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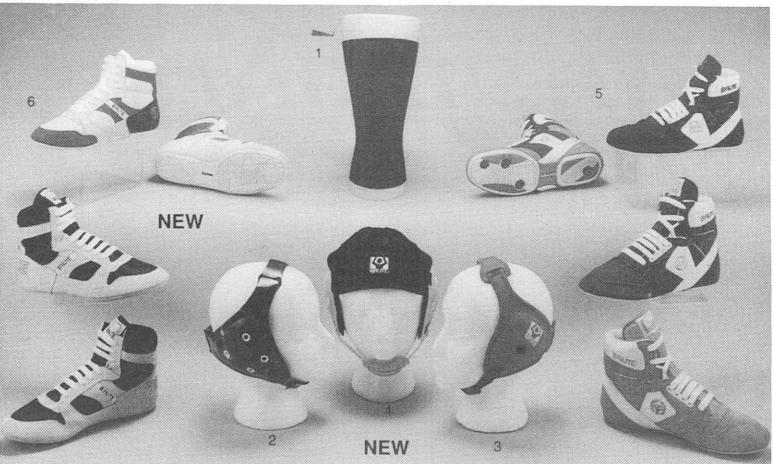
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With Mike Morone, New York Wrestling News Editor

On the Cover

Penn State senior Jeff Prescott scores a dazzling 13-6 semifinal victory over Donnie Rawls in NCAA Division I Championships. Prescott, who was last year's "Most Outstanding Wrestler" on the way to the 118-pound title, won the title this year as well. He proved to be equally dominant, and finished with a total of three All American honors. Photo by Peter Venier. Note: Last issue's cover, featuring Mark Kerr of SU, was not identified. It was taken by Sonja Stanbro, out of Binghamton.

Frequency and Pricing Changes

Starting with the September 1992 issue, New York Wrestling News will come out five times per year in September, December, January, February, and April. This will allow us to cover the wrestling season in greater detail, and each issue will be a little bigger than it has been. Additionally, pricing has been adjusted. Each issue will now cost \$2.50, with a subscription costing \$12.50 for all five issues. For more information, please see enclosed letter and article on page 7.

New York State Wrestler, 1966

Lou Quethera of JCQ Sports USA recently sent me the first copy of "New York State Wrestler", a magazine on NYS wrestling dated March 1966. The publishers were William Farrell, Ed Garber, John Bencivenga, Frank "Sprig" Gardner, and Vince Zauro. If you are interested in getting a copy, send me a self-addressed, stamped envelope.

Button Makes All-Region Team SUNY Morrisville wrestler Cody Button, who will continue his career at the University of Oklahoma, has been recently named to the Academic All-Region team for Region III of the National Junior College Athletic Association. Button maintained a two-year GPA of over 3.5, finishing his last semester with a perfect 4.0. He finished his athletic career with a 45-5 record, and was the Region III 177 pound champion. At the Junior College National Championships, he finished in second place, the best of any New Yorker.

Irondequoit, SU, Hoffman Recognized

In the May 15th issue of *Wrestling USA Magazine*, several New Yorkers were recognized as part of that publication's annual awards issue. Art Connorton of Irondequoit-5 High School, won again in the "High School Annuals" category. Svracuse University, coached by Ed Carlin, won first place in the "College Press Guide" category.

Marc Hoffman was named "New York Man of the Year". Hoffman, Assistant Sports Editor for the Reporter Dispatch. He was chosen for this award for instituting a wrestling notes column which appears every Friday in the newspaper. It has generated tremendous enthusiasm for the sport.

And finally, Jack Fisher of Newark-5 High School sent me a videotape of their annual wrestling awards. It was a very professionally done tape that featured highlights of the season, profiles on individuals, and tons of great humor. It even captured the interest of my wife! Call him at (315) 331-5150 if you want to borrow it.

