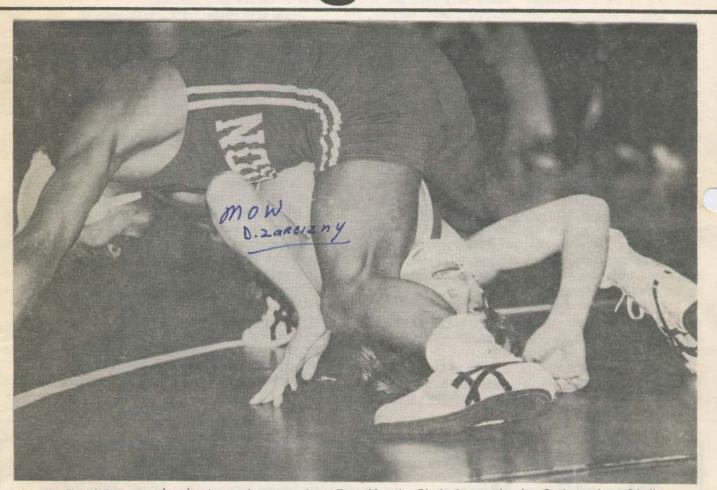
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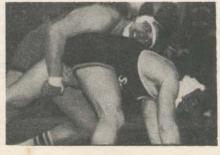
Albion's Todd Spencer (top), shown here against Roy-Hart's Chris Luce, is the 2nd seed at 91 lbs.

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The best wrestlers in WNY are ready to battle for the chance to represent the Section in the State Championships.

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MAT MATTERS by Chuck Massaro

Don't you hate it when you're nearing the end of a really good movie or book, and someone who has already seen or read it blurts out the suprise ending? "Oh, I read that, its a very good book. Where are you? Page 371, huh? Hey, that's only 4 away from where the hero gets run over by a truck." Gee, aren't I lucky.

That's the way I feel about most of the weight classes in this year's Sectional Championship. Five weight classes are headed by undefeated wrestlers, and most of the rest have been totally dominated all year long by their top seeds. Nobody will fall out of their seat if Ron Dabolt, Ron Smolinski, Mark Hetrick, the Waddingtons and the Slades make it to the top step of the award stand.

Oh sure, there might be some suprises at 167, 215 and 98, but most of the top seeds will be able to start packing for Syracuse after the weekend.

There is one great mystery, thriller available at Sweet Home, however, called "132". This weight class is extremely balanced, and it could have an O.Henry ending.

Fran Williams was expected to be a slight favorite because he is very consistent, fundamentally sound, and rarely makes mistakes. But Dave Zariczny of Salamanca has changed all that by fleeing from Todd Slade's turf at 138 and thereby giving 132 its first bonafide star of the season. Zariczny has the ability and talent to take the weight class, but there are still many question marks that have to be erased before he can get into the champions' group photo.

First of all, there are no easy matches in this weight class. Any one of its entrants could score a major upset if he is having a good day, hustling and getting the breaks.

Zariczny may find that he will be drained of his strength and endurance as the tournament progresses since he is down to a lower weight, but then again he might throw those little 132 pounders all over the mat. In the upper bracket along with him are Lenny Testa (Will. South), Jeff Owczarczak (Cheektowaga) and Tom Obrachta (Orchard Park). Testa beat Zariczny last year in this tournament, but has been bothered by a shoulder injury since the early part of the season. Owczarczak has the ability to "out-tough" his opponents, but has been rather inconsistant in the last half of the year. Obrachta is won of the hottest wrestlers in Section VI. He has won 2 tournaments in the last 2 weekends and he did so in outstanding fashion.

Along with Portville's Williams in the lower bracket are 8 others who have good chances at reaching the finals, and all are deserving of a mention here: Mike Tucker, Mike Lang, Frank Conti, Mike Galioto, Bill Sharp, Tim Connelly, Dave Clark and Jeff Gabler. You can take your pick here. Lang has been winning by small margins all year, and he is very hard to make comebacks against.

I can hardly wait to watch those exciting 132 matches. At 91, Falconer sophomore Troy Lefford should have few problems here. He has not been in too many close matches with Section opponents this year, and he thinks his height (5'6") gives him an advartage over most other 91 pounders. I think his ability and experience are enough to do the trick.

If anyone can stick with Lefford in this tournament, it might be fiesty Todd Spencer of Albion, who is one of the weight class' best athletes. Spencer will be the first one to tell you he has a problem with tall wrestlers. That problem may be entirely in his head, however, and if he can overcome it, he may do better than he expected. To do anything at all, he must first get by Craig Swanson (Southwestern), 1 of 5 lightweights the Southern Tier brought to Sweet Home.

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#### PAST SECTION VI CHAMPIONS (place finished at states)

Good Luck to all WNY wrestlers who will try to add their names to this list of champions.

