

Warriors finish second in sectional tournament

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A valiant effort on the part of the Salamanca Warriors fell just short Saturday night in the Division VI wrestling sectionals at the high school gym.

The Warriors, turning in their best performance ever, wound up falling five points short of tying for the 1975 sectional title and only five and a half points short of winning it.

With two bouts remaining, the Warriors had a shot at overtaking Falconer, the eventual winner, but heavyweight Chuck Meissner was pinned by Akron's Ken Huebert and Dona Nolet was decided, 4-0, by Royalton-Hartland's Doug Harrington.

Falconer won the championship with 96½ points while the Warriors were second with 91½. Newfane, the defending sectional champ, was third with 86½ points.

Rounding out the field were Roy-Hart, with 44½, Akron, with 35, Wilson, with 28½, Gowanda, with 21, and Fredonia, with 9½.

Despite the second place finish, the tourney was still a highly successful one for the Warriors. The 91½ points set a new school record for most points scored in a tournament, breaking a mark established by the 1970 team, which compiled 88 points in winning the Franklinville Tournament. The second place finish also marked the third time that a Warrior team has finished as the runner-up in sectional competition. Last season's team was third, finishing behind second place Falconer and champion Newfane.

"I was pleased with our performance, there's no question about that," said first year coach Larry Reynolds. "I would have liked to win it, but I think we surprised a lot of people by coming as close as we did. I'm

really proud of this team. The team worked hard all season and they did a good job."

But while the team finished second, there was a considerable amount of consolation in the naming of John Callen as the tournament's outstanding wrestler.

Callen, a senior, won the 115 pound weight class by scoring a 7-1 decision over Falconer's Howard Nutt, the number two seed in the weight class. He dominated the bout from the start, scoring the initial takedown, then picking up an escape point early in the second period. Callen followed with a takedown to make it 5-0, but gave up an escape to allow Nutt his only points. The escape was followed by another Callen takedown to close out second period scoring, and Callen rode Nutt for the entire third period to cruise to the win.

In the first two rounds, Callen scored a pin over Nick Arrigo, Gowanda, in 5:43, then pinned Akron's Tom Burke in the semifinals in 3:35.

The championship was Callen's second tournament title this season. He was the 115 pound winner in the Franklinville Tournament two weeks ago. Callen finished third in the conference tournament at 119 pounds and was upset in the first round of the Salamanca tourney.

The Warriors also won a sectional championship at 141 pounds, where Tom Ciolek pinned Newfane's Andy Haney in the first period. Ciolek finished as runner-up in outstanding wrestling voting.

Haney, who was fourth seeded in the tourney, had been impressive in the opening rounds, scoring a 1-0 decision over Falconer's Roger Overend, a highly-regarded wrestler, then in topping top-seeded Pat Shoup, Roy-Hart by a 3-0 count in the semifinals.

Against Ciolek, however, Haney really had no chance. Ciolek scored a first round major decision over Ron Wilson, Wilson, 17-2, then pinned Akron's Jim McNutt in the semifinals in 2:31. In the finals, Ciolek shot a quick takedown, threw a bar arm, then ran it to put Haney on his back inside 45 seconds. Getting Haney's shoulders down for the count took a little longer, but

with six seconds still showing, the referee's hand hit the mat to signal the fall. The Warriors nearly picked up a third title, but at 166 pounds, Mike Newark lost a tough 10-6 decision to Newfane's Dave Talladay. Newark, the defending champion in the weight class, gave up four costly points in the first period and was unable to get them back. Talladay scored when he hit Newark with a takedown that dropped Newark on his back for a predicament and a 4-0 lead. Newark got back one on an escape.

In the second period, Newark reversed to cut the gap to one at 4-3; but Talladay escaped, then came up with another takedown and a predicament to push to a 9-3 lead. Starting up in the third period, Newark turned Talladay over, but despite keeping him on his back for over a minute, was unable to get the pin. That left Newark with just three for the near fall, and Talladay was able to roll through for an escape to sew the victory up.

Falconer finished with four weight class champions, winning at 129 pounds, where John Ognibene decided Newfane's Scott Barnes, 13-5, at 148 pounds, where Mike Karvey decided Gowanda's Brian Mazurek, 11-6, at 158, where Barry Cassevooy decided Roy-Hart's Mike Connette, 7-3, and at 170, where Pat Johnson pinned Roy-Hart's Ted McElhinney in 5:01.

