

Blankenship Repeats As Jaycees' MVP

★ Was It Best Mat Tourney In State??

Falconer 205½, Iroquois 192½, Portville 172, Southwestern 134, Sweet Home 134, Maple Grove 105, Cassadaga Valley 105, Medina 100½, Churchville Chili 100½, Kane 95½, Orchard Park 83, Olean 79½, Genesee 73½, Kenmore East 60, Bradford 55½, Cattaraugus 54, Wellsville 51½, Dunkirk 34, Williamsville North 33, Salamanca 32½, Franklinville 32½, Allegany 24, Fredonia 22½, Olean Walsh 19, Bolivar 15.

It's history, the Olean Jaycees Wrestling Tournament II with the planning for Jaycees Tournament III next December is well underway and the target by chairman Dan Krick could go "Best in the State; one of the best in the East."

Tall order but, considering the operation of Jaycees II which ended Tuesday night in St. Bonaventure University's Reilly Center, the grass roots for another prestigious scholastic wrestling tournament were very much evident.

The tourney that ended its two-day stand saw undefeated Falconer as the winner in the 25-school field with Iroquois (Buffalo area), also undefeated, a close second. The two schools had four champions each with Falconer also placing two more in the championship bouts.

Some 635 bouts were conducted in the two days of grappling, a figure which would pose a number of major problems for the brave of heart. Tournament director George Whitcher, of Salamanca, handled the program with a minimum of problems.

A major "problem," did occur midway through the championship bouts when a false fire alarm emptied the Reilly Center, disrupting the program for some 45 minutes as well as

cooling off — in the freezing weather — the onlookers as well as the combatants.

Eleven of the 14 champions in the tournament are still undefeated, which led Whitcher

to say, "does that give you a message?"

For Kane High School's Larry Blankenship, last year's Most Outstanding Wrestler, it was a repeat performance but he had

to share it with Iroquois' Dan Radich. The MVP vote was by the coaches. Olean High's Len Anzivine, winner in the 126-pound class, was described by Whitcher, "mighty slick,

smooth as silk and very fast on his feet. He would have been my pick as the MVP of the tournament."

Another winner, Pat Hughes, of Orchard Park, was a fourth place finisher in the New York State championships last March, while Jim Beichner, of Cassadaga Valley — loser to Radich — in the 155-pound title match was a fifth place finisher in the state event.

The championship summary (records indicated after school):

91 — Rob Waddington (Falconer, 50) 72 dec Mike Monile (Iroquois 131).

98 — Tom Kennedy (Portville, 80) 75 dec Mark Hetrick (Maple Grove 81).

105 — Jeff Waddington (Falconer 70), 43 dec Chris LoPresto (Salamanca 71).

112 — Pat Hughes (Orchard Park 70) 171, dec Dan Lindquist (Falconer 51).

119 — Mark Baglia (Falconer 50) 10 dec Gary Cassiatare (Kenmore East 51).

126 — Lenny Anzivine (Olean 90) 117 dec Darren Ewings (Kane 521).

132 — Larry Blankenship (Kane 80) 62 dec John Jaekle (Portville 81).

138 — Matt Lewis Jones (Iroquois 122) 91 dec John Moore (Falconer 61).

145 — Tim Cain (Churchville Chili, 121) 32 dec Tony Wilber (Franklinville 62).

155 — Dave Radich (Iroquois, 131) 21 dec overtime Jim Beichner (Cassadaga Valley 81).

167 — Rodney Offhaus (Iroquois 140) 40 dec Todd Hill (Cattaraugus 92).

177 — John Mariacher (Iroquois 140) pin 30 Chris Furey (Orchard Park 92).

HWT — Brian Mallory (Southwestern 100) 74 dec Bob Johnson (Cassadaga Valley 81).

UNL — Lynn Jose (Falconer 31) pin 53 Brian Padlo (Olean 31).



TOURNAMENT CHAMPS. Thirteen of the 14 who won titles in the Olean Jaycees Wrestling Tournament that ended a two-day stand Tuesday in St. Bonaventure's Reilly Center, include, front, from left: Rob Waddington (Falconer, 91 pounds), Ted Kennedy (Portville, 98 pounds), Jeff Waddington (Falconer, 105), Mark Baglia (Falconer, 119), Len Anzivine (Olean High, 126), Larry Blankenship (Kane,

132). Back row, from left: Matt Lewis Jones (Iroquois, 138), Tim Cain (Churchville Chili, 145), Dave Radich (Iroquois, 155), Rod Offhaus (Iroquois, 167), John Mariacher (Iroquois, 177), Brian Mallory (Southwestern, Hwy), Lynn Jose (Falconer, Unlimited). Missing is Pat Hughes, of Orchard Park, 112 pounds.

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