#### 1976

91-Steve Arnold-Pio 98-John DeLorenzo-NW 105-Larry Cohen-WS (5) 112-Keith Floyd-Pio 119-Steve Tripodi-Ol 126-Kyle Grunwald-Pio (1) 132-Doug Tingue-Pio 138-Bruce Meyers-Ol (4) 145-Terry Miller-Port (3) 155-John Martineck-Lan (1) 167-Ray Pikulski-Ol 177-Dave Simon-Ol 215-Dave Nease-Port (5) 250-Jim Winkfield-LaS

#### 1977

9 lar Anderson-Ol (3) 96 John McHugh-SH (6) 105-John DeLorenzo-NW (4) 112-Larry Cohen-WS (5) 119-Tom Bennett-Pio 126-Kevin Forrest-Ol 132-Dave Tundo-Fron (5) 138-Kyle Grunwald-Pio (1) 145-Chris Leichtweis-Ol(2) 155-Terry Miller-Port (3) 167-Tim Prince-MG (2) 177-Dave Simon-Ol (4) 215-Bill Anderson-OP 250-Dan Moran-Jam

#### 1978

91-Lee Friend-Pio 98-Charles Morley-Med(5) 105-Clar Anderson-Ol 112-Dan Mason-Pio (6) 119-Eric Simpson-Ol 126-Kevin Forrest-Ol 132-Ron Schenk-WSE 138-Mike Casioli-Dep 145-Pat Malay-Iro (6) 155-Chris Leichtweis-Ol(1) 167-Kirk Stephen-Ol 177-Cedric Hinton-SH 215-Mike Regnet-WN 250-Jeff Borders-KE

#### 1979

91-Calvin Swanson-New(6) 98-Craig weber-SH 105-Darryl Rogers-Pio 112-Clar Anderson-O1 (1) 119-Kevin McNulty-WE (5) 126-Carl Mildenberger-Lan 132-Kurt Rosentretter-Med 138-Bill Thomas-Ol 145-Mike Walker-Fal 155-Steve Swan-SW (3) 167-Ron Woloweic-Maryv 177-Kirk Stephen-Ol (2) 215-Dave Wolf-Lack 250-Pete Lee-Sala

#### 1980

91- Tim Menz-Med 98-Calvin Swanson-New (6) 105-Craig Weber-SH (3) 112-Pat Hughes-OP (4) 119-Mike Morley-Med (6) 126-Clar Anderson-Ol (1) 132-Dave Hickson-Ch 138-Mike LoPresto-Sala 145-Jim Beichner-CV (5) 155-Tom Guizzotti-Maryv 167-Ron Woloweic-Maryv (3) 177-Mark Ragin-Am (5) 215-Marty Redeye-Sala 250-Pete Lee-Sala (2)

#### 1981

91-Rob Waddington-Fal (4) 98-Doug Baer-SW (5) 105-Jeff Waddington 112-Pat Hughes (5) 119-Mark Baglia-Fal 126-Len Anzivine-Ol

## Section VI Championship Tournament TIME SCHEDULE

First Round- 4 p.m.-Friday Quarterfinals- 10 am. Sat. Semifinals- 1 p.m. Sat. Consolations to follow semis.

Finals- 7:30 Saturday

132-Matt Lewis-Jones-I (6) 138-Vince Schiffert-NW (6) 145-Dave Radich-Iro (6) 155-Jim Beichner-CV (4) 167-John Mariacher-Iro (3) 177-Steve Behrns-Ton (4) 215-Brian Mallory-SW 250-Jeff Pusateri-Lanc

#### 1982

91- Bob Breidenstein-OP
98-Rob Waddington-Fal
105-Chris LoPresto-Sala
112-Jeff Waddington-Fal
119-Todd Slade-Iro
126-Calvin Swanson-Newf
132-Darryl Rogers-Pio
138-Dave Hickson-Ch
145-Ron Dabolt-Pio
155-Pat Zito-Lanc
167-John Hoffman-Pio
177-Jim Beichner-CV
215-Robert Johnson-CV
250-John Helgren-MG

#### ABBREVIATIONS

Ak-Akron Alb-Albion Am-Amherst Catt-Cattaraugus Ch-Cheektowaga Clar-Clarence CV-Cassadaga Valley Dep-Depew Dunk-Dunkirk Eden-Eden Fal-Falconer Frank-Franklinville Gow-Gowanda Ham-Hamburg Iro-Iroquois Jam-Jamestown KE-Kenmore East KW-Kenmore West Lack-Lackawanna Lanc-Lancaster Lock-Lockport LP-Lewiston-Porter

LS-Lake Shore

Maryv-Maryvale

Med-Medina MG-Maple Grove Newf-Newfane NF-Niagara Falls NT-North Tonawanda NW-Niagara Wheatfield n1-nlean OP-Orchard Park Pan-Panama Pio-Pioneer Port-Portville PV-Pine Valley Ran-Randolph R-H- Royalton-Hartland Sala-Salamanca SH-Sweet Home Star.-Starpoint SW-Southwestern Ton-Tonawanda WE-Williamsville East Westf-Westfield Wil-Wilson WN-Williamsville North WS-Williamsville South WSE-West Seneca East WSW-West Seneca West

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school will help him reach the finals, which he can do by first getting past Kevin Davis (Lake Shore) and then probably Dave Givens and Spencer.