Newfane, in addition to the 108 pound championship, won titles at 101 pounds, where Bob Talladay pinned Gowanda's Jeff Davis in 1:43, at 135, where Terry Taylor decided Falconer's Frank Nutt, 12-3, and at 180, where John Aiken decided Wilson's Bob Schruise, 7-4.

Other weight class champions were Brad O'Brien, Fredonia, who decided Fritz Quakenbush, Roy-Hart, 6-4 at 91 pounds; Wilson's Tony D'Angelo, who pinned Falconer's Joe Ribauda at 122; and Huebert and Huntington at heavyweight and unlimited.

The successful Warrior finish was largely due to a strong team performance, which saw 12 of 13 wrestlers advance to the semifinal round. The only member of the team to get eliminated in the first round was Jim O'Rourke, who had the misfortune to draw Johnson in the opening round. Johnson, the top seeded wrestler in the class, pinned O'Rourke in the second period. He also pinned Newfane's Dave Chambers in the semifinals to finish as the only wrestler to pin his way through the tourney.

Joe Conlan was the first to advance, scoring an opening round pin at 101 pounds before losing by pin to Davis. Conlan had a cradle on Davis when he was ruled to have pinned himself. He finished third with a 15-0 win in the consolation round.

At 122 pounds, Ricky Ray picked up a first round pin, then lost to D'Angelo. He came back to score an 11-3 decision in the consolation round. At 129, Jay Weitzel scored an 8-0 overtime decision in the first round, lost to Ognibene in the semifinals, then picked up a 4-2 overtime win to place third in the consolations.

Ward Wheeler finished fourth at 135 when he lost a tough 5-2 decision in the consolation round. He scored a pin in the first round, then lost to Taylor in the semifinals.

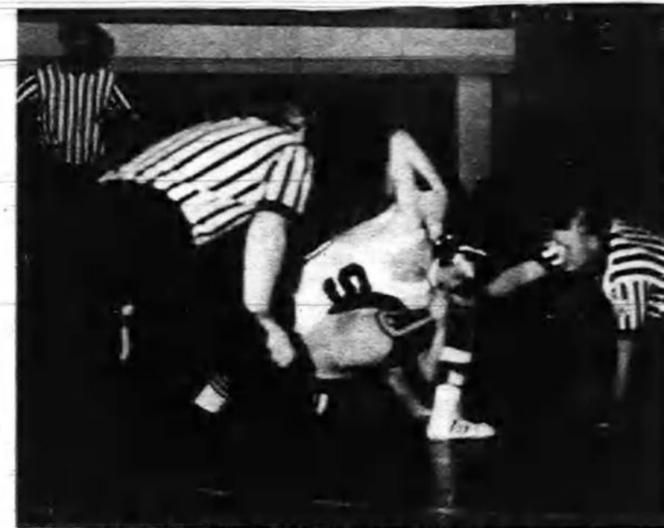
Bill Painter closed out his career with a strong finish at 148 pounds, taking third with a 4-2 decision in the consolation round. After going 1-10-1 in his first 12 bouts, Painter turned in a 6-3 slate in his final nine matches.

Todd Flinchbaugh finished third at 158 with a 5-1 consolation decision, while Joe Roosa was fourth, dropping a 4-1 decision

in the consolations. All sectional winners and runners-up now advance to the intersectional qualifiers, which will be held next weekend at Sweet Home High School. Winners there will advance to the New York State tourney, which will be held the following weekend at Onondaga County War Memorial Stadium in Syracuse.

