

# Pins highlight first round of Salamanca Tournament

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In a not too surprising development, the Pioneer High School Panthers took the unofficial first round lead Friday night at the fourth annual Salamanca Invitational Wrestling Tournament.

Advancing ten of their 12 entries in the 100 pound through heavyweight classes, the Panthers picked up six pins in a round highlighted by pins.

The first round saw a total of 50 falls, the quickest coming in Cattaraugus' Brian Miller's 49 second pin of Jim Druzvik, Eden, in the 157 pound competition while Olean's Doug Van Brunt, trailing George Sheehan of Warsaw 13-5, managed to pull Sheehan over and get the fall with just five seconds left in their 147 pound bout.

When competition ended for the day, Pioneer had scored a total of 19½ team

points. Maple Grove was in second place in the standings with 13, followed by Warsaw, with 12.

Salamanca was in fourth place at the end of the round with 11 points with Cattaraugus, Portville and Olean tied for the same spot with an identical total. Falconer was next with 10½. Iroquois had 10, Southwestern 9½, Jamestown and Medina 8½, Gowanda 7½, Alden 5, Allegany 4, Eden 3 and Grand Island 2.

The only major upset of the first round at 128 pounds, where redrawn pairings matched Tom Bushnell, Olean, with top seeded Tom Flint of Warsaw. Bushnell scored on a takedown and a pair of reversals to pick up a 6-3 decision. One other seeded wrestler was also knocked out in the first round as unseeded Bob Sisley of Jamestown decisioned number

four seed Frank Little of Medina. Sisley picked up a one point escape in the third period of the 147 pound match up for the only scoring in that match and a 1-0 victory.

Each team saw at least two of its wrestlers advance. After Pioneer's ten, Falconer moved up nine wrestlers. Iroquois advanced eight and Olean and Warsaw seven each. Advancing six wrestlers were Cattaraugus, Maple Grove, Medina, Salamanca and Southwestern.

While Flint was the only top seeded wrestler to get knocked off in the first round, the remaining top seeded wrestlers had a fairly easy time of it. Mike Ognibene, Falconer, the top seed at 100 pounds, pinned Medina's Kevin Kenward in 1:20. Tom Birmingham, top seed at 107 from Eden, scored an easy 9-2 decision over Fred Van Duesen, Cattaraugus, and Mike Arnold, Pioneer, pinned Cattaraugus' Bill Graser in 1:30 of their 114 pound bout.

Pioneer's Bill Fuller, the number one seed at 121, picked up a major decision, 19-4, over Salamanca's Pete Newark to advance and after Flint's loss at 128, Phil Roblee pinned Gowanda's Al Smith in 4:43 at 134 pounds.

Roblee, Pioneer was the tournament's outstanding wrestler last year.

In the 140 pound class, top seeded Kirk Anderson of Olean pinned Grand Island's Brian Drainville in 2:47. Keith Sterns, top seed at 147 from Pioneer, pinned Salamanca's Bill Painter in 2:38, while Glen Gese, Maple Grove, scored a fall on Falconer's George Dewey in 5:54 of their 157 pound match.

Warsaw's Ed Sunderland, the number one seed at 169, pinned Rick Simmons of Grand Island in 1:17; Bill Spencer, Maple Grove, pinned Allegany's John Dincher in 5:48 at 179; and top seeded Mark Sartori, Salamanca, scored an 8-0 heavyweight decision over Jeff Roselle of Cattaraugus.

For Salamanca, Charlie Cappellino advanced in the 100 pound weight class with a 4-2 decision over Bob Pruett of Eden. Mike Newark, coming in from the outside bracket, picked up a 12-1 decision over Jamestown's Andre Carter at 107 before losing to second seeded Audie Plumley of Medina, 18-2.

John Fitzgerald, the number two seed at 114, scored a pin at 1:47 in his meeting with Allegany's Don Sherwood, and after Pete Newark's loss to Roblee, Art Jacobson decisioned Jon Wilder, Cattaraugus, 16-9 in the 128 pound competition.