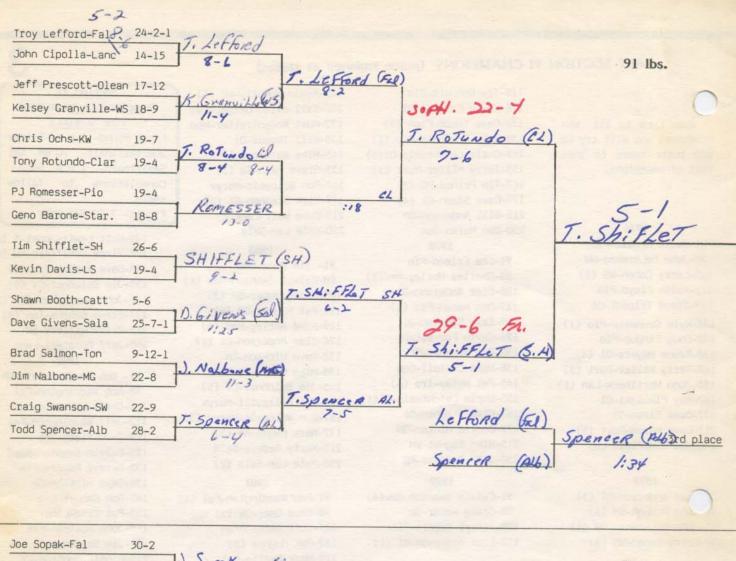
Pioneer's PJ Romesser and Clarence's Tony Rotundo have identical 19-4 records and they are expected to battle for the right to meet Lefford in the semis.

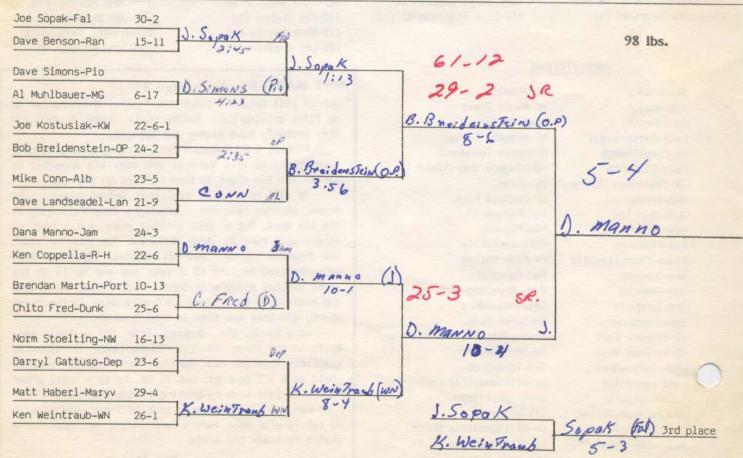
98 will be a hotly contested weight class. Joe Sopak, another talented lightweight from Falconer, is the top seed, but a 1982 Section champ and a host of others will make it very difficult for him to reach the showcase round. Bob Breidenstein (Orchard Park) representated Section VI a year ago and he is in the upper bracket along with Sopak. Leg-riding Mike Conn and exciteable Dave Landseadel will meet in the first round, and they are also in that bracket.

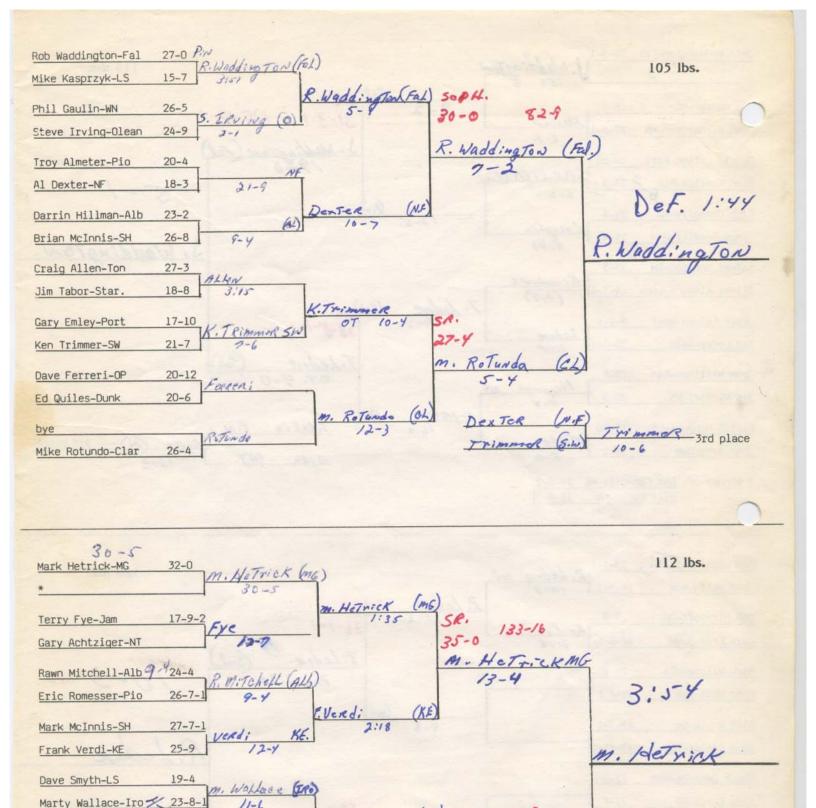
Dana Manno, who dropped from 105 a week ago, waits in the lower bracket along with 3 talented wrestlers from the ECIC North. Manno was not exactly small as a 105 pounder, but at 98, he is a bear, which he proved last week by beating Breidenstein 8-1.

