

Nosebleed can't stop Waterloo's Mike Kemp

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HS wrestling

Geneva Tournament

Team scoring

Ridgway (Pa.) 202½, Waterloo 167½, Geneva 104½, Franklin 102, Rush-Henrietta Sperry 99½, Webster-Schroeder 76½, Williamson 66½, Batavia 61.

Finals

.91 — Brad Precht (Ridgway) decisioned John VanNostrand (Waterloo), 7-6. 98 — Rick Leitzel (Ridgway) decisioned Clarence Brown (Franklin), 15-10. 105 — Brian Precht (Ridgway) decisioned Rob LaRock (Sperry), 6-4. 112 — Dave Woodford (Ridgway) decisioned John Augustine (Waterloo), 11-3. 119 — Tom Parker (Geneva) decisioned Craig Strizel (Williamson), 9-6. 126 — Buzzy Lamson (Waterloo) decisioned Eli Reid (Franklin), 5-4. 132 — Mike Kemp (Waterloo) decisioned Joe Pieri (Batavia), 1-0 overtime, tied 4-4 after regulation. 138 — John Cianello (Ridgway) decisioned Mike Browne (Batavia), 14-2. 145 — Jim Quinn (Sperry) defeated Greg Eckland (Ridgway) by criteria decision, tied 4-4 after regulation, 2-2 after overtime. 155 — Jim Dawley (Waterloo) pinned Tom Rosa (Sperry), 5:32. 167 — Ricky Johnson (Franklin) decisioned Herb Shields (Williamson), 5-0. 177 — Jim Delhunty (Ridgway) pinned Tom Tomkins (Sperry), 1:40. 215 — Eric Seeber (Schroeder) decisioned John Cosentino (Geneva), 9-7. 250 — Darin Smith (Waterloo) decisioned Steve Popson (Ridgway), 11-8.

Non-league

Canandaigua 56, Sayre (Pa.) 10

91 — Joe Ricciotti (C) pinned Mark Inman, :39. 98 — Marty King (C) decisioned Jim Lee, 5-1. 105 — Dan Scheele (C) decisioned Bill Sloat, 10-2. 112 — Tom Burns (S) decisioned Don Jones, 13-4. 119 — Ron Jones (C) decisioned Lou Mastracchio, 6-4. 126 — Steve Finnick (C) decisioned Al Hoyt, 15-3. 132 — Matt King (C) decisioned Frank Duriczk, 18-4.

138 — Morris White (C) pinned Chris Solomon, 3:47. 145 — Mike Reho (C) won by default over Glen Forth, 1:25. 155 — Phil Husick (S) pinned Mark Henderson, 5:04. 167 — Bill Hadsell (C) pinned Shawn Rodgers, 1:54. 177 — Bill Condon (C) pinned Mike Minor, 5:30. 215 — Joe Kuras (C) pinned Adrian Gursline, :40.

Mynderse 28, Union Springs 20

98 — Steve Siegfried (M) decisioned Dave Pinckney, 4-0. 105 — Bill Budd (M) decisioned Pat Gillooly, 9-3. 112 — Dana Brambly (US) decisioned Steve Wenderlich, 2-1. 119 — Jay Cox (US) pinned Dan Dove, :30. 126 — Mark Giovannini (M) decisioned Joe Salato, 7-4. 132 — Doug Carter (US) decisioned Steve Thompson, 7-4.

138 — Dom Caraccilo (M) decisioned Dave Dykoschak, 5-0. 145 — Ken Tiaskun (M) decisioned Kirk Lawler, 12-7. 155 — Gary Lorenz (M) drew with Jim Mitchell, 2-2. 167 — Shawn Murray (US) pinned Dennis Riegel, 3:59. 177 — Chuck Dove (M) won by default over Mike Kirkpatrick, 215 — Dave Hauf (M) won by forfeit.

By DICK PATRICK

With all the health problems he's faced recently, Mike Kemp wasn't about to let a nosebleed — even though it was certainly no ordinary nosebleed — stop him from finishing a wrestling match Saturday night.

The Waterloo High School junior has his own motto: "The first thing is never to quit. Never quit until the buzzer."

Helped by his determination, Kemp won the 132-pound championship of the Geneva Wrestling Tournament.

