

Warriors make strong showing, finish second

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FRANKLINVILLE — In a nearly unbelievable showing, the Salamanca Warriors came up with a surprise finish as they claimed second place here in the seventh annual Franklinville Invitational Wrestling Tournament.

The Warriors, who were figured to place in the upper division of the tournament, came through with some stand-out performances en route to claiming three individual championships and making their best tournament showing since 1970, when they won the Franklinville tourney.

Until this year, teams were allowed to wrestle in only two tournaments, and since 1971, the Warriors have been competing in their own Salamanca Invitational Wrestling Tournament and in the Southern Tier Wrestling Conference tourney. The best the Warriors had ever finished in the Salamanca tournament was third, while this year's team wound up a dismal 19th out of a 21 team tournament.

"I think we surprised some people," said Warrior coach Larry Reynolds. "We had some really good performances out of our kids, especially by Bill Painter. He did a fantastic job, and I was very satisfied with the way he wrestled. Overall, we did a lot better than I think anyone expected."

The Warriors claimed three weight class titles, one second place, one third place and three fourth place spots, a total of eight places out of a team of 12. In addition, Salamanca also won the unlimited weight class, although the class did not count in the point standings.

The Warriors were second only to Olean, second place finisher in the Salamanca Invitational and winner of the Southern Tier tournament as well as one of the top ranked teams in Western New York. Olean captured six weight class titles, including the 91 pound class, and finished with a place in all but three classes, winding up with two seconds and two fourth places.

Salamanca and Olean were the only teams with more than one weight class winner. Remaining championships were won by Holland, Hamburg, Franklinville and Savona.

Olean wound up with 96 points in the tournament, well ahead of Salamanca's runner-up total of 65½. The Warriors had their closest competition for the runner-up spot from Holland and Hamburg, who finished third and fourth, respectively, with totals of 50½ and 49 points.

Fifth in the field was Cattaraugus, with 41 points, followed by East Aurora, with 35½ and Wellsville, with 31. The remainder of the field was far behind, with Franklinville heading up the list of lower division teams with 15. Savona was next with 13½, followed by Akron, with 9½ points, Bishop Walsh, with eight, Gowanda, with eight, and Houghton, with no points.

Three teams that had received invitations to the tournament were unable to compete. They were Panama, Cuba and Grand Island.

Winning tournament championships for the Warriors were John Callen, at 115 pounds, Tom Ciolek, at 141 pounds, and Joe Roosa, at 180 pounds. Dona Nolet won the unlimited title. Painter was second at 148 pounds while Ward Wheeler claimed third place at 135 pounds, and Ricky Ray, Jay Weitzel and Joe Conlan fourth places. Ray was fourth at 122 pounds, Weitzel at 129 pounds, and Conlan at 101 pounds.

Painter's performance, however, was the standout Warrior performance of the tourney, despite the fact that he wound up as a tourney runner-up. Painter came within just over two minutes of winning not only a tournament championship, but undoubtedly the outstanding wrestler trophy as well.

Unseeded at 148 pounds, Painter, who came into the tournament with a 1-10-1 record, moved through the first round by scoring a 3-2 decision over third seeded Bob Stone. In the first round Saturday, he guaranteed himself one of the top four spots in the class by pinning Franklinville's Jay Gunner in 4:26.

The pin moved Painter into the semifinal round against Akron's Floyd McNutt, the number two seed of the weight class and a wrestler with a 10-1-2 record coming into the tourney. A second period reversal and predicament gave Painter a lead that he

managed to hang on to all the way through the third period and a 4-3 decision to put him in the finals against Hamburg's Mike Phillips.

Phillips got the opening takedown in the finals, but Painter reversed to tie the score at 2-2. Phillips then escaped for a 3-2 lead. Starting down in the second period, Painter was awarded a violation point to tie the score, then escaped to grab a 4-3 lead and give Warrior fans more to cheer about. With just over half a minute left in the period, however, Phillips regained the lead by scoring a takedown to make it 5-4, then picked up an escape and takedown to sew things up in the third period en route to an 8-4 decision.