Ken Weintraub has only lost to Sopak, and he will do battle with Matt Haberl and Darryl Gattuso for a chance to reach the semis.

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Paul Bryant-Catt

Dan Baglia-Fal

Gus Posey-Newf
Jeff Grimes-Wil

Marty Nichols-CV

Scott Allen-Ton

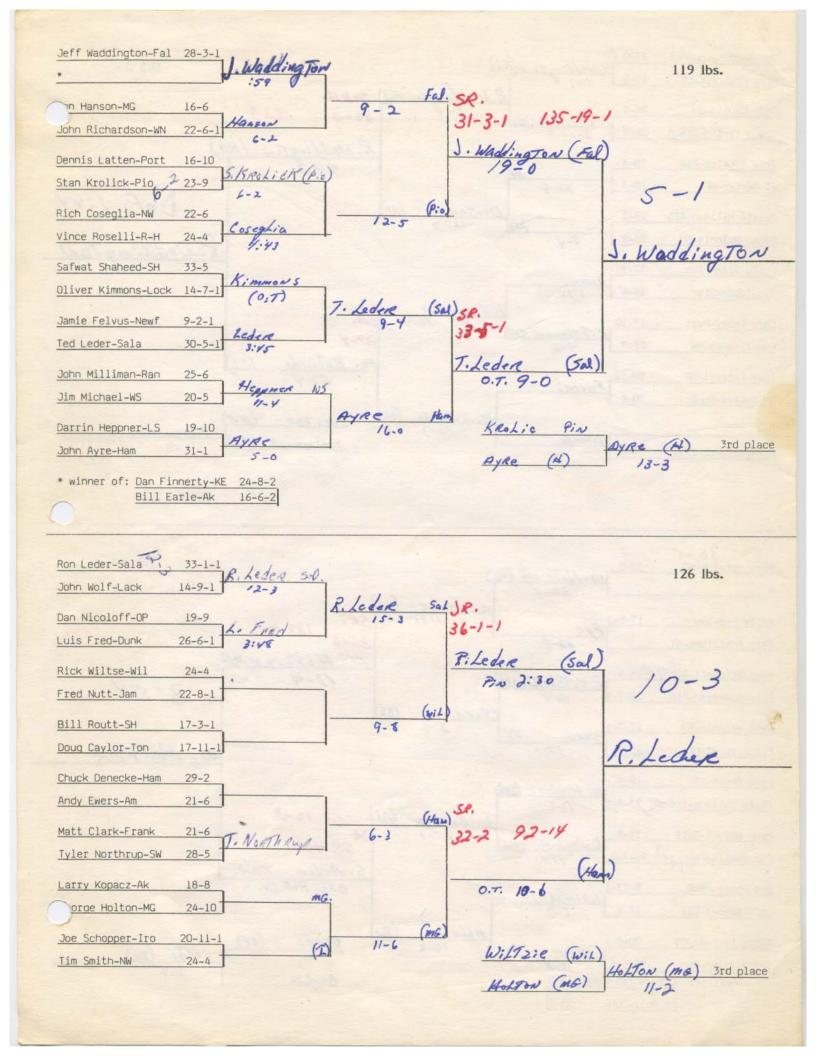
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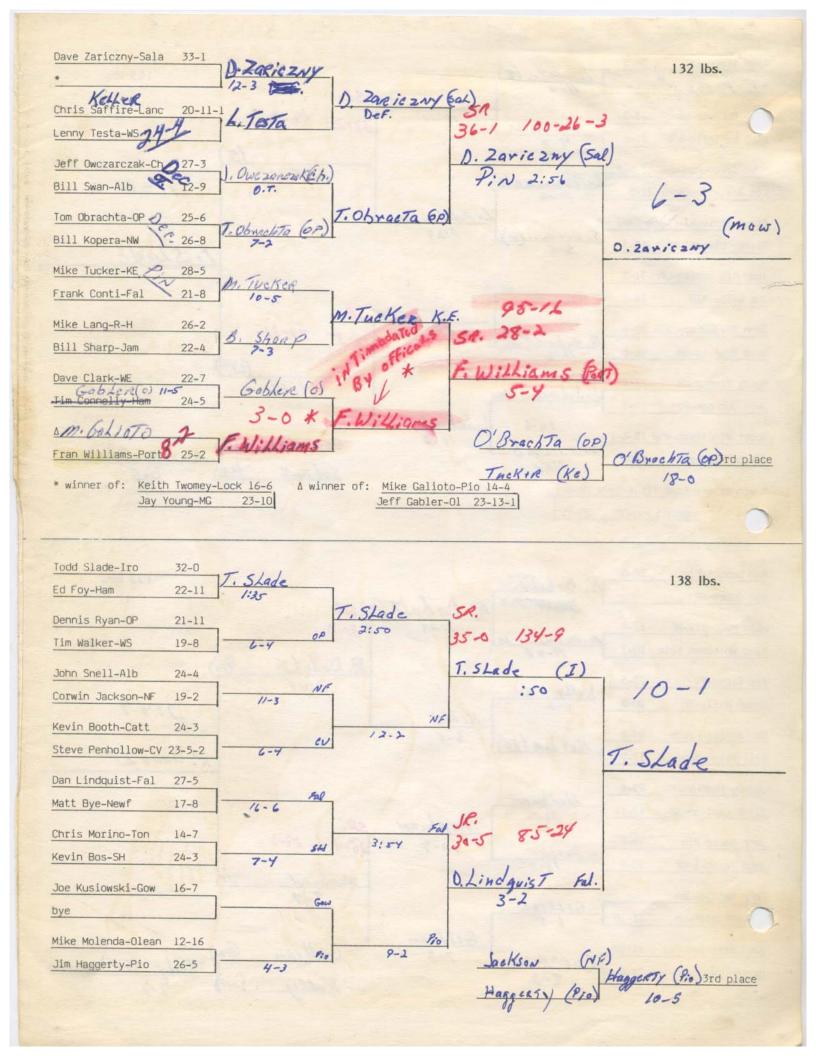
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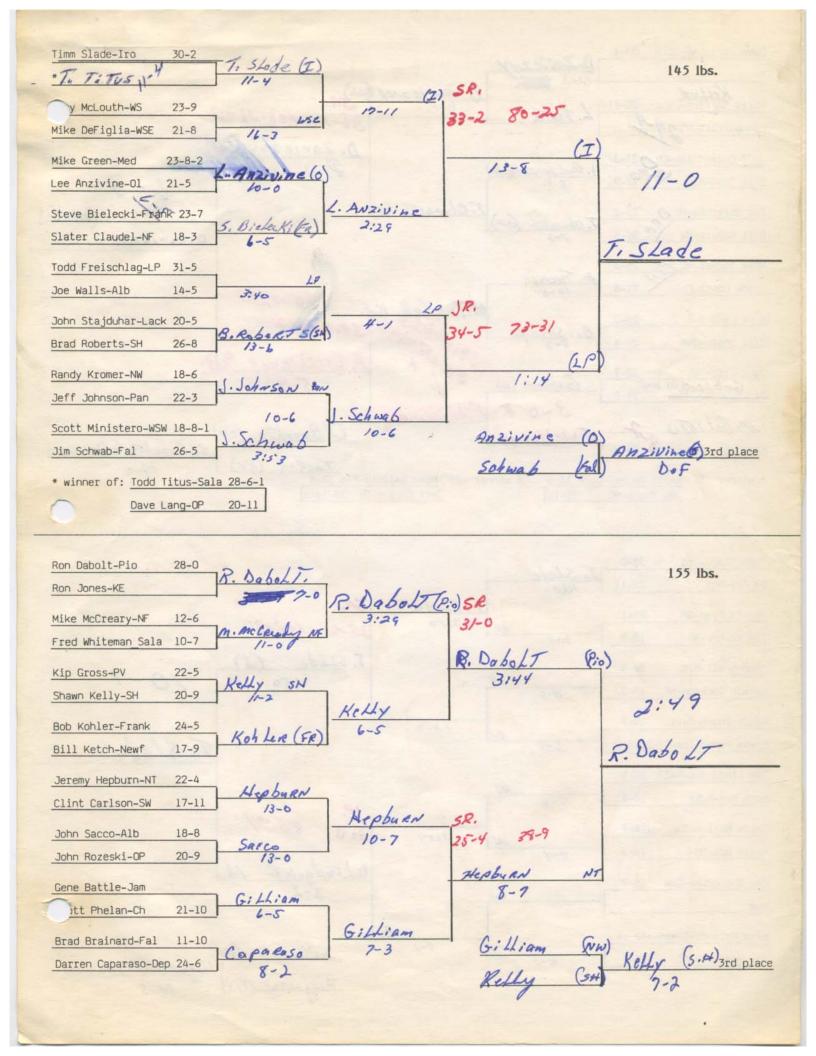