Four New Yorkers Make All American Status

Four New York high school wrestlers made *Wrestling USA Magazine's* annual All American Wrestling Team honors, as reported in the May 30th issue. Tops on the list was Jason Kraft, who made second team selection. Kraft, of Sachem-11, was 80-4 with 50 falls, winning the states and MOW award in March. Honorable



Mention went to three other New Yorkers, Alex Croog of Brighton-5; Brian Fischenich of Huntington-11; and Ron Vosburg of Elmira Free Academy-4. All four were scholastic state champs this year.

New Wrestling Movie Scheduled I've seen three or four movies on amateur wrestling in my life. The most entertaining and realistic one has been "Vision Quest", starring Matthew Modine. It was so realistic, it had Modine passing out in school due to dehydration at one point! Anyway, Wayne Boyd, former NCAA Champ and president of WEB Productions, is in the process of making another wrestling feature film that promises to be the most realistic of all. Entitled "One More Shot", it's about a former wrestler who refuses to give up on his dream of making the Olympic team and attempts a comeback late in life. For more information, see the advertisement in this issue. or contact Wayne Boyd directly at 555 Harbor Drive, box #23, Redondo Beach, CA 90277, (213) 798-8986.

Jim Hall Espoir Team Leader SUNY Morrisville coach Jim Hall has been chosen team leader for the Espoir (19-20 age group) World Cup Greco Roman team competing in Sweden. As part of his agenda, he worked with the Greco Olympic team at the US Olympic Training Center in Lake Placid, then headed out to Sweden, with the US World Cup team.

Hall has been head coach at Morrisville for the past five years. His 1989, 1990, and 1992 teams have been NJCAA Region III champions, and his team was tenth in the

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NJCAA Championships this past season. Additionally, he was named Region III "Coach of the Year" on two occasions.

New York 100 Still Available The 1992 New York 100 State Rankings are still available for just \$5.00 per copy. This annual publication lists and ranks hundreds of the top high school wrestlers for the 1992 season. Team price is five copies for just \$15.00.

NY-USA Wrestling Ring Series This year's Ring Series events have been contested. Overall, wrestlers earned points from six major events:

- 1 Scholastic Sectionals
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- 3 State Junior FS and GR Champs
- 4 Regional Jr Champs FS/GR
- 5 Empire State Games FS and GR
- 6 ASICS Natl. Champs FS/GR

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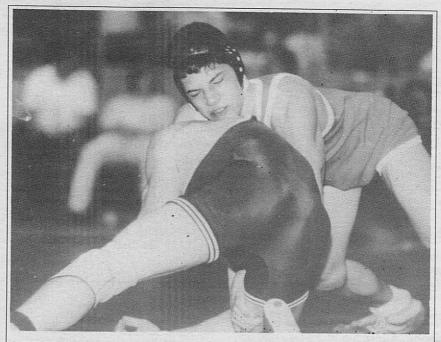
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Mike Quaglio Wins National High School Championships

Most high school wrestlers would be satisfied after winning a scholastic state title. Mike Quaglio, though, wants much more. After going to the states three times and coming within a few points of a title last year, he won his state title this past March in convincing fashion. He then won the rugged Northeast Regional Freestyle title, an event featuring top athletes from several northeastern states. Next was an impressive bronze medal in the Junior World Trials, where he actually beat the eventual champion.

His best showing, though, came at the Third Annual National High School Championships, held on April 4-5 at the Palumbo Center on the Duquesne University campus. There, he powered his way to five big wins on the way to the gold medal.

First, a bit about the tournament itself. Now in its third year, this event has become one of the biggest wrestling events in the nation. Just to qualify, you have to be a senior with a state first or second place finish. This year, 424 entrants from 43 states battled it out for All



MIKE QUAGLIO, right, in action winning his National High School Championships title at 171 pounds. Quaglio is the first New Yorker ever to win this event.