- Championship Round**
- 91: Brad O'Brien, Fredonia, decided Fritz Quakenbush, Roy-Hart, 6-4.
 - 101: Bob Talladay, Newfane, pinned Jeff Davis, Gowanda, 1-43.
 - 108: Dave Talladay, Newfane, decided Mike Newark, Salamanca, 10-6.
 - 115: John Callen, Salamanca, decided Howard Nutt, Falconer, 7-1.
 - 122: Tony D'Angelo, Wilson, pinned Joe Ribauda, Falconer, 1-41.
 - 129: John Ognibene, Falconer, decided Scott Barnes, Newfane, 13-5.
 - 135: Terry Taylor, Newfane, decided Frank Nutt, Falconer, 12-3.
 - 141: Tom Ciolek, Salamanca, pinned Andy Haney, Newfane, 1-54.
 - 148: Mike Karvey, Falconer, decided Brian Mazurek, Gowanda, 11-6.
 - 158: Barry Cassevooy, Falconer, decided Mike Conette, Roy-Hart, 7-3.
 - 170: Pat Johnson, Falconer, pinned Ted McElhinney, Roy-Hart, 5-01.
 - 180: John Aiken, Newfane, decided Bob Schruise, Wilson, 7-4.
- HWT: Ken Huebert, Akron, pinned Chuck Meissner, Salamanca, 3-11.**
- Unl: Doug Huntington, Roy-Hart, decided Dona Nolet, Akron, 4-0.**

- Consolation Round**
- 91: Jay Perchy, Gowanda, pinned Bill Tobin, Akron, 3-25.
 - 101: Joe Conlan, Salamanca, decided John Moley, Wilson, 15-0.
 - 108: Jeff Sopak, Falconer, pinned Doug Thompson, Wilson, 3-43.
 - 115: Ken Meuse, Newfane, decided Tom Burke, Akron, 3-0.
 - 121: Ricky Ray, Salamanca, decided Frank Westgate, Newfane, 11-3.
 - 129: Jay Weitzel, Salamanca, decided Ross Conly, Fredonia, 4-2, in overtime.
 - 135: Jeff Eisenheimer, Roy-Hart, decided Ward Wheeler, Salamanca, 5-2.
 - 141: Jim McNutt, Akron, by forfeit over Pat Shoup, Roy-Hart.
 - 148: Bill Painter, Salamanca, decided Floyd McNutt, Akron, 4-2.
 - 158: Todd Flinchbaugh, Salamanca, decided Duncan Wood, Fredonia, 5-1.
 - 170: Dave Chambers, Newfane, decided Scott Snip, Akron, 6-4.
 - 180: Jim Pike, Falconer, decided Joe Roosa, Salamanca, 4-1.
- HWT: Dave Huntington, Roy-Hart, pinned Don Steger, Fredonia, 3-11.**
- Unl: Lyman Poodyr, Akron, pinned Dave Heckman, Gowanda, 4-44.**



LOOKING FOR POINTS — Salamanca's John Callen (light jersey) works on a combination for an inside cradle in his 115 pound bout with Falconer's Howard Nutt in the finals of the Division VI sectional tournament. Although he failed to get back points here in the first period, Callen had little trouble in rolling to a 7-1 decision over Nutt for the title. Callen was named the outstanding wrestler of the tournament. (Press Staff Photo)



Cattaraugus wins Division VIII

CATTARAUGUS — Coming up with five individual championships and getting two runner-up spots, the Big Red of Cattaraugus claimed the Division VIII sectional wrestling championship here Saturday.

Cattaraugus finished with 101 points, eight and a half points ahead of runner-up Panama. Panama won four weight class titles and finished with runners-up in two to compile 92½ points. Pine Valley was a distant third with 54½ points.

Finishing fourth in the tourney was Ripley, followed by Sherman, with 34, Frewsburg, with 28, and Franklinville, with 16. Division VIII, comprised of the

smallest schools in Section VI, has only seven teams in it. The other seven divisions all have eight teams.

Cattaraugus winners in the tourney included Ray Brown at 101 pounds, Keith Miller, at 115, Randy Miller, at 141, Bob Stone, at 148, and Jim Lange, at 158. Second place finishers were Fred Van Duesen at 108 and Jim Wilcox at 135.

Outstanding wrestler honors for the tournament went to Pine Valley's Keith Granger, one of the top ranked wrestlers in Western New York in his 135 pound weight class. Granger came into the tourney with a 20-0 record and added three wins to make it 23-0 heading for the intersectional qualifiers. He scored a first period pin over Wilcox in the finals to nail down the outstanding wrestler honors.