Had Painter managed to beat Phillips, the top seed in the weight class, he would have undoubtedly received the outstanding wrestler award. The award was presented to Olean's Jim Diehl, winner at 101 pounds. Runners-up in the voting were Callen and Holland's Jay Snyder, the only wrestler to pin his way through the tournament.

Callen's championship at 115 was a somewhat disappointing one. Breezing through the preliminary rounds, Callen wrestled a tough match against East Aurora's Bob Mahoney in the semifinals to earn a 4-3 decision. Against Crean, who had a somewhat easier time making it through the early rounds, things proved to be just as tough.

Neither wrestler scored in the first period, with Callen getting the up position to start the second. Callen was unable to do much more than ride in the period and Crean was unable to come up, thus leaving the score tied at 0-0 going into the third period. Callen wasted no time in coming up from underneath to score the first point of the bout, then shot a successful takedown to go ahead by a 3-0 count. Crean hit a stand-up after the takedown and was tripped to the mat almost immediately thereafter by Callen. That move aggravated a knee injury and the bout was stopped. Olean coach Mike Foster then withdrew Crean to prevent further injury to the knee.

The knee injury had forced Crean to forfeit both semifinal and consolation rounds in the Salamanca tourney. The default came with 1:21 left in the bout and left both wrestlers wishing that the bout could have been completed.

At 141, Ciolek got off to a slow start against Randy Miller, Cattaraugus, but put on an outstanding exhibition of strength in the second and third periods to roll to an easy 19-7 decision.

Miller got the initial takedown and was credited with a three point near fall early in the first period, but Ciolek came back with a reversal and predicament before sliding too high and getting reversed back to make it a 7-4 bout. Ciolek then reversed for two more and this time moved into a bar arm combination that resulted in a three point near fall to give him the lead. Miller never scored again as Ciolek put him on his back for nearly the entire second period, then reversed and picked up five more back points in the third period.

Roosa was also a surprise winner for the Warriors, dumping second seeded Mike Martinelli via pin in his initial bout, then rolling up a 16-1 major decision over Ron Stein in his second to advance to the final round. Wrestling Mike Wilson, Roosa survived a slow start and came up with a big finish for an 11-6 decision.

Wilson, who decided to top seeded Shaheen Simon, Olean, in the quarter-finals, scored on a first period takedown, and two second period escapes while Roosa managed a first period escape and second period takedown to make it 4-3 going into the final period. There Roosa reversed, scored on a predicament, gave up an escape, came back with another takedown and finished with a predicament before giving up a meaningless predicament near the end of the bout.

Wheeler decided John Downey, East Aurora, by a 3-2 count on an escape and a takedown in the second period for third place.

The Warriors will return to action Tuesday by hosting Maple Grove.

FINAL RESULTS:

91 — Jennings (O) pin Davis (G), 5:18; 101 — Diehl (O) dec. Dan Skiver (W), 7:0; 108 — Tingle (F) dec. Schrader (Ho.), 13:0; Callen (Sal) by default over Crean (O); 122 — Meyers (O) dec. T. Downey (E), 9:5; 129 — Bushnell (O) dec. Diaz (Ho.), 10:0; 135 — Leitch (Ho.) dec. Zittel (Ha.), 12:4; 141 — Ciolek (Sal) dec. Miller (C), 19:7; 148 — Phillips (Ha) dec. Painter (Sal), 8:4; 158 — Morton (O) dec. Mott (W), 16:8; 170 — Snyder (Ho) pin Simon (O), 2:23; 180 — Roosa (Sa) dec. Wilson (Ha), 11:6; HWT — Smith (Sav) dec. Ihle (EA), 12:10; Unl. — Nolet (Sal) pin Hall (Sav), 1:05.

Final team standings: Olean 96; Salamanca 65½; Holland 50½; Hamburg 49; Cattaraugus 41; East Aurora 35½; Wellsville 31; Franklinville 15; Savona 12½; Akron 9½; Walsh 8; Gowanda 8; Houghton 0.



