

Iacovelli, Keene mat survivors



By MIKE WITHIAM

SYRACUSE — Ithaca High wrestler Jeff Iacovelli, already the second winningest high school wrestler in New York State history, will try to add a state championship to his list of accomplishments here today at the New York State Wrestling Champions at the Onondaga County War Memorial, but he will need two wins to do so.

Iacovelli won twice here Friday night to advance to the semifinals at 138 pounds, and meets Mike Thomas, the Section 11 champion from Huntington at 11 a.m.

He will be joined in the semifinals by seven others from Section 4, including 119 pounder Dan Keene of Tioga.

Keene also won twice here Friday night to reach the semis, and will meet Section 8 champion Tom Bury of Calhoun High in the 11 a.m. semifinals.

Two other Journal area wrestlers went down to defeat in the quarter-final round Friday night, and in both

cases, the early loss proved to be suprising.

Ithaca's Dave Parisi, last year's 91 pound state champion and rated a slight favorite to win this year at 98, ran into Todd Cummings, Section 11 champ from Smithtown-East, and fell, 3-0. Tioga's John Dougherty, a semifinalist last year at 177, and expected to reach the finals this

IHS's Park qualifies

CORTLAND—Dave Park, Ithaca High freestyle swimmer, qualified for today's state intersectional 500 free at Cortland State with a 5:04.8 on Friday.

Park, who also will be in the 200 free, qualified 10th in the 500. The semis will be at 10 a.m. today, and the finals at 2 p.m. The warmups will be between 8 and 10 a.m.

Also swimming for the Red will be Gibbs Jones in the 50 free and Mark Niefer in the 100 breaststroke.

year, was outwrestled by Matt Boyle of Section 3 (Amityville), 10-6.

Both Parisi and Dougherty will take part in wrestlebacks today. They will follow immediately after the semifinals, and continue throughout the afternoon.

The consolation rounds, for third and fifth place, will start at 6 p.m., with the finals expected to start at 8 p.m.

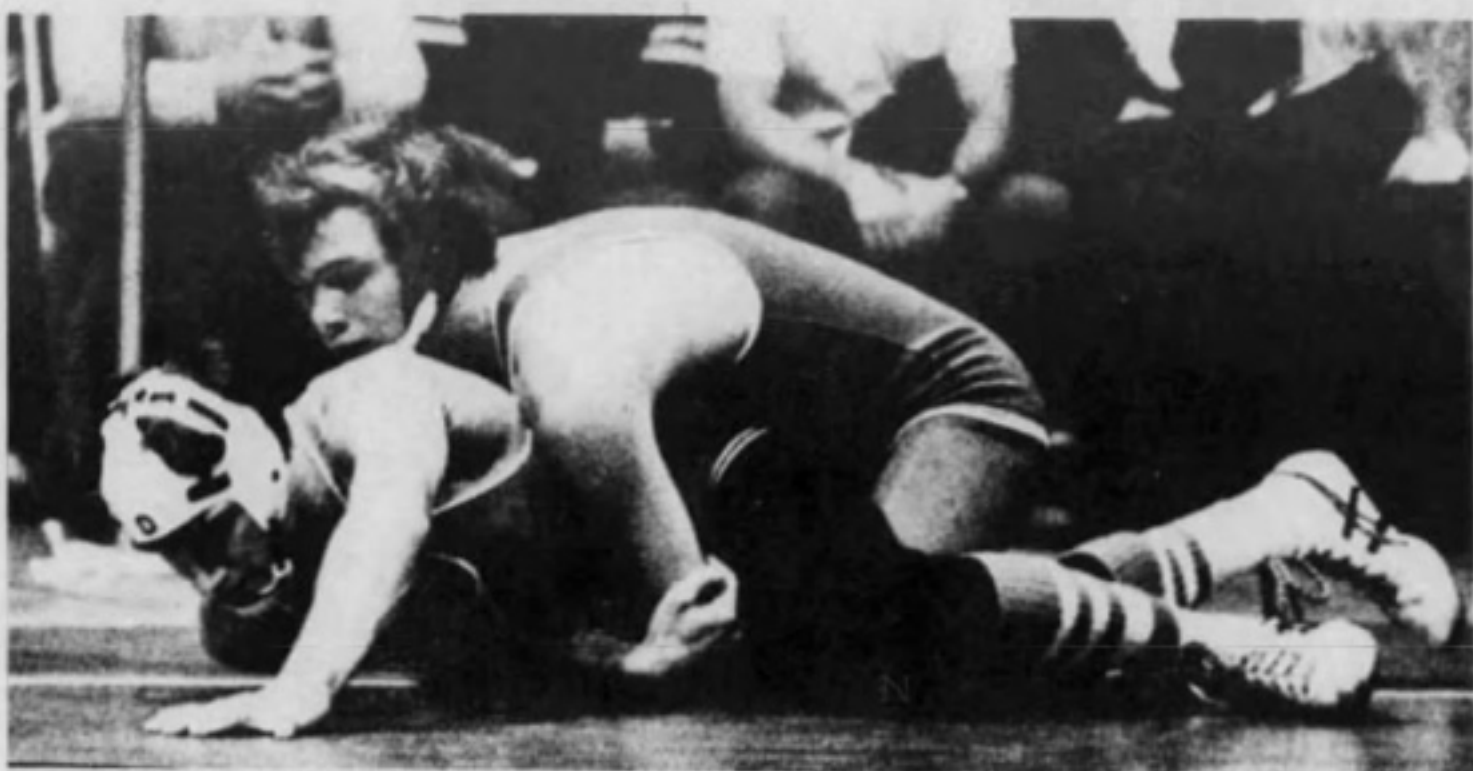
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Iacovelli had a relatively easy time of it in the preliminary round, defeating Section 5 champ Dave Lynn, 7-1, but had to struggle to get past Section 6's Mike Cascioli, 5-2, in the quarterfinals.