When one of Kemp's routine nosebleeds became worse than normal in his championship bout against Joe Pieri of Batavia, Waterloo Coach Mickey Donnelly "was thinking about yanking Mike out." Kemp, however, insisted on continuing and was backed by his father, who left the stands to check his son's condition.

Kemp has a history of nosebleeds; since last year he has worn a mask to protect his nose. Ironically the mask contributed to his problems on Saturday. "On a takedown, the kid (Pieri) hit the mask and my nose exploded," said Kemp, who removed the mask for the rest of the bout.

Kemp's bleeding forced several stoppages of the bout, which lasted 32 minutes, according to one tourney official. "It almost didn't seem like a match — there were so many stops," said Pieri.

In between nosebleeds, Kemp and Pieri wrestled to a 4-4 tie in regulation. In the third and final one-minute overtime period, Kemp scored an escape for a 1-0 win.

"My strength was sapped," he said. "I could hardly stand up and my arms weren't moving the way I wanted."

The nosebleed was small stuff compared to Kemp's problems earlier in the season. Despite his motto, he was forced to default against Canandaigua after receiving a concussion. Taken to the hospital, he was also discovered to be dehydrated — the result of reducing from his football-season weight of 145 pounds to 119. He spent two days at Geneva General being fed intravenously.

"My skin was so tight they had trouble getting the IV in," he said. "They wanted a urine sample on Thursday night but I couldn't give them one until Friday night."

Kemp (8-2) won't be trying to make weight at 119 again, but he feels he can wrestle more effectively at 126 than 132. "I thought I was outclassed today,"



Back trouble

John Cosentino (top) of Geneva, working on a pin against Franklin's Cedric Griffin in an early-round match, finished second at 215 in Saturday's Geneva Wrestling Tournament. (Times photo by Art Foxall).

he said. "Everybody was so much bigger than I was."

To get the 126-pound berth in the Waterloo lineup, Kemp will have to beat out Buzzy Lamson, who beat out all the 126-pounders in Saturday's tournament. The two will have a wrestle-off tomorrow.

"That won't be easy to referee," said Donnelly. "They're two tough kids."

Kemp and Lamson (14-2) have split in two previous meetings this season. "The wrestle-offs are usually low-scoring," said Lamson, who decisioned Franklin's Eli Reed 5-4 in the finals. "We know each other so well, we're able to counter one another's moves. . . But it's good experience."

Waterloo had two other champions,

Jim Dawley at 155 and Darin Smith at 250, while finishing second with 167½ points to champion Ridgway (Pa.), which had 202½ points.

Ridgway, a school of approximately 600 students in grades 9-12 located 70 miles south of Jamestown, had six champions and eight finalists. The Elkers, 7-0 this season, have a winning streak of 23 dual matches and are defending District 9 Class AA team champions.

Ridgway's John Capiello (16-0) was named the tournament's Most Outstanding Wrestler. The junior is a two-time District 9 champ, roughly the equivalent of a New York state sectional champ.

Dawley (13-2) won the trophy for most pins in the least amount of time.

The senior, who won all three of his matches by pins, did not score a point in the final against Rush-Henrietta Sperry's Tom Rosa. Trailing 9-0 in the third period, Dawley caught Rosa in a reverse cradle for a pin at 5:32.

"I like to use the cradle a lot," said Dawley. "That kid (Rosa) was really hammering me. I'd been trying for the cradle the whole match and finally got it."

Smith (5-5) entered the tournament with a losing record and a winning attitude. "There were only three unlimiteds," he smiled, "so I was guaranteed a third-place at the worst."

Third-place Geneva's only winner was Tom Parker at 119, who said he was "surprised" at his 9-6 decision over Williamson's Craig Strizel in the finals. So was Geneva Coach Don Knisely, who feels Parker, certified at 119 at the start of the season, would make a natural and excellent 112-pounder.

"Tom's a little small at 119," said the coach, "but he just went out and wrestled. He really wanted it."

Joining Strizel (13-2) among area wrestlers taking second-places were Waterloo's John VanNostrand (13-2) at 91 and John Augustine (11-4) at 112, Williamson's Herb Shields (9-3) at 167 and Geneva's John Cosentino (10-3) at 215.