

But What If Pioneer Had Been In Olean Tourney?

Falconer Unchallenged Champ

★ OLEAN TOURNAMENT

Falconer 277½, Salamanca 165½, Sweet Home 152, Maple Grove 151½, Kane 135, Rochester McQuaid 121½, Ridgway 115½, Iroquois 115, Youngsville 110½, Wellsville 105½, Southwestern 95, Olean High 92, Portville 86, Johnsonburg 83, Niagara-Wheatfield 83, Smethport 72, Dunkirk 68, Williamsville North 46, Oswayo Valley 45½, Lewiston-Porter 45, Kenmore East 44, Franklinville 36½, Cattaraugus 35½, Bolivar 29, Bradford 26, Pine Valley 26, Cassadaga Valley 25½, Churchville-Chili 25, Olean Walsh 13, Warsaw 11½, Allegheny 4

Five of the 14 titles went to Falconer Central School in its runaway victory in the Olean Wrestling Tournament that ended a two-day stand Saturday in St. Bonaventure's Reilly Center.

And if there are any who doubt that the Falcons from Chautauqua County are Western New York's premier mat troupe this season, they'd have to be Pioneer Central followers in the Yorkshire-Arcade area.

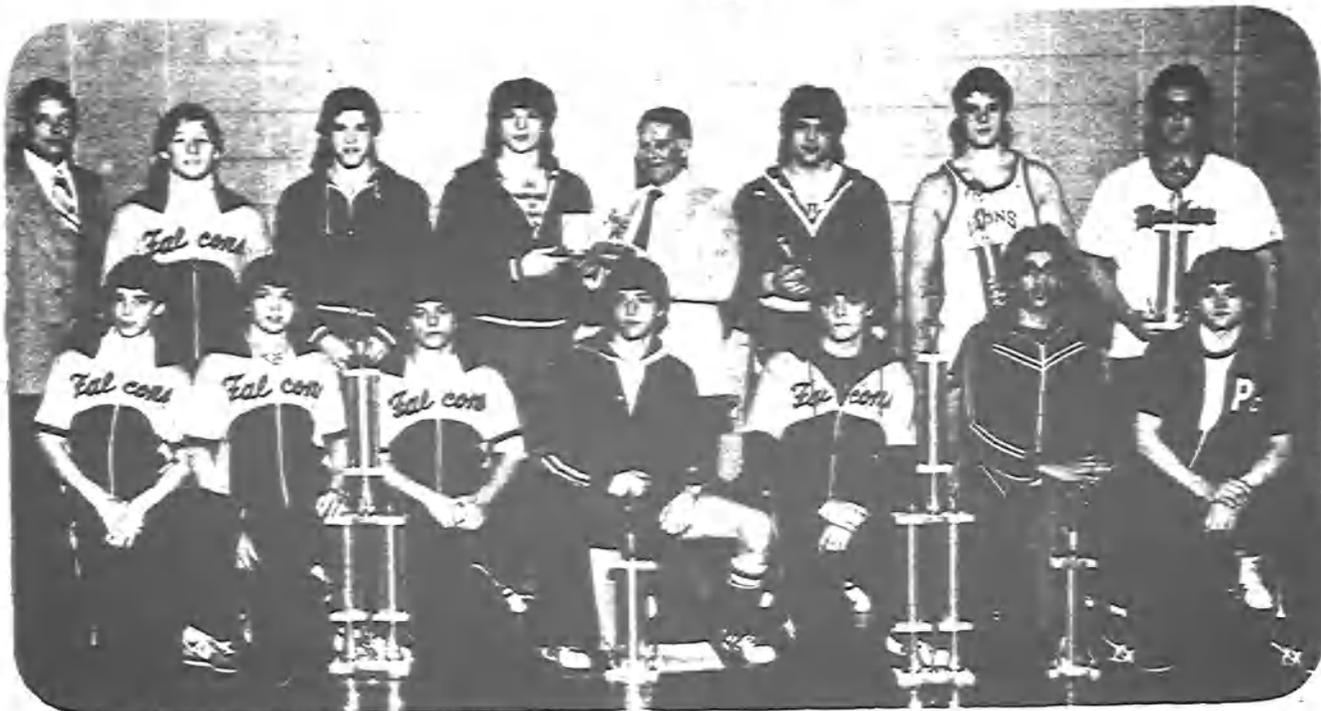
A field of 31 schools — several from the Buffalo and Rochester areas as well as the Johnsonburg-Ridgway-Kane environs and Chautauqua County — were in the competition.

Missing, however, was undefeated Pioneer, the wrestling powerhouse ranked 17th in last week's New York State Sports Writers Association poll.

Each of the five Falconer champions extended unbeaten slates. One of the prizes, however, that eluded Coach Bill Davenport's grapplers was the tournament's Most Outstanding Wrestler award. That went to Iroquois (Buffalo area) star Todd Slade, who won five matches and extended his record to 14-0 in winning the 138-pound class. Slade was the 11-6 victor over Salamanca's Dave Zariczny in that title bout.

Another Slade, Tim — Todd's twin — gave Iroquois another title and the brothers are regarded as solid contenders to advance to the New York State inter-sectional championships in March.