TOURNEY WINNERS — Place winners in the Franklinville Invitational Tournament over the weekend include, front row (l-r): Jay Weitzel, fourth at 129 pounds; Ricky Ray, fourth at 122 pounds; and John Callen, first at 115 pounds. Back row: Bill Painter, second at 148; coach Larry Reynolds; Dona Nolet, unlimited champion holding the team trophy for second place; Joe Roosa, 180 pound winner; and Tom Ciolek, 141 pound champ. The second place finish by the Warriors was one of the top performances by a Salamanca team in tournament competition in recent years. (Press Staff Photo)

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Russell will refuse shrine induction

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BOSTON (AP) — Bill Russell, All-American, pro basketball superstar, the first black coach in major league sports and an apparent fun-loving guy on television commercials, continues as a maverick when it comes to personal honors.

In his first year of eligibility, Russell was named during the weekend to the National Basketball Hall of Fame, a shrine near the founding of basketball in Springfield, Mass.

When asked his feelings about the honor, Russell, now general manager and coach of the Seattle SuperSonics in the National Basketball Association, said Saturday night he would refuse induction.

"For my own personal reasons, which I don't want to discuss, I don't want to be a part of it," Russell said.

The reaction of the 6-foot-9 former Boston Celtics star, who revolutionized pro basketball with his defensive wizardry, caught few observers in his old pro hometown by surprise.

Russell quit as player-coach of the Celtics in 1969 after leading the team to its 11th NBA title in his 13 years with the club. Later, when he was doing commentary on national telecasts, the Celtics decided to retire his No. 6 during one of his visits to Boston, a Sunday afternoon game.

Russell refused to take part in a public ceremony which included raising a flag with his old number to the rafters of Boston Garden. The retired numbers of such former Boston greats as Bob Cousy, Bill Sharman, Tommy Heinsohn, Frank Ramsey and many others dangle.

However Russell wanted nothing to do with a public show. He finally agreed to attend the flag-raising — before the Garden doors were opened for the game. Only a handful of people were on hand. The general public, the paying fans, came in later to see No. 6 hanging from the rafters.

Now Russell is planning to give a cold shoulder to the Hall of Fame, which currently has only 94 individual members and four teams.

"You can't refuse induction, but as far as going through with initiation, that is a different thing," Russell said.

Voted into the Hall of Fame with Russell were three old timers, Joseph Brennan, a pro star from 1919-36 and St. Francis of Brooklyn coach from 1941-48; the late Emil S. Liston of Baker (Kan.) University, coach and founder of the National Association of Intercollegiate basketball, and Indiana legend Robert "Fuzzy" Vandiver.

All four are scheduled for induction into the Hall of Fame at a ceremony April 28. And, despite Russell's statements, Hall

executive director Lee Williams expects him to be there.

"All I know is what I've heard," Williams said. "I talked to him in January and then I talked to him twice during the

NBA All-Star Game in Phoenix. I asked if we could expect him and he said he'd be here. I sent him a confirming letter, but I have not had man-to-man contact with him since."



Midnight deadline for baseball arbitration filing

NEW YORK (AP) — Midnight tonight is the deadline for major league baseball players, dissatisfied with their 1975 contract offers, to file for arbitration hearings.

In this second year of having an impartial arbitrator settle contract disputes, more than 20 players have submitted their contracts for arbitration, according to the latest word from Marvin Miller, executive director of the Major League Baseball Players Association.

Today is the day pitchers Clay Carroll and Don Gullett of the Cincinnati Reds will decide whether they will file for arbitration. Their attorney, Jerry Kapstein, planned to meet again today with the Reds' management after failing to reach agreement Sunday. However, he said, "We're confident we can work it out. Everything was very positive."

Meanwhile, Miller has refused to name the players who have submitted their contracts to arbitration but he did say there are "quite a few from Oakland again." Nine members of the A's, world champions for three straight seasons, went to arbitration last year.