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There to see Quaglio was the coaching staff from the US Military Academy at West Point. He was out to show he could win at that level, and it's safe to say they were

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greatly impressed! First up was a 1:58 fall over the entrant from Kansas, followed by an 11-2 whipping of the Minnesota wrestler. In the quarters he took out Indiana in 3:00. In the semifinals, he motored his way to a 10-8 victory over Ohio. And against the favored Illinois wrestler in the finals, Quaglio won an identical 10-8 victory for his gold medal.

New York has had several placewinners in this rugged event, but never a champion. Look for Quaglio tocontinue his winning ways in college.

New York also had another All American. One weight lower, Jason Kraft, Sachem-11, took third place. Kraft was this year's NYS scholastic states Most Outstanding Wrestler. He won by decision over Pennsylania for third place. He also won a gold medal at the Northeast Regional Championships.

Frequency/Price Changes Ahead for New York Wrestling News

New York Wrestling News is changing its format. Starting with the next issue (September 1992), we will be putting out five issues per year - in September, December, January, February, and April. Each issue will be longer and contain more action, photos, and news from your area. And you will receive New York Wrestling News on a more timely basis.

The overall subscription price has been lowered to \$12.50 per year for all five issues. The cover price is \$2.50 per issue. Team / Club subscription rates are listed below. All current subscribers who have paid the old rate of \$16.00 per year will receive a total of eight issues as originally agreed.

The new frequency and larger issues will allow me more resources to improve upon the coverage of wrestling. Many times I've found myself with much more material than I could fit in one issue. I will now be able to fit that information into each issue and then get it to you before the news becomes history!

I'm looking forward to reporting on lots of great wrestling in the years to come. Please continue to show your support by subscribing and encouraging your friends to also subscribe. Thanks much!

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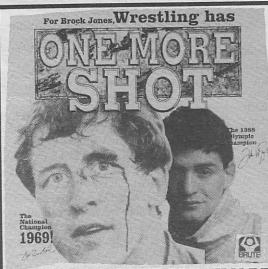
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Sheldon & Campbell Make Olympic Team; Many Others Come Close

Chris Campbell and Shawn Sheldon have secured positions in the Barcelona Olympic Games by winning the 1992 US Final Olympic Wrestle-offs. This was the culmination of a year-long process that entailed many qualifying events and challenges of all kinds. Several other top-ranked New Yorkers, though, did not make the team.

Chris Campbell, 198 pounds, freestyle The nearly 38-year old vegetarian attorney maintained his dominance over US competition by winning the final two-of-three match series against rugged Dan Chaid, 3-0 and 1-0 at 198 pounds in freestyle. It was a matter of impenetrable defense, flawless technique, and a strong will to win that won it for Chris.

This is his second Olympic team, having won the 1980 US Trials over Olympic gold medalist John Peterson. With the US Boycott smashing his dream of winning the Olympics, he continued competing and won the World Championships in 1981.

A combination of injuries, family obligations, and law school saw an end to Campbell's career - at least for about five years. After earning his law degree and securing a job with Carrier Corporation in Syracuse, he decided to make a comeback. Training with the Syracuse University team as a volunteer coach and backed by Carrier Corporation's Olympic Job Training Program, he began to regain his conditioning.

It was a long and difficult process, but before long, he was number one in the US again. He has maintained that position since 1989, his first year back. In two world championships, he's placed second (1990) and fifth (1991). When he was second, it was as close as a one-point finals loss to the Russian defending world champ. Last year's fifth place was highlighted by a win against that same opponent, who managed to win again. Campbell appears as ready as ever to win an Olympic gold medal.

Shawn Sheldon, 114.5 pounds, Greco Roman, is also on the verge of an Olympic medal. He was last year's silver medalist at the World Championships, losing by just one controversial point. A 1988 Olympian, Shawn posted a dramatic seesaw two-of-three match victory over George Williams of Quantico, Va, at 114.5 pounds. In their first match, Sheldon won 3-1, which is considered a fairly comfortable win at that level. In the evening session, though, he was trounced, 10-0, by Williams.

