of Warsaw, 13-4, in the Class A-B Finals.

Jones, who recorded the only pin the Class A finals, became Canandaigua's 20th sectional champion since the section started keeping records in 1962. He also became the 14th Section 5 champion for Canandaigua under Coach Weldon Canough, who began coaching the Braves in 1965.

Ahonen, who won the Class B title at 145 pounds last year, only to lose to Lynn Chuley of Mynderse in the A-B finals, went all the way this year at 155 pounds.

Brad, the son of Victor Coach Ed Ahonen, who is retiring this year, received the John Ordway Award as the outstanding wrestler in Section 5.

Ahonen pinned East Rochester's Tim Duffy in the A-B wrestle-off and walked to the edge of the mat and quietly embraced his waiting coach and father.

Both Jones and Ahonen will represent section 5 in next weekend's state tournament in Syracuse.

Eastridge copped the Class A title while Warsaw won the Class B crown.

Caledonia-Mumford will be sending three wrestlers to the state tourney while Spencerport will send two. No other team in the section had more than one champion.

One other W-FL wrestler reached the A-B finals. He was Victor's 119 pound Mark Krug. Krug lost to Chuck Bour of Charlotte, 8-3.

In the Class A finals, Canandaigua's Bill Bartosch lost, 5-1, to Rich McPhee at 177 pounds and Wayne's 112 pound Ted Hargarther was beaten, 12-4 by Ernie Hanna of Bishop Kearney. Hanna thus became the first parochial school student to win a Section 5 crown. This is the first year which non-public schools are allowed to compete in Section 5 events.

Bartosch reached the Class A finals by beating Jason Sweet of Fairport, 7-4. Sweet then went on to beat Mynderse's Eric Rosenkrans in overtime, 10-6, in the 177 pound consolation. Rosenkrans had lost to McPhee, 12-0, in the semi-finals.

Jim White of Canandaigua was the only third-place finisher among the W-FL's Class A wrestlers and he missed being a finalist by a narrow margin. In the semi-finals, Jim dropped a 3-2 decision to the eventual 119 pound champion, Chuck Bour, of Charlotte. White then beat defending Class A



Dennis Jones



Brad Ahonen

champ, Dave Snyder of Bath, 7-2, in the consolations.

All other W-FL Eastern Division wrestlers who won Friday night rounds, finished fourth in Class A.

Newark's 138 pound Dan Allerton was pinned by two-time Section 5 champ Frank DeAngelis of Spencerport in the semi-finals and lost, 7-3 to Mike Colichio of Charlotte in the consolations.

At 155 pounds, Rick Helfer of Palmyra-Macedon lost 2-1 to Jeff

Wheeler of Bath in the semi-finals and 3-0 to Gene Sachitello of Rush-Henrietta in

the consolations.

John Brewster, Penn Yan's 167 pounder, was pinned by two-time Class A champion Gary Baxter of Spencerport in the semi-finals and then lost to Scott Johnson of Franklin, 10-5, in the consolations.

Waterloo's John Marino lost his first match of the season after racking up 25 straight wins at heavyweight, when he was beaten, 5-2, by Frank DeStefano of Webster-Thomas. He then lost, 17-0, to Chester Shellman of East High.

Dave Zimmerman of Canandaigua was beaten by Tom Kennard of East High, 2-0, in the 250 pound semi-finals before bowing to Don Verni of East Rochester, 2-0, in the consolations.

At 112 pounds, Tom Pedersen of Midlakes lost to the champion, Hanna, in the semi-finals and then lost in the consolations.

Overall, there were eight Class A champions and five Class B champions.

Here is the summary for the Class A finals and the A-B finals:

Class A Finals

98 — Ken Rohlfing (Rush-Henrietta) decided Shane Legacy (Churchville-Chili), 9-1. 105 — Clark Barnard (Hilton) decided Dave Stolt (Fairport) 5-2. 112 — Ernie Hanna (Bishop Kearney) decided Ted Hargarther (Wayne), 12-4. 119 — Chuck Bour (Charlotte) decided Bob DeMeco (Churchville-Chili) 12-6 — Dennis Jones (Canandaigua) pinned Greg Sutter (Corning West), 13-4. 132 — Don Roberts (Brockport) decided Dave Juergens (Hilton), 5-4.

