

Sorochinsky, Sidney Lead Revolution

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Ithaca—When Ithaca mighty mite Claude Poole pinned Niagara-Wheatfield's Jim Print-up to open the championship round of the third annual state intersectional wrestling tournament here last night, the Section 4 claue which accounted for about 95 per cent of the more than 3,000 witnesses crammed into the Ithaca College field house, howled joy unbounded.

As if it made any difference!

It made a difference to Poole, of course, and a few other people. But as a shaper of destiny, it was as superfluous as every bout that followed it.

Because in preliminaries that beyond the most rabid Section 4 partisan's wildest dream, the host team had left defending champion Section 8 (Nassau County) for dead three bouts into the consolation round.

Appropriately, it was tourney chairman Tom Robertson's Section 4 champions from Sidney who spearheaded the blitz. And such was its momentum that a Sidney loser came up the winner.

Wayne Terry, only one of five Sidneyites to miss the finals, had the satisfaction of making it safe for Section 4 with a consolation-round pin of Jamestown Southwestern Central's Jim Holmes.

He got two points for the win, one point for the pin and those three gave his team 100 points and the title.

One might, therefore, have expected a letdown in the finals—one who didn't know the history of this tournament, that is.

There could hardly have been a Section 4 kid here who did not know that his team had never finished better than fourth in two previous meetings, or that one champion a year had been the quota before last night.

Section 4 had managed two finalists in 1963, the last year.

After Poole's pin, Lindenhurst's Ken Melchoir plunged the Section 4 mourners into an even deeper funk by edging Freeport's Jim Taylor, 6-5, to become the only two-time champion present.

Even the 10-1 manhandling Calhoun's John Walters gave Homer's Dennis Wright didn't rouse the Section Eighthers' appreciably.

The final score of 125 for Section 4 as compared to 79 for Section 8 was not quite the equal of last year's 135-point Nassau total, and the seven sectional champions that Section 4 produced this year weren't up to Nassau's 10 of last March, but nobody hereabouts was complaining.

Robertson, the tournament chairman, was properly decorous, but Robertson, the coach whose Sidney kids had snatched the Section 4 team title away from Ithaca last weekend, was happy as a clam.

And for good reason. Mark Payne, Lloyd Jerauld, Claude Shaw and Noel Kobia had left eight bodies along the path to the finals, and Robertson had to admit he was just a little surprised.

"Before the season, I was calling Jerauld a sectional champion, and even though he had some trouble, he's come on very strong," Robertson said.

"But forget the individual," Robertson said, "consider what this means as a team effort. This is as much an upset as if we beat Section 8 in track.



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Jerauld, it turned out, was not to be a state champion, because Sherburne's Dick Koenig, strictly a "Who's He?" candidate before the quarterfinals, wasn't about to be stopped by anybody. He won his first bout in a pin, his second by 13-0, then thoroughly confounded Jerauld with a combination of Rube Goldberg tie-ups and plain brute strength for a 9-4 final victory.

Section 3's lone winner is, it might be said, true to manner born. Koenig is German and with an umlaut means king.

Nor did Payne fare any better before Jerauld. It was his misfortune to draw Mepham's Mike Fitzgerald, who showed the Sidney sophomore that there's nothing really like experience after all.

The redhaired Long Islander allowed Payne just one escape in the process of a 9-1 lesson.

It remained for Union-Endicott's John Sorochinsky (Broome County's only sectional champion, tutor Bill Layton is quick to remind the

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forgetful), to put Section 4 back on a winning course with a resounding 16-3 decision over Orchard Park's Dale Wettlaufer.

Sorochinsky, showing the results of all that Layton and brother Frank, the U-E coach, had poured into the Tiger junior, matched Wettlaufer's strength with some of the most adroit moves and counters seen all night.