Iacovelli fell behind, 2-0, late in the first two-minute period, when Cascioli scored a takedown.

Iacovelli, in the up position to start the second period, managed to turn Cascioli over and score a two point near fall to tie the score, but Cascioli avoided further trouble, and in fact, almost rolled the Ithaca wrestler

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Ithaca High 138-pounder Jeff Iacovelli is in control during the second period of his 5-2 quarterfinal win over DePew's Mike Casioli Friday night at the State Intersectional Wrestling Championships in Syracuse. Iacovelli meets Mike Thomas of Huntington, L.I. in this morning's semifinal.

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over as he let his weight get too high on the near fall.

The final minute of the bout was all Iacovelli. He broke lose from Casioli with 50 seconds left for a 3-2 lead, and then attacked strongly, keeping his challenger on the defensive, and finally scored a clinching takedown with four seconds left.

The win improved Iacovelli's season record to 31-1, and gave him a 129-23-1 record for his five year career. The senior wrestler will finish his career second only to his brother Mark in career wins. Mark closed out a four-year career with a 135-1-1 record last season.

Iacovelli admitted afterward that Casioli had had him worried for a moment, saying "That kid held me down for a long time. Usually, nobody keeps me down for more than a few seconds, but I finally threw him off me and went after him."

Keene nipped Mark Shortsleeve of Section 3 in the preliminary round, 9-8, and then downed Tom Hake of Section 11, 7-2, in the quarterfinals.

The Tioga senior took charge in the second period, opening a 5-0 lead in the second period with an escape, takedown and near fall in the final minute of that period.

The two wrestlers traded reversals in the final period for the final 7-2 margin.

Parisi drew a bye into the quarterfinals, and then found that he had all he wanted in Cummings. The Section 11 champ took a 2-0 lead late in the first period with a takedown, then managed to outlast Parisi in a closely fought battle.

Parisi was unable to turn Cummings in the second period, and eventually allowed an escape for Cummings' third point, before the Section 11 senior rode out the third period.

The loss was Parisi's first in 32 bouts.

Dougherty, favored to meet Lou Banach, the defending 177 pound champion, in this year's final, roared into the quarterfinals with a 6-0 blanking of Section 7's Mike Ormsby,

but then ran afoul of Section 11 champ Mike Gayles, losing 10-6.

In that quarterfinal bout, Ormsby attacked early, scoring a takedown and near fall in the first 40 seconds for a 4-0 lead. Dougherty countered with a reversal a few moments later, and the first period ended with Ormsby on top, 4-2.

Dougherty opened the second period on the bottom, and quickly escaped to make it 4-3, but Ormsby scored another takedown to make it 6-3. Dougherty managed another escape before the second period ended to make it 6-4.

With Dougherty up to start the final period, Ormsby was awarded a point for an illegal position by Dougherty, then effected a reversal to make it 9-4. Dougherty reversed back, but then let Ormsby escape for the final verdict.

The loss was the first this year for the Tioga wrestler, dropping his record to 32-1.

