

Warrior grapplers crush Wellsville for third win

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WELLSVILLE — Forfeit wins at the top and bottom of the lineup sandwiched a

start



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takedown because it gives you the advantage. Our wrestlers aren't afraid to stick their noses in there to get it. It's a sign of aggressive wrestling, and it's the kind of wrestling you need to win meets."

In their three meets thus far, the Warriors have dominated in takedown scoring. Of the 32 takedowns credited in the meets, Salamanca has scored on 24 while opponents have managed to get the takedown only eight times, a 3-1 Warrior advantage.

ON THE BASKETBALL SCENE, area teams have fared poorly against non-league competition in the Cattaraugus County C League. Of the seven teams in the loop, four have played in outside competition and only one team, Cattaraugus, has come up with a win. Ironically, the Big Red has yet to win in conference action.

Action last night by league teams saw both Little Valley and Ellicottville drop their second non-league games. Limestone was also dealt a setback in a non-league contest.

Limestone will have a chance to avenge that loss Thursday as they play host to Oswayo Valley, the team that beat them last week, while Franklinville, Hinsdale and Little Valley each have a non-league game upcoming before the Christmas break with a chance to even up the score.

A TIP OF THE HAT TO MY FRIEND Bob Curran of the Buffalo Evening News, who came up with a really great seasonal pun.

With Ron Santo, of the Chicago Cubs, the first player to invoke the new rule on trading players who have ten years of service, five with the same club, will that

strong performance in between as the Salamanca High School wrestling team chalked up its third victory in as many starts here Tuesday night by crushing the Wellsville Lions, 44-10.

Mark Sartori got a forfeit win as the Lions did not have a wrestler to compete at heavyweight, while Charlie Cappelino picked up another forfeit victory for the Warriors when the Wellsville 98-pounder failed to make weight. Of the remaining ten wrestlers who did compete, for Salamanca, eight brought home victories,



GUILLOTINE — Tom Ciolek (light jersey) applies an effective guillotine on Glen Hall in the third period of their 145 pound match en route to picking up a three point near fall and a 9-6 decision. Ciolek overcame a 6-4 deficit early in the third period as he reversed Hall and added the near fall. The Warriors won the meet, 44-10.

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two by pin and two by major decision.

"I was extremely pleased with everyone tonight," said George Whitcher, Warrior coach. "Both the varsity and the junior varsity did a great job, and I think that everyone put out a full effort."

With seven of the Warriors coming into the meet undefeated, Cappelino and Sartori easily added to their skeins while the remaining five did likewise. Ward Wheeler, the starting 138-pounder for the squad, also got into the victory circle for the first time.

Wheeler came into the meet with a pair of losses via a pin by an experienced Gowanda wrestler the first time out and a close 3-2 decision loss to Allegany.

He more than compensated for those two setbacks, however, in his match with John Newton. Getting credit for the takedown in the initial period, the 2-0 lead held up as he took the down position for the start of the second. He immediately reversed Newton to pick up two more points, then put him on his back to get another two points credit for predicament.

Newton rolled into Wheeler to break up the pinning combination, but Wheeler returned with a strong cross face to come up with the fall with 44 seconds left.

Salamanca's other pin came at 177, where Jack Hager surprised Steve Mingus with a surge of strength in the third period. Hager gave up the first two points of the match as Mingus got the takedown, but he evened things up by reversing, then added two more points for predicament in the second period as he broke Mingus down from the referee's position and put him on his back.

Starting the third period in the down position, Hager just out-wrestled and out-toughed his opponent. A sit-out maneuver worked for the reverse and was quickly followed by a combination of effective moves to get the fall with 1:30 left in the match.

Mike Newark opened the on the mat scoring for the Warriors at 105 as he recorded a major decision over a wiry Steve Van Skiver, 11-0. The match was the first for Newark in which he did not win by pin, although he was credited with a three point near fall and a predicament in the first period and a two-point near fall in the second. John Fitzgerald followed with a 22-3 major decision at 112 over John

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Horton, getting a near fall in the first and third periods and a total of eight points for predicament.

A strong first and second period by John Callen enabled him to pull out a close, 10-9, decision over Wellsville's George Carter at 119. Callen got the takedown and a near fall in the first period and added a reverse and predicament in the second and third, but was reversed by Carter early in the final period. Carter got an effective combination, but Callen kept his shoulders from the mat and consequently gave up only three points.

Other Salamanca winners were Pete Newark, at 126, who made a two point predicament in the second period hold up for a 2-1 decision; Tom Ciolek, a 145, who picked up five quick points near the end of his match on a reversal and a near fall to turn a 6-4 deficit into a 9-6 victory; and Jim O'Rourke, at 167, who made good on an escape move from the down position with only 30 seconds left in his match to chalk up a 6-5 win.

The Warriors lost at 132, where Guy Mattison pinned Art Jacobson on a quick whistle, and at 155, where Mark Mott decisioned Bill Painter, 11-1.

In speaking about Mattison, Coach



SQUEEZE PLAY — Jack Hager (light jersey) puts the squeeze on Steve Mingus in the third period of their 177 pound match just prior to rolling him on his back to get credit for a pin. Hager's victory was one of two pins recorded by the Warriors Tuesday night as they crushed Wellsville, 44-10, to go to 3-0 on the season.

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Whitcher pointed out both his strength and his skill. "We expected him to wrestle at 138," he said, "and Art wasn't prepared to meet him. That kid (Mattison) is a horse. I don't think he's going to lose much this year."

Salamanca again came out on top in recording initial takedowns. Of the nine that were credited in the meet, five went to the Warriors, with a sixth, credited to Glen Hall over Ciolek, questioned by Whitcher.

Now 3-0 on the season, the Warriors will be competing in the Southern Tier Wrestling Conference Tournament this weekend at Southwestern. The next dual meet will be next Tuesday, as the Warriors return home to host Jamestown.

98: Cappelino (S) win by forfeit; 105: M. Newark (S) dec. Van Skiver, 11-0; 112: Fitzgerald (S) dec. Horton, 22-3; 119: Callen (S) dec. Carter, 10-9; 126: P. Newark (S) dec. Cornell, 2-1; 132: Mattison (W) pin Jacobson, 2-30; 138: Wheeler (S) pin Newton, 3-16; 145: Ciolek (S) dec. Hall, 9-6; 155: Mott (W) dec. Painter, 11-1; 167: O'Rourke (S) dec. Murphy, 6-5; 177: Hager (S) pin Mingus, 4-30; Hwt.: Sartori (S) win by forfeit.

Exhibition matches: Lorenz (W) dec. Conlan, 15-12; Bialaszewski (S) dec. Richardson, 5-0; Smith (S) dec. Robbin, 6-2; Little (S) dec. Thompson, 11-2; Finchbaugh (S) dec. Egbert, 17-0.

Referee: Ray Kruk.