Many more of owner Charles O. Finley's players reportedly are unhappy with their 1975 contracts and apparently are headed for arbitration. They include such standouts as slugger Reggie Jackson, who won a \$35,000 raise in arbitration last year, Joe Rudi, Gene Tenace, Bert Campaneris, Ken Holtzman and Vida Blue. Five A's won at the arbitration table last year and four lost.

At least three members of the Atlanta Braves — National League batting champion Ralph Garr and pitchers Buzz Capra and Tom House — reportedly are

set for arbitration. Minnesota's Rod Carew, the American League batting king, pitcher Pat Dobson of the New York Yankees and pitcher Ray Sadecki of the St. Louis have filed for arbitration.

Others reportedly set for arbitration include second baseman Bobby Grich of Baltimore, outfielder Johnny Briggs and pitcher Tom Murphy of Milwaukee and pitcher Don Carriethers of Montreal.

The hearings are set for New York, Chicago, Los Angeles and San Francisco starting Wednesday with the arbitrator choosing either the player's or the owner's figures. There is no compromise.

Swiss girl dominates Deaf Games

LAKE PLACID, N.Y. (AP) — A 16-year-old Swiss girl and the Russian Nordic skiers dominated the VIII World Winter Games for the Deaf, which ended here with an awards ceremony Saturday.

Helen Sonderegger won three gold medals, winning the women's downhill ski race Wednesday, the slalom Thursday and the giant slalom Friday. Her slalom time was slightly faster than that of the winner of the male division.

Russian athletes swept the first three places in the men's and women's cross country skiing on the final day of competition.

About 200 deaf athletes from 14 countries competed at the Olympic Arena in this northern New York resort community.

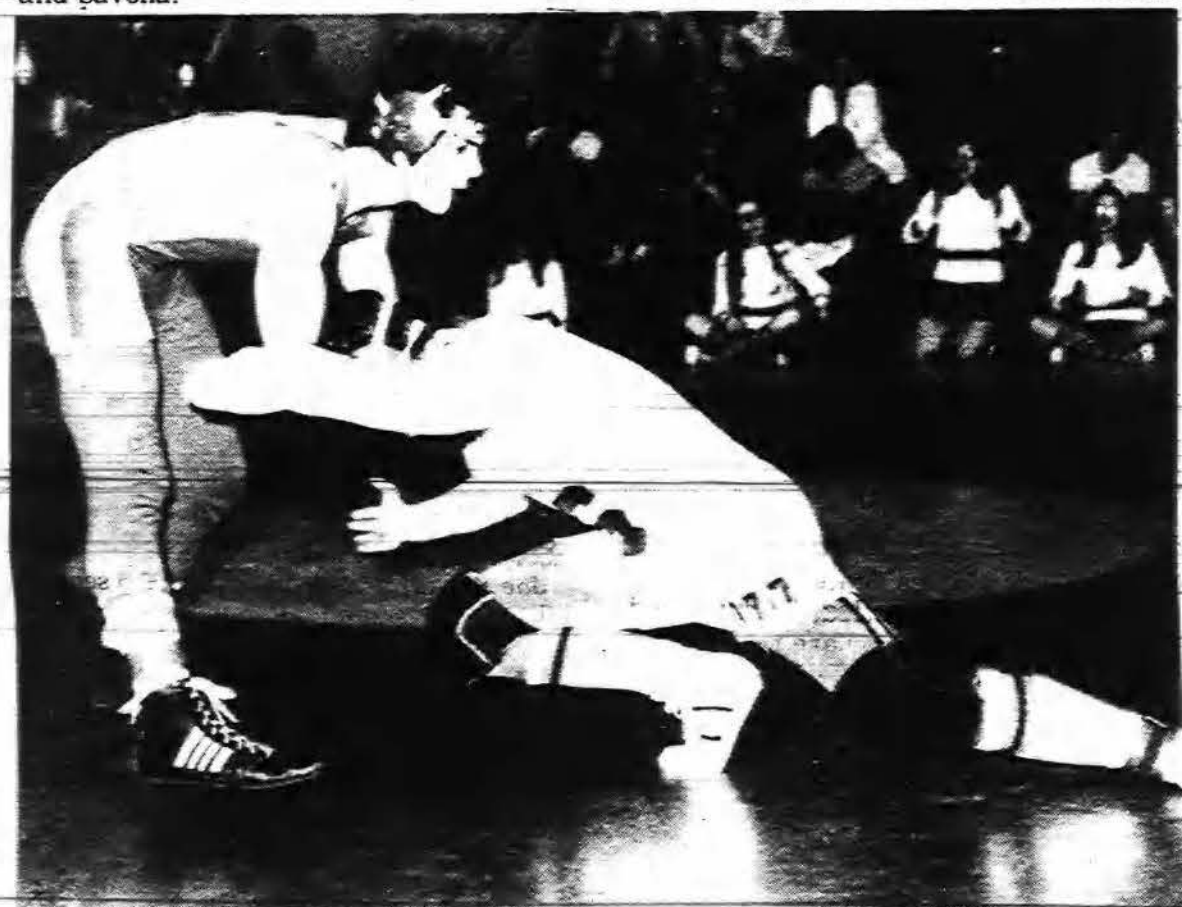
The participants enjoyed the event according to Laura Viscome, a local reporter. "They were so busy talking to each other with hand signals that they weren't always looking at what was going on."