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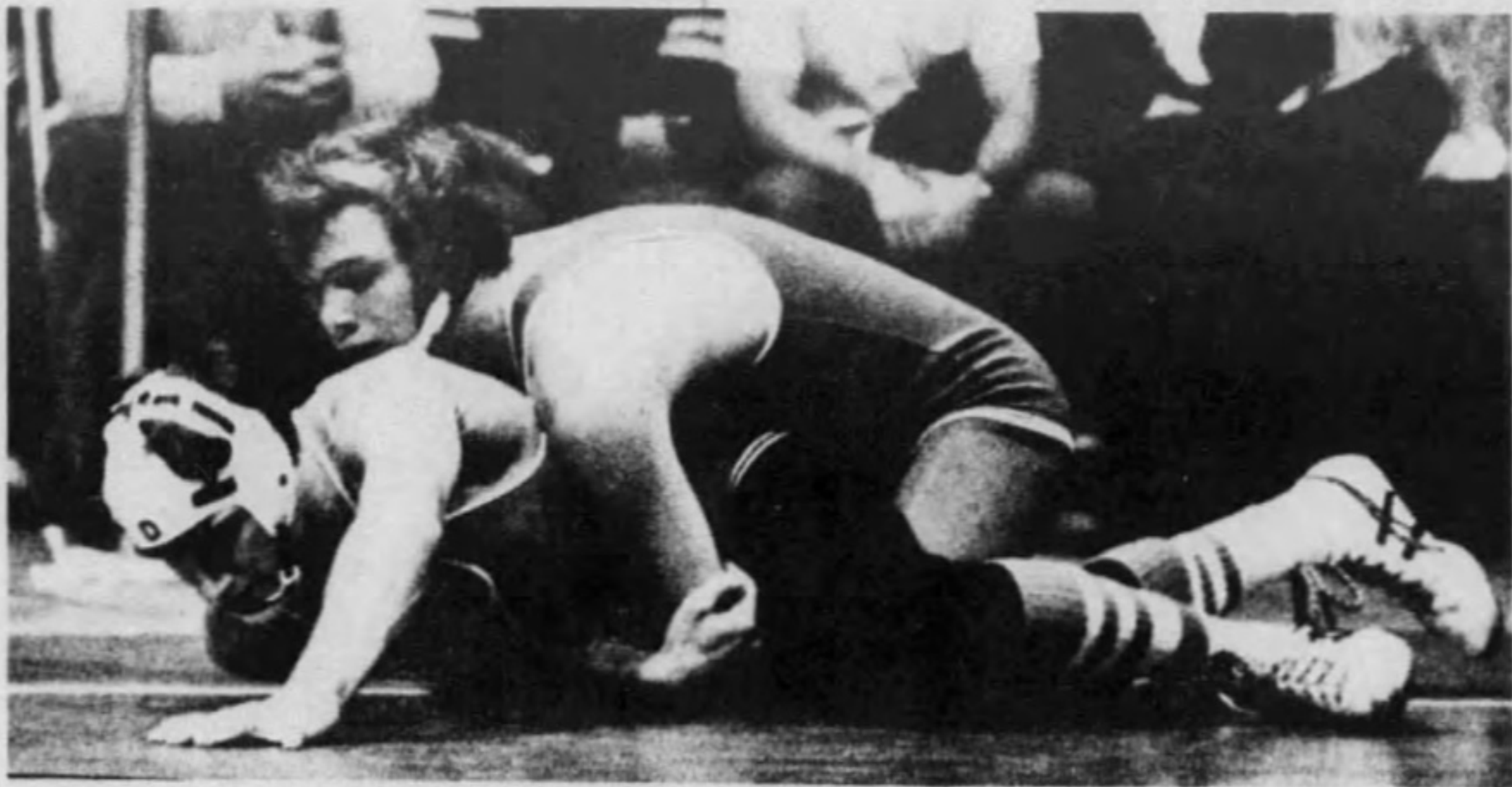
The Sectional team title battle appears to be a four-team race, with Sections 3, 4 and 8 all looking strong, while Section 11 is playing the dark horse role.

Sections 3 and 11 each advanced nine wrestlers into today's semifinals, while 4 and 8 placed seven each in the semis. Section 2 advanced six wrestlers to the semis, while Section 6 advanced five, giving both an outside chance at the team title.