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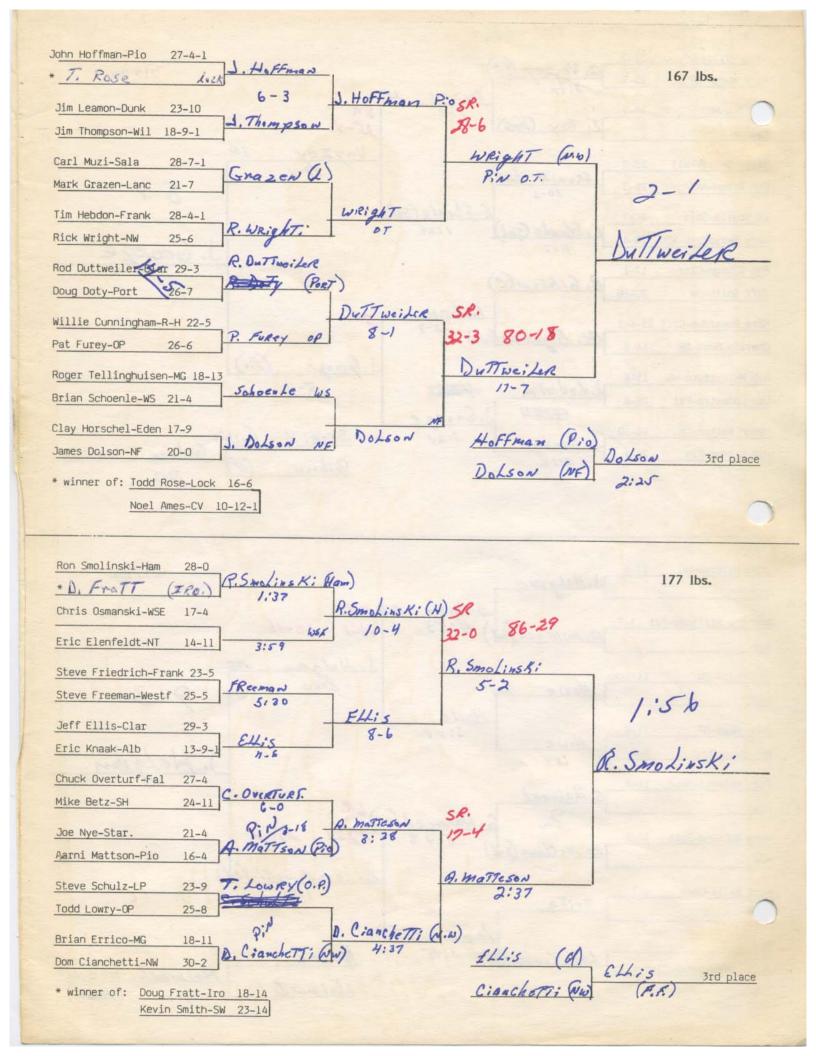
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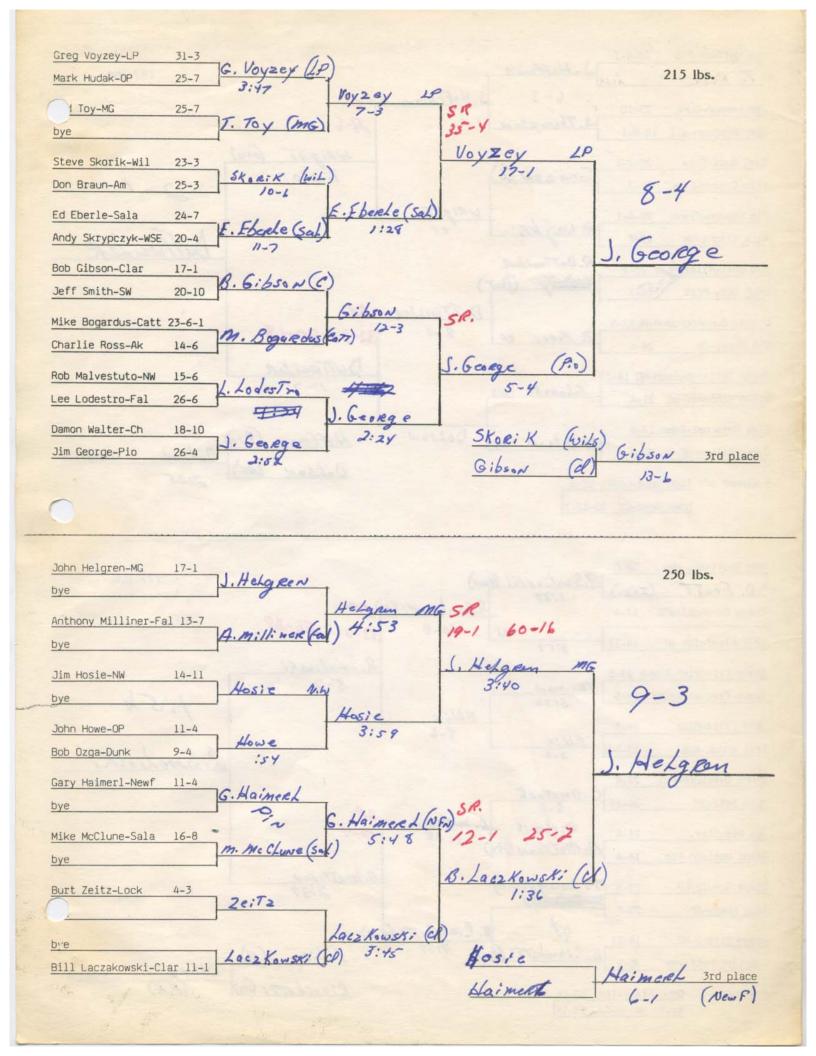
Ed Ruiz-Dunk