At 101 pounds, Brown scored a 9-7 decision over Frewsburg's Clair Ackley. Keith Miller gave the Big Red their second individual title with a 4-1 decision over Scott Lampton, but it was his older brother, Randy, who gave the Cattaraugus fans a lot to cheer about as he came up with an 11-0 upset over Panama's Gary Clark.

Clark had come into the tournament as one of the ranking wrestlers in Western New York in his weight class.

Also highly regarded coming into the tourney was Ripley's Darwin Rowe, who was sporting a record with only one loss. Rowe, the younger brother of a wrestler who went to the state tourney several years ago, was decided by Stone, 4-0. Lange's win came when Panama's Tim Davis defaulted due to an injury.

In the 91 pound weight class, Sherman's Steve Eard decided Tim Eddy, 7-0. Tim Mullard, Panama, decided Van Duesen, 9-3, at 108. Panama picked up another title at 122, where Steve Preston scored a 10-0 decision over Sherman's Stan Harper.

At 129 pounds, Pine Valley's Gerry Reynolds decided Frewsburg's Ron Spontaneo, Roger King, Panama, pinned Ripley's Gary Davis at 170 pounds in 4:14.

while Ed Westerlund, Panama, pinned Franklinville's Ed Decker in 2:50 of their bout at 180 pounds. At heavyweight, Randy Maring of Sherman decided Ripley's Larry Bahl, 10-2.

For Cattaraugus, both Millers, Van Duesen and Stone competed in the intersectional qualifiers last season. Winners and runners-up from the sectional tourney advance to the qualifiers, which will be held this weekend at Sweet Home High School. Winners in that tourney will advance to the state tournament, which will be held March 7 and 8 in Syracuse.

Final team standings: Cattaraugus 101; Panama 92½; Pine Valley, 54½; Ripley 40; Sherman 34; Frewsburg 28; Franklinville 16.

RESULTS

91: Card (S) dec. Eddy (R), 7-0; 101: Brown (C) dec. Ackley (Frank), 9-7; 108: Mullard (P) dec. Van Duesen (C), 9-3; 115: K. Miller (C) dec. Lampton (PV), 4-1; 122: Preston (P) dec. Harper (S), 10-0; 129: Reynolds (PV) dec. Spontaneo (Frew), 3-0; 135: Granger (PV) pin Wilcox (C), 1-54; 141: R. Miller (C) dec. Clark (P); 170: King (P) pin Davis (R), 4:14; 180: Westerlund (P) pin Decker (Frank), 2:50; HWT: Maring (S) dec. Bahl (R), 10-2.



SECTIONAL TITLE UPCOMING — Salamanca's Tom Ciolek (light jersey) presses down on Newfane's Andy Haney in the championship bout at 141 pounds in Saturday's Division VI wrestling sectionals. Ciolek, using a bar arm and chest-to-chest, pinned Haney in the first period to claim the sectional title. Ciolek was one of the runners-up in the outstanding wrestler voting. He came up with two pins and a major decision in the tourney. (Press Staff Photo)

Portville edges Maple Grove for Division VII championship

PORTVILLE — The Portville Panthers, despite winning only three sectional championships, edged the Maple Grove Dragons here Saturday to win the 1975 Division VII sectional wrestling title.

Portville finished with 97½ points, eight and a half more than Maple Grove, second with 89. Allegany was third with 53, followed by Westfield with 44.

Heading up the second division was Randolph, with 32½ points, followed by Cassadaga Valley, with 24, Holland, with 23, and Silver Creek, with 16.

Portville's Terry Miller paced the team as he won the 141 pound title by coming up with a 6-3 decision over Maple Grove's Greg Wefing in the tourney finals. Miller was named the outstanding wrestler of the tourney for his performance.

Other Portville winners were Randy Mohr at 122 pounds, and Joe Swanson, at 135 pounds. Swanson, a defending sectional champ, was the outstanding wrestler in the sectionals last year.

Mohr's title came on a win over Maple Grove's Rick Goodell, a 3-0 decision, while Swanson pinned Westfield's Ken Stacy in 46 seconds in the finals for his sectional crown.

In addition to the three titlists, Portville had five other wrestlers in the finals. Maple Grove placed seven wrestlers in the finals, excluding Bari Hallberg at 91 pounds, and won five titles. Hallberg decided Randolph's Dan

Emke, 5-0, for the 91 pound crown for a successful defense of his title. The weight class is not figured in the team scoring, however.