Upsets were not uncommon, as three of the seven returning champions, including Parisi were beaten in preliminary and quarterfinal bouts. One of the biggest upsets was at 177, where Lou Banach, of Port Jervis in Section 9 was beaten in the quarters by Mark Davis of Section 2.

BRIDGE CLUB OF ITHACA

Roselyn and Saul Teukolsky won Friday's seven table game with 102 points. Average was 78. Second with 98, Glen Schneider-Jeff Allender. Third with 86½, Jean Spitzer-Edna Evans. Fourth with 85½ Jeff Hatgan-Ruth Conta. Fifth with 81½, Terry Clark-Bob Hine. Sixth with 80½ Anne and Leo Meltzer.



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Iacovelli, Keene finish third

Ithaca High's Jeff Iacovelli and Tioga's Dan Keene both came away with third place finishes Saturday evening at Intersectional Wrestling Championships at the Onondaga County War Memorial in Syracuse.

Iacovelli, wrestling at 138 pounds, ran into eventual state champ Mike Thomas of Huntington-11 in the semifinals and was defeated, 10-2. He bounced back with a pair of wins in the wrestlebacks, beating Tom Fiorvanti of Massapequa-8, 11-6, and Lance Davis of Woodlands-1, 5-1, to place third.

Keene was the 85th straight victim of Calhoun-8's Bob Bury at 119 pounds, running into the Bury express enroute to the senior's third straight state championship, a feat

accomplished only by Ithaca's Mark Iacovelli and West Genesee's Dan Hunt in the past. Bury won a 7-1 decision, dropping Keene, who finished fifth at 98 pounds two years ago, into the wrestlebacks.

Keene then beat Jim Nelson of Queensbury-2, 2-0, and then pinned Tom Hake of Sayville-11 in 3:34.

Two other Journal area wrestlers, Ithaca's Dave Parisi and Tioga's John Dougherty, were quarterfinal losers but battled through the wrestlebacks for fourth place finishes.

Parisi, a champion a year ago at 91 pounds and wrestling at 98 this year, pinned Paul Seto, Arlington-3, in 2:30, then defeated Charley Morley,

Medina-6, 6-0, before losing to Rory Legacy of Spencerport-5, 5-2;

Dougherty, at 177, decisioned Kirk Maisch, Kingston-1, 12-4, and beat Bob Dunlap, Gates-Chili-5, 6-2, before losing to Lou Banach of Port Jervis-9, 3-1.

Iacovelli finished the season with a record of 33-2, and with a five year career mark of 131-24-1, ranking him second to brother Mark's 135-1-1 in career wins.

Ironically, the Thomas that Iacovelli lost to in the semifinals was the brother of Jeff Thomas, the only wrestler to ever beat Mark Iacovelli as a schoolboy, and whose record both Iacovellis have broken for career wins.

Keene ended the year with a 23-1 record, while Parisi closed 32-2. Dougherty finished with a 33-2 record.

As a team, Section 4 placed fourth with 150½ points. Section 3 was the team winner, with 198 points, followed by Sections 11 and 8.

Section 4 had one individual champion, 91-pound Dennis Voltz of Sidney, and one runner up, 112-pounder Ken Wadsworth of Vestal.

TEAM SCORES

Section 3 (Central NY) 198; Section 11 (Suffolk) 174; Section 8 (Nassau) 164; Section 4 (So. Tier) 150½; Section 5 (Rochester) 146½; Section 2 (Capital) 117; Section 9 (Lower Hudson Vly) 91; Section 1 (Westchester) 86; Section 6 (West. NY) 66½; Section 7 (East Adirondack) 48; Section 10 (West Adirondack) 15.

Section 1 captures

CHAMPIONSHIP ROUND

91 — Dennis Voltz (4) dec. Victor Montalvo (11) 13-7.
98 — Al DeStefanis (8) dec. Matt Coolican (3) 7-2.
105 — Paul Widerman (11) dec. Joe Labbate (3) 7-7, 2-0 OT.
112 — Mike Macchia (8) dec. Ken Wadsworth (4) 4-1.
119 — Bob Bury (8) dec. Don St. James (5) 8-2.
126 — Mike Giustizia (11) dec. Ed Pidgeon (8) 6-3.
132 — Mark DeMeo (2) dec. Bill Sweazey (11) 9-1.
138 — Mike Thomas (11) dec. Kevin Troche (9) 10-7.
145 — Tom Pickard (3) dec. Paul Meyers (8) 14-0.
155 — Chris Leichtweis (6) dec. Steve Distin (3) 5-0.
167 — Ed Banach (9) dec. John Zito (5) 10-4.
177 — Charbel Karrat (3) dec. Mark Davis (2) 9-7.
215 — Bill Swertfager (1) dec. Dan George (2) 6-0.
250 — Jim Sleeper (3) dec. Al Lavigne (7) 10-0.