An unofficial medal count showed the Russians with 16, Finland and Switzerland with six each and Norway five.

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SHOOTING FOR THE LEGS — Salamanca's Joe Roosa (light jersey) shoots for a double leg takedown against Ron Stein, Cattaraugus, in their semifinal bout at 180 pounds. Roosa breezed to an easy 16-1 win over Stein, then went on to win the weight class championship as he scored an 11-6 decision over Hamburg's Mike Wilson in the finals. (Press Staff Photo)

Salamanca pin lead challenged

Salamanca's lead in the Cattaraugus County High School bowling league has again been challenged by Olean as Olean came up with a strong performance Saturday to narrow the gap to just four and a half points at Central Lanes.

Salamanca opened strong, coming up with a 1008 in the opening game, but Olean was number one after that, coming up with totals of 985 in the second and 984 in the third for a 2925 total, the high for the day.

Salamanca, meanwhile, slumped from their opening game to a 964 in the second, then a dismal 793 in the third game, the worst game in the third set. With the big opening game, however, Salamanca managed to finish second in total pins with 2765.

Individually, Olean's Pat Piccioli hit a 528, with Wayne Doty turning the team high single, a 190. For Salamanca, Ron Stone rolled a 202 high single and Mike Nosal a strong 336 series for top team honors. Nosal's total was the best of the