After that, it was all Section 4, Sidney's Claude Shaw getting an early bulge on Deer Park's Joe Goonan, then coasting home. . . . Horseheads' Ken Haynes coming from behind to edge Massapequa's Bob Reiber, 6-2. . . . Noel Kobia "brute-ing" Frankfort's Joe Ferraro all over the mat en route to a 7-1 win. . . . Ithaca's Jerry Beach doing every thing but pinning Mont Pleasant's Sylvester Huggins and settling for an 8-1 win. . . . and Dryden's Doug Smith closing it out with a default win over a Long Islander, George Carta of East Islip.

As if this thrashing wasn't enough for the Long Islanders, tournament officials added insult to injury by taking next year's meet off the Island and putting it down at West Point.

There had been a sign of what was coming at the close of the quarterfinals, from which Section 4 emerged with 12 boys, Sections 8 and 11 with 11 each. And in points, it was Section 4 with 37, Section 8 with 35, and Section 11 with 34.

If this had been unexpected, and the worried looks on any number of Section 8 faces indicated that it was, what followed was downright amazing. And it was largely the inspired work of Payne, Jerauld and Shaw that made it so.

First there had been Payne, showing more skill and poise than any sophomore would be expected to own, taking out two-time third-placer Howie McMillan of Suffern, 9-2 in the quarters, then coming back to nip Longwood's Larry Brown, 5-4, by virtue of a point's worth of riding time.

Then came Jerauld, somewhat of a surprise entry to begin with and more so now. He made it past Mount Vernon's Sinclair Brown on a referee's decision, then slammed through a reversal against Herrick's Erwin Berman with 20 seconds remaining in the third period and these were the only points scored in a free-for-all type of bout.

And Shaw, consistently prone to overtime bouts, held form again. After a routine

handling of Liberty's Steve Klein, he outmuscled Uniondale's Mike Nardotti, 2-1, in overtime, after a 2-2 regulation deadlock.

Beach, extended by nobody during the regular season not only had to go the distance against Lee, runnerup last year at heavyweight, but needed a split referees' decision for victory.

After a 3-3 regulation draw, the two traded escapes in the two minutes of overtime. That left it up to the three judges, who saw it for Beach, 2 to 1.

And when Smith, his injured right arm heavily padded, put away Berner's John Byron, the numbers told the story.

Section 4 had met Section 8 head-on in five bouts, and taken four of them. And other people were doing the same thing, with the result that Section 4 went into the finals with 10 wrestlers, second-place Section 8 with five.

In points, it was Section 4 with 97, Section 8 with 67. This made the Long Islanders' evening task perfectly clear: either pin all the way out, or lose.

But it was just as clear to Long Island coaches that this was not going to happen, and during the lull between the semis and consolations, one of them surveyed the wreckage and saw some good coming of it.

"These Section 4 kids are wrestling beautifully," said Valley Stream North's Ralph Jansen. "Maybe this is a good thing for us. We've been too complacent for too long."

WRESTLE WRAPUP

FINALS

Team scores: Section 4, 125; Section 8, 79; Section 11, 63; Section 6, 44; Section 2, 37; Section 3, 32; Section 9, 15; Section 1, 0.

98—Claude Poole, Ithaca (4), pinned Jim Printup, Niagara-Wheatfield (6), 2:32, half nelson-crotch.

106—Ken Melchior, Lindenhurst (11), dec. Jim Taylor, Freeport (8), 6-5.

115—Eric Watts, Suffern (9), dec. Bill Germann, Wantagh (8), 2-1.

123—John Walters, Calhoun (8), dec. Dennis Wright, Homer (4), 10-1.

130—John Shattuck, Shaker (2), dec. Dick New, Cazenovia (3), 2-0.

136—Mike Fitzgerald, Mepham (8), dec. Mark Payne, Sidney (4), 9-1.

141—Dick Koenig, Sherburne (3), dec. Lloyd Jerauld, Sidney (4), 9-4.

148—John Sorochinsky, U-E (4), dec. Dale Wettlaufer, Orchard Park (6), 16-3.

157—Claude Shaw, Sidney (4), dec. Joe Goonan, Deep Park (11), 6-3.