At 101 pounds, Cleo Caskey gave the Dragons their second title as he scored a 9-0 decision over Randolph's Dave Fellows. Seth Becker, 105 pound champion in the Salamanca Invitational, won the sectional title as well by scoring a close 1-0 decision over Portville's Jim Payne.

Dan Woodfield won for the Dragons at 115 pounds as he decided Westfield's Darrell Stebbins. After Mohr gave Portville a win at 122, Dave Butler turned things back to the Dragons by winning at 129. Swanson and Miller then won for Portville, and were followed by Tim Prince, who gave the Dragons their final title with a 2-0 decision over Terry Schulz of Randolph at 148 pounds.

The Portville-Maple Grove duel was finally broken at 158 pounds as Cassadaga Valley's Brian Meder scored a 1-0 decision over Tim Hannon. Portville's Holland's Jay Snyder picked up an overtime decision over Tom Sutter at 170 pounds. At 180, Allegany's John Dincher decided Randolph's John Hoffman, while Don Schoonover, Allegany, pinned Portville's Dave Nease at heavyweight. The win marked the fifth time this season that Schoonover has beaten Nease.

Maple Grove finished fourth in the Salamanca Invitational and was ranked for most of the season, but losses to Salamanca and Portville in the final week of the campaign knocked the Dragons off the Western New York Sportswriters Association poll. Portville, the only undefeated team in the Southern Tier, finished with a fifth place ranking on the poll. The Porters were 15-0 during the season, with wins over Olean and Maple Grove ranking as their biggest of the season.

Final team standings: Portville 97½, Maple Grove 89, Allegany 53, Westfield 44, Randolph 32½, Cassadaga Valley 24, Holland 23, Silver Creek 16.

RESULTS

91: Hallbert (MG) dec. Emke (R), 5-0; 101: Caskey (MG) dec. Fellows (R), 9-0; 108: Becker (MG) dec. Payne (P), 1-0; 115: Woodfield (MG) dec. Stebbins (W), 7-0; 122: Mohr (P) dec. Goodell (MG), 3-0; 129: Butler (MG) dec. Frost (P), 6-0; 135: Swanson (P) pin Stacy (W), 0-46; 141: Miller (P) dec. Wefing (MG), 6-3; 148: Prince (MG) dec. Schulz (R), 2-0; 158: Meder (CV) dec. Hannon (P), 1-0; 170: Snyder (H) dec. Sutter (P), 4-0 in overtime; 180: Dincher (A) dec. Hoffman (R), 6-2; HWT: Schoonover (A) pin Nease (P), 5-31.

Olean wins sectional championship

EAST AURORA (Special to the Press) — A key decision by Olean's Rich Morton in the 158 pound weight class finals over Iroquois' John Reichart boosted the Olean Huskies to the 1975 Division IV sectional wrestling title here Saturday at East Aurora High School.

Morton, one of ten Olean wrestlers in the finals, gave the Huskies enough of a margin to overcome Dave Simon's loss to Dunkirk's Kevin Long in the 170 pound weight class, where Simon was the final Huskie wrestler in the championship round.

Olean finished with 114½ points, five more than the total logged by Iroquois, 109½.

Cheektowaga finished third with 58½ points, followed by Dunkirk, with 37½. East Aurora, with 37, Cleveland Hill, with 24, Depew, with 23½, and Grand Island, with 13.

Olean, despite getting ten wrestlers into the finals, including Ed Jennings at 91 pounds, managed to come up with only two championships. Jim Diehl came up with a decision at 101 pounds over Ron Dashner, Cheektowaga, to match Morton's.

Iroquois, with six wrestlers in the finals, won five championships, losing only Reichart to Morton at 158. Rick Rothfuss decided Bruce Meyers, Olean, at 122 pounds; Paul Kemmerer decided Olean's Tom Bushnell at 129 pounds; Tom Wheeler decided Olean's Doug Van Brunt at 148 pounds; and Bryan Smith decided Dunkirk's Mike Steffan at heavyweight.

Rothfuss, who finished fourth in the Salamanca Invitational Wrestling Tournament, was named the outstanding wrestler of the tourney after beating Meyers, who was the outstanding wrestler of the Salamanca tourney.

