

★ Shaffer fourth, injured Hadsell sixth —

Section 5 wrestlers in best showing for 2nd

By JOHN BAGSHAW

SYRACUSE — Section 5, paced by a record-setting performance by 119 pound Robin Parker of Caledonia-Mumford and the efforts of McQuaid's diminutive duo, 91 pound champion Rick Salamone and 105 pound fourth place finisher John Smallridge, racked up an impressive 154 points but still trailed powerful Section 8 (Nassau-L.I.) to finish second among the state's eleven sections in the 14th annual Intersectional Tournament at the Syracuse War Memorial.

Despite its highest point total ever, Section 5's chances for the top spot disappeared following the semifinals when the Nassau county grapplers advanced eight men to the finals. They went on to win five championships and amass a record 194 points. It was Section 5's third second place finish in the nine years they have competed. They have never won the title.

Parker, Caledonia-Mumford star lightweight, etched his name permanently in the state record book as he pinned his way to the 119 pound title. In winning all four of his bouts by fall, Parker posted the maximum point total possible under the new scoring system, 26. Unless there are further changes in scoring, that total may be equaled but never surpassed.

The "cradle throwing wizard" began his quest for the state title Friday night with a preliminary win over Phil Jackobellis (Tappen Zee-9) at 3:37 and a quarterfinal pin of Joe Trathen (Madrid-Waddington-10) in 1:44. He continued Saturday afternoon with a semifinal pin in 3:47 over Howie Berger (Neskayuna-2) to set up a return bout with favored Mike Pirozzi of Huntington.

Parker entered the finals with a season record of 29-1. The lone loss was a 16-3 thumping at the hands of Pirozzi in the Spencerport Tournament finals. Parker demonstrated immediately that this was a "new day" as he threw a cradle on the takedown for a 5-0 lead. It was a wild battle. Thirty seconds later Parker trailed 10-5.

Parker's cradle is difficult to describe. It is often referred to as a "flying cradle." He throws it on the move and from any position, on the takedown, from the bottom, and especially while in the process of being reversed. As long as he has a chance at his favorite hold, he has absolutely no fear of exposing his own back to the mat, a point proven by the fact that he was trailing 18-13 when he ended the bout at 4:29, 31 points scored in just over two periods of wrestling.

Parker's great performance was rewarded at the close of the tournament. His remarkable feat of four pins in four bouts was proclaimed over the public address system and he was called to center stage to receive the huge trophy awarded each year to the state's outstanding wrestler.

Section 5's only other champion came in the evening's first bout. Tiny Rick Salamone of McQuaid capped a brilliant year by capturing the 91 pound state title with a 6-4 decision over Lindsay Biagini of Massapequa (Section 8). Salamone had advanced to the finals with a 15-0 superior decision over Bob Buscher (Westlake-1) in the quarterfinals and a 7-3 win over tough Joe Petrucci of Brentwood-Ross (11) in the semi-finals.

He becomes the state's first parochial school wrestler to capture a title since parochial schools were admitted to state-wide competition two years ago. With the 105 pound Smallridge taking fourth, McQuaid scored 31 points to capture fifth place in the individual team standings. Huntington took the team title with 75 points. They brought an unprecedented eight wrestlers to the state tournament.

The Wayne-Finger Lakes Conference's three-man delegation, though achieving results far less than anticipated, nevertheless performed admirably under some very trying circumstances.

Chris Shaffer, Waterloo's undersized 250 pound participant, finished fourth while Canandaigua's injury-plagued Robert Hadsell took sixth at 132. Roy Lang of Wayne fell victim to the tournament's "chance" pairing system and did not place.

Shaffer got off to a flying start Friday night. In the preliminary round he pinned Tom Fiacco (Massena-10) in 3:55. He followed with a 54 second job on Rance Davis of Bishop Ludden (Sec. 3) in the quarter-finals. Shaffer's win over Davis was announced during the closing ceremonies as the fastest pin of the tournament.