THIRD PLACE

91 — Carl DeStefanis 8, dec. Mike Catania 3 11-2; 98 — Rory Legacy 5, dec. Dave Parisi 4 5-2; 105 — Bob Buscher 1, dec. Joe Rabin 8, 4-2; 112 — Kevin Richard 5, dec. Mark Palzer 11 8-0; 119 — Dan Keene 4 pinned Tom Hake 11 3:34; 126 — Mike St. Amour 3 dec. Gregg Bruno 7 OT referee dec.; 132 — Neal Zendle 2, dec. Ron Winnie 5 12-5.
138 — Jeff Iacovelli 4, dec. Lance Davis 1, 5-1; 145 — Cam Riggs 7 dec. Brian Parice 1 9-1; 155 — Tony Damiani 8 dec. Len Barber 5 4-3; 165 — Tim Dean 4 dec. Chester Gayles 11 7-3; 177 — Lou Banach 9 dec. John Dougherty 4 3-1; 215 — Dick Meyer 3 pinned Dana Stermer 4 4 30; 250 — Joe Baldo 2 pinned Tom Wyld 2 2:09.

FIFTH PLACE

91 — Bruce Chase 9 pinned Bob Griffin 2 1:30; 98 — Charlie Morley 6, dec. Todd Cummings 11 10-9; 105 — Bob Starkweather 5, dec. Frank Famiano 2 3-1; 112 — Steve Grau 3 dec. Dan Mason 6 5-4; 119 — Eric Simpson 6 dec. Jim Nelson 2 4-2; 126 — Gary Merriman 3 dec. Mike Wilce 4 4-0; 132 — Marcus Phillips 5 dec. Dennis Walsh 9 7-6.
138 — Ron Abigail 2 dec. Tom Fiorvanti 8 6-1; 145 — Roy Lobdell 4 won by forfeit over Pat Malay 6; 155 — Tyrone Tripline 1 pinned Jim Oliver 2 3:52; 167 — Kirk Stephen 6 dec. Rick Wetzler 8 3-1; 177 — Bob Dunlap 5 won by forfeit over Matt Boyle 11; 215 — Robert Jasaites 11 dec. Bernie Corbine 10 9-8; Unl — Dave Poirier 10 won by referee decision over Charles Valois 9.

SEMIFINAL ROUND

91 — Voltz pinned DeStefanis 2:29; Montalvo dec. Catania 9-2; 98 — Coolican dec. Cummings 8-6; DeStefanis dec. Morley 1-0; 105 — Labbate dec. Famiano 12-8; Widerman dec. Starkweather 7-1; 112 — Macchia dec. Mason 14-2; Wadsworth dec. Grau 3-1; 119 — Bury dec. Keene 7-1; St. James dec. Simpson 14-5; 126 — Pidgeon dec. Zendle 8-1; Giustizia pinned Wilce 5:30; 132 — Swezey dec. St. Amour 6-5.
138 — Thomas dec. Iacovelli 10-2; Troche dec. Davis 3-2; 145 — Meyers won by forfeit over Malay; Pickard dec. Lobdell 9-6; 155 — Distin dec. Tripline 9-1; Leichtweis dec. Damiani 14-3; 167 — Zito dec. Gayles 9-7; Banach dec. Dean 11-5; 177 — Davis dec. Dunlap 11-1; Karrat dec. Boyle 6-5; 215 — Swertfager pinned Corbine 2:55; George dec. Jasaites 11-7; 250 — Sleeper pinned Baldo 4:58; Lavigne dec. Valois 14-7.

cornell roundup

Track season ends

Cornell's indoor track season ended Saturday with Steve Baginski's participation in the weight throw in the NCAA's in Detroit. He did 57-8½, considerably under his best—61-1½—and failed to qualify for the final.

Coach Jack Warner felt that Baginski might have fared better except for back muscle ailments.

Cornell now looks for the outdoor season. It will begin, March 21, with a dual meet with the University of Virginia at Charlottesville, March 21.

compulsory exercises and totalling 217.50 in the optionals.