The tourney was the third tourney won by Olean this year. Olean also won the Southern Tier Wrestling Conference tourney in December and claimed the Franklinville Invitational tourney two weeks ago. The Huskies finished second in the Salamanca tourney.

Other Olean finishers were Jennings, second at 91, Steve Tripodi, second at 108, Kevin Forrest, second at 115, and Chris Leichtweis, second at 135.

Long was the only wrestler to win sectional title in the tournament after having won a championship in the Salamanca tourney.

Pioneer rolls to crown with seven titles

ALBION (Special to the Press) — The Pioneer Panthers, the top ranked team in Western New York, turned in an unequalled performance here Saturday as they won the Division V sectional title.

Despite the presence of acknowledged wrestling powers Southwestern and Medina in the tourney field, the Panthers came up with seven weight class championships and breezed to the championship with 137 points. Medina was a distant second with 91½, followed by Southwestern with 89½.

The remainder of the field included Starpoint, Albion, Eden, Alden, and Troit. Winning for Pioneer were Dan Mason, at 91 pounds, Doug Keenen, at 101, Kyle Grunwald, at 122, Dale Rogers, at 129, Doug Tingle, at 135, Gary Devin, at 148, and Keith Stearns, at 158. The 91 pound weight class did not count in the scoring.

Stearns, who is rated as the premier wrestler in Western New York, was voted the outstanding wrestler of the tourney.

In addition to the first place finishes, Pioneer also claimed a pair of seconds, Keith Floyd at 105 pounds, and Dan Hackett, at 170 pounds. Floyd lost a decision to Southwestern's Greg White, one of four Trojan winners. Also winning titles for Southwestern were Dave Becker at 141 pounds, Dave Galando at 180 pounds, and Kurt Linske, at heavyweight.

Pioneer, the defending sectional champ, was the winner in the Salamanca Invitational Wrestling Tournament. Stearns, Devin, Rogers, Tingle and Keenen were all champions in that tourney.

Pioneer's 137 points were the most scored by a team in this year's sectional competition.

Eagles will play Steelers in exhibition

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — The Philadelphia Eagles open a six-game National Football League exhibition season Aug. 9 by playing the Super Bowl champion Pittsburgh Steelers at Three Rivers Stadium.

The Eagles announced their 1975 preseason schedule Sunday. It includes two home games, against the Cincinnati Bengals and New England Patriots.

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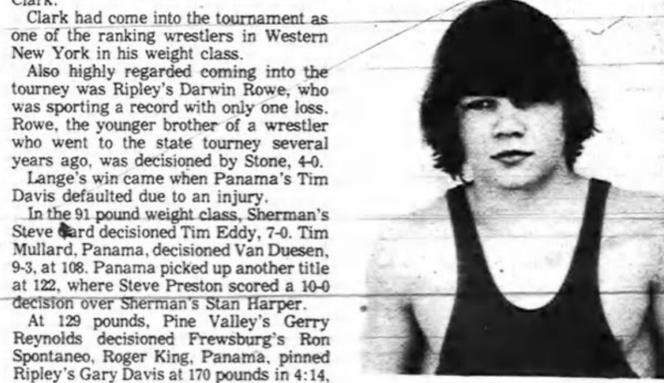
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TENNIS

DETROIT — Evonne Goolagong topped Margaret Court 6-3, 3-6, 6-3 to take the \$75,000 Detroit Women's Pro Tournament.

BARCELONA, Spain — Topseeded Arthur Ashe of Richmond, Va., swept past Sweden's Bjorn Borg 7-6, 6-3 in win the singles title in the World Championship Tennis Green Group tournament.

BOCA RATON, Fla. — Topseeded Jimmy Connors captured a \$30,000 men's tennis tournament with a 6-4, 6-2 victory over Germany's Jurgen Fassbender.

FORT WORTH, Tex. — Australian John Alexander beat Dick Stockton 7-6, 4-6, 6-3 for the singles title in the Fort Worth World Championship Tennis tournament.

LA COSTA, Calif. — Rod Laver captured the singles crown of the \$60,000 La Costa tennis Classic with a 6-2, 6-2 victory over Allan Stone.