

SPORTS

Matmen make surprise showing, advance eight

★ **BEMUS POINT** — Salamanca's wrestling team made a surprisingly strong showing in the opening round of the Southern Tier Wrestling Conference tournament here Friday night, advancing eight wrestlers and holding down second place in the standings.

Three of the wrestlers advancing had an easy route to the second round, with Joe Conlan moving up on a win by default at 98 pounds, while both Chuck Meissner and Dona Nolet, at heavyweight and unlimited, respectively, each had first round byes.

The rest of the team had to do things the hard way, however, on the mat. That group was spearheaded by ward wheeler, who came up with one of the major upsets of the meet, at 138 pounds.

Wrestling Southwestern's Mark Mortonsen: Wheeler claimed a 7-2 decision. Wheeler was unseeded while Mortonsen enjoyed a second seeding.

Other winners were Tom Ciolek, who came up with a decision at 145, John Callen, with a decision at 119, Charlie Cappellino, with a decision at 105, and Mike Newark, with a pin at 112.

Newark scored his fall at the 5:52 mark.

The powerhouse in the tourney is Olean. The Huskies advanced everyone to the second round, with Olean wrestlers scoring decisions over Salamanca in four weight classes, 132, over Jay Weitzel, 155, over Bill Painter, 167, over Jim O'Rourke, and 177, over Todd Flinchbaugh.

The remaining Salamanca wrestler to be eliminated was Ricky Ray, who lost to Falconer's Mike Ognibene at 126.

The team finished the first round total for second with Maple Grove with 22 points. Olean leads the standings with an almost insurmountable 44 point total.

Southwestern is fourth with 21 points, followed by Falconer, with 20½, Dunkirk, with 20, Cassadaga Valley, with 14, and Fredonia, with no points.

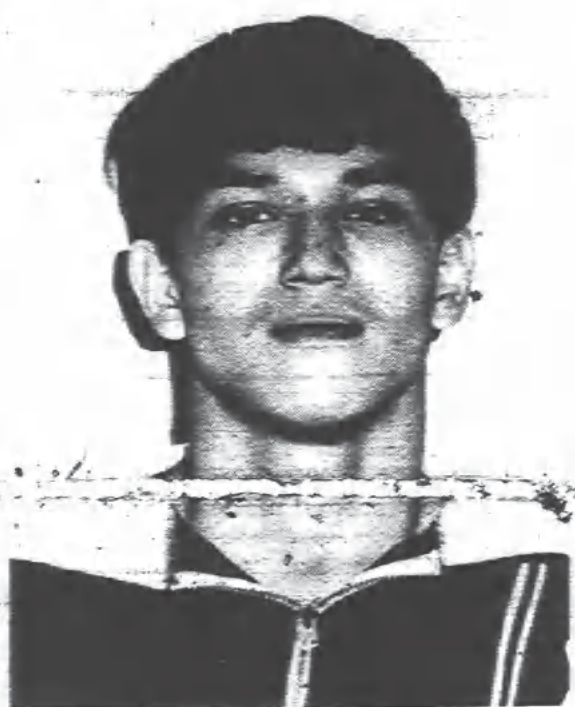
In Division II, Panama leads the standings with 27½ points, followed by Ripley, with 27, Randolph, with 26, Westfield, with 26, Sherman, with 18, Silver Creek, with 15½, Frewsburg, with 12, and Pine Valley, with 12.

Randolph's John Hoffman, the top seeded wrestler at 177 in Division II, came up with the quickest pin of tourney's first round, a 45 second fall.

Randolph advanced five other wrestlers. Dave Emke, Terry Schulz, Jordan Aiken, Rod Green, and John Andrews.

Competition resumed shortly after noon, with the consolation and final rounds scheduled to begin at 6:30 p.m.

Salamanca students wishing to go to the finals of the tourney will have the opportunity to ride a spectator bus. Students wishing to go should be at Jefferson Street School at 6:30 for departure with permission slips from their parents.



WARD WHEELER
Turns in major upset

Little Warriors tip Trojans in fouled-up game

LAKEWOOD — "It was the longest ball game I've ever coached."

That was Jim Keenen's reaction to Friday's contest here as his Salamanca junior varsity downed the Southwestern junior varsity in a game highlighted by the referee's whistle more than anything else.

The game lasted only the four regulation periods, but because of the number of times the clock was stopped for free throws and other violations, the elapsed time of the contest was an hour and 50 minutes.

A total of 58 personals were called in the game, 28 against the Little Warriors and 30 against the Little Trojans. Each team lost two players via the personal foul route, with all four leaving with their fifth personals, and both teams had a number of other players in foul trouble by the end of the game.

On the night, Salamanca took 40 shots from the foul line and hit on 22 of them while the Little Trojans put up 38 free throw attempts and connected on 18.

The key to the game, however, was the performance of Bob Paprocki. Paprocki was 'Mr. Everything' for the Little Warriors as he accounted for 30 of the Salamanca points, came up with eight steals and turned in three assists.

Paprocki hit on ten of 17 shots from the floor, a 59 per cent average, and was successful on ten of his free throw at-