

# Section 11 wins state mat

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If you happen to pinch Pete Capone of Watertown today, he might not feel it. He's probably still on cloud nine.

You see, Capone figured he had no chance of winning the Most Outstanding Wrestler Award in the 17th annual Inter-sectional Wrestling Tournament at the Onondaga County War Memorial Saturday.

"I had a good tournament," said the curly-haired Watertown junior, relaxing after Section Three had placed second to Section Eleven, 235-199½. "But they'll probably give it to Superman (John Zito of East Rochester) or someone like that."

Well, Zito didn't get it. Neither did 126-pound champ Joe Petrucci of Brentwood Ross (Section 11), one of five Section Eleven weight class winners.

Pete Capone, a tough as nails 145-pounder, got it, nosing out Petrucci by five votes, 30-25.

Capone was the only champ for defending state titlist Section Three, beating Marc Balter of Section Eight (Great Neck South), 13-4, after building up a 10-0 lead

after the first period.

Capone follows in the footsteps of his brother, Tom, a two-time state champ at 145 in 1972 and 1973.

Pete will be back next year to see if he can win a second state title.

"But I doubt Pete will be at 145," said Watertown coach Bob Ridall. "He'll probably be at 155."

It was the year in a row the Most Outstanding Wrestler Award has gone to a wrestler from Section Three. Last year's winner was Tom Pickard of Baldwinsville, now a freshman at Iowa State.

Dale Petroff, Section Three's other finalist, suffered a 6-1 defeat at the hands of Mike Macchia of Section Eight (Island Trees) in the 119-final.

Petroff was down only 2-0 going into the final period, but Macchia got a reversal and a near fall in the closing seconds to end Petroff's bid to become the first state champ from Morrisville-Eaton. Petroff finished the year 34-0-2 and was 99-17-2 for his career.

Unlike last year though when Section Three captured its third Inter-sectional

title, this time Section Three had to settle for second best behind the impressive Suffolk County team.

In fact, it was only a matter of time what the final score would be in this 17th renewal of the state's finest matmen. Section Eleven put this one in the records books with an impressive showing by qualifying 11 wrestlers into the semis.

Eight of them reached the finals and five came home winners. In addition to Petrucci, other state champs from Section Eleven were Mike Murnane (91, Bayport), Mike Falcon (155, Sachem), Mike Porcelli (177, Bay Shore) and Jim Ettari (215, Brentwood Snoderling). Joining the Suffolk County matmen in the winner's circle were the DeStefanis brothers, Al (105) and Carl (98), of Locust Valley, Clar Anderson of Olean (119), Dean Dergarabedian of Baldwin (132), Gregg Bruno of Peru (138), Zito (167) and Tom Wyld (250). Bruno, by the way, is the first wrestler in the history of Section Seven to win a state title.

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Another first was recorded by the DeStefanis brothers. They became the first brothers to win state titles in the same year.

Carl, making his second trip to the state, was third at 91 last year, while Al was champ at 98 last year. This was Al's third trip to the states after fourth at 91 as a sophomore.

They helped Section Eight, which had been a slim favorite before the tournament, to a fourth place finish behind third place Section Five (Rochester), which scored 193 points in its best showing since a second place in 1976.

Still another first was recorded by the Section Three team as all 14 of its wrestlers placed to give some consolation to the defending champs after losing seven of nine semifinals matches.

In addition to a first and a second, the Central New York matmen had five third place finishers (Joe Labbate, Kurt Honis, Mike Conners and Mark Shortsleeve), four fourth place finishers (Dean Rice, Gary Coleman, Bill Cool and Duane Berry), two fifths (Jim Smith and Ed Krupka) and a sixth (Bob Tiffany).

"That was our goal," said Ron Roch of North Syracuse.

While Section Three had 14 wrestlers place, Section Eleven was right behind with 13 including three seconds, a third, a fourth, two fifths and a sixth.

Locust Valley replaced two-time champ Port Jervis (Section Nine) as the school champion, scoring 60½ points with Peru (Section Seven) second with 54 points and Guiderland (Section Two) third with 48 points.

**TAKEDOWNS.** Total record of finalists was 818-31, with lifetime of 2,194-250 . . . Anderson, with 121 wins, probably will break Mark Iacovelli's career record of 135 wins next year. He is one of 11 underclassmen returning. Mincer was first eighth grader in history of tournament to make finals . . . Jack Williams of Cicero was inducted into New York State Wrestling Hall of Fame. Steve Schuelein of the Buffalo Evening News, former Herald-American staffer, was named winner of Outstanding Wrestler Award from Wrestling Coaches Association.