Shaffer's opponent in Saturday's semifinal round was eventual winner Mike Rosenbauer of Huntington and it was in this bout that Shaffer's lack of weight may have cost him a chance at the championship. Normally a 215 pounder, Shaffer, now approximately 220, scored a first period takedown over the heavier Rosenbauer and was in the process of increasing his lead with a second period escape when Rosenbauer dumped him directly to his back, scoring a pin at 3:05. It was a move he probably would not have attempted against an opponent of equal weight.

In the wrestle-backs, Shaffer defeated Lou Tomaso (Hudson-2) 6-2 before losing in the consolation finals, 3-1 on a last second takedown by Ed Hannan of Nanuet.

Hadsell, touted in the official program as one of the pre-tournament favorites, came to Syracuse with a torn knee cartilage suffered in last week's battle with Chuck Partridge. Though he competed heavily taped, Hadsell's injury did not appear to be a factor in his tough 2-1 loss to a co-

favorite Doug Tingue of Pioneer (Sec. 6) in the preliminaries. It was another of the tournament's unfortunate pairings. Tingue was runnerup in the same weight class last year.

Hadsell rolled to an 11-1 win over Jay Clemons (Peru-7) in Friday night's first round of wrestle-backs, but reported for Saturday's action with no strength in his fast-swelling knee. He eked out a 5-4 win over Rick Foster of Elmira Free Academy before losing 8-3 to Joe Giani of Huntington in a match that saw Hadsell's knee visibly give out on him several times. That was enough for Canandaigua coach Weldon Canough. He informed Section 5 chairman Don Quinn that he was pulling Hadsell out of the consolation finals, thereby forfeiting a chance for a fifth place finish.

This writer spoke with Hadsell several times during the tournament, but not once did the proud competitor mention his injury. Information on the injury was obtained from his family and coach. Hadsell returns to his doctor today and surgery is anticipated.

It was a sad ending for one of the area's all-time outstanding wrestlers. Hadsell closes a three year varsity career with a mark of 91-6-1.

Wayne's Lang had perhaps the unluckiest draw in the pairings. Thought by many as a serious threat for the 155 pound title, Lang was pitted against the highly touted John Martineck of Lancaster (Sec. 6). Martineck came to the state tournament with a single loss to mar an otherwise perfect record. That loss was administered by Lang, a 6-5 decision in the Spencerport tournament finals.

Martineck gained revenge with a hard fought 3-1 preliminary round win and went on to take the championship. Lang, unable to shake off the effects of the disappointing loss, suffered a lackluster 2-0 defeat at the hands of Dom Macchia (Island Trees-8) and did not place.

Three Section 5 wrestlers placed second. Mike Fuller of Warsaw (112), Dave Stulpin of Spencerport (145) and John Kinley of Webster-Thomas (215) lost in the finals. Battling through the wrestle-backs to take third place were 98 pound sophomore Don St. James and 177 pound Steve Rosa, both from Sperry. Greg Locke of Arcadia took fifth.

Warsaw's Fuller suffered the most heartbreaking defeat of the tournament. Fuller, who last week amazed Section 5 fans by sweeping aside such proven 112 pound wrestlers as Tom Buckley of Caledonia-Mumford and Dave Halladay of Fairport, continued with three straight wins and still entered the finals as a prohibitive underdog.

He was pitted against the incomparable Mark Iacovelli of Ithaca. Iacovelli, a national AAU champion, is

only a junior, yet is already being hailed as the greatest wrestler the state has ever produced. He has a high school career record, with a full year remaining, of 98-1-1.

It was a stunned crowd that watched the gummy Fuller battle Iacovelli to a 2-2 draw and force an overtime. A roar of disbelief went up as Fuller scored a takedown to take a 2-0 lead.

There then occurred a controversial referee's call that drew thunderous boos from the crowd. The aggressive Fuller applied the "guillotine" and stretched mightily in an effort to turn Iacovelli toward his back. Wrestling fans have seen this position hundreds of times.

The referee is always in a position to protect the defensive wrestler's arm. This referee was caught too far from the wrestlers and frantically blew his whistle to stop action, signaling a "potentially dangerous hold." Before action resumed, he changed his call to "illegal hold" and awarded Iacovelli one point. This brought the crowd reaction. Iacovelli went on to score a last second reversal and win the match 3-2.

