

# 2 mat finalists lose



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SYRACUSE — Oneonta's Dan Sorenson simply got outmuscled and Deposit's Roy Lobbell simply got robbed in last night's Intersectional Wrestling Tournament Championships at the Onondaga County War Memorial. As a result, Section 4 failed to produce a champion for the first time since 1972.

Sorenson, who came out of nowhere to win bout after bout as an underdog, finally ran out of magic in the 132-pound title bout against Dean Dergarabedian of Baldwin (Section 8). After pulling out last-minute escapes in both the quarterfinals and semifinals, Sorenson couldn't cope with Dergarabedian's superior upper body strength and yielded a 13-3 decision. "He was too strong," said Sorenson, who didn't seem too depressed afterwards (and why should he?). "I tried a couple of things but he just sort of shrugged me off."

Lobbell, on the other hand, was understandably depressed and all but speechless in the wake of a 5-4 loss to Mike Falcon of Sachem (Section 11) — acute, sneaky wrestler whose blatant stalling infuriated practically everyone but the referees and grinning Sect. 11 Chairman Donald Berndt of Port Jervis.

Here's how the bout went:

Falcon countered a Lobbell shot for the opening takedown, but Roy quickly escaped. Lobbell chose to be down to start the second period and again escaped within seconds. Midway through the period, after a series of Falcon retreats, the officials awarded Lobbell a penalty point for stalling.

Lobbell's next takedown try was a headlock which Falcon slipped and countered for his second takedown and a 4-3 lead. Lobbell escaped to end the second period in a 4-4 draw.

Roy then spent most of the third period trying to turn Falcon, whose basic technique was to hug the mat and scramble for the boundaries. Naturally, Deposit coach Stan Elinsky started asking for another stalling penalty — and so did the crowd. When the official finally blew his whistle, it was to give Falcon an "injury" time out with 27 seconds left (though Falcon wasn't sure whether to rub his knee or his arm).

After a long breather, Falcon naturally was ready to go for the winning escape. He got it with 10 seconds left and then avoided Lobbell's desperation takedown tries.

It was the only title bout which ended to a strong chorus of boos rather than applause.

"This is a hell of a place to get 'jobbed,' like that," said Elinsky. "They call a stall point early in the match and then they're afraid to call any more just because it's the state finals. The kid was obviously stalling! It makes me sick to lose this way." Things were a little brighter for both Sorenson and Lobbell after semifinal wins, but neither of them had an easy time of it.

Sorenson nearly broke his neck when Commack North's Mike Mankowich grabbed Sorenson's head and rolled, sending the full weight of both wrestlers onto Sorenson's neck.

Lobbell's semifinal win over Tappan Zee's Dave Avdoyan was even more harrowing — a criteria decision after 9-9 and 1-1 draws in regulation and overtime.

There was no question about Lobbell's physical superiority — he stood tall after nine minutes of action while Avdoyan

remained flat on the mat — and he actually won the bout when Avdoyan was warned for stalling with 30 seconds left in OT (that's a crucial criterium).

"I knew I had him beat," said Lobbell. "He was gassed."

Section 4's other semifinalists didn't fare as well. Unatego's Bill Decker was a pin victim at 91 pounds (but didn't meet fellow eighth-grader T.J. Mincer of Canandaigua, as was reported here yesterday), Newark Valley's Chuck Komar couldn't cope with Gregg Bruno's muscle at 138 (and Bruno, from Peru, went on to become the first Section 7 wrestler to ever win a state title), and Groton's Marty Connor couldn't keep pace with Marc Balter of Great Neck South (Section 8).

All four of them placed, however, along with Elmira Notre Dame's Scott Sheehan, who rebounded from Friday's quarterfinal loss to eventual 119-pound champ Mike Macchia of Island Trees to win four straight bouts and finish third.

Komar placed fourth while Decker and Spencer-VanEtten 98-pounder Mark Eddy took fourths and Connors was sixth. It's interesting to note that eight of Section 4's wrestlers were eliminated directly by the eventual state champ, including Eddy's preliminary-round 40 loss to Locust Valley's Carl DeStefanis.

DeStefanis and his 105-pounder Al became the first siblings to win state titles in the same year, but even their efforts on behalf of Section 8 couldn't prevent Long Island rival Section 11 (Long Island) from running away with the team title. Al DeStefanis (up from 98) and Macchia (up from 112) both became two-time state champs, but the Most Outstanding Wrestler chosen by the Sectional Chairmen was Section 3 145-pounder Pete Capone (Watertown), who jumped to a 13-0 lead against Balter and coasted to a 13-4 win.

**OVERTIME:** Section 4 Chairman Tom Robertson has, at the request of his peers, authored a proposal to change the state tournament into a two-tourney setup (similar to the one in Pennsylvania) in which two sets of champions would be crowned — one from large schools and one from small schools . . . The latest issue of "Empire Wrestler", however, contains a proposal by Bob Armstrong of Port Jefferson to dilute the tournament even more — into THREE classes to be determined by school enrollment) . . . The State Coaches Association honored Norwich native Steve Schulein of the Buffalo Evening News as wrestling writer of the year and added longtime coach Jack Williams of Cicero to its Hall of Fame.

Team scores: Section 11—225 points, 3—199½, 5—193, 8—182½, 4—98, 9—76½, 6—75½, 2—66½, 7—54, 1—44, 10—27.