## LAUB EARNS PIN DOLLARS

ADELPHI, Md. (UPI) — Larry Laub snapped out of an early-season slump Saturday when he defeated Paul Moser 249-199 in the championship game of the \$80,000 Fair Lanes Open.

Laub rolled nine strikes in the final game, taking advantage of top-seeded Moser's two open frames early in the



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**Watertown's Pete Capone (top) gets semifinal pin for Sec. III**



# State mat results

## SECTIONAL SCORING

Section Eleven (Suffolk) 235, Section Three (Central New York) 199½, Section Five (Rochester) 163, Section Eight (Nassau) 182½, Section Four (Southern Tier) 96, Section Nine (Catskills) 76½, Section Six (Buffalo) 75½, Section Two (Albany-Schenectady) 66½, Section Seven (Plattsburgh-Champlain) 54, Section One (Westchester) 46, Section Ten (St. Lawrence County) 27.

## FINALS

91 — Murnane (Bayport-11) pin. Mincer (Canandaigua-5), 5-44.

98 — C. DeStefanis (Locust Valley-8) dec. Busiello (Hauppauge-11), 6-2.

105 — A. DeStefanis (Locust Valley-8) dec. Downey (Deer Park-11), 1-0.

112 — Anderson (Olean-6) dec. Buscher (Westlake-1), 3-0.

119 — Macchia (Island Trees-8) dec. Petroff (Morrisville-Eaton-3), 6-1.

126 — Petrucci (Brentwood-Ross-11) dec. Legacy (Canandaigua-5), 15-6.

132 — Dergarabedian (Baldwin-8) dec. Sorenson (Oneonta-4), 13-3.

138 — Bruno (Peru-7) dec. Dolan (Huntington-11), 7-3.

145 — Capone (Watertown-3) dec. Balter (Great Neck South-8), 13-4.

155 — Mike Falcon (Sachem-11) dec. Lobdell (Deposit-4), 5-4.

167 — Zito (East Rochester-5) dec. Czarnetzky (Guiderland-2), 7-2.

177 — Porcelli (Bay Shore-11) dec. Stephen (Olean-6), 9-7.

215 — Ettari (Brentwood-Sonderling-11) dec. Button (Newark-5), 3-2.

250 — Wyid (Guiderland-2) dec. Dobson (Peru-7), 4-1.

## Section Three consolations

### Third place

91 — Palacio (Long Beach-8) dec. Rice (Lowville), 6-1.

98 — Kane (Penfield-5) dec. Coleman (Fowler), 9-3.

105 — Labbate (ES-M) dec. Controneo (Irondequoit-5), 4-0.

126 — Shortleeve (Fulton) dec. James (Port Chester-1), 4-1.

132 — Mankowich (Commack North-11) dec. Cool (South Jefferson), 10-2.

138 — Ramus (South Jefferson) dec. Komar (Newark Valley-5), 9-8.

155 — Swann (Southwestern-6) pin. Berry (Lowville), 4-4, 39 OT. 167 — Honis (NS) pin. Dashnaw (Gouverneur-10), 3-51. 177 — Connors (Baldwinsville) dec. Lanzatella (McQuaid-5), 4-3.

### Fifth place

112 — Finnen (Suffern-9) dec. Tiffany (Lowville), 12-6.

215 — Smith (Sauquoit) dec. Heller (Farmingdale-8), 13-9.

250 — Krupka (Baldwinsville) dec. Allaire (West Islip-11), 9-2.

## School scoring

Locust Valley 60½, Peru 54, Guiderland 48, Olean 40, Brentwood-Sonderling 40, Bayport 38, Lowville 33, Canandaigua 32½, Watertown 27½, Sachem 25, Baldwinsville 24, South Jefferson 24.

## SEMIFINALS

91 — T.J. Mincer (Canandaigua-5) dec. Albiero Palacio (Long Beach-8), 2-2, 7-3 OT. Mike Murnane (Bayport-11) pin. Bill Decker (Unatego-4), 7-40.

98 — Carl DeStefanis (Locust Valley-8) dec. Gary Coleman (Fowler-3), 10-2. John Busiello (Hauppauge-11) pin. Larry Kane (Penfield-5), 5-53.

105 — Al DeStefanis (Locust Valley-8) dec. Chuck Kennedy (Kingston-11), 4-3. Joe Downey (Deer Park-11) dec. Joe Labbate (East Syracuse-Minoa-3), 9-8.