138 — Frank DeAngelis (Spencerport) decided Pete Kundin (Irondequoit), 9-7 (OT). 145 Jeff Freedman (Eastridge) decided Steve Wark (Gates Chili), 8-1. 155 — Tim Duffy (East Rochester) decided Jeff Wheeler (Bath), 9-3. 167 — Gary Baxter (Spencerport) decided Dave DeNero (Eastridge), 10-2. 177 — Rich McPhee (East Rochester) decided Bill Bartosch (Canandaigua), 5-1. 215 — Brad Roth (Eastridge) decided Frank DeStefano (Webster-Thomas), 8-4. 250 — Eric Davis (Madison) decided Tom Kennard (East), 6-4.

A-B Finals

98 — Tom Buckley (Caledonia-Mumford) decided Ken Rohlfing (Rush-Henrietta), 10-3. 105 — Clark Barnard (Hilton) decided Mike Fuller (Warsaw), 3-0. 112 — Robin Scott (Cal-Mum) decided Ernie Hanna (Bishop Kearney), 6-4. 119 — Chuck Bour (Charlotte) decided Mark Krug (Victor), 8-3. 126 — Dennis Jones (Canandaigua) decided Tom Flint (Warsaw), 13-4. 132 — Don Roberts (Brockport) decided Rich Brown (Cal-Mum), 13-8 (OT).

138 — Frank DeAngelis (Spencerport) decided Warren Bush (Warsaw), 17-4. 145 — Tim Nothagle (Cal-Mum) decided Jeff Freedman (Eastridge), 18-13 (OT). 155 — Brad Ahonen (Victor) pinned Tim Duffy (East Rochester), 16-7. Gary Baxter (Spencerport) decided Ed Sundorland (Warsaw), 6-5. 177 — Rich McPhee (East Rochester) decided Roger Schuster (Pembroke), 8-4. 215 — Brad Roth (Eastridge) decided Joe Hitchko (Mt. Morris), 8-0. 250 — John Hackamer (Warsaw) pinned Eric Davis (Madison).

Press Box Patter

Slow horses

By Norm Jollow



Last year, Finger Lakes Race Track wanted you to come out "just for the fun of it."

Saturday, March 2, they told me "Suddenly it's spring."

It might have been spring with temperatures near 45 degrees, but for my part, I was still there "just for the fun of it."

For five races I watched as the horses, carrying the extra weight of my \$2 bets, just couldn't figure out what all the fuss was about.

It was a nice day for a stroll. They might as well have been strolling down Rt. 414, the way Al Henry's runaway horses are apt to do.

In fact, I'm of the opinion that the three Henry horses I came across a few weeks ago while en route to Clyde, might easily have beaten the nags that were carrying my money around. And two of Al's mares were pregnant at the time.

I watched the two track graders cruising around the track between races and figured that either one of them could have beaten my waltzing Matildas.

Things got so bad that on the last race, I bet on the favorite to show, just for the chance to go up to the pay window. My horse ran seventh.

In the first race, two horses were scratched. I think my nag thought it had been scratched too. For all I know, it is still out there at Finger Lakes looking for the finish line. Best estimate is that it will reach the finish line in a photo on the last race of the season.

I almost had a chance in the second race. My show bet horse ran fourth and the season's first protest came up

warmer there. That also helped to make a nice picture for the first race, a shot taken from the infield, showing the well filled stands behind the horses.

Though it was warmer than might be expected for the second day in March, there were few people standing around the rail between races. But once the track announcer let them know "they're off," the brave souls, with their mackinaws and other heavy winter gear, headed for the rail, hoping to see the horse they bet on cross the line first. And that brings up one of the curious things about horse racing.

I keep wondering where all the people are that bet on the favorite.

It is the better that makes a horse the favorite, not some Jimmy the Greek type character. So you look at the tote board and that tells you who people are supporting in a given race.

But when you get down among the bettors and the race reaches the last turn, you get a lot of yelling from people squeezing for their horse to get home first.

But you seldom hear a word of encouragement for the favorite. It makes you wonder where all those people go, who voted for the favorite with their money. Must be they are the "silent majority." They bet and pray.

Anyway, that's my annual trip to Finger Lakes Race track. I can't wait to find out why I'm going to enjoy going to the track in 1975.