## Swimming: 2 Triple Cit but only 5th

ROCHESTER — Had Johnson City's Dave McLaughlin equaled his career bests, he would've swept the 50 and 100-yard freestyles during yesterday's 19th state Intersectional swim meet at Monroe Community College.

He didn't come close and had to settle for a fifth in the 100 and sixth in the 50 after being second-seeded in both.

Despite McLaughlin's disappointment, Section 4 moved up a notch from last year to fifth as a team and two Triple

**CHAMPIONSHIPS**  
91—Mike Murnane (Bayport-11) pinned T.J. Mincer (Canandaigua-5), 5:44.  
98—Carl DeStefanis (Locust Valley-8) dec. John Busiello (Hauppauge-11), 6:2.  
105—Al DeStefanis (Locust V.-8) dec. Joe Downey (Deer Park-11), 1:0.  
112—Clay Anderson (Olean-6) dec. Bob Buscher (Westlake-1), 3:0.  
119—Mike Macchia (Island Trees-8) dec. Dale Petroff (Morrisville-Eaton-3), 6:2.  
126—Joe Petrucci (Brentwood-Ross-11) dec. Ror y Legacy (Spencerport-5), 15:6.  
132—Dean Dergarabedian (Baldwin-8) dec. Dan Sorenson (Oneonta-4), 13:3.  
138—Gregg Bruno (Peru-7) dec. Jon Dolan (Huntington-11), 7:3.  
145—Pete Capone (Watertown-3) dec. Marc Balter (Great Neck South-8), 14:4.  
155—Mike Falcon (Sachem-11) dec. Roy Lobbell (Deposit-4), 5:4. 167—John Zito (E. Rochester-5) dec. Ron Czarnetzky (Guilderland-2), 7:2.  
177—Mike Porcelli (Bay Shore-11) dec. Kirk Stephen (Olean-6), 9:7.  
215—Jim Ettari (Brentwood-Sonderling-11) dec. Bob Button (Newark-5), 3:2.  
250—Tom Wyld (Guilderland-2) dec. Dana Dobson (Peru-7), 4:1. **OUTSTANDING WRESTLER** (selected by Section Chairmen): Capone.

ter (Canton-10), 64. 145—Connor lost to Mike McInerney (Bayport-11), 7:1.

**THIRD PLACE**  
119—Sheehan pinned Matt King (Canandaigua-5), 2:49. 138—Komar lost to Joe Ramus (South Jefferson-3), 9:8.

**FIFTH PLACE**  
91—Decker dec. Cal Swanson (Newfane-6), 7:1. 98—Eddy dec. John Halligan (Tappan Zee-9), 1:1, 5:4 OT. 145—Connor lost to Kevin Troche (Port Jervis-9), 10:4.

**SEMIFINALS**  
91—Murnane (Bayport-11) pinned Bill Decker (Unatego), 2:40.  
132—Sorenson dec. Mike Mankowich (Commack North-8), 5:4.  
138—Bruno (Peru-7) dec. Chuck Komar (Newark Valley), 6:2.  
145—Balter (G. Neck South-8) dec. Marty Connor (Groton), 8:3.  
155—Lobbell won criteria decision over Dave Avdoyan (Tappan Zee-9) after 9-9, 1-1 draws.

**WRESTLEBACKS (Second Round)**  
98—Mark Eddy (Spencer-Van Etten) dec. Craig Weber (Sweet Home-6), 6:1. 105—Tony Controneo (Iroquois-5) dec. Dennis Veltz (Sidney), 8:3. 112—Rich Finnen (Suffern-9) dec. Rich Lathrop (Sherburne-Earlville), 9:4. 119—Scott Sheehan (Elmira Notre Dame) dec. Tom Pirnie (Tappan Zee-9), 6:2. 126—John Valvo (Berner-8) dec. Dave Turco (Ithaca), 10:5. 215—Jim Visco (Burnt Hills-2) dec. Andy Schwab (Elmira Southside), 11:7. 250—Tom Allaire (W. Islip-11) dec. Jim Bates (Vestal), 26:6.

## Iowa matmen rule again

AMES, Iowa (AP) — Iowa's wrestlers painted the final sweeping strokes on their NCAA tournament masterpiece last night, winning two individual titles and nearly breaking the record for most team points in the 45 years of the event.

They defended their title by a 122½-88 margin over Iowa State, for the fourth Iowa NCAA crown in five years.

The East earned three titles: Gene Mills of Syracuse at 118, by 16-13 over top seed Joe Gonzales of Cal-Bakersfield, Mark Lieberman of Lehigh retaining his crown at 177 on a disqualification of stalling Iowan Bud Palmer, and teammate Darryl Burley, a freshman, at 134, where he ended an 84-match win streak of Iowa State's Mike Land.

McLaughlin, third in the 50 and fourth in the 100 in last year's Intersectionals at Cortland State, one week earlier had hit career lows of 21.74 and 48.308 in the Intersectional Qualifier at Norwich.

Both those clockings would've won with ease yesterday. Doug Peel of Fairport won the 50 in 22.137. McLaughlin was sixth in 22.43 after posting only a 22.277 in his heat. Jeff Bagshaw of Pittsford-Mendon took the 100 in 48.901. McLaughlin, who had the fastest heat time (48.581), led at the halfway point but