112 — Bob Buscher (Westlake-1) dec. Bob Tiffany (Lowville-3), 10-7. Clar Anderson (Olean-6) dec.

John Iannuzzi (Brentwood-Sonderling-11), 5-1.

119 — Dale Petroff (Morrisville-Eaton-3) dec. Kevin McNulty (Williamsville East-6), 7-7, 2-1 OT.

Mike Macchia (Island Trees-8) dec. Matt King (Canandaigua-5), 14-7.

126 — Joe Petrucci (Brentwood-Ross-11) dec. Bill White (Suffern-9), 9-3. Rory Legacy (Spencerport-5) dec. Mark Shortleeve (Fulton-3), 4-0.

132 — Dean Dergarabedian (Baldwin-8) dec. Eric Savacool (Port Jervis-9), 9-5. Dan Sorenson (Oneonta-4) dec. Mike Mankowich (Commack North-11), 5-4.

138 — Kregg Bruno (Peru-7) dec. Chuck Komar (Newark Valley-4), 6-2. Jon Dolan (Huntington-11) dec. Joe Ramus (South Jefferson-3), 10-3.

145 — Marc Balter (Great Neck South-8) dec. Marty Connor (Gron-4), 8-3. Pete Capone (Watertown-3) pin. Kevin Troche (Port Jervis-9), 1-35.

155 — Mike Falcon (Sachem-11) dec. Dan Yando (Peru-7), 3-1. Roy Lobdell (Deposit-4) dec. Dave Avdoyan (Tappan-Zee-9), 9-9, 1-1 OT, referee's decision.

167 — John Zito (East Rochester-5) dec. Jim Matuszewski (Sachem-11), 3-1. Ron Czarnetzky (Guiderland-2) dec. Bill Brundage (Pearl River-9), 6-4.

177 — Mike Porcelli (Bay Shore-11) dec. Todd Giles (Ramapo-9), 12-6. Kirk Stephen (Olean-6) dec. Tom Conetta (Mepharm-8), 4-3.

215 — Bob Button (Newark-5) dec. Jim Smith (Sauquoit-3), 7-6. Jim Ettari (Brentwood-Sonderling-11) dec. Ron Heller (Farmingdale-8), 13-6.

250 — Tom Wyid (Guiderland-2) dec. Ed Krupka (Baldwinsville-3), 6-5. Dana Dobson (Peru-7) pin. Wally Vaughn (Fairport-5), 3-07.

## SECTION THREE WRESTLEBACKS

91 — Dean Rice (Lowville) dec. Doug Watson (Burnt Hills-2), 4-1. Rice dec. Bill Decker (Unatego-4), 2-1.

98 — Gary Coleman (Fowler) dec. John Halligan (Tappan-Zee-9), 6-3.

105 — Joe Labbate (ES-M) dec. Mike Parietti (Suffern-9), 4-1.

112 — Joe Rabin (Elmont-8) dec. Bob Tiffany (Lowville), 8-1.

126 — Mark Shortleeve (Fulton) dec. John Valvo (Berner-8), 7-5.

132 — Ben Cool (South Jefferson) dec. Paul Bordonaro (Yorktown-1), 11-5. Cool won by forfeit over Eric Savacool (Port Jervis-9).

138 — Joe Ramus (South Jefferson) dec. Paul Richard (Geneseo-5), 9-5.

155 — Duane Berry (Lowville) pin. Chuck Hall (John Hay-East Fishkill-1), 4-02. Berry Dec. Dan Yando (Peru-7), 8-7.

167 — Honis (NS) pin. Larry Nichols (Saranac-7), 3-02. Honis won by disqualification (flagrant misconduct) over Jim Matuszewski (Sachem-11).

177 — Mike Connors (Baldwinsville) dec. Todd Giles (Ramapo-9), 6-3.

215 — Jim Visco (Burnt Hills-2) dec. Jim Smith (Sauquoit Valley), 5-3.

250 — Tore Barbaccia (Locust Valley-8) pin. Ed Krupka (Baldwinsville), 5-17.

## Cornell upsets BU

BOSTON — Cornell University exploded for three goals early in the third period to score a 7-4 upset win over Boston University in the consolation match of the ECAC Division I hockey championships here last night.

The upset win kept alive a glimmer of hope for the Ithaca school to be selected as one of two ECAC representatives for the NCAA championships in Detroit.