"I really didn't think I'd have to go a full three matches to win the series," said Sheldon. "Maybe getting beat the way I did in the second match helped me wake up, though. It made me wrestle as I can, and I needed to do that." He won the final match in convincing fashion, 13-1, to earn his Olympic berth.

Sheldon, just 27 years old, has been on the national scene for a decade, and in the past four or five years, has climbed the ladder steadily in world competition. He placed fifth in the world championships prior to his silver medal performance last year. And in 1989, he became the only American to ever win the Russian Padubny Tournament, considered to be the toughest tourney in the world because of its depth of Russian athletes. At that event, organizers were so surprised, they did not even have the US National Anthem ready for the award ceremony! In August, Sheldon could very well step off the mat with an Olympic gold medal. Five other New Yorkers earned alternate spots by placing second in the Olympic Trials.

Brad Penrith, 125.5, freestyle entered the finals as the number one ranked wrestler. His opponent was longtime rival, Kendall Cross. Penrith had beaten Cross in their last two outings, but Cross was able to win the Olympic spot by winning two in a row, 6-3 and 11-6.

Penrith, 27 years old, is originally from Windsor-4 High School, where he was a state champ as a sophomore. He placed in the states twice more before going on to Dan Gable's University of Iowa team. There, he was NCAA champ as a sophomore, and runner-up the next two years. In last year's World Championships, he broke his foot early in the meet, and lost a second round to a former World champ. He stayed alive, however, with determined wrestling, and won four straight matches in earning a position in the finals. There, he lost 3-0, but established himself as a major international title threat.

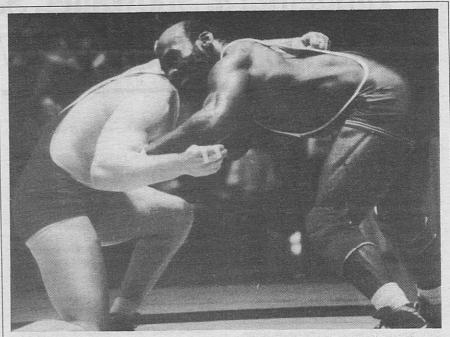
Last year he also beat another former World champion in winning the Pan American championships gold medal.

Frank Famiano, 125.5, Greco was ranked first entering the Olympic Trials. Way back in 1980, he was third in the Olympic Trials. In 1984, he went to the Olympics and placed fifth. Last time, in 1988, though, he lost an extremely close 2 of 3 match series and just missed going. After a year or two at 136.5 pounds, he dropped back to 125.5 last year and quickly re-established himself as the nation's top contender. In the final trials, though, he lost twice to Dennis Hall, 5-0 and 3-0, for the Olympic berth. He had beaten Hall prior to that. At 31 years of age, Famiano is a veteran. However, he still competes with the zest of someone ten years younger and is still considered a medal threat in future World level competitions.

Ike Anderson, 136.5, Greco is originally from South Carolina, now living and training in Albany. His first major tournament win was in the 1988 Olympic Trials, where he shocked the field by climbing up from the number five spot. At the Seoul Olympics, he placed sixth in a very tough class. Since then, he's been great at the national level, and has added lots of international experience as well. He took a silver medal in the 1991 Pan Am Games and entered this final wrestle-off as the US's top-ranked 136.5 pounder by winning the 1991 World Team Trials. Overall, he has tons of experience, and at age 34, is one of the most battle-tested veterans of all.

At the final trials, though, Anderson lost identical 2-0 matches to veteran Buddy Lee of the US Marines. Way back in 1988, Anderson won his Olympic berth over Lee, and since then, the two have battled back and forth several times. Although Lee has beaten Anderson in 1989, Anderson won his 1991 World Team Championship by beating Lee in two straight. Even at 34, Ike Anderson still has a lot of fight and is expected to place high in many upcoming national and international events.