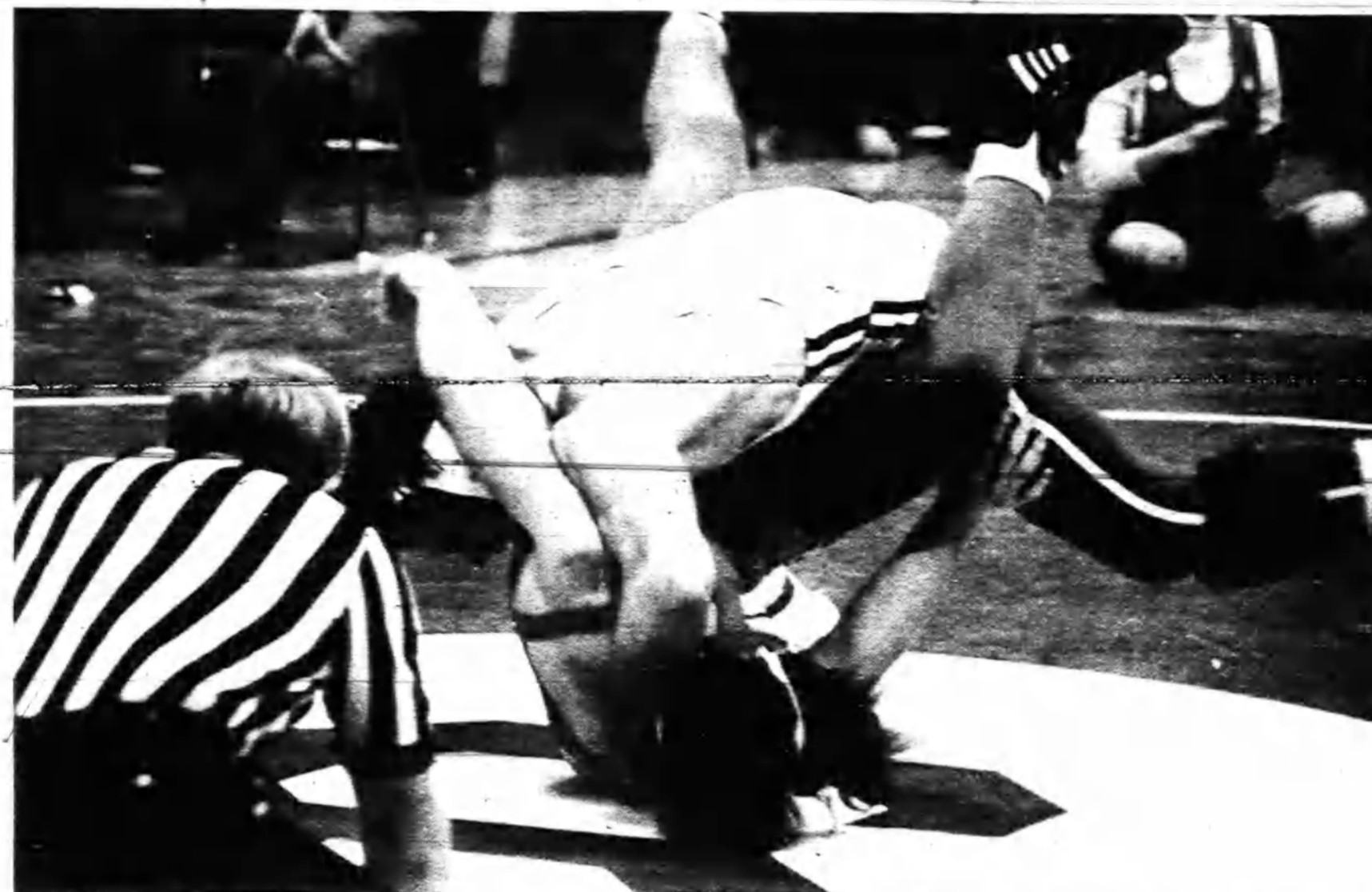
At 134 pounds, Tom Ciolek picked up a pair of wins as he came in from the outside bracket with an 8-0 triumph over Rick Stady, Allegany, then pinned Tom Wheeler of Iroquois in 4:20.

The number four seed at 140, Dan Steinbar, Cattaraugus, pinned Ward Wheeler in 3:22 despite falling behind 11-6 and Sterns pinned Painter at 147.

Dan Gołanda, Southwestern, the number four seed at 157, pinned Jim O'Rourke in 1:49 and Jeff Gross, second seed from Portville at 169, pinned Chuck Meissner in 5:00.

Second seeded Jack Hager pinned Matt McCormick, Alden, in 1:48 of their 179 pound bout before Sartori came up with his decision.

The second round of the tournament began this morning at 11. Consolation rounds are scheduled to begin at 6:30, with the finals to follow at 8:30.



**PRESSING WEIGHT** — Salamanca's top seeded Mark Sartori (light jersey) applies some weight in attempting to put Jeff Roselle, Cattaraugus, on the mat for a fall in their heavyweight bout in the first round of the Salamanca

Invitational Wrestling Tournament. Sartori failed to get the pin, but did win by an 8-0 decision. Referee is Dan Lounsbury. (Press Staff Photo)



**THAT HURTS!** — Allegany's Dave Manion shows an expression of pain as he is enveloped by a cross face wind up applied by Kim Foucha (light jersey) of Iroquois in the 107 pound competition at the Salamanca Invitational Wrestling Tournament. The combination worked for Foucha, who was credited with a pin at 3:52. (Press Staff Photo)