Fuller drew an ovation from the crowd at the awards presentation while Iacovelli was greeted with another round of boos, an unfortunate incident. He is indeed a superlative athlete and undeserving of such a response. He was of course not responsible for the referee's call.

The summary:

Section Scoring — 1. Section 8 (Nassau) 194, 2. Section 5 (Rochester) 154, 3. Section 11 (Suffolk) 148, 4. Section 1 (Westchester) 101, 5. Section 4 (Southern Tier) 96, 6. Section 6 (Buffalo) 96, 7. Section 3 (Syracuse) 88, 8. Section 7 (Plattsburgh) 28, 9. Section 10 (St. Lawrence) 0.

Team Scoring — Huntington (11) 75, Mt. Vernon (1) 67, Pioneer (6) 37, Massapequa (8) 34, McQuaid (5) 31.

91-Rick Salamone (McQuaid-5) decisioned Lindsay Biagini (Massapequa-8) 6-4, 98-Bob DeStefanis (Locust Valley-8) decisioned Mike Nock (Dear Park-11) 5-2, 105-Bob Bury (Calhoun-8) decisioned Brad Farnham (Chenango Forks-4) 5-0, 112-Mark Iacovelli (Ithaca-4) decisioned Mike Fuller (Warsaw-5) (2-2) 3-2 of, 119-Robin Parker (Caledonia-Mumford-5) pinned Mike Pirozzi (Huntington-11) 4:29, 126-Kyle Grunwald (Pioneer-6) decisioned Steve Cavayero (Bellmore-Kennedy-8) 8-3, 132-Jim Stattery (Island Trees-8) decisioned Doug Tingue (Pioneer-6) 5-1.

138-Mike Koob (Union-Endicott-4) decisioned Mark Blair (Jordan-Elbridge-3) 10-3, 145-Lee Spiegel (Mephram-8) decisioned Dave Stulpin (Spencerport-5) 4-3, 155-John Martineck (Lancaster-6) decisioned Bucky Smith (Mt. Vernon-1) 6-1, 167-Tony Crawford (Mt. Vernon-1) decisioned Mike Ponzio (West Genesee-3) 6-1, 177-Joe Lidowski (West Babylon-11) decisioned Horace Perry (Mt. Vernon-1) 4-2, 215-Steve Insalaco (Farmingdale-8) pinned John Kinley (Webster-Thomas-5) 2:58, 250-Mike Rosenbauer (Huntington-11) pinned Tom Pierzza (Massapequa-8) 5:50.



Lady leadfoot

Arlene Hiss, in car 51, pursues Tom Frantz in the front straightaway in the U.S. Auto Club's Jimmy Bryan 150. Ms. Hiss, the first woman to compete in a USAC championship car race, finished 14th and won \$1,580. Bobby Unser won the race. (UPI).

Rome driver wins Dogwood

MARTINSVILLE, Va. (AP) — Jerry Cook of Rome, N.Y., went in front on the 184th lap Sunday and coasted home with a two-lap victory in the Modified second half of the \$75,485 Dogwood 500 Classic doubleheader at Martinsville Speedway.

The triumph by Cook followed a closer finish in the earlier Late Model Sportsman race, in which L. D. Ottinger of Newport, Tenn., took the lead on the 247th lap and held off four challengers.

Eight caution flags for 71 laps held Cook's speed in a Pinto to 60.594 miles per hour as he won his fifth career victory over the local half-mile track.

There were four lead changes among four drivers with pole-winner Don "Satch" Worley earning the \$1,000

bonus for leading the most laps—150. Worley wrecked his car and finished 19th.

The victory earned Cook \$6,300.

Two laps back of Cook were Brian Ross of Ballston Spa, N.Y., in a Pinto and Charlie Gazler of Westhaven, Conn., in a Monza. Harry Gant of Taylorsville, N.C., was fourth in a Gremlin and Melvin Chilton of Eden, N.C., fifth in a Colt.

BOWLING

NEW ORLEANS — Louie Moore of Columbus, Ohio, defeated Don McCune of Munster, Ind., 218-204 in the championship match to win the \$65,000 New Orleans Open Bowling Tournament.

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