The Geneva-DeSales basketball series probably came to an end, Saturday

Notes 'n quotes

"We outplayed them in both games," declared RPI Coach Jim Salfi of his hockey team's two losses to New Hampshire this season. The Engineers get another shot at the champions of the Eastern College Athletic Conference Division I when they tangle in Durham, N.H., tomorrow night. RPI backed into the tourney in spite of a 4-2 loss to Northeastern because Cornell edged Penn, 7-6, in overtime. In other college hockey action, Hamilton downed Bowdoin, 4-1, and Buffalo tied Western Michigan in overtime, 3-3. Cornell and St. Lawrence also will compete in the ECAC playoffs.

Bernie Parent, goalie for the Philadelphia Flyers, took advantage of a bad game by Tony Esposito to move Philadelphia within 10 goals of the Blackhawks in the battle for the Vezina trophy, symbol of outstanding goal tending. While Esposito gave up six goals in a 6-6 tie with Detroit, Parent blanked Montreal, 6-0. In other National Hockey league action, Toronto beat Boston, 6-4; Buffalo nipped the New York Islanders, 4-3; the New York Rangers bombed California, 8-2, and Atlanta dumped Vancouver, 5-3.

"I took myself out so I could sit down and see what was going on," said acting coach Freddie Lewis of the Indiana Pacers. It helped Lewis, who is filling in for Coach Bob Leonard, out with the flu, to find the right combination as the Pacers ripped off an incredible 80-39 second half for a 120-99 win over the New York Nets in the American Basketball Assn. In other ABA action, San Antonio crushed Virginia, 111-79 and Denver walloped San Diego, 139-112.

have?" declared Sen. John Tunney (D-Cal.) co-sponsor of a bill which would eliminated the controversial reserve clause that binds an athlete to a single team. Speaking to the National Football League Players' Assn., which opened its convention yesterday, Tunney added "there is no reason why an athlete should be treated like a child and not sell his services for what they are worth like everyone else."

"When Stan Smith and I play, it will always be close," said John Newcombe, after he had beaten Smith, 6-2, 4-6, 6-4, in the finals for the \$50,000 World Championship Tennis tournament in LaCosta, Calif. Cliff Drysdale won another WCT title by beating Tom Gorman, 6-4, 7-5, in Miami, while Virginia Wade of Britain beat San Francisco's Rosemary Casals, 2-6, 6-4, 6-1, on the women's pro tour.

Jumbo Jim Elliott, Villanova's long-time track and field coach, found himself rooting for Seton Hall, Saturday, and he backed the right team as Seton Hall won the one-mile relay which gave Villanova an unprecedented 13th team title since 1957. It also established Villanova as one of the favorites for the NCAA Indoor championships at Detroit's Cobo Arena, Friday and Saturday.

Mike Walton closed out a hot week with a hot game, Sunday, scoring three goals and an assist to lead the Minnesota Fighting Saints to a 5-3 win over Los Angeles in the World Hockey Assn. Walton wound up the week with 11 points in four games and now has 91 points for the season to pass Gordie Howe. In other WHA action, Winnipeg topped Quebec,

Sports menu

MONDAY Basketball Girls

Wayne-Finger Lakes
Honeoye Falls-Lima at Naples, 4 p.m.
Dundee at Bloomfield, 4 p.m.
Victor at Red Jacket, 4 p.m.
South Seneca at Honeoye, 4 p.m.

Wayne

Wayne at Palmyra-Macedon, 4 p.m.
Lyons at North Rose-Wolcott, 4 p.m.
Williamson at Clyde-Savannah, 4 p.m.
Sodus at Red Creek, 4 p.m.

City

Pronti's vs. Johnnies, 6:30 p.m.
Palmieri's vs. Sully's, 7:45 p.m.
Hobby vs. Holliday Inn, 9 p.m.

TUESDAY Basketball

Wayne-Finger Lakes
Victor at Honeoye Falls-Lima, 6:30 p.m.

Wayne

Palmyra-Macedon at Sodus, 6:30 p.m.
Clyde-Savannah at Wayne, 6:30 p.m.

Non-League

Red Jacket at Midlakes, 6:30 p.m.

Girls

Wayne-Finger Lakes
Midlakes at Geneva, 4 p.m.
Canandaigua at Newark, 7 p.m.
Waterloo at Penn Yan, 4 p.m.
Whitman at Mynderse, 4 p.m.