Andy Seras, 149.5, Greco, has had a solid lock on the number one position for the past four years. Since his high school days at Niskayuna-2 and college career at SUNY Albany, he's benefited from the expertise coaching of Joe DeMeo. Way back in 1984, Seras placed second in the Olympic Trials, losing two controversial matches to eventual bronze medalist Jim Martinez. Up to that point, he had placed second in the US Nationals five times. He was a member of the 1988 Olympic Team. It was amazing that he made the team at all. Injured with a torn esophagus during the preliminary trials - and unranked - he had to climb the ladder in the Final Olympic Trials to make the team. His first win there was over Martinez, who also entered the trials injured. Seras went on to make the team and competed in the Seoul Olympics. Since then, he's placed in the top ten of the world twice and has won many, other



CHRIS CAMPBELL, right, blocks shot attempt of Dan Chaid in final Olympic Wrestle-off, where he looked super in winning 3-0 and 1-0. Campbell has a great shot at winning the Olympics. He'll be 38 years in one month! Photo by Sonja Stanbro.

events, including gold medals in the 1990 and 1991 Pam Am Games, and sixth and ninth place finishes in the world championships.

Seras entered the Final Trials as the top-ranked wrestler at 149.5, having won the World Team Trials in 1991. The third place finisher there was Rodney Smith of the Army. Smith had shown signs of greatness of late, and even beat Seras at a meet last year. In the finals wrestle-offs for the Olympic team, Smith won the first match by a 1-0 score. Seras, though, rebounded with a disqualification win in 7:07 in the second match. In the final deciding bout, Smith pulled out a 3-0 upset win, thus winning the spot. Seras can be expected to rebound and win many more titles before he's finished.

David Koplovitz, 286, Greco, placed second in the US Nationals and third in the World Team Trials. He owns a victory over the secondranked wrestler, Craig Pittman, also of NYS, and a pin victory over the number one contender, Matt Ghaffari. Kop's international experience has been great. He won a gold medal at the Granma Cup in Cuba this year and also won a silver there in 1990. In the final series, he lost to Matt Ghaffari in two bouts, 3-0 and 1-0. At age 27, Kop is sure to place at the World level in years to come.

In addition to these fine performances, many other New Yorkers placed in the top ten of the Final Olympic Trials:

Lew Roselli, 114.5 freestyle, fourth Rob Koll, 163 freestyle, third Nick Garone, 163 freestyle, top ten Dan Mayo, 198 freestyle, third Andy Schwab, 286 freestyle, top eight Mike Fusilli, 286 freestyle, top ten Isaac Ramaswamy, 105.5 Greco fourth Jeff Cervone, 114.5 Greco, top ten Chris Mirabella, 114.5 Greco, top ten Kurt Howell, 125.5 Greco third Wade Genova, 125.5 Greco Top ten Silas Ussery, 125.5 top ten Van Fronhofer, 136.5 Greco top ten Gene Nighman, 149.5 Greco top ten Kevin Bracken, 149.5 Greco Top ten Joe Sabol, 163 Greco top ten Seann Henry, 180.5 Greco top ten Chris Tironi, 220 Greco third Phil Lanzatella, 286 Greco third Craig Pittman, 286 Greco fourth

Yanagihara, Showalter, Sanchez, and Huntington Shine at FS/GR States

Lots of rugged athletes from all across the state showed up at the 1992 Freestyle and Greco Roman State Championships, held in Binghamton on May 9th and 10th. These included scholastic state champs, placewinners, top ten wrestlers, and many others that will become well-known in years to come. The best of this tournament in both styles also qualifies for the ASICS National Junior Championships, held in mid-July.

Four athletes dominated and won double titles - Mark Yanagihara, 98 pounds, Section 2; Terry Showalter, 132 pounds, Section 3; Marco Sanchez, 191.5 pounds, Section 12; and Jamie Huntington, 220 pounds, Section 2. Of these, Showalter and Sanchez return next year and are heavy favorites for scholastic state titles as well. Showalter actually has two seasons left. And as long as someone like Zeke Jones doesn't sneak into the picture, he should win two titles before he graduates.