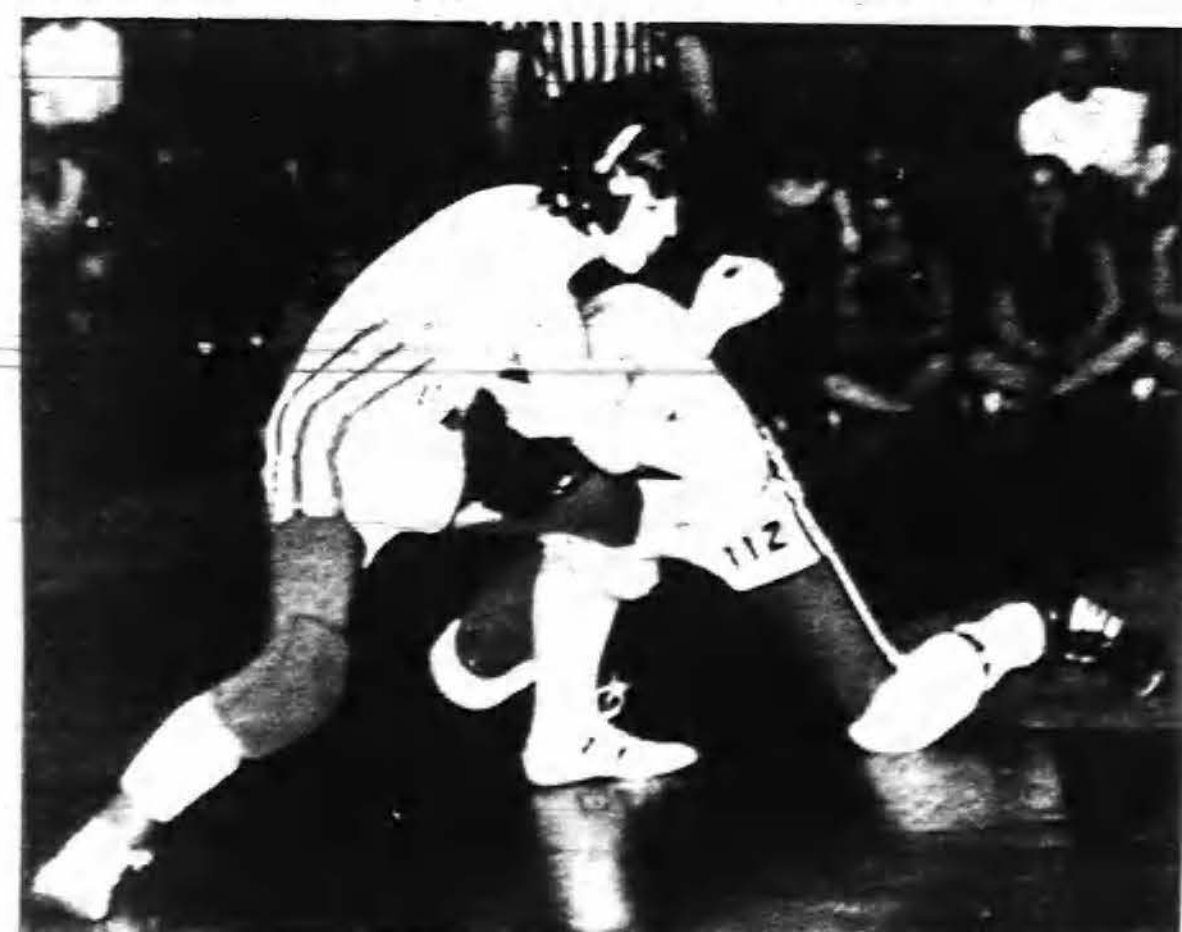
day in the league.

Other individual team leaders were Louie Lifcolum, who rolled a 205 high single and 513 series for Cattaraugus; Dennis Hintz, with a 154 high single, and Harold Watt, with a 390 series, for Ellipticville; Tim Phillips, with a 215, and Randy Benjamin, with a 493, for Franklinville; and Bernie Dempsey, with a 184 single and a 464 series for Walsh.

Cattaraugus	888	870	905	2643
Ellipticville	775	812	810	2393
Franklinville	926	903	866	2695
Olean	956	985	984	2925
Salamanca	1008	964	793	2765
Walsh	850	911	794	2555

Salamanca	Standings	77	23
Olean		72½	27½
Walsh		44	56
Cattaraugus		43	57
Ellipticville		37½	62½
Franklinville		26	74

Three members of Michigan State's varsity hockey team come from Grand Rapids, Mich. They are Kelly Cahill, Tim McDonald and Mark DeCenzo.



TAKEDOWN — Salamanca's John Callen (on bottom) works a single leg takedown in the third period of his bout with Olean's Dave Crean in the 115 pound finals of the Franklinville Tournament. Callen, who escaped just before shooting the takedown, was ahead by a 3-0 count when Crean was forced to default due to a knee injury, giving Callen the weight class championship. Crean had decided Callen in a previous meeting, 2-1. (Press Staff Photo)



TYING UP — Salamanca's Bill Painter (light jersey) tied up with Hamburg's Mike Phillips in their championship bout at 148 pounds in the Franklinville tourney Saturday night. Painter, who upset both the second and third seeded wrestlers in the weight class en route to reaching the finals, came close to making it a rough upset by knocking off Phillips, but was decided by an 8-4 count to finish second. (Press Staff Photo)