168—Ken Hayes, Horseheads (4), dec. Bob Reiber, Massapequa (8), 6-2.

183—Noel Kobia, Sidney (4), dec. Joe Ferraro, Frankfort (3), 7-1.

Hvywt.—Jerry Beach, Ithaca (4), dec. Sylvester Huggins, Mont Pleasant (2), 8-1.

Unlimited—Doug Smith, Dryden (4), won by default over George Carta, East Islip (11), match stopped at 3:59 because Carta would not continue with injury.

CONSOLATIONS

98—Del'orto dec. Morley, 2-0 in overtime; 106—Stokes dec. Royce, 16-4; 115—Terry pinned Holmes, 3:06; 123—Evans dec. Mosca, 7-4; 130—Senecal dec. Post, 3-1; 136—Brown won by default over Sheffler; 141—Berman dec. Maher, 7-1; 148—Johnson dec. Smith, 2-1; 157—Kenyon dec. Nardotti, 9-7; 168—Jasnicki pinned Gentzke, 2:44; 183—Juliano dec. Poutan, 7-1; hvywt.—Lee dec. Hanberg, 6-4; unlimited—Byron dec. Walgate, 10-2.

SEMIFINALS

98: Claude Poole, Ithaca, dec. Tom Morley, Oceanside (8), 3-1; Jim Printup, Niagara-Wheatfield (6) pinned Steve Delorto, Lindenhurst (11), 1:41.

106: Jim Taylor, Freeport (8) pinned Bob Stokes, Niagara-Wheatfield (6), 3:30; Ken Melchoir, Lindenhurst (11) dec. Burt Royce, Suffern (9), 12-0.

115: Bill Germann, Wantagh (8) dec. Wayne Terry, Sidney (4), 4-3; Eric Watts, Suffern (9), dec. Jerry Holmes, Southwestern (6), 17-0.

123: John Walters, Calhoun (8) dec. Dave Evans, Cattaraugus (6), 9-6; Dennis Wright, Homer (4) dec. Pete Mosca, John Glenn High (11), 8-4.

130: Dick New, Cazenovia (3) dec. Ray Senecal, Groton (4), 3-1; John Shattuck, Shaker Heights (2), dec. Curt Post, Amityville (11), 4-3.

136: Mike Fitzgerald, Mepham (8) dec. Brad Sheffler, Iroquois (6), 8-0; Mark Payne, Sidney (4) dec. Larry Brown, Longwood (11), 5-4.

141: Lloyd Jerauld, Sidney (4) dec. Erwin Berman, Herrick (8), 2-0; Dick Koenig, Sherburne (3), dec. Dick Maher, Amityville (11), 13-0.

148: Dale Wettlaufer, Orchard Park (6), dec. Lyle Johnson, Garden City (8), 5-1; John Sorochinsky, U-E (4), dec. Bill Smith, Walt Whitman High (11), 8-3.

157: Claude Shaw, Sidney (4), dec. Mark Nardotti, Uniondale (8), 2-1 in overtime, 2-2 regulation; Joe Goonan, Deer Park (11) pinned Mark Kenyon, South Glens Falls, 3:27.

168: Bob Reiber, Massapequa (8) pinned Ken Genzke, Tonawanda (8), 5:08; Ken Hayes, Horseheads (4) dec. Dick Jasnicki, Schenectady Draper (2), 8-5.

183: Noel Kobia, Sidney (4) dec. Joe Juliano, Burnt Hills, (2), 3-1; Joe Ferraro, Frankfort (3) pinned Ken Poulos, Huntington (11), 4:30.

Heavyweight: Jerry Beach, Ithaca (4) dec. Ralph Lee, West Babylon (11), split referee's decision after 3-3 regulation, 1-1 overtime; Sylvester Huggins, Mont Pleasant (2) dec. Glen Hamberg, Valley Stream North (8), 3-1.

Unlimited—Doug Smith, Dryden (4) dec. John Byron, Berner (8), 4-2; George Carta, East Islip (11), dec. Dan Walgate, Grand Island (6), 6-0.