Jamie Huntington, a senior, was this year's only triple-crown winner, having won scholastic, freestyle, and Greco state titles. He's also qualified for the ASICS National Junior Championships, and should earn a medal or two out there.

In Greco, Section 2 had the most number of champs - four. Section 6 had three champs; Section 3 had two; and Sections 4, 8, and 12 had one champ each.

In freestyle, though, Section 11 dominated, winning seven of twelve weight classes, with four other Section 11 athletes placing second. Other sections that produced freestyle champs included 2, 3, 4, and 12. A total of nearly 30 wrestlers placed in both styles

Greco Roman

98 pounds Mark Yanagihara of Section 2 won three matches: 9-2, pin in 2:10, and 17-0 technical fall. Andy Matteotti of Section 9 took second place, with Richard Ray of Section 2 in third.

105.5 pounds Mike Pacillo of Section 6 showed up but no one else wanted to challenge him; thus, he won the title by default.

114.5 pounds Section 6's Mark Keller looked sharp in winning the title. To win his pool championship, he won by 18-2, 7-1, and pin in 2:07. In the finals against the opposite pool's champion, Tim Daly, he scored a 4:15 fall. Third place went to Ryder Herrmann, who won 5-1 over Rod Frey. Kevin David beat Leroy Sonnson for fifth, 19-2.

123 pounds John Alexander won his pool by four wins: 16-0 tech fall; pin in 2:44; pin in 1:05, and 13-12 decision over Todd Wilday. In the finals against two-time scholastic state bronze medalist, Chris Stevens, Alexander won by 5-0 shutout. Wilday scored a 2:40 pin over Darren Ascone for third, with Jason Collins decking Tim Tyler in 4:45 for fifth place.

132 pounds Terry Showalter won his pool by pinning Brian Overbey in 4:10 and shutting down Jason Wartinger 7-0. In the finals, he pinned Ken Volpe in 1:40 for the title. Wartinger rebounded by pinning Tim Overbey in :45 for third place. Rick Thurston won a wild 13-10 match over Brian Overbey for fifth place.

143 pounds Section 6's Bill Dixon put together five impressive wins in taking the gold medal. He won by 17-0; 7-1; pin in :55; pin in :58; and a 6-3 decision over Jeromy McVige for the title. McVige is also out of Section 6. Third place went to Damon Hinchcliff, who pinned Chris Meehan in 1:18. Mike Mariani took fifth place based on a 4:30 fall over Bob Pacillo.

154 pounds Matt Manico won his first match over talented Dave Colgan, 9-2, then beat Shawn Akley 17-2. Next was a 3-0 win over Joe King. All three are proven Greco talents. Manico next lost, 7-1, to lan Baird of Section 12. However, based on a first round King pin over Baird, Manico won the pool, with King in second and Baird in third. Manico then beat Steve Swingle, Jr 3-0 for first place. King won by the same score over Scott Krulisky for third, with Baird beating Shawn Nalepa 8-4 for fifth.

165 pounds Aldy Terran of Section 8 won two close matches and a pin in the finals in taking first place. Runnerup was Chris Roth, who fell in 1:46 of the finals. Third place went to Eric Rose, who beat Keith Smith 11-5. In fifth, Art Arden posted a 14-4 win over Dusty Amadio. Roth looked great in winning his pool; he pinned Keith Smith, Chris Lemmo, and Jesse Rivera before edging Arden, 8-6.

178 pounds George Chamoun of Section 3 had no trouble at all in winning the gold. He won his pool with a 3:35 pin and 17-2 decision. In the finals, he beat Matt Broomquist 16-4. Drew Place decked Christian Dollar in 2:00 for third place, with Doug Roth pinning Gerry Papodats in 1:20 for fifth. Broomquist won his pool despite losing by fall in round one. 191.5 pounds With just four guys entered here, Marco Sanchez of Section 12 needed only two wins to grab the title: a 1:57 pin over Mike Cipar and an 11-3 decision over Ken Derr. Cipar took second based on a 2-1 record and Kerr took third. Brad Halstead was fourth.