Salamanca, Wellsville and Portville each came away with



OLEAN TOURNAMENT CHAMPS. Falconer Central School dominated the fourth annual Olean Wrestling Tournament, which concluded a two-day stand Saturday at St. Bonaventure. The Chautauqua County school had five individual champs and won the team title handily. The tourney champs, with weight class following name and school, front, from left: Troy Lefford (Falconer), 91; Joel Sopak (Falconer), 98; Rob Waddington (Falconer), 105; Mark Hetrick (Maple Grove), 112; Jeff Waddington (Falconer), 119; Ron Leder (Salamanca), 126; and Fran Wil-

liams (Portville), 132. Second row: Gerald Ackley, Section 6 president and Salamanca superintendent of schools; Jim Schwab (Falconer), 145; Tim Slade (Iroquois), 155; Todd Slade (Iroquois), 138; Charley Dineen, president of Manufacturers Hanover Bank, the tourney sponsor; Dave Lanzatella (Rochester McQuaid), 167; Jeff Hyslip (Wellsville), heavyweight; and Andy Horn (Youngsville), unlimited. Missing was Dominic Cianchetti (Niagara-Wheatfield), 177.

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a champion. Portville's Fran Williams won the 132-pound title, defeating Wellsville's Mervin Lehman in the title bout. Salamanca's Ron Leder won the 126-pound class. Wellsville's Jeff Hyslip won the heavyweight class. Salamanca also had two who lost out in the title matches. Todd Titus as well as Zariczny.

Olean High's Lee Anzivine, back after a month's layoff due to an injury, lost out in the 155-pound title match with Tim Slade.

TOURNAMENT NOTES: Under sponsorship of the Olean Jaycees the first three years, this year's renewal was sponsored by the Olean High School Wrestling Booster Club and Manufacturers Hanover Bank. . . . Turnouts on both days of the event were said to be the largest in the four years of the event. . . . Dan Krick

was the general chairman, with Ed Forrest from the Booster Club the tourney director. Olean High director of athletics John O'Malley and OHS Coach Jim Myers handled much of the details with help from a number of Booster Club parents and former OHS wrestlers, including Rick Fie, Chuck Irving and Johnny Jaekle. . . . More than 450 wrestlers competed with eight mats in use until the consolation and title bouts. . . . In all, some 650 bouts were conducted. . . . Referees were from the Chautauqua County Board, including Jamestown's Norm Thomas, who has officiated at the state championships. . . . Plans for next year's event have begun and it's possible the one big change will see a noon start for the first day opening.

THE TITLE MATCHES

(Season records also indicated)
91: Troy Lefford (Falconer, 9-0)
1:31 Seth Bloomquist (Kane, 9-1)
98: Joel Sopak (Falconer, 9-0) 11-9
Ken Weintraub (Williamsville North, 12-1)
105: Rob Waddington (Falconer, 10-0) 7-0
112: Brian Kane (Youngsville, 16-4)

112: Mark Hetrick (Maple Grove, 14-0) 5-2
Todd Hulings (Kane, 11-2)
119: Jeff Waddington (Falconer, 10-0) 5-2
Brad Prechtl (Ridgway, 10-4)
126: Ron Leder (Salamanca, 13-0) 15-5
Tyler Northrup (Southwestern, 11-1)
132: Fran Williams (Portville, 12-2) 5-0
Mervin Lehman (Wellsville, 10-2)
138: Todd Slade (Iroquois, 14-0) 11-6
Dave Zariczny (Salamanca, 12-1)
145: Jim Schwab (Falconer, 8-0) 6-3
Todd Titus (Salamanca, 12-1)
155: Tim Slade (Iroquois, 14-0) 8-2
Lee Anzivine (Olean High, 7-3)
167: Dave Lanzatella (Rochester McQuaid, 12-1) 1:05
R. Wright (Niagara-Wheatfield)
177: Dominic Cianchetti (Niagara-Wheatfield) 4-3
Chuck Overturf (Falconer, 9-1)
Hwt: Jeff Hyslip (Wellsville, 10-0) 11-2
Ted Toy (Maple Grove, 12-1)
Unld: Andy Horn (Youngsville, 12-3) 6-3
John Helgren (Maple Grove, 6-1)

BIG 30 AREA PLACE GETTERS
91: Dave Givens (Salamanca, 11-2)

finished fifth; Kim Doane (Wellsville, 11-2), fourth
98: Sean Lathrop (Smethport, 9-3), fifth; Bill Fox (Olean High, 4-4), sixth
105: Jack Bell (Kane, 9-3), third; Steve Irving (Olean High, 9-4), fourth
112: Bruce Wymer (Smethport, 9-2), fifth
119: Ted Leder (Salamanca, 12-3), fourth
126: Steve Valenti (Smethport, 10-2), third; Sean Konert (Olean High, 9-4), sixth
132: Jeff Gabler (Olean High, 9-5), fourth; Kris Fuller (Oswayo Valley, 7-4), sixth
138: Darold Brownell (Wellsville, 11-3), fourth; Nick Cherry (Johnsonburg, 10-3), fifth
145: Nearing (Ridgway), fourth
155: Tim Emley (Portville, 13-2), fourth
167: Tim Hebdon (Franklinville) fifth; Doug Doty (Portville, 13-2), fourth; Steve Geer (Johnsonburg, 11-2), third
Hwt: Ed Eberle (Salamanca, 7-3), fifth
Unld: Mike McClune (Salamanca), sixth