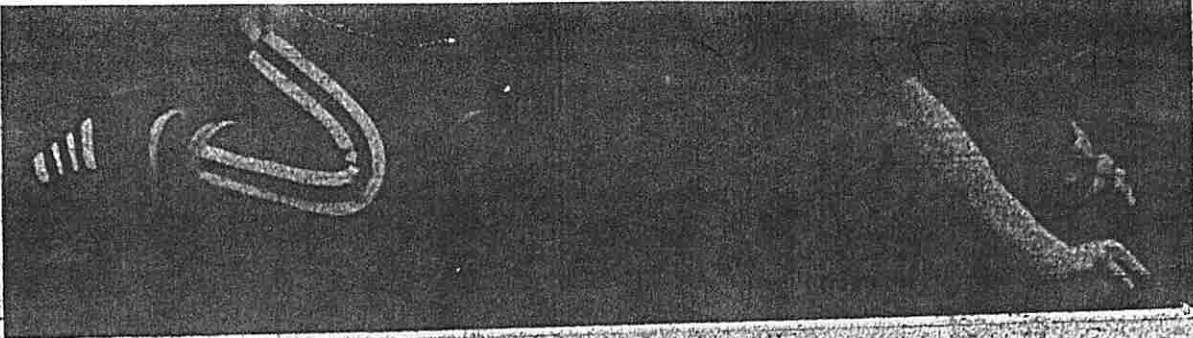


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COUNTY WRESTLING — (Top) MVP, Mark McVay of Pembroke ties up Mason of Holley. (Middle) Mark Passage of Alexander drives on Than Nguyen of Pembroke. (Bottom) Ron Karn of Byron-Bergen attempts to break down Gould of Lyndonville.

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Pembroke Pulls No. One At County Tourney

Pembroke wrestlers were ready to prove that they are number one in Genesee Region and that is what they did. Claiming 93½ points, Pembroke grapplers established themselves as number one. Byron-Bergen, vying for that slot, came in second place. Pembroke also captured MVP. 98-pound Mark McVay landed that honor with a pin in

5:12. Points in ranking order for the tourney: 93½, Pembroke; 81½, Byron-Bergen; 73½, Alexander; 71, Holley; 58½, Lyndonville; 37½, Kendall; 36, Pavilion; 28½, Elba; 7½, Barker. Finals scoring: 94, Passage (Alex) dec. Nguyen (Pem), 6-0; 98, McVay (Pem) pin Mason (Hol), 5:12; 108, Eddy (Alex)

dec. Johnson (BB), 12-0; 115, Coppola (Pav) dec. Green (Ken), 14-3; 122, Engert (Hol) dec. Liles (BB), 6-5; 129, Graham (Pem) dec. Torcello (Pav), 8-0; 135, Karn (BB) dec. Gould (Lyn), 9-2; 141, Bentley (Lyn) pin Watkins (Ken), 4:24; 148, Tupper (Pem) dec. Brasferlet (Lyn), 4-3; 155, Veech (Hol) pin OT Taft (BB), 1:53; 167, Ryan (Elba) dec. Pangrazio (BB), 11-0; 177, Czepezka (Pem) dec. Spring (Alex), 8-5; HW, Catlin (Hol) pin Coughlin (Elba), 2:41; UNL, Carker (St. School Blind) pin Webster (Lyn), :34.

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Tie Marks Phil's Birthday List

NEW YORK (AP) — Some New York Rangers players gathered around Phil Esposito's bench in the dressing room, singing an off-key chorus of happy birthday while the coach of the Detroit Red Wings fumed down the hall. "The puck hit the top part of the mesh and bounced out," snorted Coach Larry Wilson. He referred to Dennis Hextall's deflection of a Dennis Polonich shot, which would have broken a 2-2 tie with 12:35 remaining in the National Hockey League game. "Nobody's going to tell me it wasn't a goal." Then a newsman tried to tell

benefit of 20-20 hindsight, the play was one of the keys in the Rangers' 3-2 triumph over the Red Wings Sunday night. Just over three minutes after the shot didn't go in, Esposito netted his second goal of the game to celebrate his 35th birthday. "That goal hurt us," said Wilson, still letting off steam. "When the left defenseman is going one-on-one with Esposito, you don't want him to back in, you want to force him to the sideboards. Esposito's not stupid; he just used the defenseman (Jean Hamel) as a screen and scored. A bad play by the defenseman."

There were few surprises at the tournament. Some of the outstanding contests included: Tupper of Pembroke's last second take-down to defeat Brew (BB) in the semi-finals; Schmieder of Alexander losing to Coppola of Pavilion, but the big match of the day may have been at 177, Czepezka of Pembroke downing Spring of Alexander, an outstanding grudgematch.

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