220 pounds This whole weight class was decided in about a minute. Two guys alone entered the tournament, Roger Gysel and Jamie Huntington. Huntington won by fall in 1:02 and that was that.

275 pounds Matt Stein had just three other entrants in his weight, and he wound up wrestling - and beating - every one of them. He had two close matches and a 9-1 win. Second place went to Chris Smith, who lost just 2-1 to Stein. Chad Paul was third, and Antione Smith took fourth.

Freestyle

98 pounds Mark Yanigihara of Section 2 won three impressive matches for the title: 17-1, pin in 4:36, and 13-2 in the finals. Second place went to Tom Longobardi. Matt Florin took third with a 1:34 pin over Brent Carneg, and Andy Matteotti beating Jason Barringer 10-6 for fifth.

105.5 pounds One of the best weight classes! Sixteen wrestlers, including two state champs, a runnerup, and at least four other Top Ten wrestlers. In round two, scholastic state champ Brian Fischenich faced state runnerup James Hieronymus. In March, Fischenich drilled Hieronymus from the opening bell till it was stopped in the third based on a technical fall. Here, though, a wild 18-13 upset win propelled Hieronymus into first place in his pool. In the finals, though, state champ John Carvalheira won a 17-2 technical fall. Carvalheira looked great in winning six times. He won once by fall and the rest by the combined score of 78-19. Third place went to Fischenich, with a 12-1 win over Jim Giugliano. Luis Bonilla won 26-14 over Raphael Gonzales for fifth place.

114.5 pounds Another great weight, with 21 entrants and lots of big names. Jim Amira won four matches when he lost a 13-8 match to Jeff Reese, who had earlier lost 9-4 to Mark Keller. In the round robin of the pool, Amira stunned Keller with a nine second pin, thus winning. Reese took second and Keller third. In the other pool, Eric Gould started by decking scholastic state champ Keith Matias in 1:51 and won three more by fall before losing a 15-9 decision to Karl Ruud. Ruud had earlier been pinned by Matias, so Gould won first place in the pool with Matias in second and Ruud in third. For the title, Amira outscored Gould 15-10 in a great match. Then Ruud and Reese withdrew due to injuries. As a result, there was a sixth place tie between Tim Gimbalvo and Bob Audoulos, both who did not place in the pool competitions. For third place, Matias won by fall over Keller.

123 pounds Liston Brown of Section 11 looked great in winning the title.Overall, the weight class was huge - 30 entrants. Brown started strong, pinning his first opponent in 1:40, then scoring a 16-0 technical fall. Next followed three pins in 3:10, 2:36, and 4:15. In the pool round robin, he beat Chris Stevens 14-1, then outscored Anthony DeMaio 7-5 for the pool title. DeMaio earlier beat Stevens 13-0 for second place. In the opposite pool, it was Greco champ John Alexander, Pete Smith, and Brian Overbey in the top positions. For the title, Brown overcame Alexander in a great 12-6 match. DeMaio beat Smith 10-6 for third, and Stevens stuck Overbey in :53 for fifth.

132 pounds Terry Showalter, the Greco champ, also won this event in convincing fashion. He went 7-1 overall, pinning everyone except Sean O'Hara of Section 11, whom he beat 3-1. The finals saw Showalter pin Jason Wartinger of Section 6 in 1:27. O'Hara took the bronze by beating Kenny Volpe 5-2. Fifth place went to Matt Downey based on a 14-8 win over Tom Chapman.