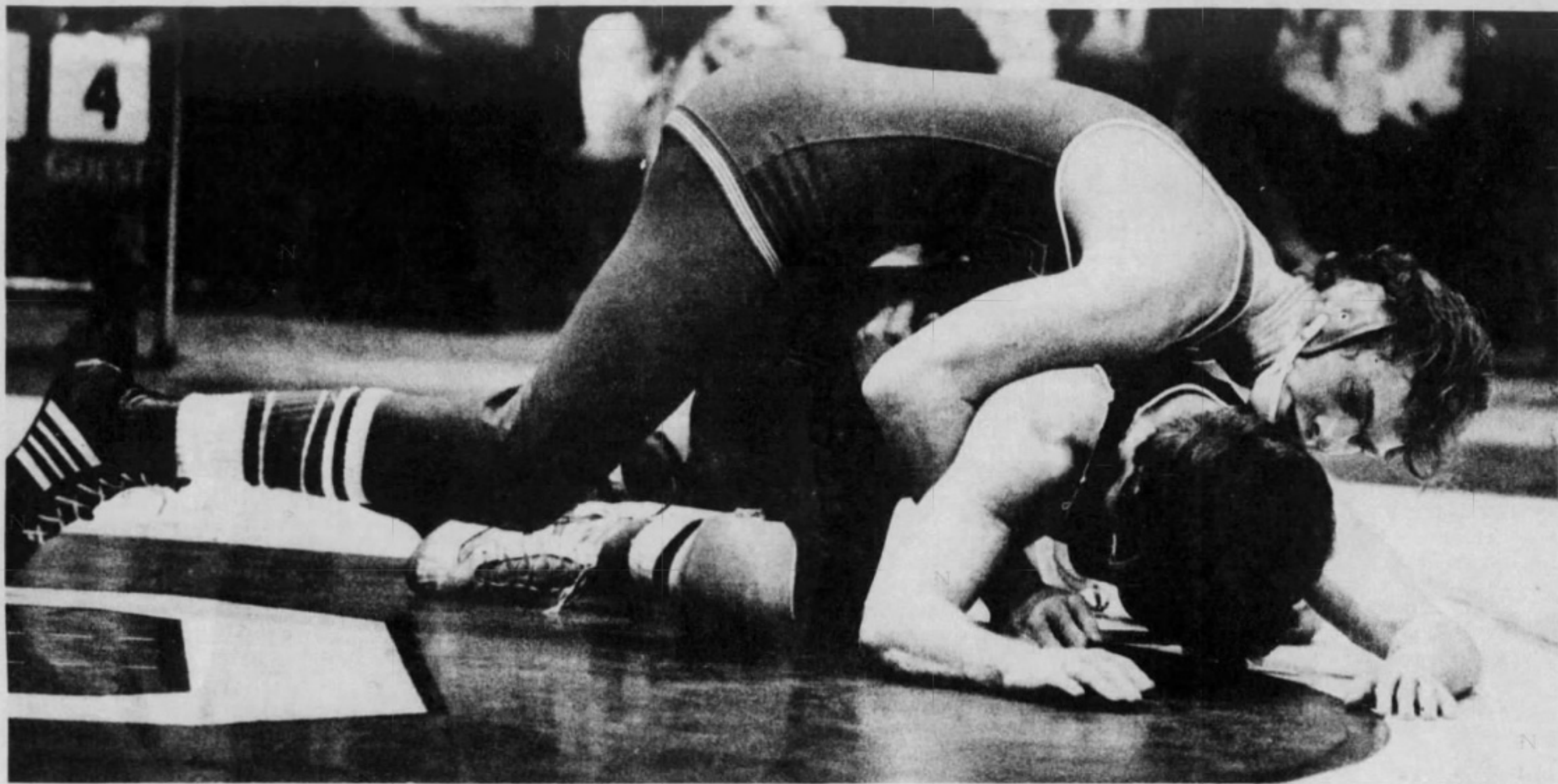
Cornell totaled 136 in the compulsories.

Leading the Cornell effort were Roy Danis, Richard John and Warren Smith.

Danis scored an 8.65 in the compulsories in vaulting, and topped that with an 8.85 in the optionals. He was also Cornell's top all-around performer with a 73.1 total.

John scored a 7.6 in the compulsories and a 7.5 in the floor exercise, while scoring an 8.65 and an 8.60 in vaulting.

Smith scored a 6.5 and 7.45 in the



Ithaca High School's Jeff Iacovelli (top) battles with Lance Davis of Woodlands Saturday.

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