

Geneva has three champs, Reds get one —

York cops Newark wrestling title

NEWARK—York, Geneva and Webster Schroeder came up with three individual champions each but York managed enough other points to cop the Newark wrestling tournament championship, Saturday.

York, which won with Butch Falls at 132 pounds, Bill Vascianne at 138 and Todd Read at 145, finished the meet with 132 points, edging host Newark by four points. The Reds had just one champion, 119 pound Norm Mayville.

Auburn, with Andy Gianniano winning at 98 pounds and Jim Dunster at 215 pounds, wound up third with 97½ points while Geneva finished fourth with 94.

Tom Morocco at 105, Ray Watt at 112 and Terry Jahn at 126 pounds, copped individual titles for the Panthers.

Led by Chuck Pignato at 155 pounds, Jim Mooney at 167 and Tim Neyland at 177, Webster Schroeder finished fifth with 92½ points. Penn Yan, with 39 points and Pavilion with 25, rounded out the tournament field without individual winners.

Vascianne was voted the tournament's outstanding wrestler in the tournament after beating two-time defending champion John Guchone of Newark in the finals 6-1.

Morocco had to go to overtime to post a 4-0 victory over Jeff Palermo of Newark in the 105 pound finals, Palermo coming up with a late third period takedown to knot the regulation score at 4-4.

Watt, after a first round bye, had to beat the No. 2 and No. 1 seeds to win the 112-pound title. He made top seeded Dave Vascianne a 7-3 victim in the final.

Mayville was seeded third when he dropped from 126 to wrestle at 119 pounds, but was easily the class of the division, scoring a pin, an 11-0 win and then beating top-seeded Mark Greene of Auburn 9-1 in the final.

Jahn scored a first period takedown and that was the difference in the final bout at 126 pounds as the Geneva wrestler posted a 2-0 victory over Chip Hendrickson of York.

Top seeded John Guchone of Newark failed in his bid to become a three-time champion when he lost to Falls in a wild 13-9 match.

Other area wrestlers reaching the finals were John Scalzo of Geneva, a 6-1 loser to Gianniano of Auburn at 98 pounds, Dave Quinn of Penn Yan who

was pinned at 5:56 by Read of York in the 145-pound finals, and Bart Howlett of Newark, a 10-6 victim of Webster's Neyland at 177 pounds.

The finals' summary:

98—Andy Gianniano (A) decisioned John Scalzo (G), 6-1. 105—Tom Morocco (G) decisioned Jeff Palermo (N), 4-0 (ot). 112—Ray Watt (G) decisioned Dave Vascianne (Y), 7-3. 119—Norm

Mayville (N) decisioned Mark Greene (A), 9-1. 126—Terry Jahn (G) decisioned Chip Hendrickson (Y), 2-0. 132—Butch Falls (Y) decisioned Chris Avery (N), 13-9.

138—Bill Vascianne (Y) decisioned John Guchone (N), 6-1. Todd Read (Y) pinned Dave Quinn (PY), 5:56. 155—Chuck Pignato (WS) won by default over Robb Donnan (Y). 167—Jim Mooney (WS) pinned Bob Granato (A), 5:42. 177—Tim Neyland (WS) decisioned Bart Howlett (N), 10-6. 215—Jim Dunster (A) decisioned John Allie (WS), 7-1.

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Shepherd

By Norm Jollow



I hadn't seen Jim Upper since he left Hobart College in 1973. The one-time athlete and former basketball and baseball coach at Hobart has been back in the area on a number of occasions, but our paths never crossed.

Saturday, I ran into him twice.

As I sat at the scorer's table covering the Hobart-St. Lawrence game, Saturday afternoon, I spotted the still young looking Upper at what probably was his first Hobart event since he turned in his baseball uniform after the 1973 baseball season.

At halftime and after the game, we had a chance to chat and he is still considering a facetious occupation he planted on me when he announced in resignation in February, 1973.

"I'm looking for a job as a shepherd," he said then.

It hasn't come to that yet and it probably never will, because the one-time athlete now is putting his economics education to work. He started out in the concession stand business in Atlantic City and has since branched out quite a bit, setting up costume jewelry spots in a number of stores around the East. He's considering operating in service post exchanges.

Meanwhile, he and his family are living in Ft. Lauderdale where Jim and his wife, Carol are now very much into tennis. "We play every day," he says.

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Being in Florida in the winter is one of the pluses Jim Upper has now that he's no longer coaching a winter sport in the North.

That's a plus, too, for an athlete, notes Upper, who points out that athletes playing outdoor sports in the South, such as baseball, tennis and golf, have a big advantage over northern athletes.

He noted that one of his sons has in 30 Little League games by the time the season ends late in May.

And, of course, when you can play tennis practically year round, you have a big edge over your northern counterpart, who can only play outside a few months a year.

It was noted that a lot of indoor tennis courts are now springing up in the North, but as Upper pointed out, those places cost money, so that not everyone can learn to play tennis well, year round.

Upper could sympathize with his successor, current basketball coach Jack Flowers, after the Statesmen were blown out of their own gym by the Saints of St. Lawrence on Saturday afternoon.

"I can imagine just what he was going through," said Upper at halftime, happy that he is out of it now.

Flowers, perhaps, could envy Upper after the 97-72 loss by the Statesmen, admitting that he was "real discouraged."