143 pounds This was the biggest weight with 38 entrants. Throughout the two pool competitions, two athletes dominated - Ed Aulino in pool A and Damon Hinchcliff in pool B. Together they beat many Top Ten wrestlers and state placewinners. Aulino had close matches in beating Billy Dixon and Chris Dollard; Hinchcliff beat everyone by fall or technical fall. The finals proved to be a high-scoring, wild match, won by Aulino 10-8. Dixon won by injury default over Brett Gould, with Mike Atansio winning by default over Wayne Davis. John DeMoors had earned a spot in the fifth-place consolations, but withdrew.

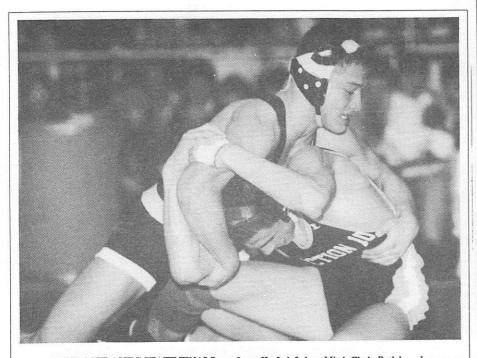
154 pounds Of the top six placefinishers, five were from the same section (11) and three were from the same school (Longwood). To top it off, two of them were scholastic state champs (John Lange and Duane Thompson). Lange won his pool by three pins, a 5-4 decision over Ambrose Aston, a 3-2 decision over teammate and fellow state champ Duane Thompson, and an 18-2 win over David Colgan. Thompson lost 8-1 to Aston, putting him in third with Aston taking second. Thompson repeated his scholastic state finals win by beating Shawn Nautel again, 7-4. In the other pool, Junius Gradney, also of Longwood-11, looked great in winning seven matches over very rugged competition. The overall finals, then, saw Lange beat teammate Gradney, with Aston beating Joe Nemeth by fall for third place. Thompson quickpinned Tom Holliday in :40 for fifth.

165 pounds Brett Lassen of Section 11 won his pool by scoring a pin, then outscoring five opponents 77-9. His finals opponent was another Long Islander, Art Arden. Lassen won there, 6-2. Jim Lange, whose only loss was a close one to Arden, took third based on a 10-8 victory over Chris Roth. Keith Smith decked Eric Rose in 3:58 for fifth place.

178 pounds Drew Place of Section 4 looked sharp in winning the title here. Place, who took a bronze in Greco, won six matches overall, the last one a 4-2 win over Mitch Clark. Clark, of Section 10, had five devastating wins in reaching the finals. Third place was a rematch of the Greco finals, with George Chamoun repeating his win over Matt Broomquist, this time 10-8. The Greco finals was 16-4 in favor of Chamoun.

191.5 pounds Greco champ Marco Sanchez strung four wins together for his title, one pin and three fairly close decisions. Second place went to John Sparacio, who lost 10-4 to Sanchez. Ken Derr won over Mike Cipar for third place, and Jon Pultz and Terry Tyner tied for sixth. Brad Halstead and Greg Mercurio had actually placed third in the pool competitions, qualifying them for the fifth place consolations. However, both withdrew, and the guys next in line, Pultz and Tyner, moved up to sixth.

220 pounds Jamie Huntington, the scholastic and Greco state champ, went unscored on, winning two by fall and the last by 8-0 shutout.



155 POUND SCHLASTIC STATE FINALS saw Jason Kraft, left, beat Mitch Clark. Both have been very successful in off-season competition since then, with them placing 1-2 in the Northeast Regional Championships; Kraft placing third in the National HS Championships; and Clark taking second in the freestyle state championships. Kraft is off to college, while Clark has one more year to go. Photo by Peter Venier.

He thus becomes this year's only Triple Crown winner. Matt Stein easily beat everyone else in taking third, and Sean Karn took third place. Joe Bieler and Josh Garfinkle took fourth and fifth.

275 pounds In opposite pools, Scott McAndrew and Chris Smith easily won first place to advance to the finals. There, McAndrews shocked Smith with a 34-second pin. Chad Paul edged Vince Mulhare, 7-6 for third. Antoine Smith beat Matt Patterson by injury default for fifth place.



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