

Mustang Wrestlers Win N-O Championship



TITLE BOUND--The Mustang matmen chalked up a perfect season in league competition this winter. The two action shots

taken earlier show the official indicating a pin for Dave Maiorana (top), and Jesse Balcerzak in action (below).
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MIDDLEPORT — The Medina High wrestlers ended Newfane's three year strangle hold on the Niagara-Orleans crown by winning the All-League tourney here on Saturday.

The Mustangs, who finished the regular season league schedule with a perfect 6-0 record, just outpointed Newfane 156-147½ in the All-League meet to win the championship outright.

Medina finished the all day meet with four individual champions, Tim Menz (94), Mike Morley (122), David Maiorana (170) and Pete Crandall (180).

Newfane, though, bettered MHS in that category with five individual champions: Calvin Swanson (101), Russ Scrufari (108), Brian Murray (135), Paul Marshall (158) and Pete Russell (218).

The winners in each weight class, along with 11 second place finishers, the so-called "wildcard" entrants, will now participate in the Section VI finals at Sweet Home High next weekend. The winners there will advance to the state finals.

It will be a return trip to the sectionals for Menz, Mike Morley and Maiorana. Morley earned a second place finish in the sectionals as a junior last year while Maiorana, a junior, took a third and Menz, just a sophomore, finished fourth last year.

Maiorana, who pinned e Kelly of Wilson in the all-league finals Saturday, will take a 27-2 season record into the sectionals. Menz and Morley, though, have also broken the 25 victory mark this season. Menz, who won Saturday with a third period pin of Wilson's Steve Martin, is now 25-4 on the campaign while Morley, who

decided Jim Mangan, also of Wilson, in his finals is at 25-4.

Crandall became Medina's other individual champion as he registered two pins and then decided Mike Ketch 10-5 in the 180 pound finals, the match which clinched the title for the Mustangs. Crandall is 12-5 on the season.

"The tournament itself was

really close and we got a real fine team effort to win it," said Medina coach Mike Crandall.

Medina's Jesse Balcerzak (141) who lost in the finals on a referee's criterion decision to Terry Molisani of Wilson, and Tom Jakes (148) who was decided by Akron's Dan Tordy, will advance to the Sectionals at Sweet Home as wildcard entries. Tordy, a sophomore, was named the tourney's Most Valuable Wrestler.

Three other Mustangs, Theo Morley (101), Louis Pecci (218) and Jerit VanAuker (135) all earned third place finishes Saturday while John Kaderli (129) finished fourth.

The other individual champions included Peter Snyder of Akron (115), Charlie Kron of Akron (129) and Brent Buckner of Albion (250).

The final point totals from the All-League meet found Medina

with 156, Newfane 147½, Wilson 133½, Akron 101, Albion 63, Roy-Hart 52, and Starpoint 24.

Summary: 94 - Tim Menz (M) p. Steve Martin (W) 5:25; 101 - Calvin Swanson (N) d. Rusty Bauer (Ak) 7-0; 108 - Russell Scrufari (N) p. Mike Lang (RH) :46; 115 - Pete Snyder (Ak) d. Joe Sacco (Alb) 8-4 overtime; 122 - Mike Morley (M) d. Jim Mangan (W) 8-0; 129 - Charlie Kron (Ak) d. Mike Frey (W) 4-2; 135 - Brian Murray (N) d. John Lang (RH) 14-3.

141 - Terry Molisani (W) d. Jesse Balcerzak (M) referee's criteria decision; 148 - Dan Tordy (Ak) d. Tom Jakes (M) 19-1; 158 - Paul Marshall (N) p. John Knight (Alb) 4:47; 170 - David Maiorana (M) p. Joe Kelly (W) 1:22; 180 - Pete Crandall (M) d. Mike Ketch (N) 10-5; 218 - Pete Russell (N) d. Steve Schwab (RH) 18-6; 250 - Brent Buckner (Alb) p. Ed Berner (RH) 5-45.