Falconer's Rob Waddington will get a good match in the finals, but he will again represent VI in Syracuse, despite his knee injury. Mike Rotundo, Craig Allen, Ed Quiles and Ken Trimmer make the lower bracket a talented one, while Troy Almeter, Al Dexter, Brian McInnis, Darrin Hillman, Steve Irving, Phil Gaulin, and Mike Kasprzyk compete in Waddington's bracket.

Tonawanda's Scott Allen is very good at protecting a lead, but his ability to score will be severely tested if he reaches the finals against Maple Grove's Mark Hetrick. Hetrick is even better at scoring and protecting the subsequent leads he gives himself. Hetrick should go to the states with a 36-0 record.

The older Waddington, Jeff, is favored to win at 119, although he eeked out a 1-0 victory a week ago against Salamanca's Ted Leder. The class' best record (31-1) belongs to John Ayre whose only loss came after Leder hit a 5 point move late in their semi-final match in the officials Tournament. Like

Waddington, Ayre is very slick. Like Leder, Sweet Home's Safwat Shaheed is quicker than the naked eye. These four plus Rich Coseglia will dominate.

Ron Leder of Salamanca overcame the curse of George Holton (Maple Grove) last weekend, and he should reach the finals at 126 to face either Tyler Northrup, Chuck Denecke, Tim Smith or Holton. Leder probably hopes it isn't Holton, who has dealt him his only loss of the season. If it is, however, Leder hopes that Maple Grove coaches Dick Errico and Kurt Masselli haven't figured out a "secret method" of beating his new style. Holton will have his own worries in the lower bracket.

At 138, Todd Slade should make his 2nd successive trip to Syracuse. He will have to avoid getting muscled by the winner of the John Snell-Corwin Jackson match to reach the fianls, where he will meet either Jim Haggerty, Kevin Bos or Dan Lindquist.

Slade's twin brother Timm avoided Dabolt when he dropped from 155 to 145, and he has beaten the top competition already in his new weight class. 145 has a great deal of talent, but it may all be wasted by Slade. Lee Anzivine, Jim Schwab, Steve Bielecki and Todd Freischlag will provide some excitement in this weight class, as will darkhorses, Jeff Johnson, Slater Claudel, Todd Titus, John Stajduhar, Randy Kromer and Brad Roberts. The Slade twins' greatest asset is their constant movement and their aggression. They will rarely get called for stalling.

There is no question as to who will win at 155, a weight class plagued by a disease called Ron Dabolt (Pioneer). At least that is the way most wrestlers have been acting. Anzivine, Timm Slade and Freischlag are a few of the wrestlers who have evacuated the area of 155, leaving Dabolt in an isolation tank. Jeremy Hepburn must have been vaccinated because he hasn't left. And that crazy Darren Caparaso of Depew must have found the cure, because he dropped from 167 for Divisionals last week.

It isn't that easy to breathe at 167 either, w'
7 or 8 excellent wrestlers crowding defending change
John Hoffman. Hoffman had his problems earlier this
season, but he looks ready now. Mark Grazen, who tied
Hoffman 2 weeks ago, and Rod Duttweiler are 2 of the
coolest high schoolers I've seen so far. To the latter
3 wrestlers, pressure is just a word they use in physics class.

They may find that they will need the pressure of two 167 pounders, however, when they meet up with James Dolson of Niagara Falls. Dolson doesn't follow WNY wrestling enough to be intimidated by names. He admits that he doesn't have the greatest shot in the world, but he is undefeated at 20-0. His first loss could be a match away, in the qurter-finals, though. He will meet sophomore Brian Schoenle, who certainly doesn't have the strength to stick with Dolson, but he has a defeinite edge in experience. This should be an interesting weight class with a lot of close matches near the end.

Let's not forget about big Tim Hebdon from little Franklinville. He has enough raw talent to do some heavy damage in this tournament. He will meet always tough Rick Wright (Niagara Wheatfield) in the opening round. Doug Doty, Todd Rose and Carl Muzi will all find it very difficult to reach the quarter-finals, but if they can do that, they will be in very good shape to all the way.

Ron Smolinski has completely dominated the 177 scene in Western New York and he should dominate in this tournament. He is unbeaten in 28 matches and is solid in all phases of the sport. Crab riders Dom Cianchetti and Jeff Ellis are a pair of underclassmen who are the only ones who can come close to senior Smolinski. A pair of wrestlers from the Section's top two teams, Chuck Overturf and Aarni Mattson will meet in the quarter-finals if Joe Nye (Starpoint) can't beat Mattson, and if Mike "Brute" Betz doesn't stop Overturf.

215 could wind up to be just as exciting as 132, and it would have if Greg Voyzey hadn't moved up from 177. He now weighs 197 and is the clear favorite to win the class. It's up to his heavier opponents to force the action in a weight class that has seen numerous upsets throughout the season. Bob Gibson and Jim George are the favorites to meet in the lower bracket's semis, but the top bracket looks like a Who's who of Section VI 215 pounders. One-time Section champ Ted Toy is joined by Don Braun, Steve Skorik, Ed Eberle, Andy Skryczyk and Mark Hudak, as well as Voyzey.

If you notice one guy in an orange and black uniform competing against another in orange and black who looks and wrestles just like the first one, that's Braun and Skorik. All matches in this weight class will be unually close ones.

Defending 250 champ John Helgren (Maple Grove) will make another trip to Syracuse. He is definitely the class of this class. He is a good technical heavyweight who only weighs about 220. Bill Laczakowski is the only one who can give Helgren a match, but Helgren won their last meeting by a superior decision.

### WNYWN INDIVIDUAL RANKINGS

91-Troy Lefford-Falconer 98- Joe Sopak-Falconer

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1112- Mark Hetrick-Maple Grove Scott Allen-Tonawanda

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132- Fran Williams-Portville / Dave Zariczny-Sala.

/ 138- Todd Slade-Iroquois

/ 145- Timm Slade-Iroquois

/ 155- Ron Dabolt-Pioneer

/ 177- Ron Smolinski-Hamburg

215- Greg Voyzey-Lew-Port / Jim George-Pioneer

, 250- John Helgren-Maple Grove Bill Laczakowski-Clar.

Todd Spencer-Albion / Dana Manno-Jamestown

Chuck denecke-Hamburg

Jim Haggerty-Pioneer Jim Schwab-Falconer Darren Caparaso-Depew

167- John Hoffman-Pioneer / Rod Duttweiler-Clarence

/ Tim Shifflet-Sweet Home Ken Weintraub-Will. North Ken Trimmer-Southwestern Dave Smyth-Lake Shore John Ayre-Hamburg Tyler Northrup-Southwest. Mike Tucker-Ken East

John Snell-Albion Lee Anzivine-Olean Jeremy Hepburn-No. Tona. Mark Grazen-Lancaster Dom Cianchetti-Nia. Wheat Jeff Ellis-Clarence Bob Gibson-Clarence Gary Haimerl-Newfane

P.J. Romesser-Pio. Bob Breidenstein-OP Craig Allen- Tona. Eric Romesser-Pio. Safwat Shaheed-S.H. Tim Smith-Nia, Wheat. Tom Obrachta-O.P. Mike Lang-Roy-Hart Dan Lindquist-Falc. Todd Freischlag-L-P John Rozeski-O.P. James Dolson-Nia.Falls Chuck Overturf-Falc. Don Braun-Amherst Mike McClune-Sala.

# From the Stands

How do you fell now that the season is drawing to a close?

Joyce Galioto- mother of Pioneer's Mike: I'm sad to see the season end. saddest part is that this is mike's last year and now his career is going to be over with. I enjoy wrestling.

Frank and Grace Verdi- parents of Kenmore East's Frank: We are definitely going to miss wrestling. We will miss going to weeknight matches and weekend tournaments. We're especially sorry to see the season end since Frank is a senior. We've gotten a lot out of the sport, like meeting many kids, like Frank's opponents and their parents. Its a shame that wrestling doesn't get more coverage in the Buffalo newspaper.

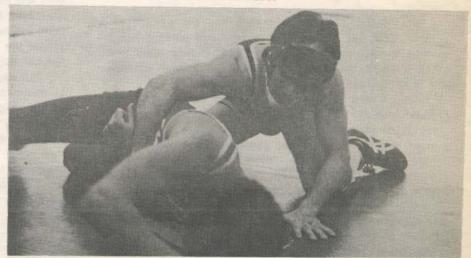
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- 2. Falconer
- 3. Sweet Home
- 4. Maple Grove
- 5. Iroquois Niagara Wheatfield
- 6. Orchard Park
- 7. Albion
- 8. Southwestern
- 9. Lancaster Williamsville S.
- 10. Salamanca

Sacco- father of Albion's Joe John: I'm very sad to see the season coming to an end, and I wish it would go on for a lot longer. My wife Sandra and I have been at the wrestling parent business for about 7 years now, and we've been very active in the Albion booster club. I'm really going to miss next year, because John is a senior now. I'll miss the excitement, the travel and the spe-

cial times that go along with the sport; for example, going to the grocery store to prepare for matches, and having John's teammates over at our home to talk wrestling.

Nancy Morino- mother of Tonawanda's Chris: I'll miss it a little, but I am kind of relieved that it is ending. I tend to get nervous and afraid that someone is going to get



Williamsville South's Len Testa on his way to a win at 132.

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